

Ortwein, Aloysius

## Area Navy Men Active In All Parts of World's War Zones

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Sailors from this and nearby areas receive their training for the various duties among the many different type ships of our Atlantic and Pacific fleets, in ports along the Eastern seaboard.

Howard Fry, S 2-C from Hometown, and Arthur T. Smith, Jr., Seaman 2/C from Nazareth, recently arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., training for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic fleet. Smith is the son of Mrs. B. I. Smith, 206 South Main Street, Nazareth. Fry is one of four sons of George Fry, 1340 Washington Street, Hometown, who are serving in the armed forces. Prior to enlisting, both were employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

Carl Bachman Sloyer, 18, Seaman 2/C, is at Melville, R. I., training for duty aboard a PT boat in the Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sloyer of this city.

Herbert A. Zettlemyer Jr., 21, Signalman 2/C, has been assigned to the crew of a new minesweeper after completing his course in signal work and Naval mine warfare at the Atlantic Fleet's minecraft training center, Little Creek, Va. Zettlemyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Zettlemyer, 320 Hanover Street.

Aloysius Ortwein, 18, Seaman 2/C, is at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., preparing for duty aboard a miscellaneous auxiliary ship. Ortwein entered the Navy in January, 1945, and received his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. He has two brothers overseas with the Army, James, Pfc., and Robert, a technical sergeant. They are the sons of John Ortwein, 1048 Wyandotte Street.

William Fetzer, Seaman 2/C, son of Mrs. Bertha Fetzer, Route 1, Hometown, is at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., preparing for duty aboard a heavy cruiser. He entered the Navy in February, 1945, and received his recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Sampson, N. Y.

Those sailors who have already completed boot training and advanced schooling in their particular fields, are on duty in both Atlantic and Pacific.

Bruce N. Handelong, 20, Seaman 1/C, has been serving aboard a destroyer for five months. Before enlisting in the Navy, Handelong was a pre-medical student at Muhlenburg College, Allentown. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Handelong, 501 Woodlawn Avenue.

T. J. Transue, 20, Seaman, 1/C, of 1524 West Broad Street, serves aboard the destroyer U. S. S. Bennett, which has struck telling blows against the Japs in every kind of naval warfare in the Pacific, from the Bougainville landings to the recent capture of Iwo Jima. The BENNETT began her career by rescuing survivors of a torpedoed merchant ship while on a shakedown cruise in the Caribbean. Shortly afterward, she moved to the Pacific to Bougainville, November, 1943, and on to raids on Rabaul, Kavieng, Guam, Saipan, and her latest, Iwo Jima.

Edward D. Kilpatrick, Seaman 1/C, son of Edward Kilpatrick, 58 Clearfield Street, Freemansburg, is a member of a destroyer with the Fifth Fleet, which for two days ranged within 75 miles of the Jap island of Kyushu. Kilpatrick and other crew members remained alert for most of those two days, but only once did an enemy plane get close enough to draw fire. All the men serving aboard this destroyer are veterans of seven major Pacific campaigns.

Michael Yamicky, 24, Seaman 1/C, went to the shores of Japan last Saturday and helped a mighty naval task force hurl dynamite into the Japanese homeland. His ship, the U. S. S. QUINCY, was the first ship to be fired upon in the Normandy landings. She was under siege there for 19 days without a single casualty, and her crew members displayed the same determination off Japan's shores. Earlier this year, Yamicky fought at Okinawa.

John R. Kovacs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kovacs, 725 Jennings Street, has advanced to Seaman 1/C while serving aboard a battleship in the Pacific. In that theater since last September, he has seen action at Leyte, Mindoro and Luzon and at Okinawa.

Charles W. Babich, 22, Seaman 1/C, serves aboard the destroyer GREGORY in the Western Pacific, which already has shot down six enemy planes and taken part in two major engagements, although she has been fighting in the Pa-

cific theater only since last October. Babich's captain, Commander Bruce McCandless, won the medal of honor for bringing the cruiser San Francisco safely through the battle of Savo Island in November, 1942, after the captain and all executive officers had been killed. His sister, Mrs. Anna Micolochick, lives at 123 Juniata Street, Freemansburg.

Monroe J. Weirback, Fireman 1/C of 934 Detweiler Avenue, Hometown, is back at the business of fighting Japs after a recent three-hour rest period on one of the Navy's "recreation islands" in the Pacific war zone. He is assigned to an Aircraft Carrier.

Joseph Ternyik has been advanced to Radioman 3/C aboard the Atlantic Fleet destroyer on which he has served for the past 7 months. Ternyik is a qualified radio operator, and sends and receives Naval dispatches via wireless for his ship. A former crane operator with the Bethlehem Steel Company, he enlisted in September, 1942. His wife, the former Helen Judd, lives at 335 Wyandotte Street, and his parents, at 1810 East Second Street.

George E. Bognar, Machinist's mate 3/C, has advanced to his present rating aboard a new 45,000 ton battleship which has been participating in recent carrier task force strikes against the Japanese homeland. His home address is at 1240 East Third Street.

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