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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

FLEET AIR COMMAND, SOUTH PACIFIC 05/msd

27 December 1943

M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M.

To : Flag Secretary, Commander South Pacific.

As you no doubt know from our recent official letters, we are still having a great deal of trouble with slow mail delivery. Just today, for example, we got a letter mailed on 17 November from another Command on this island. In all probability, some mail orderly saw the address "care F.P.O., San Francisco", and dropped it in a San Francisco mail bag.

I have instructed all hands at this Command not to use the F.P.O. address on mail to Commands and units in the South Pacific, but to use only the Navy Number. May I suggest that a directive to that effect from Commander South Pacific to all commands and units in the South Pacific area would probably result in eliminating one important source of delay?

It is very easy for untrained mail orderlies - the only mail clerks available at many places - to drop a letter in the San Francisco bag, particularly if the Navy Number does not appear in the address. I can see no reason for using a Fleet Post Office address for mail originating in this area and addressed to this area.

I am sending this as a memorandum rather than as a letter to Commander South Pacific so that you may take whatever steps you think wise.

Don Miller
D. M. MILLER,
Flag Secretary.

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

31 December 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Comdr. C. R. Burke, USNR, Flag Secretary,
Staff, Commander Aircraft, South Pacific.

Dear Burke:

Your memorandum of 29 December regarding errors in addressing Officer Messenger mail was greatly appreciated. We are endeavoring to expedite delivery of all mail in the area and any discrepancies called to our attention helps us correct these mistakes at their proper source.

The two errors noted in your memorandum were made in this command and corrective action has been taken.

Sincerely,

H. E. STASSEN.

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AIRCRAFT SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE

December 29, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander H. E. STASSEN, USNR, Flag Secretary,
Commander South Pacific Force.

Subject: Officer Messenger Mail - error in addressing.

Enclosure: (A) U.S. Marine Corps Unit #705 Officer
Messenger Mail letter register No.
DFS/4621.
(B) Envelope addressed to Lieutenant
B.B. Warfield.

1. With the idea that you are interested in errors in addressing of officer messenger mail, two instances of incorrectly addressed mail are noted in bag number C-5781 of 28 December:

- (a) Registered letter DFS/4621 from the Marine Corps Unit 705 marked ComSoPac, was incorrectly inserted and sent to us.
- (b) Registered letter number 3009 NACI is addressed to Lieutenant Benjamin Warfield, Commander Fleet Aircraft, South Pacific Force, who is actually attached to this command.

C. R. BURKE,
Flag Secretary.

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

22 December

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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

From: Flag Secretary

To: Flag Secretary, Commander Submarine
Force, Pacific Fleet.

Subject: Incorrectly addressed mail for
the Commander South Pacific.

1. Your Officer Messenger register No.
753-C-43 arrived at Comsopac at Noumea, New
Caledonia on 22 December 1943.

2. It was incorrectly addressed to
Freemantel, Western Australia as shown on the
envelope returned herewith.

H. E. STASSEN.

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

15 December 1943.

Dear Captain:

If you see Commander Dow tell him that BuPers is insisting that they want radiomen from the SoPac for new construction. See BuPers to ComSoPac despatch 131904.

The Admiral has directed a strong reply to be sent, see our 150533.

Commander Dow may wish to explain to BuPers the situation that exists in the SoPac.

Everything is still quiet in Noumea, but the Pearl travelers will soon return.

Best regards,

H. E. STASSEN.

Captain H. R. Thurber, U.S. Navy,
3218 - 29th. Street, Northwest,
Washington, D.C.

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

15 December 1943.

Dear Captain Ray:

As of 1817 on 10 December, I am entering a requisition on you for a box of the best cigars that they have in Washington. In fact, it could have been 1817 on any day, up to and including today.

Everything has been very quiet since you left. No operation excitement and the only unofficial event of importance was the gala opening of the new SoPac show "Topic of the Tropics", it was a good performance and the opening was a success.

Rollo Wilson is doing a fine steady capable job as you knew he would. The first Echelon of the Pearl trip will get back tomorrow, the 16th, and the second Echelon will return on the 18th.

