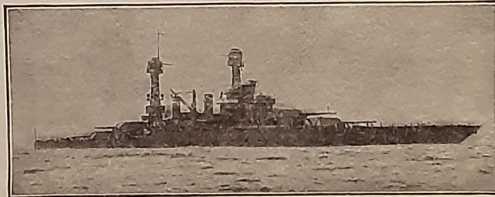


N. Nav. 84  
(Sept., 1929)

The United States of America  
Navy Department      †      Bureau of Navigation



Navy Training Course Certificate

H. O. LARSON, SEAMAN FIRST CLASS  
having completed the Navy Training Course  
SHIPFITTER THIRD CLASS

with a mark of 3.60, is awarded this certificate this fourteenth  
day of March, 1942. Notation to this effect has been made in  
his service record.

*S. B. Coningham*  
S. B. CONINGHAM,

Carpenter,  
H. S. Navy,  
Division Officer.

*Gerald Linke*  
G. D. LINKE,

Commander, H. S. Navy,  
Commanding  
U. S. S. HELENA

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure  
in presenting the BRONZE STAR MEDAL to

HENRY ORVILLE LARSON, SHIPFITTER FIRST CLASS  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious achievement as a Member of Repair  
Two Damage Control Party on board the U.S.S. KALININ  
BAY, in action against the Japanese Fleet, during the  
Battle off Samar, October 25, 1944. Under continuous  
enemy bombardment and in the face of imminent disaster,  
LARSON, although temporarily blinded in one eye, entered  
a flooding compartment and cut away a frame so that a  
hole could be plugged. His courage and devotion to duty  
were in keeping with the highest traditions of the  
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

*James F. Tolson*  
Secretary of the Navy

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By virtue of the power delegated to me,  
I take pleasure in awarding in the name of the President of  
the United States, the Bronze Star Medal to:

HENRY ORVILLE LARSON,  
SHIPFITTER SECOND CLASS,  
U. S. NAVY.

CITATION

For distinguishing himself by heroic and  
meritorious conduct as a member of a Damage Control Party a-  
board a carrier, in her action against a Japanese . . . . .  
Force in the Southwest Pacific Area. Under continuous enemy  
bombardment, . . . . . Larson, although temporarily  
blinded in one eye, courageously entered a flooding compart-  
ment and cut away a frame so that a hole could be plugged.  
His conduct throughout distinguished him among those performing  
duties of the same character.

*T. C. Kinkaid*  
T. C. KINKAID  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy,  
Commander Seventh Fleet.

Non-Classified Citation.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION to

TASK UNIT SEVENTY-SEVEN POINT FOUR POINT THREE, consisting of  
the U.S.S. FANSHAW BAY and VC-88; U.S.S. GAMBIER BAY and VC-10;  
U.S.S. KALININ BAY and VC-3; U.S.S. KITKUN BAY and VC-5; U.S.S.  
SAINT LO and VC-65; U.S.S. WHITE PLAINS and VC-4; U.S.S. HOEL,  
U.S.S. JOHNSTON, U.S.S. HEERMANN, U.S.S. SAMUEL B. ROBERTS,  
U.S.S. RAYMOND, U.S.S. DENNIS and U.S.S. JOHN C. BUTLER

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For extraordinary heroism in action against powerful units of the Japanese Fleet during the Battle off Samar, Philippines, October 25, 1944. Silhouetted against the dawn as the Central Japanese Force steamed through San Bernardino Strait toward Leyte Gulf, Task Unit 77.4.3 was suddenly taken under attack by hostile cruisers on its port hand, destroyers on the starboard and battleships from the rear. Quickly laying down a heavy smoke screen, the gallant ships of the Task Unit waged battle fiercely against the superior speed and fire power of the advancing enemy, swiftly launching and rearming aircraft and violently zigzagging in protection of vessels stricken by hostile armor-piercing shells, anti-personnel projectiles and suicide bombers. With one carrier of the group sunk, others badly damaged and squadron aircraft courageously coordinating in the attacks by making dry runs over the enemy Fleet as the Japanese relentlessly closed in for the kill, two of the Unit's vallant destroyers and one destroyer escort charged the battleships point-blank and, expending their last torpedoes in desperate defense of the entire group, went down under the enemy's heavy shells as a climax to two and one half hours of sustained and furious combat. The courageous determination and the superb teamwork of the officers and men who fought the embarked planes and who manned the ships of Task Unit 77.4.3 were instrumental in effecting the retirement of a hostile force threatening our Leyte invasion operations and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

