

**LETTERS HOME**

March 19, 1943

Dear Mr. Straus:

At last I have reached the point of answering your letter. I have intended to write sooner but just kept putting it aside. Now that the idea has struck me, I will try to carry it out.

I have really missed the Echo. I haven't received it in quite a while. I believe that December's issue was the last copy I have received as yet, but every day I hope to get a copy at mail call. Since I am not mail orderly any more, I have to "sweat it out" the same as any one else. But I believe I appreciate a letter more when I have to sweat it out. That is a term the soldiers use to express their impatience or hopes.

I have changed jobs since I last wrote to you. I am now Company Clerk in the Personnel Office. I like this work fine although it is a little more complicated than the work I did where I was. Here I have a chance to learn something new nearly every day and that keeps a fellow interested in his work. It was a "pill" until I learned something about it. But since I have sort of got the slant of things it is not so bad although I still have a lot to learn.

It seems as though I have run out of anything to write about this time. I will try not to wait so long to write next time. I am hoping that I may begin to receive the Echo once more if possible. I really do get a kick out of reading it. There is nothing like news from home.

In closing I wish to express my best wishes to each of you there at Ecusta and hope that it will be possible for me to be back with you soon. Aloha to all of you.

Sincerely yours,  
ROY E. CARTER, CPL/T.

**With The Boys In Military Service**

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Sam Gordon, former Secretary to Dr. Bryant, who left for the Air Corps in November, 1942, visited us recently and gave us news of himself and his brother, Albert ("Flash") who was Inspector Helper before he left for military service in July, 1941.

Albert was first stationed at Ft. McPherson, Ga., and for four weeks was an assistant to the chaplain in the reception center. He was transferred to Camp Croft for basic training and then went to the 118th Infantry at Fort Jackson, where he later became identified with the Headquarters Company as Corporal. Last year he was promoted to Sergeant with the Headquarters Company of the 30th Infantry Division at Camp Blanding, Florida, where he is now located. He just underwent a period of training in Chemical Warfare Service in Officers Candidate School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, from which he was graduated on March 6th with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. According to information received from the news bureau at Edgewood Arsenal, he was chosen for this training "because of excellence in military record, education, and character." Congratulations, on your military career.

According to Sam, the three boys who make up the younger generation of his family were all home at the same time and brother Albert took the occasion to get married. Congratulations, again, Flash, and best wishes.

Sam has been stationed at Nashville Army Air Station, Tennessee, ever since he left us, and is now with the Hq. & Hq. Squadron there. It surely was good to see you, Sam, and we hope you will have frequent chances to come visit us. The best of luck to you!

We were glad to see several service men at our square dance the other night. Think we covered them all with the exception of Ray Winchester, who was moving too fast to give us any information about himself. The little we saw of him looked mighty good and it was evident that our former Chemical Control Lab. Helper was having a pretty fair time.

**BROTHERS IN THE SERVICE**



On January 11, 1943, we were honored with a visit from Pvt. Mitchell Taylor, former Champagne Gumming Operator, who left for the service in November of 1942. "Mitch" is now in an Armored Division at Fort Benning, Ga.



Cpl. George O. Taylor, Champagne Gumming Operator, has been stationed at Camp Grant, Ill., and Fredericksburg, Va., but is now in a medical battalion of the Infantry at Camp Butner, N. C.

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March 26, 1943

Dear Kathleen,

I guess you probably think I have gone across or something has happened to me because of my not writing, but I am still here in Georgia in the Army. I have intended to write you but just seemed to never get around to doing much letter writing. You know it has been 5 or 6 months since I received one of the Echoes. I received your letter yesterday and saw that you addressed it to the 46th Air Dep. Gp, but I was transferred out of that outfit just after I came back from my furlough. I am now in the 479th Base Headquarters and cut all orders for troop movements and the transfer of enlisted men. The Army is really keeping us busy but I don't mind because I am really interested in the type of work I do. I peck on a typewriter from morning to night. Can you imagine that? I hadn't touched one for 3 or 4 years until I got into the Army. My brother, Howard, and I work side by side in our own private office so you see we don't have it so hard after all. Since I heard from you we both had two promotions and now hold the rank of Sergeant. We have intended to put in for OCS but we have it so nice here that we hate to make any change. Lib is also working out here. She has a real good job with the Civil Service and is crazy about it. Don't know when we will get back to Brevard but hope to sometime this summer. Sure hate to let a summer go by without being in Brevard for at least a week. I sure am crazy about it up there. Hope all those girls you all are hiring while we boys are in the Army don't intend to stay on. Might not be work enough for all of us when we return.

Be sure and write soon and please send me a copy of the Echo from now on and I will try and let you know sooner when I make a change of station.

