

Dear Sam and Cecil – Transcription - 1942-03-31

<b>Date of Communication</b>	1942-03-31
<b>Station Address</b>	Pvt. Harry Ostrove Battery M 13 C.A. Fort Barrancas Fla.
<b>Addressee</b>	Mr Sam Ostrove 250 East 176 <sup>th</sup> St. Bronx N.Y.C. N.Y.

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Comments: The letterhead has the symbol of a red shield with an "X" and some symbol in the center. Under that is 13th COAST ARTILLERY, FORT BARRANCAS, FLORIDA  
Also while the letter is addressed to Sam the greeting is to Sam and Cecil

Battery M  
3-31-42

Dear Sam & Cecil

Please accept humble apologies, I sent out that first letter to you the Saturday after the Friday I arrived here and I don't know why it took so long to reach you. If you don't know why I felt that way. I will explain. It seems that I have been going up to meet all mail calls since I arrived here. mail calls are twice a day, and up to today I had received a grand total of one letter from home. It seems that most of the other fellows were receiving five and six a day, from people that they hadn't even written to, so naturally [sic] I felt kind of bad, Im [sic] O.K. now though, I received three in tonight's mail call. Also it seemed like I jumped on you everytime one of the fellows got something from home. Therefore the cards -- [long dash] I apologize again.

Enough for that. How are you Cecil and Arthur. So far I am still in quarantine [sic] and will be for a while yet. It seems like one of the fellows in the next battery caught a case of the mumps

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so we will be in for at least another week, therefore no pictures yet. Also all pictures must be censored [sic]. I expect to get another haircut next week. My hair is kind of long again -- [long dash] At least an inch and a half in front.

You don't know Pensacola if you think it is ideal, Look it up. In the summer it goes up to 110 [degree symbol] and it is very damp. In fact it is as bad as the Tropics.

This coast artillery [sic] business [sic] also is no snap. as I have found out already. WE have about three hrs. of lectures and instruction a day. I honestly think that it would be a lot easier in the Air corps as a cadet. We have to know as much about wind velocity and azimuth [sic] etc. as a pilot it seems that this is a picked bunch. How I got in I don't know. We have quite a few college grads here and most of the fellows have high school. We all find it equally [sic] as hard. Besides that we have to take infantry drill.

Well lights go out in a few minutes so I better close now.

Regards and love to all

Harry.

P.S. I received a letter from Eddie Today.

Harry

P.P.S. Please excuse the writing I am writing this in bed.

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Harry

P.P.P.S.

Please answer soon.

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