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Two Local Sailors Serving in Japan With "Cleaning" Units

Neal D. Gieske, Aviation Ordnanceman 2/C, USN, from this city, is serving with a Mobile Explosive and Investigation Unit in Japan. His unit found many caves stuffed with ammunition and is supervising the Japanese in disposing of it.

During the war these Navy teams cleared invasion beaches of unexploded bombs, mines and shells.

Another Bethlehemite helping to "clean out the Orient" is John G. Riola, Seaman 2/C, USN, 713 Third Ave. He is serving on the motor minesweeper, USS YMS 247, which is in Japan as part of an operating force sweeping Izumi Nada and the approaches to Kobe, Osaka and their harbors.

Riola's mincraft, still on a war-time basis, went in many days before landing operations began, sweeping under fire of enemy shore batteries. The 267 saw such action at Guam, Tinian, Saipan, Peleliu, Eniwetok and Iwo Jima.

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