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Naval War College
Lieutenant R. J.

June 1, '00.

Hampden, N. Y.
2d Lieut.

SUBJECT:

Informing Dept.
of date of departing
at War College.

1st Endorsement.

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE,
Newport, R. I.

Forwarded JUN -2 1900

W. Stockton
Captain, U. S. N., President.

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No. of Inclosures, None
Rec'd Division H. C. S.

JUN 5 1900



U. S. Naval War College,
Newport, R.I.

June 1st, 1900.

Honourable Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I would respectfully inform
the Department that I have this
day reported in person to the
President of the Naval War College
in obedience to Department
orders of May 22^d 1900.

Respectfully,

A. L. Hambley
2^d Lt., U.S.N.

Steamer ONONDAGA,

New York, N. Y.,

March 14, 1901.

G. Hamlet,

2d. Lieut.

SUBJECT:

Acknowledging receipt of orders to BEAR, and requesting modification of transportation order, and to be allowed to delay seven days en route.

You know this can be done if he will defray his own expenses from San Francisco

Letter March 15, 1901.

No. of Inclosures,

None.

Rec'd Division

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U. S. Steamer O N O N D A G A,
Stapleton, S. I.,

March 14, 1901.

Hon. Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.,

Sir:-

I would respectfully acknowledge the receipt of Department letter of 11 inst., detaching me from the ONONDAGA as of April 1, next, and directing me to proceed to Seattle Washington, and report in person to the Commanding Officer of the U. S. S. BEAR, for duty on that vessel, inclosing transportation orders.

I respectfully request that the transportation order be modified to read via San Francisco, Cal., and that I be allowed to delay seven days at that place en route.

Respectfully,

W. G. Hauler
2d. Lieut. R. C. S.,

Respectfully forwarded

W. C. Hart. Capt. U. S. N.
Comdr.

Mar 11/1901



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, October 12, 1903.

Lieutenant H.C. Hamlet, R.C.S.,
U. S. Steamer F E R R Y,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

1. You are detached from the PENNY and assigned to command of the ARCATA, under the direction of Captain Tozier, commanding the GRANT, to whom you will report in person for instructions, this order to take effect upon the arrival of the ARCATA at Seattle.

2. You will acknowledge the receipt hereof and advise the Department of the date of your reporting under this order.

Respectfully,

(Signed) R. B. ARMSTRONG,
Assistant Secretary.

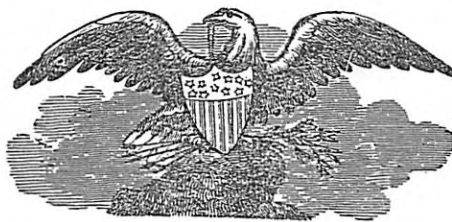
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Through Commanding Officer.

Office of the Secretary of the Treasury,
DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.
Form 26 a.

OATH OF OFFICE.



[ACT MAY 13, 1884.]

Rev. Stats. of
the U. S., 22616.

I, Harry Gabriel Hauke, having been appointed
a First Lieutenant in the Revenue
Custom Service of the United States
do solemnly Swear that I will use my best endeavors
to prevent and detect frauds against the laws of the United States im-
posing duties upon imports.

And I do further Swear 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
take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose
evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of
office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 53rd day of December, A. D. 1905



(Ed. 7-31-1902-2,000.)

W. A. Ryan
Special Deputy Collector of Customs.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

June 1, 1908.

First Lieutenant H. G. Hamlet, U.S.R.C.S.,

U. S. Revenue Cutter ITASCA,

Norfolk, Va.

Sir:

Your application of the 16th ultimo to be assigned to duty with the Life-Saving Service upon the completion of your tour of duty at the School of Instruction, has been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Captain Commandant, U.S.R.C.S.,
Chief of Division.

Through Commanding Officer.



OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
FIFTH DISTRICT

Rec'd Division R. C. S.
APR 19 1912

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
LIFE-SAVING SERVICE

~~POINT PLEASANT, N. J.~~

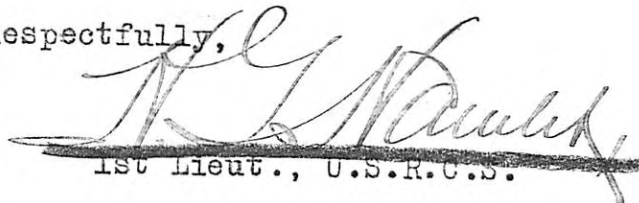
Asbury Park, N. J., April 17, 1912.

The Honorable, The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at 9:30 A.M. this day of Department letter of April 15th, 1912, RC-101-1, detaching me from duty as Assistant Inspector of Life-Saving Stations and directing me to proceed on April 20th, 1912 to Port Townsend, Wash. and assume command of the TAHOMA, relieving Captain W. W. Joynes, U. S. R. C. S.

Respectfully,


1st Lieut., U.S.R.C.S.

Through the General Superintendent
Of the Life-Saving Service.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Life-Saving Service,
April 18, 1912.

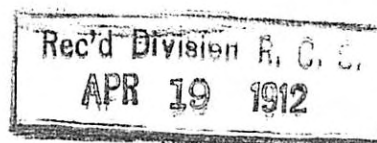
Subject: Lieutenant H. G.
Hamlet, R.C.S., Assistant Inspector
5th Life-Saving District, ac-
knowledges receipt of Department
letter of April 15, 1912, detach-
ing him from duty in connection
with the Life-Saving Service, and
directing him to proceed on
April 20, 1912, to Port Townsend,
Washington, and assume command of
the TAHOMA.

J. M. A.

Respectfully forwarded to
the Secretary of the Treasury
(Division of Revenue-Cutter
Service).

William Maxam

Acting General Superintendent.



TABULATED STATEMENT OF THE AVERAGES ATTAINED BY
FIRST LIEUTENANT H. G. HAMLET IN HIS EXAMINATION
FOR PROMOTION.

Subject	Total Value	Value as Marked	Weight	Product of Weight and Marked Value
Seamanship & Navigation	1000	850.9	20	17018
Naval Construction and Care of Vessels	1000	853.0	20	17060
Navigation & Customs Laws	1000	792.7	20	15854
Service Regulations and General Orders	1000	905.3	20	18106
International Law	1000	815.0	10	8150
Steam Engineering	1000	907.1	10	9071
Total Average				85259
Average percentage				85.259
Fitness of Officers				95.

D. P. Foley
Senior Captain, President.

Howard Emery
Senior Captain, Member.

R. H. Whinneth
Captain, Member and Recorder.

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September 2, 1913.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

(Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the following appointment be made in the Revenue-Cutter Service of the United States:

First Lieutenant Harry Gabriel Hamlet, to be a Captain, to rank as such from July 18, 1913, vice Captain George Metcalf Daniels, retired.

This officer has successfully passed the examinations required by law.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. P. BERTHOLE *E.P.B.*

Captain Commandant.

