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July 17, 1972-October 26, 1972

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Dear Admiral Butsey darling,

Means and I shall be in Newport the week of August thirteenth and hope that you will join us for dinner on Wednesday, August the sixteenth at eight o'clock at the Guest House on the Naval Base.

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Drop me a postcard at 1134 Dilton Lane, McLean, Virginia, 22101 if you are free and I will send you a reminder.

It's like a sauna bath in Washington. Ok for the cool breezes of August.

Hope we have the pleasure of seeing and dining you.

Fondest wishes always,

July 17th (72) Hope

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The Marine Historical Association
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12 July 1972

Dear Rafe,

This summer I have come on to Mystic for only two weeks of the seminar in American Maritime History. I returned only the middle of last month from a three month voyage around South America in a Norwegian freighter, and there is lots of work piled up for me in California. I wonder whether you might plan to be in Newport on Saturday, 22 July. I shall be spending the night of the 21st f with friends near Boston and expect to be driving back to Mystic on Saturday. I would be glad to swing through Newport if you were to be in town and were free at the middle part of the day. It would be good to see you and to catch up on your life and times.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

John H. Kemble

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C. RUSSELL FELDMANN
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Dear Batesy:

Sorry I missed your call. I'm glad you were able to talk with Joe.

We all enjoyed so much our visit with you at Newport and do want to thank you for making arrangements for all of us to dine at the Clambake Club.

Barbara says "It's time you paid us at visit at Horse Island". Let us know when you are coming this way so that we can roll out the red carpet, my friend.

Barbara joins me in sending our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Russell

Rear Adm. Richard W. Bates, USN Ret.
12 Mount Vernon St.
Newport, Rhode Island

July 19, 1972

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RAdm R.W. Bates USN(Ret)
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21 JUL 1972

Dear Admiral Wellings:

I want to thank you for your very incisive questions last night regarding Japan's dependence on the Middle East for her oil, and America's domestic oil reserves for the 1980's. I regret that I was unable to give you a complete answer then, but your questions sparked my own curiosity, and I was inspired to do some investigating.

Japan is, in fact, one of Indonesia's best customers, particularly for oil, but Indonesia is simply not capable of supplying all of Japan's petroleum requirements. Last year Japan imported over $1,457 million worth of petroleum, while Indonesia's total oil exports amounted to only $260.4 million. Thus, the great majority of Japan's oil must come from the Persian Gulf area via the Straits of Malacca.

I thoroughly enjoyed being with all of you at Quindecim and hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,

Stan Turner.

STANSFIELD TURNER

Rear Admiral Joseph R. Wellings, USN (Ret.)
Victoria Avenue
Newport, R.I. 02840

✓ BLIND COPY TO: Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret.)

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Personal

July 22 (72)

Dear Bates,

Congratulations on the new hard that has been given to you by the War College!

They are very wise to choose you for anything that you undertake has a successful result - owing to your shrewdness, intelligence and hard work.

Betty joins me as always in sending you our best wishes.

Cordially

Jeanne Wise-Pence

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July 25, 1972

Admiral Richard W. Bates
Naval War College Foundation
Building 111, Naval Base
Newport, RI 02840

Dear Admiral Bates:

I am writing to follow-up on our conversation of several weeks ago concerning next spring's Global Strategy Conference. As I mentioned, I think it might be worth your while to extend an invitation to William F. Ray. Bill Ray is a graduate of the Harvard Business School class of 1937. For quite a number of years, he effectively ran our Boston office, and since 1968 he has been based here in New York in charge of a number of our major operating groups. Beyond this he is a charming and delightfully amusing man, whom I have had the pleasure of working with for a couple of years.

Enclosed is a brief statement of condition of the Firm, which should give you some background.

Yours sincerely,

Jerry

John J. Slocum, Jr.

JJS/rm

Enclosure

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Telephone: 423-0936

La Trémière
Longfellow Road
Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835

26 July 1972.

Dear Admiral Bates,

Bill and I would be very happy if you could join us Sunday August 6 for cocktails at our house, then dinner at the Conanicut Yacht Club in honour of Bill's mother. The Wotherspoons and Umsteds will be the other guests.

Bills mother arrives August 3 for one week.

We do hope you can join us all,

Sincerely
et à bientôt j'éspère,
Madeleine Pennoyer

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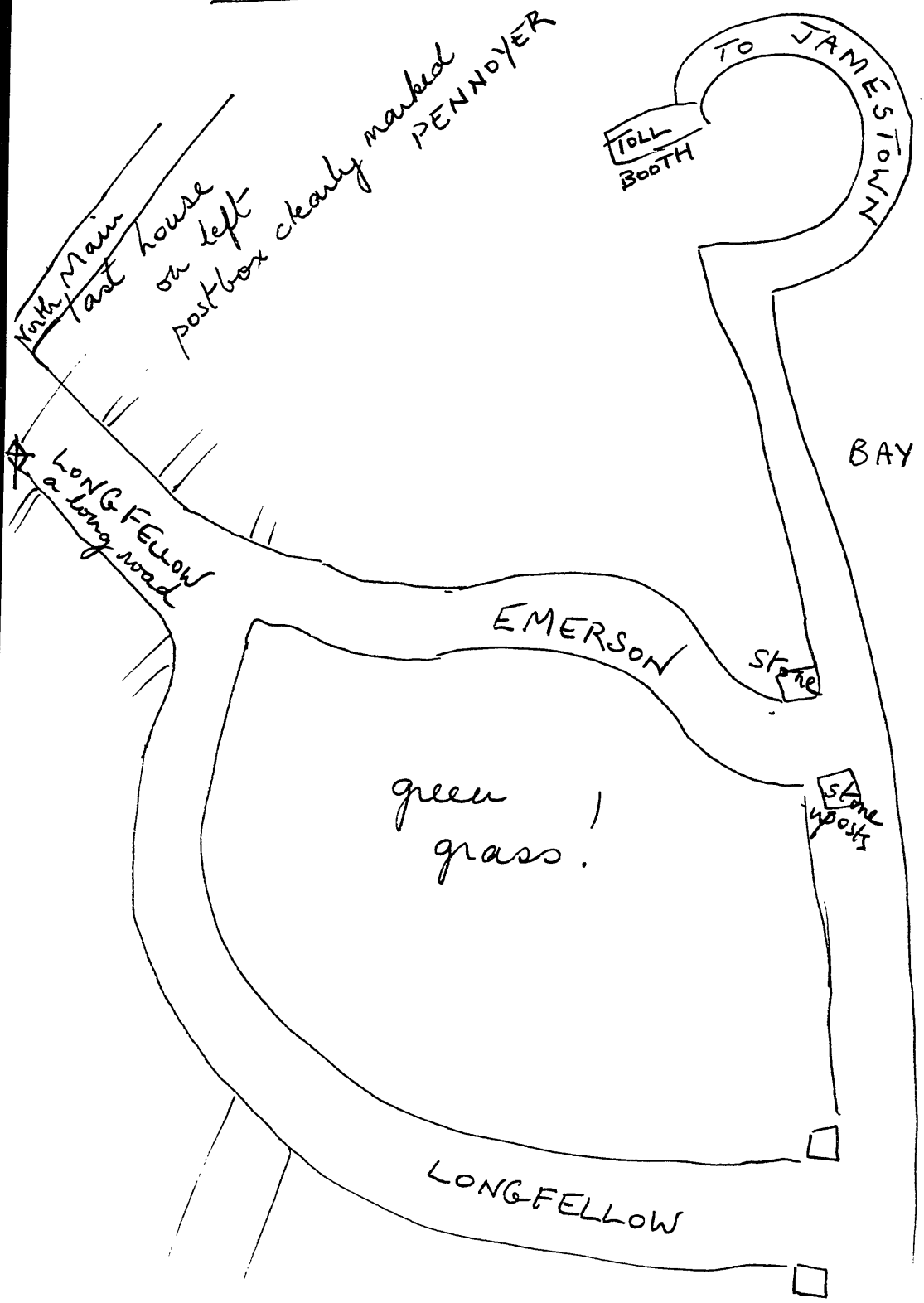

