

### Lieut. Joseph Kush Gets Leave After 68 Combat Missions

Lieut. Joseph A. Kush, USNR, of 321 East Market Street, has returned on leave after a seven-month tour of duty in the Pacific where he piloted one of the Navy's carrier-based fighter planes on 68 combat missions against the Japs.

Attached to Composite Squadron 85, the 29-year-old Bethlehem airman and his mates hurtled from the decks of their small support carrier to sink 46 enemy ships and damage an additional 40. They shot 11 Jap planes out of the skies during a series of raids in the vicinity of Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, in the course of which they also battered 152 miscellaneous targets. Jap supply buildings, ammunition dumps, combat vehicles and gun emplacements felt the weight of their assaults.

Lieut. Kush expects to join his wife, Helen, at her duration home, 3880 Ortega Boulevard, Jacksonville, Fla.