

Letter to Mr & Mrs John Foster from John Jr.

26 yrs - High blood pressure.

March 16, 1942 - Happy Birthday Telegram from John to Mom & Dad in Fairfax, Va.

Dad to Mom

June 10, 1942.

Aug 7, 1942 to Dad & Mom to Du Peman, McLean, Va.
from Camp Capt. S. Carolina (Port.)

Aug. 23, 1942

8/27, 1942

Sept 2, 1942

Sept 3, 1942

Sept 12, 1942

Sept 28, 1942

Sept 30, 1942

Oct 2, 1942

Oct 7, 1942

Nov. 6, 1942

" " "

Nov 12, 1942

Nov 14, 1942

Nov 25, 1942

Nov 21, 1942

Nov 27, 1942

12/5/1942

12/14/1942

Mom's High note: re: blood pressure

" Fort Benning, Va. note: re: Dad's job w/ British agency

" " " " (Candidate John Foster) - 25th Co 3rd STR

U.S. Army. 4th Platoon.

1/3/1943 Ft Benning, Ga. ^{OCS} Candidate - Still in McLean, Va.

1/10/1943

Jan 18, 1943

Jan 19, 1943

Jan 23, 1943

Jan 31, 1943

Mar. 24, 1943 from Ft. McClellan, Alabama Lt. John Foster Co H. 14th B 1st Rtc

Mar. 25, 1943 " " " " to Mom & Dennis. 62.22 62nd Ave Middle Village, L.I. N.Y.

Apr. 12, 1943 m. John Tator from Lt JBT. Ft. McLean, Va. R 1, McLean, Va.
 Apr. 14, 1943 Telegram - going to Camp Shelby, Mississippi to join 69th Dir. McLean.
 Apr. 21, 1943 from Hotel in New Orleans, La.
 Apr. 26, 1943 from Lt JBT. Co "C" 273rd Inf. 69th Dir. Camp Shelby, Miss to m JBT. ^{McLean}
 May 3, 1943 " note: u. Ted's wife had another baby. ^{that's why} Mom's in N.Y.
 (to take care of things)
 5/15, 1943
 6/8/43 from Camp Shelby. Miss to m & m JBT R 1, McLean, Va.
 6/30/43 " " " " " " " " " " " "
 July 26, 1943 In Army a year as of Tomorrow July 27.
 Aug 19, 1943 from Camp Shelby.
 Sept 25, 1943 " " "
 11/18/1943 (card from) new address: 1st Lt John B Tator, Infantry APO 15066 N.Y., N.Y.
 11/20/1943 on Eastern Seaboard (not N.Y. - leaving in few days)
 12/30/1943 Telegram Vmas to N.Y. - all's well.
 12/22/43 In North Africa about 2 wks. Co "C" 13th Lpl Bn. 1st Lpl Dep ^{APO 361} N.Y.
 1/16/44 Still in N. Africa in Battle School. (Sent picture taken in Casa Blanca.
 Jan 27, 1944 Note: The story about Tuck & her pups is typical of the Berman's.
 Feb 3, 1944 finished Battle School - Johns learning trench - V-mail photo stat
 Feb 14, 1944 Same mailing address as above - Went to Cairo, Egypt over week end.
 3/19/44 from Eastern card photo stat V-mail
 Apr. 3, 1944 Mediterranean Base Section (Lt JBT. Co. 168th Inf APO 34 N.Y.)
 Note: "Ted's wife died - It's her family's duty to take care of them
~~it was their~~ "They encouraged the whole damned thing from the start"
 Apr. 4, 1944 Has been in combat for a while.
 Apr 10, 1944 In combat - on beach - no shower for a month Same address
 Apr. 29, 1944 isn't getting letters - "For God's sake - don't tell me your troubles - I have no money for you!"
 5/3/44
 3/10/44 from Italy - new mailing address - as above. "I never saw so
 much destruction in all my life" "all the towns are almost
 completely destroyed"
 5/8/44 Says he was wounded in combat "only a scratch" Purple Heart
 maybe worth "500.00 one day".
 5/22/44 In Italy - He hoped to go to Naples - Was wounded Right hand - Stay in hospital
 5/27/44 In Hospital Still for possibly a month.

