

HMCS QUEEN  
Box 5099  
Regina, Sask  
S4P 3M3

7 May 1985

Mamma Camille

Dear Mrs. Dube:

My first introduction to Camille Fish and Chips was in February 1958 when, as a young Able Seaman in the Royal Navy serving on HMS AMBUSH the 6th Submarine Squadron, I was told the place for fish and chips was "Camille's". I went, and of course was not disappointed. One of my two tours in Canada was to drive the "Tilly" and my unofficial job was to get the fish and chips nightly; I always got the free one.

Since, of course, I have changed navies and was a regular customer; now in Saskatchewan I cannot patronize "Camille's". I am proud that "the navy" has recognized your efforts to "keep the boys happy" in your own way.

I wish you good health and happiness in your retirement.

Yours sincerely,



T.H. Wyss  
Lieutenant(N)  
HMCS QUEEN



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Delence nationale

1045-1 (AOR 510)

HMCS PRESERVER  
FMO Halifax, N.S.  
B3K 2X0

09 May 1985

Dear Madame Dubé:

This year, 1985, is one of great significance to all sailors who have served in the Canadian Navy over the past seventy-five years. The theme, "Pride and Commitment", has been chosen as a focal point for a great many events to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of the Naval Service of Canada in a meaningful way.

It is with great pleasure that we in the Fleet recognize the special association you have shared with the Navy for thirty-five years both as a successful businesswoman and more importantly as a friend and benefactor.

On behalf of those thousands of sailors, from all across Canada, and in particular, the members of my Ship's Company, I wish you good health, long life and serenity in your well deserved retirement.

B.P. Moore  
Captain(N)  
Commanding Officer

Canadian Forces Fleet School Halifax  
Osborne Head Gunnery Range  
FMO Halifax, NS  
B3K 2X0

13 May 1985

Dear Mamma Camille:

We, the staff and students at Osborne Head Gunnery Range, would like to thank you for your continued services to the Navy for the past thirty-five years.

Many of the sailors remember waltzing into your restaurant on Barrington Street and ordering fish and chips, or another famed dish from your very reasonably priced menu. There were times when they could not afford to pay for it, but you would say, "Go ahead and eat, then you can pay me on pay-day." So in hearing that you had retired after all those years, we would like to wish you many happy years to come, and a warm hearted thank you for your kindness and services in the past.

Yours truly,

*Keith Fundlay*

Staff and Students,  
Osborne Head Gunnery Range

*for*



National Defence

Défense nationale

National Defence Headquarters  
Ottawa, Canada  
K1A 0K2

Quartier général de la Défense nationale  
Ottawa, Canada  
K1A 0K2

24 May 1985

Mrs Dube (Mamma Camille)  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Mamma,

*It is with a heavy heart that we have received the news that you are putting down the tools that have made you so famous to the masses and loved by those who count, your friends of the night. We have sought your council and the one meal we used to eat a day from the time we were acting sub-lieutenants. Our names will mean nothing to you but our faces would if you could see us now, aging gracefully like yourself.*

*We wish you the very best in retirement and will remember you always.*

Bob Mitchell  
and

Tom Essery  
(Officers of the Old  
and Real Navy)



DIS: 1045-1

Commanding Officer  
HMCS IROQUOIS  
FMO Halifax N.S.  
B3K 2X0

15 May 1985

Dear Mama Camille,

As the Canadian Navy celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year, there will be many a tale re-told which will include late-night fish and chips at Camille's.

A virtual tradition for Halifax-based sailors, Camille's has filled many countless hungry sailors with a warm welcome and good food.

On behalf of IROQUOIS' Ship's Company, I would like to extend our thanks for all you have done for us over the past 35 years.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B.R. Brown".

