

OUR FAMILY TREASURY

U. S. AIR FORCE AWARDS CITATION CEREMONY

for

LIEUTENANT
COLUMBUS "DOC" SAVAGE

3 May 1991

Video recording relating to a man who trained, served
and was a POW with my uncle in World War II



US AIR FORCE AWARDS CITATION CEREMONY

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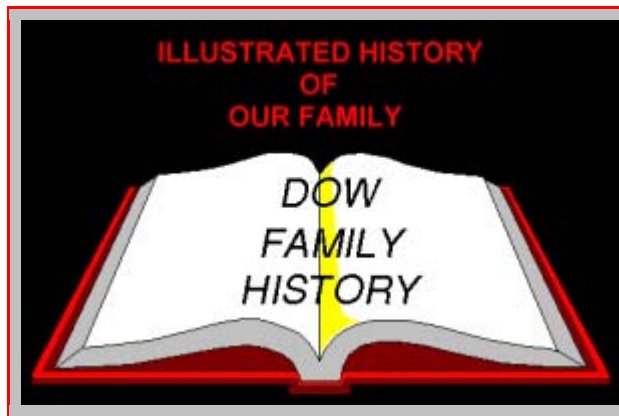
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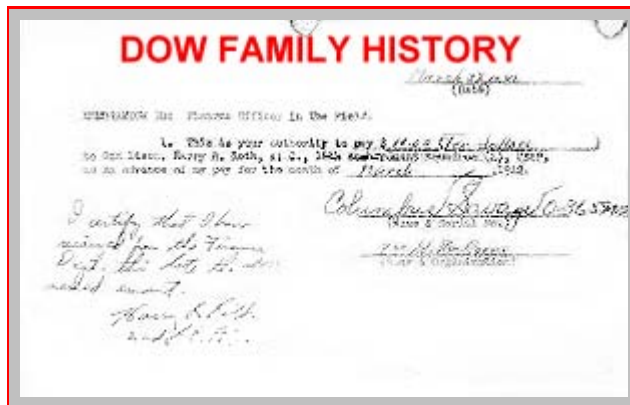
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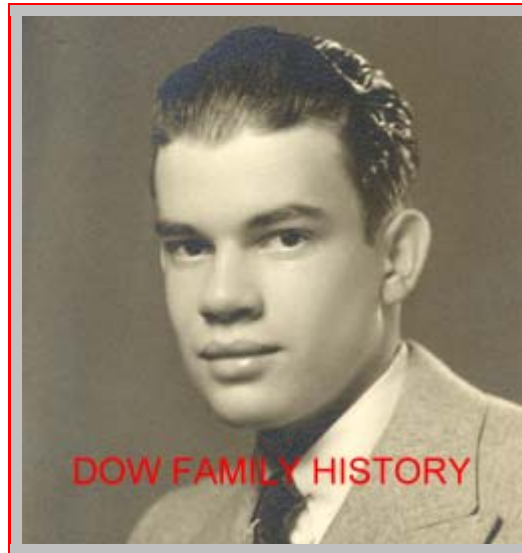
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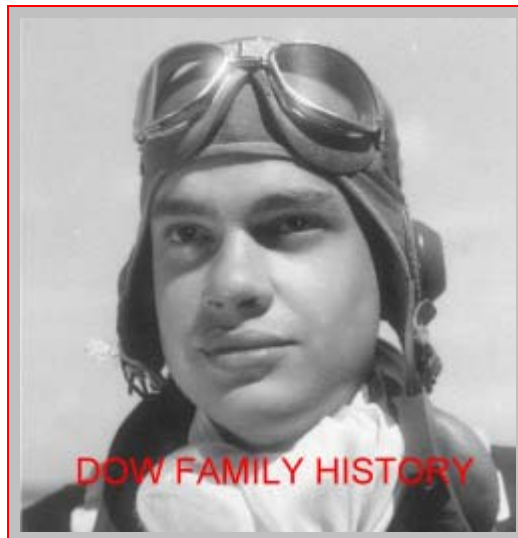
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| 姓 名 Name | BOCH, Harry H. | 生 年 月 日 Date of Birth | 1919 - 5 - 20 |
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| 父 親 姓 名 Father's Name | Richard | 母 親 姓 名 Mother's Name | Catherine |
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UNIT HISTORY-27th BOMB GROUP LIGHT

