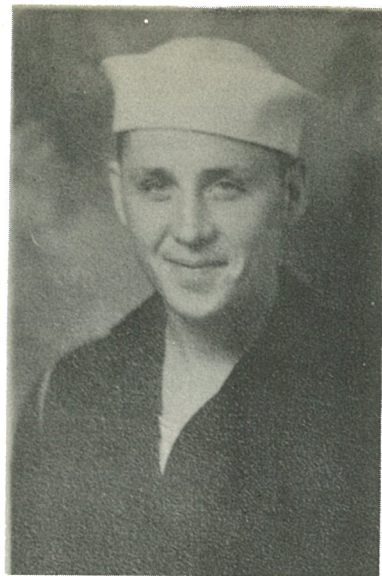




S 1/c JOHN VERNON MAST

Inducted May 9, 1944, at Des Moines, Iowa. Camps attended: Great Lakes, Illinois, Gulf Port, Mississippi, New Orleans, Louisiana, Shell Beach, Mississippi, Treasure Island, San Francisco, California, Brooklyn, New York, Norfolk, Virginia, Staten Island, New York. Was on U.S.S. Floyd W. Spencer, U.S.S. Brander Matthews, U.S.S. Examiner and Y-O 197.

Received P.T.O., A.T.O., and Philippines T. O. Ribbons with 1 Bronze Star.

Served overseas in Pacific Theater in Guadalcanal, Leyte, Frenchhaven, New Guinea, Leye; In the Atlantic Theater in Itlay, Holland and Spain.

Honorably Discharged February 24, 1946, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gunnery Crew

John Mast and shipmates.



Taken Dec. 15th.
at sea.

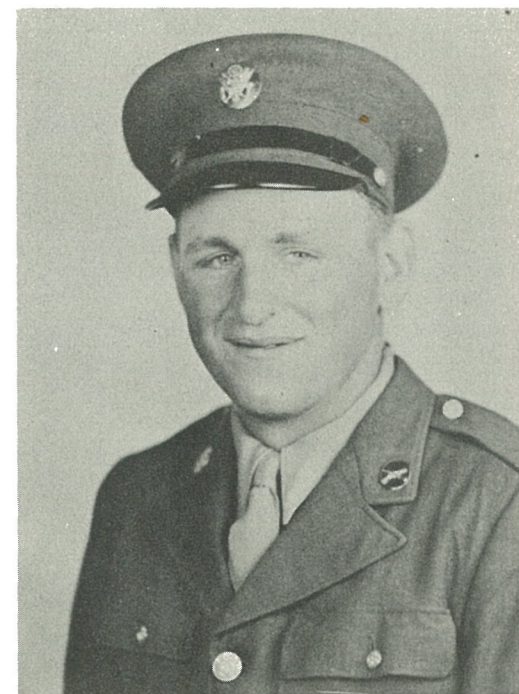


On Ship That Downed Jap Plane

John Mast Sic was on a 4-H Liberty ship which was attacked by a Jap plane in the Pacific recently. Mast was serving as a gunner with the armed guard unit on the ship and scored the hit that brought the enemy plane down. Seaman Mast's wife resides in Grundy Center.

Story of the attack as reported in a daily paper is given below: "A Liberty ship sponsored by Louisiana 4-H Club members, built at the Delta ship yards, and named after the late Floyd W. Spencer, AAA administrator for the state, was victor in a battle with a Jap plane on her maiden voyage, the War Shipping Administration announced today.

Off the Philippines the "Spencer" was attacked by an enemy dive bomber which swooped down upon the ship after the first bomb missed its mark. The Jap launched a torpedo and was preparing to strafe the ship when a burst of gunfire from the "Spencer" blew the plane to bits. Meanwhile the captain maneuvered the vessel from the path of the onrushing torpedo, it passed a bare 10 feet off the ship's stern.



Cpl. LYNN H. MAST

Inducted February 12, 1945, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Basic training at Camp Roberts, California, with 90th Infantry Regiment, transferred to 88th Rifle Camp and later to 9206TSUTC, Fort Mason, California, and Camp Knight as Postal Clerk for mail going to A.P.O. bases in Pacific Area. At end of war, transferred to 3790 Truck Company and then to Camp Stoneman, California as Filing Clerk.

Received A.T.O. Ribbon, Victory Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.

Honorably Discharged May 14, 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.