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## Introduction

1. Name: Allen W. DULLES  
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2. Comment on contents of file:
  1. Note: Bulk of existing file deals with accounting for Special Funds, expenses, & bookkeeping
  2. Details of Dulles' activities in Switzerland are provided in Donovan's recommendation for a Distinguished Service Medal

File citation: RG 226, Records of the Office of Strategic Services  
Entry 224: OSS Personnel Files  
Box #: 203

Related records: Extensive documentation of Dulles' activities in Switzerland exist in the main OSS files and in Donovan's personal files.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

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*Dulles*

TO: Captain Dern

DATE: 9 August 1944

FROM: Lt. Putzell

SUBJECT:

The Director requests that a draft recommendation for decoration of Allen Dulles be prepared by you.

It is suggested that to aid you in the preparation of such draft you contact Mr. Whitney Shepardson or his Executive Officer, Colonel Goodfellow, Colonel Buxton and the Director's files. Also, please feel free to speak with the members of this office at any time.

*EJP*

E. J. PUTZELL,  
Lt. (jg) USNR.  
Asst. Executive Officer.

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6 A few of the more spectacular achievements credited to Mr. Dulles are FIRST reports on the following:

As early as August 1943 he warned that the enemy had set up an experimental laboratory at Peenemunde, northern Germany, for the testing of a so-called rocket bomb. Only after repeated insistence on Mr. Dulles' part was the British Air Ministry convinced that such experiments were actually in progress, and on pin points furnished by him, the RAF carried out the first important raid on Peenemunde two weeks later.

Months before any action was taken by Allied Air forces, Mr. Dulles forwarded the information that rocket-bomb installations were being erected ~~at~~ <sup>in the</sup> Pas de Calais. Time and time again he repeated and elaborated on this information.

The flooding of Belgian and Dutch coastal areas was reported by Mr. Dulles long before similar information came in from other sources.

Reports on the damage inflicted by Allied Air forces as a result of raids on Berlin and other German, Italian and Balkan cities were forwarded by Mr. Dulles within two or three days of the operations.

He maintained a constant flow of accurate information regarding the location and plans for possible movements of such German warships as the Schornhurst, von Tirpitz and Gneisenau.

Mr. Dulles intercepted the orders for the scuttling of the French fleet at Toulon and reported this information promptly to the proper services. Well in advance of the operation, he reported information from a high source, to the effect that the Italian fleet could be depended upon to surrender a large part of its vessels.

7 He built up for the United States an enormous prestige among leading figures of occupied nations presently taking refuge in Switzerland, and exerted a strong influence upon satellite governments through contacts with dissatisfied elements. Through his efforts these latter elements have been, in a number of instances, induced to return to their respective countries for the purpose of launching revolts against Quisling regimes. On the other hand, by his diplomacy and highly efficient management of delicate situations, he has promoted an astounding amount of good

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3 October 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington,  
D. C.

THRU : The Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT : DULLES, ALLEN - - - Recommendation for award of  
the Distinguished Service Medal for exception-  
ally meritorious service to the Government in  
a duty of great responsibility.

1. It is recommended that Mr. Allen Dulles, head of the United States under-cover operations in Switzerland, be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

2. On a mission for the Office of Strategic Services, Allen Dulles, arrived in Switzerland on or about 11 November 1942. He assembled a staff consisting of four assistants, two secretaries and a code clerk. With this nucleus, supplemented from time to time by American aviators interned in Switzerland, Mr. Dulles organized what became, within a very brief span, the foremost unit for espionage in the annals of under-cover operations conducted in connection with the United States Army.

3. Within a year an intelligence system consisting of sixteen (16) distinct chains and employing more than three hundred (300)

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Dulles, Allen (cont)

3 October 1944

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8. For the past two years Mr. Dulles has carried out his assignment under extremely hazardous conditions. Although under constant observation by enemy agents, he was able to perform the duties assigned to him in a manner reflecting great credit to himself and the service. According to the reports of American aviators, who,

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Dulles, Allen (cont)

3 October 1944

while interned in Switzerland worked as code clerks, radio operators and at other duties under his direction, Mr. Dulles, by his conduct and bearing at all times, set an unparalleled example of courage and devotion to duty. No personal sacrifice has ever been too great for him to make in the accomplishment of his objectives.

9. Mr. Dulles' entire service to the Government has been honorable.

10. This recommendation is based on my personal observation and knowledge since November, 1942, and on the records of this office.

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN  
Director

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To: Col Prudden

You Magnitude would  
like this to be  
the basis for a  
recommendation for our  
Duties for "Medal for  
Freedom"

Director's Office

OSS Form 3054

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Capt House  
Citations office  
for your files

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3 October 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Lt. Putzell

Enclosed is a proposed recommendation for the  
award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Mr. Allen  
Dulles.

WILLIAM B. DERN  
Captain, AGD.



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*Dulles*

3rd Ind.

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES, Washington, D. C., 24 July 1945

TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Mr. Allan Dulles has served the United States with unusual distinction.

2. It is therefore recommended that the award of the Medal for Merit be approved.

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN  
Major General, USA  
Director

*To D/A Branch  
The adjutant general's office  
27 July 45*

*Notify Mr. Cleveland on ext. 743  
when action is received.*

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HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER  
Office of the AC of S, G-2

200.6 (GBI/OPS/EXEC)

(Main) APO 757  
13 November 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Medal for Merit.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters United States Forces, European Theater (Main), APO 757, U. S. Army.

1. a. It is recommended that Allen Welsh Dulles, civilian, Office of Strategic Services, be awarded the Medal for Merit.

b. Mr. Dulles was serving as Chief of the OSS Mission to Germany, U. S. Forces, European Theater, at the time of the service for which this award is recommended.

c. Name and address of nearest relative:

Mrs. Clover Dulles (wife)  
Lloyd's Neck  
Huntington, Long Island, N. Y.

d. Entered military service from New York.

