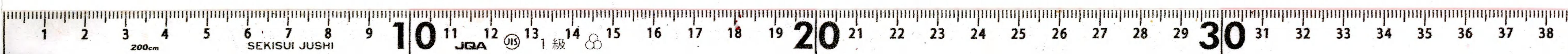


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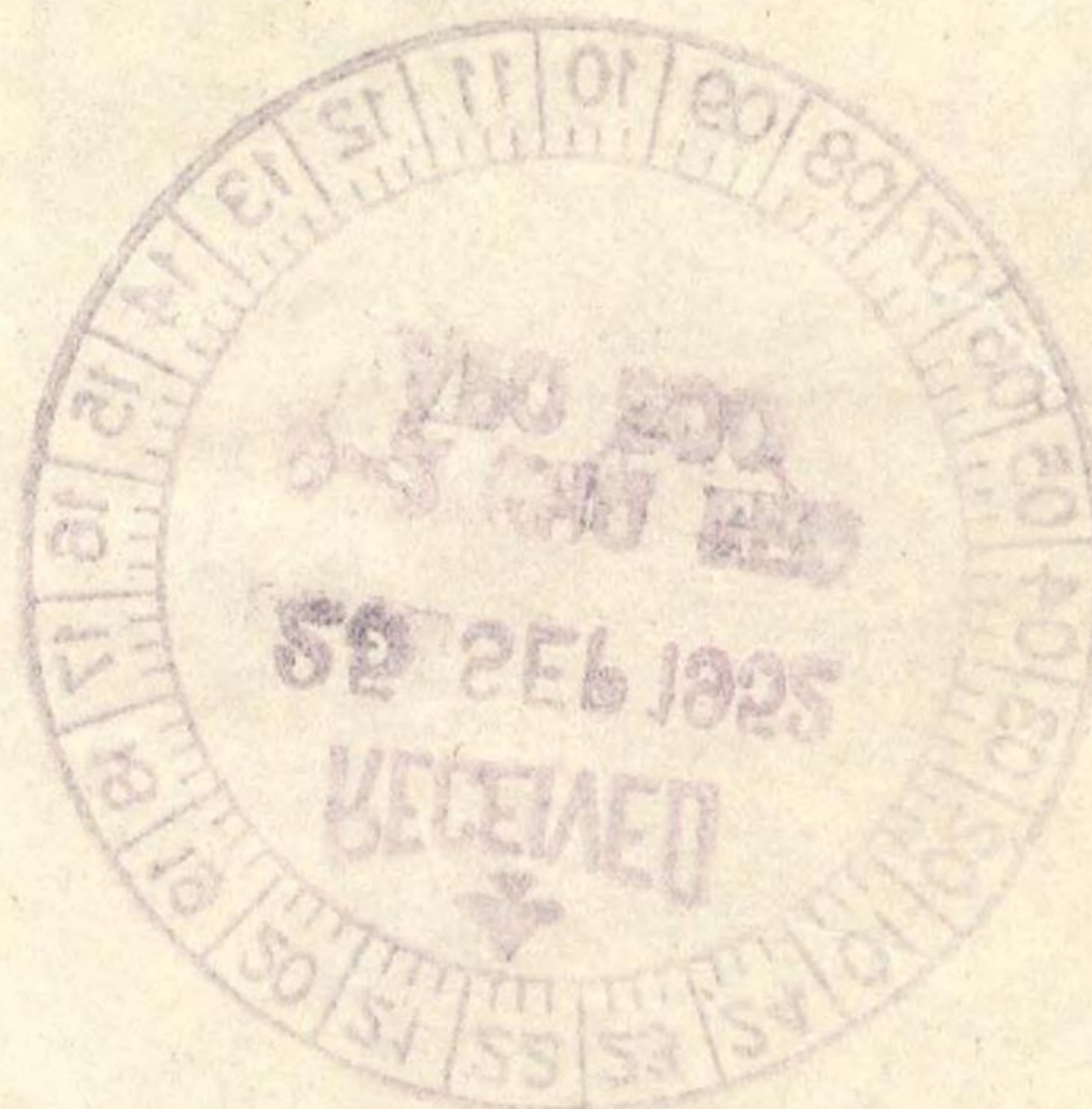
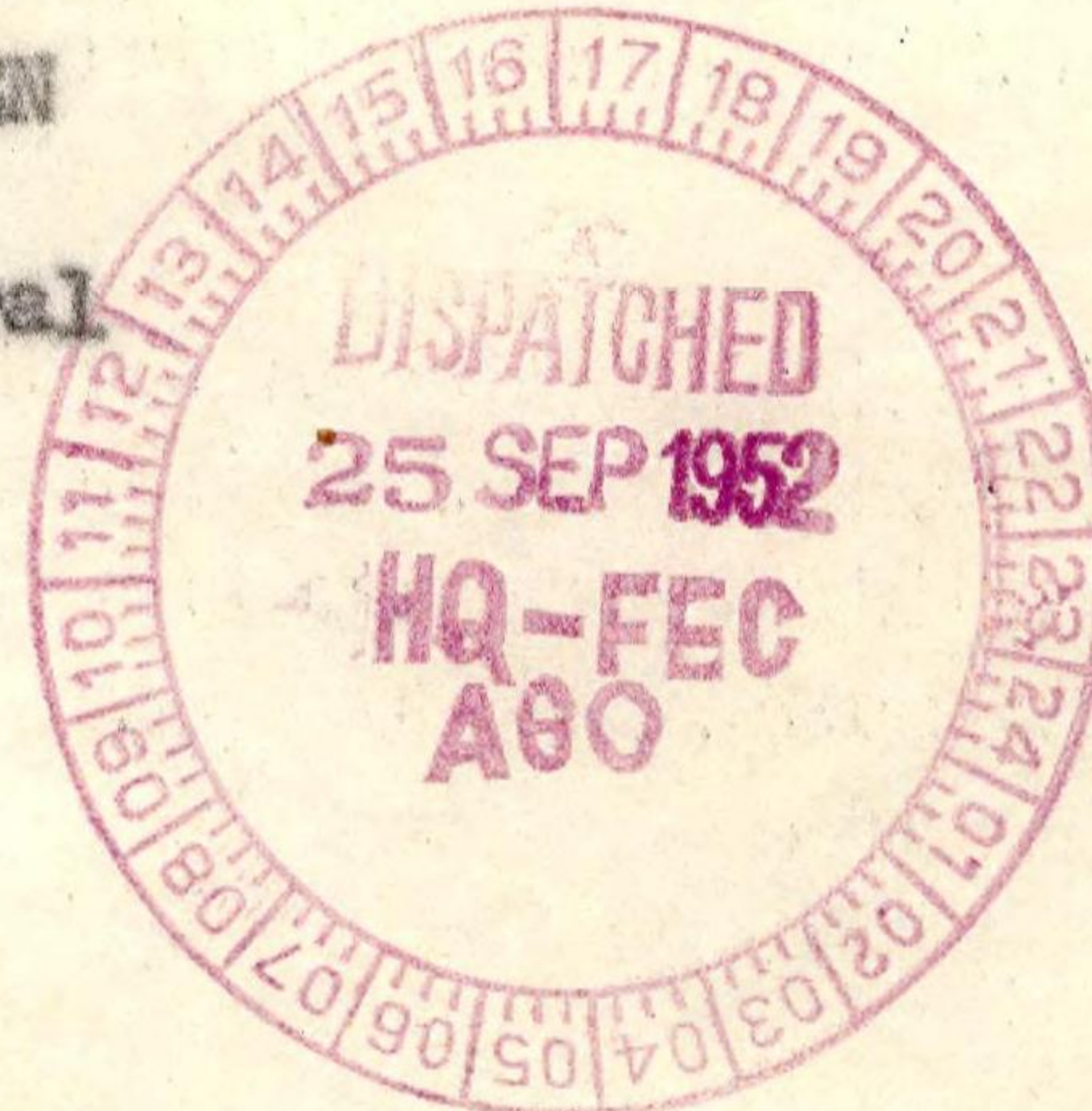
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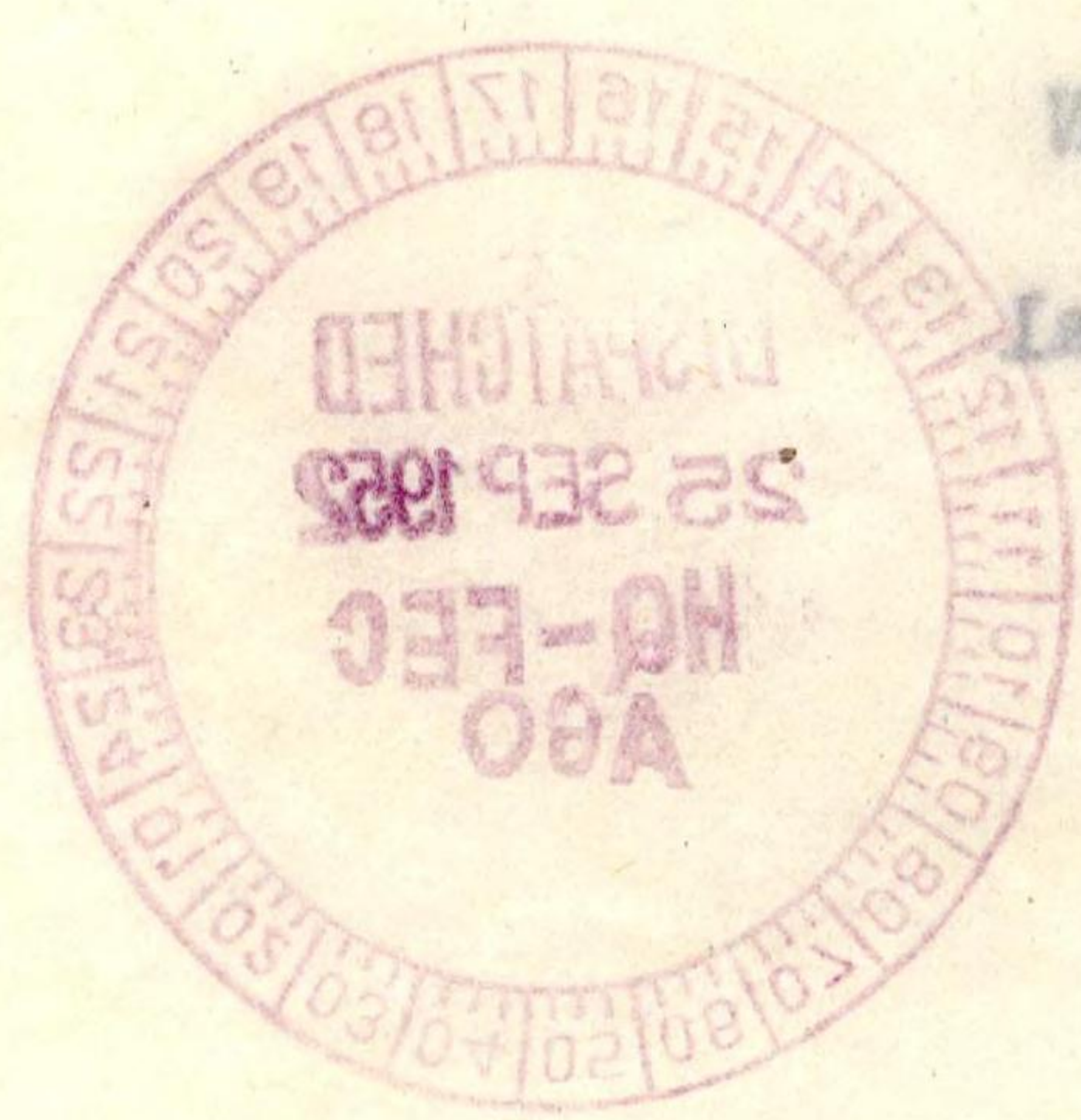
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201-VERRAN, Merryn W. (O) 1st Ind
Commander USNR69061/1108

