

PERSONNEL

FILES

INDIVIDUAL

PHILLIPS, L. H.

HEADQUARTERS  
FIRST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION, SPECIAL  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST

Subject: Casualty Report Maj. L. H. Phillips

From: Lt. Col. Brown To: Brig. Gen. C. W. Whitney Date: 1 Mar 1945

1. Sgt. P. N. Trocio, 1st Ron Bn, now on T.D. with Company D, 597th Sig. A. W. Bn, Mindoro, arrived this Headquarters 28 February to obtain pay and supplies. Reported the following:

In a civilian cemetery near the town Abra de Ilog, Mindoro, there is a grave marked  
"Major L. H. Phillips, U. S. Army, shot at Cabilagan by Nip Imperial Army March 15, 1944."

Phillips was given a military funeral by the Japanese.

2. If you will approve this report, I will submit it to the A.G. This will enable Captain Skundale to be promoted. At present there are no more vacancies for Majors in the Bn. T. O.

L. B.

From: C.W.

To: L.B.

Date: 14 March 1945

The above further confirms other information on Major Philipps' death. Believe you should make it official.



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Thru AS, GPO

15 October 1944

1. Entry should be made in the records of the War Department that the following named officer is missing in action:

Major Lawrence H. Phillips, O-916722, C.I.

2. This officer was dispatched on a secret mission for the Commander in Chief to the Philippines in October 1943. During the period February - March 1944 he was in action against the enemy and has not been heard from since about 15 March. An officer was dispatched to take over the continuance of the Phillips' mission last July but no report has yet been received from him concerning the matter.

3. Officer's next of kin are his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Phillips  
Square and Leman Streets  
Patterson, California

S.J.G.



Philippine Regional Section

201-Phillips, Lawrence H. (0)

4 June 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Distinguished Service Cross.

TO : Commanding General, USAFFE, APO 501

1. Under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July, 1918, (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), it is recommended that the Distinguished Service Cross be awarded to Major Lawrence H. Phillips, 0916722, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States:

"Major Lawrence H. Phillips, 0916722, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States, is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding gallantry in the presence of the enemy during the period 23 October 1943 to 15 March 1944, when as a volunteer for service of extreme hazard he established a radio and observation post in Northern Mindoro and transmitted therefrom to this Headquarters important information concerning enemy movements and dispositions. In addition to such service he was able, in the face of grave danger, to give encouragement and material aid to Americans and Filipinos still resisting the enemy on the Islands of Luzon and Mindoro. In the conduct of this mission Major Phillips demonstrated exemplary courage and devotion to duty."

2. The undersigned has a personal knowledge of the above meritorious service.

3. Home address

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Phillips (Parents)  
Sycamore and Lemon Streets  
Patterson, California  
U.S.A.



COURTNEY WHITNEY  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Philippine Regional Section

FRS

Chief of Staff

2 June 1944

Hereunder is suggested citation to accompany the Award Of Distinguished Service Cross to Major PHILLIPS previously approved by you:

**AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS**

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See administration (48) for approval



USAFIL LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES  
GHQ, East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area  
In the Field

25 April 44

*File  
Maj. Philipps*

TO : Commanding Officer  
East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area

Subject: Report (The exhumation of late Major L.H. Philipps)

In the morning of April 11, 1944 I received a verbal order from Major Edwin P. Renssey, C.O., ECLGA, in Cabasiñgan, Abra de Ilog, Mindoro to exhume the body of doubted Maj. L.H. Philipps believed buried in the cemetery of Abra de Ilog, Mindoro. Due to complicated informations and rumors about the death of Maj. L. H. Philipps, we planned to exhume the body for examination in order to verify and prove his death.

