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HEADQUARTERS
ASSAM WING
I.C.D.-A.T.C.
1325th AAF Base Unit
APO 629 New York, N. Y.

20 August 1944

SUBJECT: Cooperation of Detachment 101 with ATC

TO : Commanding Officer, 101 Detachment, APO 629

1. In the operation of Air Transport Command so much has happened, so many events have occurred, so many favors have been rendered to our personnel by your Detachment, that we feel it is fitting that some recognition of your valued services be now made in writing, so that you may know they have been appreciated.

2. Personnel of the 101 Detachment, USAF, have consistently been of great assistance to the India China Wing of the Air Transport Command.

3. Invaluable aid has been rendered by the 101 Detachment by furnishing the Intelligence section of the India China Wing with information concerning the enemy. This information has helped the ATC Intelligence Officers in their briefing of flying personnel who fly the hazardous Assam-China route as to the exact position of the enemy lines, and the position of enemy airfields, as well as the numerical strength of enemy aircraft based on forward Burma fields.

4. When reports of unusual radio interference on the Transport run were frequent, reports from 101 Detachment offered solutions, for example:

a. On 9 December 1943, Lt. Cole, Pilot of C-46 #398 while in flight from Sookerating to China overheard a Japanese propaganda program broadcast on a frequency of 1145 KC. An English speaking Japanese dedicated his program to American Army Transport pilots. For a full half hour from 1830 hours to 1900 hours the Japanese spoke about the futility of flying supplies to a beaten China. At this time Lt. Cole was flying in the vicinity of Sumprabum, his radio compass needle swung strongly and pointed due south, thus indicating the presence of a station in the vicinity of Sumprabum or south of it. On 14 December 1943, Intelligence reports of 101 Detachment stated that there were two English speaking Japanese Lieutenants at Myitkyina (approximately 75 miles south of Sumprabum) the same report gave the position of a radio station with a peculiar antennae system a short distance north of Myitkyina.

b. At 1800 hours, IST., 27 December 1943, 1st Lt. Elias O'Connell, Pilot of C-46 #662 enroute west from China to Assam picked up a strong DF station on a frequency of 340 Kcs. The radio compass indicated a station south of route. The second radio compass tuned to Fort Hertz radio on a frequency of 360 Kcs. established his approximate position as over Fort Hertz Valley.

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101 Detachment sent in a report on 31 December 1943, that a Jap DM station was at position (NX 4616) in the Hukawng Valley; two Japanese radio sets were reported at (NX 1547).

c. With conclusive evidence of the existence of enemy radio stations and their locations furnished by 101 Detachment, ATC Intelligence Officers were able to adequately brief flying personnel, and thus inexperienced pilots were probably saved from misinterpreting radio signals.

5. You supplied escape procedures to be followed by airmen forced down in enemy occupied Northern Burma, and advice concerning jungle survival quoting actual experiences, which proved of great value.

6. Major Bryden, Major Riley, and other officers responsible for ATC Airdrome Defense were given excellent training in jungle warfare tactics by the personnel of 101 Detachment.

7. With hundreds of flights being made daily by Air Transport Command aircraft between Assam, India and China, airmen are sometimes forced down along the route which covers some of the wildest terrain in the world. Conscientious attempts are made to rescue these men and many successful rescues are due to the direct effort of 101 Detachment, USAF.

In addition to actual physical participation in difficult search and rescue missions, 101 Detachment has wisely won true native friends in Northern Burma and has briefed them to help all American personnel with whom they may come in contact. In recalling the past participation by 101 Det., in rescue of our personnel, several incidents are outstanding:

a. On 31 January 1944, C-46 #425, enroute to Chabua, Assam from Kunming, China, ran into bad icing conditions, when the radio equipment failed to operate correctly and the gas supply ran dangerously low. Lt. Michael Krikorian, Lt. Jack W. Miller, Cpl. David P. Ash, and Cpl. Curtis F. Pritchard landed several miles to the rear of the Japanese lines near a Japanese stronghold, Makaw Ga in the Northern Hukawng Valley. The airmen were kept awake for the first several nights by the constant cannonading of artillery and rattle of machine gun fire. Taking a chance the Americans approached a native fishing in a stream, luckily he was in the employ of 101 Det. and he guided the airmen to a larger camp where they met Father Stewart, the Irish Catholic Priest, another member of 101. Father Stewart proceeded to guide Krikorian, Miller and Ash as well as a large number of refugees along a precarious route through Japanese occupied Burma. At one time the party narrowly escaped ambush by traitorous Burmese. The India China Wing was informed on 12 February 1944, by 101 Det., that their agents reported Krikorian, Miller, and Ash alive and well, and that they would soon arrive at a secret air-strip located deep in enemy controlled territory. On 15 February 1944, the men were flown out of Burma by three L-5 type aircraft.

On 25 February 1944, ATC was informed by 101 that Cpl. Curtis Pritchard had been captured, while floating down the Lamung Hka River. His captors, Burmese natives, turned Pritchard over to the Japanese.

b. On another occasion two ATC fliers, 2nd Lt. J. P. Starling and Cpl. J. W. Wyatt, owe their lives to friendly relations established by 101

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with the natives of Northern Burma, though they were supposedly under the control of the Japanese.

When C-46 #634 enroute from Kunming to Chabua rapidly lost altitude and failed to respond to emergency measures the pilot ordered the crew to bail out. Lt. Starling and Cpl. Wyatt bailed out seconds before the transport plane crashed into a mountain side and exploded with the other two members still on board the aircraft. Cpl. Wyatt was badly burned when the plane exploded against the mountain just after he bailed out. Though both men encountered different natives in each case the natives were very friendly. They understood the word American. Kachins hid Wyatt in a cave and treated his burns with native poultices. The enemy was in the immediate vicinity. At one time Cpl. Wyatt looked out of the cave and watched a party of five Japanese soldiers search the home of his benefactor, which was located barely 50 feet away. At this time the natives with knives drawn stood by to protect him should the Japanese discover the cave. Runners carried his messages to the nearest Allied outpost and returned with medical supplies and an air mattress. Risking their own lives the natives smuggled Wyatt out of the cave and carried him to the nearest Allied outpost, Nguala, where he remained for three weeks recuperating.

Lt. Starling, who landed on a mountain north of the Nganchang Hka River, about ten miles NW of Hpimaw, was also fed and given shelter by the natives and taken to the Forward Headquarters of 101 Detachment.

c. A third incident was the rescue of 2nd Lt. Barton, Cpl. Hammond, and Pvt. Linthicum, all crew members of C-46 #682. These men and the one still missing crew member, 2nd Lt. Bagsby, were forced to bail out in the vicinity of Myitkyina after they had become lost and were low on fuel. At this time 16 February 1944, Myitkyina area was strongly entrenched with enemy troops. An agent, a member of 101 Det., found Barton and Hammond, and later Linthicum, and guided the men to safety.

Thus, eight men have been brought from behind Japanese lines, in all three cases a hazardous, self-sacrificing undertaking. These rescues, though the details were withheld for security reasons, had a decided effect in strengthening the confidence of flying personnel, since they gained knowledge that some valiant aid was available, even behind enemy lines.

8. 101 Detachment has unselfishly given the use of their equipment to ATC. On two occasions L-1 type aircraft were loaned to the Search and Rescue Unit, when aircraft of this kind were needed to pick up stranded airmen at some small jungle air-strip. On one occasion badly injured members of aircraft evacuated from a small strip by an Air Warning Station (RA-43). The aircraft crashed at (26°28'N - 95°20'E), near said A.W.S. station. As no aircraft that could land and take off on the small strip was available to the ATC Search and Rescue Unit, assistance of the 101 Detachment was immediately made available, and it was used in evacuating the badly injured fliers as well as the two doctors that parachuted to their assistance.

9. Upon all occasions the 101 Detachment has given admirable cooperation

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to the ATC. Their swiftness of action and their indifference towards all obstacles and danger has been particularly impressive. Our gratitude and appreciation can hardly be expressed in words.

ROBERT H. BAKER
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

A TRUE COPY:

William H. Cummings
WILLIAM H. CUMMINGS
Captain, AUS
Det. 101

MISSION REPORTCOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED:

Three forms of commendations have been forwarded to Detachment 101 during the period of this report while another in the form of appreciation for information received can also be classified as a tribute to the efforts of the Unit.

