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SECOND NEGRO OFFICER COMMISSIONED IN REGULAR NAVY

Ensign Charles Teale, U.S.N., 24, of Indianapolis, Indiana, is the second Negro male officer to be commissioned in the Regular Navy. A former enlisted man and V-12 student (officer candidate in the war-time Navy college training program), Ensign Teale is the first Negro graduate of the new Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Yale University.

Upon graduation in September, 1947, Ensign Teale was first assigned temporary duty aboard the USS MONONGAHELA, fleet tanker, and then transferred to the Damage Control School at the Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for advanced training.

Navy ROTC graduates are commissioned in the Regular Navy and immediately begin their obligatory service of two years active duty. In keeping with this practice and in compliance with existing programs of integration, Ensign Teale has been assigned to duty aboard a light cruiser of the Pacific Fleet.

Ensign John Lee, U.S.N., a V-12 graduate of Northwestern University, and Fort Schuyler, was the first Negro officer transferred to the Regular Navy, on March 15, 1947. He is now attending the U.S. Naval School, General Line, Newport Rhode Island.

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