

Paul Henry Carr

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Awarded for actions during the World War II

The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Gunner's Mate Third Class Paul Henry Carr, United States Naval Reserve, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Gun Captain of a 5"/38 Mount on the U.S.S. SAMUEL B. ROBERTS, in action against enemy Japanese forces off Samar Island during the Second Battle of the Philippine Sea, on 25 October 1944. With the power of the rammer lost and mechanical failures in the ammunition hoist, Gunner's Mate Third Class Carr manned his station steadfastly in the face of continuous close-range fire of enemy guns during an attack by a numerically superior Japanese surface force on the SAMUEL B. ROBERTS. By his outstanding technical skill and courageous initiative, Gunner's Mate Third Class Carr was instrumental in causing rapid and heavy fire from the gun to inflict damage upon an enemy heavy cruiser.

Although mortally wounded by the premature detonation of a powder charge, fired by hand, Gunner's Mate Third Class Carr tried unassisted to load and ram the only projectile available to that mount after order to abandon ship had been given. His aggressive determination of duty reflected the highest credit upon Gunner's Mate Third Class Carr and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Action Date: October 25, 1944

Service: Navy

Rank: Gunner's Mate Third Class

Division: U.S.S. Samuel B. Roberts

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