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OFFICE OF
THE MILITARY ATTACHE
AMERICAN LEGATION
THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

November 20th, 1919.

Dear Marshall:

Your letter to Colonel Davis asking that a search be made for certain private papers which you believe you may have overlooked when leaving The Hague has been referred to me for reply. We have carefully turned over everything moveable in the photographic laboratory, your former quarters in the wing, and in the kitchen, but in each case the result has been negative. Isn't it possible that, when making your hasty clean-up preparatory to pulling stakes, you chucked the missing papers into the basket in the laboratory? Several plates were found in the litter which had no right to be there. However, I will continue to keep my eyes peeled and will immediately let you know if anything turns up.

Things have changed greatly in the office since you deserted us in favor of Gawd's Countree. Your friend Major McBride was transferred to another post a month or so ago, Captain Rose and Major Bagley should now be wearing mufti in the U.S., while of the eight girls who loved you well but four are left to mourn you. The following, all of whom were on duty here with you, still answer to roll-call: Colonel Davis, Major Ord, Lieut deGruchy, Mme. Marquette, Miss Kramer, Miss Corbett, Miss Thompson, Jongmans, Boscoops, Henri, and, last but by no means the least, Corporal Flexer. You will note that Tryntje, Mlle. van Erpecum, Mmm. Spartenburg, Miss Taylor, Miss Wolcott, the Miss Joneses, and Corporal Howell are missing. Of course there have been several new arrivals but these would not be of particular interest to you. There are only two items for insertion in the matrimonial column. Miss Taylor, on her return to the States, lost no time in marrying Captain Waldo, who I believe you knew. Oliver de Grouch imported a first class wife from New York and has since been as proud of himself as if he had had a share in her upbringing. As for your humble servant; he, too, occasionally gets married and he takes this opportunity to remark that Dutch wives are far superior to their continental reputations. From the number of pretty young things who have stopped me with inquiries as to your present whereabouts, I judge that your memories of Holland are not entirely unpleasant. One other thing before I close this paragraph; we recently had a letter from Tindling in which he stated that his future address would be Honolulu. If Honolulu is the place it was in 1912-1913, Tindling may be congratulated; still, he would have been wiser had he returned to University for his degree.

What are you doing and where? Does it feel good to be in mufti? It seems that I am scheduled to remain on this side until next Spring but I shall be greatly surprised if I am compelled to spend all of that period in Holland. However, I am not complaining. As long as the Army can give me a comfortable position away from an outfit, and at the same time furnish me with a moderate amount of travel and excitement, they can retain my services. When my military days are over I have three very good positions waiting for my acceptance. So things are not so bad.

Drop a line to Holland when you have time.

Sincerely,

[Signature]