

The Giddings Star
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Off On Training Duty



LT. P. H. KNIPPA, JR.

Lt. Paul H. Knippa, Jr., USNR-R, is embarked on the USS WILLETT (DE-354), performing annual two weeks training duty as a member of the Ready Reserve of the United States Navy. The USS Willett sailed from New Orleans, La. bound for the Panama Canal Zone.

Lt. Knippa joined the Navy on November 2, 1942 as a seaman, and served over three years on active duty during World War II. After being commissioned Ensign at Northwestern University on March 17, 1944, he received specialized training in subchasers, and received assignments in the Dutch West Indies and the South Pacific. These assignments included Commanding Officer of USS SC-1310 and the USS PC-1175. Since his release to inactive duty in June 1946, he has been engaged in the retail food business, first in Lexington and now in Giddings.

Paul has kept close touch with the Naval Reserve since his release from active duty, and has performed numerous two-weeks training trips. Two years ago he became associated with the Naval Reserve Training Center at Austin, Texas, serving first as Assistant Training Officer, and later as Executive Officer of Organized Surface Division 8-68. His present assignment is Battalion Training Officer of Organized Surface Division 8-18, which is comprised of Divisions 8-68 and 8-70.

Paul has been navy all the way, with almost eleven years of satisfactory reserve service. He hopes to "retire" after twenty years, and preferably with no ensuing recall to active duty.

He expects to be back home and on the job on October 4th.