

LETTERS HOME:

Dear Mr. Straus: (Walter)

Well, how are things coming on at the plant? I sure do miss that place. Just wish I were back. Maybe after this war I can come back in peace. I hope.

I saw in the Echo where you lost the cup. I am ashamed of you. I really thought you had a team, but since all the boys have had to leave for the service I will have to forgive you. After we all come back we will keep it forever.

I am mad because you haven't been sending me the Echo every month. That is the only thing I can go by. I really enjoy reading it very much.

Will have to close for the sea is getting pretty rough. Hope to see you all soon.

Yours truly,
JAMES AVERY (S2/c)

Editor's Note: The Echo is now being sent each month and Champagne did get the cup.

New York, N. Y.

To Mr. Wells:

This is to advise you of my new address. Thanks for the past copies of the Echo.

Best wishes to Ecusta and all my friends there.

Sincerely,

ED RUNNION

New York, N. Y.

To Mr. Straus:

I received the latest copy of the Echo several weeks ago and certainly was glad to get it. I have been intending to write for some time but it seems that when a person is in the Army, he doesn't have much time to write letters.

I have been around quite a bit since I left Ecusta eight months ago. First, I went to Mississippi, then California, and now am a mechanic with the 38th Fighter Squadron here in Washington. It has been pretty tough at times, but as long as it is for Uncle Sam I don't mind.

Give my regards to the Ecustans and thanks again for the Echo.

Sincerely yours,

EARL T. FULLBRIGHT

To Mr. Wells:

The Echo came as a most welcome surprise. I surely enjoyed reading about my friends at Ecusta. I want to thank you for sending it to me.

In the five months I have been in the Army I have been in four different camps, Fort Bragg, N. C., Camp Lee, Va., Fort Story, Va., and I am now at Camp Edwards, Mass., going to mechanical school. It is nice and cool here.

With best wishes to all of my friends at Ecusta, I am,
Very sincerely,

WILLIAM H. GASH

Camp Edwards, Mass.

To Mr. Wells:

I received a copy of the Echo. It surely was fine to read about what the people are doing at Ecusta. I sure did enjoy it and want to thank you for sending it to me.

When we finish our job I'm looking forward to the time when I will be back at Ecusta, and that time can't be too soon for me.

Thanking you again for the Echo, and best wishes to Ecusta.

Sincerely,

WINBORN L. GASH

Fort Jackson, S. C.

Dear Mr. Straus:

I am sorry that I haven't answered your letter sooner but I haven't had much time. This is a Replacement Training Center and it sure keeps a fellow busy.

I like this camp fine but had rather be back at Ecusta with my friends, but we all have a job to do to win this war so I will take it on the chin with hopes of being back with you in the near future, because this war can't last very long with the men we are sending across.

I don't know what my uncle had against me but I believe he could have sent me to a better state than Texas.

Please send me an Echo each month for I enjoy reading of the progress of Ecusta.

Yours truly,

JOHN PAGE

Camp Berkeley, Texas

Fort Still, Oklahoma, Sept. 13, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I have been getting a copy of the Echo for some six months, even though I have neglected sending my thanks for your thoughtfulness. I look forward each month for my copy.

I think it a swell idea that you publish the letters from the boys. It helps us to keep in touch with each other in case of a new address.

It sure will be great to be back at Ecusta with all the nice fellows. I hope to get a furlough in a month or so. I will visit the mill while there.

I like Ft. Still fine. We boys doing our part to "keep 'em rolling". I hope to stay here for some time, as my wife is visiting me. She is an Ecusta employee also. (Julia Jordan, formerly in Champagne Hand Booklet Department.)

Thanks again and again for the Echo. Please continue sending a copy each month as I like to keep up with the "mill chatter".

Sincerely yours,

D. S. WINCHESTER (Private 1st Class)

Fort McClellan, Ala.

Dear Mr. Straus:

I miss working for you and wish I was back, and when I get through with this new job I'll be glad to start where I left off.

Yours truly,

MAJORINE BEVACQUA (Private)

Keesler Field, Miss.

Dear Mr. Straus:

I received your letter and a copy of the Echo and enjoyed reading them very much.

