

**The Legacy**

**of**

**Commander Elmer F. Stone, USCG**

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**Coast Guard Aviator #1**

This document is a compendium of data collected from various sources about CDR Elmer F. Stone, USCG who was designated as the first Coast Guard Aviator. His designation date was April 10, 1917.

Contained herein are photos, copies of official records, certificates and copies of official correspondence.

The originals that were used for this document are on file at the National Museum of Naval Aviation where CDR Stone is enshrined in the Hall of Honor. He is also enshrined as a member of the Coast Guard Aviation Hall of Fame, displayed at Erickson Hall, Coast Guard Aviation Training Center, Mobile, Alabama.

If you will page through and read the documents, you will be able to see a story that is pieced together from fragments of an outstanding individual's life as contained on paper and in photos.

This document does not do justice to an important figure in Coast Guard History.



CAPTAIN COMMANDANT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1910.

Mr. Elmer F. Stone,  
#100 Redgate Avenue,  
Norfolk, Va.

Sir:

You are informed that you have passed the recent examination for cadet in the Revenue-Cutter Service, having obtained a general average of 85.61 per cent. Your standing was number one on the list of candidates.

Your appointment as a cadet in the Revenue-Cutter Service will be sent you in the near future.

Respectfully,

Captain Commandant.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY -

WASHINGTON

April 26, 1910.

Mr. Elmer F. Stone,  
#100 Redgate Ave.,  
Norfolk, Va.

Sir:

By virtue of authority vested in me by the Act of Congress approved July 31, 1896, you are hereby appointed a Cadet in the Revenue Cutter Service of the United States to take effect from date of oath.

Respectfully,

  
Acting Secretary.

C. L.

H.



**Class of 1913  
U. S. Coast Guard Academy**

**Back Row (L to R): Coyle Von Paulsen MacLane Donohoe Frost  
Smith Carr Gorman Dodd (Did not graduate)**

**Middle Row: Rose Kellhorn Hall Rupertus (Transferred to USMC)**

**Front Row: Stone Brown Whitbeck**

**Taken in New London aboard USRC Itasca**



L to R: Gordon Whiting MacLane - Henry Coyle - Elmer F. Stone  
Aboard Cutter Itasca

Copy

Office of  
Assistant Secretary

TREASURY DEPARTMENT 0332

Washington, June 24, 1915.

Captain B.M. Chiswell,  
Commanding Coast Guard Cutter ONONDAGA,  
Norfolk, Va.

Subject: Commandation in connection  
with rescue of crew of schooner C.C. WEHRUM.

Sir:

1. The Department has received your report of the 4th instant relative to the rescue of the crew of the schooner C.C. WEHRUM, off False Cape, Virginia, on that date. It appears that this schooner was lumber-laden and water-logged and lay at anchor four miles north of the False Cape gas buoy; that a fresh north gale was blowing; that the crew had taken refuge from the storm in lee of the cabin house and in the lazarette, that their clothing had been drenched with water for some forty-eight hours and that they had had nothing to eat for that length of time.

2. In order to rescue these men it was necessary to bring the ONONDAGA to windward of the schooner and pour oil upon the seas so as to make it possible to lower a boat. You then ran around to leeward of the wreck while the boat's crew pulled under the stern of the schooner and took off the crew of seven men, one by one, as they crawled out over the spanker boom and dropped into the ship's boat. The boat

then pulled alongside the ONONDAGA and was hoisted without mishap.

3. The skill and judgment which you displayed in the handling of the ONONDAGA on this occasion reflects great credit upon the service to which you belong and stamps you as a man of that resourcefulness that overcomes obstacles. The Department wishes to compliment you upon the manner in which you met this emergency.

4. The Department also wishes to compliment Third Lieut. E.F. Stone and his boat's crew, consisting of Signal Quartermaster H.L.E. Petersen, Assistant Master-at-Arms E. Olsen, Quartermaster R.Grady, Coxswain R.Smith, Seaman C.Nor and Seaman H.Krotoschin, upon the skill and judgment displayed by each and every one of them in effecting the more hazardous part of this work and in so managing the boat that the rescue was attended by no mishap whatever. The mere reading of their names and rates shows that this was a picked crew and their achievement shows that they were well chosen. The officer and each man named herein receives the special commendation of the Department.

Respectfully,

BYRON R. NEWTON,

Assistant Secretary.





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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON March 21, 1916.

Third Lieutenant E.F. Stone,  
Coast Guard Cutter ONONDAGA,  
Norfolk, Va.

Subject: Instructions in relation to  
aviation.

Sir:

Referring to orders of this date, assigning you to special  
duty at Norfolk, Va., you will be governed by the following:

(1) You will investigate aviation matters  
having a bearing upon the Coast Guard, giving  
special attention to those phases of aviation  
that have a direct bearing upon assistance to  
vessels in distress and search for derelicts.

(2) You will keep in touch with the command-  
ing officer of the ONONDAGA and will confer and  
cooperate with him in such matters as involve  
the use of air craft in conjunction with the  
usual activities of the Coast Guard.

(3) This office will have no objection  
to your taking a course of aviation, provided  
that it will not interfere with your duties as  
outlined above and that the Government shall be  
put to no expense thereby.

(4) You will submit reports of your pro-  
gress and results at the end of each quarter.

Old Point Va. March 23, 1916 Respectfully,

Received and delivered 5:00 pm this  
date.

J. F. Hottel  
Temporarily Comdg.

Captain Commandant.



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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON March 29, 1916.

Third Lieutenant E.F. Stone,  
Coast Guard Cutter ONONDAGA,  
Norfolk, Va.

Subject: Duties in connection with  
aviation.

Sir:

Referring to orders assigning you to instruction in  
aviation at the Naval Aeronautic Station, Pensacola, Fla.,  
while on that assignment you will comply with and be subject  
to such rules and discipline as may be prescribed by the  
Commandant of that station for officers undergoing instruction  
and training in aviation.

Respectfully,

*E. F. North*  
Captain Commandant

1st Indorsement.

Norfolk, Va., March 30, 1916. Received and delivered at 10.30  
a.m. this date/

*W. J. ...*  
Commanding

2nd Indorsement

Norfolk, Va., March 30, 1916. Received at  
10:30 a.m. this date

*E. F. Stone, 3rd Lieut*



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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON September 1, 1916.

