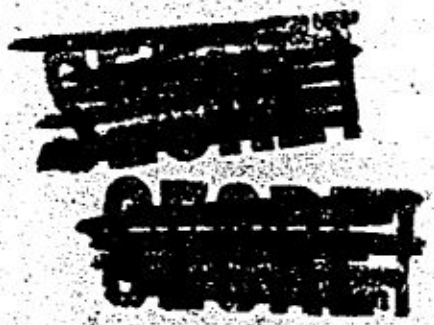
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OF THE

10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON

ADAK, ALASKA

1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945

Prepared for the CO by:

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Historian

Approved by:

for G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC
Commanding

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DATE: 5 Feb 48
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Director of Intelligence, AAC

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SECTION I

Personnel

During the month of March personnel assignments, transfers and other changes were very few. Pvt Louis J. Driscoll was transferred to the Detachment 24th Base Hq & AB Sq, Yakutat, Alaska.[1] His transfer was made because he requested same.

S Sgt Donald L Sawyer[2] and Cpl Robert E Good[3] were released from assignment for rotation. These two men were on detached service at Seattle POE at the time of their release. Sgts Richard I Ridgeway,[4] Estle L Wammack[5] and Pfc Earl S LaRue[6] were assigned to this unit as rotation replacements. Sgt Ridgeway is a engine operator, Sgt Wammack a Medical Technician, and Pfc LaRue a Seaman.

WOJG EMIL PETERSEN, Master P-756 was appoihted Chief Warrant Officer effective 22 March 1945.[7] T Sgt Eugene H Lundstrom, Master P-754 and his crew received a letter of commendation from the Commanding Officer, Army Service Forces, Prince Rupert Sub POE for controlling a fire that started aboard a Midget Tug at that port.[8] Pvt Joseph Britch received a letter of commendation for the part he took to attempt to evacuate the bodies of persons who were killed in a C-47 crash near McKinley Park, Alaska on 18 September 1944.[9]

(1) 1 par 2, SO 43, Hq AAB, Adak, Als, 1 March 1945
(2) 2 Tvl/O #275, Hq US Troops, APO 980, 19 March 1945
(3) 3 Tvl/O #247, Hq US Troops, APO 980, 9 March 1945
(4) 4 Extract par 11, SO 65, Hq Als Dept, 16 March 1945
(5) 5 Extract par 1, SO 65, Hq Als Dept, 16 March 1945
(6) 6 Extract par 24, SO 75, Hq Als Dept, 27 March 1945
(7) 7 Par 13, SO 70, Hq Als Dept, 22 March 1945
(8) 8 Ltr ASF, PRSPE, Prince Rubert B C, 23 February 1945
(9) 9 Ltr Hq Als Dept, 23 March 45, subj: Commendation with one indorsement.

SECTION II

Equipment and Supplies

P-217 arrived in Seattle on 27 March for reconditioning and repair. Upon completion of this she will return to this theatre for further duty. P-757 has arrived at Cold Bay and has assumed a duty status to relieve the P-219 for return to the United States for condeming. P-756 departed Seattle on 15 March and on 30th of March had to proceed to Prince Rupert from Juneau for repairs incurred while enroute. Repairs are expected to take approximately two weeks.

P-752 arrived at Seldovia, Alaska for standby duty during March. She relieved the P-143 for departure to United States for condeming. P-143 had taken a terrible beating from the seas at Amchitka during 1943 and 1944. Just before this boat reached Cordova enroute to Seattle all three engines conked out. She will require a tow to Seattle.

On 6 March the P-751, P-753 and P-755 arrived at Seattle from Wilmington, California to be conditioned at that port for duty in the Alaskan Theatre.

Thirty six foot Eureka Boat J-973 of this unit was shipped to the United States on 20 March 1945.[1] This is the first of these boats to be returned.

The P-754 which was enroute from Prince Rupert since 19 March after being repaired thereat, struck rocks at Cape Hinchinbrook at 0215, 26 March 1945.[2] Considerable damage to the vessel was

(10) 1 Paraphrazed radio #200300Z, CO AB Ft Glenn
(11) 2 Paraphrazed radio #272210Z, Cordova, Alaska

incurred due to the storm encountered and mostly due to hitting the rocks. This boat will make temporary repairs at Cordova, Alaska and will proceed to Seward for major repairs. Investigation of grounding is in process.

SECTION III

Missions and Accomplishments

P-512 went on two missions during the month. One was to transport a litter patient[1] and the other was an attempt to rescue a P-40 pilot that had crashed near Attu.[2] P-518 at Attu also transported a litter patient from Kresta Point Attu to the Main Base at Attu.[3] P-511 assisted in picking up four of five men that had capsized in a skiff near Bay of Islands, Adak. The fifth man drowned.[4] Luckily the P-511 was approximately five minutes running time from the location of the mishap and was able to give almost immediate assistance to survivors.

P-143 transported a resident of Homer, Alaska from there to Seldovia for medical treatment.[5] P-750 searched for downed aircraft but with no success.[6]

P-219 had quite a busy month. She assisted a PBY that made an emergency landing on the bay.[7] She also stood by for another possible emergency landing on the bay on 11 March.[8] P-219 assisted in the rescue bo personnel from a C-47 that crashed in the vicinity of Cold Bay, Alaska.[9] Four men from this boat compiled a Land Rescue Party to assist in the search which took six days.[10] This trip was an experience that these men will probably never forget.

(12) 1 Mission P-512, 18 March 1945
(13) 2 Mission P-512, 30 March 1945
(14) 3 Mission P-518, 21 March 1945
(15) 4 Mission P-511, 10 March 1945
(16) 5 Mission P-143, 17 March 1945
(17) 6 Mission P-750, 22 March 1945
(18) 7 Mission P-219, 10 March 1945
(19) 8 Mission P-219, 11 March 1945
(20) 9 Mission P-219, 28 March 1945.
(21) 10 Report of Land Rescue Party from Crew of P-219, 28 Mar 45.

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2. Travel Order #275, Hq US Troops, APO 980, Seattle, Washington 19 March 1945
3. Travel Order #247, Hq US Troops, APO 980, Seattle, Washington 9 March 1945
4. Extract paragraph 11 SO 65, Hq Als Dept, APO 942, Seattle, Washington, 16 March 1945
5. Extract paragraph 1, SO 65, Hq Als Dept, APO 942, Seattle, Washington, 16 March 1945
6. Extract paragraph 24, SO 75, Hq Als Dept, APO 942, Seattle, Washington, 27 March 1945
7. Paragraph 13, SO 70, Hq Als Dept, APO 942, Seattle, Washington 22 March 1945
8. Letter, ASF, PRSPE, Box 1307, Prince Rupert, B C, 23 February 1945, subj: Commendation.
9. Ltr Hq Als Dept, APO 942, Seattle, Washington, 23 March 1945, subj: Commendation, with one indorsement
10. Paraphrased radio #200300Z, CO Air Base, Ft Glenn, 20 March 1945
11. Paraphrased radio #272210Z, Cordova, Alaska, 27 March 1945
12. Mission P-512, APO 726, U. S. Army, 18 March 1945
13. Mission P-512, APO 726, U. S. Army, 30 March 1945
14. Mission P-518, APO 726, U. S. Army, 21 March 1945
15. Mission P-511, APO 980, U. S. Army, 10 March 1945
16. Mission P-143, Seldovia, Alaska, 17 March 1945
17. Mission P-750, APO 980, U. S. Army, 22 March 1945
18. Mission P-219, APO 944, U. S. Army, 10 March 1945
19. Mission P-219, APO 944, U. S. Army, 11 March 1945

20. Mission P-219, APO 944,U. S. Army, 28 March 1945

21. Report of Land Rescue Party from Crew of P-219, APO 944, U. S. Army, 28 March 1945.

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ARMY AIR BASE
ADAK, ALASKA

DMS/rep

1 March 1945

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2. Pvt Louis J Driscoll 16123205 (MOS 060), 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq (Less Dets), this sta, is trfd in gr to Det 24th Base Hq & Air Base Sq, Yakutat Als and WP thereto via 1st available MIL-ACFT rptg upon arrival thereat to CO thereof for dy. 150 lbs baggage auth to accompany indiv by air. EM is auth $6 per diem for tyl time only for tyl performed by air within this theatre (Als Dept Rad 060300 Oct 44). EDCMR 7 Mar 45.

PCS TDN 212/50425 70-501 P 431-02-03 S99-999.
Auth: Memo 80-1, Hq Eleventh AF, 12 Dec 44; Bul 76, Hq ADC, 14 Nov 42; and Radiogram #280338Z fr Hq Eleventh AF (Feb 45).

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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL REID:

DONALD M. SILLITER
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/ Donald M. Silliter
t/ DONALD M. SILLITER
Captain, Air Corps
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APO 980, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

NO. 275

19 March 1945

SUBJECT: Travel Orders.

	GRADE	NAME	ASN	SSN	ARM/SV	ADDRESS OF FURLOUGH
TO :	S Sgt	Donald L Sawyer (Now DS, SEPE, Seattle, Wn)	39387333		141 AC Unasgd	1417 SE 34d Place, Portland, Oregon

1. You are reld fr present asgmt in the Als Dept and WP via first available T fr SEPE, Seattle, Wash, to a reception center in the US to be named by indorsement hereon. Prior to reasgmt you are auth furlough of twenty-one (21) days, plus tvl time, with address as indicated.

2. This is apermanent change of sta, with TDY enroute at a reception sta, and redistribution sta. The latter will designate the new permanent sta.

3. Mail instructions required by par 5 c, WD Cir #273, 43, will be complied with.

4. EDCMR 23 Mar 45. TDN. 212/50425 70-501 P431-02.

5. AUTH: WD Cir 8, 1945; Cir 127, Hq Als Dept, 1944; and WD Ltr, file AG 370.5 (10 Aug 44) OB-S-E-SPMOT-M, subj: PRI, 16 Aug 44, as amended.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DETWILLER:

s/ Robert W Geiger
t/ ROBERT W GEIGER
1st Lt, Inf
Asst Adj

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WALTER M. HICKS
1st Lt, AC

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. TROOPS
APO 980, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

NO. 247

9 March 1945

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO :

GRADE	NAME	ASN	SSN	ARM/SV	ADDRESS OF FURLOUGH
Cpl	Robert E Good (Now DS SEPE, Seattle, Wash)	37112460	060	AC Unasgd	General Delivery, Rockwell City, Iowa

1. You are reld fr present asgmt in the Als Dept and WP via first available T fr SEPE,-Seattle, Wash, to a reception center in the US to be named by indorsement hereon. Prior to reasgmt you are auth furlough of twenty-one (21) days plus tvl time, with address as indicated.

2. This is a permanent change of sta, with TDY enroute at a reception sta, and redistribution sta. The latter will designate the new permanent sta.

3. Mail instructions required by par 5 c, WD Cir #273, 43, will be complied with.

4. EDCMR 13 Mar 45. TDN. 212/50425 70-501 P431-02. Per diem is auth within the alws stated by law.

5. AUTH: WD Cir 8, 1945; Cir 127, Hq Als Dept, 1944; and WD Ltr, file AG 370.5 (10 Aug 44) OB-S-E-SPMOT-M, Subj: PRI, 16 Aug 44.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMPSON:

s/ Robert W Geiger
t/ ROBERT W GEIGER
1st Lt, Inf
Asst Adj

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HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN DEPARTMENT
APO 942, c/o PM, Seattle, Wash, 16 Mar 1945

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NUMBER 65)

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11. The following named EM, atchd unasgd to Als Dept Repl Bn, Ft Richardson Als, are asgd in gr to orgn and sta as indicated, & WP thereto. EDCMR 26 Mar 45.

	SSN	Req No	Orgn
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U S Trps Adak Als			
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Sgt Richard I Ridgeway	13117715	081	110AF(d) 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq

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MIL-AIR & COML-VES auth. FD will pay $6 per diem (Cir 356 WD 44) for air T status or $5 per day for rat & qrs except for water or air-T status (Bul 19 WD 43). TDN. 212/50425 70-501-P 431-02.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EMMONS:

EDWIN E KEATLEY
Colonel, G. S. C.
Deputy Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ W. L. Coleman
t/ W. L. COLEMAN
Lt Colonel, A.G.D.
Asst Adjutant General

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APO 942, c/o PM, Seattle, Wash, 16 Mar 45

1. The following named EM, atchd unasgd to Als Dept Repl Bn, Ft Richardson Als are asgd in gr to orgn as indicated, U S Trps Adak Als & WP thereto EDCMR 26 Mar 45. PCS.

	SSN	Reqn No	Orgn
Sgt Estle L Wammack	38041964	409	110 AF(d)	10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq

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HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN DEPARTMENT
APO 942, c/o PM, Seattle, Wash, 27 Mar 1945

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24. The following named EM, atchd unasgd to Als Dept Repl Bn, Ft Richardson Als, are asgd in gr to orgn and sta as indicated, & WP thereto. EDCMR 6 Apr 45. PCS.

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U S Trps Adak Als	SSN	Req No	Orgn
Pvt Earl S LaRue	39569684	065(590) 112AF(d)	10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq

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MIL-AIR & COML-VES auth. FD will pay $6 per diem (Cir 356 WD 44) for air T status or $5 per day for rat & qrs except for water or air T status. (Bul 19 WD 43). TDN. 212/50425 70-501 P 431-99 for EM of first three grades and 212/50425 70-501 P 431-02 for EM below first three grades.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EMMONS:

ROBERT M. BATHURST
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ W. L. Coleman
t/ W. L. COLEMAN
Lt Colonel, A.G.D.
Asst Adjutant General

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Major, AC

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HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN DEPARTMENT
APO 942, c/o PM, Seattle, Wash, 22 Mar 45

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13. Announcement is made of the apmt of WOJG LEO WALTER FARR, W2118977, AUS, and WOJG EMIL PETERSEN, W2 128 602, AUS, as Chief Warrant Officers (Temporary) AUS, effective 22 March 1945, with rank from 22 Mar 1945. Auth: Par 11, AR 610-15, 15 September 1944.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EMMONS:

ROBERT M BATHURST
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

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t/ W. L. COLEMAN
Lt Colonel, A.G.D.
AsstAdjutant General

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
PRINCE RUPERT SUB PORT OF EMBARKATION
BOX 1307, PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

SPTAJ HQ 201.22 — 23 February 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : T Sgt Eugene H. Lundstrom, 39846419,
11th AAF Crash Boat P-754, Prince Rupert, B.C.