The first commendation concerns Warrant Officer, gr. Robert R. Rhea of the Field Photographic Section. The commendation came in the form of a certification from General Kerrill making him a member of Unit 5307 which entitles him to wear the Presidential Citation awarded that Unit.

The appreciation cable comes from Grunnert of the 14th Army reading as follows:

"Halfpint from Grunnert for Peers. 33 Corps badly in need of information East of the Chidwin and plan to put agents across. Corps request location of your agents South of Homalin in order that yours and theirs do not conflict. Also if possible they would like a liaison officer from you. Again appreciate information you have been giving us."

Major General Howard C. Davidson, 10th Air Force, U.S. Army, has deemed it appropriate to send the following commendation regarding this Unit:

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HEADQUARTERS TENTH AIR FORCE
U.S. ARMY
Office of the Commanding General
A.P.O. 487

1 August 1944

TO : Commanding General, Office of Strategic Service.

SUBJECT: Contribution of Detachment 101, OSS, to USAAF in Northeastern Assam and North Burma.

1. Detachment 101, OSS, has from its very inception given the utmost cooperation and provided extremely effective assistance to the United States Army Air Forces operating from Northeastern Assam and Northern Burma. Its contribution, commencing in February, 1943, has fallen into the following three principal categories:

a. Target Information

Air operations in Northern Burma were largely devoted to assisting the campaign of the ground forces. OSS furnished the principal intelligence regarding Japanese troop concentrations, hostile natives, stores and enemy movement. Up to 15 March 1944, some 80% of all combat missions were planned on the basis of intelligence received from this source. Since then the percentage of direct air-ground support missions has increased and missions based upon OSS intelligence now average about 60% of the total.

b. Damage Assessment

Extremely important information based upon visual observation of air effectiveness and damage assessment was furnished with great regularity. Aside from the value of damage assessment in mission planning, the opportunity to report to pilots details on the effectiveness of their individual attacks was found to be one of our greatest moral boosters.

c. Assistance and Rescue of Pilots and Air Crews

During the period under review, the agencies of the OSS effected the rescue and return of four fighter pilots shot down close to, and behind enemy lines. In addition, they participated in the rescue or rendition of assistance to 121 air crew members of Troop Carrier units and Air Transport Command. In almost every instance these Air Corps personnel were forced down either in enemy territory or in the jungle-covered, mountainous terrain of Northern Burma. Annexed hereto, for its value in human interest and detail, is the statement of one of the rescued airmen.

2. The contributions of 101 Detachment, OSS, have been of inestimable value to the Air Corps.

HOWARD C. DAVIDSON,
Laj. Gen., U.S.A.,
Commanding.

INDIA CHINA I.C. - AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
A.P.C. 829, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

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Office of the Commanding General

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, U. S. Army Experimental Station,
Nazira, Assam, India.

1. It has come to my attention through confidential sources that your organization has rendered outstanding service to personnel of the ICWATC.

2. For this cooperation and very valuable assistance, I wish to express my personal appreciation and, to commend you most highly.

/s/ EARL S. HOAG
/t/ EARL S. HOAG.
Brigadier General, U.S. Army.
Commanding.

CC: CO, Eastern Sector, ICWATC,
APO 629

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Charles P. [unclear]
CHARLES P. [unclear]
2nd Lt., [unclear]

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SUPREMACY HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
 Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

FORWARD HEADQUARTERS

GMI/OL-6/383.4-3

19 August 1944

SUBJECT: O.S.S. Reports

TO : C.O.,
O.S.S.,
European Theatre of Operations,
United States Army.

The series of reports transmitted to G-2 - SHAW by O.S.S. from CHARTERS in the early stages of operation OVERLORD were exceptionally able and useful. It is with great regret that we saw this source later vanish.

P. J. Ford Colonel
P. J. FORD,
Colonel.

Ext 136

for K.W.D. STROMB,
 Major General, G.S.
 A.C. of S, G-2.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

- UNITED STATES GOV'T P
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Date: 19 August 1944

TO: Chief, R & A Branch
Atten: Dr. Richard Hartshorne
FROM: Intelligence Liaison Office
SUBJECT: R & A Report No. 1766

1. Reference is made to our telephone conversation this morning concerning the request of the Office of the Chief of Engineers which is contained in the attached letter.

2. This is to confirm the understanding that permission has been granted for the OCE to include this report in their forthcoming Engineer Research Office report on German Navigable Waterways.

3. For your information, this office will instruct the OCE to have the credit line read to the effect that the study was prepared in the Research and Analysis Branch, OSS.

/s/ Philip L. Gore

Philip L. Gore
Major, F. A.
Intelligence Liaison Officer

Attachment - 2

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SUBJECT: SHAEF appreciation of OSS German Biographical Material

TO: Chandler Morse

FROM: T. W. Reese

1) Lt. Col. Miller, Chief of the Occupational Commitments (Co-ordinating) Sub-division of G-2 SHAEF has asked me to tell you that all of the SHAEF authorities concerned are deeply appreciative of the fact that OSS is making its German Biographical information available to SHAEF.

He went on to say that at a recent meeting, a SHAEF officer, nameless but presumably British, said that this OSS material was superior to that furnished by PID. It was far better organized and therefore more immediately usable.

Intelligence Division
 Naval Staff
 Admiralty, S.W.I.

17 August 1944

Dear Mr. Paterson,

We return herewith "The Ports of France" and we are much indebted to you for the loan of these books. Several Officers of our Section have gone through them and, if it could be arranged, we should like to have a copy. In any circumstances we would like to get photostat copies of No. 1 from page 5.B (Administrative) to page 20 inclusive. Our opinion is that the Administrative part is very interesting. We also like the plans; the only drawback to these plans is that the names on the back thereof are not very handy.

Furthermore, we like your sections on Vulnerability. These are especially good for people not acquainted with immobilization of ports.

The tables too, such as Tidal Range and Dry Docks, are handily arranged and much appreciated, and we also like the way of giving the names of owners of floating cranes.

There are, of course, several inaccuracies, but inasmuch as we ourselves have had the same erroneous information, it is believed that we should not attempt to correct wrong figures, but rather let these corrections come to you in the regular way: I refer to the measurements of E/R Boat Pens for instance.

May I hear from you in regard to the above request, and may I again express my thanks for the loan of these books.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John Prins,
 Lt. Cdr. USNR

Lewis C. Paterson, Esq.,
 Intelligence Procurement Officer,
 Research & Analysis Branch,
 Office of Strategic Services,
 United States Government,
 London

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HQ & HQ DETACHMENT
Office of Strategic Services
ETOUSSA

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15 August 1944

From: The Commanding Officer, OSS Detachment-Etoussa.
To: The Commandant, United States Marine Corps.
Via: (1) The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.
(2) The Commanding Officer, Naval Command, OSS,
Washington, D.C.
Subject: Captain Carl Brooks Peters, USMCR - Letter of
Commendation for.

The following commendation for Captain Carl Brooks Peters, USMCR, (VS-101) (014208), who is now serving under this command is respectfully submitted.

1. Captain Peters has been with this organization since March, 1944, and has at all times evidenced the very highest degree of ability, initiative, independent judgment and leadership. As the Plans Officer of our Secret Intelligence Branch, he has carried out and continues to perform, with complete dispatch and the utmost efficiency, the work of a position ordinarily occupied by a Lieutenant Colonel. In his contacts with higher ranking officers of allied governments and agents, he has reflected great credit upon himself and upon his organization by his thorough knowledge of the problem at hand, his decisive manner, and his cooperative spirit.

2. He has an outstanding military and civilian background, having served as a staff officer with the Marines in the South Pacific and in the Bougainville Campaign. He was the Berlin correspondent for the New York Times for four years, and was present in Germany at the time war broke out between that country and England, and until October, 1941.

3. Captain Peters has been an invaluable asset to this organization, and it is a privilege to commend him for his services.

For the Commanding Officer:

WALTER M. GIBLIN,
Colonel, GSC,
Executive.

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COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

August 11, 1944

MEMORANDUM BD-4186

To: The Coordinator
Attention: Mr. Alstock

From: The Brazilian Division

Subject: Condecration of Lt. Comdr. Toland

For your information we give you below in translation an official notice which appeared in the "Diario Oficial" of July 31, 1944, pages 13.476:

"MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Decrees of July 28, 1944:

The President of the Republic resolves to confer, in accordance with Decree No. 22.610, of April 4, 1933;

in the character of Grand Master of the Brazilian orders,

The National Order of Cruzeiro do Sul, in the degree of Officer, to Lieutenant Commander Gregg Toland, of the United States Navy."

