

PERSONNEL FILES

INDIVIDUAL

HIGBEE,

DONALD M.

OFFICER'S QUALIFICATION CODE SHEET

AIB - PRS

(Complete designation of organization)

APO 500

(Location or Station)

1. Serial Number (2) **0-121674** Name (1) **HIGBEE DONALD M.**
 (Last) (First) (M.I.)

Present Principal Dut. & Code No.

2. Arm or Service (Inf., FA, Cav, etc.)

AIR CORPS

3. Component (RA, Res, NG, AUS, etc.)

AUS

4. Limited Service (Physical or Retired)

5. Year of Birth

FEB. 17, 1899

6. Race

AMERICAN

7. Limited Service, (Over age in grade)

8. War and C.C.C. Service

**WORLD WAR II - 5 YEARS IN
 14 1/2 YEARS IN P. I., CHINA, INDIA**

9. Foreign Residence

10. Grade

CAPTAIN

11. Date of rank in grade

AUGUST 5, 1942

12. Last Previous Duty & Code No.

**ASST C of S, A-2 - SATF
 AIR ESC. 7TH AIR DIV**

13. Manner of Performance (Last previous Duty)

14. Date of entry on present duty

FEB. 13, 1943

15. Special Service School No. 1

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA OCS

16. Special Service School No. 2

**ENGINEERS SCHOOL - FORT BELVOIR
 VIRGINIA
 AIR FORCES INTELLIGENCE
 SCHOOL - HARRISBURG - PENN.**

17. General Service School

18. Language No. 1.

HINDUSTANI

19. Language No. 2.

TAGALOG

20. Marital Status

SINGLE

21. Education

**GRADUATE OF NORTHWESTERN
 UNIVERSITY - BSC DEGREE**

22. Educational Specialty

FINANCE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

23. Hobby and Sport

GOLF - TENNIS

24. Main Civilian Occupation & Code No.

**MANAGER OF BANK AND
 MEDICAL**

25. Military Occupational Specialty No. 1

COMBAT INTELLIGENCE

26. Military Occupational Specialty No. 2.

Initials of Authorizing Officer _____



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AR 380-5

From: AG

To: PRS

Date: 7 Feb 44

Since the assignment of Captain Higbee represents an increase in strength over and above that now authorized for your section, justification for this officer's assignment should be submitted to this office for presentation to the D C/S for approval.

1 Incl: C/N fr G-1 USAFFE, 5 Feb 44
To D C/S & AG, USAFFE, w/AG, USAFFE
routing slip, 7 Feb 44

B. M. F.

From: PRS

To: AG

Date: 8 Feb 44

1. I have not been heretofore advised that there was any specific authorized strength for this Section, nor consulted as to personnel requirements. At present, I am the only officer of the Army on duty with the Section (as distinguished from its field activities) and about one half of the time I am the only person above enlisted grade present to handle the not inconsiderable volume of work processed for the consideration of the C-in-C and Chief of Staff. This is an unhealthy situation which would have been remedied earlier by the acquisition of additional officer personnel had such personnel with necessary qualifications been available.

2. Captain Higbee is such an officer. He has long been connected with the National City Bank of New York in the Far East, having been for some time manager of the Cebu branch of the said Bank. Through his experience he is familiar with both Philippine personalities and economy and can be most helpful in digesting and evaluating the great mass of intelligence material of a civil nature now coming out of the Philippines.

3. It is proposed to utilize the services of Captain Higbee in this field. He is intensely interested in Philippine problems and impresses me as an enthusiastic and energetic officer.

1 Incl: n/c

C.N.



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From: G-1

To: DC/S For Approval 5 February 1944
AG For Necessary Action

1. Capt. Donald M. Higbee, O-121674, is an Air Force Intelligence Officer who has spend considerable years of his life living in the Philippine Islands. He has requested transfer to the AIB so that he may work more closely with Intelligence functions relative to the Philippine Islands. The Air Force concurs in his transfer and Col. Whitney requests the assignment to that section. Col. Whitney states that the AG of GHQ concurs with the assignment.

2. It is recommended that Capt. Higbee be transferred from the 5th Air Force to Miscellaneous Group, this headquarters for duty with the AIB.

H.H.B.



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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

AG 210.453 (23 Mar 44)

APO 500
23 March 1944

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : O concerned.

Following-named O now on dy Allied Intelligence Bureau APO 500 WP on or about 25 Mar 44 to Darwin, NT, on temp dy for purpose carrying out instructions. Upon completion will return to this sta:

LT COMDR CHARLES PARSONS I-V(S) USNR
CAPT DONALD M HIGBEE 0121674 AC

Travel by mil if available otherwise commercial aircraft (par 3b, AR 55-120, 26 Apr 43), Govt motor T and rail atzd. EWM.

Alws of not to exceed 50 pounds personal baggage while traveling by air atzd. In addition LT COMDR PARSONS atzd 750 pounds excess official baggage while traveling by air.

In lieu of subs flat per diem \$6.00 atzd while traveling and while on temp dy if Govt billets or shelter not provided and messing facilities not furn; or, in lieu of subs flat per diem \$2.25 atzd if Govt billets or shelter provided but messing facilities not available. During period both Govt billets or shelter provided and messing facilities furn, per diem alws is susp. TCNT. TDN. 91-2 P 432-02, 03 A 212/40425.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

R. W. Bolling
R. W. BOLLING,
Captain, A.G.D.,
Asst Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:
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CG USAFFE (1)
FO USASOS SWPA (1)
FO Base Sec 3 (4)
O concerned (5 each)
AG Records (1)

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(Hqs and APO No.)

