

PERSONNEL FILES

INDIVIDUAL

WILSON, SAMUEL J.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC

GENERAL ORDERS)
NO.....45)

AFPO 500
14 July 1945

DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS--AWARD

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Address: 944 Tiverton Avenue, Los Angeles 24, California.

AG-PA 200.6

By command of General MacARTHUR:

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

OFFICIAL:

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B. M. FITCH,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Adjutant General.



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*Wilson
Samuel J.*

Govt Section,
(Gen Whitney)

AG.
Hq, AFWESPAC, APO 707

25 June 46.

The C-in-C requests that the attached envelope be delivered by hand to
Commander Wilson, as addressed.

Incl: Envelope, as ind.

----- C.W. -----



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Tokyo, Japan.

25 June 1946.

Dear Sam:

I was pleased to receive your letter of 29th of May which appears to have crossed mine of about the same date. I immediately got the General's signature on the attached General Order awarding you the Distinguished Service Cross, which he was very happy to give. I had it redone on white paper as I thought it would be more satisfactory when framed.

Evelyn and the two boys arrived yesterday, and are now getting settled in their new home. The trip over was rather rugged, but they should get into the swing of it here in very short time.

In my last letter to you, I neglected to mention the two paintings with which you so generously and thoughtfully presented me. I have them hanging in my office -- the only pictures -- and they are a constant source of inspiration and happiness to me. They are, as well, a constant reminder of the good friend who donated them.

As I said in my last letter to you, there is a room in my home for you at any time that you can come up. I was glad to hear that the family are all well, and that you will be able to rejoin them before long.

Best always,

Commander Samuel J. Wilson,
Wilson Building,
Manila, P.I.



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From: AG

To: Chief Civil Affairs Officer Date: 14 Jul

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2. It is further requested this office be advised when presentation has been made and that the attached receipt be accomplished and returned at that

3 Incls:

1. GO 45, GHO, USAFPAC
14 July 45 (dup)
2. Receipt for medal
3. Distinguished-Service Cross (No. 16335)



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United States Army Forces, Pacific, one (1) Distinguished
Service Cross (No 16335) medal awarded to me by
General Orders No. 45, Headquarters, AFFAC
_____, dated 14 July 1945

I have not previously received the Distinguished
Service Cross awarded to me on this General
Order.

SAMUEL J. WILSON, 71408
Commander, USNR



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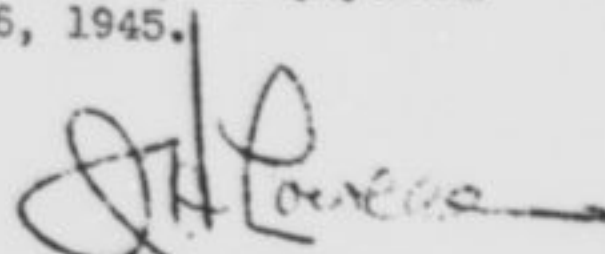
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By command of General MacARTHUR:



J. H. LOWELL
Lt Col AGD
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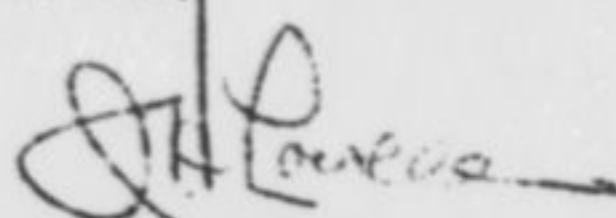
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Civil Affairs

D C/S

11 July 1945

1. I strongly recommend approval of the request of Commander Samuel J. Wilson for leave in the United States as he has heretofore had no opportunity to receive a recuperative leave since the start of the war.

2. He has been of invaluable assistance to us in the handling of problems related to Americans and allied and neutral nationals but this work now having almost entirely passed to the responsibility of the American Consul General he can readily be spared from his official duties.

1 Incl:

Request for
leave fr Comdr
S.J. Wilson

C.W.



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC
Civil Affairs Section

APO 500
10 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Leave of Absence.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, AFPAC, APO 500.

1. It is requested that I be returned to the United States on Temporary Duty for a period of sixty (60) days for purposes of rest and recuperation. My family resides at 944 Tiverton Avenue, Los Angeles, California.
2. I reported for active duty on 8 December 1941 in Manila and since that date I have not had leave nor visited the United States on official business.

SAMUEL J. WILSON
Commander, USAR
71408
Liaison Officer



Civil Affairs

A.G.

1. Request that the award orders be issued in accordance with the approval of the C in C hereto attached.

2. It would be appreciated if these orders could be today in view of the fact that the C in C will probably present the decorations this evening.

