

Blum, S. J.

**Four Local Men
Aboard Light Cruiser
Active in Pacific**

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Four Bethlehem men are serving aboard a light cruiser, whose guns have knocked down five Jap planes unassisted, sunk two cruisers and bombarded numerous enemy shore installations to round out her first year of combat in the Pacific. The sailors are: S. J. Blum, Signalman 3/C, son of Mrs. J. S. Blum, 55 East Walnut Street; R. R. Hartzell, Fireman 2/C, son of Mrs. M. Hartzell, 1414 Cortland Street; L. K. Heft, Seaman 1/C, son of Mrs. P. Heft, 2112 Linden Street, and W. E. Koch, Signalman 3/C, son of W. Koch, 131 East Elizabeth Avenue.

Their cruiser participated in carrier strikes against Okinawa and Formosa, and took part in the epic battle for Leyte Gulf aiding in the sinking of an enemy cruiser shooting down two planes and assisting in the destruction of another.

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