MR 101 (1) Sec. 2 COMMENDATION, CITATION, CONGRATULATIONS
1942 & 1943

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REQUEST YOU CONVEY U.S. NAVY'S HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO ADMIRALTY ON SINKING OF SCHARNHORST AND ASK THEM TO PASS TO HOME FLEET.

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 2(E) and 5(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 5, 1973
By SLR
Date NOV 26 1973
From: Adv Ech GEQ SWPA
To: War
No. CA121  24 December 1943.

To General Marshall personal from MacArthur

CA121.

My deepest thanks for your fine message. Your trip here was an inspiration to all ranks and its effects were immediate. You have no more loyal and faithful followers than here. All of your old friends join me in birthday greetings and the hope that God will preserve and bless you in the great work that lies ahead.

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E.O. 11142, Sec. 43(N) and 50(D) as D
USD, Letter, May 1, 1972

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**Action:**

COMSOPAC SENDS ACTION BUDOCKS INFO SECNAV.

"HATCHET PACKING SEABEE" YOUR 112130 CARL ERWIN HULL CM 2ND 25TH SEABEES COMPANY I AWARDED SILVER STAR TODAY. A WORTHY MEMBER OF OUR SOUTH PACIFIC JUNGLE HACKING JAP CRACKING ALL SERVICES TEAM.

**Signed:**

E.O. 11662, Sec. 3(E) and 3(D) or (E)

OSD letter, May 1, 1972

By SLR Date Nov 26 1973

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INTERCEPT

COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CTF 50. INFO CINCPAC PASS INFO COMAIRPAC. COMGENPAC ALSO INFO.

YOUR MARTIAL ACTION IN THE MARSHALLS HAS THE WHOLE SOUTH PACIFIC HOARSE FROM CHEERING. I TAKE GREAT PERSONAL SATISFACTION IN SEEING THE CUSTOM OF RUDELY DROPPING IN ON THEM CONTINUED.

HALSEY.
CINCPAC SENDS TO COMINCH FOR ACTION. INFO COMCENPAC
COM 5TH PHIB COM 5TH PHIB CORPS CINCPAC ADMIN MARCORPS.
CINCPAC HAS INFO BY TELETYPOE. ORIGINATED AT RDO
TARAWA.

IT IS MY OPINION AFTER PERSONAL INSPECTION TARAWA THAT
CAPTURE THAT OBJECTIVE MARKS ALL TIME HIGH IN GLORIOUS
HISTORY OF THE 2ND MARINE DIVISION AND THE MARINE CORPS
THE DESPERATE NATURE OF THE FIGHTING IS ATTESTED BY
THE HEAVY CASUALTIES WHICH WILL BE REPORTED LATER. THE
CAPTURED AIRDROME HAS BEEN DESIGNATED HAWKINS FIELD
WITH MY APPROVAL IN MEMORY OF 1ST LIEUT W D HAWKINS
USMCR WHOSE OUTSTANDING BRAVERY IN CLOSE COMBAT AIDED
MATERIALLY IN THE CAPTURE OF THE ISLAND. HE WAS
WOUNDED IN EACH OF 3 DIFFERENT SORTIES HE LED AGAINST
ENEMY MACHINE GUN POSITIONS AND WAS KILLED IN THE 4TH
SUCH VENTURE. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE IMMEDIATE
PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL OF COLONEL MERRIT A.

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EDISON USNCR FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY IN GALVANIC. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OTHER AWARDS WILL BE MADE IN DUE COURSE. ALL PARTICIPATING SERVICES AND UNITS GAVE THEIR BEST EFFORTS WITHOUT STINT.

COMINCH....ACT.

MARCORPS....

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CRD Issuer, May 1, 1972
By ELR

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IN CIRCEPT-

(COM____PAC SENDS)

CTG 50.2 300345 INDICATES YOU DID A FINE JOB THE OTHER NIGHT IN REPELLING TORPEDO PLANE ATTACK BY SKILLFUL MANEUVERING AND EFFECTIVE GUN FIRE. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND WITH OUR CARRIER NIGHT FIGHTERS ON THEIR NECKS THE JAPS WILL NOT BE SO KEEN ABOUT MAKING SUCH ATTACKS.

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(F) and 6(D) or (F)
OSD letter, May 3, 1972
By SLR Date

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YOUR 265538 GUIDEON AWARDED ONE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT
CITATION FOR SERVICE PERIOD SINCE 7 DECEMBER 1941
TO APRIL 25, 1943. PERMANENT CITATION BEING FOR-
WARDED CINCPAC BY AIRMAIL. PRESENTATION MAY BE MADE
ON TEMPORARY CITATION IF CINCPAC SO DESIRES.

BOARD OF DEC & AWARDS....ORIG
COM INCH....CNO....SUPERS....99....NAV ADE....
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OPNAV-NCR-16

291432 101
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMSUBSPAC
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 27 NOVEMBER 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 2144
DECODED BY: KURTZ
PARAPHRASED BY: STEEN
ROUTED BY: HUTCHINSON

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

COM 7TH FLEET
CTF 71
CINCPAC

REFERENCE COM 7TH FLEET FIRST ENDORSEMENT SERIAL 0736 OF 3 JULY TO CTF 71, SECRET LETTER 23 JUNE 1943 AWARD OF FIRST AND SECOND PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATIONS TO USS GUDGEON. RECOMMENDATION FOR AND ONI WEEKLY 6 OCTOBER 1943 PP. 2959-2960. GUDGEON PRESIDENTIAL CITATION HAS NEVER BEEN RECEIVED BY THIS COMMAND. GUDGEON NOW OPERATING IN TASK FORCE 17. PLEASE ADVISE.

BOARD OF DECORATIONS AND AWARDS...ACT.
COMINCH...CNO...BUPERS...NAYEADE...290P...

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OPNAV-NCR-16

260538...101
COM 3RD FLEET TO CINCPAC.

PLEASE EXTEND TO ALL CONCERNED WITH GALVANIC OUR CONGRATULATIONS ON A RAPID AND DECISIVE VICTORY.

HALSEY.

*PASSED TO INFO ADEES BY CINCPAC AS 26-315.

By SLR Date: NOV 26 1973

SECRET
**INTERCEPT**

(TO COMDESRON 23 AND ALL HANDS IN YOUR 5 SHIPS. COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION COMDESRON 23 COMAIRSOLS INFO ALL TFC'S SOPAC.)

I ADMIRE YOUR FIGHTING ABILITY AND ENVY EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY IN COMING TO CLOSE GRIPS WITH THE ENEMY. THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE IS PROUD OF YOUR CLEAN CUT AND CRUSHING VICTORY. TO COMAIRSOLS AND HIS FLYING TEAM A SALUTE FOR PROMPT AND COMFORTING ASSISTANCE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

HALSEY.

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OPNAV-NCR-13

250505 101
INTERCEPT

(CINCPAC SENDS ACTION CONCENPAC FOR INFO CONPACFOR.)

MY SYMPATHY OVER LOSSES INCURRED. PLEASE CONVEY MY BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOUR WOUNDED.

SIGNED,

NIMITZ

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OPNAV-NCR-15

240100   101
INTERCEPT

(THE IS SECRET FROM COMCENPAC. CTF 53 AND CG 2ND MARDIV HOLD FOR ACTION, NPM PASS INFO TO CINCPAC CTF 52 AND COMSOPAC)

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HARD Fought VICTORY.
THE 2ND MARINE DIVISION HAS ADDED ANOTHER BRILLIANT PAGE TO THE HISTORY OF THE CORPS AND THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM YOUR BATTLE ON BETIO ISLAND WILL BE OF GREATEST VALUE TO OUR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

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**FOR 31 KNOT BURKE AND HIS GANG WELL DONE.**

**KINMITZ.**

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 203 and 207 or (6)

GSD letter, March 4, 1972

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**Incl: OCUSOPAC SENDS ACTION CTF 31 INFO ALL TFCS SOPAC CINCPAC COMINC CINCOWESOPAC COMGENSOPAC CONGEN VELLA LAVELLA. IN ANOTHER SYSTEM CONGENS THIRD MAR DIV, 37TH DIVISION, AND 8TH NEW ZEAL BRIGADE HAS ACTION AND COMPANY (IFMAC IS INFO)

REFER TO THIS AS MY 141228.


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RECEIVED AS 141228

E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 1(D) or (E)

OGD letter, May 3, 1972

By SLR

Date: NOV 2-6-1973

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141228/101
(COMSOPAC PASSES TO COMINCH FOR ACTION)

"REQUEST YOU TRANSMIT TO GENERAL ARNOLD THE GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF TASK FORCE 38 FOR HIS INSPIRING MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 10. WE WILL FOREVER ADMIRE THE GREAT PERFORMANCES IN MANY THEATRES OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES."

PASS BY COMSOPAC TO COMINCH FOR ACTION OF CTF 38'S 130010 AS 173327 IN.

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(COMSOPAC ADVON TO CTF 38 INFO CINCPAC COM 5TH FLEET ALL TFC'S SOPAC COMAIRSOLS COMINCH CINCSOWESPAC.)

PLEASE CONVEY TO ALL HANDS IN TASK FORCE 38 MY UTMOST ADMIRATION FOR THEIR BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE DURING THE NOVEMBER OPERATIONS IN SOPAC. YOU HAVE DEALT SEVERE BLOWS TO THE ENEMY AT BUKA AND RABAUL. YOUR FIRST ATTACK ON SHIPPING IN RABAUL WAS ANOTHER SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD. YOUR SECOND WAS EQUALLY EFFECTIVE ALTHOUGH HAMPERED BY LACK OF SUFFICIENT TARGETS. I KNOW YOU WILL CARRY ON SUCCESSFULLY IN CENTRAL PACIFIC OPERATIONS. GOOD HUNTING AND GOOD LUCK.

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HALSEY.
(COMSOPAC ADVON TO CTG 50.3 INFO CINCPAC COM 5TH FLEET ALL TF COMS SOPAC COMAIRSOLS COMINCH CINCSONESPAC)

MY SALUTE TO A HARD HITTING TASK GROUP. YOUR DETERMINED ONSLAUGHT AGAINST TOJOS SHIPPING WILL MAKE HIM SO SORRY. AND THAT WHOLESALE MASSACRE OF HIS ATTACKING PLANES MAKES SUPERB HISTORY. BEST WISHES FOR MORE JAP SMACKING.

HALSEY

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120559  101
NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM: COMSOPAC ADVON
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 12 NOVEMBER 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 1257

RECEIVED BY: EYER
PARAPHRASED BY: SCHNEIDER
ROUTED BY: 

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CINCPAC
COM 5TH FLEET
ALL TFC'S SOPAC
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INFORMATION

INTERCEPT

COMSOPAC ADVON TO CTG 5/3 INFO CINCPAC COM 5TH FLEET ALL TFC'S SOPAC COMAIRSOLS COMINCH CINCSOES-PAC.

