

August 12th, 1949

The Consul General of the United States,
United States Consulate,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Benninghoff,

I write to express the appreciation of my wife and myself for the opportunity to meet Admiral Blandy and his officers aboard the "Newport News". We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and were charmed with the courtesies and hospitality we received.

Upon our return to Liverpool we found the town busy entertaining the officers and men of the destroyer "C.R. Ware". We ourselves had the pleasure of taking several young sailors for a drive along the coast, and later entertaining them in our home. They were cheerful and well-mannered boys and I only hope they enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed them.

Indeed our people here were all impressed by the excellent bearing of the United States personnel while ashore in our midst. They were a credit to their country and the Navy in which they serve, and their visit has left a most friendly and happy impression.

Sincerely,



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Halifax, Nova Scotia. August 19, 1949.

Thomas Raddall, Esquire,
Liverpool,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Raddall:

Many thanks for your letter dated August 12th regarding the opportunity you had last week of meeting Admiral W.H.P. Blandy and his officers. I know that the Admiral made a careful study of your book before coming to Halifax, and that he was very glad to be able to meet you, even for so short a time.

We greatly appreciate the kind things you say about the behaviour of the officers and men of the United States Navy, and I took the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Admiral Blandy. I am sure that he will be interested in the comments of an expert in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Merrell Benninghoff" with a stylized flourish at the end.

H. Merrell Benninghoff
American Consul General