

# MOTHER JOINS WAVES TO SERVE WITH FAMILY

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Mrs. Philip Riegel, Allentown  
R. 60, Has Son, Brothers  
in Navy.

A mother with a young son serving in the U. S. Navy and a husband busily engaged in forging munitions of war in the local plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company has joined the WAVES. Not content to sit at home while her menfolks are actively engaged in the do-or-die effort to bring Victory in '43, Mrs. Philip Riegel, of Allentown, R. 60, went to Philadelphia and was sworn in at the WAVE recruiting office there.

Mrs. Riegel, whose given name is Frances and who is 34 years old, is believed to be the first mother from this area to go into the naval auxiliary corps. She comes honestly by her predilections for things maritime, for she is the daughter of a veteran naval pharmacist and has two brothers in the Navy and another waiting to go in.

Qualifications for a rating as hospital corpsman "to be in the same work that my father did" is Mrs. Riegel's ambition. Her dad is R. C. Payler, 61, who served 37 years. He retired as a warrant pharmacist and lives with his daughter and family.

"It seems only right and fitting that I should join the Navy, as my family always has been a Navy family," Mrs. Riegel said.

She is particularly proud of her son, Philip, Jr., recently turned 18, who is already a veteran of the North African convoy job. Philip enlisted last March at the age of 17 and has served nearly a year at sea. He proudly wears the service ribbons of his campaigns.

Her brother, Carl, 26, is a gunner's mate, first class, now on convoy duty. He was born at the Charlestown, S. C., Navy Yard, while the father was on duty there. The second brother in the Navy is Gordon, 20, seaman second class, now in training at the U. S. Naval Training School at Newport, R. I. Gordon was born at Newport while the father was stationed there. He will become a naval electrician.

Mrs. Riegel was born at Fall River, Mass. She was eight months old before her father ever saw her. He was on a round-the-world Navy cruise in 1908 and was on leave in Jerusalem at the time. Barely five feet tall, Mrs. Riegel has not the look of an old "salt," but she made a Navy cruise to Haiti at the age of ten when her father was attached to a field hospital at Port-au-Prince with the Marines, then commanded by the late Major Gen. Smedley D. Butler. She recalls the beauties of the island with pleasure.

Mother and son will participate in the Philadelphia United Appeals campaign by telling their story over radio station WCAU Saturday at 1:30 p. m. on the sketch called "A Story to Tell."

The family has lived on Allentown R. 60 for twenty years in their present home near the new Salisbury school. They read the Globe-Times every day.

Riegel, Frances

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