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Two Local Men Crew Members of USS John Land

Two local Navy men have helped the transport, USS John Land, pile up an enviable record during her first year in the Pacific, carrying nearly 10,000 Marines and soldiers into action in the invasions from Saipan to Iwo Jima.

Thomas L. Rosati, Fireman 1/C, son of Thomas Rosati, 624 Hayes Street, and Floyd H. Rothrock, Warrant Officer 3/C, whose wife, Mrs. Esther Rothrock, lives at 17 Frederick Street, are under the command of Capt. Frederic Graf.

Their ship has participated in actions at Tinian, Peleliu, Leyte, Luzon and every major campaign in the Central Pacific. It was a boat from the Land that carried General MacArthur ashore at Leyte, where he made his now historic "I have returned" speech to the Philippine people.

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