P.H. K.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
Customs Cat. No. 3003.
Ed. 4,000—F. C., June 13-12.

OATH OF OFFICE.

(2616, 1757, R. S., AND ACT OF MAY 13, 1884.)

I, Harry Gabriel Hamlet, having been appointed
Captain in the Revenue Cutter Service of the United States.
(Designation.) (Compensation.)
with compensation at the rate of \$3,900 per annum.
(Port.) (Office in which appointed.)
do solemnly swear that I will use my best endeavors to prevent
and detect frauds against the laws of the United States imposing duties upon imports.

And I do further swear 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.

(Signed) Harry Gabriel Hamlet

Sworn to _____ and subscribed before me

this 3rd day of October, A. D. 1913

OFFICIAL
SEAL

(Signed) J. O. Davis
Collector of Customs.

TAKE NOTICE.

2618 R. S., AND ACTS FEBRUARY 8, 1875, AND MARCH 2, 1895.—“That the oaths now required to be taken by subordinate officers of the Customs may be taken before the Collector of the Customs in the district in which they are appointed, or before any officer authorized to administer oaths generally, and the oath shall be taken in duplicate, one copy to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury and the other to be filed with the Collector of Customs for the district in which the officer appointed acts. And in default of taking such oath, or transmitting a certificate thereof, or filing the same with the Collector, the party failing shall forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred dollars, to be recovered with cost of suit, in any court of competent jurisdiction, to the use of the United States.”

If the oath is taken before an officer authorized to administer oaths generally (except in the case of a Judge of the United States or a United States Attorney), such officer must affix his official seal, or in case he is not provided with a seal his authority to administer oaths and his official character must be duly certified.

PUGET SOUND NAVIGATION COMPANY,

Colman Dock,

Seattle, August 4, 1914.

Hon. William G. McAdoo,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I desire to compliment the Revenue Cutter Service on the splendid work done by Capt. H.G. Hamlet and the other officers and crew of the "Unalga" during the fire which destroyed the Grand Trunk Dock and damaged Colman Dock, this city, on July 30th. It was largely due to the Unalga's efforts that the Colman Dock was saved. You should be quite proud of the way the "Unalga" was handled, as she, with the assistance of the steamers "Bellingham," "Rosalie" and "Puget" and the Seattle Fire Department, came in to Colman Dock, which was on fire in forty or fifty places, and succeeded in putting the fire out.

The "Unalga's" small boats patrolled the waterfront to pick up the people who had to jump from the Grand Trunk Dock to save themselves and did not leave the scene until every precaution had been taken to locate any people who might be alive in the water or dead bodies.

I am writing you in this as my company lands its steamers at Colman Dock and it would have been a very serious inconvenience for us as well as the traveling public had the dock not been saved.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Joshua Green,

President.

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U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

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GDC

Newport, Rhode Island.

March 24, 1916.

Captain Commandant
E.P. Bertholf,
Headquarters, U.S. Coast Guard,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Bertholf:-

I hasten to thank you for your letter of March 22d and the photographs illustrating Captain Hamlet's paper. These photographs are extremely interesting in themselves and of course immensely valuable as covering the ground under discussion in a way in which it possibly could not be covered by any amount of description.

I want to say once more that I appreciate very highly the very cordial and helpful cooperation of yourself and the other officers of the Coast Guard Service in our effort to clear up the situation so far as the Northern Route is concerned.

With kind regards,

Very cordially

(Signed) Austin M. Knight,

Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,
President.

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March 25, 1916.

Captain H.G. Hamlet,
Coast Guard Depot,
South Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Photographs.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith, for your information, copy of a letter dated March 24, 1916, from Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight, U.S. Navy, expressing appreciation for certain photographs taken in Alaska, which you were instrumental in obtaining.

A copy of the above-mentioned letter has been filed with your official record at Headquarters.

By direction of the Captain Commandant.

Respectfully,

Chief, Division of Operations.

Inclosure.

Office of the Ft. Lafayette Base
Third Naval District
Brooklyn, N. Y.

May 15, 1917.

From: Commander, Section Base #6 and #9.

To : Commandant, 3rd Naval District,
Navy Yard,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Subject: Lists of officers and men of the United States Naval Reserve Force on duty under my command as of, and including May 15, 1917.

1. Following is the list of Officers of the U.S.N.R.F. on duty at this station.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Actual date of reporting for duty.</u>
Harry G. Hamlet	Captain, US.C.G.	May 4, 1917.
Henry S. Beardsley	Lieutenant	March 12, 1917.
George R. LeSavage	Lieutenant	April 9, 1917.
Francis T. Hunter	Ensign	March 17, 1917.
Archibald McLintock	Ensign	March 23, 1917.
John A. Donegan	Asst. Paymaster	May 4, 1917.
S.Potter Bartley	Asst. Surgeon	April 14, 1917.
A. H. Pierson	Asst. Surgeon	May 2, 1917.

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U.S.S. ALGONQUIN, C.G.,
Navy Yard, New York, N.Y.
September 15, 1917.

FROM: Captain H.G. Hamlet, U.S. Coast Guard,
TO: Commandant, Third Naval District, New York.

SUBJECT: Orders.

Reference:

(a) Commandant's letter of September 14, 1917 ST/JD.

1. Receipt at 11:00 p.m., September 14th is acknowledged of reference (a)

2. I assumed command of the ALGONQUIN at 5:00 p.m., this date.

H.G. Hamlet Capt. USCG

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Journal.....✓
Order Index.....✓
Station Index.....✓
Jacket.....✓

John S. 5/17/17

Office of Commander
Sections Numbers Six and Nine
Third Naval District

Brooklyn, N. Y.
16 July 1918.

From: Captain H. G. Hamlet, U.S.C.G.,
To: Senior Member, Selection Board,
Via: Commandant, Third Naval District,
Via: Captain Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Promotion.

Reference: (a) Radiogram Ninety Nine Alnav.

1. In determining my fitness for promotion to the grade of Senior Captain, U. S. Coast Guard, it is requested that the Board consider the following matters of record:

(a) The lack of Spanish War Service in my record is due to the fact that I volunteered and was accepted for the "Bear Relief Expedition" to the Arctic Ocean, organized by the Coast Guard (then the Revenue Cutter Service) which left in November, 1897 and did not return until after the war was over.

(b) I have taken the course at the United States Naval War College.

(c) I applied officially for sea duty at the outbreak of the present war, and again on January 31, 1918 (see inclosures A and B).

(d) When, in September, 1917, I was ordered to and assumed command of the USS ALGONQUIN, bound on distant service, the exigencies of the service required that I return to my former duty on shore, and I was detached from my command afloat.

(e) Official commendation of my work in the Third Naval District will be found in Paragraph 7, (Confidential) Annual Report, Commandant, Third Naval District, to Secretary of the Navy, Chief of Operations, dated November 19, 1917, copy enclosed marked "C".