Third Lieutenant E. P. Stone,  
Naval Aeronautic Station,  
Pensacola, Fla.

Subject: Appointment as student  
aviator, Lieut Stone.

Sir:

You are hereby appointed a student aviator and you are directed to continue the aviation duty to which you were assigned by Headquarters order of March 29, 1916.

You are entitled to an increase of 35% in your compensation and a like increase in your allowances for commutation of quarters, heat and light, from and including this date.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Bertholf*  
Captain Commandant.

IN REPLY REFER TO

NO. 41-237

Pe. **U. S. NAVY AERONAUTIC STATION,  
PENSACOLA, FLA.**

April 10, 1917.

From: Commandant  
To: Third Lieut. E. F. Stone, U.S.C.G.

Subject: Orders as Naval Aviator.

1. You are hereby designated as Naval Aviator and detailed for duty involving actual flying in aircraft, including balloons, dirigibles, and aeroplanes, in accordance with an Act of Congress approved March 3, 1915 and Aug. 29, 1916.

2. Return these orders for forwarding to the Navy Department for confirmation.

*J. L. Jayne*

Pe. 41-237 1st endorsement May 3, 1917.

From: Third Lieut. E. F. Stone, U.S.C.G.  
To: Commandant.

1. Received this date and returned.

*E. F. Stone*

Pe. 41-237 2nd endorsement May 3, 1917.

From: Commandant  
To: Secretary of the Navy (Bureau of Navigation)  
Via: Navy Department (Operations-Material).

1. Forwarded. The Department's approval of these orders is requested.

2. Aeronautic Station letter No. 41-237 of even date explains the reason for issue.

*J. L. Jayne*

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
APPROVED MAY 10 1917  
*Joseph Daniel*  
Secretary.

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C.A.  
B.D.M.



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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON May 8, 1917.

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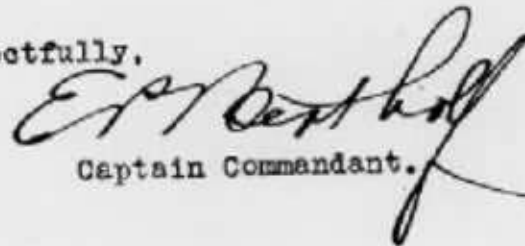
Third Lieutenant E.F. Stone,  
Navy Aeronautic Station,  
Pensacola, Fla.

Subject: Increase in pay.

Sir:

Having qualified as a naval aviator on April 10, 1917, and having been continuously on duty involving actual flying since that date, you are entitled to an increase of fifty per cent upon your pay and allowances from and including that date.

Respectfully,

  
Captain Commandant.

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1917.

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1433 J-4

To: Third Lieutenant  
Elmer F. Stone, U.S.O.G.,  
U.S.S. Huntington,  
(Commanding Officer)

RECEIVED  
OCT 16 1917

SUBJECT: Detached Huntington; to temporary duty in command Naval Air Station, Rockaway, LI, N.Y. and duty at that station as seaplane officer.

1. You are hereby detached from duty on board the Huntington; will proceed to New York, N.Y. and report to the Commandant of the Third Naval District for temporary duty in command of the Naval Air Station, Rockaway, Long Island, New York, until the arrival of a regularly designated Commanding Officer, then you will report to that officer for duty at that Station as Seaplane officer.

2. This employment on shore duty is required by the public interests.

*Jacques Dainel*

Navy Yard, New York

OCT 14 1917

Reported,

*N. H. [Signature]*  
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.

Copy to:-

Op-Air

USCG

Commander, Cruiser Force, Atl. Fleet.

Commandant Third Naval District

(Confirming despatch)

Naval Air Station 1st Indorsement  
Rockaway Beach, N.Y. Oct. 18, 1917.  
Received. E. F. Stone

and Indorsement

U.S. Naval Air Station, Rockaway Beach, L.I., N. Y.

Oct. 27, 1917. Reported as duplicate of previous

W. G. Child

Commander

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MAY 19 1918  
NAVAL AIR STATION,  
ROCKAWAY BEACH,  
N. Y.

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY ADDRESS  
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
AND REFER TO NO.

14835-9

N-31/6LN  
MAY 15 1918

To: 3rd Lieutenant  
Elmer F. Stone, U.S.C.G.,  
Naval Air Station,  
Rockaway, L.I., N.Y.  
(Commanding Officer)  
(Commandant, Third Naval District)

SUBJECT: Change of duty.

1. You will regard yourself detached from your present station, and from such other duty as may have been assigned you; will proceed and report for duty in accordance with following instructions; this employment on shore duty being required by the public interests: ←-118

To Washington, D.C. and report to the Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, Navy Department, for such duty as may be assigned you at said Bureau.

Your designation as a Naval Aviator will remain in force until specifically revoked.

*J. P. ...*

Copy to:

HIS

Captain Commandant  
Coast Guard  
Operations (Aviation)  
C & R



Inter-Endorsement: New York, N.Y. 18 May 1918

ST/ENB/EJM

From: The Commandant, Third Naval District,  
To: Third Lieutenant, Elmer F. Stone, U.S.C.G.,  
Via: Officer-in-Command, Naval Air Station,  
Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.

1. Forwarded.

*Elmer F. Stone*  
By direction  
Assistant to Commandant.

2nd Endorsement.

NAVAL AIR STATION,  
ROCKAWAY BEACH, L. I., N. Y.

20 May 1918.

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Third Lieut. E. F. Stone, USCG.

1. Delivered, detached.

*E. F. Stone*

3rd Indorsement. Naval Air Station, Rockaway Beach, N.Y.

25 May, 1918

Received at 1:00 p.m.,

*E. F. Stone*

No. 18694-A

4th Endorsement.

Rz

Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.  
May 27, 1918

1. Reported.

*D. W. Miller*  
Chief Constructor, U.S.N.,  
Chief of Bureau.



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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
AND REFER TO NO.

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12385-11

JUN 10 1918

To: 3rd Lieutenant  
Elmer F. Stone, U.S.C.G.,  
Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department.  
(Chief of Bureau)

Subject: Repeated travel.

