

April 10, 1973

National Personnel Records Center
(Military Personnel Records)
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

Re: Edward J. Steichen, deceased

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Form 180, Request
Pertaining to Military Records.

We have been unable to locate the
Discharge Certificate issued to
Edward John Steichen in 1946 upon
his leaving active duty in the U.S.
Navy with the rank of Captain. Mr.
Steichen also served in the U.S. Army
entering same in 1917.

All available information has been
entered on the form and the same has
been signed by Joanna T. Steichen,
widow of Mr. Steichen.

If there is any fee involved in obtaining
a copy of the Discharge Certificate, please
advise.

Very truly yours,

Doris Ratti

Doris Ratti
Secretary to Mrs. Steichen

Encls: 1

NCS NO

NO

REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS		Please read instructions on reverse. If more space needed, attach additional sheets.		REQUESTER'S FILE REF.	DATE OF REQUEST
PART I — INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much information as possible)					
1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (Last, first, middle)		2. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		3. DATE OF BIRTH	4. PLACE OF BIRTH
Steichen, Edward J.		[REDACTED]		Mar. 27, 1879 -	Luxembourg
For an effective records search, it is important that ALL periods of service be shown below.					
ACTIVE SERVICE					
5. BRANCH OF SERVICE (Show also last organization, if known)		6. DATES OF ACTIVE DUTY		7. (Check One)	
		ENTERED ON		OFFICER	
		RELEASED FROM		ENLISTED	
U.S. Army		1917 n/a		1st Lt. yes	
U.S. Navy		1942 1/30/46		Capt. yes	
RESERVE SERVICE		IF NONE, CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> NONE			
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE		10. DATE MEMBERSHIP		11. (Check One)	
		BEGAN		OFFICER	
		ENDED		ENLISTED	
12. SERVICE NUMBER DURING THIS PERIOD					
n/a					
NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERSHIP					
IF NONE, CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
13. ARMY		14. AIR		17. DATE MEMBERSHIP	
15. STATE		16. ORGANIZATION		18. (Check One)	
				OFFICER	
				ENLISTED	
19. SERVICE NUMBER DURING THIS PERIOD					
20. IS SERVICE PERSON DECEASED?		DATE OF DEATH		21. IS (Was) INDIVIDUAL A MILITARY RETIREE OR FLEET RESERVIST?	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (If "Yes" enter date:)		3/25/73		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	
PART II — REQUEST					
1. EXPLAIN WHAT INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS YOU NEED OR CHECK ITEMS 2 OR 3					
Discharge from U.S. Navy in 1946					
2. <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU NEED A STATEMENT OF SERVICE ONLY					
3. LOST SEPARATION DOCUMENT REPLACEMENT REQUESTED (Check One)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPORT OF SEPARATION (DD Form 214 or equivalent) ISSUED IN n/a (Yr.) (This contains information normally needed to determine eligibility for benefits. It may be furnished only to the veteran, his surviving next-of-kin, or to his representative with veteran's signed release authorization—item 6.)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE ISSUED IN 1946 (Yr.) (This shows only date and character of discharge and is of little value in determining eligibility for benefits. It may be issued only to veterans discharged honorably or under honorable conditions, or, if deceased, to the surviving spouse.)					
3A. HOW WAS SEPARATION DOCUMENT LOST? misplaced					
4. PURPOSE FOR WHICH INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED (Explain)					
Documents are necessary to obtain death benefits					
5. REQUESTER IS (Check proper box)			5A. SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEXT OF KIN (Show relationship)			Joanna T. Steichen		
<input type="checkbox"/> PERSON IDENTIFIED IN PART I			Joanna T. Steichen		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SURVIVING SPOUSE			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)		
6. RELEASE AUTHORIZATION (If required, read instruction No. 3 on reverse)			7. REQUESTER (Please type or print complete return address. Include ZIP code)		
I hereby authorize release of the requested information/documents to the addressee shown at right.			Mrs. Joanna T. Steichen		
			R.D. 3, Topstone Road		
			West Redding, Connecticut 06896		
6A. SIGNATURE OF VETERAN (If signed by other than veteran, complete 6B)					
6B. RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN					