The Port Fire Marshal has reported to me that you and the members of your crew, upon discovering a fire aboard the MT-322 on Friday, 16 February 1945, took it upon yourselves to board the burning vessel with extinguishers in order to control the extent of the fire. He further indicated that your timely action undoubtedly averted considerable property damage to the vessel in question as well as prevented the fire from spreading to other craft moored nearby. You and the members of your crew are to be commended for your quick thinking and prompt action.

s/ J. H. Mellom
t/ J. H. MELLOM
Colonel, T.C.,
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:

G. R. DONLEY
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Headquarters Alaskan Department
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 942, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Wn.

23 March 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General,
Eleventh Air Force,
APO 980 U. S. Army.

1. I wish to express my appreciation for the voluntary services of the men under your command who, as members of a rescue party, attempted to evacuate the bodies of nineteen persons who were killed in the crash of a C-47 aircraft in McKinley Park. In the face of extremely low temperatures, vicious winter storms, and dangerous terrain, the members of this rescue mission evidenced a high degree of courage and great tenacity in pushing ahead to the site of the tragedy on the side of an unnamed mountain in McKinley Park.

2. Though all the men in the party were not required to go to the wreckage, every member of the mission contributed equally to the success of the men who did explore the site of the crash and returned again to their base camp without mishap.

3. The unselfish fortitude displayed by the members of this rescue mission reflects great credit upon themselves and the military service, and I take pleasure in extending my commendation for duty well performed.

s/ Delos C. Emmons
t/ DELOS C. EMMONS,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

cc: * * * * *

Pvt Joseph Britch, 39950921, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sqdn

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Major, AC

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BASIC: Ltr fr Hq Als Dept, APO 942, U. S. Army to CG, 11th AF, APO 980, U. S. Army, 23 Mar 45, subj: "Commendation."

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HEADQUARTERS ELEVENTH AIR FORCE, APO 980, U. S. Army, 29 March 1945.

THRU: Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, U. S. Army.

TO : Private Joseph Britch, 39950921.

It is with great pleasure that I add my commendation to that of General Emmons for the part which you took in the recent rescue mission in McKinley Park. Your actions reflect great credit upon yourself and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

s/ Davenport Johnson
t/ DAVENPORT JOHNSON
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

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Patrol Rescue Boat P-512
10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sqdn.
APO #726, United States Army

18 March, 1945

Subject: Mission of March 17, 1945.

To: Commanding Officer,
10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sqdn.
APO #980, United States Army.

Operations Officer, Army Air Operations
APO #726, United States Army.

Through: Commanding Officer, Army Air Base
APO #726, United States Army.

At 1620, while laying in Chichagof Hbr. alongside BCL 1323, received call from Rescue Director to proceed to dock to pick up litter patient. Went in to dock and waited until truck brought appendicitis patient down. Patient was in good condition and not critical. Took patient aboard and departed at 1620 at 20 knots. Heavy following sea running and snow squalls.

Reduction gear on stbd. engine overheated off Chirikof Pt. Tried to make repairs but oil pump for reduction gear was damaged. Continued in to Casco at 25 inches manifold pressure on port engine at 10 knots after advising Rescue Director of change in ETA and to have ambulance waiting at Casco dock. Snow squall and minimum visibility from Chirikof Pt. to harbor entrance.

Arrived Casco dock at 1917 where ambulance took patient to hospital. Went out of commission to undergo repairs on reduction gear.

Patient was Sgt. C. L. Siebert 38081608, 42nd Batry. B.C.

For the Master

s/ H. F. Turner
t/ T/Sgt. H.F..Turner
Exec. Officer P-512

Approved : S/ James B. Buck
T/ JAMES B. BUCK
Colonel AC
Commanding

A TRUE COPY:

Walter M. Hicks
WALTER M. HICKS
1st Lt, AC.

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Patrol Rescue Boat P-512
10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQ
APO 726, United States Army

30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Rescue Mission of 30 March 1945

THRU : Commanding Officer, Army Air Base, APO 726, United States Army

TO : Commanding Officer 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, United States Army

Operations Officer, Army Air Operations, APO 726, U. S. Army

At 1108 while laying at Alexai mooring, received a call from Alexai Tower to proceed to position three (3) miles South of Shemya at scene of P-40 crash. Under weigh at 1109 and increased speed to forty two (42) inches manifold pressure, 2200 RPM's as soon as possible. Cut through reef entrance and headed on course 103 degrees from abeam Alexai Pt. Averaged thirty (30) knots in moderate sea and wind. Crew got life saving equipment ready and assumed proper stations.

At 1134, after passing #1 channel bouy, stbd. motor kicked out due to over speeding on following sea. When it was put in gear again clutch would not take hold. Engineers attempts to get motor in gear were futile so speed was cut to thirty (30) inches manifold pressure on port engine at twelve (12) knots. Advised Rescue Director of our difficulty and that it was advisable to send out another boat. Continued on course on one engine. Navy crash boat NZL14 passed us on way to destination at 1200. Called Rescue Director and requested that they inform NZL14 that we had a heating suit aboard if they picked up pilot.

At 1305, when four (4) miles from destination, were ordered back to base by Rescue Director. NZL14 asked if we required assistance to which we replied negative. Navy crash boat had reached destination and covered area without finding anything. Proceeded back to base on port engine at twelve (12) knots and arrived at Casco dock at 1552 where we went out of commission to repair clutch.

For the Master:

s/ H. F. Turner
t/ T/Sgt H. F. Turner
Exec. Officer, P-512

Approved:

s/ J. B. Buck
t/ J. B. BUCK
Colonel, AC
Commanding

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MELVIN A. HOWE
Captain, AC

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10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
APO 726, U. S. Army

21 March 1945

SUBJECT: Rescue Mission of P-518.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, U. S. Army. (THRU: Commanding Officer, Air Base, APO 726, U. S. Army).

1. Received emergency call to pick up sick soldier at Kresta Point, Attu. Medical Officer came aboard and P-518 departed PT Dock at 1409. Returned to Navy Dock with patient at 2000.

2. Mission successful.

s/ Jack W. Thompson
t/ JACK W. THOMPSON
C. W. O., U. S. A
Master P-518

APPROVED:

s/ J. B. Buck
t/ J. B. BUCK
Colonel AC
Commanding

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Major, AC

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10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
Rescue Vessel P-511
APO 980

10 March 1945

SUBJECT: Rescue Mission.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq, APO 980, U. S. Army. (THRU: Commanding Officer, Air Base Operations, APO 980).

1. 1720 departed dock number one for Bay of Islands.

2. 1850 received call from Base Operations saying a man was overboard at C 7830 which was just East of our position. Changed course to given position, arriving at scene of accident five minutes later.

3. 1857 launched skiff to assist crew members of Power Barge 866 in searching for man overboard.

4. Discontinued serch because of darkness. Returned to boat with three of the four survivors, the fourth refused to go back.

5. 2000 called for ambulance.

6. 2110 arrived Dock 8 and transferred men to ambulance.

11 March 1945

1. 0025 departed dock 8 to pick up patient from Power Barge 866 at the Bay of Islands.

2. 0230 anchored at the entrance to the Bay of Islands.

3. 0820 entered Bay of Islands.

4. 0845 took on patient.

5. 0920 departed from Bay of Islands.

6. 1145 arrived at Dock 1 and transferred patient to ambulance.

Patients returned on the tenth were: Cpl H. E. Schevneman, Pfc Kenneth C. Schubert, both from the 278 CA, and T Sgt Leo C. Weeks, B.S.P 866.

Patient returned on the eleventh was S Sgt Olson, B.S.P. 866.

Drowned was one Marion Johnson.

FOR THE MASTER:

s/ Frederick A. Ottiger
t/ FREDERICK A. OTTIGER
Sgt, USA
Ex. Officer, Boat P-511

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ARMY RESCUE BOAT P-143
10TH AAF BOAT SQUADRON
SELDOVIA, ALASKA

17 March 1945.

SUBJECT: MISSION.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON, APO 980, U.S. ARMY. THRU: CO, AB, APO 942.

1. At 2020 this date, a call was received from Homer Radio by Cpl Nowak, radio operator on duty aboard this vessel.

2. The purpose of this call was to relate the condition of a seriously ill resident of Homer, Mr. Edward Larson, suffering from an attack of strangulated hernia.

3. After briefly informing the local physician, Dr. Knoll, the stated facts of the case according to the information received by radio, the patient was declared to be in urgent need of hospitalization.

4. Without further delay, the P-143 with full complement departed from Seldovia at 2030 enroute to Homer at full speed.

5. Weather conditions were hazardous. Visibility was zero due to snow squalls and heavy low overcast. The sea was moderate to high. A north east wind varied in velocity from five to twenty five miles per hour.

6. Upon arrival at the Homer dock (time:2130), the patient was immediately taken aboard and given every possible attention for comfort.

7. Departing at 2140, with the same conditions of weather and sea persisting, the P-143 arrived at the Seldovia dock at 2240.

8. The patient was immediately taken to the local hospital for treatment.

9. After brief diagnosis, an operation was immediately performed by the physician with the assistance of Medical Technician, S/Sgt Loewy.

10. Much appreciation has been expressed by local residents for the performance of this mission as contributing much to the saving of a life.

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Walter M. Hicks
WALTER M. HICKS
1st Lt, AC.

s/ Milton W. Cronk
t/ MILTON W. CRONK. CWO USA.
MASTER RESCUE BOAT P-143.

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10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sqdn.
Rescue Vessel P-750
APO#980, U. S. Army

22 March 1945

SUBJECT: Special Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sqdn., This station.

1. Following is a report covering mission on 20, 21st March, 1945.

1215: Radio call from controller: Search for flapjack off Cape Kiguga and in Adak Straits. Underway at 1220. 1305 "Plane that crashed was sighted over Tanaga. Search shoreline of Tanaga. A/c and proceeding along shore of Kanaga.

1353: Heading into heavy squall. Visibility 0-0. Advised would not last for more than one hour. 1533: Arrived at SW shore of Tanaga and searching for crashed plane, DN-76. Proceeding at 20" M.P. as close in as is safe. 1810: Have searched shore line as far as Cape Sajako and as heavy squall is coming in, am returning to Tanaga Bay for anchorage. 1835: Anchored Tanaga Bay. Will resume search in morning.

Wednesday, 21st March: 0807: Underway from Tanaga Bay. Seas heavy with tide rips. Wind NW-20 to 25. 0835: Reversed course--Seas too heavy to proceed. 0850: Reversed course. Will try to get around Cape again. 0940: Reversed course seas too heavy. 1100: Anchored Tanaga bay.

1200: Underway. Permission granted to go back by south shore of Tanaga. 1415: PBY dropped smoke bomb and asked to have us look at it. Proved to be a whale.

1700: Anchored at Bay of Islands. Mission unsucessful.

s/ Howard L. Royer
t/ HOWARD L. ROYER
C.W.O., U.S.A.
MASTER, P-750

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WALTER M. HICKS
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RESCUE VESSEL P-219
10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
APO 944, U. S. Army

CFM/wba/kb

10 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Mission.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, United States Army. (Thru: Commanding Officer, Army Air Base, APO 944, United States Army.)

1. 4 March at 1335 received orders from Base Operations to proceed to and assist Navy PBY, which made emergency landing on bay because of broken fuel pump.

2. Departed Base Dock at 1342 arriving scene of Plane 1400. Launched life-boat in which T Sgt Robaczewski, Chief Engineer, and S Sgt Axelson, Executive Officer, embarked to board Plane. Upon arriving, T Sgt Robaczewski assisted in making repairs.

3. 1437 departed scene of Plane for Base to pick up special tools and Airplane Mechanics. T Sgt Robaczewski and S Sgt Axelson remained with the plane. Arrived Dock at 1453. Tools and Mechanics aboard and departed 1551. We were informed, by Randall Tower, at 1605 that everything aboard Plane was O. K. and it was ready to take off. We proceeded to scene of Plane to pick up T Sgt Robaczewski and S Sgt Axelson and to standby during take-off. Returned to Base Dock 1645. Note: T Sgt Robaczewski's assistance was instrumental in the PBY's resuming full operation before special tools and mechanics arrived.

s/ Charles F. McCallum
t/ CHARLES F. McCALLUM
T Sgt 10th AAF Boat Sqdn.
Master, P-219.

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Major, AC

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RESCUE VESSEL P-219
10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
APO 944, U. S. Army

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11 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Alert.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, United States Army. (Thru: Commanding Officer, Army Air Base, APO 944, United States Army.)

1. 9 March at 1610 received information: "Navy PBY unable to lower wheels. Make Mooring ready in case of water landing." Informed Randall Tower: "Advise Plane to land on North side of Bay."

2. At 1620 we were informed by Randall Tower: "PBY has wheels down and will land on Air Strip. Hold position."

3. At 1625 PBY landed at field. We resumed normal standby.

s/ Charles F. McCallum
t/ CHARLES F. McCALLUM
T Sgt 10th AAF Boat Sqdn.
Master, P-219.

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RESCUE VESSEL P-219
10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
APO 944, U. S. ARMY

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28 March 1945

SUBJECT: Rescue Mission Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, United States Army. (Thru: Commanding Officer, Army Air Base, APO 944, United States Army.)

