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BOHEMIAN CLUB
624 TAYLOR STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 2, CALIFORNIA

January 20, 1961

Admiral Richard W. Bates
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport
Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

The application of Rear Admiral J. J. Clark for Non-Resident membership in the Bohemian Club will soon be considered by the Membership Committee. Your name has been given as one who is personally acquainted with the applicant. You are requested to address a letter to the Secretary of the Committee, setting forth the applicant's qualifications for membership.

The Membership Committee is dependent to a large degree upon the information it receives from members of the Club. The Committee would like to know:

1. How long and how well have you known the applicant?

2. Has your acquaintance been social, business or both?

3. Are you acquainted with the members of the applicant's family?

4. State your impressions of his personality, character, and sociability.

5. Will the applicant use the Club frequently?

6. Is it your belief that the applicant will participate in the activities of the Club, when called upon?

If in addition to, or in lieu of, your written statement, you desire to offer any verbal comments, favorable or unfavorable, you may do so through the Chairman or any member of the Committee with the assurance that all information will be held in strictest confidence.

Sincerely yours,

F. B. Henderson Jr.

SECRETARY,
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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ROBT. B. CARNEY
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1 February 1961

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
12 Mount Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Rafe:

Enjoyed hearing from you again - I always do. I transmitted your good wishes to Gracie, and she bounces them right back at you with interest.

I thoroughly agree with you that your work on the Battle of Leyte Gulf should be carried on to completion. I have so expressed myself several times at the top level in the Department.

I do not know any of the key people in the various Foundations which you mentioned, but you may certainly feel entirely free to call on me for support and opinion in connection with any applications which you make for Foundation grants. I can go overboard on that one, and would be glad to do so.

Don't talk to me about Newport weather! We have our own problems here in Washington; not only have we had the minor inconveniences of ice and snow and frigid weather since early December, but, what is more important, I have lost six weeks of field shooting - a disaster, in my book.

Don't forget: Anytime you are in Washington you can always get a cup of coffee in my office and a drink at home.

Grace joins me in all the best.

As ever,

Mick

ROBT. B. CARNEY
Admiral, USN (Ret.)

RBC:rw

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LOUIS L. LORILLARD
PARADISE FARM
THIRD BEACH ROAD
MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND

April 7, 1961

Dear Admiral:

Many thanks for your nice note and especially your check in the amount of $20.00 for the Artillery Company.

I am indeed sorry you won't be here but hope that you will attend another function of ours to be given later on in the year.

I saw Miss Carney at lunch and she informed me that the Senior Reserves will be at the War College May 29th for two weeks and that the Global Strategy will be in June 5th through the 9th. I have written the Senior Officers involved the same letter we wrote last year extending the various members the use of the Club during their stay. Miss Carney is also looking up the proper authorities to write a letter to participants of the Anapolis-Newport race.

As I am not sure when you will be back, I wondered whether you wanted me to do anything concerning the opening of the Club, and especially to know the dates that you wish the Club opened. Last year we opened on May 25th. May I suggest that we open this year on the week end of May 27th? If this is all right with you I will go ahead and mail out the necessary letters informing the membership. I have also requested Mr. Van Pelt to give us a decision as to the time he wished to take over Hill House and when I receive an answer from him I will incorporate the vacant dates into the general letter to the membership.

We all miss you around here and look forward to your quick return. If you should happen to see Mr. Paul Brown of Brown Associates, 130 Maiden Lane, please give him my kindest regards.

With all best wishes, I remain

Most sincerely,

Louis

L/dw

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates
Bohemian Club
San Francisco, California

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

25 April 1961

Dear Admiral Bates:

We were most delighted to hear from you. We just got back from a 5-day trip down to Washington - where everyone was rather subdued over the Cuban incident.

No special news here. We had an outstanding lecture yesterday by Admiral Russell. He outlined current 'working level' procedures in Washington and ended up with future prospects for various Navy projects. Now today we carry on with the Public Relations study.