3 Incls:

1-C/N fr C.W.
to C in C

2-Citation for
Comdr. S. J. Wilson

3-Citation for
Lt. Col. C. M. Smith

C.W.



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*Comdr. Wilson
201.*

C.W.

Thru: C in C
C/S

1. Commander Samuel J. Wilson, USNR, and Lieut. Colonel Charles M. Smith, C.E., are about to depart for leave of absence in the United States. It is recommended that prior to their departure the C in C award the DSC to Commander Wilson and an oak leaf cluster to Colonel Smith in lieu of a second DSC, with corresponding citations as attached.

2. Just after the Leyte landing the C in C promised Colonel Smith a second decoration after the clean-up of Samar had been effected. No decoration has been awarded to Commander Wilson for his service in sustaining the resistance movement.

3. The value of the services of these two officers in the development of the resistance movement and the furtherance of our pre-invasion special operations cannot be over-estimated.

2 Incls:

- 1- Citation for
Commander Wilson;
- 2- Citation for Lt.
Col. Smith

C.W.



COMMANDER SAMUEL J. WILSON, USNR. For extraordinary heroism
in the Philippine Islands from 6 May 1942 until 20 October 1944.
Refusing to surrender when the major defense forces were over-
whelmed, Commander Wilson, then on the island of Mindanao, committed himself to
the organization of guerilla warfare against the enemy. He effectively
organized many dispersed elements throughout the island and was in a
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

AG 201-Wilson, Samuel J.
(23 Apr 45)

APO 500
23 April

SUBJECT: Order.

TO : COMDR SAMUEL J WILSON 71404 USNR.

1. Above-named off WP Hq Seventh Fleet reporting upon arrival to the Comdr for TDY for purpose carrying out instructions. Upon completion to proper sta.
 2. Trvl by rail, airt, army or naval transport, belligerent vessel or airt, and Govt MF auth. Trvl by air is necessary to accomplish an emergency mission. Transportation Corps will furnish necessary transportation. TDK
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- By command of General theARTHUR:

Christian Schork
CHRISTIAN SCHORK,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst Adjutant General.

- DISTRIBUTION:
- G-3 (1)
 - Hq Comdt (1)
 - CO Hq Dn GHQ (1)
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AG, USAFFE
(Attn: Casualty Section)

In answer to query by your section regarding when Commander La Wilson "returned to military control" the Tenth Military District that he departed that district (Mindanao) on 6 December 1944.

S. J. C.

MEMO FOR RECORD:

In a message from AG Casualty Branch of USAFFE it was stated that Commander Wilson on duty with 10th MD (Mindanao) is now a patient at 42nd General Hospital and the date of his "return to military control" was requested. Presuming this meant when did Comdr Wilson leave the 10th MD, Colonel Fertig was queried and furnished the date of his departure from Mindanao.

F. H. C.

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Message to Commander Seventh Fleet

In relinquishing command over the Seventh Fleet I desire my admiration and grateful acknowledgment for the magnificent work which all of its Fleet elements have performed their assigned tasks in the campaigns of the Southwest Pacific. To you and your officers and men who have with great gallantry, resourcefulness and devotion to duty so fully upheld the highest traditions of our country's Naval Service I send well done and God Speed.

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Please return

A 201-Wilson, Samuel J -(0)

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AG

2 June 1945

1. Reference is made to letter, Serial 4117, dated 25 April 1945
Subject: Assignment to duty with General Headquarters, SWPA of
Commander Samuel J. Wilson, S(I), USNR, from Commander, Seventh Fleet.
2. Request that formal action be taken assigning Commander Wilson
to GHQ where his services have been and will be of most value because
of his intimate knowledge of the Philippines.

S.J.C.



Memo For Record:

General Whitney has indicated that he desires to retain Commander Wilson in a liaison position with this headquarters to call upon him in matters which require a thorough background of Philippine nature.

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L.A.T.

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UNITED STATES FLEET
COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET

P16-3/(F-2/hep)

25 April 1945

Serial: 4117

From: Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
To : Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area.
Subject: Assignment to duty with General Headquarters,
Southwest Pacific Area of Commander Samuel
J. WILSON, S(I), USNR.

1. Until the liberation of the Philippines Commander WILSON had been serving with the United States and Philippine armed forces in Mindanao under the command of Colonel FERTIG. Upon his reporting for duty to Commander SEVENTH Fleet on board the U.S.S. WASATCH at Leyte Gulf on 9 December 1944 at the request of Brigadier General Courtney WHITNEY, then Colonel, he was given verbal orders to report to duty with General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area where he has since been performing duty.

