



To
General Douglas MacArthur
4300
San Francisco, San Francisco, Calif.

From
Mrs. Bob Demers
22 Church Street
Berlin, New Hampshire
1000
NATION GUARANTEE

to make you smile!

by Bob Demers

APR 28 1944



To General Dwight D. Eisenhower
Commanding General
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

For Mr. [unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]



Make you
Smile!

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am sorry it had to be a Nebraskan, who betrayed your confidence. But there are many fine honest people here who are crushed by your decision. This is no more political set up. The people have spoken, just as they called upon Gen. George Washington when our Republic needed him. Surely you will hear our call and reconsider and return, that our Nation rest in safe hands, and the war be ended speedily.

There is nothing else to say except that after reading "Mac Arthur the Magnificent" by Bob Considine, the thought

am praying constantly that God shows you how desperately this Country needs your leadership and guidance here. If onlyataan could be re-elected by June 26 - they nothing could keep you from being our next President.

In closing, I will say that as State head of the Mac Arthur draft in Nebraska I have contacted thousands of persons and all say we must have Mac Arthur for President. No one else can be nominated on the Republican ticket and win.

A victory over there will not be of much value if our home front is lost.

I am telling you the truth. We need you. I

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Comes to me that if your Mother, Mary Hardy Mac Arthur could speak to you she would say, "Douglas, the people are calling you home. Your Country needs you now as President. Consider this well."

Of course you alone must decide but if the Convention calls you, will you not please heed the will of the people.

Sincerely and humbly,
Mary E. Kenney.



1746 Harwood,
Lincoln, Nebr.,
April 30, 1944.

General Douglas Mac Arthur,
Somewhere in the South Pacific,
Dear General Mac Arthur:

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you and telling you how much
I think of you. I do hope you
receive this letter, but do not
expect you to write me, you
are too busy. I live in the
presbyterian old peoples home
in Evanston Ill and there a
lot of people here who think
of you as I do, may the Lord
keep and bless you and
bring you home safely

Sincerely yours

Mrs H. A. Murphy



April 30, [1944]



My dear Gen MacArthur

I am writing to you because you are such a fine Christian man and I pray for you each night that the Lord will lead and direct you. I am glad you have refused to be our president, though I would love to have you, but you have enough on your hands and a president now would be worse than in the army. With every thing in such a mess, I just could not resist writing

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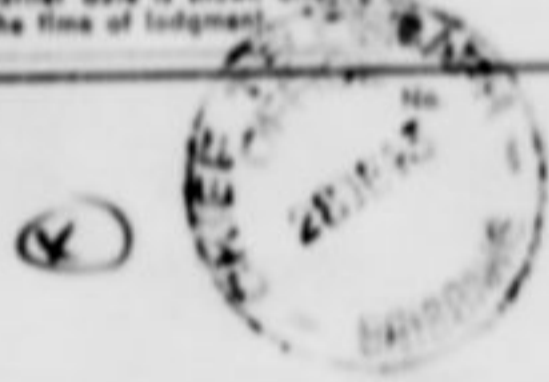
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UNITED STATES ARMY *js 5/2*
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GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO MRS MACARTHUR AND SELF
--- NORMAN AND GLADYS MYER

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Jan:
You drop her an acknowledgment
Sir Peter



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32 Court Street
Brooklyn 20, N. Y. - U. S. A.

April 28, 1944.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur,
Allied Headquarters,
Southwest Pacific,
C/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.



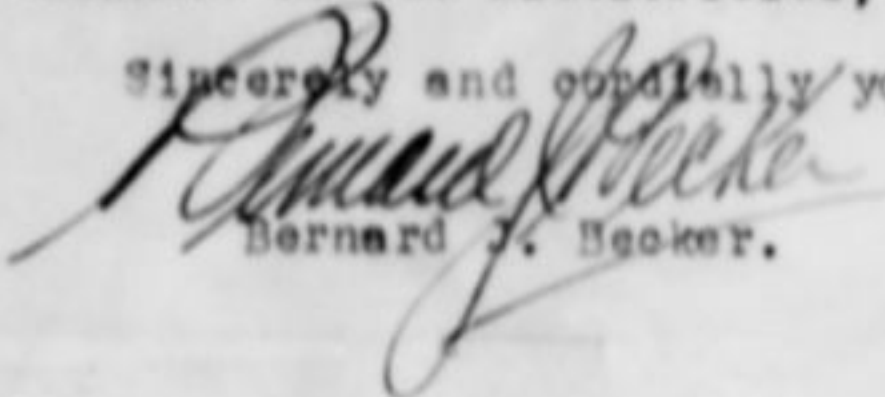
My dear General:

Supplementing my letter to you of April 20th, I beg to take the liberty to send you herewith editorials from the N. Y. Daily News of April 20th, 1944 and from the Brooklyn Eagle of April 24th, 1944. in reference to the mentioning of your name as a candidate for President of the United States.

I again reiterate my sentiments expressed to you in my letter of April 20th, and trust that you will be guided by your heart and by your desires, and not by the clamor of the politicians, who are interested only in themselves.

With kind personal regards for your welfare, and for your continued success on the battlefields, I beg to remain

Sincerely and cordially yours


Bernard J. Becker.

April 27, 1944

General Douglas MacArthur
American Expeditionary Forces
APO 800
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California



My dear General MacArthur:

A great many things have been happening in the United States. Increasing interest in the fact that you might be available as President of the United States is evident. At the present time it would seem that the Governor of New York is the leading candidate. However, since he has no military experience there are many folks who would like an opportunity to vote for a Commander-in-Chief who knows something about the war in the Pacific. I do not know if it would be possible for you to make a statement or be in the United States around convention time, which is June 26, but if you could do that I feel certain that you would gain the nomination at the convention.

It has often been said that you are a man of destiny in the considered opinion of many Americans with whom I have talked. They say that because of your unusual and brilliant career God has ordained you to lead this land and its people to victory over this subversive foreign and Godless crew who have gradually been taking over our government with the purpose of reducing its citizens to a state of peonage. There has been a gradual regimentation of the American people, a regimentation of the press and of their thinking and of their actions. The people are dissatisfied with what is occurring under the present administration. It becomes more and more evident that we will be voting for a Commander-in-Chief. You are our last hope under God and the people as a whole love and respect you and surely they have honored you. You are accomplishing wonderful results with few men and little equipment. You are being bypassed by the Administration at every opportunity. The people know this. It would seem that if some statement could be made by you or if you could be at home the convention would nominate you by acclamation. The people would like to see you here.

I am sending this to you by a special messenger. I want it to reach you. There are many groups in this country working and praying to God that you will be our next President.

Believe me, I am your humble servant.

Very truly yours,

William D. Squire
2101 New Hampshire Ave
Washington D.C.



OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION
111 SUTTER STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

April 27, 1944



General Douglas MacArthur

My dear General MacArthur:

The visit of Mr. Hayden to San Francisco affords an excellent opportunity to say to you some of the things which I have been thinking since my return from the Philippines.

First, I wish to express my personal appreciation to you for the magnificent way in which you are directing our war against our Pacific enemies. I know that I am echoing the sentiments of millions of Americans who feel exactly as I do.

My thoughts, naturally, center about the immediate objective of the return to the Philippines and ultimate objective of smashing Japan. I am hoping to participate in the most effective way possible in the achievement of these objectives, and I shall be happy if you will consider this letter as another offer of my services to you in any capacity whatever.

In association with Owen Lattimore in the work of the Office of War Information, I am eager that our operation will be most useful and efficient. We are anxious that our output shall constitute ~~valuable and powerful~~ devices of psychological warfare. I hope that our agents in the field will always provide for you maximum support; and I assure you that if at any time I can contribute personally to the solution of any problem on the spot, I shall be most happy to come to you immediately.

For the moment I feel that I am utilizing to the best advantage of our country my own knowledge of the Far East, and my background of experience in that part of the world; but I hope that you will call upon me to join you if at any time you feel that I can be of value in connection with the affairs of the Philippines.

I consider it a distinct honor to send to you congratulations on your past achievements and most fervent wishes for future victories which will, I am sure, be yours.

Very sincerely yours,

Claude A. Buss

Claude A. Buss
Director, San Francisco Office

Greater City, Kans. 4-26-44.

Dear General:

I enclose some clippings.

do not let them draw you into
saying a single word. Keep mum;
that is what is hurting; they are
scared to death of you. your silence
^{hurts} because they know that they are
below your scorn. Good luck!

no answer, please; your too busy)

W. J. Collins





Postmaster
 7/8
 SAN FRANCISCO
 CAL.

From
 284 RAYMOND AVE.
 ROCHESTER, N.Y.
 April 26, 1944

Gen. Douglas MacArthur
 Allied Headquarters
 Southwest Pacific Area

Dear Sir:

The Sixth Ward Women's Christian Temperance Union of Rochester - an organization of about 200 women - has asked me to write you expressing our appreciation of the recent stand you took in refusing to permit a case of Scotch Whisky to be presented to Major Richard T. Bong as a reward for his shooting down 27 Jap planes. We most heartily agree with you that a gift of liquor "does not constitute appropriate recognition" of Major Bong's deeds, and we commend you in the decision you made.

Let me add that we, an organization of Christian women, hold you in our highest esteem, and pray that God may grant you success in your great task.

Very respectfully yours
 (Mrs) Nellie C. Hannon

Sixth Ward W. C. T. U., Rochester, New York

Young Women's Christian Association

Affiliated with the A.C.F. of Australia for service with Women of the Forces



25-4-44

General Mac. Cusker

Dear Sir



Reading of your
great success in Bulch New Guinea,
I want to congratulate you & say
how proud we Australians are
of you & the boys.

God bless you, and keep you
safely, and give you strength
to carry on, my kindest regards

YWCA Leave House
Banker St
Newcastle
NSW.

Yours sincerely
(Mrs) G. Russell-Habson
(Supervisor)

BENDIGO (Victoria)

13th April, 1944.



My very dear Frank,

You always remember me when you come across any literary beauty and I do appreciate the thought and the compliment.

General MacArthur's tribute to our fallen dead is an exquisite cameo; I prefer it to Lincoln's tribute at Gettysburg: it is much in little: not one word wanting, not one word superfluous. A perfect epitaph for the brave, fallen heroes of New Guinea.

We shall discuss it when we meet Frank.

With grateful appreciation and affection,

(Miss) Minnie Berges

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MELBOURNE, CI. 20th April, 1944.



General Douglas MacArthur,
Commander in Chief,
G.H.Q. S.W.P.A.

Sir,

The enclosed copy of a letter will, I hope, afford you pleasure.

It is noteworthy that a lady, in the late 70's should be so moved by her approval of you as to associate your name in such an exquisite way, with your Country's most immortal son.

I have never known another to be likened to him and I endorse my correspondent's well deserved tribute.

Australia is full of hearts which are grateful to you and your Country and I feel especially proud of and close to your people having been privileged to enjoy living and working with them and being given an American wife and daughter.

As was said -

"The brother soul and the brother heart
Makes us drift on from the world apart"

With great respect, Sir, and the fervent wish that God will bless and keep you.

Yours truly,

(J. F. Keiran)

25 April 1944.



Mr. J. F. Keiran,
John McManera & Co. Pty. Ltd.,
493-495 Collins Street,
Melbourne, C. 1, Victoria.

Dear Mr. Keiran:

General MacArthur is deeply appreciative of the compliment paid him by Miss Bergee in her very fine letter to you. He wishes me to thank you most sincerely for sending him a copy.

The General was particularly pleased because his words came from the heart, but also appreciates that nothing he could say would do justice to the gallantry and heroism of Australian and American soldiers who have given their lives for their countries and for our cause, in New Guinea.

Sincerely,

LLOYD LEHRBAS,
Colonel, A.C.,
Acting Aide-de-Camp.

General Mac Arthur

Man of vision, faith and courage,
Undaunted with sagacity;
What heritage your deeds confer,
For freedom's heights eternally.

What gifted birthright does transpire,
With every terse command,
Deference through the passing years,
Sustains your gallant stand.

What strategy and tactics wrought,
A rampart waxed in freedom's might,
When brawn and spirit intermingled,
Put the foe to frenzied flight.

Keep Old Glory flying,
And rippling in the breeze;
Keep the banner that portends,
Our cherished rights and legacies.

Pfc. Frank Esposito.

Pfc. Frank Esposito. Co F. 2-160-
a-30-40-39009379
Postmaster: San Francisco
Cal-



25 April 1944.



Pfc. Frank Esposito, 39009379,
Company F, 2-160,
APO 40, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Private Esposito:

General MacArthur desires me to thank you for the poem dedicated to him you have just been kind enough to send him.

