



By Air Mail

MELBOURNE
3 JAN
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1944
VICTORIA



Mr. Douglas M. Arthur

No U.S. A Forces

Australia



Would you please see that
General Mr. Arthur
receives this letter, as it
is very urgent. I thought
the best way to send it was
by this means. He would
be sure to receive it.



much and [?] have suffered
such agony of mind these
last four-and-a-half years.
It also helps to show up
^{our} the war effort having
four troops here on long
leave. It ^{improves} ^{our} efforts
tremendously.
Our young women should
be protected as much as
possible. Many of them
are very young and get
carried away with excitement
ⁱⁿ these times. and should
be respected.

I earnestly pray 8.

~~hoping~~ that something
abroad may be done about
all this, as it is very
vital to the interests
of Aushalei and his
people. who have given
so much in helping to
win his terrible war.
Your co-operation should
be given. as ours has



given

I remain

yours very sincerely
"Anonymous"

P.S.
It would also help to ease
the food situation considerably
if our men seem to take such a lot.

6 Victoria,

Here to Melbourne again it
 would be heartbreaking
 to go through again what
 we did last year. ^{Enough harm has been done} It is
 qualifying us to send them
 here ^{as a whole} considering our small
 community. If you have
 the sincere welfare of
 our country and people
 at heart do not send
 your troops here to Australia
 on such long leave. again.
 It is not fair to us. We
 cannot stress this too much
 we have been through so.

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We can truthfully say that
 we had never seen such
 scenes around our City as
 we have the last two years.
 And the welfare officers
 have been almost detached
 as you know our men only
 get such short leave and
 have to go away again. That
 made it so much worse
 to see few troops hanging
 around here for so long. We
 had had a terrible time
 the year before when they
 first came. We ask you
 most sincerely not to send

who have endured & suffered
 so much these last four and
 a half years. It was awful
 to read in the papers every
 day of scenes around the
 City and surroundings, and
 know of happenings, see things
 I pray God that the way
 will open. That they make
 may be taken back to
 their own country and their
 own womenfolk. for long
 leave. We are only a small
 community. of old told and
 occurrences like that are going

to set us back many years.
 It was too much to ask
 of us to have had the Marines
 here for so long while things
 were building up.
 We ask for the sake of our
 people and our loved
 country, and our heroic
 dead. through which these
 victories have been made
 possible. not to bring large
 bodies of troops to Australia
 from the front, but to take
 them back to their own country.
 We are naturally a hospitable
 country, but sometimes I
 wonder if we give it too
 freely.

say as a community we were
much ~~relieved~~ relieved when they
had gone. It was most
upsetting having them here on
leave for so long especially
whilst our men were away.
It is not so bad for our
troops when they have gone
but for as it leaves terrible
consequences and many
broken young lives. These
young girls are the sisters and
daughters & relatives of our
courageous & wonderful
men who have fought for
so long to keep my Country
and your Country free.

So

General Douglas MacArthur

Melbourne
Feb 1944



Dear Sir,

Could not some way be
arranged whereby your American
troops, may be taken back
to their own Country instead
of being brought to Australia
straight from the battle front
on long leave. It was a
terrible strain on us here
in Melbourne, when the
Marines were here for so
long. And we can truthfully



HOME OF THE WICHITA BEACON

The Wichita Beacon

EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING
M. M. LEVAND, President

WICHITA 1, KANSAS

February 29, 1944



General Douglas Mac Arthur
c/o War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear General MacArthur:

Each Saturday of the year, The Wichita Beacon pays tribute to those individuals on the local, national and international scene who have distinguished themselves.

Selection of those to be honored is made by our editorial staff, which carefully peruses our files for the week and meticulously weighs the evidence. We feel we are doing great honor to those individuals. By the same token, we believe they feel they have been honored by us.

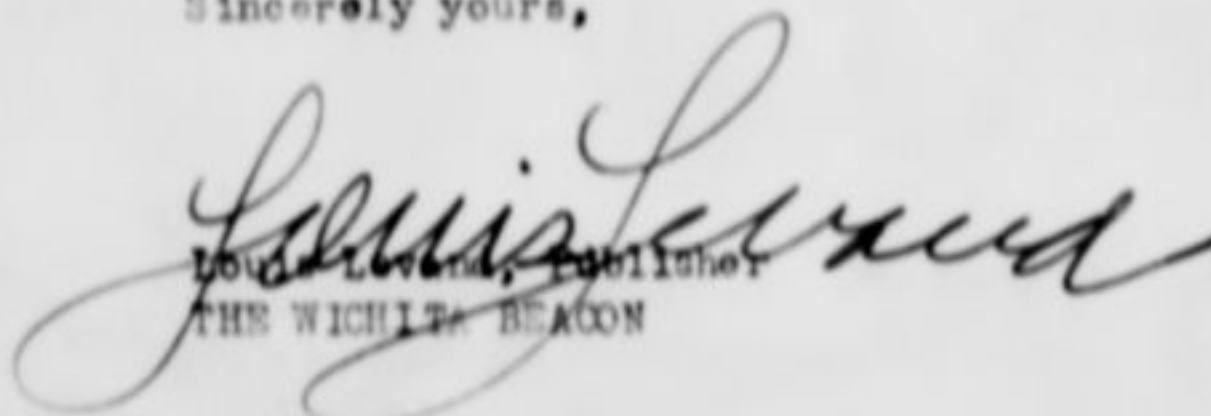
Last Saturday, the news of the week just ending was history. History recorded that you were one of the outstanding citizens who had done something really worthwhile. You and a small group of others, who similarly distinguished themselves to a lesser or greater degree, were selected by our staff.

Under the title "At the End of This Week--The Beacon Takes Off Its Hat to These Worthwhile Citizens" you and they were honored. In each instance, the picture of the individual, with a brief resume of his particular activities which brought him the honor, is printed.

We are informed by our readers that this service is greatly appreciated by them, that the pictures and the information printed thereunder refresh their memories of the week's outstanding personalities and occurrences.

We are sending you herein a tear sheet from last Saturday's Wichita Beacon in which we "took our hats off" to you. We hope you will be pleased, and we invite your comment.

Sincerely yours,


Louis Levand, Publisher
THE WICHITA BEACON

ll/vw
Enc.

Col. Bain - 9 Jan. 1904
in Japan

2 years in 102nd at Darwin

+ New Guinea

3 years in service.

1st Lieut

Robert J. Buettner

O-888524

363 Station Ave -

+ P.O. 508 unit 1.





Anne Meyer.

Buffalo, N.Y. Feb. 28 1974



Dear General:

It was so nice of you to dictate a letter to your Secretary for me - and I thank you.

All America praisis our Greatest General "you". your name has the greatest respect from all over U.S.A. your wonderful Successes.

In regard to Robert Buettner, my sister's son - I love him - he is a clever young man 28 he has clever fingers, he has been troubled with an infection of the throat U.S. is his cure. He was taken out of a mansion to field unit. his mother just like him in all way. "Clever" so so anxious while she is living to have him finish his course at University of Buffalo - so she can watch his Success - that is all she thinks of her Bobby's future. He has three years of service - He is 1st Lieut now.

George Buettner 20 - just arrived in Australia 237th Station Hospital APO 927 unit 1 - he is 37 years.

General, I just heard of you over the air. It was a great praise for you. everyone has a good thought of you.

Receive my best thoughts and may God preserve and bless you

New York Times

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27,

MACARTHUR ARCHIVE
MACARTHUR PLEDGES
GREATER COMFORTS

Promises Good Entertainment
and Latest News Over
New Radio Station

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS,
Southwest Pacific, Feb. 26 (AP)—
Gen. Douglas MacArthur, speaking
over a new radio station opened in
New Guinea for entertainment of
Allied troops, praised his men to-
day for their "fortitude and fight-
ing efficiency" and promised to af-
ford them "that additional comfort
which you so richly deserve."

The broadcasts will bring music
and other entertainment, and up-
to-the-minute news reports to per-
sonnel all the way from Haidor,
northeast New Guinea, to Arawe,
southeast New Britain, and to
jungle-hidden airdromes of New
Guinea.

The Southwest Pacific comman-
der said that "no campaigns in
the history of the war have en-
tailed greater hardships than
here," and that "no one appreci-
ates more than I the need of re-
laxation and recreation to allevi-
ate the hardships and rigors of
the field."

General MacArthur said the con-
ditions which heretofore combined
to limit recreational features to a
minimum had caused him the
"greatest anxiety," adding:

"To know what is transpiring in
the world, to hear occasionally the
trickle of music and laughter, to
feel something of the little fa-
miliar things that link us with
home—that is what I hope this
situation can do for you."

"The way before us is long and
hard, but with God's help, which
has so richly blessed and guided
us in the past, we will finally come
to the glory of the end."

Original of this letter filed with VIP Correspondence located in
Office of Director, Bureau of Archives, MacArthur Memorial

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES
WASHINGTON, D. C.
MORALE SERVICES DIVISION



IN REPLY
REFER TO
SPNSA 330.11

28 February 1944

General Douglas MacArthur,
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area,
APO #501, C/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California.

Dear General MacArthur:

I enclose a clipping from yesterday's (Sunday)

NEW YORK TIMES.

I was thrilled to see it. This kind of thing makes
a valuable impression here.

Yours sincerely,

F. H. Osborn

F. H. OSBORN,
Major General,
Director.

Enclosure
Clipping fm N.Y. TIMES 2/27/44
re entertainment SWPA.

2-28-43

Gen. MacArthur

Dw:

Colonel Lebrun tells me, that you stand by your pledge of "being back to the Philippines".

For us, that is not good.

You cannot imagine the mess this country is in. One grand mess, I call it.

To me, you should consider the welfare of one hundred thirty million Americans and their future far more important than your arrival in the Philippines. Besides you could see the Philippines quicker as President. F.D.R. is a socialist, a spend spend tax tax man. God help us if he has another four years. Dewey, Bricker, or Wilkie hasn't a chance against this golden voice.

I am praying that you will change your mind.

Cordially yours

CW Jackson

775 Hillcrest drive.

Redwood City

Calif.



called up for service he was a Teller in the Commonwealth Bank. My husband served in the Boer War & has two medals. He was rejected in the World War No I on act of bad eyesight. He is now 42 years of age. God bless you & still guide you & sustain you until war is over & grant you a safe return to your dear wife & son. It will indeed be a great boon to the troops who will be fortunate to be able to listen in. I trust my son is amongst that number. Doubtless he will be telling me in due time. Trusting you will accept these few words in a spirit of comradeship in which they have been addressed to you.

Sincerely Yours.
H. A. Casewell.





William H.
Roma P
Feb 28th 1944

To General MacArthur

Dear General MacArthur

I had the pleasure of listening to your voice over the new radio station officially opened on Sat evening last at Fort Moresby. It gave my husband myself & daughter great joy to hear your remarks, concerning our brave fellows serving with you in the 31st West Pacific. We are deeply grateful that they have such a good brave God fearing General. & we rejoice in all your successes. & wish you God speed to a final victory, but we realise like yourself that there is a long hard climb yet before our hopes are realised, & we pray for you & all our other leaders, that in all your engagements your answers from your guidance every day by your prayers & the readings of God's word may be realised for our nations good. My only son is serving somewhere in New Guinea but just exactly where I do not know. He is in the RAAF. Previous to his being

4. as fighters they have proven themselves to
be equal to any in the world and they have
carved a deep pattern of security upon
the conscience of civilization. The
memory of their deeds will give a living
warmth to posterity; but their glory is
not more than thousands of Britons
or rather British & Americans - 1970
we feel a lasting gratitude. May we
continue in unity & understanding after the
conflict. to sustain the peace of the future.

Again thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) J. M. Edwards



3. In General Blaney, we Australians have
a strong, a good military leader, and
perhaps his private personality shines
at the idea of a public acknowledgment
of God, that is for himself to recognize -
Senator Ashley we know belched forth his
words to the world's world, many two years
to the horror of many Australians, through
lack of understanding, that kind of must.
Eventually weaken and cannot. Keep pace
with human devotion to duty and
determination, with its constant power
of fury at the given moment to strike at
evil -

I can only liken St. Ol' horse selection
of programme to the sailor who went to
church on Good Friday, - was afterwards
found severely punching a Jew, when
asked what it was all about. He said:
"Didn't one of them crucify to Lord"
Oh. Well. That was 2,000 yrs ago!
Well, he said, it's the pret. In 'em
was it.

Thank you indeed for your praise
of our Australian soldiers - They are
great - or we are proud, but we, back
at home expect only the best from them

2 In your acknowledgment of Divine
protection it does not need a theologian
to realize that you have benefited personally
through Divine Power, your sincerely earned
contribution to the lay mind. Such spiritual
support must find you closely to your inner
wishes within them a steadfastness
that only true religion can do. They must
feel they have a leader who is certain of
being sure.

I sincerely hope that in these
broadcasts will come a flow of spiritual
words with the full meaning of comfort &
cheer for the fighting forces, not the
chastisement of previous sermons
nor the allegorical meaning of old
biblical stories, nor yet the empty
of high devotion, but a deep under-
standing of simple truth of consolation
in true & lasting things, the values of
which become enhanced so they are
lived & found & every soldier must
need such consolation after strenuous
and dangerous efforts to annihilate
so deadly an enemy to mankind as
the Japanese have proven themselves.
They must need this understanding both
before & after battles for every battle is
not fought on a battle front.



The Women's Club.
167. Fitzroy St.
Sydney.

27. 2. 1914



Dear General MacArthur

Listening this evening to a report of
the opening of Station 980 in the R.F.C. and
for Service men & women I was particularly
struck with your forecast & could not
restrain from comparing it to that of the
three following men who made no re-
ference whatever to the spiritual side of
our united strength. It was certainly
gratifying to hear a man of your position
own to the necessity of some sort of belief
or faith; call it what you will, instead of
almost having these days to apologise
for being a Christian with strong faith,
not easily explained, but full of vital
experiences over many years such as is
mine and that of many others. Such
faith does not mean being over-convicted
in an approaching crisis and it
certainly will not bear undervaluation
of one's own integrity in unity with
God in the throes of a crisis, it means
unshakable belief that cannot be
defeated, the deeper the trust, the deeper
the grip & thus the miracle is formed

Miss L. Kippatnick



The Navy gave me a small bust of you. I have his picture with our flag and this emblem of you together in my living room. I feel that it is a shrine for two fine people. I only pray that God will bless you and keep you safe, well and happy.

I would appreciate your understanding if you will just not let anyone but you see this word of praise to you who are so deserving. I think that when anyone does a good job, he should be complimented. So Sir, believe me when I say you are a fine person. Sincerely,

Feb. 27th, 1944.

General McArthur



Sir.

May I salute you as a fine gentleman and a brilliant general? I don't know just why I'm writing you on this day. I am a little sad to-day thinking of all that is happening to our wonderful boys. Maybe this is my reason, but I prefer believing that it is just because you are such a grand person. I know how your fine wife and son must feel about you. How proud they must be!

In July, 1942 my boy who is in

February
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Mr. Harrison E. Spangler
Chairman, Republican National Committee
1337 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Spangler:

I have voted the Republican ticket for thirty years and naturally am keenly interested in a Republican victory this November. This can be OUR YEAR, but without further delay we must concentrate on a leader.

If we are to win in November, it will be with General Douglas MacArthur. No other candidate will attract the Republican votes and many Democratic votes as well. No other candidate so amply possesses all the characteristics we revere in a President.

Some few people will say "General MacArthur is a great General, but when has a great soldier become a successful President?" Don't we all agree that General Washington was one of our greatest Presidents?

The war will probably not be ended by election time, November 1944, and we shall need a great military leader to guide our nation to a lasting victory. The President we shall elect in November must be a great Commander-in-Chief. Let's elect the best Commander-in-Chief, General Douglas MacArthur.

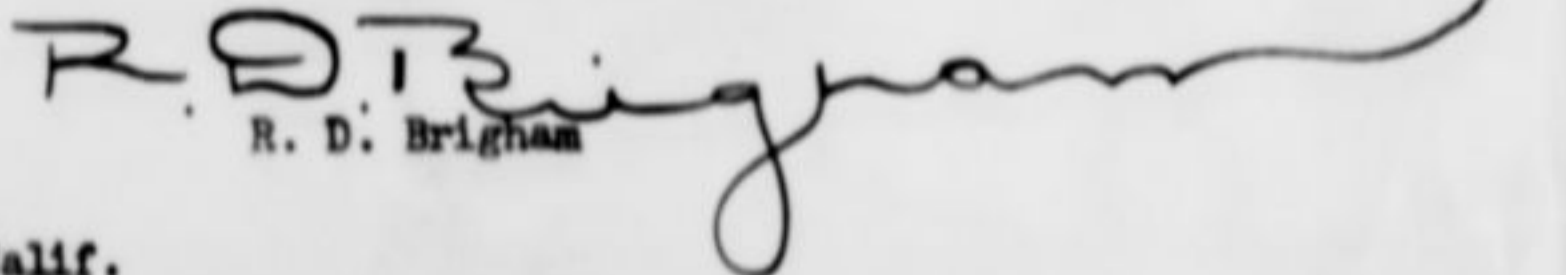
General MacArthur has a paramount ambition -- the recapture of the Philippines as quickly as possible. Military observers realize that this is a tremendous undertaking, but I believe General MacArthur will enter Manila this year. In so doing he will be recognized at last for what he is -- the greatest American General, and the greatest American. His personal popularity, his astuteness, his ability to do so much with so little, his great mental attainments make him the most popular candidate in a generation.