2. In order to definitely clarify the duty status of Commander WILSON information is requested as to whether the services of Commander WILSON are desired by General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area. If an affirmative reply is received Commander SEVENTH Fleet will initiate action with the Navy Department for issuance of appropriate orders.

/s/ A. H. McCollum
/t/ A. H. MCCOLLUM
By direction.



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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
Civil Affairs Section

A.P.O. 501
9 May 1945

SUBJECT: Assignment of Duty.

TO : Commander Seventh Fleet.

1. Commander Samuel J. Wilson, USNR, reported to this Section for duty on 27 April 1945.
2. Reference is made to your letter, serial 23703-71408 dated 24 April 1945, Subject: Change of Duty.

COURTNEY WHITNEY
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Chief, Civil Affairs Section



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UNITED STATES FLEET
COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET

24 APR 1945

From: Commander Seventh Fleet.
To: Commander
Samuel J. WILSON, S(1), USNR,
Staff, Commander Seventh Fleet.

Subject: Change of Duty.

1. Upon receipt of these orders you will regard yourself detached from your present duty and from such other duties as may have been assigned you; will proceed to the place where the Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area may be. Upon arrival you will report to that officer for duty.

2. In performing the above travel, government air, and/or commercial air is authorized, where necessary, to expedite completion of this duty.

3. While serving with the United States Army, Administrative Control remains with the Commander Seventh Fleet.

G. H. VAN HAN, Jr.,
Deputy.

Copy to:
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FIRST MESSAGING

25 APR 1945

1. Delivered and detached this date.



W. M. HANSEN,
By direction.

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UNITED STATES FLEET
COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET

P16-3/(F-2/hep)

Serial: 4117

25 April 1945

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A. H. McCOLLUM,
By direction.





A.P.O. 900
22 April 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Captain A. H. McCollum, U.S.N.

1. You will recall that about the middle of 1943 we discussed the military value of intensifying the development of our coast watcher system in the Philippines and decided that a speed up in the flash of target information was essential to provide the maximum value for this service. We decided at that time that it was necessary to have coast watcher information flashed to a central point within the Philippines for evaluation, if necessary, and immediate relay to the submarine base at Perth. We realized that because of inter-guerrilla conflicts it would be difficult to secure the full cooperation of guerrilla leaders in the routing of such messages through any one guerrilla area. Hence it was decided that in Mindanao a specially equipped guerrilla radio station would be established which would be known as a Navy Control Station - its location being concealed from the guerrilla leaders of other areas who would merely be instructed as to the procedure to be followed in the flash of coast watcher information, the call letters, and the frequencies to be used.
2. In the implementation of this decision the Navy dispatched to Mindanao by submarine special radio equipment in the month of August and on 8 September 1943 Commander Samuel J. Wilson, USNR (then Lieutenant Commander) was appointed "C.O. of USN advance radio station in Mindanao." (Message 259 dated 8 September 1943 from Colonel Fertig to General MacArthur). In his capacity as C.O. of this Navy radio station Commander Wilson coordinated the development of coast watcher positions and procedure and reporting of information on enemy naval movement throughout Philippine waters. The reports as received by his station were flashed to the submarine base at Perth from where they were relayed on the Behar schedule to submarines on patrol in Philippine waters. This duty was performed by Commander Wilson under conditions involving extreme and constant hazard due to repeated enemy efforts to knock out the station by air bombardment, strafing and ground action. He remained on this duty until relieved in June 1944 to become Chief of Staff of the 10th Military District.
3. Commander Wilson's presence in Mindanao which permitted his assignment to this important duty was due to his having been sent from Corregidor

in the month of February 1942 on a special Naval intelligence mission to the southern islands. The surrender of our forces on Mindanao found him in that area. He declined to accept the surrender order and immediately engaged in the development of guerrilla action. Ultimately, next only to Colonel Wendell W. Fertig (appointed by General MacArthur as Commander of the 10th Military District comprising the island of Mindanao) he became the outstanding personality in the development of the resistance of the interior and his services to the cause in general and to the success of our special operations cannot be overestimated. He gave the resistance movement in Mindanao a strong, wise, and courageous leadership.

4. I do not hesitate to recommend Commander Wilson for the highest decoration which his distinct service would entitle him under Naval regulations and policy.

