

Adams, William P

## Has New Rank



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LT. COMMANDER W. P. ADAMS

## Bethlehemite Gets High Navy Rank at 29

Already a veteran of several years sea duty and of the South Pacific battles and a graduate of the Pennsylvania school-ship, "Annapolis," class of 1934, William P. Adams, U.S.N., has been advanced to the rank of lieutenant commander. At 29 he is among the youngest to hold the rank.

Commander Adams is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Adams, 535 Washington Avenue, Bethlehem, and an alumnus of Bethlehem High with the class of 1931.

The young Naval officer went from the Annapolis directly to sea, first with the Bethlehem Steel Company ships and later with the American President lines. In the course of his duties with the latter he circumnavigated the globe at least twenty times.

He entered active naval service in February, 1940, as a lieutenant junior grade and was promoted to senior grade after the Coral Sea engagement, when his ship was commended by President Roosevelt.

Commander Adams is attached to the fleet air scouting force and his ship was one of those which participated in the battle of Pearl Harbor which flung the United States headlong into the conflict.

He married the former Margaret Daly, of Allentown, two years ago in May and is the father of a three-months old daughter, Mary Jane. Mrs. Adams and the child are living in Altadena, California. Commander Adams is a member of St. Anne's Catholic church and during his high school years was a clarinetist in the high school band.

His father is in the employ of the Bethlehem Steel Company. A sister, Catherine, is at the Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Ga., in training with the WAVES and a brother, James, is training at Manhattan Beach, N. Y., with the Coast Guard.

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