

LETTERS HOME:

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Ecusta Paper Corp.
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Mr. Harry H. Straus,
Dear Mr. Straus:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your nice letter I received quite some time back, and I am very sorry I have been unable to answer sooner.

I want to thank you for the letter. It was words of encouragement to me, and I am sure that anyone in the service you have written to found the same therein.

I certainly miss being at Ecusta for that is one part of being away from home to me. I miss my good friends there and being on my job. But those are just a few of the good things of life that we all must be willing to give up in order that we may work or fight for—our Liberty and Freedom.

I receive the "Echo" monthly and I certainly enjoy reading it. The "Echo" is the best source of news that we in the service could possibly have.

Thanking you again, I remain

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM H. LAUGHTER

Mr. Wells:

I will try to write to you providing I can get things quiet enough. I have had a few drills and some K.P. duty, but I enjoy it very much.

I sure hope that everything is moving very smoothly down there. I sure miss my friends there. I would like to hear from lots of my friends on C Shift and would appreciate the "Echo" if possible to send it to me.

I will be in detention for 14 more days, then I can get out to go to town once in a while, which will be fine for us.

I have 6 weeks in all here at this N.O.B. which is Navy Operation Base. Here's hoping to see you all soon, or to hear from you.

MORVIN V. CAGLE, S-1-C

Dear Mr. Straus:

I am in receipt of yours of February 24th and am writing to thank you for your interest and also for having the "Echo" mailed to me. It has always been a source of pleasure reading the "Echo", and will be even more so now that I am away from Ecusta.

Since my induction into the Army, I have been attached to the Corps of Engineers and am finding the work very interesting and educational.

About three weeks ago my Company Commander recommended me as a candidate for Officers' Training School. I expect to leave here next week for a three months course, which, after its completion, will promote me to the grade of Second Lieutenant. Naturally, I am very much pleased with this, and am going to put forth my best effort to make the grade.

Hoping to see all of you at Ecusta upon my next visit to Brevard, and with best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,
VICTOR R. COOKE, JR.

SONGS OF AMERICA

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If you should hear the song "Acreon in Heaven," being a good American, you would probably stand up and take off your hat, for, that's the tune Francis Scott Key used for the "Star Spangle Banner."

Here's another one. About 300 years ago a prominent composer wrote a stately air. This air evidently was pleasing to the ears of the English, Swiss, Danes, Germans and Americans for to this tune were written the words of Britain's "God Save the King," Switzerland's "Ruft du mein Vaterland," Denmark's "Heil dir, dem Liebenden," Germany's national anthem before the revolution "Heil dir im Siegeskranz" and—"My Country 'Tis of Thee." How do you like that?

Yankee Doodle, the tune to which the soldiers of the American Revolutionary forces marched to victory was given to them by their enemies, the British. Twenty years before the Revolution, English officers sang the song to the American soldiers and as a joke told them it was a famous European military march. To make the joke funnier, a regimental surgeon in the service of the King wrote flippant rhymes to the tune.

The British had many a laugh at the way the Americans were taken in by their joke for the soldiers liked the song and they sang it lustily. As a matter of fact the tune to Yankee Doodle was used in ancient days in religious rites in Italy. Holland sang it as a harvest song and in England it was played at country dances. Of course, before the war was over the English didn't like the tune worth a hoot, for the Americans sang it as they marched to victory. "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa is sung as originally intended. Enroute from Naples to New York the Music to this piece kept running through Sousa's mind. When he arrived in America he put the composition on paper exactly as it had been played in his mind. Not a single note has ever been changed. So that song, "The Stars and Stripes Forever" is really American.

Machine Booklet Dept.