1. You are hereby authorized to perform such travel between the following places, from time to time, as may be necessary for the purpose indicated below, this being in addition to your present duties:

Between Washington, D.C., and such places within a radius of 500 miles thereof, and Miami, Florida, as may be necessary in connection with the inspection and trials of sea planes.

2. Keep a memorandum of the travel so performed and submit the same to the Department from time to time for approval in accordance with Article 4498, U. S. Naval Regulations, 1913.

3. For repeated travel under these orders actual expenses only will be allowed.

4. This authority for repeated travel, if not previously terminated by competent authority, shall cease to be operative one year from date. Should a renewal of this authority be considered necessary you will, at a sufficient time before the expiration thereof, notify the Bureau of Navigation to that effect, giving your reasons why a renewal should be granted.

5. Attention is invited to General Order No. 140, dated Aug. 31, 1916, regarding the use of transportation requests and mileage.

*Josephine Daniels*

No. 18694

1st Endorsement.  
Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

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1. Delivered.

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Chief Constructor, U.S.N.,  
Chief of Bureau.

2nd Endorsement  
Washington D.C.

*June 11, 1918*  
*Received*  
*E. H. Stone*

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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

In reply refer to No.  
14335-12  
N-31/Dr

June 18, 1918.

To: 3rd Lieutenant  
Elmer F. Stone, U.S.C.G.  
Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department.  
(Chief of Bureau)

Subject: Temporary additional duty.

1. Proceed to the place (or places—in the order given) indicated below, for temporary duty. This is in addition to your present duties and upon the completion thereof you will return to your station:

To Keyport, N.J.; thence Port Washington,  
L.I., N.Y.

*Geo. J. ...*

No. 18694-A 1st Endorsement. R2  
Bureau Construction and Repair, Navy Department, Washington, DC.  
June 20, 1918

1. Delivered.

*Outmanly*

Chief Constructor, U.S.N., Chief of Bureau?

(Confirming oral instructions of June 7, 1918)

NOTE.—Attention is invited to Article 702, Instructions to Navy Regulations, 1913.

Copy to: C&R

(Copy to ...)

No. 18694-A

2nd Endorsement

BA

Bureau of Construction & Repair  
Navy Dept., Washington, D.C.

- |                          |              |            |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. Left Washington, D.C. | June 8, 1918 | 12:20 A.M. |
| Arrived Keyport          | " " "        | 10:40 A.M. |
| Left Keyport             | " " "        | 5:00 P.M.  |
| Arrived Port Wash.       | " 9 "        | 10:00 A.M. |
| Left " "                 | " 15 "       | 3:00 P.M.  |
| Arrived Keyport          | " 16 "       | 1:00 A.M.  |
| Left Keyport             | " 16 "       | 6:00 P.M.  |
| Arrived Washington D.C.  | " 17 "       | 7:00 A.M.  |

*E. F. Stone*

3rd Lieutenant, U.S.O.C.

No. 18694-A

3rd Endorsement

BA

Bureau of Construction & Repair  
Navy Dept., Washington, D.C.

- Returned and resumed regular duties June 17, 1918 at 10:00 A.M.

*R. H. Stone*

Chief Constructor, U.S.N.  
Chief of Bureau.

(Copies) Bu. C. & R.

18694-A  
6/21 1918

## NAVY DEPARTMENT,

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.18694-A (A)  
Refer to No-2-4MEMORANDUM.

March 19, 1919.

To: Chief of Naval Operations (Aviation).  
ATTENTION: Comdr. J.H. Towers, U.S.N.Subject: Trans-Atlantic Flight - temporary duty of  
Lieut. Stone, C.G., in connection with.

Reference: (a) Comdr. Towers' Memo. of Mar. 18/19, Op. Air: 068-A-155.

1. Confirming conversation between Lieut. Comdr. G. Fulton, (C.C.), U.S.N., and Comdr. J.H. Towers, U.S.N., and in accordance with request contained in reference (a), the duties of Lieut. Stone will be arranged so that he will be available to proceed to Hookaway on short notice any time after March 19th, 1919, for work in connection with the tests of the NC type of seaplanes preparatory to the Trans-Atlantic Flight.
2. The Bureau of Construction and Repair will be glad to furnish the services of Lieut. Stone for this work without formal orders and agree not to call on Lieut. Stone for any duty which will interfere with his work under the direction of the Office of Naval Operations (Aviation), in connection with preparations for the Trans-Atlantic Flight. If it develops that there is test work to be performed for this Bureau at Hookaway, or at some locality near Hookaway, the Bureau may feel that Lieut. Stone's services are required, but it is understood that this matter will be taken up with representatives of the Office of Naval Operations (Aviation), and that it will not be permitted to interfere with the Trans-Atlantic work.
3. If Lieut. Stone is to make the Trans-Atlantic Flight and special orders are required, the Bureau will be glad to consent to his temporary detachment from the Bureau for this duty, but requests that the orders be delayed as long as possible and that when issued they be so worded that Lieut. Stone will return to this Bureau for duty upon completion of the Trans-Atlantic Flight.

Copy to:  
Lieut. Stone C.G.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON  
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E3/Vg

April 21, 1919.

To: First Lieutenant  
Elmer F. Stone, U.S.C.G.,  
Bureau of Construction & Repair,  
Navy Department.  
(Chief of Bureau)

SUBJECT: Detached Bureau of Construction &  
Repair, Navy Department; to duty  
in connection with the Trans-Atlantic  
Flight.

1. You are hereby detached from duty in the Bureau of Construction & Repair, Navy Department, and from such other duty as may have been assigned you; will proceed to such place as the NC Seaplane Division One may be, and will report to the Commander, NC Seaplane Division One, for duty in connection with the Trans-Atlantic flight.

2. While assigned to duty with a NC type Seaplane in regular commission, your status will be the same as an officer assigned to a sea-going ship of the Navy.

3. Your designation as a Naval Aviator remains in force until specifically revoked.

MAY 1 1919

/s/ Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Acting.

NAVY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF NAVIGATION

Certified to be a true copy.

*A. S. Beaumont*  
By direction Chief of Bureau.

Copy to:

Operations  
C & R.  
Commoore Comdt., U.S.C.G.



1st Endorsement  
Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

May 1, 1919.

1. Delivered. Detached this date.

*J. B. Bennett*  
By direction.

