

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTRATION

*on behalf of*

THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING,  
NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN THE PACIFIC

*requests the pleasure of the company of*

*Captain Ross, USN*

*at a revue*

"TAKE IT EASY, SOLDIER,"

*to be presented by the*

*Kiwi Concert Party (Pacific)*

*in the Hickson Theatre, Noumea,*

*on Monday, 13 March, 1944, at 1930 hrs.*

ADMISSION BY INVITATION ONLY

RSVP by Monday, 6 March,  
to office of the DAA and QMG,  
NZEFP,  
Vallee des Colons,  
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THE HICKSON THEATRE HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY COURTESY OF  
THE COMMANDING OFFICER, SERVICE COMMAND

COMSOPAC FILE

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

15 March 1944.

Dear Captain Nielson:

We have no record here of Captain Sheffield.  
Will keep a lookout for him.

Best regards.

H. E. STASSEN.

Captain Joseph L. Nielson, USNR,  
Navy 60,  
c/o Fleet Post Office,  
San Francisco, Calif.

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Jm  
March 10, 1944.

Dear Commander:-

Captain Joseph Sheffield,  
U.S.N.R. recently arrived in  
the Lapac Area for duty. I  
was informed that he was  
to go to Admiral Halsey's  
staff. If this is correct  
would you mind letting  
me know where he is located.  
If not on the staff, he may be  
with the 1st Mac. As he is  
a relative, by marriage, I  
would like to get his address.  
My thanks for any information  
you can give me.

Sincerely

~~Signature~~  
Answer  
Dear Comdr Nelson  
We have no record  
here of Capt Sheffield.  
I will keep a lookout  
for him.  
Best regards  
Joseph L. Nelson  
Captain U.S.N.R.  
Navy Co.

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

P8-5/(00)

Serial

*Not Mailed*

**Subject:      Reproduction of Certain Calendars - Objection to.**  
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6.      They looked at the eagle on the December calendar as a symbol of the alert strength of a free nation and as they looked, they hoped that the people on the home front would unite in their support of the armed forces to keep the wings strong and the perception keen.

7.      They looked at the pretty girl on enclosure (D) with a respectful longing, with a haze of reminiscence over their eyes, and with the hope that those at home would recognize the clean precious beauty portrayed, and would not think any evil thoughts which characterize the barbaric uncivilized nations of our enemies.

8.      They looked at the quiet mission scene in enclosure (F) and longed for the days when rigid discipline and cruelties of the war had ended in victory, when they might once again walk in scenes such as this, and they hoped that the people at home would keep those scenes free of oppression or intolerance or narrowness.

9.      The Commander South Pacific would welcome the receipt of a group of pictures portraying the finer things of our country, duly approved by a board of censors, for reproduction on the future calendars of the South Pacific and expresses the further hope that it will not be necessary to print too many of these calendars before the officers and men of the great fighting team in the South Pacific complete their task and return to the mainland, where pictures are not needed to see the beauty that is America.



13 Nov 1944

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

P8-5/(00)

Serial

*Not mailed*

**From:** The Commander South Pacific.  
**To :** The Chief of Naval Personnel.  
**Subject:** Reproduction of Certain Calendars - Objection to.  
**Enclosure:** (A) BuPers letter Pers-181-GW of 11 February 1944.  
 (B) Copy of letter dated 7 February 1944, from Senator David I. Walsh.  
 (C) Letter dated 22 January 1944 from Most Reverend John F. O'Hara to Senator David I. Walsh.  
 (D) ComSoPac calendar for January 1944.  
 (E) ComSoPac calendar for December 1943.  
 (F) ComSoPac calendar for February 1944.

1. The receipt of enclosures (B) and (C) protesting the expenditure of public funds for the printing of enclosure (D) by the Commander South Pacific is acknowledged.

2. The printing of a calendar and the distribution of it throughout the South Pacific Area is a necessary expense, as calendars are essential to the coordination of the far flung activities of this command over the many island areas which we have been recapturing from the Japanese. The calendar in question was printed by our printing presses at headquarters. You can, therefore, be assured that the cost of the war has not been increased by the picture of the pretty girl on the calendars of the South Pacific.

