

American Army Transportation Corps -1944 -45



Merchant Marine Medal – Victory Medal



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Merchant Marine Service Emblem



Honourable Service Button

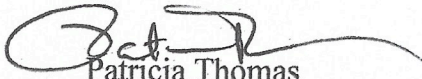


U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Maritime  
Administration**

# Memorandum

Subject: World War II merchant marine service

Date: DEC 18 2008

  
Patricia Thomas  
From: Office of Sealift Support

Reply to  
Attn. of:

To: Mr. Gerald Atkins  
4-132 Gardeners Road  
Kingsford 2032  
NSW  
AUSTRALIA

This is in reply to your inquiry concerning decorations for your World War II merchant marine service.

According to our records, you are eligible for the following decorations -

Merchant Marine Emblem  
Honorable Service Button  
Victory Medal w/bar  
Presidential Testimonial Letter  
Pacific War Zone Medal w/bar

Enclosed are the above decorations, including the Presidential Testimonial Letter signed by President Harry S Truman to all active merchant mariners.

I hope the information provided has been of assistance.

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GERALD ATKINS

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**T**o you who answered the call of your country and served in its Merchant Marine to bring about the total defeat of the enemy, I extend the heartfelt thanks of the Nation. You undertook a most severe task—one which called for courage and fortitude. Because you demonstrated the resourcefulness and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task, we now look to you for leadership and example in further serving our country in peace.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Harry S. Truman".

THE WHITE HOUSE

Presidential Testimonial Letter

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President Harry S Truman

# Honorable Discharge



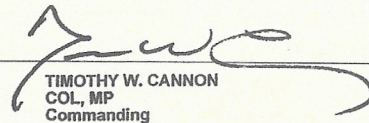
from the Armed Forces of the United States of America

*This is to certify that*

GERALD FREDERICK ATKINS ARMY TRANSPORTATION CORPS

*was Honorably Discharged from the*  
**United States Army**

*on the* 19TH *day of* MARCH 1945 *This certificate is awarded*  
*as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service*