2nd Endorsement.

Bureau of Construction and Repair  
May 1st. Washington D.C.  
May 1, 1919.

1. Received  
Lt. Washington D.C. E. F. Stone

NO SEAPLANE DIVISION ONE, ROCKAWAY BEACH, L.I.

3rd END:

May 2, 1919.

1. Reported.

*J. B. Bennett*  
Commander, U.S.N.

4TH END: NO SEAPLANE DIVISION ONE, Rockaway Beach, L.I.

May 3, 1919.

From: Commander, NC Seaplane Division One.

To: First Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, USCG.

1. You are hereby assigned to NC Seaplane No. 4 for duty.

*J. B. Bennett*  
Commander, USN.

Transportation furnished as follows.

Ticket Washington D.C. to New York, N.Y.  
transportation request No. N44052 - value \$6.78  
" " " N44053 (Pullman berth) -  
value \$2.00  
Left Washington D.C. May 1, 1919,  
Arrived Rockaway Beach, N.Y. May 2, 1919  
E. F. Stone



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**NC-4 at Rockaway Beach**

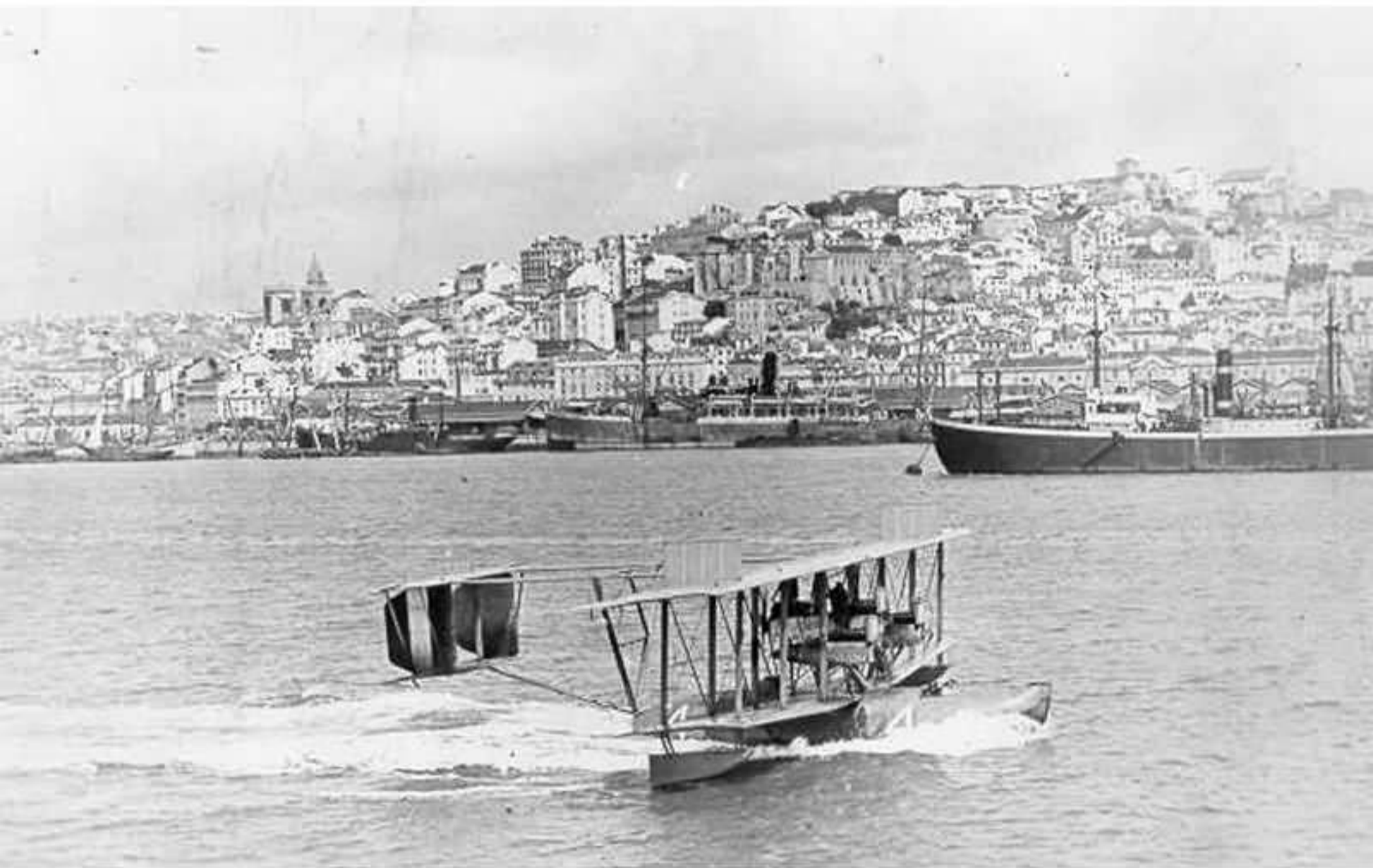


Lieut. (j. g.) W. Hinton, U. S. N.; Lieut. Commander A. C.  
Read, U. S. N.; Lieut. E. F. Stone, U. S. C. G.  
of the NC-4

#### PERSONNEL OF NC-4

Commanding Officer — Lieut. Commander A.  
C. Read, U. S. N.

Pilot — Lieut. E. F. Stone, U. S. C. G.



**NC-4 taxing on the Tagus River, Portugal**



**NC-4 Crew at Lisbon**  
**L to R: Rhoads, Breese, Hinton, Stone and Read**

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Washington, D.C. 2 July 1919

18.00

U.S. NAVAL FORCES OPERATING IN EUROPEAN WATERS.

Hoboken, N.J. U.S.S. MELVILLE FLAGSHIP

Washington D.C. CHATTANOOGA

TELEPHONE ROOM 0110.

30 GROSVENOR GARDENS - LONDON, S.W.1

Lieutenant (Pay Corps) U.S.N.

REFERENCE NO. 3-1 82253

9 June 1919.

From: Force Commander.  
To: First Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, U.S.C.G.  
U. S. Naval Headquarters, London, England.

Subject: Orders.

