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July 22, 1942

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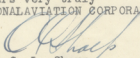
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Mr. R. H. Neale is to be employed by China National Aviation Corporation upon his arrival in the United States.

This employment will be for the purpose of ferrying aircraft back to the Orient to be used in delivering supplies to China and will be permanent upon his return.

Any aid or assistance that may be given him in obtaining quick transportation to the States will greatly further the cause of the Allied Nations and will be appreciated by ourselves.

Yours very truly
CHINA NATIONAL AVIATION CORPORATION


C. L. Sharp
Operations Manager

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
NEW YORK, N. Y.
33 PINE STREET
NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

22 August 1944

To: The Commandant **THIRD** Naval District.
Subj: Forwarding of records of
Lieut. Robert Hawthorne HEALE, A-V(T), USNR
c/o American Export Airlines, La Guardia Field, New York
Encls: As indicated below.

1. The subject named officer executed Acceptance and Oath of Office on
16 August 1944
2. His official residence is within the limits of the Naval District under your command. Papers noted below by "X" are accordingly forwarded for your files:

- ☒ APPLICATION FILE AND ALL SUPPORTING PAPERS WITH COPY OF EXECUTED FORM NAVPERS 962 AND ~~205X OR ACTIVE DUTY ORDERS~~ **HEALTH RECORD.**
 - ☐ Copy of executed Form NAVPERS 962 (Appointment in Naval Reserve, Acceptance and Oath of Office).
 - ☐ Copy of Active Duty Orders.
3. Please acknowledge receipt on attached copy of this letter.

By direction of the Director:

DUDLEY H. ROBINSON
Lieut. USNR

CC: BuPers
Reservist ✓
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Designation *BC*

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"GREASTERN, CALCUTTA."
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20 July 1946

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20 July 1942

Mr Rth L. Steale

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70/7

the sum of Rs

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For

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	3	AUG11-42	R.SERV	* 5.60		* 15.60
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	5	AUG11-42	ROOM 0000	* 9.00		* 24.70
	6	AUG12-42	VALET	* 2.00		* 26.70
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We trust that your stay has been a pleasant one and
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Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company.*(Incorporated in England by Special Act of Parliament.)**(Including the Holkar State and the Scindia-Neemuch State Railways.)***A** 40898**17**

Received from Mr. Neelchand & Co. Bond the sum of Rupees (in
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Invoice or Way Bill.		Station from or to.	Name of Consignee.	Description of Goods.	Freight as per Invoice or Way Bill.	Under- charge.			Over- charge.	Total.		
No.	Date.				Rs. a. p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	a.	p.
				<i>acc 3/2 accepted proforma for two hundred and four 27/1/42 to Bond</i>								

For Payee.

DELHI Station. }
 dated 193 . }

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Clerk.

Station Master.

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NEW DELHI, 25/7/ 1942.

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1.	Powder box	75	-	-
10	C.T. pins @ 1/-	10	-	-
	85	85	-	-
Total				

Goods purchased are not returnable.

E. & O. E.

Signature

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST AMERICAN VOLUNTEER GROUP
Office of the Commanding Officer

Mr. Robert H. Neale,
Tuscan Court, House #4, Apr. 2,
215 Middleneck Road,
Great Neck, L. I.

September 16, 1942.

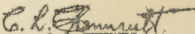
Dear Member of the A.V.G.: -

It is the greatest pleasure I have ever had to be able to forward to you the attached Certificate of Honorable Discharge from the American Volunteer Group. You earned it and you well deserve to receive it, and I hope that it will serve as a testimonial of a good job well done in whatever endeavors you undertake in the future.

When the war ends, and I can return to the States, I am planning to erect a Memorial Hall and Hunting Lodge in Louisiana, where all A.V.G. members will always be welcome. I will notify you further in this regard. I am intending to place in this Memorial Hall all the banners and paintings and other awards which the Group as a whole received from the Chinese Government. It will be a place to be proud of - a lasting memorial to our comrades who failed to return to America with us, and whose memories will never be forgotten by us. Some member of the A.V.G. took the large white silk banner on which was embroidered the "Flying Tiger" insignia of the Group, which used to hang in the entrance hall to Hostel No. 1 in Kunming. I hope that whoever it was will be generous enough to realize that it is something for all of us to be proud of and to possess, and will return it to the AVG Memorial Hall.

It is realized that there may be some minor errors in the Records of Service on the reverse side of the Discharge. If this is such in your case, don't change it but bring it to the 1st AVG convention with you and it will be changed by the Group Secretary and initialed by me.

With best wishes to you all, and the hope that I will see you all again soon when we hold our first get-together in the states, I am with sincerest regards,


C. L. CHENNAULT,
Commander, American Volunteer Group.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Calcutta, India, July 15, 1942.

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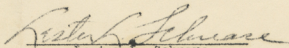
TO ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS

In pursuance of the subject matter of my circular of the 5th instant, I am instructed by the Department of State to inform all interested persons that our Government's duty towards its citizens in war areas is considered accomplished when it has advised them of the existence of a dangerous situation and has invited them to leave, while affording those who choose to go every possible assistance in obtaining transportation and those who choose to remain such protection as may be possible. Our Government cannot compel the return of its citizens and the decision whether to remain or to depart is one the individual himself must make.

Americans residing at a distance from Calcutta who wish to depart on an American vessel scheduled to sail from the west coast of India early in August should telegraph immediately to the American President Lines' Bombay Agents, Forbes Forbes Campbell and Company, Limited (Telegraphic address: "STEAMERS BOMBAY"), indicating the number of men, women and children in their party. Americans residing in or near Calcutta should communicate with Messrs. McLeod and Company, Limited, McLeod House, Calcutta. You are also requested to advise this Consulate General if you intend to depart.

Fares for the vessel will be U.S.\$5.00 per person per day for "Standee" (troop type) accommodation and U.S.\$20.00 per person per day for accommodation in the first class cabins which have been converted to accommodate four persons. Collection will be made for 30 days; Should the voyage exceed 30 days, balance would be payable at port of disembarkation. It is anticipated that passengers will be able to take a normal amount of baggage although it is likely that only one medium size suit case per person can be taken in cabins.

No assurance can be extended that other opportunities to sail will be available later.


Lester L. Schnare
American Consul General

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Calcutta, India, July 5, 1942.