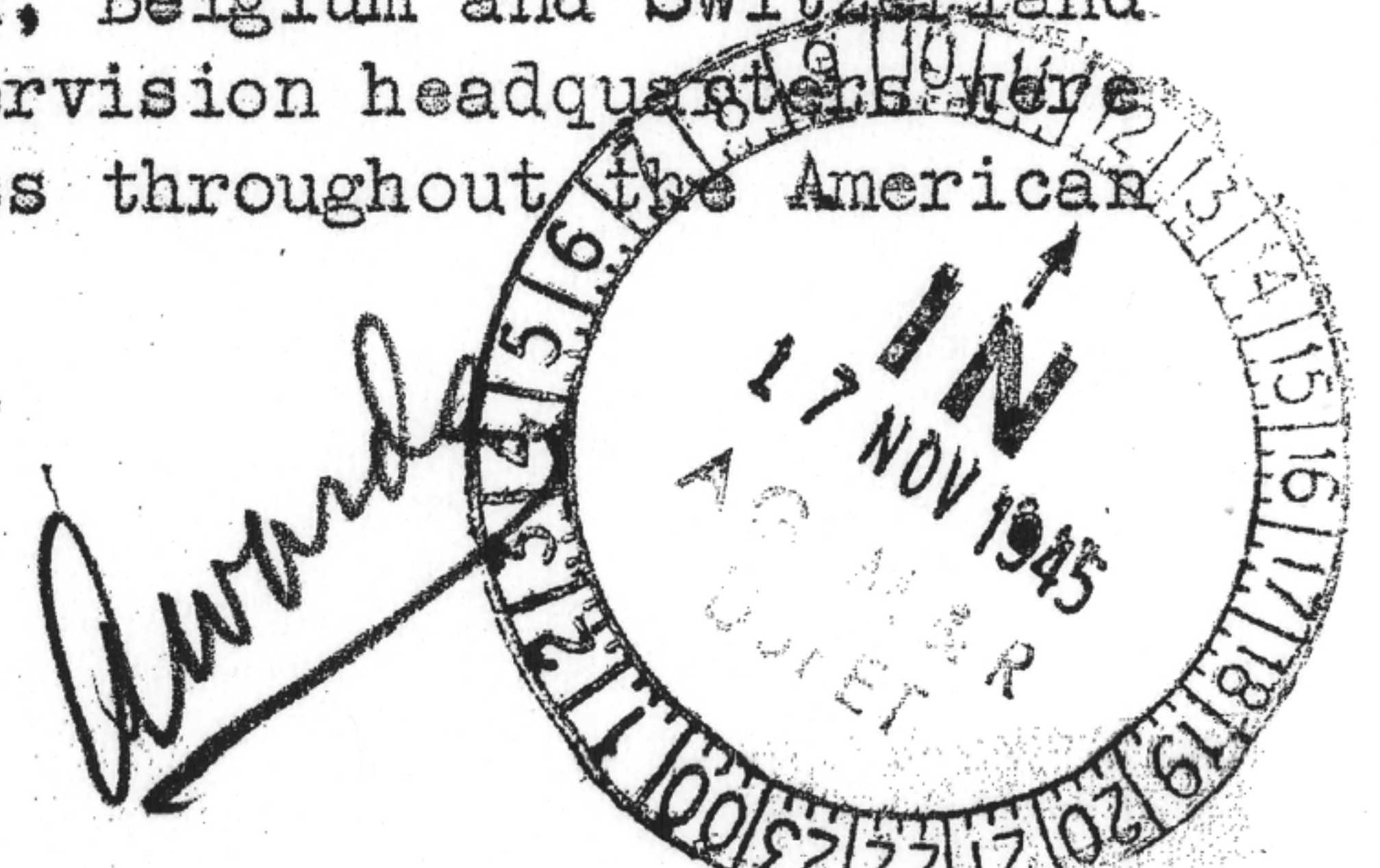
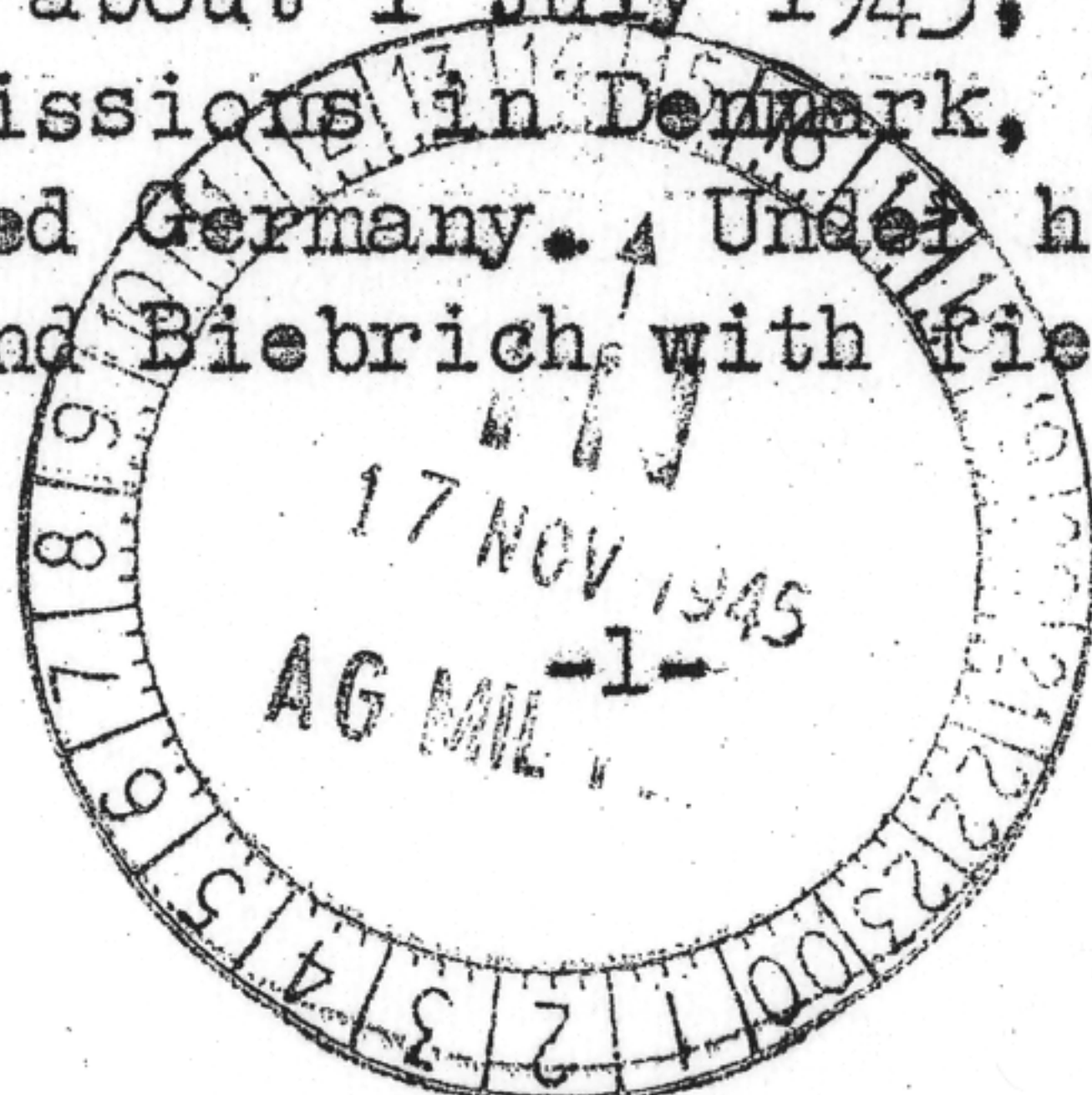
e. Decorations previously awarded: None.

