

NORTH STAR AWARD

Many of our readers will remember little Denise Ellen Taylor, five years old, whose picture appeared in our March 1 issue. She had lost her front tooth and her picture was used to draw attention in collecting baby teeth for scientific research for radiation contents by St. Louis scientists.

Not long ago, around midnight Denise's mother, Alma Taylor, had a heart seizure. Jesse Taylor, her husband, was at work at the commissary at Ft. Wainwright.

The little girl tried to get her dad at the base but she couldn't make connection probably because of busy signals. She then called the operator and told her that her mother was having a heart attack.

When asked where she lived, Denise was unable to give the exact address. The operator then asked what her phone number was which the little girl read over the phone. From this, the operator was able to determine the address. She called the State Police and the ambulance. Denise also told the operator her dad was working at Ft. Wainwright and he was notified.

"When I got home, the ambulance and the State Police were already there," Taylor said.

Jesse Taylor said that Denise always seemed to be aware of her mother's heart condition and stayed up evenings when he was at work. She had been watching television when her mother had the heart spasm. Mrs. Taylor has had this condition ever since she had rheumatic fever as a child.

"Denise did a real good job," the State Police told Taylor.

We agree, wholeheartedly. And so to Denise Ellen Taylor, five-years-old, and a brave little girl,

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for her amazing presence of mind in an emergency to aid her mother, for her inspiring and comforting act, goes the Tundra Times fifty-ninth North Star Award along with our sincere congratulations for a job well done.
