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HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON

10 November 1936.

From: The Major General Commandant.
To: The Officers and Men of the Marine Corps.
Subject: Anniversary Message.

1. During one hundred and sixty-one years our Corps has shown itself faithful to its traditions in sustaining an enviable record in the defense of the nation. On many fields, in many parts of the world, in Tripoli, China, Nicaragua, France, and elsewhere, it has performed distinguished and devoted service to the country.

2. In all the years the bond of mutual confidence between the rank and file has grown stronger and stronger, tending to develop our ideal "esprit de Corps".

3. On this anniversary, and upon the occasion of my retirement 1 December, 1936 from active duty after more than forty-eight years of service, I wish to express my appreciation of your devotion to duty and extend to you my best wishes, knowing that in the future you will add brilliant pages to the illustrious history of the naval service.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John A. Russell".