MY SALUTE TO A HARD HITTING TASK GROUP. YOUR DETERMINED ONSLAUGHT AGAINST TOJOS SHIPPING WILL MAKE HIM SO WORRY. ADD THAT WHOLESALE MASSACRE OF HIS ATTACKING PLANES MAKES SUPERB HISTORY. BEST WISHES FLY BORE GOP, KING X HALSEY.

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12559 NCR 2234

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMORUDIV 6
RELEASED BY: (INDEF CALL)
DATE: 10 NOVEMBER 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 1840
DECODED BY: GRUNEWALD
PARAPHRASED BY: SAPP

TO: USS PHILADELPHIA

INFORMATION: COMINCH
PARAPHRASED INFORMATION: CINCINNATI
ROUTED BY: COMNAVNAW

NAVAL MESSAGE RECLASSIFIED
E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(5) and 6(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 1, 1972
By SLR: Data: NOV 2, 1973

COMMANDER CRUISER DIVISION 8 ORIGINATOR.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE PHILADELPHIA FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN COMMANDER CRUISER DIVISION 8 DESIRES TO CONVEY TO YOU THE OFFICERS AND MEN WHO HAVE SO FAITHFULLY AND LOYALLY SERVED IN THE FLAGSHIP HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE SKILL, DETERMINATION AND THE OFFENSIVE SPIRIT WITH WHICH YOU HAVE MET AND DEFEATED THE ENEMY. YOU HAVE TAKEN A LEADING PART IN THE THREE GREATEST AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS RECORDED IN HISTORY. YOU HAVE MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADVANCE OF THE ARMIES AFTER LANDING. YOU HAVE REDUCED THE ENEMIES SHORE BATTERIES, PORTS, CITIES AND STRONG POINTS, DAMAGED A SUBMARINE, ROUTED AND DESTROYED HIS

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092350 101
TASKS, TROOPS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND HAVE SHOT DOWN HIS AIRPLANES WHICH ATTACKED YOU ON THIRTY-FIVE OCCASIONS. THAT YOU HAVE SUFFERED NO MORE SERIOUS LOSS OF PERSONNEL OR DAMAGE TO YOUR SHIP IS A TRIBUTE TO YOUR INTREPIDITY, DISCIPLINE, MORALE, TEAM WORK AND OFFENSIVE WILL. WELL DONE. THE PROMPT RESTORATION OF THE PHILADELPHIA TO FULL FIGHTING STRENGTH AND RETURN TO SERVICE AS FLAGSHIP IS DESIRED.

R. C. 1163A. Sec. (CR) and (CD) or (S)
Old letter, May 1, 1973
By SLR  Date  NOV 2-4-1973

SECRET
COMSOAP. ACTION CTF 38. INFO SARATOGA, PRINCETON, TASK FORCE 38, ALL TFC'S SOPAC, CINCPAC, COMINCH, CINCOWESPACEC, COMSOAPEAC, COM 5TH ADVON (LAST 3 VIA NAVCOM MORESBY) AND COMAIRSOLS.

WHEN THE SARATOGA IS GIVEN A CHANCE SHE IS READY. PRINCETON CAN TAKE A DEEP INITIAL SOPAC BOW TOO. THAT $50712 IS REAL MUSIC TO ME AND OPENS THE STOPS TO A FUNERAL DIRGE FOR TOJO'S RABAUL. MAY THE JAP CRIPPLES BE PERMANENTLY BURIED IN DAVY JONES LOCKER.

HALSEY.
From Wimpy

CINC PAC SENDS ACTION CONSOPAC AND COM TASKFORCE 38.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONCERNED ON YOUR DARING AND EFFECTIVE STRIKE ON RABAUL.

(Santoyo, Princeton)
(COMSOPAC ORIGINATOR. ACTION TO COMAIRSOPAC Info COMGENSOPAC COMGENFMAC ALL TFG'S SOPAC CINCPAC COMINCH COMWSOPAC CINCSOWESPAC.)

I WISH TO EXTEND MY ADMIRATION AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND TO ALL HANDS CONCERNED FROM PILOTS TO GROUND CREWS FOR THE SPLENDID AIR EFFORT PRECEDING AND DURING THE TREASURY AND EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY INITIAL LANDINGS. YOU SAID YOU COULD NEUTRALIZE THE BOUGAINVILLE AIRFIELDS. YOU DID AND HOW! YOU PROMISED EFFECTIVE AIR COVER AND SUPPORT AND KEPT THAT PROMISE IN OUTSTANDING FASHION. THE JAPS HAVEN'T RECOVERED YET. KEEP THEM FALLING. HALSEY.
11-4-43

COLESOL MATHENSON:

The original went on down to the Munitions Bldg., and I thought you would wish to retain the carbon in your files.

1d

11-4-43

4 November 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Attention: War Department Decoration Board

1. From information furnished by the War Department it is understood that a medal such as was given to the city of Verdun in 1922 in the name of the Congress and the people of the United States can only be presented by special authority of Congress.

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4. Your suggestions as to a suitable citation or inscription would be appreciated.

(Signed)

EJWIN M. WATSON,
Major General, U.S. Army,
Secretary to the President.

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By W. J. Stewart Date NOV 26 1973

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Attention: War Department Decoration Board.

The suggestion has been made that it might be appropriate for the United States Government to confer a suitable decoration or citation, possibly in the form of a scroll, upon such cities as Stalingrad, Chungking, and the Island of Malta for their stubborn unwillingness to yield to Axis aggression.

Information is requested as to whether there exists any historic precedent for such action, together with your recommendation as to the best method of procedure in the present cases.

Should decision be taken to present something in the form of a scroll, information is desired as to the government agency which is best prepared to accomplish this work.

A draft of suggested citation for use in connection with such a scroll would also be appreciated.

Your immediate action in this matter and prompt reply is desired.

L. MATTHEWS,
Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant to the Military Aides.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 7TH FLT
RELEASED BY: 24 OCT 43
DATE: 24 OCT 43
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DECODED BY: W STRONG
PARAPHRASED BY: THOMSON
ROUTED BY: SOBEL

ASSEMBLY NUMBER

COM 7TH FLT SENDS ACT BUPERS.

COM 7TH FLT PRESENTED NAVY CROSS TO
RADW DANIEL E BARBEY ON OCT 22ND FOR
HIS ACTION AS COMMANDER NAVAL TASK
FORCE DURING LAE AND FINCHHAFFEN LANDINGS.

RELACIFIED
E. O. 11652, Sec. 2(b) and 5(c) or (f)
OSD letter, May 3, 1973
By SLR Date: NOV 26 1973

BUPERS...ACT
COMINCH...CNO...GAF...NAVAIDE...SOII...FILE

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOPKINS

For your information, it is now proposed that Wing Commander Guy P. Gibson, R.A.F., will receive his American decoration from General Marshall in General Marshall’s office at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, 19 October 1943.

CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff.

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COMMANDING GENERAL
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
FREEDOM ALIENS

Number 72

For Eisenhower from Ulio SFXPD-B re your W 2380 MAAG October 13

Being published in War Dept General Orders Silver Star awarded
Major General Cameron G G Nicholson. Also being published here
awards to Guirard, Cracknell and Henriques.

ORIGINATOR: ASF-TAG
INFORMATION: OPD
G-1
EPR
Gen Deane

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 2(E) and 5(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 1, 1972
By SLR Date NOV 26 1973

CM-OUT-5048 (14 Oct 43) 1858Z Jb

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From: Algiers  
To: War  

Mr: W 2580, 13 October, 1943  

AGWAR SXP-D-B signed Eisenhower cite HAAGE.  

Cameron G C Mitchell Maj General CBE DSO MC  
13382 British Army recurred 9288 dated 4 October. Silver Star awarded him being announced in AVEQ orders as having been awarded by War Department therefore request you publish in WD orders. Other British officers being awarded in Matousa orders all are below the grade of Colonel. Recurred 8506 dated 14 March for citation on Nicholson.  

No Sig.  

Note: 9288 is CM-OUT-1416 (4 Oct 43) ASF-TAG  
8506 is CM-IN-7328 (14 Mar 43) ASF  

ACTION: ASF  

INFORMATION: OPD  
General Deane (CCS)  
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BPR  

CM-IN-7711 (13 Oct 43) 1643Z sjv
ADRESSEES ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO AWARD THE PURPLE HEART TO OFFICERS AND MEN OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMANDS WOUNDED DUE TO ENEMY ACTION DURING OPERATION AVALANCHE.

COMCRUDIV 8, COMLANDCRABNAY, COM 8TH PHIB, INFO BUPERS.

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Mil. Per. Div., D&H Div.,

October 4, 1943

CO
FM

Number 9288

For Eisenhower from Ulio SPF3 Div. your W 1325 MAAG 30 Sept.

British Government has cleared DSO awarded Lt Colonel H C O
Heathham and silver star to Major General C O G Nicholson, Lt Colonel
Robert D Henriques Capt T P Cracknell and Capt M L Guirard awards
have been gazetted.

ORDINATOR: ASW-TAG
INFORMATION: CPD
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REMARKS
E. O. 11052, Sec. 2(E) and 5(D) or (E)

By SLR Date NOV 26 1973

CM-OUT-1415 (1 Oct 43) 2028Z 1cc

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THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
PERSONAL TO ADMIRAL KING FROM V.C.W.S.

CAPTAIN, OFFICERS AND SHIPS COMPANY OF H.M.S. VICTORIUS

ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THEIR PERIOD OF ACTIVE SERVICE WITH
THE U.S. FLEET. THEY WERE MOST IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFICIENCY
OF THAT FLEET AND OF AMERICAN DOCKYARDS AND SUBSIDIARY
SERVICES AND THEY GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE INVARIALE
COURTESY AND GREAT HELP WHICH THEY RECEIVED FROM ALL RANKS
AND RATINGS. VICTORIUS HAS RETURNED BETTER EQUIPPED AND
OPERATIONALLY MORE EFFICIENT THAN WHEN SHE LEFT U.K. MAY
WE SAY HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE TO YOU, ADMIRAL NIMITZ, ADMIRAL
RAMSEY AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED. WE HOPE THAT OTHER BRITISH
SHIPS MAY HAVE SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES OF OPERATING UNDER
YOUR COMMAND.

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REFER YOUR DESPATCHES 311523, 311421 AND 311422 OF SEPTEMBER. REAR ADM LAURENCE T. ELBOUSE USN, CAPTAIN LORENZO S. SABIN USN AND COMDR EDWIN R. DURGIN USN AWARDED LEGIONS OF MERIT. IF YOU DESIRE ARRANGE FOR PRESENTATION WITH RIBBON BAR AND TEMPO-RARY CITATION, MEDALS AND PERMANENT CITATION WILL BE FORWARDED.