The General deeply appreciates the generous tribute you pay him and sincerely hopes his leadership will match the splendid service of the officers and men of his command.

Sincerely,

LLOYD LEMMAS,
Colonel, A.C.,
Acting Aide-de-Camp.

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COMMANDER - [Name] [Rank] [Service Number]



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ON THE MAINLINES

[April 25, 1944]

Dear Comandante Commander -
Keeping step with you
via radio and newspaper
130 million Americans are
praying for you on your
return trip to Comandante.

Best of luck to you and
your swell gang.

Sincerely yours.

Howell H. Hough
Pudbank, Calif.



P.S. I was U.C. of Bonus Army
1932. and the boys whenever
they are - are rooting and
tooting you General

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Dear Mac:

Go it !! You're the biggest man America
has known since Lincoln. I'm watching
you and rooting for you night and day.

Red.

Apr. 25, 1944.

COPY OF MESSAGE.



To 1- General LUMSDEN

From 1- Colonel PALMER. C.10924.

From PRIME MINISTER to General LUMSDEN TOP SECRET AND PRIVATE. 22 Apr.

PLEASE DELIVER THIS MESSAGE TO GENERAL MACARTHUR

QUOTE I WISH YOU ALL SUCCESS IN OPERATIONS

WHICH YOU ARE LAUNCHING TODAY (.) MAY A

GLITTERING PRIZE BE YOURS (.) I SHALL BE THINKING

OF YOU AND ANXIOUSLY AWAIT FURTHER NEWS (.)

UNQUOTE

54 Daggott Street

Valley et 1.

Saturday 22nd: 4. 44.



To General MacArthur

Dear Sir

On behalf of the
Chief Templar Officers and members of
Somerset Lodge. "International Order of
Good Templars."

I write to say how pleased they
are regards your action in refusing
to permit Major Richard Bong.

accepting the case of Scotch whisky.
As we are a total abstinence Order,
we appreciate it very much.

I am sure total abstinence must be
a great help to all pilots
hoping the country will soon be at
peace again.

Emily Spiers.
Secretary.

CAPITOL STORIES

By John O'Donnell

SINCE the days when Caveman Joe Doolan first gave the nod and wink to Caveman Bill Jake and both conspired to sink their stone hatchets into the skull of some mutual rival who had been muscling in all too successfully into the business of collecting bearskins, wives and hunting privileges, the time always comes when the ever-beloved brotherly in arms and faithful to the death Allies start fighting among themselves.

Sadly, we must expect that British and American regiments in Italy have to be girded apart at times in the interest of United Nations unity.

American troops haven't worn out the welcome in Australia and New Zealand but the hospitality of earlier days—when the Jap thrust came dangerously close to the heart of the Sun-Ship-Kingdom domain Down Under—has become a bit less warm. We asked an Australian the reason the other day and he explained:

"Your troops are overpaid, furthermore they're over-decorated and they're over-crowded. They're over-eaten, and damn it, they're over there."

IN ALL fairness we think that Representative A. L. Miller, (R.), of Nebraska, should have his say in this column when he wants to tell his story of why he released his now world-famous exchange of letters with Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

The Congressman, as all know, made public letters that he had received from the General in reply to Miller's original messages of praise for MacArthur and criticism of New Deal policy.

We were critical of the Congressman's good taste in making public communications which the General had marked "personal" and, along with Senator Vandenberg (original MacArthur-for-President booster on Capitol Hill) and others, thought the Nebraska's political judgment was as open to censure as his decision to give to the ears of the world a communication written in the honest conviction that it was a private and personal communication. But that's water over the dam now.

WHITEH Congressman Miller: "I have noticed with considerable interest the unusual stir the publication of these letters seems to produce. I have also noted that a number of Washington columnists have been unusually critical and cynical about the publication of the letters.

"Needless to say I am greatly pleased that you have seen fit to mention the MacArthur correspondence, be it critical or favorable.

"It has focused the attention of the people upon a great American who has not allowed himself from further service as President of the United States. I am hoping that you will treat the General kindly. If you need a whipping boy apply it to me. I have no objections.

"Some people questioned why I did not release the correspondence at an earlier date. One reason was the fact that I was a candidate in the primary election in Nebraska April 11. Though not opposed I did not want to use MacArthur's popularity to fetch attention upon me. It is my desire now to be a good citizen and do what

MacArthur's name before the public.

"I wish it were possible for you to look over the large amount of spontaneous correspondence the release of the letters has produced. About 10 per cent of the letters are of the smear type, unsigned. Fifteen per cent wonder if the General would make a good President. The balance are glowing with praise for the General.

"Many of these letters are written in lead pencil. They are not from professional politicians. I believe they come from the heart of America.

"All through these letters we constantly find these thoughts:

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"Who knows better how to fight the Japs than MacArthur?"

"An experienced soldier in the White House will shorten the war."

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"He will deal with a firm hand at the peace table and with the Japs."

"He will write an American peace."

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"Kindest personal regards.

"Sincerely yours,



Gen. MacArthur Rebukes Miller for Statements

Says Never Intended to
Have Letters Released
in Press; Denies Has
Political Ambitions.

Ernest K. Lindley

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4-19-44

I apologise for this rather long letter. I am hopeful that in some of your future columns you might see fit to present to your tremendously large reader audience some of the more edible morsels of food news which this great General does possess.

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



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I am thoroughly convinced that when the elections in November are over, this New Deal crowd will wonder just what struck them. There will be such an avalanche of votes that they will be swept out of office just as the voters in the past have turned upon the Republicans. I predict that Roosevelt will not carry over thirteen states and those by a slim margin.



April 19, 1944

Hon. Ernest K. Lindley, Columnist
Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

*To all newspapers
and Radio commentators*

Dear Mr. Lindley:

I am enclosing a copy of some remarks I made on the floor of the House Tuesday, April 18, relative to my correspondence with General Douglas MacArthur.

I have noted with considerable interest the unusual stir the publication of these letters seem to produce. I have also noted that a number of Washington columnists have been unusually critical and cynical about the publication of the letters.

Needless to say I am greatly pleased that you have seen fit to mention the MacArthur correspondence, be it critical or favorable. It has focused the attention of the people upon a great American who has not eliminated himself from further service as president of the United States. I am hoping that you will treat the General kindly. If you need a whipping boy apply it to me. I have no objections.

Some people questioned why I did not release the correspondence at an earlier date. One reason was the fact that I was a candidate in the primary election in Nebraska April 11. Though not opposed I did not want to use MacArthur's popularity to focus attention upon me. It is my desire just to be a good chore boy and do those things which will keep General MacArthur's name before the public.

I wish it were possible for you to look over the large amount of spontaneous correspondence the release of the letters has produced. About 10% of the letters are of the smear type, unsigned. 15% wonder if the General would make a good president. The balance are glowing with praise for the General. Many of these letters are written in lead pencil. They are not from professional politicians. I believe they come from the heart

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A. L. MILLER
4th DISTRICT NEBRASKA

HOME ADDRESS:
HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA

COMMITTEE
IMMIGRATION AND REGULATION
LAW

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.



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General Douglas MacArthur

Perhaps my surgeon technique will help you to appreciate the fact that I have frequently, as a physician, found it necessary to make a swift, clean stroke to the root of the problem. The medicine is sometimes bitter but the result in the final end is good.

I wrote you sometime ago that I felt the time is approaching when an announcement of some kind would clarify the atmosphere. In the meantime, I should like very much to continue circularizing the Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention. Hundreds of clubs have been formed. There are many men and women interested in your behalf. You will know best how to handle the situation from your position.

I will send you from time to time some information. It might be well not to reply. However, if you see fit to write me I shall keep your future letters in strictest confidence, unless you indicate otherwise.

Believe me, General, I have the highest admiration for your ability. I know the responsibilities you have assumed in the Pacific overwhelm you in looking after the details of their execution.

If there is any chore which I can do for you here in Washington or in the United States please command.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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

A. L. MILLER
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PHONE NUMBER:
HENDALL, NEBRASKA

COMMITTEES:
IMMIGRATION AND RECLAMATION
LAW

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 22, 1944



General Douglas MacArthur
American Expeditionary Forces
Australia

My dear General:

I have been just a bit unhappy and a bit apprehensive that the release of our correspondence may have caused you a little embarrassment. My motives were entirely unselfish. My purpose was to bring before the people a great American whom I considered most competent to lead us for the next four years. You and I know, that newspapers frequently put by-lines on innocent releases which gives the public a wrong impression. At no time did I ever feel that you were attempting to do some of the things that a few of the commentators seemed to indicate. The newspaper and radio commentators are always looking for sinister motives.

I am taking the privilege of enclosing some remarks which I made on the floor of the House this week in which I tried to indicate that I wanted to be just a good chore boy and assume full responsibility for the release of the correspondence. It has had a good effect. There has been no one thing which has caused so much of a stir as the release of this correspondence. One of the newspaper boys whom I know intimately, first made a partial release of the correspondence, and this of course, opened the flood gates which I was unable to hold back.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which was sent to all of the commentators, both press and radio. You will note that I am sending out to all the Delegates and Alternates a copy of my remarks.

My office has received hundreds of letters. Seventy-five percent of these letters are favorable even in the face of the critical and cynical attitude assumed by most of the columnists.

I have no desire, whatever, to cause you the least embarrassment. I do want to be your servant and do your bidding.

SIoux FALLS,
SOUTH DAKOTA
APRIL 20, 1944

GENERAL DOUGLAS MC ARTHUR
ALLIED HDQ,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC.



DEAR GENERAL MC ARTHUR,

We, the ladies of the Church of God Missionary Society, of Sioux Falls, noticed the article in our local paper regarding the stand you have taken, concerning the case of whiskey, Rickenbacher promised to send Major Richard Bong, for exceeding his record in shooting down enemy planes.

We have many boys from our congregation now serving in armed forces both here and abroad, and we believe honor is due those who try to help make it easier for our boys to do right.

If more of our leaders and men in authority would take a stand against things which are harming the morals of our nation we are sure this war would soon end.

Therefore we congratulate you, and want you to know we are behind you and those in your charge, with our prayers, as we look forward to certain victory.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. Lenora Bremman, President
104 - So. Blauvelt.
Sioux Falls
So. Dakota

CENTENARY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Eleventh and Oxford Streets

Indianapolis Indiana

April 20, 1944

General Douglas McArthur
United States Army
Pacific Theater
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California



Dear Sir;

We commend you for your stand when you refused a case of liquor as an appropriate gift to an ace flyer, Major Bong.

This act of merit was called to the attention of one hundred and three church leaders attending the School for Christian Workers, with teachers and pastors from twenty-seven different Churches of the Baptist and Disciples of Christ, being held here.

This resolution of commendation was passed unanimously, and we extend our every prayer that your task may continue to go well so that your forces may attain complete victory for our cause. I am

Sincerely yours,

Rev David S McNelly

Dean

School for Christian Workers
Baptist and Disciples
Indianapolis 1, Indiana

A Friendly Church, A Place of Prayer

David S. McNelly, Minister


FROM: **Mr. James A. D., 1912**
 TO: **Mr. J. M. [illegible]**
 DATE: **April 20, 1944**

Mr. J. M. [illegible]
Mr. J. M. [illegible]
Mr. J. M. [illegible]

I am pleased to hear that you are interested in the work of the [illegible] and that you are planning to visit the [illegible] in the near future. It is my hope that you will find the [illegible] very interesting and that you will be able to obtain the [illegible] you are seeking.

Very sincerely yours,
 Mr. James A. D., President
 of the [illegible]

William A. [illegible]
 Mr. James A. D., President





Apr. 19, 1944.
Lazy M Ranch
Roseburg Oregon

General Douglas M. Arthur -
Dear Sir -

We are just to lonely parents who wish to say "thank you" for your stand on the whiskey "case" the other day. We had to tell you how glad we were. We have three boys (farm boys) in the service and we know that your statement on this question will make it so much easier for our boys and others to say "no" to temptations. They will know now that if their General can say "no", they can too.

So thank you again, it means so much to us all - the boys - and their parents too. Thanks.

God Bless you and yours.

Our pray is for your success and safety always. We are proud to have such a leader for our boys

Just two old farmers
Mr and Mrs. G. W. Munson
Rt 2 - Roseburg Oregon.

Maj. Richard Bong Not Allowed to Receive Scotch

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEAD-
QUARTERS, New Guinea, April 17.
(INS)—Maj. Richard I. Bong, Amer-
ica's ace of aces in aerial combat,
learned today that you can't have
everything; specifically, for him, a
case of scotch.