  
TIMOTHY W. CANNON  
COL, MP  
Commanding

# CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

|  |                             |  |  |  |   |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| 1. NAME (Last, First, Middle)<br><b>ATKINS GERALD FREDERICK</b>  |                             | 2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH<br><b>ARMY TRANSPORTATION CORPS</b>  |  | 3. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.<br><b>NA</b>  |   |
| 4.a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK<br><b>NA</b>  | 4.b. PAY GRADE<br><b>NA</b> | 5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYMMDD)<br><b>19281102</b>   |  | 6. RESERVE OBLIG. TERM. DATE<br>Year <b>00</b> Month <b>00</b> Day <b>00</b> |   |
| 7.a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY<br><b>SYDNEY AUSTRALIA</b>  |                             | 7.b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known)<br><b>RANDWICK NSW AUSTRALIA</b> |  |  |   |
| 8.a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND<br><b>SYDNEY AUSTRALIA</b>   |                             | 8.b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED<br><b>AR-PERSCOM ST LOUIS MO 63132-5200</b>   |  |  |   |
| 9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED<br><b>NA</b>   |                             |  | 10. SGLI COVERAGE <input type="checkbox"/> None<br>Amount: \$ <b>NA</b>  |  |   |
| 11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.)<br><b>NA</b>  |                             | 12. RECORD OF SERVICE  |  |  |   |
|  |                             | a. Date Entered AD This Period   | Year(s) <b>1944</b>  | Month(s) <b>03</b>   | Day(s) <b>23</b>  |
|  |                             | b. Separation Date This Period   | <b>1945</b>  | <b>03</b>  | <b>19</b>   |
|  |                             | c. Net Active Service This Period  | <b>00</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>27</b>   |
|  |                             | d. Total Prior Active Service  | <b>00</b>  | <b>00</b>  | <b>00</b>   |
|  |                             | e. Total Prior Inactive Service  | <b>00</b>  | <b>00</b>  | <b>00</b>   |
|  |                             | f. Foreign Service   | <b>00</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>27</b>   |
|  |                             | g. Sea Service   | <b>00</b>  | <b>00</b>  | <b>00</b>   |
| h. Effective Date of Pay Grade   |                             | <b>00</b>  | <b>00</b>  | <b>00</b>  |   |
| 13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service)<br><b>NA</b>  |                             |  |  |  |   |
| 14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed)<br><b>NA</b>  |                             |  |  |  |   |
| 15.a. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  |                             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | 15.b. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT   |  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION   |                             |  |  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>          | 16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID<br><b>NA</b>                            |
| 18. REMARKS<br><b>SERVICE NUMBER: 219247</b><br><b>SHIP: NORLAGO</b><br><b>"THIS DOCUMENT, ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 95-202 (38 USC 106 NOTE), ADMINISTRATIVELY ESTABLISHES ACTIVE DUTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BENEFITS"//NOTHING FOLLOWS</b> |                             |  |  |  |   |
| 19.a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include Zip Code)<br><b>3-46 CLOVELLY RD RANDWICK</b><br><b>2031 NSW AUSTRALIA</b>   |                             |  | 19.b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include Zip Code)<br><b>NA</b>  |  |   |
| 20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO <b>NA</b> DIR. OF VET AFFAIRS  |                             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | 22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title and signature)<br><b>ROSE ADAMS GS9 NIMS PSV-V USARPERSCOM</b> |  |   |
| 21. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED<br><b>SOLDIER NOT AVAILABLE TO SIGN</b>  |                             |  |  |  |   |
| <b>SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agencies only)</b>  |                             |  |  |  |   |
| 23. TYPE OF SEPARATION<br><b>DISCHARGE</b>   |                             | 24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Include upgrades)<br><b>HONORABLE</b>  |  |  |   |
| 25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY<br><b>PL 95-202, SECTION 401</b>  |                             | 26. SEPARATION CODE<br><b>NA</b>   |  | 27. REENTRY CODE<br><b>NA</b>  |   |
| 28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION<br><b>NA</b>   |                             |  |  |  |   |
| 29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD<br><b>NONE</b>   |                             |  |  | 30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4<br><b>NA</b> Initials                             |   |

HEADQUARTERS.  
 UNITED STATES ARMY SERVICES OF SUPPLY.  
 SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.  
 A.P.O. 322

DATE. 13.12.44

1. NAME. ARKINS, Gerald. P. TC 9279 EFFECTIVE DATE. 1.7.44

2. NATURE OF ACTION. Reclassification.  
 FROM. \_\_\_\_\_ TO. \_\_\_\_\_

4. POSITION & GRADE. Ord Seaman. Able Seaman. 10. CONT. ART  
 FROM. 1.8.44  
 TO. 31.5.45

5. H.Q. & DUTY STATION. Horlago. Same. 11. APPROPRIATION.  
 2 152409.T.S.A.  
 1945 65-424  
 F461-01.

6. NET ANNUAL SALARY. \$998.00 plus \$1200.00 plus  
Auth Bonuses. Auth Bonuses.

7. ALLOWANCES S.&Q. S.&Q. \$252.00 Same. 12. Bureau Authority  
 for action or  
 position.  
 U.S.A.S.O.S.

8. MONETARY V.&A. nil nil

9. DEPT. OR FIELD. T.C.FIELD. T.C. FIELD.

LEAVE.  
 Accumulated annual leave (OTHER THEATRES) From. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ DY. HRS.  
 (THIS THEATRE) From. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ DY. HRS.  
 TOTAL ANNUAL LEAVE. \_\_\_\_\_ DY. HRS.

