

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

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DEC 28 1921

From: Asst SecNav (Navy Yd Div)  
To: Commandant, Navy Yard, Boston

Subject: Retention in employment of Messrs. Joseph F. Scott and Anthony J. Carson.

Ref: (a) Comdts. let. No. 461-S of Oct 5, 1921,  
(b) Comdts 1st end. No. 461-Ca of 2 Sep 21,  
(c) Comdts let. No. 461-C-MD-1 of 30 Sep 21,  
(d) Comdts let. LMD of Oct 31, 21,  
(e) Depts let to President of 9 Nov 21,

Enclosure: (A) one.

1. As requested in reference (e), the President, under date of the 24th inst, issued an executive order authorizing the continuance in employment in their respective ratings, at the Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., of Messrs. Joseph F. Scott and Anthony J. Carson, as long as the services of employees in their ratings are necessary and they are capable of rendering satisfactory service.

2. A copy of the executive order in question, enclosure A, is forwarded herewith.

3. It is requested that the Commandant carry out the provisions of this executive order.

s/ A.L. Willard  
By direction

See 461-C-1921

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Anthony J. Carson, machinist, and Joseph F. Scott, shipfitter, both of whom have had bestowed upon them the Congressional Medal of Honor, may, in consideration of the valiant and extraordinary services rendered by them to their country, while serving in the military forces of the United States, be continued in employment at the Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., in their respective ratings as long as the need for employees in said ratings exists and they are capable of rendering satisfactory service.

s/ WARREN G HARDING

The White House  
December 24, 1921

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# BOSTON NAVY YARD

SUBJECT: Attention in employment of Messrs. Joseph F. Scott and Anthony J. Carson.

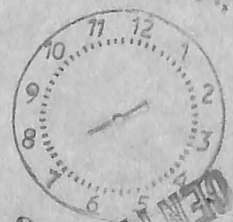
Letter No. SONYD-7-Sh Date 28 Dec 21  
Asst SecNay 461-C&S 3 Jan 21 461-C&S  
 From Compts. let. No. 461-C-MD-1 of 30 Sep 21, "let. LND of 31 Oct 21"  
 Previous Reference: Recd. of Oct 5/21, Comds. 1st Flnd. 461-Ca. of 2 Sep 21

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**BOSTON NAVY YARD**  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT

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No.

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9 December 21

Mr. Edward T. Clark,  
Private Secretary to the Vice President  
of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Clark,

1. Referring to your letter of 6 December, I have to inform you that Anthony J. Carson, machinist, was selected for discharge because of lack of work. This selection was made in obedience to Civil Service Rules and General Instructions of the Navy Department governing such cases; but because of his being a Medal of Honor man, the Commandant took the exceptional action of placing Mr. Carson on furlough, asking further instructions from the Navy Department.

*Mr. Carson's  
discharge was  
approved 9-7-65  
in accordance with  
relatives of the  
Navy Dept. and  
the Admiralty.*

2. Mr. Carson is still on furlough awaiting action of the Secretary of the Navy.

Very truly yours,

Albert Gleaves,  
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,  
Commandant.

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9 December 21

Mr. Edward T. Clark,  
Private Secretary to the Vice President  
of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Clark,

1. Referring to your letter of 6 December, I have to inform you that Anthony J. Carson, machinist, was selected for discharge because of lack of work. His average efficiency was 97.65. This selection was made in obedience to Civil Service Rules and General Instructions of the Navy Department governing such cases; but because of his being a Medal of Honor man, the Commandant took the exceptional action of placing Mr. Carson on furlough, asking further instructions from the Navy Department. The efficiency ratings of all employees who were retained were higher than those of Mr. Carson.

2. Mr. Carson is still on furlough awaiting action of the Secretary of the Navy.

Very truly yours,

Albert Gleaves,  
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,  
Commandant.

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NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASS.

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EDWARD T. CLARK  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S CHAMBER  
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1921.

Rear Admiral Albert Gleaves, Commandant,  
Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.

My dear Admiral Gleaves : -

I know that you are entirely familiar with the case of Anthony Carson, Medal of Honor man, who has been laid-off at the Boston Yard. Very strong pressure is being brought to bear for his reinstatement and one fact <sup>quoted</sup> quite in his favor is that he has an efficiency rating of 97.5 per cent. This seems to be contrary to the information which the Department has and I should be greatly indebted if you would let me know, for the information of the Vice President, the exact facts in this regard.

Very truly yours,

*E. T. Clark*

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No. 451-C

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7 November 1921

Hon. Samuel E. Winslow, M.C.,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Winslow:

Referring to your letter of 5 November, I have to inform you that Anthony J. Carson, machinist, was selected for discharge because of lack of work. This selection was made in obedience to Civil Service Rules and General Instructions of the Navy Department governing such cases; but because of his being a Medal of Honor man, the Commandant took the exceptional action of placing Mr. Carson on furlough, asking further instructions from the Navy Department.

Mr. Carson is still on furlough awaiting action of the Secretary of the Navy.

Very truly yours,

Albert Gleaves,  
Rear Admiral, USN.  
Commandant.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,

WASHINGTON, D. C. November 5, 1921.