1. Proceed to Paris, France, and report to U. S. Staff Representative at that place, for special temporary duty.
2. This is in addition to your present duty.
3. The travel involved is required by the public interests and is hereby authorized. The Disbursing Officer, London, will arrange for your transportation.
4. Keep a memorandum of expenses incurred in travel so performed and submit claim in accordance with Navy Regulations.

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| TRANSPORTATION FURNISHED         |             |
| Date:                            | 9 June 1919 |
| From:                            | London      |
| To:                              | Paris       |
| COAST AND NAVY DEPARTMENT        |             |
| Lieutenant, Pay Corps, U.S. Navy |             |
| B. H. BROOKS                     |             |

By direction, *J. F. Thibault*

#1-5/8 Lieutenant-Commander endorsement. June 11, 1919  
OFFICE USN STAFF REPRESENTATIVE, Paris.

From: U.S.N. Staff Representative, Paris  
To: 1st Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, U.S.C.G.

1. Reported.

*J. F. Thibault*  
L. F. Thibault  
By direction.

#1-0/a

2nd endorsement  
OFFICE U.S. NAVAL STAFF REPRESENTATIVE, Paris.

14 June 1919

From: U.S. Naval Staff Representative, Paris  
To : First Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, USOC

1. Duty at Paris completed.

2. In accordance with verbal instructions received from the Force Commander you will proceed to Brest, France, and report to the Commander U.S. Naval Forces at that place for transportation to the United States.

3. On arrival in the United States you will proceed to Washington, D.C. and report to the Bureau of Navigation, then proceed to your home and await orders.

U.S. NAVY PURCHASING OFFICE  
PARIS  
TRANSPORTATION FURNISHED

From Paris  
To Brest <sup>ADT</sup> 1921/1949  
Date 14 JUN 1919

COST NOT KNOWN

H. K. Jordan, Lieut., U.S.A.  
Transportation Officer.

*[Signature]*  
By direction of Force Commander.

3rd ENDORSEMENT

16052

U.S. NAVAL FORCES OPERATING IN EUROPEAN WATERS -  
U.S.S. BRIDGEPORT, Flagship.

15 June 1919.  
FORCES IN FRANCE.  
Brest, France.

From: Commander U.S. Naval Forces in France.  
To : First Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, USOC.

Subject: Orders.

1. Reported.
2. Take passage on the U.S.S. ZEPPELIN.

*[Signature]*  
Chief of Staff

4th Endorsement.

U.S.S. ZEPPELIN.  
Brest, France.

16 June 1919.

From: Commanding Officer.  
To : First Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, USCG.

1. Reported for passage.

*W. W. Galbraith*  
W. W. GALBRAITH.

5th Endorsement.

U.S.S. ZEPPELIN  
Hoboken, N. J.

JUN 27 1919

From: Commanding Officer.  
To : First Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, USCG.

1. Detached.

*W. W. Galbraith*  
W. W. GALBRAITH.

*Left Hoboken N. J. June 28, 1919.*  
*W. W. Washington DC 6/28/19*  
*E. F. Stone*

Navy Department,  
Bureau of Navigation.  
Approved. JUN 30 1919  
Reported JUN 30 1919  
Duty Completed JUN 30 1919  
*W. W. Galbraith*  
Acting Chief of Bureau





*Photo, International Film Corp.*  
Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Asst. Secretary Roosevelt and the NC flyers, on the steps of the Navy Dept. Bldg., after being received by Secretary Daniels  
Front Row, from left to right - Lieut. Commander A. C. Read, U. S. N., of the NC-4; Secretary Daniels; Commander John H. Towers, U. S. N., of the NC-1;  
Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Lieut. Commander P. N. L. Bellinger, U. S. N., of the NC-1.  
Others of the crew of the NC planes are shown in the back.



## NAVY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON  
10816

July 2, 1919.

To: First Lieutenant  
Elmer F. Stone, U.S.C.G.,  
Corner Hall Place & Wisconsin Ave.,  
Apartment #43,  
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: To duty in Bureau of Construction  
and Repair.

1. Report immediately to the Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, for such duty as may be assigned you in that Bureau.
2. This employment on shore duty is required by the public interests.
3. Your designation as a Naval Aviator will remain in force until specifically revoked.

*Jacques Daniel*

Copy to:

C & R.  
Commodore Commandant, U.S.C.G.

*1st Indorsement*  
Washington, D.C. July 2, 1919. Received this  
date. *E. F. Stone*

In reply address not the signer of  
this letter, but Bureau of Navigation,  
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.  
Refer to No.

**NAVY DEPARTMENT**  
**BUREAU OF NAVIGATION**

N221-DBB

WASHINGTON, D. C.

23 October 1920

**From:** Bureau of Navigation.

**To:** Lt. Elmer F. Stone, USCG,  
**Vis:** Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard,  
Washington, D.C.

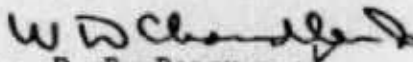
**Subject:** Transmittal of Navy Cross and Citation for  
same.

**Enclosures:** Navy Cross and Citation.

1. The Bureau takes pleasure in forwarding herewith the Navy Cross and Citation bestowed upon you in accordance with the Act of February 4, 1919.

2. A copy of the citation will be made a part of your official record.

3. Please acknowledge receipt of the cross and citation.

  
W. D. CHAMBERLY JR.  
By direction.

2nd Indorsement  
Washington D.C. Sept. 20, 1919.  
Received.  
E. F. Stone.

3rd Indorsement  
Washington D.C. Sept 20, 1919.

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Reported by letter to Commodore  
Commandant.  
E. F. Stone.

Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.,  
November 3, 1919.

1. Detached in accordance with orders of the Commandant  
of the Coast Guard, dated October 21, 1919.

J. A. Beunt

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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*R.H.*  
In reply address not the signer of  
this letter, but Bureau of Navigation,  
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.  
Refer to No.

H311-En/10. *14335-3*

15202

September 11, 1919.

To: First Lieutenant  
Elmer F. Stone, USCG.,  
Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department.

(Chief of Bureau)

SUBJECT: Relieved all duty with the Navy.