This is in recognition of the work of the Ford Unit while in Brazil, and particularly because of the Sao Paulo picture.

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Comandante File

GOVERNEMENT PROVISoire DE
LA REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE

Direction Générale des Services Spéciaux

DIRECTION TECHNIQUE

B.C.R.A.L.

No. 47 / E.M. / 9 / 55.

Londres, le 1^{er} Août 1955.

Le Lieutenant - Colonel M.A. N.U.E.,
Chef du B.C.R.A.L. -

à Monsieur le Colonel,
Chef de l'O.S.S. -
LONDRES.

J'ai l'honneur de vous remercier et d'adresser par votre entremise mes remerciements les plus chaleureux et cordiaux pour l'efficacité et la cordialité avec laquelle vos services ont bien voulu nous procurer dans un délai remarquablement court, une quantité appréciable de sérum antidiphtérique pour faire face à une épidémie de diphtérie dont on nous signale à éclosion.

Je vous prie d'exprimer tout particulièrement notre reconnaissance au Colonel HAYES, au Lieutenant - Colonel ENBURY et au Médecin Capitaine FORD. Ce dernier a été d'un dynamisme et d'une compréhension au dessus de tout éloge.

Bellevue

O & HQ DETACHMENT
Office of Strategic Services
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Commendation File

MEMORANDUM

To: Director, OSS, Washington
From: Secretariat, OSS, London

18 August, 1944

There is sent to you herewith for retention in the central Commendation File maintained in Washington, a photostatic copy of a letter received from Col. Manuel of B.C.R.A.L., expressing gratitude for services rendered by Col. Hayes, Col. Embury, and Captain Fond. All of these men are on duty with SO/SOE, Col. Embury being an SO man and Col. Hayes and Captain Fond being British.

Enclosures

C.A. Rowe

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Form 69 (Revised)

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

August 11, 1944

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DIRECTOR, SECRETARIAT, MACRUDEZ,
MEDTO, BICMLOW, X-2

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~~SECRET~~RECEIVED IN CODE OR CIPHER#46814. To Shepardson and Young from Stampados and Joyce.
via Algiers.

Kindly express the heartiest congratulations of A-2,
15th Air Force Sigis staff for their splendid assistance in
preparing the survey of the Silesian industrial targets, and
tank and MV output in Central Europe. We convey Brig. General
Borne's commendations, also.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1
Civil Affairs

10 August 1944

Dr. Burton Faha
8436 Piney Branch Ct.
Silver Spring, Maryland

Dear Burton:

Lloyd Millegan and I have made a round-up to see how much R & A material has actually been of use here, and we were surprised at the volume of it. It is found in half a dozen publications, sometimes with credit, sometimes without, but it has been well-nigh indispensable in some jobs and useful in all. Practically all of the material that I have brought out has been utilized. The collection that Lloyd got together for me has been a boon to six or eight agencies. Dr. Tozzer's material has been extremely useful. Lloyd is making a list of what has been of use that I will send to you.

Ed Mill has done an excellent job on his "Government of the New Philippines." It is being eagerly sought for by numerous staff agencies concerned with the reoccupation. Ed's other current activities are producing rich dividends from our standpoint. I am sorry that direct reciprocation is impossible -- you know what the situation is. All I can say is that if there is any satisfaction in making a definite although only partially acknowledged contribution to the war effort in this Theater you are entitled to it.

Things are moving along here, as you know. One feels that the goal is in sight, although still some distance off. Lloyd is indispensable. He is now a staff-sergeant and I hope that he will be wearing shoulder bars in due time.

Best regards to you and Mrs. Faha -- also my friends in the office.

Sincerely,

(signed) J. R. Hayden

Incl.

DSS Form 4151

7 Sep. 1944

To: _____

Mr. Cheston thinks this should be kept in mind in the event that we ever wish to write to the JCS on the subject of the Southwest Pacific. He also suggested that reference might be made to it in the history.

Office of the Executive Officer

(30449)

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CONFIDENTIAL

1 September 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charles S. Cheston
FROM: William L. Langer

I think you will be interested in the attached copy of a letter from Joe Hayden to C. B. Fahs. You will no doubt recall that Hayden was a member of the R&A staff for a considerable time before he went to Australia to join MacArthur's staff. The Lloyd Millegan whom he mentions was also for a long time a member of our Far East Division. This letter coming from Joe is gratifying evidence that we are pulling some weight despite the fact that we will probably be arrested if we tried to enter the theater.

William L. Langer
William L. Langer
Chief, Research and
Analysis Branch

9/18
attached letter from
Hayden to Fahs shown
to OSS Historical Committee
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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1
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 Sincerely,

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(signed) J. R. Hayden

HEADQUARTERS
FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY
Publicity & Psychological Warfare Section
APO 230

6 August 1944

SUBJECT: Services of Lt. Comdr. John W. McClain
TO : The Director, Office of Strategic Services, European
Theater of Operations.

Lt. Commander John W. McClain has been attached to this Headquarters for psychological warfare duty throughout the current operation. He has performed all assigned duties in an outstanding manner, and has made an important contribution to the success of our operation. In addition to carrying out his basic assignment of intelligence, he has on several occasions voluntarily participated in operations at front line positions. He has demonstrated, throughout, the highest personal qualities as well as an unusual degree of professional competence.

/s/ DAVID P. PAGE,
Colonel, AUS,
Chief, P & PW Section.

ORIGINAL TO BE DESTROYED ONLY:

Henry J. Cannon
HENRY J. CANNON,
Lieutenant, JAGC,
Naval Personnel Officer,
23d Detachment-Etouse.

CONFIDENTIAL

From: No. 205 Group (R.A.F) Intelligence Liaison Officer,
Headquarters, Fifteenth United States Army Air Force.

To : Air Section, Headquarters Coy B, No.2677 Regiment (Prov.),
Office of Strategic Services.
Attention: Captain D.G. Stampados.

Date: 7th August, 1944.
Ref.: 205G/15AF/3302/1/INT.

COMMENDATION.

I wish to place on record a commendation from No.205 Group Headquarters, of the officers and men of the Office of Strategic Services encountered in conjunction with Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force.

2. Particularly I would like to mention that the following personnel have been at all times most courteous and helpful to me in all matters concerning intelligence information which has been required:-

Master Sergeant H.B. Sholar.
Staff Sergeant R.C. Jones.
Sergeant E.F. Scott.

Their work and help has been of inestimable value to the Night Bomber Force operating in the Balkan theatre and especially have their services been valuable and at all times instantly forthcoming in connection with operations against the Danube river.

3. Would you convey to all concerned the appreciation and thanks of the Royal Air Force in this theatre for the services they have given in helping to make operations a success..

S. Aubin-James
.....
(S.Aubin-James) Flight Lieutenant,
No.205 Group (R.A.F) Liaison Officer,
Headquarters, 15th U.S. Army Air Force.

FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General
A. P. O. 520

A:RFT:mr

AG 201.22

6 August 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, 2677th Regiment (Prov), OSS,
APO 777, U. S. ArmyTO : Captain D. G. Stampados, O-924996, Company B,
2677th Regiment (Prov), OSS, APO 777, U. S. Army

1. By your continuing endeavors and attention to duty in supplying intelligence information to this Headquarters, you have rendered valuable service to the U. S. armed forces.
2. Primarily responsible for the development of "Safe Area Maps", you have assisted all flying personnel of this Command. Your continuing efforts to keep this data current is highly commendable. Your attention to duty, spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm are exemplary.
3. This commendation will be made a part of your official record and will be filed with your next efficiency report.

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N. F. TWINING
Major General, USA
Commanding

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August 4, 1944

Lt. Comdr. A. L. Gilks
Office of Strategic Services
Field Photographic Branch
1421 N. Western Avenue
Los Angeles 27, California

Dear Commander Gilks:

Because of the rapidly increasing use being made of the 16 mm Kodacolor films which you have made of CIT rocket activities, I feel it pertinent to give you a few details regarding our library and its use.

Including the two new reels which you delivered to us last week, we now have a total of 77 reels, comprising a total footage of about 2,500. We have issued a catalog covering our films and loan them for showing to authorized personnel. Since January 1, 1944, we have loaned 265 reels. The most frequent borrowers are, of course, the Army and Navy, although we have frequent calls from representatives of Allied arms.

