

Bennick, John M.

## Gunner's Mate

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John M. Bennick, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bennick of 539 Wyandotte Street, returned home today on a two-week leave with the news of his promotion to the rank of Gunner's Mate Second Class.

Since his enlistment in October, 1942, Seaman Bennick has completed six overseas journeys, has participated in two air raids in Italy, four in the Marianas, and has received citations for gallantry in action from the commanding officer of his ship.

The most recent citation received by Gunner Bennick reads: "As a member of the Navy gun crew under my command which was assigned to a merchant ship on an extended voyage in the Mediterranean Sea, I wish to compliment you for your coolness and courage under heavy concentrated air attacks on this ship and threatened disaster at sea.

"In your relationship with Army personnel aboard this vessel you have caused favorable comment toward the Navy and have shown yourself to be a good shipmate with your fellow gun crew members."

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