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Mr John Hamblett
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Dear Mr Hamblett

Thank you very much for your most interesting letter of 14th December 1992. We are always delighted to learn more about the history of Harlaxton Manor.

I was most amused at the idea of Mrs Van der Elst lining you all up to give you all £1, and you may be interested to know that the chandelier in the Great Hall is still there.

Harlaxton Manor is now owned by the University of Evansville and is home to American undergraduate students from September through to April each year. I enclose a flyer which tells you more about our programme here.

If you are ever in this area please do call in and we would be delighted to show you around the house. Much renovation has taken place since the University purchased the Manor in 1978, but there is always more to do. The Pegasus symbol in the back courtyard (now named the Pegasus Courtyard) is still there and regularly restored.

Thank you again for taking the trouble to write to me and we will keep your letter in our Manor Archives file in our Library.

Very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely

Robert Stepsis



'THE ARNHEM REDCAPS'



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The room No 5. was at the rear of the elderly room and bpl England was the pay bpl and bpl Tyler

was the orderly room cpl, he remained in the army after the war and retired honoured ASBE having reached the rank of Major.

I well remember the tunnel from the kitchen up which fuel was delivered from the grounds, is it still there? we used it as an "escape route" when confined to camp.

Also I remember Mrs. Vanderselst, who was a millionairess, living us up on the main lawn and giving us all a £1 note for racing across it in full kit.

I remember very well a beautiful chandeliers in the main hall, that has probably gone now.

The hall holds many happy memories for me and I look forward to being able to re visit it in the near future.

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Trusting I have been of assistance in identifying the company who was resident after the debacle of "Anthem" in 1914.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely.

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