

978TH SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY  
5217TH RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST

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AFO 923  
11 December, 1943

**SUBJECT: Promotion of Officer.**

**TO :** Commanding General, USAFFE, SWPA, APO 501.  
**THRU:** Channels.

1. It is recommended that the following named officer be promoted to First Lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

2. The following data is submitted in compliance with USAFFE Regulations 18-11, dated 26 May, 1943.

a. This officer is assigned to the 978th Signal Service Company in the Signal Intelligence Section, Table of Organization, No. 11-200-1, Column 8, authorizes the position.

b. Name--Edward Euno Hale,  
c. Social Number--9-1637389.  
d. Present Rank, and date thereof--Second Lieutenant: 16 October, 1942.

e. Signal Corps.  
f. Grade for which recommended--First Lieutenant.  
g. Age--36 years.  
h. Twenty-six months of active duty service.  
i. Present duty--Cryptographic Officer, General 9600.  
The officer if promoted will occupy position vacancy now existing in Intelligence Section.  
j. Officer has demonstrated fitness for the position, has been in present assignment for over six months being overseas all during this time. Personal qualifications surpass those required for that of First Lieutenant. Has good capabilities of leadership and very excellent instructing ability in various subjects.

HARRY F. CROHLL,  
Captain, Sig. C.  
Commanding.

201-Hale Edward E. (O) 1st Ind. P5/  
HEADQUARTERS, 5217TH RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION (PROV), USAFFE, APO 923.  
13 December, 1943.

**TO:** Commanding General, USAFFE, APO 501.

Respectful approval.

LEWIS HOWE III,  
Major, Cavalry  
Commanding.



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By command of General MacARTHUR:

R. K. SUTHERLAND,  
Major General, United States Army,  
Chief of Staff.

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OFFICIAL:

*L. S. Ostrander*  
L. S. OSTRANDER,  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,  
Adjutant General.

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CINC SWRA.....	5	Headquarters Commandant.....	4
		(CO, Hq Co USAFFE.....)	1
CG, USASOS.....	6	(T Sgt Kuehl.....)	1
CG, I Corps.....	8	Officers Section.....	1
(Lt Col Brown.....)	3	Appointment & Promotion.....	2
(Lt Col Taylor.....)	3		
CG, Fifth Air Force.....	10	Finance Section.....	4
(CO, 872d Engr Avn Bn.....)	1	(1st Lt Teel.....)	3
(Lt Col Henley.....)	3		
(CO, 1536th Ord S & M Co (Avn).....)	1	Postal Officer.....	4
(Capt Weber.....)	3	(1 to ea EM (p.4).....)	3
CO, Base "D".....	6	CO, Base "A".....	10
(CO, 91st Engr Regt (GS).....)	1	(CO, 489th Port Bn, TC.....)	1
(Lt Col Smith.....)	3	(Capt Harty.....)	3
CG, 32d Inf Div.....	6	(CO, 70th Chem (SG) Co.....)	1
(CO, 128th Inf Regt.....)	1	(1st Lt Harrison.....)	3
(Lt Col Zinser.....)	3	CO, Base "B".....	14
CO, Base Section No. 5.....	10	(CO, 43rd Engr Regt (GS).....)	1
(Maj McKeen.....)	3	(Ch (Capt) Miller.....)	3
(CO, 1002d Comm Z Sec.....)	1	(Capt Sargent.....)	3
(Maj Buffalo.....)	3	(CO, 3481st Ord (MM) Co (Q).....)	1
CG, Sixth Army.....	12	(1st Lt Kelly.....)	3
(CO, 856th Engr Avn Bn.....)	1	CG, Adv Sec USASOS.....	6
(Capt Ainsley.....)	3	(CO, 118th Ord Co (MM).....)	1
(CO, 30th Evac Hosp.....)	1	(Capt Phillips.....)	3
(Ch (Capt) Perkins.....)	3	CO, Base Section No. 4.....	5
CO, Base Section No. 1.....	5	(1st Lt Davies.....)	3
(Capt Goddard.....)	3	CG, Base Section No. 3.....	10
AG-Records.....	28	(2d Lt Christensen.....)	3
(201 Files.....)	25	(CO, 5217th Recon Bn.....)	1
(Decimal Files.....)	2	(1st Lt Hale.....)	3

