

Shields Jr., Francis J.

Local Guardsman Gets Cap Knitted By Workers Here

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Volunteer knitters for the local Red Cross Chapter will be interested to know that a sweater knitted by one of their number was received quite unexpectedly by a Fountain Hill member of the U. S. Coast Guard now on active duty.

Francis L. Shields, Jr., 19, seaman, first class, wrote to his mother recently to tell her, "By the way,

Mom, I have received a beautiful sweater and when I looked inside—guess, what?—I found it was from the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Chapter of the Red Cross!

"Because I am the only Bethlehem boy on the ship the crew asked me, on their behalf, to have you call up the local chapter and thank the members for the sweaters and for the 50 cartons of cigarettes."

Mrs. Shields, who lives on Graham Street, phoned Chapter headquarters Monday. Her son enlisted when he was 17 and was a student in Fountain Hill School at the time.

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