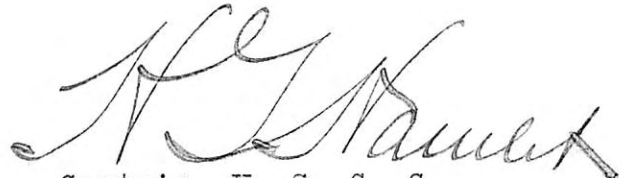
(f) A complete history of the activities of my present Command will be found in letters from Commander, Section Base

Office of Commander
Sections Numbers Six and Nine
Third Naval District

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Subject: Promotion.

Six to Commandant, Third Naval District, (Confidential),
copies inclosed marked "D" and "E".


Captain, U. S. C. G.

In Reply
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Address all
Communications,
Commandant,
Third Naval District.

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Office of the Commandant
Third Naval District
280 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

ChS/EFK

July 17th, 1918.

From: Chief of Staff.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Promotion.

1. Captain H.G. Hamlet, U.S.C.G., has been in command of Section Base Six since the beginning of the War. Up to within a few months, that is, since Pelham Bay Training Station was established, this was the principal training station in the District. It is still a training station but is also the principal operating base, and has fifty-six (56) vessels based upon it. Marine Basin, which is the most important repair station for District vessels, is a part of this station.

2. Captain Hamlet has been most successful in the training of young men and has the most fortunate disposition for this work. I know of no finer type of officer than Captain Hamlet, and the Third Naval District has been most fortunate in having his services. If a thing is possible, he will accomplish it. He has never failed us in the many difficult problems that have come up at that station, both as a section base and as an operating station.

I R. S. Taylor

1st Indorsement
280 Broadway - New York

ChS/EFK

July 17th, 1918.

From: Commandant, Third Naval District.
To: Chief of Bureau of Navigation,
(For Senior Member, Selection Board).

1. Forwarded.

J. W. M. ...
Acting

C O P Y

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, October 14, 1918.

My dear Sir:

I wish you to convey to the officers and men of the rescue party who went from Section Base Six to South Amboy so promptly after the explosion at the ammunition works, the Department's high appreciation of their courage, heroism and promptness in rendering valuable service until the Army arrived. I wish all the members of the rescue party to know that their valor is highly esteemed. Such services measure up to the noblest traditions of the Navy.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Josephus Daniels.

Captain H. G. Hamlet, U.S.N.
Naval Training Station
Section Bases Six and Nine
Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Certified a correct copy:

H. G. Hamlet

In Reply
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Communications,
Commandant,
Third Naval District.

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Office of the Commandant
Third Naval District
280 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

ChS/JPH
25 October 1918.

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Rear Admiral Albert P. Niblack, U. S. Navy.

My dear Niblack:-

Captain H. G. Hamlet, U.S.C.G., is under orders to report to the Commander of the Patrol Forces in European Waters and I am taking the liberty of dropping you a line, merely to tell you what an excellent man you are getting and hope that you can give him duty that will allow his talents full play.

He has been in command of the main operating base, port of New York, since the war started and in spite of his almost daily efforts to get away and go overseas, the Commandant of the District has held on to him because he was consistently delivering the goods.

I have known Hamlet personally and by reputation for about twenty years and his record in the Coast Guard is excelled by none.

He is considered one of the most progressive of the older young officers of the Coast Guard. There is not a job that he cannot fill.

I congratulate you upon getting Hamlet. We are all very sorry to lose him, and will find it difficult to obtain a man for his place.

Very sincerely,

Jat. Stirling

Returned, Jan 4th 1920

Am very sorry indeed you did not come under my command. I return the letter as it should be kept by you as a souvenir.
Very truly yours
Albert P. Niblack

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
Bureau of Navigation
Washington, D.C.

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October 25, 1918.

To: Captain H. C. Hamlet, USCG, District Base 6, Third
Naval District, Bensonhurst, L.I., N.Y.

Subject: Appreciation of important service rendered.

1. In his recent speech in Congress, recounting the achievements of the United States Navy in the Great War, the Chairman of the House Naval Committee quoted the following statement given to the press on October 7, 1918, by Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the British Admiralty, as additional evidence of the remarkable efficiency of the personnel of our Navy:

"The dauntless determination which the United States has displayed in creating a huge trained body of seaman out of landsmen is one of the most striking accomplishments of the War. Had it not been effectively done one would have thought it impossible, but words fail me to express our admiration of this feat undertaken and accomplished by your Navy Department, of which Mr. Daniels is the civil chief."

2. The Bureau of Navigation, charged with recruiting, training, education and assignment of officers and men, wishes to express its sincere appreciation of the valuable assistance given the Bureau by those officers who have been training personnel to meet the great demands of the War.

3. Though this duty was begun under very adverse conditions, it has been carried out most satisfactorily, and the Bureau considers that your efficient efforts have materially contributed to the results which have brought such high praise to the Navy Department.

L. C. Palmer
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Chief of Bureau.

Certified a correct copy
H. L. Hamlet

U. S. COAST GUARD

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U.S.S. HINTON,

6 May, 1919.

From: Lieut. J. R. Roil, formerly Commanding U.S.S. JAMES.
To: Commander U. S. Naval Forces in France.

Subject: Letter of Commendation.

1. I respectfully wish to submit to the Commander U.S. Naval Forces in France some information regarding the great work which the Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. MARIETTA did in connection with taking off the crew of the U.S.S. JAMES when that ship was abandoned.

On the morning of April 28, 1919 when the U.S.S. JAMES was sinking, Capt. H. G. Hamlet, U.S.C.G. in command of the U.S.S. MARIETTA brought his ship close to the sinking JAMES and took off all her men. The weather at the time was very bad, the high seas were threatening to crash the two vessels together, and in maneuvering his ship close to while the men were being transferred in a life raft, he had displayed not only great ability of seamanship but calm judgment and great courage as well. Had he not carried out this work so successfully, some lives would probably have been lost.

Therefore, I believe that this officer is deserving of an appropriate decoration, and that it is my duty to furnish the above information.

John R. Roil.

*sent copy
H. G. Hamlet*

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Sir :

When it seemed that all chance of being saved was gone and that a number of us would be lost, your valor and coolness during this period of extreme stress showed itself; and, owing to the heroic measures and daring chances taken by you and the stick-to-it methods employed in the work of rescue, not a man of the JAMES was lost. In addition, the fine treatment received on board the MARIETTA after being picked up and the earnest and zealous efforts that were made on our behalf, makes us humbly grateful to you and every officer and man on your ship.

