

Halbreiner, Carl G.

### "Gwin" Survivor Home On Furlough

Machinist's Mate Second Class Petty Officer Carl G. Halbreiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Halbreiner, 724 First Avenue, Bethlehem, is home on a 30-day leave.

He is a survivor of the sinking of the U. S. S. Gwin, which was announced as lost by the U. S. Navy following an engagement with the Japanese in Kula Gulf, New Georgia, Solomon Islands, July 13.

Arriving in San Francisco by transport, on which he made the acquaintance of another Bethlehem sailor, Albert Angelini of Vine Street. He will return to San Francisco upon the expiration of his leave and board another destroyer.

Halbreiner was one of the two Bethlehem men aboard the Gwin who escaped without injury, the other being Warrant Machinist Officer Clifford Boyles, husband of the former Bernadine Heidecker of 542 Benner Avenue, Fountain Hill.

Carl, 22, enlisted in the Navy on Aug. 12, 1942. Receiving his "boot" training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Ill., he attended service school, being given machinist training. Upon graduation in February of '43, his present rating was gained.

Transferred to the South Pacific he boarded the "Gwin" and now wears two bronze stars upon his South Pacific theatre ribbon, representing the two engagements in which he participated—the opening of the New Georgia campaign on June 30, and the surface engagement in Kula Gulf during which his ship was hit by a torpedo.

Prior to enlisting Petty Officer Halbreiner graduated from Technical High School, class of '39, and was employed in a machine shop of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

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