SUPERS...ORIG
COMINC...MR....MAVAID...@...CNO....FILE

E. O. 11052, Sec. 2(D) and 5(D) or (D)
OSD latter, May 1, 1973
By SLR Date NOV 2, 1973

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By SLR Date Nov 26 1973

IN ACCORDANCE RECOMMENDATION CTF 86 IN WHICH I STRONGLY CONCUR RECOMMEND THAT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL BE AWARDED REAR ADMIRAL LAURENCE T. DUBOSE USN WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT IN A DUTY OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. IN COMMAND OF A FIRE SUPPORT GROUP DURING LANDING ATTACK ON COAST OF SICILY JULY 10 TO 12 HE SHOWED AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP AND GREAT SKILL AND BY HIS PROMPT AND DECISIVE ACTION ENEMY SHORE DEFENSES WERE

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DESTROYED. HE MATERIALLY ASSISTED SUCCESSFUL
ACCOMPLISHMENT MISSION ARMED FORCES UNITED STATES.

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IN ACCORDANCE RECOMMENDATION CTF 86 IN WHICH I STRONGLY CONCUP RECOMMEND THAT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL BE AWARDED COMMANDER EDWARD R. DURGIN USN COMDESRON 13 WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT IN A DUTY OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AS COMMANDER OF LCT CONVOY ENROUTE SICILY DESPITE BAD WEATHER BY CORRECT DECISION AND PROMPT ACTION BROUGHT TANKS TO BEACHHEADS EARLY IN MORNING OF ASSAULT. DURING ASSAULT COMMANDED FIRE SUPPORT UNIT BY SKILLFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY OF HIS DESTROYER UNITS MADE POSSIBLE RAPID PROGRESS ARMY UNITS ASHORE AND HIS SOUND JUDGMENT IN PLACING ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND ANTI-SUBMARINE SHIPS MAJOR FACTOR IN DEFENSE AND OPERATIONS.

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COMINCH...GOR...NAVAIDE...GO...STOP...GNO....

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COMINCH congratulates INFO ADEES on success of their recent resourceful and efficient operations.
WELL DONE.
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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: WAR (Relay of No. R-761-80 from Algiers).
To: BOSCO

No. 140 21 Aug 43

General Alexander, the originator of the following message, requests it be passed to General Marshall:

"I should like to thank you for your kind message which I greatly appreciate. The wonderful success of the American 7th Army has given me no greater pleasure than myself."

From General Alexander to General Marshall. This is paraphrase of MA 445 from 15 Army Group.

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ACTION: Gen Marshall

INFORMATION: White House
Gen Arnold
Adm Leahy
Gen Kuter
Adm King
Gen Mudamaly
Adm Cooke
Adm Wilson
Gen Handy
Gen Deane

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By SLR Date NOV 26 1973

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INCOMING MESSAGE
URGENT

From: WAR (Relay from Brisbane C-4873)
To: BOSCO
No. 106 August 19, 1943

Many thanks your congratulations. Reference 72 18th. We finished that. (C-4873 to Chief of Staff, War Department from AFL SWPA signed MacArthur) today.

NoSig

Note: Reference is BOSCO-OUT-72 (18 Aug 43) Gen Handy

ACTION Gen Handy
Information White House
Gen Marshall
Gen Arnold
Gen Kuter

BOSCO-IN-133 (19 Aug 43) 0321Z Dnk

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORIY

From: WAR (relay of Freedom W-7639)
To: BOSCO

No: 101 18 August 43

Thank you very much for your generous message of congratulations which I truly appreciate. Personal from Eisenhower to General Marshall.

I have passed on to each of the other officers concerned your commendations and I assure you, in advance of their own replies, that nothing that they could receive could please them more.

We are all extremely proud of the smooth functioning during the Sicilian campaign of the Allied team, among all services. The aggressiveness, determination, skill and cooperative spirit of all naval, air and ground units were exemplary.

For your personal information, on the American side of the ground organization, Generals Patton, Bradley and Keys and each of the division commanders have been outstanding. Unit leadership throughout the command has greatly improved. Our soldiers literally kept marching when no skin was left on the bottom of their feet and fought magnificently and successfully in one of the most unrelenting offensives in which American troops have ever participated.

Difficulties in movement, in fighting, and in supply were almost unimaginable but leadership and ingenuity overcame them all. The Americans here have established themselves as a completely worthy teammate for the famous British 8th Army and Alexander is fortunate in having a double-barreled punch that he can continue to use with increasing fury against the enemy.

BOSCO-IN-130 (18th Aug 43) REM BY SE

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From: WAR (relay of Freedom W-7639)
To: BOSCO
No: 101

18 August 43 Page -2-

American naval and air forces have functioned
with their accustomed efficiency and gallantry. I
have already recommended Admirals Kiek, Connell and
Hall for the DSM. The naval commander (Davidson)
who supported Patton so magnificently in his end runs
will later be recommended. I have also submitted
Doolittles name for the same decoration. (*)

No Sig

Note: BOSCO CMG invites attention to OUT-43/44 (17 Aug 43)
Gen Marshall

ACTION: Gen Marshall

Information: Gen Handy
Gen Arnold

(*) Being serviced

BOSCO-IN-130 (18 August 43) 2208Z RAC

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JCS LETTER 7-6-72
BY DATE NOV 26 1973

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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: WAR (relayed from Algiers W-7550)
To: BOSCO
No: 86, 17th August 43

"Thank you very much for your number 4476. You may be sure that we never for a single instant forget the very difficult problems you have at home and we always attempt to coordinate our action with our understanding of your requirements. Where mistakes have been made, it has been because of a lack of accurate knowledge as to general governmental policy, since everyone here is imbued with the idea that we are merely fighting one segment of the war directed by the governments of the United Nations. We have no thought that we are conducting an isolated campaign.

New Subject. Mr Macmillan carried to London a letter for you concerning some difficulty occasioned here by inaccurate or indiscreet nature of BBC broadcasting from London. Since you had already left the City, he took this up with Brendan Bracken and now assures me that the matter will be handled effectively."

Nosig.

ACTION: [Mr. Churchill]
INFORMATION: [White House]
[Gen Marshall]
[Gen Handy]

BOSCO-IN-103 (17th Aug 43) 1641Z

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E. O. 11052, Sec. 2(E) and 5(D) or 25
OSD letter, May 5, 1972
By SLR Date NOV 2 6 1973

GEORGE
YOUR 302352. AWARD FOR REAR ADMIRAL DUTRA
FORWARDED TO YOU REGISTERED MAIL 28 JULY 1943.

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SUPERS...NAV&AIDE...16...10/11...
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E. O. 11683, Enc. 1(D) and 2(D) or 0(D)
OCC action, Mar. 1, 1972
By SLR Date Nov 26 1973

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**AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL TO MAJOR GENERAL EUGENE M. LANDRUM ARMY OF UNITED STATES APPROVED. ARRANGE PRESENTATION WITH UNCLASSIFIED TEMPORARY CITATION. PERMANENT CITATION WILL BE FORWARDED BY MAIL.**

(Commanding General, Army Forces, Alaska, Operation)

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I STRONGLY CONCUR IN ACCORDANCE RECOMMENDATION CTF 65 IN WHICH RECOMMEND THAT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL BE AWARDED REAR ADMIRAL L.A. DAVIDSON WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT IN A DUTY OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. IN COMMAND OF TRANSPORTS AND FIRE SUPPORT SHIPS DURING LANDING ATTACK COAST OF SICILY JULY 16 TO 12 BY HIS INITIATIVE JUDGEMENT AND PROMPT AND DECISIVE ACTION HE MATERIALLY ASSISTED SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT MISSION ARMED FORCES UNITED STATES.

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Task Force Commanders in "Husky"

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By SLR Date: NOV 26 1973

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PLEASE CONVEY TO ADMIRAL AINSWORTH MY MOST CORDIAL CONGRATULATIONS (XC 4914) ON THE SPLENDID STRIKE OF TASK GROUP 36.1. IT REFLECTED YOUR OWN INSPIRING LEADERSHIP.

*COMSOPAC PASSED TO CTG 36.1 AS 082314.

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COMMANDING GENERAL
FREEDOM, ALGIERS

Number 1687

British War Office has approved award of silver star to Brigadier Cameron Nicholson and Lt M L Guirard (for Eisenhower from Ulio SPXPD-B reyour number 3720 NAAG 29 June) Military Attaché London has been requested to expedite clearance through British Foreign Office. Action likewise being taken to expedite clearance on Captain Cracknell.

UPON YOUR DEPARTURE THIS AREA DESIRE CONGRATULATE YOU UPON EFFICIENT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF A DIFFICULT JOB.

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Recommendations for award reurads 7296 May 5th and 7779 May 11th. For S0XPD-B signed Eisenhower cite NAAGE. Silver Star to Captain T P Cracknell Lieutenant H L Guirard and Brigadier Cameron G G Nicholson. When may we expect British clearance.

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REPORT OF ACCIDENT TO MR. VIOTTI FRANCO

Aboard H. R. H. Prince Victor of Brazil, September 19th, 1973

Lieutenant A. Y. R. Almeida of the Brazilian Navy lost his life due to a cable failure during the exercise. The Brazilian Navy expresses its deepest sympathy and extends its condolences to the families of the late officer.

E. J. King

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OSD Letter, May 1, 1972

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**FOR MACARTHUR FROM ULIO SPXPD-B.**

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NO. 459Ø JUNE Ø92213Z
CAPT HERBERT J. RAY US NAVY AWARDED DSM WITH CITATION AS RECOMMENDED YOUR LETTER 28 APRIL. CITATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN WAR DEPT GENERAL ORDERS. DECORATION WILL BE PRESENTED HERE.

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972
By SLR Date: Nov 26 1973
YOUR J21413. MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES FOR AWARD OF LEGION OF
MERIT GRADE OF COMMANDER FOR ADMIRALS GUILLHEM AND DEMELLO
FORWARDED TODAY BY AIR ADDRESSED TO YOU IN CARE OF AMERICAN
EMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO. COPIES OF PROPOSED CITATIONS ARE
ENCLOSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH MAKING THE
AWARDS. ONLY CERTIFICATES ARE ACTUALLY PRESENTED WITH THE
MEDALS. INFORM AMERICAN AMBASSADOR CONCERNING THESE AWARDS
WHICH YOU ARE TO MAKE.