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July 28, 1972

RADM Richard W. Bates (ret.)
12 Mt Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island 02804

Dear Admiral:

Congratulations on your well deserved election as President of the Naval War College Foundation, Inc. You have obviously been the driving force behind the Foundation's success and it's wonderful to have you at the helm.

I sincerely enjoyed the Global Strategy Discussions, and feel that it was a very well spent week. My committee was active and provided a good cross section for discussion. Accommodations on the Guam were quite adequate and, for me, that added an important dimension to the program.

With respect to the dinner at the Clambake Club, I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and appreciate more than I can say the thought behind the arrangements. The delay in dinner just gave us more time to visit and to get better acquainted with Nicky. He should go a long way in business, and I will follow his progress with interest.

Finally, a special note of thanks for the generous gift of a Naval War College tie. You did a good job on the design and I shall wear it with pride.

I am enclosing our most recent report, released today, which shows that the value behind your stock is improving. Stock price is another thing -- but operationally we are continuing to make progress.

Thanks again for all your hospitality, and I'll look forward to seeing you in Sacramento on your next trip.

Very sincerely,

Harold S. Hook

Encl.

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ALEXANDER S. WOTHERSPOON
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Sunday 30 July 1972

Dear Ralf,

Just a little note of congratulations. Margaret and I have been following your rise to new honors in being appointed President of the War College Foundation. Thats pretty fine and we send you all our good wishes for lots of interesting and effective years in this job. Good luck and go to it 'ole Boy with your usual vim and "vigah"!

Scott Umsted said he'd sent the clipping about you to "Rip" so in due process of months you'll probably burst into print

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in "Shipmate", - while we are on the subject of that publication I thought "Corps" letter about Heather Hutchinson was wonderfully done and a fine tribute to her. She surely was a "classmate" of the first water and deserves all the praise and appreciation that we can give her.

Congratulations again! We'll be hoping to see you one of these days before long.

Cheerio! And good luck!

Sincerely,
Skeeter

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8/20/72

Dear Rafe
Thanks for your note + clippings. I'm sure the NWC will endure — and prosper. We are well, busy, & happy in the white mountains. I think Kit's article on page 6 will interest you. Warm regards from all of us. Sincerely, B.J.

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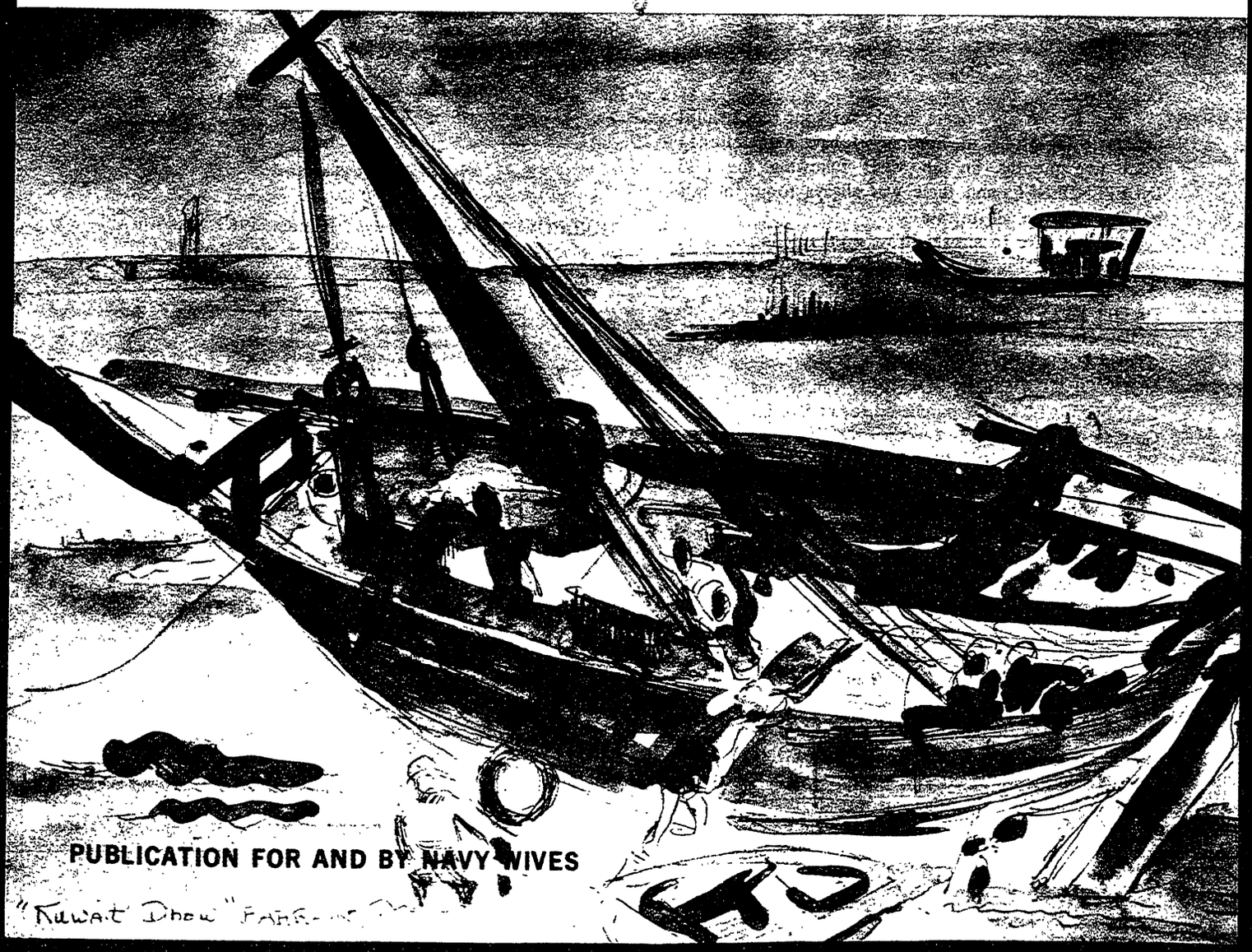