COURTNEY WHITNEY
Brigadier General, U. S. Army



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AS, ONQ

22 April 1945

1. Request necessary orders be published directing the air travel of Commander Samuel J. Wilson, USNR, 71484, from this headquarters to Commander Seventh Fleet, Tolosa, Leyte.
2. Travel is necessary in order for Commander Wilson to confer with Seventh Fleet Intelligence concerning present assignment.

S.J.C.

Memo For The Record:

Commander Samuel J. Wilson, USNR, has served continuously since 1942 as Chief of Staff, 10th Military District. His mission is now completed and he can be returned to Naval control for further assignment of duty.

L.A.T.



SA

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A.P.O. 500,
9 April 1945.

TO : COMMISSARY SALES OFFICERS AND POST EXCHANGES.

This will serve to introduce Mrs. Samuel J. Wilson, whose husband is Comander WMR on duty with this Headquarters.

Mrs. Wilson is visiting the United States with her children after having been interned by the enemy since the start of the war.

Any courtesies extended Mrs. Wilson would be greatly appreciated.

COURTNEY WHITNEY
Brigadier General, U.S. Army



HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
CONSULAR LIAISON OFFICE

APO 501
7 April 45

To: Brig. Gen. Courtney Whitney
Chief, Civil Affairs

Dear General:

Attached herewith are the copies of my Naval promotion and orders 10th M.D. which you requested for the files.

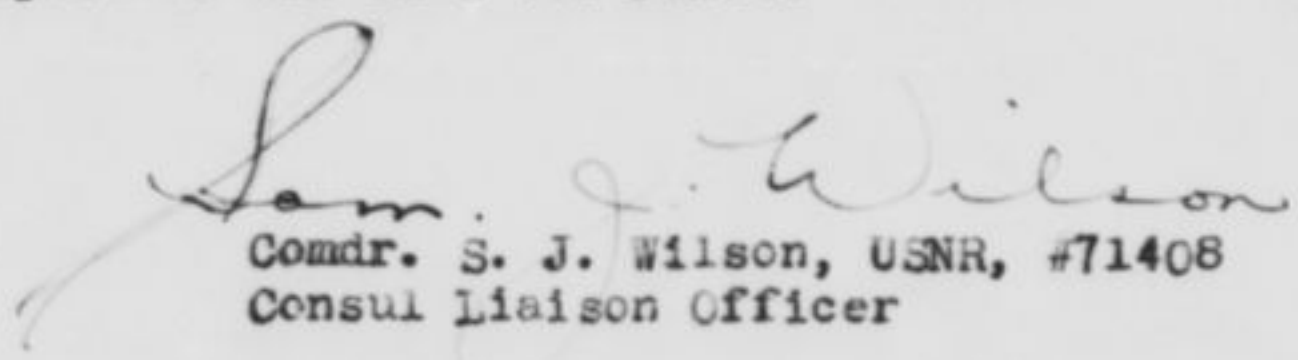
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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
CONSULAR LIAISON OFFICE

APO 501
7 April 45

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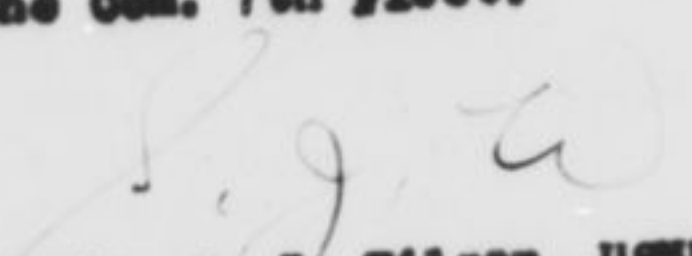
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HEADQUARTERS TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT

In the Field
20 July, 1944

LETTER ORDER
No. 37, cs.

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
C P Z

2 December 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS
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VIXO 20 July, 1944

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SEVENTHFLS ONE NINE ZERO SEVEN TWO FOUR JULY PD SIGNED SAMUEL JOSEPH
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CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

(Sgd.) M. M. WHEELER
LT USNR

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20 July, 1944

From: SAMUEL JOSEPH WILSON, USNR

To : COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET

Subject: ACCEPTANCE - Promotion

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
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8 February, 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS
No. 34

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American Consulate General
Manila, Philippines
April 6, 1945

To: Comdr. S. J. Wilson, USNR

Subject: Food Rations to Allied and neutral nationals

Dear Sam:

The list of Italians which was submitted included too many people suspected to be active Fascists. Monti, when speaking to me about it, admitted that all adults included in the list had claimed to be Fascists during Japanese occupation of Manila. There would appear to be no good reason why such persons should be treated on an equally favorable basis with allied and neutral nationals.

The same would seem to be true of the Germans and Austrians, who are officially regarded as Germans by nationality.

