



A small archive of letters from a Pennsylvania serviceman, Herman Broomhall, during World War II. The letters are short messages home during his training in 1943 and are printed on colorful war-themed stationery with matching envelopes. The content of the letters is sparse, possibly from self-censorship, and also from the fact that Herman appears to have been nominally literate at best. Herman writes very short letters saying that he is fine and the course he's taking is going well. He also asks after his friends and family back home. To someone named Bobby, who seems to have been a nephew or a young friend he writes, "here is some firemans and the smallest bible in the world. Hope you are getting along in your school work." The stationery is wonderful and contains war-themed cartoons including Hitler drawn as a cartoon pig which reads "bring home the bacon." They also contain slogans of encouragement such as "Do that job...and hurry home" as well as thoughts for those at home such as "smash that Jap but more bonds." One of the cartoons features Army men in a truck chasing Hitler and reads "keep 'em running right off the map" with an illustration of them falling off the Earth at the foot. The envelopes include matching illustrations with cartoon servicemen saying things like "shoot some ink this way – for," and "hey! That's my name" next to where the address is written. Also included are three blank pages of stationery, ration stamps, and two newspaper clippings about fallen Pennsylvanians.

A modest but interesting collection of World War II letters written on colorful stationery. [\[BTC#409258\]](#)