May 23, 1944 from Virginia just joined Waco. Ft. Oglethorpe, Va. to McLean, Va.
6/4/44 " Pvt Va. Foster Company 7-22nd Regt. Third Waco
Ft. Oglethorpe, Va.
6/6/44 " " " " " "
6/6/44 from John in Hospital
6/8/44 Telegram from Waco - Adjutant General ^{John} Li. Slightly wounded
in action.
6/10/44 To Mother Dad & Bert from Virginia - ~~which means the~~ ^{same address as above}
~~is saying they were still living with us in McLean.~~
6/19/44 To Mom & Dad ^{VA.} finishing basic This wk. - from address above
6/19/44 to Mom & Dad from John - in Hospital. Cast was taken off. Leg
& hand & arm - Still weak - letter in pencil. & hand & used.
Sorry he missed trip to come with the boys.
6/21/44 from Lee - 79 Tulip Ave, Baldwin, N.Y. Lee & Mom.
6/26/44 from John - Went to Naples sightseeing.
6/17/44 from War Dept. Adj Gen. Off. from J.A. Waco. John making normal improvement
6/28/44 " " " " " " " " " " " "
Letter 7/15/44 report as of 6/30 same as above.
" 7/20/44 " " " 7/7 was returned to duty
7/19/44 (received 7/31/44) from John - back with his outfit - glad to be back - bought good German Camera
8/6/44 from Va. Will be home Sat Eve. meet her in Cherry Lake, Va. from Private Va. F.
8/16/44 to Mom & Dad - McLean - Same add. Waco Detachment NCARB-ATC ^{Wilmington Delaware}
is above - in hospital with Bronchitis for a wst. Outfit not doing much
8/22/44 to Mom & Dad. Same add. as above (not hospit.) Having wonderful time - wish I wasn't
here though know anyone looking for ex inf. effort \$400 per mo. Must apply for my services
before first of yr.
8/28/44 to Mom & Dad. Same add. - Only letter worth saving. the rest were waiting
for letters & say^{ing} he received some.
9/15/44 from John (all red ink above are letters from John. Got another "scratch" may or
may not get his third cluster. "Luph" in states think war is over in Italy don't
kid yourself "Newspapers print all good news from France & we've been forgotten
over here." Still in 5th Army - 38th Div. "Red Bull Division"
9/13/44 from John - appreciated Mom's full page letter - a "masterpiece" Went to bed.
9/14/44 " " Sending pictures (if Cenon passes them)

- Sept 15, 1944 from John. Still in Italy. Wants identification bracelet for Mas.
- Sept. 28, 1944 from Va. returning John's letters to mom & Dad. Dicks in her barracks think he's handsome. (from Port Va. Foster. Wilmington, Dela.
- 10/23/44 from Va. Lu saw her off at the station (Port Va. 1377 ASF Beadline)
- Was Casual A-1, Greiner Field, Manchester
New Hampshire.
- 10/25/44 Getting over sea training. "must be confidential"
- 10/25/44 to mom, Dad, Bert, etc. Living life of ease - like country club. ^{add as above.}
- 10/25/44 first letter in long time from John - up to his neck in mud. "Very interesting experiences in last two months I can tell you when I get home. Hasn't bought anything in Italy, everything costs 6 times what ^{it} ~~was~~ does in States & not as good. ^{it's just!}
- 10/31/44 note new address: 1st Lt. J.B.Y. Co A. 133rd Inf. APO 34. N.Y.
- 11/1/44 from Va. European Dir. (add. not legible) in England in hospital with ear infection. Wants sneakers & sweaters - not food.
- 11/29/44 from John from Somewhere way South of Berlin. Thanks for ^{clean} ~~chocolate~~ etc.
- Will write long letter soon. (in pencil writing by candle light)
- 12/3/44 from John. received several packages & papers - missed notes from Mom. won't be home for Christmas - well & alive though.
- 12/4/44 from John - wants them each to have \$25. for Christmas.
- 11/1/44 from John. good long letter - good detail, worth keeping.
- 12/15/44 " " " " " " " "
- 12/22/44 from Va. to Mom, Dad, Bert. re: Mas European Dir A1C APO 741