

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

3 April 1944.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Admiral Halsey has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7 March 1944, requesting another original of your son's citation. I was sorry to hear that you had lost the original.

You will find enclosed another original of your son's citation which I know you will treasure very highly.

Best regards.

H. E. STASSEN,  
Flag Secretary.

Mr. Morgan Adams  
Navy Department  
Office of Procurement and Material  
Room T-4-2048  
Washington 25, D. C.

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**OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET**  
**HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER**

3 April 1944.

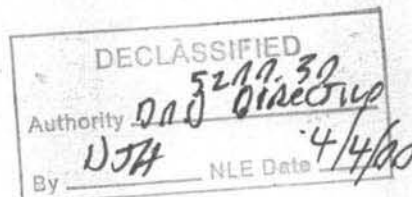
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MEMORANDUM TO: The Flag Secretary, CinCPac.

1. To complete CinCPac's files see MTBrons SoPac Secret serial 0041 forwarded under ComSoPac Secret serial 00831.

Respectfully,

H. C. CARROLL,  
 Assistant Flag Secretary.



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SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

MEMORANDUM

28 March 1944

From: The Chief Censor, South Pacific Force.  
To: All Department Heads COMSOPAC.

Subject: Censors, registration of.

Enclosure: (A) Censorship Regulations, U.S. Navy, ONI-CR-43,  
Section IV, Art. 2 (b) and Section V,  
Article 3 (a).

1. In compliance with enclosure (A), it is requested that the Force Chief Censor be provided in triplicate with the names, facsimiles of the initials and censor stamps of the officers and men who are authorized to censor mail in each department.

2. It is requested that this material be forwarded to the Force Chief Censor by 15 April 1944.

3. It is suggested that the requested information be provided in a form similar to the following:

Department or Section

Public Relations (28)

Name

Rank

Facsimile of Stamp  
and Initials

James S. Dunn, Lieut., USNR.



John T. Store, Lieut. (jg), USN.



(etc.)

*Berkeley F. Jones*  
BERKELEY F. JONES.

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
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CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS  
U. S. NAVY  
ONI-CR-43, 12 October 1943.

SECTION IV. Article 2.

(b) Chief censors on ships, with mobile units, and at shore bases shall provide the Director of Naval Intelligence with: (1) facsimiles of all censoring stamps used on white sheets of hard surface paper; (2) facsimiles of the initials of all censors and assistant censors, and of all officers authorized to censor their own mail; and (3) the names, ranks, and corps of all censors and assistant censors, and of officers authorized to censor their own mail. Such details and all changes thereto shall be reported promptly. Likewise, this same information will be furnished to the fleet chief censor unless he directs otherwise.

SECTION V. Article 3. (Amended according to ALNAV 41).

(a) Only flag officers and the three officers ordered as their aides, all officers of the rank of captain, commanding officers, and executive officers may censor their own mail. When this is done, they shall place their initials on the lower left corner of the face of the envelope, signifying compliance with all regulations. The censor shall assure himself that the initials are genuine, and shall stamp, reinitial, and pass such mail in the regular manner without reading. All other officers and all enlisted men shall submit their mail for reading and censoring.

ENCLOSURE (A)

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**SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE**  
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**HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER**

30 March 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chief Censor.

Subject: Censors, registration of.

1. In accordance with your memorandum of 28 March 1944, the attached list is submitted.

H. E. STASSEN,  
Flag Secretary.

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30 March 1944.

FLAG SECRETARY (05).

H. E. Stassen, Lt. Comdr., USNR.



J. D. Hughes, Lieut., USNR.



H. C. CARROLL, Lt(jg), U.S.N.



E. M. Kurtz, Lt(jg), USNR.



R. J. LeFavour, Ensign, USNR.



SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
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29 March, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

From: FLAG SECRETARY

To: ComSeron

ComSoPac OIA

ComSoPac OOA

1. USAFISPA G-1 called and stated that Colonel Harry C. Schneider, U.S. Army, is prepared to relieve Colonel Robert B. Willkie, U.S. Army, as Chairman of the Joint Purchasing Board at Auckland, and they were ready to issue orders and wished to know if agreeable to us.

2. Please return to 05 for notification.

H. E. STASSEN.

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
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M E M O R A N D U M

From: FLAG SECRETARY

To:

*Com Seron*

*Com So Pac #1 A*

*Com So Pac #2 A*

*Usafirpa G<sup>T</sup> called and*  
*stated that Colonel Harry C. Schneider*  
*is prepared to relieve Colonel Robert B. Willkie*  
*as chairman of the Joint Purchasing*  
*Board at Auckland and they*  
*were ready to assume orders and wished*  
*to know if agreeable to us.*  
*Please return to #5 for notification*

*[Signature]*



SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

27 March, 1944 4

MEMORANDUM

From: FLAG SECRETARY

To:

*General Harmon*

*Genl Barnett*

*By hand*

*Top Secret*

Receipt of JCS <sup>Dispatch</sup> 122319  
of March 1944, Copy no 3,  
is acknowledged.

