

Tucker, John F.

Pen Argyl Navy Man Discharged After Long Service Record

John F. Tucker, chief petty officer, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin G. Tucker, of Pen Argyl, a veteran of much action in the Southwest and West Pacific, recently was given an honorable discharge from the Naval Service.

Chief Tucker enlisted at the beginning of the war and after a period of three weeks boot training, was stationed aboard the battleship U. S. S. North Carolina.

His war experiences began in the summer of 1942 when he saw action during the invasion of Guadalcanal. Being attached to both Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet and Admiral Mitscher's famed "Task Force 58," Chief Tucker earned three silver and three bronze stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Campaign ribbon, denoting in action in eighteen campaigns and engagements as a result of over three years' service in the Pacific War Zone.

Among the campaigns and engagements in which he participated were: Guadalcanal and Tulagi Occupation; Battle of the Eastern Solomons; Consolidation of the

Southern Solomons; occupation and capture of New Georgia, Rendova and Vanguna Islands; occupation and capture of Makin and Tarawa; Bismark Archipelago operation; occupation of Marshall Islands.

Also, occupation of Hollandia, New Guinea, Humboldt Bay area; supporting air strikes on Truk, Marianas, Palua and Ponape; occupation and capture of Saipan and Marianas Islands; battle of the Philippine Sea; strikes on Manila and Luzon; supporting air strikes on Formosa and Okinawa; supporting air strikes on French Indo-China, Indo-China, Hongkong, Haiman Island and Swatow-Canton area; first carrier-based air strikes on Tokyo-Yokohama area; occupation and capture of Iwo Jima; supporting air strikes on Kyushu, and occupation and capture of Okinawa.

In addition to the Asiatic-Pacific

campaign ribbon he wears the American Area ribbon and the Good Conduct medal.

Following a short vacation, Chief Tucker will return to his former employment as engineering draftsman with the General Motors Corporation, Fisher Body Division, Trenton, N. J. He is a graduate of the Pen Argyl High School, a member of the Class of 1933.

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