f. The entire service of Mr. Dulles has been honorable since the rendition by him of the service upon which this recommendation is based.

g. Similar recommendation for this individual has not been previously submitted.

2. The officer recommending this award has personal knowledge of the service upon which this recommendation is based.

3. a. Mr. Dulles, while serving with the U. S. Forces, European Theater, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Mr. Dulles acted as Chief of the OSS Mission to Germany from about 1 July 1945, to October 1945, and directed the activities of OSS Missions in Denmark, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland insofar as they concerned Germany. Under his supervision headquarters were established at Berlin and Biebrich with field units throughout the American





zone and a Mission in Prague, Czechoslovakia, which reported directly to him. The organization was set up to produce intelligence on conditions confronting the organizational authorities with primary emphasis on political, economic and social matters. This resulted in a flow of a large volume of most valuable intelligence and the submission of numerous special studies to the Deputy Military Governor, the Political Advisor, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, USFET, the Director of Intelligence, US Group Control Council (Germany) and to various other divisions of USFET and US Group Control Council (Germany). In addition Mr. Dulles directed extensive investigations which resulted in the submission to the Military Governor and the divisions of the US Group Control Council of a great amount of information on German personalities qualified as consultants to the American authorities and ultimately for posts in central German ministries operating under the Allied Control Authority.

As a result of Mr. Dulles' leadership and intimate knowledge of conditions in Nazi Germany acquired through his work in Switzerland during the war, an outstanding intelligence contribution was made to the solution of problems facing American authorities in Germany. A sound organization has also been established through his guidance and efforts for the continuing production of intelligence on Germany on a long-range basis.

*Edwin L. Sibert*  
EDWIN L. SIBERT,  
Brigadier General, GSC  
AC of S, G-2



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HEADQUARTERS, U.S. FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER

Allen Dulles

FILE NO: Recommendation for Award of Medal for Merit--

SUBJECT: Dulles, Allen Welsh, Civ.

DATE 29 Nov 1945

(Number each memo or minute consecutively. Fill in each column, signed legibly draw a line across the sheet. Use entire width of sheet for long memoranda.)

No.	From	Pass to	Date	HAS THIS PAPER BEEN COORDINATED WITH ALL CONCERNED?
1.	SSU, WD Det USFET Main	AC of S G-2 USFET Main  Thru: Colonel Sassard	29 Nov 1945	<p>1. Awards and Decorations Section has approached me unofficially with regard to the Medal for Merit recommended for Mr. Dulles by General Sibert.</p> <p>2. They state that while they will forward this recommendation to the War Department if so desired, they feel sure (a) that it will be turned down flatly in its present form, and (b) that a future recommendation for such an award might not be favorably considered in view of an earlier disapproval.</p> <p>3. I pointed out that unfortunately many of our personnel who were most intimately connected with Mr. Dulles' work and who consequently were most qualified to write up a detailed recommendation were now in the States.</p> <p>4. Awards and Decorations suggested unofficially that the best approach would probably be to have General Sibert write a strong letter to General Magruder recommending that Washington submit a detailed recommendation for an appropriate award to the War Department.</p> <p>5. Would you indicate to this office whether you desire that the processing of the present recommendation be continued or whether you think the alternative suggestion a better one.</p> <p>Earle J. Carleton EARLE J. CARLETON Major, F.A. SSU Representative, USFET</p> <p>Incl- Ltr of recommendation for Medal for Merit, 13 Nov 45</p> <p>I strongly endorse this idea.</p> <p>Current citation submitted to W.D. Aug 15, + covered letter 23 Feb 45 to 9 May 45 RF.</p>

Tel: Frankfurt 2-2212

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Recommendation for Award of Medal for Merit--  
Dulles, Allen Welsh, Civ.