COMSOPAC FILE

**SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE**  
**OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET**  
**HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER**

27 March 1944.

Dear Colonel:

In regard to your letter of 15 March,  
after a thorough search I find no record, nor have  
any recollection, of the letter you mentioned.

Sincerely,

H.E. STASSEN.

Lt. Colonel J.L. Perkins, USMC.  
3228 Elliott Street,  
San Diego, 6, Calif.

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Dear Comd'r  
I am glad to hear of your return to the States. I hope you will call my brief visit with you early in October when I had just arrived at Tontouta from Tulagi. It was in regard to a letter I had written the Admiral in September on the subject of my failure of promotion, in which I had

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finally requested him to return to me a letter I had sent him, written by Brig Gen P. A. del Valle, a commendatory sort of personal letter I wanted back which the Admiral failed to return to me. Inasmuch as he never answered any of my letters all of which had been registered I have often doubted that he ever received them.

It is therefore requested that you ask him about it and explain that I desire no assistance from him — that all I wish is a return of del Valle's letter written me in long hand in July 1943.

With best wishes always, I am

Sincerely yours,  
J. L. Perkins,  
Lt. Col. U.S.M.C.



**SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE**  
**OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET**  
**HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER** **jac**

28 March 1944.

Dear Bell:

After checking our personnel files, I find that your request of 7 January was forwarded by our office on 16 January to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Here's hoping you may hear from it soon.

Sincerely,

H.C. CARROLL.

Lt.(jg) J.N. Bell, USNR.  
Staff, ComTHIRDPhib.  
c/o Fleet Post Office,  
San Francisco, Calif.

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SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
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16 March 1944

My dear Swamy,

One of the Marine officers here in the South Pacific recently called my attention to the January 1944 number of the U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters Bulletin wherein on page 31 was the account of your shooting at Quantico.

Congratulations, and glad to hear you are still knocking them off in championship style. I was particularly delighted to see it because during one of our evening bull sessions when the talk turned to shooting, I made a few remarks about you which were not challenged, but which I noted were received with skepticism. Now, by displaying the official write-up, I have convinced the skeptics that I did not over-state your shooting ability.

As you know, the Marines in their marksmanship have done a great job in the assaults out here in the Pacific. Keep on training them to shoot straight as it definitely means that more Japs hit the dirt before they hit our men.

I am delighted with my assignment out here in the Pacific as Admiral Halsey is a great skipper. Will look forward to seeing you again personally sometime, somewhere. I might even let you fix my teeth again!

Best regards.

Major E. O. Swanson, USMC.,  
Quantico, Virginia

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
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.....25 March....., 1944.....

MEMORANDUM

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From: FLAG SECRETARY

To: OOA

Re New Zealand Prime Minister Trip.

1. Admiral Halsey has suggested desirability of flight direct from Auckland to Suva which will save 583 miles enroute Pearl.
2. Attached suggested dispatch for approval.

H. E. STASSEN.

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

24 March, 1944

MEMORANDUM

From: FLAG SECRETARY

To: *ØØA* for Approval.

When the Staff Roster is made up for 1 April 1944, it is recommended that Army and Marine Corps officers be shown in their relative positions with Navy officers. CinCPac does this. The present system places these officers at the end of the Roster.

H. E. STASSEN.

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

22 March 1944.

MEMORANDUM

To: ComSoPac Staff.

Subject: Acting Chief of Staff.

1. During the current absence of the Chief of Staff from Admin Headquarters, Captain R. B. Fleming, U.S.N. will be Acting Chief of Staff. Upon the return of Captain R. E. Wilson, U.S.N. to Headquarters, and the chop from Advon to Admin, Captain R. E. Wilson, U.S.N. will be Acting Chief of Staff.

2. The Flag Secretary will continue to handle administrative matters under the supervision of the Acting Chief of Staff.

ROBT. B. CARNEY.



**SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE**  
**OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET**  
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20 March 1944.

**MEMORANDUM FROM:** The Flag Secretary.

**To:** *ppa*

**Subject:** NATS schedule for New Zealand Prime Minister and party.

1. Regular Service.

Leave Auckland via PBM	0800L - 7 April.
Arrive Noumea via PBM	1530L - 7 April.
Leave Noumea via PBM	0630L - 8 April.
Arrive Espiritu via PBM	1130L - 8 April.
Leave Espiritu via PB2Y3	1500L - 8 April.
Arrive Pearl Harbor	1900L - 8 April. (Western Date)

2. Recommended Schedule.

Request ComNatsPac to divert PB2Y3 due to arrive in Noumea on Suva run at 1700 - 6 April - to Auckland, Leaving Noumea 0800L 7 April and arriving Auckland 1500L 7 April.