Upon returning from our week's vacation, the Machine Booklet Dept. found a very clean room in which to work. The Machines glistened with new paint and the floors looked too clean to walk on. Buddy Hunt and the boys did quite a job painting and cleaning while the girls were vacationing . . . You should see Guy Mull's new glasses. He really looks the professor type . . . Many of the girls, including our floor lady, Gertie, came back to work looking "pret-tied up" with new permanent waves . . . Florence S. received her vacation a week early for some reason or other. Of course, her boy-friend's being in from the army may have had something to do with it . . . Speaking of vacations, Mary Allison's recent fishing trip, according to all reports, was a rather interesting experience. It seems that Mary had been pretty lucky during the day, having caught several nice fish, when she nearly slipped into the water. Her companions aided her in regaining a safe position on the bank but after a quick search Mary discovered that her fish had also regained a safe position in the water. We are sorry to hear that Mary is now in the hospital, but it isn't a result of the fishing trip. Hurry back, Mary . . . Louise S. surely was thinking in circles the other day. When Gertie asked her to run a foot race at the 4th of July picnic, she said that she would. She went home and asked her mother for some fresh eggs to take to the picnic and came back next day prepared to take part in the egg race, knowing nothing about a foot race.

DON'T KEEP BAD COMPANY

Associate yourself with men of good-quality, if you esteem your reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

CHAMPAGNE LEADING INTERDEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE:

Although rain has caused a number of games to be postponed in the Ecusta Interdepartmental League, there is still quite a bit of interest being shown and everyone is looking forward to the final play-off between the four top clubs.

At present, Champagne is on top with six victories and no defeats, but is closely followed by the Pulp Mill team who have five victories and two defeats. The Machine Room has shown quite a bit of improvement lately and has issued a warning to the other seven teams that they intend to push them hard from here on out. The postponed games are being played as fast as possible and it is hoped that the game can soon be back on regular schedule for each Thursday and Friday.

Below is listed the standing of the league, the pitcher records, and list of all players hitting 250 or better. These records are for all games played through Tuesday, July 14th.

LEAGUE STANDING					PCT.
NO.	TEAM	WON	LOST		
5	Champagne	6	0		1000
8	Pulp Mill & Pilot Plant	5	2		714
3	Physical Lab, Chemical Lab & Inspection	4	2		667
6	Refining	3	2		600
7	Machine Room, Yard Crew & Warehouse	3	4		429
1	Landscape, Office, Store-house & Filter Plant	2	4		333
2	Maintenance	1	4		200
4	Finishing & Cafeteria	0	6		000

PITCHERS RECORDS					W	L	P
Name & Team No.	W	L	P	Name & Team No.			
Whitaker, Roy, No. 5	6	0	1000	Rigdon, J. M., No. 1	9	1	000
Suttles, G., No. 3	2	0	1000	Rhodes, Jack, No. 2	0	1	000
White, B., No. 6	3	1	750	Haynie, C. B., No. 2	0	1	000
Jackson, T. J., No. 8	5	2	714	Drake, R., No. 7	0	1	000
Head, Robert, No. 3	1	1	500	Jackson, Robert, No. 6	0	1	000
Barley, No. 3	1	1	500	Drake, F., No. 4	0	2	000
Hargis, No. 2	1	1	500	Jones, M., No. 4	0	2	000
Coan, G., No. 7	3	3	500	Jones, C., No. 4	0	3	000
Gillreath, F., No. 1 & 2	2	3	400				