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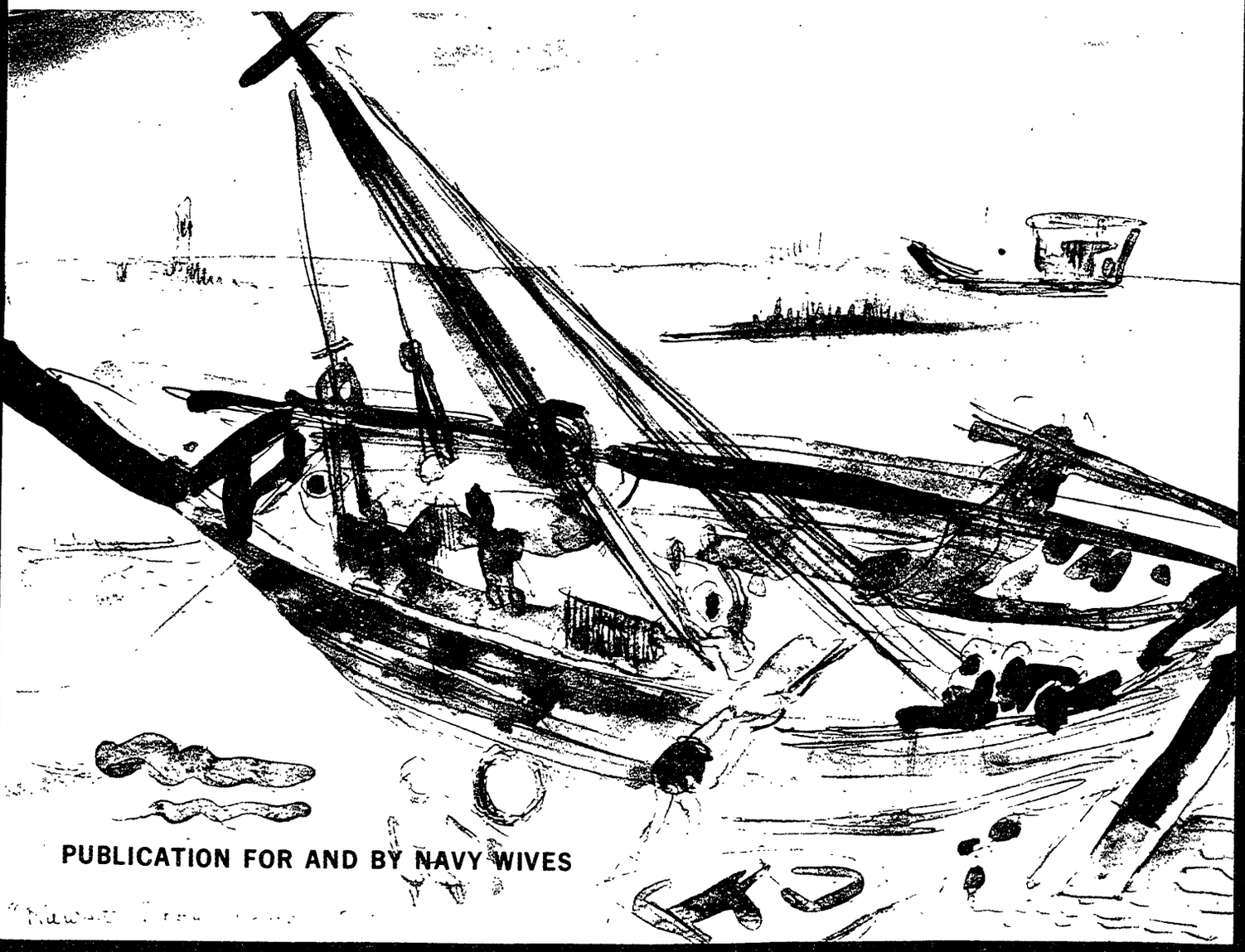

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WRITE ON!

9 March 1972

Dear Mrs. Clark,

What has happened to the interviewers and reporters on the Newsletter Staff?

We can all read articles by Navy men in official publications such as those mentioned by ADM Gravely in his article. We are much more interested in something written by a Navy wife about Navy people, Navy problems, Navy projects and Navy life—and even about Navy life in the civilian community (ADM Zumwalt pointed the way in his article.) I hope WIFELINE will follow through with articles about serious endeavors, articles about amusing events and even interesting side-lines.

WIFELINE Newsletter is beginning to look as though CHINFO wrote it all ...and that's the male view!!

Lois Martin
Dayton, Ohio

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April 3, 1972

Dear Wives,

May I offer my sincere thanks for your very helpful booklet "Tag-Along to Europe." I have just returned from five months in the MED following the USS INDEPENDENCE, and there was always room for this booklet in my small suitcase.

I would like to answer those questions including at the end of "Tag-Along" and follow with my own comments.

DATES TRAVELED – 9/27/71 until 2/25/72
MODE OF TRAVEL TO EUROPE – TWA 747
WITH CHILDREN? – No
MODE OF TRAVEL IN EUROPE – car, ferries
CAR SOURCE? – VW purchased for pickup in Germany

WHAT WAS THE WORST THING THAT HAPPENED TO YOU? – The hotel bartender in a German hotel (of good reputation) came to my single room at 4 a.m. saying that there was a regulator in my room which controlled heat for the entire hotel. And we had to argue about it in German! I finally identified him by sending him outside to stand outside my window. When I saw who he was, I let him in and went to a friend's room to wait until the "regulator" was fixed. Very scary. Important lesson: The room had no phone and the service button was not connected. I never stayed in a room alone without a phone again!