*James Forrestal*  
Secretary of the Navy

File P15

Serial:

COMMANDER CARRIER DIVISION  
TWENTY-FIVE  
c/o FLEET POST OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

7 November 1944.

From: Commander Carrier Division TWENTY-FIVE.  
To: LARSON, Henry Orville, SF2c, 328 70 61.  
Via: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. KALININ BAY.  
Subject: Purple Heart—Award of.  
Enclosure: (A) Purple Heart Medal.

1. In the name of the President and by direction of the Secretary of the Navy the Purple Heart is awarded by the Commander Carrier Division TWENTY-FIVE, United States Pacific Fleet to:

LARSON, Henry Orville, SF2c, 328 70 61.

for wounds received in action against an organized enemy, during a surface engagement in the vicinity of Samar Island, Philippine Islands, on 25 October 1944.

*C. A. F. Sprague*

C. A. F. SPRAGUE

Copy to:  
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FIRST ENDORSEMENT  
CVE68/P15/10-wg1

U.S.S. KALININ BAY (CVE 68)  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California  
20 November 1944

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To: LARSON, Henry Orville, SF2c, USN.

1. Delivered.

*T. B. Williamson*  
T. B. WILLIAMSON

C3156724

Series C

# Honorably Discharged



from the

# United States Navy

*This is to certify that*

HENRY ORVILLE LARSON

SHIPFITTER FIRST CLASS

*is Honorably Discharged*

USN PERSONNEL SEPARATION CENTER

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

*and from the Naval Service of the United States*

*this* 25TH *day of* JULY 1946

*This certificate is awarded as a Testimonial of Fidelity and Obedience.*

C. E. AUSTIN, COMMANDER, USN  
COMMANDING

NOTICE OF SEPARATION FROM U. S. NAVAL SERVICE  
 N&VPERS-553 (REV. 8-45)

1. SERIAL OR FILE NO. 328 70 61		2. NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE) LARSON, Henry Orville		3. RATE AND CLASS/OR RANK AND CLASSIFICATION Shipfitter lc USN		5. PLACE OF SEPARATION USN Persepoen Mpls., Minn.	
4. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 711 5th St. N. Fargo, N. D. Co. 3363 Cass County				6. CHARACTER OF SEPARATION HONORABLE *		7. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT Same as # 4	
8. RACE W	9. SEX M	10. MARITAL STATUS S	11. U.S. CITIZEN (YES OR NO) Yes		12. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 11/18/19 Breckenridge, Minn.		
13. REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		14. SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD OF REGISTRATION				15. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE Box. 115, Colfax, Dak.	
16. MEANS OF ENTRY (INDICATE BY CHECK IN APPROPRIATE BOX) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED <input type="checkbox"/> INDUCTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMISSIONED				17. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 6/26/40		18. NET SERVICE (FOR PAY PURPOSES) (YRS., MOS., DAYS) 6 1 -	
20. QUALIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATES HELD, ETC. See rating description booklet, "Shipfitter lc"				21. RATINGS HELD AS, S2c, S1c, SF3c, SF2c, SF1c		22. FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE WORLD WAR II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
23. SERVICE SCHOOLS COMPLETED None				24. SERVICE (VESSELS AND STATIONS SERVED ON) NTC, Gt. Lakes, Ill. USS OKLAHOMA USS KALININ BAY USS HELENA USS PC 1591 USS PROMETHEUS USS ADRIA (AF 30) USS ST. LOUIS			

RECORD OF NAVAL SERVICE

IMPORTANT: IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTOR'S SUBDIVISION, VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

