

Miller, Richard

Gets Bronze Star At Legion Rites

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Richard Miller, Boatswain Mate 1/C, USNR, is shown receiving the Bronze Star from Post Commander Charles Serman during ceremonies last night in the American Legion home. Looking on, left to right, are: Mrs. Katherine Miller, his mother; Richard A. Miller (in white sailor suit) her son, and Mrs. Ruth Miller, his wife.

riers. Within a six-day period he participated in five hazardous sorties which were necessary to effectively destroy enemy defenses. By his courage, professional skill, and devotion to duty he contributed materially to the success of this amphibious operation. His performance throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Navy of the United States. Signed—D. E. Barbey, Vice Admiral, U. S. N., Commander, Seventh Amphibious Force."

Richard Miller was born in Bethlehem in 1915, attended Liberty High School and graduated from Technical High in 1932. While at Liberty he played on the school baseball team and the American Legion junior baseball team. A brother, Fred Miller, now residing in Florida, served on the aircraft carrier U. S. S. Bataan for two years.

Richard Miller Awarded Navy Bronze Star

Richard L. Miller, boatswain's mate 1st class, U. S. N. R., was presented the Bronze Star medal last evening at the home of the Harry F. W. Johnson Post No. 379, American Legion, in the presence of his family, friends and Legionnaires. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, 30 West North St., and husband of Ruth (nee Wakely) Miller, of Quakertown, Pa.

Petty Officer Miller served in the U. S. Army from 1935 to 1937 with the First Coast Artillery stationed at Fort Sherman, Canal Zone. He attained the rank of private first class with a 1st class specialist's rating. From 1939 to 1941 he was in the regular Army Reserve. On Aug. 3, 1943, he enlisted in the Naval Construction Battalions and served in the "Seabees" until his discharge on Oct. 15, 1945. After boot training he was one of the first to volunteer for underwater demolition work and after a period of training in Florida he was assigned as an instructor to various units including underwater demolition Units 12 and 18. Leaving the U. S. on Nov. 1, 1944, for the South Pacific theater he participated in the Southern Borneo invasion during which he won the Bronze Star. Returning to the United States on Aug. 15, 1945, for further training he was discharged shortly after hostilities ceased.

At the ceremony last evening the Very Rev. W. Robert Webb, dean of the Episcopal Cathedral Church of the Nativity, offered the invocation and later spoke of Petty Officer Miller's devotion to his family and

country. The citation was read by Linden Fisher, assistant to the post commander. Commander Charles Serman, of the Johnson Post, acting on authority of the commanding officer, 4th Naval District, pinned the medal on Petty Officer Miller.

The citation accompanying the Bronze Star reads:

"For heroic and meritorious achievement as a member of an underwater demolition team conducting pre-assault operations against enemy held beaches at Balikpapan, Southeast Borneo, from 25 June to 30 June 1945. In the face of enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire he proceeded in a small boat to within one hundred yards of the landing beach and then swam ashore towing float packs loaded with high explosives to be used in the destruction of anti-assault bar-

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