

MARSH SAVES LIVES OF SEVERAL COMRADES, IS AWARDED SILVER STAR

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on February 28, when he saved the lives of several of his comrades," PM 3/C Curtis Marsh, former employee of Department 710, was awarded the Silver Star medal.

When the platoon of which he was a member was pinned down by heavy sniper, mortar and machine gun fire, Marsh moved forward and administered first aid to all wounded then moved them back to safety. Noticing that the platoon adjacent to his had several casualties, he moved through the heavy fire and administered first aid to them as well.

In a recent letter to the Crosley Corporation Marsh told of his work at Iwo.

"I have had my baptism into combat," he wrote, "with assault troops on Iwo Jima since you last heard from me. The part I played in my work here was to administer the first step in the fine medical work being maintained in the interest of those fellows who, unfortunately, were wounded at the front lines. The Marines we work

with call us "Doc" with reference to our work and not our rate. We try hard not to let them down. We go everywhere the Marines go, doing our duty and trying to uphold the honor of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps."

Marsh's wife, Dorothy, and his father, George Marsh, are both employed in Department 960.