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EARLE J. CARLETON  
Major, F.A.  
SSU Representative, USFET

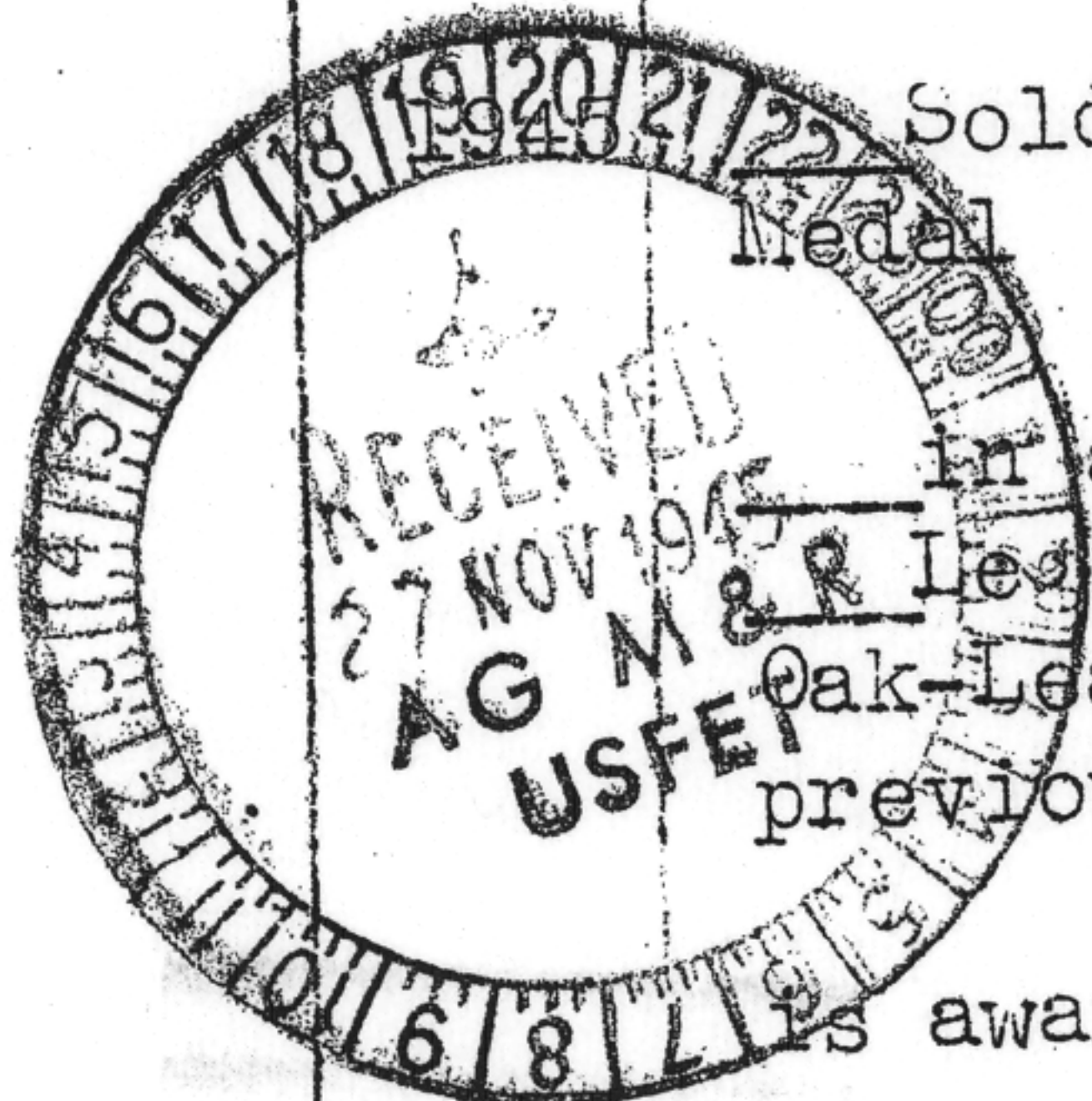
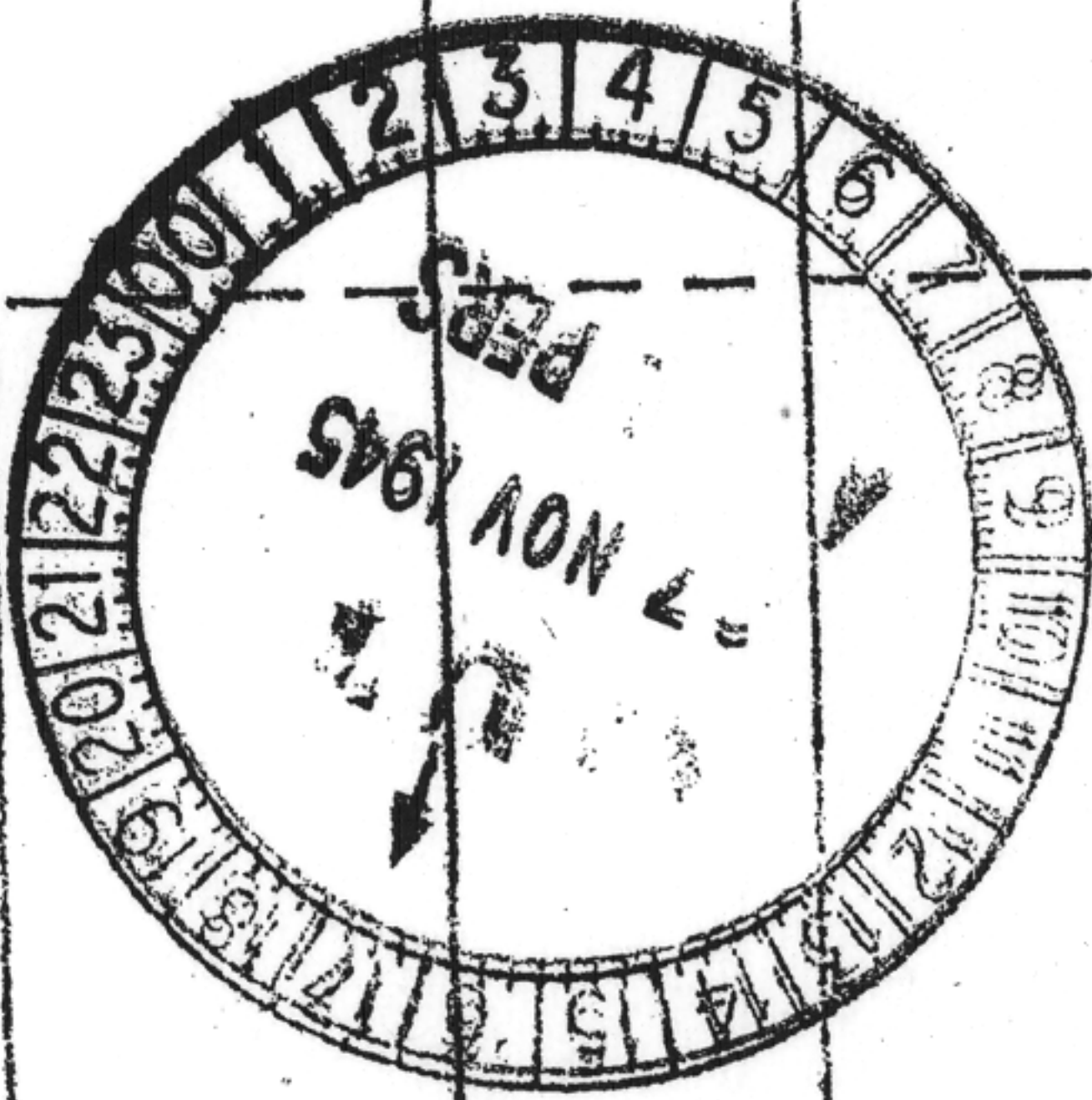