25. KIND OF INSURANCE N	26. EFFECTIVE MONTH OF ALLOTMENT DISCONTINUANCE July	27. MO. NEXT PREMIUM DUE Aug.	28. AMOUNT OF PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH 5.37	29. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO CONTINUE INS. Yes
30. TOTAL PAYMENT UPON DISCHARGE \$ 253.99	31. TRAVEL OR MILEAGE ALLOWANCE INCLUDED IN TOTAL PAYMENT \$ 11.95		32. INITIAL MUSTERING OUT PAY *100	33. NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER F.A. NASH JR., LT SC USN

\*Auth: 161/46  
 Purple heart  
 Bronze Star Medal (Cominch)  
 Good Conduct Medal

*C. Mathis*  
 C. MATHIS  
 Lt. Comdr., USNR

35. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER Casual Worker		37. DATES OF LAST EMPLOYMENT FROM 6/30 TO 6/40		38. MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND D. O. T. NO. Odd Jobs	
39. JOB PREFERENCE (LIST TYPE, LOCALITY, AND GENERAL AREA) Station Keeper			40. PREFERENCE FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING (TYPE OF TRAINING) Undecided		
41. NON-SERVICE EDU. (YRS. SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED) GRAM 8 H.S. 4 COLL. -		42. DEGREES -		43. MAJOR COURSE OR FIELD -	
44. RIGHT INDEX FINGERPRINT		45. OFF DUTY EDUCATIONAL COURSES COMPLETED None			
46. DATE OF SEPARATION 7-25-46		47. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED <i>Henry O. Larson</i>			

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In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C.

Refer to No. Pers-10

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



27 NOV 1946

To: Mr. Henry Orville Larson, Ex-SFlc, 328 70 61, USNR      dw  
711 5th St. N.  
Fargo, North Dakota

Subject: Navy Unit Commendation awarded to U.S.S. St. Louis (CL-49).

1. The Secretary of the Navy has awarded the Navy Unit Commendation to the U.S.S. St. Louis for outstanding heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Battles of Kula Gulf and Kolombangara, from 5-13 July 1943; the Philippine Islands Campaign, from 15-28 November 1944; and the Okinawa Campaign, from 25 March to 28 May 1945.

2. By virtue of your service in the ST. LOUIS during one or more of the periods mentioned above, you are hereby authorized to wear as part of your uniform a Navy Unit Commendation ribbon, one of which is transmitted herewith.

3. This authorization has been made a part of your official record in the Bureau of Naval Personnel:

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel:

Assistant to Director,  
Medals and Awards.

Encl:  
1. NUC Ribbon.



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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Refer to No.

Pers-10-jef  
MM/328 70 61

23 JAN 1947

To: LARSON, Henry Orville, SFL, USN  
Via: Officer-in-Charge, U. S. Navy Recruiting Station,  
Federal Office Building, Washington & 2nd Avenues,  
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Subject: Permanent Citation -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. The Chief of Naval Personnel takes pleasure in forwarding herewith the permanent citation for the subject decoration which was previously awarded to you on a temporary citation.
2. The records of the Bureau indicate that you have received the decoration for this award.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel:

*Paul H. Floyd*  
Assistant to Director,  
Medals and Awards.

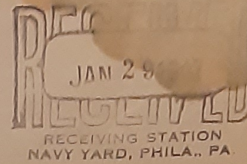
Encl:  
1. Permanent Citation.

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U. S. NAVY RECRUITING STATION

NLSO/P15/MM  
Serial: 114

Federal Office Building  
Washington and 2nd Aves. South  
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota



FIRST ENDORSEMENT to  
BuPers ltr Pers-10-jef  
MM/328 70 61 dtd 1-23-47.

27 January 1947

From: The Officer in Charge.  
To: The Commanding Officer, Receiving Station, Navy Yard,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Subj: Permanent Citation - BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

1. Forwarded. Records of this station indicate LARSON was transferred to your activity for general detail on 9 October 1946.

*J. Mc Guire*  
J. MC GUIRE.

cc: BuPers Attn: Pers10.

