

## Three Citations Proud Record Of Sailor

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Three citations, one the coveted Presidential Unit Citation, and sixteen consecutive years of service with Uncle Sam's Navy is the proud record of Warrant Officer Lester E. Raidline, boatswain, grandson of Mrs. August Krueger of Chelsea Avenue, Bethlehem. Thirteen of Raidline's years of service have been spent at sea on active duty.

All three citations have come to the young Bethlehem sailor since the United States entered World War II. He was awarded the presidential honor for "outstanding devotion to duty with disregard for personal safety" along with the ship's company, June 12 of this year.

## Holds Citations



LESTER E. RAIDLINE

Before the current conflict, Raidline served aboard such ships as the U.S.S. Texas, U.S.S. West Virginia and the U.S.S. Swan. He also had a two-year tour of shore duty at New London, Conn. When the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor, he and his wife and daughter were making their home in Honolulu.

Their home was in the line of the Jap bomber runs as they came in to plaster Hickam Field, Army airbase, and the ships in the harbor.

Mrs. Raidline and Lynnett, 10-year-old daughter of the couple, came home in convoy early in 1942 and have been living in Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Raidline is the former Helen Ulshafer of Goepp Street, Bethlehem, and she and their youngster will join husband and father at Great Lakes, Ill. Naval Station, where he is at present on shore duty.

Warrant Officer Raidline is the son of Mrs. Leon Brick, Glendon Heights, Easton, and her former husband, Raymond Raidline of Bangor. Mrs. Brick came originally from Freemansburg. After her marriage to Mr. Raidline the family lived on Fairview Street, this city, and Lester was born in the home there. He attended the Bethlehem schools. Mrs. Brick has lived in Easton the past 10 years or so.

Besides Mrs. Krueger, the Bethlehem sailor has many relatives residing here and many are the tales of wartime exploits he can tell them, and his friends.

Raidline, Lester E.

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