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•To Whom It May Concern:

Subj: AYOTTE, Arthur Edmund, 606 21 04, Ex-Cox, V6, USNR;
Transcript of enlisted naval service.

1. The following is the complete enlisted naval service of subject man:

- 12 Jan 42 Enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve, Class V6 as Apprentice Seaman at the Navy Recruiting Station, Boston, Mass. to serve during minority.
 - 14 Jan 42 Transferred and received, Naval Training Station, Newport, R.I.
 - 11 Mar 42 Transferred to U.S.S. CHATEAU THIERRY.
 - 12 Mar 42 Received, U.S.S. CHATEAU THIERRY.
 - 2 Jun 42 Rating changed to Seaman second class.
 - 1 Jan 43 Rating changed to Seaman first class.
 - 18 Jan 43 Transferred to Receiving Station, Norfolk, Virginia.
 - 19 Jan 43 Received, Receiving Station, So. Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
 - 20 Jan 43 Transferred to Receiving Station, New York, New York.
 - 21 Jan 43 Received, Receiving Station, Long Beach, New York.
 - 10 Mar 43 Transferred to U.S.S. DALY.
 - 15 Mar 43 Received, U.S.S. DALY.
 - 1 Aug 43 Rating changed to Coxswain.
 - 16 Sep 43 Commended at Captain's Mast for excellent boat handling while acting as volunteer member of #1 MWB crew in rescuing T.W. McCluer, S1c and W. Dunn, S2c who had fallen overboard from LST 483 into rough and treacherous seas in Kuluk Bay, Adak Island, Alaska, 15 September 1943. The expeditious manner in which the rescue was effected undoubtedly saved the lives of the two men.
 - 27 Nov 43 Transferred to Receiving Station, Pearl Harbor, T.H.
 - 7 Dec 43 Received, Receiving Ship, San Francisco, California.
 - 18 Dec 43 Transferred to Receiving Station, Newport News, Virginia.
 - 17 Jan 44 Received, Receiving Station, So. Annex, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
 - 22 Jan 44 Transferred and received, U.S.S. HOUSTON.
 - 1 Nov 44 Rating changed to Boatswain's Mate second class.
 - 3 Jan 45 Rating changed to Coxswain.
- Participated in Marianas Campaign from 11 June to 12 Aug 1944.
Participated in strikes on Bonin Island 15-16 June and 2-6 Aug 1944.
Bombarded Guam and Rota 27-28 June 1944.
Participated in strikes against Palau Island 6-8 Sep 1944.
Bombarded Peleliu, Angaur and Ngesbus, Palau Group 7 Sep 1944.
Participated in strikes against Mindanao 9-10 Sep 1944.
Participated in strikes against Leyte, Cebu, and Southern Luzon 12-13-14 Sep 1944.

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Participated in strikes covering landing operations on Peleliu Island 17-18-Sep 1944.

Participated in strikes against Luzon (Manila Bay Area) and Central Philippines 21-22-24 Sep 1944.

Participated in strikes against Nansei Shoto 10 Oct 1944.

Participated in strikes against Formosa 12-13-14 Oct 1944.

Participated with credit in action against enemy aircraft 12-13-14-16 Oct 1944.

Participated in operations in the Philippine Sea during October 1944 up to and including the 27th.

Citation

For outstanding service in the line of his profession as a member of the ship's company of the U.S.S. HOUSTON in action against the enemy off Formosa during the period 12-16 October 1944. During this period his ship destroyed eight enemy aircraft, including two that had been successful in torpedoing the ship, and at least one other after his ship had been torpedoed. His ship also assisted in the destruction of other enemy aircraft. Despite the fact that the ship had been twice torpedoed, was extensively flooded and listing, and required the utmost efforts to keep her afloat, he continued to carry out his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service. /s/ W.F. Halsey, Admiral, U.S. Navy, /s/ C. Broussard, Commander, U.S. Navy.

- 20 Aug 45 Transferred and received, Naval Hospital, St. Albans, Long Island New York.
- 31 Aug 45 Transferred and received, Receiving Barracks, Brooklyn, New York.
- 8 Sep 45 Transferred and received, Naval Personnel Separation Center, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York.
- 9 Nov 45 Discharged from the U.S. Naval Reserve with HONORABLE DISCHARGE at Naval Personnel Separation Center, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel:

JM Ford

J. M. FORD
Lieutenant (jg), USNR
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