

Anicola, Leonard T.

Two Local Sailors Aboard Ships to Be A-Bomb Targets, 1946

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Two Bethlehem men are serving aboard American ships that will take part in "Operations Crossroads"—the mission of the Joint Army-Navy Task Force One to determine the effects of the atomic bomb upon naval vessels and military equipment in order to gain information of value to national defense.

Leonard T. Anicola, fireman 2/C, Route 3, is assigned to the destroyer USS Anderson, which will serve as a target for the bomb in the lagoon at Bikini Atoll while her crew watches from the deck of an evacuating transport far out at sea.

Alvin J. Horn Jr., 24, watertender 1/C, is stationed aboard the USS Nevada, a battleship, which will also serve as a target. The Nevada will be anchored in the center of the ships in the lagoon at Bikini and will be painted orange to aid the bomb-carrying plane to pick out

the center of the target. Horn's wife resides at 1429 Elliott Ave.

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