IF YOU LIVED IN ONE PLACE FOR SOME TIME – DESCRIBE – We spent the greatest length of time in Athens. The port of Piraeus is outside the city and so we decided to stay nearer the fleet landing in Faliron Delta. We did stay in an area near the Congo Palace, the Air Force Officers' Club, which is called Glyfada. It was convenient by Air Force shuttle bus to the fleet landing and downtown Athens and close to the NCO and officers' clubs which welcomed us heartily. Athens became for us more than the heart of Greece – it meant washing machines, an American movie, bowling and a hamburger, when we needed a brief respite.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY? – I would pack more clothes on the ship -- three outfits after five months is deadening to your ego. It is wise to also take something dressy on the ship for in-port parties, holidays, or just for an occasional fling. I would send all my unread books on the ship. Lots of reading time is available in hotels at night. I would practice changing tires! I would buy laundry detergent for hand washing rather than taking cold water washes along. And I would buy detergent in Europe, as I needed it. I would take tights in place of several pairs of stockings.

MY OWN COMMENTS – It would be a great help if you could include some information on locating the fleet landing, the local military base or Navy Information Office in major port cities. Why no slacks? We wore nice looking pants outfits almost daily and were very comfortable and usually appropriately dressed. Keep up the good work. "Tag-Along" was invaluable to us along with our other guides to Europe.

Mrs. Larry T. Guzy
Norfolk, Virginia

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Stump Jumpin'

by Vi Faddis

This year, numerous families, lead on by a male with the true American Spirit of Adventure, urge to explore, and aversion to wearing a suit, will decide to become campers. If it's your turn, don't fight it, just settle back and pay heed while the Last of the Pioneer Women gives with the sage advice.

First, there's the question of locations. A good camping guide will be a great help, but it won't tell you lots of little things. For example, did you know that the temperature in the Anza-Borrega Desert, out in summy California on a clear January night, will turn a rather large pot of hot water into a solid block of ice in a relatively short period of time? It's right hard on people, too. Trying to fry bacon while wearing woolen gloves is somewhat messy, and no matter how hungry your family is, they are bound to balk at eating fuzzy bacon.....

When passing through the last outpost of civilization, you would be wise to jot down the location of the local hospital. Better yet, make a drawing, marking with a large "X" the entrance to the emergency room. No need to be obvious about it. Above all, don't sigh loudly while writing, since this tends to throw a pall on the holiday spirit that prevails.....

Try to time your arrival at your campsite so that you do not get in early Monday morning before the clean-up crew has been there. This is particularly important in camps situated in hot climates and frequented by fishermen.....

This, before all else, remember. No matter how dismal or dangerous the approach to your campsite may appear, show faith in your husband's site selection. Fake it if necessary, but show it. Jumping form the car, clutching your baby to your breast, and insisting upon walking across the bridge he is about to drive over can be very damaging to the male ego.

Now, on to equipment. A ground cover is very helpful, particularly in areas having many large, black ants.....I'm not too keen on air matresses. The only night I tried one I discovered that every time I turned over, it did, too....A tent is almost a must. There may be times when it is such a beautiful night you will not want to set it up. This is fine. However, I strongly recommend that if you are camping, say in New England in early June, and you have convinced your husband that it would be very romantic to sleep where you can see the stars, you quit while you're ahead. Do not go a step further and rave on about how it would be even more romantic to sleep under yon beautiful tree where the stars will look like diamonds, sparkling among the leafy branches. For, if during a moment of madness and extreme fatigue, he agrees with you, you will discover during the night that the fog has rolled in from the sea and settled upon the leafy brances where it is condensing and dripping upon you, and your blanket, and your husband. And no matter how hard you pray that he will not wake up, he will. And he will say some rather harsh things like "You and your ideas, you've got us sleeping under a $%–$† funnel." .... Cooking equipment is very important. You will probably buy one of those lovely sets of bright and shiny tinware. Try to remember not to let the little handles hang down while the pots are over a flame. It is also well to keep in mind that despite the pictures in the camping magazines where Happy Helpmate is pouring hot steaming coffee into Handsome Husband's cup as he holds it out in smiling adoration, it is best not to do this with tin cups. Heat travels quite rapidly through tin and into the hand holding it....A good stove, lots of food, insect repellants, all of those are certainly necessary equipment. There is one item I feel no lady camper should be without. That's a can of pine-scented, disinfectant-type spray. Then, when the day comes (as it surely will) that you discover that the sanitary facilities are what is quaintly referred to as pit type, you just march bravely up to the door, open it slightly and spray enthusiastically. One word of caution. While it is certainly true that campers are really the world's friendliest people, check first to make sure that the little house is unoccupied. Some people, even campers, have absolutely no sense of humor. o

HANDICAPPED PROGRAM

"Where Do They Turn" was the title of an article in the Winter Issue 1971/72 of Wifeline. Several people sent in information regarding help for the handicapped child, but more information is sorely needed, particularly from Florida and the New England areas. If you have knowledge of assistance for any type of handicap, please share it with us! We do have some information that we can send you if you are the parent of a handicapped child and need news regarding what facilities are available at a new duty station. o

SHIRLEY HINKLEY

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The next time you go to the commissary and groan over the cost of a neatly warpped, pre-cut package of pork chops, consider the cost of a pig - or even some live baby chicks. Maybe you'll be even more economy minded and buy some ocean perch! If you were the wife of a Vietnam Navy man, you might not have to make the choice because chances are there would be very little money and very little in the commissary.

In the Winter Issue of WIFELINE (71/72) there was an item in the "Did You Know" column on OPERATION HELPING HAND. The idea for OPERATION HELPING HAND came about in August 1969 under the guidance of (then) VADM Zumwalt, Commander Naval Forces, Viet-Nam. The admiral felt it was time to take a close look at Vietnamization. Vietnamization is the stated official policy of the President of the United States for the orderly turnover of Free World assets to the constitutional government of the Republic of Viet-Nam. Admiral Zumwalt questioned what was being done to ensure that the assets turned over would be properly maintained and used in the years after the U.S. Naval Forces had withdrawn.

The answer became obvious: Not enough! Therefore a group of concerned business and professional men have established the OPERATION HELPING HAND FOUNDATION to provide moral and material support to Vietnamese Navy men and their dependents.

OPERATION HELPING HAND'S programs are directed toward the implementation of the construction of a 500 unit housing complex for disabled Vietnamese veterans and their dependents, and construction of dependent shelters and community facilities at various Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the Republic of Viet-Nam. All food supplement and disabled veterans programs are totally financed with private contributions granted by the HELPING HAND FOUNDATION. The Viet-Nam Navy and Marine Corps dependent shelters (hereinafter called homes) program has been jointly financed by the United States Navy and the government of Viet-Nam appropriated funds. Since the need for homes far exceed the number which can be financed by appropriated monies, HELPING HAND FOUNDATION grants will be necessary in order to complete the overall program. Presently there is a need for 26,531 homes. Already 7,286 units have been completed.

