Frankel, Melvin

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"I am indeed happy to be able to tell you that your son, Seaman Melvin Frankel, has been performing exceptional work on board this ship and has shown himself to be one of the outstanding men of his division. He is enjoying good health and exercises a keen spirit in all his duties."

The above was written by Commander J. T. Warren about a Bethlehem boy who at the time of the writing was just eighteen years of age and has now been promoted to the rank of Seaman First Class. He is Melvin M. Frankel, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frankel of 801 North New Street. He enlisted in the armed forces in June, 1944, after he had completed one year in the department of chemical engineering at Penn State College. At the completion of seven weeks basic training in Bainbridge, Md., Seaman Frankel was shipped to the Pacific theatre of war, where he has participated in the battles of Luzon and Lingayen Gulf.