

Kauker, John

### **John Kauker Aboard USS Hilary P. Jones**

Ship's Cook Second Class John Kauker, now on active duty somewhere on the Atlantic, has served on the USS Hilary P. Jones, Navy destroyer, since enlisting in the Navy September 1942.

Kauker and his sailor mates talk most about the day when the Jones went close in shore to shoot up the harbors of San Remo and Porto Maurizio, two important supply bases from which Nazi light coastal craft slipped down the Italian shore with munitions for the German armies on the Italian front. She fired at 17 targets and damaged or destroyed 15. Three ammunition dumps and three lighters laden with ammunition were blown up, one anti-aircraft battery was knocked out and three were silenced. The Jones also wrecked a concentration of scows, hit a tug, destroyed two motor torpedo boats, hit three smaller craft of the same type, and left a 200-foot coastal freighter afire. A brother, Technician Fifth Grade Steve Kauker is serving on Saipan at present.

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