

Group Forced Down on Capri

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Like every other American flyer, Capt. Samuel F. Shireman (center, standing), B-25 pilot from Bethlehem, heard of the romantic isle of Capri and wanted to visit it. His wish came true in a rude way recently when a German night fighter shot him down into the Mediterranean near Naples. After allowing his crew to bail out he jumped from 2000 feet, swam for three hours to neighboring Ischia island, and sent for help for his comrades. Then they spent five "ideal" days on the island and two more pleasant days on Capri before an American destroyer picked them up. Standing with Capt. Shireman are (left to right): F-O Joseph D. Powelson, co-pilot, Evansville, Ind.; and 2nd Lt. Sidney Stein, navigator, Brooklyn, N. Y. Kneeling are Sgt. Charles Szklany, gunner, Albion, N. Y., and S-Sgt. Ralph L. Holman, Flora, La., radio operator.

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