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Local Men Bring Down Jap Planes

Two Bethlehem Navy men, William H. Burns, Seaman 1/c, USNR, of 519 North Main Street, and Louis W. Korpics, Fire Controlman 3/c, USNR, of 508 Cherokee Street, who are expected to be in the United States on leave soon, had the distinction of figuring in the shooting down of one of the first known Jap suicide planes, and of taking part in the rescue of 150 survivors of a torpedoed sister ship.

Crew men aboard the USS Richard S. Bull, their ship took part in the invasions of Morotai, Luzon, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. The rescue took place in the sea battle off Leyte when the Bull crewmen jeopardized their own safety to save the men. While rescue was in progress another destroyer escort sank the enemy submarine that torpedoed the ship.

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