

**HEADQUARTERS
COMMANDANTS SECTION
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TO: All Personnel of the 77th Air Service Group.

In leaving the 77th Air Service Group, I wish to convey to each and every one of you how much I enjoyed serving with you as your Commanding Officer. We went through a lot together, and kept on top of the heap despite all obstacles, including consolidation, reorganization, and what have you.

As Hq Commandant of USASTAF, I have the job of organizing what amounts to a Base Command for this Hq. We need plenty of help for there is much to be done. I sincerely wish I could bring you all over to Guam for then I could get things done in a hurry. But such, of course, is out of the question.

But I want you to know that I deeply and sincerely appreciate your past cooperation, loyalty, and friendship.

I am sorry I cannot say goodbye to each one of you personally, but even if I could, I do not want to, for I hope to see each of you again sometime, and I know I shall see many of you from time to time.

Although the war is over, I know you will continue to do your job as always until you return home, which I hope will be soon.

May our paths cross often, and good luck and best wishes to you all.

(signed)
VICTOR H. KING,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commandant.

NOTE: The above is an exact transcription of the original letter issued by COL Victor H. King to the men of the 77th Air Support Group on Tinian Island during WWII.