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### Have Narrow Escape After Jap Peace Bid

Two Bethlehem Navy men, William Margetich, gunner's mate 2/C, 1123 Railroad Street, and Frank J. Laky, seaman 1/C, 721 Pawnee Street, and other men aboard the destroyer USS John Weeks, which was assigned to the occupation forces at the end of the war, had a narrow escape from five Jap suicide planes just a few hours before the Japanese made their first peace bid.

In action since last January, she was one of four destroyers on "picket" duty in the waters near Tokyo Bay when the five suicide planes attacked August 9. They whirled out of the sky and attacked with bombs, strafing and straight-on plunges. Four were knocked into the sea or blown to bits in the air, two of them falling victims to the guns of the Weeks. The fifth crashed into a destroyer nearby.

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