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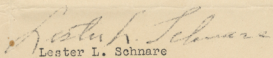
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TO ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS IN INDIA

The Secretary of State has instructed all consular officers in India, because of the potentially critical situation in the Middle East, to invite all Americans in India, particularly women and children and those having no urgent or compelling reason for remaining in India, to return to the United States while there still remains opportunity for them to do so.

Arrangements that are being made to provide ocean transportation will be communicated to those who notify this office at once, preferably by telegraph, of their intention to depart, since it is necessary to know as soon as possible how many will require accommodations.

Very respectfully yours,


Lester L. Schnare
American Consul General

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CHINA DEFENSE SUPPLIES, INC.

1601 V STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 6, 1942

Mr. Robert H. Neale
House No. 4
215 Middle Neck Road
Great Neck, Long Island

Dear Mr. Neale:

I return herewith your copy of your report of the attack on Chiengmai dated March 28, 1942. I have had a copy made but you may be assured that it will have proper use and will not be used for publication.

I also enclose a statement relating to Liebolt with the request that you look it over and if you find it correct sign it and return it to me. If there any misstatements I would appreciate it if you would correct them.

I enjoyed talking with you last Friday and I appreciate your assistance. I hope that if you are ever in Washington you will come in and see me.

Sincerely yours,

John B. Nason
John B. Nason

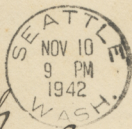
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3209. 45th Avenue SW
Seattle Wash.
Nov 10th 1942.

Mrs Robert H. Heale.

Dear Sir I have been instructed
by the members of the British American
War Relief Assn. West Seattle Chapter
(of which Your father is a member)
to congratulate you on the great honor
that has been bestowed upon you by
the British Government for the good work
you have done fighting for the freedom
of all men. We of West Seattle feel
mightily proud of you & feel sure that
if the time comes again when you are
called upon, you will be right there
to do your part & if necessary give
your life, wishing you every success.

I remain
Yours sincerely, Edw. C. Cook, Sec.



Mr Robert A Neale

Apartment 2

215 Middleneck Road

Great Neck

Long Island

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A MIDNIGHT REVUE

Friday evening, November 20, 1942 • Radio City Music Hall

November 27, 1942

Mr. R. Neale
215 Middle Neck Road
House No. 4
Great Neck, L. I.

Dear Mr. Neale:

On behalf of United China Relief, I wish to express our gratitude to you for your generosity in appearing in connection with our CHEER CHINA Benefit.

The contribution made not only to China, but to the cause of the United Nations by the American Volunteer Group, is a constant inspiration to all of us. We, as Americans, were proud to have an opportunity to salute you as a member of the small group which gave so much to our Chinese ally in her dark hours.

Again, may I thank you for your kindness in joining with us in our CHEER CHINA Benefit.

Very sincerely,

James L. McConaughy
James L. McConaughy, President,
United China Relief

For tickets—Call MISS FANSHAW—Room 505, Waldorf Astoria. ELdorado 5-5000

This Benefit has been approved by UNITED THEATRICAL WAR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE INC. & THEATRE AUTHORITY INC.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
OPERATIONS DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1943.

Mr. George L. Paxton,
45 Prospect Place,
New York City, New York.

Dear George:

I finally found time to hurriedly check over the statement of American Volunteer Group accounts which you submitted to John Mason on November 7, 1942.

Inclosed is a copy of my letter to Dr. Soong re this subject. As you will see, I have recommended the deposit of only \$8,000.00, derived from sales of commissary and post exchange articles, to the Memorial Fund. It seems to me this is a fair arrangement and the profit derived from foreign exchange should go to the Company.

Answering the questions you asked in your letter of April 30, I would like the following things done:

1. Get possession of the photos and other material, if Mickelson is unable to proceed with the publication of the book. Having possession of this material, proceed with the pictorial history as rapidly as possible.
2. Have the book published on straight-out royalty basis by a reputable publisher, with no advertisement included.
3. Make a special rate of one-half cost to all members of the American Volunteer Group.
4. Offer the book for public sale. I have been informed by a number of publishers this book will sell well.
5. Include description and pictures of all employed by Camco. Toward the end of the book, include a summary of service, showing the record of all members of the Group. This record will have a number of classes among which will be names of those who completed their contracts, names of those who were honorably discharged, those who were dishonorably discharged, names of those



killed and wounded and finally, the names of those who volunteered continued service after July 4, 1942.

Regarding the book, "With Chennault", by Hotz, I have read the script, and think it quite good. There are numerous errors as to time and places and a few as to fact, but it is far better than Whelan's, "Flying Tigers". I will try to see Hotz in regard to correcting some of these errors before the book is published. Naturally, I am unable to write a "plug" for this book, since so much of it is devoted to my personal activities. I do think it an extremely fine thing that you boys would devote the royalties of the book to the American Volunteer Group Memorial Fund and would like to help you increase the sales in any way possible. This might possibly be done with the appearance of the first edition when I could announce I had read the book and found it to be the most authoritative history of the AVG in print. If you like this idea, let me know.

Acting in my capacity of Trustee of the AVG Memorial Fund, as well as that of past Commander of the AVG, I would like to appoint you, Neale, Dupucy, Hill, and Bond as a Board of Trustees to handle all matters pertaining to the AVG during my absence to the United States. The action of any 3 members of the Board to be considered final; in addition to this appointment, you will also serve as Treasurer of the Fund. Advise me of your reaction to this plan.

Madame Chiang Kia-Shek wrote a very nice article to go with the pictorial history. You could use the same article for your book if you can get it from Pietskev.

In view of the fact that we are preparing to build up a considerable fund and to engage in business to the extent of buying land and constructing one or more buildings, I too believe that the AVG should be incorporated, possibly under the name of the Veterans of the American Volunteer Group. This is one of the matters which a Board of Trustees should decide.

For your personal information, entirely off the record, I have considerable hopes that a great deal will be accomplished here during this trip. Decisions on a number of matters should be forthcoming in a few days. I am not going to make any intense effort to bring the boys back in the Service. As you know, I have always preferred that a man choose his own way. If he chooses to serve with me, it relieves me of later responsibility for having influenced his decision. This is the reason I failed to answer the letter you wrote me from Kunming on your way out. The latchstring is always hanging outside the door for any of you and nothing would please me more than to have one or all of you back in the Service for the closing days in Japan. Please spread this word around among the boys. If you have time, run down to Washington, would enjoy seeing you again, at any hour -- just walk right in.

With kindest regards to all, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. L. Chennault

C. L. CHENNAULT,
Major General, A.U.S.

Enclosure.