Who better understands the fundamental issues involved in the present world conflict? Who has a better understanding of the peoples of the world? At the peace table he would command the respect of Churchill and Stalin. No one could ever imagine anyone "putting anything over" on General MacArthur. He would represent us with intelligence and dignity, and would win the confidence of all nations large and small.

General MacArthur has not indicated whether he will be a candidate and his wishes must be respected, but no American can refuse the offer of the Presidency.

If Republicans are to win in November, it must be with General MacArthur. Let's be united behind him now.

Respectfully yours,


R. D. Brigham

Home Address: 85 Mercedes Way
San Francisco, Calif.

February
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19 44

General Douglas MacArthur
General MacArthur's Headquarters
Australia



Dear General MacArthur:

Millions of other Americans feel as I
do about you.

With best wishes for your health and
happiness,

Respectfully yours,

R. D. Brigham
R. D. Brigham
85 Mercedes Way
San Francisco, California

2
work you and your boys
are doing toward our
victory.

We have a friend
who is missing in action
over Bataan, but served
under you in the Phillip-
ines. He wrote his parents
very interesting letters and
told them you were a model
leader.

I know every church
is praying for you and
your boys for your safety
and souls assurance.

3
God never refused a
helping hand to any one
in need and I think
he is guiding America
through her present
trial.

The people at home
feel like sacrificing deeply
for their boys and leaders,
and many times a leader
becomes a symbol to
American hearts as you
have become. I know you
have gained it through



hard training⁴ and being noble.

Heads to you General
Mac Arthur and our prayers
are with you and for you. We
hope you'll be home soon.

Sir, I'm inclosing a
handkerchief, and would
you please autograph it
and send it back. I would
greatly appreciate it and
would also consider it a
great honor.

Sincerely
Marie Sadler...



26 So. Second St.
Chambersburg, Pa
Feb 25 - 44

General Douglass MacArthur
General Headquarters
Southwest Pacific Area
Office of Commander in Chief.

Dear Sir:

You'll probably be very
surprised to get a letter
from a farm family of
America, but we would
like to tell you how much
we think of the wonderful

Corregidor

Holy Isle! Set in a southern sea!
One drop of earth in earth's immensity,
And yet forever shall men know thy name
As one with courage, bravery and flame.
Who can praise such men with words?
No help, no hope, courage their swords,
They fought and prayed and died intent
To guard the portals of their continent.

There was sky and sea and sea and sky,
And a rocky tomb in which to die,
With never a hope of escape by land,
Never a hope of escape by sea
Their sepulchre foredoomed to be.

Waves washed black against the rocks,
Waves washed white with bomb shell shocks,
Planes flashed low with their shrieking lead
Their shadows shrouds to clothe the dead.
Death and dearth flew inward bound
The living tombed within the ground
Fought on foreknowingly.

Corregidor! O, Holy Isle!
Blest forever must thou be
Anointed by the wine-red blood
Of men who died for Liberty.



Anointed too, by mother's tears
Whose sons were raised to tread the earth
In God-like attribute. What worth
A son, if he must delve
Like an animal to save himself?
Mother of God, Misericord!
We intercede with lifted hand
To spare all mother's sons the grave
Of a foxhole in the sand.

Corregidor, O Holy Isle!
Blest forever will thou be,
Be thou indeed, our Holy Grail
Our rising star of Liberty.

Concha Steele

[Feb. 25, 1944]



6011 Hollywood Blvd.

Dear General McArthur:

The enclosed is a small tribute from a most unimportant spectator of the present world scene. With important names flashing across the sky like meteors, I feel diffident about sending it, but I wanted you and those men to know that there is much appreciation for your courage in a world that is never heard of in the papers or newsreports.

Best of luck to you and may the gods be on your side to bring us through. I have five nephews in the war. One, a pilot on a bomber, was just shipped out of San Francisco last week. So you see my interest in the war is deeply personal as well as impersonal.

Again blessings on your head, may your wisdom lead the way to a better world.

Yours truly

Cornelia Steele

Hollywood Calif.

Feb. 25, 1944



To General Douglas MacArthur,
South Pacific Theater of War,
APO Postmaster,
San Francisco, Cal.

From
FRANK B. BALL
P.O. BOX 1000
CANTON
Feb. 24, 1945

My dear General MacArthur:

There is a constantly increasing desire on the part of the people for you to be our President of the United States. Seeing that your vast experience in World Affairs, your ability to estimate situations, make hard decisions, control the execution of plans of your making, would particularly fit you for the high office that we need a man with these qualifications. Further, when the time comes for decisions on the terms of peace and the plans to prevent the recurrence of this world holocaust, you are doubtless the best equipped man in the nation to make these decisions.

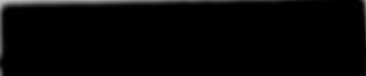
The people would in no sense feel that you were pulling out on your present assignment but instead, that the promotion to Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces would be great step forward toward bringing the war to a successful close, for you would not be seen leaving your post in office, and finally, you are:

We urge you, speaking for ourselves but also for hundreds of people with whom we talk daily---discussing national and international situations---to accept the nomination and to lead the people to victory. The people are filled with the conviction that you will bring us peace and that you will bring us peace with the dignity and honor that we deserve. We are proud and confident that you will bring us peace with the dignity and honor that we deserve. We are proud and confident that you will bring us peace with the dignity and honor that we deserve.

Thanking you and every man of your command for the great service you are rendering humanity, we are

Yours most sincerely, with the interest of our nation at heart.

Frank B. Ball



As you stand now you are
every one's hero. Americans
have you pedestal and
you are enshrined in their
hearts. Your picture flashes
on the screen in all parts of
the U. S. A. receives an ovation
second to none. As President
you would be but another
target just as Pres. Roosevelt
is today. For future victories
in the War I and good wishes
to you and your wife I remain
Sincerely
Admirer





New Orleans
February the
Twenty fourth
Sixteen Sixty two

Dear General



Am not a politician, nor
womans rights and I think this
should be a mans world, but
for Americas sake and your
own do not run for President.

Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at

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TO : CINC SWPA (FOR MACARTHUR)
FROM : WASHINGTON (BISSELL - WDGBI)
HR : 1468 23RD



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THANK YOU, YOUR C-1782, JEAN AND ARTHUR FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

QUEZON
AURORA

TOO: 231156 L
TOR: SC MSG CEN 231444 L
TOR: AG R/C SWPA 231450 L

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made and marked consistent with its classification.



Trafford, Ala.
Feb. 23, 1944

Mr. MacArthur:

We hope our Baby
makes as fine a man
as we thank you are.
I know your family are
proud of you. I hope you
come through without
a scratch.

Mother is praying for
you all out there. If you
are ever around Trafford
you are welcome to come
and see our Boy.

Mrs. Richard Calvert
we are proud to name our
Baby after a man like you. Every
one here says we named him
after a fine man.



THE LOWDOWN ON THE NEWS

...SPORTS. . .AFLOAT. . .ASHORE. . . AT HOME. . . .

SPORTS:

"You Dirty---!" Yes, there'll be at least one new target in the National League in '44. Lynn Duggess, former Texas and International League ump, replaces Al Barlick. Uncle Sam had the last word with Al: "I-AI"

On His Way: Captain Henry Greenberg, better known as Hank of the Detroit Tigers, has been transferred to an undisclosed post Air Forces Training Center at Fort Worth, Texas.

Feathers: Phil Terranova, of New York, NBA featherweight champ, will defend his title for 15 rounds and \$ 15,000 (guaranteed) against Samuel Ortiz, of El Centro, Calif., world's bantamweight champ. Time and Place: Jan. 19 at Los Angeles.

Hot Stuff: Howard Pollet, of the St. Louis Cards, last season set a 10-year record on earned run averages in the National League. Pollet allowed only 1.75 runs per game in the best pitching since Carl Hubbell yielded only 1.66 back in 1933. Right behind Pollet came Max Lanier, 1:00 earned runs per game, and Mort Cooper, 2.30. Both are Cardinals. Then came Whit Wyatt of the Dodgers with 2.30. Brother, you just can't squeeze out them Dodgers--- not entirely.

AFLOAT:

Cans not Saved: The Navy Department this month announced loss of the U.S. destroyer PERKINS in a collision November 20 in the Solomons area. It was indicated that there were few, if any, casualties... Another destroyer, blew up and sank six miles NE of Sandy Hook, N. J., at 0515 Tuesday 4 Jan. 44. The explosion, cause unknown, was forward of the bridge. The DD was abandoned at 0705, broke in two, quickly sank. 108 officers and men were rescued by USCG, etc. ... USS ~~DEW~~ is missing and presumed lost, the 17th sub so listed.

Knockout: British naval forces have sunk the Scharnhorst, Nazi battleship. Admiralty revealed little, but congratulations were sent to H.M.S. Duke of York, contemporary of USS NORTH CAROLINA class. Apparently Scharnhorst (26,000 tons) attacked a convoy above the Arctic Circle, in turn was surprised by Duke of York (36,000 tons). The Duke, with ten 14" guns to Scharnhorst's nine

11", packed a much bigger wallop: 15,600 pounds per broadside to the Nazi's 6,030. With the loss of Scharnhorst, Hitler may be down to his last battleship, her 26,000-ton sistership Gneisenau, (British baby submarines reportedly torpedoed the big Tirpitz.) Together, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau shelled to death H.M.S. Glorious, 22,500-ton British carrier, when they caught her unscreamed off Norway June 2, 1940; survived over 100 R.A.F. bombing at Brest, France, and later ran gantlet of English Channel. But they can't last forever, boys!

Thanks Old Chap: A war correspondent with U.S. naval forces in Europe quotes a high officer of the Royal Navy as expressing amazement at the intensity of U.S. antiaircraft fire. He saw two U.S. battleships knock down sleeve targets in a matter of seconds with 20mm. and 40mm. fire, which incidentally goes to show what these guns can do.

ASHORE:

Exit Berlin: R A F. bombers made their 104th raid on Hitler's capital under an intensified "blow 'em off the map" program. It brought the total bombs dropped there since 18 November 1943 to 18,000 tons--- or more bombs than the weight of this ship dropped on Berlin in the time since the ship was commissioned. Think that over!

Swiss Don't Miss: When a twin-engined German plane flew over Switzerland, Swiss fighter planes ordered it down to be interned. Instead, it opened a sudden fire on the Swiss. Finale: The Swiss shot it down. Scratch one arrogant Nazi.

In Brief: General Eisenhower has left Allied headquarters in the Mediterranean for London, to assume his new duty as C-in-C of Anglo-American invasion forces... Word from Germany via Switzerland is that Nazi U-boat production, long No. 1 on the list, has been dropped to No. 5 after planes, tanks, guns, munitions.

AT HOME:

Where's My Romance, Sadie? Frank Sinatra, otherwise "The Voice," walked through a crowded Chicago railroad station. Nobody fainted. Only four high school fans (boys) said hello Frank.



"BATAAN SPEAKING!"

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NAMES DO MAKE NEWS

To comply with censorship rules, names of personnel not already identified with the USS Bataan by special permission of the Navy Dept. have been omitted so this edition can be mailed home. Names make news, however, and items naming shipmates will be accepted for the next edition. Bring 'em in.

HEY, SKINNY!

Leonard Lyons, New York columnist, recently told this one:

Commander Gene Tunney, the Navy's physical fitness expert, went aboardship and met Commander John Raby, head of an air unit which had distinguished itself repeatedly. Tunney undertook to pick out the best pilot in the group simply by looking them over as they lined up on deck.

"That one," said Tunney, pointing to a broad-shouldered, slim-waisted Atlas whose bicep movements wrinkled his coat sleeves.

"No, that one," said Raby, indicating a fat dumpy flier who resembled Two-Ton Tony Galento in his prime. "He's the best pilot aboard, even if he does chain-smoke cigarettes."

(Editor's Note: It all goes to show that some people can take their tuna fish on sandwiches but the fighter director officer, who knows Jack Raby, recalls that Jack doesn't exactly have a sylph-like figure himself and could have been just

a mite prejudiced. Oh, well...)

HAVE YOU A SONG IN YOUR SYSTEM? THEN SING OUT!

While there is only one official ship's song of the USS Bataan, the one sung at the commissioning and broadcast on national networks, "Bataan Speaking" will be glad to receive other original patriotic songs complete with music. It publishes below one written by a friend of the Chaplain.

"THE U.S.S. BATAAN"

(Air, "Put on your old grey bonnet")

There are ships that go a-sailing
Full of stout hearts never quailing
As they breast the deep blue sea.
There are dreadnaughts primed for battle,
Built to silence soon the rattle
Of the fowen's gunnery.
But of all the fleets a-floating,
It is worth your careful noting,
Whatever the flag that flutters from their peak,
There is one brand new sweet daughter
Of the shiny briny water;
'Tis the ship of which I speak:

Chorus

She is clean, she is classy,
She is bright and she is brassy;
What a patch she pecks for old Japan!
For she flies Old Glory
And she'll add up to some story-
She's the U- S- S- Bataan.

(contributed)

PEACE PLAN, USNR

The air operations officer, a far-sighted fellow if ever there was one, is already making peace plans. His goal is a gentle and gradual return of USNR personnel to a normal peacetime status, preferably with their slippered feet propped up before an open fire and a tall, cool glass in their hands. In order that their beloved ones at home not be mystified by their language, the A.O.O. proposes that USNR's begin right now to refer to ladders as stairs, portholes as windows, decks as floors, overheads as ceilings, heads as toilets, and the island as the "pent house." (And for what kind of beloved ones, Mr.??). Instead of securing the porthole covers, he would refer to "drawing the curtains." Instead of secure, in fact, he'd say lock up." Ah, brave new world, in which a cat shot would mean one dead kitty.



WAR CORRESPONDENT ABOARD USS BATAAN TELLS HOW NAME OF SHIP WAS SUGGESTED
(Continued from P. 7, C. 2)

"The baby girl of that Christmas season has been since become Jean Faircloth MacArthur, a sojourner "somewhere in Australia" since March 17, 1942; her previous Christmas spent in the subterranean recesses of Corregidor.

"The passing years have made my personal discomforts of Christmas, 1898, a matter to joke about, but the better acquainted I have become with the human reminder of that period, the fonder I have become of her. A more wholesome, level headed, more generous person I have never known; unselfishly devoted to those who engaged her affections, and so it became my interesting privilege to be among the first to hear that she was to become Mrs. Douglas MacArthur.

"In the Spring of 1942, a great War Bond drive was projected. An old friend had an important share in mapping out details for it in Tennessee. One of his ideas was to have me figure in a short talking picture from the porch of Mrs. MacArthur's girlhood home in Murfreesboro, Tenn. He was insistent, and at last I agreed to attempt it. I say "attempt" advisedly for my business is writing, not speaking the very thought of making a speech, even of five seconds duration was provocative of "jitters".

"Desirous, after acceptance, of making the occasion one really worthwhile to the War Bond drive, I later proceeded to act upon an idea of my own that seemed to promise far more to the movement than anything I might say. This idea took the form of a letter to the present head of the Navy Department, suggesting that a very definite impetus might be given the bond drive in Tennessee if some naval representative could be authorized to promise that the next aircraft carrier to be launched should be named Bataan, in honor of MacArthur and the men who had made that name immortal.

"The reply to the Bataan suggestion came from the Bureau of Navigation; in substance, that all carriers then under construction had been named; however, it was promised that the suggestion would be given consideration when more vessels of the type were authorized. On August 1 last news dispatches announced that the carrier Bataan had been launched. Without delay, I wrote Capt. Leland P. Lovette, USN, Director of Public Relations, a Tennessean by the way and an acquaint-

ance I am proud to claim, asking the ship's picture in view of the circumstances related. The photograph came, identical to the one which hangs in the Ward Room, and in due course came permission for me to be a member of this distinguished company, one of the most interesting adventures I have ever known, a distinction for which my naval friends have my undying gratitude!

"The same name, no doubt, would have been given the ship without any suggestion of mine, that I fully realize; nevertheless I shall never cease to cherish the deepest personal interest in the USS Bataan and the welfare of her people!

"My personal message to General MacArthur when this ship was launched was the expressed hope that he would make her his vehicle when he headed back to Corregidor and Bataan to reclaim them, and more than ever now I hope that he will.

"This hope reminds me that the first man-of-war upon which I ever set foot was the old USS Olympia, now at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, the time a decade after Manila Bay. Her laurels of victory, however, were very much in evidence. The first warship of whose company I have ever been a member is this ship. I hope and pray this bit of coincidence of a personal nature may be an omen pointing this ship's compass to the same port, and to laurels even more transcendent.

