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**Navy Man Finally  
Arrives in Tokyo** OCT 24 1945

TOKYO—Murrell H. Bechtel, fireman, first class, USNR, finally succeeded in reaching Tokyo, goal of the Pacific campaign, on board the USS Merrimack.

Murrell is the son of Mrs. May Bechtel Stein, 111 East Broad Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

The Merrimack, a fleet oiler, was originally scheduled to enter Tokyo Bay with other units of Admiral William F. Halsey's Third Fleet, but at the last minute was ordered to pump out her cargo of fuel oil to a group of carriers, cruisers and battlewagons and return to her base in the western Caroline Islands—to the disappointment of her officers and men.

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