Together with Cpl. Mateo Sisa, Pvt. Ciriaco Ramos (soldiers of Lts. Bernabe & Janilla) who were especially assigned to me, went by boat from barrio Cabasiñgan to barrio Matabang, Abra de Ilog and stopped in the house of barrio Leut., to take our lunch. After a few hours, we proceeded to the house of Mr. La Rosa contact-man in that town. According to Mr. La Rosa, the American being killed (whose name was also in doubt) was given a formal military burial by the Jap's Captain, formerly the Garrison Commander in that town, who happened to be a Catholic.

That night the Jap's P.O. were having a good time serenading around. Taking our chances, we slipped away to the bodega of the Municipal Building, where we were able to secure tools thru the help of Mr. La Rosa. I noticed that the cemetery is isolated from the residential building, except two (2) government buildings nearby. Back of the town school, facing the municipal building and opposite the town church. All these buildings are around five hundred (500) yards away from the cemetery.

It was very dark and busy around and we had a hard time locating the grave. The grave was marked by a wooden cross, about five (5) feet high and three (3) feet across with letters written in black paint, as follows:

March  
Major L. H. Philipps Shot in Cabilugan  
A. de Ilog, Mindoro, by the Jap. Army

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When the grave was a long wooden stretcher almost covered by dry leaves falling from the trees nearby. We pulled it out and started digging. After an hour Cpl. Mateo Sisa, whispered that the ground he was stepping was already soft. I immediately lighted a match to find it out. The body was wrapped by the carabao hide and being buried about 3 feet below. The body was already very much decayed, so that all the human bones are exposed and completely beyond recognition. More or less the deceased was around 6 feet long. I completely open up the carabao hide being covered and noticed that

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several ribs were fractured probably due to bullet hits. The skull was partly separated from the body. Finding no available things to be taken from the body for identification, I spade out the skull from the hole and examined it. Findings are mentioned below:

- (a) The skull was completely hairless.
- (b) Set of teeth on the lower jaw, complete;
- (c) One gold tooth on the right molar, upper jaw.
- (d) Three sets of gold teeth attached from the left molar to wisdom teeth, upper jaw.

It was impossible to take off the whole set of teeth which were attached to jaw bone. Instead I took of the gold teeth alone. (Submitted to Major Edwin P. Ramsey, C.O., ECLGA, and Mr. Wise, Warrant Officer, USA) on my return to Barric Cabasaran, Abra de Ilog, Mindoro, on April 12, 1944.

GREGORIO PERALTA  
1st. Lieutenant, Inf. (GFCP)  
Asst. to G-2, ECLGA



Is there any info on May Phillips?

Mary Caruthers

1627 South 17<sup>th</sup>

Chickasha, Okla.





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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

AG 210.453 (19 Oct 43)

APO 500  
19 October 1943

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : O WO and EM concerned.

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:Auth: C-in-C :  
:Initials: *Bmf* :  
:Date: 19 Oct 43 :  
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Following-named O WO and EM WP on or about 22 Oct 43 from APO 500 to points outside continental limits of Australia for purpose carrying out instructions of C-in-C upon completion will return to proper sta:

- MAJ LAWRENCE H PHILLIPS 0916722 CE ✓
- CAPT RICARDO C GALANG 0515082 Inf
- 1ST LT RUBEN P SONGCO 0478156 Inf
- WOJG BRAYNARD L WISE W2129711 AUS
- 1st Sgt Benjamin M Harder 32423772
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- Techn 5th gr Ramon D Vitorio 39097646

Travel by mil or commercial aircraft (par 3b, AR 55-120, 26 Apr 43) USAT, belligerent vessel or aircraft, Govt motor T and rail atzd. EWM.

In lieu of subs flat per diem \$6.00 atzd O and WO and monetary alws in lieu of rat and/or qrs atzd EM in accordance with Table II, AR 35-4520, while traveling within the continental limits of Australia only. TCNT. TDN. 1-5600 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

This ltr O rescinds all other ltr O issued this date on the above personnel.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

*B. M. Fitch*  
B. M. FITCH,  
Colonel, A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

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(15 Nov 43)

HQ, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, APO 501, 18 November, 1943.

