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### Local Sailor Near Jap Homeland, but Visit Had to Wait

Raymond Spencer Benner, Electrician's Mate 3/C, USNR, 925 Cayuga Street, and other crewmen of the USS Franks, had to make two visits to the Tokyo Bay area before getting a chance to go ashore to see for the first time the Japanese people on their own homeland and the damage wrought by the Allied Forces.

When peace came their ship was assigned as an air-sea rescue station along one of the air routes running to Tokyo and later joined one of the fast carrier groups helping to patrol waters around Japan. They finally got their chance when the ship was ordered to take a group of applicants for commissions in the regular Navy to Tokyo.

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