We are, Sir, respectfully yours,

F. C. Whiteide C.M.M.	Wm. S. James B. 13 th	Wm. Lachy F. 12
A. H. Lee I. 10 th C.M.	L. A. Stokes 12 C	Wm. Hursey 12 B
J. Bennett C.M.M.	P. D. McCoy M. 11 th	Wm. L. Thompson
J. M. Browning C.M.	W. Baker 11 C	W. L. H. 13 C
C. F. F. 11 th 2 nd	R. P. Lewis 12 C	C. L. B. 11 C
R. D. G. 11 th	R. A. Mills 13 (R)	L. E. Cook 7 C
W. W. 11 th	W. W. 11 th	C. H. 11 th 5 2 C
J. P. 11 th	W. W. 11 th	E. L. 11 th
W. H. 11 th	W. W. 11 th	R. M. 11 th
James 11 th	E. 11 th	H. T. 11 th
W. H. 11 th	W. M. 11 th	O. 11 th
H. L. 11 th	D. 11 th	C. W. 11 th
L. 11 th	R. J. 11 th	J. 11 th
E. A. 11 th	E. H. 11 th	R. P. 11 th
John 11 th	C. J. 11 th	J. P. 11 th

7 May 1919.

Lt. Comdr. H. G. Hamlet, U.S.Navy,
Commanding Officer,
U. S. S. MARIETTA.

Sir:

We, the undersigned, crew of the U.S.S.JAMES, wish to express to you our sincere appreciation and thankfulness for the part played by yourself, officers and crew of the U.S.S.MARIETTA in the rescuing of the entire crew from the sinking of the U.S.S.JAMES during the storm of April 28th, 1919, off the coast of Brest, France.

When it seemed that all chance of being saved was gone and that a number of us would be lost, your valor and coolness during this period of extreme stress showed itself; and, owing to the heroic measures and daring chances taken by you and the stick-to-it methods employed in the work of rescue, not a man of the JAMES was lost. In addition, the fine treatment received on board the MARIETTA after being picked up and the earnest and zealous efforts that were made on our behalf, makes us humbly grateful to you and every officer and man on your ship.

Words cannot fully express, Sir, the gratification and appreciation that we all feel for the tremendous service you rendered, but we take this opportunity of expressing to you our profound admiration for your wonderful work which we will never forget; and, to the last man, we feel that we owe an everlasting debt of gratitude to you.

We are, Sir, respectfully yours,

THE CREW OF THE U.S.S.JAMES:

F.C. Whiteside, CMM	N.T. Zuener, GM3C	J.M. Lackey, EL2C
H.H. VanVorhis, CQM	L.G. Stoops, S2C	M. Horsey, SC1C
S. Burnett, CMM	P.S. McCoy, MM1C	W.L. Trombley, Sea.
J.M. Browning, CQM	D. Babin, FL1C	R.B. Crehore, GM3C
G.A. Fletcher, BM2C	R.E. Lewis, S2C	A. DeBiasco, FL1C
R. Detours, S2C	R.O. Mills, EL3C	L.E. Cook, FL1C

U.S.S. MARIETTA,
Brest, France,
9 May 1919.

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. "CAROLA".
Subject: Letter of Appreciation.

Reference: (a) Your letter 9 May 1919.
(b) Letter from the crew of the U.S.S. JAMES
7 May 1919.

1. Please say to the men of the U.S.S. JAMES that the officers and crew of the "MARIETTA" are deeply appreciative of the generous testimonial from the crew of the U.S.S. JAMES contained in reference (b).

2. Tell them that while regretting the misfortune which befell the JAMES, making assistance to her people necessary, the MARIETTA'S crew gladly undertook the work of extending aid to them in their distress, and welcomed such chances as it was necessary to take, with the knowledge that, next to giving their lives for their country, they were performing the highest duty any man can be called upon to perform - saving the life of a fellow man.

/s/ H.G. Hamlet.

*Current copy -
H.G. Hamlet*

, November 11, 1919.

Lieutenant Geo. O. Madfield, USNRF,
c/o Commandant, First Naval District,
Boston, Mass.

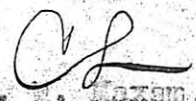
Sir:

It has been brought to the notice of this office that on April 28, 1919, while commanding the U.S.S. MARIETTA off the coast of France, Captain H. C. Hamlet, U.S. Coast Guard, rendered conspicuous service in rescuing the crew of the U.S.S. JAMES, some two officers and forty-five men, when the JAMES foundered at sea.

If you were an eye-witness to the occurrence mentioned, will you be good enough to furnish a statement of the circumstances of the case.

By direction of the Captain Commandant.

Respectfully,


O. W. Maxam,
Chief, Division of Operations.

CMW

November 24, 1919.

Mr. George O. Hadfield,
36 Allen's Avenue,
Providence, R. I.

Subject: Conspicuous service of Captain H. G. Hamlet,
U.S.C.G.

Reference: (a) Your letter dated November 20, 1919.

Sir:

Reference (a) is acknowledged, and has been filed
with the official record of Captain Hamlet.

Copies of the radio messages mentioned in Reference
(a) were not received.

By direction of the Captain Commandant.

Respectfully,

C. J. Egan,
Chief, Division of Operations.

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January 5, 1920.

From: Captain E.P. Jessop, U.S. Navy,
To: Bureau of Navigation (Board of Awards).
Subject: Captain H.G. Hamlet, U.S. Coast Guard, -
distinguish service of.
Reference: (a) General Order #494.
Enclosures: (6)

1. It has come to my notice that through some inadvertence, proper attention has not been paid to the services of Captain H.G. Hamlet as described in the accompanying papers.

2. In my capacity of Senior Officer Present Afloat, Port of Brest, at time mentioned, I was fully cognizant of Captain Hamlet's conduct during the sinking of the three mine sweepers, JAMES, COURTNEY and DOUGLAS. At the time, I made a verbal report to the Commander of the Forces in France, and had thought that recommendations had been forwarded by him to the Board of Awards. I now find that there is great probability that such recommendations never reached the Board. It is in order to correct this inadvertence that this letter is written in addition to what is said in the accompanying papers, in all of which I agree.

3. I wish to add that the conduct of Captain Hamlet in this very serious situation, his ability as a seaman and his ability to stand fatigue and exposure, formed a combination essential to the successful completion of the operation of saving the lives of the crew of the JAMES particularly; this combination is certainly a very rare one. The method used in transferring the crew of the JAMES to the MARIETTA was one which I do not believe had previously been used in operations of this kind, and its success required the exhibition of magnificent seamanship on the part of Captain Hamlet in holding the MARIETTA in position on the quarter of the JAMES. The crew of the JAMES undoubtedly owe their lives to the courage and seamanlike ability of Captain Hamlet, and I therefore recommend him for the consideration of the Board of Awards.

In reply refer to Initials
and No.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1920.

*File
JG*

Captain H.G. Hamlet,
U.S. Coast Guard,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Hamlet:-

Heartiest congratulations for the award of the Life Saving Medal for your work in rescuing the crew of the JAMES. I consider that this Medal was never awarded for a better purpose, and hope that through my letter to the Board of Awards, they will still further recognize your work and ability.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter which I forgot to send you when I wrote it. With best regards,

Always sincerely yours,

E. J. Murphy

C O P Y.