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award - Legion of Merit

HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND LIAISON GROUP, 8240th ARMY UNIT
APO 500, 18 Sep 52

THRU: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters, Far East Command,
APO 500

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, APO 500

Recommend Approval.

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CHARLES C. FLAKENEY
Colonel, Artillery
Commanding

MEMO FOR RECORD:

Comdr Verran was recommended for award of the Legion of Merit for outstanding services rendered to FEC/LD (K) during the period of 23 Jun 51 to 22 Jun 52. Officer remains asg to Fleet Activities, Inchon.

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Capt Thornton
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201-VERRAN, Merryn W. (O) 2d Ind
(10 Sep 52)

G2, HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 19 September 1952

TO: Commander in Chief, Far East Command, APO 500

Recommend approval.

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Commander USMAGDOL/1108
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award - Legion of Merit
HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND LIAISON GROUP, 824th ARMY UNIT
APO 500, 18 Sep 52

THRU: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters, Far East Command,
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TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, APO 500
Recommendation Approval.

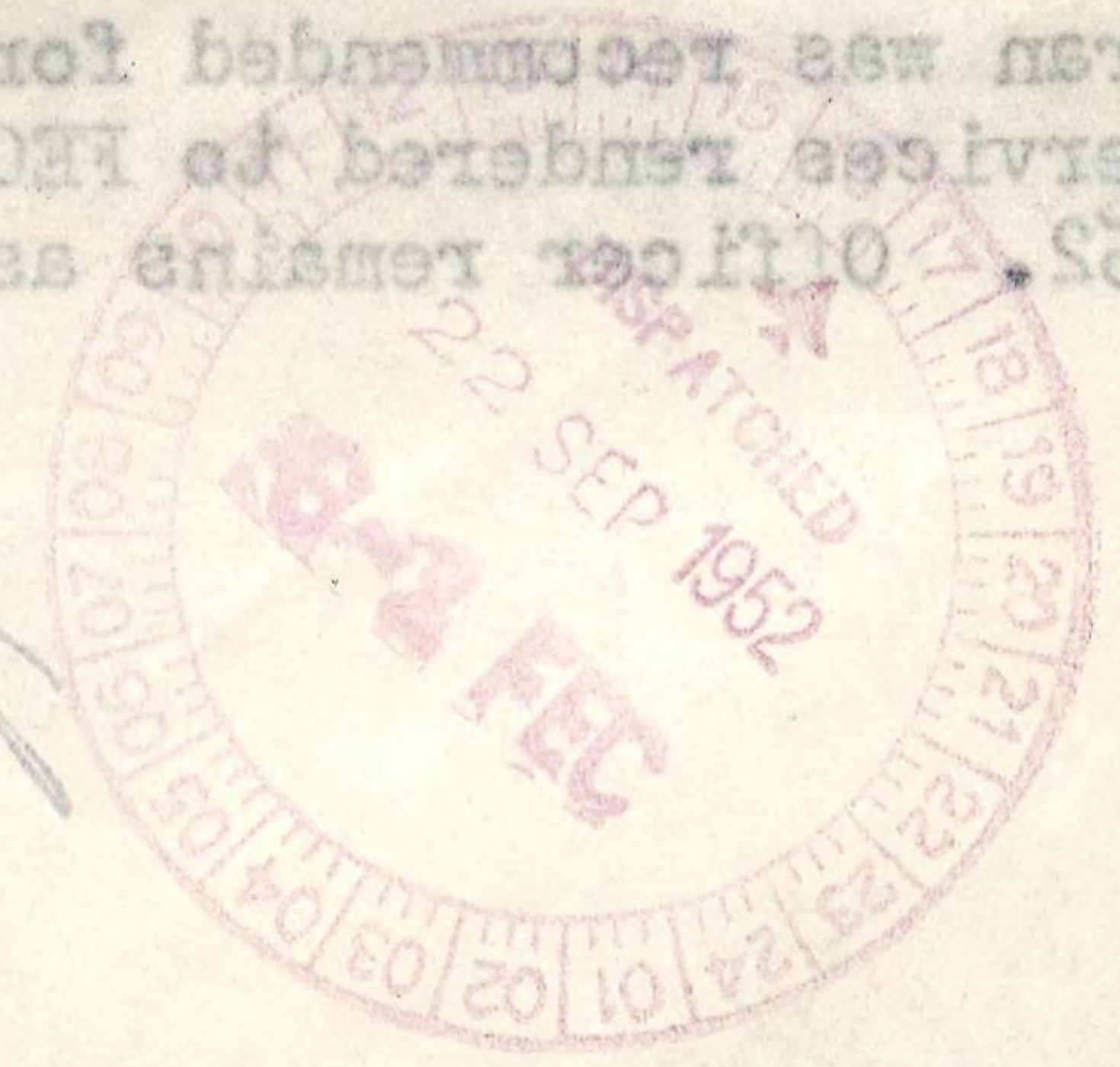
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Colonel, Artillery
Commanding

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MEMO FOR RECORD:

Comdr Verman was recommended for award of the Legion of Merit for
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51 to 22 Jun 52. Officer remains assigned to Fleet Activities, Inchon.

