

**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA**

A.P.O. 500,  
February 11, 1945.

Miss Alice Bottcher,  
239 Ramsdel Street,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Miss Bottcher:

In the death of your nephew, Captain Herman J.  
Bottcher, you have my heartfelt sympathy.

His service was characterized by his devotion  
to our beloved country, and in his death we have lost a  
gallant comrade-in-arms.

Very faithfully,

*Douglas MacArthur*