

Rupnik, Walter R.

Aboard Destroyer



Walter Robert Rupnik, fireman, first class, (Flc), USNR, of 746 Wood Street, Bethlehem, is a member of the crew of the U. S. S. Otter, one of four destroyer escorts which in mid-Atlantic recently trailed and destroyed a German submarine, it has been announced by Admiral Jonas Ingram, USN, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic fleet.

Zigzagging in a long and desperate effort to elude its pursuers, the enemy sub was finally blown to pieces in deep water. Debris, oil, and personal belongings of the crew, such as a song book and a bowl of a pipe, told the crews of the destroyer escorts that their hunt was ended. The four ships displayed an excellent brand of teamwork. They attacked the enemy vigorously. Each of the commanding officers has commended his officers and men for the cool, well disciplined and skillful manner in which they conducted the operation and action.

His aunt, Mrs. Stella Bak, resides at 746 Wood Street, Bethlehem. There is another son in the family, Mitchell, who is an aviation machinist's mate, second class, in the Navy. **MAR 30 1945**

Before entering the Navy, fireman Rupnik was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

He wears the American Theater and the European Theater of War ribbons.

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