Dulles, Allen W.

Material sent to D.O. 1/17/46  
with rec. on Shepardson & Murphy  
- see ~~letter~~ memo 1/16/46 to Pruden  
in W. H. Shepardson's file - all



FROM	TO	DATE	SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Medal for Merit. <del>200-63xxx</del> 201- Dulles, Allen Welsh (Civ)
1. AG Mil Pers (Main)	G-1	27 Nov 1945	For review.  For the Adjutant General:  D. R. TOOLE Major, A. G. D., Assistant Adjutant General  1 Incl-as stated above in "Subject".
2.			
3. AG Mil Pers	AG Pub		By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the  Soldier's Medal <u>      </u> Purple Heart <u>      </u> Bronze Star Medal <u>      </u> Legion of Merit <u>      </u> Medal of Freedom  In addition to the <u>      </u> Bronze Star Medal and <u>      </u> Legion of Merit previously awarded <u>      </u> a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster <u>      </u> and one Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:  Published in USFET GO #  INITIALS





AGPD-B 095 Dulles, Allan W  
(3 Sep 46) Civilian

*40 John Foster Dulles  
48 Wall Street  
NYC*

Medal for Merit

9 September 1946

Director  
Strategic Services Unit  
25th & E Streets, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

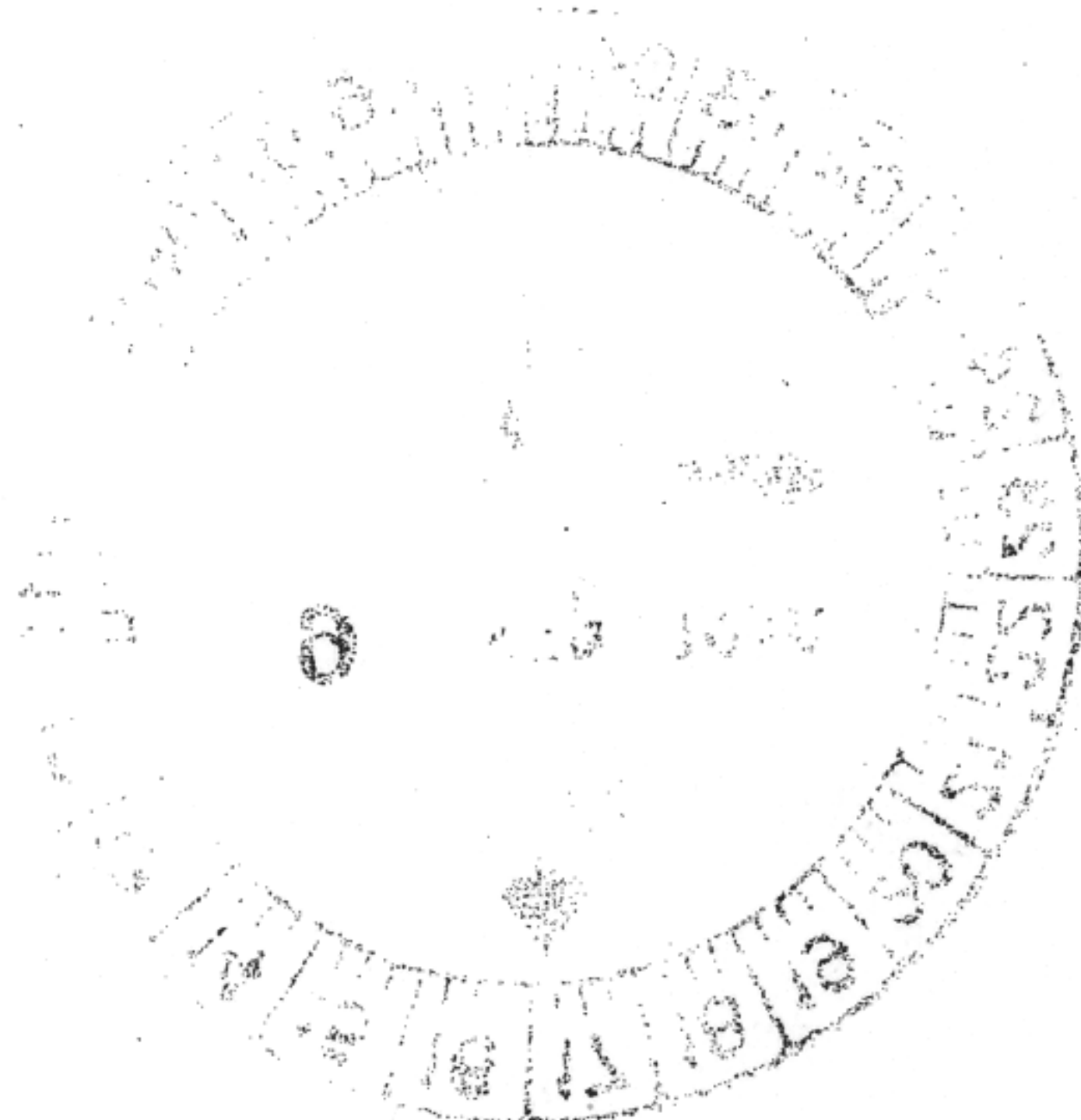
1. Reference is made to recommendation that the Medal for Merit be awarded to Mr. Allan W. Dulles, United States Civilian, for his services from November 1942 to October 1945.
2. The recommendation referred to above has been approved for the award of the Medal for Merit by the President and the Medal for Merit Board has transmitted to the War Department the Medal, citation and certificate which are inclosed for presentation to Mr. Dulles.
3. It is requested that this office be notified as to the time and place of presentation.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. N. Gardner

