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Three Local Sailors Aboard USS Champlain, Now in Philadelphia

The USS Lake Champlain, giant aircraft carrier and the first modern Navy ship open to public inspection since before the outbreak of war four years ago, is attracting large crowds in Philadelphia, where she is docked at Pier 98-South, foot of Oregon Avenue.

Aboard the Champlain are three Bethlehem Navy men, Willis B Kelchner, SM3/C, 617 Center Street; Charles J. Bartek, coxswain, 541 Guetter Street, and Stephen Novak Jr., seaman 2/C, 605 Hayes Street.

The flight deck of the 27,000-ton carrier is as long as three football fields laid end-to-end. The ship is equipped to carry and launch more than 80 planes.

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The three sailors were in New York and Boston earlier last month, where the ship was inspected by more than 144,000 people.

AWARDED FRENCH CROSS

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa. (INS) — Two Pennsylvanians were listed to be awarded the French Croix de Guerre at ceremonies today at the Valley Forge General hospital.

They are Lt. Col Gordon H. Chambers of Philadelphia and Pfc. Miles Robinson Jr. of Florin.

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