"With fervor, faith and hope I do feel privileged to say, "God bless Bataan's namesake ship and all her company! I shall never forget that I have been privileged to associate with you, even for a little while!"

W. E. BEARD,
WAR CORRESPONDENT,
NASHVILLE BANNER.

DESIGNATED FOR V-12 TRAINING

Six seamen of the USS BATAAN have been recommended for V-12 training on the strength of examinations taken aboardship. Three of the six were from V-3 Division.

The six are slated for approximately two years of college under the Navy program. Their names will appear in the next edition.

WAR CORRESPONDENT ABOARD USS BATAAN, KINSMAN OF MRS. MACARTHUR,
TELLS HOW NAME OF THIS CARRIER WAS FIRST SUGGESTED TO THE NAVY



Mr. William F. Beard, associate editor and war correspondent of The Nashville (Tenn.) Banner, has been aboardship doing a series of articles on the ship for The Banner by authorization of the Navy Department. When released, these articles also will be published in "Eastern Speaking".

Mr. Beard's presence aboard is of special interest because he suggested the name Bataan for a carrier as far back as April 14, 1942, and received a letter of thanks from the Bureau of Navigation for his suggestion.

"Our war correspondent," as the wardroom soon came to call him in friendliest fashion, is the uncle of Mrs. Douglas MacArthur. He has written the MacArthurs suggesting that the general make his return to Manila aboard the USS BATAAN.

Mr. Beard has been an Associate Member of the U.S. Naval Institute and a prolific writer on naval affairs for more than 20 years. Aboardship, he was identifiable by the capital "C" for correspondent, on his coat sleeve and helmet. He was the dinner guest at various times of the commanding officer, the warrant officers' mess and the chief petty officer's mess.

Accrediting of Mr. Beard as the first war correspondent to sail on the USS BATAAN probably conferred upon the ship the distinction of having aboard the senior newspaper correspondent accredited by the Navy Department. Mr. Beard is a Spanish American War comrade and near contemporary of Secretary of State Cordell Hull, with whom he often corresponds.

Mr. Beard's account of the naming of the USS BATAAN follows:

NOW THE USS BATAAN GOT HER NAME

To the Officers and Men of The USS BATAAN,
Greeting:

"I do not have to tell those of you with whom I have come in contact that this to me has been an experience to be remembered; to have been with you as one of your company, even for a brief period, is a recollection to be treasured.

"God bless you all and bring you happy landings!

"Christmas Day forty-five years ago it was my privilege to be soldiering with the American

Army of Occupation on the Southern Coast of Cuba; a privilege which has grown in interest, particularly during the most recent decade, since the present Secretary of State, a man whom the people of his home State and mine regard as one of the most estimable figures in modern American history, was a company commander in the same regiment.

"Just at the moment in 1895, however, this soldiering privilege, from a distinctly personal aspect, seemed somewhat questionable, since Christmas Day found me "burning up" with a fever which had manifested itself so swiftly and violently that the victim spent a memorably anxious night wondering which it could be, -- yellow fever or spinal meningitis, from both of which then altogether fearful maladies the regiment had suffered fatalities.

"Fortunately for this commentator at least, the ailment was Cuban malaria of the Spanish War type, which the gentlemen of the Medical Department can discuss more learnedly than I.

"Our recent most delectable Christmas dinner aboard ship recalls that Christmas Day, 1895, found our battalion officers' mess without a cook; nor was that all; the cook had died of meningitis just prior to our landing, and in the confusion of disembarking with no one to look out for the mess' culinary utensils or supplies both had failed to make port.

"Just so my Christmas dinner in 1895, dished up from the company kitchen, altogether disorganized too, promised to be a very greasy hunk of fat pork swimming among white beans of very soupy texture, hardtack and coffee with neither sugar nor cream; not a very tempting menu for a fever sufferer with temperature at 104 degrees or so.

"A life-saver in that situation appeared in the person of a stout Memphis corporal, who had worked under me in my first days in the Army, but had later been drafted for the Colonel's kitchen. Comprehending the commissary outlook, he reappeared directly with some real biscuits and canned jam, perhaps other delicacies. The consequence was that I survived that Christmas occasion; survived to be with you, and survived too, to hear by one of our subsequent weekly mails that my sister had become the mother of a very pretty little girl three days after my Cuban Christmas.

(over)

PHILIPPINE STATESMAN HAILS USS BATAAN AS SYMBOL OF VENGEANCE

Vice President Sergio Osmeña, of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, inspired the ship's company of the USS BATAAN and gave the ship a slogan, "On to Bataan" in a forceful address at the commissioning ceremony. He spoke as senior representative of the Philippines in the absence of President Manuel Quezon, who is ill. His speech follows:

"The commissioning of this aircraft carrier named BATAAN is meaningful. It is evidence not only of America's mounting output of all the needed armaments but also of America's determination to fulfill her pledge to redeem the Philippines.

"For Bataan is no longer a mere geographical expression without meaning in terms of human value. Bataan is now an enduring monument to civilization, a symbol of freedom lost, a battle ground where Americans and Filipinos sealed with blood a lasting friendship and gave expression to the supreme determination of our two peoples to fight together until the enemy is crushed and lost freedom regained.

"I can never forget the gaunt but courageous faces of the men left on Bataan and Corregidor, the Valor and heroism which they displayed even in the face of certain doom. When President Quezon and I left Corregidor to continue here the struggle against the invaders, we did not give up hope that somehow reinforcements would come soon and save those beleaguered men.

"What a difference it would have made in the Battle of the Philippines had airplane carriers like this succeeded in getting near Bataan in those fateful days! Who knows if with a score of planes the tide of battle would not have turned in our favor!

"But the Epic of Bataan is not the end. It is not the end, it is only the beginning. The forces of freedom are unconquerable. They are no longer on the defensive. Every day now, in the Pacific as in the other theatres of war, the enemy is reeling under the mighty blows of our forces on land, on sea and in the air.

"The commissioning of the USS BATAAN is therefore being made under the most auspicious circumstances. Soon it will be joining our mighty

offensive against the enemy. Even now we can visualize the brave fliers of the USS BATAAN, inspired by the name which their carrier bears, winging their way to the Philippines on a mission of revenge and liberation with the ringing watch word 'On to Bataan.' Let us wish the USS BATAAN godspeed."

JUST (GULP!) FORGET IT AND GO ABOUT YOUR DUTIES

Mal de mer is a French expression meaning literally "sickness of the sea." Those who understand it often wish they didn't know French and feel quite sick of the sea. *Mal de mer* sometimes becomes epidemic, but it soon passes. The only after effect is a bigger appetite than ever, though you wouldn't believe it at the time.

In the interest of science, the ship newspaper's reporter undertook to interview the senior medical officer on seasickness cures. Purely in the interest of science, of course. The reporter himself never gets seasick (he hopes).

The S.M.O. said (A) that the Canadian Navy's anti-seasickness pills, recently hailed as a god-send for queasy seafarers, aren't USN issue and can't be had; (B) that starving yourself makes matters worse, not better; (C) that there's no surefire medical remedy for *mal de mer*, and (D) that most seasickness is psychological in origin. People worry about whether they'll get seasick, become upset thinking about it, and promptly proceed to get sick.

"They ought to forget about it as much as possible," the good doctor recommended.

In case you can't forget, remember this. You aren't the first person to get seasick, and you won't be the last. The quickest remedy is to snap out of it as fast as you can, and keep busy at your duties. And by the time the next boots come aboard and start looking for a place to secure their chow in a seaway, it'll be your turn to smile.

PASSED BY CENSOR FOR THE HOME FOLKS
order to make this possible

This issue is NOT, however, for general circulation or newspaper publication.

The first "Press Run" of the paper has been nearly double its normal shipboard circulation to provide ample copies for mailing. So help yourself

**" WITH GOD'S HELP WE WILL MAKE THIS A FIGHTING SHIP. " CAPTAIN DECLARES
IN SPEECH SETTING TONE OF IMPRESSIVE COMMISSIONING CEREMONIES NOV. 17**

Admiral Draemel, distinguished guests, shipmates:

The United States Ship **BATAAN** is now in commission. The designers, shipbuilders and workers of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation have completed their work on our ship. They have done a good job and it is now up to us. Our work is cut out for us: plenty of it I can promise you, drills and more drills and then some drills, intensive training activity to utilize to the utmost the limited time which is available.

A large percentage of this ship's company are inexperienced. For many of you, this is your first tour of duty aboard a fighting ship. However we also have on board a number of officers and enlisted men who are seasoned veterans of many of the major battles of this war. Commencing today it becomes our task to weld together these men of all degrees of previous experience into a new fighting unit named "**BATAAN**". A fighting unit which must and will be formed and trained into the smooth fighting machine, so that when the time for action comes, as it will, we will be capable of giving a good account of ourselves against the enemy, no matter how tough a customer he may prove to be.

I believe that I speak for every officer and attached to this ship when I say that we undertake this task with full confidence of success. A confidence which is born in the hearts of free men who know that they are fighting in the just cause of liberty.

We have been given a name which has a meaning to it-- **BATAAN**. I quote the words contained in a message sent by the Secretary of the Navy-- "No ship bears a more illustrious name. The **USS BATAAN** commemorates a campaign that has become a symbol of the fortitude and endurance of free men in the face of overwhelming odds. It has a rendezvous with destiny that shall not be denied."

From the Southwest Pacific comes the following message from General Douglas MacArthur: "I feel that if given the opportunity the **USS BATAAN** will add fresh laurels to that hallowed name."

I understand that MacArthur's Headquarters in Australia still answer all phone calls with the words "Bataan Speaking".

Before long when this ship goes into action the world again will know that **BATAAN** is speak-

ing--this time from the deck of an aircraft carrier bearing that name. I believe that along with the men who have reported for duty aboard this vessel, also have reported the spirits of the brave men who gave their lives in that gallant and heroic struggle. Those Filipino and American soldiers, sailors and marines put up one of the most significant battles in the whole history of human warfare. The spirit of these men will guide us on our course to avenge the dastardly attack which resulted in the fall of Bataan to the overwhelming forces of our common enemy.

Bataan fell, but the spirit that made it stand for months against those overwhelming odds-- a beacon to all the liberty loving peoples of the world-- that spirit, invincible, the spirit of **Bataan**, can never fall.

It is in honor of these men that this ship has the name The United States Ship **BATAAN**. It will be a fighting name and with God's help we will make it a fighting ship.

V. H. SCHAEFFER,
Captain, USN



FROM THE LOS ANGELES HERALD-EXPRESS

Recently launched on the Atlantic Coast was the new United States Navy Aircraft Carrier "**BATAAN**."

Does the launching of this mighty ship, a ship whose war birds, definitely, are slated to spread devastation and death among Japs in the Far East, presage the return of American forces to the Philippines?

Does it mean that the time is fast approaching when Gen. Douglas MacArthur will be given the men, the planes, the guns and the naval support to move north-- and to return to the Philippines?

Mere news of its launching sends a thrill through every American. What a rush there will be among enlisted men to win places on this ship! How fliers will vie for the honor of being assigned to the "**BATAAN**!" Before long it will be on the high seas carrying to Japan a message she will understand, a message of quick death to the enemies of Freedom!

MEET YOUR CAPTAIN...

Capt. V. H. Schaeffer, USN.

(Editor's Note: A biographic sketch of an officer aboard USS BATAAN will be presented in each edition to acquaint the ship's company better with their officers. (arewith is the first:)

Captain Valentine H. Schaeffer, USN, age 46; Commanding Officer of the USS BATAAN, was born in Dayton, Ohio, home of the pioneer aviators, the Wright Brothers. As a boy, Captain Schaeffer saw some of the first flights made by Wilbur and Orville Wright, and it is probable that he got from them his first ambition to become an aviator himself.

The Navy also was a boyhood ambition of his, and upon graduation from high school in 1915 he entered the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1918 with the wartime class of 1919. He served in World War I on the destroyer CALDWELL, DD59 first of the flush-deck four-stack type, operating from the Allied naval base at Queenstown, Ireland. He remained in destroyers for two years after this war. During the last six months of that time, he placed in commission and commanded the USS NOA, DD343, his first command.

Later in the same year, 1921, Captain Schaeffer entered naval aviation completing the student training course at Pensacola and receiving his wings. Since that time, he has been on an active flying status continuously for 22 years, with well over 4,000 hours of pilot time on his record. His service in all phases of naval aviation includes five years of carrier duty, first as a squadron pilot in dive bombing and fighting squadrons aboard USS LEXINGTON and USS SARATOGA, later as air group commander and then air officer on the old USS LEXINGTON.

Pearl Harbor found him behind a desk in the Navy Department as Director of Maintenance in the Bureau of Aeronautics. After six months, he finally extricated himself (as he puts it) from this duty. He commanded a fleet air wing in the Pacific for a year prior to being ordered to commission and command the USS BATAAN. While his age and rank have taken him off the daily flight schedule where he used to be, he is still classified as a class one pilot and flying is practically his one and only hobby.

(Next Edition: Meet Your Exec.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER USN IS PREPARED TO PERFORM BATTLE DUTIES ACCURATELY

ammunition passers; air crews and plane handlers, all are in the process of deciding that right now.

"If the attack does reach the ship, how much damage will ensue? The repair parties, engineers and other special groups will isolate and control the damage from knowledge and practice gained now or abandon ship.

"Injured personnel may owe their lives to the man next to them. Size him up now. Is he learning as much and as fast as he can from the first aid instruction? Maybe he is looking at you. What does he see?

"If the ship should be lost, the lives saved are being added up today. You say or you may not be putting yours on the right side of the ledger.

"Just because there are no Japs around, don't think it is certain to be peaceful right now. You know about the air-raid alert over Christmas. Nothing happened. But nobody on this ship knows what may happen the next time. Or the time after that. United States Navy ships have been sunk during the present war in waters through which this ship will pass.

"Every time you set Condition Baker or Able, every time you go to general quarters, do it--- every manjack of you---as if your life depended upon it.

"FOR SOME DAY IT WILL."

"Some day you will go to general quarters thinking it is just another drill."

"But you'll suddenly find yourself face-to-face with the real thing.

"Will you know what to do?"

ALCHA SENSE OF HUMOR

This yarn about submariners is told by Fletcher Pratt, noted naval writer, in Harper's Magazine:

One moonlit night after a long cruise and their first liberty in Hawaii, a submarine officer and an enlisted man happened to meet. Both were obviously on the way back from somewhere. There was a salutation, a pause. Then the enlisted man spoke up: "Funny thing, isn't it, sir, how far behind you can get on women, and how fast you can catch up?"



**SHIP'S NEWSPAPER IS GIVEN
FIRST-CLASS FIGHTING NAME;
PERPETUATES FAMED SLOGAN**

The name "Bataan Speaking" has been selected for this publication because it tells the whole story in two words. As the Commanding Officer, Captain V.E. Schaeffer, stated at the commissioning the fighting spirit of Bataan was perpetuated at General MacArthur's headquarters in the Southwest Pacific by having all telephone operators announce "Bataan Speaking."

Now a new seafaring, air-scouring Bataan will speak as only the Navy can speak. The phrase "Bataan Speaking" today embodies a promise and a threat, and links a fighting ship with a fighting past.

The heading of this page is an artist's conception of the twin peaks of Bataan, with Corregidor to the left across the channel, as Commander W. A. Lamm, Executive Officer, recalls seeing them from Manila during the fateful December of 1941. The sketch of the USS BATAAN blotting the setting sun of Japan from that scene is symbolic. It is up to every man aboard to make it real.

In its first issue, "Bataan Speaking" is privileged to announce that it already has been unofficially suggested that General MacArthur make his return to the Philippines aboard USS BATAAN.

PASSED BY CENSOR FOR HONK FOLKS

This first edition of "Bataan Speaking," the ship's newspaper of USS BATAAN, may be mailed to your relatives and friends back home if you wish to send them a souvenir of your ship.

Contents and reference which might have been subject to mail censorship have been omitted in

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER URGES
ALL HANDS TO LEARN WAR
DUTIES WELL AND RAPIDLY**

The USS BATAAN is now in a highly decisive period of her career as a fighting ship, the executive officer, Commander W.A. Lamm, USN, points out in a statement to all hands. For whether the ship wins through depends upon how well all hands learn their battle duties without loss of time.

The executive officer's statement emphasizing the importance of every man aboard to the success of the ship as a fighting machine, follows:

"With the first serious test of the ship there comes the first real test of every man aboard. This is a good time to stop and take stock of ourselves, and consider our future.

"Some have turned to smartly from the very start, and are whole-heartedly trying to make this the good ship that the USS BATAAN should be. Others have not. No one has to tell you which group you fall in.

"This ship will sometime be subjected to bombing, torpedoes and shells. Then each of those attacks is over, we or some of us, will finally know the fate or fortune of the ship. We must wait til then to learn the decision.

"But that decision is being made now. Every hour of every day, you are contributing to the survival of yourself and the ship, or to our utter failure and the loss of the ship.