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Brig. General C. L. Chennault
Commanding, C.A.T.F.

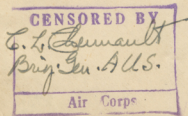


Mr. R. H. Neale,

3706 40th, S.W.,

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Washington.



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NAVPERS-962
(Rev. Jan. 1944)
PERS-3650C

From: The Chief of Naval Personnel, Navy Department.

To:

19 June, 1944

Robert Hawthorne NEALE,
242-18 Thornhill Avenue,
Douglaston, New York.
DNOP, New York, New York.

Via:

Subject: Appointment to Commissioned Rank in Naval Reserve
Inclosure: Commission.

1. Having been appointed in the United States Naval Reserve the Bureau takes pleasure in transmitting herewith your commission. Effective on the date you execute acceptance and oath of office under your commission you are hereby assigned as:

Rank: **Lieutenant, A-V(T), USNR**

Date of Rank: **18 April, 1944**

Appointed: **16 June, 1944**

Duties: **Aviation**

Reserve: **Volunteer.**

RANDALL JACOB,
The Chief of Naval Personnel

Code No.: **5096-56**

Copy To: **BuAer**

M. A. Robertson,
By Direction

ACCEPTANCE AND OATH OF OFFICE

I, **Robert Hawthorne NEALE,** do hereby accept the above

appointment as **Lieutenant.**

in the United States Naval Reserve; do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: so help me God. I understand that failure to complete any prescribed training course, or a review of my completed application regarded as unsatisfactory, will be considered sufficient cause for my discharge.

State of New York
County of Queens } SS:

Robert Hawthorne Neale
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *16th* day of *August*, 1944

APPOINTEE TO PRESENT THIS COPY TO DISBURSING
OFFICER TAKING UP ACTIVE DUTY PAY ACCOUNT

ELMER L. HERMAN

Notary Public, Queens County

Queens Co. C.H. No. 3627, Rec. No. 1065

Commission Expires March 30, 1946

My. Co. C.H. No. 534, Exp. No. 570116

Commission Expires March 30, 1946

Elmer L. Herman
(Signature and Official Title)

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OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
NEW YORK, N. Y.
33 Pine Street
New York, 5, N. Y.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PAPERS UPON APPOINTMENT

If you have been inducted or commissioned in any of the armed services (including the Navy), it is imperative that you return all papers at once, unexecuted, with a letter in duplicate giving your rank or rating, service or serial number, classification, date and place inducted, date you are required to report to first station and name of station, or if you have already reported, your present military address and date of reporting. Steps will then be taken, if possible, to arrange for your transfer.

If you are free to execute the oath, you must at once complete your papers neatly and carefully. It is important that you execute the Acceptance and Oath of Office before making any other move. If orders are issued with your appointment, they require you to proceed and report for physical examination. You should not proceed until after you have accepted appointment according to the directions which follow.

COMMISSION (or WARRANT)

No action required. You should leave your commission or warrant in a safe place at home.

FORM NAVPERS-962, APPOINTMENT IN NAVAL RESERVE AND ACCEPTANCE AND OATH OF OFFICE.

Your signature must be placed on the original and five copies of Form NAVPERS-962. (Note that the two yellow copies must be signed in two places.) Your signature must be witnessed by a Notary Public or a Naval Officer authorized to administer oaths, whose signature and title must appear on the original and whose name and title must appear on all copies. The names of the state and county in which the oath is administered must be entered on the lines opposite "ss."

You should retain one white carbon copy (not the original) for your personal file. You should also retain the two yellow copies which will be demanded by the disbursing officer who takes up your pay account when you report for active duty. The original and the remaining copies (one white and one cherry) must be returned at once to the Director of Naval Officer Procurement, New York, by registered mail together with other papers described below. Four blank copies of Form NAVPERS-962 are supplied for your use should further certified copies be required at your station.

In the upper left-hand corner of Form NAVPERS-962, you will note certain figures. A typical example is:

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This number, usually in six figures, is your permanent file number. The initials above the number are not part of your file number. Your file number also appears in the upper left-hand corner of any orders which may be issued to you.

FORM PNY-32 (for reporting next of kin, etc.)

You are given two copies of this form. Both must be completed and returned to the Director of Naval Officer Procurement, New York.

D.S.S. FORM 166 (Home Address Report)

You must complete both sections of this card and return it to the Director of Naval Officer Procurement, New York. If in proper form, it will then be forwarded by the Director to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

WAIVER

If you receive a waiver of physical defects with your appointment, you should keep it in your personal file. If and when orders to active duty are issued, you must take the waiver to the place designated for physical examination. The waiver must be shown, but not surrendered, to the medical officer conducting the examination.

NMS FORM Y OR NMSAV FORM 1

If you receive a copy of NMS FORM Y or of NMSAV FORM 1, report of physical examination for appointment, you must keep it in your personal file. If and when orders to active duty are issued, you must take this form to the place designated for physical examination and submit it to the medical officer conducting the examination.

ORDERS TO ACTIVE DUTY

If you receive orders to active duty with your appointment, the following instructions apply. If you do not receive orders with your appointment, you should retain these instructions for further use.

Several forms are enclosed with orders which originate in the Bureau of Naval Personnel. These forms (including the Affidavit, Biographical Sketch, Designation of Beneficiary and Report of Compliance with Orders) should be taken to your active duty station where you will receive the necessary instructions for their completion and distribution.

Orders to active duty must be endorsed immediately upon receipt with the place, date and hour of receipt. They must be guarded carefully and carried out according to the instructions given below. It is advisable not to attempt to crowd the time limit. Transportation delays, although beyond your control, do not constitute an excuse for arriving late.

There are four general types of orders issued to new officers: (A) PROCEED; (B) PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY; (C) PROCEED IMMEDIATELY; (D) PROCEED AND REPORT ON (certain date).

(A) PROCEED: Shall be obeyed within four days after the officer has been found physically qualified, exclusive of travel time. This means that before 2400 of the fourth day after having been found physically qualified for active duty, he must be on his way to his active duty station by the most direct normal railroad route. If he uses other transportation, he must report within the time he would have taken had he travelled by train. Although newly commissioned officers are often ordered to "proceed and report for physical examination" and further, if found physically qualified, to "proceed and report," only one four-day-plus-travel period of delay may be taken.

(B) PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY: Requires reporting within two days after the officer has been found physically qualified, exclusive of travel time.

