

PERSONNEL

FILES

INDIVIDUAL

GRIMM,

E. M.

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Chief of Staff

17 April 1944

1. Request that the assignment of Colonel E. H. Grinn to this Section be again considered. There is increasing work upon this Section for liaison duties with G-2, G-3, Allied Transport, etc., in connection with planning of future operations in the Philippine area.

2. The increased supply activity projected by the acquisition of the HAWTHORN and air supply operations will call increasingly on the time of Commander Furman, and it is desirable that such men as he and Colonel Grinn, thoroughly familiar with the areas immediately concerned, or one of them be available for consultation by other staff sections as the need arises, and to assist this Section in the same operations and through discharge of its responsibilities.

3. Colonel Grinn has long indicated his preference for such an assignment. The acquisition of his services would be of inestimable value to this Section.

C.H.



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File No.:

Subject: Colonel E. M. GRIMM

From: P.R.S.

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 25 Sept 43

1. Request that Colonel E. M. GRIMM be assigned to this Section.

2. I am particularly anxious to utilize this officer's services in the planning and execution of supply missions of the large sub soon to be under the C-in-C's command. When supplies start to flow into the Philippines at the accelerated scale made possible by the acquisition of that increased facility, strong counter measures by the enemy may be expected. Our success thereafter will be dependent upon carefully developed strategy, with preparations made for several alternate landing points on each trip. The whole operation will require and be well worth full time attention of men like Colonel GRIMM both well versed in loading and unloading and, at the same time, fully familiar with landing points and facilities available to us throughout the VISAYAS and MINDANAO.

3. The responsibility for this activity will, of course, fall squarely upon this Section. It is a responsibility, the importance of which cannot be overestimated, and which Commander PARSONS alone cannot handle. If possible, we should have an officer of the GRIMM - PARSONS ability to accompany each trip of the submarine - - someone who can be reasonably expected to carry the mission through successfully, regardless of changes that may occur in the situation while the sub is enroute, necessitating radical revision of plans.

4. Colonel GRIMM talked to me at length in my quarters last night and is very anxious to get into this Philippine work - - says that the C-in-C indicated to him recently that the opportunity for him would soon arise.

5. I strongly urge approval of the assignment requested.

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5 Oct 43

Colonel Grimm's present duties, for which he is exceptionally well fitted, are of such importance that it is impossible to relieve him at this time.

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P.R.S.

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