

LETTERS HOME:

December 10, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I was very thrilled to get your nice gift. It came as a surprise and did my heart good to know that my former employer was thinking of me and the many others who have gone into the service. When the gift came I must say that my thoughts went back to a year ago. At that time I was working for you. I also remembered how nice you were at that time to give us all a present. How I wish I were back at Ecusta but I must finish this job first. I thank you again so very much for the nice gift. Wishing you and all the others at Ecusta a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours truly,

WALTER DAVIS

December 10, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I cannot express in words my appreciation of the nice present I have just received from you. I hope to get a furlough about March and am anxious to see all my old friends at Ecusta. I have received the Echo every month and certainly do appreciate it. I miss being there but since I can't I like to hear how things are going on there. I am looking forward to being back on my job there before long. I have been stationed here at Spence Field since Sept 1st and am to start teaching a class in Aircraft Electricity as soon as the new shipment of recruits arrives.

It is time to go to work so will say thank you again for the nice present.

Yours truly,

BEN RICKMAN

October 16, 1942

Dear Folks:

Please accept my thanks for your kindness upon the occasion of my recent enlistment in the Army.

I am most appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES C. DIXON, Pvt.

December 3, 1942

Dear Mr. Wells,

I want to thank you and all concerned in mailing the Echo to me. I also wish to thank the one that informed the office of my new address.

It is good to know that Transylvania County has far exceeded the quota in bond sales and I am sure Ecusta employees are due much credit for the large percent of the county's total.

I will be looking forward to the time that I receive the next Echo and the time that I can return to Brevard and visit Ecusta and those that I know.

Sincerely,

DON STEPPE

December 25, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

Thanks so much for the stationery and for your letter. The Echo comes regularly, which I certainly appreciate, and am always glad to get it. I have been promoted from Lieutenant (junior grade) to Lieutenant.

You can be sure I will visit Ecusta at the first opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID PICKLER

December 28, 1942

Hello Jack, (Davies)

How's everything? Guess everyone had a swell Christmas. I received a carton of cigarettes from Endless Belt Corp., and I will like you to thank them in my behalf.

I'm learning a new machine but it's not an ironer. It's an airplane. Some baby! Well, here's to a victorious New Year.

Yours,

NATHAN (Reed)

To Ecusta:

Received the cigarettes and thanks a lot. They were the correct brand. My best wishes to Ecusta and hope it won't be too long before I will again be back there.

LT. JAMES P. MORROW

December 27, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I wish to thank you for remembering me at this time and also thank all my friends at Ecusta for the lovely and unique Christmas card. I'm very proud of that card. I could never express the feeling I had when I read the little notes and greetings from the different ones. I'm grateful for each little remembrance.

Since I wrote you last, I have returned to Camp Polk, La., and am now living in the same apartment I had before going to Fort Knox. I finished my school at Knox and rejoined my unit near the close of the maneuver period. When we returned from maneuvers, we occupied a new part of Camp Polk—completed as we moved in—and immediately I was made a member of the Landscape Planning Board. For several weeks we worked on plans for beautifying the chapels, theatres, service club, officers' club and various headquarters buildings and outlying areas. Work has already begun on much of this. So you see I have been keeping up with my "profession" in addition to my military training.

Recently I have been understudying and acting in the absence of the Regimental Motor Officer, preparatory to going to a new organization in that capacity. I don't yet know when or where that will be.

Wishing all of you a very successful New Year,

Sincerely,

BOB BOLT (Lieutenant)

December 5, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I wish to thank you for the nice letter and the October copy of the Echo. It makes us soldiers feel good to hear from home and friends.

I often think of the days back at Ecusta and hope to be back with you all again some day. I am liking the Army life fine and liking the place here where I am.

Wishing you and all my fellow workers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and don't forget to send a copy of the Echo.

A Friend,

ROBERT E. RAINES

December 12, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I am sorry I am late in writing but I guess it is better late than never. I received your Christmas package and certainly do appreciate it. I am going to carry out the directions thoroughly. That is, to open December 25th.

I enjoy reading the copies of the Echo I have received. They bring back fond memories.

We had a swell Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings so there is always something to be thankful for.

Give my regards to the boys on "B" shift in the machine room, especially Tom Allen.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL PERRY

December 18, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

At this time I take the greatest of pleasure in thanking you for the nice Christmas present I received a few days ago. The Luckies are one thing that I can use here and over there too. At present I am somewhere in California waiting for anything that might take place. Just standing by for further orders.

I wish for you and Ecusta the best Christmas you have ever had. When the game is over and the boys gather back at Ecusta we will all shout Victory and have a real Christmas together. That is one thing that all loyal Ecustans can look forward to and fight to hold: a good job with the best company in the best state under the best working conditions and under the best supervision of any company I have ever known.

I enjoy the Echo and read it from cover to cover in order to learn what my old friends and pals are doing and the progress Ecusta is making. Tell the Machine Room boys on C shift to keep their chins up and hit 'em hard. I'll see them after this is finished.

So long and best wishes to one and all for a merry Christmas and a Victorious New Year.

E. T. POSS

December 8, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus,

Many, many thanks for the swell box of stationery I received Monday. It was a present that anyone in the armed service can use and I was very glad to receive it. To tell the truth, I was running low on stationery anyway so you can see that it came in very handy. I guess I should have waited until Christmas to open it but we all look forward to mail call every day and when any of us get a package we are not satisfied until we see what's in it. So, there was nothing I could do but open it.

Sure do miss all my friends at Ecusta and am looking forward to the day when I can again work there.

Thanks again.

Very sincerely yours,
CLYDE RICE

December 25, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

It sure was swell to get the Christmas present from Ecusta. May I say that it was appreciated the most ever? I hope you folks down there had a very nice Christmas. It has been very quiet here today. I am part of 25% of our company who stayed in camp so the other boys who live pretty close could go home. I sure would have liked to have gone too but couldn't get off long enough.

I have reached the rank of Corporal now. The rating was given by the Post school and not by my company. No ratings are given by the company until one has finished one's course and has been released by the school. Then that happens it usually means your shipping orders are in order. Some of the boys get a good rating before they ship but others have to wait until afterwards.

I have finished the regular radio course here and am now taking an advance radio course called Air Craft Communication. We were told that on successful completion of this course we would be assigned to an air base. I sure hope it is in the South.

Well, I must close. Oh yes, I enjoyed the Echo a lot as usual. Thanks very much for everything and a Happy New Year to you all.

Sincerely,

CPL. ANSEL R. JONES

December 29, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I would like to express my appreciation to you for the means you have taken to remember the boys from Ecusta who are in the service at Christmas. It is impossible to express my appreciation in words for your kindness. However, it is good to know you have worked for a man who has the interest of the welfare of his employees. I can assure you if we are fortunate enough to return from this was our loyalty to you will be paramount.

The December issue of the Echo was very interesting although it was noted there is a lack of news from the Pulp Mill. Imagine the boys are very busy.

Wishing the very best for you and Ecusta during 1943, I am,

Sincerely yours,

RALPH WALDROP

December 17, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I am taking this means of thanking you for the Christmas present and also the Echo that I have received from Ecusta.

I have been stationed here in Alaska as an Aviation Machinist for almost a year now. It is not so bad but I sure would like to be back there working again.

Yours truly,

E. L. NEILL

November 29, 1942

Dear Mr. Wells:

Just a few lines to say "hello" and I hope everything is going well at Ecusta. I hope to be back with you some day soon.

You have no idea how proud I am when I get the Echo. It makes me feel like a new man. I enjoy every line in it and I want to thank you again for the Echo.

Yours truly,

Albert Grindstaff (Private)