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Area Navy Vets Eagerly Await Return

Many area Navy men are serving aboard aircraft carriers, battleships, cruisers and transports made famous during the war and are still serving aboard them while waiting their return to the States.

Vincent Stephen D'Amico, Motor Machinist's Mate, 3/C, 935 Wood Street, served during the war on the attack transport USS Barnstable which saw action from Guadalcanal to Japan, and which is engaged at the present time in serving with the Magic Carpet Fleet, carrying veterans home. His ship, while assigned to occupation tasks, made two runs to Japan from September 20 to November 1, the first from Lingayon Gulf, in the Philippines, to Wakayama, Honshu, and the second from Mindanao, Philippines, to Hiro Wan in the Kure area of Honshu.

W. G. Beam, Seaman 1/C, 3245 Center Street, served with the Navy's Underwater Demolition Team, No. 9, in the occupation of Korea and North China. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Beam, this city.

Russell J. Graber, Baker 2/C, USNR, Linden Street, served on the USS Genreau destroyer escort as she participated in the occupation of Honshu, Japan. His ship also took part in the occupation of Hiroshima and Kure and in the invasion of Okinawa and is expected to arrive in San Francisco about December 5 for a stay of two or three months.

Carl W. Rappe, Seaman 1/C, 932 Fernwood Street, has reported to the Newport Naval Training Station for duty aboard the USS Fargo, a light cruiser soon to be commissioned. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rappe, he has a brother, Clarence, a seaman 1/C, stationed in Japan. S 1/C Rappe served overseas 17 months as a member of an armed guard crew on the merchant ships SS William Thornton and SS Daniel Huger.

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