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write back

Saturday 29 Sept 1945.

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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 our Silver Star and the British King George Medal for services he rendered to Col Carlson and the First Marines in 1942 has asked me to send this letter to the "man who signed" his certificate of citation for the L. of M.. This citation bears the signature of the late president and Secretary Frank Knox - Sgt. Vouza, who has been in the bush and hills with his people since the Japs left didn't received this citation until recently altho 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 Rev's full address is:

S. A. J. VOUZA.
TUTUMU
c/o RESIDENT COMMISSIONER
BRITISH SOLOMON ISLAND PROTECTORATE
GUADALCANAL -

For my own and my colleagues, may I recall your visit here to 20th Station Hospital two years ago. That was a big event for us — and we're still penetrating it out -

With kindest regards,

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

20th Station Hospital
A.P.O. 1056 c/o P.M.
S.F., Calif.

Tompkins

Tutumu
Guadalcanal
British Solomon
Islands
21st July 1945.

Dear Sir,

I very Please to receive the

LEGION OF MERIT from you.

I Praise God for it, and all of us
in Guadalcanal. on July 12. 1945.
I get 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.
untill we meet us in Heaven.
I'am your Obedient Servent
Sergeant Major Vouza. B.S.I.P.