Polly is now back in New York 'for the season' I guess. We haven't seen her but have talked with her on the phone.

All hands send their regards and Charlotte joins me in our best aloha. Hope to see you soon. (My promotion is due within 10 days or so - I'm at the top of the list now.)

Very sincerely,

Bob

R. G. FERGUSSON
Colonel, Infantry
Chief, Army Advisory Group

Rear Admiral Richard Bates
Bohemian Club
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Admiral:
Miss having you drop in to see us. Bring back some California sunshine but not any smog.

Grandnana "Ros"

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EDITORIAL OFFICES

April 27, 1961

Admiral R. W. Bates
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

We are now preparing the article on WARFARE for the printer, of which your section on Naval Strategy forms a part. It occurred to us that you might want to look over the enclosed sections on Naval Tactics, and the small section on Tactics discussed in the article on Naval Warfare, so as to make certain that the various treatments of the subject are not at variance with each other.

We would appreciate it very much if you would give us your opinion regarding this. We have also enclosed a copy of your article with which to compare the discussions. If you do think any contradictions occur, would you be willing to revise the section on Naval Tactics to correct this? Most of the Naval Tactics section is historical in value and it would seem on the face of it that no revision is necessary. However, since that particular section will follow your section on Naval Strategy, we are anxious to preclude this possibility.

We are faced with a very imminent deadline, so anything that had to be done would be required in this office no later than May 15. We will of course compensate you at our regular rates if you find it necessary to revise the Naval Tactics section.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely yours,

Jay Du Bois

Jay Du Bois
Assistant Editor
Collier's Encyclopedia

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P.S. May I call your attention to our new quarters. With the pressure of deadlines upon us, I did not want your letter to go astray.

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June 8, 1961

EDITORIAL OFFICES

Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (retired)
Department of Analysis
Naval War College
Newport, R. I.

Dear Admiral Bates:

Thank you for your splendid article on Naval Tactics, which is written on a high level of military naval parlance. But in order to reach as large an audience as possible (many of whom are on a high school level) we think it advisable to enunciate some of your statements more clearly. For that reason we have made marginal notes on the side of the enclosed copy of your manuscript, You will note that in some cases no explanation offered itself; in other cases, we elaborated to the best of our ability, and hope you will correct our emendations if they are wrong.

Specifically: On page 1, please define "logistics" at this juncture, so that the term will be clear throughout the article.

Further down on the same page, please define the "other weapons" you allude to.

Same page, please explain "compartmentation."

On page 2, please explain "tender-based" aircraft.

Page 3, could you explain the term "the consolidation development and exploitation of the objective." This is not clear to the uninitiated.

Also on page 3, could you define "wolf packs?" Although this is fairly common terminology, as an encyclopedia we require a more formal term or explanation. And in this paragraph (c) are you referring to the Pacific area?

On page 4, the end of your last paragraph is misleading, since the manner in which you employ the term "guided missile" would be at variance with a literal definition. Could you amend this , or would you be agreeable to our amending it to read:...."the effect of a guided missile."

The section on "Present and Future" has given rise to many questions which we would appreciate your answering. You will note marginal emendations made by me. Please indicate if they are the correct interpretation of your statements; or if not, please add inserts which qualify these statements.

Again, we could not venture explanations of some of the more technical terms. Please elaborate on "random dispersion" and "Electronic Countermeasures."

Also, what are "pickets" and what is "screening" in this context?

If you will answer all of the above questions and return the manuscript to us, we will then send you a contract to cover the work, depending upon the additional number of words you will require.

We are most grateful for your cooperation, and will be pleased to have such an authoritative contribution to Collier's Encyclopedia.

Sincerely yours,

Jay Du Bois

Jay Du Bois
Assistant Editor
Collier's Encyclopedia

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P.S. I almost overlooked page 4! Please explain "timely superior concentration."

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EDITORIAL OFFICES

June 16, 1961

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (ret.)
12 Mt. Vernon St.
Newport, R. I.