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Navy Department
Bureau of Navigation
Washington, D.C.
25, November, 1920.

Navigation, Navy Department,
Washington, D.C. Refer to No.
H321-DBB 14724-22

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From: Bureau of Navigation.
To: Captain Harry G. Hamlet, U.S.C.G.,
Via: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard,
Coast Guard Headquarters,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Transmittal of Special Letter of Commendation.

Enclosure: Letter of Commendation, & SILVER STAR.

1. The Bureau takes pleasure in forwarding herewith a special Letter of Commendation awarded to you by the Navy Department for services rendered during the World War.

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

3. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication.

4. The receipt of this letter entitles you to wear a Silver Star upon the Service Ribbon when that ribbon is worn in lieu of the Victory Medal.

D. B. Beary,
By direction.

U. S. COAST GUARD

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NAVY DEPARTMENT

The Navy Department having carefully considered all reported instances of meritorious conduct by officers and enlisted men of the Navy during the World War, takes pleasure in commending

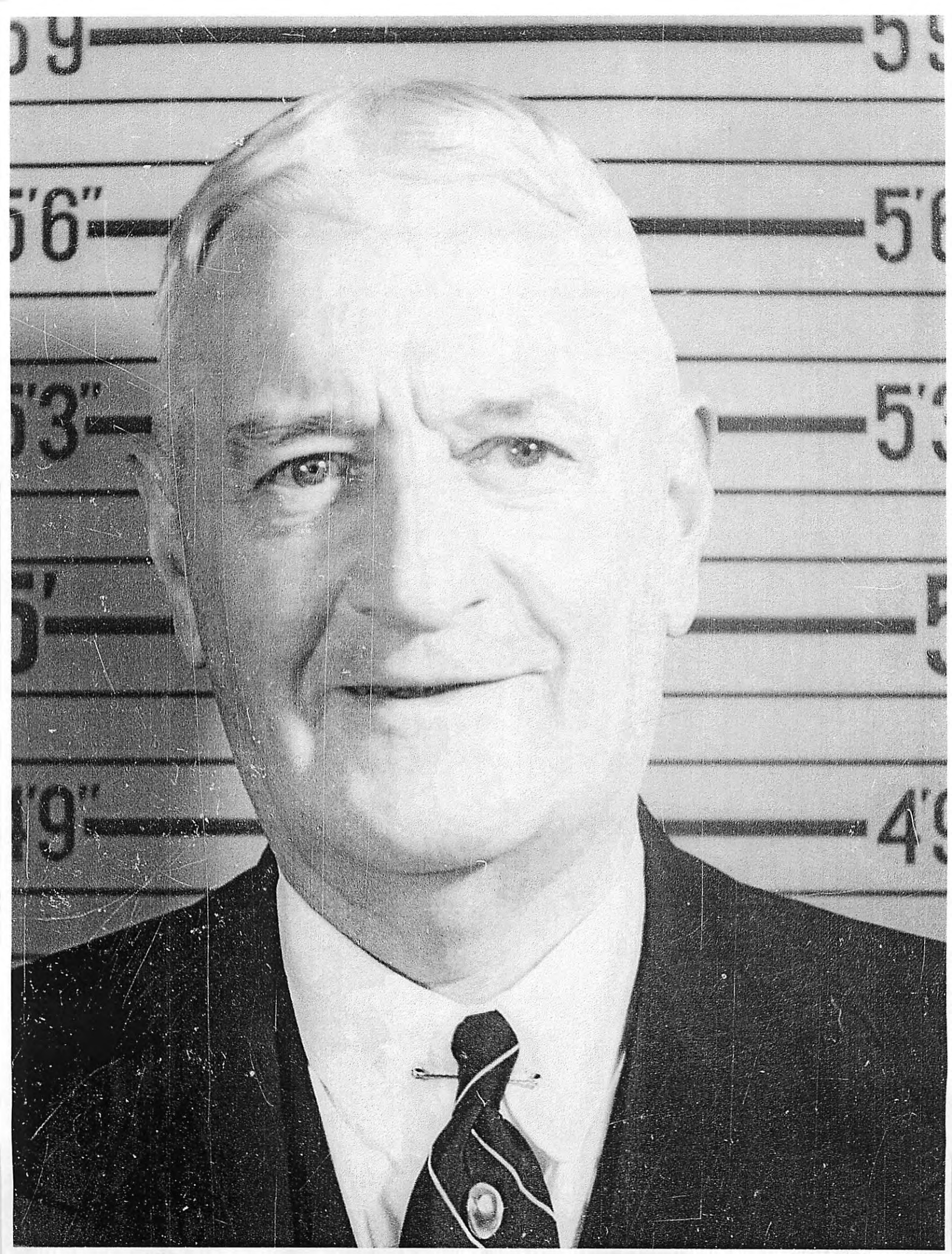
Captain Harry G. Hamlet, USCG.,

for the following service which is recognized as according with the best traditions of the Naval Service.

while in command of the USS MARIETTA on the occasion of the loss of the USS COURTNEY and the USS JAMES on April 27, 1918 in a heavy gale off the coast of France, he displayed fine seamanship and devotion to duty in rescuing the crews of those vessels.

November 11, 1920.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS,
Secretary of the Navy.



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OFFICE OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT
COAST GUARD ACADEMY

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NEW LONDON, CONN.

31 August, 1931.

FROM: Captain H. G. Hamlet,
TO: Commandant.

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D SEP 3 1931 By

SUBJECT: Change of duty.

REFERENCE: (a) Hdqtrs. letter 13 Jan. 1931 (Co-615-671).

1. At noon this date, I relinquished command of the Coast Guard Academy Practice Squadron, at New London, Conn., and resumed regular duty as Superintendent of the ACADEMY.

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H. G. Hamlet
H. G. HAMLET.

CO-863-601

29 October, 1931.

From: Commandant.
To: Captain H. G. Hamlet, Superintendent, Academy.
Subject: Your command of Yorktown Sesquicentennial Force: commendation.

1. By order of Headquarters, you commanded the large Coast Guard Force (less *APACHE*), that was assembled at Yorktown, Va., for the Yorktown Celebration, October 18-19, 1931. This Force consisted of six first-class cruising cutters, five destroyers, the *INQUOT*, the *MASCOUTIN*, six 75-foot patrol boats, and four picket boats. The Coast Guard Yorktown Sesquicentennial Force, under your command, was, to all intents and purposes, a component part of the U. S. Naval Force, assembled at Yorktown, under the command of Vice Admiral Willard.

2. The Coast Guard Force, under your command, performed its part in a highly satisfactory manner. The smartness and appearance of officers and men, the fine appearance of all vessels, and the smart and efficient manner in which all necessary naval procedure was followed, all reflected great credit upon the Service, and upon you, who commanded the Force.