"Many important decisions are being made. Will the enemy attack reach the ship? The look-outs, talkers, and radiomen; gun crews and

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U. S. S. BATAAN

February 22, 1944.

Master Arthur MacArthur,
% General Douglas MacArthur,
APO 501, % Postmaster,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Arthur:


At the suggestion of your great-uncle, Mr. William E. Beard, the first copy of our ship's newspaper published on board the U.S.S. BATAAN is being forwarded to you together with a copy of the program of our commissioning ceremonies and our ship's song. Mr. Beard tells me that your mother collects such items for you, and might want to add these to your collection.

We named our paper "Bataan Speaking" after the words made famous by your father. As you will see, the first issue contains an interesting story by Mr. Beard which refers to your parents.

Your father very kindly sent us an autographed picture of himself which we had framed and placed in the wardroom of our ship. It will, I believe, serve as an inspiration to the officers and men of the U.S.S. BATAAN in our endeavor to become worthy of that name.

Mr. Beard was aboardship with us for some time, and proved to be a real shipmate. It was with regret that the ship's company saw him go ashore as scheduled. Perhaps at some later time we may have the pleasure of having him aboard again, and you and your parents as well.

Very sincerely yours,


V. H. Schaeffer,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Commanding.





Douglas MacArthur is also a Southern man, born in Arkansas. His wife is from Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Wouldn't we Democrats be proud to see him our nominee, and in the White House as our Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy?

Wouldn't it renew hopes of the mothers and fathers, wives and sweethearts, and the little babes, with such a Commander-in-Chief, that our loved ones would come back home?

Would Douglas MacArthur do anything to lower the stars and stripes?

Would Douglas MacArthur be obsessed with "board-ism", "bureau-ism", "tax-ism", "directive-ism", and "selfish-ism"?

If Douglas MacArthur is nominated, he will be elected.

And, here's the speech that would elect him in every state in this Union:

"I hold the position of General. I am the ranking general of the Southwest Pacific activities of the United States Armed Forces.

"The only way that a general can be elevated to Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, and the Air Forces of the United States is by the vote of the citizens of the United States.

"If the people of my country elevate me to Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, and the Air Forces of the United States, I will accept the responsibility, and will not leave my post of duty until I am called upon to be inaugurated President of the United States.

"My sole interest is a quick, victorious peace in this war, and to hasten our loved ones back home."

This is all the speech that America wants to hear. In the meantime, MacArthur will stick on his job - ~~xxx~~ the one great, all-enveloping job of this country, and let the bureaucrats speak their sob-songs over the radio.

I am proud to give this message to the people of Georgia and all of the other States of the Union, on the birthday of George Washington, the Father of our Country, who established the precedent and the great tradition for no president of the United States to serve longer than two terms.

We erred when we did not follow George Washington's precept and example. We elected one president for three terms, but it will never be done again!



dear by the Democratic and Republican presidents in this country.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT WENT IN FROM VICE-PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT. HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT FOR AN ENDORSEMENT TERM. ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT SERVED TWO FULL TERMS, HE REFUSED TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR A THIRD TERM.

CALVIN COOLIDGE WENT IN FROM VICE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT. COOLIDGE WAS ELECTED TO AN ENDORSEMENT TERM, AND HE NOTIFIED THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD THAT HE DID NOT CHOOSE TO RUN FOR A THIRD TERM. HE STUCK BY HIS CHOICE.

Any president can surround himself with boards and bureaus, and as Harry Hopkins says, "TAX, TAX, TAX - SPEND AND SPEND AND SPEND; and ELECT AND ELECT AND ELECT !"

This is the "ISM" that is being practiced by the bureaucracy in Washington. It is not "AMERICANISM". It is not holding dear the traditions of this country.

IT IS SETTING UP A STANDARD THAT COULD BE FOLLOWED BY FUTURE PRESIDENTS TO PERPETUATE THEMSELVES IN OFFICE BY PATRONAGE, DIRECTIVES FROM BOARDS AND BUREAUS THAT WOULD MAKE THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY QUAKE WITH FEAR AND VOTE TO KEEP THEM IN OFFICE !

This country is at war now. We must think seriously.

Our boys at the front are not afraid. We people here at home should not be afraid to exercise our best judgment for our country.

What is the remedy I suggest?

Roosevelt is not a Democrat. The Democratic Party would be foolish to further contend that he is.

I am a Democrat of the old school - a Jeffersonian Democrat. I believe in the fundamentals of a Democracy. I believe in the sacredness of the ballot, cast by a free people who are not afraid that they will be taxed to death if they don't bow to the will of some political bureaucracy in Washington.

So, what must we do?

Let's first nominate the best Commander-in-Chief of our Army and Navy in America as our Democratic nominee for President of the United States.

What is his name? DOUGLAS MacARTHUR !

He is more familiar and can exercise the power, the authority, and can carry the responsibility as Commander-in-Chief of our ^{ARMY} and Navy better than any other citizen in the United States.



Address by Hon. Eugene Talbot, at the Charter Presentation Night of the Lions Club, Eastman, Ga., Tuesday night, Feb. 22nd, 1944;

The United States is facing the cross-roads this year. We are in the greatest dilemma and the most serious war that this country has had since the Revolution, when we fought for our independence from the British Government.

Today, our boys are in the four corners of the globe, fighting. We are spending money by the millions, every hour.

We are floating bonds that will call for the greatest sacrifices of our children to pay.

While we are fighting is not the proper time for us to think of WHY we are fighting, but our main objective now is a QUICK, VICTORIOUS PEACE !

We need this so that our young men and young women can come back home and rededicate this country for A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY; BUILD UP THIS COUNTRY - MAKE IT A HAPPY HOME FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN !

Why are we at the cross-roads?

I will tell you why:

This year, we are called upon to elect a Commander-in-Chief of our Army and Navy. You will notice that I use the word, "Commander-in-Chief" of our Army and Navy". That is the all-important position now.

War is the one consuming topic that we must deal with wisely.

Of course, to be Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, you must be President.

Is the South going ahead solidly again, nominating and helping to elect Franklin D. Roosevelt for a fourth term?

What excuse can we have for re-electing Franklin D. Roosevelt?

Ah, those who are in power in Washington will say that on account of the war, we must re-elect him.

Elect him by what party?

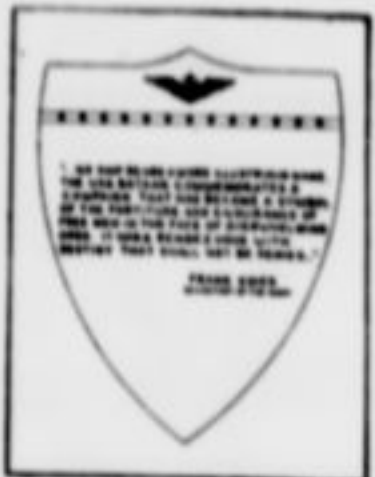
Franklin D. Roosevelt is not a Democrat. Franklin D. Roosevelt is not a Republican.

Franklin D. Roosevelt has established a kind of "ism" in Washington of his own, and the best explanation that I can give of it is "SPEND-ISM".

Why do I say that Franklin D. Roosevelt is not a Democrat? Why do I say that Franklin D. Roosevelt is not a Republican?

Here's the reason I say it:

He has turned down and scrapped every sacred tradition that was held



*"Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high."*

*I*F EVER an American fighting ship was charged with the twin responsibilities of a great tradition and a great purpose it is this – the U. S. S. Bataan!

John McCrae, poet-laureate of World War I, whose inspired words are quoted above, could not have written more poignant lines today to sum up the spirit and high resolve of the officers and men of this ship, nor of the craftsmen who built it, nor of the government and people who give it their blessing. This nation and all nations will watch it hereafter with steadfast eyes as it ploughs the waters of the world leaving in its wake inexorable retribution, justice and liberation as a tribute to the brave heroes, American and Filipino, who etched with their blood in the archives of history a new symbol for glorious self-sacrifice – *Bataan!*



PROGRAM

- Parade of SHIP'S COMPANY*
- Arrival of THE COMMANDANT of FOURTH
NAVAL DISTRICT and OFFICIAL PARTY*
- Invocation - - - - - CHAPLAIN*
- Acceptance of Ship and Address
COMMANDANT, FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT*
- Hoisting of National Colors and
Commission Pennant*
- Publication of the Commanding Officer's
Orders and Assumption of Command*
- Setting of THE WATCH*
- Personal Honors to Senior Officers
Present on Board*
- Address - - - - - COMMANDING OFFICER*
- Retreat from CEREMONIAL PARADE*



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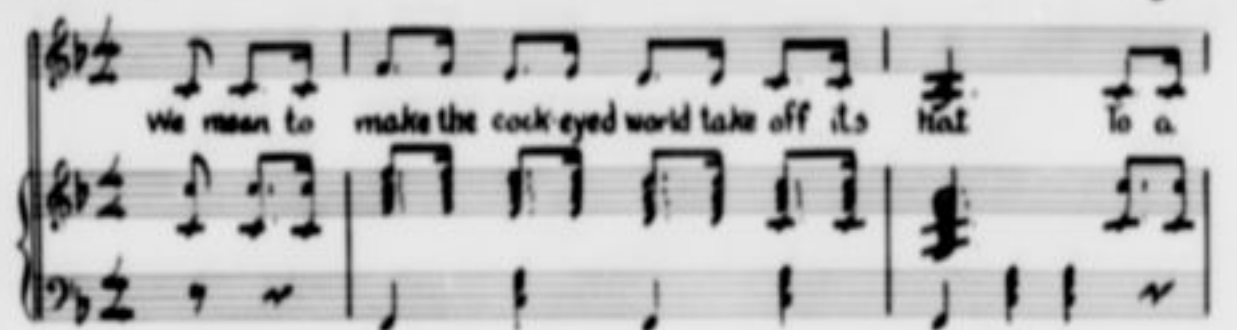
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Commanding*

U.S.S. Bataan

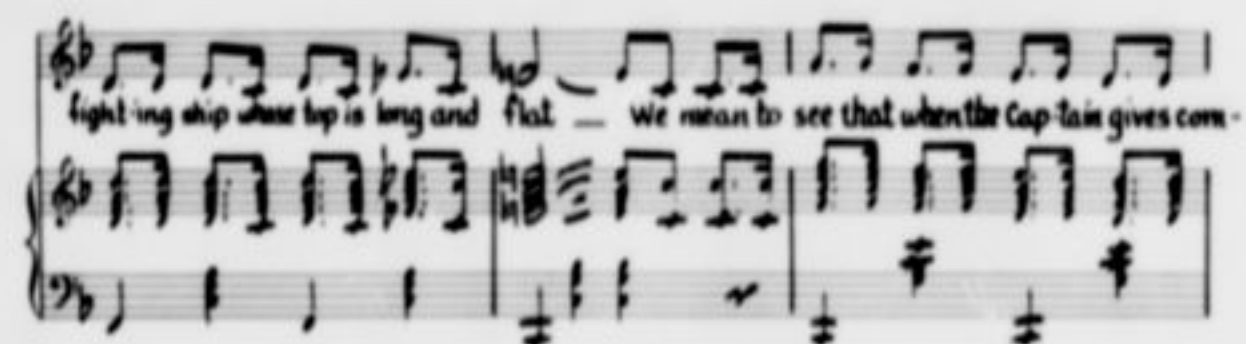
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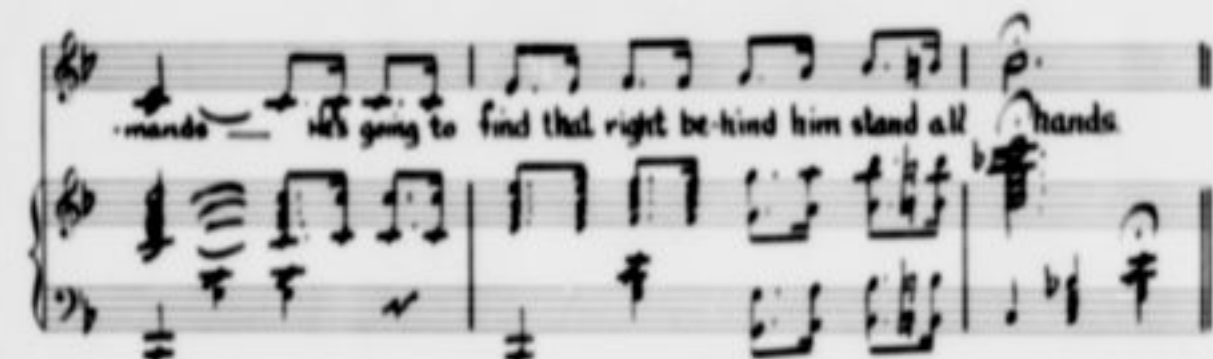
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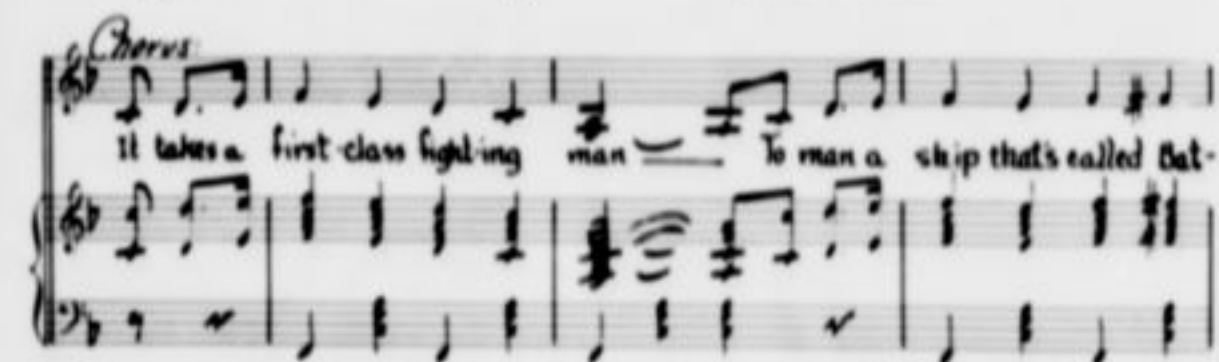
fighting ship whose top is long and flat — We mean to see that when the Cap-tain gives com-



mands — he's going to find that right behind him stand all hands



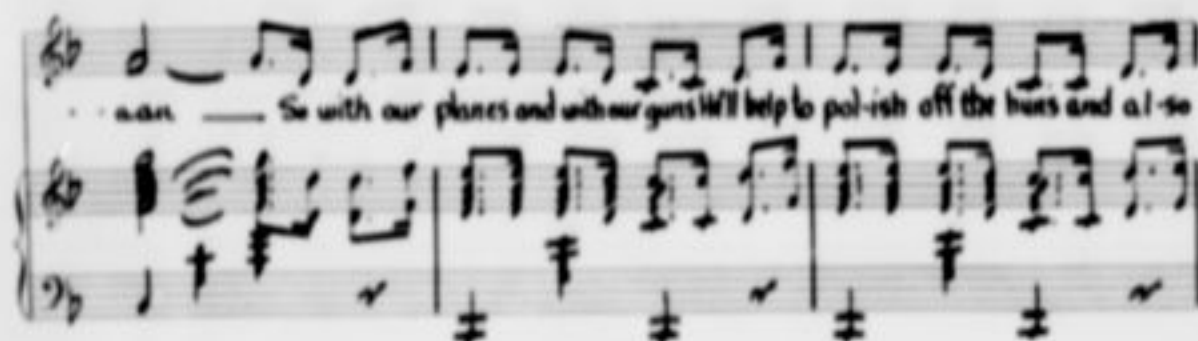
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It takes a first class fighting man — To man a ship that's called Bat-



