

SECRETARY OF NAVY COMMENDS ZAWADSKI

Local Sailor Located and Rendered Harmless Sunken Mine Blocking Channel.

A spirit of elation spread through the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Zawadski, 934 Morton Street, when they learned for the first time in reading the Globe-Times on Tuesday afternoon that Anthony S. Zawadski, chief gunner's mate and son of Mr. and Mrs. Zawadski, had been awarded a letter of commendation from the Navy.



ANTHONY S. ZAWADSKI

A letter received from Secretary Knox, complimented Zawadski for "courage, tenacity and endurance". A member of a mine disposal unit, the Bethlehemite, after donning a diving suit, descended into extremely cold water, and after a period of 35 minutes, located and rendered harmless a sunken mine which had been blocking a ship channel.

He also fastened a line to the mine, after his hazardous task, and the missile of death was towed out to sea for "burial".

Although the commended sailor, whose rank is that of a chief petty officer, sent a letter to his parents only about two weeks ago, nothing was said of his heroic exploits.

"Anthony always was quiet; he never said much," one member of the family said.

Chief Petty Officer Zawadski enlisted in 1935 after having attended Liberty High School. Immediately prior to his enlistment he was employed with the R. K. Laros Silk Company.

His service with the navy included four years at Pearl Harbor, however, he left that point on December 5, 1941, and has been serving in the vicinity of Iceland.

In addition to his parents, the sailor has two brothers, Charles and Andrew, both of Freemansburg; four sisters, Helen and Elizabeth, at home, Mrs. Steffie Warminski, Freemansburg, and Sister Bronsia, who is at the St. Bernadine Convent, Wilkes-Barre.

Zawadski,
Anthony S.

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