STANDARD FORM 180
OCTOBER 1970 EDITION
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
FPMR 101-11.410-7
180-102

REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

1. INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS.

Certain identifying information is necessary to determine the location of an individual's record of military service. Please give careful consideration to, and answer each item of this form. If you do not have and cannot obtain the information for an item, show "NA" meaning the information is "not available." Include as much requested information as you can. This will help us give you the best possible service.

2. CHARGES FOR SERVICE.

A nominal fee is charged for certain types of service. In most instances service fee costs cannot be determined in advance. If your request involves a service charge, you will be advised as soon as that determination is made.

3. RESTRICTIONS ON RELEASE OF INFORMATION.

The Military Departments have restrictions regarding the release of information from records of military personnel. A service person can obtain almost any information contained in his own record. The next of kin, if the veteran is deceased, and Federal offices for official purposes, are authorized to receive most types of information from a military service or medical record. Other requesters must have the Release Authorization in item 6 of the request signed by the veteran, or, if deceased, by the next of kin. Employers and others needing proof of military service should accept, as authentic, the information shown on documents issued by the Armed Forces at the time the service persons are separated.

LOCATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND MEDICAL RECORDS

The various categories of Military Personnel Records are described below. For each category there is a CODE number which indicates the address at the bottom of the page to which this request should be forwarded. For each military service there is a NOTE explaining approximately how long the records are held by the military services before they are transferred to the National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis. Please read these notes carefully and make sure you send your inquiry to the right address. (If the person has two or more periods of service within the same branch, send your request to the office having the record for the last period.)

	CATEGORY OF RECORDS AND WHERE TO WRITE ADDRESS CODE	Code No.		CATEGORY OF RECORDS AND WHERE TO WRITE ADDRESS CODE	Code No.
AIR FORCE	Active members (incl. Nat'l Guard on active duty in Air Force); TDRL**; and general officers retired with pay.	1	ARMY	Officers separated before 7-1-17 and enlisted separated before 11-1-12.	6
	Reserve: retired reservists in non-pay status; and Nat'l Guard released from active duty and transferred to Reserve.	2		Reserve; TDRL**; current Nat'l Guard members' records of active duty in U.S. Army; and living retired members less general officers.	7
	Current Nat'l Guard officers not on active duty in Air Force.	12		Active officers (incl. Nat'l Guard on active duty in U.S. Army) and retired general officers.	8
	Current Nat'l Guard enlisted not on active duty in Air Force.	13		Active enlisted (incl. Nat'l Guard on active duty in U.S. Army).	9
	Discharged; deceased; and retired with pay (less general officers retired with pay).	14		Current Nat'l Guard officers not on active duty in U.S. Army.	12
NOTE: Air Force records are transferred to NPRC* as soon as processed—about 30 days after separation.				Current Nat'l Guard enlisted not on active duty in U.S. Army.	13
COAST GUARD	Active, reserve and TDRL** members plus officers separated before 1-1-29.	3	NAVY	Discharged and deceased members, except old records in Nat'l Archives—see first category under Army.	14
	Discharged, deceased, and retired members, except officers separated before 1-1-29—see item above.	14		NOTE: Army records are transferred to NPRC* as soon as processed—about 30 days after separation.	
	NOTE: Coast Guard officer records are transferred to NPRC* 3 months after separation; enlisted records after 6 months.				Active and TDRL** members, reserve officers, and enlisted reserve in drill status.
MARINE CORPS	Active and TDRL** members, reserve officers, and Class II enlisted reserve.	4	NAVY	Discharged, deceased, retired, and enlisted reserve status pool.	14
	Class III Reservists (Inactive).	5		NOTE: Navy officer records are transferred to NPRC* 1 year after separation; active enlisted after 6 months; and enlisted reserve status pool 18 months prior to discharge date.	
	Discharged, deceased, and retired.	14		Medical records of Navy/Marine Corps active members.	
	NOTE: Marine Corps records are transferred to NPRC* 4 months after separation.				NOTE: Navy/Marine Corps medical records are transferred to NPRC* 3 months after separation.