Trust you have had a pleasant trip home and a rousing welcome from your family. Will look forward to seeing you when you get back.

Best regards,

H. E. STASSEN.

Captain H.R. Thurber, U.S. Navy,
3218 - 39th. Street, Northwest,
Washington, D. C.

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

13 December, 1943

MEMORANDUM

From: FLAG SECRETARY

To: Flag Secretary, CTF 39.

Dear Ben:

For your information we received today your Officer Messenger packages Nos. 1963A, 1963B, and 1992. These contained your serials 0062 of 3 November and 0067 of 6 December 1943.

These three packages were addressed "Commander South Pacific, Navy 140", instead of Navy 131.

All hands here now realize what happens when you are in port!!!

Please extend hearty congratulations to the Admiral on the Navy Cross; was delighted when it was issued.

Best regards to all,

H. E. STASSEN.

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

1 December 1943.

MEMORANDUM TO: The Deputy Commander South Pacific.

Subject: Leave, Rehabilitation, and Rotation Policy for Flag Yeomen.

Reference: (a) BuPers Circular Letter 167-43.
(b) BuPers Letter Pers-630-Nd-8, Fl6-3/MM.

Enclosure: (A) Present Policy of Leave, Rehabilitation and Rotation of Comsopac Flag Yeomen.
(B) Comseron Memorandum to (05).
(C) Copy of request for Leave Orders.
(D) Copy of Memorandum to Captain I. H. Mayfield, regarding Yeomen leave.

1. By Enclosure (B) Comseron attempts to change the existing policy as to leave for Comsopac Flag Yeomen.

2. Enclosure (A) is submitted with the recommendation that it be approved as the continuing policy.

3. The present policy has worked out well, is clearly understood by all hands, the morale of the Flag complement is good, and most of the crew are putting in long hours on a 7 day week basis.

4. The ten-day leave or liberty granted after 1 year should not be deducted from the 30-day rehabilitation leave upon return to the States for reassignment to new construction. Most Naval Districts on the mainland have a ten or fifteen-day annual leave for personnel working on their shore-based stations. Furthermore reference (b) provides for 30 days upon return to the States after one year or more of overseas service and there is small likelihood of Flag personnel returning to the States in less than 18 months. In most instances it is closer to two years. Thus a ten-day leave at the end of one year, plus 30 days when returned to the mainland for reassignment is not excessive and is in accordance with BuPers policy.

5. Longer than ten days is not desired as experience indicates that this period of time works out quite satisfactorily to the personnel. It also makes it easier for the chiefs of sections to rearrange the work of the yeomen than it would be to rearrange work for a 15-day or 30-day leave.

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6. The choice between New Zealand and Australia should be continued as it has worked out satisfactorily and the transportation facilities and distances to both countries are comparable.

7. It is believed that the Commander South Pacific knows in general of the present policy and approves of it.

8. Enclosure (C) indicates the present method of handling leave. Request is originated with the approval of the chief of the section, passes through the Flag Division Officer, and then through the Flag Secretary's office. It is submitted that when a request is thus approved and is in accord with the existing policy of the Commander South Pacific, it should not be turned down by Commander Service Squadron.

9. Enclosure (B) indicates the method of working with the Chiefs of sections in advising them in advance of the tentative program for reassignment so that plans can be made in the section for the relief.

10. In the carrying out of the existing policy the following yeomen have been, or are now being, returned to the mainland for leave, reassignment and new construction.

KNITTEL, V. G., Y2c.
Left the U.S. May, 1941
Is a survivor of the USS ASTORIA.

HERMAN, J.R., CY
Left the U.S. July, 1942.
Is not a survivor.

SCHREIBER, M., Y1c,
Left the U.S. April, 1942.
Is a survivor of the USS VINCENNES.

SCHLEGEL, C. W. Y1c.
Left the U.S. July 1941.
Is a survivor of the USS ASTORIA.