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OF DECORATIONS AND MEDALS (RADM WATSON RM 3018)...FILE

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OSD Letter, May 3, 1972

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UNPRECEDENTED DRIVE BY BRAZILIAN MINISTER OF MARINE WILL BRING ABOUT THE COMMISSIONING OF THREE MARCIJIO DIAS CLASS DESTROYERS AND TWO CORVETTES ON BRAZILIAN NAVY DAY JUNE 11 AT RIO DE JANEIRO. I WILL BE PRESENT TO URGE THESE SHIPS GOING TO SEA AT ONCE. THINK THIS TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE OCCASION FOR OUR GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE SERVICES RENDERED BY ADMIRAL GUILHEM THE MINISTER OF MARINE AND ADMIRAL DE MELLO THE CHIEF OF NAVAL GENERAL STAFF BY SUITABLE DECORATIONS. I RECOMMEND LEGION OF MERIT CHIEF COMMANDER FOR MINISTER, LEGION OF MERIT COMMANDER FOR CHIEF OF STAFF. IF A DECORATION IS AWARDED REQUEST THEY BE HERE BY JUNE 9 WITH AUTHORITY FOR ME TO MAKE PRESENTATION IN RIO DE JANEIRO ON THE 11TH.
All degrees of the Legion of Merit for award to personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States and of the Government of the Philippines are hereby abolished. Awards of this decoration to above personnel will be made without reference to degree. The medal and ribbon now authorized for 4th degree will be used for this purpose. The award of the Legion of Merit may be made to personnel who have since September 1944 distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. This decoration will take precedence next after the distinguished service medal. Authority to make this award to personnel of the Navy Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel is hereby delegated to the addressees. Medals will be forwarded as soon as available. Recommendations for the award of the Legion of Merit to personnel of the Armed Forces of friendly foreign nations will be forwarded indicating the recommended appropriate degree as heretofore.

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Air Ministry, 28th May, 1943

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the VICTORIA CROSS on the undermentioned officer in recognition of most conspicuous bravery:

Acting Wing Commander Guy Penrose Gibson, D.S.O., D.F.C. (39438), Reserve of Air Force Officers, No. 617 Squadron -

"This officer served as a night bomber pilot at the beginning of the war and quickly established a reputation as an outstanding operational pilot. In addition to taking the fullest possible share in all normal operations, he made single-handed attacks during his "rest" nights on such highly defended objectives as the German battleship TIRPITZ, then completing in Wilhelmshaven.

When his tour of operational duty was concluded, he asked for a further operational posting and went to a night-fighter unit instead of being posted for instructional duties. In the course of his second operational tour, he destroyed at least three enemy bombers and contributed much to the raising and development of new night-fighter formations.

After a short period in a training unit, he again volunteered for operational duties and returned to night bombers. Both as an operational pilot and as leader of his squadron, he achieved outstandingly successful results and his personal courage knew no bounds. Berlin, Cologne, Danzig, Gdynia, Genoa, Le Creusot, Milan, Bremen and Stuttgart were among the targets he attacked by day and by night.

On the conclusion of his third operational tour, Wing Commander Gibson pressed strongly to be allowed to remain on operations and he was selected to command a squadron then forming for special tasks. Under his inspiring leadership, this squadron has now executed one of the most devastating attacks of the war - the breaching of the Moehne and Eder dams.

The task was fraught with danger and difficulty. Wing Commander Gibson personally made the initial attack on the Moehne dam. Descending to within a few feet of the water and taking the full brunt of the anti-aircraft defences, he delivered his attack with great accuracy. Afterwards he circled very low for 30 minutes, drawing the enemy fire on himself in order to leave as free a run as possible to the following aircraft which were attacking the dam in turn.

Wing Commander Gibson then led the remainder of his force to the Eder dam where, with complete disregard for his own safety, he repeated his tactics and once more drew on himself the enemy fire so that the attack could be successfully developed.

Wing Commander Gibson has completed over 170 sorties, involving more than 600 hours operational flying. Throughout his operational career, prolonged exceptionally at his own request, he has shown leadership, determination and valour of the highest order.
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NEWEST V.C. OF R.A.F. IS ALL-ROUND CHAMP

W/C Gibson, 25, veteran 200 sorties received V.C. for leading attacks on Mohne and Eder Dams.

LONDON, May --(By Cable)--Wing Commander Guy P. Gibson, 25-year old, veteran of the Royal Air Force who won the Victoria Cross for leading the spectacular raids on the Ruhr dams, is something new among British flying aces.

He has piled up such an impressive record for himself in so many different types of action that he might well claim the title of all-round champion.

The Air Ministry thinks so, anyway. One of its officials, commenting on the award, said that Gibson had done as much for his country and for the R.A.F. as it was possible for one man to do.

The men who followed him on the raid will agree with that. They had supreme confidence in his leadership. They knew he had participated in nearly 200 sorties as a night-fighter pilot, and as a day and night bomber. They saw the row of medal ribbons on his tunic—the D.F.C. and bar, and the D.S.O. and bar. They had no doubt that he would push any job through to the finish—at whatever risk, remembering how he had bombed Stuttgart from a low level last year, despite serious engine trouble on route.

(more)
Their confidence in him was justified by the events of the Ruhr raid. There was a hundred to one chance that Gibson would never return to England anyway. But those following him as he went in low through the heavy flak to drop his mines saw Gibson increase the odds against himself. He doubled back, and flew up and down the dam to draw the fierce enemy fire on himself so that the other bombers would have a better chance to drop their cargo more safely.

Somehow Gibson came through without disaster, although eight of the group of 19 planes never returned. He came back to England to wear the red ribbon of the Victoria Cross and to express his satisfaction at having done something to retaliate for the bombs he had seen dropped on London in the Battle of Britain.

"We in the R.A.F. then," he said, "were determined to wreak vengeance on Germany. We are proud to think that we were given the honor of wrecking the dams."

The official announcement of his Victoria Cross tells how, besides fully sharing in all normal R.A.F. operations, Gibson made single-handed attacks on his "rest" nights on such highly defended targets as the battleship Tirpitz in Wilhelmshaven harbor. Requesting additional operational posting, Gibson went to a night-fighter unit, destroyed at least three enemy bombers and helped to develop new fighter formations.

"He achieved outstandingly successful results and his personal courage knew no bounds," adds the citation. "Berlin, Cologne, Danzig, Gdynia, Genoa, Le Crousset, Milan, Nuremberg and Stuttgart were among the targets he attacked by day and by night."

At the end of his third operational tour, this young, almost boyish-looking officer was selected to command a squadron forming for a special task—namely the breaching of the Möhne and Eder dams, the story of which is now known throughout the whole world. (more)
Born in 1918 in India where his father, Alexander James Gibson, was attached to the forestry department, Gibson was educated at St. George's School, Folkstone, and at St. Edward's School, Oxford. His father is now in America as a research officer for India House.

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- E. O. 11693, Sec. (N) and (M) or (D)
- Old letter, May 1, 1943
- Nov. 26, 1973

By SLR
OUTGOING MESSAGE

OPD 330.13 (5-20-43) MSG
Operations Division, WDGS
European Section, WDOPD

MILATTACHE AMBASSADY
MOSCOW USSR

USFOR LONDON ENGLAND
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

May 21, 1943
Number 595

Message herewith relayed from General Eisenhower (for Michela Moscow from Marshall) for delivery to Red Army Chief of Staff Marshal Vasilyevskii. (book message for M A Moscow and USFOR London) "Please inform the Commander in Chief of the Red Army that the messages to Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt upon the Tunisian victory and your message to General Alexander and me sent in the name of the Commander in Chief have been received with enthusiasm by all the troops of this command. In the name of the Allied sailors, soldiers and airmen in North Africa I thank you sincerely for the generosity of your congratulations. Throughout our operations we have followed with unceasing interest and have been inspired by the brilliant performance of the Red Armies. We hope that the quarter of a million prisoners who surrendered in the final phase of the Tunisian fighting and the 1,700 Axis airplanes which were destroyed here during this campaign have definitely weakened Hitler's band of brigands. We unanimously send you our best wishes for your continued success. Signed Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied Commander in Chief".

The above quoted message will be published in London, Washington and Algiers after its delivery to the Soviets. Therefore, prompt acknowledgment of the time of receipt of this message is desired. USFOR London and Freedom Algiers will be advised of the time Soviets receive this message. Michela advise WD for this purpose.

ORIGINATOR: OPD
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CM-OUT-9243 (21 May 43) 82578
CM-OUT-9244 (21 May 43) 82852

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OES letter, May 3, 1972
By SIR Data NOV 26 1973

COPY No. 48

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From: Algiers
To: Milid W 962/2952
      War Office London Unnumbered

May 20, 1943

Paragraph 1. Your 8166 of 16 May not sent to Troopers. (To AGWAR signed Eisenhower cite FRSGS) Please forward following to Michelia Moscou for Marshall Vasilievski: "For Marshal Vasilievski through Michelia Moscou from General Eisenhower. Will you please inform the Commander in Chief of the Red Army that his messages to President Roosevelt and to Prime Minister Churchill upon the Tunisian Victory and your message to me and General Alexander sent in the name of the Commander in Chief have been received with enthusiasm by all the Troops of this Command. In the name of the Allied Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen in North Africa thank you sincerely for the generosity of your congratulations. Through the operation we have followed with unceasing interest and have been inspired by the brilliant performance of the Red Armies. We hope that the quarter of a million prisoners that surrendered in the final phases of Tunisian fighting and the 1700 Axis airplanes destroyed here during this campaign have definitely weakened Hitlers band of brigands. Unanimously we send you our best wishes for your continued successes. Dwight D Eisenhower, Allied Commander in Chief".

CM-IN-13164 (21 May 43)
May 20, 1943

Paragraph 2. Suggest publication of my reply London, Washington, Algiers when it has been received by Soviets. Request Michelia advise time of receipt.

Paragraph 3. This conforms to Troopers request in their 80916 of 18 May not sent to AGWAR.

No Sig.

Note: No relay action taken.

WDCC.

8166 is CM-OUT-6863 (18 May 43) OPD 80916 not identified in WDCMC.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
GEN. DEANE (CC/B)
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PLEASE EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO YOUR TENDER, CATALINA AND K COTKUDDIGOTS AND THEIR CREWS WHO SO ABLY ASSISTED IN THE DIFFICULT TASK OF ANTI SUBMARINE PROTECTION FOR MY TASK FORCE. THEIR ALERTNESS THROUGH LONG HONVCHOK NIGHT IN FOG AND RAIN WAS A MAJOR FACTOR IN KEEPING ENEMY SUBMARINES DOWN AND LED DIRECTLY TO THE DESTRUCTION OF AT LEAST 1 OF THEM. THEIR PERFORMANCE IS A CREDIT TO YOUR COMMAND AND TO THE NAVY.

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THE MORE I STUDY THE NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS ATTENDING YOUR OPERATIONS OFF MASSACRE BAY THE MORE I MARVEL AT YOUR SUCCESS IN BRINGING THE NEVADA SAFELY THROUGH OUR RECENT TASK. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FINE PILOTING AND SINCERE THANKS FOR THE HYDROGRAPHIC INFORMATION YOU FURNISHED. AM ESPECIALLY PROUD AND PLEASED TO HAVE HAD NEVADA UN.....................

