

Boksan, John Jr.

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U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, Cal.—“There was plenty of work but no action,” said Marine Private First Class John Boksan, Jr., 22, of Bethlehem, Pa., telling of his experiences in the South Pacific.

He was returned to this hospital for treatment of a kidney ailment.

Attached to a Depot Engineering unit, Pfc. Boksan engaged chiefly in construction, first at Guadalcanal and recently on the Russell Islands.

“We built barracks, warehouses and recreation halls, in fact, just about anything the Marines needed. Occasionally, we even tried our hands at building roads and flight strips.

“There seldom was any excitement. Our advance lines in the Southwest Pacific have moved so far away from the Russells we didn't even have any serious air raids. Once in a while a few Jap planes would stray over our way but never did any damage during the time I was there.”

Pfc. Boksan attended Vocational Trade High School, Bethlehem.

Prior to enlisting in the Marine Corps July 23, 1942, he was employed as a machinist by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Boksan, reside at 222½ Diamond Street, Bethlehem.

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