

Ruajan, Charles V.

Local Coast Guardsman With South Pacific Invaders

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Two Bethlehem men are among this group of Pennsylvania Coast Guardsmen shown displaying a captured Japanese flag aboard their Coast Guard-manned attack transport, which participated in the invasion of Saipan. Front row (left to right): Charles V. Ruajan, pharmacist's mate, third class, of 129 South Fairview Avenue, Upper Darby; William Smith, fire controlman, first class, of 623 Sixth Avenue, Williamsport, and Richard A. Mylett, fireman, second class, of 2813 West Tenth Street, Chester. Back row: Wesley K. Belzner,

electrician's mate, second class, of 627 Second Avenue, Bethlehem; John Nemeth, electrician's mate, third class, 1215 Mechanic Street, Bethlehem; Kenneth E. Gear, gunner's mate, first class, of 425 Third Avenue, Johnsbury; William Bakow, machinist's mate, second class, of 2806 South 24th Street, Philadelphia; Tom F. Lapomite, machinist's mate, third class, of 2912 North Taylor Street, Philadelphia, and Gerald L. Green, machinist's mate, first class, of Bellfonte.

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