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 A. H. CLARK, ASS'T CLERK.

Rear Admiral Albert Gleaves,  
Commandant Navy Yard,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear sir:

Friends of Anthony J. Carson have brought to my attention the fact that he has been furloughed from the Navy Yard for an indefinite period, and this in spite of the high rating Mr. Carson had.

I assume this furlough in the result of the general reduction in the Navy Yard as well as in other government departments, but in order that I may be able to furnish accurate information about the matter I am taking the liberty of asking that you let me know the facts of the case so that I may be able to make an intelligent reply to those who are interested.

Very truly yours,

*Daniel D. Winch*

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LMD 10-31-21

OCT 31 1921

From: Commandant.  
To: Asst. Secretary of the Navy,  
(Navy Yard Division)

Subject: Anthony J. Carson, machinist - retention of.

References:

- (a) Engr. Off. let. to Comdt. September 1, 1921.
- (b) Comdt. 1st end. thereon, to Secretary of Navy, dated September 2, 1921.
- (c) Comdt. letter of September 30, 1921.

1. As no reply has been received in the case of Anthony J. Carson, medal of honor man, referred to the Department by reference (b), answer requested by reference (c), it is again requested that decision be made as to his retention, as he is being kept on furlough pending such decision.

Albert Gleaves

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Rear Admiral - Commandant.

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**BOSTON NAVY YARD**

~~OFFICE OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICER~~

PRODUCTION SUPERINTENDENT

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27 October 1921



From: Production Superintendent,  
 To: Commandant.

Subject: Anthony J. Carson, machinist, Check No. 4391 - Indefinite furlough recommended.

References: (a) Engr. Off. let. to Comdt. Sept. 1, 1921.  
 (b) Comdt. 1st end. thereon, to Secy. of Navy, September 2, 1921.  
 (c) Comdt. let. of September 30, 1921.

Enclosure: (a) Form recommending indefinite furlough.

1. It is recommended that Anthony J. Carson, machinist, Check #4391, be indefinitely furloughed pending Department's action on reference (c). Mr. Carson has been carried on black leave since 17 October 1921.

2. Enclosure (a), is forwarded, herewith, for approval of the Commandant.

*W B Fogarty*  
 W. B. Fogarty

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BOSTON NAVY YARD

Production

Division

27 October 1921

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It is recommended that the following ~~men~~<sup>man</sup> be furloughed on account of .....

Lack of work and lack of funds.

Reg. No.	Check No.	Name	Rating	From	To
	4391	Anthony J. Carson  Navy Yard, Boston Office of Commandant OCT 31 1921  Approved  Rear Admiral - Commandant. 4-2	Mechinist	Indefinitely Furloughed.	

To: Labor Board  
 Via: Accounting Department  
 and The Commandant

W. B. Fogarty  
 ..... Officer  
 Production Superintendent

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September 30, 1921.

FROM: Commandant, Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.  
TO: The Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

SUBJECT: Anthony J. Carson, machinist, Check 4391, Boston Navy Yard; Congressional Medal of Honor man; Proposed discharge on account of lack of work and funds.

REFERENCES:

- (a): Engr. Off. let to Comdt., September 1, 1921.
- (b): Comdt. 1st end., thereon, to Secy. of Navy, Sept. 2, 1921.

1. In reference (a), the Engineer Officer stated the situation in regard to the proposed discharge of Anthony J. Carson, machinist, Check 4391, and requested that the Navy Department give special consideration to his case with a view to his retention, because of the fact that he is a Congressional Medal of Honor man. Pending the Department's action in the premises, the Commandant granted Carson 15 days' furlough, which expired September 26, 1921, which furlough has been extended for another 15 day period, ending October 17, 1921.

2. Information is requested as to what action the Department has taken on reference (a). It is desirable that the decision in this case be transmitted to this Navy Yard before October 17, 1921, when Carson's furlough expires.

Rear Admiral - Commandant,

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September 29, 1921.

From: Engineer Officer.  
To : Commandant.

SUBJECT: A.J.Carson, Check No. 4391 - Extension of furlough  
of.

1. It is recommended that the furlough of A.J.Carson,  
Machinist, Check No. 4391, be extended for fifteen (15) days,  
from September 27 to October 17, inclusive.

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H. A. Ellis,  
Lieut. Comdr., USN.  
By direction

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Subject: A.J. Carson, Check No. 4391 - Extension of furlough  
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BOSTON NAVY YARD  
Office of the Commandant  
29 September 1921.

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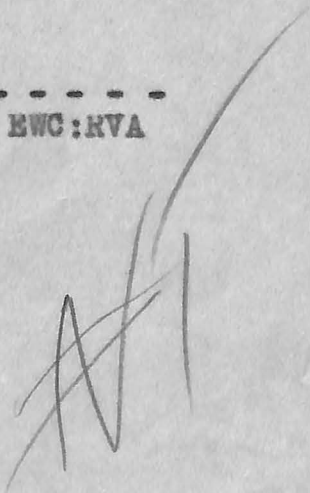
From: Commandant.  
VIA: Engineer Officer and Accounting Officer.  
To: Labor Board.

