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ROBERT NEWHARD, M M M 1-C

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Northampton Sailor Home; Twice Cited

Robert "Peachy" Newhard, MM 1c, son of Mrs. Mary Newhard, 637 Washington Avenue, Northampton, is spending a 30-day leave at home after having spent 15 thrill-packed months overseas. MM Newhard participated in three invasions. He wears two service ribbons for having taken part in the European and Mediterranean theatres of war. On the latter ribbon are the three stars, indicative of the Sicilian, Italian and French campaigns.

While overseas, Newhard met several local boys, Michael Stenach, Leroy Beil, and Mickey Kovach, in England. While in Africa he had the good fortune to meet "Stink" Miller, Frank Pflugler, and a Stetch boy, all from town. He also brought with him messages from two Allentown boys he met overseas to be given to the boys wives.

While overseas, MM Newhard received two promotions, and two citations from the commanding officer. During two of the major operations, Newhard was attached to the 1006 Seabees detachment, performing duties as a specialist. He drove an amphibious truck. He was a survivor of a ship disaster during his service overseas.

MM Newhard received his training at Solomons, Md., and Little Creek, Va., after which he was sent to the European theatre of war.

He is married to the former Janet Ash, 310 East 10th Street. Before his enlistment in September, 1942, he was employed at the Bethlehem Steel Co., as a heater in the forge specialty.

A brother-in-law of Newhard's, PFC Grover Ash, of the U. S. Marines, was recently commended by Marine General Ralph Mitchell, for devotion to duty during a Jap shelling of the Bougainville airstrips in March.

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