*NPRC: National Personnel Records Center

**TDRL: Temporary Disability Retired List

ADDRESS LIST OF CUSTODIANS—WHERE TO WRITE FOR EACH CATEGORY OF RECORDS

1	USAF, Military Personnel Center Military Personnel Records Division Randolph AFB, Texas 78148	5	Marine Corps Reserve Forces Class III 1500 E. Bannister Road Kansas City, Missouri 64131	8	The Adjutant General ATTN: AGPF Department of the Army Washington, D.C. 20310	12	National Guard Bureau Washington, D.C. 20310
2	Air Reserve Personnel Center 3800 York Street Denver, Colorado 80205	6	National Archives and Records Administration National Archives Washington, D.C. [REDACTED]	9	Commanding Officer Army Enlisted Personnel Support Center Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. 46249	13	The Adjutant General of the Appropriate State; D.C.; or Puerto Rico
3	Commandant U.S. Coast Guard Washington, D.C. 20590	7	Commanding Officer U.S. Army Administration Center, TAGO 9700 Page Boulevard St. Louis, Missouri 63132	10	Chief of Naval Personnel Department of the Navy Washington, D.C. 20370	14	National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records) 9700 Page Boulevard St. Louis, Missouri 63132
4	Commandant of the Marine Corps Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps Washington, D.C. 20380			11	Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Department of the Navy Washington, D.C. 20390		

Reverse of Standard Form 180 (10-70)

☆ U. S. GPO : 1971 O - 430-456 (10A)

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TRANSMITTAL OF MILITARY SERVICE DOCUMENTS

The attached document(s) is/are furnished in reply to your recent request.

- A copy of the Report of Separation is not on file.
- Discharge certificates are prepared in the original only; therefore, copies cannot be furnished.
- A discharge certificate was previously mailed to you at your last known address. If you received that document, please return the enclosed certificate.
- The wallet size certificate of service is no longer issued or printed; therefore, a replacement cannot be furnished.
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*Sent 553
in accordance
1861.51 Fig 1, Rule 3
only with 3*

MILITARY SERVICE DOCUMENTS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. GUARD THEM CAREFULLY AGAINST LOSS OR DAMAGE.

MRS. Joanna T. Steichen
R.D. 3 Topstone Road
West Redding, CT 06896

for
NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, GSA
(Military Personnel Records)
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132
MN-CB

NCP

DATE: *5/11/73*

REPORT OF CASUALTY	1. REPORT NUMBER AND TYPE	2. DATE PREPARED 1979 Jul 2
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3. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Social Security Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization), (MOS/NFC)

STEICHEN Edward John [REDACTED] **CAPT 006 USNR RET O 1359**

4. CASUALTY STATUS a. BATTLE NON-BATTLE b. COMMENCED TOUR DATE:

5. STATUS: DEATH MIA MISSING MISSING IN ACTION CAPTURED OTHER _____

6. DATE: 1973 Mar 25 a. PLACE: Redding CT (Specify)

7. CAUSE & CIRCUMSTANCES: Complete Heart Block.

8. a. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH	b. RACE	c. SEX	d. RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE
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9. DATE AND PLACE OF LAST ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN CURRENT STATUS AND HOME OF RECORD AT TIME

7 a. PAY GRADE	b. BASIC PAY	c. INCENTIVE/ADDITIONAL PAY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	d. CHECK IF APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/> CREW <input type="checkbox"/> PASSENGER
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8. DUTY STATUS: Inactive Retired 1943 Apr 1 (Without Pay) SV#126546