B.R. Brown  
Commander  
Commanding Officer



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Defence nationale

1045-1 (AOR 509)

HMCS Protecteur  
Fleet Mail Office  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3K 2X0

15 May, 1985

Mrs Dube  
c/o Camille's Fish & Chips  
2564 Barrington Street  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

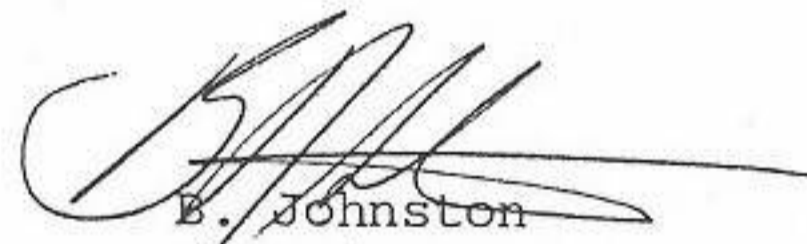
LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Mrs Dube;

On learning of your retirement after thirty-five years of operating Camille's Fish and Chips, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the officers and men of HMCS Protecteur, to extend to you every best wish for the future during your retirement years.

I am sure that every man in Protecteur, at one time or another in their naval career, have had occasion to visit your establishment to partake of your excellent fare and to sample your abundant hospitality. Many fond memories are harboured in the hearts of sailors of the extremely friendly atmosphere and congenial service provided throughout your years of operation. Mama Camille is universally known among sailors for her excellent food, superior hospitality and will be long remembered throughout the Fleet.

Once again Madam, on your retirement, warmest best wishes for the future. Thank you for your outstanding hospitality and your contribution to making many young sailors feel a sense of acceptance in the community.

  
E. Johnston  
Captain (N)  
Commanding Officer

Canadian Forces Meteorological  
and Oceanographic Centre  
Maritime Command Headquarters  
FMO Halifax, N. S.  
B3K 2X0

10 May 1985

Mrs. Dube  
Camille's Fish & Chips  
Barrington Street  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Madam:

Although you may not know us by name, every individual from the Meteorological Branch since its establishment in 1948 has had the pleasure of being familiar with your unique and comforting attention. Not only have you served up the best 'fish and chips' in Canada, but you also will forever be remembered as the lady always ready to help and listen to any sailor 'a little down on his luck'.

We particularly remember the time when the late night duty-boat was run between the Dockyard and Shearwater. After an evening on the town, no good 'run ashore' was ever complete without a stop at Mother Camille's as we made our way past North and Barrington - usually late for the boat. How often the boat was held up a second or two waiting for the last minute sailors who came running (sometimes unsteady) clutching that familiar and precious brown-paper package of golden delicious feed of fish and chips.

And so, Momma, we extend our sincere gratitude and best wishes in remembering all those great moments which you were so much a part of in the memory of our youth.

Gratefully and sincerely yours,



Richard M. Crowell  
on behalf of all 'Weathermen and  
women' and the old Meteorologist  
Mates

GOD BLESS YOU!



DSY: 1045-1

HMCS SAGUENAY  
FMO, HALIFAX, N.S.  
B3K 2X0

15 May 1985

Mrs Dube (Mamma Camille)

Dear Mrs Dube:

Whenever someone spends anytime in a city, certain things are remembered. For any sailor who has had the opportunity to pass through Halifax, most certainly one of the things that they remember is Mamma Camille's.

As a last stop for a quick snack after a run ashore, or a good dinner for a treat, "Mamma's" was always high on the list of favorite places for the men on the ship's. All across Canada, the mention of your name can bring a smile to lips or a glint to the eye as sailors recall your fine food.

From all SAGUENAYs, both past and present, thank you heartily and wish you all the best for the future.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J.M. Barlow", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

J.M. Barlow  
Commander  
Commanding Officer



Maritime Forces Pacific  
Headquarters  
FMO Victoria, BC  
VOS 1B0

16 May 1985


Dear Mama:

The members of Sea Training Staff, West Coast, wish to convey warmest regards to you on your retirement. All of us have continuously enjoyed your hospitality and friendly service from our days as Ordinary Seaman and Officer Cadet to our current exalted ranks.

For us West Coasters, no trip to Halifax is ever considered as complete without at least one visit to the famous "Mama Camilles".

