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Three Area Sailors Serving with Jap Occupation Fleet

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Three local sailors are serving in the occupation of Japanese bases and harbors aboard units of the North Pacific Fleet.

Stephen R. Nemes, 20, Fire Controlman 3/c, took part in the occupation of Northern Honshu and Hokkaido, aboard the destroyer, the USS Monssen, which steamed into Ominato Harbor, one of the first to enter the once-powerful Japanese naval base. Large groups of Jap civilians observed the vessel as she patrolled just off shore, opposite the city of Amori. Nemes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Nemes, 1268 East Fourth Street.

August E. Rigolo, Water Tender 3/c, 1522 Oakland Street, served on the light cruiser USS Richmond as she anchored off Ominato Naval Base to help in the occupation of Northern Japan. The Richmond, veteran of three years' North Pacific warfare, headed a long line of cruisers, carriers, destroyers and auxiliaries that entered Tsugaru Straits September 8. At 5 a. m. she was met by a Japanese frigate outside the straits and three Japs boarded the ship to assist in the passage through the mine fields.

Harry E. Schwartz, Seaman 2/c, USNR, 214 North Ambler Street, Quakertown, helped to take over Ominato Naval Base aboard the USS Salt Lake City, which began her war career during the attack on Pearl Harbor and fought in many of the major Pacific actions.

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