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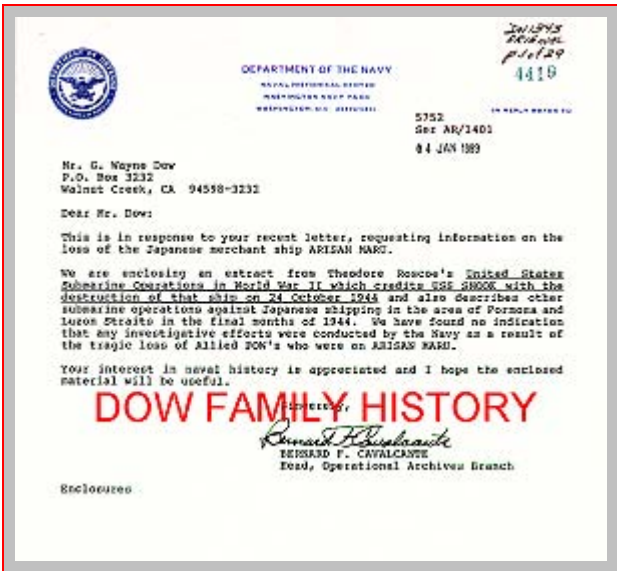
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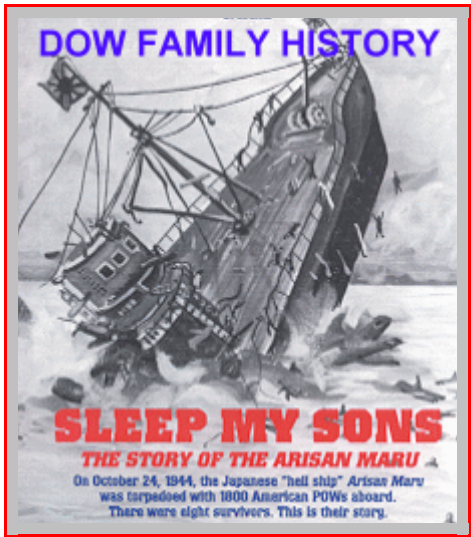
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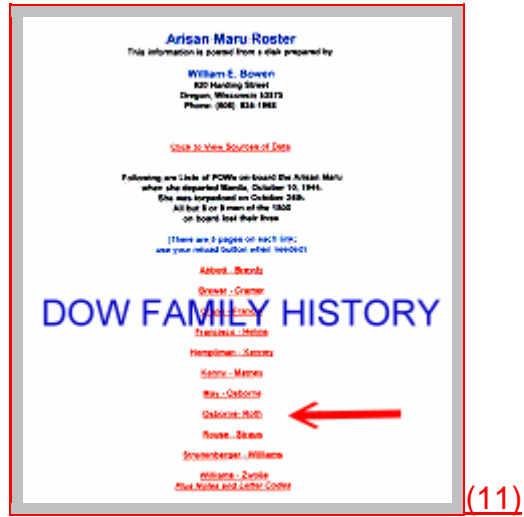
SINKING OF THE ARISAN MARU



SLEEP MY SONS - THE STORY OF THE ARISAN MARU



ARISAN MARU ROSTER



FOREWORD

This infobase and its linked sub-infobases were initially prepared in 1995. The "Revision date" on the "information" screen under "File", above, indicates when additions, revisions, corrections etc. were last made.

INTRODUCTION

This infobase connects to and plays a video tape made of the **U. S. Air Force Awards Citation Ceremony for Lieutenant Columbus "Doc" Savage [RN5362]**, on 3 May 1991 when he was age 77, and includes

- (a) the complete awards ceremony at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas;
- (b) the subsequent interviews of Doc and his two daughters by Fort Worth television stations; and
- (c) footage broadcast on a Fort Worth television station the evening of 3 May 1991 containing portions of the ceremony, interviews and other World War II archive footage.

The tape from which this digital copy was made was a second generation copy of the video taken by the television station and much of this second generation copy was of very poor quality, primarily because of poor or inadequate lighting. The tape was provided to Doc Savage at his request by one of the Fort Worth, Texas, television stations.

NOTES ON THE VIDEO CONTENT

I noted several things during my viewing of the video which may help other viewers to understand the contents better.

The introductory scene shows Doc's wife Polly and his two daughters sitting with an older woman who is believed to be Doc's sister.

The Chaplain (Major General) who gives the invocation was a prisoner of war with Doc.

In his introductory remarks, the 7th Bombardment Group Commander at Carswell seems confused about whether they were called "Soviets" or "Russians" during World War II.

The citation remarks connected with the awarding of the Purple Heart refer to "wounds" received in action 1 March 1942. In Doc's case, these wounds primarily consisted of eardrums broken during a bombing raid at Bataan Field prior to surrender (my uncle may have suffered similar wounds since they were together at the time of that bombing).

The citation remarks connected with the citations refer to "multiple attacks by unknowing friendly fire". This has reference to the bombing of the three separate, successive ships Doc was on during the time the Japanese were moving him and other prisoners of war from the Philippines to Japan. My uncle was not on these same three ships with Doc, but he was on a similar ship that was torpedoed by "unknowing friendly fire" - sunk by a U. S. submarine in the North China Sea while he and other prisoners of war were being moved from the Philippines to Japan.

During his remarks after receiving his awards, Doc "misspeaks" on a couple occasions. During his description of being moved from the Philippines to Japan by the Japanese, he says that the third ship finally arrived in Moji, "Bataan", on the 29th of January. He subsequently uses the word "Bataan" two or three more times in his narrative. He meant to say Moji, Japan, and "Japan" in these subsequent remarks.