The Army and Navy use the films not only for acquainting their Washington personnel with most recent developments but also for preparation of training films and for incentive work in suppliers' plants building rocket components and associated equipment. As many as fifteen copies have been made of approximately one-half our reels, and these have been forwarded to training bases at widespread points. The RAAF has recently requested copies of films showing forward firing from P38, P47, and P51D airplanes for transmission to Australia. In addition to our recorded loans, there have been numerous impromptu showings in our office and elsewhere for various Service and OSRD personnel.

It is felt that the color films you are supplying us serve a number of useful purposes which could not be fulfilled as adequately by any other medium. Among these are:

1. Prompt dissemination of information on latest developments to research, production, and procurement groups of the Army and Navy in and around Washington. This process obviates the necessity of extensive travel and repeated tests to gain as clear an understanding.

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2. Preparation, through copying, of training films for use by the using arms.
3. Preparation of specific plans for use of new rocket weapons as they are developed and as tactical conditions of employment vary.
4. Education of other OSD groups working on specific problems wherein rockets might possibly be employed.

You are to be complimented for the fine work going forward under your direction, for the skillful and eminently satisfactory photography and for the high degree of cooperation maintained with all concerned. It is hoped that you will continue to produce moving pictures of Division 3 activities at CIT as long as the need for such pictures remains.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Cummings
Technical Aide
Division 3, NDRC

cc: Prof. E. C. Watson
Dr. W. A. Fowler
Dr. T. Lauritsen

FWC:ms

C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN SECURITY DISTRICT
Ninth Service Command
Intelligence Branch
216 Rowan Building
458 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, 13, California

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4 August 1944.

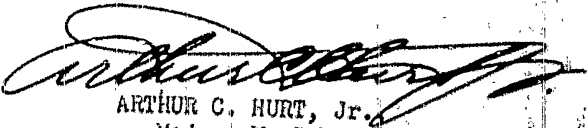
Mr. A. R. Lusey,
Chief, Intercept Translation Unit,
Office of Strategic Services,
1227 Rowan Building,
458 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, 13, California.

Dear Mr. Lusey:

The material and information furnished this Headquarters by your unit from March 1944 to date has been of great value and assistance. Several reports based on this material have been forwarded to G-2, War Department and are deemed by this office to be of value.

Your most helpful cooperation is appreciated.

Very truly yours,


ARTHUR C. HURT, Jr.
Major, M. I.,
Executive Officer, Intelligence Branch.



THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

3 August 1944

Captain Arthur E. Robinson
Chief, Map Division
R & A Branch
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Robinson:

The maps for General McFarland have been received. The care exercised by you in filling this request of mine is indicated by the nature of the material selected and the manner of its preparation.

General McFarland has asked me to pass on to you his thanks and appreciation for the fine job you did. He informs me these maps will be a great convenience to him.

Permit me to add to the above my own expression of gratitude.

Sincerely,

Cecil J. Gridley
CECIL J. GRIDLEY
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Secretary

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS 5TH MARINE DIVISION
CAMP JOSEPH H. PENDLETON, OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA

2 August, 1944.

SERIAL NO. 886S

From: The Commanding General.
To: The Commanding Officer, Maritime Unit, OSS West Coast, Box 1, San Clemente, California.
Subject: Expression of appreciation.

1. The Commanding General has been gratified with the treatment and cooperation extended to the officers and men of the Reconnaissance Company of this Division by you and the officers and men under your command during the stay of the Reconnaissance Company at the Maritime Camp.

2. The willingness with which you have coordinated the use of the equipment at your disposal with the needs of the Reconnaissance Company during the training has undoubtedly done much to further their training and will undoubtedly directly improve their performance of duty when in contact with the enemy.

/s/ W. A. WORTON,
Chief of Staff.

W. A. WORTON, CHIEF: Attest

Norman S. Nyce
NORMAN S. NYCE
Capt., USMC

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HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

Aug 44

Major Andrew H. Bording
 C.S.I. Unit 2

1. It was with considerable regret that I learnt to-day that you are shortly to relinquish command of SOI Unit 2 and to take up a new appointment in another theatre.
2. Before you leave, I should like to express my appreciation of the excellent work which you have performed in the sphere of special counter-intelligence in ITALY. I have been much impressed by the loyal co-operation which you have always displayed, and by the high standard which has been achieved by your unit.
3. Please accept my best wishes for your new appointment, which I hope you will find of interest, and which I am sure you will fill with competence.
4. Lt. Col. Gibson wishes me to add to mine his appreciation and thanks for the work you have done and the way you have done it.

/s/ C. E. R. HIRSCH

 Brigadier,
 B'S(I).

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Henry B. Martin
 1st LT. LAC
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HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

AUG. 44

Major Andrew H. Berding
S.C.I. Unit Z

1. It was with considerable regret that I learnt today that you are shortly to relinquish command of SCI Unit Z and to take up a new appointment in another theatre.

2. Before you leave, I should like to express my appreciation of the excellent work which you have performed in the sphere of special counter-intelligence in ITALY. I have been much impressed by the loyal cooperation which you have always displayed, and by the high standard which has been achieved by your unit.

3. Please accept my best wishes for your new appointment, which I hope you will find of interest, and which I am sure you will fill with competence.

4. Lt. Col. Gibson wishes me to add to mine his appreciation and thanks for the work you have done and the way you have done it.

s/ C.E.R. Hirsh

Brigadier,
BGS (I)

JWF

Certified true copy

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Martin E. Nedell
Capt., Inf.

COMMENDATION FILE

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HEADQUARTERS
C. A. Training Division
ECAD

APC 358
August 1944

Dear Walter:

I cannot take leave of the Training Division without expressing my feeling of very real gratitude and appreciation to you for all you have done. Your help has proven invaluable to us from the beginning and has contributed in no small degree to whatever success has attended our enterprise.

To this feeling of official gratitude is added my very warm personal feeling of appreciation and esteem.

With renewed thanks,

Sincerely,

/S/ Hardy

HARDY C. DILLARD
Colonel - AUS
CO-C. A. Tng Div

Dr. Walter Dorn
Office of Strategic Services

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HEADQUARTERS BATTALION, SERVICE TROOPS,
5TH MARINE DIVISION, FMF,
CAMP JOSEPH H. PENDLETON,
OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA.

31 July 1944.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: Major Harold A. Jones, USMC, Commanding Officer,
West Coast Camps, O.S.S.

1. During the six (6) months period ending 15 July 1944, the organization under your command has rendered valuable assistance to this unit and to personnel of other organizations of the Fifth Marine Division.

2. The excellent courses of instruction presented by your unit under your command and the use by this unit of training facilities and special equipment, property of O.S.S., have in great measure contributed to the combat efficiency of this unit.

3. Special appreciation is due Captain Norman S. Nyce and Captain Carl J. Lidenberg for the efficient manner in which they managed the Receiving Camp, San Mateo Canyon, Camp Pendleton, during the time this unit was stationed at that camp.

/s/ William A. Wood
WILLIAM A. WOOD

CC: Carl J. Lidenberg
Norman S. Nyce

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U. S. NAVAL UNIT
HEADQUARTERS, FOURTEENTH AIR FORCE
A.P.O. 627, POSTMASTER, NEW YORK

30 July 1944.

From: The Commander, U. S. Naval Unit, 14th Air Force.
To : The Naval Command, Office of Strategic Services.
Subj: Lieutenant Robert C. JOHNSON, USNR, qualifications
and ability of.

1. In an area as large as China, it is often difficult to obtain an index of the work done and the abilities of field men employed. These men, by the very nature of their work are not under the observation of their superiors in the sense that their actions can be observed. Also, their geographic location and the pressure of events in their working place may make their efforts more apparent to agency other than their own parent organization.

2. Such a case is that of subject officer. In order that his superiors may have the benefit of this organization's observations of his efforts, this letter is originated.

3. Subject officer has displayed great ingenuity and initiative in conducting his work in the forward areas of South-eastern China. Due to the perilous times and the generally unsettled nature of the country, it is probable that his efforts in the line of duty ordered may have been less than expected. However, this organization has been furnished extremely valuable information as a result of his efforts. Lieut. Johnson is an extremely competent observer, taking in elements which are within the province of his work as well as those which will aid other agencies. We are indebted to him for items which only a man of broad vision and wide scope could see the need.