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HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NO.....306 )

A.P.O. 501  
30 December 1943

- E X T R A C T -

1. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following-named O to the gr indicated in the AUS with rank fr date of this order:

MAJ TO LT COL

FRED V. BROWN 0322080 QMC  
CHARLES M. HENLEY 020897 CE  
HUESTON M. SMITH 0363473 CE  
JOHN B. TAYLOR 0197248 FA  
ROY F. ZINSER 0305207 Inf

CAPT TO MAJ

HARVEY A. BUFFALO 0918545 CE  
ROBERT N. MCKEEN 0911500 TC

1ST LT TO CAPT

WILLIAM G. LINSLEY 01106247 CE  
CHARLES A. GODDARD 0388346 Inf  
GERARD HARTY 01106190 TC  
FRED L. MILLER 0439311 Ch  
PERRY C. PERKINS 0512753 Ch  
EDWARD P. PHILLIPS 0387832 Ord Dept  
WARREN B. SARGENT 0374644 CE  
ARTHUR R. WEBER 0426228 Ord Dept

2D LT TO 1ST LT

RICHARD O. DAVIES 0923622 TC  
EDWARD H. HALE 01637589 Sig C  
WOODROW S. HARRISON 02034877 CWS  
JOHN W. KELLY 0888320 Ord Dept  
EDWARD M. TEEL 0888590 PD

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2. So much of par 5, SO 295, cs, this hq, as reads, "2D LT MALM B. CHRISTENSEN 01301612 TC, detailed in Cav", is amended to read; "2D LT MALM B. CHRISTENSEN 01301612 (Inf) TC, reld fr detail in TC, detailed in Cav."

3. Under provisions AR 615-5 the following appointment is announced in Hq Co USAFFE, APO 501.

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)  
S Sgt Herbert A. Kuehl 38075213

4. Under provisions AR 615-5 the following appointments are announced in Hq Det (Central Directory Service) USAFFE, APO 501.

TO BE TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE (TEMP)  
Pfc Donald L. Lawson 37001590

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
Pvt Eugene Polk 34373806  
Pvt Irving N. Presser 32825611

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11 NOVEMBER 1944

TO : REAR ECHELON SHQ  
FROM : ADVANCE ECHELON SHQ  
NR 1 11 NOVEMBER

FOR COLONEL FISTER FROM LT HALE:

AT-20 TRANSMITTER SHIPPED IN C-54, PACKED WITHOUT  
BY SECTION. REQUEST ANOTHER AT-20 BE SHIPPED BY AIR TO  
MAKE POSSIBLE IMMEDIATE ASSUMPTION OF IAZ OPERATIONS IN  
LEYTE PROPOSAL FOR SEVEN DAY ADJUSTMENT PERIOD NOT ACCEPT-  
ABLE HERE.

FOR LT MCGIVNEY: TELL KAZ TO GO AHEAD AND LOWER  
THE FREQUENCIES. LISTEN FOR S T D.

*indiscreetly  
by [unclear]*

*Redundant*

*pca*

*matter being handled  
by Sig. office. Have  
appeal to be of any  
assistance in obtaining  
air priority. mt*

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FORM 110005/2  
TYPED: 110005/2  
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13 NOVEMBER 1944

TO : LT HALE  
FROM : LT MCGIVNEY  
NR 2 13 NOVEMBER

FROM MAJOR TELESCO REF YOUR NR TWO CONCUR PD HALE  
FROM MCGIVNEY CLN SIGNAL OFFICE BUCKING TOUGH OPPOSITION  
AIRSHIP XMITTR PD COL ERNST SUGGESTS SWEAT OUT ARRIVAL  
QUINTO CMA SCRUNGE ROGER FOX UNIT OR OTHER XMITTR TILL  
SHIPMENT ARRIVES PD RIDING HERD LWTWO TO CONTACT YOU,  
TOLD AIRFORCE TO GET OFF FIELD PARA SIGO REQUESTS YOU  
REDUCE POWER WHEN XMITTING ON OBOE CMA ABLE ITEM BAKER  
SQUAWKING

