

Stehly, Burton

Ensign Stehly Cited For Gallantry

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In July 1940 Burton Stehly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stehly of 2507 Linden Street, walked his way to the title of "The Modern Daniel Boone." Averaging fourteen and a half miles a day, he trudged for sixty-nine days through the wild, deserted mountain country along the Appalachian Trail from a starting point at Moose Head Lake, Maine, back to his home town of Bethlehem.

Not one night was spent indoors and not often was another human being encountered as young Stehly enacted his boyhood dream of pioneering wild places. Sixteen pair of socks, one pair of high shoes and a hiking outfit were almost in shreds when he hit the home trail. Constant companion of his adventure was an old corn cob pipe. Once he awoke in New England to find a lynx tearing his pack apart outside the pup tent.

In May 1943 the young man abandoned his hiking hobby to join the U. S. Merchant Marines. In October of the same year his parents were recipients of the news that he had been advanced to the rank of chief petty officer.

Last week the young adventurer, now Ensign Burton Stehly, received government citations confirming active service in the Mediterranean, Middle East and Atlantic war zones with a merchant marine combat bar awarded for gallant service in ship engaged in direct enemy action.

Ensign Stehly, a former student at Liberty High, was an employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company. His fiancée is Dorothy Dimmick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dimmick of Hellertown.

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