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Prepared ----- 24 July 1947

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Signed _____

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

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROBERT FRANCIS RUBEN
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic service as Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. LSM 267, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the occupation and re-supply of Ormoc Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from December 8 to 11, 1944. Despite seven dive-bombing and strafing attacks and the constant threat of additional enemy air raids, Lieutenant Commander (then Lieutenant) Ruben aided in delivering troops and supplies to occupational forces and, although his ship was damaged, successfully improvised repairs to return safe to port. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Lieutenant Commander Ruben is authorized to wear the Combat "V"

For the President,

Copy to:
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Public Relations, Navy Dept.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Ref: Com7thFlt. Ser. 01817 dtd 30 Apr'42 Secretary of the Navy



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By virtue of the power delegated to me, I take pleasure in awarding in the name of the President of the United States, the Distinguished Service Star Medal to:

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LIEUTENANT ROBERT F. RUBEN,
U. S. NAVAL RESERVE.

CITATION

For distinguishing himself by heroic and meritorious conduct as Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. LSM 267, during the occupation and re-supply of Ormoc Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands from 8-11 December 1944. Lt. Ruben was instrumental in delivering troops and supplies to occupational forces. During a period of twenty-five hours, his ship was constantly in imminent danger of enemy air-attack, and on one occasion was subjected to seven dive-bombings and strafings. Although his ship was damaged, he successfully improvised repairs and, with assistance, returned safely to port. His conduct throughout distinguished him among those performing duties of the same character.

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T. D. KINKAID
Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Commander Seventh Fleet.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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8 SEP 1947

To: Lieutenant Commander Robert Francis Riben, 97296, USNR elb
436 Smithwood St.
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Subject: Permanent Citation -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. The Chief of Naval Personnel takes pleasure in forwarding herewith the permanent citation for the subject decoration which was previously awarded to you on a temporary citation.
2. The records of the Bureau indicate that you have received the decoration for this award.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel:

Assistant to Director,
Medals and Awards.

Encl:

1. Permanent Citation.

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