

*Knecht, Harold K.*

**Nazareth Sailor  
Gets New Rating**

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Harold K. Knecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Knecht, 408 Belvidere Street, Nazareth, was recently advanced to the rating of Boatswain's Mate, First Class, according to a letter received by his parents

from the commanding officer of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Training Base at Little Creek, Va.

The commanding officer stated that the advancement is the result of diligent and efficient performance of duty on the part of Coxswain Knecht and for the contribution he is making to the war effort.

Knecht, a graduate of Nazareth High School, entered the service on June 7, 1942, and participated in the African, Sicilian and Italian invasions in the Mediterranean area, and last summer was with the amphibious forces in the invasion of Saipan and Guam. At present he is stationed at Little Creek, Va., where he is instructing in seamanship. Prior to entering the Navy, he was employed by the Hercules Cement Corporation.

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