Capt Thornton
56-8223



SOL-VERMAN, Merryn W. (0)
10 Sep 52

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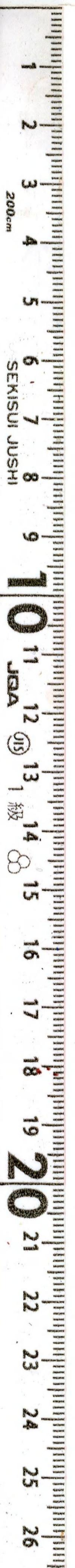
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Gen Ennis:

19 Sep 52

1. Col Ives recommends that Cdr Merryn W. Verran, USN be awarded the Legion of Merit.
2. Papers are administratively correct.
3. Recommend approval.

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18 Sep 52
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(Comdr Merryn W. VERRAN)
FROM: FEC Liaison Group
TO: G-2

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Col O-39630
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award - Legion of Merit

HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND LIAISON GROUP, 8240th ARMY UNIT
APO 500, 13 Sep 52

THRU: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters, Far East Command,
APO 500

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, APO 500

1. Recommend approval.
2. Subject officer was rel asg and reasg POD, 2. 1. pursuant to par 1, SO 136, this headquarters, cs, effective 25 Aug 52.

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CHARLES C. BLAKENEY
Colonel, Artillery
Commanding

MEMO FOR RECORD:

Col Higgins was recommended for the award of the Legion of Merit by CO, CCRAK, for period of service 6 Feb 52 to 25 Aug 52 as CO, FEC/LD (K).

Thornton
Capt Thornton
26-8223

201-HIGGINS, Maurice C. (O) 2d Ind
(26 Aug 52)

G2, HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 19 September 1952

TO: Commander in Chief, Far East Command, APO 500

Recommend approval.

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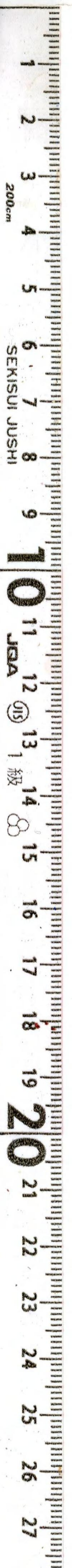
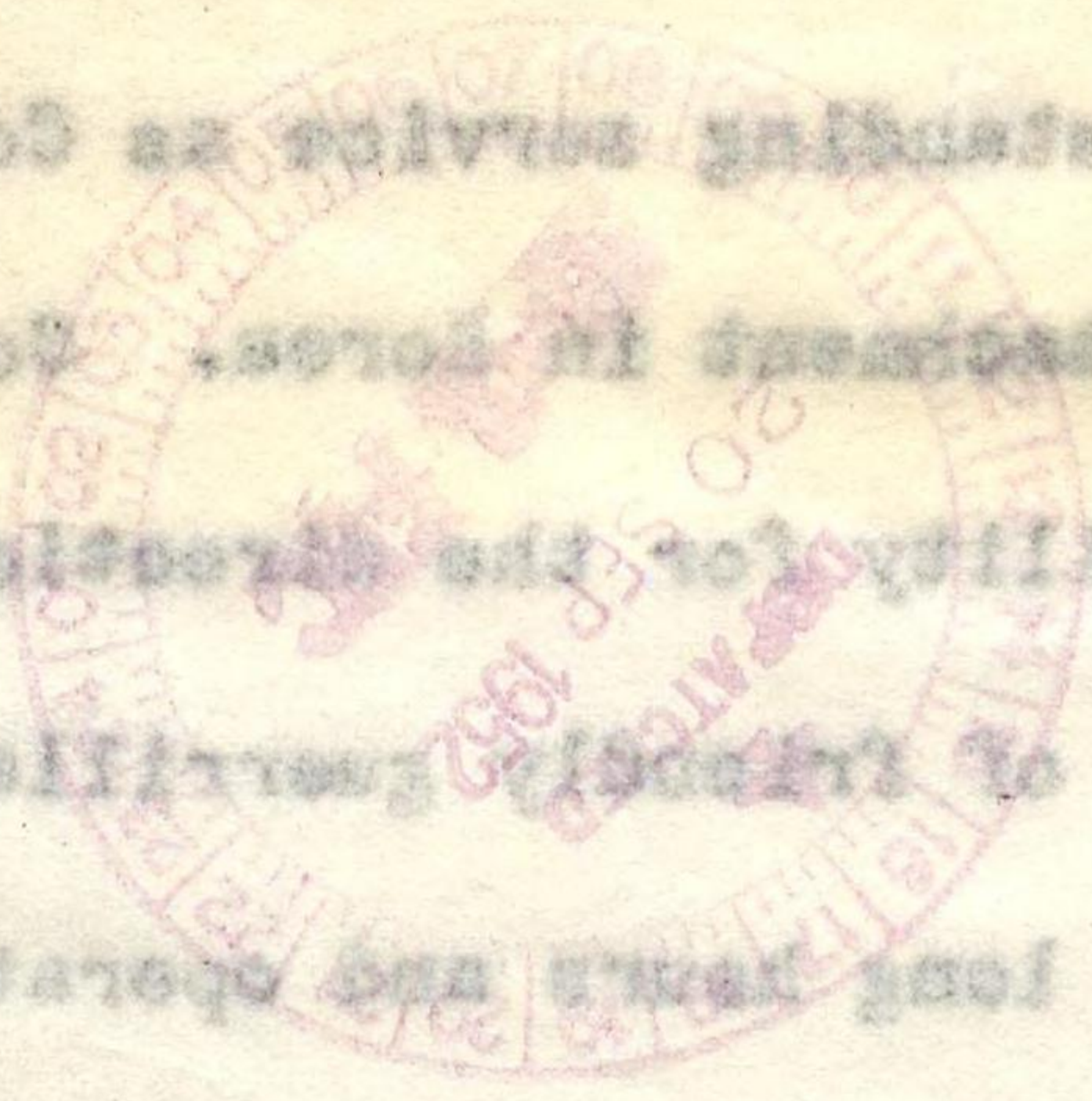
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C I T A T I O N

Colonel Maurice C. Higgins, O-39630, Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service as Commanding Officer Far East Command Liaison Detachment in Korea. Colonel Higgins was charged with the responsibility for the direction of intelligence collection and the operations of friendly guerrillas for United Nations Command in Korea. Despite long hours and operating under extremely difficult conditions, Colonel Higgins by his aggressive leadership and military knowledge was able to furnish valuable information to the entire command from the combat units to theater Headquarters. He aggressively directed, coordinated and supervised the activities of numerous field intelligence units and guerrilla forces; prepared and implemented intelligence collection plans, all of which contributed very materially to the success of United Nations operations in Korea. His foresight, organizational ability, sound planning and energetic direction enabled the Far East Command Liaison Detachment in Korea to produce timely and accurate intelligence and to inflict high casualties on the enemy. Colonel Higgins unflagging devotion to duty, organizational ability, foresight, and sound planning contributed materially to the United Nations effort for freedom in Korea, reflecting utmost credit on himself and the military service. Entered service from Michigan.

