

2 Thomaston Boys Get Purple Heart

THOMASTON, Ga., June 3.—Two Thomaston boys have been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained as members of United States fighting forces.

Fred Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Franklin, was wounded aboard the U. S. S. Atlanta. Franklin, a hospital corpsman, who although severely wounded, went about his duty, caring for his wounded shipmates.

The other youth, J. E. Johnson, a fighting leatherneck who saw action in the jungles of Guadalcanal, stopped five Jap bullets, four in the chest and one in the arm, while trying to save the commander who was mortally wounded and lying on the battlefield. Johnson was awarded the medal at Jacksonville, Fla., where he now is stationed.