The food supplement program is designed to supply dietary and salary assistance to Viet-Nam Navy personnel and their dependents by means of animal husbandry, agriculture, and fishing projects. The goal of the program is to establish viable, self-sustaining projects at all Viet-Nam Navy and Marine Corps Bases. At the present time, 150 animal husbandry projects have been established at 49 bases. Additionally, there are two animal distribution centers in operation at Cam Ranh Bay and

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Saigon, and third is under construction at Da Nang. Over twenty fishing projects have been initiated during the past eighteen months to supply fish to various commissaries at one-fifteenth the open market price. Agriculture projects include fifteen victory (neighborhood) gardens and two base operated truck farms. The truck farms are providing vegetables to both Viet–Nam Navy dependents and base messes. Approximately $85,000 is required to complete all projects and achieve a level of self-sufficiency.

When the food supplement requirements have been met, HELPING HAND aid will be used to finance the construction of disabled veterans' shelters. Current plans call for the construction of 500 homes adjacent to the Cat Lai Rehabilitation Center. The first twenty units were completed in October and are now being used by veterans undergoing rehabilitation. Approximately $285,000 will be required to construct the remaining 480 units.

After learning about this operation, a group of civilian and U.S. Navy wives have joined together this year to present educational and fund raising affairs which will tell the story of OPERATION HELPING HAND. They hope to raise much needed money for the foundation. The group calls itself FRIENDS OF OPERATION HELPING HAND FOUNDATION and is co-chaired by Mrs. Perry Woofter and Mrs. Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. In the Washington area the FRIENDS have planned coffees and teas at which films and guest speakers will describe HELPING HAND projects. There are also plans for an evening at Wolf Trap Farm Park (by invitation only) to see Opera Star Roberta Peters featured with the Wolf Trap Company; a fashion show at the Vietnamese Embassy; and a benefit at the Kennedy Center.

Please help to make OPERATION HELPING HAND a world wide endeavor with civilians and Navy people working hand-in-hand. Why not buy a pig, a chicken or a house for these most needy people - $200.00 buys a nine month old boar; $90.00 a seven month old female pig; $.19 buys a broiler chicken; $.41 a laying chicken; you can even buy a house for $600.00 - $700.00.

If you or your group would like to plan some function, no matter how large or small, the FRIENDS would be delighted to hear from you. Please write or telephone the activities chairman and register your affair: Mrs. Pat Tapp, 4142 Minton Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, (703) 273-8556. Personal contributions or group function checks should be made payable to Mrs. Carl Lair, Jr., Agent, Operation Helping Hand Foundation, and mailed to her at 6207 Foxcroft Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22307, (703) 768 0308. Contributions are tax deductible.

(The Washington area FRIENDS have accumulated $1,783.00 since March 29, 1972. The Awa Lau Wahine Wives Club in Honolulu has already contributed $1,000 and has pledged another $1,000 to OPERATION HELPING HAND.) Won't you help too?o

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Katharine Ainsworth Semmes is the wive of VADM B. J. Semmes who has had a long and distinguished Naval career. Here are her. . .

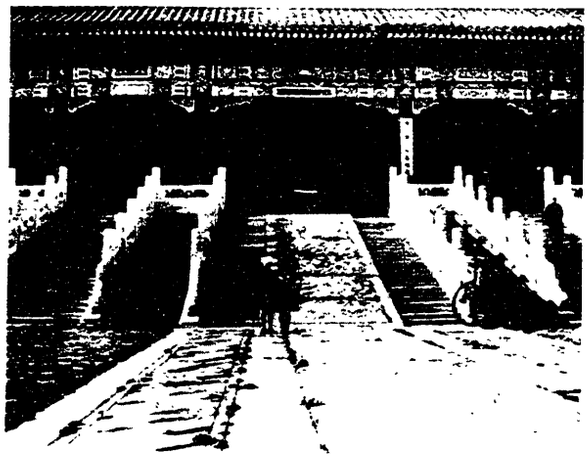
REFLECTIONS ON THE NAVY LIFE

Since China is the "IN" place, it seems fitting to go back to my earliest recollections of the Navy; the old China Station, a place I hope you, the future Navy, will have the opportunity to know as we did.

At age five, in 1924 we sailed aboard the PRESIDENT LINCOLN and it took thirty days to get to Shanghai.. (imagine having thirty days!) My greatest fear was "Could Santa Claus get down the smokestack?" He did. And my two beautiful twin babydolls were later left on the beach at Chefoo for some Chinese child to whom they must have seemed very exotic and strange and elegant.

My sixth birthday party was aboard the JOHN PAUL JONES, DD230, in Chefoo, China. In those days social life centered around the YMCA. The Fleet Wives put on a Navy Relief Musical at the "Y". Mother and her friends wore orange checked rompers and danced the Can-Can and sang "Oh, the Monkeys Have No Tails in Zamboanga," and "It Doesn't Smell Like Roses in Chefoo," and Chevalier's "Louise". .My brother and I went by rickshaw..two in one rickshaw. .we were learning to swear in Chinese.

A month later the ships (all three), formed a protective circle around the Bay View Hotel where all Europeans had rallied, and Chiang's troops marched right down the street. The sailor guarding our gate was shot, for no apparent reason. . .Chinese heads were stuck on sticks in the "native" city. . .and our number one boy sold me his pet sparrow. He had trained him to live in a tin can and to come home every evening. But I could never make him come to ME, and in desperation Mother bought me two love birds. I carried them on my lap to Peking.



The Forbidden City, Peking, 1925, Kit and Garner Ainsworth

Peking: where we raised rabbits on the roof of the Grand Hotel, begged quarters for slot machines, saw every palace in the Forbidden City, and stood enthralled before the lapis-lazuli blue. . .oh, so very blue. . .of the three-tiered Temple of Heaven. We climbed on the Dowager Empress' Marble Boat and marveled that coolies had pushed it through the man-made lake: we counted pagodas of the summer palace, and it wasn't until years later, in Katmandu, that I realized the architect who invented the pagoda was a Nepalese.

My brother went to a mission school in Baguio (the Phillipines), where he convinced me that head hunters still lurked in the forests. . .while I, slightly resentful, consoled myself by watching the vivid sunsets of Manila . . .and learned nothing. Oh yes, I learned to swim at the Polo Club along with my best friend, Jean (Clarey), and I learned a little French—and to hemstitch—at the Convent in Chefoo. But I was expelled for getting off the seesaw when a Chinese girl was on top.

