

Lieutenant Ralph Aug. 28,
Swisher Is Commended 1945
for Mine Disposal Work

Lieutenant (jg) Ralph E. Swisher, 23, of Newton, mine disposal officer, has been commended for his work in disposing of dangerous unexploded enemy and American ordnance during the invasion of Iwo Jima.

Major General James E. Chaney, commanding general of American forces on the island, cited Swisher for services rendered "in the clearing and disposal of both enemy and friendly 'duds' of all types and sizes without accident or injury to personnel or material."

After two years of study at Eastern Illinois State Teacher's college, Charleston. Lieutenant Swisher enlisted in the Navy in February, 1942. His wife, the former Ila Fay Snow, and daughter Stephanie have been living at Irving. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swisher of Newton.