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BAREFOOT BARNACLE NO.1

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Dear Barefoots:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It's the "Barnacle" now 'cause it sticks. Not stinks we hope. Anyway, it's all for you with same lovunkisses in condensed form. Here's what's going on: We had a white Christmas, skating, some iceboating, but few out. Greatest thrill was the orchids K.L. and M. received for Xmas from the B.F.Y.C. "and others". We're so busy keepin 'em fresh and finding places to go! We don't know how to thank you...and we were REALLY surprised. Three hearts beat as one, for you're still a great gang.

Home for Xmas came Henry Bope, Doug Hoyt (now a Commander wearing hat with scrambled eggs), Jack Davis, Augie (who soon gets out of the hospital for good), Pete and Consie, both Fanjuls, Stew VanVliet, Nancy Byrd and her husband, Bunny, Kay, Oh, most everybody! Quite a few parties, too. The Weston Hausmans and Nancy gave a neat one to meet Weston's wife; The Van Vliets gave a wow to welcome Stew; The Fanjuls really went to town on a Sunday at home; the Dillons had their usual New Year's Party; The Mortons had a New Year's Eve blowout. Zale expected to spend Xmas in Paris. Bill Lippincott is home for 30 days - taller than ever. The Hances had a HUGE reunion; couldn't ~~all~~ get in the house at the same time! Brub goes to Stevens Jan. 14th for a refresher course of 5 weeks to see if he wants to go to college. Dick Hammer goes back to his old school on Jan. 2nd. Ormond Ritter took back his old job, but we don't know about Red. Gil Turner showed up at the Fanjuls party, nice as ever. Jack Arnold found an ice boat in his stocking Xmas morn - the Reindeer. IS HE TICKLED! Don and Mary Asay went south for a visit right after Xmas. The new ice boat looks lonely all covered up at the M.B.C. Barb is still our No.1 river gal; seen on the ice rain or shine. Edith Cleffman is back in the theatre and has an apartment in N.Y. Our own L. Sayre has a new car; so has Doc Rullman. Pat Dillon and her husband now live in Binghamton, N.Y.

Sig is married to an Army nurse named Dolores. He was married in Cal. on Dec. 6th. Mary C. Warren is married to Lt. Col. Greiggs of the Army Intelligence. (Also graduated from Blair.) Audrey Johnson has announced her engagement to David Wilson - who is quite a sailor. June Warner McCurdy has another baby girl.

Ed Rullman sent a cable from Vienna on Christmas. When last heard from he was in Luxembourg by mistake of the Army Transportation. Supposed to be in Salzburg now. We had a card from Jack Warren - still in Friedberg, and one from Guy VanNess of the New Jersey. What a ship! Jack Dean and his bride have an apartment in Norfolk, Va. as his boat didn't take off after all. Tom is a civilian once more. T. Lloyd is coming home from Alaska. Tom Schweers at the same post in Japan, as is Bob Davis. And Bill VanPelt, too. Don't know about Mont right now. Andy White just walked by. Mrs. Stewart Cook died just before Xmas and Warren Smock died right after Xmas.

Looking into cables for overseas, we find that for 66¢ we can say: "Darling-I hope you are still my Valentine-rumor not true". OR... "Consult lawyer before taking action-twins born"... OR just plain "No."

Little Joe was home around the holidays. Had the flu and was whisked off the sick bay at Earle. Still in love. Bill Wikoff is floating around the Brooklyn Navy Yard waiting for assignment. Gets home now and then. Capt. Irwin is sick. The MeaQ baby's picture appeared on their Xmas card looking very Meadish, too. Where's Walter now? Your three editors are now called: "Those Barefoot Women"! Major Schwartz brought home-of all things- a rickshaw to go with that horse in the Chrysler window. Took him months to negotiate the deal. Arnold's orders have been changed so he won't go to Penn after all but to New Orleans instead. The Lippincotts had a 25th anniversary Xmas Eve and their back yard picnic crowd all wandered in to surprise them. Lip was in on the secret and a swell host. Work has been started in a big way on the "Y". The whole front is torn out.

Harry Davey was just heard from and expects to move soon. Albie Newman is back at his old job. To show you what a screwy world it is, we know a guy who has fought his way from Italy to Germany, been wounded three times and gone back to Prep school. We mention this 'cause life can be beautiful. Andy White just walked back the other way! We were startled to hear that Marion Backe had "Gone to the Insane Asylum for Xmas" - then we discovered it was part of her nursing job!

We hope you can cope with our junior Bulletin. Mr. Lip is responsible for the printing now. The guys who are back have been so swell about it...you'll never know how surprised we are to hear all about our paper in foreign lands. Let us know if this fills the gap. And a HAPPY NEW YEAR wherever you are 'cause we know we will see you soon.

Same love and kisses from same chin-up girls.

K. and L. and M.

P.S.-To our delight we find there's a Dutch Royal Airline named simply "KLM" - Dontja love it? It says on the Ad: "World's Oldest Airline"!