

WILLIAM PENN  
TERCENTENARY  
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*Portrait of  
William Penn  
in Armor*

**When  
William Penn  
Was in the Service**

**T**HIS year we have been celebrating the 300th anniversary of the birth of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania and the man after whom the Penn Mutual was named.

As a Christmas greeting to our policyholders who are away from their homes, serving our country in the armed forces, I quote a letter written by William Penn before he embraced the Quaker faith.

His father, Admiral Sir William Penn, commander of the *Royal Charles*, had sailed from England to do battle with the Dutch, taking with him his son, the William Penn we know. But before the battle the son was returned to London with despatches for King Charles II.

From Harwich he wrote the letter to his father and, in sending you the season's wishes, I echo his expression of hope and faith.

Sincerely,



President

The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company  
War Service Bureau  
Independence Square, Philadelphia

Harwich,

April 23, 1665.

**W**E could not arrive here sooner than this day, about twelve of the clock, by reason of the continued cross winds, and, as I thought, foul weather. I pray God, after all the foul weather and dangers you are exposed to, and shall be, that you come home as secure.

**A**ND I bless God, my heart does not in any way fail, but I firmly believe that if God has called you to battle, he will cover your head in that smoky day.

