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## Prelude To Post-War Careers



Advising the eager youths who seek to further their education is the duty of Lieut. (jg) F. T. Kernan, USNR, a former Bethlehem, Pa., school teacher. Courses are arranged for the sailors after they confer with Lieut. Kernan. Shown in the photo are, left to right: Hubert A. Martin, USNR, seaman, second class; Lieut. Kernan, and Thomas B. Estes, USNR, seaman, first class, awaiting conference with the counselling officer. Martin's home is at 15 Liberty Street, Charleston, S. C., and Estes' address is 4629 Lomita Street, Los Angeles, Calif. (Official U. S. Navy Photo)

## Bethlehem School Teacher Aids Men and Women In Service To Choose Peace-Time Pursuits

PEARL HARBOR, T. H.—When peace again reigns over the world and men and women of the armed forces return to their normal pursuits, a former Bethlehem, Pa., school teacher may reflect on his naval service with the satisfaction of having guided many youths along the channels of education.

He is Lieut. (jg.) Francis T. Kernan, USNR, of 1836 Wilson Avenue, Bethlehem, teacher in the public schools there before entering the Navy.

Lieut. Kernan is the counselling officer in the training department of the Fourteenth Naval District and it is his duty to interview Navy men who desire to pursue courses and advise them as to the proper subjects to study. Between May and December 1944, Kernan conducted 8,400 interviews.

He assists Navy personnel in selecting education subjects compatible to their previous experience, study, talents and intellectual capacity. Lieut. Kernan points out that his breakdown of cases in percentage reveals that 50 percent of the interviews pertained to personnel seeking information on high school subjects; 35 percent desired to study college courses; and 15 percent were interested in vocational subjects.

The former Bethlehem teacher works in conjunction with the edu-

cational services' section of the district's training program. Pearl Harbor is the largest center of training activity in the Navy and the elaborate system here extends throughout the Pacific Ocean war theater, assisting the personnel of the entire Pacific Fleet and all shore stations. The personnel counseled by Lieut. Kernan usually enroll in either of the following educational services: voluntary off-duty classes, education and vocational; high school or college correspondence courses; U. S. Armed Forces Institute program; war information; and ship program.

Lieut. Kernan reports that his work has been a source of satisfaction to him as thousands of young men, who entered the Navy before completing their high school educations, have continued their studies, thus displaying the firm belief the American youth has in preparing himself for peace-time careers.

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