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From: Chief of Naval Personnel.
To: O'ROURKE, Calvin Stoddard, Seaman First Class,
United States Naval Reserve.

Via: Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Center, Receiving
Station, South Brooklyn, New York.

Subj: Commendation.

1. The Chief of Naval Personnel takes pleasure in commending you for your outstanding service as a member of the Armed Guard Unit aboard the SS LAWTON B. EVANS during action against the enemy in the invasion at Anzio, Italy, January 22-30, 1944.
2. A report of the experience reveals that your ship and the areas about her were under repeated bombardment from hostile shore batteries and aircraft throughout the eight day period. Despite the prolonged strain of battle and the constant danger from falling bombs, flying shrapnel and machine-gun bullets, the Navy Gun Crew fought back with courage and grim determination, setting up a deadly barrage of shellfire which shot down five German planes and contributed materially to the success of the landing operations.
3. Your brilliant and highly effective performance in the above engagements was in keeping with the best traditions of the United States Naval Service.
4. A copy of this letter has been made a part of your official record in the Bureau.

Randall Jacobs