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Navy Veteran Of 7 Missions Home on Leave

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Electrician's Mate 1-c. Wesley K. Beltzner, veteran of seven invasions, is spending a well-earned 30-day rehabilitation leave at the home of his mother, Mrs. Flossie L. Beltzner, 627 Second Avenue.

Beltzner, wearing three campaign ribbons with stars signifying seven invasion battles, is home on his first leave since going on active duty 23 months ago. With the Amphibious Engineers, his unit was active in transporting Army troops of General MacArthur to the Philippines and Marines under Admiral Nimitz to the Marianna Islands, and is credited with having shot down three Jap planes.

A list of his invasions reads something like this, Kiska, in the Aleutians; Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands; Quadein, in the Marshall Islands; Saipan, in the Mariannas; Anguar in the Paluians; Leyte in the Philippines, and Luzon, also in the Philippines. According to E. M. 1-c. Beltzner, "When I participated in my first invasion, the whole area was Japanese territory, but now it's all in American hands again. Those is-

lands were my stepping stones home."

Beltzner enlisted in the Coast Guard April 27, 1942, and completed his boot training at Curtis Bay, Md. He then attended Coast Guard Electrician School at Sampson, N. Y., and Gyro School at San Francisco, Calif. He is a graduate of Bethlehem Technical High School and a former employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

While stopping over in the Hawaiian Islands on his return trip home, he met his two Navy brothers, Sic. Clark and Sic. Donald. Upon completion of his leave, E. M. 1-c. Beltzner will return to Philadelphia for reassignment.

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