TO: Director, Allied Intelligence Bureau, APO 500.

Request appropriate action.

For the Commanding General:

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12 Feb 44

*Handwritten signature:* Chas W. Clegg  
CHAS W. CLEGG  
Lt Col AGD  
Asst Adjt Gen



FKIO 201-Phillips, Lawrence, H.  
(15 Nov 43)

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CHAS W. CLEGG  
Lt Col AGD  
Asst Adjt Gen



HEADQUARTERS  
CAMP DOOMBEN  
APO 923

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15 November 1943.

201-Phillips, Lawrence H. (Capt)

SUBJECT: Clearance.

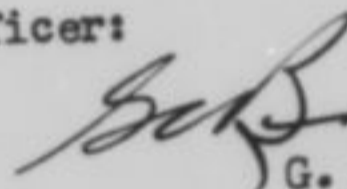
TO : Capt Lawrence H. Phillips, CE, USAFFE, APO 501.  
(Thru: Commanding General, Base Section No. 3, APO 923)

1. Records this headquarters indicate that proper clearance was not obtained by you prior to departure this station.

2. Orderly fees in the amount of nine shillings six pence (EO-9-6) are due for the period 12 September 1943 to 30 September 1943.

3. Billeting Office Property Account shows that 1 Canvas Cot and 4 blankets were issued you on or about 12 September 1943 and have not been turned in. Request remittance of orderly fee, settlement of property account, and proper clearance be obtained as soon as practicable.

For the Commanding Officer:

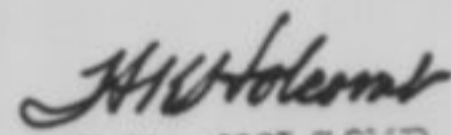


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16 NOV 1943  
G. C. BRAITHWAITE of C.O.  
Captain, A.G.D., No. 3  
Adjutant

BSCXP 201-Phillips, Lawrence H. (Off) 1st Ind. HKH/sb/lem  
HEADQUARTERS, BASE SECTION No. 3, A.P.O. No. 923, 16 November, 1943

TO: Commanding General, USAFFE., A.P.O. No. 501.  
(Attention: Captain Lawrence H. Phillips, CE)

For the Commanding General:



H. K. HOLCOMB,  
Captain, AGD.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.



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Nov. 13, 1943

Dear Col Whitney,

Everything has been fine. Chick is recruiting a Navy today!!! From observation he appears to be successful.

A few suggestions in regard to any future parties: Have had time to think this over. On boarding transportation each man should have a small pack. He should have at least the following:

1 ground sheet 1 blanket 1 pair shoes 1 pr jungle boots  
2 complete change clothes; toilet articles and soap; 1 mosquito net; water proof bag; one carbine and one extra clip;  
1 .45 cal pistol and two clips; 1 belt; 1 canteen; smokes. - 1 carbine  
2 clips

This would enable each man to go at a moments notice to any designated spot and would be independent of the group as a whole.

Packing supplies: Too much emphasis can not be given this item.

Each box should be numbered and a complete list made of every article in the box. To label boxes medical supplies is not good, they should be itemized. In packing clothing for the men each members clothes should be packed separately to avoid confusion. The package should not weigh more than 100 lbs-50 lbs is better.

A list of supplies taken by the ISRM party is inclosed. This may assist future parties.

The money that was furnished has a very poor job of aging on the back of the bills. Something should be done to remove the artificial appearance. The money should be packed in five gallon tins. These would fit in a sack and would not attract attention. The container being used is too large.

All parts on the boxes of one radio set should be numbered 50 A- 50B 50C ~~50~~ so that it would be easy to set up one set in a hurry.

In some reading lately, I ran across a couple of items that might be quite useful in the future. Some Navy stills are described in the August 1943 Fortune magazine-page 74-78 which should be looked into for possible use on distilling alcohol.

