

Ganssle, Howard

Hellertown Pals Win Ratings

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HOWARD GANSSLE

RODNEY NICKUM

Howard Ganssle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Ganssle, 1380 Jefferson Street, Hellertown, and Rodney Nickum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nickum, 230 Main Street, also of Hellertown, boon companions since early boyhood, have both received promotions in the Navy.

The young sailors were in the Hellertown High School class of 1944 and went into the service together on June 9, of that year. They trained together at Camp Peary, Va., and were assigned to the same ship, the USS New York, a battleship of the first line, and are at present on duty in the Pacific.

Ganssle, who was nineteen years old on May 16, has been advanced to fireman 1/C, and Nickum, nineteen years old June 9, was given a rating of seaman 1/c. The ratings came the same day.

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