

# Narcotics Anonymous

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Captain Edward V. Dimond  
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Dear Captain Dimond:

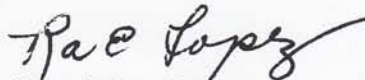
Please excuse my delay in answering your letter of December 5, 1963 though I gather that you know through Brig. Berry that I recently underwent major surgery. In my return to work I found over a hundred letters waiting for me to be answered.

First I must congratulate you in your good work.

On the pill addicts, what can I say, they are very difficult to work with, specially the barbiturate addicts or "goof ball" addicts as they are commonly called. Their behavior while under the influence of barbiturates is like that of an alcoholic. They become very belligerent and it is interesting to watch how a goof ball addict's behavior change. As a rule, when they are clean, they are very gentle people but as soon as they start fooling around they become very nasty and resentful. Anything you say they pick it up and answer you in a very nasty way.

Enclosed is some literature on addiction that is put out by the Department of Health. It might give you some insight into the problem.

Sincerely in N.A.



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