*BREAKS OFF*

**PASSED BY NOC AS 292935**

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OSS letter, May 8, 1972

By SLR Date NOV 26, 1973

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HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR COMMAND FOR SUCCESSFUL ACTION 1313Z 17TH. YOUR DILIGENCE IN PATROLLING YOUR AREA AND THE SPLENDID TRAINING AND INDOCTRINATION OF INDIVIDUAL UNITS IS PAYING DIVIDENDS. MY SINCEREST WISH FOR A GREATER YIELD. WELL DONE.

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By SLR Date Nov 26 1973

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Operations Division, WDGS
Executive Office CO, Jr.

May 15, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL, NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,
FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 5166

Received through our Military (from Marshall for Eisenhower) Attached from the Chief of Staff of The Red Army the following message "To the Commander in Chief of the Allied Forces in the North African Theater of Operations, General Dwight Eisenhower: to Assistant Commander in Chief General Harold Rupert Alexander: in the name of The Commander in Chief of The Red Army I congratulate you on the Victorious completion of the campaign in North Africa under your decisive and bold guidance. I request you to convey our combat courtesy to all the Valiant French English and American soldiers and officers who have destroyed and smashed a large group of the enemy forces thereby contributing a valuable share in our common struggle to rout the Hitlerite Robbers and all their aides. We wish you further combat success. Chief of General Staff of The Red Army, Marshal of the Soviet Union, A period Vasilovski" this message is relayed from Michela Moscow

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OSD/3.4.1, May 1, 1973

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INFORMATION: G-2

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Moscow
To: Milid
No. 196, May 15, 1943.

Following communication received from Red Army Chief of Staff for delivery from Michela "To the Commander in Chief of the Allied Forces in the North African Theater of Operations, General Dwight Eisenhower: to Assistant Commander in Chief General Harold Rupert Alexander: in the name of the Commander in Chief of the Red Army I congratulate you on the victorious completion of the campaign in North Africa under your bold and decisive guidance. I request you to convey our combat courtesy to all the valiant American English and French soldiers and officers who have smashed and destroyed a large group of the enemy forces thereby contributing a valuable share in our common struggle to rout the Hitlerite robbers and all their aides. We wish you further combat success. Chief of General Staff of the Red Army, Marshall of the Soviet Union, A. Vasilevski".

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FROM: ASF MIL PERS
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 16 MAY 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 1532
DECODED BY: /BROADHURST

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CG US FORCES IN AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST AMSME CAIRO EGYPT
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NUMBER 4866 (RECEIVED BY HAND FROM ARMY)

(FOR BRERETON FROM UL10 SPXPD-A REUR AMSME 6013 MAY 13)

NO ACTION BEING TAKEN ON RECOMMENDATION BY GENERAL MAXWELL FOR AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT TO COMDR BYRON S. HUIE USNR. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY GENERAL MAXWELL WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN NEW REGULATIONS GOVERNING AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT ARE PROMULGATED.

E. O. 11652, Sec. 2(3) and 5(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 1, 1973

By SLR

DATE NOV 26 1973

CM-OUT-L776 (15 MAY 43) 2114Z MCS

SECRET
Joint Chiefs of Staff
May 14, 1943

CG FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 8047

The following messages received by the President are forwarded for your information: "Moscow, May 8. The President: I congratulate you and the gallant American and British forces on the brilliant victory which has led to the liberation of Bizerte and Tunis from Hitlerite tyranny. I wish you continued successes. Stalin." "Chungking. President Roosevelt Washington, D. C. On behalf of the Chinese Army and people I offer my heartiest congratulations on the signal success of the American and British troops in North Africa. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The gallantry of our Allied troops under the able command of General Eisenhower and General Alexander cannot fail to be a source of encouragement and inspiration to our army and people. The victory of the Allied arms in this Theater of War will I am sure hasten the total collapse of the aggressor nations. Chiang Kai-Shek".

ORIGINATOR: CCS GEN DEANE
INFORMATION: OPD ADM KING LOG

CM-OUT-6160 (14 May 43) 1925Z mcs

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By RHF, NLR, Date MAY 15 1974

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Combined Chiefs of Staff  
May 12, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL  
FREEDOM, ALGIERS

Number 7886  
FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF  
USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

Number R-8419

The Combined Chiefs of Staff now meeting in Washington send you their warmest congratulations on your outstanding victory. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, PAN number 122, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The cooperation which has been achieved under your command, not only between the fighting services but between our 2 Nations and the French, AUGURS well both for our march to final victory and for the years that follow after.

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J.O.S. Regarding Memo 29-71

By SC Date NOV 2 6 1973

ORIGINATOR: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD  
Gen. Strong  
Gen. Arnold  
Adm. King  
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CM-OUT-5153 (12 May 43) 2210Z vc  
CM-OUT-5154

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MEMORANDUM for Colonel Hanley.

The records show that the Honorable Winston Churchill, British Minister of Munitions, was recommended for the award of the Distinguished Service Medal by Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes, General Purchasing Agent, A.E.F. on December 11, 1918. The award was shown to have been approved at G.H.Q., A.E.F. on March 17, 1919 and approved by the War Department on March 28, 1919.

The citation as approved, is as follows:

"For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. He rendered the Allied cause service of inestimable value. As British Minister of Munitions, he was confronted with a task of great magnitude. With ability of high order, energy and marked devotion to duty, he handled with great success the trying problems with which he was constantly confronted. In the performance of his great task he rendered valuable service to the American Expeditionary Forces."

The Minister was advised of the award by General Pershing in letter as follows:

"It pleases me to say that the President has directed me to confer upon you the Distinguished Service Medal, in the name of the Government of the United States.

As British Minister of Munitions, your task was of great magnitude, but by its successful accomplishment, you have rendered invaluable service to the Allies in the prosecution of the war. You displayed unflagging energy at all times, but it was especially in crisis that your prompt action and sound judgment aided the cause so efficiently.

As soon as suitable arrangements can be concluded, you will be informed of the date and place of presentation."

The records further show that Distinguished Service Medal No. 671 was presented by the Commander-in-Chief, A.E.F. on July 18, 1919. The award was published on page 9, War Department General Orders No. 62, 1919.

G. D. GARDNER,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Chief, Decorations & Awards Branch, A.G.O.
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

Number 9460 May 5, 1943

I agree thoroughly that the individuals mentioned should be given this award and there are a number of others who must be recognized at the same time. To WDOSI personal for Strong from Eisenhower cite FSCOS6 reference your number 7396. For instance, the termination of the Tunisian Campaign is an appropriate moment to award Giraud who must be given recognition for his cooperation from the very beginning and who actually exercised command over French Ground, Air and Naval Forces. A few important members of his staff must also be recognized, and I cannot pass over the key men on my own staff, both British and American, who have been tireless in their efforts under terrific pressure and whose skillful and intelligent tactical and supply planning have done so much to make possible the success of our field commanders. In this connection, please clarify for me the relative status of the DSM versus the Legion of Merit in the Commander and Chief Commander grades. I have always considered the DSM as our senior decoration and have ranked it above Commander Grade of the Legion of Merit. Cunningham has been given the DSM and French Divisional General Warvert, killed in action, has been recommended posthumously, but a number of comparatively junior staff officers have also been awarded this decoration on recommendation of Lee and others. Please reply immediately as I intend to act on your 7396 tomorrow between

CM-IN-2861 (5 May 43)
trips to the front.

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Footnote: No. 7286 in CM-OUT-1745 (5-5-43) G-2

Action: G-2

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General Deane (CC/B)
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Mil. Per. Div. D&A Br., Dec Bd, Sec
SPAPD-B

May 4, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 7297

Steps being taken to obtain clearance from British
authorities for award of Silver Star to Captain T P Cracknell
(for Eisenhower from ULIO SPAPD-B re your 8010 May 3 NAAGE)
you will be notified as soon as clearance is received.

ORIGINATOR: ASF TAG

INFORMATION: OPD
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Gen. Deane (CC/8)

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OSD letter, May 5, 1972

By SLR Date: NOV 26 1973

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Action has been initiated to obtain clearance from British authorities for award of silver star to Major Robert D. Henequers British Army (for Eisenhower from NM-6970-2 re your NAMC 8499 May 1st) You will be informed of clearance as soon as received.
From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 9010, May 3, 1943

Award of Silver Star to Captain T P Cracknell
1680 12th Royal Horse Artillery 6th Armored Division
British Army. AGWAR for Decorations and Awards sign-
ed Eisenhower cite NAAGE. Request submission to Brit-
ish government for acquiescence and radio when obtain-
ed. Citation for gallantry in action with the Army
of the United States on 31 January 1943 near Djebel
Ksour El Rhesala, Tunisia. When the sector held by
our forces was attacked by an enemy battalion Captain
Cracknell with utter disregard for his own safety and
in the face of intense rifle machine gun and mortar
fire deliberately remained exposed in his observation
post so that he could direct accurate artillery fire
on the enemy. When an enemy artillery shell fell near
his post wounding a number of his men and damaging his
radio he calmly removed the wounded to places of safety
and repaired the radio despite other shells falling
about him. After laying a smoke screen to cover the
withdrawal he remained at his post still directing
artillery fire until the last of our troops had passed
him. Captain Cracknell by these courageous acts has
done much to instill in American Troops the highest
confidence and respect for the bravery tenacity and
skill of our British allies.

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ACTION: ASF
INFORMATION: OPD, Gen Deane (CCS), G-1.

CM-IN-1991 (4 May 43) 0343Z ems
**Mailgram**

"The CINCPAC congratulates the Navy Yard Pearl Harbor on its fine performance in raising and restoring the West Virginia. Well done."

Annexed added his congrats.

**E.O. 11652, Secs. 2(B) and 5(D) or (E)**

**OSD letter, May 4, 1972**

**By SLR**

**Date** NOV 26 1973
Military Intelligence Service
WDGS G-2 WDGBI

May 2, 1943

CG ALLIED FORCE HQ
ALGIERS FREEDOM

Number 7296

Subject your concurrence (for Eisenhower from WDGBI signed Marshall) President will confer Legion of Merit grade of Commander upon Generals Alexander, Tedder, Montgomery, Anderson. Joint for Tunisian campaign to be presented by you upon appropriate occasion. Medals and certificates signed by Commander in Chief forwarded to you by air. Clearance with British Government for acceptance of decorations by British officers arranged from here. Any additional awards which you desire to make at this time for Commanders or Chief Commanders this decoration to be recommended by cable.
From Algiers
To: WAR

No. 8499, May 1st, 1943.

