

Bittenbender, Fred

**Under Fire Seven Days;
Awaits Reassignment**

Under continuous bombing attack for seven days and nights while discharging cargo from one of the first merchant ships to engage in the invasion of Italy at Salerno, Radioman Third Class Fred Bittenbender, Allentown, has returned to the New Orleans, La., naval armed guard center for further assignment.

According to Bittenbender the bombings began while his ship was approaching Salerno harbor and continued without letup until the merchantman steamed away seven days later.

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