

Rudolph was born in 1854 and died in 1877

as a Lieutenant in the Navy

Rudolph

Hongeliffe Lodge,  
Loughborough.

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Wellswood  
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My dear cousin Alfred

I hope that you will  
not mind me writing you a letter. I am  
tremendously anxious to become a Sailor.  
And I want to know everything concerning  
Ships and the Sea. So if you would be so  
kind as to write a letter and explain every-  
thing to do with the Naval profession  
and all about it; I should be much obliged.  
I only wish tomorrow was the day for  
me to enter the Navy; the days seem years  
to me. I wish I was onboard a ship this

moment that I do. but above all Ships

in the world I would sooner be in your  
ship: if I was in the same ship as you  
I should not mind been sent up to the  
mast head for a punishment. I would  
like to be on a battle on Sea very  
much indeed. I like rowing immensely  
I wish you were here were here for me  
to ask you millions of questions all  
about every thing. I should like very much  
to know the name of the ship you com-  
mand and if it is a very nice one. I  
intend to be a very brave Sailor, and

like Everard to get the Victoria Cross if I can. We have got a very nice book giving an account of the principal people who got the Victoria Cross and I am very fond of reading it. I have got some nautical sea books. "The Three Midshipmen" and it is a first rate book, and also "Masterman Ready," it is a capital book perhaps you have read it. I think I have read "Robinson Crusoe" through a dozen times and the life of "Lord Nelson" and I rather think I shall get the "Child of the Atlantic Ocean" and the "British Seaman". can you recommend me

me any more sea books. Also the "little  
 Savage," and have you got a monkey  
 onboard your ship and does it play  
 any fine tricks. We had 3 or 4 good  
 rows in our pond at Grace Dieu  
 though we got our feet nicely wet  
 because the boat leaked a great  
 deal, in some places it leaked  
 about two inches deep. Will you  
 will you please to tell me if you  
 write, a little Adventure which  
 happened to you in a storm and  
 and how the Sailors manage the  
 ship!.... It is quite decided Frank  
 is going to New Zealand. And I a Sailor.

• Good bye dear cousin Alfred,  
 • hoping to hear from you soon.  
 • I remain you affect cousin,  
 • Rodolph de Ligne.