The thousands of sailors that have experienced your always friendly greetings and comments are testimony that you are indeed; a "Legend in your own time". A legend that is loved and respected "A MARE USQUE AD MARE" wherever sailors serve.

God Bless you,



J.K. Steele  
Commander  
Sea Training Pacific



DME: 1045-1

HMCS MARGAREE  
FMO Halifax, NS  
B3K 2X0

16 May 1985

*At Sea off coast of Bermuda.*

Dear Mrs Dube

On behalf of the officers and men of HMCS MARGAREE, I would like to express our appreciation for the services you have provided for the past 35 years.

Many MARGAREE's have routinely visited Camilles over the years. Some stopped for a full meal, some only stopped for a late snack, but they all stopped because of your reputation for fine food and welcome hospitality. Although you are retiring, the ships company will continue to stop at "Mama Camilles" and will continue to do so for some time.

I wish you well in retirement and we will miss you very much.

Yours truly,

*Mitch Ewan*

J.M. Ewan  
Commander  
Commanding Officer



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Defence nationale

NRUNF: 1000-1 (CO)

Commanding Officer  
HMCS CABOT  
PO Box 2028  
St. John's, Nfld  
A1C 6B5

16 May 1986

Mamma Camille  
c/o CPO1 Fillion  
Maritime Command Hq  
FMO Halifax, NS  
B3K 2X0

Dear Mamma Camille:

Over the years, almost all of HMCS CABOT's members have trained in Halifax. As all "Mainlanders" know, we Newfs must have fish at least once a week regardless of whether we are on the "Rock" or away on the mainland; so, for a good feed of fish, Camille's has always been the answer, a tradition for our Halifax stranded Newfoundlanders.

Not only the feeling of eating real "Newfie fish'n chips" but the friendly, easygoing atmosphere and the courteous service has made us feel as if we are home.

From the shores of the "Rock" please accept our heartfelt gratitude, for we appreciate all you have done for us homesick Newfoundlanders.

As we say here, "Long may your big jib draw".

Yours affectionately,

R.G. Rompkey  
Commander(R)  
Commanding Officer



National Défense  
Defence nationale

1045-1

HMCS Catarauqui  
Kingston, Ontario  
K7K 3E8

17 May 1985

Dear Mamma Camile:

LETTER OF APPRECIATION - MRS. DUBE

Three times a winter for years now, a bunch of the boys (and girls) from HMCS Catarauqui have gathered from Kingston, Peterborough, Belleville, Warkworth, Napanee, Lansdowne and other eastern Ontario communities. They left their various jobs early and converge on Trenton. Then they climbed into the belly of a C-130 Hercules and took off for Toronto, Ottawa, or even St. John's Newfoundland to pick up more reservists. Huddled on benches, hip to hip, knees touching and earplugs in place they munched on boxed lunches as the plane droned on toward Shearwater.

On arrival in Shearwater they selected their kitbags from a mound and boarded a bus for the trip to dockyard. Long after midnight they boarded a silent gatevessel, opening locks and slowly bringing life to the silent ship. At 0630 Saturday all were up and about, running through drills, sharpening skills and tasting the salt air.

After a full day the ship grew quieter as the duty watch began their duties. Those experienced hands not on duty were now free to proceed with the highlight of the whole exercise.

Mariner's platter and lobster chowder at Camille's.

Sincerely,

A.D. Walker  
Commander  
Commanding Officer



National Défense  
Defence nationale

1045-1

HMCS Cataraqui  
Kingston, Ontario  
K7K 3E8

17 May 1985

Dear Mamma Camille:

LETTER OF APPRECIATION - MRS. DUBE

Those of us from HMCS Cataraqui send this letter with mixed feelings. We appreciate all the hard work that you have done to make Camille's Fish and Chips an institution within the naval community across Canada. This is a hard earned and well deserved retirement. It is also a sad occasion, because a friendly and familiar face will be leaving the dockyard.