1. Report immediately to the Commodore Commandant,  
U.S. Coast Guard, for assignment.

2. Upon receipt of orders from him you will regard  
yourself detached from all duty with the Navy.

3. In issuing these orders the Bureau quotes for  
your information the following comment by the Bureau of  
Construction & Repair: "In parting with Lieutenant Stone, the  
Bureau desires to express its appreciation of the services he  
has rendered the Bureau during the war. He is not only a  
skillful pilot, but an officer of excellent judgement and  
considerable technical attainments in the line of aviation so that  
he has proved himself peculiarly fitted for the duties to which  
he has been assigned."

*See file*  
Bureau of Construction, & Repair,  
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

September 18, 1919.

1. Delivered.

*[Signature]*  
Rear Admiral  
Chief Constructor of the Navy.

Copy to: Chief of Bureau of C. & R.,  
Commodore Commandant, US Coast Guard.

18694-A (O)

1st endorsement

GJ

From: Bureau of Construction and Repair.  
To: Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, USCG.

Subject: Commendation.

1. The Bureau forwards with much pleasure the within commendation by the Navy Department of your work as pilot of the Seaplane NC-4 during the recent trans-Atlantic flight expedition and desires to state that its own experience with your previous work for the Bureau gave it every confidence that your selection for this important position would be fully justified by the outcome.

Taylor

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
AND REFER TO INITIALS  
AND NO.

~~D-111~~  
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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

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2-4-33  
TTC  
JHA  
HRS

AUG 23 1918

From: Secretary of the Navy.  
To: First Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, USCG,  
Bureau of Construction and Repair.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

1. I wish to heartily commend you for your work as Pilot of the Seaplane NC-4 during the recent trans-Atlantic flight expedition. The energy, efficiency, and courage shown by you contributed to the accomplishment of the first trans-Atlantic flight, which feat has brought honor to the American Navy and the entire American nation.

2. In the official report of the NC Seaplane Division One, the Division Commander has called attention to the very commendable manner in which you performed your duties both before and during the flight.

3. A copy of this letter will be placed on file with your official record.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*  
Acting.

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Copy to Bureau of Navigation for filing with  
official record.



2nd Indorsement.

Washington D.C. Aug 6, 1919. Received.  
E. F. Stone

3rd Indorsement

Left Washington D.C. Aug 10, 1919,  
Arrived Dayton O. McCook Field Aug 11, 1919.  
Left Dayton O. Aug 20, 1919  
Arrived Washington D.C. Aug 21, 1919.  
E. F. Stone

Transportation furnished as follows:-

|                                     |                                      |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Ticket, Washington to Dayton O      | Travel Agent # NA <del>1327805</del> | \$7.40 |
| Pullman berth " " " " " "           | " " #N1327807                        | 3.00   |
| Ticket, Dayton O to Washington D.C. | " " #N1327805                        | 7.40   |
| Pullman berth Dayton to Washington  | " " #N1327806                        | 3.00   |

E. F. Stone

No. 2.

8493

25 August 1919

In reply refer to No.

89.12 less \$40.80 - remainder \$48.32

NAVY DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C.

BUREAU OF NAVIGATION

Dayton, Ohio and return.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

1433-26  
H311/Ga

August 5, 1919.

TO: First Lieutenant  
Elmer F. Stone, U. S. C. G.,  
Bureau of Construction & Repair,  
Navy Department.  
(Chief of Bureau)

Subject: Temporary additional duty.

1. Proceed to the place (or places—in the order given) indicated below, for temporary duty. This is in addition to your present duties and upon the completion thereof you will return to your station:

To Dayton, Ohio, when directed by the Chief of the Bureau of Construction & Repair, in connection with methods of testing U. S. Army Aircraft at McCook Field.

*R. H. Leigh*  
Acting.

First Endorsement  
Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.,  
August 6, 1919.

1. Delivered. Proceed as directed.  
*J. B. Smith*  
By direction.

NOTE.—Attention is invited to Article 702, Instructions to Navy Regulations, 1913.

Copy to:  
C & R.



NAVY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

In reply address not the signer of  
this letter but Bureau of Navigation,  
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.  
Refer to No.

14 3000-25

N3/Bn

July 30, 1919.

To: First Lieutenant  
Elmer F. Stone, U.S.C.G.,  
Bureau of Construction & Repair,  
Navy Department.

(Chief of Bureau)

SUBJECT: Status while attached to NC  
Seaplane Division One.

1. You are considered to have been on sea duty for the period May 3, to June 16, 1919, the former date being that of the commissioning of the NC Seaplane Division One, and the latter date being that on which you took passage on board the USS Zeppelin at Brest, France, for the United States.

2. During this period, you were attached to either one of the seaplanes of the division, or to a mother ship, and any other duty abroad that may have been assigned you was temporary, and in addition to this duty.

*R. H. Leigh*

Acting

1st Endorsement.  
Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.  
August 6, 1919.

1. Delivered.

*J. B. Bennett*  
By direction.

**2nd Endorsement**

From: Commanding Officer,  
To: Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, U.S.C.G.

U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION  
HAMPTON ROADS, Norfolk,  
Va.

16 July 1919.

1. Reported this date.

*H. B. Grow*  
H. B. Grow,  
Acting.

**3rd Endorsement**

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION  
HAMPTON ROADS, NORFOLK, VA.  
30 July 1919.

From: Commanding Officer,  
To: Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone, USCG.

1. Detached this date; duty completed.

*H. B. Grow*  
H. B. Grow,  
Acting.

*R.L.F.*

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In reply refer to No.  
N311/V3

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 14, 1919.

To: Lieutenant  
Elmer F. Stone, U.S.C.G.,  
Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department.  
(Chief of Bureau)

Subject: Temporary additional duty.

1. Proceed to the place (or places—in the order given) indicated below, for temporary duty. This is in addition to your present duties and upon the completion thereof you will return to your station:

On July 15, 1919, to Hampton Roads, Va., for duty in connection with the trials of the MF Flying Boat, the N-1 Seaplane and the Torpedo trials of the R-9 Seaplane.

*R.L. Leigh*

Acting.

Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.,  
July 14, 1919.

1. Delivered.

*J. B. Bennett*  
By direction.

(Confirming oral instructions of July 12, 1919)

NOTE.—Attention is invited to Article 702, Instructions to Navy Regulations, 1913.

Copy to:

C&R

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Second Endorsement  
Bureau of Construction and Repair,  
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.,  
July 2, 1919.