1. 18 March: 0930 BWT informed by Base Operations to proceed toward Port Moller. An aircraft, which was enroute Randall, reported over Port Moller at 1753Z and last reported to Randall at 1848Z.

Departed King Cove 1005BWT-wind NW 35mph. Advised Operations surf too heavy to land in Bering Sea now. Request information of Type of plane, distance and direction from Port Moller. To Operations Officer: "Shall we land a search party in Pavlof Bay?" Received message: "Do not go to Pavlof Bay. Type of plane is C-47. Proceed toward False Pass and wait for surf to calm down." Arrived Base Dock 1230 BWT. Departed 1643 BWT. Received message, after clearing Chunak point, to proceed 58 miles toward Cape Leontovitch for plane is 15 miles in from Leontovitch. Prepare search party to embark at Capt Leontovitch, and set up Radio schedule with Randal on the hour. Answered affirmative. 2230 BWT arrived entrance to Isanotski Strait. Anchored to wait for NW wind and Surf to calm down.

2. 19 March: At 0715 departed entrance to Pass. Abeam Chunak Point 0903-weather: Light SW wind and heavy surf over bar, high tide; and current ebbing. Cleared Chunak Point at 0930. Arrived Cape Leontovitch at 1420. WSW wind. Swell to heavy for successful landing of Search Party. Will land four man party as soon as possible. Will anchor at Amak Island tonight and attempt landing at Cape Leontovitch at 1000 A. M. Aircraft will give direction for search. Arrived Amak 1830.

3. 20 March: Departed Amak Island at 0425. Advised Randall ETA Leontovitch 0730. Cruised along shore line between ocean River and Cape Leontovitch Creek for best landing place. Unsuitable to land near Rivers. Put off life-boat for landing between Cape Leontovitch Creek and Ocean River at 0825. S/Sgt Axelson and S/Sgt Johnson stood off shore in life-boat to survey surt for chance to land. 0917 lifeboat landed. Aircraft arrived over our position giving directional bearings to start the search. Two more men: Sgt Bruner and Pfc Weis suceeded in landing at 1255. Shore party is radio equiped with Walkie Talkie. The search party of four men started toward scene of wreck.

Due to heavy ground swell one 100 lb anchor was lost at 1015 and another 200 lb anchor was lost at 1543. Departed for Amak Island to fine sheltered anchorage. Improvised an anchor of heavy iron weights. Signaled Navy Ship

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Rescue Mission Report continued:

Bittersweet at 1855 proceeding with orders to aid in Rescue work at Cape Leontovitch. Tied astern of Bittersweet at 1945 for the night.

4. 21 March: Departed 0820 with Bittersweet for Cape Leontovitch. Arrived 0910. WNW wind 25 to 30 mph. Departed Cape Leontovitch at 1040 arriving Amak Island 1405. Improvised a 250 lb anchor, out of old engine cylinder block, and anchored at 1435.

5. 22 March: 0430 dragging anchor. Position is three miles ESE of Amak Island. 0610 parted cable and lost anchor. 0620 wind is WNW 35 mph with heavy sea and snow. Enroute Amak Island 0630. Arrived at 0830. Filled oil for motors from barrels on deck. Sent message to base Operations to drop anchor, chain and wire rope on Amak Island-our position. Weather conditions good this afternoon. C-47 dropped 200 lb anchor and cable on Amak at 1845. Sea calm. Departed Amak 2045. Tied astern Bittersweet at 2320. Wind changed to SE 5 mph.

6. 23 March: Standing by at Cape Leontovitch. Moored astern Bittersweet. WSW wind 28 mph in fornoon. Put out heavier and longer mooring line.

7. 24 March: Standing by for return of Rescue Party at Cape Leontovitch. Wind changed to light SE-in our favor. Received message that Rescue Pary will be on beach at 1930. Two motor boats and one surf boat from Bittersweet took the rescue party from the beach and brought them to ship.

8. 24 March 2350 BWT departed Ocean River arriving Base Dock at 1915 on March 25.

s/ Charles F. McCallum
t/ CHARLES F. McCALLUM
T/Sgt 10th AAF Boat Sq.
Master, P-219.

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MELVIN A. HOWE
Captain, AC

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RESCUE VESSEL P-219
10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
APO 944, U. S. ARMY

WBA/kb

28 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Land Rescue Party from Crew of P-219.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, United States Army. (Thru: Commanding Officer, Army Air Base, APO 944, United States Army.)

1. On the morning of March 20, the P-219 arrived on the Bering Sea side of the Alaska Peninsula five miles west of Cape Leontovitch. The surf was not suitable for a landing, but after careful observations, it was decided that S/Sgt Axelson, with his knowledge of surf, and S/Sgt Johnson, with his knowledge of local conditions, would try to land. Preparations were made: Life jackets put on; provisions stowed; and pack boards made up. S/Sgt Axelson and S/Sgt Johnson stood off the breakers for one hour before reaching the decision that this landing was possible. The decision was reached because information given of the plane accident was that every effort be made to reach the scene.

On the way through the surf, the boat swamped. Masterful Boatmanship and keen judgment enabled their reaching the beach safely.

Because of a difference in the Local Names and the Names used on Charts, the shore party walked three miles in the wrong direction. Upon reaching this point, they were informed of the error, and returned to the scene of their landing on the beach.

After observing a decrease in the surf, the party informed the P-219 that two more men were needed and could be landed with aid. Sgt Bruner and Pfc Wies volunteered, and with utmost courage were able to land though they swamped upon reaching the surf.

The Shore Party, now consisting of S/Sgt Axelson, S/Sgt Johnson, Sgt Bruner and Pfc Wies, proceeded on mission. At this time a message was sent to the P-219 that it would be at least two days until the Party's return.

The Party, upon arriving at Ocean River, found it hazardous because ice floes and quick-sand were encountered. In order to cross the stream, they found it necessary to hold hands to prevent being swept away in the current. S/Sgt Johnson's local knowledge of a cabin enabled the Party to find shelter before freezing.

2. At dawn of the 21st of March, the party continued on its mission with S/Sgt Johnson as guide. Weather was cold with snow flurries. Party

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Report of Land Rescue Party from Crew of P-219 continued:

was given directions by planes working in conjunction with rescue.

Because of blizzard camp was made late that afternoon. Further progress, that day was inadvisable for visibility was zero and travel was impossible.

3. On the morning of the 22nd the Party continued on mission. Mittens and socks were dropped to Party as they proceeded. Progress was impeded because of snow drifts, and snowshoes or skis were not available.

The wreckage, which was found at noon, was being used as a shelter for the fuselage was in fair condition. The distance covered by the Party at this time was between twenty-five and thirty miles.

Upon the Party's arrival, they found that six men had parachuted to the aid of the survivors and were giving Medical Attention. Also a Dog-Team Party had arrived about one hour before the Land Rescue Party from the Crew of the P-219.

The survivors of the crash were: Pilot; Co-Pilot; and, one passenger. The three men that were killed were: Two passengers and one member of the plane crew.

A discussion amongst the Rescue Parties was had, and it was decided that a Ski Plane could be landed on the lower Snow Fields to remove patients and personnel as well as solvage. A landing field was marked out by the Crash boat Party.

4. A tent was dropped at the Landing Strip on the 23rd of March, and was set up by the Crash Boat Party. The tent was used as a stopover for personnel to be flown out. The Boat Party returned to the wreckage and assisted in removing deceased.

In the late afternoon, the Ski Plane arrived and made three trips taking out the three patients and three of the Parachute Party.

5. On the morning of the 25th of March, the three deceased and salvage were transportated to the Landing Strip. The Ski Plane made three trips removing: The remaining members of the Parachute Party; Two members of the Dog-Team Party; Deceased; and salvage.

Mission being completed, the Crash Boat Party-acting as guides for the Dog-Team Party set out for the Beach. Arriving at the Bering Sea that evening, a surf-boat from the Coast Guard Ship Bittersweet transported the Crash Boat Party to the P-219 and took the Dog-Team Party aboard their Ship.*

s/ Wayne B. Axelson
t/ WAYNE B. AXELSON
S/Sgt 10th AAF Boat Sqdn
Exec. Officer, P-219

*Personal Report of NCO in charge of Land Rescue Party from Crew of P-219.

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Captain, AC

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OF THE

10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON

ADAK, ALASKA

1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945

Prepared for the CO by:

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Technical Sergeant
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Director of Intelligence, AAC

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SECTION I

Personnel

Cpl Stephen J. Paladie of this unit transferred to the 24th Base Hq & AB Sq, Elmendorf Field, Alaska on 23 April 1945.[1] His transfer was made because of his seasickness. Pfc John Rohall transferred to this squadron from the 397th Base Hq & AB Sq, Attu Alaska.[2] He had been on special duty with the squadron at Attu for approximately three months prior to his transfer. A mutual transfer[3] between Cpl Walter L Whisnant of this unit and Cpl Leonard B Kelley of the 397th Base Hq & AB Sq, Attu, Alaska was directed by the Eleventh Air Force as Cpl Whisnant was in a run down condition and could not satisfactorily perform duties aboard ship.

Sgts Benjamin Kerr[4] and Kiff H Hughes[5] were released from assignment to this squadron to return to the United States on rotation.

The Commanding Officer received a letter from the Port Air Officer, Prince Rupert Port of Embarkation[6] commending the behavior and cooperation of the crews of the P-754 and P-757 while these vessels were at that port undergoing voyage repairs.

(1) 1 Par 1, SO 72, Hq AAB, Adak, Alaska, 16 Apr 45
(2) 2 Par 1, SO 40, Hq AAB, APO 726, 5 Apr 1945
(3) 3 SO 48, Hq AAB, APO 726, 19 Apr 1945
(4) 4 Par 3, SO 58, Hq AAB, APO 944, 20 Apr 1945
(5) 5 Extract M/O RO W768-7, Hq APO 980, 7 Apr 45
(6) 6 Ltr Pao, PRSPE, Prince Rupert, B C, 28 Mar 1945

The crew of the P-219 received a letter of commendation from the Commanding Officer, Army Air Base, Cold Bay, Alaska for the part they took in rescuing personnel of a C-47 that crashed in that vicinity.[1] The four men that proceeded overland to the crash received special commendation in this letter. This rescue was reported in documents number 20 and 21 March 1945 history.

The squadron at present has a critical shortage of cooks. Some boats only have one cook aboard when they should have two, and one boat at present does not have a cook assigned. Shortage always existed, but recently several have been reclassified to different jobs, which made the shortage critical. The squadron is also short of radio operators; however, four have been requested from the Eleventh Air Force Headquarters. It is hoped that they will be assigned to the squadron during May 1945.

(7) 1 Ltr Hq AAB, APO 944, 13 Apr 45, subj: Commendation

SECTION II

Equipment and Supplies

P-749 thru P-757, the nine new type 104 foot Offshore Rescue Vessels recently taken over by the squadron are somewhat similar to the older type 104 foot boats with the exception of larger pilot house and also have a flying bridge in addition.[1] Six of these boats are now on duty or enroute to duty stations in Alaska. Three are still being reconditioned for duty in this theatre at Seattle, and are expected to depart in May.

The P-219 departed Cold Bay on 19 April for Yakutat Army Air Base. She will remain on duty there until ordered to Seattle for condeming. Her crew will man one of the old reconditioned vessels and return to this theater. The P-141 departed Umnak, Alaska for Annette Island Army Air Base on 5 April. This boat will remain on duty at Annette Island until ordered to Seattle to pick up an old reconditioned 104 foot boat and return for further duty.

Investigation concerning damage to P-754 was completed during April. Vessel did not actually ground. Rock awash was sighted in zero zero weather and combing seas. Port corner of transom clipped the reef as vessel maneuvered a 180° turn. Damage included bent port strut, wheel, shaft, as well as splintered planking. Water flooded lazaret and after crew quarters, but water tight bulkhead and doors confined water to that section. The hull was not weakened by the accident.

(Photo 1) 1 See photo P-752 104 foot boat.

There was no damage to main engines. One wheel, shaft and strut will be replaced. Subject vessel proceeded to Seward, Alaska where the Army Transport Service is now making repairs. It is expected that she will be ready for service about 15 May. Master was removed from command as he exercised poor judgement in proceeding into shallow waters under conditions of poor visibility and high following seas. Statements from crew, disclosed that vessel was excessively cranky in following seas and that her period of roll was greater than the old 104 foot vessels. Also the knees between stations number 1 and 3 have separated. The latter criticism is unavoidable as the boat was constructed from green lumber.

The only criticism of this, the new type 104 foot vessel, is the weight above decks which makes her difficult in heavy seas. It is believed that a lower superstructure throughout would improve her seaworthyness and reduce hull maintenance requirements.

