



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

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

CAPTAIN FLOYD FRANKLIN FERRIS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious achievement as Commanding Officer of a United States Transport while engaged in the landing of assault troops on an enemy-Japanese-held island in the Pacific Area. An expert seaman, skilled and thorough in the direction of training and operations of his ship and attached landing craft, Captain Ferris contributed essentially to the success of the Naval phase of the attack. His forceful and inspiring leadership throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

James Forrestal
Secretary of the Navy

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CAPTAIN FLOYD F. FERRIS, USN, RECEIVES BRONZE STAR MEDAL --- Captain Floyd Franklin Ferris, USN, of Washington, D.C., who served as Commanding Officer of a United States Transport in the Pacific, received the Bronze Star Medal. Assistant Secretary of the Navy H. Struve Hensel presented the award during a ceremony held at the Navy Department, Washington, D.C., May 11, 1945.

Text of the citation accompanying the Bronze Star Medal reads, in part: "For meritorious achievements as Commanding Officer of a United States Transport while engaged in the landing of assault troops on an enemy-Japanese-held island in the Pacific Area."



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My dear Mrs. Ferris:

Please accept my sincere personal condolence in the death of your husband, Rear Admiral Floyd Franklin Ferris, United States Navy, Retired.

Rear Admiral Ferris' service to his country during a time of her severest need will not be forgotten. A graduate of the Naval Academy, Class of 1921, he had twenty years of valuable experience when we entered World War II. Upon the shoulders of officers and men such as your husband fell the task of reversing the successes of the Japanese at Pearl Harbor. By August 1942 the Navy had recovered sufficiently from this blow to take action as an aggressor and commenced an operation to capture the Solomon Islands Area. Your husband served as Executive Officer, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS which participated in the initial occupation of Guadalcanal-Tulagi and as Commanding Officer of USS LIBRA while engaged in the landing of assault troops on Rendova Island. In recognition of his outstanding service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal respectively, each with Combat "V." The Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, also commended him for his efficient performance in carrying reinforcements to the American-held positions on Bougainville Island. Upon his return to the United States in 1944, he was assigned duty as Navy Foreign Liaison Officer, Office of Naval Intelligence, a position he held until his retirement in 1952 and until he was released from active duty in 1956. He was no less an expert in the field of diplomatic relations than in ship-handling. During this period he received foreign decorations from Great Britain, free Czechoslovakia, Greece, Nationalist China, Sweden, the Netherlands, Denmark, France, Spain, and Finland.

As you know, he was a member of many organizations having for their purpose the guarding of our freedoms. As a descendent of the Pilgrims, he carried out their precepts for a free democratic society in a way for which all Americans should be grateful.

Again with my deepest sympathy,

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Nitze

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