

Seidle, Charles S.

**"Hornet" Officer
Greeted By Family
At Local Airport**

Two bright-eyed little girls and a joyfully tearful mother stood at the Allentown-Bethlehem Airport yesterday afternoon to greet after two years of separation and heartache their father and husband, Lieut. Charles S. Seidle, USN, home after 26 months in the South Pacific theater of war.

A Philadelphian, Lieut. Seidle is a veteran of 23 years in the Navy. He's 39, and has risen from the lowly "boot" to his present commissioned rank the "Navy way"—hard work and study and years of service.

He was aboard the carrier "Hornet" when she was sunk by the Japs and when she carried the Doolittle air armada that struck at Japan. After the Hornet went down he served as port director of Tulagi Harbor after its capture from the Nipponese by the Yanks and Aussies.

The two children, Betty, five, and Geraldine, seven, stood with Mrs. Seidle in the bitter wind to greet "daddy" for the first time since Betty's third birthday when, as the family was about to cut her birthday cake the telegram recalling Lieut. Seidle to duty was handed in at the front door.

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