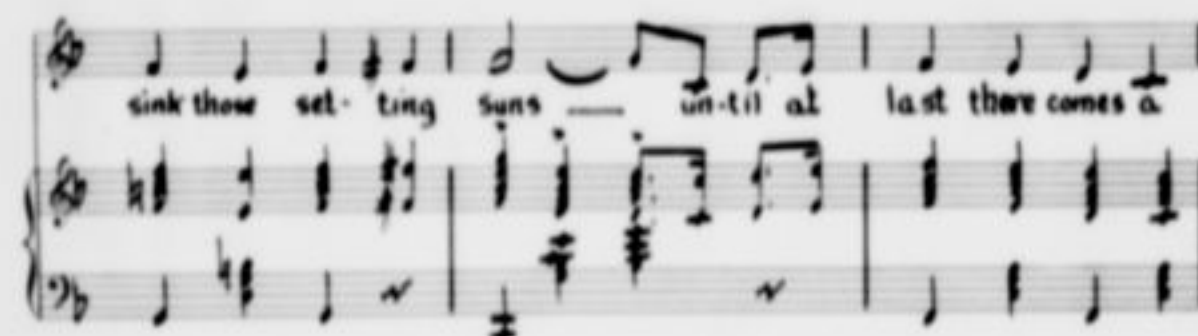
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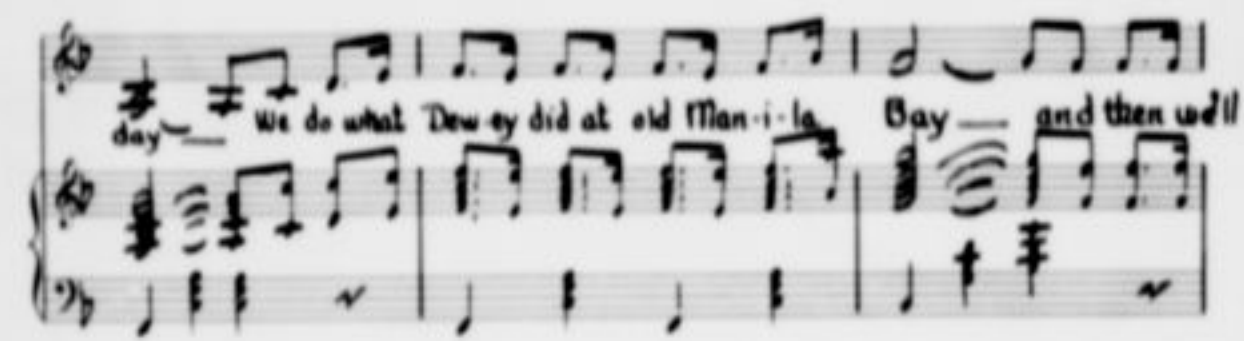
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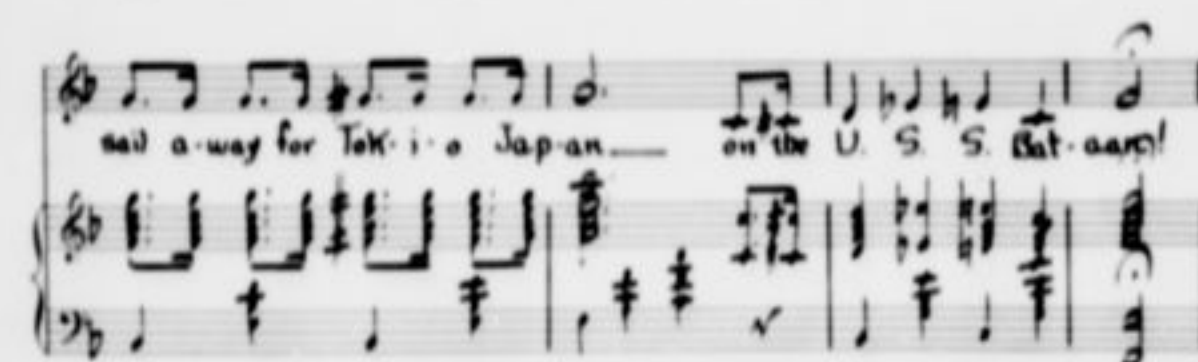
sink those set-ting suns — un-til at last there comes a



day — We do what Dewey did at old Man-i-la Bay — and then we'll



sail a-way for Tok-i-o Japan — on the U. S. S. Bat-aan!



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U. S. S. BATAAN

*To Master Arthur MacArthur
from*

*Captain Valentin D. Schaefer, USN
Commanding*

before Mrs MacArthur's time. Thompson Webb, Mr Webb's son, has a fine school for boys at Claremont, Calif. He and I are good friends. I thought this news might be interesting to Mrs. MacArthur, news about the Webbs.

I see you are on the way to the Philippines. Hope you get there soon. Chaplain Carl Brewster, U.S.N., was taken by the Japs when Corregidor fell and is interned. The last heard from him was that he was still alive and well, but the Japs do not always tell the truth. He is a dear friend of mine and I had something to do with his going into the Navy. He and others have been in my prayers daily and also you and your family. I do not think that I have any special pull with the Almighty, but I am sure that He hears and answers, no but He can, every prayer that is sincere and backed by faith. I am sure God is with you.

Old Gov. Henry Rector of Arkansas was my father's cousin. I have known personally a few of the family. From all accounts I do not think they take much to religion.

Dante is a village 20 miles east of San in a poultry and dairy district.

Sincerely - G. Rector





Santee, Calif., Feb. 22, 1944

Dear Genl. MacArthur:

This is just a friendly letter. I have no ax to grind nor do I expect an answer from you. I am a retired Methodist minister but a supply pastor at this place. The Chaplaincy took so many of our preachers that I was called back into service

Just wanted to say that many of us think you the greatest Genl. we have in the Army. I hope the Republican party will nominate you for the Presidency. Believe you would be elected and that if you would make Mr. Wilkie Sec. of State things would go all right

I was born in Texas and reared in the deep South. As a boy I had my doubts about any Republican getting to Heaven but later concluded that some Democrats might go to hell or ought to. I think I have voted more for Republicans for office than for Democrats. As a ministerial student in Vanderbilt Univ. in 1896 I was sent by Dean Tillet once to supply the pulpit in Murfreesboro, and also several times to Bell Buckle to preach to Samney Webb's boys. That of course was



To General Douglas MacArthur
 Commanding General
 of United States
 Forces in the Pacific
 3810 San Francisco
 Calif

Frank Young Liberty
 456 1/2 1st St
 San Francisco 12
 Calif

My Dear General

On this great day we celebrate Washington
 Birthday, I want to extend to you our sincere wishes
 of good health and happiness, and to congratulate
 you and your command on the fighting spirit
 of all our American forces under your command.

We who are far away from the battle lines are
 always thinking of you and our every hope
 and desire are that God will protect you from
 all harm and bless you with a quick
 and permanent victory over our savage enemies.

The great fighting American spirit you have
 kindled in the world is an example to
 which we all look up and are proud of.
 We have long had sincere hope you
 will be blessed with fertility from above
 to carry on the great work for your
 country. With our faith in God and our
 confidence in our country we have always
 believed you would bring us
 speed the future of our beloved country
 is not very bright but the cause is noble.

Respectfully Yours, Frank Young Liberty





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As Mayor of the City of Grafton, I extend to General Douglas MacArthur sincere thanks and deep appreciation for his action in heeding our request and granting the Council permission to name this Park and Memorial after him. for General MacArthur is a man held in the greatest esteem by the people of Australia, and we admire him greatly for his courageous leadership.

W. T. ROBINSON,

Mayor of Grafton.



LT. DICK RYAN

*Producer and Director of to-day's
Memorial Rodeo*



Programme of Events



Event

- 13 3rd SECTION SADDLE BUCKJUMPING. (Competitive.)
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- 14 3rd SECTION BULLOCK RIDING. (Competitive.)
* * *
- 15 AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST WOODCUTTERS AND LUMBERJACKS in a Gripping, Sensational and Death-Defying Contest of Skill for the Championship of the World!
* * *
- 16 RESCUE RACE. Exhibition from Australian Army.
* * *
- 17 EXHIBITION CHAMPIONSHIP—Scottish Bagpipe Bands.
* * *
- 18 AMERICAN BULLDOGGING EXHIBITION.
* * *
- 19 TRICK AND FANCY RIDING EXHIBITION.
* * *
- 20 3rd SECTION BAREBACK BUCKJUMPING. (Competitive.)
* * *
- 21 JEEP JUMPING JEEP! Lt. Dick Ryan.
* * *
- 22 4th SECTION SADDLE BUCKJUMPING. (Competitive.)
* * *
- 23 4th SECTION WILD BULLOCK RIDING. (Competitive.)
* * *
- 24 GRETNA GREEN RACE.
* * *
- 25 4th SECTION BAREBACK BUCKJUMPING. (Competitive.)
* * *
- 26 FINALE.

List of Competitors

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| 1 J. Winkel, Gympie | 1 B. Cavelli, Kingman, Ariz. |
| 2 W. E. Groves, Imbil | 2 Harry Lund, Calgary, Canada |
| 3 N. J. MacNamara, Cloncurry | 3 Frank Cloudt, Globe, Ariz. |
| 4 A. Lee, Bundaberg | 4 Ed. Brown, El Paso, Texas |
| 5 D. J. P. Hayes, Ipswich | 5 Pat Mitchell, Hillside, Ariz. |
| 6 F. C. Johnson, Brisbane | 6 Orville Odle, Demming, N.M. |
| 7 H. J. Utz, Cambooya | 7 Pheo Hale, Edgar, Texas |
| 8 H. E. Watson, Warwick | 8 Pat Murphy, Oceanside, Calif. |
| 9 J. K. Raper, Coopers' Creek | 9 Bill Herron, Flagstaff, Ariz. |
| 10 C. J. Wensley, Toowoomba | 10 Doc Blackstone, Pitchfork, Wy |
| 11 C. J. Cruice, Dayboro | 11 Len. Ward, Gun Gulch, Idaho |
| 12 C. J. Thompson, Inglewood | 12 Bill Lawrence, Oceanside, Calif. |
| 13 R. S. Owens, Toogoolawah | 13 Bert Lawrence, Oceanside, Cal. |
| 14 E. W. Mumford, Dayboro | 14 J. Williams, Springfield, Mo. |

(Complete at time of going to press)



LT. DICK RYAN leaping an auto completely over the top of another at his Army Rodeo at Fort Riley, Kansas U.S.A. Lt. Ryan, formerly a stunt man in motion pictures, later owned his own circus and produced Rodeos in the principal cities of America. The valuable experience he gained in Hollywood is predominant in all his shows.



GENERAL SIR THOMAS BLAMEY, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C. Allied Land Forces in the Southwest Pacific Area, and Commander-in-Chief Australian Military Forces, is Australia's foremost soldier. He served in the 1914-1918 War, rising to the rank of Major-General as Chief of Staff to the late General Sir John Monash, Commander of the Australian Imperial Force. With the outbreak of war in 1939 Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Blamey was appointed G.O.C.I. Australian Corps and was active commander of all Australian Forces in the Middle East. His soldiers served in the theatres of the Western Desert, Greece, Crete and Syria. Before his return to Australia in 1940 Sir Thomas Blamey was Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, with the rank of full General. He has commanded all the Australian Military Forces in the Southwest Pacific throughout the New Guinea campaigns. As G.O.C. Allied Land Forces he acts under the command of General Douglas MacArthur, C-in-C. S.W.P.A.



COLONEL LeGRANDE A. DILLER, joined MacArthur's staff in the Philippines and has been with him since. A professional soldier, he has served his country for over twenty years. In his present capacity as Public Relations Officer at General Headquarters he has had much to do with telling the world through the medium of the press, radio and news reel of the successful exploits of the Australian and American soldiers in the Southwest Pacific Area.





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Event

- 1 GRAND ENTRY: All Riders, Acts, Drills, Bands, and Performers appearing in this Great Production in a Parade Spectacle Around the Arena.
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- 2 NATIONAL ANTHEM OF ALLIED COUNTRIES—United States of America and Commonwealth of Australia.
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- 3 1st SECTION SADDLE BRONC RIDING. Contestants representing both America and Australia competing for World Championship.
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- 4 1st SECTION BULLOCK RIDING. Contesting for World Championship. Four Allied Countries represented.
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- 5 TRICK AND FANCY ROPING, as done by several of America's former Cowboys, now serving with a Famous Group of Soldiers.
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- 6 1st SECTION BAREBACK BRONC RIDING.
 * * *
- 7 MISS GWEN DUNCAN, Champion Woman Buckjump Rider of Australia, in a Special Exhibition.
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- 8 AUSTRALIAN SCOTS, Internationally Famous Scottish Bagpipe Band.
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- 9 2nd SECTION SADDLE BUCKJUMPING. (Competitive.)
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- 10 2nd SECTION BULLOCK RIDING. (Competitive.)
 * * *
- 11 2nd SECTION BAREBACK BUCKJUMPING. (Competitive.)
 * * *
- 12 MISS SHIRLEY THOMS, Chosen Queen of Rodeo, Singing Songs of the Rangeland.

In Memoriam

To the youths whom God in His Infinite Wisdom took unto Himself on December 11, 1943, the City of Grafton humbly dedicates the General Douglas MacArthur Park and Memorial Baths.



Graham Corbett

Cecil Lambert

Robert Rennie

Keith Rennie

Dale Thorsborne

Robert Wilkes

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Raymond Morris

Richard John Steinhour

Raymond Retchford

Allan Spicer

William Robert Dillon

Brian Munns



GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, soldier, diplomat and scholar, is America's leading commander. Graduated from the Military Academy at West Point at the head of his class, his life has been a series of brilliant successes. Proving his ability to command in the First World War, he exhibited rare talent as an organizer and diplomat when he became the youngest Chief of Staff in American history. His grasp of broad strategy has been well illustrated in the present war. He has been decorated by many foreign governments as well as his own, holding the Congressional Medal of Honor of the United States, and the Grand Cross, Order of the Bath, from Great Britain.

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SATURDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 1944, 2.30 & 8 P.M.
GRAFTON, N.S.W. AUSTRALIA

208 Delaware Avenue
Delmar, N. Y.
February 20, 1944

General Douglas MacArthur
U. S. Military Headquarters
Australia



My dear General MacArthur,

If the war against either Germany or Japan continues until the presidential election of 1944, many foolish Republicans will vote for F. D. Roosevelt. The only candidate who could win over him if that condition continues, would be yourself. But you would be under tremendous handicaps conducting a political campaign while engaged in the Pacific struggle. On the other hand, if you would consent to accept the nomination for Vice President with Thomas E. Dewey running for President, he could bear the brunt of the campaigning and he would make a great president.

You may consider the war in the Pacific of paramount importance, but the welfare and preservation of our country are also at stake. Another four years of the present administration is something the country could hardly survive and keep its democracy. In addition, if elected Vice President you could continue your work in the war and you would be in a position to secure the supplies to successfully wage war against Japan. That is something that many people in this country think you have been deprived of for purely political reasons.

I know you have no political ambitions, but it is a question of sacrifice on your part for the good of our country. With you, a military man on the ticket, that old argument of not changing to some one else during the war would fall flat. I have talked to a great many people and they all feel as I do about this. The soldier vote may be a deciding factor in this election and your name on the ticket would ensure success.

There are millions in this country who admire and love you and would like to see you President, but, as I have stated, the difficulties of carrying on a campaign while out of the country would be great, and I know you would not want to leave the waging of the war to engage in the coming campaign.

For the sake of your country would you accept the nomination for Vice President if offered at the Republican convention?

Sincerely yours,

Violet E. Albrecht

I sincerely hope that Jean and Arthur are feeling very fit and as happy as the surroundings where they are will permit. I imagine that Arthur is a handsome young chap by now. Do give them both my love.

When you have time to dictate a few lines I would very much appreciate hearing from you. It would be interesting indeed and very satisfactory to know something of your own activities and surroundings. I missed seeing Sutherland when he was in this part of the world, but those who were ~~not~~ fortunate thought he was looking extremely well. Please remember me to him and give my very best wishes to Sid, Pat, Larry, and to any other of our old comrades who are still with you. I heard the other day that Bonner and Yeager are now in your area. If so, remember me to them also should you see them.

Once more allow me to reiterate my good wishes for your birthday. I recall with the greatest possible happiness the many natal days I celebrated with you subsequent to 1941.

Faithfully yours,

T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.



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in Office of Chief, Bureau of Arthur MacArthur Memorial

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

6 January 1944

General Douglas MacArthur, USA
Commander-in-Chief
Southwest Pacific Area
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California



UNITED STATES ARMY

My dear General:

I am sure that you will find the inclosure to this note as interesting as I have. Believing that you will not be able immediately to interpret the initials of the author I will do so for you. He is none other than Colonel Oliver Chevalier, who arrived here at our headquarters after an extremely hazardous escape from Metropolitan France. Aside from showing his age he has changed very little. He looks extremely well, and I believe has completely recovered from the affliction which deviled him while he was in Washington. I am sure that he plans to write to you, therefore, I will not attempt to tell you of his activities, etc, here.

It isn't possible for this note to reach you before your birthday on the 26, however, when it does come to hand it will tell you that I was thinking of you on your birthday and wishing for you every possible good fortune and a full measure of happiness. I sent you a note last year for your birthday but I suspect that it was lost in the mails.

All of us here, especially Ike and myself, follow your operations with the greatest possible interest and pride, and we feel reasonably sure that you watch ours when you can steal the time from your own grave responsibilities to do so. My professional experiences with this force thus far are priceless. I wouldn't have missed the opportunity willingly, and I am sure that I shall always feel the greatest possible obligation to those who made possible my assignment. As you probably already know, Ike will soon go on to another assignment. I am exceedingly happy and greatly flattered to be included in his staff as Adjutant General once more.

Nina is still in Mexico City, and I believe that she plans to remain there more or less permanently until I get back. With the exception of a few brief visits to the states since I left, she has been sticking pretty close taking care of her mother who is now past 76 and growing extremely feeble, but I am happy to say a little more manageable. Nina's health has been extremely good, and I think that she is trying very hard to be as happy as possible despite these trying times. I hear from her very often.



19 February 1944.

See Jan 44 file

Dear T.J.:

I have just received your birthday note and thank you most sincerely for your greeting. Many of the old Philippines crowd are with me and all are concentrating on our efforts to return there. This has been the forgotten area and resources have been at a minimum. We are doing, however, what we can with what we have.

