

Lindner, Kenneth R.

Bethlehem Man Who Led Troops Into Cherbourg Is Made Major

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Kenneth R. Lindner, 25, Bethlehem battalion commander who led the first United States troops into Cherbourg following the invasion of France, has been promoted to the rank of major.

Word of his promotion was received this morning by his mother, Mrs. George Lindner, 432 Montclair Avenue. He informed his mother by letter that the promotion was received July 9.

Major Lindner has been in active service three years. Prior to that he was on the reserve list a year. He is at present serving "somewhere in France."

A graduate of Liberty High School, Major Lindner took a one-year extension course at Pennsylvania State College and also attended Bethlehem Business College. He was a drum major at high school and was also well known as a musician with the school and municipal bands.

As a captain in one of the advanced battalions fighting in southern France, Lindner assumed command of his battalion after the commanding officer was killed. The battalion battered its way to Cherbourg and was among the first to enter the city.

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