



Ostend and Seebrugge, and for raids made in cooperation with the allied armies during the retirement of the enemy on the Belgium front during October and November, 1918.”

After leaving the Navy, Mr. Lovett became a partner in the Wall Street banking firm of Brown Brothers, Harriman and Company

Robert Lovett later returned to government service. He was special assistant and Assistant Secretary of War for Air from 1940 to 1945 and was a prime advocate of the “big bomber” program. When General George C. Marshall was named by President Truman as Secretary of Defense, the president also appointed Robert A. Lovett as Deputy Secretary of Defense and Chief of Staff to General Marshall.

Robert Lovett was married to Mrs Adelle Brown Lovett and they had one daughter Evelyn Lovett.

**Robert A. Lovett, LCDR, USNRF**  
(Deputy Secretary of Defense)

Robert Abercrombie Lovett was Born on September 14, 1895, Huntsville, Texas, the son of Judge Robert S. Lovett and Mrs., L. A. Lovett of New York City, NY. He attended high school at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA from 1909-1914 and attended Yale University from 1914-1918. He was appointed, Ensign, U. S. Naval Reserve Force on March 24, 1917 and was promoted to Lieutenant (jg) October 29, 1917; to Lieutenant, June 18, 1918, to rank from march 23, 1918; and to Lieutenant Commander on April 15, 1919. He entered flight training and was designated Naval Aviator, July 31, 1917. His Naval service included the following assignments:

- 6/17-8/17   Huntington Bay, Long Island, NY.
- 8/17-11/17   Aviation duty with U. S. Naval Attache, Paris, France.
- 11/11-12/17   Assigned to Naval Aviation Forces, Foreign Service, Paris, France.
- 12/17-1/18   U. S. Naval Forces operating in European waters, with headquarters in London, England.
- 1/18-6/18    Returned to Naval Aviation Forces, Foreign Service, France.
- 6/18-11/18   Northern Bombing Group. Helped form and command this group, which was the Navy’s first night bomber squadron in Europe. For this service he was awarded the Navy Cross.
- 11/18-1/19   Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads, Virginia
- 1/6/19.       Released from active duty.
- 10/18/28    Honorably discharged - Expiration of term of service.

For his World War I service he was awarded the Navy Cross with citation as follows:

NAVY CROSS: “For distinguished service in the line of his profession in connection with the organization of the Northern Bombing Group, and for active and daring raids over the enemy line in Belgium against submarine bases at