

CITATION GIVEN FLORENT SCHUCH

125/45 - Commendation Comes From Admiral Halsey

John Schuch, local contractor, has just been informed that his son, Ensign Florent Joseph Schuch, U. S. N. R., has just been given a citation at the hands of Admiral W. F. Halsey, commander of the Third Pacific Fleet.

Ensign Schuch, or "Greasy" as he will be remembered more familiarly by his many friends here, has been decorated for "courageous and meritorious actions under fire," according to the letter received by his parents, signed personally by Admiral Halsey.

The citation reads:

"The Commander, Third Fleet, United States Pacific Fleet, takes pleasure in commending Ensign Florent Joseph Schuch, United States Naval Reserve, for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For courageous and meritorious actions under fire while participating in aerial attack as Navigator of a Navy Liberator Search Plane in action against enemy forces in the Western Central Pacific on 10 October, 1944. With unflinching courage and steadfast devotion to duty he manned his station during low level attacks against a heavily armed ship. By his initiative and energy he contributed materially to the successful attack which resulted in the sinking of the ship. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

A. F. HALSEY, Admiral.