

San Diego, Calif.  
April 25, 1919  
(Dict. Apr. 24)

Col. H. H. Arnold,  
Commanding,  
Rockwell Field, Calif.

My dear Colonel Arnold:

I wish you would take a run up to the cottage at Cuyamaca Lake, almost any Saturday or Sunday. There is supposed to be very good trout fishing in the lake. They caught one last year weighing 7 pounds.

Yours very sincerely,

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1942.

Honorable Ed Fletcher,  
1020 Ninth Avenue,  
San Diego, California.

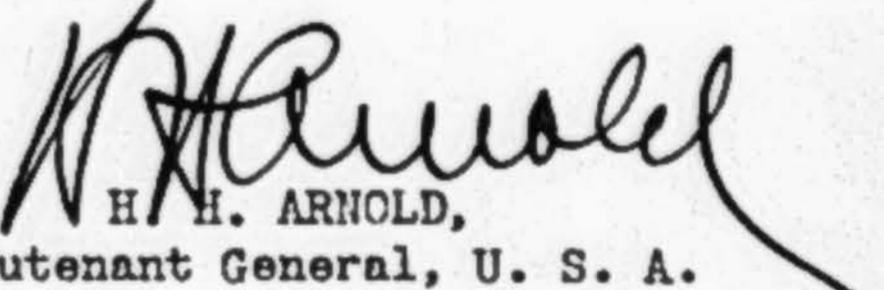
Dear Ed:

It was mighty good to hear from you again, and from the picture that you sent, you and your family are getting better looking every day. Actually, Ed, I have never seen a better looking family. It must be the California sunshine - or maybe they get their looks from their mother!

That trout fishing trip sounds to me like just what the doctor ordered. However, I want to warn you that I am skeptical about all that "water out of a rock" and "sweet lemons" racket of yours.

Perhaps we can get together in the not too distant future, and in the meantime with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

  
H. H. ARNOLD,  
Lieutenant General, U. S. A.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1944

Honorable Ed Fletcher  
1020 Ninth Avenue  
San Diego, California

Dear Ed:

It was a pleasure to hear from you and to have a detailed account of the activities of your son, Eugene, since he has been out and doing for the AAF. I recall the occasion on which you brought him to see me and though a lot of water has gone under the dam since that time, I remember him well and am glad to know that he has carved for himself such a substantial place in our organization.

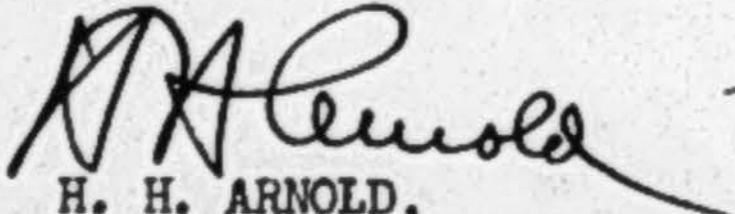
Rather than try to get any information regarding his present circumstances through sources here, I am electing to write directly to Eaker and will let you know what I find out as soon as I have a reply from him. We watch very closely to detect any signs of fatigue or over-strain, and if such applies to your son's condition, I have every confidence that he would be directed to ease up on himself. However, it well may be that his spirit and zest to do his job have encouraged him to play down his concern for his own welfare and I will ask Eaker to particularly look into this aspect of the matter.

In addition, I will try to get any releasable facts on the operation in which your son participated and on which you are still uninformed.

Sorry I couldn't get down your way when last I was in California but I was there only very briefly for a specific job and had no chance to think in terms of a trip to San Diego. If I am lucky enough to have a little time whenever I am in the West again, I would like nothing better than to drop a line with you for Tuna, Albacore and Yellowtail. It has been a long time since I've had any fishing on the West Coast, and very little of it elsewhere, for that matter.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

  
H. H. ARNOLD,  
General, U. S. Army.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
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WASHINGTON

May 17, 1944

Honorable Ed Fletcher  
1020 Ninth Avenue  
San Diego, California

Dear Ed:

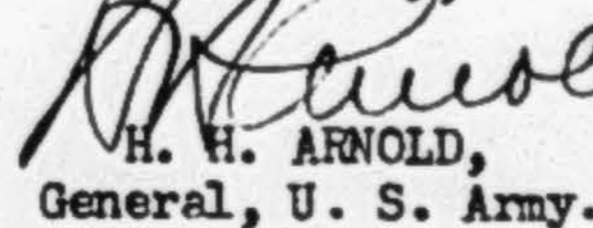
In spite of the reassurances you received recently from both your son and the War Department, I thought you would like to know that Eaker wrote me a few days ago that his health and circumstances have been looked into thoroughly and he not only is in the pink but is doing a grand job. The general officer to whom your son is directly responsible is more than enthusiastic in describing his capabilities. Here's what he has to say:

"Lt. Col. Fletcher's work has been of such a nature that I have recently recommended him for promotion to the grade of full Colonel, which promotion he will receive in the immediate future. Fletcher's outstanding work has also been observed by our Allies, the British Royal Air Force, with whom we are very closely associated. In recognition of his outstanding performance he has recently been decorated by the British Government and made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. Lt. Col. Fletcher is not war weary. He is enthusiastic about his present assignment and would be most unhappy if he had to return to the United States at this time."

All that should convince you that your son is not only a chip off the old block but is as gifted in helping reduce the Nazi air force as you are in cutting down the supply of tuna and yellowtail.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
H. H. ARNOLD,  
General, U. S. Army.



**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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