With regard to the White Russians, Jews, Syrians and Lithuanians, there would appear to be no objection to including them in the ration distribution if satisfactory guarantees for payment can be arranged.

W. Garland Richardson
American Consul



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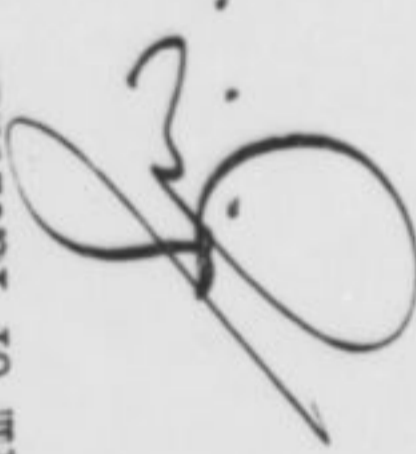
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To: BRIG. Gen. Courtney Whitney

This attached copy is to give you an example of some of the problems confronting the office of Consul Liaison.

It is most difficult for this office to pass on the guarantees offered by them on behalf of their governments or groups, also, as to whether some of the nationals come within the classification of those to receive the courtesies of our Government in the form of rations.



To: Brig. Gen. Courtney Whitney

A complete summary is being made and will
be submitted Monday or Tuesday.

The delay is in getting additional receipts
from the Consuls of allied and neutral nations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'S. W.', is written in black ink.

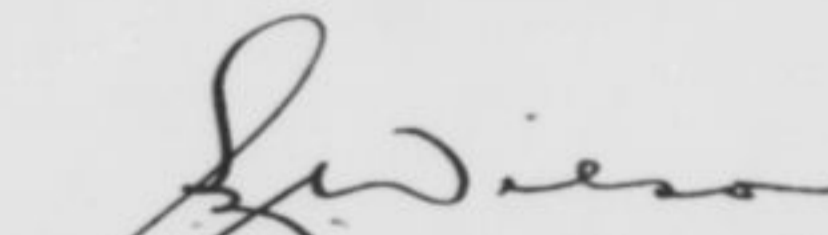
HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
CONSULAR LIAISON OFFICE

AFO 501
5 APR 11 45

To: Brig. Gen. Courtney Whitney
Subject: Subsistence of allied and neutral nationals

1. May I suggest that the negotiations with the QM regarding the consuls and the representatives of allied and neutral nationals be handled directly by the General Consulate Office.
2. The order for the rations could be made out weekly by the Consul General's office in the same manner as it is now being made out by the Consular Liaison Office. The present system of handling the rations for these nationals is well organized under competent personnel of this office.
3. Requests have been made by the consuls of allied and neutral nationals to increase, if possible, the rations, along with other requests which could be more diplomatically handled by the competent personnel of the State Department.
4. This suggestion is not to evade work or responsibility but only with the thought that diplomatic complications may arise which may become embarrassing to this Section of Civil Affairs.
5. The consuls and representatives of the various nations are very grateful to the Army and to the Civil Affairs Section for the pioneering work which has been done for them.




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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
CONSULAR LIAISON OFFICE

AFPO 501
5 April 45

To: Brig. Gen. Courtney Whitney
Subject: Coursing identification of Americans thru the
State Department instead of the Consular Liaison
Office

1. As the Americans who are now receiving food and living on the outside of the internment camps will be reclassified and as the offices of the Civil Affairs Section had mentioned that when the State Department officials arrived the identifying of Americans would be handled by the State Department, I believe now would be the proper time for this transfer to be made. The Consul, Dick Richardson, does assist a great deal in this office at the present time but the responsibility of the proper identifications is that of this office.
2. For the first two months since the liberation of the city of Manila it was necessary to meet the great distress among the Americans or those who even believed they were Americans living on the outside of internment camps. Every assistance was given to these people by LUBSEC and the Civil Affairs section of which this office comes under, as it is your policy to feed American citizens. In order to do this these people had to be identified as to their American status. This identification is being made thru the office of the Consul Liaison.



S. J. Wilson
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Consul Liaison Officer

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Note No. File No. Subject:

From: C/S

To: General Whitney,
Civil Affairs
Section

Date: 5 Apr 1945

Please take the necessary action to effect a change in the designation of Commander Wilson. His present title of "Consular Liaison Officer" leads to confusion and does not indicate his correct status. All consular matters, particularly messages to and from consular officials, are in the hands of Colonel Thorpe. Commander Wilson's duties are in connection with subsistence matters for the Allied internees.

RJM
R. J. M.



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Manila, P.I.
March 31, 1945.