1. Reported.

*J. S. Smith*  
By direction.



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.  
WASHINGTON.

11 November 1920.

SIR:-

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY CROSS to

LIEUTENANT KEMER F. STONE, U.S.C.G.,

for services during the World War as set forth in the following:

CITATION: "For distinguished service in the line of his profession as member of the crew of seaplane NC-4, in making the first successful trans-Atlantic flight."

For the President.

*Joseph Daniels*  
Secretary of the Navy.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1921.

Lieutenant Commander (L) W. S. Stone,  
United States Coast Guard  
Washington, D. C.

Via: Commandant.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 3, 1921, in which you request consideration of your application to take an examination for a commission in the Navy, please be advised that this Department is cognizant of all the facts in the case and does not approve of the transfer of officers from the Coast Guard to the Navy under the provisions of Section 3 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (Naval Appropriation Act).

Respectfully,

*A. W. Mellon*  
Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS

29 May, 1933.

From: Commandant.  
To: Lieutenant Commander I. F. Stone, Coast Guard Air Base,  
Cape May, N.J. (via Commander, New York Division and  
Commander, Base 9).

Subject: Commendation - assistance rendered at time of casualty  
to Navy airship AKRON and Navy dirigible J-3.

Reference: (a) Flight Report of SIRIUS dated 4 April, 1933.

1. Headquarters has noted the above reference with interest,  
and takes pleasure in commending you for landing the CG-28 (SIRIUS),  
in rough sea and forty knot west wind, and picking up the body of  
Lieutenant Commander Curmine, Commanding Officer of the Navy dirigible  
J-3.

2. A copy of this letter will be filed with your official  
record.

H. G. HAMLET.

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NEW YORK DIVISION ST 71-651 1st Indorsement.

New York, N.Y.,  
June 1, 1933.

1. It gives the Division Commander great pleasure to forward  
this letter to you.

W. H. SHAW.

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BASE 9 - 71

2nd Indorsement.

Cape May, N.J.,  
2 June, 1933.

1. Forwarded, with the congratulations of the Base Commander.

G. W. McLane.



20 March, 1934. U. S. Coast Guard.  
Base 9

FROM: Superintendent,  
TO: Lieutenant Commander E. F. Stone,  
VIA: Commander, Base NINE.

Rec'd MAR 22 1934

Ans'd .....  
CAPE MAY, N. J.

SUBJECT: Lecture delivered on Coast Guard Aviation.

1. On behalf of the officers and cadets at the ACADEMY, the Superintendent wishes to thank you for the most excellent lecture which you delivered to the personnel of the ACADEMY on 16 March, 1934.

2. Everyone said it was a very fine lecture and I am sure that the cadets derived a great deal of benefit from it and while it covered the subject in an excellent manner it was couched in such language that even the fourth-class cadets, who are not very familiar with the subject, were able to grasp it thoroughly.

3. Your lecture was considered to be one of the best that have been delivered at the ACADEMY for some time.

RE:B  
Copy to:  
HEADQUARTERS.

RANDOLPH RIDGELY, Jr.

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BASE 9 - 7607

1st Indorsement.

Cape May, N.J.

From: Commander, Base 9.  
To: Lieutenant Commander, E.F. Stone.

1. Forwarded.

G.N. Madigan.





**LCDR Elmer F. Stone 20 December 1934  
breaks the world speed record for seaplanes.**

fédération aéronautique internationale

siège social : 4, rue galvée, paris

## diplôme de record

nous soussignés certifions que le D. Commande. Elmer F. Stone  
sur amphibie Grumman *cat 2-3-167*  
de U. S. Coast Guard, moteur Wright Cyclone, a établi le 20 Décembre 1934 le  
record suivant : Vitesse sur base (308 kms 567)

— Classe C1a —

à Hampton Roads, Virginia.

le président de la F. A. I.

*Paul Tissandier*

le président de la Fédération Aéronautique Internationale

*Paul Tissandier*

le secrétaire général

*Paul Tissandier*

Certificate of the World Seaplane Speed Record  
awarded to Elmer F. Stone 20 December 1934.





HEADQUARTERS

ADDRESS THE COMMANDANT, U.S. COAST GUARD  
AND REFER TO NO.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON

11 November, 1937.

Mrs. Elmer F. Stone,  
503 Baylen Street,  
Pensacola, Florida.

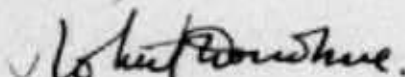
Dear Myrtice,

I am inclosing Elmer's last fitness report, which it occurs to me would be a good thing for you or his daughter to have at hand as a matter of pride. It does not speak any more highly of him than he deserved.

If there is anything I can do for you at any time up here, please let me know.

With best regards, I am

Yours very truly,



Robert Donohue.

14. To what degree has he exhibited the following qualifications? (Each line is divided into four main divisions, with a definition below each division. Consider only the definition below each line which accurately fits in regard to the subject. Having decided which definition is most suitable, place a check mark at the grading along line to which the person being marked is entitled. The grading in each main division commences at the right and increases in favorableness to the left. A check to the right of the double vertical line will be considered as an unsatisfactory (unfavorable) report. Also draw a line from top to bottom line of page passing through what you think would be the average grading in each qualification for an officer of the rank of this officer.)