Dear Admiral Bates:

We are very grateful for your prompt attention to our queries concerning your article on Naval Tactics. The article has now been prepared for the printer, and you will receive proofs in due time.

Meanwhile will you please sign and return both copies of the enclosed covering contract to us for 1,650 words at a fee of $50.00. We will then return your file copy, and put through payment for the work.

With many thanks for your continued interest in Collier's Encyclopedia, and for your splendid cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

Jay Du Bois

Jay Du Bois
Assistant Editor
Collier's Encyclopedia

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THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
(FLEET OPERATIONS AND READINESS)
WASHINGTON

30 June 1961

Dear Rafe,

Thanks for your nice note. That short comment certainly did stir up the hornets nest. There is no doubt as to the fact that the ship has plenty of poor, unscrupulous and careless workmanship in the vital systems, such as the JP5, gasoline, high pressure steam, elevators, catapults and aviators oxygen systems. However, you know Washington and sometimes the truth can really bite you. So far the Secretary of the Navy has backed me up and has taken over the answering of any questions. I have no more comment to make.

I have just received word that I am slated to relieve Fitzhugh Lee as Deputy CinCLantFlt. Herb Riley will relieve me in Op-03. The change to Norfolk will be a welcome relief from the rigors of the Pentagon. Come down and visit us when you can. Ruth is in Maine for the summer and would be delighted to see you if you would care to drive to Dover-Foxcroft (Sebec Lake). Her telephone number is LOgan 4-7555. The lake is beautiful this year. Why not drive up for a weekend? Mel Pride has the camp on the same lake and is there for the summer also.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Beak

WALLACE M. BEAKLEY
Vice Admiral, U.S Navy

RADM Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret)
12 Mt. Vernon Street,
Newport, Rhode Island.

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RAYTHEON COMPANY
LEXINGTON 73, MASSACHUSETTS

CHARLES F. ADAMS
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

4 August 1961

Rear Adm. Richard W. Bates (Ret.)
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Rafe,

After we talked on the telephone this afternoon, I had a word with Rogers Hamel and found out from him that Raytheon has given $1000 last year and $1000 this year to the Boys Club. In view of this, it would throw our whole charitable budget completely out of balance to do anything further. I am sorry not to be able to help you more on this one.

I forgot to tell you that Moppy spent a night at Cat Brown's headquarters in Naples last spring and ran into your old boss, Admiral Oldendorf. They had a lot of fun together.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Charlie

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

August 25, 1961

Dear Admiral Bates,

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and kindness in making a front box available to the foreign students here at the Naval Command Course and for the genuine pleasure and excitement these marvellous tennis matches provided.

The comments that I heard told, not only of the superb tennis but equally, of the hospitality of their host, whom they had the pleasure of meeting while at the matches.

The days of Tennis Week were a bit crowded here, as the majority of the students arrived during that same week. The Tennis tickets provided not only a means of exciting diversion for them but also helped to make for a smoother processing of the student officers.

Again, thank you for thinking of us.

Very respectfully,

Edward Hessel

EDWARD W. HESSEL
Captain, U.S. Navy
Director, Naval Command Course
for Senior Foreign Officers

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

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AIR DEVELOPMENT SQUADRON ONE
U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

14 SEPTEMBER 1961

RADM R. W. BATES, USN (RET)
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

DEAR ADMIRAL,

I SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR PAST AND PRESENT CONCERN ON MY BEHALF. YOUR LETTER DID TEND TO SOFTEN THE BLOW WHICH FELT QUITE AS THOUGH SOMEONE HAD KICKED ME IN THE STOMACH. WERE I IN THE "MEDIOCRE" CATEGORY IT WOULDN'T BE TOO DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT BUT HAVING WORKED FOR MANY OFFICERS WHO ARE NOW FLAG OFFICERS AND GAUGED THEIR ACTIONS AND REACTIONS BY WHAT MY OWN WOULD HAVE BEEN I BECAME PERSUADED YEARS AGO THAT I HAD THE CHARACTER, COURAGE AND INTELLECT TO ATTAIN TO FLAG RANK. FALLING FAR SHORT OF THAT GOAL HAS BEEN AN EXPERIENCE I HAVE NOT ENJOYED.