SECTION III

Missions and Accomplishments

On 14 April the P-749 brought in a Japanese Balloon that was sighted five miles North North West of Kirilof Point at Amchitka, Alaska.[1] Picking up this balloon was definitely an experience for the crew members of this boat. The P-749 assisted the Robert Gray (An Army Transport Service Tug approximately 125 feet long) which had gone aground at Amchitka.[2] This boat also transported a man with apendicitis to medical attention.[3]

P-510 at Attu picked up a body from a Navy PV that had crashed on takeoff.[4] P-752 transported an ambulatory patient from Homer to Seldovia, Alaska.[5] This boat also conducted a search for an Army Tug on 13 April.[6] The P-511 investigated a tundra fire that was caused by gunnery practice.[7] This boat transported an injured man from an outpost to the main base at Adak.[8] P-511 also picked up six men off of a "J" boat that had run dry on a reef. The "J" boat was repaired by Crash Boat members and it was retrieved from the reef at high tide.[9]

(8) 1 Mission P-749, dated 16 April 1945
(9) 2 Mission P-749, dated 11 April 1945
(10) 3 Mission P-749, dated 31 March 1945
(11) 4 Mission P-510, dated 7 April 1945
(12) 5 Mission P-752, dated 15 April 1945
(13) 6 Mission P-752, dated 14 April 1945
(14) 7 Mission P-511, dated 27 April 1945
(15) 8 Mission P-511, dated 20 April 1945
(16) 9 Mission P-511, dated 18 April 1945

SECTION IV

List of Documents

1. Paragraph 1, SO 72, Hq AAB, Adak, Alaska, 16 April 1945
2. paragraph 1, SO 40 Hq AAB, APO 726, Seattle, Washington, 5 April 1945.
3. SO 48, Hq AAB, APO 726, Seattle, Washington 19 April 1945
4. Paragraph 3, SO 58, Hq AAB, APO 944, U. S.Army, 20 April 1945
5. Extract Movement Orders, RO W768-7, Hq US Troops, APO 980, Seattle, Washington, 7 April 1945.
6. Ltr Office of the Port Air Officer, PRSPE, Prince Rupert, B C, Canada, 28 March 1945, subj: Crews of Rescue Vessels P-757 and P-754.
7. Ltr, Hq AAB, APO 944, Seattle, Washington, 13 April 1945, subj: Commendation.
8. Mission P-749, APO 986, U.S. Army, 16 April 1945
9. Mission P-749, APO 986, U. S. Army, 11 April 1945
10. Mission P-749, APO 986, U. S. Army, 31 March 1945
11. Mission P-510, APO 726, U. S. Army, 7 April 1945
12. Mission P-752, Seldovia, Alaska, 15 April 1945
13. Mission P-752, Seldovia, Alaska, 14 April 1945
14. Mission P-511, APO 980, U. S. Army, 27 April 1945
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16. Mission P-511, APO 980, U.S. Army, 18 April 1945

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR BASE
ADAK, ALASKA

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SPECIAL ORDERS)
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16 April 1945

1. Cpl Stephen J Paladie 37306306 (MOS 080), 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq, this sta, is trfd in gr to 24th Base Hq & Air Base Sq, Elmendorf Fld Als and WP thereto via 1st available MIL-ACFT rptg upon arrival thereat to CO thereof for dy. 150 lbs baggage auth to accompany indiv by air. EM is auth $6 per diem for tyl time only for tyl performed by air within this theatre (Als Dept Rad 060300 Oct 44). EDCMR 23 Apr 45.

PCS TDN 212/50425 70-501 P 431-02-03 S99-999.
Auth: Memo 80-1 Hq Eleventh AF, 12 Dec 44; Bul 76, Hq ADC, 14 Nov 42; and Ltr fr Hq Eleventh AF, dtd 13 Apr 45, file 220.33 x 201 - Paladie, Stephen J. (Enl), subj: "Transfer of Enlisted Man".

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL REID:

DONALD M. SILLITER
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/ Donald M. Silliter
t/ DONALD M. SILLITER
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE
APO 726, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Wn.

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 40

5 April 1945

1. Pfc John Rohall 33488531 (060) 397th Base Hq & AB Sq this sta is trfd in gr to Det 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq this sta. No tvl involved. EDCMR 8 Apr 45. Auth AR 615-200 Memo 80-1 Hq Eleventh AF 12 Dec 44 & 4th Ind Hq Eleventh AF 22 Mar 45 to Ltr 201-Pfc John Rohall subj Request for Transfer.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL BUCK:

OFFICIAL:

JOHN E. BRIDGES
1st Lt, AC
Adj

s/ John E. Bridges
t/ JOHN E. BRIDGES
1st Lt, AC
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APO 726, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Wn.

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19 April 1945

1. Cpl Walter L Whisnant 34777272 (060) Det 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq this sta is trfd in gr to 397th Base Hq & AB Sq this sta. No tyl involved. EDCMR 22 Apr 45. Auth AR 615-200 Memo 80-1 Hq Eleventh AF 12 Dec 44 & 2d Ind Hq Eleventh AF 13 Apr 45 to Ltr Det 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq subj Status of EM.

2. Cpl Leonard B Kelley 33181310 (060) 397th Base Hq & AB Sq this sta is trfd in gr to Det 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq this sta. No tyl involved. EDCMR 22 Apr 45. Auth AR 615-200 Memo 80-1 Hq Eleventh AF 12 Dec 44 & 2d Ind Hq Eleventh AF 13 Apr 45 to Ltr Det 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq subj Status of EM.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BUCK:

t/ JOHN E. BRIDGES
1st Lt, AC
Adj

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t/ JOHN E. BRIDGES
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Major, AC

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HEADQUARTERS, ALS SPECIAL BASE
APO 944
UNITED STATES ARMY

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20 April 1945

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3. Sgt Benjamin Kerr 32520151 (SSN 409) Det 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq this sta (approved for rotation) is reld fr pres asgmt and trfd in grade atchd unasgd to Als Dept Repl Bn, Fort Richardson, Als and WP thereto rpting upon arrival thereat to CO.

FD will pay $6 per diem for air T status (Cir 356 WD 44) or $5 per day for rats & qrs except for water or air T status (Bul 19 WD 43). MIL-AIR, CML-VES atzd. Baggage 150 lbs for T by air atzd. PCS. EDCMR 27 April 45. Auth: Cir 17, Hq Als Dept, dtd 17 March 45. TDN. 212/50425 70-501 P 431-02.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel CANNON:

BERTRAM S. McCOY
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/ Bertram S. McCoy
t/ BERTRAM S. McCOY
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

C. M. DONLEY
Major, AC

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HEADQUARTERS U.S. TROOPS
APO #980, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

RO W768-7 7 April 1945

SUBJECT: Movement Orders.

TO : CG POE.

1. Pers herein are asgd to RO Group W768-7:

GRADE	NAME	ASN	SSN	ARM/SV	ADDRESS OF LV/FUR
		AAF PERSONNEL			
Sgt	Kiff H Hughes	36511400	080	AC	4566 Monroe St Ecrose, Michigan

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2. RO Group W768-7 WP o/a 12 April 1945 from present overseas sta to a RC in US to be named by ind to this order by the comdr of the US port at which the group is debarked. EDCMR: Date of departure this sta.

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8. GOVT-COML VES auth. TDN. 212/50425 70-501 P 431-02, 03.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/ Byron G Ward
t/ BYRON G WARD
1st Lt, Inf
Asst Adj

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MELVIN A. HOWE
Captain, AC

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OFFICE OF THE PORT AIR OFFICER
PRINCE RUPERT SUB-PORT OF EMBARKATION
Box 1307
Prince Rupert, B. C.

28 March 1945

SUBJECT: Crews of Rescue Vessels P-757 and P-754.

TO : Major G. R. Donley, Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, Seattle, Washington.

1. The crews of Rescue Vessel P-757 and P-754 are to be commended upon the exemplary manner in which they conducted themselves while temporarily stationed at this Port.

2. During duty hours their work was excellently performed and utmost cooperation was given to personnel of this installation with whom they came in contact in connection with the repairs made to the vessels.

3. In off-duty hours the same high standard was maintained. The fact that no disciplinary action against a member of either crew was necessary during the entire period reflects great credit on your organization.

4. The fine spirit manifested by these members of your command was greatly appreciated by the undersigned, who was charged with the responsibility of their administration.

s/ George F. Theim
t/ GEORGE F. THEIM
Captain, TC
Port Air Officer.

A TRUE COPY:

G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE
APO 944
UNITED STATES ARMY.

RCC/ht

13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, Tenth AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, U. S. Army.

1. I wish to commend the Master and crew members of the Tenth AAF Emergency Rescue Boat P-219 for their exceptionally meritorious and diligent conduct in connection with the rescue activities taking place at this base during the period 18 - 26 March 1945. Such meritorious conduct and unselfish devotion to duty reflects favorably upon themselves and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service.

2. Further, I wish to especially commend the following named members of the crew, who displayed outstanding physical courage, endangering their lives to make a hazardous landing on the beach off Cape Leontovich through a heavy surf. Also in their trek over land to and from their mission, which was accomplished rapidly through extreme weather conditions and terrain features:

Staff Sergeant Wayne B. Axelson, 39525771

Sergeant Kenneth W. Bruner, 39951021

Private First Class Leon M. Wies, 39950925

Private (then Staff Sergeant) Sherman R. Johnson, 39525977

3. All members of the crew, including those listed above, have been furnished a copy of this commendation.

s/ Robin C. Cannon
t/ ROBIN C. CANNON
Lt Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:

G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC

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U.S. AAF RESCUE VESSEL P-749 LAT/kecb
10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
APO 986, U.S. ARMY

16 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Report of Mission.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, U.S. Army. (Thru: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Army Air Base, APO 986, U.S. Army).

1. The Controller called at 2015 14 April 1945, requesting us to investigate a Japanese balloon sighted five miles North North West of Kirilof Point. Instructions from Controller was to circle it until the Navy PC 748 could pick it up.

2. Underway at 2018. Abeam Kirilof Point at 2025, running at 2000 RPM. Sighted balloon at 2030, moving due West with the wind of about 15 to 20 knots.

3. Arrived at sige of balloon 2053, position eight and one half miles, 254 degrees True from Kirilof Point. Circled balloon slowly. Requested permission from Controller to bring it aboard. Pulled in alongside, but sighted what resembled a land mine so pulled away quickly. Approached balloon from South allowing wind to blow it across bow, where crew cut holes to deflate it. An object that looked like a land mine was attached where the balloon was inflated. The crew pulled slowly on the shrouds until we could see the mechanism just beneath the water. It had what looked like a detonator on top. It was decided to tow it in by streaming it twenty-five fathoms astern. The shrouds were cut near the balloon and secured to the tow line.

4. Started the return trip at 2125 running at 1000 RPM both engines. Met Navy PC 784 and called them by blinker to ask them if they had facilities to handle object; received negative answer. Before we could tell them that we had object in tow astern they cut across our stern to port and conveyed us in to the harbor entrance. In order to prevent them from hitting our tow when they cut across our stern, speed was increased and part of the mechanism may have been lost at that time. Controller reported it highly explosive from the description. Just before entering the harbor the tow line was taken in to six fathoms.

5. Entered harbor astern of PC 784 at 2250. Stopped vessel and lowered dory. Took in tow line to twenty feet in order to prevent possible grounding. Men in dory took tow and we proceeded nearer White dock with them in tow. When about fifty feet off White dock bow painter of dory was cast off. Men rowed in after we secured to dock and pulled along starboard side. The object was pulled up slowly by boat davit and Ordnance representative hauled it aboard dory and then to deck of ship from where it was taken on White dock and hauled away after a preliminary examination. The balloon was also taken away at the same time.

6. Mission accomplished.

A TRUE COPY:
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E.T. DONLEY
Major, Air Corps

s/ Leon A. Thomas
t/ LEON A. THOMAS
CWO, USA,
Master P-749

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U.S. AAF RESCUE VESSEL P-749
10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
APO 986, U.S. ARMY

LAT/kecb

11 April 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Mission.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, U S Army. (Thru: Commanding Officer, AB, APO 986, U S Army).

1. The tug "Robert Gray" ran aground near Barge dock, Constantine Harbor at 1610 this date. A MT attempted to pull them off without success.

2. This vessel underway at 1625. Alongside "Robert Gray" at 1630. We took their towline and pulled them off with the port engine at slow ahead.

3. Mission accomplished.

s/ Leon A Thomas
t/ LEON A THOMAS
CWO, USA
Master, P-749

A TRUE COPY:

G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC

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U.S. AAF RESCUE VESSEL P-749
10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
APO 986, U.S. ARMY

LAT/kecb

31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Emergency Mission.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron, APO 980, U.S. Army, (Thru: Commanding Officer, Air Base, APO 986, U.S. Army).

1. A call was received from the Controller at 0025 this date asking us if we could make a trip to Aleut Point at 0400 to pick up a man with appendicitis. The weather was checked and finding the wind and sea increasing to 40 knots by 0400 we suggested that we leave immediately and approval was granted.

2. Departed mooring buoy Constantine Harbor for Aleut Point at 0045. Wind SSE 30 knots with sleet and snow, the night was very dark with limited visibility. 0128 Controller reported that the patient could walk. 0135 abeam Chitka Point, speed 15.5 knots. 0300 abeam Bird Cape. Arrived at Aleut Point at 0320 and requested that the patient be sent out in the Amphibious Truck.

3. 0335 Amphibious Truck alongside with patient on stretcher. Took the man aboard, lowered him into the Dispensary through hatch and made him comfortable for the return trip. The patient's name was PFC William F. Cyphers, ASN 37492132, of the 707 Signal Aircraft Warning Service. He was in good condition. He did not feel badly; his temperature was 99; pulse 92; respiration 18.

4. Departed Aleut Point at 0350. Abeam Birk Cape 0415. Wind and sea increasing. Taking heavy spray and occasional green water. Abeam Chitka Point at 0520. Docked at Barge dock at 0640 and discharged patient to the waiting ambulance.

5. Mission accomplished.

s/ Leon A Thomas
t/ LEON A THOMAS
CWO, USA
Master P-749.

A TRUE COPY:

G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC

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U.S. Army P-510 AAF
10th AAF. Emerg, Res, Bt, Sqdn,
A. P. O. 726 U. S. Army

7 April 1945

Subject; Mission Reports of this date.

Thru ; J. B. Buck
Colonel AC.
Commanding

To ; Commanding Officer
10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sqdn.
A.P.O. 980 U.S.Army

1. 1340 heard Rescue Director call Navy Crash Boat to get underway. Due to sea conditions out side of harbor, took it upon my own judgment, that since NZL13, being a smaller ship, would not be able to maintain her required speed heading into WSW wind and sea and in view of the fact that this ship (85' class) of a bigger design can maintain a faster pace through such conditions, departed and proceeded(1352) to over take and pass said Rescue Vessel in general direction of stand by position towards Cape Wranggell. While on course was advised to return to base with NZL13, secured Able 1407. (Note P-510 was not called on this mission.)