4. It is requested that a copy of this letter be considered for incorporation in subject officer's next fitness report.

C. J. Odom'shal, Jr.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

ATTENTION:

29 July 1944

Brigadier General W. J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
War Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

It was recently found necessary to make a motion picture record of the tests in connection with an important secret Army Air Force project.

As security and speed were essential, and as the Office of Strategic Services was working closely with us on a similar project, this office requested your Field Photographic Branch to produce these films.

The pictures are now completed and have proven highly satisfactory. They were made with a minimum of effort and expense and with that fine spirit of cooperation that has exemplified the association of the Office of Strategic Services with the Army Air Forces.

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the courteous and efficient assistance extended by your splendid organization.

Sincerely yours,

H. M. McClelland

H. M. McCLELLAND
Brig Gen, USA
Air Communications Officer

Handwritten:
Comm. file

July 28th, 1944.

Following for General Donovan from Mr. W. S. Stephenson:

I have had a telegram from Broadway to say how much they regret the recent departure of Messrs. Maddox and D'Oensh. They wish me to express to them that they will be greatly missed. The message states: Both these officers did a first rate job under somewhat difficult circumstances.

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BRANCH INTELLIGENCE OFFICE
ELEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
FIFTH FLOOR, VAN NUYS BUILDING
SEVENTH AND SPRING STREETS
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

27 July 1944.

Mr. A. R. Lusey
Chief, Intercept Translation Unit
Office of Strategic Services
Rowen Bldg.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Lusey:

The material and information furnished this office by your unit from March 1944 to date has been of great value and importance. Numerous reports based on this material have been forwarded to the Director of Naval Intelligence, and these have been deemed to be of considerable worth.

The District Intelligence Officer greatly appreciates your most helpful cooperation.

Very truly yours,

O. M. Murphy
O. M. MURPHY,
Commander, USNR.

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Supreme Headquarters
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
Office of the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

MAIN

27 July 1944


Colonel John HASKELL,
Chief, SI Branch,
Hq. & Hq. Detachment,
Office of Strategic Services, ETOUSA,

Dear Colonel Haskell:

The results obtained in the reports from the Sussex operation have been very helpful. Not only was the information useful, but compared with the great volume of CX reports received the level of accuracy has been gratifyingly high. The manner in which the operation has been carried out reflects the obviously excellent training which the intelligence teams had been given.

I am aware that in addition to the Sussex teams there are other OSS SI teams attached to First US Army, but I have not yet received sufficient reports on their work to be able to judge their performance.

Sincerely yours,



T. J. BETTS
Brigadier General, GSC
D/A. C. of S., G-2

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTONSECRET

July 26, 1944

Dear Whitney:

Thank you for sending me a copy of Major Farish's last report. I agree with you that it is an extremely impressive document. I have passed it along to Secretary Hull with particular reference to the suggestion of Major Farish that a tripartite commission be formed to try to pull together the different factions in this Yugoslav conflict. And I certainly feel, with Farish, that we ought to exhaust every effort to that end.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. A. Berle, Jr.

Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

Whitney Shepardson, Esq.,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

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IN REPLY ADDRESS
BUREAU OF ORDNANCE, NAVY DEPARTMENT
AND REFER TO NO.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF ORDNANCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

25 JUL 1944

Subject: Countermeasures for SIC Type Torpedo
Exploder Mechanism.

Enclosure: (A) Two (2) copies of "SIC
(herewith) Countermeasures by
Dr. Carlo Calosi, June
1944".

Gentlemen:

Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for your
information and file. For obvious reasons, it is re-
quested that the information contained in the report
not be disseminated.

The Bureau considers that it was extremely for-
tunate in having the opportunity for its personnel to
work with Dr. Calosi and his group. Their efforts are
greatly appreciated and have undoubtedly accelerated
the solution of this important problem.

Transmission by Registered Mail or
U. S. Registered Mail or
registered mail to 70 (15) (c) and (f),
U. S. Navy Regulations.

Very truly yours,

G. F. HUSSEY, JR.
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance

W. A. Kitts
W. A. Kitts, 3rd
Acting

Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
 OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT BUILDING
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 25, 1944

My dear Lt. Kellogg:

It is with considerable regret that we acknowledge your letter of June 2 and agree to the release of Major Bertram E. Cunningham, USMCR, of the Field Photographic Branch of your Office. We can appreciate that your heavy production schedules necessitate Major Cunningham's return to active service.

Please consider this letter as an endorsement of Major Cunningham's fine contribution to the Motion Picture Division of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and an expression of our gratitude to you in his assignment to us.

Sincerely,

Francis Alstock
 Francis Alstock
 Director, Motion Picture Division

Lt. E. R. Kellogg
 Acting Chief,
 Field Photographic Branch,
 Office of Strategic Services,
 Washington, D. C.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

25 July 1944.

Colonel D.K.E. Bruce, AC,
Chief,
Office of Strategic Services,
ETOUSA,
A.P.O. 887.

Dear Colonel Bruce,

No doubt you have already heard about the excellent photographic coverage obtained from automatic cameras on assault craft and vehicles. These films constitute what we feel are some of the most remarkable combat motion pictures to date.

The man largely responsible for the conversion, testing, installation and operations of these cameras, is Lieut. M.E. Armistead of the Field Photographic Branch, OSS, ETOUSA. Lieut. Armistead spent a great deal of time on this project, and the film obtained was the result of efforts far beyond his normal duty.

Not only is the Public Relations Division, SEAF, indebted to Lieut. Armistead for this work, but the many compliments received from the Newscasts and in the press about this coverage, should in themselves be of considerable satisfaction to him and to the OSS.

Cordially yours,

W.A.S. TURNER
Brigadier,
Asst. Chief, Public Relations Division.

Certified True Copy:

Henry T. Emmons
HENRY T. EMMONS,
Lieutenant, USNR,

FORWARD ECHELON
HEADQUARTERS
U. S. ARMY FORCES
CHINA, BURMA AND INDIA
OFFICE OF ASST. AC OF S, G-2

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Y-102-730
SI
A. P. O. 879
July 24, 1944.

SUBJECT: OSS Intelligence.

TO : Colonel Robert B. Hall, Intelligence Officer, OSS/CHI.

1. The Intelligence Branches, OSS and especially the SI Branch, has offered every cooperation to the office of G-2, Forward Echelon, CHI.

2. Especially commendable have been the following:

a. Tactical intelligence during the Hunan fighting from 1 June to date furnished Z-Force Headquarters.

b. Intelligence secured from a native net which is wide spread in coastal and inland China. This net is financed and directed by OSS and has supplied critical intelligence items otherwise not available.

c. Intelligence items secured through the AGFRTS relations of OSS.

Joseph K. Dickey
JOSEPH K. DICKEY
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.
Asst. AC of S, G-2.

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RECOMMENDATION
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 are 1000, 9/5 PROMOTION, R.I., R.I.

15 July 1944

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SUBJECT: Citation of Officer.

TO : Commanding General, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D. C.

1. Request that Lt. (sg) **WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, USMC**, 10000 be cited for activities from 2 June 1944 to 15 July 1944.

2. During this period, while on a covert mission in the Southwest for work with the Fourth Route Cavalry, Lt. (sg) JOHNSON succeeded in obtaining valuable Japanese information and documents. During the absence of the Japanese northward, this officer maintained a position close to the Japanese front for purposes of gathering information for above days. Upon completion of this mission this officer brought his small detachment out safely.

3. Further request that a copy of this letter be attached to officer's next Fitness Report.

WILLIAM E. JOHNSON,
 Lt. Col., U. S. C.,
 Commanding.

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 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
 Washington 25, D. C.

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 THE COMMANDANT (CPR)
 Refer to File: CG-051

AIR MAIL

17 July, 1944

Commander John Ford
 OSS Detachment
 APO 887
 c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Dear Commander Ford:

I am informed by Captain Reed-Hill, who has heard from his personnel connected with the invasion of Normandy, of your very helpful cooperation. Our photographic personnel appreciated very much your sympathetic consideration and that of Lieutenant Commander Frederick Spencer of their problems, and I desire to express my thanks for your continued interest in Coast Guard endeavors.

Sincerely,

R. R. WATSCHE
 Vice Admiral, USCG
 Commandant

 CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY:

Henry T. Emons
 HENRY T. EMONS,
 Lieutenant, USNR.

