

Rahmer, Charles

Third Police Officer to Enter Armed Service

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Mounted Officer Melvin Packard, of the Bethlehem police department, got the green light from Uncle Sam yesterday. Among those examined at the Allentown Induction Center, "Mell" was accepted for Navy service.

He is the fourth brother to enter the country's service, and the third member of the Bethlehem police department that answered the country's call.

His brothers are Petty Officer Second Class John J. Packard, Petty Officer First Class Carlton Packard and Private Leroy A. Packard, U. S. Army.

In service for the past 17 months, John received boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Station, Chicago, and participated in the invasion of Sicily. At present he is enrolled at a naval school at Norfolk.

Petty Officer Carlton is assigned to the Navy Construction Battalion.

Private Leroy is with the armed forces in Corsica. A member of a tank unit, he received his training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Other members of the police department in the service, Charles Rahmer and John Pulley, are also wearing the Navy uniforms. The latter is stationed in the South Pacific, while Rahmer is on special duty in this country.

Officer Packard volunteered and was among selectees examined yesterday at Allentown. He has been a member of the police department since Oct. 25, 1937.

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