To
Col. Elliot R. Thorpe.

For your information I wish to submit the following.

On the 13th of March a message was handed to me thru the office of Civil Affairs Section to be delivered to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Messrs. Tai Kuei-Sheng and Tung Hsing-Pai. The original is attached herewith and also my quoted message taken from the original which is signed as received by the Secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

At a later date I received a message from the same group of Chinese. This message was taken by me to the office of Civil Affairs, copy of same is attached herewith. However, the heading and signature were not written in my office. I do not know whether this message was ever sent.

A message was received and routed thru Civil Affairs Section which was turned over to me for delivery to the Swiss Consul, Mr. A. Sidler. This message came from Washington Consul General Office. The message was delivered and a receipt for same was signed which I turned over to the American Consul General upon his arrival.

On March 30th I received a message routed thru the Civil Affairs Section and referred to me for action. This message was handed by me to Consul Richardson for his action. The original is herewith, together with a memorandum from Consul General Steintorp addressed to you.

No other messages have been handled by me. There were some letters given to me to be mailed which I did not mail but held until the arrival of the Consul General and turned same over to him for his disposal.

I do believe there have been messages sent, possibly thru the Signal Corps, by allied or neutral consuls of which I know nothing. Also, it is possible that messages have been sent or requested to be sent by commercial radio.



To: Col. Thomas
From: Cmdr. Wilson
Date: March 31, 1942
Page: 2

I had been appointed Consul Liaison Officer with the duties to assist allied and neutral subjects to procure food. This has been reasonably accomplished following the orders I received that they should receive approximately one pound of rations per day. My other duties are to assist in identifying Americans who live outside of Santo Tomas Internment Camp in order that they may be able to procure food rations. I wish to state that I have never entered into any diplomatic affairs whatsoever other than being polite. I am sorry that the radio messages were routed thru the wrong channels as indicated on the messages, and in the future should any messages be given to me regardless of whom they are from I will turn them over to G2 Section under your command.

I belong to the US 7th Fleet on duty with GHQ and have been assigned to duty with the AUS GHQ and have been recently serving in the Civil Affairs Section. My Serial Number is 71408.

Comdr. S. J. Wilson, USNR
Consul Liaison Officer

SJW/GN



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Manila, March 7th, 1945.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I just had a conference with the local Swiss Consul regarding the relief work among our colony and there are some questions we would like to take up with the proper authorities. I understand that Brigadier General Courtney Whitney is now taking charge of the PCAU units, but as I do not wish to impose on him personally I thought I would write to you and ask you if you could bring the following to his kind attention.

The local Swiss colony, through the Swiss Benevolent Society (of which I am the President), had accumulated a sizeable emergency stock of foodstuff for its members. During the last days of the Japanese occupation it was decided to donate a good part of it to the sick inmates of the Santo Tomas camp to help relieve the desperate situation of our friends in there. This had to be done secretly and was accomplished through a religious Association. Unfortunately all of the rest of our emergency stock, deposited in various Swiss warehouses, was destroyed by fire, which also robbed many of us of our private provisions. All Swiss refugees are being taken care of by the more fortunate members of the colony, but the question of food and other prime commodities is now affecting all of us. Some groups were able to line up directly with their respective PCAU stations, while others were directed to share the rations of the general public.

We all appreciate the many courtesies extended by the American officers in charge; we fully realize the difficulties they are up against, and we do not wish to interfere with, or hamper, the relief work in any way. However we feel that some special arrangements - to fit the circumstances - should be made, and ask for the consideration of the following suggestions of help to our colony.



1 - Assignment of prime commodities to a representative of the Swiss colony for distribution among those members who are not served directly by the PCAU,

OR 2 - Assignment of prime commodities to a representative of the Swiss colony -against payment- for distribution among all members. In that case all Swiss would withdraw from their respective PCAU alignment and we would guarantee that no commodities received under such arrangement would be re-sold.

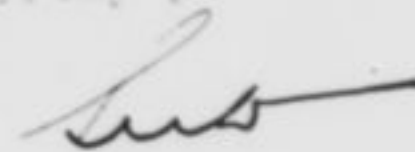
3 - There are a number of able business men, -and some professionals- in our colony, who are familiar with local conditions, who would like to offer their services to the U.S. Armed Forces. I can personally recommend them as to their honesty and reliability, and if there is any demand for such help I will be pleased to forward a call.

In conclusion may I ask you to please convey to General Whitney the expression of the deep gratitude I and all of us Swiss feel towards the United States who, true to their promise, came back and liberated the Philippines from the odious Japanese yoke.