9. INTERESTED PERSONS (Name, Address, Relationship) DATE OF RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA FORM:

10. REPORT FOR VA TO FOLLOW <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	11. REPORTING COMMAND AGENCY AND DATE REPORT RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT
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12. PRIOR SERVICE DATA
 YES NO

13. REMARKS

FOOTNOTES:

1. Adult next of kin.
2. Beneficiary for gratuity pay in event there is no surviving wife or child—as designated on record of emergency data.
3. Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances—as designated on record of emergency data.

14. DISTRIBUTION <p style="text-align: center;">D</p>	15. SIGNATURE ELEMENT Certified to be a true Certification of Casualty. <i>Edmund C. Ward</i> Head, Casualty Branch By direction of the Chief of Naval Personnel
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NAME: Steichen, Edward John

SN: 12 6546

SSN: [REDACTED]

RECORD Block	Action	Date	Initial
WWI			
WWII			
Pww			
N. off.			
M.C. Off.			
M.C. Enl.			
Meds			

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000	12	6546	HERREID ALBERT C	CG	0	0	234	513
000	12	6546	STEICHEN EDWARD J	NM	N	0	854	936
000	12	6546	STRONG GRANT	QM	P	0000	623	811

The Museum of Modern Art

11 West 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10019 Tel. 956-6100 Cable: Modernart

Department of Photography

June 3, 1977

National Personnel Records Center, MPR, GSA
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

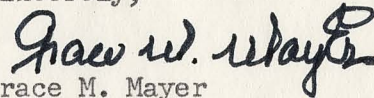
Gentlemen:

Please see letter of May 15, 1977 attached.

In addition to the information requested in that letter, it would be most helpful to us to have a summary of the Military & Naval Records of Edward J. Steichen, if such a summary exists.

With thanks for your consideration of this inquiry -

Sincerely,



Grace M. Mayer
The Edward Steichen Archive

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May 15, 1977

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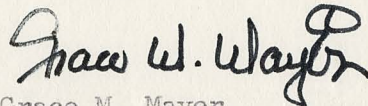
Gentlemen:

I am engaged in writing a biography of Edward Steichen.

In a biographical sketch of Captain Steichen's career sent out by the Department of the Navy in 1946, it was stated: "In addition to the Distinguished Service Medal, Captain Steichen has the Victory Medal, World War I (U. S. Army), and is entitled to the American Area Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal." (See enclosed copy of this release). When were these various decorations awarded, please?

With thanks for your consideration of this inquiry -

Sincerely,



Grace M. Mayer
The Edward Steichen Archive

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WORLD WAR I & WORLD WAR II

EDWARD J. STEICHEN - Military & Naval Record

In no place, in the documents at the Museum is Steichen's Service Number noted

July, 1917 Volunteers and is commissioned First Lieutenant in U. S. Army

October 23, 1917 Ordered to report to the General Superintendent, Army Transport Service, NYC for transportation to France, to report to the Commanding General, AEF for duty on arrival at Port of Debarkation. Listed as First Lieutenant in the Signal Officers' Reserve Corps

November, 1917 - Technical Advisor Aerial Photo
March, 1918

March, 1918 - Chief Photo officer Zone of Advance
May, 1918

May, 1918 - August, 1918 Technical Director of Aerial Photo.
March 14, 1918 Reported for Duty (Capt. Edward J. Steichen, ASSORC)

March 31, 1918 Is assigned to duty at Headquarters Advance Section, Air Service with station at Colombey-les-Belles, from date of reporting

July, 1918 At Chateau Thierry

August, 1918 - April, 1919 Chief, Photo Section, A. S. A.E.F.
September, 1918 St. Mihiel

October, 1918 Argonne Meuse

October 31, 1919 Honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., with the rank of Major, A. S. A.

