

Confer on Data About Johnny Rivers



Sgt. Albert Schmidt, of Philadelphia, (center, in uniform) and Roger Butterfield, editor of Time Magazine, (at Schmidt's left), met with a group of friends of the late Johnny Rivers who served with Sgt. Schmidt in the Marines, to arrange material for a movie now being planned. John Shaton, a fellow club member with the late Rivers is seated at Sgt. Schmidt's right. Others shown include F. N. Finger and his son, Robert Finger, Louis Brown, Daniel H. Flanagan and Hoyt Howard.

Review Life of Guadalcanal Hero With Forthcoming Book's Author

A former member of the Boys Club of Bethlehem, Indian, orphan, boxer and one of the heroes of Guadalcanal, the late Johnny Rivers, who accounted for his share of Japs before he made the supreme sacrifice, formed the basis of an interesting discussion yesterday afternoon at the Boys Club.

A pal of his who occupied the same foxhole at Guadalcanal, Albert A. Schmid, U. S. Marines, a native of Philadelphia, accompanied by Roger Butterfield, of Time magazine, author of a book dedicated to Johnny, spent some time in this city yesterday, for the purpose of getting more of the background of the orphan boy, which will eventually be woven into a movie, according to the information.

Schmid is an entertaining conversationalist, and during his brief stay related some humorous tales. He did not speak of his experiences nor

was he asked to recall any of those trying moments.

The visitors were greeted by Vincent Brugger, executive director; D. H. Flanagan, Hoyt Howard, local artist who painted the picture of Johnny Rivers, which was presented to the Boys Club, John "Boom Boom" Shaton and Lou Brown, personal friends of Johnnys, R. N. Finger, Robert Finger and Dr. E. W. Gilchrist.

Following the meeting at the club, those present were entertained at the home of Mr. Finger, Prospect Avenue.

Mr. Butterfield and Schmid left for the former's farm, located midway between Emmaus and Limeport, Lehigh County. The sight of Schmid's right eye is lost, and efforts are being made to strengthen the left eye. It was learned that there were several operations in the optic and that another will be performed within a short time.