As ever,  
SPUD (CARPENTER)

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Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Mr. Wells:

Will drop a line to let you at Ecusta know that I am in the Army Air Signal Corps and have been classified as a specialist in cable splicing. Hope to make the grade ok. I haven't a nice picture yet but will send one later. Army life is much different from working there in the boiler room but I will do my best always. I did appreciate working there and enjoyed it. So a big hello to all my friends at Ecusta and send me copy of the Echo.

Yours,  
PVT. JOHN H. JACKSON

2nd T.S.S. (Sp) Barracks 708  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Wells:

I enjoyed the last issue of the Echo very much and hope I will continue receiving them. I was very sorry to hear that L. B. Owen had left there. Tell all my friends I am doing well and spring has really hit Denver. Tell them that I would appreciate a letter from each and every one of them. I am expecting my wife and Paul Simpson to visit me April 4th. I have been transferred from Buckley Field and like it here very much. I have only 6 more weeks of school before I will be a graduate Armour. Write me and let me know how everything is going.

Yours very truly,  
PFC LEWIS P. BAGWELL

Dear Mr. Wells:

Received your letter some time ago. I am a very busy boy but do enjoy it. There isn't a dull moment in the Air corps. I have not received a copy of the Echo and would be delighted to get one. Give my regards to Ecusta and the old mill group.

Yours truly,  
ANDREW D. SURRETTE

67th Colg. Tng. Det.  
A.A.F. Air Crew  
Avachita College  
Arkadelphia, Ark.  
Flight B-4

Dear Mr. Wells:

Haven't had time for much of anything lately. Received the Echo yesterday and surely did enjoy it. I should have given you my new address some time ago. I've been here since the last of March and can't say much except that I am going to school from 8:00 A. M. until 6:00 P. M. I'll be here for 3 or 4 months yet. My regards to one and all at dear old Ecusta.

Truly yours,  
PVT. WADE R. PHOENIX

Maxwell Field, Ala.

Dear Mr. Wells,

Have just received the Echo and sure do enjoy it. It is the next best thing to being there but nothing could compare with that. I am rooming with Mac Heaton, former Ecustan, and we enjoy talking of old times at the plant. We are now upper classmen and don't have to put up with all the riding from the other upper classmen. We will get our new bunch of cadets this week-end. Haven't had open post in 7 weeks now but don't mind anything they can hand out (even the 5 mile runs) just to earn my wings and sit at the controls of an Army Bomber. Would like to be at Ecusta but since I can't, will do my best and "Fly the crates they come in."

As ever,  
BEN (RICKMAN)

**Finishing Touches C Shift**

Spring fever and graveyard really make an unusual combination but what can one do about it? . . . Not long ago Grace Norman's heart almost stopped beating—the reason being a special visitor from the Army . . . This is the real truth. The other day Pearleen Blankenship called out the Brevard fire department to turn off her oil stove. Was there any serious damage, Pearleen? . . . Why does everyone get so excited when they see lemon and chocolate pie in the cafeteria? . . . If it wasn't for the Smith's we wouldn't have much excitement. There is still a mystery about that fruit jar in their car . . . The Army got Jack Smith last month and the farm got Ander Hyder . . . Juanita Osteen finally broke down and got a feather cut. Very becoming, Miss Osteen . . . Alta Galloway has a new job now marking bobbins . . . Bertha Edwards and M. Sellers missed all the buses the other day. Thumbing still works so that's how they got home from work . . . The secret of May Freeman's glowing face was the anticipation of seeing her husband Saturday . . . No wonder Albert Jones hasn't been bragging about the baby at his house. It's a girl and he says a girl won't be able to help him very much around the farm . . . Last month the office reporter signed Office Bits as follows: "Yours 'til butterflies." We fear there won't be much butter flying in the near future. It has been rationed, you know! . . . So glad Sue Orr is back after her operation. We sure did miss you, Susie! . . . Helen Rhodes and Thelma Sluder have already been on their vacations and from what we gather, they had real ones.

**Gets Promotion**



In the February issue of the Echo we asked for news of Walter R. Davis and have since learned that he is in the Quartermaster Corps at Breckinridge, Ky. He tells us that he was promoted to Corporal on March 1st and has been recommended for Sergeant's rating. A letter in this issue tells us more about Walter.

March 7, 1943

Dear Mr. Straus:

I want to express my deep appreciation for the box of stationery which I received today. I've never needed anything so much in my life as that stationery. I had just used up all I had and there is no place here in New Guinea where I could get any more. This is the first letter I've written on this stationery and I thought it only right that that one should be to you.

There isn't much I can write from over here. I hope you heard the news a few days ago!

I want to thank you again for the gift and also the Echo which I enjoy very much. I'm safe and well and like it pretty well over here now. I would like very much to hear from everyone back there.

Sincerely,  
WILLIAM LONG, 2nd LIEUT.