

Navy Gun Crew Chief Home



Jack Steele

Coxswain Jack Steele, of the U. S. Navy, who yesterday returned to his duties as chief of a naval gun crew aboard a merchant ship after spending a two weeks' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Steele, of Pine street, Bellefonte, is one of the men responsible for the safety of merchant vessels carrying war supplies to the armed forces overseas.

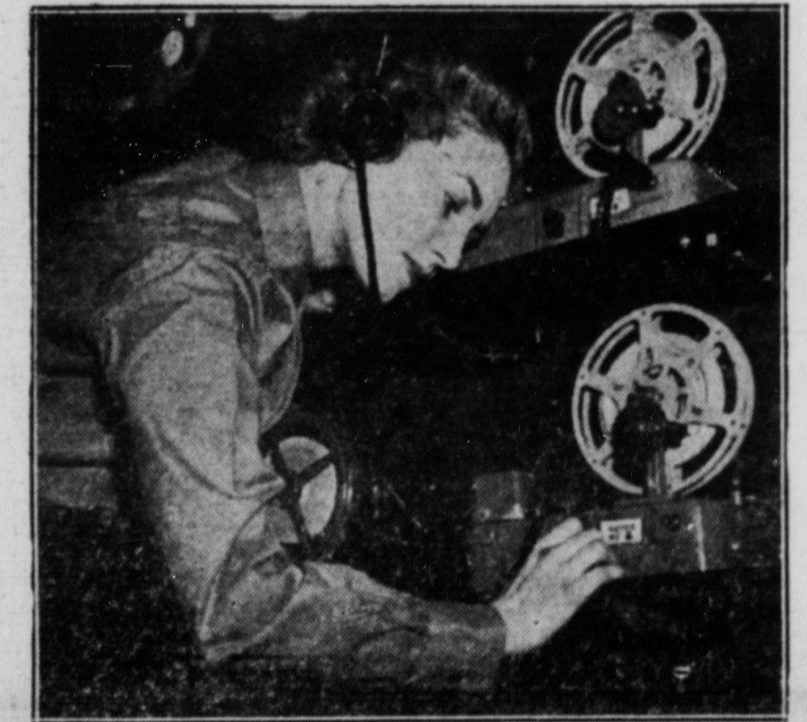
fact of engagements with enemy submarines and airplanes on several occasions, has seen enemy torpedoes high-balling toward his ship, but so far the ships he has been on have escaped being struck.

The gun crew is commanded by a naval lieutenant. As Coxswain, Steele is in charge of the 30-man crew in seeing to it that the various types of guns are constantly manned and ready for use on an instant's notice. Although the type and number of guns aboard merchant vessels is a military secret, Coxswain Steele described them as being "quite adequate" for most any type of enemy undersea or aircraft.

For a time Steele served aboard a large tanker which hauled fuel oil to foreign ports. He now is assigned to a general cargo ship.

A graduate of the Bellefonte High School in 1940, Steele was employed by the Eclipse Machine Company in Elmira, N. Y., until his enlistment in the Navy in August 1942. He received his basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois, and then underwent training in naval gunnery in Chicago. Following that, he received a course in gunnery practice on Lake Michigan, being assigned to active duty on November 20, 1942. He volunteered for service in a Navy gun crew aboard a merchantman—a task which is hazardous, requires long hours of duty both at sea and in foreign ports, and which requires all members to be ready for action against the enemy at any time of day or night. In addition, living quarters aboard merchantmen aren't always all that could be desired.

WAAC at Control Board



Young women from all parts of the country are enrolled among the 500 WAAC students in the Midland Radio and Television School at Kansas City, Mo. Technician Fifth Grade Dolores Whitecar of Philadelphia, formerly of Bellefonte, learns automatic sending at "controller."

Miss Whitecar is a daughter of Mrs. J. L. Tressel of Philadelphia, until recently a resident of East Bishop street, Bellefonte.



Honor Roll section featuring portraits and biographies of several servicemen: Corp. James K. Reasner, Sgt. Hassell E. Meyer, Eleanor M. Courter, Capt. E. C. Burghdoff, and Pfc. Paul W. Rossman.

TWO BROTHERS OVERSEAS; ONE TRAINING TO GO

Biographies of Pvt. George J. Cushion and Pvt. Charles J. Cushion, detailing their military service and family backgrounds.

