

Wixton, John

Navy Men Given Rest After Battles

Two Bethlehem Navy men, John R. Rice, S1/C and John Wixton, S1/C, are back at the business of fighting Japs after a recent rest period on one of the Navy's "recreation islands" in the Pacific zone.

"Recreation islands" have been set up on tiny atolls to give Navy men a few hours to relax between battles. Wixton and Rice had a chance to put their feet on solid ground for a few hours and were taken on a tour of abandoned thatched native huts, where a small tribe of islanders made their homes before the war. Their recreation and refreshments included cans of beer and soft drinks, a ball game, horseshoe-pitching, swimming and sun-bathing. The sailors also had a chance to mingle with crewmen of other ships in the area, swapping sea stories and talking about mutual acquaintances.

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