

Florent J. Schuch Is Given Citation and Promotion Jan. 26, '45

Florent Joseph Schuch, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schuch of St. Peter vicinity northeast of Newton, was recently given a citation from Admiral William F. Halsey, commander of the United States Third fleet, and promoted from ensign to lieutenant, junior grade, United States Naval Reserve, on the same day.

He has been a navigator on a B-24 Liberator bomber for the Navy in the Pacific area. The citation reads as follows:

"The commander, Third fleet, United States Pacific fleet, takes pleasure in commending Ensign Florent Joseph Schuch, United States Naval Reserve, for service 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 October 10, 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."