

Name LARSON HARRY  
LAST FIRST Female: Last name when in service

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date 1921 Birth Place Berkeley, Calif Yr moved to LW \_\_\_\_\_

**MILITARY HISTORY**

Branch Army Air Force Entry date and Location Sept 14, 1942, Boca Raton, Fla Rank Aviation Cadet

Disch. date & location 16 March 1946, McClellan Field, Calif Rank 1st Lt

Military Speciality Radar and Radar Countermeasures, Airborne

Theatre of Operation, Unit

**United States** **Overseas (None)**  
Basic Training: Boca Raton, Fla; Yale Univ. New Haven, Conn.  
Radar Training: Harvard & MIT, Boston + Cambridge Mass; Boca Raton, Fla.  
2nd AF, AFB Clovis, New Mexico. Training B-29 crews in navigation and bombing with Radar  
1st Photo Recon Squadron, Buckley Field, <sup>Denver</sup> Colorado (311 Recon Wing)  
March AFB, Riverside, CA - Radar Countermeasures (Ferret)

**AWARDS/ CITATIONS**

American Theater Service Medal  
World War II Victory Medal

**SPECIAL/TRAINING/UNUSUAL SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Modified B-29 bomber <sup>radar</sup> airborne radar to mount on control tower to show dust storms approaching Clovis AFB -- helped to get B-29s landed before dust storms hit and prevented landings.  
Designed and developed electronic radar bombing target to train B-29 crews in "offset bombing," needed to hit targets in big cities like Tokyo.  
Re-wrote curriculum for training Radar Navigators and Radar Bombers (B-29). Curriculum adopted by 2nd AF HQ for all 2nd AF Ground Radar Schools in 2nd AF (8/10/46 airfields)  
Wrote simple shirt-pocket instructions for repairing B-29 radars while en-route to target

Post WWII Reserve Duty, Location and Activity

None

(Please submit additional Korean or Vietnam duty on separate sheet)

Date 5 October 2001