3. It should also be noted by enclosures (E) and (F), that all of the monthly calendars of the South Pacific do not contain pictures of pretty girls and that a variety of pictures is presented.

4. It is recognized that it is perhaps difficult for people on the comfortable mainland of the United States to fully understand and appreciate, the pictorial interests of officers and men in the South Pacific Forces, who have spent many months at lonely island outposts of civilization, peering at and killing the ugly Japanese and oppressed by the denizens of the steaming jungles.

5. It is also recognized that none of the pictures in enclosures (D), (E) and (F) would receive a second glance on Broadway or in the Harvard Art Gallery, but the officers and men of the South Pacific looked at each of them many times.

COMSOPAC FILE

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

14 March 1944

Dear Lieutenant Primm:

On all action reports from units operating in the South Pacific it is COMSOPAC's desire to have the original routed via him. We do not require an original of our own, but we do need the original and two complete copies in order that we may forward the original and one copy to CINCPAC. He in turn forwards the original to COMINCH.

I trust this will clear up an doubt our letter may have created.

It might be possible that I may have the opportunity of seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely,

H. C. CARROLL,  
Assistant Flag Secretary.

Lieutenant A.T. Primm, III, USNR.,  
Flag Secretary, ComCruDiv NINE.

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## MEMORANDUM

7 March, 1944

From: Flag Secretary, Commander Task Force THIRTY-EIGHT.  
To:

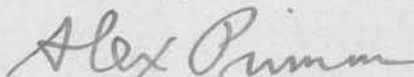
Dear Lieutenant Carroll,

A question has arisen in my mind as to what ComSoPac desires in the matter of Action Reports as set out in his A16-3/05 Serial 0330 of 4 Feb. '44.

In Para 2(a) does he have reference to the original that goes to Cominch -- or does he desire his own original plus two copies.

I'll be grateful for an answer.

Sincerely,



A. T. PRIMM, III.  
Lieutenant, D-V(G), USNR.

COMSOPAC FILE

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

14 March 1944.

Dear Commodore:

Please accept my sincere thanks for agreeing to the transfer of Socha to the Admiral's flag allowance. I quite understand your position in wanting to retain him until your new Flag Secretary has been on the job for awhile.

I will drop you another note about the 15th of April to get your concurrence before having any orders issued.

Best regards,

H. E. STASSEN.

Commodore W.M. Quigley, U.S. Navy,  
Commander Naval Bases, Forward Area.  
Navy 145.

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
COMMANDER NAVAL BASES  
FORWARD AREA

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

9 March 1944

*Heard  
Good news  
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Dear Commander:

Thank you very much for putting it so gently. Your letter of the 6th relative to the transfer of Chief Yeoman Edward J. Socha to Comsopac's headquarters has just been received.

As you probably know, I am losing my Flag Secretary - he will be leaving within the next week - and would like to retain Socha for at least a month in order that he may aid in breaking in the new secretary. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall assume that Socha's transfer on or about April 15th will be agreeable.

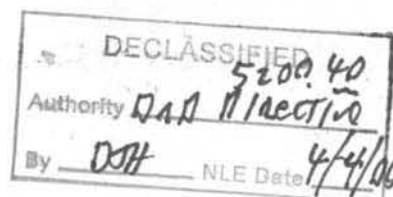
I recommend him highly to you as a very bright lad. And, you will admit, that in so doing I am parting with one of the mainstays in the management of this outfit.

Sincerely,

*W. M. Quigley*

W. M. QUIGLEY,  
Commodore, U.S. Navy.

Lieutenant Commander H. E. Stassen, USNR  
Flag Secretary, Staff  
Commander South Pacific Force



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

14 March 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO:       The Flag Secretary,  
                          Fleet Air Command, South Pacific.

Subject:               Distribution List.

1.               Your memorandum of 10 March 1944 was received today and our master distribution sheet has been changed to give you 275 copies of our letters.

2.               I dropped you a note about ten days ago, via an officer coming your way, regarding Lt. Comdr. Cleveland's personal mail. I am not sure if it was ever delivered. If his mail will not reach here on or before the 16th I suggest you hold it until he or I call for it personally.

