

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
ALLIED INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

APO 500
20 October, 1943.

SUBJECT: Materials from Philippine Islands - Certificate.

TO : Chief, Philippine Regional Section, A.I.B.

With regard to file of messages pertaining to the surrender of the southern islands, I certify to the following as to the source of these documents:

Said documents, to the best of my knowledge, were recovered from under a monument dedicated to a dead Japanese soldier in the vicinity of Malaybalay, Mindanao, P. I. The original of these documents was discovered by one Philippine Constabulary Captain, whose name I do not know. The copy which I am submitting was secured from Lieutenant Duff, now stationed in the Tenth Military District, P. I.

Samuel C. Grashio
SAMUEL C. GRASHIO,
First Lieutenant, A.C.



"Lieutenant Samuel C. Grashio - Decorations Due."

20 October, 1943.

9. If any further information is desired, I can be contacted on
AMP 591.

ALLISON W. IND, Lt. Col.,
Deputy Controller,
Allied Intelligence Bureau.



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AFPO 500
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SUBJECT: Lieutenant Samuel C. Grashio -- Decorations Due.

TO : Commanding General, U.S.A.F.F.E. (Awards and Decorations Office.)

1. Having been successfully evacuated from an enemy occupied territory, Lieutenant Samuel C. Grashio, O-412503, 21st Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group, Far Eastern Air Force, is present at this station.

2. It is desired to make available to him decorations which are rightfully due him.

3. As Intelligence Officer of the Fifth Interceptor Command, and as Aide to the late Brigadier General H. H. George, Commanding on Bataan, I am in a position to certify to certain facts in substantiation of Lieutenant Grashio's claim, since he has no records with him.

4. Specifically, Lieutenant Grashio was twice awarded the Silver Star for heroic action in the face of an overwhelming enemy during the Bataan campaign. In both instances, I prepared the recommendations for citation at General George's direction, and I certify that in both instances, the recommendations were approved, but that because of conditions prevailing, no actual decoration was bestowed upon subject officer.

5. The first citation approved was for action against the enemy on the night of 1-2 February, 1942 at Agulona Bay when Lieutenant Grashio was pilot of a small flight of P-40's which made repeated attacks against a superior enemy attempting landings on the west coast of Bataan. These attacks lasted a good portion of the night.

6. The second citation was dated 2 March, 1942 when Lieutenant Grashio was one of a group of pilots who made spectacular attacks on Japanese shipping in Subic Bay, sinking some 40,000 tons in one afternoon and evening.

7. Lieutenant Grashio would, of course, be entitled to the citation device with the oak-leaf cluster, since he served briefly with U.S.A.F.F.E. Headquarters during the Manila fighting, as well as with Fifth Interceptor Command, each of which was cited twice.

8. He should have also the usual Defense Ribbon and Asiatic Theater Ribbon, each with one star.



PERSONNEL

FILES

INDIVIDUAL

GRASHIO,

SAMUEL C.