

Summary of Everett W. Gazaw WWII Letters to the Brown Family

Date	Type	EWG Location	Notes
1943-12-09	1 page traditional letter	England	Mentions Santa being very good to him and having received numerous letters and packages and birthday well wishes from the Browns, Annette and John, Walter, Margret and Ed, and Mary and John Brock. Requests Willard Gundrum's address and expresses sorrow about hearing about fellow Sand Lake veteran John Myreks' death and noting that he had gone to school with John. John Myreks was killed in action per https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=137076
1944-01-26	2 page traditional letter	England	Notes receiving 2 letters from the Browns and that he had yet to see any action. Asks the Browns not to worry too much if they don't hear from him due to occasionally being busy and accepting of whatever the Lord had in store for him if and when he did see action.
1944-02-06	2 page traditional letter	England	Mentions seeing a bit of England on a 48 hour pass, George going to NYC to seek a job, receiving a letter from Norma and Frank Kirkpatrick, and requesting Bill Steward's and the Arnold Boy's addresses. Asks how the dairy farm is going in a P.S.
1944-02-11	2 page traditional letter	England	Notes that he had not moved from his current location in England for quite some time for some unknown reason, asks about insurance arrangements and how his bank account is doing, and guesses he must have saved at least \$1,000. Mentions receiving a letter from Norman and John and Annette and a new pen from the Browns. Amusingly notes that he had done far more writing since joining the Army than throughout all of his years of formal schooling. Asks about the draft status of Marshall Hoffman. Notes being located rather close to Frank in England and hoping to visit him. Apologizes for not sending a photo of himself for lack of access to a camera.
1944-02-20	3 page traditional letter	England	Mentions receiving mail from John and Annette, Carrie Nelson, and his brother. Also notes receiving a box of requested items OK and requests shipment of shaving lotion due to having to shave with cold water every day due to the rationing of hot water. Notes receipt of the The Army Good Conduct Medal for completing three consecutive years of honorable and faithful service without any disciplinary problems and draws a picture of it for the Browns.

1944-05-14	Victory-mail (V-mail)	England	Mentions nice summer weather in England, hearing from Harry Teal, not hearing from Harold, Kenneth, or Harry Gundrum, it being Mother's Day and marking the 2nd anniversary since he'd been home, and
1944-05-20	V-mail	England	Mentions receiving a letter from Carrie and being able to watch a movie on base. Asks if the Browns had sent several items he'd requested.
1944-05-26	V-mail	England	Mentions not hearing from Kenneth, writing to Bill Stewart, difficulty getting his picture taken, and trouble receiving newspaper deliveries due to an address error. Asks which George Miller visited Walter's house.
1944-06-04	1 page traditional letter	England	Mentions the hot weather and thunderstorms in England, hearing from Art and Alice and Harry Teal, Alice Brown and Ella.
1944-06-11	V-mail	England	Primarily describes the chilly weather, appreciation for receiving mail and newspapers, and completing routine chores.
1944-07-22	V-mail	England	Mentions receiving mail from the Nelson and Gundrum families. The Gundrum letter notes that someone named Leroy was home on 2 weeks leave and was drunk for 5 straight days. Notes he might do the same if and when he gets back and wonders how much things will have changed.
1944-09-11	1 page traditional letter	France	Mentions receiving 4 letters from the Browns in one day and one letter from Vivian Teal. Also moving around a lot, being busy with the war in France and missing strawberry jam and Ritz crackers.
1944-11-16	V-mail	France	Mentions Aunt Lena and George. Asks about the prospect of buying a good used car once home.
1944-12-03	V-mail	France	Mentions receiving several letters and packages from the Browns and a cigarette lighter from the Kirkpatrick family and being both in the hospital and having not yet seen any action. Also notes making it to a French city and picking up a French birthday card for someone.
1944-12-31	V-mail	England	Mentions receiving 3 letters from the Browns in one day and anticipating a quiet New Years with no libations or dancing for the 3rd year in a row. Hoping this would be the last year away.
1945-01-05	V-mail	France	Mentions receiving a box of Fanny Farmer candy from the Browns. Asks if the heffers are milking yet. Mentions not writing as much for lack of anything to write about.