3.               Thank you for letting us know about your distribution as we like to comply with all such requests.

Sincerely,

H.C. CARROLL,  
Assistant Flag Secretary.

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

FLEET AIR COMMAND, SOUTH PACIFIC 05/msd

10 March 1944

MEMORANDUM TO FLAG SECRETARY COMSOPAC.

Subject: Distribution List.

1. ComSoPac frequently sends this Command 131 copies of correspondence to be distributed. Since the number of commands and units on our distribution list is more than 250, this necessitates our having to copy and mimeograph each such item -- an unnecessary use of our limited manpower.

2. It is requested that in the future 275 copies of each piece of correspondence destined for our distribution be sent us.

*D. M. Miller*

D. M. MILLER,  
Flag Secretary.

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

11 March 1944.

~~SECRET~~

Dear Graves:

Your letter of 8 March regarding housing of our enlisted personnel was received today. It is appreciated that the facilities at Crocodile have been taxed to the limit and we have tried to keep the number of men in our Advon to the minimum.

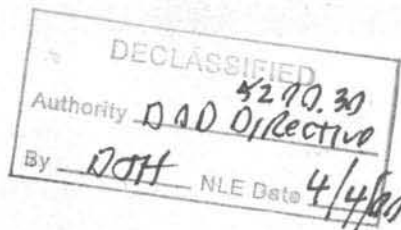
Before taking any action to have material sent up from here, I would like to have some points cleared up. Heretofore, our men were quartered in tents that were screened, floored, and lights were installed. It seems to me these same arrangements could be made again. Also, it is our belief that a number of your men will be going aboard the Flagship for the operations. If this be true, couldn't our men be quartered in the places vacated by your men?

I am opposed to having any men housed in tents without decks, screening, or lights.

Best regards,

H. E. STASSEN.

E. S. Graves, Lt. USNR.  
 Staff, Com3rdPhib,  
 c/o Fleet Post Office,  
 San Francisco, Calif.



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THIRD AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

Office of the Commander

Serial

~~SECRET~~

8 March 1944.

Dear Cdr. Stassen:

In order to give you as much warning as possible of what any of your enlisted personnel may expect in the way of housing here, I am writing to inform you that lumber and screening is unobtainable here for housing. We fortunately have on hand enough for two additional tents for officers; but when that is used up, according to information I have received both from the local Navy Public Works, and the Army Engineering Office, there will be no more available. I am therefore planning to obtain tents, which will be set up without any decks, and probably with no framing; although if I can obtain any labor, I am going to try to build a rough framing of cocoanut logs and screen in the tents with mosquito netting.

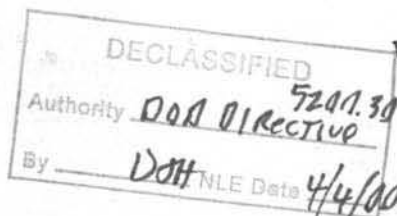
There are some Quonset huts available, but I am not disposed to erect them here unless I receive instructions to the contrary; and those <sup>will have to be</sup> accompanied by a release from Comseron.

In the event that this proposed housing project is not considered adequate for your men, the only other alternative is for some of you to obtain a prompt shipment of materials here from Comseron, together with instructions that a sufficient priority be assigned to the project to enable us to obtain the necessary labor.

Incidentally, the proposed tents will not have lights in them, and there are no lanterns available; consequently, I should appreciate your equipping the men who will live in them with lanterns or good flashlights.

We are moving most of the fighter director officers from the Camp, and should have sufficient housing for your officers in Quonset huts and tents. I should appreciate, however, your seeing that I am informed as soon as possible the number and rank of those coming, and approximately when.

I am extremely sorry that we shall not be able to do any better, since it has always been my desire to provide adequate and fairly mosquito proof shelter for the men first; but I wanted you to know the situation as soon as possible.



Very truly yours,

*E. J. Maves*  
Lt, USNR

*Excuse the typing; there is also, as you know, a shortage of yemen.*



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

~~SECRET~~

10 March 1944.

Dear Lieut. Graves,

I received your letter dated 3 March a few days ago but have delayed answering until I had some definite information to forward. I can well understand your problem of housing and it was with that in mind when I waited until now to give you any dope as to the number of officers and men involved. It is realized now if I had given you the approximate number some three or four days ago it would have been too high.