Another item found in Colliers described a new compound Thiokol which could be used for lining a pit to act as storage tank for gasoline. It stated, that one transport plane could carry enough to make a storage tank equivalent in size to six room house. In this respect our transportation has two tanks which are capable of carrying 8000 gal gasoline each. This capacity could be greatly increased if the powers that be desired. The danger involved is plenty but so is there plenty of danger in carrying ammo.

Have had a number of <sup>Sessions</sup> ~~sessions~~ with Chick and have an ambitious program outlined. Will certainly have ~~it~~ a chance to give it a go.

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The address of my folks is Mr and Mrs M J Phillips,  
Sycamore and Lemon Sts Patterson, Cal. Would greatly appreciate  
if you keep them informed.

I left forty pounds in the office, this should cover  
any expense for me personally *for any items that might come up*

Have covered a few of the things that might prove helpful  
in the future.

It goes with out saying that the whole group will  
endeavor to give their best. Love the

Yours truly,  
*LH*  
L H Phillips  
Major CE





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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

AG 210.453 (19 Oct 43)

APO 500  
10 January 1944

SUBJECT: Amendment of ltr O.

TO : Tec 4 Vicente A Agbayani 39839127.

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: Auth: C-in-C :  
: Initials: RWB :  
: Date: 10 Jan 44 :  
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So much of ltr O this hq 19 Oct 43 directing certain O WO and EM to proceed on or about 22 Oct 43 from APO 500 to points outside continental limits of Australia as pertains to above-named EM is revoked.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

R. W. BOLLING,  
1st Lt., A.G.D.,  
Asst Adjutant General.

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1st Lt., A.G.D.,  
Asst Adjutant General.

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AG, GHQ

9 Jan 44

It is requested that so much of secret letter orders File AG 210.453, dated 19 October 1943, that pertains to Techn 4th Gr VICENTE A. AGBAYANI, 39839127, be rescinded.

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SUBJECT: Orders.

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APO 500  
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:Initials: AS :  
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By command of General MacARTHUR:

*Donald C Sandison*  
DONALD C. SANDISON,  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Asst Adjutant General.

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19 October 1943

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Dated  
March

Major L.H. Philipps Shot at Cabilugan  
A. De Iloilo, Mindoro by the Nippon Imp. Army

15  
1944

1. Lt. Gregorio Peralta
2. Cpl. Mateo Lisa
3. Pvt. Ciraco Ramos





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By command of General MacARTHUR:

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Deputy Controller, A.I.B.

G-2 and AG in turn.

19 October, 1943.

1. In order that they may accomplish a mission directed by this Headquarters, it is requested that secret letter orders be issued for the following named officers and enlisted men of the 5217th Reconnaissance Battalion (controlled by the Philippine Regional Section of A.I.B.) to proceed from this Headquarters to points outside the continental limits of Australia on or about 22 October, 1943, and return at an indefinite date:

✓ Major PHILLIPS, Lawrence H., O-916722  
Captain GALANG, Ricardo C., O-515082  
1st Lt. SONGCO, Ruben P., O-478156  
W.O. (j.g.) WISE, Braynard L. W-2129711  
T/4 ALBERTO, Alfred A., 36515325  
S/Sgt. BANAIRES, Arcangel, 6735925  
T/5 VITORIO, Ramon D., 39097646  
T/4 AGBAYANI, Vicente A., 39839127  
S/Sgt. PINNELA, Vicente A., 39238489  
1st Sgt. HARDER, Benjamin M., 32423772

2. Travel by any or all types of usual transport should be authorized and travel by air necessary for accomplishment of an emergency mission should be specified.

3. It is presumed that per diem arrangements as for previous missions of this type will be followed. An example can be seen in letter order dated April 11, 1943, this Headquarters, (AG 210.453). It is pointed out that these officers and men will not be attached to any recognized military unit while on station.

4. All transportation has been arranged.

5. The Chief of Staff has approved this mission.

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A. W. I.

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APD 500  
12 October, 1943.