When Bong, then a captain, ex-
ceeded Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's
record of 26 enemy planes downed
in action, set in World War I, by
blasting his 27th Nipponese aircraft,
he looked forward to receiving the
case of scotch which Rickenbacker
had promised to the first flier beat-
ing his mark.

Learning of Bong's feat, the
World War Ace prepared to send
off the promised liquor.

But Gen. Douglas MacArthur an-
nounced today that scotch, champ-
agne, or any other liquor definite-
ly is out. The Allied commander
said that while he has the highest
admiration for Bong's aerial skill,
he does not regard "liquor or spi-
ritous wines" as appropriate recog-
nition of his deeds.

Headquarters officials pointed out
that MacArthur already had award-
ed Bong just about every known
service decoration and promoted
him to a major as soon as his 27th
victory was confirmed officially.

Roy Showins C-22

Excerpt from Times-Bulletin Van Wert Ohio.



April 19th, 1944.

General McArthur:

I am enclosing an excerpt from our local paper in reference to Major Bong's Scotch whisky.

I am glad that you had the fortitude to establish a precedent which will be reflected throughout the war.

Yours Respectfully,

J. Nelson Wise

J. Nelson Wise,
502 Spencer St.
Van Wert, Ohio.



2807 Farragut Road, Brooklyn, N. Y., U. S. A., April 18, 1944

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



Dear General MacArthur:

May I express for myself and friends, our deep appreciation of your stand against giving spirituous liquors as a reward for heroic action?

This is only a very slight indication of the high moral plane you have upheld in all your actions, and which is such an inspiration to those who realize that "the battle is not ours, but the Lord's", -- and that those who are aware that God is always on the side of Right, must always "dwell in the secret place of the Most High" as we are told in the 91st Psalm.

This awareness of the omnipotence of good, of course in no way belittles your outstanding military abilities.

In conversation last evening with a number of intelligent thinkers, they spoke of Presidential timber, and we all feel that there must be a return to the original American steadfast dependence on the guidance of the Bible, which was the foundation of our government.

They likened your unaffected Faith and Humility to that of George Washington, at Valley Forge, and we all feel that if you should accept nomination for the highest office in our country -- and should be, God willing, elected -- you would without doubt carry out your difficult and delicate tasks with unimpeachable honesty, humility and fearlessness.

This is not the fulsome praise which it may sound like, -- but an effort to convey to you a small degree of our gratitude to and confidence in you.

Faithfully,

Oliver S. Annable

Oliver S. Annable.

CRAWFORD MONCRIEF
PASTOR, SOCIETY HILL - FRIENDSHIP CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN
KNOXVILLE, GEORGIA

April 18 1944

The Hon. Gen.
- Douglas A. M^cArthur -
US Army, Australia -



Dear General M^cArthur -

I serve an old country church here
where it is supposed your grand parents
are your great name-take are interred,
namely, inscriptions on gran Stoner -

"Allen M^cArthur, Born 1793 - Died
Feb. 6, 1860"

"Harritt M^cArthur, Born ~~1737~~ 1737,
Died January 9, 1863"

The church was organized 1815 -

would like to correspond with you -

Very Sincerely, your Servant

Crawford Moncrief,

Pastor Society Hill Church

Paper Un^{known}

April 1944

MACARTHUR FROWNS ON SCOTCH FOR BONG

Feels Promotion to Major Is
Proper Reward for Ace.

By Associated Press

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, April 18

—Gen. Douglas MacArthur doesn't consider "liquor or spiritous wines as appropriate recognition" for Maj. Richard L. Bong's record-breaking feat of shooting down 27 enemy planes on the Poplar. War-see will not get the case of Scotch whisky presented by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, the first American pilot to earn his World War I record of 26 planes shot down.

Instead, MacArthur indicated Bong's promotion from captain to major on the day his record was confirmed was a more proper recognition.

(Bong is not a drinking man but at an advanced Allied base he told Associated Press War Correspondent Glen Clements he had thanked Rickenbacker for the promised Scotch and hoped it could be rushed "out here for the boys." But that was before MacArthur's decision.)



General MacArthur
Allied Headquarters
South Pacific



of Villa, Guam.
April 18/44

Dear General MacArthur;

I want to thank you as a wife and mother of men in the armed forces for the stand you took on the case of Scott promised by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker. When I read his offer I was surprised and sorry, for I have the highest respect for him.

My husband is in Italy, the greatest consolation is that the boys serving under him have a brave and sober officer. Should my sons go the Pacific way I can feel the same about them.

By the way, we were neighbors of your brother-in-law, Cameron Faircloth of Nashville Tenn. That has been years ago.

We are proud of you General!

Sincerely,

(Mrs Casswell Boyd)

Clarence F. Boyd

Please complete address in plain letters in the space below, and your return address in the space provided on the right. Use typewriter, block ink, or dark pencil. Avoid all small writing, it is not suitable for photographing.



To: GENERAL WOLFE AND OTHERS
UNITED STATES ARMY
[REDACTED]

From:
Sgt. J. Gratchewer
2800 North 7th Street
Pittsburgh 25, Pa.
USA

18 APRIL 1944

DEAR GENERAL WOLFE:

MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR YOUR COURAGEOUS AND CHRISTIAN REACTION TO THE OFFERED GIFT OF A CASE OF WHISKY TO MAJOR RICHARD I BORN FOR DRINKING BY JAPANESE PLANS. WE ARE SO HAPPY TO KNOW THAT YOU DO NOT REGARD LIQUOR OR DRINKING WITHIN AN APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION OF BORN'S DEATH.

IT IS A GREAT COMFORT TO THE MOTHERS OF SERVICE MEN WHEN WE HEAR ON THE RADIO AND READ IN THE PAPERS OF THE ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN TO DRINKING, ESPECIALLY BY PROMINENT MEN. WE PROUDLY WISH WE COULD SEND OUR DEAR BORN'S GIVEN THEIR COLLISIONS. THEY ARE BOTH AT THE FRONT. BOB HAS PROCEEDED THEM THREE TWO YEARS. SO YOUR CHRISTIAN MEN LIKE YOURSELF AND YOUR INFLUENCE TO TEMPERANCE, WE MOTHERS FEEL ENCOURAGED THAT OUR BORN WILL COME HOME THE CONFLICT MORALLY CLEAR AND BORN. YOUR STAND IS A GREAT IDEA IN BUILDING FOR BOTH OUR BORN AND THOSE OF US AT HOME WHO ARE PRAYING FOR YOU.

YOURS FOR THEM,




YOURS SINCERELY,
[Signature]
Sgt. J. Gratchewer

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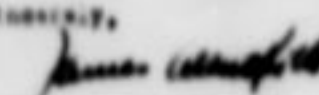
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	CHARACTER	2006 Piquette Ave
	INITIALS AND PAGES	P.O. Pittsburgh Pa Pa
	D. J. HAYES	April 19, 1906.

Dear Sir:

This is just a note of appreciation for your share in the sending of the proposed plan of William to Major League. I am certain that Mr. [Name] would not, but I am sure the error in writing out the [Name] which the [Name] would appreciate, but the type of gift the writer appreciated. I am sure [Name] of that type of [Name] are also the [Name] of [Name] to [Name] to [Name] for a [Name] of [Name] and [Name]. I am certain the need for [Name] [Name] to [Name] and the [Name] [Name] to the sending of all [Name] of [Name] of which, reflecting the [Name] of the [Name] to [Name] and would send the [Name] and [Name] with [Name] rather than [Name].

Your leadership, Sir, from the [Name] has been inspiring and you have consistently shown for [Name] and [Name] in this instance [Name] of [Name] [Name] and [Name].

I trust that [Name] will see you safely and successfully through the [Name] [Name] [Name] when the full force of the [Name] [Name] and the [Name] [Name] will be [Name] in your [Name].

Sincerely,


P.S. This [Name] of [Name] in [Name], since I have [Name] [Name] of the [Name] of the [Name] affect the [Name] of you, and the [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name].

For [Name] [Name] Church
 P.O. Pittsburgh, Pa.





Editor, New York Herald Tribune

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April 17, 1944

in their country's institutions and intensely loyal to them.

In MacArthur's personal letter to Congressman Miller he said, "We must not inadvertently slip into the same conditions internally as the one which we fight externally." Also he stated his belief in the judgment of the people when they know the truth. Are these dangerous utterances, even from a soldier?

MacArthur is dubbed the willing or unwilling instrument of the isolationists. Anyone who looks upon him as his instrument will have a rude awakening. Is Governor Dewey an isolationist because Zimmermann headed the ticket of Dewey delegates in Wisconsin? Are the five hundred thousand citizens who voted for MacArthur in Illinois the other day all isolationists?

If MacArthur is taken from the battlefield to the White House, it will be unprecedented. It is a serious step to contemplate. Likewise, it is a serious step to plan the displacement of President Roosevelt by a man who never saw a battle, nor attended a training camp, nor has any experience whatever in the field of foreign affairs.

Washington presided over the birth of our nation. In a smaller way, for five years MacArthur helped the birth of the Philippine nation. Nearly half a century ago we took the Philippines by conquest. With MacArthur, the Filipinos, by their own free will, died by the thousand with their American comrades in defense of a common freedom. There is the touchstone of relations between Orient and Occident, if only we will recognize it.

Whether or not MacArthur is President, the Republic will not die, the discipline of the Army will not disappear, sound and successful strategy against our enemies eventually will prevail. If the Republicans offer the nation a political hack or a neophyte as a substitute for President Roosevelt, perhaps we shall have four more years of our present leader and still survive as a nation.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) HENRY BRECKINRIDGE

HB:VD

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HENRY BRECKINRIDGE
39 BROADWAY
NEW YORK CITY, 6

Noted

TELEPHONE DIXIE 4-0762

CABLE ADDRESS: HENBRECK



April 17, 1944

Editor
New York Herald Tribune
230 West 41st Street
New York City

Sir:

Your generous acceptance of communications not always in accord with your editorial views is one evidence of the greatness of your paper.

Your leading editorial of Saturday, April 15, headed, "Dangerous Political Phantasies", is a trenchant treatment of a difficult subject and provokes comment. Perhaps some of the reasoning by which you dispose of MacArthur is exceptionable.

Your premise is the alleged unfitness for the Presidency of any "professional" general. Thus you distinguish the case of General Washington who, with Lincoln, surely was one of the two greatest Americans. George Washington did not attend West Point. It did not exist. But a decade of his life he spent in the field as a militia leader of Colonial troops and later as Commanding General of the Revolutionary armies. Frederick the Great deemed him one of the great commanders of history.

General Andrew Jackson was a great commander and his feats of arms laid the basis of his election to the Presidency.

General Grant was out of the army from shortly after the Mexican War to the beginning of the Civil War. He was in the tanning business. If his administration as President is open to criticism, did the fault issue from his West Point education, the tanning business, or characteristics that were purely personal?

Other generals became President: Zachary Taylor, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, and Benjamin Harrison. Nor should we overlook certain colonels such as James Monroe, William McKinley, and Theodore Roosevelt.

Are we to exclude West Point graduates from office as a proscribed class? The American answer would seem to be 'no'. Is there any college in America where loyalty to our institutions is taught more thoroughly than at West Point? Every student there is grounded in the constitutional history of the United States and insistent emphasis is placed upon the subordination of the military to the civil power. Arbitrarily to limit the scope of the group in the Army and Navy who are leading us to victory is unjustly to stigmatize thousands of patriotic men well versed

THE METHODIST CHURCH

MOOSE LAKE AND BARNUM

D. S. McGuire, Minister

MOOSE LAKE, MINN. April 17, 1944.



General Douglas MacArthur
Allied Headquarters,
Southwest Pacific.

Dear General MacArthur:

We have this day observed in the public press your statement disapproving the proposal to present Major Richard I Bong with a case of whiskey or champagne in appreciation of his heroic and valorous deeds.

We most heartily commend you for this statement. You have undoubtedly voiced the sentiment of a great body of American citizens in your suggestion that "the presentation of liquor or spirituous wines are not appropriate recognition for such service and deeds." Your statement is most timely. Nothing could more seriously interfere with the efficiency of Major Bong as a soldier than to use such a gift. It is in our judgment to the high credit of the Major that he does not make use of liquor, and recognizes that such use would interfere with his services to his country.

In behalf of the membership of The First Methodist Church of Barnum Minnesota, assembled today in their annual congregational meeting, we wish to publicly express to you our appreciation for your attitude and your statement on this matter.

Cordially Yours

Rev. Gordon E. Bailey- Dist. Supt.

Rev. David S. McGuire- Pastor.

