

Happel Jr., Frederick

# NAVY REPORTS FIVE 'MISSING'

25-1942  
Fountain Hill, Hellertown and  
Stockertown Youths War  
Casualties.

War in the Pacific was brought to five families today—three in Northampton and two in Lehigh—as the Navy Department informed them that their boys are "missing in action".

Cold, hard facts are the telegrams which said . . . "Navy department regrets to inform you that . . . has been reported missing in action."

In Fountain Hill, in Hellertown, in Stockertown—Northampton County; and in Allentown and New Tripoli, Lehigh County, official messages indicated these men are missing:

Fountain Hill—John Shambora, boatswain mate, first class, son of Mrs. Anna Shambora, 1137 Russel Avenue.

Stockertown—Frederick Jacob Happel, Jr., fireman, first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Happel, Sr., Main Street.

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Hellertown—Nicholas Richard Kalynych, machinist's mate, first class, a brother of Paul Kalynych, Easton Road, Hellertown, R. D. 1.

Allentown—Andrew Rabyk, gunner's mate, third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Rabyk, 134 Bridge Street.

New Tripoli—Roland Emery Ream, gunner's mate, second class; husband of Mrs. Florence Ream.

### Action Starts May 11

According to information reaching the various families the men reported missing in action took part in naval or air engagements between May 11 and June 6. This is significant since the major Pacific battles including Wake Island and the Coral apic included. Details however, are not contained in the information given to the parents. The Navy Department, however, does say that word will be given the kin as soon as it becomes to the department.

### Shambora Cited

News of Bos'n Mate's Shambora undoubtedly comes as a shock to his Fountain Hill and Bethlehem kin, for only on May 27 did the Navy Department inform his sister, Mrs. Louis Derrico, 1127 Russel Avenue, that her brother had been awarded the Navy Silver Star for his part in the evacuation of General MacArthur from the Philippines to Australia.

Shambora, who quite the Bethlehem Steel Company for a life at sea eighteen years ago, is thirty-four years of age. He was last heard from



FREDERICK HAPPEL, JR.  
(Stockertown)

brothers, starred in soccer, baseball, and basketball while attending high school. He graduated in 1934 and enrolled in Albright College to study law the following Fall. After one year of study, he made his yearnings come true and joined the Navy. His enlistment took place six years and a day ago, today.

Following his enlistment, he entered training at Rhode Island. From there he was transferred to the Panama Canal Zone and eventually to California. About four years ago, Nicholas was stationed on a vessel at Hawaii and during the past year he served in the Philippines. His rank was a machinist's mate, first class.

The last communication received by the family was in the form of postal card on February 3, saying that he was well.

In the middle of May, his brothers received a telegram from the Navy telling that he was missing. At his latest writing he informed his brothers that he was stationed with a submarine tender, "The Campus", in the Philippines.

The surviving brothers, Paul and John, relate that they have heard no word of his death. The telegram received in May was the last information they got from official sources.

on February 5 when he wrote his sister that "All is Well" and this came after the fall of the Philippines. He had been with the Asiatic Fleet for a number of years.

His citation came as a result of his work as boatswain's mate in Motor



JOHN SHAMBORA  
(Fountain Hill)

Boat Squadron No. 3 which made Lieut. John Bulkeley famous for its exploits in Philippine waters.

Shambora has two sisters, Mrs. Derrico, and Mrs. Mary Stefanik, who resides on Linden Street, this city; and two brothers, Michael and Peter Shambora, the latter two also of Fountain Hill.

### Happel Previously Reported

The matter of the report noting that Fireman-Happel, the Stockertown youth, is missing in action, is a bit confusing since a similar report was sent to his parents on May



NICHOLAS R. KALYNCH  
(Hellertown)

27, telling them that he had been missing since May 10.

Frederick, 22 years old, was last reported on a U. S. warship. He enlisted three years ago in Allentown received his basic training at Allentown, R. I. and for two years was assigned to the Battleship New York. He was last heard from in a letter dated April 20, and this was censored so his parents had no idea in what theater his ship was operating.

He attended the Stockertown schools and after his graduation helped his brother, Thomas Happel in the operation of his gasoline station at Stockertown. After a year and a half at the station he enlisted.

### Hellertonian Missing

Nicholas R. Kalynych, a former three-letter athlete at Hellertown High School, is included on the Navy's missing list.

According to his two brothers, Paul, 20, and John, 17, the missing sailor was married about a year ago to a Spanish woman, her name unknown. The ceremonies took place in the Philippines. The two brothers are the only other surviving members of his family, the father having died on December 3, 1941, and the mother passing away in 1929.

Nicholas, the older of the three

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