

ESSEX EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

School Berechurch County Primary School,

Postal Address Berechurch Road, Colchester, Essex.

Date October 25th 1965

Sir Bernard Montgomery,

Dear Sir,

It is hoped that a School will be opened in Colchester next year to be called the Montgomery Junior School. It will be administered by Colchester Borough Education Committee but will cater exclusively for children of Army parents in this Garrison town. I have been appointed as Headmaster to open this School and I was wondering if we might have the honour of using your coat of arms as the School Badge.

I had the honour of serving under you during the last war in a subordinate position as an R.A.S.C. Officer. I joined 50 Division on their return from Italy and did all the exercises for Overlord with them. At the last moment I was pulled out to help form a new Tipper Company and eventually went abroad to the beachhead with that Company. Two of the jobs I helped to do were the by-pass at Bayeaux and the one at Caen.

I wonder if you met my cousin, Air Marshall Sir Edward Chilton - his last job was with N.A.T.O. and he is now retired.

I would be grateful for an early reply to my request.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

L. L. Thompson

Sir Bernard Montgomery,
Isington Mill,
Alton, Hants.

Thank you for writing. I regret it is not possible for me to visit your school, but you can certainly use my Coat of Arms as the School Badge. I enclose a copy.

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