Adjutant General

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Citation  
Certificate  
Medal for Merit medal





AGPD-B 095 Dulles, Allen W.  
(9 Oct 46) U.S. Civilian

Medal for Merit

9 October 1946

Director  
Strategic Services Unit  
25th & E Streets, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

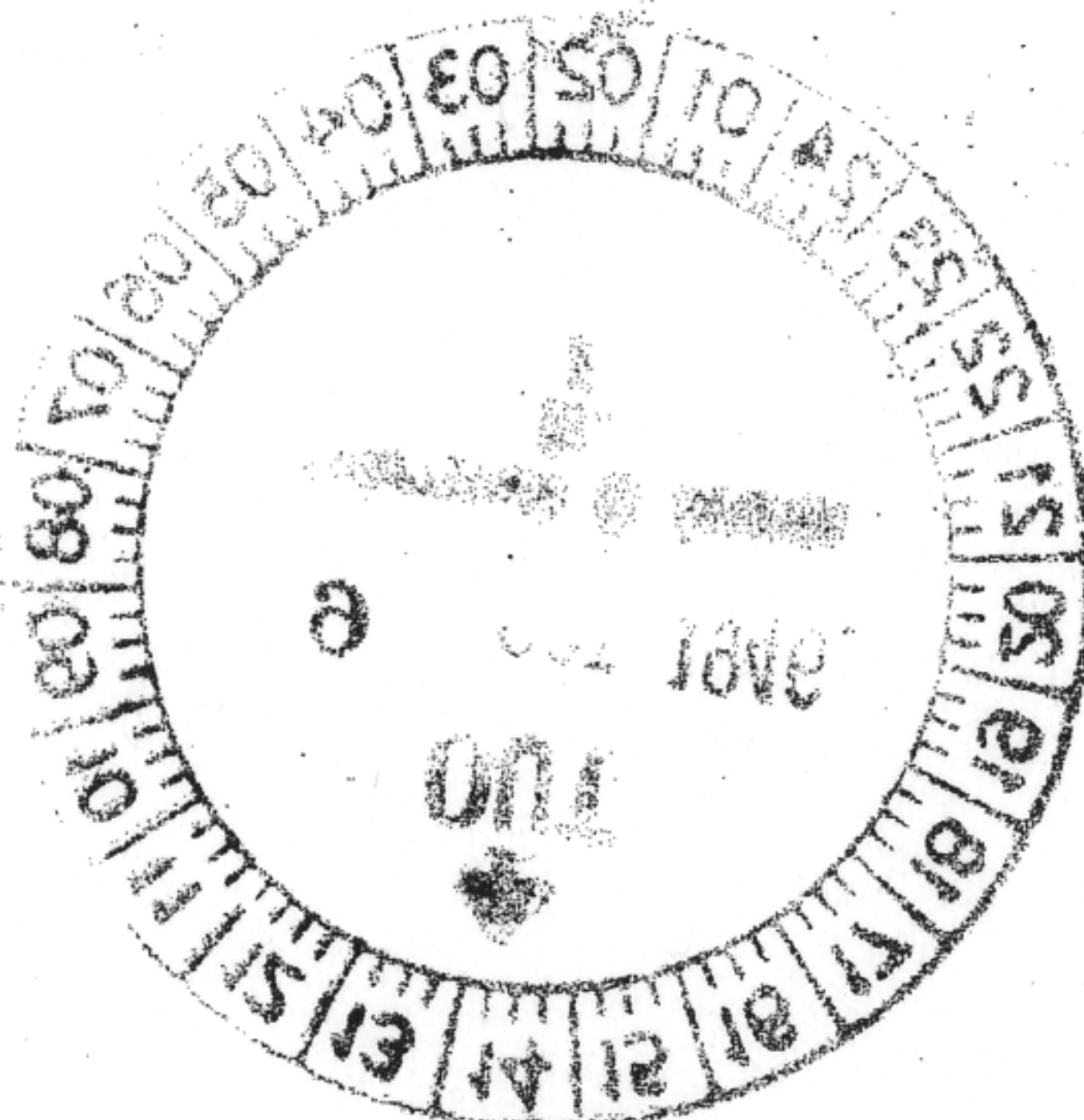
1. In compliance with letter from this office dated 9 September 1946 authorizing presentation of the Medal for Merit to Mr. Allen W. Dulles, there are inclosed herewith a corrected citation and certificate for presentation to Mr. Dulles.

