



# John Lawson

**Born: June 16, 1837, Phila., PA**

**Died: May 3, 1919, Phila., PA**

John Lawson was an African American sailor who served aboard the Boston built USS Hartford during the Battle of Mobile Bay on August 5, 1864. While serving with a six man ammunition party on the berth deck of Hartford, he was seriously wounded by an enemy shell. Despite his injuries, he remained at his duty station throughout the rest of the battle, for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

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