

Harding, Clair

Two Former Steelmen On Active Duty With Pacific Fleet

Two former Bethlehem Steel Company employes are serving on active duty with the U. S. Navy "somewhere in the Pacific" on a destroyer and aircraft carrier made of steel they probably handled in civilian life.

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Michael Petresky, 22, Storekeeper 3/C, USNR, is serving with the clerical staff aboard an aircraft carrier. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Petresky, 610 Minsi Train Street, he entered the service in February, 1943, and completed his training at Sampson, N. Y. He reported aboard his ship on the day she was commissioned at Camden, N. J. In his first 14 months aboard, he served as a 20-mm anti-aircraft gunner.

Clair Harding, 23, Seaman 1/C, whose wife, Laura, lives on North Spruce Street, Easton, was employed in the Physical Laboratories of the Bethlehem Steel Company when he entered the Navy 13 months ago. A gun captain on a 5-inch gun mount, he has seen at least five Jap planes fall before his ship's fire.

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