

Bishop, John D.

W-O Bishop, Pacific Hero, On Way Home

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WITH THE 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION ON LUZON—Warrant Officer (j.g.) John D. Bishop, 27, 1712 Broad Street, Bethlehem, who with his men continued the operation of vital signal communications under a heavy Japanese barrage of three hundred artillery shells, is on his way to the United States for a 30-day leave after 36 months of duty in the Pacific area.

The action occurred in the battle for the Cagayan Valley, Luzon, Philippine Islands, where Mr. Bishop was serving as message center officer in the 37th Infantry Division.

Although a telephone line was cut by flying shell fragments and a dud shell rolled to within 25 feet of the communications tent, Bishop and his men kept all lines open, and at one time during the shelling Bishop himself carried an urgent message to another unit under the fire. He was slightly wounded on the forehead but continued with his duties after being treated at a first aid station.

A veteran of two major campaigns, Bishop has fought on New Georgia and Bougainville in the Solomons and in the Luzon campaign. In the battle for Manila he was in charge of an advance message center during the assault on the Walled City or Intramuros district and often exposed to Japanese fire.

Wearing the round red and white shoulder patch of the 37th Infantry Division, he has served on New Zealand, Fiji, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Bougainville and Luzon.

Bishop, who upon completion of his leave will return to his unit, was inducted into the Army in March, 1942, and appointed a warrant officer in June, 1944.

His parents, now at home in Bethlehem, will return to their posts as Methodist missionaries in the South American Republic of Nicaragua sometime this Autumn.

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