ENCLOSED ARE A FEW PAPERS WHICH HIGHLIGHT CERTAIN ACTIONS DONE IN MY BEHALF LAST YEAR AS WELL AS THE RESULTS OF THE OPERATION. YOU CAN SEE THAT THE ENDORSEMENT FROM BUMED ASKING BUPERS TO ASSIGN ME DUTY THAT WOULD PUT ME IN RANGE OF A NAVAL HOSPITAL WAS NOT DESIGNED TO MAKE ME AVAILABLE ON THE FIRING LINE. I HAVE QUERIED A FEW PEOPLE AS REGARDS THE EFFECT SUCH AN ENDORSEMENT WOULD HAVE ON MY CHANCES OF SELECTION AND THE REACTION WAS MIXED. A CAPTAIN IN BUPERS STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING THE BOARD WAS DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN.

JANE AND I HAVE DISCUSSED THE FUTURE CALMLY AND WITHOUT RANCOR BECAUSE WE ARE CERTAIN THAT ALL WILL WORK OUT FOR THE BEST. I PROPOSE TO GO TO A NEW JOB NEXT SPRING WHICH WILL PERMIT ME TO CONTINUE TO PRODUCE IN THE AIR ASW FIELD WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY TAKING A FEW COURSES PREPARATORY TO TEACHING IN THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD. THEN I WILL TEACH FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS PREFERABLY IN SOME SMALL COLLEGE WHILE TRYING TO WORK INTO GOVERNMENT-THE U.N., STATE DEPARTMENT OR SIMILAR ORGAN. I COULD CAPITALIZE ON MY SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE IN AIR ASW WITH INDUSTRY BUT THIS WOULD MEAN TEN OR TWELVE THOUSAND A YEAR FOR A FEW YEARS, THEN NOT HAVING THE DESIRE TO COMPETE IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

AIR DEVELOPMENT SQUADRON ONE
U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

FOR AN EXECUTIVE POSITION I'D PROBABLY BE SENT OUT TO PASTURE. MORE IMPORTANT THOUGH, THIS WOULD NOT PROVIDE THE KIND OF CONSTRUCTIVE LIFE I WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE IN A SECOND PROFESSION.

THEN TOO, THERE'S ALWAYS A CHANCE THAT I'LL BE SELECTED A THIRD TIME AROUND, HOWEVER REMOTE. MY CURRENT COMMANDING OFFICER INSISTS THAT MY FITNESS REPORT REFLECTSTHE ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING UP TO BUT EXCLUDING WALKING ON WATER. I CAN ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT I WOULD THINK TWICE BEFORE ACCEPTING THE RANK THE THIRD TIME AROUND. I HAD THE SQUADRON LAST WEEK IN HIS ABSENCE ALONG WITH THREE OTHER SQUADRONS IN THE AREA WHICH REPORTED TO ME. DURING PREPARATIONS FOR EVACUATION IN THE FACE OF HURRICANE CARLA I HAD NO TROUBLE IN MAKING THE RIGHT DECISIONS. ALSO, I CAN READILY SEE BY WHAT MY C.O. SAYS AND BY THE LACK OF CONCERN HE DISPLAYS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURES (HE'S GONE AGAIN), THAT HE HAS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN ME. SO IT GOES.

I HOPE TO VISIT WITH YOU BEFORE THE WINTER SETS IN AND PERHAPS WE CAN HAVE A GOOD TALK. IN THE MEANWHILE IF YOU GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH LCDR ROY SNYDER PLEASE DO SO. I MIGHT EVEN LOOK OVER SOME PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE CLAMBAKE CLUB IF IT'S STILL FOR SALE WITH AN EYE TO BUILDING A SUMMER PLACE FOR THE COLES. MRS. YOUNG OWNS IT, I BELIEVE, AND PERHAPS SHE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SOME OF IT TO ME.

AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY FINE LETTER. JANE AND I READ IT WITH A GREAT DEAL OF APPRECIATION FOR WE REGARD YOU AS OUR TRUE FRIEND.

VERY SINCERELY,

Howard

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

NEWPORT, R. I.

OCT 1 2 1961

Dear Rafe:

I want to thank you again for giving our staff and students such an excellent appraisal of "Naval Decision Making." I consider it most important for our students to have the privilege of benefitting from your extensive knowledge of the subject, and I also consider it a great pleasure to welcome an old friend of the College back to our platform.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

B. L. AUSTIN

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, U. S. Navy (Ret.)
12 Mount Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT, FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT
U. S. NAVAL BASE
PHILADELPHIA 12, PA.

Code 001
8 November 1961

Dear Admiral Bates:

For your convenience in parking during the Army-Navy Game on Saturday, 2 December, the enclosed "Flag Officer" tag will authorize you a space in the immediate vicinity of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, which is located directly inside the main gate of the Philadelphia Naval Base. The tag, if prominently displayed, will also considerably expedite your entry onto the Base. The marine sentries have been instructed to pass through, without delay, all vehicles displaying this tag. If you decide not to drive to the game, it is requested that you destroy this tag as it is intended for your personal use only.

I have also enclosed a map (courtesy of the Keystone Automobile Club) outlining the special one-way traffic flow arrangements in effect the day of the game.

Sincerely

Gerald M. Nichols

GERALD M. NICHOLS
Lieutenant, U. S. Naval Reserve
Aide to the Commandant

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JOHN J. BERGEN
REAR ADMIRAL, USNR (RET.)
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14 November 1961

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
12 Mount Vernon street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Rafe:

Your letter of 26 October has been here for some time but, unfortunately, this is the first opportunity I have had to reply to it. It is always nice to hear from you, especially in a chatty letter such as the one now before me.

Thank the Lord, the Bergen family are all in fine physical condition and I will convey to all your best wishes for a wonderful fall and winter season, as you suggest.

You mention Graham-Paige and Hotel Corporation as steaming along merrily. Of course, as you know, we have expanded considerably over the past few years in both corporations, especially in HCA. Although the hotel business has picked up considerably since September we are still not pleased with our operations as we might be from an earnings standpoint. However, the reason for lower earnings this year is due entirely to the fact that we have had such a considerable number of openings of new hotels and motels and of course a considerable amount of expense is involved in all openings, whether they are large or small units, and this expense is charged off in the year in which the openings occur. However, we do benefit on earnings which occur in years following an opening, therefore beginning next year we can look forward to a much greater net than we will enjoy this year.

You must be having quite a lot of fun managing the affairs of the Clambake Club and you are fortunate to even break even in a club that operates only a few short months a year. As you know, I have always enjoyed dining at the Clambake Club - the food has always been outstanding, as well as the service.

Unfortunately, I am so occupied with so many things that I fail to have the time I would like to have to devote to the War College. I have always felt - and now more than ever -

that every business man in this country should be exposed to the fundamental teachings of the War College. I feel, however, that the time allotted to Global Strategy does not give the layman a complete picture as to how the military arrives at sound military decisions. I feel that if it were possible to add three more days to the program, and that three days devoted to SMD, as you and I know it, that the layman would feel more competent in expounding his ideas than otherwise. Certainly I am very much in favor of Global Strategy as it is presently constituted but, in my ten years experience as a participant and the many talks I have had with those men of industry who have attended the Discussions, I am thoroughly convinced that all of them would feel they had gotten a whole lot more out of it if SMD were part of the program. So much for that.

Curtin and I played our first and only game of Cowboy since last March, this past Saturday. He won the long game and I won the short game. I can assure you that presently you would have no trouble licking both of us.

When do you expect to get down this way? When you do decide please give me a few days notice.