God Bless America!

With kindest regards,

sincerely yours



H. Salzer.



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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

AFPO 500
18 December 1944

AG 210.453 (18 Dec 44)

SUBJECT: Amendment of ltr O.
TO : O concerned.

So much of ltr O this hq, dates indicted after each name, pertaining to the travel of the following-named O

- COL HERBERT B WHEELER 06801 GSC (14 Dec 44)
- LT COL JOHN N HARRINGTON 0451488 SC (10 Dec 44)
- COMDR SAMUEL J WILSON 71404 USN (12 Dec 44)
- CAPT BARTON H BOSWORTH 0888323 CE (27 Nov 44)
- CAPT OTIS PACE 01634194 SC (4 Dec 44)
- CAPT BARSE MILLER 0910066 CE (11 Dec 44)
- 1ST LT MEYER J SPIRO 01646026 SC (10 Dec 44)

as reads:

"Per diem of \$6.00 atzd while traveling and on temp dy not to exceed 30 days at any one place; per diem \$2.25 atzd during period Govt billets or qrs utilized; per diem suspended during period both Govt billets or qrs and messing facilities utilized."

is amended to read:

"In lieu of subs flat per diem of \$6.00 is atzd for travel, necessary delay enroute and period of temp dy. If Govt billets furn, deduct \$3.75; if Govt messing facilities utilized, deduct \$0.75 per meal."

By command of General MacARTHUR:

R. W. Bolling
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Major, A.G.D.,
Asst Adjutant General.

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AG 201-Wilson, Samuel J.
(12 Dec 44)

APO 500
12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Order.

TO : COMDR SAMUEL J WILSON 71404 USN

Above-named off WP Brisbane, Qld., and such other places as may be necessary on TDY for purpose carrying out instructions. Upon compl will ret to this sta.

Tvl by mil if available otherwise commercial acft (par 3b, AR 55-120, 26 Apr 43), Army or naval transport, belligerent vessel or acft, Govt MF and auth. Tvl by air is necessary to accomplish an emerg war mission.

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By command of General MacARTHUR:

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G-3 Operations, P.S.D.

Base Finance Officer,
Base "K"

12 December 1944

1. Commander Samuel J. Wilson, 71404 has been acting in capacity of Intelligence Officer for this headquarters for the past two years and has been in enemy occupied territory since the fall of Bataan.

2. He has received no pay or allowances since early 1942. It is desired that the sum of \$1,000 American currency be made available to Commander Wilson as partial payment.

-----L.A.T.-----



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RETURN FOR FILE:-

G-3 Ops, P.S.D.

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AG, GHQ

12 December 1944

1. It is requested that necessary orders be issued placing Commander Samuel J. Wilson, USN 71404 on temporary duty, Brisbane, Australia and such other places as may be necessary for the accomplishment of his mission; upon completion to return to this headquarters.

2. Commander Wilson is assigned to the Tenth Military District and is under the jurisdiction of G-3 Operations, Philippine Sub-division, GHQ.

----- S.J.C. -----

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

Commander Wilson has just returned from the Tenth Military District, Mindanao and is being sent to Brisbane to coordinate matters of supply for this section.

C. W.



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HEADQUARTERS, TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
CPZ - W

10 Oct 1944

Comdr Charles Parsons
AIB, CHQ, SWPA

Dear Chic:

I am sending you three Guerrilla hats
which I thought would amuse the children.
Perhaps Douglas, Jr. would like one.

Regards.



Sam
SAM WILSON

HEADQUARTERS, TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
CPZ - W

9 Oct 1944

Col Courtney Whitney
GHQ, USAFFE

Dear Courtney,

I have learned a lot from the boys recently arrived about you and the nice gathering at your apartment. These young Americans coming in are tops. They're well liked and do the work without any complaints of the roughness of living and chow. I know it will not be long now that we will have more like them.

It is unfortunate that Wendell is so far away from mail. It takes six weeks to get a letter from his Hq to mine. Most of the communications now are transmitted. But I do know that if he were here he would write you and send his regards.

Everything is going along fine here, the people's spirit is very high and we hope to give a little assistance to you fellows when you pay us a friendly visit. I was surprisingly pleased over my naval promotion and please accept my sincerest thanks as I know that you fellows must have recommended me to the Navy. Personally, I pay no attentions to promotions as I am deeply engrossed in my work, and it doesn't matter what rank we hold as long as we can do our part.

