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Buddy Lauds Bethlehem Navy Man For His Actions

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Charles S. Names, Signalman Third Class, U. S. Navy, has what it takes to be an American, according to a letter received by members of his family from a former shipmate, A. Szokola, E. M. Third Class, who claims that the young man is "too modest" to tell about his exploits.

In service the past two years, he has spent 15 months in the African theatre of war, participated in the North African invasion; invasions of Sicily and Salerno, and in the Battle of Bizerte.

His former buddy writes: "I will always remember the way Charles remained at his gun, and kept firing, disregarding all danger. He kept the gun hot with one hand while he was aiding a shipmate who had been hit. This boy was on the same gun when a dive bomber let got a string of bombs. This

bombing kept up for more than two hours, and the injured chap kept asking Charles how many planes he got.

"The President's son, Franklin Roosevelt Jr., was on the ship astern of us, and his ship was hit and sinking, but all the time, planes were being shot down.

"Charles has a good eye. He don't miss. There is no fear in him. That's what I think of your brother."

Charles enlisted in the navy in 1942, and received his boot training at Newport, R. I. While attending Liberty High School he played on the basketball team, and he was a member of the tumbling team at the Boys Club of Bethlehem.

The last letter was received from him about two weeks ago. The missive made no mention of his action with the enemy.

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