11. In carrying out the present leave policy, three Flag yeomen and two Intelligence yeomen were given ten days leave in November. Three Flag yeomen and one Intelligence yeoman were given ten days leave in October. No Flag yeomen and seven Intelligence yeomen were given ten days leave in September. It is anticipated that the policy will involve on the average about six yeomen during a month.

H. E. STASSEN,
Flag Secretary.

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SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
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10 December 1943.

~~SECRET~~ and PERSONAL.

Dear Captain:

I find in checking up on your orders that as far as the records of our personnel office show, you came to ComSoPac under orders to report to the SARATOGA. Then you were given temporary additional duty orders port to port. Nothing else has happened since that until your BuPers dispatch orders.

If this is correct, I believe your orders detaching you and ordering you to proceed to carry out the BuPers orders to the HOGGATT BAY should be issued by ComAirSoPac where you have been on duty.

This is the opinion of our personnel section. Trust it works out O.K. Perhaps your old SARATOGA orders should have an endorsement by ComAirSoPac of reporting on such and such a date for temporary additional duty and then detached on the date you leave for Seattle.

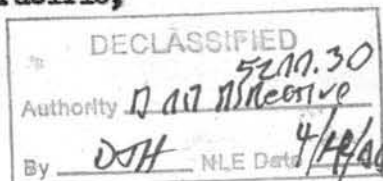
ComAirSoPac can also give you temporary additional duty orders on this last trip with Captain Erdmann.

If this does not work out properly, send me a copy of your own various orders and we will figure out the best way to handle it and send them to you. The BuPers dispatch itself, is ample for the trip back.

Things have been very quiet and peaceful in Noumea since you left, but we all look forward to seeing you again some time some place.

H. E. STASSEN.

Captain C. F. Greber, U.S. Navy,
Staff, Commander Aircraft, South Pacific,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.



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

7 December 1943.

Dear Captain Lovette:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 23, 1943, to Admiral Halsey with enclosed letter, which was sent to your office by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

The Admiral signed the original letter addressed to Loews, Incorporated, and it has gone forward direct to that company, this date, via airmail. A copy is enclosed herewith for your files.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

H. E. STASSEN,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.,
Flag Secretary.

Captain Leland P. Lovette, U.S. Navy,
Director, Office of Public Relations,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., U. S. Navy,
Commander Third Fleet,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Admiral Halsey:

I am enclosing a letter which has been sent to this office by
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

That studio is producing a feature motion picture based on Captain
Ted Lawson's book "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," which is the story
of the Tokyo raid. Both the War and Navy Departments are extending
cooperation to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in the production of this pic-
ture. Army and Navy technical advisers will check it not only on
the technical accuracy of what is photographed but also on the
propriety of the scenes. In addition, final review will be given
to the film here at the Navy Department.

Inasmuch as this production will be more or less of an historical
presentation, and since it will be kept in hand, I can safely
recommend for your consideration the signing of the enclosed
letter. In a picture such as this a great many states of the
Union require that permission be secured before using real names
of characters.

With respects and an intense pride in the great work that your
command is doing, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Lovette
RICHARD P. LOVETTE
Captain, U. S. Navy
Director

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LOEW BUILDING-1540 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

J. ROBERT RUBIN
VICE-PRESIDENT
AND
GENERAL COUNSEL

November 15, 1943

Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., USN
c/o The Director of Public Relations
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Halsey:

As you are probably aware, we are contemplating making a motion picture based on Captain Ted Lawson's book "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo". The War and Navy Departments have given their consent to the production of this motion picture, and we have had and will continue to have their wholehearted cooperation and enthusiastic support.

It is our desire to give credit to the men who participated in this heroic venture by using their names and characters in the motion picture. General Doolittle's approval has been given and we have already received and are continuing to receive consents from many of the participants.

We trust that you too will see your way clear to consent to the use of your name and character in the motion picture and that you will sign and return to us the enclosed form of consent.

As we are planning to go into immediate production on this motion picture, we would thank you to give this matter your early attention as we must know at the earliest date possible whether you are agreeable to the use of your name.