SUBJECT: Air Transport for Seeds.

TO : The Quartermaster, Advance Base "D."

Attention: Lt. Col. Motes

1. I am adding an indorsement to Major Phillips letter.
2. This is to advise you that the seeds he mentions not only are important in a special mission, but there is sufficient urgency to require movement by air at once. I can advise you that top air priority is assured through VOC/C to Colonel Courtney Whitney, Chief of a regional section in this Bureau, basis: "Special Project."

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

1 Incl.  
Ltr., Maj. Phillips to  
Col. Motes, 12 Oct 43.



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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
: )  
NO.....219 )

A.P.O. 501  
3 October 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  
ROBERT E. O'BRIEN 0330160 QMC      WILLIAM G. ROTHERMEL 0309586 QMC  
JULIAN F. PFAFF 0328894 QMC

CAPT TO MAJ  
LAWRENCE H. PHILLIPS 0916722 CE      RALPH D. REAGOR 0339853 AGD

1ST LT TO CAPT  
CHARLES D. MILLER 01685177 DC      MORRIS YERMISH 01695913 DC

2D LT TO 1ST LT  
THOMAS J. HAWKINS 01030577 Cav      LAWRENCE H. McQUERREY 01175514 FA

(210.2)

2. DP and under provisions AR 605-145, 2D LT ROSARIO GANGI 02035006  
AUS is asgd to AGD and will remain on present duties.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

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(Maj Reagor.....3)	Machine Records Section..... 1
CO, Base Section No. 4..... 6	Postal Officer..... 6
(QM Subsistence Sub-Depot.....1)	(CO, 7th Base P.O.....1)
(Lt Col O'Brien.....3)	(2D Lt Rosario.....3)
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(CG, 24th Div Arty.....1)	
(1st Lt McQuerrey.....3)	
CG, Fifth Air Force..... 10	
(CO, 565th Signal AW Bn.....1)	
(Capt Miller.....3)	
(Capt Yermish.....3)	
CO, Base Section No. 7..... 6	
(QM Subsistence Dep.....1)	
(Lt Col Pfaff.....3)	
CO, Base Section No. 2..... 5	
(Lt Col Rothermel.....3)	



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DATE	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE (To be itemized by the day and fully explained)	SUB- VOU. NO.**	AMOUNT		NOTATIONS (Payee must not use this column)
			SUBSISTENCE	OTHER	
1943	Per diem last paid to include Midnight Sept 30/43 on vou. #44894 FY'44 accts. of A. H. MILLER, Lt. Col. FD				
Oct 1	12001 AM On duty HQ. USAFFE, Miss				
	To Op (AIB). Per diem in				
Oct 22	Noon lieu of subsistence.				
	21- 1/2 days @ \$2.25 per day....		48.38		
					
<p>I hereby certify that the above schedule is true and correct, that I am not on duty with a troop unit, and that I did not mess with a troop or officers' mess for the above period.</p>					
<p><u>LAWRENCE H. PHILLIPS</u>            Capt., GS</p>					
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**LIST OF KEYS**

**Major L. H. Phillips**

**ISRM**

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (1) Cupertino, California     | (19)                                |
| (2) San Francisco, California | (22)                                |
| (3) Honolulu, Hawaii          | (14)                                |
| (4) Yokohama, Japanese        | (16)                                |
| (5) Shanghai, Chinese         | (15)                                |
| (6) Manila, Philippines       | (17)                                |
| (7) Bugo Oriental Misamis     | (19)                                |
| (8) November Nineteenth       | (18) Date of Birth                  |
| (9) December twenty ninth     | (19) Marriage Date                  |
| (10) December first DellMonte | (21) Date of birth & place Florence |
| (11) October thirty first     | (18) Date of birth Neil             |
| (12) November fourteenth      | (18) Date of birth Ruth             |



P.R.S.

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29 Sept 43

1. Request that action be taken toward the promotion of Captain LAWRENCE H. PHILIPPS, 0916722, C.E., to the grade of Major.

