

Gawlik, Walter A.

**Walter A. Gawlik
Serving on Hyman
Occupation Vessel**

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Walter A. Gawlik, Gunner's Mate 3/C, 1312 East Sixth Street, is serving on the USS Hyman, destroyer, which is helping occupy the Caroline Islands.

The island to which Gawlik is assigned is the second major Jap-held island of the Carolines, Ponape. His crew occupied it in two days. They were greeted by two American copra plantation owners, imprisoned since the start of the war; two families of Belgians and a mission of Spanish priests and nuns, who had been released just a few days before the official surrender aboard the Hyman.

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