(C) PROCEED IMMEDIATELY: Requires reporting within twelve hours after the officer has been found physically qualified, exclusive of travel time.

(D) PROCEED AND REPORT ON (certain date): The officer must report before 2400 of the given date but he ought to report in the forenoon of that date, preferably at 0830. Occasionally orders read to report "on or about" a certain date or "on or before" a certain date. In such cases the prospective commanding officer should be contacted for more definite instructions. If he cannot be contacted, the new officer should report on or shortly before the given date.

Orders to active duty must be endorsed as follows:

(a) RECEIVED: Place, date and hour of receipt of orders, signature of officer-recipient. For example:

RECEIVED 420 Lexington Ave. 5 Jan. 1944 0930 (s) John Paul Jones,
New York, N.Y.

(b) LEFT HOME: Place, date and hour of departure to take medical examination, signed by the officer-recipient. For example:

LEFT HOME 420 Lexington Ave. 5 Jan. 1944 1425 (s) John Paul Jones,
New York, N.Y.

(c) ARRIVED AT: Place, date and hour of arrival for medical examination, signed by the officer-recipient.

(d) REPORTED AND EXAMINED: Place, date and hour of medical examination signed by medical officer conducting examination. Findings are marked by medical officer.

(e) PROCEEDED: Place, date and hour of departure for home after completion of examination, signed by the officer-recipient.

(f) RETURNED HOME: Place, date and hour of return to home, signed by the officer-recipient.

(g) PROCEEDED: Place, date and hour of leaving home for active duty, signed by the officer-recipient.

(h) REPORTED: Place, date and hour of reporting for active duty, signed by the commanding officer.

Physical Examination

A new officer must not proceed for physical examination until after he has taken the oath. If a waiver of physical defects has been granted, it must be presented to the examining medical officer. If a copy of N&S Form Y or of NMSAV Form 1, report of physical examination for appointment, is received, it must be presented to the examining medical officer. If you are found NOT physically qualified, and the defects have not been waived, you should see that the examining medical officer notifies the Bureau of Naval Personnel at once by dispatch, stating the defects in detail and making a specific recommendation. You should see that the medical officer also notifies the Director of Naval Officer Procurement, New York. If the Bureau subsequently waives the defect and directs compliance with the original orders, that compliance must be immediate.

Copies of Orders

On reporting for active duty, you must have at least 25 exact copies of your orders already prepared. In most cases, the Bureau of Naval Personnel provides copies in sufficient number. If they are not provided, you yourself should have copies typed or mimeographed, never photostated, printed or otherwise reproduced. They must include every detail including the boxes for endorsements. Except the last two which are filled in too late for inclusion, the endorsements themselves, including signatures, should be typed in the copies. These copies are needed for various reasons, particularly the taking up of pay accounts.

Correspondence

As soon as possible after the officer is commissioned and receives orders, his records are completed and transferred from the Office of Naval Officer Procurement to the Commandant of the Naval District in which he maintains his permanent official address. Until this transfer is effected, all official correspondence initiated by him should be addressed to or "via" the appropriate Office of Naval Officer Procurement. A copy of the transfer letter is sent to the officer to notify him that the transfer has taken place. Thereafter, while on inactive duty, correspondence should be addressed to or "via" the Commandant to whom his records have been transferred. While on active duty, correspondence should be routed "via" the Commanding Officer of the ship or station.

Every person in the Navy, making an official communication of any kind to any superior authority other than his immediate commanding officer, must send the same unsealed to his commanding officer, to be remarked upon and forwarded by him. Letters addressed to higher authority must be routed "via" the immediate commanding officer and every other officer in the chain of command between the commanding officer and that higher authority. A carbon copy should be made for the files of each officer "via" whom the correspondence is written. The officer's permanent file or serial number must appear in the upper left-hand corner on all official correspondence initiated by the officer concerning himself.

In written correspondence, the term "invite attention" should always be used rather than "call attention." A junior writing a memorandum to a senior subscribes it "very respectfully."

Further rules and forms of correspondence should be learned by the officer as soon as possible. They can be found in the U. S. Navy Regulations. See, particularly, Article 2043.

Correspondence Courses

Most newly-commissioned officers are ordered initially to active duty under instruction at an Indoctrination School. As part of their training, they are given a course in "Navy Regulations and Customs" based on U. S. Navy Regulations.

A newly-commissioned officer ordered to active duty other than at an Indoctrination School is required to take a correspondence course in "Navy Regulations and Customs." In order to enroll, he must write an official letter via his Commanding Officer to the officer-in-charge of the nearest Naval Reserve Educational Center. The Educational Centers are located at 90 Church Street, New York, 7, N.Y.; U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois; Custom House, New Orleans, Louisiana; and 105 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

Upon completion of the course in "Navy Regulations and Customs" whether by correspondence or at Indoctrination School, officers are eligible to enroll in the following courses:

- Seamanship
- Naval Engineering and Electricity
- Diesel Engineering
- Communications
- Gunnery
- Military Law
- Navigation
- International Law

In addition to these courses, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery conducts a course for medical and dental officers. All officers are advised to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by these correspondence courses.

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dated 19 June 1944

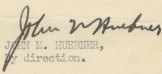
Office of Naval Officer
Procurement
33 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y.
11 July 1944

From: The Director of Naval Officer Procurement, New York, N.Y.
To: Mr. Robert Hawthorne NEALE,
c/o Miss Boncet,
American Export Airlines, LaGuardia Field,
Jackson Heights, L.I., New York.

Subject: Waiver of physical defect for appointment as
Lieutenant U. S. Naval Reserve, for
assignment to Class A-V(T).

1. Forwarded.

KENNETH G. CASTLEMAN
Director


JOHN M. HUEBNER,
By direction.

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In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

19 June, 1944.

From: The Chief of Naval Personnel.
To: Mr. Robert Hawthorne NEALE,
242-18 Thornhill Avenue,
Douglaston, New York.

Via: The Director, Naval Officer Procurement,
New York, New York.

Subject: Waiver of physical defect for appointment in the U. S.
Naval Reserve.

Reference: (a) Public Law 816, 77th Congress, Second Session,
approved December 18, 1942.

1. You are advised that a waiver of the physical defect or defects listed below, found upon your examination for appointment in the U. S. Naval Reserve, is hereby granted.

Anterior malocclusion, with impingement.