I was delighted to hear that Chevalier had come through all right. His death had been reported to me in the hospital in Paris at the beginning of the war. If you see him again, give him my most affectionate greeting. He was a fine fighting man in his day and it is good to think that his career is not closed.

Arthur is just celebrating his sixth birthday and is a big boy now. Needless to say, he is not only the apple of his father's, but of his mother's eye.

Good luck and best regards,

Faithfully,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

Brigadier General T.J. Davis, USA,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512, c/o Postmaster,
New York City.

MACARTHUR ARCHIVES



19 February 1944.

Dear Cal:

Frazier Hunt has just brought me your letter with your Christmas greeting and I want to tell you how much I appreciate what you say and how sincerely I reciprocate your words of good will.

Your letters give me the only real and reliable news and the only balanced picture of events in the United States. I look forward to receiving them and hope you will continue to write and advise me.

Out here I am plugging away with considerable success in spite of great handicaps and little support. I could be in the Philippines in six months if those in power would give me merely a fraction of the naval elements necessary for the amphibious hop. I am sorry to say that there is apparently a concerted plan, however, to by-pass the Philippines. This would be not only a great strategic mistake, but a psychologic error which would have adverse repercussions for America in the Pacific zone for decades to come. I hope that sounder counsel may prevail and am doing all I can in advocacy of redeeming the Philippines at the earliest possible time consistent with our over-all world strategy. To enter upon other Pacific ventures leaving the Philippines still in the enemy's hands would not only be wretched strategy but would forever soil American honor.

With affectionate regards to you and the Old Chief.

Most faithfully,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

Mr. John Callon O'Laughlin,
President, Army and Navy Journal,
1701 Connecticut Avenue Northwest,
Washington 9, D.C.



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H. E. GUERIN



February 18, 1944



General Douglas MacArthur, U.S.A.
Commanding Officer
Southwest Pacific War Theater
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

My dear General:

The Employee-Management Committee of Douglas Aircraft takes pleasure in sending you, under separate cover, a copy of our most recent employe poster, built about your statement that "Industry is an indispensable factor in war!"

Your message has been most effective in helping Douglas men and women understand their grave responsibility to our armed forces.

Might we suggest that a few words of commendation, sent directly to these war workers who have produced the equipment used so effectively under your command, would further stimulate production? We know that the scores of thousands of workers who build the C-47's and A-20's would be more than proud to learn from you that their products are standing you in good stead in the campaign which you are conducting so successfully against tremendous odds.

Respectfully,

H. E. Guerin, Chairman
Employee-Management Committee
PLANT MANAGER





General MacArthur Is Sixty-Four

Jap soldiers had orders, it is said, to get him dead or alive, but—get him! And they almost did.

Today General Douglas MacArthur comes to his 64th birthday and his greatest responsibility, a campaign that embraces an area as large as the North American continent. As is the case with a number of other senior officers, he would now be in retirement were it not for the war. He was born in Arkansas, the son of a Virginia mother and a Wisconsin father, the son, in fact, of General Arthur MacArthur, veteran of five wars. His grandfather, the late Justice MacArthur of the District of Columbia's supreme court, came to this country from Scotland, where the family history is that of an old Scottish clan traceable to King Arthur's court.

General MacArthur achieved fame as a strategist, as a colonel of the Rainbow division in World War I, when his stature as a soldier won the acclaim of his tutor, General Pershing. He also has served as military scout in Mexico and in Europe, as commander of West Point, as a chief of staff of the United States army, and is entitled to wear about all the decorations that can be granted. He was twice wounded and once gassed in France.

Two orders have been handed him, both by presidents, which he carried out with reluctance and heavy heart. As chief of staff, he was told by President Hoover to disperse the "bonus army" in Washington, to turn away the men with whom he fought in France. Francis T. Miller's biography describes the man's suffering over that detail and how he carried out the order by day and mixed with the men by night, advancing money to many of them to get home again. The second command grieved him even more than the first, an order from President Roosevelt, to flee Bataan to take command of the Pacific forces from Australia.

General MacArthur is peculiarly fitted to lead the fight against the Japanese. He was an observer in the Russo-Japanese war and is familiar with Jap methods and psychology and with the geographic and fortification details of the entire Pacific area. He pleaded in vain with congress for strong defenses in the Philippines and throughout our Pacific islands. We now are paying for the indifference and rebuffs handed him.

General MacArthur's birthday gift from President Roosevelt is the Distinguished Service cross, a hundred and thirty million Americans gratefully join in that gift.

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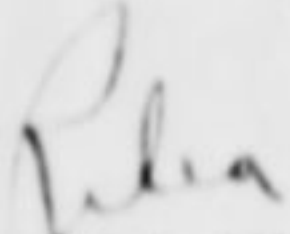
Colonel I. A. Lehrbas,
Office of the Chief of Staff,
G. H. H.,
A.P.O. 97.

Dear Larry,

Here is a clipping from one of the
Oregon papers that the Commander-in-Chief might
be interested in. It is a fine and deserving
tribute to the greatest leader, military and
otherwise, in our history.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,


THOMAS E. MILNE,
Brigadier General, U.S. Army.



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17 February 1944.



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BLESSINGS WHICH YOUR NOBLE AND DEVOUT LIFE SO RICHLY DESERVE

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Gen. Douglas MacArthur,
Somewhere in the Pacific.



My dear Gen. MacArthur:-

Your photo arrived in splendid condition and I'm immensely pleased to get it; you look much like our days in the old Plankinton hotel. Thanks very much; it may be used for publication later on.

Today's newspapers have you plastered all over the front page, heralding your new and magnificent victories in the Pacific. Keep it up and the American people, by one acclaim, will call you to the Presidency. Your war record is superb and yet there are a few unprincipled Democrats who are smearing you. The other day a renting labor-Dem. said you had shot into a gathering of ~~the~~ unemployed and my recollection is that you acted under orders of former President Hoover, at the time of a threatening mob in Washington; you had to obey your superior officer. But, just the same, get prepared for this onslaught; it may be used again and again and be ready to refute it. They don't seem to have a thing on you and, therefore, are using everything possible to discredit you; but defy them, fight back and you know how to do it.

Sending you complete list of the MacArthur delegates, as it will be voted on in April. Only one district missing and that will be filled very soon. Lansing Hoyt wanted me to run in that, but I'm doing your press work and that will keep me very busy, besides my real estate and insurance business. Right now I'm making out income tax reports by the dozens and wish you could hear some of the denunciations of Pres. Roosevelt at this ~~time~~ time; I can't comprehend how it is humanly possible for him to be re-elected, in view of the present-day sentiment against him. Wendell "illkie" will campaign here for 2 weeks in March, but he is not a winning personality; too many regard him a second Roosevelt; I'm confident that you will defeat him in the Wisconsin Presidential Primary.

Keep up your present splendid work and be careful of military and also political mistakes. They are watching to trip you and be careful. But the sentiment for you is growing rapidly, here and elsewhere, and I'll be glad to keep you informed, unless you don't wish me to do that. Anything you might wish to write me will be regarded as absolutely confidential. I'll promise that, unless you should want it published. Use your best judgment and rely on me as your trusting friend. Some of your friends are impatient that you do not declare yourself, one way or the other, yet I contend that you know best and why question your judgment or your motives?

If there is anything I might be able to do for you here, in confidential manner, would be a distinct pleasure; I know my city and my state, you know that. Will try to keep you informed as to political conditions here; the Journal is trying its utmost to "smoke you out" of your silence, but don't let that get you; use your best judgment and you'll win. The soldier boys coming home are 1000 per cent for you--they love you. Sincerely,
John P. Callahan.



you so badly. I think all sane Australians know we would be non est had you not come to our assistance, though to hear them one would think no one ever did anything but an Australian.

You are doing a wonderful job, much greater than any woman can possibly know, and I hope you will stay and see it through for us. We love seeing your handsome face on the screen and I hope before long you will get your I stands back and that you will be able to release all those people who have waited for you so long.

I am not sending my address on purpose: I just want to thank you for everything & to pray for your continued safety and happiness. When this is over and you are President believe me there is one Pommy anyway who thanks you & America for coming to our assistance.

Gratefully yours
British Woman.



15 Feb. 1944.

Dear General McArthur,

This should really have been a Valentine but I have been thinking such a lot about you & what you stand for, that I feel you ought to know what an ordinary woman (of the usual age) thinks about you & your "boys".

A long time ago I was in Melbourne one day when I saw an American! Then I realized that the whole place was full of 'em. I at once felt happier. I have a little girl of seven and the thought of pups & a girl child is ghastly. I had, of course, planned what to do & the relief at seeing these nice looking cheerful 'guys' around was almost too much.


I have been in Australia since 1937. I came from London so I can appreciate you perhaps more than an Australian would. They do, of course, appreciate you here but as for me I am darned glad you are with us as we need

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I HAVE JUST HAD A LONG TALK WITH LUMSDEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR KIND MESSAGES. WE SHALL STUDY VERY CAREFULLY WITH HIM THE SITUATION DEVELOPING IN PACIFIC. EVERY GOOD WISH.

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EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING
H. M. LEVAND, President

WICHITA 1, KANSAS

February 15, 1944



General Douglas M'Arthur
c/o War Department
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

Each Saturday of the year, The Wichita Beacon pays tribute to those individuals on the local, national and international scene who have distinguished themselves.

Selection of those to be honored is made by our editorial staff, which carefully peruses our files for the week and meticulously weighs the evidence. We feel we are doing great honor to those individuals. By the same token, we believe they feel they have been honored by us.

Last Saturday, the news of the week just ending was history. History recorded that you were one of the outstanding citizens who had done something really worthwhile. You and a small group of others, who similarly distinguished themselves to a lesser or greater degree, were selected by our staff.

Under the title "At the End of This Week--The Beacon Takes Off Its Hat to these Worthwhile Citizens" you and they were honored. In each instance, the picture of the individual, with a brief resume of his particular activities which brought him the honor, is printed.

We are informed by our readers that this service is greatly appreciated by them, that the pictures and the information printed thereunder refresh their memories of the week's outstanding personalities and occurrences.

We are sending you herein, a tear sheet from last Saturday's Wichita Beacon in which we "took our hats off" to you. We hope you will be pleased, and we invite your comment.

Yours sincerely,

Louis Levand, Publisher
THE WICHITA BEACON

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General Douglas MacArthur -- 2/15/44 -- PG. 2.

to you and you accepted, you are the only logical hope of the Republican Party.

The big problem at the moment in the minds of all who know and wish to support you, is the lack of coordination. Everyone fully understands that your job at the moment is to successfully carry on the war and that you would not tolerate any diversion from this paramount task. However, we all feel you could do the job so well from Washington, as our Commander in Chief, and I only hope that a spark is kindled at the convention in Chicago. If so, you may take my word for it that it will break into a conflagration.

I picked up a few clippings in my travels and I am sending them to you, with the thought that they might be of interest to you. I had hoped to bring some of these thoughts to you in person. Perhaps I shall be able to do so in the near future.

My kindest regards,

Earl
Earl Carroll

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February 15, 1944

General Douglas MacArthur
Hotel Lennon
Brisbane, Australia



Dear General:

I just received word from Washington that you thought it inadvisable for me to come to the South Pacific at this time. Naturally, I am sorry, because all of my shows are going so well and I could devote quite a bit of my time, until about December 1st.

I fly to New York about every six weeks and on this last trip, especially, the interest in you as a candidate for the presidency was more vivid than ever before.

When I sent you the little pewter mugs from Marshall Fields in Chicago, I was told that all the women employees, the night before, had formed a "MacArthur Club" to help sponsor any movement that might start for you. When I was in Washington, I spent a half an hour with Senator Vandenberg, who has written an article in "Colliers", which I know he must have sent to you.

In Chicago I also met with Mr. Raymond Richmond, who is seriously trying to coordinate a movement, which is starting in Illinois.

I am sure you must be gratified with these spontaneous expressions of the public's appreciation of you. I stopped in at the Republican National Headquarters at Washington and spent almost an hour with Miss Marion E. Martin, who is the nominal head of the women of the Republican Party. Although her viewpoint at all times must be neutral until the Republican candidate is nominated, I could not help but read in her words her intense admiration for you. When I was through talking, she seemed to agree that if the nomination were tendered

his triumphant troops parading down the Boulevard, we hope to
be there on the Luneta to cheer not only the troops, but too
of the grandest people we have ever been privileged to know.

My God bless you both.



F. Lohm de Vries
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C. Martin

Caloundra, Queensland,
February 18, 1944.

To General and Mrs. MacArthur.



Dear Friends,

We do not feel presumptive in so addressing you. The kindly interest you both have shown in our welfare, as individuals and as a group, we have felt to have been most sincere and sympathetic.

To the General we express our thanks for initiating our escape from the Philippines, for his continued interest in our welfare while in Australia, and for arranging for our opportunity to become repatriated in the United States. We fully realize that the liberty which we now enjoy is the direct result of his efforts in our behalf. And we pledge him our utmost faith and support in the work which remains for him to do, to the end that that liberty may continue to be the birthright of all Americans.

To Mrs. MacArthur we express our appreciation for her interest in us. We feel that her part in these matters effecting us was greater than appeared on the surface.

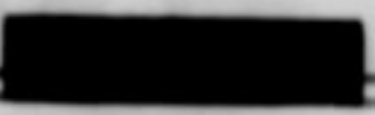
We look forward to the time when we may say "Happy Birthday" to you again where the greeting is understood in all its meaning. On that Day when the General and his Lady review

General Douglas MacArthur
 U.S. Army Headquarters
 Australia

Genl. A. Cox.
 Dep. Sec. War Dept.
 Washington, D.C.
 Jan 25 1945

Dear Douglas:
 My heartfelt congratulations
 and all good wishes on your 44th birthday.
 May your health and strength be
 preserved for many more years
 to the complete defeat and continued
 discomfiture of our enemies!
 The people of the United States are to
 be congratulated on the announcement
 that you are to continue in active
 command.

My warmest regards to the Madam
 Sincerely,
 Dwight D. Eisenhower





13 February 1944.

Dear Creed:

Thanks for your fine birthday greeting.
I appreciate it more than I can say. As time goes on old friends become the best. Out here the campaign goes well considering the paucity of my forces.

Faithfully,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

Brigadier General Creed F. Cox,
Independence, Virginia.



Los Angeles 27, California.
February 12, 1944.

General Douglas MacArthur,
Care Postmaster,
San Francisco, California.

Dear General MacArthur:

The undersigned feels that this human interest, heart warming true story will be of interest to you the foremost principal in it.

The pupils in this teachers class range in age from ten to twelve.

Beginning January 23, 1944, from time to time, one child and then another would tell this teacher - "January 26th is General Douglas MacArthurs birthday". She would reply "yes" and commend them for knowing it and for their interest. On the 25th two or three reminded her of it. Wednesday, the 26th, arrived and as soon as the class opened one small boy asked to speak and the teacher nodded consent. He stood up and said "Today is General Douglas MacArthurs birthday". Teacher told him "yes" and that it was very nice of him to mention it. Then the boy continued - "but teacher are we not going to celebrate?" The answer was that she had not thought about it, that it would be all right and what would he suggest be done. "I think that we should say the Lords Prayer", was his quick reply. Immediately a little girl arose and said "yes and I would like to lead in saying it". Teacher acquiesced and the youngster walked to the front of the room, faced the class, knelt down and in a clear sincere voice repeated the Lords Prayer, the entire class (including the teacher) joining in.

To my notion this is a fine illustration that there is great hope for the coming generation, and, in a Christian and Democratic Nation. It prompts me to repeat what someone said - "and a little child shall lead them".

May God Bless You!

Sincerely,

Ms. H. C. Graham

5226 Hollywood Blvd.,
Los Angeles 27, California.



Jerome Crusader
Denson Ark

General Douglas Mac Arthur
c/o P. M. A.P.O. (2)
San Francisco, Calif.





"Dearest" Douglas,

Of course you have your Valentine
Some girl who's far away
But since you're also in our thoughts
We send this note today.

And tho' we cannot say you're "ours"
And tho' we're strangers yet,
The service that you're giving now
We shall not e'er forget.

You're A-1 in the Army and
You're 1-A in our heart,
We're thinking of your loved one too
Because you're far apart.



Valentine Greetings

Crusaders

(Consider us as your lil' sisters)



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11 February 1944.



Dear Congressman Miller:

I appreciate very much your scholarly letter of January 27. Your description of conditions in the United States is a sobering one indeed and is calculated to arouse the thoughtful consideration of every true patriot. We must not inadvertently slip into the same condition internally as the one which we fight externally. Like Abraham Lincoln I am a firm believer in the people and if given the truth they can be depended upon to meet any national crises. The great point is to bring before them the real facts.

Out here we are doing what we can with what we have. I will be glad, however, when more substantial forces are placed at my disposition.

