

NAVY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

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August 24, 1917.

From: The Secretary of the Navy.
To: William A. Reider, Seaman, second class,
U.S. Navy, U.S.S. San Diego, (Commanding
Officer).
Subject: Commended for gallantry.

The Department commends you for your gallantry in jumping overboard from the San Diego on the morning of July 16, 1917 between a coal lighter and the ship's side and rescuing from drowning a shipmate who had accidentally been knocked overboard from the coal lighter.

The Department notes that you have only been in the service a few months and your gallantry on this occasion speaks well for your future in the service.

Joseph Daniels