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| <b>Intelligence</b><br>(With reference to the faculty of comprehension; mental acuteness.)   | ← | Groups essentials of a situation quickly.                     | Readily understands normal situations and conditions.   | Slow of comprehension; unimaginative.   |
| <b>Judgment</b><br>(With reference to a discriminating perception by which the values and relations of things is mentally ascertained.)        | ← | Can generally be depended on to make proper decisions.        | Good judgment in normal and routine things.   | Poor judgment; draws wrong conclusions.   |
| <b>Initiative</b><br>(With reference to constructive thinking and resourcefulness; ability and intelligence to act on own responsibility.)     | ← | Able to plan and execute missions on his own responsibility.  | Capable of performing normal and routine duties on own responsibility.                          | Requires constant guidance and supervision in his work, or craves responsibilities. |
| <b>Force</b><br>(With reference to moral power possessed and exerted in producing results.)  | ← | Strong.   | Effective under normal and routine circumstances.   | Weak; with little influence over others.  |
| <b>Leadership</b><br>(With reference to the faculty of directing, controlling, and influencing others in definite lines of action.)            | ← | A very good leader; attracts subordinates.                    | Leads well, but has his limitations.  | A poor leader of men; fails to attract others; does not inspire confidence.         |
| <b>Tact</b><br>(With reference to the faculty of being courteous, considerate, and sensible in dealing with others.)                           | ← | Adaptable, courteous, and successful in dealing with others.  | Reasonably tactful.   | Irritates; creates friction.  |
| <b>Cooperation</b><br>(With reference to the faculty of working harmoniously with others toward the accomplishment of common duties.)          | ← | Works in harmony with others.                                 | Responsive to leadership.   | Obstructive.  |
| <b>Loyalty</b><br>(Fidelity, faithfulness, allegiance, constancy -- all with reference to a cause and to higher authority.)                    | ← | A high sense of loyalty.                                      | Faithful in the execution of his duty.  | Hypercritical; disdainful.  |
| <b>Attention to Duty</b><br>(With reference to the faculty of carrying on all work in a thorough and conscientious manner.)                    | ← | Attends to his duty in a highly satisfactory manner.          | Satisfactory attention to duty.   | Inclined to defer or neglect his work.  |
| <b>Presence of Mind</b><br>(With reference to the faculty of acting instinctively in a logical manner in difficult and unforeseen situations.) | ← | Composed and logical in his actions in difficult situations.  | Logical in his actions in general.  | Quickly discouraged.  |
| <b>Endurance</b><br>(With reference to ability for carrying on under any and all conditions.)  | ← | Can perform well his duties under trying conditions.          | Of normal endurance.  | Tires or breaks down easily.  |
| <b>Industry</b><br>(With reference to performance of duties in an energetic manner.)   | ← | Thorough and energetic.                                       | Intermittently energetic and industrious.   | Indolent; inactive; lazy.   |
| <b>Military Bearing</b><br>(With reference to military carriage and dignity of demeanor.)  | ← | Carries himself well.   | Bearing fair.   | Unmilitary in bearing.  |
| <b>Neatness of Person and Dress</b><br>(With reference to correctness of uniform and smartness of appearance.)                                 | ← | Properly and well dressed and careful of personal appearance. | Generally neat and correct in uniform.  | Unkidy in dress or personal appearance.   |
| <b>Aptitude for Service</b><br>(With reference to a natural capacity and general fitness for the Coast Guard.)                                 | ← | Well fitted and interested.                                   | Adaptable and giving in value; or, for older officers, indifferent with improvement in routine. | Not fitted.   |

REPORT ON THE FITNESS OF OFFICERS

The following six questions are to be answered by the officer reported on:

Period covered by this report, from 1 October, 1935 to 20 (42) 21 May 1936

STONE, Elmer Fowler ; Grade Commander ; U.S.C.G.

(Surname first - other names in full)

1. Regular station or duties Commanding Officer, Air Patrol Detachment, San Diego, Calif.
2. Additional duties performed \_\_\_\_\_
3. Permanent home address 3601 Lotus Drive, San Diego, Calif.
4. Next of kin Wife M.P. Stone 3601 Lotus Drive, San Diego, Cal.  
(Relationship) (Name) (Address)
5. (a) For what class of duty have you a preference? (If more than one, state order of preference) Operation  
Sea  
(b) For what station have you a preference? (If more than one, state order of preference) San Diego  
New York
6. Proficiency in foreign languages, stating which ones, and ability therein, giving mark:  
(a) As interpreter none  
(b) As translator none  
E.F. Stone  
Signature E.F. Stone Rank Commander, USCG

Following to be made out by Reporting Officer:

7. Reporting Officer: Name R.L. JACK, Rank COMDR., U.S.C.G.
8. Reporting Officer's official status relative to officer reported on SECTION COMDR.
9. Assign marks on scale of 0-4 in appropriate subdivisions given below, and any other qualification on which observation has been sufficient to justify marking--a mark of 2.5 or less will be referred to the officer reported upon.

Present assignment 4.0 Ability to command 4.0 As Executive or Division Officer. \_\_\_\_\_

As Deck Watch Officer. — In Administration 4.0

10. Has the work of this officer been reported on either in a commendatory way or adversely during the period of this report? If so, state the substance of the report. YES
11. In case any unfavorable entries have been made by you on this report, were the deficiencies indicated hereon brought to the attention of the officer concerned while under your command and prior to the rendition of this report? If yes, what improvement, if any, was noted? NO UNFAVORABLE ENTRIES
12. Considering the possible requirements of the service in peace or war, indicate your attitude toward having this officer under your command. Would you--(1) Especially desire to have him? YES (2) Be satisfied to have him? \_\_\_\_\_ (3) Prefer not to have him? \_\_\_\_\_ (If (3)---Refer to officer for statement.)
13. Has he any weaknesses--mental, moral, physical, etc.--which adversely affect his efficiency? (If "Yes," give details.)  
No.



Report continued on STONE, Elmer Fowler

(Name)

Commander

(Rank)

20 May 1936

(Date)

REMARKS

15. Is this officer fit to perform all duties of his grade? Yes  No  If deficient in any, comment is required. Give a clear and concise estimate of this officer's personal and military character, his fitness for promotion, and state any outstanding ability along any special line. (THIS SPACE NOT TO BE LEFT BLANK). (ATTACH EXTRA SHEET IF NEEDED).

#10 Commended for prompt and efficient aid to injured man on S.S. NONATA. (9 May 1936).

Stone's qualifications can best be judged by the record of accomplishment of the UNIT he commands. Innumerable requests for aid to sick and injured seamen have been received. In each case a plane from Stone's detachment has responded promptly and in every case successfully transported the injured man safely to shore. He has also perfected a plan to warn small craft of approaching storms. The fact that crashing on this coast has practically ceased is in no small degree due to the energetic patrol of Stone's planes. Stone "does things" instead of "explaining why they can not be done".

16. Having in mind the special fitness of this officer and the efficiency of the Coast Guard, I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all entries made hereon are true and without prejudice or partiality.



Signature of Reporting Officer.

In the great loss of the Coast Guard and to his innumerable friends Commander ELMER F. STONE died in the active performance of duty on 20 May 1936