2. It is requested this office be notified as to the time and place of presentation. O.K.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

2 Incls  
Citation  
Certificate

E. N. Gardner  
Adjutant General





AGPD-B 095 Dulles, Allan W  
(3 Sep 46) Civilian

*cf John Foster Dulles  
48 Wall Street  
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Medal for Merit

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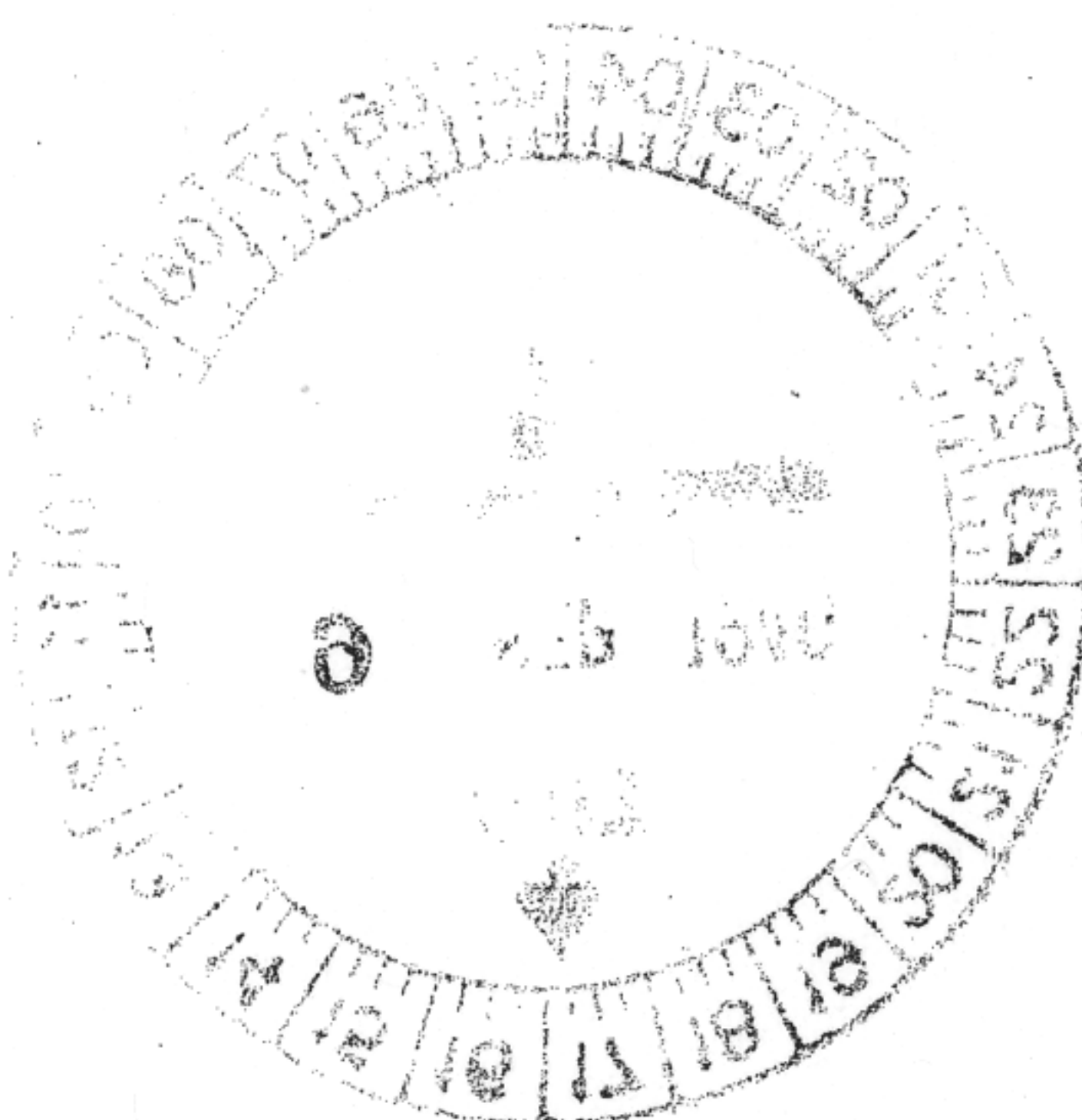
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. N. Gardner

Adjutant General

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Citation  
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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE MEDAL FOR MERIT

TO

ALLAN W. DULLES

ALLAN W. DULLES, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Chief of the foremost under-cover operations conducted by the Office of Strategic Services on behalf of the United States Government from November 1942 to October 1945. Mr. Dulles, within a year, effectively built up an intelligence network employing hundreds of informants and operatives, reaching into Germany, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, and North Africa, and completely covering France, Italy, and Austria. He assisted in the formation of various Maquis groups in France and supported the Italian partisan groups both financially and by pin-pointing airdrops for supplies. The exceptional worth of his reports on bombing targets and troup movements both by land and sea was recognized by diplomatic, military, and naval agencies of the United States Government. Particularly notable achievements by Mr. Dulles were first reports, as early as August 1943, of the existence of a German experimental laboratory at Peenemunde for the testing of a rocket bomb, his report on the flooding of the Belgian and Dutch coastal areas long before similar information came in from other sources, his report on rocket bomb installations in the Pas de Calais, and his reports on damage inflicted by the Allied Air Forces as a result of raids on Berlin and other German, Italian, and Balkan cities, which were forwarded within two or three days of the operations. Mr. Dulles by his superior diplomacy and efficiency built up for the United States enormous prestige among leading figures of occupied nations taking refuge in Switzerland. He carried out his assignments in extremely hazardous conditions, and despite the constant observation of enemy agents was able to fulfill his duties in a manner reflecting the utmost credit on himself and his country. After the German collapse, Mr. Dulles headed the Office of Strategic Services Mission in Germany, which supplied highly important and essential intelligence to American Military Government, occupation, and diplomatic offices in the difficult post-hostilities period. His courage, rare initiative, exceptional ability, and wisdom provided an inspiration for those who worked with him and materially furthered the war effort of the United Nations.