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14 NOV. 1944

TO : LT HALE  
FROM : LT MCGIVNEY

NR 4

DECIPHER ACCOMPANYING TOP SECRET MESSAGE ON KEYS  
THREE SEVEN AND TWO NINE OF CORKY PD UNTIL YOU CONTACT LWTWO  
FIRMLY PAREN LWTWO COMPLAINS SEVERE QRM RPT QRM TRYING CONTACT  
YOU PAREN ~~PD~~ INSTRUCTED KAZ RPT KAZ TO RELAY LWTWO TRAFFIC  
FROM NET FOUR TO YOU PD FROM MCGIVNEY NR FOUR BEGINS CLN



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TO : ADVANCE ECHELON KAZ  
FROM : REAR ECHELON KAZ

NR 1

LT MALE FROM COL ERNST CLN ADVISED KAZEBRA  
HOLLANDIA TO TRANSFER ALL STATIONS NET ONE AND NET TWO  
TO KAZEBRA AS SOON AS CONTACTED AS PER QUEEN QUEEN QUEEN  
NET ONE AND TWO FROM FIVE TARE DOG PD ADVISE WHEN PREPARED  
TO ASSUME NET THREE AND NET FOUR PD KAZEBRA HOLLANDIA WILL  
STAND BY ON ALL NETS UNTIL ALL STATIONS CONTACT KAZEBRA  
LEYTE PARA REQUEST EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO ASSUME COMPLETE  
OPERATION AT LEYTE OVER AND ABOVE THAT CLN ABLE NOW AT  
LEYTE BAKER ENROUTE BY WATER AND AIR CHARLIE REQUESTED BY  
AIR IN YOUR NR ONE PD NEW SUBJECT MALE FROM MODIVNEY CLN  
EXPECT CHANGE OVER TO TAKE PLACE PROMPTLY BUT ANTICIPATE  
LATE STRAGGLERS SUCH AS PDQ RPT PDQ JNR RPT JNR FOX TWO  
NINE PD ADVISE MACABLE PAREN THRU W Q ONE EIGHT PAREN TO  
GIVE US A BREAK AS WE HAVE SOME HOT TRAFFIC FOR THE RELAY  
BOYS TO THE NORTH PD WILL ADVISE ETA RPT ETA JNITTR BOONEST

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A.P.O. 900  
10 December 1944

My dear Hale:

Thank you for your letter of the 29th just received.

I was sorry that I did not see you prior to your departure as I wanted to tell you that my purpose in sending you back to the Battalion was to give strength to the instructional staff upon the early projected relief, for more active service, of officers who have earned the opportunity through diligent, if less desirable, past service.

While your loss of weight and general physical decline had the effect to prompt me to speed up your transfer, it did not by any means control my decision as I felt sure that by rest and medical care you could soon have restored your health without departure from this area.

I want you to know that these things occur to the best of us as is evidenced by Lieutenant Parsons' breakdown under severe service strain, so do not think for one moment that your return to the Battalion was in any respect a reflection upon you personally, but was rather to strengthen my position at a time when other officers were about to be separated from the Battalion and at the same time afford the opportunity for a speedy restoration of your health under more favorable circumstances.

Your service as a co-ordinator with me in the development of our vital signal communications had been splendid. You have always sustained a high degree of initiative and enthusiastic attention to your duties. You may therefore feel a justifiable sense of satisfaction that your past service has been most honorable and valuable. There is no doubt in my mind that it will continue to be so in future.

Very sincerely,



Courtesy Whitney  
Colonel, Air Corps

Lieutenant Colonel H. Hale  
1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Special)  
A.P.O. 905

*File on*



201- HALE, Edward H. (O)

3rd Ind.

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G-3 GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA, APO 500, 5 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, USAFFE, APO 501.

Concur in approval of transfer.

COURTNEY WHITNEY  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, G-3 Opns., P.S.D.



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PERSONNEL FILES

INDIVIDUAL

HALE,  
EDWARD H.