Very truly yours,

Encl.
SDC* C

COPY

7 December 1943.

Loew's Incorporated
1540 Broadway
New York, 19, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I understand that the War and Navy Departments have given you their consent to the making of a talking motion picture based on the book "THIRTY SECONDS OVER TOKYO," by Captain Ted Lawson, and that they have approved the script thereof.

Since you have such approval, I hereby irrevocably consent to the use of my name and likeness and to the impersonation of me as one of the characters in your said talking motion picture, and in its advertising in such forms as you may deem necessary.

Very truly yours,

(Admiral William F. Halsey)

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

5 December 1943.

Dear Captain Ackiss:

The box of mail and personal effects arrived in good season and good condition.

I appreciate your courtesy in this matter very much. Chaplain Rafferty suggested this method of expediting and making certain of the shipment as some officers have had considerable difficulty in having personal effects forwarded.

Will look forward to seeing you personally some future time.

Sincerely yours,

H. E. STASSEN.

Captain Ernest Ackiss,
c/o Navy Relief Office,
12th Naval District,
San Francisco, California.

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SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
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5 December 1943.

Dear President Sinclair:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 9.

I appreciate your invitation very much. However, I have not made any public addresses since entering the service, hence will decline. If my duties take me to Pearl Harbor at any time, however, I will be pleased to meet you personally.

I have, at various times, heard very favorable reports about the University of Hawaii and its accomplishments.

Sincere regards,

H. E. STASSEN.

President Gregg M. Sinclair,
University of Hawaii,
P.O. Box 18, Honolulu 10,
Territory of Hawaii.

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SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
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.....2 December....., 1943.....

M E M O R A N D U M

From: FLAG SECRETARY

To: Officer in Charge, DAILY NEWS.

1. Please increase the number of copies allotted this headquarters from 150 to 180.

2. This increase is necessitated by the recent expansion of the staff.

H. E. STASSEN.

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

15 November 1943.

**Subject: Deputy Flag Secretary Preliminary Draft of
 Security Watch Duty Officer Directive.**

5. It is recommended that the senior Staff Duty Officer be consulted regarding the proposed directive before it is placed in final form.

6. With reference to 6(d), consideration should be given as to whether or not it is desired that the Security Watch Duty Officers be directed to gain general knowledge of all departments. Certain reservations might be made by the Chief of the War Plans Section, Chief of Operations as to Flag Plot, etc., the Chief of Intelligence Section, and the Chief of Communications Section as to decoding etc..

H. E. STASSEN,
 Flag Secretary.

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

15 November 1943.

MEMORANDUM FROM: #5

To: #6

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Subject: Deputy Flag Secretary Preliminary Draft of
Security Watch Duty Officer Directive.

1. With reference to paragraph 6(e), the Flag Secretary now personally takes incoming mail to the Admiral's and Chief of Staff's incoming basket, and at the same time empties the outgoing basket. It is not desired that the Security Watch Duty Officer be assigned the handling of the outgoing mail from the Admiral's and Chief of Staff's baskets. A considerable portion of it is of the Hi-Comm and Most Secret nature, and it is not desired that an officer, not under the direct supervision of the Flag Secretary, be assigned any duty in connection with it. Frequently the Admiral and Chief of Staff give oral instructions to the Flag Secretary on these same trips into their cabins. This is an additional reason why the handling of mail for the Admiral and Chief of Staff should not be delegated to anyone other than the Flag Secretary or acting Flag Secretary. If it is desired that the Security Watch Duty Officer empty the outgoing basket of the Deputy's office, this is satisfactory. At the present time this is the responsibility of the Deputy's Flag Secretary.

2. The relationship between the Security Watch Duty Officer and the Officer-in-Charge of the Marine Guard should be further clarified.

3. With reference to paragraph 6(i), if it is desired that the Security Watch Duty Officer have charge of despatching cars, arrangements will need to be made as to telephone service for the Security Watch Duty Officer.

4. If it is desired that the Security Watch Duty Officer takes over certain duties of the Assistant Staff Duty Officer after the latter has retired, the directive should include provision for definite turning over of duties, that is, a notification of the Security Watch Duty Officer by the Assistant Staff Duty Officer that he wishes to be relieved at a certain time, followed by the actual relieving.

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