3. The Commandant takes pleasure in highly commending you for the efficient performance of duty in command of the Coast Guard Yorktown Sesquicentennial Force, and is pleased to cause a copy of this letter to be placed with your official record.

4. The Commandant desires also to express his complete satisfaction with the performance of the commanding officer of each vessel of your command at Yorktown, and his pride in the performance and behavior of the officers and men of each ship, as well as of the appearance of each ship. He will appreciate it if you will cause these sentiments to be conveyed to each commanding officer concerned.

F. C. WILLARD.

CO-71-189

17 March, 1932.

Mr. N. S. Meyer, President,
N. S. Meyer, Inc.,
43-45 East 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Washington, D. C.
Sir:

Referring to Coast Guard Headquarters' letter of 12 November, 1931 (189), you are authorized to furnish a miniature replica of a gold life-saving medal to Captain H. G. Hamlet, U. S. Coast Guard, upon application for the same by that officer.

Very truly yours,

By direction,

L. C. COVELL,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Commandant.

Copy to:
Captain H. G. Hamlet

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H.G.S.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard
Washington

Hamlet

FILE
A. L. L.

21 October, 1933.

PERSONNEL SECTION BULLETIN 34-33

Subject: Commissioned, chief warrant, and warrant officers;
medals awarded to.

1. Each commissioned, chief warrant, and warrant officer on the active list of the Coast Guard who has been awarded any of the medals listed in article 203 (1), sub-paragraphs (a) to (u), of the Regulations Governing the Uniforms of the United States Coast Guard, 1930, will immediately inform Headquarters of the medal or medals received and the date of the award.

L. C. COVELL,
Assistant Commandant.

1st Indorsement

8 November 1933

From: Rear Admiral H.G.Hamlet.
To: Headquarters.

Subject: Award of medals.

1. I have been awarded the following medals:

- ~~1. Victory Medal with Overseas Clasp~~ *and Silver Star*
- 2. Gold Life-Saving Medal of Honor

H. G. Hamlet
H. G. HAMLET.

18 April 1934
Coast Guard Headquarters
Washington, D. C.

Biographical Sketch of Rear Admiral H.G. Hamlet, U.S.C.G.

Rear Admiral Harry G. Hamlet, U. S. Coast Guard, who was appointed by the president to the office of Commandant of the United States Coast Guard on June 14, 1932, for a term of four years, was born at Eastport, Maine, August 27, 1874, being the son of Captain Oscar C. Hamlet of the former Revenue Cutter Service (now Coast Guard).

He graduated from the Dorchester, Massachusetts High School, and was appointed a cadet from the State of Massachusetts on April 12, 1894, receiving his early Service training and instruction on the practice ship CHASE. He graduated high in his class and was commissioned an ensign on April 27, 1896, his first assignment being aboard the historic cutter BEAR. He was attached to that vessel on her Relief Expedition to the Arctic in 1897-98. This Expedition was successful in rescuing the crews of four whaling vessels, and the event has gone down in history as one of the most arduous and perilous rescue expeditions to the Far North.

In 1900, he was assigned to the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island, for the War College Course, being one of the first officers of the Coast Guard to be assigned to this institution. In 1901, he returned to the Coast Guard Cutter BEAR and from then until the entrance of the United States into the World War, he served with credit aboard units of the Service on both the East and West Coasts, Alaskan and Arctic waters.

When the United States entered the World War, he was assigned to the Third Naval District, and organized the various activities and the training of personnel at Naval Section Bases 6 and 9, subsequently joining

in October, 1918, the United States Naval Forces at Brest, France, assuming command of the U.S.S. MARIETTA. While in command of this vessel, he rescued on the morning of April 28, 1919, off the coast of France, the crew of two officers and 45 men from the U.S.S. JAMES, which was sinking in a heavy gale. With high seas threatening to crash the two vessels together, he skillfully and courageously manouvered his ship along the JAMES and was instrumental in saving all on board. In recognition of his gallant conduct upon this occasion, the Secretary of the Treasury awarded him the Congressional Gold Life-Saving Medal of Honor, and he was the recipient of a Special Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy entitling him to wear the Silver Star upon his service ribbon.

In September, 1919, he reported to Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and was assigned as Personnel Officer and in charge of Ship Operations, serving in such capacity until his detachment in May, 1922. He then assumed command of the Coast Guard Cutter MOJAVE at Honolulu, and took that vessel on her cruise to the Orient and Philippines.

When Congress in 1924 made provision for the acquisition of additional vessels for the Coast Guard, he was ordered to the Philadelphia Navy Yard and superintended the reconditioning, outfitting and commissioning of the 20 destroyers turned over to the Coast Guard from the Navy, and trained the crews to go aboard these craft. The Commandant commended him for his exceptional meritorious and efficient service in discharging this task, involving an expenditure of over \$2,400,000 in repair funds. When these reconditioned destroyers were placed in commission and organized into the Coast Guard Destroyer Force, he was placed in command of them in July, 1925.

In October, 1926, he was promoted to the rank of Captain, and in May, 1928, he was appointed Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut, at which institution the future commissioned officers of the Service receive their training and professional education.

The appointment of Admiral Hamlet to the office of Commandant came as a fitting reward for his highly meritorious and honorable service for a period extending over 38 years on practically all stations of the Coast Guard. Admiral Hamlet married Miss Francel Hastings of Port Townsend, Washington, and has a daughter, Miss Jean H. Hamlet.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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November, 6, 1935

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In reply refer to
PC 093.652/671

*[This copy for the official
files of Rear Admiral H. G. Hamlet]*

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received from the Royal Italian Ambassador four Diplomas of the Degrees of the Order of the Crown of Italy bestowed, in recognition of the valuable co-operation rendered on the occasion of the trans-Atlantic flight under the command of General Balbo, upon the following officers of the United States Coast Guard:

<u>Admiral H. G. Hamlet</u>	<u>Commendatore</u>
Lieutenant Commander Frank Kenner	Cavaliere Ufficiale
Lieutenant D. H. Dexter	" "
Commander L. W. Perkins	Cavaliere

The diplomas in question will be retained as usual in the custody of the Department until such time as the conferees may be in a position legally to accept them.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM PHILLIPS

Acting Secretary.

The Honorable

Henry Morgenthau, Junior,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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FILE
C. L. M.

3 June, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR LAW.

Subject: Commission of an ex-Commandant.

1. Admiral Hamlet was commissioned as Commandant (with the rank of Rear Admiral) on 14 June, 1932, which act was a promotion for him from Captain to Rear Admiral. On 13 June, 1936, he will vacate the office of Commandant, and in accordance with Section 11, Title 14, United States Code, he will become an additional number in the grade of Captain.

2. The questions arise - (1) should Admiral Hamlet receive a new commission as Captain from 14 June, 1936, or should he serve under his old commission as Captain which he held at the time of his appointment as Commandant, and (2) if he is to serve under his old commission as Captain should he be issued orders from the Secretary of the Treasury advising him to the effect that he was not reappointed Commandant and that he will be an additional number in the grade of Captain and will so serve under his old commission.