With all the best to the Count as well as your good self, I am,

Sincerely,

Jack

John J. Bergen

EDMOND J. FITZGERALD
94 Post Road
Larchmont, N. Y.
Nov. 16, 1961

Dear Admiral:

It is indeed not the way to treat an old friend and I hasten to apologize for the tardiness of my responses - so, naturally, I forgive you for yours.

If you should decide to have me do your portrait there are those questions, where, when, how, and who pays? I could do it in my Larchmont studio or the next time I come to Newport. When would have to be largely up to you. How, involves, among other things, size - which governs the price.

My prices are; 25 X 30, $500; 30 X 36, $600; 34 X 40 (the size of the McCormick and Robbins portraits) $800; 40 X 48, $1000. A standing portrait should be at least 40 inches high, preferably more. That is to achieve proper scale if it is to hang in any sort of public or official place. I do head and shoulder portraits and small scale portraits (particularly of children) on 16 X 20 or thereabout for around $350.

I don't know who will pay for yours - perhaps you are stuck with it. The method is to pay ¼ of the agreed price in advance as a retainer. The balance upon acceptance of the finished painting.

The art business is good around New York these days. I'm thinking of working my prices upward a bit. My goal is in the neighborhood of that paid at Parke-Bernet's the other evening.

All join in sending love and kisses.

Sincerely,

Jim

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ARCHBOLD VAN BEUREN
ROOM 4938
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK 20, N. Y.

CIRCLE 6-4945

November 20, 1961

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Batesy:

I hope you will agree with me that the Dragon Regatta held under the auspices of the Newport branch of the English-Speaking Union last September was a great success and brought real pleasure and entertainment, not only to the participants but to many others who were interested. It was an event in which the entire community could take pride.

As you know from a previous letter, the out-of-pocket expense for the perpetual trophy and other prizes was about $3,500.00 which sum, however, will not have to be paid again in the foreseeable future.

Our first letter asking for contributions to help defray the expense of the trophy brought a generous response from thirteen individuals with donations ranging from $3.00 to $300.00. I am now writing you and a few others, who have not previously contributed, to ask whether you would care to make a contribution for the same purpose. We have a deficit of nearly $1,000.00 which I am very anxious to wipe out.

If you would like to make a contribution, please send your check, drawn to the order of the English-Speaking Union, Newport Branch, either to me at the above address or to our secretary, Mrs. Mary S. Jameson, 136 West Main Road, Newport, R.I. Donations for this purpose are tax deductible.

With all best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Archie

Archbold van Beuren

AvB: ag

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HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER
APO 112 US FORCES

AETGAC 16 December 1961

Dear Rafe:

Presently I am at the Hohenfels Training Center in Central Germany where I have been for the past five weeks. If all goes well, I will be back in Augsburg by Christmas. Charlotte is now in Augsburg--young Bob, of course, remains at New Mexico Military Institute over the holidays.

During this training period, which is one of the few maneuver grounds where you can use live artillery and small arms fire, we rotate our Division--half the Division at a time. At the present time we have two Infantry units, one Cav Squadron, Engineers, and two Field Artillery Battalions. One Battle Group, the 19th Infantry, which was supposed to be here at this time, went to Berlin. It has been a very successful training period as we are now mechanized, i.e., the Infantry has the armored half-tracks.

For your interest, young Mike Ingersoll was here with his company in the last cycle. As you probably know, he is a platoon leader in C Company, 34th Infantry. He is doing a fine job and is highly thought of in his unit.

Southern Bavaria really represents the old time Christmas. I recognize some of the customs that I used to see as a boy in a predominately German community in which I lived in Illinois. The store windows and shops in the smallest of towns are filled with fine merchandise, and there is an air of solid prosperity throughout Germany. This, of course, is a much better situation--because there are usually tensions when there are the 'haves' and 'have nots'. Actually, when you get down to it, it is our service families who have the more difficult time. The stories of plush living in Europe have certainly been highly exaggerated.

We are hoping that you'll be able to make your trip to Europe next spring summer or fall--in the meantime have a very merry Christmas, and please remember us to our friends.

Very sincerely,

Bob

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