Mrs. Nels M. Wieberg- Secretary.

David S. McGuire

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
AND
COLT MEMORIAL PARISH HOUSE



nor do I consider this matter
as unimportant. I think ^{one}
of the main questions confronting
America and the world is
whether we have sufficient
moral and spiritual weight
and balance to judge rightly
of the significance of the terrible
events through which the world
is passing.

Certainly, as you suggest, such a
prize would be inappropriate recog-
nition. It is a long way from the
picture of Captain Richenbacher
praying for a raft to this sug-
gestion of his.
I am not a member of any
Temperance Society. Most respectfully,
C.C. Colaninno

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
AND
COLT MEMORIAL PARISH HOUSE

Apr. 17, 1944

General Douglas MacArthur
So. West Pacific Area



My dear General:

I want to express to you my very sincere admiration for your decision concerning the case of Scotch Whiskey which was to have been offered as a recognition for the skill of one of your Pilots in destroying Japanese airplanes.

My own reaction would not count for much, or be worth your while to receive; however I feel that it will represent a very large section of public opinion.



White Hall, Ill.

4-17-'44

General Douglas M^cArthur
S. W. Pacific
Dear Sir:

When I heard over the radio this morning that you said a case of whiskey was not a proper gift for the man who broke Captain Richters's record, I was so glad, I felt an urge to write you my commendation.

I am a farmer, living in the south west part of Illinois, trying to live an honest Christian life. I believe these United States and the world for that matter, needs a good dose of old time Christian morals. We can't get far as a drunken nation.

I have been a Democrat all my life but I feel now I am 100% for you.

Yours truly
Noville R. Hicks

118 Jerome. Pa.,

Bala-Cynwyd. Pa.

Apr. 16, 1944



My dear General

Along with thousands of good Republican parents, I sit in fear and trembling lest you permit yourself to be beguiled into forsaking our sons in the S. N. Pacific, for the news that is Washington.

Please set us all straight on this, that our burden may be eased, and we can carry on with hope. born of confidence in your supreme leadership.

Sincerely yours

Miriam M. Sugar
(Mrs. J. E. Sugar)

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
Office of the Commander in Chief

24 May, 1945.

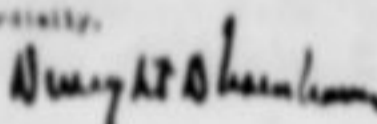
Dear Mr. Northington:

I am grateful for your letter and for the salute sent to these Allied Forces by you and the members of your Sunday School Class. Since the time you wrote that letter, on May 25th, you have read of the final and complete defeat of the Axis Forces facing us in Africa. This continent has been freed forever of the influence of two of the greatest criminals of our time.

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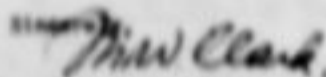
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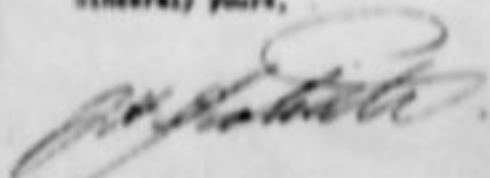
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Praying Boys (continued)

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Eugene, Oregon, 4-16-44

Gen. Douglas MacArthur

Army Headquarters

South West Pacific

Dear General MacArthur.



The news of your ruling, that Maj. Dick Song could not receive a case of Scotch Whisky has just now been flashed over the air by radio. Of all the courageous and wonderful things you have done during this war, I can think of none that, in my humble opinion is more worthy of note and commendation.

In a task where clear minds and strong bodies are the greatest stock in trade, you have learned that "Scotch," or any other spirituous liquors are no asset, and especially so that true among fighter pilots.

We were also gratified to learn that Maj. Song has never drunk. However, he is not the only one in his outfit that is a total abstainer, as the Commander of his squadron, Maj. Gerald R. Johnson has never drunk intoxicants in his life. He is also our son.

On to the Philippines, and final victory.

Sincerely yours

H. V. Johnson

Eugene, Oregon

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General Douglas Mac Arthur
General Headquarters
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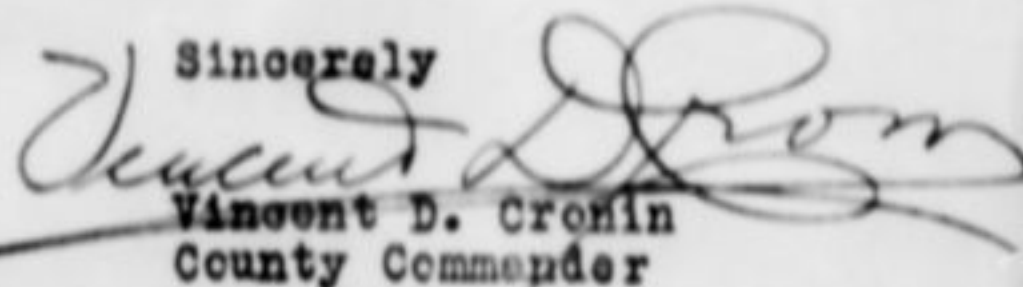
My dear General,

It is with great admiration and pride that I write you assuring you of the devotion we Veterans of World War 1 and 2 have for you and your years of devotion to your country as a great soldier who will go down in history as our greatest general.

You are the man of the hour whom all Americans are looking forward to as our next president, you are the same type of American as Teddy Roosevelt always defending and upholding America First and our Constitution.

With best wishes for many years of continued health and success I am,

Sincerely


Vincent D. Cronin
County Commander

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General Douglas MacArthur,
Commanding Officer, U.S. Army
in Australia,
25 Postmaster,
San Francisco,
California.

Mr. Wm. E. Ruffell,

2117 1/2 S. W.

April 15, 1944.

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Dear General MacArthur:

Items in the newspapers seem to indicate that you might possibly run for President in the next election. I have been talking to quite a few farmers here in S.F. Mrs. Weston, a most all of them hope you will run. A great many of us are good & tired of the New Deal. I have noticed in the last year that a good many who were formerly for Roosevelt are voting some one else for President. We think it is against all American ideas for one man to be President for 12 years. Our ancestors left Europe to get away from a one-man rule. A some of us are still opposed to that idea. A few say that we can't afford to wear horses in the middle of the stream. I think if you were the horse they could swap to, they would be willing to swap. You would be a good Commander-in-Chief. I would know how to swap out the car.

You are the most popular hero in the United States at the present time. I would poll more votes than Dewey, Truman, or any one else.

I was in the army in the other war. Lots of us old-timers surely would vote for you.

You are really our only hope for getting the present administration out of office. We certainly are tired of all their honey. So please run for President.

Sincerely,
Wm. E. Ruffell
(Wm.) Wm. E. Ruffell.

P.S. My wife endorses this!
W.E.



V MAIL

Jos. R. Neaves, Jr.
915 WHITTIER DRIVE
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA



April 14, 1944

General Douglas MacArthur
General Headquarters
Southwest Pacific Area
Australia

Dear General MacArthur:

I would like to express to you my hope that the efforts of Senator Vandenberg, Congressman Miller, and other good Americans, to have you nominated and elected President of the United States will be successful.

I feel that not only should a grateful people bestow this honor upon you but that your qualities of leadership and your abilities would give to this country an Administration that would tend to correct the evils and unfortunate ways it has fallen into in the past twelve years.

As one American citizen, I take great solace in the possibility that you will be the next President of the United States of America.

Very respectfully yours,

J. R. NEAVES, JR.

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GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR
FOR PRESIDENT

SENATOR HENRY CABOT LODGE
FOR VICE PRESIDENT

April, 14th., 1944

DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

In Historic Bucks County

Noted

CARL WINKLER, Indiana State Chairman
1026 SHERMAN AVENUE
SOUTH BEND, IND.



Dear General MacArthur:

A few days ago, I mailed you via air, a letter which has been sent out to 1000 key people in the state of Indiana.

The response in your favor is wonderful.

There is no political machine backing you as yet, only a free will expression of the stalwart Americans who know that they need you.

The vote in Illinois is above our expectations-, much above, which shows that you are in the hearts of the people.

We need you as Commander-in-Chief to straighten out this global as well as home confusion. We feel that you and you only can instill renewed hope and confidence in the worried hearts of our brother Americans-, those who have made America great because of their FAITH in a democracy of the people.

We all love our great country and we earnestly desire that it shall remain free for our people.

YOU can make it FREE again for all of us.

We are not interested in any vice-presidential candidate at this time, for all we desire is that YOU be the good friend and deliverer for the coming four years in The White House of the PEOPLE.

Personally, I have no political ambitions. I want no reward. You as PRESIDENT is ample reward.

If you feel free to answer this humble letter, then I shall be very grateful.

Most Sincerely,
Carl Winkler
Carl Winkler



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EASTER
GREETINGS

Words and Cross on this Easter Card.

I masterly braided by hand.

Length of cord in feet, may I implore?

Measures four hundred and twenty-four;

The flowers are added to bring to you

A message completely sincere and true...

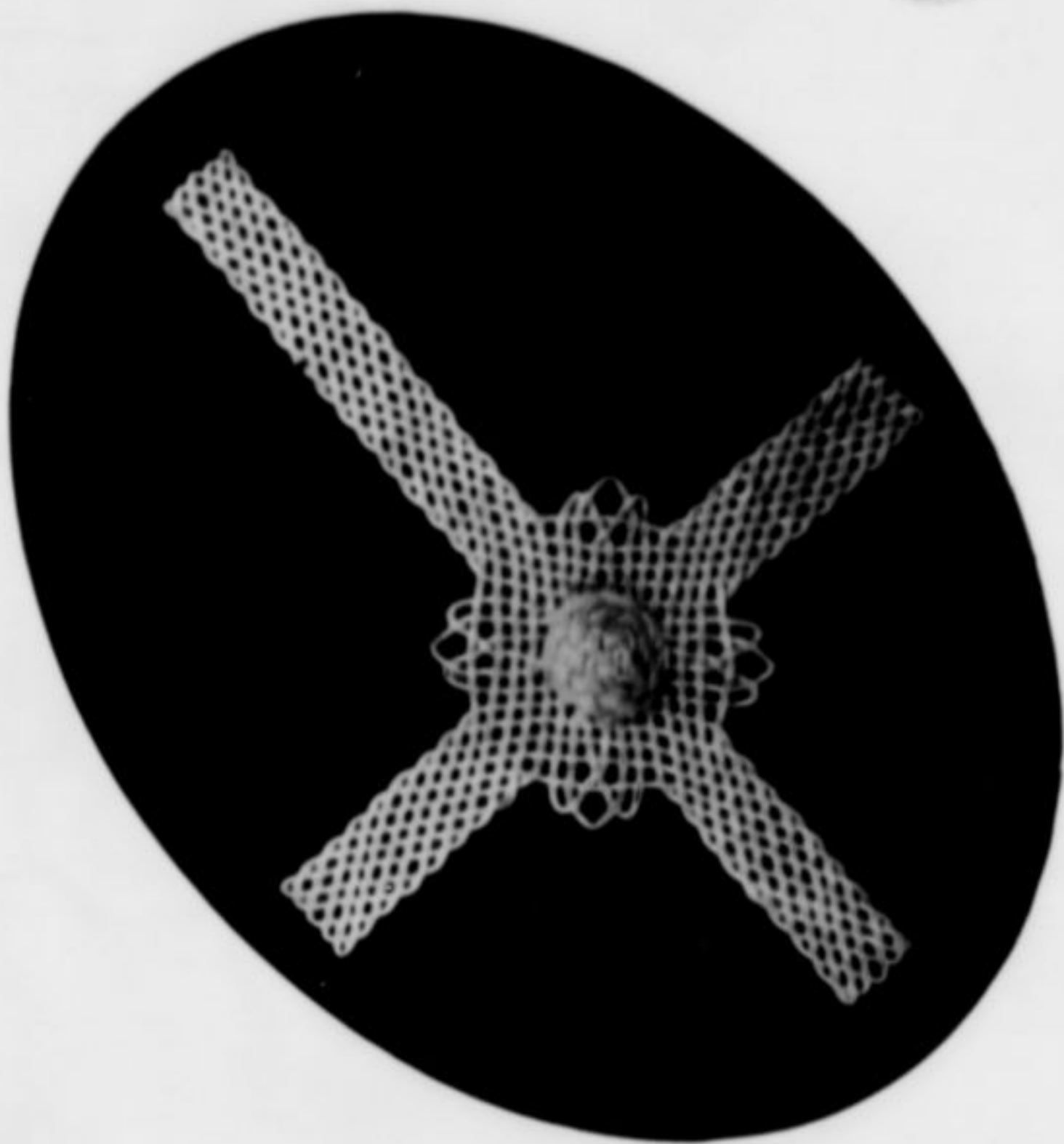
GOOD LUCK, HEALTH and HAPPINESS.



