

# Unwritten Letters

*Big League Correspondence That Might Have Been  
But Never Was*

By R. W. HOEFER

From: COMMANDING OFFICER,  
To: PRIVATE ROOKIE,  
Subject: *Attending ball game.*

You are ordered to omit all tedious work of any sort whatever, today, including drills, details, and Kitchen Police, and attend a ball game to be played between two Major League baseball clubs.

It is ordered that this command be obeyed implicitly, regardless of any personal hardship it may cause.

Commanding officer,  
Receiving Camp,  
By LIEUT. I. M. GREEN.

From Private Rookie,  
To Commanding Officer,  
Subject: *Attending ball game.*

*Deer Loot:* You gotta xcuse me from this heer ball game, because I gotta lotta work to do and eny guy which was ever in the army knows a rookie would rather work then lamp a big league ball game.

I gotta wash my breeches, two shirts, my other sock, a pair of leggins which Austin Gallagher my buddie is lending me to ware for when I get leave next year to go to Jacksonville.

Besides we're gonna have a nice long drill today of four hours and I got a drag with the drill sarg and he is gonna leave me in on it. Next I gotta take time to pull some stumps on a detail which all us birds was scrappin to get in on.

Besides all this, the mess sarg says that seein as I only been on K. P. only 4 times this week I kin go on agen today if I'm so doggone anxious two.

Receiving Camp,  
PRIVATE ROOKIE,

P. S.—Anyways, Loot, who in hell ever heard of a buck private which wanted to slip a ball game the double O when he kin do K. P. and detail.

P. S. S.—Besides, Loot, the Mess Sarg is gonna pitch the pots and pans today and I'm gonna ketch him, (with a brush and dish rag).

PRESIDENT BAKER,

*Philadelphia National League Club.*

*Dear Mr. Baker:* I am forwarding, on behalf of the baseball fans of Philadelphia, a gold loving cup, which the fans wish to present to you as a slight token of their deep affection for you.

As you must realize by now, we all feel that in disposing of two bush leaguers like Alexander and Killifer you helped the club greatly and the fans are grateful for this thoughtfulness on your part.

Yours devotedly,  
THE FANS OF PHILLY'  
*Represented by A. BOOB.*

HON. NEWTON D. BAKER,  
Secretary of War,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir: Permit me to express my great thankfulness for the "Work or Fight" ruling which went into effect Sept. 1.

Although I am a ball player, I am passionately fond of work and am glad of an opportunity to be allowed to labor after the playing season without being joshed about it.

Should you be looking for hard working men for particularly tedious war work I should be glad of a chance at it.

Very truly yours,  
O. V. BALLPLAYER.

MR. PHAN,  
World Seriesville.

*Dear Mr. Phan:* Please accept notice that we ticket speculators are deciding to sell world series baseball tickets this year at only ten per cent. more than the face value of the ticket. We realize that formerly, in charging you ten to twenty dollars for a pair of series tickets we were committing nothing less than highway robbery.

This year we are reducing our prices both because of the war and because of our tender hearts.

Most respectfully yours,  
A. SPECULATOR.

A. SPECULATOR, ESQ.,  
World Seriesville.

*My dear Mr. Speculator:* While I deeply appreciate your offering to sell series tickets at only 10 per cent. above their actual cost, I must decline to accept your kind offer. We fans appreciate the fact that you speculators must live—although why you should live is a mystery—and we are perfectly willing to pay exhorbitant prices to attend ball games.

It grieves me greatly to learn that you are planning to forsake the get-rich-quick speculative methods and I beg you to reconsider and soak us all we can stand when speculating in world series tickets.

Most affectionately,  
A. SERIES PHAN.

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