

Farris, Eugene F.

Local Seaman Among Rescued After Indianapolis' Sinking; Adrift on Raft for Five Days

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Eugene Francis Farris, S 1/c, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Farris, 2209 Huntington Street, is reported as being one of the survivors of the crew of the heavy cruiser Indianapolis which was sent to the bottom in the Philippine sea after being torpedoed by a Jap submarine.

A telegram received by his parents on Monday from Vice Ad-

miral Randall Jacobs, Chief of Naval Personnel, disclosed that Farris had been wounded in action on July 30, 1945, and was hospitalized for "exhaustion from over-exposure". A radioman on the Indianapolis, Farris is one of the 307 Navy wounded who were picked up at sea after having been adrift for five days. It has been revealed that the famous vessel was lost shortly after completion of her last mission, sailing from San Francisco July 16 on a high-speed run to Guam to deliver essential atomic bomb material.

Farris, a former carrier for the Bethlehem Globe-Times, graduated from Liberty High School last year. He received his "boot" training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He had spent his last furlough at home on May 14, Mother's Day, which was, incidentally, also his birthday.



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