

Bercse, Jesse

Three Local Boys Meet In Okinawa

Three Crest Ave. boys who entered the service in 1944, recently met on Okinawa. They are Gilbert Koerner, MM. 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Koerner, number 335; Jesse Bercse, S. 1/c, who formerly resided at number 333 and T/5 Henry Heil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Heil, number 208.

MM. 3/c Koerner enlisted in the Seabees in November, 1944, and completed his boot training at Camp Peary, Va. Serving overseas for the past 16 months, he participated in the Marianas Islands, Saipan and Ryukyus campaigns before going to his present station. His outfit helped construct the B-29 airstrip on Saipan.

S. 1/c Bercse, who formerly resided with Mr. and Mrs. George Such, enlisted in the U. S. Navy in October of 1944. After completing his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., he was assigned to an overseas base hospital as a medical corpsman. Bercse is a veteran of the Ryukyus Island campaign.

T/5 Heil was inducted into the U. S. Army March 16, 1944. He took his basic training at Camp Sibert, Ala., and at Camp Lee, Va., where he graduated from the Quartermasters School. Overseas for six months, he participated in the Ryukyus Island campaign also. Heil is stationed in the former capital city of Naha, Okinawa, serving as personnel clerk in the headquarters of the 62nd General Depot. He graduated from Liberty High School in 1943.

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