

U.S.S. ABBOT (DD-629)
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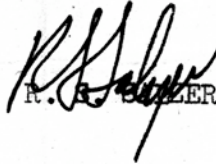
4 April 1955

From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ABBOT (DD-629)
To: LTJG Gilbert N. NELSON, 345089/1108, USNR

Subj: Appreciation of services

Encl: (1) Letter of appreciation from COMDESLANT

1. As you are detached from this ship to return to inactive duty I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the services you have rendered this ship and the United States Navy. As a Naval Reserve officer you have faithfully carried out your responsibilities to the service and to the nation in response to a national need.
2. During these past years this ship could not have operated without the services of men of your character and spirit. Without the Reservists the Navy would have been unable to discharge its functions when called upon. You personally have served this ship well in your capacities first as Navigator and later as First Division Officer. Your contributions have materially aided in making and maintaining this ship at a high state of readiness to carry out assigned missions.
3. I am enclosing a copy of a letter expressing the Force Commander's appreciation of your services.
4. May I wish you all success in your future life, and say to you "Well Done" for your past services, and particularly for those rendered my command.


R. G. SAWYER