2. This officer has held his present grade for a period of one year, has volunteered and has been selected by the C-in-C to head a secret mission of great importance in a forward enemy occupied area. Promotion to the grade indicated will facilitate the execution of his mission.

C. W.



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From: AG

To: AIB

Date: 14 Sep 43

Paragraph 2 not understood in view of statement made by Col Whitney when he requested this officer, which was, in effect, as follows:

"His (Captain Phillips) services are now urgently desired in the organization and training of Philippine parties....."

Travel per diem will be authorized this officer when temporary duty travel is necessary.

1 Incl: n/c

B. N. F.

From: Lt. Col. Ind, Deputy  
Controller, A.I.B.

To: A.G.O., GHQ.

Date: 14 September, 1943.

1. The request in the basic communication was made upon application therefore by Colonel Whitney, who explained that he planned to use—and now is using—this officer in details of planning and organization concerning secret parties. His presence in Brisbane much of the time is essential.

2. In view of the above, it is not believed that the request is inconsistent with the statement of intentions by Colonel Whitney when he asked for this officer's transfer.

3. It is therefore asked that the original request be granted as of the date indicated since this officer is maintaining himself at his own expense.

1 Incl: n/c

A. W. I.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

AG 210.453 (14 Sep 43)

APO 500  
14 September 1943

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : O concerned.

Following-named O Allied Intelligence Bureau APO 500 WP on or about 15 Sep 43 to Melbourne, Vic., on temp dy for purpose carrying out instructions of C-in-C upon completion will return to this sta:

LT COMDR CHARLES PARSONS I-V(S) USNR  
✓ CAPT LAWRENCE H PHILLIPS 0916722 CE

Travel by mil, naval or commercial aircraft (par 3b, AR 55-120, 26 Apr 43), Govt motor T or rail authorized.

In addition to personal baggage alws of 50 pounds authorized each O, LT COMDR PARSONS is authorized 450 pounds excess official baggage while traveling by air.

In lieu of subs flat per diem \$6.00 authorized 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 authorized if Govt billets or shelter provided but messing facilities not available. During period both Govt billets provided and messing facilities furn, per diem alws is susp.  
TCNT. TDN. 1-5600 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

*B. M. Fitch*  
B. M. FITCH,  
Colonel, A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

AIB (1)  
CG USAFFE (1)  
Dir A.T. (1)  
FO USASOS SWPA (1)  
FO Base Sec 3 (4)  
O concerned (5 each) ✓  
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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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FEXO

APO 501  
13 Sept, 1943

FEXO 201-Phillips, Lawrence H.

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : CAPT LAWRENCE H. PHILLIPS 0916722 CE, Misc Gp USAFFE, Allied Int Bureau.

Having reported this date above-named O asgd Misc Gp USAFFE dy with Allied Int Bureau. It being impracticable to subsist with troops or at an Officers mess, per diem \$2.25 and billets authorized. 91-2 P415-01 AG102-24.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

B. B. RUSSELL,  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Ass't Adjutant General.

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O concerned (3)  
AG GHQ  
Allied Int Bureau  
Fiscal O USASOS (2)  
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Lt. Col. Ind, Deputy  
Controller, A.I.B.

A.G.O., G.H.Q.

13 Sept., 1943.

1. It is requested that Captain Lawrence H. Phillips, 0916722, CE, assigned to Miscellaneous Group, USAFFE, be placed on duty with A.I.B. as per attached Special Order No. 240, Headquarters, USASOS, 2 September, 1943, and that he be authorized per diem of \$2.25 and Government billets.

2. This officer will be on duty in the Brisbane area most of the time.

1 Incl.  
SO 240, 2 Sept 43.

A. W. I.

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Symbols: TCNT The Transportation Corps will furnish the necessary transportation.  
ESPOA Exigencies of the service precluding issuance of orders in advance.

