

Brockman, Charles Ernest Jr

## Quakertown Torpedoman Cited For Quelling Ship Fire

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Heroic service fighting a fire aboard his ship during the invasion of Anzio has brought a commendation from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal to Charles Ernest Brockman Jr., torpedoman's mate, second class, (TM2c), USNR, of Northcliffe Manor, Quakertown, Pa. Petty Officer Brockman's father, Charles Ernest Brockman, lives at 14256 Turner Avenue, Midlothian, Ill.

The citation reads:  
"For heroic services while attached to a U. S. destroyer during amphibious invasion of Anzio,

Italy, from January 22 to 24, 1944. When fires started aboard his ship after a sudden fierce enemy bombing attack, Brockman courageously made his way through an inferno of bursting ammunition to the scene of the blaze and, despite the danger of heavy explosions from depth charges and gasoline, worked untiringly until the fires were extinguished. Brockman's gallant conduct in the face of grave peril and his tenacious devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval Service."

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