3. An inquiry addressed to the Navy Department by telephone revealed that officers in the Navy, of the rank of Captain, who are promoted to be chiefs of bureaus, and who hold the rank of Rear Admiral for the duration of their tours of duty as chiefs of bureaus, do not, upon reversion to the rank of Captain upon completion of their tours of duty, receive additional commissions as Captain; that is, they serve under their old commissions on the assumption that they have not vacated their positions of Captains, but were merely promoted temporarily to the rank of Rear Admiral.

JUN 3 1936
T. G. CRAPSTER,
Head of Personnel Division.

Law

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1936.

Dear Admiral Hamlet:-

I am delighted to have those pictures for my collection. The appearance of these four ships is splendid and I am confident that they will render excellent service.

May I at the same time thank you for your fine services as the head of the Coast Guard. You have made a grand record.

Very sincerely yours,



Rear Admiral Harry G. Hamlet, U.S.C.G.,
6410 Beechwood Drive,
Chevy Chase,
Maryland.

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16 October, 1936.

From: Commandant.
To : Rear Admiral Harry G. Hamlet,
6410 Beechwood Drive,
Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Subject: Award of Italian decorations to Coast Guard officers.

1. You are informed that this office is initiating legislation designed to authorize you to accept the diploma and decoration conferred upon you by the Italian Government.

L. C. COVELL,
Acting Commandant.

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Coast Guard Headquarters,
Washington, D. C.
15 March, 1937

HARRY GABRIEL HAMILTON
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard

Born 27 August, 1874, at Eastport, Maine

Appointed Cadet from Massachusetts.

27 April, 1896	Commissioned 3rd Lieutenant, Revenue Cutter Service	"	"	"
11 August, 1897	Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant	"	"	"
28 March, 1905	Promoted to 1st Lieutenant	"	"	"
19 July, 1913	Promoted to Captain	"	"	"
12 January, 1923	Commissioned Commander, Coast Guard			
1 July, 1926	Promoted to Captain			
14 June, 1932	Appointed Commandant of Coast Guard, with rank of Rear Admiral			
14 June, 1936	Reverted to rank of Captain, assigned special duty attached to the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury			
13 October, 1936	Assigned special temporary duty with Maritime Commission, in addition to regular duty.			
1 December, 1936	Completed special temporary duty			

Served on vessels and at stations as follows:

CHASE	Coast Guard Depot
DALLAS	Third Naval District
BEAR	MARITIME, French waters
RUSH	Receiving Ship, New York
CORWIN	Headquarters as Detail Officer
THETIS	MOJAVE
ONONDAGA	Receiving Unit, Philadelphia
PERIT	DOWNES, in command Destroyer Force
ARCATA	Special Patrol Force
WINDOM	Academy as Superintendent
ITASCA	ALEXANDER HAMILTON
Assistant Inspector, Life Saving Service	MINNOTA
TAHOMA	SHABAGO
Marine Island Navy Yard	
UNALGA	

Was a member of the BEAR Relief Expedition to Alaska in 1897-1898
Made nine other cruises to Alaska

Decorations

10 January, 1920	Awarded Gold Life Saving Medal of Honor in connection with saving the crew of the Mine Sweeper JAMES? LOST IN HEAVY gale off coast of France, 27 April, 1918.
11 November, 1920	Received special letter of commendation from Navy Department in connection with the above rescue. Also Silver Star.
23 July, 1921	Awarded Victory Medal with Overseas clasp for meritorious service during World War
1 October, 1934	Commandatore, Order of the Crown of Italy, for assistance rendered on occasion of the Transatlantic Flight of the Italian Air Squadron

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25 March, 1937.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to advise you that, upon the appointment of Rear Admiral Russell R. Waesche as Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, 14 June, 1936, Rear Admiral Harry G. Hamlet reverted to the rank of captain and is now serving under the commission as captain issued to him on 1 July, 1926.

Very truly yours,

L. C. COVELL,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Acting Commandant.

AR G. G. G.

Please submit in duplicate

Date submitted Produced at the National Archives-STL

Name.....HAMLET.....HARRY.....GABRIEL.....
(Surname) (First) (Middle)
Rank.....CAPTAIN.....

Home address...439 Fillmore Street, Port Townsend, Washington.....
Present residence 6410 Beechwood Drive Chevy Chase, Md.

Date and place of birth. Eastport, Maine, August 27, 1874.....

Father's name. Oscar C. Hamlet.....

Mother's name....ANNIE HOLLAND HAMLET.....

Mother's maiden name....ANNIE HOLLAND.....

Schools attended prior to entering Coast Guard Academy, or first commission, or warrant.

.....Grade schools Martha's- Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts
graduated Dorchester, Mass. High School Class of 1891, and attended
.....Massachusetts Institute of Technology

While attending Coast Guard Academy (Athletics, special achievements, literary societies, etc.)

None.

Married (Maiden name of wife).....FRANCELL ALLEN HASTINGS.....of PORT TOWNSEND, WASH.

.....at Port Townsend, Wn......when April 26, 1905.....

Names of children: (Daughter) JEAN HASTINGS HAMLET.

Member of the (Clubs, societies, organizations, etc.) Army and Navy Club, Wash., D.C.,
Army and Navy Club, Chicago, Ill.; Army and Navy Club, San Francisco
Cal.; Jibboom Club, New London, Conn.; U.S. Power Squadron.

Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers; Naval Insti-
tute; American Society Naval Engineers; Propeller Club.

College fraternities: Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Pi Gamma Mu.

Fraternal organizations: Knight Commander Court of Honor,
Scottish Rite; Royal Order of Scotland, Scottish Rite; Past Master
Senper Paratus Lodge No. 49, Free and Accepted Masons, Washington,
D.C.; Elk; Shriner.

Service Organizations: Past National President National
Sojourners; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Military
Order of the World War.

Civic Organizations: Rotary and Chamber of Commerce, New
London, Conn.; Board of Trade, Washington, D.C.

(See reverse side)

Brief biography of career which would be of interest for press releases. This to include also information relative to:

- (a) Unusual assignments to special duties.
- (b) Transcripts of letters of commendation of special interest.
- (c) Participation in any naval or military campaigns or engagements.
- (d) List campaign badges or medals, citations and foreign decorations received.
- (e) Date of qualification as aviation pilot.
- (f) Post graduate education.

(a) None.

(b) On file in personnel record, Headquarters.

(c) World War.

(d) Victory Medal with Overseas Clasp; Gold Life Saving Medal;
Commander of the Crown of Italy.

(e) None.

(f) Naval War College, 1900. Extension Course Bachelor of
Law degree, Hamilton College of Law, Chicago, Ill., June 3,
1922.

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22 August, 1938.