Alfred Anderson

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SCHEIDT & BODNER
NEW YORK



do my humble best and put in
my modest political contribution to-
wards seeing that you are given the
consideration which your abilities, char-
acter and merits deserve.

Very respectfully yours,
Alfred P. White Mason





76 Plymouth Street
Montclair, New Jersey

April 14, 1944

My dear General MacArthur,

Now that the news has finally been made public, may I congratulate you most heartily on your courageous stand against bureaucracy and New Dealism. I hope and pray that the Republican Party will have the good sense to offer you the nomination. I have had, for many years, contact with quite a few officers of the Regular Army, whose names, for obvious reasons, I will not mention (political censorship). I have heard from those who know, what a capable executive you are, as well as being a military strategist and tactician of the first order. Believe me, I am going to

F. A. SPIELMAN
502 EAST HURLINGTON STREET
FAIRFIELD, IOWA
DEALER IN U. S. STAMPS

4/13/44.



Gen'l Douglas MacArthur
Somewhere in Australia.

Dear General MacArthur,

As Iowa's original MacArthur for President sponsor, I have taken the liberty of expressing my sentiments by the use of the envelope enclosing this letter, an expression which has met instant approval by the American people, who are profoundly grateful for the wonderful service you have performed, in the face of a ruthless enemy abroad, and a jealous, incompetent, senile administration at home.

The American people want you to come home and as their commander in chief to finish the job. I have traveled much and talked to many people the past year, and I know the sentiment expressed in this letter represents the feelings of all true Americans.

With the kindest personal regards and God's blessing, I am,
Very sincerely,

F. A. Spielman

"They that honor Me I will honor,
and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed."
1 Samuel 2:30 L.V.G.



(2)
wells — by your testimony. In this day of
unknown plebiscite, and studied attack on
the Book of Books by men in high executive
places, and I am allowed to say, from ecclesiastical
platforms, it is most heartening to think of us who
are fighting the battle with good of an impregnable
Rocks! Not science, but pounds. Science is our
most precious antagonist! It is repudiating to note
that the last scientific thought of the age admit
that there is no explicit ~~proof~~ ^{truth} of the known fact of
scientific knowledge, and the old Book of

Why I say that my thousand lips were laid
in prayer for you continually and great success.
When last it all seems to me you to be guided,
We are having every confidence in your ability to make
good. It takes a place with the sin of the great
men — we can get plenty of men who can make
this a presidency. But — if you are.

Can't the committee you have brought.
For clearing out our way that policy to which you
before, as shown noted very much had a faith in them,
namely the thought that you would not make me!
However, I cannot in accepting the matter I remain
know that in the provisions of the Rockfishin Church,
there is no power on earth, but only there in heaven
who sit under a Plebiscite committee! So, I cannot
know anything, I salute you most heartily — not as my
superior in rank, but as, in my estimation, and
I just say in saying. It is in the determination of your
action that is that — the greatest ground of it is
get it on. I am, as usual, your brother in Christ
Wm. C. Fawcett

Matter — by your testimony. In these days of
 Mushroom philosophy, and studied attacks on
 The Book of Books by men in high educational
 places, and, I am ashamed to say, from ecclesiastical
 pulpits, it is most heartening to those of us who
 are fighting the battle on the ground of an infallible
 Bible. Not science, but pseudo-science is our
 most persistent antagonist. It is refreshing to note
 that the best scientific thought of the age admits
 that there is no conflict ^{between} ~~with~~ the known fact of
 scientific knowledge, and the Old Book.

May I say that many thousand lips move daily
 in prayer for your continued and greater success.
 We are not at all sure we want you to be president,
 tho we have every confidence in your ability to make
 good. It takes a MacArthur to win a difficult
 war — we can get plenty of men who can muddle
 thro a presidency! But ————— if you ac-
 cept the nomination you have my vote.

In closing let me say that failing to write you
 before, as above noted may have had a further reason,
 namely the thought that you greatly out-rank me!
 However, General, in capitulating the matter I remem-
 bered that, in the parview of the Presbyterian Church,
 there is no person on earth, and only Three in heaven
 who out-rank a Presbyterian Minister! So, General
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First United Presbyterian Church

REV. WM. G. FAUDETTE, MINISTER
1811 S. E. 39TH AVENUE
PORTLAND, OREGON

April 11/44

General Douglas MacArthur
A.P.O.
San Francisco, Cal.



Dear General MacArthur, I have several times thought of writing you to express my profound appreciation of your unequivocal stand as a Christian; your devotion for God, and consistent faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and your persistent and consistent giving the glory of your great and brilliant successes to God. But, General, the thought has invariably arisen, "The General gets so many letters from men much more important than I, that it would be a rank imposition for me to inflict myself on his intensely busy life;" and so I have resisted the constantly recurring impulse.

This morning the thought came that perhaps hundreds of other Christians have refrained writing you for precisely the same reasons, and so, at the risk of cluttering up your mail, I am writing this word, tho' the guard-house may be my fate should I ever fall into your hands!

I doubt very much, General MacArthur, that you have even a small realization of the tremendous gift you have given to the real Christians of America — and the world, for that

catastrophe that befell the great empire
of ancient Rome.

Sir, it not too late that, with the help
of God and the leadership of yourself, for
this country to again become a true
democratic country, where the rights of our
neighbors will not be respected and our
government shall again be one "Of the People,
by the People, for the People."

We beg of you Sir, to consent to the people's
desire and become a candidate for the leadership
of the greatest army on earth, that of all the
citizens of our United States of America.



Respectfully yours,
Herbert V. Hess
5614 N.E. 24 ave
Portland Ore



the fundamentals as set down in our constitution, that is, "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

There has come into our government so many bureaus, ABC: to XYZ:, that the average citizen, of which I am one, cannot begin to understand or comprehend the meaning of them.

Our present administration has, notwithstanding the fact that we are at war, led us into debt so deeply that the magnitude of the figures overwhelms us. Our children's children and their children will never be able to pay out monied indebtedness.

Too, our government is becoming one "of the people" only. - There are so many persons in the employ of our government that there are few of us left to be governed. We are headed straight for the great



Portland Ore
April 11, 1944

General Douglas MacArthur
Somewhere in the South Pacific

Dear Sir:

as one of "We the People" of the many millions that make our country the great country that it is, allow me to take this means to express my appreciation and gratitude for your most outstanding leadership of one of the finest armies on earth.

We here at home have every faith in you because you in turn have faith in God and there is no doubt but that He is working closely with you.

Sir, there is a greater army needing your leadership at this time, a most critical time for all of us. Our government has been slowly but surely departing from

A. L. MILLER
4TH DISTRICT NEBRASKA

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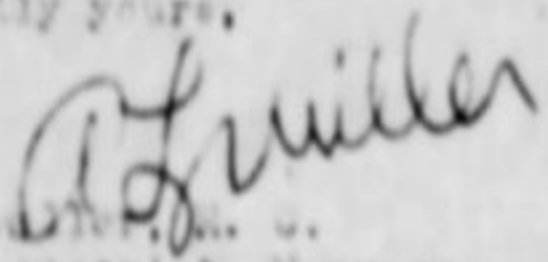
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PHONE ADDRESS:
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April 10, 1944

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American Expeditionary Forces
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My dear General:

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I am convinced, General, that such an approach would have an appeal in this country which would carry you to victory in a general election. Getting the nomination may well be the hardest problem to solve. Announcing that you would accept a draft would help get the nomination. You, of course, will know best how to issue the statement. I am merely making the suggestion as an individual who is close to the scene and feels that such an announcement would clarify the atmosphere as to your being available.

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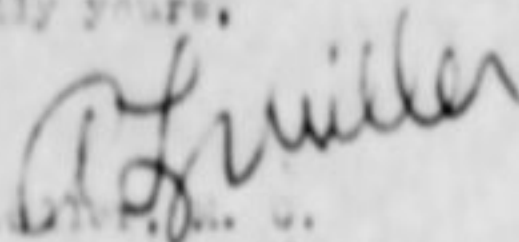
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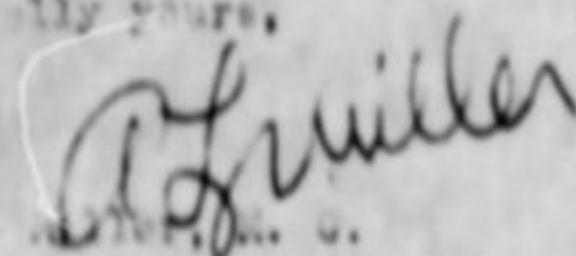
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Progressive contest
chooses, and there is no Democratic or ~~Republican~~
this year. However, with all these seeming advantages, the intelligence and
conscience of Wisconsin citizens are not the type to betray them.

This organization, the National Committee to Nominate Bricker or
MacArthur, a voluntary self-supporting body of American citizens, uncontrolled
and uninfluenced by any interests whatsoever, and having but one purpose, the
election of a new President of the United States, respectfully and earnestly
urge the voters of the great Badger State to stand by their favorite son, a
man of pure integrity and unsurpassed ability, not only in military affairs
but in the history and science of the American Government, a man who is humble
enough to get on his knees to ask for Divine Guidance, a man who has brought
distinction and glory to the State of his fathers and its people, General Douglas
MacArthur.



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P. S. Please send copy of issue containing this statement.



who had supported him primarily as a protest against the New Deal, to maintain a "loyal opposition to the government", as they do in England. But for him, it did not last long because he promptly swerved from his own charted course to become a loyal supporter of the President.

Other dispatches from Wisconsin state that Mr. Willkie has hinted he will bolt again in 1944 unless he himself is nominated. He is also quoted as saying that a man is not especially qualified for President because he has been a State governor. Since the organization of the Republican Party, fourteen men all told have been elected President. Seven of them had been governors of their respective states. They were, in order, Rutherford B. Hayes of Ohio; Grover Cleveland of New York; William McKinley of Ohio; Theodore Roosevelt of New York; Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey; Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts, and Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York; Warren G. Harding was Lieutenant Governor of Ohio prior to his election as President in 1920.

Mr. Willkie therefore does not agree with the country which chose these men, but some governors have been found to be exceptionally equipped to serve successfully in the White House. Mr. Willkie's own equipment consists of being a corporation lawyer in Akron and New York City, and the absentee owner of some farms in Indiana. The prestige he obtained by having been nominated for President in 1940 led to profitable connections with the film industry in Hollywood, Cal., and he is now chairman of the Fox Film Corporation which was planning to screen his book, "One World," in order to advance his presidential candidacy, but for some unannounced reason this has just been abandoned. Mr. Willkie has also become a director of the Lehman Corporation, international bankers of New York, with which former Governor Lehman is associated.

In the Wisconsin primary campaign Mr. Willkie may consider himself to have a decided advantage over the State's favorite son, and also over former Governor Stassen, of Minnesota, whose name has been entered, and Governor Dewey of New York, not an avowed candidate for President. In the first place, the heavy expenses of his cavalcade do not seem to bother him. Next, General MacArthur's military duties prevent him from addressing the voters; Governor Stassen is similarly inhibited, and Governor Dewey, of course, is consistently silent.

Another hoped-for asset lies in Mr. Willkie's chameleon changeability. Having supported all kinds of Presidential candidates before, he feels privileged to ask all kinds of voters, not merely Republicans, to support him on April 4. The Wisconsin law permits a voter to participate in any primary he



Similarly, Mr. Willkie has been appealing to Wisconsin Republicans as a Republican. General MacArthur, like his father and grandfather before him, has always been a Republican, an unbroken line since Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Willkie started out as a Democrat, and as such cast his first vote for President against Charles Evans Hughes, the Republican candidate in 1916, afterward Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1924 from Ohio, but he bolted John W. Davis, the Democratic nominee that year, and, being instinctively opposed to anything Republican, voted the Progressive ticket, which like the Democratic, was beaten by the Republicans. Afterwards he again supported Democratic candidates, and finally the New Deal ticket. When the New Deal passed legislation unfavorable to utility financial superstructures, thereby endangering their interests, he became a Republican.

He was a Democrat in Indiana where he first voted. He was a Democrat in Akron, Ohio, where he did law work for his first utility. He was a Democrat in New York City, and a Tammany County Committeeman for two years. According to his own biographical sketch in Who's Who in America, he was still a Democrat in the 1939-40 edition. Thus he feels privileged to lecture the historic Republican Party, with which he has never agreed except when it blundered into nominating him for President in 1940 under the tremendous pressure of the fabulous utilities, their bankers and advertising agencies.

