

Werkheiser, Virginia
Werkheiser, Erwin T.

WAVE Gets Leave To Visit Husband Back From Oversea

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Pharmacist's Mate Third Class Virginia Werkheiser and Army Sergeant Erwin T. Werkheiser are spending their first furloughs together in 20 months. The couple are visiting relatives and friends in Nazareth and Bath.

WAVE Werkheiser, one of the first women to enter the WAVES from the Nazareth area, is reported to be the first to receive an emergency 30-day leave to join a husband furloughed from overseas duty, under a new law recently passed. Sergeant Werkheiser has been stationed in Italy with a U. S. Army hospital for the past 20 months and has returned home on a 49-day furlough.

Mrs. Werkheiser attended Bethlehem High School and upon entering the WAVES received her basic training at Hunter College, New York City, and advanced training at Chelsea Naval hospital. She saw duty at Weymouth, Mass., and at present is stationed at the Boston Navy Yard. A brother, Sergeant Joseph Frey, was the first draftee from Bath.

Sergeant Werkheiser attended Nazareth High School and prior to his induction was employed by the Lehigh and New England Railroad. He entered the army in March, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp Shelby, Miss. He has seen action in Africa as well as Italy.

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