From: Commandant.
To: Captain H. G. Hamlet, 6410 Beechwood Drive,
Chevy Chase, Maryland.
Subject: Relief from all active duty; orders to home;
travel.
Reference: (a) Department letter, August 8, 1938.

1. You are detached from all duty in the Coast Guard and special duty in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, effective 1 September, 1938, the date on which you are retired from active service and placed on the retired list, as notified in reference (a).

2. You are authorized to delay, at your own convenience, in proceeding to your home, Port Townsend, Washington, in obedience to these orders. The General Accounting Office has held however, that in order to be entitled to mileage, travel in obedience to these orders must be performed within one year from the date of your retirement.

3. The travel necessary to the execution hereof is required by the public interests. Mileage is allowed. Advise Headquarters as to the date on or about which you intend to perform this travel and, if it develops later, due to unforeseen circumstances that the travel will be delayed beyond the advised approximate date, promptly so advise Headquarters, stating the changed approximate date of the planned travel.

4. This constitutes a permanent change of station, from Washington, D. C., to Port Townsend, Washington. The expense incident to the travel herein authorized is chargeable to travel allotment symbol No. 72.

R. R. WAESCHE.

Copy to:
General Accounting Office.
Audit and Payroll Section.

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25 August, 1938

MEMO

Re: Rear Admiral H. G. Hamlet.

Rear Admiral H. G. Hamlet was born August 27, 1874.

Appointed cadet from Massachusetts, April 12, 1894, and graduated as Third Lieutenant, April 27, 1896.

He was attached to the BEAR under historical relief expedition to the whaling fleet in 1897-98, and later was one of the first Coast Guard officers to complete the Navy War College course.

He commanded the U. S. S. MARIETTA in the war zone and rescued the entire crew of the U. S. S. JAMES, which was sinking in a heavy gale. For this act Captain Hamlet received the gold life saving medal and a special commendation from the Secretary of the Navy. In 1924 he superintended the fitting out of the old Navy destroyers for service in the rum war. He later commanded the destroyer force until 1928 when he became Superintendent of the Academy. He was largely responsible in obtaining the new Academy. In 1932 he became Commandant.

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7 January, 1939

Memorandum for John P. Myers, Jr., Commandant's Office:

Subject: Foreign ports visited by Admiral Hamlet

Reference: (a) Your memorandum of 20 December, 1938

1. With the exception of his World War service and the round-the-world cruise of the MOJAVE in 1922, all of Admiral Hamlet's visits to foreign countries seem to have been made on Cadet Practice Cruises. The data are set forth here in chronological sequence:

1894 - CHASE

Coruna, Spain, June 20th
San Miguel, Azores, July 11th

1907 - ITASOA

Fonta Delgada, Azores, August 7th
Gibraltar, August 14th
Marseilles, France, August 21st
Naples (date not given)
Algiers, September 3rd
Funchal, Madeira Island, September 11th
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, September 27th
San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 29th

1918 - World War

U. S. Receiving Ship, Liverpool, England,
November 3rd
Reported to Commander, Naval Forces in France,
Brest, France, November 9th
Rochefort, France, November 19th
Le Verdon, France, USS MARIETTA, November 19th
(Assumed command, November 26th)
Brest, France, April 12, 1919
(Only data available at Headquarters)

1922 - MOJAVE

Robben Island, Japan, August 15th
Hakodate, August 20th
Yokohama, August 26th
Vladivostok, Siberia, September 6th
Shanghai, China, September 14th
Manila, P. I., September 26th

1928 - HAMILTON

London, England, June 22nd
Antwerp, Belgium, July 2nd
Brussels, July 3rd (These two places visited
by motor from Antwerp)
Louvain, July 4th
Cherbourg, France, July 7th
Coruna, Spain, July 13th
Casablanca, Morocco, July 22nd

Memorandum for John P. Myers, Jr. - Admiral Hammet - Foreign visits 1/7/39

1928 Continued	Funchal, Madeira Island, July 29th Bermuda, August 17th
1929 - MENDOTA	Havana, Cuba, July 26th to 29th
1930 - MENDOTA	Funchal, Madeira Island, June 18th Casablanca, Morocco, June 23rd Antwerp, Belgium, July 2nd Kiel Canal, July 12th to 13th Danzig, Poland, July 14th Gdynia, Poland, July 17th Stockholm, Sweden, July 21st Copenhagen, Denmark, July 27th Oslo, Norway, August 2nd Glasgow, Scotland, August 10th
1931 - SEBAGO	Gibraltar, June 29th Alexandria, Egypt, July 9th Constantinople, Turkey, July 17th Marseilles, France, July 28th Gibraltar, August 3rd Las Palmas, Canary Islands, August 6th

2. These data have been compiled from the following sources:

Admiral Hammet's official record
Record of Movements of Vessels, 1790 to December 31, 1933
Reports of Cadet Practice Cruises, 1928 - 1931

3. Undoubtedly records on file at the Navy Department will contain much additional information regarding movements of the MARIETTA during the World War period.

W. M. Lynch
Commissioned and Warrant Personnel

6410 Beechwood Drive,
Chevy Chase (15), Md.,
January 20, 1944.

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D COMPT'S OFFICE

JAN 21 1944

Vice Admiral R. R. Waesche,
Commandant U.S. Coast Guard,
13th and E Sts., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Waesche:-

As one approaches the biblical three score and ten, he is apt to commence speculating upon the only two certain things in this life-taxes and passing on to the great beyond. Am badly bent by the former, and am wondering about the latter.

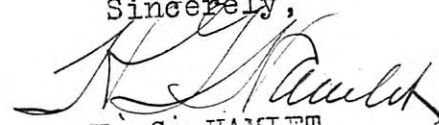
You will recall that from November 27, 1897 to September 13, 1898, the BEAR was engaged upon the task of carrying relief to the eight ice-bound whalers on the Arctic coast of Alaska. The officers and crew of the BEAR on that expedition were all volunteers, as stated in the Introduction to the Report of the Expedition. There are three commissioned survivors of the expedition, Bryan, Wood and myself. Am not sure about Dr. Woodruff, but believe he passed on some years ago. I have no knowledge of surviving warrant or enlisted personnel.

The Bear, being on remote and distant duty, did not serve as part of the Navy in the Spanish War, and, for that reason, her personnel and their dependents were excluded from the benefits accruing to other Service personnel remaining at home and, thereby, privileged, many of them, to enjoy those benefits.

When I pass on I know of no pension benefit that would accrue to Mrs. Hamlet. I do know that in the past pension benefits have been accorded individuals by legislation- to cite one case, the late Rear Admiral (Retired) James M. Moore.

If a benefit to myself were contemplated I'd not seek it, but since any benefit sought would accrue to others, I feel that I can consistently ask that The Coast Guard sponsor a Bill in Congress to grant pension ~~pension~~ benefits, equivalent to Spanish War pensions, to dependents of deceased volunteers who served on the BEAR Relief Expedition.

Sincerely,


H. G. HAMLET.