2. 1508 part of ships crew with members of P-512 noticed Navy PV, on her takeoff lose flying speed and bank into Casco cove, crashing about 150 feet in 10 to 7 feet of water (not fathoms) By Fleet Wing's "Sawdust and Shaving Co" on the Murder point road. NZL13 and this ship P-510 departed to scene. P-510 retrieving one body and covering same,national ensign. NZL13 retrieving two bodies. Returned to base and secured at 1535. (Both Crash Boats were underway before call was recieved.)

s/ W. P. Green
t/ W. P. Green
CWO USA
Master P-510

s/ J. B. Buck
t/ J. B. Buck
Colonel AC.
Commanding

A TRUE COPY:

G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC

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10TH AAF EMERG RESCUE BOAT SQ
Seldovia, Alaska

15 April 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Mission.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq, APO 980, U. S. Army.

THRU: COAB, APO 942, U. S. Army.

1. At 1755 on 14 April 1945 a call was received from HOMER RADIO requesting this vessel to proceed to that station and transport a severely injured civilian to the local hospital.

2. Underway at 1800; moored Homer dock at 1915. (This vessel had previously requested that the patient be at the dock at 1915). At 1940 came word that we were to pick up the patient off the beach at the Homer townsite. Standing by off Homer Beach at 2000. Ambulatory patient (foot cut with axe and bleeding profusely), aboard and away Homer at 2100. Patient ashore and hospital bound in Seldovia, at 2200.

3. Mission successfully completed.

s/ Arthur W. Tessmer
t/ ARTHUR W. TESSMER
CWO USA,
Master, P-752

A TRUE COPY:

G. R. Donley

G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC

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10TH AAF EMERG RESCUE BOAT SQ
Seldovia, Alaska

14 April 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Mission.

TO : Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq, APO 980, U. S. Army.

THRU: CO AB, APO 942, U. S. Army.

1. On 13 April 1945 at 1912 a radiogram was received from the 10th AAF Rescue Boat Squadron, Elmendorf Field, instructing this vessel to proceed to, and conduct a search of the Nuka Bay and Resurrection Bay area for the tug boat TP-107.

2. Underway at 1912 and proceeding in rough seas.

3. Received a call from HOMER RADIO at 2155 with instructions to resume normal patrol. Discontinued mission and dropped anchor in Chrome Bay at 2210.

s/ Arthur W. Tessmer
t/ ARTHUR W. TESSMER
CWO USA,
Master, P-752

A TRUE COPY:

C. R. BUNLEY
Major, AC

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10TH EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
Rescue Vessel P-511
APO 980, U. S. Army

27 April 1945

SUBJECT:- Disposition of Fire, C. Kiugilak, Great Sitkin I.

TO: Commanding Officer,
10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq.

Received request from Navy to investigate tundra fire caused by gunnery practice. The officer in charge thought it was endangering outpost at Kiugilak Pt.

1845 Departed Sand Bay.

1903 Arrived at Kiugilak. Fire was not endangering outpost as it was cut off by stream bed forming natural fire break.

1911 Departed Kiugilak.

1930 Arrived Sand Bay. Informed officer in charge that fire was not endangering outpost.

Miles covered: 10. Weather: Clear. Wind: 20 K NE. Sea: Light chop.

s/ Sgt Frederick A. Ottiger
t/ Sgt Frederick A. Ottiger
Executive Officer, P-511

A TRUE COPY:

C. H. BONLEY
Major, AC

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10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
APO 980, U. S. ARMY

20 April 1945

SUBJECT: RESCUE MISSION

TO: Commanding Officer,
10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq.

1400 Received call by telephone to pick up patient with injured back. Otis Cue, ASN 34052139 of OP 14 had injured his back two days earlier while loading oil drums onto a barge. The request did not go through Operations because the Commanding Officer of OP 14 telephoned OP 13, where the boat was at anchor, to speed up assistance.

1402 Asked Operations for permission to proceed at once. Permission granted.

1405 Departed Bay of Islands for OP 14.

1535 Arrived at OP 14. It was necessary to send the skiff ashore to bring the man out because of low tide.

1555 Departed OP 14 and proceeded around South side of island. The wind was of such direction that a trip around the North side would have been too rough for the patient.

1825 Docked at dock number One, Adak. With the use of a crane which had been requested by radio, the patient was transfered to the waiting ambulance.

s/ Sgt Frederick A. Ottiger
t/ Sgt Frederick A. Ottiger
Executive Officer, P-511

A TRUE COPY:

G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC

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10TH EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
APO 980, U. S. Army

18 April 1945

SUBJECT: Recovery of "J" Boat.

TO: Commanding Officer,
10th Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron.

1348 Sighted blinker ashore at OP 13 asking that we go to Beverly Cove, Bay of Islands, to help in removing "J" Boat from rocks.

1350 Departed OP 13.

1405 Sighted boat with six men high and dry on reef. Took the men from boat while two Crash Boat members repaired hole in boat.

1525 Returned to OP 13 with men. Removal of the boat from the rocks at this time would have caused serious damage. It was necessary to await high tide.

2000 Returned to boat on reef.

2040 Removed boat from reef and returned to OP 13.

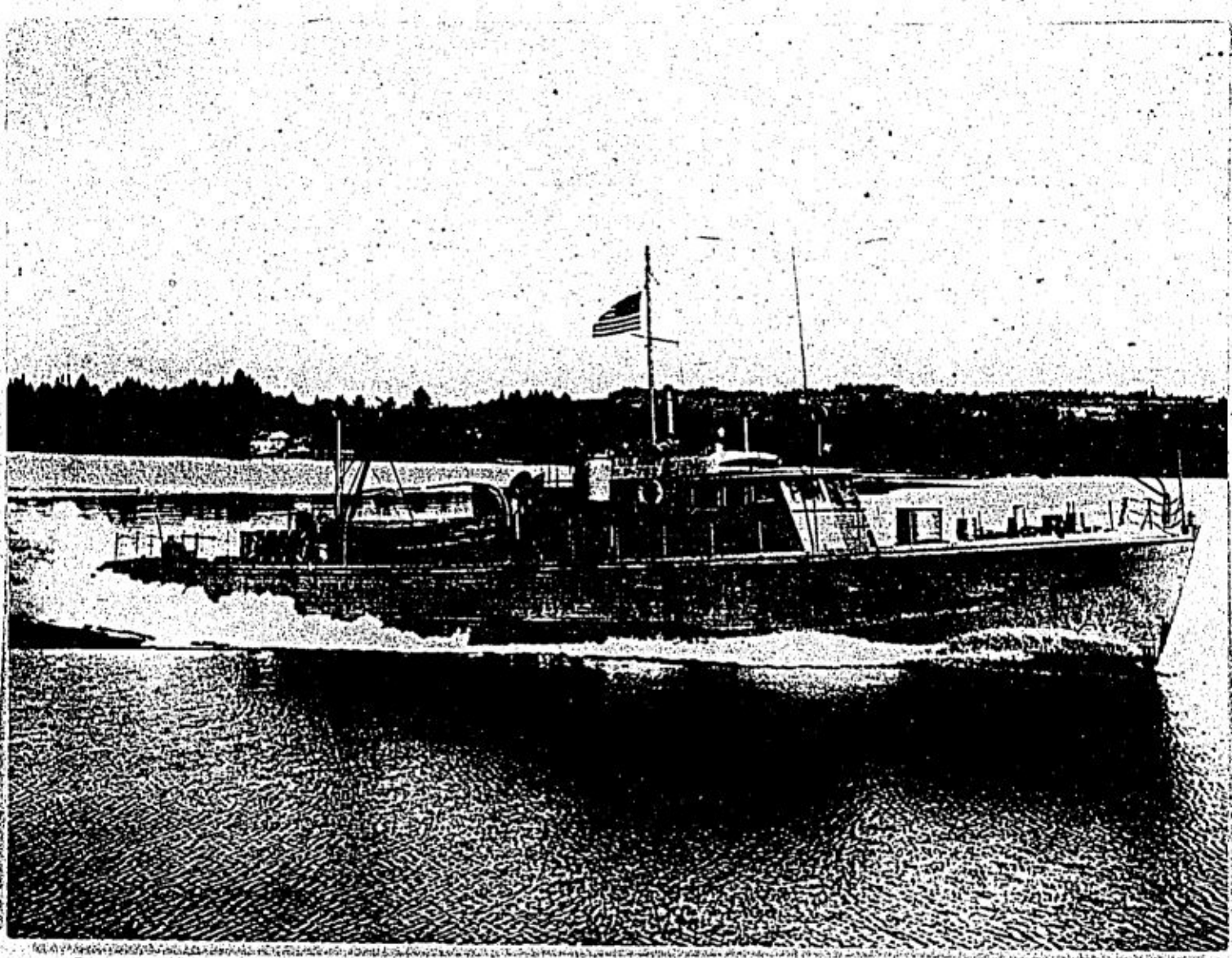
s/ Frederick A. Ottiger
t/ Frederick A. Ottiger
Sgt Executive Officer
P-511

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G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC

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Location: Lake Washington, Washington
Date: 20 November 1944

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OF THE

10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON

ADAK, ALASKA

1 May 1945 to 31 May 1945

Prepared for the CO by:

Arthur Hammer
Technical Sergeant
Historian

Approved by:

for G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC
Commanding

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DATE: 5 Feb 48

A.M. CLARK, Lt Col, USAF
Director of Intelligence, AAC

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SECTION I

Personnel

Capt Harold A Hunter was relieved from assignment to this Sq on 8 May 1945.[1] Subject officer was released as no further suitable assignment existed within the Als Dept for an officer of his qualifications. Capt Hunter has been with the squadron since 21 September 1942. His duties were personnel, supply and outfitting of rescue boats for duty in the Als Dept. The longest portion of his assignment was duty in the continental U. S. as the rescue vessels were outfitted in the U. S. prior to their departure for overseas. Capt Hunters' constant effort for the benefit of the squadron is appreciated.

Capt Ralph A Fried[2] was assigned to this unit as a rotation replacement for Major C. R. Donley, Commanding Officer. Upon release of Major Donley in June 1945 Capt Melvin A Howe will assume command of the squadron as he is senior officer. Capt Obersheimer is still in an Army Hospital in the U. S. due to a leg fracture received last December while enroute to the U. S. for TDY.

Cpl Nedd F Kidder[3] was relieved from assignment to squadron and returned to the U. S. for discharge under current Readjustment Regulations. Cpl Fierman[4] was returned to the U. S. for hospitalization. Pvt Omer F Simon[5] was sent to the U. S. for rotation.

(1) 1 Paraphraze radio 031913Z Hq Als Dept, May 1945
(2) 2 Par 20, SO 123, Hq Als Dept, APO 942, 19 May 1945
(3) 3 Tvl/O #474, Hq US Troops, APO 980, 19 May 1945
(4) 4 Evacuation/O #118-4, Post Hq, Ft Richardson, Als, 11May45
(5) 5 M/O #RO W789-1, Hq US Trps, APO 980, 20May1945.

Pvt Charles M Smyth, on DS SEPE, Seattle, Wn, was relieved from assignment to this sq as he was considered unfit for further overseas duty.[2] Pvt Clare Parsons was assigned to unit as a rotation replacement.

Cpl Thomas E Angel Jr of this squadron and Pfc Amado P Reyes of the 397th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron at Attu were mutually transferred as Cpl Angel was allergic to seasickness.[3]

Four radio operators, Tec 5 Griesan, Tec 5 Hackney, Pfc Kidd and Pfc Martin were transferred to this squadron on 21 May 1945.[4] S Sgt Frank R Gonnella was transferred to Hq & Hq Sq, 23d Air Sv Gp (Med Sec), Adak, Alaska as he could no longer stand duty on the sea.[5]

With the defeat of Germany the moral of the troops has increased immensly. Ten men have over 85 points and are eligible for discharge. War Department Circular 151, 1945 authorizes discharge for men over 40 years of age. This squadron has two men that come within this category, and their discharge is in process.

Cpl James C Adams, squadron clerk, was in the United States on furlough when Germany fell and in accordance with present directives[6] was reassigned to an overseas Replacement Depot for processing and reassignment. Five other enlisted men were on furlough in the U. S. at the fall of Germany but orders reassigning them have not as yet been received.

(6) 1 Par 7, SO 113, Hq Als Dept, 8 May 45
(7) 2 Extract Par 20, SO 101, Hq Als Dept, 25 Apr 45
(8) 3 Par 3 & 4, SO 59, Hq AAB, APO 726, 14 May 45
(9) 4 Par 2, SO 68, Hq 343d Ftr Gp, 11 May 45
(10) 5 Par 1, SO 84, Hq AAB, APO 980, 4 May 45.
(11) 6 Extract Par 6, SO 147, ASF, 6th SvC, Ft Sheridan, Ill 27May45

SECTION II

Equipment and Supplies

During the month of May, three (3) 104 foot boats, P-141, P-143 and P-219 arrived in Seattle for exchange of reconditioned vessels. These three boats were in very bad condition due to long and extensive service in Alaska and without any major repair work accomplished while in Alaska.

The P-751, P-753 and P-755 departed Seattle on 28 May 1945 for duty in Alaska. These are the last of the nine new seven hundred series 104 foot rescue boats assigned to the squadron to leave Seattle after being reconditioned. At present the squadron has five 104 foot boats in Seattle. These are the P-114, P-215, P-216, P-217 and P-220. The repair of these vessels will be completed by the latter part of June and should be ready to sail for Alaska by the middle of July.

P-756 arrived at Adak on 15 May and departed for duty at Attu on 22 May, arriving at Attu 26 May. The HA-2 arrived at Adak from Seattle on 31 May. Subject boat is being used to shuttle AC freight between the U. S. and Alaska and between various ports within the theatre. Rescue Vessel P-754 has completed its repairs and is now on standby duty at Seldovia, Alaska. Boats stationed there come under the jurisdiction of the CO, Air Base, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

The P-749 has been temporarily relieved from duty at Amchitka, Alaska to complete the installation of new engines at Adak and for other repairs necessary to continue operation.

