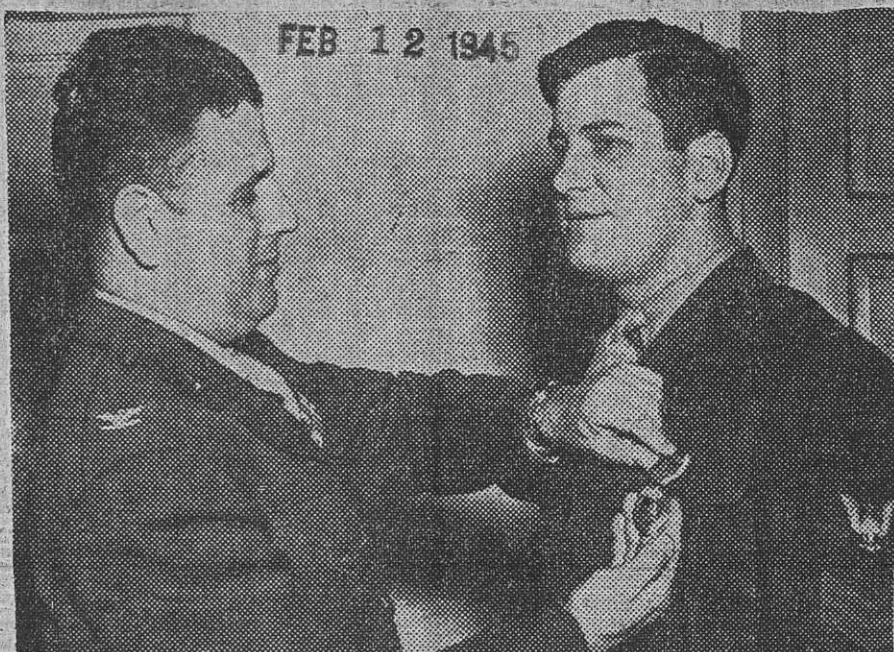


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Blown Into Air As Ship Hits Mine



MARINE BARRACKS, Quantico, Va.—Naval Pharmacist's Mate Second Class Edward L. Wasser, 22, son of Mrs. Mertie Wasser, of 805 North New Street, Bethlehem, Pa., has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received when the mine layer on which he was stationed was sunk in the harbor of LeHavre, France, last September. The young Pharmacist's Mate was blown into the air and suffered cuts on the head when the vessel struck an enemy mine in the besieged port city. The mine layer subsequently sank. Wasser received the Purple Heart from Lieutenant Colonel J. Sabater, commanding officer of the Marine Corps School's Training Battalion here. The young naval corpsman now is assigned to duty under Colonel Sabater's command. Wasser was graduated from Bethlehem High School with the class of 1941. He was employed as a stenographer at the Bethlehem Steel Company before his enlistment in the U. S. Navy in 1942.

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