Award of Silver Star to Major Robert D. Henriques
38714 British Army. AGWAR for decorations and awards
signed Eisenhower cite NAAGE. Request submission to
British Government for acquiescence and radio when
obtained. Citation for gallantry in action on 8 November
1942 near Fedala French Morocco. As Liaison Officer
with Western Tank Force during landing operations against
French Morocco he accompanied assault wave. While still
at sea he voluntarily transferred to another landing craft
to guide it to its proper beach. After landing instead of
seeking covered vantage point from which to observe he
chose to advance with men despite heavy fire from artillery
machine guns and naval batteries. He constantly remained
with forward elements secured useful information by
questioning local inhabitants and always encouraged and
assisted our troops. The actions of Major Henriques performed
without thought of his own safety were profound inspiration to
our troops and reflect great credit upon himself and the
military service.

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ACTION: G-1

INFORMATION: OPD

ASFP

General Deane (CCB)

DEPARTMENT

JCS LETTER, 7-6-72

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IN VIEW ANTICIPATED RETURN OF ENTERPRISE TO US AFTER ABSENCE OF 2 YEARS IT IS WHOLEHEARTEDLY RECOMMENDED THAT THIS SHIP BE TWICE CITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ORDER 107 FOR THE COURAGEOUS AND GALLANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS SHIP AND HER CREW IN THE PACIFIC AS SET OUT IN CONTASK FOR 610 SECRET SERIAL §111 OF 1 JANUARY FORWARDED BY MY FIRST ENDORSEMENT SERIAL §44 OF 9 JANUARY. BECAUSE THIS SHIP AND CREW HAVE DISPLAYED ON MANY OCCASIONS AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN ACTION IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT SHIP AND MEN BE PRIVILEGED TO WEAR AN INSIGNIA IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR GLORIOUS DEEDS.

COMINCH...COG
CHO...HAYTE....40....23....40....BUAER....
19....190....200P....FILE

SECRET
COMNAVEU (R) COMINCH C IN C., WESTERN APPROACHES.

FROM ADMIRALTY.

MOST SECRET. REQUEST YOU WILL CONVEY OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO USB SPENCER ON THE DESTRUCTION OF U. 170 ON APRIL 17TH 1943, WHILE ESCORTING H.X. 233.

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JCS MEMO. 1-17-73
BY SE \ DATE NOV 26 1973

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COM TASK FORCE 12 IS ACTION. COMENHANDEPT COMINCH COMBOPAC AND COMBOWESPAC ARE INFO. RDO WASHINGTON GAVE TO CHIEF OF STAFF WAR DEPT FOR INFO. CINCPAC ORIGINATOR.

IN THE BRIEF PERIOD OF ITS EXISTENCE TERMINATING TODAY TASK FORCE 12 HAS EXECUTED HEAVY AIR STRIKES AGAINST 2 ENEMY STRONGHOLDS. THESE OPERATIONS WERE PROJECTED AT A DISTANCE FROM NORMAL BASE WHICH IS UNDOUBTedly THE LONGEST EVER ATTEMPTED IN SUCH STRENGTH. THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE ENEMY HAS BEEN DEALT A SEVERE BLOW. TO YOU GENERAL HALE AS LEADER OF THIS ASSAULT, TO GENERAL LANDON OF THE AIR ECHELON, TO EACH OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN NOW RETURNED HERE,

GOLD

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PAGE 1 OF 2

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TO YOUR WOUNDED IN HOSPITALS, TO EACH OF YOU I SAY WELL DONE AND I GRIEVE WITH YOU ALL FOR OUR COMRADES WHO LIE BURIED IN DISTANT BUT FRIENDLY SOIL. NIMITZ.

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COS ARMY......FILE

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 2(E) and B(3) or (13)
OSD letter, May 3, 1972
By SLR

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From: London - USFOR
To: War

In Reply Cite: 8221, March 27, 1943

Distinguished Service Medal and Presidents Citation personally presented by me this date
(Attn Colonel Sexton for Marshall from Andrews)
To Mrs Winifred Dykes, widow of late Brigadier Vivian Dykes. Your R-5543 this refers.

No Sig.

NOTE: 5543 is CM-OUT-15 (1 Feb 43) SGS.

ACTION: SGS

INFORMATION: OPD
General Deane (CCS)
G-1
Admiral King
Log

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OSD letter, May 3, 1973

*By SLR Date NOV 26 1973

CM-IN-14665 (27 Mar 43) 1745Z ems

RESTRICTED
FROM COMSOPAC
ACTION CTF 68
INFO COMINCH CINCPAC TF COMS. SOPAC

AIR MAILGRAM/KL

YOUR SHOOTING REPUTATION REMAINS PREEMINENT X YOUR BAG
MAKES ME THOROUGHLY PROUD X IT'S ALWAYS OPEN SEASON IN
THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND WE HAVE NO GAME WARDENS X MY
HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR FIGHTING. GANG

COG-COMINCH

ACTION: F-07

TOH 1943 MAR 22
From: USFOR London
To: WAR
In Reply Cite: 8030 March 19, 1943

Presentation of DEM to widow of late Brigadier Dykes (reference your R 8543 February 011452Z signed Andrews cite ETAGM) will be made on 27th March 1943 by me personally.

No Sig.

NOTE: R-8543 is CH-OUT-15 (1 Feb 43) SGS.

ACTION: SGS

INFORMATION: OPD
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
Log

CH-IN-10457 (20 Mar 43) 0621E amo

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COPY No. 29
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(FOR HARRIMAN)

REQUEST MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT BE ADVISED THAT THIS OFFICE DEEPLY APPRECIATES THE COOPERATION AND HELP OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES HERE BOTH BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT THIS OFFICE AND SINCE.

16...COG
16/11...F37(WSA)...NAVAVE...CONVINCH...FILE
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:  CINCLANT (IND CALL)  
RELEASED BY:   
DATE:  5 MAR 1943  
TOR CODERCOM:  2109  
DECODED BY:  EYER  
PARAPHRASED BY:  PLOSKI

ADDRESSEES:  CG CAMPBELL  
FOR ACTION:   
INFORMATION:  CTF 24  COMDT CG WASHN COMINCH  
PRECEDENCE:  PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED

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FOR ACTION:   
INFORMATION:  
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(CINCLANT SENDS)

I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING ACTION ON FEBRUARY 22 AGAINST ENEMY SUBMARINES WHICH IS MOST GRATIFYING. I WILL MAKE SUITABLE AWARDS UPON RECEIPT OF FULL ACTION REPORT. ANY RECOMMENDATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PERSERS MANUAL ARTICLE A1007 SHOULD CONTAIN RECOMMENDED CITATIONS.

COMINCH...COG

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 8(M) and 6(3) or (2)
OSD letter, May 5, 1973

By STH. Date: DEC 4 1977

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FROM: QINCPAC 040009 NCR4118-4563 5 MARCH 1943
ACT: COMSONWESTPAC ROUTINE SOWLE
INFO: COMINCH

(CORRECTED HEADING AND TEXT CORRECTION UNDERLINED)

FOR GENERAL MACARTHUR X CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR AIRMEN ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY TRANSPORTS AND ESCORT APPROACHING NEW GUINEA ON MARCH 1-3.

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For information about this dispatch call Branch 3904 (Room 2625)

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NCR-4 040009 101
INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: Brisbane
To: War

Number: Q 2792, February 23, 1943
(C-533)

Please convey to the President my greatful appreciation for his generous and inspiring message regarding the modesty of the forces in this area in furtherance of the great cause he leads and epitomizes (to General George C Marshall War Dept Washington C 533) its effect will be electrical and cannot fail to strengthen the determination and resolution of all ranks and grades. (Signed MacArthur) As a former member of his official family please express to him my personal thanks and give him my affectionate greetings. May God preserve and protect him in the almost overwhelming responsibilities that are his.

No Sig

NOTE: Reference is CM-OUT-7781.

ACTION: SGS

INFORMATION: OPD
General Deane (CCS)
Log
General Arnold

CM-IN-11883 (23 Feb 43) 1239Z ems

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OSD letter, May 1, 1972
By SIR Date DEC 4 1973

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

Secretary, General Staff
February 22, 1943

GENERAL MACARTHUR CINC SWPA
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIA

Number 1388

The President directs me to transmit the following message to you (for MacArthur from Marshall):

"The efficient bombardments launched by your Air Forces during the past few weeks and especially in the last few days in support of the situation in the Solomons and in furtherance of your own Operations Command our admiration. The arduous land campaign along the Papuan Coast which has decimated the enemy and now threatens him at Salamaua has made a great impression on our people and must have a demoralizing effect on Japanese confidence in the fighting efficiency of their Ground Troops.

My thanks go to you and your leaders and to the officers and men of the Australian and United States Forces who carried the fight to the enemy on all levels and over great distances and even greater difficulties."

ORIGINATOR: SGS
INFORMATION: OPD
GEN DEANE
GEN ARNOLD
LOG

CM-OUT-7781 (22 Feb 43) 1843E vc

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By SLR

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From: Chungking
To: Agwar

No. 167 February 22, 1943

Thank you for your kind message (for Marshall for delivery to General Sir John Dill reured 2174 from Stilwell) it is a distinct honor and a pleasure to have had you with us I value the experience highly, it is regretted that the geographical barrier of distance precludes more frequent visits.

No Sig

2174 was CH-OUT-7271 (30 Feb 43) SGS

ACTION: SGS

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. DEANE (CC/6)
CH-IX-11519 (22 Feb 43) 106422 cen
Chief of Staff
GCM/sgc

February 20, 1943

GENERAL STILWELL
AMMISCA CHUNGKING CHINA

Number 2174

Sir John Dill writes me his appreciation for your courtesies to him and the manner in which you and your associates received him. (Marshall to Stilwell) He states "I felt the whole time that I was among friends, very kind friends. I was a complete stranger to many of them and yet at once they made me feel at home. I need not say how deeply grateful I am to them all."

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GENERAL EISENHOWER

Number 2620

Sir John Dill writes me his appreciation for your courtesies to him and the manner in which you and your associates received him. (Marshall to Eisenhower) He states "I felt the whole time that I was among friends, very kind friends. I was a complete stranger to many of them and yet at once they made me feel at home. I need not say how deeply grateful I am to them all."

ORIGINATOR: SGS
INFORMATION: OPD
GEN DEANK

CM-OUT-7270 (20 Feb 43) 1786Z

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GENERAL PATTON

Number 258

Sir John Dill writes me his appreciation for your courtesies to him and the manner in which you and your associates received him. (Marshall to Patton) He states "I felt the whole time that I was among friends, very kind friends. I was a complete stranger to many of them and yet at once they made me feel at home. I need not say how deeply grateful I am to them all."