2. This waiver is granted in accordance with reference (a), which provides that persons with physical defects may be appointed in the U. S. Naval Reserve, but shall not be eligible for retirement benefits by reason of the disability for which waiver was required at time of appointment, or by reason of any aggravation of such disability

3. When reporting for physical examination in accordance with active duty orders, bring this copy of waiver with you and present to the medical officer conducting your examination.

RANDALL JACOBS,
By direction of the Secretary of the Navy.

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K. Fink,
By direction.

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1st Endorsement

on Form NavPers 962, Pers-36500-dms 81421
dated 19 June 1944

Office of Naval Officer Procurement,
33 Pine Street, New York, 5, N.Y.

11 July 1944

REGISTERED

To: Mr. Robert Hawthorne NEALE.

Via: Miss Boncet,
c/o American Export Airlines, LaGuardia Field,
Jackson Heights, L.I., New York.

Subj: Appointment in U. S. Naval Reserve as Lieutenant, A-V(T).

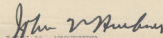
1. Forwarded. In view of existing conditions, it is requested that the Acceptance and Oath of Office (Form NavPers 962) be executed immediately, pursuant to instructions contained in Encl. 6. This must be done before any travel in compliance with orders, even orders to take a physical examination, is begun. It is further requested that all other papers be completed promptly and distributed pursuant to Encl. 6.

2. Should you decide not to accept appointment, all papers are to be returned to this command at once by registered mail, with an accompanying letter, in duplicate, stating your reasons for declining.

3. If you are under Selective Service orders to report for induction, you should NOT execute oath in the Naval Reserve on enclosed form NavPers 962, but should return to this command by registered mail immediately, all enclosures unexecuted and notify this command of the date and place of induction.

4. Your draft board clearance has been received by the Director.

By direction of the Director:


JOHN M. HUEBNER,
Lieut.(jg), USNR.

Encls: (HW)

1. Commission.
2. Four blank copies of Form NavPers 962.
3. Form PNY-32 in duplicate (for reporting next of kin, etc.)
4. D.S.S. Form 166 (Home Address Report).
5. Return-addressed envelope.
6. Instructions for completing papers.
- ~~7. Orders to active duty with enclosures~~
7. Waiver of physical defect with 1st end.

CC:

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In reply refer to:

Tel: Whitehall 3-4060

Ext. 53 or 83

NOPNY-6

OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
33 Pine Street, New York, N.Y.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Before being sworn in you are required to surrender your Selective Service Registration Certificate (DSS Form 2) and your Notice of Selective Service Classification (DSS Form 57) to the officer administering the oath. These forms must be brought with you when you report to execute oath.

When the oath is executed before a Notary Public or a Naval Officer authorized to administer oaths, it is imperative that you surrender the forms to him and request that they be destroyed immediately.

You are requested to advise the Director by letter that you have complied with these instructions.

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" Fall Guy "

MAJOR GENERAL CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Commanding Flying Tigers 1941-1942

Commanding 14th Air Force 1942-1945

CHINA

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Present Occupation</u>
Adair, C. B. (Operations Officer)	Mitchell Field New York	Lt. Colonel AAF
Bishop, Lewis S. (V-Sq. Leader)	Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. (captured from 3	Lt. USN (Recently es- years as Jap prisoner)
Bond, Charles R. (V-Sq. Leader)	H.Q. 2nd Air Force Colorado Springs, Colo.	Colonel AAF
Brice, George (Crew Chief)	2410 Allwood Road Westfield, New Jersey	----
Bright, John G. (Flight Leader)	Cedar Hill Farm Reading, Pa.	Lt. Colonel AAF
Bugler, Carl F. (Chf. Administration)	253 East Colliery Ave., Tower City, Pa.	1st Lt. 44th Bomb. Grp. WTO (25 missions)
Burgard, Geo. T. (Flt. Leader)	Box 248 Stony Brook, L.I., N.Y.	Capt. American Export Airlines
Callan, Michael R. (Crew Chief)	N.A.T.S. VR--8 Patuxent River, Maryland	AMCL/c -- USN
Carter, John B. (Line Chief)	Am. Export Airlines La Guardia, N.Y.	Flight Engineer
Cribbs, Charles D. (Clerk Medical)	537 West Hunter St., Lakeland, Fla.	Ch. Ph.M - USN
Croft, John S. (Flt. Leader)	122 Sequame Lane Babylon, L.I., N.Y.	Test Pilot - Fairchild Aircraft Engineering
Cross, Harvey G. (Communications)	Fairfax, Va.	AAF
Cross, James D. (Flt. Leader)	240-22 Forrest Drive Douglaston, L.I., N.Y.	Capt. American Export Airlines
Curran, Geo. F. (Crew Chief)	113 Sheridan Ave., Roselle Park, New Jersey	----
(Davis) Mrs. Lorcen Lonborg (Secy.)	3912 Elbert St., Apt. 305 Alexandria, Va.	Foreign Economic Administration, Wash.
Doran, Francis F. (Administration Records)	436 Wallace St., Osborn, Ohio	Capt. - AAF
Dupouy, Parker S. (V-Sq. Leader)	44 Sequame Lane West Islip, L.I., N.Y.	Test Pilot - Republic Aviation Corp.
Fish, William (Wingman)	Stony Brook, L.I., N.Y.	Captain - American Export Airlines
(Foster), Mrs. Emma Petach (Nurse)	123 West Rock Ave., New Haven, Conn.	Yale Nursing School
Frillman, Paul W. (Chaplain)	Office Strategic Services 25th & E St., N.W., Wash. D.C.	Capt. - AUS
Gasdick, Joseph (Crew Chief)	801 E. State St., Olean, New York	T/Sgt. AAF - 81st Fighter Sq. - England, France
Gesselbracht, Henry M., Jr. (Flt. Leader)	106 Longwood Ave., Westbury, L.I., N.Y.	Capt. - American Export Airlines
Greene, Paul J. (Flt. Leader)	5404 Middleton Lane Washington 20, D.C.	Lt. Colonel - AAF
Groh, Clifford G. (Flt. Leader)	MWA-WOLD-Chamberlain Minneapolis, Minn.	Capt. Northwest Airline Airlines
Harris, David H. (Staff)	Republic Aviation Corp., Farmingdale, L.I., N.Y.	Test Pilot
Hedman, Robert (Flt. Leader)	Natl. Skyways Freight Corp. Long Beach Mun. Airport, Long Beach, Calif.	Airline Cargo