Many of us in the Naval Reserves only get to Halifax once or twice a year, and a trip to Camille's was always included in the itinerary. The stories are usually the same; a new recruit starting out his naval career, with his first trip away from his home province, a trip to Ma Camille's was usually included in the itinerary. This one trip brought many to realize that there was no place like the Maritimes, and we will keep coming back for more.

Those of us who have frequented Camille's will always remember the smiles and quick comments from across the counter. We hope that you enjoy your retirement, and keep in touch with the naval community in Canada.

Sincerely,

A.D. Walker  
Commander  
Commanding Officer



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HMCs Cormorant  
7700 Halifax, NS  
B3K 2X0

23 May 85

Dear Mrs Dubé,

As you are no doubt aware, the theme for this year, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Navy, is 'Pride and Commitment'. What you may not be aware of is how you - as Mama Camille - have contributed to that pride. There is not a sailor across the nation who has not relished your Fish & Chips, your Fried Clams, or more importantly your warm, never-ending hospitality. On behalf of the Officers and Men of HMCs Cormorant I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your many years of dedicated service to the Naval Community. You too can have 'Pride in your Commitment'.

Yours aye,  
RW Bowers  
Commanding Officer



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HMCs Cormorant  
7700 Halifax, NS  
B3K 2X0

23 May 85

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Yours aye,  
RW Bowers  
Commanding Officer



From Commander J. S. H. Gadd, CD

Canadian Forces Station St. John's  
P. O. Box 2028  
St. John's, Nfld.  
A1C 6B5

27 May 1985

Dear *Mrs. Dube,*

On behalf of all my Sailors here in St. John's, Newfoundland, may I extend to you my sincere appreciation for your thirty-five years of service to us sailors. Your Fish and Chips were the best and the standard by which all others were measured!

Your store, filled to the brim with all forms of mankind until the "wee hours" every morning, will always be remembered as a sailor's home and resting place. More importantly, you - Mamma Camille, will live on in our memories as our Mother away from home, our Mother Confessor and Advisor on any and all topics from politics to the price of fish. For all of this and very much more - I extend to you a healthy thanks on behalf of all the Sailors in Newfoundland. May your future be happy and bright.

Yours Aye,

*Jerry Gadd*  
*Commander*  
*Co.*



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DSA: 1045-1

HMCS SKEENA  
At sea

29 May 1985

Maritime Command Headquarters  
FMO Halifax, NS  
B3K 2X0

Attention: CCPO, CP01 FILLION

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION - MRS DUBE**

The celebration of seventy five years of Naval Service in Canada is not just a remembrance of ships and ceremonies past. It is an opportunity to pay fitting tribute to the people and personalities who have made Naval life in Halifax a unique experience for the thousands of men and women who have served here.

"Mama Camille's" Fish and Chips is as much a landmark to Canadian sailors as any building in Halifax. A common bond shared by all sailors is the fact that when they join the Navy they must leave their homes and make a new one in the Fleet. Places to meet and relax like "Camille's" are the homes away from home that have for many years made that transition a little easier.

We in SKEENA would like to add our appreciation and best wishes to those of all the Navy, Mrs Dube, in thanking you for helping to make Halifax a bit more like home.

  
I. Foldesi  
Commander  
Commanding Officer



NRUSN: 1045-1/THU(SO)

HMCS UNICORN  
405 - 24th Street East  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
S7K 0K7

30 May 1985

Mrs. Camille Dube  
Mamma Camille's Fish and Chips  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Mrs. Dube,

On behalf of all the regular force and reserve members of HMCS UNICORN, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you the very best on your retirement.

The superb hospitality, excellent cuisine, and unique atmosphere of your establishment will always have a special place in the hearts and stomachs of anyone who has had the opportunity to partake of them.

May your retirement years be long, happy, and filled with memories of the pleasures you have dispersed to so many people.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L.H. Sorsdahl", written in a cursive style.