ORIGINATOR:  BGS

INFORMATION:  OPD
                GEN. DEANE

CH-OUT-7372    (20 Feb 43)  1736Z    cem

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February 18, 1943
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PRIORITY

From: Brisbane
To: War
No. C 482, February 18, 1943

For Chief of Staff War Department. For General
Marshalls information. Through Sir Ronald Cross the
High Commissioner for the United Kingdom to Australia
I have received the following message from Prime Minister
Winston Churchill "The rapid movements I have been
making and pressure upon me made me delay till my return
sending you my most cordial congratulations upon the
capture of Buna by American and Australian Forces command
and important and resolute operations under your dis-
tinguished command which have resulted in the destruction
of the Japanese invaders in Papua.

I have watched with particular admiration your
masterly employment of transport aircraft to solve vast
complicated and diverse logistical problems.

I should like to let you know how grateful we all
feel throughout the British Empire that you stand on
guard over all these vital interests.

Pray also accept my own personal good wishes. I
look forward indeed to the day when we may meet."
From MacArthur.

No Sig

ACTION: SGIS
INFORMATION: CEN, DRANK (CC/B)
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CH-IN-9128 (18 Feb 43) 181125 cen

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YOUR 110810 APPROVED. ARRANGE PRESENTATION WITH TEMPORARY CITATION. PERMANENT CITATION WILL BE FORWARDED. IF NO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL AVAILABLE OBTAINED FROM CINCPAC. ADVISE WHEN PRESENTATION HAS BEEN MADE.

ORIG: 0A....
COS ARMY....COMINCH....0A....NAVAFDE....FILE.

E. O. 11862, Sec. 3(B) and 5(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 4, 1972

By SLR Date DEC 4 1973

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CINCLANT
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 12 FEB 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 1913
DECODED BY: GILLS
PARAPHRASED BY: BLACK

USS PC 577
BUPERS
BUNED
CTG 23
CTG 26.3

TO: USS PC 577
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THIS MESSAGE CONFIDENTIAL BY 112342. SUITABLE
RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE CASE OF ARMY PILOT AND
FREDERICK GRIFFITH YOUR SERIAL 5 DATED JANUARY 27TH
FOR SERVICE OF "HIGH DEGREE OF MERIT" ON JANUARY 9TH
I AWARD THE LEGION OF MERIT IN THE DEGREE OF OFFICER
TO HOWARD A. SCHRUM PHARMACIST DATE FIRST CLASS.

BBPERS....COG

FILE: 68....NAVADE....2OP.......

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FEBRUARY 1943

(SECNAV WILL GET FOR ACTION AND CINCPAC IS SENDING TO COMSOPAC FOR INFO)

THOROUGHLY CONCUR COMSOPAC 11969

*RE: AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE METAL #0
GENERAL PATCH AND CITATION.

[Signature]

DEC 4-1973

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YOUR SERIAL 5 DATED JANUARY 27 FOR SERVICE
"HIGH DEGREE OF MERIT" ON JANUARY 9TH I
AWARD THE LEGION OF MERIT IN THE DEGREE OF
OFFICER TO HOWARD A SCHIRM PHARMACIST MATE
1ST CLASS. SUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL
BE MADE CASE OF ARMY PILOT AND FREDERICK
GRIFFITH.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMSOPAC
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 12 FEBRUARY 1943
CODER ROOM: 2317/11
DECODED BY: ZIMMERMAN
PARAPHRASED BY: LUCKE
ADDRESSEES: SECNAV
INFORMATION FOR ACTION: COMINCH, CINCPAC, COMGENSOPAC
PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY RRBBRR DEFERRED

(COMSOPAC SENDS SECNAV ACTION INFO COMINCH CINCPAC. RADIO STATIONS PASS COMGENSOPAC HAS INFO.)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL BE AWARDED MAJOR GENERAL ALEXANDER D. PATCH, UNITED STATES ARMY, WITH FOLLOWING CITATION. QUOTE.

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT IN A DUTY OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, AS COMMANDING GENERAL, GUADALCANAL AREA, DURING THE OPERATIONS AGAINST JAPANESE LAND, NAVAL AND AIR FORCES DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 10, 1942--FEBRUARY 9, 1943.

UNDER THE MOST DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, HE EMPLOYED THE FORCES UNDER HIS COMMAND WITH SUCH COORDINATION, ENERGY AND DETERMINATION THAT THE JAPANESE LAND FORCES REMAINING IN GUADALCANAL WERE DESTROYED AND JAPANESE AIR AND NAVAL FORCES SUPPORTING THEIR GROUND POSITIONS SUFFERED SEVERE LOSSES. THE FINAL PHASES OF THE

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ELIMINATION OF ORGANIZED ENEMY RESISTANCE OF GUADALCANAL WERE ACCOMPLISHED UNDER HIS EXPERT AND COURAGEOUS DIRECTION. UNQUOTE.
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ACT OF JULY 26 1942 CREATED THE LEGION OF MERIT IN NOT MORE THAN FOUR DEGREES FOR AWARD TO MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES OF UNITED STATES, PHILIPPINES, AND FRIENDLY FOREIGN NATIONS WHO SUBSEQUENT TO 8 SEPTEMBER 1939 SHALL HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES BY EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE. THE FOUR DEGREES ARE CHIEF COMMANDER, COMMANDER, OFFICER, AND LEGIONNAIRE AND MAY BE AWARDED FOR SERVICE OF THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF MERIT, VERY HIGH DEGREE OF MERIT, HIGH DEGREE OF MERIT AND CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF MERIT, RESPECTIVELY. AUTHORITY IS HEREBY DELEGATED TO AWARD THE LEGION OF MERIT IN THE DEGREES OF OFFICER AND LEGIONNAIRE TO UNITED STATES NAVAL PERSONNEL. THE DEGREE OF THE AWARD IN EACH CASE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE EXTENT AND VALUE OF SERVICE RENDERED AND THE DEGREE OF MERIT ABOVE AND BEYOND THAT WHICH IS NORMALLY TO BE EXPECTED OF THE RANK OR RATING OF THE RECIPIENT AND NOT BY NAVAL RANK. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARD OF THIS DECORATION IN ANY DEGREE TO MEMBERS OF ALL OTHER NAVAL FORCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARD TO UNITED STATES PERSONNEL IN DEGREES OF COMMANDER AND CHIEF COMMANDER SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE NAVY DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL. AWARDS TO AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNITED STATES NAVAL PERSONNEL SHOULD NORMALLY BE MADE...
IN THE APPROXIMATE RATIO OF TEN FOR ENLISTED MEN AND
OFFICERS OF UP TO AND INCLUDING LIEUTENANT TO ONE FOR
OFFICERS OF HIGHER RANK. DECORATIONS AND RIBBON BARS
WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

DRATER
FROM
CGNSOFAC (RJO NOUMEA)

RELEASED BY

DATE
9 FEBRUARY 1943

TOR CODEROOM
125/ / 1248

DECODED BY
REID / REID

FOR ACTION
CONGEN CACTUS (RJO GUADACANAL)

INFORMATION
CINCPAC (RJO HONOLULU) OP OP OP OP

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CINCPAC (RJO HONOLULU)
COMINCH (RJO WASHINGTON)
GENERAL MARSHALL

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TEXT
ACTION: CONGEN CACTUS. RJO HONO PASS TO CINCPAC FOR INFO. RJO WASH PASS TO COMINCH WHO IS REQUESTED TO PASS TO MARSHALL.

IN SENDING A PATCH TO ACT AS TAILOR FOR GUADACANAL I HAD NOT EXPECTED YOU TO REMOVE THE ENEMY'S PANTS AND SEW IT ON QUITE SO QUICKLY.

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS.

HALSEY.

DECORATED

E.O. 11652. Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May. 1, 1972

By SLR

DEO 4-1873

SECRET

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST FROM AMBASSADOR AND APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT, 10 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDALS AND 10 NAVY Crosses are being forwarded to Ambassador through State Department today.

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President has approved the posthumous award for the distinguished service medal to Brigadier Vivian Dykes (for Andrews from Marshall) In accordance with the following citation: "As British Secretary to the Combined Chiefs of Staff he made an outstanding contribution to the Allied cause and the war effort of the United States. His sympathetic understanding of American problems and aims, his broad knowledge and experiences of British Military and Cabinet procedure, and his great organizational ability contributed in an important measure to the expeditious establishment of the organization of the Combined Chiefs of Staff on a sound basis." It is desired that the necessary authority be obtained from the British Government for the award of this medal and the award made to Brigadier Dykes' appropriate relative.

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**(FOR INFO CONSEFAC FOR ACTION OPNAV)**

IN VIEW OF HIGH COOPERATION CHILEAN NAVY, URGED EARLY ACTION ON MY FOLLOWING ORDER OF MERIT TO CHILEAN NAVY TO ALLARD, GERRIT, CORTEZ, JOHNS, OUSILLOS; AIR FORCE, QAYTO. PRESENTATIONS COULD BE MADE OFFICIALLY BY CONSEFAC OR AMBASSADOR.

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17...16/11...CONTROL...13...BUAX...NAVILE...
SUBMIT BY AIRMAIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS CONSIDERED WORTHY OF RECOGNITION BY AWARD OF CAMPAIGN MEDAL CLASPS REFERRED TO IN ALNAV 287 X INCLUDE APPROPRIATE NAMES FOR CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS FOR INSCRIPTION ON CLASPS X ALSO INCLUDE COMMENT AS TO AWARD OF CLASPS FOR SUBMARINE PATROLS AIR OPERATIONS AND ESCORT DUTY BY SURFACE SHIPS X I DESIRE THAT COMBAT SERVICE BE FULLY RECOGNIZED BUT THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CLASPS BE NOT STULTIFIED BY INDISCRIMINATE AWARDS FOR INCONSEQUENTIAL OPERATIONS INVOLVING LITTLE HAZARD FROM ENEMY ACTION X IN FACT I AM STRONGLY INCLINED TO RECOGNITION PRIMARILY FOR THOSE OCCASIONS WHERE THE ENEMY HAS BEEN DEFEATED

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YOUR 241787*REF RECEIVED LIMA 18 DEMAND REPLY FORWARDED AIRMAIL POUCH ON 19TH. IS DUPE COPY REQUESTED.

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COMINCH AND COMSOPAC. NIMITZ.

YOU HAVE GIVEN THE NAVY A MOST HAPPY CHRISTMAS
BY ACTIONS OF COBRAS WILDCATS AND DAUNTLESSES REPORT-
ED YOUR 0234 0426 AND 1301 OF DECEMBER 24. MY WARM-
EST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED
IN THESE SPLENDID STRIKES.

By SLR Date DEC 4 1973

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From: CINC PAC

Released by: 

Date: 22 Dec 1942

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Decoded by: KEELER

Paraphrased by: HARRINGTON

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Any misgivings as to gunnery ability or determination of Portland expressed in your 23 Oct 137 October is completely removed by her excellent performance in night engagement and successful return to port. To captain, officers and crew a well earned well done.

