

Payler, Rudolph C.
Carl
Gordon

Two Sons, Daughter, Husband, Grandson All Serve in Navy

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"We're a Navy crowd all right," Mrs. Mary C. Payler, Route 60, Allentown, stated yesterday, introducing the subject of her family which includes a husband, two sons, one daughter and a grandson—all in the Navy.

Rudolph C. Payler, the father of the family, is a retired pharmacist with a record of more than 30 years active Navy service to his credit. At present, Mr. Payler is a patient at the Naval Hospital, Washington, D. C. He enlisted in 1902, serving throughout the first World War and participating in many of the great naval battles of that era. He has never talked much about his experiences except to say that he enjoyed navy life immensely.

The next to join up was the eldest son, Carl Payler, age 27, now chief gunner's mate, an instructor at Sampson, N. Y. He enlisted nine years ago when he was 18 years old. He, too, has seen service in ports all over the world.

Second son, Gordon Payler, elec-

trician's mate second class, was welcomed home Sunday at the completion of 18 months' active duty in the Mediterranean area. His thrilling home-bound journey was taken by Clipper flying in 16 hours from Italy to Africa, Africa to Ireland, Ireland to Scotland, Scotland to Newfoundland, and Newfoundland to New York.

Until yesterday the two brothers had not seen each other for two and a half years. When Carl learned of Gordon's return, he applied for and was granted a 48-hour leave.

The only woman in the family to join up, Mrs. Francis B. Reigel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Payler, has served for one year with the WAVES as a plane dispatcher at the Naval Air Station in Anacostia, Washington, D. C. It is her son, Philip Reigel, Jr., 19, seaman first class, who was the last of the men in the family to leave home. He has been with the Pacific Fleet on overseas duty for the past two years.

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