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Present Occupation</u>
Hennessey, John J. (Flt. Leader)	244-19 Rushmore Ave., Douglaston, L.I., N.Y.	Capt.-American Export Airlines
Hill, David Lee (Sq. Leader)	412th Fighter Sq. Municipal Airport, Bakersfield, Calif.	Colonel - AAF
Keeton, Robert (Flt. Leader)	41 Massau Road Little Neck, L.I., N.Y.	Capt. - American Export Airlines
Kenner, Charles D. (Crew Chief)	2701 Lauretta Ave., Baltimore, 23, Md.	M/Sgt. - AAF
Kustay, Stephen (Armorer)	1014 Blackberry St., Cabasagua, Penn.	----
Kuykendall, Matthew W. (Flt. Leader)	69-69 183rd St., Flushing, L.I., N.Y.	Capt. - American Export Airlines
Layher, Robert H. (Flt. Leader)	25 Old Field Lane Great Neck, L.I., N.Y.	Capt. - American Export Airlines
McAllister, Gale E. (Crew Chief)	116 West Ottawa St., Richmond, Ohio	----
McHenry, Sharon L. (Clk.-Engineering)	Parkers Landing, Penn.	T/Sgt. - AAF
Neale, Robert H. (Sq. Leader)	242-18 Thornhill Ave., Douglaston, L.I., N.Y.	Capt. - American Export Airlines
Osborne, Harold L. (Crew Chief)	7101 Colonial Rd.-Apt. 13-J Fresno, Calif.	T/Sgt. - AAF
Overend, Edward F. (Flt. Leader)	303 G Ave., Coronado, Calif.	USMC
Paull, Preston B. (Crew Chief)	62 North 2nd St., East Preston, Idaho	T/Sgt.-AAF Eng-Gunner P-17-33 missions-Germ
Paxton, George L. (Flt. Leader)	74 Steele Ave., Staten Island 6, N. Y.	Capt. - American Export Airlines
Peshenko, Joseph A. (Armorer)	343 N. Stiles St., Linden, New Jersey	Gen. Motors-Eastern Divn.
Ricketts, Freeman I. (Flt. Leader)	Great Neck, L.I., N.Y.	Capt. - American Export Airlines
Ricks, Wayne (Prop. Engineer)	Curtiss-Wright Corp. Caldwell, New Jersey	Prop. Field Representative
Sawyer, Charles W. (Flt. Leader)	Rt 2, Emmett, Idaho	Major - AAF
Schramm, Leo J. (Crew Chief)	138 So. 32nd St., Camden, New Jersey	----
Shes, George Leo Wing (Engineering)	45 W. Mohawk St., Buffalo, 2, N.Y.	Curtiss-Wright Corp.
Shreffler, Roger (Communications)	Rt 2 Highway 100, Nashville, Tenn.	Av. Ch. Radioman USN 60 missions So. Pacific
Trumble, Thomas G. (Secretary to Gen. Chennault)	1447 Garfield St., Lincoln, Nebr.	----
Tyrrell, George (Crew Chief)	190-07 Crocheron Ave., Flushing, L.I., N.Y.	Flt. Engineer-American Export Airlines
Wagner, Earl F. (Armorer)	816 S. 16th St., Altoona, Penn.	----
Whitwer, Mrs. Eloise (Secretary)	3912 Elbert St., Apt. 305 Alexandria, Va.	----
Williams, John M. (Staff Communica- tions)	Care Kenneth Coulson Albany, Indiana	Lt. Col. - AAF
Wright, Peter (Flt. Leader)	Long Lane Farm, Kimberton Rd., Spring City, Penn.	Capt. - American Export Airlines

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FLYING TIGERS

(AMERICAN VOLUNTEER GROUP)

At Luncheon With

CIRCUS SAINTS AND SINNERS CLUB

NEW YORK CITY

SEPT. 19, 1945

WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL

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74 Steels Ave.,
 Staten Island 6, New York,
 Sept. 29, 1944.

Mr. Edwin F. Blair,
 Blair, Polk, & Ogden,
 Room 3611,
 20 Exchange Place,
 New York City.

Dear Ed:

This is a formal request by three of us ex-Flying Tigers that you proceed with the incorporation of the Group on the basis of the following suggestions. General Chennault, as you will see from photostatic copies of letters inclosed, has appointed us members of the temporary Board of Trustees to have control over the affairs of the American Volunteer Group.

First, you may need a brief outline of our history. Acting on the plans of General Claire L. Chennault, the Chinese and others early in 1941 "Higher Authorities" agreed over the protests of the Army and Navy to allow fliers and flight personnel to resign from the services if they volunteered with for duty with a Group to be sent to China. The China Defense Supplies, Inc. of Washington, D.C. (a corporation organized by His Excellency Minister T. V. Soong) engaged the Central Aircraft Manufacturing Co. (CAMCO) of 30 Rockefeller Place, N.Y. as agent to employ the personnel, send them to China, and to provide necessary equipment for them. Small groups of ex-members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps began sailing from the States every few weeks beginning in July 1941. The Army demanded and effected the dissolution of the Group on July 4, 1942. All personnel left China for other employment (or later re-enlistment) except 4 Staff members, 8 Pilots and 50 Ground Personnel --- all of whom were inducted into the Army Air Force. All records of Camco were available to the Army and Navy. The Group was officially known as the "First American Volunteer Group" but after Dec. 7, 1941 the "First" was dropped because of certain Administration Policies which cancelled plans for the Second and Third Groups. In the early part of 1942 the Chinese with the China Defense Supplies named the Group the "Flying Tigers". They induced Walt Disney to design our emblem and raised funds to have our pins made up and sent to us in China. The "Flying Tiger Pin" was copyrighted late in 1942 and registered in the name of the Secretary of War.

Below is a summary of the membership classification:

Originally Employed	Honorably Discharged** + Those Lost or Captured + Those with Medical Discharges	Resigned Before Dec. 7 No Discharge	Resigned After Dec. 7 Discharge
Pilots 109	97	12	10
Ground Personnel <u>209</u> 327	<u>165</u> 283	<u>6</u> 15	<u>37</u> 47

** This is the list of those eligible for membership as evidenced by the Honorable Discharge they held and as shown in the Roster in back of our book "With General Chennault" (pages 263 thru the "Other Honorably Discharged" on page 270). Also, following page 124 you will find a facsimile of an Official Honorable Discharge and the copyrighted "Flying Tiger" Insignia. You will be furnished a copy of this book. We will want as our seal this Insignia.