Yet his gratitude was short-lived, for soon after his defeat that year he edged back into old Democratic affiliations, even ignoring Republican leaders when he decided to make a trip to England to get material to give supporting evidence to the Lend-Lease Bill. He has not hesitated in his Wisconsin campaign to traduce Republicans because he lost the election four years ago. A dispatch to the New York Times from Racine on March 23, 1944, from the competent and reliable James A. Hagerty, states:

"Mr. Willkie said there had been many analyses of reasons for his defeat by President Roosevelt in the election of 1940 and gave his own explanation of that result. 'The reason that I was not elected President in 1940 was that I had to lug the load of leaders of my party who opposed selective service and aid to Great Britain.'"

Evidence of his political changeability and ingratitude came right after his defeat. Within a week after the election he called upon the 22,000,000 voters



lie among other heroes in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia. The grandfather, also named Arthur, was a famous judge in Wisconsin, was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State, and for a short time served as Governor, the 5th of the State. The Wisconsin spirit rules the MacArthur heart.

The custom still exists in this country of using the hyphen in order to indicate the land of a citizen's birth or immediate ancestry, hence the terms Irish-American, Swedish-American, Italian-American, German-American, etc. The heaviest single European strain in the American population is German, official estimates being that it approximates 30,000,000 of a total population of 136,000,000, today. On that basis about 2,000,000 of the men in our armed forces can be said to be of that national lineage. They are all Americans. There is no doubt about the loyalty and patriotism of these people as a whole, and only a knave would question it.

Wendell Willkie is a German-American, his father having been born in Germany and emigrated to the United States on account of its more liberal form of government and wider personal opportunities. Of all the states in the Union, Wisconsin has the largest proportionate percentage of people of German descent. The understanding in political circles in the East is that is why he is conducting such a vigorous campaign for delegates there. He will go next to Nebraska which also has a high percentage of German strain.

There are German aliens in our midst who have been interned on account of subversive activities since we entered the war. Some, unjustly accused, yielding to a natural racial instinct and knowing of Mr. Willkie's great prominence and influence, have appealed to him for help, without avail. Loyal German aliens, aspiring to American citizenship, expected him to protest to the government at Washington against the Attorney General's differentiation between them as a class and loyal Italian aliens as a class, while Italy was still a member of the Axis and engaged in war against us. The Attorney General's order exempted the Italians from restrictive measures which were imposed upon the Germans. They likewise have prayed that he would be moved to protest the practise of the invasion of their homes without search warrants by Government agents in violation of the Bill of Rights.

But, with regret they heard the voice of Mr. Willkie, instead, raised in behalf of Communists, notably the man Schneiderman from the Pacific Coast whom gratuitously he saved from denaturalization and deportation before the United States Supreme Court.



The significance of the colloquy quoted was instantly comprehended by the people of the United States, and they were stupefied. Willkie had been condemning the President for his warlike attitude during the campaign when he was seeking election, but now that he had lost it, he approved the President's course wholeheartedly. Is the country to assume that whatever he says when appealing for votes or delegates should be taken with a grain of salt?

General MacArthur's words are depended upon in Wisconsin, everywhere in America, all over the world. They believe him in the Philippines when he promises the Islands will be freed from the merciless Japanese yoke. He did his first fighting there as an American soldier immediately upon leaving West Point, under his famous father, Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur, and it was when the first Filipino insurrection was in progress that another distinguished Wisconsinite, John C. Spooner, performed a great patriotic service for his country.

The Democratic Party in Congress, to the shocked amazement of the country, for political reasons was creating difficulties for American troops, Wisconsin volunteers among them, who had been fiendishly attacked. For two days the celebrated orator from the Badger State had to plead for Congressional support of American boys battling desperately in tropical jungles. When he concluded, he had carried the day over unpatriotic Democratic opposition, and the Senate had heard one of the most thrilling orations in its history. The MacArthurs were constituents of Senator Spooner, and if he were alive he would vote for Douglas MacArthur on April 4. So would Wisconsin's other famous orator, the elder Bob LaFollette, according to his younger son, Phil, who served the State as Governor three times, and today is on MacArthur's staff in the Southwest Pacific.

Douglas MacArthur is properly called the favorite son of Wisconsin although he happened to be born in Arkansas; that was due to the assignment of his father to the southwestern frontier to subdue Indians who had gone on the warpath. In those days a regular army officer never knew in advance where sudden duty would call him. Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur dropped dead in 1912 while delivering a memorial address in Grand Army Hall in Milwaukee to the survivors of the "famous 24th Wisconsin" of the Civil War. He was buried in Milwaukee until a grateful Federal Government had him disinterred so he could

covetousness, would take us into "One World", forever to lose our priceless entity.

MacArthur, whose statements contain permanent truth and real value, and Willkie, whose fervid eloquence evaporates into mere "campaign oratory" when the spigot is turned off. Lest we forget, that is how Mr. Willkie himself stigmatized vital utterances of his during the 1940 campaign when he was the Republican nominee for President. They are his own words, and are quoted from Page 905, of a volume entitled, "Foreign Relations Hearings, 77th Congress, 1st Session, on S-275", which means Senate Bill No. 275. This is what was known as the Lend-Lease Bill, and Mr. Willkie was testifying, early in 1941. He had just returned from England where he had witnessed some of the destruction done during the air blitz, and was urging all possible help to England in her struggle for survival.

During the 1940 campaign he repeatedly charged President Roosevelt with seeking to get us into the European War and never ceased criticizing him harshly for it. He predicted that after the election the President would have us in the war regardless of all his assurances to the contrary, until finally the President in his famous "Again, again and again" speech in Boston was goaded to promise the "fathers and mothers of America" that their sons would never be sent to a foreign war.

Page 905 of the volume referred to contains the following colloquy:

Sen. Nye: In September or October (1940) you declared: I believe we should keep out of war at all hazards.

Mr. Willkie: Yes, and I think this bill provides the method of keeping out of war.

Sen. Nye: You stated further: We are being edged toward war by an administration which is alike careless in speech and in action.

Mr. Willkie: Yes, sir.

Sen. Nye: One more assertion of yours, that of October 30: On the basis of his (that is, Roosevelt's) past performance, with pledges to the people, you may expect we will be at war by April, 1941, if he is elected.

Mr. Willkie: You ask me whether or not I said that?

Sen. Nye: Do you still agree that that might be the case?

Mr. Willkie: It might be. IT WAS A BIT OF CAMPAIGN ORATORY. I am very glad you read my speeches, because the President said he did not.

Senate Bill 275 was the counterpart of House Bill 1776, which is the designation of that law officially.



NEW YORK, MARCH 31, 1944 -- FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

FROM: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE BRICKER or MacARTHUR,
7 East 42nd Street, New York, N. Y.
Murray Hill 2-5686



The National Committee to Nominate Bricker or MacArthur, through its director, John A. Schaefer, called upon the voters of Wisconsin today, to support General MacArthur at the Presidential primaries next Tuesday. This organization has been working for the nomination of a genuine Republican and has proposed the distinguished Governor of Ohio and the famous General as outstanding types of men to guide the government of this country through the rest of the global war and the ensuing reconstruction period. Governor Bricker has not entered the primaries of the Badger State, hence the concentration upon General MacArthur.

The State of Wisconsin, notable for its sturdy citizenship and its adherence to sound principles, has an opportunity again to show the rest of the country that it possesses the power of discriminating between men who would serve them in public office. Outstanding in the Republican Presidential primary election on April 4 are, strictly, two men to choose from, a favorite son and an outlander:

Douglas MacArthur, brilliant soldier and patriot, and Wendell L. Willkie, utility lawyer and citizen of the world.

MacArthur who, like his father and grandfather, long has been endeared to the people of the State, and Willkie who has spent the last fortnight trying to sell himself to them.

MacArthur, a life-long Republican like his Wisconsin ancestors, and Willkie, of Indiana and New York, a life-long Democrat and other things political, until the great utilities whom he was serving, ^{proclaimed} ~~announced~~ him ~~into~~ a Republican and, hypnotizing a confused national convention in 1940, stuck his name at the head of the ticket.

MacArthur who, in the Southwest Pacific is fighting for the United States of America and the preservation of its noble Republican institutions, and Willkie, synchronized with old Vesuvius's latest eruption, rampaging through the country, threatening to rip out the viscera of Republican defenders.

MacArthur, who as long ago as 1935, solemnly warned the Congress at Washington against unsound peace propaganda and unpreparedness which obstructed national defense, and foresaw that "OTHER NATIONS WILL SOON BE READY FOR THE SACK OF AMERICA," and Willkie who, eyes closed to other nations' jealous

DEWEY STILL BARS TALK OF CANDIDACY OR OTHER POLITICS

His Position Entirely Clear, He Says, and 30-Day Bills Keep Him Wholly Engaged

PLANS A SPEECH TO STATE

92 of 93 Delegates From New York Are Believed Certain for Him—Marvin Swings

Special to The New York Times

ALBANY, April 6—Governor Dewey, at his first press conference since Wendell Willkie withdrew from the race for the Republican Presidential nomination, declined today, as he has in the past, to become an avowed candidate.

Before newspaper men could ask him questions concerning his plans, he told them:

"There will be no comment on any political questions. I am wholly engaged with the 900-odd thirty-day bills."

The Governor replied "no comment" to a question as to whether Mr. Willkie's withdrawal, and his own long lead for the nomination, had resulted in a decision on his part to announce his candidacy.

"I have discussed that subject so many times," he added, "that my position on it is entirely clear."

No Sign of Changed Attitude

Governor Dewey has stated that he is devoting himself "wholly and exclusively to the affairs of the State of New York." All signs at the press conference were that he will continue to take that attitude.

In response to a question he said he had received a great many messages from all parts of the country since the Wisconsin primary and Mr. Willkie's withdrawal, but he did not reveal who sent the messages. He made no comment on a statement by the Republican Mayor of Baltimore, who talked with him in New York City recently, that he is "100 per cent a candidate."

Governor Dewey said he would deliver a radio talk to the State at the end of the thirty-day bill period next week, and that it would be a "full length report to the people of the State on the legislative session and on the business of the State."

He made a similar talk last year.

Plans a 10-Day Rest at Farm

In keeping with the practice of other Governors, he will leave Albany at the end of the bill period for a ten-day rest. He expects to spend it at his farm at Pawling and he indicated that it will not be interrupted by statements on national matters.

Mr. Dewey spent his first day after becoming what many people consider the almost certain nominee of the Republican National Convention answering mail, conferring with department heads, acting on bills and conducting clemency hearings in the cases of three condemned men.

When he was asked if he planned any major speeches outside the State in the near future he said that his next scheduled speech, after the radio report to the State, will be before the American Newspaper Publishers Association April 27.

"I have made no speeches outside the State since I became Governor," he added, "and I do not expect to make any."

He plans to attend the annual Governors conference at Hershey, Pa. late in May.

Marvin Shifts to Dewey

Governor Dewey was assured yesterday of at least ninety-two of the ninety-three delegates from his home State of New York, as a result of Mr. Willkie's withdrawal from the race. Of the eighty-five district delegates already selected, Mr. Dewey had eighty-two and Mr. Willkie had three, his supporters being Holland B. Marvin and William L. Hinds of Syracuse, and Stanley M. Isaacs of New York.

Mr. Marvin, in an interview here yesterday, again expressed his admiration for Mr. Willkie as a great American, and said:

"I have always said I would support the candidate I believed to be the strongest. In view of the Wisconsin results, I am convinced that it is Tom Dewey, and I shall unreservedly lend my support to his candidacy, the same as I did when he was a candidate for Governor."

Mr. Hinds, selected as a delegate by Mr. Marvin, the Greenbacker

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"IT'S FILM PLEASURE," says the Mirror of "The Great King" the Technicolor Warner Bros. picture now at RKO Neighborhood Theatre all over town. Buy Charles Chan & Charles Co. - Advt.

likely leader, is expected to follow Mr. Marvin's lead.

Mr. Hoover refused to comment, saying:

"Mr. Willkie's withdrawal does not detract from the validity and importance of the principles for which he fought. They are so fundamentally sound that I am confident the Republican convention will incorporate them in the platform to which any candidate it selects will be committed. An isolationist platform or a platform which tends toward isolationism will wreck the party and lose the election, and of course there can be no compromise with fact, abroad or with its friends or supporters here.

"I intend to wait for definite expressions and commitments as to this before deciding what candidate I will support."

