

PERSONNEL FILES

INDIVIDUAL

STAHL, ROBERT E.

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Shamokin, Penna.

December 7, 1946

Brig. Gen. Courtney Whitney  
Civil Affairs Section, USAFFE  
APO 501 c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

Dear General Whitney:

On or about May 26, 1944, I sent a letter to Captain Charles B. Ferguson, giving him quite a detailed picture of my experiences with the Guerrillas during the first six months of my mission, with the idea in mind that I would get the letter from him after the mission was completed. The information contained in the letter I hoped to use in writing a book on the Guerrilla warfare.

The letter was about fifteen pages long, and the events described were arranged chronologically from the date of our arrival until the day of the departure of the submarine on which the letter was sent..

Since the letter contained information which probably was considered "Top Secret" at the time, it is possible that it may have been held up and filed with other material of the same nature in your office. However, after the Philippine campaign was completed, Captain Ferguson, Colonel Smith and I attempted to locate it, with no success.

The market for such books has long since passed, but nevertheless I am still anxious to regain the letter for more-or-less sentimental reasons and to save it as a memoir of the time I spent there. That is why I would appreciate it very much if you would attempt to locate it and to have it sent to me if it is found.

I wish to send my warmest regards to you, to your son Courtney, and to any other friends of mine who may still be affiliated with you.

Since I have been separated from the army I have been attending Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penna., where I am studying Civil Engineering. Perhaps I may some day see you in Manila again, should a need for engineers arise there. Since I have been there, I have a great desire to return. It is easy to see why you have chosen to spend your life in Manila.

Very truly yours,

*Robert E. Stahl*  
Robert E. Stahl.



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By command of General MacARTHUR:

RICHARD J. MARSHALL,  
Major General, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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D G/S, USAFFE

12 March 1945

1. Confirmation of the commissioned grade of T/3 Robert E. STAHL, ASN 33236896 is strongly recommended.

2. Sgt. Stahl was the first American soldier sent from Australia to establish a radio position on Luzon. His operations, conducted with great gallantry and resourcefulness, contributed immeasurably to the development of communications throughout Luzon in the preparatory phase of the present campaign.

S.J.C.

Incl:

Memo to CG, USAFFE w/2 Incl.



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11 March 1945

SUBJECT : Confirmation of Commission.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, USAFFE.

1. Request the confirmation in the AUS of the USPIF commission and promotion of T/3 Robert E. STAHL, ASN 33236898.

2. Sgt. Stahl accompanied the undersigned from Australia to Mindanao in November 1943, where he was commissioned by Colonel W. W. Fertig as a 2nd Lieutenant, USPIF. From December 1943 to May 1944 Lieutenant Stahl was in charge of operation of radio station MACA in Samar, at that time he volunteered to go to Luzon by sailboat to establish a relay station. He passed through the heavily guarded San Bernardino Straits on a sailboat with four tons of equipment, landing on Bondoc Peninsula May 31, 1944. On June 16, 1944 the undersigned promoted him to 1st Lieutenant, USPIF, in recognition of the excellent services rendered. Since June 1944, Sgt. Stahl has operated the relay station on Bondoc. For four months of this time he handled the majority of the traffic from Luzon.

3. Order of commission from Colonel Fertig's headquarters and the order of promotion to 1st Lieutenant are attached herewith.

CHARLES M. SMITH  
Lt. Col., CG  
Commanding Station  
MACA Radio Net.

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- 1- order of commission
- 2- promotion order



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