Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

A native chief here on Guadalcanal whose name is Vouza and who holds our citation of the Legion of Merit in addition to two Silver Stars and the British King George Medal for services rendered to Col. Carbrook and the First Marines in 1945 has asked me to pass this letter to the "Man Who Directed" his certificate of citation for the S.O. of M. This citation bears the signature of the late President and Senator Frank Knox. Lt. Vouza, who has been in the bush and hills with his people since the Japs left didn't receive this citation until recently and this it bears the date 13 July 1943. I cannot explain this delay in its transmission. However, in due time he is expressing his sentiments.
If desired the P.O. Box address is:

S.M. J. VOUZA
TUTUMU
C/O RESIDENT COMMISSIONER
BRITISH SOLOMON ISLAND PROTECTORATE
GUADALCANAL.

For my own and my colleagues, may
please all your mail here to 20th Station Hospital
two years ago. That was a big event for
us — and we're still passing it out.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

H. E. Tompkins
Capt., M.C.

20th Station Hospital
A.P.O. 1052, 010 P.M.

S.F. Calif.

Tompkins
Autumn
Guadalcanal
British Solomon Islands
21st July 1945.

Dear Sir,

I very pleased to receive the Legion of Merit from you.

I praise God for it, and all of us in Guadalcanal on July 12, 1945. I got this present from you.

Very sorry I did not understand how to write a long story to you. Remember us in time after this War. God may bless you.

I am your obedient servant
Sergeant Major Kuniya. R.S.I.P.