The remaining eight delegates, all to be picked from the State at large, will be chosen at a meeting of the Republican State Committee in Albany next Tuesday, and with the Dewey forces firmly in control of the State party organization, all will be for Mr. Dewey for President. The four definitely known to have been elected are National Committeeman J. Russel Sprague, National Committeewoman Jessie Mae Weis of Rochester, Vice Chairman Edwin J. Jackle, and Chairman Jane H. Todd.

MacArthur Showing is Hailed

John A. Schaefer, national director of the Committee to Nominate Bricker or MacArthur, issued a statement here yesterday declaring that Mr. Willkie had met "his Waterloo" in Wisconsin and generally hailing the results of the primary there. Speaking of the showing made by delegates pledged to support General Douglas MacArthur, Mr. Schaefer said:

"General MacArthur's showing, considering the fact that he was silent during the campaign, was highly complimentary to his Wisconsin advocates, and it is safe to say that if a campaign as extensive and intensive had made in his behalf as Mr. Willkie's and Governor Dewey's he would have been the first choice of the voters of Wisconsin.

"While the atmosphere has been cleared by Mr. Willkie's retirement, it does not by any means follow that the choice of the Chicago Convention is already settled. But the way has been opened for a sportsmanlike contest among qualified Republicans. We have two candidates, either one of whom we have been advocating as particularly qualified to lead the Republican cause to success.

"Governor Bricker of Ohio and General MacArthur are these men."

New York Times



The Willkie Announcement

From a Staff Correspondent

OMAHA, April 12.—The text of Wendell L. Willkie's statement tonight, announcing his withdrawal from the race for the Republican nomination for President follows:

"It has been my conviction that no Republican could be nominated for President unless he received at the convention the votes of some of the major Mid-Western states. For it is in this section of the country that the Republican party has had its greatest resurgence.

"Therefore, I quite deliberately entered the Wisconsin primary to test whether the Republican voters of that state would support me in advocacy of every sacrifice and cost necessary to winning and shortening the war and in the advocacy of tangible, effective economic and political co-operation among the nations of the world for the preservation of the peace and the rebuilding of humanity.

"The result of the primary is naturally disappointing and doubly so since the delegate who led at the polls is known as one active in organizations such as the America First, opposed to the beliefs which I entertain.

"As I have said many times, this country desperately needs new leadership. It is obvious now that I cannot be nominated. I therefore am asking my friends to desert from any activities toward that end and not to present my name at the convention.

"I earnestly hope that the Republican convention will nominate a candidate and write a platform which really represents the views which I have advocated and which I believe are shared by millions of Americans. I shall continue to work for these principles and policies for which I have fought during the last five years."

In declaring that any Republican candidate picked at a conference in a "smoke-filled room" would certainly be defeated, Mr. Willkie at Grand Island asserted that the Republican party could win only if it adopted a forthright course, held an open convention and nominated a candidate and adopted a platform that would attract the millions of independent voters who were ready to vote against the Roosevelt Administration.

"If we don't do that, we will see the votes disappearing just as the leaves disappear under the blight of cold frost," he said. "The people will vote for the retention of the President in power. They will say that he is the lesser of two evils."

Mr. Willkie asserted that the American people had a clear recollection of the Republican National Convention of 1920, just after the close of the last war.

"The Republican party met in convention at that time, presumably to represent the will of the people, but actually was controlled by a small group of men who gathered in a hotel room," he said. "That convention resulted in the nomination for President of one of the most tragic figures in the history of our country. He was not a bad man, but he always had stood for those who had selfish interests of their own or who protected selfish interests, and persons of that type always demand of the men they select a destructive price."

"The American people recall that 1920 convention at which combinations prevented the nomination from going to any of the men who in those days were speaking for their interests. One of those figures speaking for the people particularly on domestic matters was Gov. Frank O. Lowden. If Governor Lowden had been nominated and elected in 1920, the farm problem would have been solved and the Republican party would not have lost the farm States later through disregard by the Republican party of the farm problem."

Holds Peace Plan Paramount

Mr. Willkie added that if the Republican party gave the slight-



WILLKIE ASSAILS 'BACK ROOM DEALS'

**In Nebraska He Warns Against
Repeating Harding Error
in 1920 Nomination**

By JAMES A. HAGERTY

Special to The New York Times

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 3
—In speeches at Hastings, Kearney and Grand Island, Wendell L. Willkie warned leaders of the Republican party today that any repetition of the deals and combinations which resulted in the nomination of Warren G. Harding for President in 1920 at this year's national convention in Chicago would bring about the party's inevitable and overwhelming defeat.

Warning that millions of independent voters would resent such a method of picking a candidate for President and adopting a platform, Mr. Willkie asserted that he was opposed in the Nebraska preference primary by a combination of supporters of other candidates and representatives of selfish interests who were seeking to block his nomination.

"I believe, if you will examine the persons and forces that are seeking to work out combinations, deals and trades in the present primary in Nebraska, you will find they are of the same type," Mr. Willkie said. "You will find that they are the persons who look upon Government as something to be exploited for their own selfish interest, persons who have a selfish interest in blocking or advancing legislation in which they or the interests they represent have a financial stake.

"They should oppose me, for I am opposed to them. I am very proud of those who support me, but I am almost as proud to have invoked the type of opposition which I have."

Groups Combine on Stassen

Mr. Willkie's only opponent for the preference vote is Lieut. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota, now on active duty in the South Pacific.

On Saturday at a luncheon in Lincoln, which Mr. Willkie attended, Christopher J. Abbott, regarded as one of the wealthiest men in Nebraska and director of the Burlington Railroad, called upon Nebraska Republicans to start a movement to draft Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York for the Presidential nomination.

Mr. Willkie has received information that some supporters of other aspirants for the nomination, Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio and Gen. Douglas MacArthur as well as some leaders of the party organization, have combined to support Commander Stassen in the preference primary and oppose him.

National Committee to Draft Bricker and MacArthur

SUITE 810, 7 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Eastern Division: John A. Schaefer, Director



April 10, 1944

Dear General MacArthur:

If the censor does not interfere and your military duties permit, you will have an opportunity to read a document issued by this organization under its revised name, the National Committee to Nominate Bricker or MacArthur, to the Republicans of Wisconsin prior to the recent Presidential primary election. I am enclosing a press release which such of the advocates of your nomination as Senator Vandenberg, Lansing Hoyt, and others, and newspaper men who were covering the situation, have expressed the opinion was very effective in causing the result in the Badger State last Tuesday, which led to the withdrawal of Wendell Willkie from the race. You will observe that he devoted an entire day in Nebraska trying to answer salient features of our statement. (see clipping from New York Times, also enclosed). The other clipping is likewise from the Times and was in response to a request from the press for my views on the Wisconsin result.

The country continues to be thrilled by the news of your successes in the Southwest Pacific. With admiration and esteem, I am,

General Douglas MacArthur,
Southwest Pacific.

Encls. (3) clippings (1) manuscript.

With Sully yours,
John A. Schaefer
John A. Schaefer
Director



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THE GOVERNOR'S HOUSE
UNITED STATES SOLDIERS' HOME
WASHINGTON, D. C.

9th, April 1944.

My dear Doug: You have probably seen the inclosed many times and know it well but you may not have it with you so the thought came to me this Easter morning that I would send it to you.

My, what a mother and how she adored you. I think I was the second ranking boy in heart and she always made me feel that way.

Arthur Vandenberg and I talk about you from time to time and we cannot get up any argument to fight over. We think alike.

About three months ago I managed to beat the undertaker when I found out how expensive it was to die. I am recovering slowly now and by the middle of the summer will have my PEP back and be going strong again.

Blanche is a wonder. Half blind and on crutches but filled with a morale which would be a credit to any man's army at any time.

We watch for the reports of your doings over there and always with the greatest feelings of pride and satisfaction in your performance and the constant hope for greater fields for your unlimited ability.

I am still on this little boy's size job and putting into it all I have to offer. I feel you will some day be proud to see the improvements and developments I am trying to effect.

We think of you frequently and always with the greatest affection.

Our best to your grand little wife and boy and the hope we may soon see you here in person.

Do not try to answer this. You are too busy at other things while I have plenty of time to think of my friends and tell them of it.

My best to Dick Sutherland. His mother's death was a great shock to us. His father (Howard) is one of my dearest friends. We all love him.

Always affectionately your friend,

Fred Coleman



your ability to make "a little"
tell a concise and definite
story.

Because of your philosophy
of life and living - your clear
thinking and your faculty of
putting "first things first" - you
cannot but be blessed with
God given strength, integrity and
ultimately victory in all your
endeavors!

Sincerely -

Christine & Lee Albertson

204 E. Dickey St.

Maumee, Ohio.



April 9th 1944
Good Friday

General M^{rs} Arthur -

We have watched your progress since the days of Batavia. Your Communiques have been read with interest.

Altho, we have never written any public figure complimenting on a "job well done" - we feel it your just due to know that in a small town in the Middle West you are respected and admired for the stand you have taken - for your courage and fortitude in the dark days when your need was great - for



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8 April, 1944.

General Douglas MacArthur,
Commander-in-Chief,
Allied Forces, S.W.P.A.

Dear General MacArthur,

On behalf of all the members of the
W.A.A.A.F., I would like to thank you very
much for your message on the occasion of the
third birthday anniversary.

Your words were very heartening and
encouraging, and your generous gesture was
much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Clare G. Stevenson



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March 28, 1944



General Douglas MacArthur
Allied Headquarters
New Guinea

Dear General MacArthur:

In these intense days we know that every minute of your time is most valuable, nevertheless may we have your attention for just a minute?

While you are the directing force of a large division of our great army, we are an army on its knees to keep your army on its feet. Always mindful of your promise to return to Bataan we want to help you see that promise fulfilled by aiding you with our prayers. Although we are keeping a soldier's faith in our leaders we believe too that they need the help of the greatest ally of all - Almighty God.

Who are we? We are the Catholic student nurses of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Houston, Texas; young women between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two who can only help you with our prayers until such time as we are fully qualified to join the ranks of our fighting men.

For your special intentions then we have offered the enclosed Spiritual Campaign. Any Catholic Chaplain can explain it to you more explicitly. These prayers and acts of Charity were voluntarily offered to God for you by the members of Our Lady's Sodality. May God bless you and may the Easter Dawn beckon you to the resurrection of the Philippine Islands.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mavis Davis
Mavis Davis, Prefect.

8 April 1944.



Miss Nevis Davis,
Prefect, St. Joseph's
School of Nursing,
1910 Crawford,
Houston 3, Texas.

Dear Prefect Davis:

I have been greatly moved by your letter of March 29, telling of the prayers offered for me by your distinguished institution. It is through such that the will of God permeates the acts of man and I thank you for this great spiritual help which I so sorely need. Please express to the nurses of St. Joseph's School of Nursing my deep thanks and appreciation.

Most faithfully,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

ARTHUR JOEL

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MILLS TOWER, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (4)

March 31, 1944

General Douglas McArthur,
c/o Postmaster, Armed Forces,
San Francisco, California.



Dear General McArthur:

The San Francisco Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry have named the class which is taking the degrees of the Rite the "Douglas McArthur Class" in honor of your intrepid prosecution of the war against the enemies of Democracy. As you are aware, the Scottish Rite champions free government and liberal institutions and as we are aware, you are doing a tremendous part in restoring such institutions to the people of the world.

May I, as an officer of the San Francisco Bodies, ask you to send to us a word of inspiration in the task that we are doing that can be presented to the class which is making its journey toward the light of truth.

With very kindest wishes and with the fervent prayer that God will prosper you in your efforts, I am

Fraternally yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Arthur Joel'. The signature is written in dark ink and has a long horizontal line extending from the bottom of the 'J'.

AJ/ME

8 April 1944.



Mr. Arthur Joel,
Attorney at Law,
Hills Tower,
San Francisco 4, California.

Dear Mr. Joel:

I cannot tell you the sense of distinction I feel in knowing that the San Francisco Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry have named the current class which is taking the degrees of the Rite in my honor. I trust that its members will find the same degree of comfort in the significant precepts of Freemasonry that I have and I pray that my own conduct may be such as to be worthy of serving as a guide to these young men.

With cordial regard,

Fraternally yours,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

③
The people of America wish a man who has the ability, the experience and leadership to make the office of the Presidency of the United States an office which will rank in dignity second to none throughout the world. The choice of millions of people is you. Many clubs throughout America have been organized to promote your nomination. Such prominent senators as Arthur Vandenberg and Robert LaFollette are beating the "MacArthur for President" tom-toms. Right here in my own community Nyack, N.Y., I am Junior President of "Draft MacArthur for President Club."



