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TREASURE ISLAND, San Francisco, Calif. -- Eagle-eyed Navy gunners aboard a merchant ship had only a few seconds in which to train their sights on three Japanese planes that swooped down through a cloud bank off the coast of Leyte last November 19. but they bagged all three.

This story of traditional Yankee marksmanship and high heroism was revealed here recently in an official report filed with the Armed Guard Center (Pacific) by Andrew W. Gavin, master of the ship, 65 W. 54th Street, New York City. Further details were added by the coxswain of the Armed Guard crew who, although wounded, took over when his commanding officer, Lieut. Howard Frederick Jersild of 750 Tayco street, Menasha, Wisconsin, was killed in the attack. His mother, Mrs. Maud Sava Jersild, resides at Hotel Belmont, Chicago.

The report revealed that a member of the heroic Navy gun crew was Lenhart R. Lange, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lange of 336 West Em Street, Deshler, Ohio.

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