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Bethlehem Men Serve on "Mobile" 1945

Three Bethlehem Navy men served aboard the light cruiser USS Mobile which ducked a dozen Kamikaze planes and evaded enemy mines, torpedoes and suicide boats in order to move in close and smash more than 350 Jap shore targets as her contribution to victory in Okinawa.

The Bluejackets: Joseph S. Gregor, Seaman 1/C, 1124 Center Street; William Neith, Seaman 1/C, 726 Pembroke Road, and Louis Farkas, Machinist's Mate 2/C, 1041 Crawford Street.

Sometimes during the campaign, the 37th major operation for the Mobile, she moved in so close that her crew said they could readily identify uniform insignias. During this engagement she blasted 90 caves where Japs were hiding troops and big guns, 43 Jap mortars with direct hits, and when the Japs tried to supply their front line by motor trucks, picked off 15 trucks.

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