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY SERVICES OF SUPPLY

Special Orders )

No. 240 )

- E X T R A C T -

A.P.O. 501,  
2 September, 1943.

1. CAPT CHARLES E. STEVENSON U371096 CE reld 4th Repl Dep, asgd 324th QM Boat Co and placed on temp dy with ATS Hq Base Sec 3. WP TCNT TDN. Per diem \$6.00 authorized while traveling. 1-5600 P431-02 A212/40425.

2. 1ST LT WILLIAM T. FRANKLIN 0393718 Inf reld cas det 4th Repl Dep, asgd Hq 41st Inf Div. WP TCNT TDN. Travel by mil or commercial aircraft is directed for accomplishment of EWM. Rail and water T authorized, if necessary. Personal baggage not to exceed 55 pounds authorized while traveling by air. Per diem \$6.00 authorized while traveling except by water T. 1-5600 P431-02 03 A212/40425.

3. Par 2 SO 45, Hq, Base Sec 5, APO 925, 28 Sept 1942, as amended, as reads, "as prescribed in Paragraph 2a, Table II, AR 35-4520," is amended to read, "as prescribed in Paragraph 2a, Table I, AR 35-4520... (246.8)

4. Pursuant to auth contained in Ltr AG-201-Sikes, Charles E.; 12 August 1943, WD, AGO, Wash., D.C. Subject: "Assignment of Enlisted Man", T/3rd Gr CHARLES E. SIKES, 19065270, N.Y. Port of Emb, now on dy aboard the transport "Y-3", is trfd in gr to Ship & Gun Crew Command No. 1 APO 923, and will remain on dy aboard the "Y-3".

5. CAPT LAWRENCE H. PHILLIPS 0916722 CE reld Adv Base "B", asgd Misc Gp USAFFE and placed on dy with AIB. WP TCNT TDN. Travel by mil or commercial aircraft is directed for accomplishment of EWM. Rail and water T authorized, if necessary. Personal baggage not to exceed 55 pounds authorized while traveling by air. Per diem \$6.00 authorized while traveling except by water T. 1-5600 P431-02 03 A212/40425.

6. ESPOA VCCG 25 Aug 43 confirmed and made matter of record. It being impracticable to subsist with troops or at an O mess COL WILLIAM HONES 05459 Inf authorized per diem \$2.25 and billets. 91-2 P415-01 A212/40425.

7. So much par 4 SO 232, cs, this hq, as reads "LT COL FREDERICK L. WIEGAND 0184147 Inf" is amended to read "LT COL FREDERICK L. WIEGAND 0184142 Inf."

8. CAPT JAMES B. BERRY 0361784 Inf reld temp dy Hq Base Sec 3 and asgmt 22d Port Hq, asgd Adv Base A. WP TCNT TDN. Travel by mil or commercial aircraft is directed for accomplishment of EWM. Rail or water T authorized, if necessary. Personal baggage not to exceed 55 pounds authorized while traveling by air. Per diem \$6.00 authorized while traveling except by water T. 1-5600 P431-02 03 A212/40425.

9. Following-named O detailed Section Supply O for Base Dep 3 as indicated:

CH (LT COL) JAMES C. CROWSON 0199898 AUS, Ch's Sec Supply O,  
MAJ MALCOLM G. WORDEN 0239687 Sig C, Sig Sec Supply O,  
1ST LT LAWRENCE C. MILLER 0203445 TC, T Sec Supply O,  
2D LT JOHN C. STARKWEATHER 0402665 FA, SS Supply O.

(323.71)

10. NOT ISSUED.

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(SO 240 Cont'd)

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11. 1ST LT EDWIN G. MORAN 01102392 CE reld 339th Engr Gen Serv Regt, asgd 32d Inf Div. WP TCNT TDN. Travel by rail or commercial aircraft is directed for accomplishment of EWM. Rail and water T authorized, if necessary. Personal baggage not to exceed 55 pounds authorized while traveling by air. Per diem \$6.00 authorized while traveling except by water T. 1-5600 P431-02 03 A212/40425.

