

Stephen, Michael J.

**Local Sailor Aboard  
Destroyer as Japs  
Surrender in Tokyo Bay**

13, 1945  
ABOARD THE USS KNAPP, Tokyo Bay—Michael J. Stephen, coxswain, and crew member of the Knapp, watched the final capitulation of the Japanese Empire from the decks of this Third Fleet destroyer.

The Knapp, one of the first ships to enter Tokyo Bay, was anchored nearby the scene of the ceremonies. As a crew member of the Knapp, Stephen has participated in seven major campaigns in the Pacific, the "picket line" at Okinawa and with the Third Fleet operating off Japan and the occupation of Japan. He also participated in the invasion of Africa at Casablanca earlier in the war.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Stephen Sr., reside at 23 West Greenwich Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

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