

Sabol, Stephen J.

Division Officer

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ABOARD AN ESCORT CARRIER IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Lt. Stephen J. Sabol, 32, USNR, of Bethlehem, Pa., was a division officer on this vessel during the Okinawa campaign.

The maintenance and repair of all guns used to defend the ship, ammunition, magazines, and the servicing of aerial torpedoes, the supervision of gunner's mates and torpedomen's mates are his responsibility.

In battle he is in charge of a group of anti-aircraft guns.

Lt. Sabol was commissioned an ensign in April, 1942. After a short period of training at Boston, Chicago and New Orleans, he was assigned to a new Liberty ship as Armed Guard Commander, in July, 1942, making a trip to Africa. Upon being transferred to Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif., he was assigned to another new Liberty ship, which made a trip to Tasmania, Australia, and India. Upon his return he was sent to sub-chasing training center, Miami, Fla., and then assigned to this carrier.

He has served on board through the engagements of Leyte, the Paulus, Lingayen and Iwo Jima. At Tulagi he had an overnight visit with his brother, George Sabol, shipfitter, third class, USNR, on board an LST.

Lt. Sabol's wife, the former Mary Gaffney, of Fountain Hill, lives with her mother, Mrs. Lillian Gaffney, 451 Brighton Street. He is the son of Mrs. Anna Sabol, 917 East 16th Street. Lt. Sabol is a graduate of Bethlehem High School and Moravian College.

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