12. So much par 5 SO 218, cs, this hq, and so much par 16 SO 228, cs, this hq, as reads "CAPT MATTHEW J. MURPHY 0474215 CMP" is amended to read "CAPT MATTHEW J. MURPHY 0474214 CMP".

13. DP and under provisions of AR 605-145 following-named O detailed in GSC:

(210.31)

COL WILLIAM HONES 05459 Inf,  
LT COL NATHANIEL B. SAUVE 0205209 Inf,

By command of Major General MARSHALL:

DWIGHT F. JOHNS  
Brig Gen, GSC  
C o S

OFFICIAL:

*M. J. Conway*

M. J. CONWAY  
Col AGD  
Adj Gen

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4th Repl Dep, 703.....	15	G-4.....	1
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(1st Lt Franklin.....)	6	Enlisted Section.....	12
324th QM Boat Co, 923.....	3	(Par 3.....)	6
Base Section 3.....	25	(Par 4.....)	3
(Capt Murphy.....)	3	Officers' Section.....	15
(Capt Berry.....)	6	(Col Hones.....)	6
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42nd Gen Hosp, 923.....	5	Finance Officer.....	1
Ship & Gun Crew Comd 1, 923.....	5	Transportation Corps.....	7
(T/3 Sikes.....)	3	Surgeon.....	10
Adv Base "B", 503.....	10	(Evacuation Section.....)	6
(Capt Phillips.....)	6	Provost Marshal.....	3
339th Engr GS Regt, 928.....	10	Intelligence Officer.....	5
(1st Lt Moran.....)	6	(Lt Col Sauve.....)	3
CG, 41st Inf Div, 41.....	3	AG-Records.....	20
CG, 32nd Inf Div, 32.....	3	CG, SFPE, Ft. Mason.....	3
CG, USAFFE.....	3		

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A.G.

27 August 1943

Captain PHILLIPS has had long residence in the Philippines and is, as a consequence, thoroughly familiar with the country and the management of its people. He came here from Nial Crawford's Del Monte plantation of which he was the manager, was commissioned as Captain of Engineers and sent forward on an agricultural project with the understanding that when his services could be utilized in Philippine affairs he would be withdrawn.

His services are now urgently desired in the organization and training of Philippine parties and he is a logical choice himself for ultimate Philippine service.

There are few qualified men available to assist us in the furtherance of Philippine projects -- countless farmers and agricultural experts to develop purely agricultural projects. Hence when such qualified men are available the Philippines should receive high priority.

Request that the assignment of Captain PHILLIPS to this agency be approved despite the opposition indicated in the accompanying radiogram.

C.W.



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Col. Ind,  
AIB

AG,  
thru G-2

20 July 1943

1. In order to permit this Bureau to amplify its training staff to meet immediate requirements resulting from the great expansion of the Philippine Regional Section, it is requested that:

Captain L. H. Phillips, (ASN unknown), Hq. Q.M.C., APO 929  
be transferred to the Miscellaneous Section, USAFFE, for duty with AIB. CE 928

2. Captain Phillips has special qualifications which render him valuable for Philippine Regional Section training. It has been ascertained from Captain Phillips that his present assignment with the Q.M.C. has served its usefulness and that he now is relatively free from responsibilities. However, even though this were not true, it is believed that in view of Captain Phillips' qualifications, the Bureau should have prior claim on his services.

A.W.I.

G-2

A.G.

21 July 1943

Approved and forwarded

Van S M S

P.R.S.

A.G.

21 August 1943



I have held the foregoing communication up for further information. I now request his early assignment to this activity to assume the position of Director of Training of our rapidly gathering Filipino personnel.

Captain Phillips has spent many years in the Philippines and thoroughly understands the Filipino. The matter has heretofore been before the C-in-C who approved his assignment to this section at such time as we reached the point that we required his services.

C.W.