

Shields, Ward T.

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CMDR. WARD T. SHIELDS

Local Officer Helps Open Air Route

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Commander Ward T. Shields, United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Shields of Graystone Barn, Bath Pike, has been cited for outstanding performance of duty in establishing and maintaining the Southwest Pacific Air Lines route from the Hawaiian area to Australia during the first eight months of the war.

The citation, signed by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, gives many details of his work since the war and also states that "although it was necessary to make repeated trips with a minimum of rest, Com. Shields completed his important missions without accident or loss of life, despite the constant hazards of potential enemy attacks. His splendid initiative and untiring devotion to duty contributed in large measure to the effective development of a vital airline route."

Cmdr. Shields is now spending a ten-day leave in Bethlehem with his parents. His wife and their son, Darrell, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Shields since June, while another son Jerry, is at Camp Lenape in the Poconos. Their home is in San Diego, Calif.

Cmdr. Shields was graduated from Annapolis in 1931 and has been on active duty in the Navy since that time. Following a year's sea duty on graduation he went to Pensacola for his training in the air service.

He piloted Secretary Knox to Hawaii shortly after Pearl Harbor and flew Admiral Glassford to Dakar on his mission to Africa. He is stationed on the Atlantic Coast in executive capacity at an air base

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