Back home: Annapolis grammar school, just off Main Street, 1930. My father taught navigation at the Naval Academy. Jean and I rode bikes, climbed trees and watched the parades at Warden Field, little guessing that we would marry classmates who were plebes that year. . .

Five years of boarding school were supposed to make up for the China Station, and at eighteen the J.O. (Junior Officers') Mess on the MISSISSIPPI, home-ported at Long Beach, was more fun than a debut. Besides, B. J. was there. . .Two years later, in Paris, as Hitler marched into Danzig, and French troops mobilized, we became engaged. That was the year that radios played, and perhaps prophetically, "J'Attendrai" and "La Mer."

World War II was full of separations and sacrifices which we took for granted in a way that contrasts sharply with Vietnam today. Work: (drawing airplane parts at North Island), raising children alone, serving coffee to "the boys" at USOs, again with Jean, as she counted the days till the end of a submarine patrol. (If you didn't hear in sixty days. . .well, you didn't hear). B. J., returning from the torpedoed WASP, described her as "cherry-red" as he swam toward a destroyer. Okinawa. Kamikazis. Perhaps, in retrospect, it made us tough. It certainly made us independent.

VJ Day. . .at last. . .SHORE DUTY. New Orleans. . . Germany. . .Our world began to widen, and we were lucky, too: a three-pound son, born at a German Warrant Officers' Hospital, delivered by an Army pathologist, miraculously survived. Bremerhaven: 1950. Grey, bombed-out ruins. Bedraggled officers, the remnants of the German Navy, walking across the soot-covered parade ground of the Naval Base occupied by us, to write their version of World War II; lines of people outside butcher shops waiting to buy horsemeat: the acrid smell of dirt,

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five years of dirt, of scrubbing public buildings without soap. . .In the kitchen of our requisitioned house, Herr Wissels, the furnace man, eating bacon fat by the spoonful, so starved was his body for fat. And Anna, hunchbacked Anna, the nurse who had never known anything but hardship, and the marvelous Navy dentist who fixed her teeth on his own time. . . .Anna is now an American citizen.

Hardship post: four children in school from the second grade to college. . .and a sick mother. B. J. came home from BuPers with: "How'd you like to go to the Middle East?" to be Commander Middle East Force in Bahrain in the Persian Gulf? No school over the fifth grade and 120 degrees of heat.

Bahrain

After the shock it became our favorite tour. We learned more in a year and a half than at any other time, and somehow, in spite of boarding schools, the shared experiences brought the family closer together. We learned about Islam, and Hinduism. We walked thru the old walled city of Jerusalem in the hush of midnight, our guide the Mayor who showed us where Christ carried His cross. Persepolis and Darius; Shah Abbas and Isphahan, the city of turquoise mosques and pools and later, the Taj Mahal. .We learned to spot beggars who had rented a baby for the day (Bombay). . .and when to give alms, for there is no organized charity in Islam. Arab feasts. . .to be presented to His Highness, the Ruler of Bahrain was a treat usually reserved for men; I had to walk across a very long room lined by Arab men sitting cross-legged in their thobes. later, proudly showing my dexterity and knowledge of local customs by eating rice with the fingers of one hand, imagine my amazement to glance at His Highness and discover him eating with a fork!

I practiced my Arabic from Army records, everyday at siesta time, (the children had to listen. . .) in preparation of Her Highness' visit. Dress rehersal before the interpreter: "But Mrs. Semmes, you are speaking in the masculine singular and we need the feminine plural." Alas. They arrived, shrouded in black veils, bearing pearls for gifts. . .I grabbed up my grandmother's gold souvenir coffee spoons just in time to present Her with a gift.

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Kit Ainsworth Semmes
Wonalancet, New Hampshire

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Hardship post: four children in school from the second grade to college. . .and a sick mother. B. J. came home from BuPers with: "How'd you like to go to the Middle East?" to be Commander Middle East Force in Bahrain in the Persian Gulf? No school over the fifth grade and 120 degrees of heat.

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Wonalancet, New Hampshire

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OBSERVATIONS

by Esther Fisher

Did you know

.....That despite federal and local laws aimed at opening housing to all people, there are still certain extra-legal obstacles in the paths of minority members looking for homes and apartments? In the Washington area, some extremely helpful and exhaustive work has been and is being undertaken by the Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies, in co-operation with a number of local agencies. The organizations are producing marvelously informative "Homeseekers' Guides" of the metropolitan area, with tips on what to do about discrimination—and complete, block-by-block rundowns of what housing exists. On large, seven color street maps the guides show locations of apartments, houses, townhouses, shopping centers, schools, libraries, and recreation centers along with price or rent ranges, architectural styles, ages, sizes and distances to key points. If you're coming to the District of Columbia, you will appreciate this information. If your present community doesn't have such information available, perhaps your club or group will see that such assistance becomes available. For copies of available guides for the Washington Metropolitan Area (at $1.00 a copy, and less in bulk rates) contact the Housing Desk, Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

.....That the Navy Relief Society came to the aid of the crew of the USS Enterprise just before last Christmas? Operational commitments disrupted mail services temporarily making it impossible to send checks or money orders home for the holiday season. The Enterprise had been ordered into the Indian Ocean in connection with the India-Pakistan War and crew members were to be out of touch with their families for a period of time. To remedy the situation, a list of men wanting to sent money to their dependents was prepared and transmitted to Captain M. Vance Dawkins, Commander Fleet Air Alameda, who was asked to help arrange loans for the men. Captain Dawkins contacted Navy Relief Officials and within twenty-four hours, $25,000 had been transferred to the Navy Relief Society in San Francisco. Checks were immediately prepared in the amounts specified and money for local area residents was hand delivered the same day.

.....That Rear Admiral F. Rauch, Jr., has been selected as the Navy's new OMBUDSMAN? As Head of PERS-P (for personal) in the Bureau of Personnel, RADM Rauch provides a point of contact within BUPERS where all Navy people can turn with confidence on matters concerning conditions of Naval Service and personal affairs. The five divisions of PERS-P address themselves to such problems as: working out ways of making Navy life more attractive; providing information and answering questions by telephone and mail from individuals and commands; coordinating career information publications; directing Navy Recreation Programs; and administering family assistance services and benefits for Navy men and their dependents.