Missions and Accomplishments

The P-511 on 3 May transported a man with an injured leg from an outpost to the main base at this station.[1] This boat also picked up a man at Cape Yakak with a gunshot wound and transported him to medical attention.[2]

P-512 at Attu, Alaska searched for a downed P-38 on 21 May.[3] Nothing was found on this mission but an oil slick and a smoke bomb at the scene of crash. The P-752, which is stationed at Seldovia, Alaska, was dispatched to assist BSP 868 which was in distress off of Barren Islands.[4] Assistance by the P-752 was not given as the BSP 868 could not be located and later made it to port under her own power.

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(12) 1 Mission P-511, dated 3 May 1945
(13) 2 Mission P-511, dated 13 May 1945
(14) 3 Mission P-512, dated 21 May 1945
(15) 4 Mission P-752, dated 3 May 1945

SECTION IV

List of Documents

1. Paraphraze radio 031913Z, Hq Als Dept, May 1945
2. Paragraph 20, SO 123, Hq Als Dept, 19 May 1945
3. Travel Order #474, Hq US Troops, APO 980, U S Army, 19 May 45
4. Evacuation Order #118-4, Post Hq, Ft Richardson, Alaska, 11 May 1945
5. Movement Order #RO W789-1, Hq US Troops, APO 980, U S Army, 20 May 1945
6. Paragraph 7, SO 113, Hq Als Dept, 8 May 45
7. Extract Paragraph 20, SO 101, Hq Als Dept, 25 April 1945
8. Paragraphs 3 and 4, SO 59, Hq AAB, APO 726, U S Army 14 May 45
9. Paragraph 2, SO 68, Hq 343d Ftr Gp, 11 May 1945
10. Paragraph 1, SO 84, Hq AAB, APO 980, U S Army 4 May 1945
11. Extract Par 6, SO 147, ASF, 6th Serv Comd, Ft Sheridan, Ill, 27 May 1945
12. Mission P-511, APO 980, U S Army, 3 May 1945
13. Mission P-511, APO 980, U S Army, 13 May 1945
14. Mission P-512, APO 726, U S Army, 21 May 1945
15. Mission P-752, Seldovia, Alaska, 3 May 1945

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RCVD AT ADAK

3 MAY 1945

ROUTINE

CG ALS DEPT

ADAK AB

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RELD FR PRESENT ASGMT AND DUTY WITH ALS DEPT IS CAPT HAROLD A HUNTER 0297974 AC MOS 0820 10 AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQ US TRPS ADAK ALS AND WP BY AIR FROM PRESENT OVERSEAS STA TO SEATTLE WASH REPORTING UPON ARRIVAL THEREAT TO CG SEPE FOR FURTHER ORDERS STOP UPON OFFICERS ARRIVAL CG SEPE WILL NOTIFY TAG AND DETAIN HIM PENDING INSTRUCTIONS STOP EDCMR 8 MAY 1945 PCS PAREN CITE AG 0523 PAREN MIL AIR COML AIR PAR 3 B 2 (AR 55 DASH 120 AUTH STOP BAGGAGE NOT TO EXCEED 65 POUNDS AUTH FOR T BY COML AIR STOP OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL US PROVISIONS OF CIR 365 WD 44 APPLY STOP WITHIN CONTINENTAL US PROVISIONS OF CIR 260 WD 44 APPLY STOP HTDN 212/50425 SPACE 70 DASH 501 P 431 DASH 99 STOP AUTH PAR 5 C WD CIR 485 SPACE 44

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HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN DEPARTMENT
APO 942, c/o PM, Seattle, Wash, 19 May 1945

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20. CAPT RALPH A FRIED 01580967, AC, MOS 0820, Req No 112AF (d), having reported to this Hq in compliance with Par 11, SO 113, Hq Myrtle Beach AAF, Myrtle Beach, S. C., dtd 12 May 45, is asgd to 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq, U S Trps Adak Als, & WP thereto. EDCMR 29 May 45. PCS. MIL/AIR, & COML-VES auth. In lieu of subs per diem $7 except army posts & water T. TDN. 212/50425 70-501 P 431-99.

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MITTELSTAEDT:

ROBERT M BATHURST
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ W. L. Coleman
t/ W. L. COLEMAN
Lt Colonel, A.G.D.
Asst Adjutant General

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MELVIN A. HOWE
Captain, AC

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HEADQUARTERS U.S. TROOPS
APO 980, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

NO. 474 EXTRACT 19 May 1945

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

GRADE	NAME	SSN	ADJ S/R	ADDRESS	RC NO.
TO :					
*	*	*	*	*	*
Cpl	Nedd F Kidder 6567221	141	116	4105 Portland Ave, Tacoma, Washington	13
*	*	*	*	*	*

1. You are reld present asgmt with Als Dept and WP via air T o/a 21 May 45 to a US Airport and will be subsequently directed to move, by indorsement by the commander of the US airport at which debarkation is effected, to the reception station designated. PCS. EDCIR 23 May 45.

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6. AUTH: Par 35, MD Readjustment Regulations, RR 1-2, dtd 11 Apr 45, and Rad 190148, Hq Als Dept, May 45.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMPSON:

s/ Byron-G Ward
t/ BYRON G WARD
1st Lt, Inf
Asst Adj

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

MELVIN A. HOWE
Captain, AC.

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POST HEADQUARTERS
Fort Richardson, Alaska

EXTRACT

11 May 1945

SUBJECT: Evacuation Order No. 118-4

TO : Surgeon, Station Hospital, Fort Richardson, Alaska

1. Under auth of Ltr, WD, 8 June 1944, Subj: Procedure for Evacuation of Patients by Water or Air fr Overseas Command, the following patients now awaiting evacuation to the US, will be moved on or about 14 May 1945, as indicated below:

Rank	Name	ASN	SSN	Arm of Service	Class of Patients
Cpl	Samuel S Fierman	13078632	405	AAF	3

2. The patients listed above are reld fr present asgmt and will be moved fr present overseas sta to a medicat installation in the US to be named by indorsement to this order by the commanding general of the port at which the patients are debarked. PCS. Rail T, Mil-Ves, Cml-Ves & Mil-Air auth.

6. EDCMR 14 May 1945. TDN 70-501 P 431-02-03 A 212/50425.

By command of Brigadier General MITTELSTAEDT:

s/ Odd A Lund
t/ ODD A LUND
1st Lt., CAC
Asst. Adjutant

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MELVIN A. HOWE
Captain, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS U.S. TROOPS
APO #980, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

RO W789-1

20 May 1945

SUBJECT: Movement Orders E-X-T-R-A-C-T

TO : CO PD

1. Pers herein are asgd to RO Group W789-1:

GRADE	NAME	ASN	SSN	ARM/SV	ADDRESS OF FURLOUGH
		AAF PERSONNEL			
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Pvt	Omer F Simon	39825689	050	AC	99 Church St., Thompsonville, Conn.
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2. RO Group W789-1 WP o/a 21 May 1945 from present overseas sta to a RC in the US to be named by ind to this order by the comdr of the US port at which the group is debarked. EDCIR: Date of departure this sta.

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8. GOVT-COML VES auth. TDN. 212/50425 70-501 P 431-02, 03.

9. AUTH: Cir 17 Hq Als Dept, 1945. WD Cir 8, cs, and WD Ltr, file AG 370.5 (10 Aug 44) OB-S-SPMOT, Subj: PRI, dtd 16 Aug 44, as amended.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/ Byron G. Ward
t/ BYRON G. WARD
1st Lt, Inf
Asst Adj

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

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Captain, AC

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APO 942, c/o PM, Seattle, Wash, 8 May 1945

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7. Pvt Charles L Smyth 39951085, SSN 065, 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq, U S Trps Adak Als, now DS SEPE, Seattle, Wash, is reld fr further DS and is trfd to Fort Lawton, Washington. EDCTR 14 May 45. PCS. No travel involved. Auth: Par 9 b, POM, 1 Aug 43.

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MITTELSTAEDT:

t/ ROBERT M. BATHURST
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ W. L. Coleman
t/ W. L. COLEMAN
Lt Colonel, A.G.D.
Asst Adjutant General

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

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Major, AC

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APO 942, c/o PM, Seattle, Wash, 25 Apr 1945

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20. The following named EM, atchd unasgd to Als Dept Repl Bn, Ft Richardson Als, are asgd in gr to orgn and sta as indicated, & WP thereto. EDCMR 5 May 45. PCS.

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U S Trps Adak Als	SSN	Rec No	Orgn
Pvt Clare Parsons	39692689	060 111AF(d)	10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq

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MIL-AIR & COML-VES auth. FD will pay $6 per diem (Cir 356 WD 44) for air T status or $5 per day for rat & qrs except for water or air T status (Bul 19 WD 43). TDN. 212/50425 70-501 P 431-99 for S/Sgt Sheffield and 212/50425 70-501 P 431-02 for EM below the first three grades.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EMMONS:

ROBERT M. BATHURST
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ W. L. Coleman
t/ W. L. COLEMAN
Lt Colonel, A.G.D.
Asst Adjutant General

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APO 724, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Wn.

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3. Cpl Thomas E Angel Jr 15101985 (060) Det 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq this sta is trfd in gr to 397th Base Hq & AB Sq this sta. No tvl involved. EDCMR 17 May 45. Auth AR 615-200 Memo 80-1 Hq Eleventh AF 12 Dec 44 & Rad 122330Z Hq Eleventh AF May 45.

4. Pfc Amado P Reyes 39950482 (060) 397th Base Hq & AB Sq this sta is trfd in gr to Det 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq this sta. No tvl involved. EDCMR 17 May 45. Auth AR 615-200 Memo 80-1 Hq Eleventh AF 12 Dec 44 & Rad 122330Z Hq Eleventh AF May 45.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL BUCK:

JOHN E. BRIDGES
1st Lt, AC
Adj

OFFICIAL:

s/ John E. Bridges
t/ JOHN E. BRIDGES
1st Lt, AC
Adj

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY: Melvin A Howe

MELVIN A. HOWE
Captain AC

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343D FIGHTER GROUP
c/o PM, Seattle, Wash.

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11 May 1945

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2. The fol named EM, orgn and sta as indicated are trfd in gr to orgn and sta indicated below, EM WP via the first avail MIL/CML-AIR, "Par 3b (2) AR 55-120, dtd 26 Apr 43 as amended", GOVT/CML-VES, RUAT to CO for dy. EDCMR 21 May 45.

Name	Trfd Fr	Trfd To
Tec 5 Frank A Griesan, 37523817, (SSN-766)	707th Sig AW Co, Amchitka, Als.	Det 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq (Rescue Ves P-752) Ft Richardson Als.
Tec 5 Joseph C Hackney, 14000149, (SSN-776)	762d Sig AW Co, Kiska, Als.	Det 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq (Rescue Ves P-757 Ft Randall, Als.
Pfc Howard H Kidd, 14097505, (SSN-766)	707th Sig AW Co, Amchitka, Als.	Det 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq (Rescue Ves P-510) Attu, Als.
Pfc Edward J Martin, 31229524, (SSN-776),	762d Sig AW Co, Kiska, Als.	Det 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq (Rescue Ves P-511) Adak, Als.

In lieu of rats & qrs $6 per diem auth EM for T by air only (Sec II Par 2 WD Cir 356, 44). For T other than by air or surface vessel having govt facilities FD will pay $5 per diem to EM in lieu of rats & qrs (AR 35-4520 dtd 24 Feb 43 as amended). PCS. TDN. 212/50425 70-501 P 431-02-03 S99-999. Auth: 1st Ind, Hq Eleventh AF dtd 21 Apr 45, to Ltr 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq, dtd 18 Apr 45, Subj: Personnel, Memo 80-1 Hq Eleventh AF, dtd 12 Dec 44.

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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JONES:

OFFICIAL:

RAYMOND E. WILSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

s/ Raymond E. Wilson
t/ RAYMOND E. WILSON
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

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Captain, AC

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCES
APO 980, U S Army

DMS/rep

4 May 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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1. S Sgt Frank R Gonnella 12019799 (MOS 861), 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq (Less Dets) this sta, is trfd in gr to Hq & Hq Sq 23d Air Sv Gp (Med Sec). No tvl involved. EDCMR 6 May 45.

Auth: 1st Ind fr Hq Eleventh AF dtd 1 May 45, file 220.3 x 201 - Gonnella, Frank R. (Enl).

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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL REID:

DONALD M. SILLITER
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/ Donald M. Silliter
t/ DONALD M. SILLITER
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC

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Sixth Service Command
Fort Sheridan, Illinois

SPECIAL ORDER)
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27 May 1945

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6. The following named EM (W) formerly on TD Status this Sta and having reported this sta as directed and having been found disqualified under AR 615-365, demobilization, are reld fr TD and fr Recep Sta 7, 1612th SCU, and are attached to AAF ORD, Greensboro, N.C. for processing and reasgmt. A delay enroute of the no. of days indicated in the "DAYS DELAY" column, plus tvl time as indicated is auth. EM will report to Receiving Unit, AAF ORD, Greensboro, N. C. not later than 2400 of the date indicated in the "REPORTING DATE" column. EMCHR 31 May 45.

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			DAYS DELAY	TVL TIME	NO. OF MEALS	REPORTING DATE
11.	Cpl (405)	JAMES C ADAMS 16101892 AC Grantsburg Wis	9	6	16	10 June 45

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By order of Colonel CUSHMAN:

FRED E. ROBERTS
Capt., Inf.
Asst Adj.

