

# Lieut. Naegely 'Hell-Diver' Here On Leave

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One of the Navy's top dive bombing pilots in the South Pacific sector, Lieutenant L. R. Naegely, United States Naval Air Corps, arrived home in Bethlehem this afternoon.

A member of the fighting hell divers, Lieutenant Naegely has been commended numerous times for his achievements beyond the call of service.

He was greeted at the station by his family and plans to have a well deserved rest, while back from active service.

Lieutenant Naegely is the proud possessor of the Vanderbilt Cup, which he received for attaining the highest average in the class with which he graduated from his training course at Jacksonville, Fla., in May of 1942.

In March of this year, Lieutenant Naegely received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial attack in the South Pacific area.

The citation that accompanied the DFC told about Lieut. Naegely's disregard for personal safety when he dove through terrific anti-aircraft fire to destroy a Japanese heavy cruiser.

Admiral William Halsey, who made the presentation stated in conclusion of the citation: His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Lieutenant Naegely is married to the former Marian Kilpatrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Kilpatrick, of 1224 Elm Street, this city. He is the father of a daughter, Sandra.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Naegely, of 434 East Laurel



LT. L. R. NAEGELY  
... hero comes home

Street, this city. The Naval Flyer is a graduate of Bethlehem High School, class of 1937. He attended Lehigh University for three years, and worked at the Bethlehem Steel Company for a year before enlisting in the Navy Air Corps in March of 1941.

*Naegley, J. R.*

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