

Corpus Christi, Texas — Lieutenant (jg) Florent J. Schuch, USNR, of Newton, Ill., was awarded the Silver Star Medal by Rear Admiral J. J. Clark, USN, chief of Naval air intermediate training and commander of the Naval Air Training Bases here, at mass decoration ceremonies held recently. The award was given for assisting in the destruction of a heavily armed and armored picket boat in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire in the Western Pacific. Lieutenant Schuch is presently attached here as a flight instructor.