OFFICIAL:

s/ Fred E. Roberts
t/ FRED E. ROBERTS
Capt., Inf.
Asst Adj.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

MELVIN A. HOWE
Captain, AC

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10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQ.
APO 980, U. S. ARMY
RESCUE VESSEL P-511

3 May 1945

SUBJECT: Mission

TO: Commanding Officer
10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq
APO 980 U. S. Army

1135 Received call by telephone to pick up patient with injured leg on OP 14.

Requested operations for permission to pick up patient. Permission granted.

1143 Departed Bay of Islands for OP 14.

1220 Arrived at OP 14, it was necessary to send litter ashore to pick up patient.

1310 Departed OP 14 and proceeded around north side of island.

1500 Docked at number one dock (Adak). With the use of a crane patient was transferred to the waiting ambulance.

s/ Frederick A. Ottiger
t/ Frederick A. Ottiger
Sgt, AC
Executive Officer P-511.

A TRUE COPY:

G. R. DONLEY
Major, AC

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RESCUE VESSEL P-511
10TH AAF EMERG RESCUE BOAT SQ
APO 980, U. S. ARMY

13 May 1945

SUBJECT: Mission Report

THRU: Commanding Officer
Army Air Base
APO 980, U. S. Army

TO: Commanding Officer
10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq
APO 980, U. S. Army

1. At 2137, 13 May 1945 received call from controller to pick up patient with gunshot wound at Cape Yakak.

2. Underway at 2142. Cleared Bay of Islands entrance and on course at 2155. Sea swells light to medium.

3. Arrived at Cape Yakak at 2300. Launched skiff and picked up patient. Patient aboard at 2330 and apparently in good condition except for slight bullet wound.

4. Patient, Pfc William Johnson, ASN 35 579 818, was from Det 8th Radio Maint., 716th SAW Co. Passenger, T/Sgt W. B. Tucker, ASN 35 481 810.

5. Dep'd for base at 2340. Arrived at Base at 0207 and transferred patient to waiting ambulance. Released from mission by controller at 0215.

6. Distance covered: 78.4 miles. Navigation was very difficult because of absolute darkness.

FOR THE MASTER:

s/ Sgt Frederick A. Ottiger
Executive Officer

A TRUE COPY:

MELVIN A. HOME
Captain, Air Corps

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10TH AAF EMERG RESCUE BOAT SQ
APO 726, U. S. Army

21 May 1945

SUBJECT: Mission Report

THRU: Commanding Officer
Army Air Base
APO 726 U. S. Army

TO: Commanding Officer
10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq
APO 980 U. S. Army

1. At 1008 received call from Rescue Director P-38 was down off Chirikof Pt, at Alexai Mooring.

2. Underway 1008½, went through reefs look-out in mast head observed smoke bomb, course 70 degrees.

3. At oil slick and bomb 1032, nothing there. Went downwind and around Chirikof rock with all hands on alert look-out for pilot, raft or debris, saw nothing, but picked up smoke bombs at scene of crash.

4. Cruised in 5 miles square area on various courses, searching.

5. Director advised P-512 to drop marker at scene of crash, advised them we had nothing that would hold in swells. 1120 Director advised our return to base.

s/ J. B. Buck
t/ J. B. BUCK
Colonel AC
Commanding

s/ C. M. Hatton
t/ C. M. HATTON
CWO USA
Master P-512

A TRUE COPY:

MELVIN A. HOME
Captain, AC

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10TH AAF EMERG RESCUE BOAT SQ
Seldovia Alaska

3 May 1945

SUBJECT: Mission Report

THRU: Commanding Officer, Army Air Base, APO 942, U. S. Army.

TO: Commanding Officer, 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq, APO 980, U. S. Army.

1. At 0950 on 2 May 1945 a message from Elmendorf was relayed by Homer Radio with instructions to proceed to the Barren Islands in search of a vessel in distress.

2. Underway at 1000; anchored at Barren Islands at 1430. Advised both Elmendorf and Kodiak of our findings (none), and our position. Advised by Kodiak to remain there awaiting further instructions.

3. At 1625 Kodiak advised us that subject search vessel, BSP 868, was 15 miles ENE of Barren Islands and proceeding to Port Dick. At 1630 this vessel departed Barren Islands on a course laid out to over-take the BSP and headed for Port Dick. Arrived Port Dick at 2000 having seen no trace of the missing vessel.

4. At 0500 on 3 May 1945, the BSP 868 arrived at Port Dick under her own power.

5. Traveling conditions: Seas very rough, with 15 to 20 foot swells. Wind WSW, 30 to 40 knots. Visibility - 30 miles.

6. Vessel damage incurred on mission:

a. One drum lube oil parted lashing and was washed overboard.
b. Starboard liferaft with its guard-rail eye-bolts was torn loose and went by the board.
c. Lights in officer's stateroom shorted out by water.
d. Ensign lanyard on main-mast parted.

s/ Arthur W. Tessmer
t/ ARTHUR W. TESSMER
CWO, USA
Master, P-752.

A TRUE COPY:

MELVIN A. HOWE
Captain, AC

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HISTORY

OF THE

10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON

ADAK, ALASKA

1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945

Prepared for the CO by:

Arthur Hammer
Technical Sergeant
Historian

Approved by:

MELVIN A HOME
Captain, AC
Commanding

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By Authority of CG, AAC
DATE: 5 Feb 48

A.M. CLARK, Lt Col, USAF
Director of Intelligence, AAC



MELVIN A HOWE
Captain, Air Corps
Commanding Officer
10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq
Adak, Alaska
Taken 5 July 1945

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SECTION I

Personnel

On 10 June Major Gordon R Donley[1] left the organization for the United States under the present readjustment regulations. Upon his departure Captain Melvin A Howe assumed command of the squadron by direction of the Commanding General, Eleventh Air Force.

Cpl Anthony C Nowak[2] was transferred to the 713th Sig Acft Warning Co, Attu due to his seasickness and nervousness on the sea. Sgt Joseph J Davis[3] was transferred to this unit from the 400th Base Hq & AB Sq, Attu. Pfc Frank T Ahrans of this unit and Cpl Robert L Logan, AAB Serv Unit, Attu were mutually transferred due to seasickness of Pfc Ahrans.[4] Likewise, Pfc Frank C Tosiello of this squadron and Pfc Edmund L Burdziak of the AAB Serv Unit at Attu were also mutually transferred.[5]

Pfc William A Hoppe[6] was transferred to this squadron from the 39th AD Gp, Ft Richardson, Als. His transfer brought the unit Carpenter Shop up to needed strength. Sgt Jessie P Napier and Paul R Washburn were assigned as replacements for personnel returned to the States under readjustment regulations.[7] Sgt Carl R Pruett was relieved from assignment to this unit as he was in the United States on R-Day.[8]

(1) 1 Tvl/O #541 Hq US Troops, APO 980, 7 June 1945
(2) 2 Par 1 SO 113, Hq AAB, APO 980, 21 June 1945
(3) 3 Par 6 SO 73, AB Hq, APO 729, 13 June 1945
(4) 4 Par 1 & 2 SO 65, Hq AAB APO 726, 29 May 1945
(5) 5 Par 4 & 5, SO 77 Hq AAB APO 726, 20 June 1945
(6) 6 Extract par 16 SO 127 Hq AB APO 942, 19 June 1945
(7) 7 Extract par 1 SO 134 Hq Als Dept, 1 June 1945
(8) 8 Extract par 30 SO 139, Hq AAF Redistribution Sta #3, Santa Monica, California, 5 June 1945

Eight enlisted men were released from assignment to the squadron and were processed for discharge under current readjustment regulations. 1,2 & 3 These men all had over the required 85 points for release from the Army of the United States.

The enlisted personnel overstrength in the squadron has caused various personnel problems inasmuch as there are not enough authorized enlisted NCO grades to correspond to the vessels assigned and the vessels authorized. Promotions have been practically nil since October 1944 because of this, and it is felt that if this discrepancy is not soon rectified the morale and efficiency of the squadron will drop considerably. In view of this a request is being submitted to the War Department to authorize more grades commensurate with the boats being operated by the squadron.

(9) 1 Extract par 1 SO 106 Hq AAB APO 980, 13 June 1945
(10) 2 Par 1 SO 78, Hq AAB, APO 944, 14 June 1945
(11) 3 Extract par 1 SO 73, Hq AAB, APO 726, 15 June 1945

SECTION II

Equipment and Supplies

In the month of June there were many changes of boat assignments, and boats were constantly on the move. The P-753 arrived at Adak for duty on 20 June. P-751 arrived at Dutch Harbor the 15th of June, but did not continue westward due to failure of one engine. This engine was replaced at that station by the Navy before continuation of journey to Umnak, Alaska for duty. The P-755 arrived at Umnak for temporary duty there pending arrival of the P-751. P-755 will continue westward to a permanently assigned base.

P-752 was relieved from duty at Seldovia, Alaska on 13 June and arrived at Adak 23 June. After taking aboard rations and fuel it continued to Attu, arriving thereat on the 26th. P-519 arrived at Adak from duty at Attu on 6 June. Subject vessel was in bad need of repair, with an estimated 2400 man hours of work required to completely repair it. Due to other vessels having priority on repair and if repairs were started it would take approximately 4 months to complete, it was decided to make temporary repairs without drydocking and then use the boat for rescue work in smooth waters until fall. At such time she will be shipped to the United States.

P-510 arrived at Adak from Attu on 26 June for repairs. This crash boat had what was thought to be a leak in one of the main

gas tanks, but thorough investigation at Adak revealed that leak was in the tank breather pipes. P-510 will be placed on duty at Adak upon completion of minor repairs.

P-749 is undergoing installation of new main engines and reduction gears. Change should be completed before the middle of July at which time subject vessel will return to Amchitka to continue operation at that station. The HA-2 is presently hauling Air Corps supplies between various Air Bases.

SECTION III

Missions and Accomplishments

On June 20th the P-511 transported an enlisted man sick with appendicitis from a Power Barge in an outlying harbor to the main base at Adak.[1] This mission saved the enlisted man concerned a great deal of pain as the power barge was slow and it would take it approximately three hours to get the man to proper medical attention. The P-757 transported a sick woman to Cold Bay, Als for medical attention.[2]

The J-974 picked up a man from a raft that was drifting in Cooks Inlet. The tide was running in the opposite of his plans, resulting in drifting out towards open water rather than up the Inlet.[3]

(12) 1 Mission P-511, 20 June 1945
(13) 2 Mission P-757, 20 June 1945
(14) 3 Mission J-974, 10 June 1945

SECTION IV

List of Documents

1. Travel Order #541, Hq US Troops, APO 980 c/o PM, Seattle, Washington, 7 June 1945.

2. Par 1 SO 113, Hq Army Air Base, Adak, Alaska, 21 June 1945.

3. Par 6, SO 73, Air Base Headquarters, APO 729, c/oPM, Seattle, Washington, 13 June 1945.

4. Par 1 and 2, SO 65, Hq Army Air Base, APO 726, c/o PM, Seattle, Washington, 29 May 1945.

5. Par 4 and 5, SO 77, Hq Army Air Base, APO 726, c/o PM, Seattle, Washington, 20 June 1945.

6. Extract par 16, SO 127, Hq Air Base, APO 942, c/o PM, Seattle, Washington, 19 June 1945.

7. Extract par 1, SO 134, Hq Als Dept, APO 942, Seattle, Wash 1 June 1945.

8. Extract par 30, SO 139 Hq AAF Redistribution Sta #3, Santa Monica, California, 5 June 1945.

9. Par 1, SO 106 Hq Army Air Base, APO 980, U. S. Army, 13 June 1945

10. Par 1 SO 78, Hq Army Air Base, APO 944, U. S.Army, 14 June 1945

11. Extract par 1 SO 73, Hq Army Air Base, APO 726, Seattle, Washington, 15 June 1945.

12. Mission P-511, APO 980, Seattle, Washington, 20 June 1945.

13. Mission P-757, APO 944, Seattle, Washington, 20 June 1945.

14. Mission J-974, APO 942, Seattle, Washington, 10 June 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS U.S. TROOPS
APO 980, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

NO. 541

7 June 1945

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

SUBJECT: Travel Orders - RR

TO :	GRADE	NAME	SSN	ASR SCORE	ADDRESS	RC NO.
	MAJOR	GORDON R DONLEY	0820	90	704 Summit Blvd, Spokane, Wash	13

1. You are reld present asgmt with Als Dept and WP via air T o/a 8 Jun 45 to a US Airport and will be subsequently directed to move, by indorsement by Commander of US Airport at which debarkation is effected, to the reception sta designated. PCS. EDCMR 11 Jun 45.

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7. AUTH: WD Readjustment Regulations, RR 1-5, 30 Apr 45, Rad DP 0642, Hq Als Dept, 3 Jun 45; and Rad 282322, Hq Als Dept, May 45.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMPSON:

s/ Byron G Ward
t/ BYRON G WARD
1st Lt, Inf
Asst Adj

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

RALPH A. FRIED
Captain, AC

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR BASE
ADAK, ALASKA

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21 June 1945

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

1. Cpl Anthony C Nowak 32931307 (MOS 766), 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq; is reld fr DS SEPE Seattle Washington, trfd in gr to 713th Sig Acft Warning Co, Attu Als and WP thereto via 1st available MIL-ACFT rptg upon arrival thereat to CO thereof for dy. 150 lbs baggage auth to accompany indiv by air. EM is auth $6 per diem for tvl time only for tvl performed by air within this theatee (Als Dept Rad 060300 Oct 44). EDCMR 29 June 1945.

PCS TDN 212/50425 70-501 P 431-02-03 S99-999
Auth: Bul 76, Hq ADC, 14 Nov 42; Memo 80-1, Hq Eleventh AF, 12 Dec 44; and 1st Ind fr Hq Eleventh AF, 14 June 45, file 220.3 x-201 - Nowak, Anthony C. (Enl).

