

April 16, 1972  
37 Elgin St.  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Raddall,

I feel I must write to thank you for the many hours of enjoyment I have had from reading your books. I had no idea that history could be so fascinating. Only since I was introduced to these books by a friend, have I become aware of the exciting history that Nova Scotia has had, and they have given me an even greater pride in my province than I had before. Your works should be required reading for all history students in the province.

"Hangman's Beach" was a fantastic story and held me spellbound from cover to cover. The best I've ever read. I felt I was actually standing at the Thrum Cap or in the prison on Melville Island back in 1798. In fact, I did make a point of visiting the historical sights in the book and had a great time photographing everything. I found your descriptions so vivid and accurate. The view of Deadman's "Island" was unique, and standing on the hill at York Redoubt, WOW, what a view of the harbour approaches. There it was, the Hangman's beach, Thrum Cap, everything just as I had it pictured when reading about it.

I've read most of your books and plan to read them all. (I had no idea you had so many till a trip to the library and a look at your card file quite surprised me.) It must take years to write books like yours and be so accurate.

"His Majesty's Yankees" --- fascinating reading. "Pride's Fancy", "Roger Sudden", "Governor's Lady", all great. Being a radio op at VCS, I was especially interested in your "Nymph and the Lamp". Matter of fact that's what got me hooked on your books, looking for that one, and I'm thankful it did.

So thank you again for the hours of pleasure these books have already given me and the many more I know are yet to come.

Sincerely,



Eric L Haynes

April 19, 1972

Mr. Eric L. Haynes,  
37 Elgin Street,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Haynes:

Thank you for your letter. I am glad you are enjoying my books and it was very good of you to write and tell me so.

The fact that you are a radio op at VCS reminds me that after my return from a year's duty at VCT I was posted at the old VCS station at Camperdown, built in 1905 and abandoned about 1924 when Chebucto Head took over the station duties. As you know, a new station was built on Camperdown hill early in the Second World War. Now I'm told that this, too, has been abandoned for a new site at Ketch Harbour.

It was at old Camperdown in the summer of 1922 that I decided to leave the radio service and try my hand at something else.

With my good wishes,

Sincerely,