

Shimer, Robert F.

Naval Officer



Lieut. Robert F. Shimer, USNR, son of Mrs. Fred B. Franks, 906 Club Ave., Allentown, returned home on terminal leave during the week-end. Lt. Shimer enlisted for flight training in November of 1941. His naval career entailed 16 months of foreign service. He returned to the States in March of 1944 and was made a member of the newly commissioned flight squadron, VF-46.

Near the end of his combat training, Shimer made a crash landing June 13, 1944 in a wooded swamp at Groton, Conn. The Hellcat he was flying was demolished and Shimer suffered a broken back. Ten months later, he was on full flight status, and qualified for sea duty again. He has since been attached to Naval Air Material Center, Muttin Field, Philadelphia Naval Base.

The young Naval officer is eligible for promotion at the completion of his leave. He was graduated from Bethlehem High School and Perkiomen School. He will return to Lehigh University February 25 to complete his studies in the College of Business Administration for his degree this October.

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