17 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM J. BROWNE:

1. The information from Bern contained in your note of 10 July is greatly appreciated. It dovetails with other details and is most helpful.

2. Action has been taken to transmit the information to the appropriate agencies for action.

H. H. ARNOLD,
General, U. S. Army,
Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Deputy Commander-in-Chief

17 July 1944

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

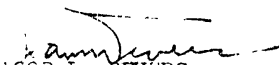
Your letter of June 28th arrived yesterday. In the meantime, I have had a conference with your Colonel Glavin and believe that we have your command buttoned up so it will operate efficiently. I cannot understand how you could pass through the Theater without seeing either General Wilson, General Alexander or myself.

Colonel Carter has done an outstanding job in this Theater. He understands thoroughly the necessity for coordination in order to gain maximum results and he has done more than anyone else to put SI and SO on a firm basis. On the SI side we have been getting excellent results. On the SO side conditions are greatly improved.

As you know, I have spent most of my time in Italy following and assisting the troops fighting on the front. In doing so I have learned much. As we move on to our next operation I am looking forward to even greater results from SI and SO, and you may be sure that they will be used to their maximum.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,


GEORGE L. DEVERS

Major General, U. S. Army

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COLONEL CHARLES POLETTI
CO. 1. - 2675 REGIMENT
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 - c/o POSTMASTER, NYC

16 July 1944

Brigadier General William Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D.C.

My Dear General,

On the occasion of his leaving this theatre, I wish to write you that in my opinion Vincent Scamperino has done a particularly fine job. He has been very helpful to me on many occasions as have been his associates.

Scamperino has intelligence, energy, is incisive, and has a balanced judgement. I am sure you know all this but I just wanted to have the pleasure of writing it to you.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely

Charles Poletti

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Inter-American Defense Board
Federal Reserve Building
Washington 25, D. C.

15 July 1944

Dr. Maurice Halperin, Chief
Latin American Division
Office of Strategic Services
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Dr. Halperin:

I wish to thank you most warmly for the very instructive talk on inter-American industrial cooperation that you gave at the session of the Inter-American Defense Board last Tuesday.

All the members of the Board appreciate very much the time and thought which you thus made available. Your able presentation will be extremely helpful to this organization in its consideration of the many problems that are so closely related to the military defense of the Hemisphere.

Sincerely yours,

S. D. Embick
Lt. General, USA
Chairman

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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July 15, 1944

My dear Mr. Langer:

I have received from the Office of Strategic Services four copies of R & A 1988 entitled "Russian Intentions to Punish War Criminals" for which I thank you.

The document reveals a tremendous amount of painstaking work and is not only timely, but will be of considerable use to us in our consideration of the problems involved in the punishment of war criminals.

I have also received a copy of R&A 2256 "A Statistical Analysis of Soviet Atrocity Charges" which likewise should be very useful to us and for which I thank you.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

/s/ Green H. Hackworth

Green H. Hackworth
Legal Adviser

Mr. William L. Langer, Chief,
Branch of Research and Analysis
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington (25) D. C.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INFORMATION
WASHINGTON 25

July 14, 1944

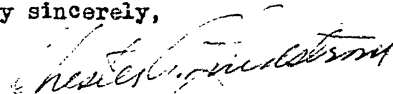
Lieut. E. R. Kellogg, USNR
Acting Branch Chief
Field Photographic Branch, OSS
25th and E Sts., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

On behalf of the Motion Picture Service of the
Department of Agriculture, I wish to express
thanks to Lieut. Moran and his sound crew who
worked on Sunday, June 25th, to record music
for our recent picture, MORE MILK.

Their fine cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely,



Chester A. Lindstrom
Chief,
Motion Picture Service.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

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Presentation Division

X from Dept
X Chief of Staff

13 July 1944.

Brigadier General William J. Donovan,
Director, Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

You no doubt have looked over the booklet, "Army Personnel Control," which the members of your Presentation Division prepared in connection with the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by the War Department to survey this field. The contribution made by personnel of the Office of Strategic Services has been very substantial, and their method of portrayal simplified the many complicated processes and procedures involved and presented them in a manner which was not too difficult to understand.

Please accept my thanks for the assistance of your office and convey to Mr. Marzani, Mr. Barton, Mr. Zabłodowsky, Mr. Saarinen, and the many other personnel of the Presentation Branch my appreciation for their earnest and successful efforts in the preparation of "Army Personnel Control."

Sincerely,

Joseph T. McNarney
JOSEPH T. McNARNEY,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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13 July 1944

A.C. Lanza
Office of Strategic Services
I-2 Branch
Allied Armies in Italy
A.P.O. 777, U.S. Army

I have received your letter of July 11th relative
to MUSOTTO.....

Many thanks for the generous cooperation you and
your associates have always given me.

Signed: Charles POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

COPY

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
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JUL 12 1944

My dear General Donovan:

On July 7, Major Roger A. Pfaff sent me a copy of Secret report dated June 28, 1944 (X-2 No. X 491) entitled "The Schenker Company and its connections with the German Intelligence Services" (No. L4-3046).

The report under reference has been read and reviewed with great interest and I wish to commend the members of your staff for the succinct presentation of this useful information which discloses the expenditure of a great deal of time and effort well spent.

I want you to know that I am particularly interested in reports of the type under reference and would appreciate receiving a copy of any earlier reports on other companies as well as any future reports dealing with information of this type.

Sincerely yours,

F. B. Lyon

Frederick B. Lyon,
Chief, Division of
Foreign Activity Correlation.

Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan, Director,
Twenty-fifth and E Streets,
Office of Strategic Services.



ELMO ROPER

30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA • NEW YORK 20, N. Y.

Mr. Whitney Shephardson
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Whitney:

This letter is delayed, but I want you to know I am none the less enthusiastic. I want to thank you the organization of the Office of Strategic Services for the splendid cooperation your men in the field have given me in connection with a job I was commissioned to do. Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information.

The best way I can describe the quality of the work they did is to say that without the information they got me the report would have been a very feeble job; with their contributions the report turned out to be of the utmost importance.

I thank you and General Donovan for making this possible and will particularly thank those who cooperated in the field for me.

Cordially yours,

Elmo

Elmo Roper

LR:as

SA-4632

HEADQUARTERS 1ST U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 1, U.S. Army

9 July 194

Lt. Col., R. L. Downes
Commanding Officer
GCS Detachment 2,
Hq. First U.S. Army
APO 230

Dear Col. Downes:

I have just finished talking with the three French officers you were good enough to send me yesterday afternoon. They appear to be just as capable and efficient as the first two, and I believe they will be of great value to the Division. They have already gone to the combat teams.

I want to express my very real appreciation for your cooperation in this matter, and if at any time there is any way I can be of assistance, I hope you will call on me.

Cordially,

ROBERT F. EVANS,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
A.C. of S., G-2.

P.S.:
How is the Calvados situation?

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

July 8, 1944

Dear Donovan:

I noted with interest the activities outlined in your recent memoranda. Detachment 101 appears to have been of great assistance to General Merrill's troops in his campaign against the Japanese over difficult terrain. General Stilwell has also remarked on their value. In view of the success of the Simalur Island reconnaissance group in completing its mission, I have brought that report to the attention of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me these reports, and I am confident that future activities of OSS will be of comparable help toward the successful completion of the war.

Faithfully yours,



Brigadier General William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

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ADDENDUM TO APPENDIX "H" TO JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF MEMORANDUM
FOR INFORMATION NO. 258

Paraphrase of message received by Chief of Staff,
U.S. Army, from General Stilwell

"Services rendered by detachment 101 to Merrill's force in Myitkyina campaign were of great value. Information furnished on routes and enemy locations and strength assisted us greatly. We are further developing this organization because of its future potential value."

to Appendix

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1530 P STREET NW.
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Room 2641
195 Broadway
New York 7, N. Y.

July 8, 1944

Lieutenant Raymond Kellogg
Field Photographic Branch
Office of Strategic Services
25th & E Street NW
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Lieutenant Kellogg:

I have had opportunity to view the very excellent film on Mole which was prepared by your group. A few minor changes are now being introduced in accord with suggestions by yourself and others. When this work is completed, the NDRC would like very much to have two 16 mm prints; one to be sent to me and the other to Mr. Frank Trelease at the Maryland Research Laboratory.

Please accept my cordial thanks for the courteous collaboration of yourself and the personnel in your office.