NIMITZ

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By SLR Date DEC 4 1973
CINCPAC ORIGINATES WITH COMINC AND COMDT MARCORPS INFO ALSO.

ON THE DEPARTURE OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS FOR WELL-EARNED REST, RECREATION AND REHABILITATION PRIOR TO GOING ON TO OTHER GREAT DEEDS, I EXTEND MY THANKS AND PRaises TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL, OFFICERS, AND MEN OF THAT SUPERLATIVE ORGANIZATION.

WHEN THE ENEMY WAS AT THE HEIGHT OF HIS DRIVE TOWARDS THE SOUTH, YOU CONDUCTED THE FIRST OFFENSIVE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AGAINST POSITION HE HAD CAPTURED AND WAS DEFENDING. AFTER YOUR CAPTURE OF THAT POSITION, YOU WITHSTOOD THE FULL FURY OF THE ENEMY'S ATTACK BY AIR, SEA, AND LAND TO EX-TERMINATE YOU OR TO DRIVE YOU OUT. YOU WERE NOT ALONE IN THOSE EFFORTS, BUT YOU WERE THE BACKBONE OF THE RESISTANCE AND AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US. WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY CAME, YOU CARRIED THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY AND YOU INFLICTED HEAVY SECRET
LO SSES IN MEN AND MATERIAL ON HIM. YOURS WAS AN ARD OUS TASK, DISCOURAGING AT TIMES, BUT YOU NEITHER FLINCHED NOR W AVERED. YOUR SUCCESSES WERE TAKEN IN STRIDE WITHOUT FANFARE AND OVATION.

I NOW SAY "HAIL" TO THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION AND MAY IT COVER ITSELF WITH MORE GLORY AT THE SCENE OF ITS NEW ENDEAVORS!

PASSED TO OPNAV BY COMINCH

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(FROM CINCLANT)

OTU 24.3.16 16342.

IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT I AWARD THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROS TO LIEUTENANT (JG) LOWELL L. DAVIS FOR EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT IN AERIAL FLIGHT. OTHER AWARDS UPON RECEIPT OF REPORT. WELL DONE.

COMINCH...COG

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(See Art. 11 (2) (C) NAVFR O.

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REFERENCE OPNAV AIRMAILGRAM 011444 OF DECEMBER, 1942.
RECOMMEND AwarDs IN CASES GOMEZ MAQUEO AND ALEJANDRO LECON LOPEZ
BE IN ADDITION TO THOSE NAMED IN MY LETTER SERIAL 395 OF
22 MAY, 1942. ROBERTO GOMEZ MAQUEO, MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE,
MEXICO DF, COMMODORE, QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY,
LEGION OF MERIT - COMMANDER, FOR HIS COOPERATION AND HIS
CONTRIBUTION TO HEMISPHERE DEFENSE WHILE RECENTLY CHIEF OF STAFF
TO COMMANDER MILITARY REGION OF THE PACIFIC FOR HIS COOPERATION
IN HIS PRESENT POSITION AND FOR HIS FURTHERANCE OF THE CAUSE
OF PAN AMERICANISM. CONFIDENTIAL REMARKS: GOMEZ MAQUEO HAS
BEEN A FRIEND OF THE U.S. OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS AND HAS ALWAYS
BEEN COOPERATIVE. HE IS A STRONG ADHERENT OF GENERAL

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Cárdenas' policies, was Director of the Navy while General
Cárdenas was President, and as a Cárdenas follower he presumably
represents the Navy faction which favors absorption of the Navy
by the Ministry of War as opposed to the group which favors
the Navy's independence. As a friend and a capable officer
he is deserving of award but to avoid ill feeling it should
be in addition to those first recommended. Alejandro Lecon
López, Presidential General Staff, National Palace, Mexico D F,
Lieutenant Commander (Communications), Second in command of
Communications, Legion of Merit - Legionnaire, for his loyal
cooperation in his present position and as recently assistant
communications officer on the staff of Commander, Military Region
of the Pacific, for his devotion to Pan Americanism and to the
cause of the democracies and contribution to Hemisphere defense.
Confidential remarks: Leon is a sincere friend and deserving
of award. He is a Cárdenas follower and as such presumably
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Belongs to the faction which favors absorption of Navy by War Department as opposed to those who desire Navy's independence. Therefore to avoid ill feeling award in his case should be in addition to those first recommended.

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(SAYS CINCPAC ACTION SECNAV INFO CUSOPAC).
(TO COMPANSEAFRONT FOR ACTION AND TO COMINCH FOR INFO FROM CINCPAC. RDO STATIONS PASS.)

DELIVER FOLLOWING IN RESTRICTED CLASSIFICATION TO SOUTH DAKOTA UPON ARRIVAL 11 DECEMBER:

QUOTE. AS YOU LEAVE FOR A TIME THE FORCES UNDER MY COMMAND I REPEAT TO THE CAPTAIN OFFICERS AND CREW OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA MY SINCERE ADMIRATION OF YOU AS FIGHTING MEN AND YOUR SHIP AS A FIGHTING UNIT OF THE FLEET. I DEEPLY REGRET THE LOSS OF YOUR SHIPMATES. I BID YOU A SPEEDY RETURN REFRESHED IN MIND AND BODY WITH YOUR SHIP RESTORED TO BATTLE Trim AND WITH THE SAME UNBEATABLE SPIRIT WITH WHICH YOU ALREADY SO SUCCESSFULLY MET THE ENEMY. A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL. NIMITZ. UNQUOTE.

ABOVE PASSED TO COMPANSEAFRON BY SCR.

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COMSOPAC 572350 POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR REAR ADMIRAL NORMAN SCOTT APPROVED. PRESENTATION BY PRESIDENT TO WIDOW DECEMBER 9.

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MY 200719 SEANV'S 261555. REQUEST INFORMATION OF RECOMMENDED POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO REAR ADMIRAL NORMAN SCOTT.

CINCOPAC REQUESTS SEANV TAKE ACTION ON THIS DISPATCH.

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RECOMMEND THE BERNADOU COLE AND DALLAS FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SHIP AWARD IN CONNECTION THEIR SERVICES IN THE TORCH OPERATION.
(ACTION CINCLANT FROM ORAN) (ORIGINATOR COMDT NOB ORAN)

REF ALNAV 292 DUE TO LACK OF COMMUNICATION IN ORDER THAT AWARDS MAY BE MADE IN REASONABLE TIME REQUEST AUTHORITY TO MAKE AWARDS NAVY CROSS, SILVER STAR MEDAL TO CERTAIN OFFICERS AND MEN UNDER MY COMMAND FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM IN ACTION UNDER FIRE IN OPERATION RESERVIST AND IN LANDING PARTY AS ARXEU IN CONNECTION OPERATION TORCH.

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AIRMAILED TO: COMSOLANT.....

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THE BOARD OF DECORATIONS AND AWARDS WILL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A UNIFORM POLICY IN CHOOSING THE Awardees AND WILL CAREFULLY APPORTION THE AWARDS AMONG THE SEVERAL COUNTRIES.

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FILE: Ø....HAVAIDE...
REFERENCE YOUR LETTER 220 MAY 22 1942 AND OUR DESPATCH 131748 NOV 1942. IT IS EXPECTED THAT ACTION WILL SOON BE TAKEN ON THE LEGION OF MERIT AWARD BY ISSUE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER. ACTION ON THE MEDAL FOR MERIT WILL BE DELAYED. IT IS MOST ESSENTIAL THAT EACH RECOMMENDATION BE SUPPORTED BY A CLEAR FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE AWARD. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE FACTORS OF PERSONAL MERIT OF THE PROPOSED Awardee AND ON THE POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY OF MAKING THE AWARD. THE BOARD OF DECORATIONS AND AWARDS REQUIRES SPECIFIC ILLUSTRATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT. THE REASON FOR THIS IS 1ST IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A UNIFORM AND CONSISTENT POLICY IN CHOOSING THE Awardees AND 2ND IN ORDER TO CAREFULLY APPORTION AND BALANCE AWARDS AMONG THE SEVERAL COUNTRIES. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CONTI ON PAGE 2.
PLEASE SUBMIT BY AIRGRAM A MORE COMPLETE STATEMENT INCLUDING CITATION AND CONFIDENTIAL REMARKS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING 4 PROPOSED Awardees. FEDERICO DIAZ DULANTO, JOSE R. ALZAMORA F, CARLOS ROTALDE G DEL V, ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ V.

AIRMAIL TO

ALUSAN LIMA PERU.....

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REFERENCE YOUR 202035 MAY 1942 AND YOUR 251745 NOVEMBER 1942 AND OUR 131748 NOVEMBER 1942 X IT IS EXPECTED THAT ACTION WILL SOON BE TAKEN ON THE LEGION OF MERIT AWARD BY ISSUE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER X ACTION ON THE MEDAL FOR MERIT WILL BE DELAYED X IT IS MOST ESSENTIAL THAT EACH RECOMMENDATION BE SUPPORTED BY A CLEAR FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE AWARD X EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE FACTORS OF PERSONAL MERIT OF THE PROPOSED Awardee AND ON THE POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY OF MAKING THE AWARD X THE BOARD OF DECORATIONS AND AWARDS REQUIRES SPECIFIC ILLUSTRATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT X THE REASON FOR THIS IS FIRST IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A UNIFORM AND CONSISTENT POLICY IN CHOOSING THE Awardees AND SECOND IN ORDER TO CAREFULLY APPORTION AND BALANCE AWARDS AMONG THE SEVERAL COUNTRIES X IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PLEASE SUBMIT BY AIRGRAM A MORE COMPLETE STATEMENT INCLUDING CITATION AND CONFIDENTIAL REMARKS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SEVEN PROPOSED Awardees X ARMANDO CASTRO LOPEZ X JULIO ALLARD PINTO X CARLOS CORTES

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JULIAN X HERNAN CUBILLO SLEIVA X JUAN GERSHENMAHN X ARTURO PUCA MONSALVES X DONALD MC INTYRE GRIFFETH X
REFERENCE YOUR 261820 MAY 1942 AND OUR 131748 NOVEMBER 1942. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS MESSAGE WILL SOON BE TAKEN ON THE RECORD OF EXECUTIVE ORDER. ACTION ON THE MEDAL FOR MERIT WILL BE DELAYED. IT IS MOST ESSENTIAL THAT EACH RECOMMENDATION BE SUPPORTED BY A CLEAR, FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE AWARD. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE FACTS OF PERSONAL MERIT OF THE PROPOSED Awardee AND ON THE POLITICAL EXPEDIENCE OF MAKING THE AWARD.

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