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CA-133/P15-/mm  
Serial: 185

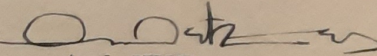
U. S. S. TOLEDO (CA-133)

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Guantanamo Bay, Cuba,  
23 February 1947.

SECOND ENDORSEMENT to  
BuPers ltr Pers-10-jef  
MM/328 70 61 dtd 1/23/47.

From: Commanding Officer.  
To : LARSON, Henry Orville, SFl, USN, 328 70 61.  
Subject: Permanent Citation - BRONZE STAR MEDAL.  
1. Delivered.

  
A. J. DETZER.

Cc:  
BuPers

*Dear Sirs:*

*In reference to letters of awards and citations  
a copy of my Purple Heart award can be obtained  
by writing to my father at Hunter, N. Dak.  
Mr. Lars Larson  
Hunter, N. Dak.*

*Henry Larson*



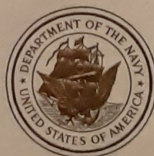
**CERTIFICATE OF RETIREMENT**  
FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:  
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Henry Orville Larson  
Chief Shipfitter

HAVING SERVED FAITHFULLY AND HONORABLY  
WAS RETIRED FROM THE  
UNITED STATES NAVY

ON THE 1st DAY OF April  
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND Seventy



*Charles K. Duncan*  
VICE ADMIRAL, UNITED STATES NAVY  
CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

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Pers-102C-wpb  
MM/328 70 61

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



-8 APR 1947

Henry Orville Larson, Ex-SF1, USN  
711 5th St. North  
Fargo, N. D.

Dear Mr. Larson:

The Chief of Naval Personnel takes pleasure in forwarding with his congratulations the following award made to you for meritorious conduct as a member of the Naval service:

Facsimile and ribbon bar with star of the Presidential Unit Citation awarded TASK UNIT 77.4.3 for extraordinary heroism in action against powerful units of the Japanese Fleet during the Battle off Samar, Philippines, on 25 October 1944.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel:

Sincerely yours,

JOE H. FLOYD  
Lt. Comdr., USN, Director  
Enlisted Processing & Transmittal  
Medals & Awards

Encl: (2)

U. S. S. JOYCE (DER-317)

c/o FLEET POST OFFICE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

13 April 1953

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

1. This is to certify that LARSON, Henry O., FPC, USN, is detached from this vessel in good standing having served aboard 23 months.
2. LARSON made his rate of Chief while aboard this vessel, his proficiency in rate has shown a definite improvement during the last threemonths. LARSON takes a sincere interest in broadening his knowledge through correspondence courses.
3. I should like to serve with him again.



*David Bryan Jr.*

David Bryan, Jr.  
Lieutenant Commander  
U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer

NOTE: Complete to date in chronological order, include enlisted service, indicate month and year. (Do not include any duty less than 2 months.)

DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

SEA DUTY (Inclusive dates)	CHECK IF IN SHIP	NO. OF MOS.	TYPE SHIP	SHIP	FLEET OR FORCE	DUTIES (Eng., gun., com., etc.)	SHORE DUTY (Inclusive dates)	NO. OF MOS.	LOCALITY	DUTIES
9/40-12/41	X	16	BB	OKLAHOMA	Flt	GUN	8/45-2/46	6	Treas. Is. Calif.	FFT
12/41-4/42	X	4	CL	HELENA	Flt	C&R	3/49-5/49	2	Terminal Is.	Repair
4/42-12/42	X	8	AR	PROMETHEUS	Flt	Repair	5/49-9/49	4	Alameda, Calif.	MAA
12/42-9/43	X	9	CL	ST. LOUIS	Flt	C&R	9/49-11/50	14	TI Calif.	Hobby Shop MAA
11/43-8/45	X	21	CVE	KALININ	Flt	C&R	12/55-pres.		TI Calif.	Instr.
3/46-7/46	X	4	AF	ADRIA		C&R				
10/46-2/48	X	16	CA	TOLEDO	Flt	C&R				
4/48-12/48	X	8		Subic Bay Phil.		Slvge, Sec.				
11/50-4/53	X	18	DER	JOYCE	Flt	C&R				
5/53-8/53	X	4	AD	SHENDOAH	Force	Repair				
9/53-10/55	X	25		Dry Dock AFDL-47	Force	C&R				

