

Bloss, Charles W. Jr  
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### **Bloss Home on Furlough After 30 Months Service**

A member of Uncle Sam's Navy for the past 2½ years, Charles W. Bloss Jr., signalman second class, is spending a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloss Sr., Bethlehem, R. D. 4.

During his 30 months of service, the young man has seen lots to talk about.

He enlisted in the Navy while a junior at Hellertown High School, and shortly after he completed his basic training, he was assigned to convoy duty. He traveled extensively in the South Pacific, crossed the equator four times, made trips to points in South Africa, Dutch Guinea, New Zealand, Egypt, Arabia and many ports in South America.

When the Japs made the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, they were one day's distance from that point. The convoy, he said, landed at Pearl Harbor on Christmas Day, 1941. On one of his trips he experienced a severe storm that broke while they were in the Indian Ocean.

During his trips, he claims he did not sight any subs, but he did say that he saw a number of "ash cans" go over and down and, according to reports, two of Hitler's "wolves" were reported among the missing.

He is the possessor of a certificate of merit, awarded to members of the U. S. Navy when they cross the equator. Neptune and his court were absent on these trips, he said, as these traditional ceremonies are out for the duration.

A brother, Kenneth Bloss is also in the U. S. Navy, being inducted into the armed forces in March of this year. He received his basic training at Sampson, N. Y., and has been assigned to duty.

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