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Colonel Maurice G. Higgins, Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service as Commanding Officer 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry, 1st Cavalry Division, Vietnam. Colonel Higgins was charged with the responsibility for the direction of intelligence collection and the operations of the 1st Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Vietnam. Despite long hours and operating under extremely difficult conditions, Colonel Higgins by his aggressive leadership and military knowledge was able to furnish valuable information to the entire command from the combat units to theater headquarters. He aggressively directed, coordinated and supervised the activities of numerous field intelligence units and guerrilla forces; prepared and implemented intelligence collection plans, all of which contributed very materially to the success of United Nations operations in Korea. His foresight, organizational ability, sound planning and energetic direction enabled the 1st Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Vietnam to produce timely and accurate intelligence and to inflict high casualties on the enemy. Colonel Higgins' untiring devotion to duty, organizational ability, foresight, and sound planning contributed materially to the United Nations effort for freedom in Korea. Entering service from Michigan.



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Gen Ennis:

19 Sep 52

1. Col Ives recommends that Col Maurice C. Higgins be awarded the Legion of Merit.
2. Papers are administratively correct.
3. Recommend approval.

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FROM: FEC Liaison Group

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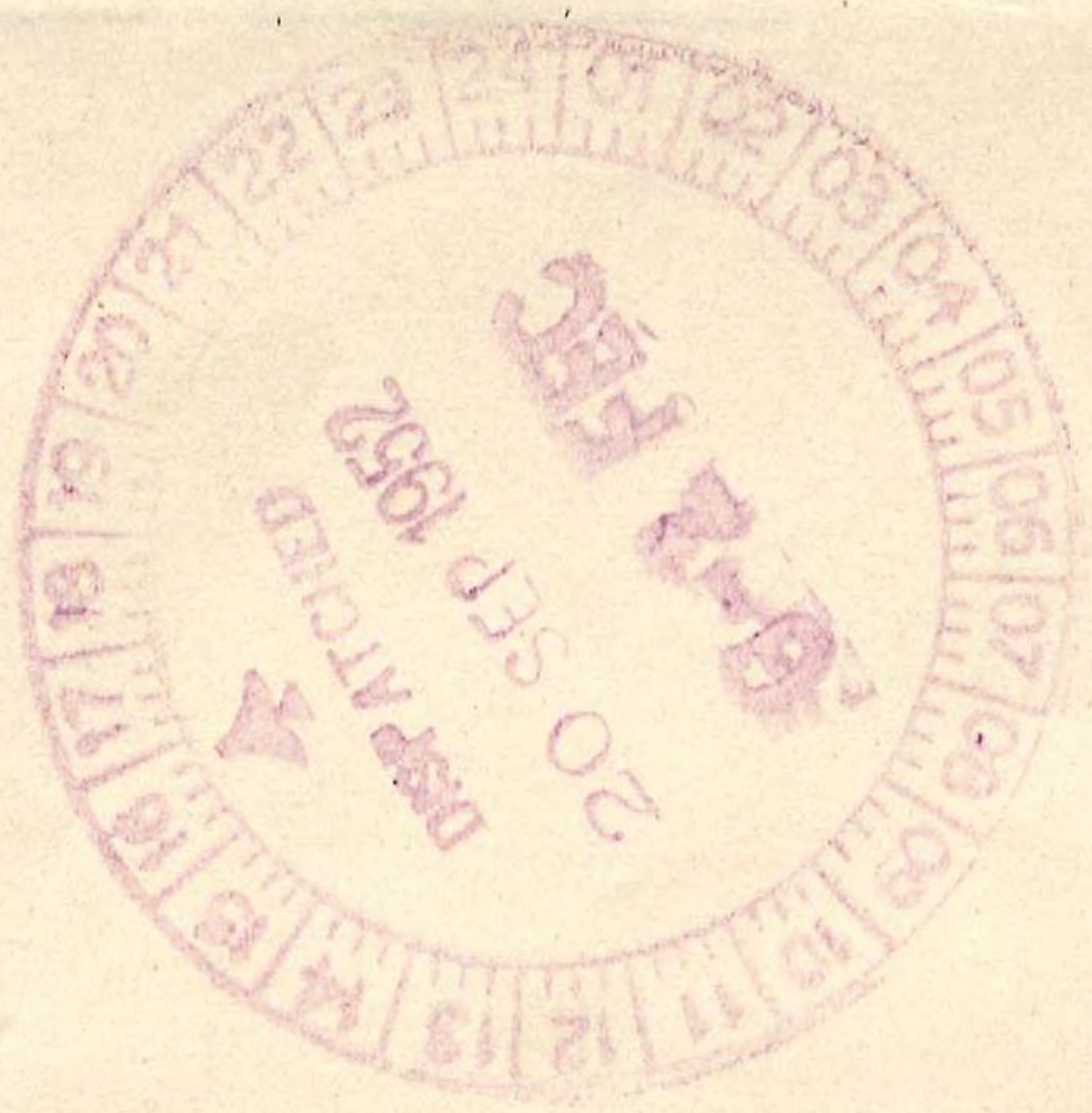
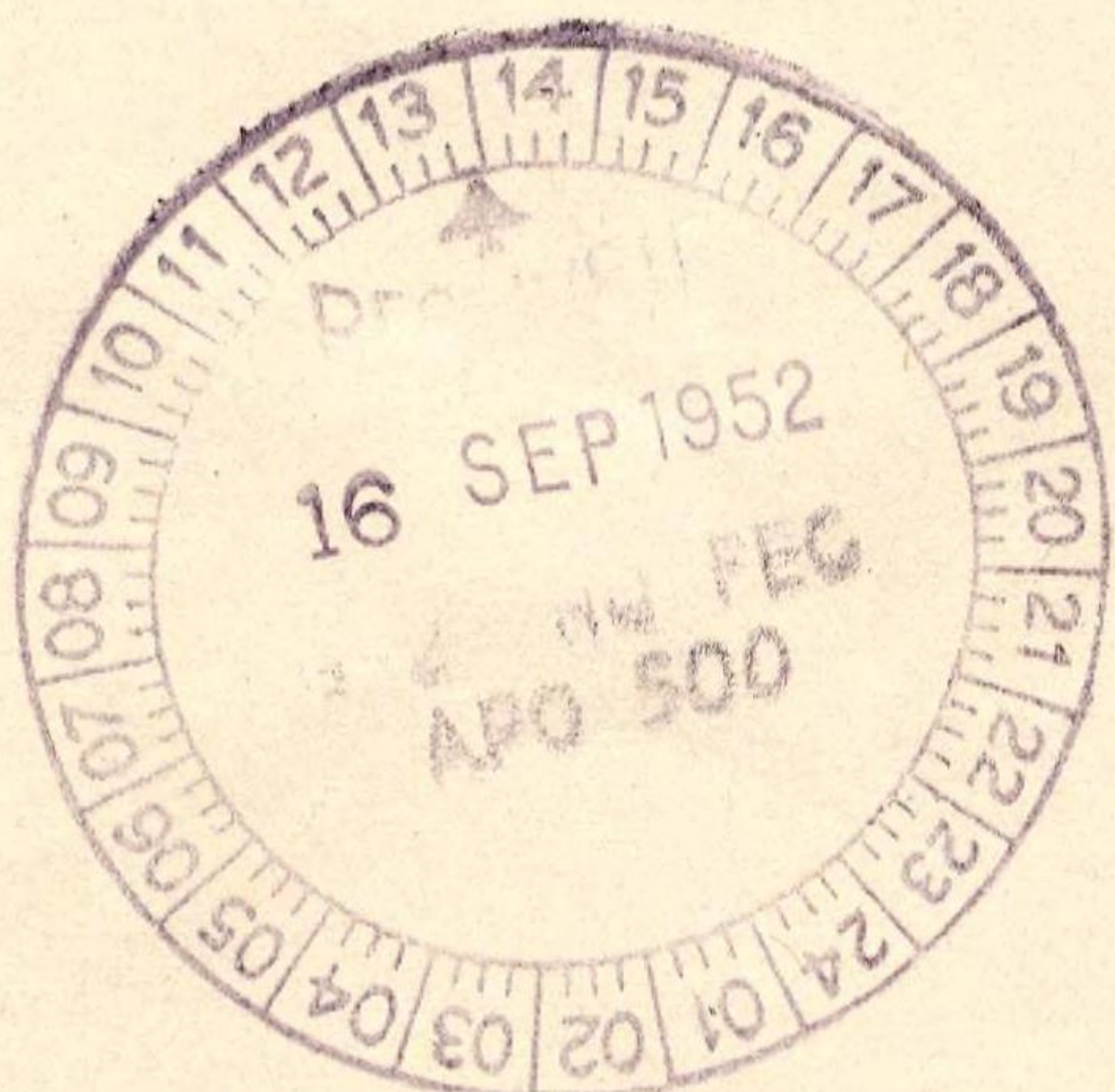
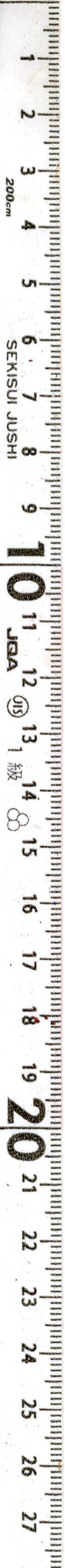
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201-STRICKLEN, William A., Jr. 1st Ind
(20 May 52)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

