







**UNITED STATES FLEET
COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET**

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:

DONOVAN CARL LARSON
GUNNER'S MATE FIRST CLASS
U.S. NAVY

CITATION

For distinguishing himself by heroic
and meritorious conduct aboard the U.S.S. COLORADO during an
attack by Japanese aircraft in Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands,
on 27 November 1944. As Gun Captain of a 40 mm quadruple mount,
Larson coolly reorganized his gun's crew, despite the loss of
two men killed and eight wounded, including himself, after an
enemy suicide plane had struck his ship. He then intrepidly
removed and threw overboard incendiary ammunition from ready
racks where it was affected by fire. His gun later delivered
fire against other attacking planes. His conduct throughout dis-
tinguished him among those performing duties of the same character.


D. E. BARBEY
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Commander Seventh Fleet.

Classified Citation.