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Boston, Mass.....The United States Coast Guard announced today that Edward F. DiGiovanni, Slc, son of Mrs. Menta DiGiovanni of 31 Cooper St., Boston, Mass., has been awarded a citation for excellent service while serving aboard an LST in the Pacific.

The citation was presented to the 19 year old seaman, by Admiral W. N. Derby, District Coast Guard Officer, First Naval District, in behalf of Admiral R. K. Turner, USN, Commander of Amphibious Forces, United States Pacific Fleet.

Seaman DiGiovanni, who is a graduate of the Boston English High School, class of '43, has been in the Coast Guard for eighteen months. He served aboard the LST71, and the LST 884, during the Iwo Jima and Okinawa invasions. While a member of the latter's crew, he performed such service which earned him the following citation:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his duty as a member of the crew of a United States ship on April 1, 1945 during the amphibious assault on Okinawa Shima. When his ship had been badly damaged by enemy action, and temporarily abandoned due to exploding cargo ammunition, he voluntarily returned to the vessel and ably assisted in damage control and fire fighting operations that resulted in saving the ship. Through his initiative, determination and devotion to duty under adverse conditions, he contributed materially to the success of the operation. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the naval service."

/s/ R. K. TURNER,
Admiral, U. S. Navy