Schedule of Prime Minister and party would then be:

Leave Auckland via PB2Y3	0800L - 8 April.
Arrive Noumea via PB2Y3	1500L - 8 April.
Leave Noumea via PB2Y3	0700L - 9 April.
Arrive Pearl Harbor	
via Suva and Canton	1700L - 9 April. (Western Date)

This would involve two days diversion of NATS plane.

H. E. STASSEN.

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
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19 March, 1944.

M E M O R A N D U M

From: FLAG SECRETARY

To: 20 - Commander McClellan.

60 - Commander Burgess.

OOA - For Release.

1. These officers have been engaged in making flights operating intricate radar counter-measure equipment locating enemy radar. The flight orders as technical observer should be issued and those renewed for the two officers whose orders expire on June 1st 1944.

2. Flight orders are issued regularly to the radar counter-measure crew members. On a number of important missions such as Truk, Ponape, Kavieng, and early Rabaul flights, an officer makes the trip as technician for obvious reasons.

H. E. STASSEN.

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17 March, 1944

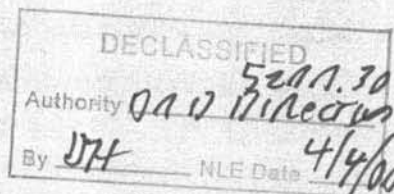
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MEMORANDUM

From: FLAG SECRETARY

To: Colonel Salmon

Rear Admiral Daniel will be accompanied on his visit by Captain E.H. Shattock, O.B.E., R.N., Captain (E) T.H. Simpson, M.V.O., R.N., Commander R.C.M. Duckworth, R.N., and Paymaster Lieutenant Commander R.N. Heard, R.N., to the best of our available knowledge.



SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
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.....17 March....., 1944.....

MEMORANDUM

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From: FLAG SECRETARY

To: OOA

Subject: D-day Sanitation Letter.

1. Dr. Hook will confer with USAFISPA medical for concurrence.

2. Letter has been redrafted to meet your questions and has been submitted to Dr. Hook for further consideration.

3. Entire matter will be resubmitted to you at an early date.

H. E. STASSEN.

**SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE**  
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

15 March 1944.

Dear Captain Tomlinson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8 March.

Thank you for your courtesies to Miss Ryan of the Red Cross and for your kind offer of future assistance.

Will look forward to seeing you again personally.

Please also pass on to Lieutenant Fessio.

H. E. STASSEN.

Captain D. W. Tomlinson, USNR,  
Commander, Naval Air Transport Service, Pacific,  
c/o Fleet Post Office,  
San Francisco, Calif.

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
AIR TRANSPORT SQUADRONS, PACIFIC

c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.

8 MAR 1944

Lieut. Comdr. H. E. Stassen, USNR,  
Headquarters of the Commander,  
South Pacific Force.

Dear Stassen:

Lieut. Fessio, Naval Air Priorities  
Officer here at Pearl advises that Miss Ryan's trans-  
portation has been handled in accordance with your  
wishes.

Please feel free to call on us when-  
ever these special cases arise. //

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

*D. W. Tomlinson*

D. W. TOMLINSON,  
Captain, U.S.N.R.  
Commander, Naval Air  
Transport Service, Pacific.

*Understand  
a reply  
Dear Capt. Tomlinson*

*This will acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of 8 March.  
Thank you for your  
courtesies to Mrs. Ryan  
of the Red Cross &  
for your kind offer  
of future assistance  
We look forward  
to seeing you  
again personally*

*Please also pass on to Lieut. Fessio*

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
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16 March 1944.

Dear General:

I wish to express to you on behalf of Admiral Halsey and his guests, my sincere appreciation for your invitation to the revue "Take it Easy, Soldier", presented by the Kiwi Concert Party on Monday evening 13 March 1944.

The Admiral and his party enjoyed the presentation very much.

Also, please pass on our thanks to Captain G. A. Davidson, Captain H. N. Johnson, and Lieutenant R. B. Dagger, for their many courtesies.

Sincerely yours,

H. E. STASSEN,  
Flag Secretary.

Brigadier General W. W. Dove, N.Z.E.F.,  
The Officer in Charge of Administration,  
Vallee des Colons,  
Noumea.

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## NAVY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



7 March 1944

Admiral W. F. Halsey, U.S.N.  
Commander South Pacific Area and South Pacific Force  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

My dear Admiral Halsey:

I wonder if you will help me out of a very embarrassing situation.

My oldest son, Lieutenant Morgan Adams, Jr., now commanding the U. S. Trever sent me the original of your citation to him sometime ago. In moving my residence here in Washington, I have lost this very important document.

I am enclosing herewith a copy which luckily I had struck off and I wonder whether you will send me another original.

I had the pleasure of meeting you in the Under Secretary's office when you were last in Washington.

Very truly yours,

Morgan Edwards.

MORGAN ADAMS

MA:gb

Address: Mr. Morgan Adams  
Navy Department  
Office of Procurement and Material  
Room T-4-2048  
Washington 25, D. C.



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