G2, HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 18 June 1952

TO: Commander in Chief, Far East Command, APO 500

1. Recommend approval.

2. It is considered that duties of this officer in the described staff capacity were entirely different from those performed in his earlier command position for which he received a Legion of Merit.

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201-STRICKLEN, William A., Jr., 1st Lt
(20 May 52)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

GS HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 800, 18 June 1952
TO: Commander in Chief, Far East Command, APO 800

1. Recommend approval.

2. It is considered that duties of this officer in the described staff capacity were entirely different from those performed in his earlier command position for which he received a Legion of Merit.

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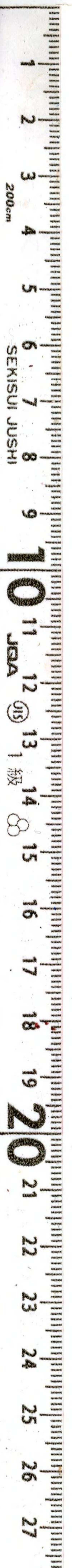
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201-JACOBSON, Arthur J. 1st Ind
O-1318044 (28 Feb 52)
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G2, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 21 March 1952

TO: Commander in Chief, Far East, APO 500

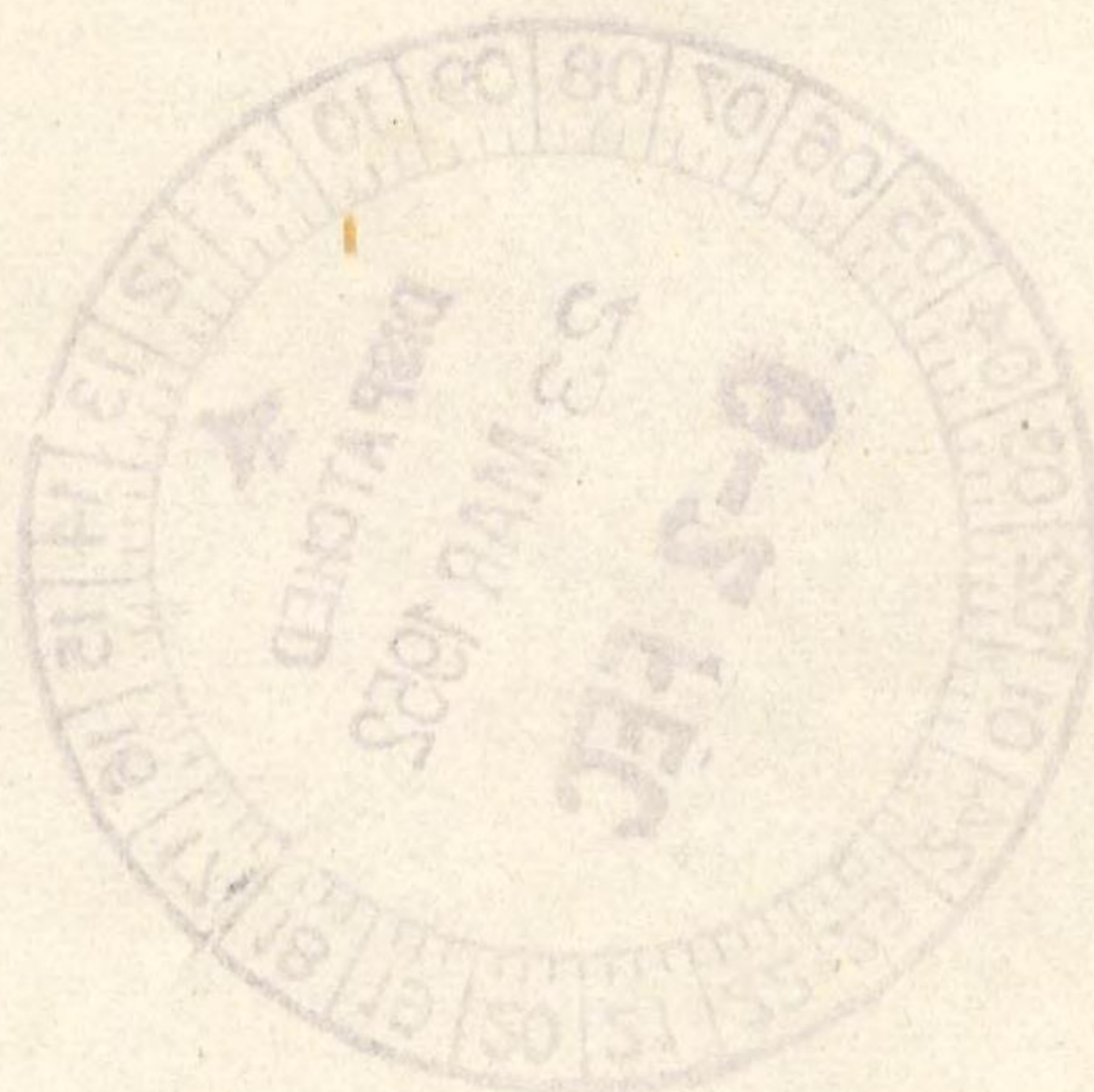
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SOI-JACOBSON, Arthur J.

TO: Commander in Chief, Far East, APO 800
GS, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 800, 21 March 1952
Recommend approval.

Assistant Chief of Staff, GS
Major General, General Staff with Troops
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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award - Legion of Merit