(Date)

TO: Finance Officer,
USASCS, Base Sec. #3,
A. P. O. 923.



1. The following is my travel itinerary as authorized by
Travel Orders _____

DATE:	MODE OF TRAVEL: Air, Rail, (GMT Boat, etc.	HOUR:
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See instructions on reverse side
before completing this form.

Name Rank ASN



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out the form on reverse side promptly upon completion of Travel and TD and forward to Finance Officer Base Section No.3, APO 923, in order to avoid delay in making payment of per diem at the end of the Per Diem period.
2. Show all stops enroute to and from TD.
3. State date and hour of departure from last stop upon leaving, and date and hour of arrival at first stop upon arrival in Australia, when travel is performed outside the Continental Limits of Australis.
4. State date and hour of departure at last stop prior to entering Base Sec. #1 and date and hour of arrival at first stop after departure from Base Sec. #1.
5. State mode of Transportation in brackets provided.
6. State reasons for stops or delay enroute to and from TD viz; Awaiting Transportation, Temporary duty (TD), Remained over night (R.O.N.), Bad weather, Emergency landing or Mechanical trouble, etc.
7. *Strike out if not applicable, example; if Gov't billets furnished or available, strike out "No Gov't Billets available", and if no messing facilities are available, strike out "Messing facilities available".
8. Officers should make certain that the Finance Officer has two copies of orders authorizing per diem for travel and TD.

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FULL TRANSLATION - EXTRACT FROM DIARY OF MAJOR AND WIFE VERNON - SALAMANA

"BLOOD CARNIVAL"

29 March 1943 - All four of us, MIYOKAWA, NISHIGUCHI, YAMATA and myself, assembled in front of the headquarters at 1500 hours. One of the two members of the crew of the Douglas which was shot down by A/A on the 18th, and who had been under cross examination by the 7th Base Force for some days had been returned to the SALAMANA Garrison and it had been decided to kill him.

TAI Commander HEMAI, when he came to the observation station today told us personally that, in accordance with the compassionate sentiments of Japanese BUSHIDO, he was going to kill the prisoner himself with his favorite sword. So we gathered to observe this. After we had waited a little more than ten minutes, the truck came along.

The prisoner who is at the side of the guard house is given his last drink of water. The Chief Medical Officer, TAI Commander HEMAI and the headquarters platoon commander come out of the officers mess wearing their military swords. The time has come, as the prisoner with his arms bound and his long hair now cropped very close, tatters forward. He probably suspects what is afoot, but he is more composed than I thought he would be. Without more ado he is put on the truck and we set out for our destination.

I have a seat next to the Chief Medical Officer -- about ten guards ride with us. It will not be long now. As I picture the scene we are about to witness, my heart beats faster. The truck runs along the roadside. Here and there we see contrails in the grassy fields. They must have got it in the bombing the night before last -- there are great holes by the side of the road full of water from the rain. In a little over twenty minutes we arrive at a big bomb crater and all get off.

TAI Commander HEMAI stands up and says to the prisoner. "We are now going to kill you." When he tells the prisoner that in accordance with Japanese BUSHIDO he would be killed with a Japanese sword and that he would have two or three minutes grace. He listens with a bowed head and then says a few words in a low voice. I heard the word "one" which means he wants to be killed by one stroke of the sword.

Now the time has come and the prisoner is made to kneel on the bank of a bomb crater filled with water. He is apparently resigned; the precaution is taken of surrounding him with guards with fixed bayonets but he remains calm. He even stretches out his neck and is very brave.

The TAI Commander has drawn his favorite sword. It is the famous OSAMUNE sword which he showed us at the observation post. It glitters in the light and sends a cold shiver down my spine. He taps the prisoner's neck lightly with the back of the blade, then raises it above his head with both arms and brings it down with a sweep.

I had been standing with my muscles tensed but that moment I closed my eyes. **SHU!** It must be the sound of blood spurting from the arteries. With a sound as though something watery had been cut, the body falls forward. It is amazing -- he had killed him with one stroke. The onlookers crowd forward. The head detached from the trunk rolls in front of it. **SHU! SHU!** The dark blood gushes out.

All is over. The head is dead white like a doll. The savagery which I felt only a little while ago is gone and now I feel nothing but the true compassion of Japanese BUSHIDO. A senior Corporal laughs loudly, "Well, he will enter Heaven now." Then a superior sergeant of the Medical Unit takes the Chief Medical Officer's Japanese sword and intent on paying off old scores, turns the headless body over and cuts the abdomen open with one clean stroke. Foreigners -- even the skin of a white man's ball; comes out of the body. The body is then pushed into the water.

I close my eyes and I see the scene again in my

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We got on to the truck again and start back. It is getting dark now. We get off in front of the headquarters building. I say goodbye to TAI Commander EDWAY and climb up the hill with HIRAKAWA. This will be something to remember all my life. If ever I get back alive it will make a good story to tell so I have written it down.

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Now the wind blows ~~strongly~~ ^{fully} I see the scene again in my mind's eye. We get on to the truck again and start back. It is ~~getting~~ ^{getting} dark now. We get off in front of the Hq. building. I say good bye to Tai Commander Komai and climb up the hill with Kurokawa. This will be something to remember all my life. If ever I get back alive it will make a good story to tell. I have written it down.



Just A.F. F/L - 23 years old - Bomber from
"Peterson" ^{moreover}
Carl Jacobson.