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Veteran Navy Officers Take Charge Of New Area Headquarters in City

They'll Direct Flow of Men From Four States.

With nearly 50 years of naval experience between them, Comdr. R. H. G. Mathews and his assistant, Ensign S. F. Guimond, have taken charge of the newly created fifth service command induction area covering four states.

Commander Mathews, his assistant and staff have established offices on the second floor of the new federal building and from there will direct the navy's side of the new all-service draft system which brings the army and navy together in drawing men for all branches of the armed forces through selective service.

Commander Mathews, whose official title is inspector of recruiting for the fifth service induction area, came to Columbus from Indianapolis where he had been the officer in charge of the Indiana recruiting area since December, 1940.

Entering the navy 23 years ago as an electrical engineer, he was promoted to lieutenant (j. g.) before the first war ended. His assignments included both sea and land duty.

Following the war he was active



Comdr. Mathews Ensign Guimond

in the naval reserve until his call back to active duty two years ago. In civilian life between wars, Commander Mathews was chief engineer for the Zenith Radio Corp. and a partner in a Chicago advertising agency. His wife will continue to reside in Indianapolis.

Ensign Guimond entered the navy 22 years ago as an apprentice seaman and worked his way up to a commissioned officer.

Although he was on recruiting duty at Indianapolis with Commander Mathews before they were sent here Feb. 1, Ensign Guimond has had a taste of battle with the Japanese.

When the attack came at Pearl Harbor the assistant inspector, then in communication work, was on duty on the bridge of a destroyer. He remained at his battle station throughout the attack. Ensign Guimond spent four years at Pearl Harbor before being transferred back to the states.

Mathews Takes Post At Magnavox Comany

Ralph H. G. Mathews, veteran radio and electronics engineer and sales engineer consultant, has joined Magnavox Company as general sales counsel for the high fidelity division, Frank Freimann, Magnavox president, announced yesterday.

Before joining Magnavox, Mathews was in charge of new business operations for Beaumont and Hohman, advertising agency, Chicago, specializing in electronics field. Mathews has made his home in Indianapolis since 1941.



MATHEWS

A pioneer in radio and electronics both as a civilian and in the United States Navy, Mathews was at one time partner and chief engineer of Chicago Radio Laboratory, predecessor of Zenith Radio Corporation, and later chief engineer for Zenith.

Mathews will make his headquarters at the Magnavox home offices in Ft. Wayne.

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