

Forstoffer, John

BETHLEHEM SEAMAN REPORTED MISSING

JAN 22 1943

**John Forstoffer Unheard from
Since January 3—Brother
Here Notified.**

Through a telegram bearing only meagre information, relatives learned that Seaman Second Class John Forstoffer is missing at sea.

Frank Forstoffer, a brother of the 20-year-old missing seaman, who resides at 30 West Third Street, was notified on January 3. Since then no further information was received, although notice of his promotion to seaman second class came a few days previous to January 3.



JOHN FORSTOFFER, U. S. N.

The youth enlisted in the Naval Reserve on April 14, 1942. Prior to his enlistment, Seaman Forstoffer attended Broughal Junior High School and later was employed with Sure-Fit Products Company.

The telegram, received from Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel, Arlington, Va., did not state the youth's station or the ship he was aboard.

The message follows: "The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your brother, John Forstoffer, seaman second class, U. S. N. R., is missing in action in the performance of his duties and in the service of his country."

Relatives received the last letter from the youth last September. He spent his last furlough in Bethlehem, June, 1942.

Besides Stephen, three brothers and three sisters survive. Both of his parents are dead. The brothers are Joseph, Dunellen, N. J.; Frank and James, 30 West Third Street; the sisters, Mrs. Theresa Belgrash, 1001 Wyandotte Street; Mrs. Joseph Kirka, and Elizabeth Forstoffer, 5036 Zion Hill.

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