

Magee Jr., John F.

## Ensign Magee Gunnery Chief On Destroyer Sinking 4 Jap Ships

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Ensign John F. Magee Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Magee of Easton, was the gunnery officer on the U. S. Destroyer Burns, which wiped out a four-ship Japanese convoy when the American forces swarmed into the Marshall Islands ten days ago. Announcement of the action was made by the Navy two days ago and permission to announce that Ensign Magee was in the ship's complement has been given by the Office of Censorship to the Globe-Times.

Ensign Magee Jr. is the husband of the former Helen Thomas Stephenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Stephenson of the Saucon Valley. He is a graduate of Exeter and Yale University and at Yale was captain of the crew and was awarded the Yale trophy as the year's outstanding athlete in 1942. He has been in the Navy 18 months.

The Burns, commanded by Comdr. Donald T. Eller, was assigned to the invasion fleet and temporarily separated from the task force, was returning to her assigned station when she sighted the four Japanese

ships. Opening up her guns under the direction of Ensign Magee, she sank the four ships.

### ALLENTONIAN IN CREW

Just after he had written a letter home saying he was "seeing no action," Radarman Third Class Richard Frederick Roth, U. S. N., son of Mrs. Ella Roth, of 521½ North Fountain Street, Allentown, participated in a sea battle in which the Jap convoy was sunk by the Burns.

Roth enlisted in the Navy on December 8, 1942, and completed his boot training at Bainbridge, Md. Last June he completed a course in radio training at the Norfolk naval base, and in September left for sea duty with the fleet.

Prior to entering the service he was employed by the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

No official information has been received by families or friends of either men in this area. It is but natural they anxiously await further word about one of the outstanding exploits of the war.

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