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BY ORDER OF MAJOR FARLEY:

DONALD M. SILLITER
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/ Donald M. Silliter
t/ DONALD M. SILLITER
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

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Captain, AC

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AIR BASE HEADQUARTERS
APO 729, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Wash

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13 June 1945

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6. Sgt Joseph J Davis 32202856 (766) 400th Base Hq & AB Sq this sta is trfd in gr to 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Co APO 980 and WP thereto by first available MIL/CIL-VES, MIL-AIR reporting upon arrival to CO thereof for dy. PCS. Baggage 150 lbs for T by air auth. In lieu of rat and qrs $6 per diem for tvl by air only auth (Als Dept Rad #060300 Oct 44). For tvl other than by air or surface vessel having govt facilities FD will pay $5 per day to EM in lieu of rat and qrs (AR 35-4520 dtd 24 Feb 43 as amended). EDCIR 19 June 45. TDN 212/50425 70-501 P 431-02-03 S99-999. Auth: AR 615-200, Bul #76 Hq ADC dtd 14 Nov 42, Hq Eleventh AF Memo 80-1 and Hq Eleventh AF radiogram #130310 dtd June 45.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BIENFANG:

PHILIP GOLDBERG
Capt, Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/ Philip Goldberg
t/ PHILIP GOLDBERG
Capt, Air Corps
Adjutant

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Captain, AC

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE
APO 726, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Wn.

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....65)

29 May 1945

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

1. Cpl Robert L Logan 34179040 (409) AAB Sv Unit, APO 726 (Med Sec) is trfd in gr to Det 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq this sta. No tvl involved. EDCMR 1 June 45. Auth AR 615-200 Memo 80-1 Hq Eleventh AF 12 Dec 44 and 6th Ind fr Hq Eleventh AF, dtd 24 May 45 to Ltr 328 Sta Hosp, O of the Chief of Med Sv, APO 726, dtd 24 Apr 45, subj: Neuropsychiatric Exam of Pfc Frank T Ahrans.

2. Pfc Frank T Ahrans 32735138 (409) Det 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq this sta is trfd in gr to AAB Sv Unit, APO 726, (Med Sec). No Tvl involved. EDCMR 1 June 45. Auth AR 615-200 Memo 80-1 Hq Eleventh AF 12 Dec 44 & 6th Ind fr Hq Eleventh AF, dtd 24 May 45 to Ltr 328 Sta Hosp, O of the Chief of Med Sv, APO 726, dtd 24 Apr 45, subj: Neuropsychiatric Exam of Pfc Frank T Ahrans.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL BUCK:

JOHN E. BRIDGES
1st Lt, AC
Adj

OFFICIAL:

s/ John E. Bridges
t/ JOHN E. BRIDGES
1st Lt, AC
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MELVIN A. HOWE
Captain, AC

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4. Pfc Edmund L Burdziak 36593596 (861) AAB Sv Unit (Med Sec) this sta is trfd in gr to Det 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq this sta. No tvl involved. EDCIR 23 June 45. Auth: AR 615-200 Memo 80-1 Hq Eleventh AF 12 Dec 44 & 4th Ind fr Hq Eleventh AF, dtd 26 May 45 to Ltr 328th Sta Hosp, O of the Chief of Med Sv, APO 726, dtd 18 May 45, subj: Assignment of Pvt Tosiello, Frank C.

5. Pfc Frank C Tosiello 39950731 (409) Det 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Sq this sta is trfd in gr to AAB Sv Unit (Med Sec) this sta. No tvl involved. EDCIR 23 June 45. Auth: AR 615-200 Memo 80-1 Hq Eleventh AF 12 Dec 44 & 4th Ind fr Hq Eleventh AF, dtd 26 May 45 to Ltr 328th Sta Hosp, O of the Chief of Med Sv, APO 726, dtd 18 May 45, subj: Assignment of Pvt Tosiello, Frank C.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL BUCK:

JOHN E. BRIDGES
1st Lt, AC
Adj

OFFICIAL:

s/ John E. Bridges
t/ JOHN E. BRIDGES
1st Lt, AC
Adj

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Captain, AC

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16. The fol named EM Rep Sq 39th Air Depot Gp this sta/are trfd in gr to orgns at sta indicated & WP proper sta by CHIL-ACFT. AFDCMR 29 June 1945.

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Pfc Wallace A Hoppe 36262248 (050) 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq (Less Dets) APO 960 Seattle Wash

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL PALMER:

ARNOLD R. SHAW
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/ Arnold R. Shaw
t/ ARNOLD R. SHAW
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant

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RALPH A. FRIED
Captain, Air Corps

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HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN DEPARTMENT
APO 942, c/o PM, Seattle, Wash, 1 June 1945

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1. The following named EM, Req RR, atchd unasgd to Als Dept Repl Bn, Ft Richardson Als are asgd in gr to orgn and sta as indicated, and MP thereto. EDCMR: 11 June 45. PCS.

U S Trps Adak Als	SSN	Orgn
Cpl Paul R Washburn	11084834	776 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq
Camp Earle Als		
Sgt Jessie P Napier	14079647	060 Det 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL EMMONS:

ROBERT M BATHURST
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ W. L. Coleman
t/ W. L. COLEMAN
Lt Colonel, A.G.D.
Asst Adjutant General

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30. Fol EM TDY Returnees Theaters of Operations indicated having rptd this sta for processing and reassignment are reld fr asgmt organizations indicated and asgd to AAFRS #3 Santa Monica Calif (PDC):

Asiatic Pacific

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Sgt Pruett, Carl R 6571237 AC (P SSN 542) — 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq APO 980 c/o PM Seattle Wash (11th AF)

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Auth: TWX PRI-553 Hq AAFPDC 4 May 45 TWX PRI-1472 Hq AAFPDC 4 May 45 WD AGO PRI Par 6a 16 Aug as amended and Restricted Ltr WD TAGO Washington DC file AG 370-5 (25 Apr 45) OB-S-E-SPMOT-M Subj: "Supplement No 3 to PRI-Movement Procedures Applicable on R-Day 6 May 45 as amended. (EDCMR 14 June 45).

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL ROBERTS:

CHARLES B HAMMOND
Capt Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/ C H Swan
t/ C H SWAN
1st Lt AC
Asst Adj

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RALPH A. FRIED
Captain, AC

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR BASE
APO 980, U S Army

DMS/rep

13 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....106)

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1. The fol named EM orgns as indicated, are reld fr asgmt w/Eleventh AF, trfd in gr to Arm or Sv unasgd as indicated, and atchd to Post Hq Co for rat, qrs and adm until departure fr this sta: (This personnel processed under WD Readjustment Regulations) EDCMR 17 June 1945.

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10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq

Sgt	Wesley R McMillan	6959462	776	AC
Cpl	Robert E Wilford	20720201	776	AC
Pfc	Ralph H Bishop	39320788	345	AC
Pfc	Collins E Wynn	7002497	141	AC

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Auth: Radiogram #1218367 fr Hq Eleventh AF (Jun 45).

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL REID:

DONALD M. SILLITER
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/ Donald M. Silliter
t/ DONALD M. SILLITER
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR BASE
APO 944
UNITED STATES ARMY

BSM/seb

14 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....78)

1. The following named EM Det 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq this sta are reld fr pres asgmt and trfd in gr unasgd to PCE, Fort Richardson, Als, atchd to Post Hq Co thereat, and WP thereto rpting upon arrival to CO for further processing under War Department Readjustment Regulation:

Cpl Robert L Garr (141) 6550154
Pfc Sherman R Johnson (118) 39 525977

FD will pay $6 per diem (Cir 356 WD 44) for air T status or $5 per day for rat & qrs except for water or air T status (Bul 19 WD 43). Mil-air cml-ves atzd. Baggage 150 lbs for T by air atzd. PCS. EDCIR 21 June 1945. Auth: Par 2, Annex II to Ltr, Hq Als Dept, dtd 18 May 1945, sub: Plan for the Readjustment of Als Dept Personnel After the Defeat of Germany; Bul 76, Hq ADC, dtd 14 Nov 1942 and Radiogram 122146, Hq Eleventh Air Force, June 1945.

TDN 212/50425 70-501 P 431-02 S99-999

By order of Lieutenant Colonel CARSON:

BERTRAM S. MCCOY
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/ Bertram S. McCoy
t/ BERTRAM S. MCCOY
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE
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SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....73)

15 June 1945

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1. Fol EM orgns as indicated are reld fr asgmt thereto, are trfd to AC unasgd, and are atchd to Post Hq Co this sta and will report to CO Prov Embarkation Center, Camp Earle Als. EM will be processed under current WD Readjustment Regulations. EDCMR 16 June 45.

DET 10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQ

Sgt	Loland C Driggs	39 157 830	(776)
Sgt	Troy L Blanton	38 136 840	(065)

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AUTH: Rad 121833Z Hq Eleventh AF June 45.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BUCK:

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1st Lt, AC
Adj

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t/ JOHN E. BRIDGES
1st Lt, AC
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RESCUE VESSEL P-511
10th AAF EMERG RESCUE BOAT SQ
APO 980, U. S. Army

20 June 1945

SUBJECT: Mission Report.

THRU: Commanding Officer
Army Air Base
APO 980 U. S. Army

TO: Commanding Officer
10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq
APO 980 U. S. Army

1. At 1226, 20 June received call from Controller to proceed to 176 degrees and 55 mins Long., 51 degrees, 50 mins Lat. to pick up a sick man from BSP 3221. Call signs: ADUP.

2. Underway at 1240; on course at 1249. Wind NW 15 MPH. Sea heavy ground swells. Dark, ceiling low.

3. Sighted barge at 1252. Arrived at barge at 0105. Transferred patient from barge to P-511 by means of skiff and litter. Patient 0141 had been brought aboard. The patient was in great pain. The operation was slow because care had to be taken because of heavy ground swells. Patient treated with ice bags.

4. Departed position at 0142. Patient's name: Bobby J. Bonnette, ASN-18 219 460, Harbor Craft, APO 980, U. S. Army.

5. Arrived at base and transferred patient to waiting ambulance at 0315.

6. Released from mission by Controller at 0318.

7. Patient operated on in less than an hour for an acute appendectomy.

FOR THE MASTER:

s/ Frederick A. Ottiger
t/ Frederick A. Ottiger
Sgt, USA
Executive Officer

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MELVIN A. HOWE
Captain, AC

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10TH AAF EMERGENCY RESCUE BOAT SQUADRON
APO 944, U. S. ARMY

20 June 1945

SUBJECT: Mission Report

TO: Commanding Officer
10th AAF Boat Sq
APO 980, U. S. Army

1. Received telephone call from Capt. McCoy at 0945 to stand by that we would probably leave for False Pass within half an hour to pick up a woman suffering from hemorrage, caused by a miscarriage.

2. Had been preparing to paint various sections of ship's interior so commenced to stow gear for travel.

3. Capt. McCoy called again at 1010 and told us to depart for False Pass to pick up woman who had miscarriage. Departed for False Pass at 1019 at cruising speed, RPM 1300. Weather: Dry, overcast; Wind, West 20 to 30 knots; Barometer, 29.77; Sea, four-foot swell covered by light chop; all in all, good running weather.

4. Arrived False Pass 1400 and took patient, Mrs. Katie Wilson, aboard. Received written case history of patient from local doctor. Also instructions on care of patient. Case history follows verbatim:

> Attempted abortion of 3 months starting, 6/17. Hemorrarin badly - packed patient - gave Saline Solution - Edema - Pulse jump.
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> I understand this was a case of self-abortion. Has had several before. On palpating Patient found signs of Ovarian Cyst - Much edema and also considerable inflamation of Uterus. No equipment here to take care of case.
>
> Sincerely yours.
>
> s/ John O. Bray, MD

5. Departed False Pass for Cold Bay at 1513. Patient fell asleep immediately after departure. Weather, same as above. A fifteen minute check was made by dispensary technician, on patient, throughout the trip, with no indication of immediate danger at any time. Called Cold Bay 1551, and gave ETA. Was called by Cold Bay 1615, requesting condition of patient and same was given. Patient awoke approximately twenty minutes before docking. Ambulance was waiting at dock on arrival at 1815. Discharged patient to Medical Men on Ambulance, appeared none the worse for wear.

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EDLEEN A. HOWE
Captain, Air Corps

s/ Harold J. Hansen
s/ Harold J. Hansen
T Sgt 10th AAF Boat Sq
Actg. Master P-757

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RESCUE ASSN L-974
DET 10TH AAF EMERG RESCUE BOAT SQ
APO 942, U. S. Army

10 June 1945

SUBJECT: Rescue Mission

THRU: CIC, Det 10th AAF Emerg Rescue Boat Sq, APO 942, U. S. Army

TO: Commanding Officer, Air Base, APO 942, U. S. Army

1. At 2210 this date, a crew member from the TP-107 reported that an object had been sighted off Point MacKenzie that looked like someone adrift in a boat.

2. Departed immediately for Point MacKenzie, sighted object at 2215 off the north point of Fire Island.

3. Arrived along side of object at 2240 and picked up a man and his baggage from his home made raft.

4. The raft was constructed from three or four logs, with cross members of two by fours lashed with wire and nailed to this deck of scrap lumber. The constant working of the raft, in the tide rips had loosened the lashings to such an extent that in another hour the raft would have broken up.

5. The passenger on the raft was so intent on holding the raft together and keeping his baggage dry that he did not notice our arrival until he was hailed two or three times.

6. The weather was fair with a light wind. The tide was going out causing a light chop and heavy tide rips.

7. The rescued person, a Mr. Eugene Freier of Benton Harbor, Michigan, formerly employed by the USED, stated that he had built the raft to float up Knik Arm to Palmer. Although his plan may have been feasible, his knowledge of the tides must have been nil because he launched his raft an hour before high tide, from a point near the Eagle River Flats, resulting in his course being altered to the reverse on the change of the tide.

8. Mr. Freier suffered no ill effects from his venture.

s/ Joseph Britch
t/ Joseph Britch, Pfc
Coxswain, J-974

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MELVIN A. HOME
Captain, AC

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