

**LT. YELVINGTON**

**AWARDED MEDAL**

*Aug. 9, '45*

**FOR "HEROISM AND OUTSTANDING  
PERFORMANCE OF DUTY"**

Lt. John J. Yelvington, USNR, of Newton, Ill., has been presented the Navy and Marine Corps Medal "for heroism and outstanding performance of duty" as damage control officer of the USS HAMMANN.

The citation which accompanied the award read in part: "After the SS Lone Jack was damaged and abandoned on March 3, 1945, Lt. John J. Yelvington took a working party aboard and directed salvage operations and repairs which resulted in saving the valuable ship and her valuable cargo.

The boarding was made under extremely dangerous conditions. The salvage work was conducted under the threat of electrical fires and the imminence of the ship sinking. The technical skill and courage displayed by Lt. Yelvington reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service.

Lt. Yelvington has served more than two years on destroyers in the North Atlantic. He is the son of Judge and Mrs. Milo D. Yelvington, of Newton.