

Wilson, Jr., John R.

YOUNG EASTON SAILOR SAW AFRICAN ACTION

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His Vessel Damaged in Landing
Operations Off North Coast.

The first Easton angle of the American invasion of North Africa was revealed last night when it was learned that John R. Wilson Jr., son of the athletic director of the Y.M.C.A., was stationed on a battleship which covered the initial landings.

Young Wilson, who lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wilson, at 636 Davis st., called his family from Norfolk, Va., yesterday. The vessel on which he is stationed docked there for repairs.

Wilson is a seaman, first class, and is stationed in the powder magazine of the battleship, which could not be identified.

Speaking to his brother, Robert, he described a thrilling tale of battle.

For obvious reasons, he couldn't tell much, but he did reveal that his battleship was hit, but had sunk three enemy cruisers in return. He didn't reveal whether they were French or Italian ships.

He also told of enemy and Allied planes fighting overhead, and described how several enemy planes were blasted out of the skies.

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