.....That the word "skylarking" was coined at sea to express the fun enjoyed by young seamen who would scramble to the topsails of warships and descend to the decks by sliding down the backstays? It was a kind of Follow-the-leader game that required guts and stamina, but the "Old-timers" took a dim view of the goings-on. They would grumble that the kids weren't getting their work done so that a man who wanted to get ahead in the Navy didn't go skylarking too often!o

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HEADQUARTERS
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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF
BOX 130

7 September 1972

Dear Rafe,

I am sorry, too, that we had a disconnect on getting back together on the phone. Things were mighty hectic that last afternoon and evening and then I had to rush off to the Chevy Chase Club when we were hosting our own "Despedida". I expect to be back in early November and will try to reach you then.

I am, as you would expect, most interested in the progress of the Naval War College; and am counting on you to keep me advised as to the progress under the new approach. I would hope and expect that Stan Turner has thoroughly examined the changes being effected (he is an expert in Systems/Ops analysis) and that they are sound. He now is the president and, in the old tradition, we should all support him!

Sylvan and Pam Coleman have just left after a week visit. It was great having them. We discussed the Foundation and he is a stalwart supporter. He wants to put your money to work at 8-1/2% -- if you have any uninvested. He also agrees that we need some "urgent" projects if we are to gain corporate member support. While I think the first two of the new projects you had sent him look fine to him (and me), there is some real doubt about the cultural one that might bring Gloria Steinem (with her four letter words) to the stage of the College auditorium.

Many thanks for the clippings. Send on more as they become available.

I have been invited to give the opening address at the Regional Seapower Symposium in Venice next month. Needless to say I am delighted to see my dream come true, with our world symposia at Newport spawning these intervening Regional ones I had hoped for.

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Do hope all goes well. Give our best to all of our Newport friends. As always, Prue joins in fondest best wishes.

Sincerely,

Dick

R. G. COLBERT
Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander in Chief

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, U. S. Navy (Ret.)
President, Naval War College Foundation
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P.S. For what it is worth, I support Fred Hartmann's request for travel funds!

Dick

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18 September, 1972.

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates USN (Retired)
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, R. I. 02840

My Dear Admiral:

You will not remember me but I have a clear and appreciative recollection of you. In May, 1958, I was ordered to the Senior Naval Reserve Officers course at the Naval War College. During that course in orientation and geo-politics, we reserve officers and leading civilian heads of industry and education had the good fortune to meet you and view the series of analytical films of certain WWII engagements.you had recently completed. That experience was unforgettable.

During our tour of duty, we were granted an honorary membership in the Clam Bake Club. That, too, was unforgettable.

In August, 1961, while I was on temporary duty at the Submarine Base in New London, I presumed on my having met you three years before to call and request the privilege of once again coming to the Clam Bake Club along with Mrs. Strong and a fellow officer and his wife from the Base whom we had met there. You graciously permitted us to visit your fine club.

Now, once more, I wish to presume upon your generosity and the hospitality of the Clam Bake Club for a special reason. I am now fully retired but serving as Ship's Writer of the USS OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION. This is a rather large group of veterans and some personnel still in active duty who at one time or another served in that fine ship. Some of the veterans, both officer and enlisted, date to before and during WWI. Many of them were attached during her loss in action on that Day of Infamy. My own service in the OKLAHOMA was during 1919-1920.

We shall hold our twenty third annual Convention at Newport in the period 3 to 6 May, 1973. It is one of my functions to arrange the schedule. I have thought it would be of particular value if these veterans could have the esteemed privilege of one dinner with cocktails at the Clam Bake Club. Here again, I presume upon your hospitality to ask that could be achieved. There would be perhaps two dozen of us, veterans and some wives. At this early date I cannot say precisely how many there would be. Our twenty second convention in Washington this past spring had forty six members and guests in attendance. Some of our members are too old to travel and others are resident on the West coast.

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One other very important event I should like to arrange is a viewing of one or more of those outstanding films you made. I do not know whether the security status has been reduced nor whether it would be permissable to show them to ex-enlisted men. If such a showing would be possible, I realize I shall have to request this privilege of the Superintendent of the Naval War College. I plan to attend the Naval Reserve Association conference in Norfolk this year where Vice Admiral Turner is a scheduled speaker. I shall endeavor to ask him in person if you think it advisable.

Captain Herbert F. Rommel USN (Retired), now living at 77 Bridge Street in Newport and formerly Executive Officer of the Naval Base, was in the OKLAHOMA on that fateful day. He is the immediate Past President of our Association and is presently acting as our Special Ambassador. I should like to ask if Captain Rommel may call upon you in regard to our plans.

These plans may be a bit high-flown and my requests are perhaps presumptuous but if they can be granted, we all shall be forever grateful to you.

Very truly yours

JAMES M. STRONG
Captain USNR (Retired)
Ship's Writer.

Cy to Herb Rommel.

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CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

21 September 1972

Dear Rafe,

I was particularly sorry to have missed you during my visit at the War College on the 13th of September. Stan Turner, however, did pass your thoughtful gift of a War College necktie to me. Thank you for the gift and the accompanying note of explanation. As you know, I have always valued my affiliation with our War College. This necktie will serve to remind me in yet another way of the important work done there and your contribution to it.

Thank you for thinking of me. Please accept my personal best wishes for continued good health and happiness in the years ahead.

Warm regards,

Bud

E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
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September 27, 1972

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
President, Naval War College Foundation, Inc.
United States Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Dear Admiral Bates:

So many thanks to you for your helpfulness in getting the message through to Admiral Rumble when we invited him to be our Navy Day guest on two occasions in Boston in early October. We have received no reply so far, but I assume such is on its way somehow.

I do hope that if you get to Boston you will let me know and spend the night with us or at least have lunch with me at the Union Club.

Sincerely yours,

Asa E. Phillips, Jr.

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September 28, 1972

Rear Admiral Richard Bates, USN (Ret.)
President Naval War College Foundation
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

I wanted to bring to your attention the fact that Northeast Utilities Corporation is having a common share offering on October 11. The current price of this stock is $14.38. The current yield is 6.8%. The price earnings ratio is 9.2. I think that this is an attractive situation due to the strength of the company itself.

I would like to talk to you concerning your investment portfolio. I will be in Portsmith, Rhode Island this weekend. Commander Coderre, my wife and I will be attending the Shrimp A-Peel on Friday night at the Officers Club. I would like to talk to you some time this weekend.

If you want to get in touch with me, Commander Coderre's number is 683-1630. Also call me collect at the office anytime. I hope that we can get together soon.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Capone

Robert L. Capone

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W. CLARKE S. MAYS, JR.
HIDDEN HOLLOW FARM
GREENE, RHODE ISLAND 02827

5 October 1972

Dear Rafe -

The Squantum Association in East Providence is holding its Annual Game Dinner on Thursday evening, the sixteenth of November.

I would be most pleased to have the pleasure of your company at this unusual event, which is an informal stag affair.

