

Horvath Jr, Joseph

**Joseph F. Horvath Jr.,
With Crew That
Gave Nips Jitters**

Joseph F. Horvath Jr., Gunner's Mate 2/C, USNR, was a crew member aboard a PT boat which sneaked in close to a Jap-held island on a routine patrol mission and fooled the jittery defenders into thinking they were in for another overpowering invasion.

Not until he heard details later from a band of guerrillas, did he know that part of the Japanese army, expectant and trigger-happy, has been waiting on the shore with rifles and machine guns.

The action took place off the island of Panay on the night of March 20 when the "PT" moved in for a routine bombardment.

Horvath has taken part in 51 combat patrols during his 11 months in

the Pacific. He was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company before entering the Navy in October, 1942. He trained at Bainbridge, Md., and at gunner's school in Newport, R. I., before volunteering for "PT" duty and training at Melville, R. I.

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