

ADDRESS TO THE OFFICERS OF THE JAPANESE  
TRAINING SQUADRON VISITING SAN FRANCISCO  
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ADMIRAL KUHARA AND OFFICERS OF THE JAPANESE TRAIN-  
ING SQUADRON:

I AM PLEASED AND HONORED TO JOIN WITH MY FELLOW  
AMERICANS IN WELCOMING YOU TO THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY BY  
THE GOLDEN GATE. I HOPE THAT DURING YOU STAY YOU WILL  
VISIT OUR LOVELY PARKS, MUSEUMS AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS  
THAT PLEASE SO MANY OF OUR OWN COUNTRYMEN WHEN THEY  
COME TO SAN FRANCISCO. I HOPE YOU WILL CARRY HOME WITH  
YOU HAPPY MEMORIES OF FRIENDS MADE AND EXPERIENCES  
ENJOYED.

NOW A WORD TO THE YOUNG AND NEW OFFICERS OF YOUR  
TRAINING SQUADRON:

YOU ARE ON THE THRESHOLD OF A GREAT AND HONORED  
PROFESSION - THAT OF A NAVAL OFFICER. YOU WILL FIND  
AMONG THE NAVAL OFFICERS OF ALL COUNTRIES A BROTHERHOOD  
OF THE SEA WHICH RECOGNIZES AS A COMMON ENEMY - THE  
SEA ITSELF - AND WHICH HAS A PRIMARY DUTY OF UNDER-  
STANDING THAT OLD ENEMY - THE SEA - IN ALL ITS MOODS -  
IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE MEN, PLANES AND SHIPS  
ENTRUSTED TO THEM.

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YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT FOR A NATION TO SURVIVE IT MUST CONTROL THE SEA AND AIR APPROACHES TO THE HOMELAND - AND THAT THIS RESPONSIBILITY WILL FALL PRIMARILY ON THE SHOULDERS OF ITS NAVAL OFFICERS, WHO WILL ALSO HAVE THE DUTIES OF PROTECTING NATIONAL INTERESTS FAR OFF SHORE.

YOU WILL LEARN THAT YOU ARE NEVER FINISHED WITH YOUR EFFORTS AND STUDIES TO PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR THE DUTIES OF NAVAL OFFICERS. THIS WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS YOU LIVE. YOU WILL SHARE WITH THE BROTHERHOOD OF OFFICERS OF ALL NATIONS AN ABHORRENCE OF WAR BUT YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO CONFRONT FORCE WITH FORCE WHENEVER THE INTERESTS OF YOUR COUNTRY REQUIRES SUCH ACTION. YOU WILL LEARN THAT BRAVERY IS NOT ENOUGH - AND THAT YOU MUST DO YOUR UTMOST BY PROFESSIONAL STUDY AND READING OF HISTORY TO PERFECT YOUR READINESS TO SERVE YOUR COUNTRY.

REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT PLACE IN A HIGHLY HONORABLE PROFESSION. I WISH FOR EACH OF YOU SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS.

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