December 29, 1919 Appointed Lieutenant Colonel Aviation Section, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps

FOR WORLD WAR II, see next page

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Department of Photography

EDWARD J. STEICHEN WORLD WAR II

- 1941 Invited by Captain (later Admiral) Arthur W. Radford to form a small unit of photographers to photograph Naval Aviation
- January 31, 1942 Commissioned Lt. Commander, USNR
- November 9 -
December 23, 1943 Aboard the Carrier U. S. S. LEXINGTON during the Gilbert and Marshall Islands Operation. On December 4, the LEXINGTON was hit by torpedo from an enemy bomber
- 1944 Supervises U. S. Navy film "The Fighting Lady"
- 1945 Named Director of U. S. Navy Photographic Institute and placed in command of all Navy Combat Photography
- January 30, 1946 Released from active duty in the Navy, with rank of Captain
- 1950 During Koresn War, at the request of Admiral Radford, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, he resumes uniform to evaluate and make recommendations regarding Navy photography

NC5NO

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, MPR, GSA
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63132

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

AUTHORITY FOR COLLECTION OF THE INFORMATION IS 44 U.S.C. 2907 AND 3103, AND E. O. 9397, OF NOVEMBER 22, 1943. DISCLOSURE OF THE INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE INFORMATION IS TO ASSIST THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER IN LOCATING AND VERIFYING THE CORRECTNESS OF THE REQUESTED RECORDS OR INFORMATION TO ANSWER YOUR INQUIRY. ROUTINE USES OF THE INFORMATION AS ESTABLISHED AND PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 5 U.S.C. 552A (e)(4)(D) INCLUDE THE TRANSFER OF RELEVANT INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, OR FOREIGN AGENCIES FOR USE IN CIVIL, CRIMINAL, OR REGULATORY INVESTIGATIONS OR PROSECUTION. IN ADDITION THIS FORM WILL BE FILED WITH THE APPROPRIATE MILITARY OR CIVILIAN RECORDS AND MAY BE TRANSFERRED ALONG WITH THE RECORD TO ANOTHER AGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ROUTINE USES ESTABLISHED BY THE AGENCY WHICH MAINTAINS THE RECORD. IF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IS NOT PROVIDED, IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SERVICE YOUR INQUIRY.

BEFORE WE CAN ANSWER YOUR INQUIRY, WE NEED YOUR HELP

FULL NAME WHILE IN SERVICE Edward J. Steichen

SERVICE NUMBER _____ DATES OF ACTIVE DUTY: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED] From _____ To _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____ From _____ To _____

OTHER _____ **FOR THIS DATA, SEE ATTACHED SHEETS** DATES OF RESERVE DUTY: _____

From _____ To _____

RELEASE AUTHORIZATION, IF REQUIRED

(Read instruction at right.)

I hereby authorize release of the requested information/documents to the addressee shown below.

Joanna T. Steichen
(Signature)

RESTRICTIONS ON RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Information from records of military personnel is released subject to restrictions imposed by the Military Departments consistent with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 (as amended 1974) and the Privacy Act of 1974. A service person has access to any information contained in his own record. The next of kin, if the veteran is deceased, and Federal officers for official purposes, are authorized to receive information from a military service or medical record only as specified in the above cited Acts. Other requesters must have the Release Authorization at left signed by the veteran, or, if deceased, by the next of kin. Employers and others needing proof of military service are expected to accept the information shown on documents issued by the Armed Forces at the time a service person is separated.

REMARKS:

Joanna T. Steichen is the widow of Edward Steichen, who died on March 25, 1973 at his home in West Redding, Connecticut.

The reason for requesting this information is that I (Grace M. Mayer, The Edward Steichen Archive, The Museum of Modern Art, N.Y.) am writing a book on Steichen.