Also during his television interview remarks, there is a distinct break in the video tape which may indicate that some part of his description of the move from the Philippines to Japan may be missing from the original tape recording. When the tape starts again he is describing the fact that all three ships he was on were bombed by US forces, two of them being put out of action. The first ship from Manila made it no further than Subic Bay in the Philippines (where his narrative picks up again). This ship was bombed very near the harbor and the surviving prisoner were forced overboard and forced to swim to shore by their Japanese captors.

It is interesting to note that when asked what he remembered most about being a prisoner of the Japanese, he does not go into any detail about life as a prisoner (except the description of the move from the Philippines to Manchuria) and instead provides a narrative of when and where he was a prisoner.

The most remarkable thing to me about this interview and his remarks at the ceremony, as well in all the conversations I have had with him, is the fact that he never talks about or describes in any detail the great succession of mistreatment at the hands of the Japanese that he endured nor the horrible conditions he had to endure in the prison camps and on the Japanese ships transferring him to Japan. One has to turn to the vivid written description (in books on these subjects) of others who were with him in these events to learn what he really went through.

Among the people greeting "Doc" following the ceremony, and just before the interview, are his sister, Mack Odom (his niece's husband); Major General Robert Preston Taylor (Retired as Chief of Air Force Chaplains and a former cellmate of his as a POW, and Polly's Uncle - which is how they met); and, John Redfearn (his pastor, North Fort Worth Baptist Church).

VIDEO

To play the video, double click on the picture below. If necessary, navigate to the "CEREMONY.MPG" file on Disc Video B DVD3V or DVD F. Once the video opens and is playing you may use the pause button on the bottom left, the stop button to the right of it, and the slider to the right which will take you to any point in the 27-1/4 minute video. When you are done viewing the video, click on the box in the top right corner to close the video player and return to this point.



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Endnotes

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Other than infobase titles and initial headings, text highlighted in color usually represents a link point to a related item that can be accessed by double-clicking the left mouse button anywhere in the colored text area. **Blue highlighting** brings up a linked object (graphic) or scanned image of a document or picture. **Red highlighting** brings up a jump link to another area of text in the infobase or to a specific point in a related but different infobase. **Violet highlighting** brings up a pop-up box of explanatory material. **BOLD BLUE HIGHLIGHTING** usually brings up another program or takes you to another infobase.

Click [HERE for Quick Help and instructions](#) on how to use this FOLIO VIEWS program that is located in the Appendix of another infobase.

Use the icon  with the word "Contents" in the tool bar at the top of the screen to access the hyperlinked Table of Contents of this infobase.

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The file "CEREMONY.MPG" can be found on both Disc Video B DVD3V or DVD F. These compact ROM discs contain the video file captured in MPEG format, the international standard for compressed digital video. It was recorded to this disc using the ISO9660 standard, the universal standard for use in a CDROM reader connected to a personal computer. This is not a Video CD recorded disc or file (i.e., it is not intended for, and will not work in, a Video CD player or DVD player - both hardware players - connected to a television or computer). The .mpg file with the file name "**CEREMONY.MPG**" contains a complete copy of the video tape provided to Col. Columbus "Doc" Savage by a Fort Worth television station.

This compressed video file may be viewed on any personal computer using video player software that can open and play a MPEG (.mpg) compressed video file. It may be readable and playable on an Apple Macintosh computer, but this has not been tested and was not the intended purpose of this recording.

This compressed video file may be viewed on any personal computer (IBM compatible PC) running the Microsoft Windows 98 operating system and having a CDROM reader that is fast enough to download video in a smooth fashion (alternately, the .mpg file can be copied to the computer's hard drive and then opened and viewed).

While the file can also be opened and viewed by a variety of available video playing software that runs MPEG files, **IN ADDITION TO JUST DOUBLE CLICKING ON THE PICTURE IMAGE AS INSTRUCTED**, it can be viewed with software that is an integral part of the Windows XP operating system in either of two additional ways:

1. Using Window's Explorer, navigate to the cdrom reader and locate the .MPG file on the disc. Double click on the file named "Ceremony.mpg." This will automatically open a player window and start the video playing. This player includes stop and pause buttons and the size of the player window can be increased to full screen size by clicking on the square box in the upper right corner (note: the quality of the video decreases noticeably when viewed in full screen mode).
2. Use the Microsoft Media Player that is included as part of Windows XP: Open the Media Player by navigating to it and double clicking on its icon or name (use the path Start/Programs/Accessories/Entertainment/Media Player). This opens the Windows Media Player which provides more VCR-type controls for playing the video than method 1 above. Once the Player is open, click on File, then Open, then find the "Ceremony.mpg" file on the CD and double click on the file name. This opens a second window showing only the first frame of the video. Then go to the VCR type right pointer in the bottom left corner of the player window and click on it. This will start the video. The other controls on the player allow you to pause, stop, fast forward, rewind etc. and the slider allows you at any time to move to a different part of the video. The slider also shows the progress of the play, with a minute scale below the slider. The video is approximately 27-1/4 minutes in length.

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Note: Unless played on a computer that has a CPU chip speed of 200Mhz or more, the video will appear jerky and may not be synchronized with the audio portion of the recording. Computers slower than 200Mhz may also not permit opening the video player to full screen size.