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Local Seaman Saw Service in Jap 'Front Yard'

Donald J. Gallagher, S 1-C, USN, whose mother Mrs. Anna Gallagher lives at 519 Taylor Street, saw duty in the very shadow of the Japanese homeland in recent weeks as the U. S. Navy carried the war into Japan's front yard.

As a prelude to the Okinawa operation, his ship and her crew spent four days close by the Jap's mainland as a part of a task force which sent wave after wave of carrier-based planes against Kyushu and Honshu Islands.

Assigned to provide anti-aircraft protection for the Navy's fleet and hard hitting flat-tops, this cruiser was in the middle of action during the entire engagement. The third day a large formation of planes was reported headed for the task force and the men patiently waited at their battle stations for the attack that never came. Several hours later, American planes sent out to intercept the enemy reported that enemy bombers and 12 fighters had been shot down and the attack had been routed.

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This report called for a celebration of all hands and a big dish of walnut ice cream for dinner that night.

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