

Friday, December 11, 1942

Monroe Seaman Sees Action with Convoy Glen Ehram Gunner on Aircraft Carrier

Eight and one-half months ago Glen Ehram was just an average Adams County young man – one whose most exciting moments were probably those in the high school basketball game.

Much has changed in those few months, however for Ehram, who returned home this week for a few days visit with his parents, county surveyor and Mrs. William Ehram.

Glen is now a seaman in the U.S. Navy and a seaman with experience – not training experience, but actual combat experience.

Glen, who probably never expected to visit more than a few states to the Union, is now a world traveler to Africa, but take it from him, it was no pleasure cruise.

Like all men serving in Uncle Sam's forces, Glen didn't have much to say. He knew what he was permitted to say. This much he did tell:

He was assigned as an aerial gunner on an aircraft carrier, one of the nation's most valuable sea – signed, guarding the rear and dispatching its planes to protect the entire unit.

Seventeen "fish" – the seaman's word for torpedoes were fired at the aircraft carrier, but none found its mark, one narrowly missing it.

Now he is home on leave before going back to a naval base for a new assignment, and believe it or not he is "itching to bet back again."

Tuesday, December 22, 1942

Charles D. Ehinger is Commissioned To Report Friday for Army Service

Charles d. Ehinger, secretary-manager of the Citizens Telephone Co., today was notified that he had been commissioned a second lieutenant in the signal corps of the U.S. Army and should proceed December 26, to Fort Monmouth, N.J.

The message stated that his orders and commission were being mailed from Washington having been signed by the adjutant-general of the Army.

Mr. Ehinger enlisted several weeks ago and has been expecting his call since the first of the month. He will report to the commanding officer of the electronics training group at Fort Monmouth.

Lieut. Ehinger is a graduate of Decatur High School and of Purdue University from which institution he was graduated in 1938 and received his B.S. Degree in electrical engineering.

Following the death of his father, Herman F. Ehinger, in August, 1938, Lieut. Ehinger was elected secretary of the Citizens Telephone Company in this city and later manager of the utility, positions which his father held for (cut off)

Monday, December 21, 1942

For Active Service

19 Adams County Men Leave Today

Nineteen Adams County men left today for Camp Perry, Ohio and active duty with the U.S. Army after being accepted last Monday, December 14.

Dorwin Garth Journey, who was named acting corporal of the group was in charge. Others in the contingent are: Melvin M. Crozier, Willard W. Wulliman, Alfred E. Zumburum, Russell L. Stump, Floyd E. Marshand, Robert J. McBride, Karl H. Beer, Wendel B. Smith, Arthur J. Martinez, Joseph H. Schultz, Russell E. Myers, Loren D. Hoffman, Robert E. Egley, Lawrence E. Beavers, Ralph G. Martin, Dewey E. Hoffman, Frank J. Krick, Jr., and Alfred L. Marhenke.

Gerald V. Smith, one of four in the December 14 group held over, has been accepted and will leave for active duty on December 26, the draft board has been informed. Orville Frichta, another of the four, is still being held there, while Harold E. Butler and Ernest Hanni have been rejected.

Those who were rejected the same day are: Gerhart Sprunger, Merlan Venis, Albert Tinham, Dale Aspy, Cecil Gause, Clarence Daily, James Moran, Chester Fields, and Robert Moran.

Pvt. First Class John C. Dietel, husband of Mrs. Florine Dietel, 828 Hugh Street, and son of Mrs. Albert Dietel, has been wounded in action in the European Theatre of War, according to word received here.

Private Dietel, who is a member of the armored division, has been in the Army two years. He was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Amstutz of Berne, residents of Fort Wayne for many years, will observe their golden wedding anniversary Thursday, May 7. The event will be celebrated Sunday, May 10, at their home with a family dinner and open house in the afternoon. They were married at Berne, May 7, 1892. Mrs. Amstutz was formerly Minnie Narr. Mr. Amstutz is 73, Mrs. Amstutz 70. Both are in good health.

Mr. Amstutz is president of the Berne Witness Company and foreman of its book-binding department. He has been president since the death of Fred Rohrer a few years ago.

Mr. Amstutz was employed with the Fort Wayne Printing Company for many years, moving to Berne in 1912.

Monday, April 27, 1942

Kathrine K. is the name of the daughter born to John and Katie Coblentz Hilty on Sunday.

Wednesday, April 8, 1942

Lawrence and Clara Wentworth Blum are the parents of a baby boy born at the Decatur Hospital yesterday.

Wednesday, May 6, 1942

Medical Student Given Commission
George Bierly, Jr. Appointed Ensign

George Remy Bierly, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Remy Bierly of this city, has been commissioned an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve, word of his appointment being received today, effective as of April 1.

The young man is a medical student at Chicago Medical School, completing his fourth year. He studied two years at Indiana University and one year at Loyola University, Chicago. He will transfer to the University of Louisville in Louisville, Ky., and will continue his studies until called to active service.

Ensign Bierly is a graduate of Decatur Catholic High School, taking up his premedic studies immediately following his graduation.

The commission was signed by James Forrestal, acting secretary of war, and was dated April 15.

Medical students are permitted to continue their studies and it is believed that Mr. Bierly will not be called to active duty at least until he enters his junior year at the university.

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