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Local Sailors Aboard "Nevada" at Surrender

Winfield A. I. Kistler, Seaman 1/C, whose wife lives at 1120 Arcadia Street, and James Koch, Seaman 1/C, son of Mrs. Margaret Koch, 820 North Second Street, celebrated the surrender of Japan aboard the famous American battleship, USS Nevada, as she rested at anchor in Leyte Gulf after a 32-day mission into the East China Sea.

The announcement by the commanding officer that the Japanese had quit touched off a demonstration unlike any the veteran ship had ever seen. Sailors, veterans of the Aleutians, Normandy, southern France and Iwo Jima and Okinawa battles, tossed their hats in the air and began jitterbugging to the strains of the ship's band. It was "holiday routine."

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