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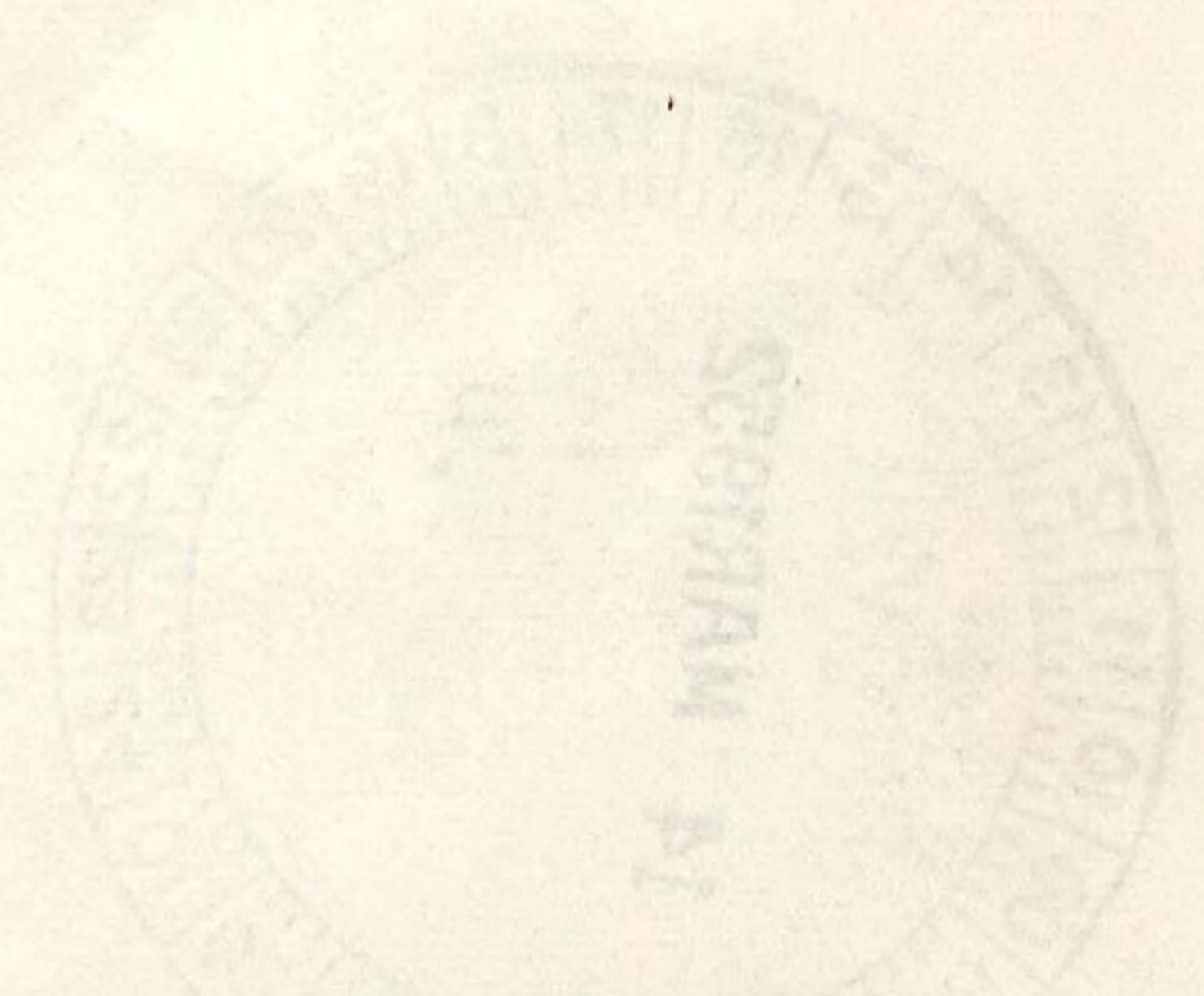
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TO : CG, 8th United States Army, Korea, EUSAK, APO 301

Recommend approval.

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Colonel, ARTY
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FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 13 March 1952

THRU: Assistant Chief of Staff, GS, General Headquarters, Far East Command,
APO 500

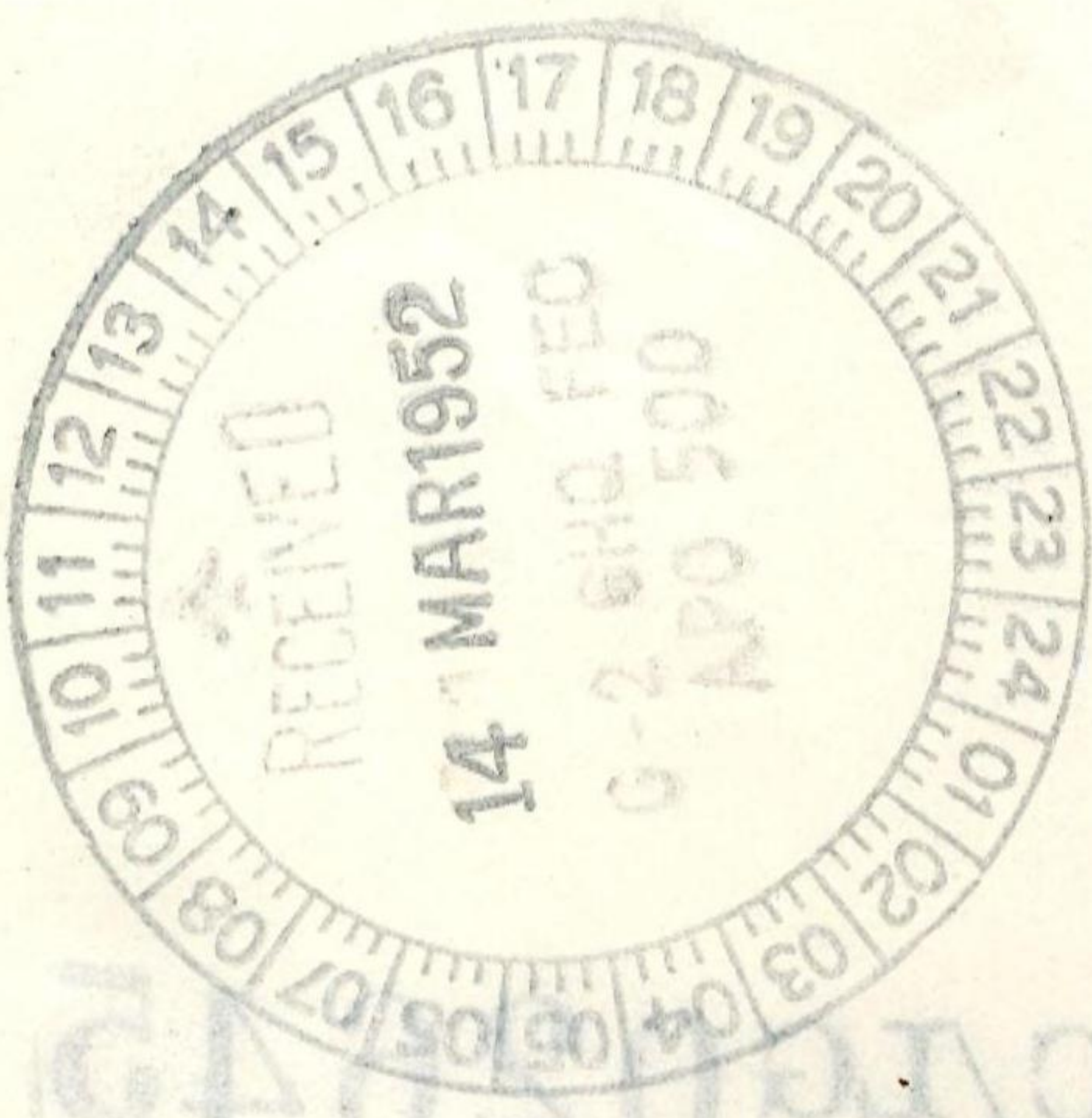
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C I T A T I O N

Major Arthur John Jacobson, O-1318044, Army, United States Army, a member of the Far East Command Liaison Detachment (Korea), 8240th Army Unit, is cited for exceptional meritorious achievement in the performance of duty in Korea for the period 28 February 1951 to 5 February 1952.

In performing his assigned duties as Plans and Training Officer and Executive Officer of an advance base, Major Jacobson displayed unusual organizational and operational ability. Due to the unconventional nature of the situation and the many complex problems of supply and personnel, his performance was outstandingly superior. He dispatched and supervised the units engaged in operations of a very unusual nature against the enemy. His intrepid ability to solve many complex problems of supply policy and to choose trustworthy and competent personnel aided immeasurably to the success of the organization. Language barriers, problems of training, supply, and adverse weather conditions created obstacles which he surmounted with remarkable efficiency. His professional ability and skill of operation developed and dispatched an effort that inflicted severe losses in personnel and equipment upon the enemy.