②
And ever since you have become an outstanding figure in this war by demonstrating your ability, courage, and leadership, I have spoken of you as a potential Republican nominee for the office of the Presidency of the United States. Not only in school but also before the Nyack Republican Club I have given speeches on your behalf and I have been amazed by the great amount of popularity you hold in my community. Undoubtedly you have heard of the Wisconsin primaries and the results of others. You are first or second in each one; a result which proves my statement of your popularity.

I am inclosing a pamphlet which my club has secured from the Read Club in Chicago and which is being distributed throughout America. I hope it will succeed in proving to you my point. I am also inclosing a portrait of you which I drew in school and which met the approval of Col. Lee Allan, one of your officers in the last war. I hope it meets your approval also.

To conclude, I do wish you would honor me and my community with a return letter. Meanwhile, Wappy Easter to you, your staff, and your men. God bless 'em' if you. Return soon, we miss you all.
Respectfully yours,
Robert Gross.



124 Sickles Avenue
Nyack, New York
April 7, 1944

General Douglas MacArthur
Supreme Commander of Allied Forces
Southwest Pacific Area
Australia

Dear General:

I realize that at the present time there isn't a busier man in the entire world than you and that I shouldn't bother you with matters not concerned with the operation of the war. However, as my mother says, "What isn't worthwhile asking for, isn't worth having." Therefore, I have decided to take a chance that you would read and maybe answer my letter.

First, I am a senior in the Nyack Jr.-Sr. High School and I am a great admirer of you and your old General, John J. Pershing.

Atlanta, Ga., U.S.A.
6 April 1944

General Douglas MacArthur
Commander-in-Chief,
Port Moresby, New Guinea.

PERSONAL ATTENTION, PLEASE.



Dear General MacArthur:

This letter is written on the second anniversary of the beginning of prayer for your Divine Guidance by the members of the Boys' Bataan Prayer Band and their teacher. As the pagan plunderers of mankind continued their lawless conquest of the South Pacific and revealed themselves in all their criminal brutality, we youngsters received a flaming message by mail from you which was destined to be heard around the globe: "With Divine Guidance, we cannot fail."

Never has mortal man in the midst of world chaos dispatched such stirring and dramatic words as these. They inspired us boys and our teacher with a fighting faith and a lofty theme to venture into a prayer program for all the Allied war leaders, which God has greatly used for His glory against the enemies of righteousness. In their fiendish surge Southward the hordes of Hirohito were soon to learn that the great coach who left Bataan would soon send a fresh team on the field of battle which would suddenly stop their savage drive on the 1-yard line of world history.

Often men are unconscious of the sublimity of their words and the things that follow as a result of them, but we boys want you to know, General MacArthur, that these thrilling words of yours prompted a boys' program of personal intercession for the men in charge, which has enriched the lives of us all and countless others. Therefore, since this is the second anniversary of the launching of our prayer program and since you were the first on our list, we shall eagerly await a personal acknowledgment from you, General MacArthur, to appropriately signalize this occasion. We hail you again on your daring thrust into the Admiralty Islands.

"As thou goest, step by step, I will open up the way before thee." (Prov. 4:12)

Yours sincerely,

James D. Worthington
James D. Worthington, S.S. Teacher
Capitol View Methodist Sunday School,
AND

686 Lexington Ave., S.W.
Atlanta, Ga., U.S.A.

Signed by: members of: Boys' Bataan Prayer Band
We pray on and on.

Jed Gily
Bobby Smith
Alan - Bailey
Arthur Slocum
Joe Everett
W.S. Turnipsseed
Jack Cumbly

H.L. Keeling Jr.
John Hobbs
Bill Slik
Wendell Powell
Henry M. Lee

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Kelley Chapman
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Clayton Clark
Enginarazier
Jack Stunichin
Billy Colley



Going to market near Manila.

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Box 209,
Waterville, Kans.

General Douglas MacArthur,
United States Army,
Somewhere in Australia.



October 27, 1942

Dear General:

Inclosed resolution expresses a unanimous sentiment of our members as well as the reasons therefore, and it gives me a great deal of pleasure personally in forwarding same in the hope You may accept it in the same spirit in which it is being offered.

Since provisions of our By-Laws, governing admission to membership, automatically includes one's wife, we naturally recorded the name of Mrs. D. MacArthur together with Yours as permanent members of The Thirty-Second U.S. Volunteer Infantry Association, kindly inform Mrs. MacArthur that the Ladies of our Association feel extremely proud of having her name on our rolls.

Membership badges are also here-inclosed.

Wishing You continued successes and final victory over our enemy,

I remain,
Very Respectfully Yours,

(Sgd) E. A. Hambleton,
President, 1942.

3 inclosures

A true copy:

Mrs. J. M. Richards
Mrs. J. M. Richards,
Secretary-Treasurer.

"OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY"

Reunion To Be Held At Leavenworth, Kans., Fri., Sat. & Sun., Sept. 15, 16, 17, 1944



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My Dear General:

Inclosed herein please find copy of letter which evidently was lost in the mail together with another dated May 14, 1943, of same nature, easily accounted for during these disturbed days.

As announced at the bottom of this letter, we are arranging for our Tenth Anniversary and it is with this in mind I am making another effort to contact the General and in return receive a few words to be read during our services at Fort Leavenworth next fall.

All of us have followed with considerable interest your successful advances and we all hope that you will be able to make good your promise to the Filipino people and once more set your foot on the Rock. When that happens Mrs. Richards and self would sure love to be there ourselves, having soldiered their from March 4, 1911 to April 4, 1924. With exception of a few nipa shacks on middle side, occupied by a company of U.S. Engineer Corps, nothing but underbrush and scattered trees, criss-crossed by trails, was visible between the wharf and topside. The electric streetcar system had been in operation for only two months and a cable line was hauling all heavy freight from shore to top.

Again wishing you and your troops much success, I remain,
Most Respectfully,
E. A. Richards

"OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY"

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6 April 1944.



Dear President Richards:

I appreciate very much the action of your distinguished association in making me an honorary member. I accept with real pleasure. The previous letters written by President Hasbleton failed to reach me. With every good wish for the success of the September reunion -

I remain,

Most cordially,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

Mr. E. A. Richards,
President, 52nd United States
Volunteer Infantry Association,
Waterville, Kansas.

1317 SHERIDAN AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA



[April 4, 1944]

My dear General MacArthur:

We all know that there is nothing that keeps up the morale of "our boys" so much as the latest (7) news from the old home town, so I am taking the liberty of sending you a newspaper from your home town, hoping that it may take your mind off the burden you are carrying these terrible days.

It came to us among about a ton of papers of my grandfather's that were sent to us a week or two ago. Neither he, nor my old aunt among whose things these papers came to us, ever threw away a letter, and we have enough Arkansas history of the Civil War days to fill a library.

He was a Circuit Judge and an abolitionist and lived a most interesting life.

I wish it were possible for you to be in three places at once. We do need you so desperately at Cassino, and up in India. It's just too bad you are not triplets.

We are all so afraid you are not going to get enough material to finish off those slimy, little, brown "varmints" before they have time to dig in more firmly! Why the powers that be are putting the Japs in second place is more than I can see.

My father, who graduated from West Point in 1870, and General S.L. Sibert were great buddies, and just a week before General Sibert sailed, with the first contingent of our troops to land in France during the last War, he said "If this war does nothing else for the United States it will at least get us ready for Japan. For war with Japan is as inevitable as the sunrise."

Even so, it didn't do much to help you now, did it?

I know I speak for the whole Nation when I send my deepest gratitude for the wonderful way you are conducting your part of the conflict, and you have the thanks and prayers of everyone in the country, except for a few in Washington whose names I won't mention, we being a good Republican.

Hoping that you may enjoy the Little Rock paper I am,

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Potter Zebbens.

Tuesday, April fourth, 1944.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT—By Ripley



**FATHER OF GEN DOUGLAS MACARTHUR
BECAME A COLONEL AT THE AGE OF 19
AND LED HIS REGIMENT IN 9 GREAT BATTLES
BEFORE HE WAS 30 YEARS OLD
HE RETIRED AS LIEUT. GENERAL IN 1909**

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R MAJON, Westville, Ohio



**DANA
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MADE A
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HE HIT ON
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OF THE YEAR
1944



THE GUILLE'S
212 NORTH RUMSON AVENUE
MARGATE, N. J.

April 4th, 1944.

General Douglas Mac Arthur:

Dear Sir:— I thought you
might be interested. It is
comforting to know that men
like you are in command of
our fighting forces. The best of
luck to you. Respectfully

Mrs Alva Mac Guille

VIA AIR MAIL

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SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPERS

ROY W. HOWARD
240 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY

April 4, 1944.



My dear General:

I returned to New York last week from a little junket down to Panama aboard one of the new carriers, returning from the Canal Zone to New York via Miami, Florida, by plane.

While in Miami overnight, I had a short visit with President Quezon, and I'm sorry to tell you that his condition did not seem at all good to me. His voice was nearly gone, he is bedfast, and his general state seems to me to have deteriorated considerably since my last session with him in Washington prior to his going to Florida.

He told me that his weight had come up from a low of 112 pounds to 135 pounds, and that the lesions in his lungs had healed. He also said that he has no temperature. Later I talked to his Swiss physician, alone, and the physician admitted to me that the lung lesions had not healed.

The President told me that it was his intention to leave Miami, which has been hot and humid all winter long, early this month for Saranac Lake, New York. Upon returning to New York I find that winter weather still prevails there and will for some weeks to come. After making sure of this, I wrote the President and urged him to break his trip north by a stop-off at Asheville, North Carolina, remaining there until the weather warms up at Saranac. However, I fear that due to the inconvenience of the stop-off, he may not act on my advice.

I scarcely need tell you that his mind is alert as ever, and his spirit as unbroken. He improved a lot at Saranac last summer, and of course we're hoping that he'll do the same this year, but I'm afraid that his decision to go to the moist climate of Florida for the winter, instead of to Arizona as some of us had urged him to do, has not worked out to his advantage.

If and as I learn of any major changes in his condition, I will keep you informed. Meantime, the foregoing is, of course, between ourselves.

With all good wishes to you, I am,

Sincerely

General Douglas MacArthur,
American Army Headquarters,
Brisbane, Australia.

T. 1/1/25.

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WISHES ON GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

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Gen. MacArthur

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April 1, 1944

favorites; General Eisenhower and "old Blood & Guts" (God Bless him) Patton. This would give me an unequalled triumvirate and please me beyond all expression.

In closing, let me join in the homage paid you by Britain, in adding your name to the illustrious list of "the Knights of the grand cross of the order of the bath". I enjoyed nothing more (unless it was the modest nook given to American poets and men of letters) in Westminster Abbey, than that part of it/signing to the order of the bath. To see the riches it holds is most inspiring. I congratulate you, my dear General, most sincerely on this preferment. It is worthily bestowed.



Yours truly,

W. C. McArthur

Wm. C. McArthur
1018 Liberty Bldg.
Des Moines, Iowa

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April 1, 1944

General Douglas MacArthur
A. P. O. Postmaster
San Francisco, California



My dear General:

For sometime I have had it in mind to write you. The similarity of our names has alone prevented my doing so. Our branch of the Mc Arthur clan have always been very reluctant to claiming favor on account of kinship or even similarity in names. However, you have done such a magnificent job that every red-blooded American must raise his hat - yes, extend his open arms in salute to your achievements.

Some here feel that at the out-set, and for sometime thereafter, your command was discriminated against in the matter of supplies and help and that there may have been a tinge of political jealousy for fear lest you become too prominent politically. However, you, by your masterful conduct of affairs, have eradicated the harmful results of any such feeling. It was characteristic wisdom on your part to put aside all political ambition and, inspired by the love of country, devote your time and talents to your chosen profession and the country you serve.

I hope I may be pardoned by referring to this action on your part as a Mc Arthur trait. It is at least true of the McArthurs I know. My grand-father left Edinburgh early in the 19th Century. He was escorted to his ship by a detachment of British troops. He was what is known among the religionists of that day, as a "Dissenter" and ordered out of Britain. His wife died on ship-board on the crossing. He had seven daughters in Scotland. He re-married in this country and had seven sons. Could any higher praise be given the climate of the good old U.S.A.

I am enclosing what I think the best picture I have yet seen of you (clipped from a local paper). Most of the printed pictures of you are wishy-washy. This, to a great extent, reflects your character.

I expect you have been saying to yourself all along, as you read what precedes, what is this guy going to ask of me. Here it is - if you could spare me an original photograph, similar to the one I enclose, I would add it to my office galaxy of my military

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