

Gozzard, Ernest Jr

### Gozzard Survives Straffing After Destroyer Sinks

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QM 3-c, Ernest Gozzard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gozzard, 901 Main Street, Hellertown, is home from service in the Pacific theatre. He is one of 166 survivors of the ill-fated destroyer USS Cooper, torpedoed December 3, last, and on which Lt. V. Allen Bennett, of Bethlehem, formerly of St. Luke's hospital, lost his life.

Quartermaster Gozzard was in the sea for 17 hours and with others was strafed almost constantly by enemy aircraft. He escaped with minor cuts and bruises and was picked-up by a naval PBY boat.

Gozzard entered the service March 30, 1943. His furlough is for 30 days.

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