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GALLANT, Roy A

b. Portland, Maine
July 23, 1957

Mr. Roy A. Gallant  
c/o Doubleday & Co.  
Garden City, L. I.  
New York

Dear Mr. Gallant:

Discovering only now that Maine can claim you, we are tardy in writing about your earlier books, which we have had in our traveling libraries and bookmobiles; but at least we can now offer our congratulations and good wishes for the forthcoming EXPLORING THE WEATHER. This is always a subject of wide interest, and the style of your treatment assures comprehension.

We think you may be interested in the Maine Author Collection. This is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people. Most of the volumes are inscribed presentation copies; and the variety and excellence of the books, distinguished by the originality, humor or artistry of the inscriptions, combine to make an exhibit of unusual value and appeal to students and visitors the year round.

Of course we hope that the collection may one day include your books. It is not really complete as long as the work of any Maine author is not represented. Meanwhile, good luck to the new book. We anticipate its publication.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

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b. Portland; grad. Bowdoin
August 9, 1957

Mrs. F. W. Jacob
MAINE STATE LIBRARY
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Roy Gallant passed your letter of July 23rd on to me. We will, of course, be happy to send copies of all four of his books to you. When EXPLORING THE WEATHER is off the press, Mr. Gallant will autograph a copy along with copies of each of his other three books and I will send them to you then.

Sincerely,

LouAnn Gaeddert
Publicity, Garden City Children's Books

LG:1c
August 16, 1957

Miss LouAnn Gaeddert, Publicity
Garden City Children's Books
Doubleday and Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York City 22

Dear Miss Gaeddert:

Thank you for your friendly letter about Roy Gallant's books. We are happy to know that we shall be able to have them in the Maine Author Collection, and we will write again to thank you and Mr. Gallant when the package arrives.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
September 30, 1957

Miss LouAnn Gaeddert, Publicity
Garden City Children's Books
Doubleday and Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York City 22

Dear Miss Gaeddert:

The package of Mr. Gallant's books came this morning, and we are most happy to acknowledge the gift to the Maine Author Collection.

Aren't they a fine set of books? They are so clearly written, and so beautifully illustrated, that they must inspire interest in even the most unscientific reader. We are delighted, of course, to have such exciting books for young readers, and we hope that Mr. Gallant will continue his explorations for the benefit of youngsters and older readers, too.

Please say thank you to him for us. And thank you, also, for making it possible to add these outstanding volumes to the collection.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Born in Portland and a graduate of Bowdoin and Columbia, Mr. Gallant has more than 20 published book titles numbering approximately one million copies in print. His book Exploring the Universe won the coveted Thomas Alva Edison Foundation award. Exploring Chemistry, another book in the highly popular EXPLORING Series published by Doubleday, won the Boys' Clubs of America Award.

Mr. Gallant's publishing career began after he completed work on a master of science degree at Columbia in 1949. After two years as a reporter for a New York City daily and as a magazine staff writer and editor, he was recalled into the service as a psychological warfare officer and spent the next two years in Tokyo.

In 1953, Mr. Gallant went into educational publishing and has been there ever since. After spending three years with Scholastic Magazines, he joined the staff of Doubleday. Meanwhile he was working for a Ph.D. at Teachers College, Columbia, doing work in communications theory, psychology, and anthropology. Just before he completed his program, Doubleday asked him to move to London to become Managing Editor of an English publishing firm it had acquired. For the next four years, Mr. Gallant published many books in the fields of science and philosophy, personally working with such well-known scholars as Bertrand Russell, Carl Jung, Sir Julian Huxley, Fred Hoyle, and Lancelot Hogben.
On his return to America, Mr. Gallant was made Editor-in-Chief of the Natural History Press, a publishing company operated jointly by Doubleday and The American Museum of Natural History in New York City. In the mid-1960's, Mr. Gallant resigned from Doubleday to return to his first professional love, writing, which occupies virtually all of his working time.

But in addition to his writing, which Mr. Gallant regards as a classroom without walls, he keeps active in the conventional classroom when time permits. He has taught at the graduate level at Columbia, and at Hackley, a co-educational preparatory school in Tarrytown, New York. He presently is a member of the faculty of The Hayden Planetarium in New York City where he teaches two advanced courses in astronomy for five weeks during the fall and spring terms. He also teaches a writing course at the University of Maine at Farmington. A commercial pilot, Mr. Gallant also finds time to use his license professionally by flying as a week-end pilot for an air-taxi and charter flight service in Rangeley, where he lives.