Very sincerely yours,

William H. Crew
William H. Crew
Technical Aide
NDRC

cc: Dr. H. M. Chadwell
Mr. F. J. Trelease



INTER-MEAN PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE CENTER
H.Q., M.A.A.F., INTELLIGENCE SECTION
c/o M.A.P.R.W., APO 520

12/14/44

Ref :- MPIC/17/1

8 July 1944

Subject :- Reorganization of Photo Intelligence Library,
15th Air Force.

To :- A.C. of S., A-2, 15th Air Force
(Attn: Colonel Young)

1. This Center has noted with considerable satisfaction the excellent job done by Capt. D.G. Stampados in organizing Photo Coverage, Map and Mosaic files and indices for 15th Air Force, A-2 Section. Lists which he recently forwarded to us, which he will revise weekly, indicate a very comprehensive approach to what has proven a most vexing problem.

2. As M.P.I.C. feels that much confusion and duplication will be eliminated by the results of Capt. Stampados' efforts, with consequent improvement in M.A.P.R.W.'s service to your organization, it is desired to commend his execution of this task.

Thos. Semmes

T. J. SEMMES
Major, Air Corps
for Wing Commander
Commanding, M.P.I.C.

Copy to: C.O., OSS Detachment, Force 266
(Attn: Commander Green)

Captain Stampados:

Transmitted to you
with pleasure and satisfaction.
This has been a good piece
of work.

9 July 1944

Prin Barr
Colonel GSC
Deputy AC/SA2
15th Air Force

MEDIANEAN PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE CENTRE
H.Q., M.A.A.F., INTELLIGENCE SECTION
c/o M.A.P.R.W., APO 520

AM/1

Ref :- MPIC/7/6

7 July 1944

Subject :- Photo Library, 15th U.S.A.A.F. and
Photo Coverage Lists.

To :- H.Q., Co. B, 2677th Regt. (Prov), O.S.S. U.S. Army, APO 777
(Attn: Captain Stampados)

1. Your letter of 6th July 1944 on the above subject is acknowledged and a copy of the Photo Coverage List has been forwarded to H.Q., B.A.F. as arranged. It is hoped that this formation will make full use of the excellent facilities which you are offering.

2. Your work in this matter is highly appreciated by this Centre which, as you know, is intimately interested in the efficient dissemination of Photographic Intelligence material in the Theatre.

Alan Worthington

A. WORTHINGTON
Squadron Leader
for Wing Commander
Commanding, M.P.I.C.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

ATTENTION:

7 July 1944.

Brigadier General Wm. J. Donovan
Director Strategic Services
25th and "E" Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

A small group of us preceded the U. S. Chiefs of Staff to the U. K. to prepare for the recently completed conference of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

While in London several of us took the opportunity offered by your Colonel Joe Haskell to visit his Headquarters. We visited their operations rooms and were thoroughly read into the past, current and projected activities of that branch of your establishment with respect to the invasion of France.

While I had a general knowledge of OSS activities both in my Air Staff duties and as a member of the Joint and Combined Chiefs of Staff organizations, I had not fully appreciated the great contribution your organization is making in the European fight.

In Assam and Burma in March - 1944, I was again surprised and pleased to learn in detail of your very great assistance to the operation of our air units which are supporting General Stilwell and particularly in the recovery of airmen who bail out over the "Hump".

In both instances I have acquainted General Arnold with my greater appreciation of the value of OSS and want to take this opportunity to do likewise to you.

Sincerely,



L. S. KUTER,
Major General, U.S.A.
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Plans.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO:
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AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ARMY AIR FORCES
HEADQUARTERS, AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
WASHINGTON 25

July 7, 1944

Brig. General William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

This Command is in receipt of a communication from the Commanding Officer of Station No. 2, North African Wing, commending the conduct of certain personnel of the Office of Strategic Services. I take pleasure in quoting from the communication the following:

"Upon orders issued by competent authority the following contract civilian employees operating at this station under the designation of Pan-American personnel together with all of their equipment have been transferred to another location in North Africa:

Thomas A. Powers
Thomas F. Leonard
John Harvey

George M. Hanna
Scudder Georgia
Wilbert F. Brown

James Herbert

"In the seven months that I have been Base Commander of this station I have never had a single complaint or need to reprimand or discipline any member of this unit. They have attended to their official duties without fanfare or notice on the part of officer or enlisted personnel on this base and as far as I know of the French military and civilian population of this area. Their personal behavior and conduct on the base and in the city has been all that could be desired.

"The responsibility of assisting in the location and direction of transoceanic aircraft reporting in distress in their approach to this station has been wholeheartedly accepted by the individual members of this unit and their full cooperation in all of these emergencies has not only been enthusiastic but effective, unquestionably resulting in the safe arrival of certain distressed aircraft in need of bearing checks to help them to determine their exact position and in the location of lost aircraft whose distress signals were promptly and correctly plotted by the members of the unit on duty at the time.



"I wish to commend the unit as a whole and each individual member thereof listed above for the service and satisfaction they have given this base."

Yours very truly,

James H. Douglas Jr.

JAMES H. DOUGLAS
Colonel, G. S. C.
Deputy Chief of Staff

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

6 July 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendation for presentation of a United States
award to source HOUSTON.

TO : Commanding Officer,
2677th Regiment, A.F.H.Q.

Source HOUSTON, formerly known as HO a sub-source of the MADRID chain, has been furnishing information on Southern FRANCE for a period of over twelve months. In the last three months alone this source has turned in the remarkable total of nearly 400 reports from a total of some 40 identified agents and has provided information of operational importance on almost every type of enemy activity and installation.

This source has particularly distinguished itself in the matter of coast defenses and has provided excellent ground reports on German fortifications, especially between PORT VENDRES and SETE and in the environs of TOULON. Detailed mechanical drawings of a great many batteries and Regelbau, which were forwarded with their legend in German, were a particularly noteworthy contribution to our knowledge of enemy defense constructions.

This source has furthermore furnished a quantity of accurate information on German Order of Battle and reports on enemy TCOs (notably a complete breakdown of the TCO Alpenrose, which brought 2 S.S. Panzer Division DAS REICH from BORDEAUX to the TOULOUSE area) have been most helpful.

Qualitatively as well as quantitatively, Source HOUSTON has proven one of the best of the purely American contributions to Allied intelligence and the principal organizer of this chain can be said to have done, in an extremely important area and at an extremely important time, an outstanding job.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

[Signature]
C. C. SLOANE, JR.
Colonel, G.S.C.,
G-2 Section, A.I.

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REMARKS

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21 July

Capt.

Mr. Ryan

1. Following our recent conversation in which the following information might be of interest to you, though slightly out of date:

1170-1173-20-11750-1107-2070-V-2020-AM-2064-2065-2066-2056-2078 were evaluated as not photo interpretation, but of interest contained in these reports, the following results were shown:

confirmed: 57
possible: 15
probable: 15
unconfirmed: 56

2. Though the following are particularly interesting, they were also of interest in knowing they were good."

AM-2154 was given an "excellent" rating.

3. AM-2154 was given an "excellent" rating.

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DATE

FROM

TO

B. M. L. S.

OSS Form 4151

Date 10 Aug '44To Mr. Shepardson

For your information and please
return to the Director's files.

E
E. J. Putzell, Jr.

*At Col Bryson's
request I read a
brief paraphrase of
his conversation at
OSS Staff meeting
Office of the Executive Officer*

(30449)

Aug 8. W.H. Murphy

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HEADQUARTERS
COMPANY A. 2677th REGIMENT, OSS (PROVISIONAL)
APO 534, U. S. ARMY

2 August, 1944

For the Director.

My dear General:

I am attaching for your personal files three recent commendations of the work of Spanish SI chains which I am sure you will find as gratifying as I did.

Might I call to your attention the fact that one of these commendations bears the letterhead of the Seventh Army, making this particular document almost in the nature of Bigot.

For the Commanding Officer.

by: Frank Schoonmaker
Frank Schoonmaker
Chief, Spanish Desk, SI

Enclosures (3)

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A-2 SECTION

Ref: PRI/403/111

APC 520, U S ARMY
25 June, 1944

SUBJECT: Comment on O.S.S. Reports.

TO: O.S.S., A.F.H.Q., APC 512, U S Army.