I wish to thank you and your employees for the nice treatment that was shown me while I was working for you.

You requested me to write something of my Army life. Well, it is quite different from civilian life but I like it fine. I am taking training for Aviation Machinist for the large bombers, which is very interesting work.

I am very proud to be remembered on the service flag which you have raised at the plant.

Again thanking you and wishing you the very best of luck in the future,

Sincerely yours,

W. EDWIN DRAKE (Private)

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ed up as well as any boy scout) we went up to thank Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, after which we fought for seats in the cooking crew's car and so ended our first hike—and a mighty good one it was. If you didn't get in on this one we will be going on lots more so be sure to let us know if you would like to have your name put in the pot.
"Cookie"

"Next to a beautiful girl, what do you consider the most interesting thing in the world?"

"When I'm next to a beautiful girl, I don't consider statistics."

No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his body, to risk his well-being, to risk his life in a great cause. —Theodore Roosevelt.

Dear Walter: (Straus)

Just a card now to tell you I am in the Q. M. instead of Air Corps, as they thought I would be better fitted here. We work hard and sweat more than I did in the Shipping Department. Too tired to bowl if I had time.

JIMMIE

(James R. Glanville, Private)

Fort Knox, Ky.

Hello Boys:

Maybe at last I have found time to write you a letter.

Well, it took me two weeks to get through all examinations. I am now stationed at Fort Knox. I will be here for eight to twelve weeks for my basic training. I am now learning to drive a half-track. It is almost like a tank, and will go anywhere a tank will go. It is used to carry troops and supplies into combat zones.

We sure do have a nice camp. It covers 111,000 acres and has buildings capable of caring for 55,000 men.

How is everything going in Champagne now? Sarah wrote me that James has gone to sea. Our company expects to be sent across in a few months. We sometimes get off at 12:00 on Saturday and are off until Monday at 6:00 a. m. So the Army life isn't so very bad after all. We have six theatres on our post. We get all the latest shows too.

Has Champagne lost any ball games yet? We play soft ball every day and we have a good team too. They sure do believe in giving you enough clothes to keep warm. I can hardly carry all of them.

This Army life sure does make you appreciate a good job like you fellows have. If anybody thinks foremen are tough, wait until they get into the Army.

Please write to me sometime soon. I will be glad to hear from all of you.

Your friend,
SID HEDDEN (Sidney J. Hedden, Private)

Iceland, Sept 5, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I am thanking you for your letter and the Echo, which I received yesterday. I am sorry I have not written you before now but since we left the States I have been busy and working very hard to try to complete this job so that we can come back to the States.

I am doing very good up here and enjoying the best of health. The only thing that bothers me is our mail. It seems as though the folks just don't realize how much the letters they write mean to us over here, or I am sure they would write more often.

There is very little I can say about camp life here. We have three different movies a week and we have a recreation hall now being built which will house all our games, of which there are a great many. And then we have a band started which I know will put on some fine music for the boys here at camp. This is about all I can say about our camp life without endangering our mates here.

So with the close of this letter let me thank you again for your letter which I appreciate very much, and the paper which I also treasure to the highest.

Tell Mr. Colwell he should hire him a ball team, for those scores look like some I helped them make last season.

Sincerely yours,

MARVIN V. CABLE (Seaman 1st Class)

September 19, 1942
Brevard, N. C.

Mr. Walter Cox
Chief Paper Roller Outer,
Finishing Department,
Ecusta Paper Corporation

My dear Mr. Cox:—

It has been brought to my attention by my secretary, that you are due the amount of seventeen cents in regard to a recent lunch loan.

I am herewith enclosing said amount and trust that this will bring about a balance on your books.

Very sincerely yours,
Jack D. Morgan
(FBI)*

* Fort Bragg Infantry.

To Mr. Wells:

The Army is trying to make an educated man out of me, or else I'm awful dumb! I'm going to school again. This time I'm taking a 10-week course in Motor Maintenance at Fort Knox, Ky. I'll be here until the middle of October. They certainly have been moving me around.

Please let me have John Drake's address. I want to write to him. Also, will you let Mr. Straus know of my change. As ever,

BOB BOLT

Fort Knox, Ky.

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