The name we will want for the corporation is:

FLYING TIGERS, INCORPORATED
{ American Volunteer Group }
Chinese Air Force }

The purposes, in addition to the ordinary ones you will know, for which we desire to incorporate this non-profit membership organization are:
1) To limit individual responsibility of the members; 2) To have corporate title to certain cash funds we have and may add to; 3) To be able to acquire, own and dispose of real estate, stocks, bonds, and any other kind of property or chattels; 4) To officially protect the name of our organization and its members against its unauthorized use, for commercial purposes or otherwise, by pretenses (with or without honor).

As to the powers you will ask for the Corporation, in addition to the standard ones, you might cover such things as the power to edit and have published books, pictorials, or other subject matters pertaining to the Group -- its past or future activities. I suppose the corporation will have recourse against those who in the future attempt to capitalize on our name. The real estate we may some day want to buy could conceivably be in any of the 48 States --- or maybe in China, I don't know.

The incorporators should be (for availability) as far as you need of the following:

George L. Paxton, 74 Steele Ave., Staten Island 6, N.Y.
Robert H. Hoale, 242-18 Thornhill Ave., Douglaston, Long Island, N.Y.
Parker S. Dupuy, 5 Republic Aviation Corp., Farmingdale, Long Island, N.Y.
Robert Keeton, 15 Park Circle, Great Neck, Long Island, N.Y.
Geo. T. Burghard, 41 Nassau Road, Little Neck, Long Island, N.Y.
Peter Wright, 29 Schenck Ave., Great Neck, Long Island, N.Y.

The address of the Corporation should be your address, if acceptable to you, at least until the incorporators can meet for the final organization. We have a friend, F. Darius Benham, Room 906, 292 Madison Ave., N.Y. who has offered the use of his office as our headquarters free of charge except for paying his secretary for any extra work we may want done but with other prospects no decision has been reached. If necessary you may use this address until we reach a decision.

We suggest for the final organization the following officers and members:

Chairman - General Aick Claire L. Chennault
President - Robert H. Hoale
V-Pres. - Parker S. Dupuy
V-Pres. - Geo. T. Burghard
Secy-Treas. - George L. Paxton

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Charles Bond *
David Lee Hill *
Robert Keeton
Peter Wright

John B. Carter
Joseph A. Paschke *
Robert H. Layher

* Availability for meetings questionable.

The Chairmanship is suggested for General Chennault because of his being unavailable. We want him to head the Board but as you know he will too busy otherwise to act for some time. The by-laws will provide no doubt that the President or any Vice-Pres. may call and preside at the meetings. If you think this position for him too pretentious or out of place in such an organization then we suggest you plan to make him President and Neale another Vice-Pres. Also, if the Chairman is included in making up a quorum for a board meeting and it will take 7 of the above to make a quorum we think it will be best (until after the war) to omit the names of Bond, Hill and Fosheffer so that a quorum may be obtained more easily with 5 members.

As authority for our handling this and other matters of the Group (AVG) The following photostatic copies of letters, all signed by Gen. C. L. Chennault as Commander and Supervisor of the AVG, are inclosed. The contract between the China Defense Supplies, Inc. and the Agent Camco provided Gen. Chennault with the title of Supervisor and rather complete power over the AVG:

- 1) One dated Chungking, China July 3, 1942 authorizing C. L. Paxton to act for him in settlement of the Financial Affairs of the AVG. This is submitted only for background and to establish the position of Paxton with the AVG.
- 2) One dated Washington, D.C. May 15, 1943 (on Chennault's short return to the U.S.). Page 1, paragraph 3 refers to a Pictorial Annual we still plan to publish. Page 2, par. 3 appoints Paxton, Neale, Rapooy, Hill and Bond as "a Board of Trustees to handle all matters pertaining to the AVG during my absence from the United States. The Action of any 3 members of the Board to be considered final; in addition to this appointment, you (Paxton) will also serve as Treasurer of the Fund." Page 2, par. 5 he states that he thinks the AVG should be incorporated.
- 3) One dated Washington, D.C. May 15, 1943 to H.E. Dr. T. V. Soong. (This was referred to in (2) above and attached to it). In this letter he recommends that the sum of \$8,000.00, profits from a commissary account in China, be deposited to the "American Volunteer Group, Memorial Fund, General C.L. Chennault, Trustee, and George L. Paxton, Treasurer" with the Bank of St. Joseph & Trust Co., Waterproof, La. (his home town).

The above mentioned amount from profits of the commissary account together with royalties from the sale of the book have been deposited with the bank named in accordance with instructions -- the balance today is \$ 8,815.05.

In connection with the book and the royalties therefrom you may need to know that the three of us, acting individually as collaborators on the book, together with Robert B. Heitz, the author, entered into a contract on Oct. 29, 1942 with Coward-Mc Cann, Inc., 2 W 45th St., N.Y. which provided that all royalties from the sale of the book "With General Chennault" should be deposited in the above mentioned account. Rather than amend this contract we believe the bank would accept a letter from us advising them of the corporation, requesting the transfer of the balance into the new name and requesting that future deposits of royalties be placed to the new account. Later we may need your assistance in getting the "Flying Tiger" insignia transferred from the Secy. of War.

Yours sincerely,

Approved:

Board of Trustees for the
AMERICAN VOLUNTEER GROUP

Robert J. Neale, Member of Board
Robert Rapooy, Member of Board

By George L. Paxton
Treasurer and Member of Board.

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HEADQUARTERS, CHINA AIR TASK FORCE

Office of Commanding General

January 22, 1943.

Mr. Robert H. Neale,
3706 40th, S.W.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Neale: -

It is with sincere pleasure that I forward to you herewith the following listed decoration which has been awarded to you by the Chinese Government in recognition of your services as a pilot of the American Volunteer Group.

Chinese Air Force "Violet" Certificate, No. 458.

It would be highly appropriate if you were to write a letter to General C.J. Chow, Director of the Commission on Aeronautical Affairs, thanking the Chinese Government for the honor which they have bestowed. Such a letter would be greatly appreciated by the Chinese authorities who did so much for the AVG members while they were in China, and who will always remember with pride the accomplishments of our Group.

With best wishes for your continued success, and with my best personal regards, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

C. L. Chennault
C. L. CHENNAULT,
Brigadier General, AUS,
Commanding, CATF.

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March 3rd, 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It has been my privilege to have been associated with Captain Robert H. Neale for the past five years, not only as an airline associate, but as a Naval Officer and as a personal friend. I know him to be of excellent character and, as may be judged by his record with the Navy, the American Volunteer Group and with American Export Airlines, he is an outstanding leader of men.