L.H. Sorsdahl  
Lieutenant(N)  
Staff Officer  
Administration & Training

Wardroom  
RFB Halifax  
B3K 2X0

6 JUNE, 1985

Dear Madam Dubé,

I'm sure that you remember me, especially since I still owe you some money. I really intended to pay the bill on the following day, but I had to go to Annapolis. While on the west coast, I enjoyed it every time one of my students reminded me of my debt. I knew that I would be back in Halifax one day, so I wanted to pay you personally. I was surprised to go to Camille's #1<sup>st</sup> To find that you

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had retired. I hope that the enclosed money will cover the bill and interest.

With that concluded, I wish to tell you how much my fellow sailors and I appreciated you. I don't know if you remember my older brother Doug, but he was in the navy from 1960 until 1963, and frequented Camille's on many occasions. On behalf of him, myself, and thousands of other sailors, I wish you nothing but the best in the years to come. In naval terminology "fair winds and following seas." Merci et Bonne Chance.

Yours sincerely,



M. R. HOGAN, LT(N)



National Défense  
Delence nationale

From: Command Chief Petty Officer Joe Fillion, MMM, CD

Maritime Command Headquarters  
FMO Halifax, NS  
B3K 2X0

7 June 1985

"Momma Camille"

How fond are the memories of when I was a young Sailor away from home in the 1950s, especially after a Run ashore to the "Sea Gull Club", Carpenters Hall, etc to know on my walk back to my ship I could stop at Camilles to have some fish and chips.

Not only where the fish and chips a treat, but the wonderful person who was always there, "you" Momma, you were my Mom away from home.

Momma. I wish you, your husband and family many happy retirement years, those years you so very much deserve.

You will always be remembered by any Sailor who ever met you, for your hospitality, friendship and especially because you are a wonderful person.

Sincerely

Mrs Dube  
1566 Oxford Street  
Halifax, NS  
B3H 3Z2

36 Wright St  
Richmond Hill  
Ontario L4C 4A1  
26 July 85

Dear Mrs Dube (Mama Camille),

I read the article on the honour paid to you by Maritime Command in the June Chronical Herald. Somehow I got a copy here in Toronto. May I say a very warm and heart felt congratulations. I was very pleased for you. In 1962 I was a Sub-Lieutenant who was a very frequent visitor to your restaurant. I remember you very well and how impressed I was with your friendliness and generosity. I have thought of you frequently over these many years. I am still in the navy and until a year ago commanded HMCS Ottawa.

You have my greatest admiration. I wish you all the very best in the years to come, and I look forward to Camille's Fish & Chips again when I get back to Halifax. The best in the world!

Roland Burton

ANNEX A  
TO: FMG(A): 1110-1  
DATED MAY 1985

MARITIME COMMAND PRESENTATION  
"MAMMA CAMILLE"

SPONSOR - FMG(A) PRIDE AND COMMITMENT 1985

Presentation of appreciation to Mrs. C. Dubé "MAMMA CAMILLE" in recognition of the many acts of compassion, friendship and support extended to the Canadian Navy through her 35 years ownership of "CAMILLE'S FISH & CHIPS" 1949-1984.

TIME: 1000 Friday 7 Jun 85

LOCATION: Home of Mrs. Dubé  
1566 Oxford St.  
Halifax, NS

OFFICIAL PARTY:

Rear Admiral Crickard - Presentation of a scroll on behalf of  
Maritime Command

CPO Clark FMG(A) COX'N - Presentation of a MARCOM Crest with  
engraved tally.

CCPO Fillion - Presentation of flowers on behalf of the Command  
C&PO's

FMG(A) MS/LS - Representing junior ranks of Command, presentation  
of Letters of Appreciation

PHOTOGRAPHER

TRIDENT REP

✓ RICHARD DUBÉ - SON

SPONSOR:

CO FMG(A) CDR MURCHIE

SRO FMG(A) LCDR MORGAN

FMG(A) PROJECT COORDINATOR CPO MEDLYN Local 426-7426, Home 463-2898

Sir:

I would like to get together with you for a few moments at your convenience to discuss the above event. Basically to ensure that all details are correct so that everything will go smoothly.

Thank you

Joe Medlyn  
426-7426