We expect to have 20 enlisted men at your camp. As for officers - you should plan on having approximately the same number as before (February) but from present indications the actual number should be on the low side.

Three officers and 1 man should arrive at your camp either Saturday or Sunday; 11 officers and 22 men (4 to go to Adm. Camp) should arrive about the 14th on the TRYON. The rest to arrive on the 15th or after. It is planned to have everything completely set up on the 15th and so you can be guided accordingly. The Quonsett Hut we use for operations should have the same facilities as before - I know under your excellent supervision it will be so.

I know this is short but I am sure it is the information you desire. I hope to see you there shortly. Please give my best to Comdr. Niemier and Comdr. Hanson.

With best regards,

H. E. CARROLL.

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THIRD AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

Office of the Commander

Serial

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3 March 1944

Dear Secretary Carroll:

This time, I am really faced with a dilemma which cannot be resolved without knowledge which I hope you are, or shortly will be, in a position to send me. The problem is how to reconcile reasonable hospitality with the order (and my own fervent desire) not to overbuild. In addition, they are really giving out of material and labor up here, as you probably know; and there won't be any of this rushing through at the last minute.

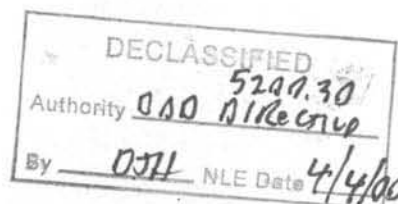
In addition, I am quite sure that we are going to have some unexpected guests, who will come around either to add a last bit of essential knowledge, or out of curiosity; so I am especially anxious to know all I can. The situation is not quite as bad for officers, as it is for enlisted men. But I need to know quite definitely about both, as soon as I can know; otherwise, we ~~may~~ shall have people sleeping with each other, or in the galley, with a number swung from the rafters.

The Topics of the Tropics is finally beginning its run in our vicinity, and we are looking forward to seeing it; I especially, since I want to see how Leta can do when it they really turn her loose as I understand they have in this show. I hope that we'll have something of the sort to entertain us when all of you next appear.

Although I doubt if the Japanese can make much out of this even if they got it, I am classifying it as secret, and sending it by officer messenger who leaves tomorrow. Do the best you can for me, as soon as you can; and I hope that we'll be able to make everybody reasonably comfortable.

With best regards,

*Edward S. Graves*



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

10 March 1944.

**SECRET**

Dear Lieut. Twitchell:

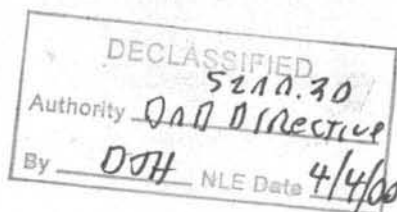
Our Flag Lieutenant, Lieut. Kitchell, asked me to drop you this note to give you some advanced information on the setting up of COMSOPAC Advon. The Admiral now desires his Camp ready in all respects on the 15th of this month. Mr. Kitchell would like you to have the men at the Camp apprised of this fact so that they can have all the maintenance attended to and he further desires you to inspect the camp to see that it is so.

For your information we will have 11 officers and 22 men arriving at Guadalcanal on the TRYON on the 14th. The other officers and men will arrive by air on the 15th or shortly thereafter.

The Commodore will undoubtedly receive additional information via dispatches.

Sincerely,

H. C. CARROLL,  
 Assistant Flag Secretary.



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

11 March, 1944.

M E M O R A N D U M

From: FLAG SECRETARY

To: 01

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Board of Awards.

General Harmon wishes to confer the Legion of Merit award upon Brigadier General Howard, USMC, for the Solomon's Campaign.

They request clearance before proceeding with the award.

H. E. STASSEN.

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

11 March, 1944.

M E M O R A N D U M

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From: FLAG SECRETARY

To: FOX, Y.lc.

Prepare one of Mr. Kitchell's letters with an autograph card to Kenneth E. Crouch of the attached letter.