Captain Neale has been associated with American Export Airlines for the past twenty months. He is assigned for the present as Reserve Captain, awaiting assignment as Captain in accordance with American Export Airlines' projected schedule expansion.

Captain Neale is a former Naval Officer, having received his initial flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. He was assigned with Bombing Three on the U.S.S. Saratoga and subsequently resigned his commission to join the American Volunteer Group under General Chennault. He served the AVG with the greatest distinction, being the ranking ace of the entire group, credited with 16 official victories, plus 10 probables. He was Squadron Leader of the 1st AVG squadron and was considered to be General Chennault's right hand man, directing most of the AVG field operations in Burma and China.

Captain Neale holds the British Distinguished Flying Cross, along with many other decorations.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
C. F. BLAIR, JR.
CHIEF PILOT

Charles F. Blair, Jr.
Chief Pilot

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AMERICAN EXPORT AIRLINES, INC.

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From: James Y. Craig
Chief Pilot

To: Mr. R. H. Neale
First Officer

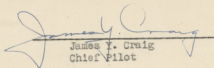
Subject: Pilot Promotion Requirements

Ref: Operations Regulations - Section #103.112

March 28, 1945

You are herein promoted, effective this date, to the rank of Captain. You will be exempted temporarily from compliance with items four and five.

Permit me to congratulate you for having successfully passed this milestone in your career with American Export Airlines and to wish you every success in your future with your Company.


James Y. Craig
Chief Pilot

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cc: Capt. Bergesen
Capt. Hixson
Capt. Folwell
Mr. Holmes
Mr. Leslie
Mrs. Jorgensen

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CABLE ADDRESS AMAIROVER

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January 31, 1947

Captain Robert H. Neale
Chief Pilot - ATC
American Overseas Airlines
LaGuardia Field, New York

Dear Bob:

With the termination of our military transport operation on January 31st, I feel it is appropriate to express the appreciation of the management for the fine service you have rendered in connection with our contract schedules.

Without your untiring efforts and the cooperation of the men working with you, we would have found it impossible to accomplish the splendid record of safety and efficiency of operation achieved by our organization during the past two years.

Please pass on to the flight crew personnel under your jurisdiction the sincere appreciation of the management for a job well done.

Sincerely,

R. B. Williams
Director Military Contract Operations

Copies: H. R. Harris
Personnel Files

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February 1, 1947

Capt. R. H. Neale
252-18 Thorne Hill Avenue
Douglaston, N. Y.

Dear Bob:

At the conclusion of our ATC Contract Operation I wish to express to you the Company's appreciation for your superior performance while acting in the capacity of ATC Chief Pilot. The manner in which you met and solved your many and varied problems is worthy of special commendation.

A copy of this letter will be placed in your personal file. With best wishes for your continued success.

Yours sincerely,

AMERICAN OVERSEAS AIRLINES, INC.

C. T. Robertson
Superintendent of Flying

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February 4, 1947

Capt. R. H. Neale
252-18 Thorne Hill Avenue
Douglaston, New York

Dear Capt. Neale:

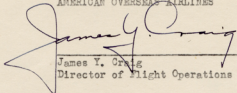
On behalf of higher management, as well as the entire American Overseas Airlines Organization, I take this opportunity to assure you of the appreciation which we feel for the excellent job you have accomplished and successfully completed as the Chief Pilot of our Military Contract operations.

Working at all times under extremely difficult conditions, as you have, you have demonstrated a loyalty and ability to administer and a willingness to work hard which could only be considered outstanding. You commanded at all times the highest degree of respect and loyalty from those under your supervision.

It is with regret that the cancellation of our Military Contract leaves no assignment for you at the present time among our supervisory personnel. You can rest assured that when such an opening becomes available, you will be given every consideration and will be welcomed back if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN OVERSEAS AIRLINES



James Y. Craig
Director of Flight Operations

cc: Gen. H. R. Harris
Mr. James G. Flynn Jr.
Capt. C. T. Robertson
Gen. R. B. Williams

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LT PRESIDENT DICK ROSSI
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QUOTE PRESIDENT ROSSI AND DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF AVG:

THE AVG WAS FOUNDED PRIOR TO PACIFIC WAR WHEN CHINA WAS SINGLEHANDEDLY RESISTING THE STARK AGGRESSION THAT THREATENED THE WHOLE ASIA STOP THAT YOU VOLUNTARILY CAME TO CHINA COMMA FOUGHT WITH US UNDER THE SACRED MOTIVATION OF SAFEGUARDING BASIC BELIEFS OF MANKIND HAS BEEN DEEPLY APPRECIATED AND ADMIRIED

THE SUBSEQUENT DISBANDMENT OF AVG SO THAT ITS FUNCTIONS COULD BE ASSUMED BY USAF ELOQUENTLY ATTESTED TO THE FACT THAT OUR JOINT EFFORTS HAD WON GENERAL RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT STOP IN A SENSE COMMA YOU ARE FORERUNNERS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND YOUR BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENTS SHALL ETERNALLY GLORIFY THE HISTORY OF MANS STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM

PRESENTLY THE SABER RATTLING OF CHINESE COMMUNISTS IN ASIA BY FAR SURPASSES THREAT POSED BY OUR COMMON ENEMY QUARTER OF CENTURY AGO AND OUR STRUGGLE NOW IS INFINITELY MORE DIFFICULT. WE ARE HOWEVER CONVINCED THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS AND VIRTUE WILL PREVAIL AND THAT FINAL VICTORY BELONGS TO THOSE WHO CHOOSE JUSTICE STOP THIS HAS BEEN AMPLY PROVED BY THE BIRTH OF AVG AND BY ITS ACHIEVEMENTS COMMA AND THE CONTINUOUS GLORIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT OF FLYING TIGERS IS UNDOUBTEDLY A GUARANTEE TO OUR ULTIMATE SUCCESS.

MADAME CHIANG AND I REGRET THAT WE CANNOT JOIN YOU IN CELEBRATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF DISBANDMENT OF AVG STOP HOWEVER WE WISH TO ASSURE YOU WE SHALL ALWAYS APPRECIATE THE SINGLE CONTRIBUTION YOU ALL HAVE MADE TO US UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP OF GENERAL CHENNAULT.

BEST REGARDS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES UNQUOTE

CHIANG KAI-SHEK
PRESIDENT REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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