

AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR SUPER ACCOMPLISHMENT  
 NAVEXOS-908 (8-55)

TO: Incentive Awards Committee

National Naval Medical Center

(Name of Activity)

27 May 1957

(Date)

Bethesda, Maryland

(Location)

I recommend that award consideration be given for the superior accomplishment herein described which was performed by the employee, or group of employees, named below.

*C. C. Richardson*  
C. C. RICHARDSON, LCDR MSC USN

(Recommended by)

Administrative Officer, NMS, NMMC, Bethesda, Md.

(Position, Shop, Dept. or Div.)

EMPLOYEE (Name: Last, First; Badge & Payroll No.)	POSITION: SHOP, DEPT. OR DIV.	GRADE	ANNUAL BASE PAY
STRINGER, John T.	Supervisory Photographer (Gen)	GS-10	

(Attach a list for additional employees.)

TYPE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT	DATE(S) OF PERFORMANCE OR SERVICE
<input type="checkbox"/> SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL ACT OR SERVICE	

DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMPLISHMENT (Give specific facts to describe accomplishment and to show the extent to which it excels normal job expectancy.)

Since the establishment of the Medical Photography Department at the U. S. Naval Medical School in 1938, the work load has increased from approximately 1,000 black and white prints per year, to an average of 160,000 prints in both black and white and color, and has branched out into many varied and new fields of Photography. Some examples of the newer types of photography development that Mr. Stringer has been called upon to perform are (1) Processing and development of color film, as well as printing color film into color prints by use of the dye transfer technique, the printon technique, and the new Eastman Color Print material Type R and Type C. This is noteworthy in that color processing and printing is a highly technical and specialized field of Photography, the controls, standards, and tolerances being extremely close and difficult to maintain. In addition, since the field of color photography is an ever changing science it is necessary for Mr. Stringer to carry on a continuous training and research program in order to keep the Medical Photography School abreast of the most advanced photographic procedures. His photographs of the various anatomical structures of the human body, body cavities, as well as fundus lesions of the human eye are outstanding examples of the photographer's art. Much of the photographic work required in compiling Volumes I and II of the Color Atlas of Pathology was accomplished by the Medical Photography Department under the supervision of Mr. Stringer and he is given credit for this work in the foreword of Volume II which together with Volume I are unique in the field of Pathology.

The processing of Visual Aids which have been used extensively by the Tissue Bank of the Naval Medical School since its' inception in 1949 and throughout its' development is another outstanding achievement by Mr. Stringer and the Medical Photography Department. These aids have consisted of Motion Pictures, lantern slides in color and black and white copies of X-ray films, dye transfer color prints, and prints in both color and black and white. They have been used for exhibit purposes, lectures, and most important, for the graphic clinical evaluation of the progress of the grafted tissue in the patient. Especially noteworthy is the high degree of detail which Mr. Stringer has been able to

retain in copying X-ray films.

Mr. Stringer was assigned to plan, coordinate, and supervise the photographic coverage in both still and motion pictures of operation Strato Lab, a joint project of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and the Office of Naval Research. This project concerned flights into the stratosphere by means of manned balloons. It has so far consisted of two operations. The first was carried out in and around Minneapolis, Minnesota in April 1956 and the second in and around Rapid City, South Dakota in November 1956. A photographic record was made of the preflight preparations, launching, flight and post flight operations. In addition a photographic record of the facial expressions of the balloon pilots was made at this time without the knowledge of the subjects. This coverage was an outstanding success and the results have proven to be of great value. It was carried out in the face of many and varied obstacles, such as 18" of snow, subzero weather, etc. These obstacles were all quickly and efficiently overcome. He was also assigned to plan and direct photographic coverage concerned with the aspects of operation Skyhood, a classified project the nature of which cannot be revealed at this time. However, it too presented many problems which were quickly and expertly overcome and the results are aiding in hastening research in Naval Aviation.

The general excellence and quality of Mr. Stringer's work has caused repeated praiseworthy comment from many, many doctors, both military and civilian, and others in allied specialties. This most favorable comment has been extensive and from varied audiences both in this country and abroad. The foregoing, together with this command's personal knowledge of Mr. Stringer's demonstrated technical ability and willing performance of duty assignments far beyond that normally required for his position, warrant commendatory action and such action is so recommended.

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