Major Jacobson's initiative and exceptional ability reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered the Federal Service from Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

INSTRUCTIONS

(See AR 600-45 & SR 600-45-1)

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| TO: Commanding General Eighth United States Army Korea (EUSAK) THROUGH: Hq Far East Comd Ln Gp APO 500 | FROM: (Unit) Far East Liaison Detachment (Korea) 8240th Army Unit AP0 301 | DATE 28 Feb 52 |
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STATUS AT TIME OF RECOMMENDATION

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| 1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME Jacobson Arthur John | | | 2. RECOMMENDED AWARD Legion of Merit | | |
| 3. SERVICE NUMBER 0-1318044 | 4. GRADE Major | 5. ARM OR SERVICE Armor | 6. ORGANIZATION Far East Comd Ln Det(K)8240 AU | | |
| 7. LEGAL RESIDENCE (Number, Street, City, and State) 329 Spruce, Kansas City, Mo. | | | | | |
| 8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | | 9. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP OF NEXT OF KIN Marquerite D. Jacobson (Wife) 329 Spruce, Kansas City, Mo. | | | |

STATUS AT TIME OF SERVICE

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| 10. SERVICE NUMBER 0-1318044 | 11. GRADE Captain | 12. ARM OR SERVICE Armor | 13. ORGANIZATION 8086th AU, APO 301 | | |
| 14. TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE HAS ALL THE SERVICE OF THE RECOMMENDED INDIVIDUAL SUBSEQUENT TO THIS SERVICE BEEN HONORABLE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF NO, SUMMARIZE. Race: White Comp: ORC Date of Birth: 12 Feb 1921 Entered Federal Service from Missouri | | | | | |

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| 15. HAVE ANY PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE BEEN SUBMITTED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | 16. IF YES, BY WHOM, WHEN, ACTION TAKEN NA | 17. IF PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION DISAPPROVED, GIVE HEADQUARTERS. NA |
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18. OTHER U.S. DECORATIONS AWARDED RECOMMENDED PERSON (Include dates covered by award and authority)

ASIATIC PACIFIC - AR 600-65
AMERICAN THEATER - AR 600-65
WW II VICTORY MEDAL - AR 600-65

19. HAS RECOMMENDED PERSON BEEN MENTIONED IN ANY OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS PERTAINING TO THIS SERVICE, FAVORABLY OR UNFAVORABLY? YES NO IF YES, ATTACH COPIES OF COMMUNICATIONS.

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| 20. HAVE YOU PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | 21. CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OF PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS ARE ENCLOSED. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |
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22. UNIT, HQ. OR SECTION IN WHICH DUTY WAS PERFORMED
Miscellaneous Div G-3 Section EUSAK (Now Miscellaneous Group, 8086 AU APO 301)

23. TITLE AND DUTIES OF HIS ASSIGNMENT DURING PERIOD FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED (Give complete description of technical or specialized positions, including dates of assignment and relief)

Plans and training officer and second in command of an organization responsible for organizing, training, equipping and employing partisan North Korean forces and ROK guerrilla units behind enemy lines during period 28 February 1951 to 5 Feb 1952 inclusive.

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24. DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY OR AUTHORITY FOR INDEPENDENT DECISION WITHOUT DIRECTION OR SUPERVISION (For DSM only)

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25. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED. 28 Feb 51 to 5 Feb 52.

26. SERVICE COMPLETED
 YES NO

27. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED DUTY ASSIGNMENT
 YES NO

28. AWARDS LISTED IN ITEM 14 FOR SERVICE IN SAME DUTY ASSIGNMENT OR FOR SIMILAR TYPE SERVICE
 YES NO

29. CHARACTER OF SERVICE DURING PERIOD FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED
Superior

30. WHAT DID THE INDIVIDUAL DO THAT MERITS THE AWARD?
Located by dispatching intelligence agents, the whereabouts of loyal partisan North Korean groups behind enemy lines. Planned operations resulting in the transfer of these groups to his island base in the Yellow Sea behind enemy lines, investigated their trustworthiness, picked competent leaders, and organized small guerrilla cadres. Personally planned and supervised the training of each group and their landing and employment on the mainland.

31. WHY WAS THIS OUTSTANDING WHEN COMPARED TO OTHERS OF LIKE RANK AND EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR POSITIONS?
The extremely adverse conditions under which the training was accomplished, the language difficulty, constant threat of enemy compromise of entire plan and interference therewith and numerous problems which had to be solved relating to unconventional operations of this type made this an outstanding accomplishment tending to try the patience, test professional ability, and stretch the initiative to a maximum degree.

32. EFFECT OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE
Major Jacobson, (then Captain), carried out his duties in such a manner that resulted in the placement of 14 trained partisan guerrilla groups and six ROK guerrilla regiments in strategic locations behind enemy lines, completely organized, controlled by radio, and effectively employed in conjunction with the overall effort of the UN Forces in Korea.

33. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE ACHIEVEMENT PERFORMED OR SERVICE RENDERED. (If more space is necessary use additional sheets)

As operations officer and second in command of a unit organizing and employing guerrilla forces behind enemy lines, Captain Jacobson's superior accomplishment of his primary responsibilities, coupled with his solutions to the numerous problems relating to unconventional operations of this type, resulted in an outstanding performance of duty. Upon learning of partisan forces operating behind enemy lines, it was necessary to contact them by dispatching agents, bring these groups back to an island base behind enemy lines, investigate their trustworthiness, screen and choose competent leaders, and organize small compact guerrilla cadres. These cadres were then trained and equipped, re-landed on the mainland behind enemy lines, and sent to their area of operations where direct radio communications were established for their employment. This resulted in the placement of fourteen organized and equipped guerrilla units and six ROK guerrilla regiments operating behind enemy lines under direct control of USMACV. The extremely adverse conditions under which this entire plan was implemented, the barrier imposed by the language difficulty during training, the constant threat of enemy compromise and interference therewith on the island base coupled with the unforeseen problems of working with guerrilla forces made this accomplishment one to test the professional ability and stretch the initiative to a maximum degree. The success of this operation was largely due to the organizational ability and efficiency displayed by Captain Jacobson.

34. RELATED POSITION OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON RECOMMENDED

Commanding Officer

35. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO—

329 Spruce
Kansas City, Missouri

36. LIST OF ENCLOSURES (Include Proposed Citation)

PROPOSED CITATION

37. WILL THIS DUPLICATE A PREVIOUS AWARD FOR SAME ACT OR PERIOD, IF SO, IS REVOCATION OF PRIOR AWARD DESIRED?

NO

TYPED NAME, GRADE, ARM OR SERVICE AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
M. C. HIGGINS, Colonel, Infantry
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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

G2, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 25 January 1952

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East, APO 500

Recommend approval.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD - MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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| TO: Commander-in-Chief Far East Command APO 500 | FROM: (Unit) Headquarters, Army Security Agency, Pacific, APO 500 | DATE 16 January 1952 |
| THROUGH: AC of S, G-2, GHO, FEC, APO 500 | | |

STATUS AT TIME OF RECOMMENDATION

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| 1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME CARSON WILLIAM LOUIS | | | 2. RECOMMENDED AWARD Legion of Merit | | |
| 3. SERVICE NUMBER 01293716 | 4. GRADE Major | 5. ARM OR SERVICE Infantry | 6. ORGANIZATION 327th Communication Reconnaissance Company, APO 331 | | |
| 7. LEGAL RESIDENCE (Number, Street, City, and State) 1517 Washington Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas | | | | | |
| 8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | | 9. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP OF NEXT OF KIN (Mother) Mrs. Caroline Thompson, 1908 N. 11th St., Kansas City, Kansas | | | |

STATUS AT TIME OF SERVICE

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| 10. SERVICE NUMBER 01293716 | 11. GRADE Major | 12. ARM OR SERVICE Infantry | 13. ORGANIZATION 327th Communication Reconnaissance Company, APO 331 | | |
| 14. TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE HAS ALL THE SERVICE OF THE RECOMMENDED INDIVIDUAL SUBSEQUENT TO THIS SERVICE BEEN HONORABLE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF NO, SUMMARIZE. | | | | | |

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| 15. HAVE ANY PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE BEEN SUBMITTED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | | 16. IF YES, BY WHOM, WHEN, ACTION TAKEN Hq, ASA, Pacific, April 1951 Awarded Oak Leaf Cluster to Army Commendation Ribbon | | 17. IF PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION DISAPPROVED, GIVE HEADQUARTERS. Not Applicable | |
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| 18. OTHER U.S. DECORATIONS AWARDED RECOMMENDED PERSON (Include dates covered by award and authority) Commendation Ribbon, GO 100 Hq, USFA, APO 777, September 1947 Oak Leaf Cluster to Commendation Ribbon, 27 June 1950 to 2 November 1950, GO 229, GHQ, FEC, 16 September 1951 | | | | | |
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| 22. UNIT, HQ. OR SECTION IN WHICH DUTY WAS PERFORMED 327th Communication Reconnaissance Company, formerly designated 111th Signal Service Company, APO 331 | | | | | |
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| 23. TITLE AND DUTIES OF HIS ASSIGNMENT DURING PERIOD FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED (Give complete description of technical or specialized positions, including dates of assignment and relief) Commanding Officer, 327th Communication Reconnaissance Company, formerly designated 111th Signal Service Company | | | | | |
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24. DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY OR AUTHORITY FOR INDEPENDENT DECISION WITHOUT DIRECTION OR SUPERVISION (For DSM only)