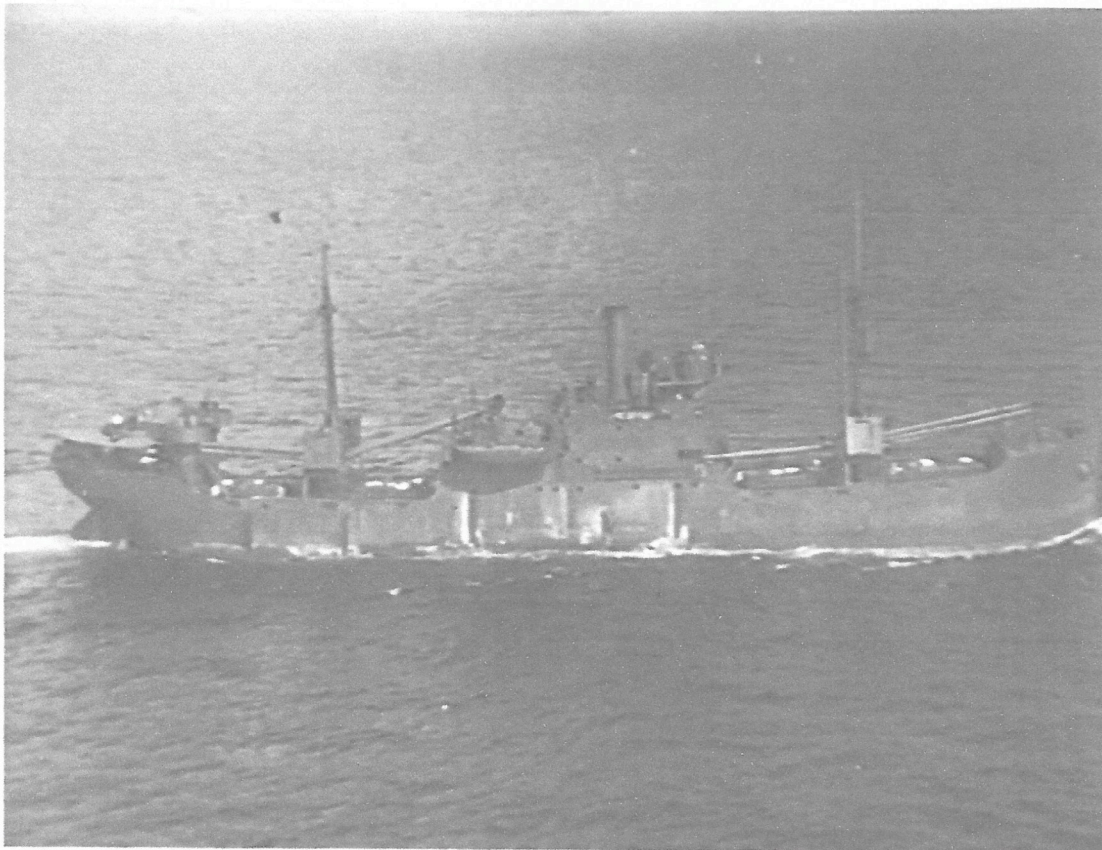
Leave used this theatre. From. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ DY. HRS.  
 BALANCE DUE AS OF \_\_\_\_\_ DY. HRS.  
 Accumulated sick leave. (OTHER THEATRES) From. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ DY. HRS.  
 ( THIS THEATRE ) From. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ DY. HRS.  
 TOTAL SICK LEAVE. \_\_\_\_\_ DY. HRS.  
 Sick leave used this theatre From. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ DY. HRS.  
 BALANCE DUE AS OF \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous deductions. nil  
 CLASS ALLOTMENT. \_\_\_\_\_  
 REMARKS. Last paid up to and including. 22 31.10.44 (2.11.45)

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  3. Employee.
  4. Retained for file.
  5. Vessel.

*L.B. Basten*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 TITLE.  
 L.B. BASTEN.  
 1st Lieut. T.C.  
 Maritime Personnel Officer.

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