1. Comment from photographs is made on the following reports:-

AM.2520. Para. 2 Airfield in CX region. Correct. L/G named MURET by M.A.P.R.W. See M.A.P.R.W. report C.901

AM.2506. Orange Caritat. Flak. Para. 16 and 17. Generally correct, but number of guns in batteries is 3 and not 4.

For the Wing Commander:

CHARLES L. MARBURG,
Lt. Col., Air Corps.
A.C. of S., A-2

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

6 JUL 1944

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Director of Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Donovan:

In reply to your inquiry of 3 July 1944, I am only too happy to give my personal approval to the arrangement you are making with General Maitland Wilson with regard to the furnishing of "search parties" in Rumania and Yugoslavia.

Your organization has been of valuable assistance to the Army Air Forces and the Army Air Transport Command - particularly, in the aid which was afforded in the evacuation of air crews grounded in Yugoslavia, Burma, and Albania.

Please accept my sincere congratulations on the activities of your office in the various theaters of operation.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,

H. H. ARNOLD,
General, U. S. A.,
Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
SIGNAL CORPS PHOTOGRAPHIC CENTER
35-11 35TH AVENUE
LONG ISLAND CITY 1, NEW YORK

July 5, 1944

Lt. Kellogg
Office of Strategic Services
South Agricultural Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lt. Kellogg:

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks for the cooperation you extended me on my recent visit to Washington, and the acquisition of three reels of your Burma film.

I would like to be in a position where your wonderfully informal courtesy may be reciprocated.

Sincerely,

Bernard Feins
BERNARD FEINS
Captain, Sig. C.

...the distance troops.
B. K.

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Presented 6 July 44

In the name of the President of the United States, it gives me great pleasure to award this Navy Cross to:

Major,
Peter J. Ortiz,
United States Marine Corps Reserve.

CITATION

"For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, in enemy-occupied territory, from January 8, 1944, to May 20, 1944. During this period, Major Ortiz, together with two other officers of an Inter-Allied Mission, after having been dropped from an airplane, in civilian clothes, reorganized existing Maquis groups and organized additional groups in the region of Rhone in a highly successful manner. By his tact, initiative, resourcefulness, and leadership, he was largely instrumental in the acceptance of the mission by the local Resistance leaders and in effecting the organization of parachute operations for the delivery of arms, ammunition, and equipment for the Maquis in his region. When four Royal Air Force officers were shot down in his region, Major Ortiz, although his identity had become known to the Gestapo with the resultant increase in personal hazard, voluntarily conducted them to the Spanish border, after which he returned and fearlessly resumed his duties until he was directed to return to the British Isles.

Throughout the period of this assignment, Major Ortiz repeatedly led successful raids against enemy forces greatly superior in number, inflicting heavy casualties with small losses to his own forces. His courageous leadership, and the astuteness with which these forays were planned and executed, were an inspiration to his subordinates.

As these duties were performed in civilian clothes, Major Ortiz was, at all times, subject to execution as a spy in the event of his capture.

The actions of Major Ortiz throughout his dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Marine Corps.

The conditions of this award are secret until the occupation of France is completed.

S/ Harold R. Stark

HAROLD R. STARK,
Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY:

E. C. HAFLEY
Major, ADG

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Communication
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22 July 1944

SUBJECT: Awards

TO : Secretary, Citations and Awards Board, OSS

- TOP*
Navy
Admiral
ICB
Director
- Name and rank of recipient:
Major Peter J. Ortiz, United States Marine Corps Reserve.
 - Specific award received:
NAVY CROSS
 - Has any award been received more than once?
NO
 - Dates of the actions cited:
8 January 1944 to 20 May 1944
 - Identity of orders in which citations were published:

NAVY CROSS - Orders - subject: "CITATION" by Commander,
U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

- Name and title of awarding officer:
HAROLD R. STARK,
Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

g. Date of presentation (if presented) and by whom and with
how much ceremony:

NAVY CROSS - 6 July 1944 by ADMIRAL HAROLD R. STARK,
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe. This award was made in the pres-
ence of - Brigadier-General Iyle M. Miller, USMC, Admiral Blake, R.N.,
Rear Admiral Wilson, USN, Colonel David K. E. Bruce, Commander Lester
Armour, Colonel Joseph F. Haskell, Lt Colonel Paul van der Stricht and
Captain Sheiley, USN.

h. Posthumous awards: NONE

i. Any other information considered apropos of the circumstances:
NONE.

1. Office of Strategic Services unit under which the individual
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For the Chief, SO:

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L. L. RAYMOND,
Major, AUS,
Chief, ASB Sec.

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U.S. NAVAL GROUP, CHINA
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER
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5 July 1944.

From: The Commander, U.S. Naval Group, China,
To: War Department, Office of the Adjutant
General.
Via: The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: Major Arden W. Dow, AUS; Captain Frank
A. Gleason, AUS. - Commendation of.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of Chinese ltr of Commendation. 2-1
(B) Copy of translation of letter.

1. Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded herewith with request that they be specially attached to the service records of Major Arden W. Dow, AUS and Captain Frank A. Gleason, AUS. These officers were serving under me in connection with a training program in the guerilla country of China. As such they accomplished a great deal more than can be written on paper. They gained the respect and admiration of the Chinese as well as the American naval personnel under their command. Both officers are natural leaders and showed a great deal of ability in accomplishing the mission upon which they were sent.

2. I would be glad to have Major Dow and Captain Gleason under my command under any conditions in any theatre in this war, either afloat or ashore.

Copies to:
Director OSS Washington, D.C.
Director OSS China Theatre
M. E. MILES.

No. 3 Camp.
March 1st, 1944.

Dear Capt. Miles,

Major Dow has been in No. 3 Camp for over three months, where he displayed brilliantly his great enthusiasm in his work, his methodical ways of intention and unexampled excellent merits, with Capt. Gleason as his assistant. Moreover, when the task of relocating the Pieng Sun () Bridge was undertaken he personally proceeded to the front to assume the directing responsibility, and consequently, complete success has been achieved and smashing blows delivered to the enemy. Such great deeds profoundly commend our admiration. As Major Dow and Capt. Gleason are being transferred to Chungking, I sincerely hope that they will carry on their efforts in the great spirit of Sino-American Cooperation.

Besides asking Major Dow to report everything to you personally, I avail myself in this opportunity to extend to you the assurance of my high consideration.

Yours,

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General Tai-11-50-11-13

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Stewart
S. E. WOLFORD
Ensign, U. S. Navy

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I have been advised that General Marshall himself asked General Stilwell to evaluate the service which has been rendered by Detachment 101. General Stilwell's answer was that 101's work was of great importance, especially to Calahad in the Myitkyina drive. He also stated that the organization will be additionally expanded since it possesses future potential importance. Kindly use the above information with caution. However, it is extremely significant and without doubt should be very pleasing news for you.

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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
G-5 Division

SHAEF/G-5/1808

4 July 1944

Dear

General Donovan

On behalf of this Headquarters, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my warmest thanks for the assistance which the OSS Unit in London has rendered and continues to render to the Legal Branch of this Division. A special sub-section of the Legal Branch has been working for some time on legal planning for the immediate post-surrender period in Germany and Austria. In connection with this work, the Legal Branch has made a number of demands upon various specialists who are employed by your organization, and I am most happy to inform you that their numerous demands have been met with the most encouraging cooperation and assistance.

The help which the OSS Unit in London is giving the Legal Branch is proving of the greatest value, and I would like again to thank you for its services, which are very generally appreciated.

Yours,

A. E. Grasett
A. E. GRASSETT
Lieutenant General
Assistant Chief of Staff
G-5 Division

Brigadier General W. J. Donovan
OSS
Washington, D. C.

Copy to: Col. David Bruce, OSS, 72 Grosvenor Street, London

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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- 3 JUL 1944

From: CNO
To : The Director of the Office of Strategic Services, (Chief of the Field Photograph Branch).
Subj: 16 mm. sound film, Making of.
Encl: (A) 16 mm. confidential silent black and white film: "Naval Net Depot, Noumea, Salvage and Repair Activity."
(B) Record of commentary to accompany Encl.(A). (Confidential).

1. It is requested that the matter contained in Enclosures (A) and (B), which are synchronized, be combined in a 16 mm. sound negative, and that six (6) prints of this negative be made for the use of this office.

2. The reason for making this request of the O.S.S. is that the facilities of the Photo Science Laboratory are overtaxed at this time.

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Approved H.E.D. Kellogg

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