

May 26, 1944.

Admiral C. W. Nimitz,
Commander in Chief,
U. S. Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas,
Care Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Admiral:

Your recent letter of April 19 giving me the correct address as to where I could send your smoked turkey has been received and I am wiring Vice Admiral David W. Bagley, as per the enclosed copy.

The turkeys will leave here by express today and should arrive in San Francisco Sunday or Monday, and I hope will be in Honolulu by the middle of next week. I am sending one to Lt. General Richardson and Major General Ross Rowell. I hope they arrive in good condition. If they do not, please let me know and I will send a duplicate shipment

These turkeys are prepared by Mrs. Ethel Van Zandt, one of my neighbors near Shady Oak Farm, whose son, Lt. E. P. Van Zandt, Jr., is Aide-de-Camp to General Rowell. They are a little rich for a regular diet, however are nice with cocktails. I hope they arrive safely and that all of you enjoy them.

I showed your letter to the father and mother of Ensign B. B. Holland, who delivered the package to your office, and they were delighted and pleased to note that you intended to make it a point to have Ensign Holland come in and see you personally, and it pleased all of us very much to have you say that you wanted to meet every young Texan who comes out there for duty. Naturally, Admiral, this is rather unusual as well as quite a difficult task, so my hat's off to you, Sir, and

it is merely another evidence substantiating the many fine things that I have heard concerning you and the great work that you are doing in the Pacific. More power to you!

If the smoked turkey does arrive all right, I hope you will open the 20-year bottle and take one with my compliments. If you should find that there is any way I could get Admiral Halsey one of these turkeys, let me know and I will be glad to send it to him.

They will keep several weeks if kept in a cool place, however they do not stand the hot climate very well without molding some. If they do mold, just remove the mold like you would a bad spot in an apple, if you can get to it before it permeates the turkey.

My best wishes,

Sincerely,

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