

Motorcycle Crash Victims



VICTOR NEMETH



NICANOR GONZALEZ

Sailor, Companion Die As Motorcycle Misses Curve And Hits Tree

**Victor Nemeth, 19, Mechanic Street, Was Home
On Leave After Foreign Service; Nicanor
Gonzalez, 18, Was Other Victim**

Injuries suffered when the motorcycle they were riding on a cut-off between Routes 412 and 212 in Springfield Township, Bucks County, left the road and crashed into a tree Thursday night proved fatal to two Bethlehem youths, one a Second Class Petty Officer in the Navy, died early this morning in St. Luke's Hospital.

Nicanor Gonzalez, 18, son of Mrs. Rebecca Gonzalez, 1538 East Third Street, was the first to die at 12:10 a. m. He suffered a fractured skull and a fractured femur. Victor Nemeth, the Navy man, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nemeth, 1215 Mechanic Street, succumbed 15 minutes later. In addition to shock, he suffered a skull fracture and other injuries.

According to Pvt. M. P. Yetter of the Quakertown state police barracks who investigated, Gonzalez was driving the motorcycle about four and a half miles from Hellertown when the accident occurred. Making a right turn on the left side of the road, the machine apparently missed making the sharp

curve and mounted a bank before hitting the tree.

The accident was discovered by three Bethlehem men who drove by the scene at 11:15 p. m. Nemeth, found lying in the road, was brought to the hospital in the auto of Dellon Mannone, accompanied by George Holley. John Rentzheimer who had been in the Mannone machine flagged another car driven by Henrietta Raub of Quakertown. Gonzalez was taken to the hospital in the latter machine.

Dr. A. M. Peters, Lehigh County coroner, was called to investigate.

Dr. Peters said the injuries suffered by the two in the accident caused their deaths. He issued routine death certificates and released their bodies to their parents.

Second Class Petty Officer Victor Joseph Nemeth, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Kozo Nemeth, was home on a six-day leave. He was to have reported back to his ship in Boston, Mass., Monday, according to his parents. They said he had made several trips to Africa.

Surviving besides his parents are four brothers, John, in the Coast Guard in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sgt. Joseph, La Junta, Colo.; Francis and Alfred at home and four sisters.

Nemeth, Victor

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