TO BE FILLED IN BY AVIATORS AND NAVAL AVIATION PILOTS

APPROXIMATE PILOT HOURS LAST FIVE YEARS

TYPE OF PLANE									
NUMBER OF HOURS									

TOTAL NAVY PILOT HOURS	SERVICE GROUP	INSTRUMENT CARD	CIVILIAN PILOT HOURS

SIGNATURE *Henry O'Neil Larson*  
Henry O'Neil LARSON

DATE 6/15/56

FOLLOWING DATA TRANSCRIBED FROM NAVPERS-553, NOTICE OF SEPARATION.

Serial or file number..... 328 70 61  
Date and place of birth..... 11-18-19 Breckenridge, Minn.  
(Date) (Place)  
Date of entry into active service..... 6-26-40  
Highest rank or rating held..... SF1c  
Service (vessels and stations served on)..... NTC, Great Lakes, Ill.  
USS Oklahoma  
USS Helena  
USS Prometheus  
USS St. Louis,  
USS Kalinin Bay  
USS PC 1591  
USS Adria AF30

Remarks..... PURPLE HEART  
BRONZE STAR MEDAL (CominCh)  
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

VETERAN ELIGIBLE UNDER PL 550

FOR CONVENIENCE, A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY NO. 555-1054  
HAS BEEN ISSUED TO THE VETERAN'S ACCOUNT. IT IS TO BE USED FOR  
THE VETERAN'S BENEFITS UNDER THE VETERANS BENEFITS ACT, AS AMENDED,  
AS AMENDED THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE TO THE PERSON TO WHOM  
THIS SEPARATION PAPER WAS ISSUED.

SEPT 1953

CALIF. S. F.

*R.M. Thomley*  
R. M. THOMLEY CSC USA

U.S.N. (R.)

Other entries previously made hereon now covered by NavPers 553, Notice of Separation.





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

IN REPLY REFER TO  
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328 70 61  
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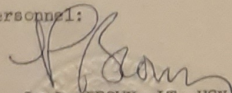
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subj: LARSON, Henry Orville, 328 70 61, SFC, USNFR-F6  
Transcript of Sea Service

1. The following is a transcript of sea service performed by subject man, including the ratings held during sea service.

<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>RATINGS HELD</u>
USS OKLAHOMA	20 Sep 40	25 Oct 40	Apprentice Seaman
USS OKLAHOMA	26 Oct 40	30 Jun 41	Seaman second class
USS OKLAHOMA	1 Jul 41	9 Dec 41	Seaman first class
USS HELENA	24 Dec 41	31 Mar 42	Seaman first class
USS HELENA	1 Apr 42	27 May 42	Shipfitter third class
USS PROMETHEUS	13 Jun 42	30 Nov 42	Shipfitter third class
USS PROMETHEUS	1 Dec 42	26 Dec 42	Shipfitter second class
USS ST LOUIS	26 Dec 42	11 Sep 43	Shipfitter second class
USS KALININ BAY	27 Nov 43	30 Apr 45	Shipfitter second class
USS KALININ BAY	1 May 45	31 Jul 45	Shipfitter first class
USS PC 1591	19 Dec 45	24 Jan 46	Shipfitter first class
USS ADRIA (AF 30)	17 Mar 46	19 Jul 46	Shipfitter first class
USS TOLEDO (CA 133)	27 Oct 46	30 Jan 48	Shipfitter first class
USS JOYCE (DER 317)	16 Feb 51	15 Jun 52	Pipe Fitter first class
USS JOYCE (DER 317)	16 Jun 52	17 Apr 53	Chief Pipe Fitter
USS SHERANDOAH (AD 26)	4 May 53	12 Sep 53	Chief Pipe Fitter
USS BAYFIELD (APA 33)	12 Feb 59	27 May 60	Chief Shipfitter

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel:

  
L. P. BROWN, LT, USN  
Head, Branch THREE  
Enlisted Services  
and Records Division