

Father Barrett, Edward

son Barrett, Benjamin S.

## World War Vet Joins Seabees; Son in Navy <sup>1943</sup>

Serving in the current war with his son is a Bethlehem man, Edward Barrett, 49, of 559 East Broad Street, who served with his father in World War I.

He was sworn into the Navy Seabees yesterday afternoon in the Allentown induction center by Lieut. Roderick Bell. He will receive a chief petty officer's rating and will be employed as a ship fitter.

Barrett served in the Navy from 1911 to 1915. The Army had his services from 1918 to 1919. Patrick Barrett, his father, who came to this country from Ireland and became an American citizen, also wore the uniform of the nation's armed forces in the last war.

Mr. Barrett had been employed by the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company in Birmingham, Ala., where he lived with his father before he came here with his two children about four years ago. Before entering the Navy he was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

Barrett's son, Benjamin S. Barrett, 19, entered the Navy in August, 1941. The youngster has survived two torpedoings in the North Atlantic. Before enlisting, Benjamin was attending Bethlehem Technical High School. He had previously graduated from Nitschmann Junior High. His sister is Mrs. Neil Zarzecki, 413 Main Street, Bethlehem. Their mother died about 14 years ago.

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