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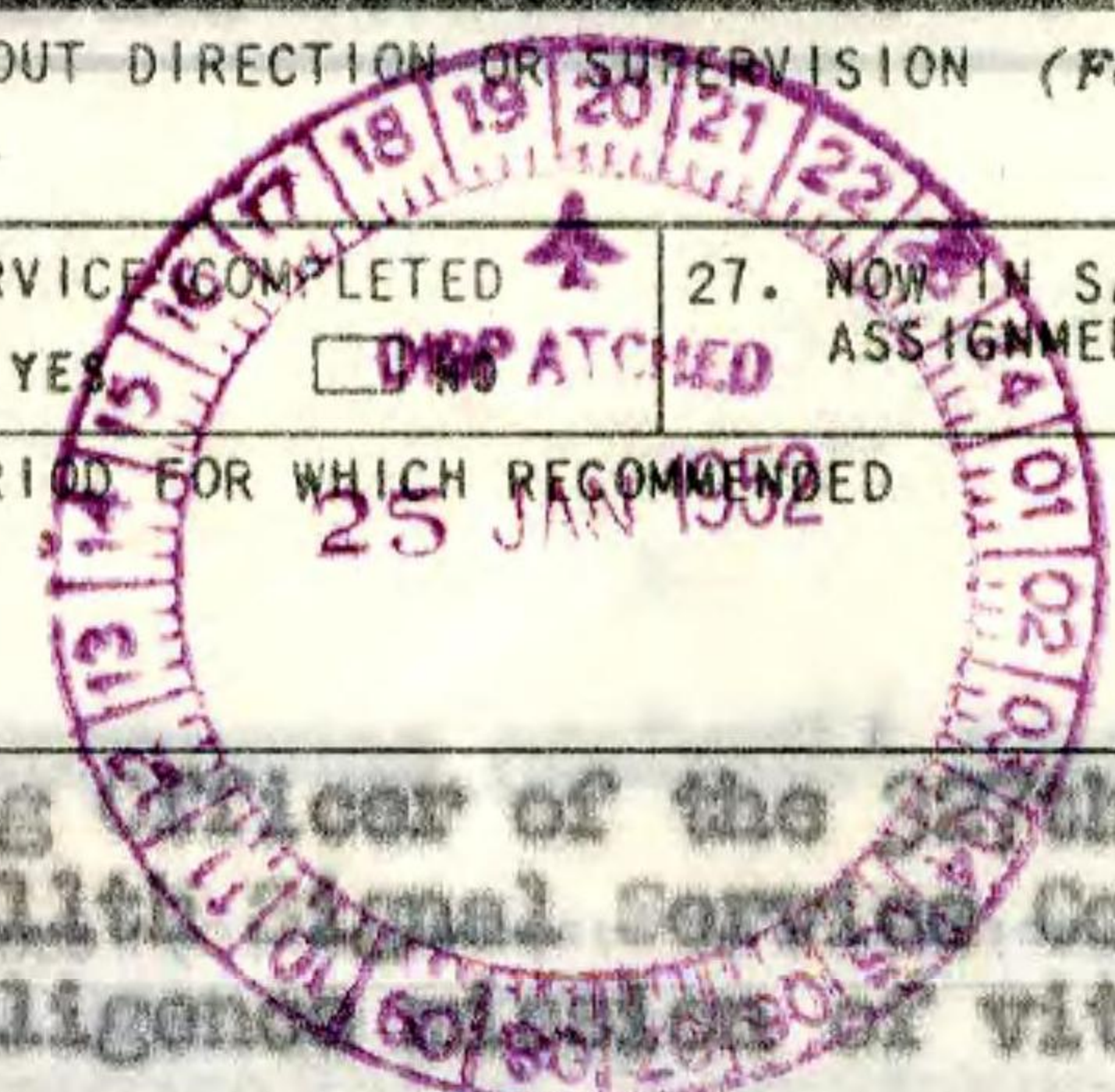
25. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED. 27 June 1950 to 20 January 1952

26. SERVICE COMPLETED YES DISPATCHED

27. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED DUTY ASSIGNMENT YES NO

28. AWARDS LISTED IN ITEM 14 FOR SERVICE IN SAME DUTY ASSIGNMENT OR FOR SIMILAR TYPE SERVICE YES NO

29. CHARACTER OF SERVICE DURING PERIOD FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED Superior



30. WHAT DID THE INDIVIDUAL DO THAT MERITS THE AWARD? As Commanding Officer of the 327th Communication Reconnaissance Company, formerly designated the 111th Signal Service Company, APO 331, he led his company in the performance of an intelligence collection of vital and critical importance to the United Nations effort in Korea.

31. WHY WAS THIS OUTSTANDING WHEN COMPARED TO OTHERS OF LIKE RANK AND EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR POSITIONS?

The forceful conscientious leadership and high devotion to duty which this officer displayed in directing the work of his company were of an order which compares with the highest of others of like rank and experience in a similar position.

32. EFFECT OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE Through his actions the company which he commanded was enabled to perform its mission efficiently and effectively. His forceful leadership overcame many obstacles to the effective employment of his personnel. The devotion to duty and conscientiousness displayed by this officer were a spur and an inspiration to his men working under difficult conditions.

33. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE ACHIEVEMENT PERFORMED OR SERVICE RENDERED. (If more space is necessary use additional sheets)

Major Carson was serving as Commanding Officer, 327th Communication Reconnaissance Company, then designated 111th Signal Service Company, APO 331, upon the outbreak of hostilities in Korea 25 June 1950 and has continued to serve in that capacity. He is scheduled for relief and return to the XI in February 1952. Upon the entry of the United Nations Forces into the conflict there was an immediate need for information relative to the forces of Communist China. This mission was assigned to his unit. Operating radio intercept and direction finding facilities from Okinawa his unit was a vital link in the flow of information of intelligence value to the United Nations Forces. The importance and success of this mission can only be told in more highly classified documents. It was the forceful and inspiring leadership of Major Carson that lifted the unit from the ranks of competent technical units to one that is outstanding for the ingenuity and methods of operation with which the mission is being performed. It is common practice in the unit for the men to voluntarily limit their time off duty to the periods when it is known that the enemy radio operators will be off duty. The search for new enemy radio stations is so efficiently organized that a competitive spirit marks the efforts of each search team to locate and identify more and more radio stations. This attitude on the part of the officers and men is largely the result of the energy and extreme devotion to duty which has distinguished Major Carson. He has been successful in adapting the principles of sound leadership to a highly technical operation and producing results which are far above those ordinarily achieved by units operating under similar or more advantageous conditions.

34. RELATED POSITION OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON RECOMMENDED Commanding Officer, 327th Communication Reconnaissance Company, APO 331, a unit under my command.

35. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO— Headquarters, Army Security Agency, Pacific, APO 500

36. LIST OF ENCLOSURES (Include Proposed Citation) Proposed citation Commendation from The Inspector General, US Army

37. WILL THIS DUPLICATE A PREVIOUS AWARD FOR SAME ACT OR PERIOD, IF SO, IS REVOCATION OF PRIOR AWARD DESIRED? Yes

TYPED NAME, GRADE, ARM OR SERVICE AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION Edwin C. Greiner Colonel, Armor, Chief, Army Security Agency, Pacific

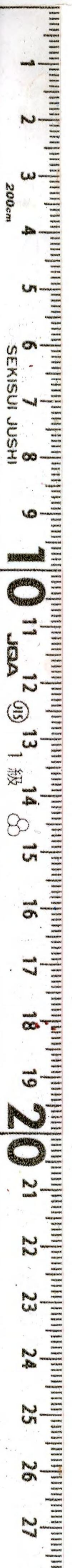
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