With cordial regard and best wishes,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

The Honorable A. L. Miller,
The House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

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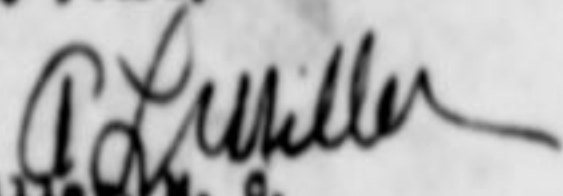
right of the individual. I am deadly serious and honest in the words that I have written. If you have any suggestions I shall follow them and comply with your wishes.

I am hopeful that some decisions soon will send more supplies to the Pacific area where they can be used against the Japs. The European war may well be over this summer. There will be no excuse then for not sending all available help to you and the other men in the Pacific.

May Gods repeated blessings be upon you, Sir, and help you to guide the destinies of this world.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



A. L. Miller, M. C.
Fourth District, Nebraska



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Congress of the United States

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Washington, D. C.

January 27, 1944

General Douglas MacArthur
American Expeditionary Force
Australia



Dear General MacArthur:

Last September I wrote you about my reactions after visiting out in Nebraska. You were kind enough to answer my letter which made me feel that you were keenly interested in some of the political, economic and domestic developments in this country.

During the holidays I had an opportunity to visit through Texas, California and Nebraska. I again want to tell you there is a tremendous revolution on in this country. It is more than a political revolution. It is a mass movement by the citizens who are displeased with the many domestic mistakes now being made by the administration. They are also convinced that the events leading up to Pearl Harbor and since Pearl Harbor in the allocation of war supplies is not above critical examination. The country wants to get this war over with as quickly as possible and get their boys back home to live again under our democratic system of free enterprise with a just and honorable peace.

A great many people in this country are seriously concerned about the wave of communism and nationalism which seems bound to engulf the European countries, Asia and South America. It is that system of government, General, in which government is no longer the servant of the people but their master. That system, Sir, in which the individual has no right which the government need observe.

If this system of left wingers and New Dealism is continued another four years I am certain that this monarch which is being established in America will destroy the rights of the common people.

Many trial balloons for a leader in the next year are being sent aloof. There is no movement which attracts so much attention and so little criticism as the one that is labeled MacArthur for Commander in Chief and President of a free America. I think you should know, General, that hundreds of serious minded groups are starting an action which I am convinced will place your name at the head of the list. I am still of the opinion that you should make no move or even suggest that you are a candidate. I still feel that if you are drafted it should be for one term only and as Commander in Chief of the armed forces. The next President might well be a one termer. It is going to take an individual who is fearless and willing to make political sacrifices in order to cut out the underbrush and help destroy this monstrosity in the form of a bureaucracy which is engulfing the nation and destroying free enterprise and every

President--tried by fire and by the acid test--I want and that the country needs next year.

I have heard it said--perhaps for want of some better brick to throw--that historically General McClellan made a poor nominee and that General Grant made a poor President. So what? Does that forever bar every other general? Any such analogy is ridiculous, pro or con.

It would be just as logical to speak of General Washington or General Andrew Jackson as exhibits to the contrary. And how about the fact that the military was the background for almost every President from Hayes to Taft, during great epochs in our national life? Yes; and General Leonard Wood would have been elected President in 1920 instead of Warren Harding if he could have been saved from a few of his misguided friends.

I venture the prediction that when ten million of our fighting sons are home again, every President for two generations to come will have been a stalwart figure in this fighting war. I do not run from such a prophecy. I think it is sound democracy. Who has better earned the right? Who has better kept the faith? Who has better served the republic? Who better knows what America is worth? In my view, MacArthur is richly endowed to be the monitor in this regard. This isn't militarism. It is the exact opposite, because no one hates war quite so much as its own veterans. It isn't militarism; it is practical citizenship.

Let the People Speak

I constantly hear it said that a "pure draft" of a Presidential nominee is impossible. Maybe so. Certainly if General MacArthur is nominated, it will be a "pure draft" so far as he is concerned. But that does not alter his eligibility--and I am discussing only that theme at the moment. It will remain for the Republican National Convention, which I hope may be dominated by uninstructed delegates who sit in a truly deliberative party parliament to determine whether this eligibility is greater than that of any of the other distinguished and able Republicans who will be similarly weighed. It will be for the people, meanwhile, to speak their minds.

That is what I am doing, Mr. Editor, in answer to your question. I think I know at firsthand something about what the next Presidency will require. I believe that General MacArthur has what it takes in full measure. He is a composite of all our necessities. He is unique in respect to many of them. He has the maturity of vast experience, yet he is in his physical and mental prime. If nominated, he will be elected. If elected, he will bring a great mind, a great heart, a great capacity and a great devotion to the proud leadership of a great nation. And now--on with the show! And may the best man win!

THE END

EDWIN O'MILES RAY
3212 VELMA DR.
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA



That's the kind of President, I want, Mr. Editor.

In my opinion, such a President will never go far wrong. I would not for an instant suggest the absence of this quality in others. I simply certify to its abundant reality in the MacArthur character.

When a group of Canadian newsmen recently interviewed MacArthur--off the record--he talked frankly with them for some two hours. They couldn't report what he said, but one of them did print the opinion that he rivaled even Churchill in his command of our common language (which would be the final British compliment) and that he quoted constantly from three favorite authorities--the Bible, Adam Smith and Abraham Lincoln. I know of no better key to his thinking on sociology, on economics and on the realities of life in the pattern of American ideals. Meanwhile, the Republican national platform will spell out the details. We ought to be able to agree upon those authorities. At any rate, that's the kind of President I want.

No, it doesn't answer all the detailed questions regarding national policies upon which one might wish more specific enlightenment. But I have come to believe that the basic characteristics of a man are more important than campaign promises, and I think I know this man from days of old.

It is unfortunate that MacArthur cannot stump the country. It would be a landslide. But he can't. He must stay where he is. He must just "get on with the war". But answering for myself, I assert my complete confidence in a superlatively fine American mind which has developed on sound American doctrine and which certainly knows--the hard way--what our position, at home and abroad, must be in the postwar world.

No one could be more a "citizen of the world," with an experience and vision that roam the hemispheres; yet no one could have more faithfully dedicated a loyal lifetime to his own United States. Yes; that's the kind of President I want in lieu of a fourth-term dynasty.

Oh, I am familiar with much that is being said--and make no mistake--often being deliberately propagandized by those who politically fear this powerful personality. Envy and malice and fear have always chosen shining targets. MacArthur has been pursued by them all his life--and never with so much at stake as now. I'm familiar with some of the often earnest but mistaken prejudice against him (such as always rises against any formidable Presidential probability).

For example, I have heard from some bonus marchers whom he, in line of duty, was ordered to evict from Washington--once more doing his hard, tough duty under orders which a soldier must obey. But I haven't heard that he was responsible for the loss of a single life in the way he did the job. I haven't heard that he delegated this repugnant task to some subordinate. But I have heard, in person, from one of the top commanders of that bonus army that he is for MacArthur--as an I--and that he is prepared to go anywhere, any time, to prove that, even in that tragic hour, MacArthur was a soldier's soldier and the soldiers' friend.

Anyway, he faced and did his hard duty to his government on an assignment not of his own choosing. Let's separate his duty from the event itself. On that basis, it simply helps to clinch my point. On that basis, I'll say again that's the kind of

I know that MacArthur is the embodiment of loyalty to our American destiny at any cost. The proof stands on the record.

I know that he is as devoid of political entanglements as he was of reinforcements at Bataan. I know that he would come to the White House with no thought or purpose except to serve America, at home and abroad, in the climax of his devoted career. Any racketeer of any sort would last about one minute in his presence. I know that he has never shirked a tough job in his life or compromised with it. He is granite in the face of duty.

What I'd Like to Vote For

That's not my enthusiasm speaking. It is the voice of time and events. I know that his training and experience produce an integrity of character which will persist in any assignment he accepts. I'd like to vote for integrity of character. It means more to me than a thousand campaign promises. Isn't that what America Needs? Isn't it?

MacArthur would be nominated as a Republican, and that's appropriate because he comes of Republican stock. Of course he would play "team ball" because no one knows better than he that it is finally the team that counts, and I would expect him, on the basis of the record, to put together the best team we have seen in many a day. He has the know-how because he has dealt with government all his life. But my view of it is that he would be elected, in this emergency, as something vastly more than a Republican in any narrow, partisan sense. He is utterly detached from our party schisms and our party feuds and our interparty divisions. More than any other Presidential possibility, he would be elected as a great, unifying American who would win his country's unified support by deserving it. The very nature of his draft, void of any obligation save to his country, would dramatize and implement this selfless dedication. That's the kind of President I want next time and, incidentally, perhaps that's the reason so many Southern Democrats tell me that he is the one Republican nominee who could crack Mason and Dixon's line. And I know plenty of Northern Democrats--including one of the biggest--who feel the same way about it.

Now let's come down to Reason No. 3. Although MacArthur has been soldier all his life, I never knew a man in whom spiritual values are more predominant. He is infinitely more than a soldier. This is important because the family hearthstone means more to us, in our ideology, than battlefields; and it means infinitely more to him. He once said at a reunion of his Rainbow Division, "No one desires peace as much as the soldier, for he must pay the greatest penalty in war."

THE KIND of President I Want

I repeat that spiritual values rule his mind. This blossoms in every speech he ever made (and, by the way, he has an incomparable gift of tongues) and in every statement he ever uttered. I recall his thrilling, sanctified radio message from the hard-pressed Philippines to the little church in Arkansas where he was confirmed as a boy--the message sent on a beleaguered Easter morning--a message eloquently suggesting that we need God on our side in this titanic struggle and humbly asking for his aid. I find everlasting consolation and assurance in this simple Christian's reliance upon divine grace.





He was gassed. He was wounded twice. He was decorated thirteen times for extreme bravery under fire. He was cited seven additional times for bravery. I quote just one citation:

"He displayed indomitable resolution and great courage in rallying broken lines and in re-forming attacks, thereby making victory possible. On a field where courage was the rule, his courage was the dominant feature."

Whatever else we do--and regardless of 1944 vicissitudes--let's not forget our history or our debt. Against this unparalleled record, the petty, little slingshots of today deserve nothing but the contempt they so richly merit. Let's not befoul our own pantheon.

MacArthur subsequently became a great peacetime Chief of Staff--so great that President Roosevelt reappointed him, which was without a precedent. His demands upon Congress were replete with prescient pleadings for modern arms--motorized and aerial--to prepare against the day of judgment. He was an exceptional administrator--an important quality not to be ignored in the current discussion. He became a great generalissimo in the Philippines where he organized the defenses of the new commonwealth. His record in World War II is an equal epic.

It is not too much to say that he became the living symbol of our own bruised but indomitable hopes in half a world when our fortunes were at lowest ebb. Never has a commander done so much with so little. His critics can spread all the petty smears they please. Against them, he will stand upon the horizon like a monolith of honor, courage, devotion and achievement.

I can't help but think that's the kind of commander in chief Mr and Mrs. John Q. Public would like to choose when, pursuant to the formula dictated by President Roosevelt himself, the next campaign is settled on a "Win the War" basis. At any rate, that's the kind of President I want when he is to become our new commander in chief. And that's the kind of candidate I want to stand as F. D. R.'S opposite number on the ballot. And that, Mr. Editor, is my Reason No. 1 in response to your question.

Now for Reason No. 2: Anyone who has any practical familiarity with Washington knows that the next President of the United States must make hard, harsh decisions every day of his administration when the time comes to put this country back on its postwar feet. Many of our postwar tasks will be even more trying to men's souls than the war itself if we are to renew free institutions and free enterprise. The next President will have to consult solely the independent welfare of our whole citizenship. He can never flirt with pressure groups, no matter how powerful politically. He can never yield to special pleaders for special privilege in any direction. He must have but one unselfish devotion. He must travel the undeviating line of duty. We shall need a Gibraltar in the peace just as desperately as we need it in the war--an American Gibraltar personified at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Probably it is a one-term job, with no thought of the consequences.

I may be wrong about, but I sometimes wonder whether this characteristic (in sufficient quantity) can stem from ordinary, political soil. At any rate, this I know; I know that MacArthur has been making hard, life-and-death decisions all through his sturdy career. Then he has been seeing these decisions through to a conclusive finish.

"Win the War" slogan for his three-term New Deal trademark. When it comes to politics, you will never go far wrong by taking a leaf out of F. D. R.'s book. He intends to run primarily as commander in chief. He expects the people to vote for a commander in chief.

Well--

Need I go on? Should we not offer the people a better commander in chief--not merely for political reasons, but fundamentally for the sake of the war effort? Isn't that our paramount business? By common consent, is there any greater soldier in the world than MacArthur? Could there be a more eligible commander in chief? And won't this be even more emphatically obvious if, by next November, we are concentrating on wiping Japan from the Pacific map?

Suppose the Republicans nominate an eminent civilian without war experience, how impressive will he be as prospective commander in chief against Roosevelt's "Win the War" appeal and against "swapping horses," etc.? Must we not wholly answer the patriotic anxieties which will dominate the minds of all our people--in particular the anguished hearts of ten million fathers and mothers of ten million soldier sons and daughters? Must we not answer with a wholly competent commander in chief? How could we successfully turn mass electoral attention to the dreadfully important domestic issues, which ought to control next November's decision, unless we first get over this hump?

My correspondence suggests that many of our good people think MacArthur is so good a soldier that he ought to stay where he is. They think he is too badly needed as field commander in the Pacific war to be drafted into the Presidency; but they only unwillingly confirm my point. If he is indispensable to us as a four-star general, then we simply give our country and the United Nations the maximum use of his tremendous military genius when we promote him to commander in chief and thus give him total sway over the military decisions which we think he is so incomparably qualified to make. He would not be deserting Bataan--which he would never do--if he is promoted by the American people from general to commander in chief; he is simply given supreme command. He is released to his maximum utility. He can then "deliver the goods" without handicap or hamper. This isn't politics. It is vital, vivid service to humanity.

"Let's Get on with the War"

In response to all questions about his own future, MacArthur consistently has been content to say, "Let's get on with the war!" It is a torch in his soul. Isn't he "getting on with the war?" And how! If he becomes commander in chief, as I conceive the situation, he would never, for an instant, leave his present responsibilities until the final moment when, without the slightest campaign participation on his part, he would become the President of the United States. Then he would accept more responsibility--not less. He would enlarge his responsibility but he would leave none behind.

MacArthur is the son of a great soldier. He was born in peril and--for his country's sake--he has lived in peril almost ever since. He was a great soldier in the first World War. He led and personified the tremendous Rainbow Division in France.



Collier's Magazine, Feb. 12, 1944

WHY I AM FOR MacARTHUR

By Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg

All right, Collier's, I'll answer your question. I'll tell you why I favor General Douglas MacArthur for the Republican nomination for President of the United States. It's the first time I have put it down in black and white. I have not wanted to say or do anything which might embarrass a great friend, a great soldier, a great citizen, and a very great American.

But with so much at stake, 1944 ought to be a year of plain speaking and, with a number of MacArthur critics now significantly busy trying to head him off, I think I am entitled to state why, with the greatest respect for other distinguished and available Republicans, I am for MacArthur-- not only because I believe him to be the strongest candidate but, more important, because I believe he would make the strongest President in the tough days that lie ahead.

First let me clear up my own status in this affair. If circumstances have seemed to identify me prominently with a MacArthur movement, it is entirely the result of the circumstances. I speak for no organization. Most emphatically I do not speak for MacArthur. I speak only for myself. It all started as the result of a casual newspaper interview one year ago. Since then I have spent about half my time answering "MacArthur mail."

Apparently there are thousands of kindred spirits up and down the land. Doctor Gallup and other temperature-takers have spectacularly found that out, and it's an amazing phenomenon in view of the total lack of any sort of an organized MacArthur campaign.

To one and all I have said one simple thing. MacArthur can only be nominated as the result of a pure draft (which no American can refuse, no matter what he says ahead of time). It cannot come from any ordinary, preconvention, political methods. It can only come through the free decision of a free convention and in response to a spontaneous demonstration of popular faith. He can have no part in the campaign.

A Miracle is Always Possible

The politicians tell me such miracles do not happen. But I saw Mr. Justice Hughes nominated that way in 1916 and I have seen other miracles in this democracy since Pearl Harbor. Besides there is such a thing as destiny and there still is such a thing as logic.

It may not happen. But that is beside the point. You have asked me why I am for MacArthur. Here is the answer to your question. This is what I think--win, lose or draw:

First: The American people will be thinking more about the election of a commander in chief next November than about the election of a President as such. That will be their conscious or subconscious thought. If the war is over in Europe (which, pray, it may be), there will still, and even more significantly, be the war in the Pacific. I judge that President Roosevelt himself agrees with me about this, in view of his adroit and subtle suggestion that he wants to substitute a fourth-term

11 February 1944.



Dear Congressman Miller:

I appreciate very much your scholarly letter of January 27. Your description of conditions in the United States is a sobering one indeed and is calculated to arouse the thoughtful consideration of every true patriot. We must not inadvertently slip into the same condition internally as the one which we fight externally. Like Abraham Lincoln I am a firm believer in the people and if given the truth they can be depended upon to meet any national crises. The great point is to bring before them the real facts.