1. Approved.

Albert Gleaves,  
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.  
Commandant.

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Boston Navy Yard,  
Office of Engineer Officer,  
28 September 1921.

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For:       Manager.

Subject: A.J. Carson - machinist 3/c - discharge of.

1. A.J. Carson, machinist 3/c, was discharged on 25 August 1921 in accordance with Civil Service Law. On 2 September 1921 his discharge was cancelled by the Engineer Officer and he was placed on furlough for fifteen days beginning 6 September 1921 pending the Department's action on the attached letter of the Engineer Officer. The facts in connection with the case are clearly brought out in this letter.

2. To date the Navy Department's action has not been received on this request and his discharge became effective 27 September 1921. There is no question but that this man was one of the least efficient of the men discharged. His case was taken up at the conference of Superintendents and Masters by Commander Davis and it is known that he was thoroughly conversant with the case as is shown by the attached letter which was written by him and forwarded by the Admiral on 2 September 1921.

3. Carson's furlough which expired on 27 September 1921 has been extended for fifteen days more pending the Department's action in his case.

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J.S. Lowell,  
Acting.

September 29, 1921.

From: Engineer Officer.  
To : Commandant.

SUBJECT: A.J. Carson, Check No. 4391 - Extension of furlough of.

1. It is recommended that the furlough of A.J. Carson, Machinist, Check No. 4391, be extended for fifteen (15) days, from September 27 to October 17, inclusive.

H. A. Ellis,  
Lieut. Comdr., USN.  
By direction

No.

1st Endorsement  
BOSTON NAVY YARD  
Office of the Commandant  
29 September 1921.

EWC:RVA

From: Commandant.  
VIA: Engineer Officer and Accounting Officer.  
To: Labor Board.

1. Approved.

Albert Gleaves,  
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.  
Commandant.

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Albert Gleaves,  
Rear Admiral, USN.  
Commandant.

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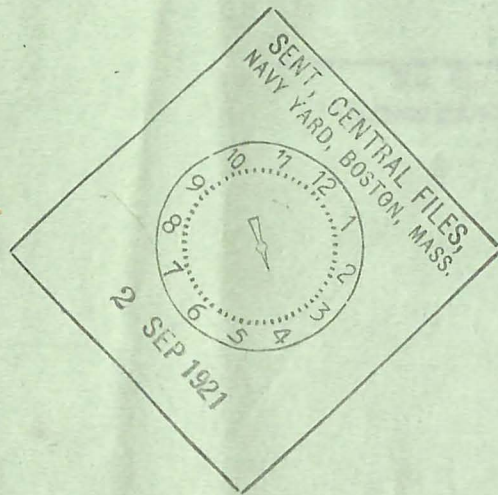
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Boston Navy yard  
Office of the Commandant  
2 September 21

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To: Secretary of the Navy  
Subject: A.J. Carson, machinist - retention of  
1. Forwarded, recommending approval.

Albert Gleaves,  
Rear Admiral, USN.  
Commandant.

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September 2, 1921.

From: Engineer Officer.  
To : Labor Board,  
Via : Accounting Officer.

SUBJECT: A.J. Carson, Check No. 4391 - Cancellation of discharge for.

1. Pending action on a communication sent yesterday to the Commandant in connection with the case of A.J. Carson, Machinist S/c, Check No. 4391, his discharge has been cancelled and he will be placed on furlough for 15 days beginning September 6, 1921, noon.

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H. C. Davis,  
Commander, U. S. N.

Copy to:  
Outside Supt.  
Mach. Div. Office. (2)

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Navy Yard,  
Boston, Mass.  
2 September 1921.

Memorandum for Commandant

1. A. J. Carson, Machinist, subject of the attached correspondence, wishes to see the Commandant with regard to his retention. He is at present waiting in Building 39 and is available whenever you wish to see him.

*H. K. Cage*  
H. K. CAGE,  
Manager,

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1 September 1921.

To: Commandant.

Subject: A.J. Carson, Machinist - retention of.

1. Due to lack of work and funds, A.J. Carson, machinist at \$5.68 per diem (S/c), is scheduled for discharge at the expiration of his leave on 7 September 1921. He has been selected for discharge in strict accordance with Civil Service Regulations.

2. For heroic and meritorious conduct in the Philippine Insurrection Mr. Carson was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor; he is also a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

3. Although Mr. Carson has very high marks as a machinist S/c, other machinists of his class with higher efficiency marks could not be discharged and Mr. Carson retained without violating Civil Service Regulations which require that the least efficient shall be the first discharged when a reduction in the force becomes necessary due to lack of work or funds. His civilian supervisors state that he is the least efficient of those retained.

4. In view of the fact that Mr. Carson is a Spanish War veteran and a Medal of Honor Man, the Engineer Officer recommends that this case be referred to the Navy Department for special consideration with a view to authorizing Mr. Carson's retention in the service. In this connection, there are very few Medal of Honor Men employed in Government plants and it is the opinion of the Engineer Officer that in their retention special exemption is warranted except in cases of misconduct. Mr. Carson's conduct record is excellent.

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R.C. Davis,  
Commander, USN.

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