Pearl Harbor Victim Returns

A Pine Glen family on Sunday celebrated the return of a son who not many months ago they had mourned as dead.



Charles W. Narehood

For Mrs. Elizabeth Narehood and family had every reason to believe Charles W. Narehood was dead. A few days after the Jap sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, the family was informed that Charles, who was stationed at Hickam Field, had been killed in action. Later a telegram informed them that he was not dead, but was badly wounded. As time went on, Narehood recovered from his injuries and for some months has been on active duty with the Air Force in the South Pacific. He has been at various bases in the vast reaches of the Pacific theatre of war.

Sunday, June 6, while the Narehood family was at dinner, Charles, alive and well, walked into the house to greet the family the biggest and most pleasant surprise they've had in many a day.

To celebrate his homecoming, a reunion of members of the Narehood family was held Sunday, June 13, at which time a number of friends also gathered at the home for the day.

Pvt. Narehood has been engaged in the maintenance and repair of heavy bombers and is one of those Pearl Harbor veterans, who, having been first-hand the Japanese treachery at Pearl Harbor, is pitching in to help repay them for their unprovoked attack.

When he left yesterday to return to duty, he had instructions to go to Salt Lake City, Utah, to receive further instructions.

What to Write to Servicemen

- Office of War Information offers these pointers for homefolks writing to soldiers, sailors, and marines. Includes tips on how to write effectively and what to avoid.

CHURCHES

- Hubbersburg-Zion Reformed Church, Martin Grove Church of Christ, Nittany Valley Lutheran Pastorale, St. John's Lutheran, Bellefonte, Presbyterian Charge, Rebersburg Reformed Charge.

Blanchard-Dix Run Baptist

Rev. William J. Shope, pastor. Liberty Baptist, Blanchard-Sunday school, 9:45. Glad Hour Tuesday evening at 7:30.

First Evangelical, Bellefonte

H. Halbert Jacobs, pastor. 9:30 to 10:15, worship in the Sanctuary. Sermon subject, "You Must Carry Your Own Pack."

POTTERS MILLS

Pvt. Donald Phillips of Camp Dix, N. J. spent Saturday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips.

Pitch on Fabrics

Pitch can be removed from fabrics by sponging with chloroform. The fabric may also be rubbed with lard; then scrape off as much pitch as possible and sponge with turpentine, rubbing gently until dry. Last, hang in the open air until all odor has disappeared.

MANY ARMY TRAINEES STATIONED AT PENN STATE

Four additional Centre countians are learning their military ABC's at Basic Training Center No. 9 of the Army Air Force Technical Training Command at Miami Beach, Fla.

Gets Commission

Charles F. Reese, son of Mrs. Margaret J. Reese, S. Burrows street, State College, after completing an intensive 13-week course for officer candidates at the Quartermaster School, Camp Lee, Va., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

Arrives in England

Mrs. Edith Burd, of R. D. 3, Bellefonte, has received word from her son, Pvt. Ray E. Burd, of his safe arrival in England in time to celebrate his 21st birthday, June 9, 1943.

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Now First Lieutenant

Lt. Roy K. Dunkleberger, stationed at Fort Ord, California, with the 9th Amphibious Training Force, has been promoted to First Lieutenant.

Local Man Promoted

Aaron D. Collar of Bellefonte, now in the Coast Artillery Corps at Camp Maun, Calif., was promoted to the grade of Private First Class.

SURPRISE PARTY HELD FOR ZION ENLISTEE

A surprise party was held at his parental home north of Zion on June 7 for Arthur Nelson, Jr., who left June 10th for the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Continues Training

Aviation Cadet Francis B. Musser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Musser of West College avenue, State College, has completed the preflight course at Wolford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and has reported to Maxwell Field, Ala., where he will start training as a pilot in the Army Air Corps.

To Take Course in Radar

Cpl. George W. Murray, to which rank he was lately promoted while stationed at Philadelphia in the U. S. Coast Artillery, spent a three-day furlough recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Murray, at Beech Creek.

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1st Lieutenant

2nd Lt. Edward R. Ardery, Corps of Engineers, State College, has been promoted to first lieutenant, it was announced by Major General Edward H. Brooks, commanding general of the 11th Armored Division at Camp Polk, La. He is a member of the 56th Armored Engineers battalion.

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