Our here we are doing what we can with what we have. I will be glad, however, when more substantial forces are placed at my disposition.

With cordial regard and best wishes,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

The Honorable A. L. Miller,
The House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

10 February 1944.



Dear Mrs. Fraser:

I thank you so sincerely for your inspiring note and I want you to know that with God's help I shall do my best for your sons and husbands in the 41st Division. It is one of my finest units and I prize it not only for its magnificent fighting spirit but for the deep tone of spirituality that pervades it from top to bottom. It is my constant thought and effort to win with as little loss as may be possible.

Most cordially,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

Mrs. Harry Fraser,
Vice President, 41st Division
Mothers and Wives Club,
Ida Hotel,
Moscow, Idaho.



WE FOUGHT UNDER MacARTHUR

By Robert Cotton, 128 Fernshaw Ave., Eustis, Florida.

General Mac Arthur walked down the road directing the advances. We were on the offensive. The fighting was outside the City of Manila. At the first volley by the enemy we followed instructions and sought shelter in the trenches for we had been warned never to expose ourselves unnecessarily. Willingly complying with this order we began shooting and felt better.

It was with a mixed feeling of anticipation, nervousness and possibly some fear that we went into action, since it was our first time under fire. We noticed however that General Mac Arthur didn't seek cover for it wasn't his first time under fire. This fact inspired us and gave us courage. Three men had just been killed as they were firing a small artillery piece directly in front of us, one of our pals was lying dead nearby having been instantly killed and many wounded were being sent to the rear.

Yes the events of our past lives did flash before us. Only a few months before we had been in civil life—clerks, mechanics, professional men, school-boys ten thousands miles away and it seemed strange in so short a space of time that we could be in a foreign country with but one job to do—kill human beings or be killed by them. We didn't know them, they had no personal grudge against us nor we against them—we had never seen them—knew nothing about them, but we were being paid by our Country to kill them. Too bad, we thought, that all differences of countries or in-

dividuals cannot be settled by mutual agreement before the fighting starts, since every argument is settled that way in the end. A few experiences such as we were going through makes men out of boys very quickly and at the later fighting on Luzon, north of Manila, with General Mac Arthur's example and leadership always before us, we soon became seasoned veterans.

General Arthur Mac Arthur was a brave and fearless soldier.

No we haven't made a mistake in the first name of the General. We are not referring to events of 1941-42 but to events which happened in 1898 to 1902. The Spanish War and the troubles that followed during the Philippine Insurrection lasted four years which fact few people realize.

Quoting from "Facts on the Philippines": "As a guerrilla officer during the Philippine Insurrection Manuel L. Quezon finally surrendered to General Mac Arthur on the peninsula of Bataan. More than forty years later, as President of the Philippines, Quezon led the Philippine people through the bitter fighting on Bataan by the side of Arthur Mac Arthur's son—General Douglas Mac Arthur." Yes Douglas Mac Arthur is a fine soldier and a real leader of men—so was his father.

Thus does history repeat, and we look forward to the day when the Japs will be compelled to surrender to General Douglas Mac Arthur and we trust their surrender (or annihilation) will take place on Bataan.

THE LAKE REGION, EUSTIS, FLORIDA.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1943

423 Fernshaw ave.
Eustis, Florida
1/31/44

To: General Douglas MacArthur
Somewhere in the Pacific.

Dear General MacArthur:

Enclosed is a little piece which appeared in our local paper here a couple of months ago - Just thought you might be interested.

Some old Spanish War Veterans who served under your father thought a great deal of him.

The opening incident of this piece refers to our taking Manila from the Spaniards Aug. 13th '98.

I was with the 13th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. After the occupation of the City we were selected as first Military Police of Manila.

After six months on this duty we were sent to the front in campaign against the Filipinos (Insurgents) - This we think was the first trip into the interior of Luzon made by American troops.

Our only regret is that we old Veterans of '98 are physically unable to serve under you now. Our hearts are young but our bodies weak. Rest assured we hold bonds as we can and we are praying for your continued success.

All Americans appreciate what you are doing, the Japs dont.

Sincerely
Robert Cotton



10 February 1944.



Dear Mr. Cotton:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 31 with clipping referring to my father. I have heard him speak of the 13th Minnesota Volunteers often and always with admiration and affection. It was one of his favorite units. I trust that his son may, in the not too far distant future, also storm the gates of Manila.

Most sincerely,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

Mr. Robert Cotton,
423 Fernshaw Avenue,
Eustis, Florida.

After all, I don't see why it should be censored at all as it is merely the expression of my personal opinions and contains no news. I may be going back to the West Coast in a couple months. My address there is 13460 Gilmore Ave., Venice, Calif.

If I can ever do anything to assist you, I shall be more than happy to do so. May you be ever filled with Infinite Wisdom and surrounded by Divine Love and Safety.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Elsie L. Rutledge

404 North Second Street
Harrisburg
Penna.
U.S.A.





The president of the United States now has his most important function as Commander-in-Chief of our Armed Forces. In other words, the post is a military one. Who among our generals, is better fitted to discharge this duty, than yourself? You have the looks, the education, the mentality, ability, family background, idealism and world concepts minus petty political leanings, which particularly fit you for the chair

And for goodness sake! when you get in, make your own decisions, instead of having Churchill lead you around by nose. This attitude of Roosevelt's has been exceedingly offensive to the American people.

According to our teachings, the Japs are a hybrid people and no true race. The extreme cruelty and sadism of their nation bespeaks a people whose soul has lost contact with its bodies. Therefore, the whole nation should be obliterated as soon as possible at the SOURCE. Ten days after Pearl Harbor, I suggested to Secretary Hull that the war in the Pacific could be quickly ended by blowing the Japanese Islands to bits. Their leaders and munitions factories would be destroyed, and being a fatalistic people, those who remained would quickly commit hari-kari, thus saving many Allied lives. When we kill Japs, we commit no Karmic deed of ill; we simply free the suffering soul from a sub-human set of vehicles.

As for Germany, be assured that there will be no peace in the world as long as that nation remains intact. Take a leaf from the book of the old Assyrian kings: scatter the accursed people in small groups all over the face of the earth so that they can never again be a united people. They will do no harm to their hosts: their chief danger lies not in the aggressiveness of the German people as a whole, but in their lack of individuality and submission to unscrupulous leaders. The host of evil thotforms in Germany might even be unwholesome to other peoples who might later inhabit the land.

My vision for post-war conditions is a United States of the World where every people will be given the opportunity to decide upon their own boundaries, language, religion and customs; where a world-wide merchant marine will keep products distributed so that all peoples have a decent standard of living and illiteracy shall be no more; an International Council who shall really act and see to it that the rules of peace and brotherhood are enforced all over the earth; and lastly, I suppose we shall have to have an international police force to enforce the laws.

I do not expect you to reply to this letter, but I would like you to have your wife, secretary or somebody let me know if it is received, and if it has been censored.



February 10, 1944

Dear General MacArthur,

I hope the censor won't delete what I am about to write because it is anti-Democratic. I used to be a great admirer of President Roosevelt, but after he let down the Philippines forcing them to resist (in order to fight a delaying action for England which finally amounted to nothing) and our sane normal American boys had to endure those unspeakable tortures when he knew that the islands could not be defended, (not to speak of other smaller outposts which suffered a similar fate). For weeks, before I could go to sleep at night, the thots of what those men and women were enduring and had gone thru left me shuddering for hours; and I do not even have an acquaintance in the armed forces. But as I wrote in one of my poems, "The arrow of their pain (the world's) has entered into my soul."

The next thing which has made me decide against Roosevelt is the way he plays politics and has filled up countless posts with Jews and Irish Catholics because they are his big backers. Then there is that servility to England which is so obnoxious to our people. Many people were in a furore because you were entirely let down in the matter of men and munitions. Then Washington came out with an announcement that so much and so much (little) was being sent to the Far East, but when it was all sifted down, it was being sent to India to help out dear old England. Many of our citizens are not as stupid as they act and are well aware that men inferior to you are being given spots in the lime light in this war, while you are surrounded with all manner of defeat situations lest you become a formidable political rival.

And that is exactly what I wish you would become. The only thing, I wish you could be the dark horse who slips in at the last moment as Roosevelt will deputize his political squadrons to discredit you with the people from any angle possible. But the element of surprise might be valuable.

I implore you to accept the nomination when it comes to you. I am a student of Oriental philosophy and have spent many incarnations in the Far East. I feel toward China as intimate an affection as I do for the U.S. I love the Australian people. I feel that our best interests lie in the Pacific area, that you are an Old Soul (one highly evolved), well fitted by past lives as well as by your particular zodiacal sign for this life (Aquarius) symbol of the Age into which we are entering, to administer world affairs.

my father name is
Riley m case



From Douglas McArthur
Case Wilderness Mo



Feb 7 44

Wilderness Mo

Dear General McArthur
I am a little boy
Named Douglas McArthur
my father is a
Spanish war Veteran and
I have 3 Brothers some
where in the Pacific
and we think you are
the best General in
the world I am sending
you a Valentine and
Dady said he wish he
was there to help you
tramp them daps down
I would like to hear from
you yours Little Friend
Douglas McArthur Case

He says - Gen. MacArthur is the only
man we have that can be sure of
occupying the White House.

I tell you these things from
my heart.

Believe me sincerely

Lena M. Van Horn.



P.S. Hanging on my wall is the "Sacred
Art Calendar" with your picture and
the chancel of your former church,
and your message to them.

It is a wonderful tribute to you &
them. May God help you decide for
our good. L



Mrs. M. D. Van Horn

Chickville

New York Feb. 7th 1944

General Douglas MacArthur -
Australia

Dear Gen. MacArthur: -

I'm writing this to beg of you to accept
the Nomination for Pres. of these United States.
We need a character such as yours, at the
head of our "Government."

You have proved, to all who read, your
down right sincerity in every thing you
undertake. We are more proud of you
than any other person who might be
a candidate for the Nomination.

I am one of thousands who would
vote & work for you.

I have a son who has traveled a great
deal, and knows many business concerns,
Is a C.L.U. Man & graduate of Yale.

With great admiration for your
achievements with small means, and
remembering our long friendship,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Robert H. Inamick



General Douglas MacArthur
General Headquarters
Southwest Pacific Area
A P O 500
c/o Postmaster San Francisco, California

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THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE



February 7 1944

Dear General MacArthur

I presume that the Australian newspapers have carried the story that your name and mine were filed in the Illinois primary last Saturday.

It has long been known that your name would be filed without your consent because of your very wide popularity.

Knowing that delegates, not popularity, determine nominations, Frank Gannett, Senator Vandenberg, General Wood and I-- and possibly some others unknown to me-- formed a pool to organize in your behalf.

The move to draft me came from the failure of the announced candidates to take any pronounced American stand on international affairs, and the general timidity of republicans to incur the organized smear campaign. I thought I had the petition to my nomination stopped, but I was mistaken.

I now face a situation of considerable delicacy. I am, of course, anxious to see a man of courage and conviction nominated, and I am also anxious to prevent a new kind of a bull moose movement nominating a third candidate.

I am sealing this envelope with sealing wax and my signet ring so that you can know if the letter has been tampered with.

COPIY

29 Pleasant Street
New London, Conn.

February 6, 1944.

The Daily News
220 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.



Gentlemen:-

Please Publish

"What man among us but who feels a furious inward frustration as we think of those brave kids of ours, the forgotten heroes of Corregidor and Bataan still rotting in Japanese jails undergoing the tortures of the damned. Their scorn for us must know no bounds.

What sop for frayed American tempers is this that you give us your Dewey with his British Alliance or Roosevelt with his charters and freedoms? You know where the hearts and minds and love of America is going even if our equipment is not. If you can't join us, then get out of the way. We want MacArthur. He'll take Japan.

Jerry Dempsey"

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Jerome Dempsey
Jerome Dempsey

Copy to: General MacArthur, Next President of the United States.
Upton Close, The best commentator on the air.
Harrison Spangler, Chairman, Republican Nat'l Committee.
John A. Danaher, United States Senate
John D. McWilliams, United States Representative.

May God Bless You General MacArthur and don't worry about us. The ways of God are strange. Like He said: "My ways are not your ways" but when we ask Him to make you President and mean it clear through, don't you worry about nothing. We asked HIM.

J.D.

last December and I left him there with Baby and Nini; on January 3rd. I came back to Washington with Honory and will stay here until after his graduation next June. It is very hard for me to be separated from them but Honory should have me with him to take care of him and his food. My husband begged me to accompany our son. I had been terribly worried about my dear husband's health. I keep on praying God to give my whole family life and strength and to permit us to go back home with all of you. When will this time be!

Now there is a great expectation here of the coming event next



June. We, your friends, have faith in you and will rejoice the day of your transfer here to occupy the proper residence. I can hardly wait.

When Mrs. Bewley and Mrs. Southland are with me you are always remembered in our conversation and wishing to join with you soon.

How is Arthur? is he enjoying the school? How I long to see you both.

My respect to the General, love to you and Arthur.

Your devoted sister
Aurora

Remember me to Ah Joe.



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Feb. 5 - 1944

Dear sister Jean

I am sending you through Miss Villamor, my picture taken in Manila, at night of the inaugural ball of the Commonwealth. It is a copy of a small one that my husband carried with him from the Islands. Show it to Arthur if he remembers the face.

My husband is still sick in bed and will not be allowed to sit up for another two months. He is much better though. We took him to Manila

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From the Home Front.
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To the Honorable General

Douglas Mac Arthur



c/o New York Postmaster

Australia

P.S. My 3 wishes of stability
of Capital + Supervision + Labor
for common Interest of People

realize the wonderful work or task that
you have accomplished only those that
have campaigned in the Island under-
stand the difficult problems that confront
one in the tropical warfare. Thanking
you for all you have done for our flag
I am yours at command

Yours truly
John F. Bledsoe

2417 Curtis St
Berkeley, Calif



2417 Center St
Burbank Cal Feb 5/54

General Douglas M. Arthur,



Sir

Might I have the privilege
of congratulation you for your wonderful
achievement in the recapture of the
Island of Luzon, I had the pleasure of
serving under your father Gen Arthur-
McArthur, also under Gen Rawton
and spoke to Gen Rawton a few hours
before he was killed that was the 19th
of Dec 1899- 8¹⁵ am, your father was a
wonderful Gen, he sent me home in 1901 I was then serving in
that outfit, I tried my utmost for
the past 3 years to get back into
service but the War Dept would not
grant me that favor because of my
age, there last refusal was Jan 11/25
I would have considered ^{it} a great honor
to have been under you at the recapture
of Manila, you have been doing really
wonderful work, the public does not fully

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February 3, 1944

General Douglas Mac Arthur,
Commander in Chief of Armed Forces in the Far East,
Via San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

Dear General:

As one of the 130,000,000 Americans, together with many times that number of free and righteous loving people thru-out the world I wish to express my sincerest best wishes upon the occasion of your birthday and supplement it with the excellent editorial which appeared in the Milwaukee Sentinel on January 26 because it so well expresses our high esteem of you as a man of highest virtues and unflinching leadership.

Our Country first, and the peoples of the World need the inspirational guidance of your profound leadership, to eliminate selfish bureaucracy and plutocracy and reestablish our cherished fundamental constitutional Democracy.

It is most unfortunate that the conduct of wars, involving so many souls, should be influenced by political expediency. The fallacy of diverting our major forces to the East and neglecting our worst enemy to the West is slowly being recognized and will be realized after the contending forces have gained their selfish advantage. May Divine guidance overwhelm and frustrate any such sinister plans, and give speed to your success with superior ingenuity.

May I thru you take this means to extend my sincere best wishes to Col. Phil La Follette, who I believe you have found, possesses many of the fine attributes of his illustrious father, which will be greatly engendered under your inspiring leadership. Un fortunately the exigencies of war have ruthlessly closed the offices of most of us professionals and have neglected to utilize this rare constructive thinking and creative ingenuity, leaving the cream to sour or shift to insignificant use. Thus I am expediting the production of the big Diesel and Steam marine engines, gun and torpedo assemblies, etc. for the Navy and Maritime units, instead of creating and directing the forces in the line of my lifetime experience. May the Commander in Chief of all forces give you wisdom and implements to speed the accomplishment of your worthy purposes.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Marzillier

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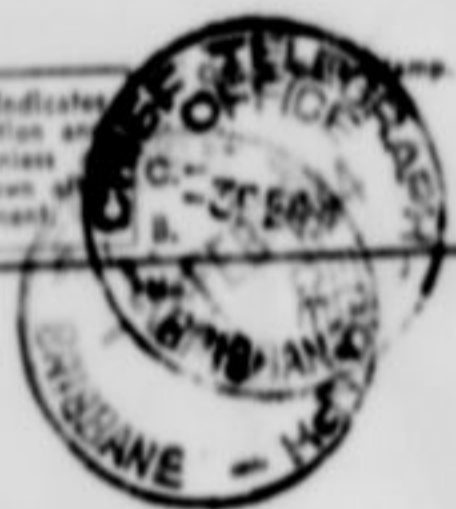
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