BATTING AVERAGE									
Name & Team No.	AB	R	H	AV	Name & Team No.	AB	R	H	AV
Hargis, No. 2	3	1	2	667	Corn, Hol., No. 3	11	2	4	364
Morris, R., No. 8	5	1	3	600	Matthews, R., No. 3	11	2	4	364
Wilber, R., No. 8	5	2	3	600	Wilber, J., No. 6	14	4	5	357
Misenheimer, No. 5	7	4	4	571	Hunt, No. 2	14	4	5	357
Orr, R., No. 3	7	3	4	571	Coan, G., No. 7	17	7	6	353
Dixon, V., No. 3	2	1	1	500	Sexton, No. 7	12	1	4	333
Carland, No. 6	4	3	2	500	Gossett, No. 1 & 7	12	3	4	333
Meadows, P., No. 8	8	4	4	500	Case, F., No. 7	3	1	1	333
Sams, D., No. 8	6	2	3	500	Orr, Rufus, No. 2	3	1	1	333
Allison, C. F., No. 2	16	4	8	500	Marcum, R., No. 2	3	1	1	333
Haynie, C. B., No. 2	6	0	3	500	Dorn, No. 2	6	1	2	333
Merrill, F., No. 8	21	6	10	476	Morris, W., No. 8	18	4	6	333
Cagle, No. 3	15	3	7	467	Penland, G., No. 4	15	1	5	333
Whitaker, R., No. 5	15	6	7	467	Moore, F., No. 3	6	0	2	333
Loftis, E., No. 6	13	5	6	462	Poore, Pat, No. 6	9	2	3	333
McCall, T. C., No. 1	18	7	8	444	Byrd, Ray, No. 3	16	4	5	313
Russell, C., No. 6	14	6	6	429	Meyers, H., No. 1	13	4	4	308
Galloway, S., No. 6	12	3	5	417	Morris, B., No. 1	10	2	3	300
Jarvis, R., No. 6	12	4	5	417	Holt, L., No. 8	17	4	5	294
Hampton, R., No. 5	12	6	5	417	Fowler, G., No. 5	17	7	5	286
Gillreath, No. 1 & 2	12	5	5	417	Fetzer, B., No. 1	7	1	2	286
Clayton, C., No. 5	17	8	7	412	Eberle, P., No. 1	4	0	1	250
Gillespie, No. 5	5	3	2	400	Franklin, R., No. 1	4	0	1	250
Lankford, No. 3	5	1	2	400	Owens, B., No. 7	8	1	2	250
Suttles, G., No. 3	5	2	2	400	Vassey, E. E., No. 2	4	1	1	250
Drake, F., No. 4	5	1	2	400	Barley, No. 3	4	2	1	250
Swann, Z., No. 8	13	4	5	385	Allison, C. B., No. 8	16	3	4	250
Colwell, C., No. 4	8	1	3	375	Moore, L., No. 5	8	1	2	250
Riddle, P., No. 5	19	4	7	368	Dockens, P. No. 5	12	3	3	250

THE 'RANGE' OF OPPORTUNITY

Back in the days when Grandpa was a boy every lad with ambition, with energy, with brawn and brains was advised to "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country." The land across the Mississippi was rich and the chances for acquiring wealth and fame free for all.

Although the last frontier has long since been crossed, America is still the land of golden opportunity. There are no more barriers to advancement and promotion, than there were boundaries to the boys who rode the range with Buffalo Bill Cody. Think, study, take advantage of the opportunities given you for obtaining further skills. Remember that the efficient performance of your job plus sound experience and the desire to learn are long and important steps towards reaching the goal you have set yourself.

As one cigarette said to another: "I hope I don't get lit tonight and make an ash out of myself!"

Goldfish, pike, and salmon are the only fish that do not sleep.

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runs like vinegar" . . . This morning Thursday, we had a visit from Dr. Newland. One member had to have seven shots. Saints preserve us from another visit . . . One member had pany from the army last week . . . Well, we have lived for days on nothing but food and water so by now . . . We are all wondering why Ethel asked Mr. Boyd for a DAY off last week . . . Could it be on account of a handsome Sergeant who was on furlough last week? . . . Seems as if we will have to combine the Physical Lab. and Cafeteria as one of the counter girls is always talking to H. . . . The Canteen really labored for the 4th . . . Red didn't even get time to rake back his black hair as usual . . . John seems to be going around in circles since he is the father of an "eight-pounder" . . . The kitchen "Blonde" is very attractive. Mrs. C. thinks he takes fits. He and the "bread boys" along with the "ground squirrel" are always using the Indian style of taking their land back again . . . Aurelia seems to enjoy "L-O-V-E B-U-G-S" as she recently got one from Camp Wheeler—or was it from Glen W.? . . .

The United States bought Alaska from Russia in 1867 for \$7,200,000.