13 September 1946

Mr. Allan W. Dulles  
c/o Sullivan & Cromwell  
48 Wall Street  
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Dulles:

It is a pleasure to inform you that this office is today in receipt of your Medal for Merit award from the War Department.

We should like very much to make presentation of this award to you here in Washington. There will be a formal presentation here, in the Director's Office, this coming Thursday, September 19th, at 9:00 AM.

If that will be a convenient date for you to make a trip to Washington, will you be good enough to let us know? The next presentation, after the September 19th one, will probably take place the first part of October.

Sincerely,

ANNA S. LESHER  
Citations Officer



SULLIVAN &amp; CROMWELL

*48 Wall Street, New York 5,*

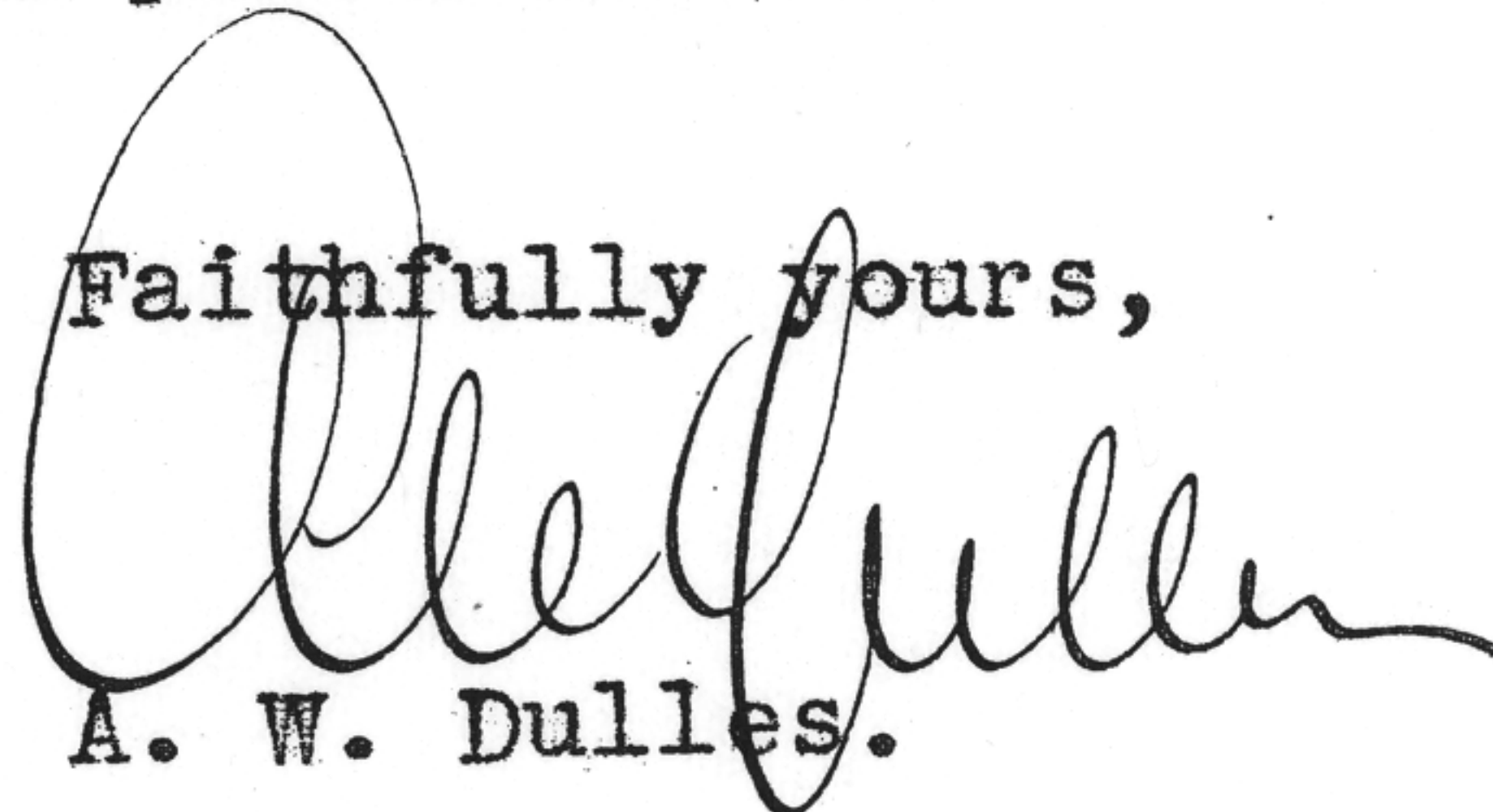
September 16, 1946

Miss Anna S. Leshner, Citations Officer,  
Office of the Assistant Secretary of War,  
Strategic Services Unit,  
25th & E Streets, N.W.,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Leshner:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13 September 1946 with regard to the award to me of the Medal for Merit. Unfortunately, in view of previous engagements here which I cannot now break, it would be impossible for me to be in Washington on Thursday next. I shall, however, get in touch with you when I am next in Washington so that a convenient date can be fixed for the presentation.

Faithfully yours,

  
A. W. Dulles.

*Material taken over to <sup>Pentagon</sup> Col. Prouden 17 Sept. 46  
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