H. E. STASSEN.



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

10 March 1944.

~~SECRET and PERSONAL.~~

Dear Commodore Quigley:

For your information present plans are for Captain Thurber and some of the Staff officers to fly up to Advance Headquarters on the 15th of March, for the Admiral and others of the Staff to come up on the 17th, and to chop operations from Admin to Advon on the 17th.

Thanks for your past courtesies. Will look forward to seeing you again.

H. E. STASSEN.

Commodore W. M. Quigley, U.S. Navy,  
 Commander Naval Bases, Forward Area,  
 c/o Fleet Post Office,  
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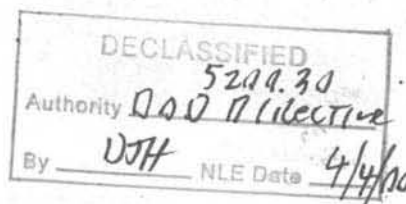
Dear Admiral Fitch:

For your information present plans are for Captain Thurber and some of the Staff officers to fly up to Advance Headquarters on the 15th of March, for the Admiral and others of the Staff to come up on the 17th, and to chop operations from Admin to Advon on the 17th.

Thanks for your past courtesies. Will look forward to seeing you again.

H. E. STASSEN.

Vice Admiral A. W. Fitch, U.S. Navy,  
 Commander Aircraft, South Pacific,  
 c/o Fleet Post Office,  
 San Francisco, Calif.



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**SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE**  
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10 March 1944.

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Dear Admiral Wilkinson:

For your information present plans are for Captain Thurber and some of the Staff officers to fly up to Advance Headquarters on the 15th of March, for the Admiral and others of the Staff to come up on the 17th, and to chop operations from Admin to Advon on the 17th.

Thanks for your past courtesies. Will look forward to seeing you again.

H. E. STASSEN.

Rear Admiral T. S. Wilkinson, U.S. Navy,  
Commander THIRD Amphibious Force,  
c/o Fleet Post Office,  
San Francisco, Calif.

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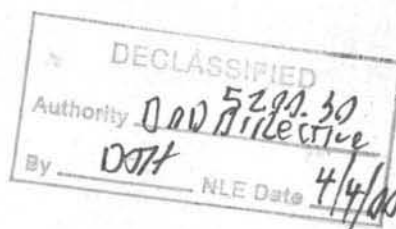
Dear General Geiger:

For your information present plans are for Captain Thurber and some of the Staff officers to fly up to Advance Headquarters on the 15th of March, for the Admiral and others of the Staff to come up on the 17th, and to chop operations from Admin to Advon on the 17th.

Thanks for your past courtesies. Will look forward to seeing you again.

H. E. STASSEN.

Major General R. S. Geiger, U.S.M.C.,  
 Commanding General, FIRST Marine Amphibious Corps,  
 c/o Fleet Post Office,  
 San Francisco, Calif.



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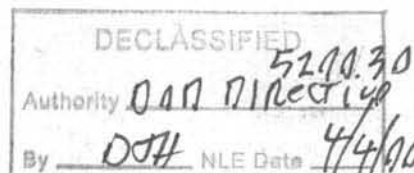
Dear General Murray:

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H. E. STASSEN.

Major General Maxwell Murray, USA,  
 Commanding General, Forward Area,  
 c/o Fleet Post Office,  
 San Francisco, Calif.



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SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE  
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.....10 March....., 1944..

MEMORANDUM

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From: FLAG SECRETARY

To: *pp*

1. Take credit for and deduct from '43 tax 75% what was paid for '42 tax.
2. If '42 tax was less than \$50 deduct it in full from '43 tax.
3. All income under \$3,000, is considered "earned income".

H. E. STASSEN.

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

9 March 1944.

Dear Mr. Carney:

Please send to the Commander South Pacific a concise statement of the Red Cross recreational and rest facilities available to officers and personnel at the various ports of the South Pacific Area.

I am requesting this statement for possible dissemination of the information to the ships and stations of the South Pacific Force and Area, so that our officers and personnel may be informed of the Red Cross services which they may utilize.

Sincerely yours,

H. E. STASSEN,  
Flag Secretary.

Mr. John Carney,  
Director American Red Cross,  
South Pacific Area.

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