Grace M. Mayer
% The Museum of Modern Art
11 West 53 St.
New York, N.Y. 10019

NCPM 0-mi By _____
Date 5.27.77

NOTE:
BE SURE TO RETURN ALL
THE ATTACHED PAPERS

TO: Technician

Unit A

Unit B

FROM: Davis

1. CASE NAME (Last only) Stephen
(Attach this form to top of case)

2. I HAVE REVIEWED:

- NPRC 1865. _____
- Technical instructions _____
- Other _____
- No instruction to cover _____

3. QUESTION:

What other information could be furnished to this woman that she doesn't already have?

4. MY SOLUTION:

5. TECHNICIAN'S COMMENT:

- Solution approved
- Solution disapproved and explanation:

SN
Medals 155 at disch
No add into to
supplement yours

REPLY TO INQUIRY (NCP)

DATE

July 14, 1977

SUBJECT:

Your reference

Steichen, Edward J. 47N

Date of inquiry

6/13/77

The answer to your inquiry is furnished below. This abbreviated form of reply has been adopted as a means of supplying information speedily.

The above named was assigned service number 126546. His medals were issued at the time of discharge. We have no additional information to supplement that already submitted by you.

Grace M. Mayer
40 The Museum of Modern Art
11 West 53 St.
New York, N.Y. 10019

Davis

Ralph W. McCann

for Chief, Navy Reference Branch

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, GSA
(Military Personnel Records)

9700 Page Boulevard

St. Louis, Missouri 63132

NCP MN-CB

File Copy

CAPTAIN EDWARD JOHN STEICHEN, U.S. NAVAL RESERVE (RETIRED)

Captain Steichen, born in Luxembourg, March 27, 1879, came to the United States in 1882. He attended Pio Nono College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1942 he was given an honorary Master of Arts degree by Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.

In civilian life, Captain Steichen is a noted photographer and artist, and has exhibited photographs and paintings at the great art centres of America and Europe. From 1923 until 1928, Captain Steichen was chief photographer of Conde Nast Publications. He made the aviation photographic mural decoration in the New Roxy Theatre, Radio City, New York.

During World War I, Captain Steichen served with the U.S. Army, in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was Commander, Photographic Division, Air Service with the Army Expeditionary Forces. For his services during World War I, he was awarded the Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur from the Government of France.

Captain Steichen entered the U.S. Naval Reserve in February 1942, and served during World War II consecutively in the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, Washington, D.C., and as Commanding Officer of the Naval Aviation Photographic Unit in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air), Navy Department. In charge of all Navy combat photographers, he directed the photography of "The Fighting Lady" and the photographic exhibition "Power in the Pacific" for the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

For his services during World War II, Captain Steichen was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL:

"For exceptionally meritorious service to the Government of the United States as Commanding Officer of the Naval Aviation Photographic Unit under DCNO (Air) and later as Director of the Navy Photographic Institute during the period February 26, 1942, to the cessation of hostilities with the Japanese Empire. Adapting his wide experience as an illustrious photographer to this important assignment, Captain Steichen maintained the highest possible standards of excellence in Navy photography for training the Navy's flyers, for informing the public as to the progress of the war and for creating an invaluable historical record of our ships, planes and fighting men. In two tours of duty in the Pacific, one in 1943, aboard the USS LEXINGTON when

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (Cont.):

she sustained a torpedo attack, and again in 1944, at Guam and Iwo Jima, Captain Steichen studied Naval photography at close range. His enthusiasm and skill were responsible for raising to a remarkable plane of realistic art such documentary films as 'The Fighting Lady' as well as moving pictures depicting the drama and fury of aerial combat. In bringing to all Navy photography his own high caliber of achievement, he has rendered distinguished service not only to his contemporaries but also to future generations."

Captain Steichen was ordered relieved of all active duty on October 22, 1945.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Medal, Captain Steichen has the Victory Medal, World War I (U.S. Army), and is entitled to the American Area Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

His usual residence is Ridgefield, Connecticut.

September 4, 1946.

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