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Capt. Herman H.L. Bottcher,
Buna, New Guinea.

Dear Captain Bottcher:

The fine account of your patriotism and heroic achievements that Frank Hewlett sent to New York, and which appeared in the Herald-Tribune here on December 18th, 1942, prompts this letter.

I am also writing in this mail to Mr. Hewlett, in the hope that he will further my plea, which is to ask you--when and IF the opportunity presents itself--to prepare something on your experiences, with a book in mind. I have, of course, a publisher waiting for it, the moment it is ready.

My thought is that perhaps Mr. Hewlett could write the book from what you would tell him.

I suggest this not only for the profit you and your family would derive from it, but even more because of the effect of such a story--the wonderful morale-building effect--on the American public who so much admire you and who are so hungry for intimate details about their heroes. I know your modesty must cause you to shrink every time I call you a "hero," but try to think of just "us folks" back home and how we would feel so much pride in knowing more about you.

With best wishes for you in 1943, and always,

Cordially,

Viola Irene Cooper

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