Very sincerely,



Sam
SAM WILSON

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
C P Z

In the Field
25 Sept '44

To: Col. C. Whitney:

Dear Courtney:

Your very nice letter dated 12 May received. It now looks as if the day is fast approaching when MacArthur and the boys will be here. I assure you the people will go wild with joy. It's a grand sight to see our own planes in the sky, and we are looking forward to the day when the big show comes off.

The young Army and Navy officers who have been sent up to assist Col. Fertig have been very helpful. They are all fine hombres.

I am enclosing the order of the day of Sept the 16th which you may be interested in and at the same time keep among your souvenirs.

Without a doubt Col. Fertig is an exceptionally brilliant man and we would be at a great loss without him as there is absolutely no one locally who could fill his shoes.

My very kindest regards to you and my friends in your area.

Most sincerely,

Sam
Lt. Col. S. J. Wilson, GSC
Chief of Staff,
10TH MD



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16 Sept '44

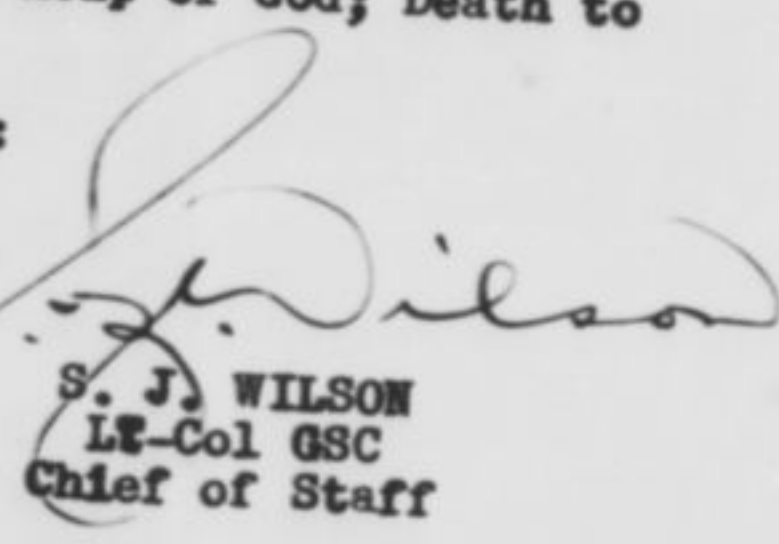
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TWO years ago today marks the beginning of a struggle by an oppressed people towards their own liberation. The guerrilla movement started in these provinces.

The Guerrilla Warfare has spread throughout your beloved island of Mindanao and causing this District to be formed. Two years of achievement and hardwork finds our force still resisting the enemy with fiercer determination and making the Tenth Military District the nucleus of a Free Philippines.

Today we stand on the belief that all your efforts had really paved the way to the "END OF THE BEGINNING" - Let's march on to VICTORY with the Help of God; Death to the Invader and their puppets.

By order of Colonel FERTIG:


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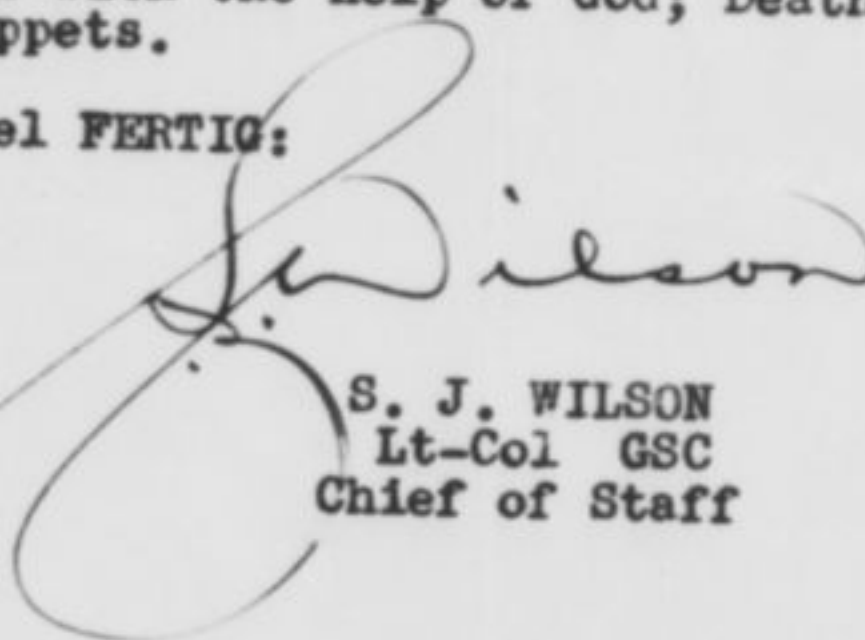
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