Hoping your calendar will be clear and that I may be in receipt of an affirmative reply, I am

Cordially yours,

Clarke

W. Clarke S. Mays, Jr.

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
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KENNETH L. ISAACS
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October 14. 1972

Dear Batesy.

Thanks for the material which I received yesterday. I will present it to Ben Braggiotti (President, S.-P.) at the meeting next Wednesday, but I will speak to him in some detail about it the night before when we are having a dinner to honor Steve Bechtel who is retiring from the Board because he has reached his 72nd birthday.

This morning in running over our plans for next week with Helen I was extremely embarrassed to find out that she had accepted an invitation to go to a luncheon that Olivia Manice is giving next Sunday at the Clambake. Apparently Olivia suggested to her that we could go to Groton for the Saturday exercises and not go to the Sunday church service and luncheon. Thus it looks as if we will be at the Clambake after all, although not in your party which we are sorry to miss. In any event there will be an opportunity to let you know

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What happened is how you during the week. We are sorry that this luncheon thing got mixed up and we do appreciate your asking us.

Always sincerely,

Ken

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Memorandum

DATE: 10/16/72

FROM Marty Zenni

TO Adm Bates

SUBJ Attached memo

1. Subject memo is forwarded for your information.

2. I have been assigned the project officer for this affair - and will coordinate war college activities to support the event.

Yours very respectfully
Marty

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NAVAL WAR COLLEGE
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
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THE PRESIDENT

18 OCT 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF OF STAFF AND MARTY ZENNI

I made a commitment to Captain Herb Rommel, USN, (Ret.) (local resident) for the following:

On the 4th of May 1973 we will entertain 30-40 members of the USS OKLAHOMA Reunion Association from 0900-1200. Their preference is to see a number of films that Admiral Bates has made on World War II Naval battles. I told him that I didn't know the status of either the classification or the availability of these films. I did agree that we would find adequate Naval-oriented entertainment for them and that this would likely include the Battle of Midway presentation. It seems to me that we also have some other film we show around here regularly that might be of interest and would concern today's Navy.

They asked me to be the speaker for their banquet on the night of the 5th of May at the Treadway Inn. I told them I could not accept such an engagement this far in advance. I did agree that we would provide a speaker for them.

Will you please see what films or wargaming briefings we have available and negotiate a satisfactory program with Captain Rommel. There is no hurry on this.

Would you also make a tickler for early March to make a decision on who will talk on the 5th of May and to notify Captain Rommel accordingly.

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October 24, 1972

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates
Naval War College Foundation, Inc.
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Dear Admiral Bates:

I have your letter of October 19, 1972, with regard to Norrie Hoyt and am going to forward it on to the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the St. Francis Yacht Club. I know Norrie quite well and have had the pleasure of listening to some of his excellent presentations and therefore agree with you completely.

I also have your letter of September 22, 1972, and sometime before the end of the year you will hear from me further in that regard.

I am taking the liberty of routing your letter to Marshall Madison and Jack Sutro.

Kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

James Michael

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October 26,1972

Admiral Richard W. Bates
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U.S. Naval War College
Newport, R.I. 02840

Dear Admiral Bates:

Thank you so much for giving us the address of your old classmate in Annapolis for our visit there two weeks ago. Unfortunately, when we arrived, Toni had such a bad cold, she fell into bed and hardly ventured out all weekend. I stepped away to see the boat show but other than that we really couldn't see much, so we did not get in touch with him.

But we thank you so much anyway for being helpful. We hope you're enjoying a lovely Autumn. If you are ever in New York please let us know as it would be our great pleasure to entertain you.

Sincerely,

Peter

PETER C. AUSNIT

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SEAPORT '76 FOUNDATION, LIMITED

A principal asset of the Seaport '76 Foundation is to be the Frigate ROSE, which was reconstructed for John Millar in 1970 at a cost in excess of one half million dollars.

The ship is a reconstruction of the vessel which in 1774 was sent to control smuggling in Rhode Island, and she did such a good job that the Rhode Island delegates to Congress introduced the bill that created the U.S. Navy in October 1775. Later, in May 1776, the Rhode Island General Assembly felt ROSE's presence so acutely that they declared Independence two months ahead of the rest of the country. Rhode Island's lead spurred Congress to do the same sooner than it otherwise would have; this meant that Lord Howe's peace plan, which Congress would have accepted instead of declaring Independence had it arrived in time, arrived too late on 10th July. So, in a real sense, ROSE bears some responsibility for our nation's Independence, as well as for the founding of the Navy.

It is singularly appropriate that this ship be retained in Rhode Island, where the Navy has maintained an important presence since its founding in 1775.

In an effort to maintain the H.M.S. ROSE as a tourist attraction in Narragansett Bay, the following proposal is submitted:

A local development company, authorized by the laws of the State of Rhode Island and created in accord with the provisions of Section 502 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, is to be established. The development company would be a foundation consisting of members who are residents or who are interested in the State of Rhode Island, and the foundation's charter would limit it to require it to conduct its operations in and about Narragansett Bay. No member of the foundation would be permitted to have an interest greater than twenty percent (20%) of the total ownership of the foundation.

The local development foundation would be a non-profit corporation and would control the location and operation of the ship.

The total cost of the acquisition of H.M.S. ROSE would be $350,000.00. Twenty percent (20%) of the purchase price ($70,000.00) would be provided by the local development

company. At the present time, there is already $56,000.00 available for this purpose and, therefore, the balance, or $14,000.00, would be the responsibility of the local development company.

Under the provisions of Section 502 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, the Small Business Administration would, we understand, loan forty percent (40%) of the cost, or one hundred forty thousand dollars ($140,000.00) to the non-profit local development corporation at an interest rate of five and one half percent (5 1/2%) for as long as twenty-five (25) years. It would be necessary that the corporation raise forty percent (40%) of the purchase price, or $140,000.00, by means of a bank loan.

This bank loan would be secured by a mortgage or other pledge of the vessel and would be the first senior obligation of the corporation. Efforts are under way to obtain a guarantee from the Rhode Island Recreational Building Authority of this portion of the financing.

Also, an application has been made to the Fort Adams Commission for an expression of its interest concerning permanent location of H.M.S. ROSE in connection with the restoration of Fort Adams, and the Commission has given its

approval to permanent location of H.M.S. ROSE at Fort Adams if adequate berthing can be arranged.

Each member of the foundation will have one vote. The classes of membership depend on the contributions made, as follows:

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As soon as the foundation is organized and begins to operate, an application will be made to Internal Revenue Service for a determination that contributions to the corporation are deductible for federal income tax purposes.