

## Aircraft Mechanic



Pvt. Louis McCrary is now an Aircraft Mechanic. When he first went into the service he wrote that the army was pretty tough for a guy like him. We haven't heard from him since then so maybe he isn't finding it so tough now. Louis was in the Finishing Department here at Ecusta.

## STITCHING GAB

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cealing her feelings . . . L. C. Wilson has joined The Vinegar Valley Quartet, so we've heard. Could a brunette have inspired his actions? . . . Has anyone peeped under Thelma S.'s hairnet since Monday? Don't tell anyone but she has a mass of beautiful new curls underneath . . . Gertrude P.'s husband spent a few days visiting her. He is in military service . . . We don't know where Ruby Dunne gets her energy to dance half the night and work all day . . . Martha H. surely likes oysters. By the timetime she gets to the cash register half of her order is gone . . . Just imagine, Phil R. giving forty cents a dozen for eggs to give to stray dogs. Where did you get your fortune, Phil? . . . Pearl Addis is surely thrilled since that wonderful news from North Africa. Her husband arrived safely . . . Careful, Alma, light bulbs are expensive and window sticks are dangerous, especially in your hands. . . . Lillie Siniard isn't so worried since a certain sailor has come home from Pearl Harbor.

## M. P. At Myrtle Beach



Pfc. Debois L. Edmundson says he gets lots of practice on the pistol range at Myrtle Beach. He was transferred from Miami in October. He wrote us in December that he expected to stay in camp over Christmas but wouldn't mind so long as it gave some others who had been in the service longer a chance to go home. Debois was Electric Trucker in the Refining Room and left Ecusta August 14th, 1942 and was transferred in October from Miami to Myrtle Beach.

United States Post Office  
Pisgah Forest, N. C.  
January 12, 1943

Miss Justine Williams  
Editor of The Echo  
Ecusta

Dear Miss Williams:

The Post Office Dept. has today issued the following instructions, effective January 15, 1943.

Individual copies of newspapers or magazines addressed to persons overseas who are in the armed service and having an A.P.O. number in their address, will not be accepted at Post Office for dispatch unless the newspaper or magazine has been requested in writing by the addressee. Or if the addressee is now a subscriber, copies of your newspaper (The Echo) may be accepted at the Post Office for dispatch, if the following is printed on the wrapper: "Mailed in conformity with P.O.D. Order No. 19687."

These instructions are sent you in order that you may be guided by same in the future posting of your publication.

Each Post Office will be required to conform to this order in every respect.

For those that plan to post parcels addressed to service men having A.P.O. addresses, the following instructions apply:

No parcels will be accepted at Post Office for dispatch to service men having A.P.O. addresses unless the addressee has requested in writing, approved by the commander of addressee's unit, the articles presented for mailing.

The above parcels not to exceed 5 pounds in weight, 15 inches in length, or 36 inches in length and girth combined.

No insurance allowed on A.P.O. parcels. Letters containing money or other valuable articles cannot be registered or accepted for mailing.

Any other information you may wish concerning the above instructions will be given on request.

Cordially,

DEWEY E. EDWARDS  
Postmaster

## LETTERS HOME:

December 13, 1942

Dear Folks:

Your jolly Christmas card arrived this afternoon and I cannot tell you how much pleasure I got from it. Hearing from everyone, even if it was just a short line, was so pleasant. The originator of the card has my great thanks. It was a splendid idea.

As you know I have about finished Link Trainer School and confess that I am an excellent "pilot" (at least on the ground). Sounds a bit fantastic doesn't it to say that I have finished training and have never been off the ground since I have been here. I have about ten days more of school and then one of three possibilities. I will be retained as an instructor, attend another school or be shipped to a field. I prefer the last.

Again, thanks for the card, and with best wishes to all, I am,

Sincerely,

ARTHUR LOEB

December 14, 1942

Dear Mr. Wells,

I will drop you a few lines to let you know that I enjoyed my visit to the plant on my leave. I am going to school now five days each week and like it fine. I wouldn't take the world for the chance I have as I am going to be an Electrician Mate 3-c when I finish my school. We have 16 weeks to learn to be one and although that seems a short time they really train you here the best in the United States.

The people here are very nice and try to make us feel at home.

I would like to be down there and work on B shift as I think that is the best shift and I would like to see all my friends and hear from them. Tell Ollie that everything in O. K. here. The navy life is the life to live. I like the navy and the school.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE SEXTON

December 12, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you. I am sorry for the delay in replying to you but we have moved so much I have not had much time.

I completed the Aviation Machinist course at Keesler Field and was sent to the Ford Aircraft School for a specialist's course in engines. After completing it I was transferred to the 4th Air Service Command for Assignment.

We are twelve miles from San Francisco and I guess I will go see the Golden Gate bridge the first time I have off.

If possible I would like for you to send me the Echo for I enjoy reading it very much.

In closing I wish you and your employees a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

EDWIN DRAKE

December 14, 1942

Dear Mr. Wells:

I want to express my deep appreciation for the nice Christmas present which I received a few days ago. Many thanks to you and Ecusta.

I am attending Radio Mechanics' and Operators' School in Chicago under the Army Air Force and I am enjoying it and army life immensely.

Your sending the Echo is a big help in keeping in contact with the people I know so well. I often think of the swell times I had while working at Ecusta and I am eagerly looking forward to returning.

My regards to all of my friends and "keep 'em flying."

Respectfully,

EVERETTE WHITMIRE

December 23, 1942

Dear Mr. Wells:

I received the package a few days ago and was more than glad to know that there was someone here from Ecusta besides me. I have not seen Dr. Sader yet but will try to see him the first chance I get.

It is snowing here now and I have to stay in it so long that I begin to think I am a snow man. It was six below zero and I had to stay out in it all day and part of the night. I didn't see any fire all that time.

I have not received the Echo yet.

Give all my best regards,

JAMES PIERCE WILLIAMS

## Stationed At Amarillo



Pvt. William Lyday, former Ecusta Meterman has begun an intensive course of study in aviation mechanics at Amarillo Air Field, Texas, one of the newest schools in the Army Air Forces. Upon graduation he will be sent to one of Uncle Sam's air bases to do his part in keeping America's "Flying Fortresses" harrassing the Axis.

## Now At Camp Forrest



Pvt. Abraham J. Gasperson is now stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn. He left Ecusta April 4, 1942 for Camp Grant, Ill. We have no correspondence from him since he left Ecusta.

These are the things I prize  
And hold of deepest worth:  
Light of the sapphire skies,  
Peace of the silent hills,  
Shelter of the forest,  
Comfort of the grass,  
Shadows of the clouds that quickly  
pass,  
And, after showers, the smell of  
flowers,  
And the deep brown earth;  
But best of all, along the way,  
FRIENDSHIP and MIRTH.  
—Henry Van Dyke

## PHYSICAL TESTING LAB

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downstairs, Earl and Wilkie working as supervisors, Paul Kellar helping in the office and Ned Medford and Ray Hooper around as supervisors, too . . . Edna has lost another boy friend to the armed forces. Keep your chin up, Edna. There are plenty more 4-F's left. Try one! . . . George Mabry and Wessly Keels are now ensigns in the navy. Their friends extend congratulations and wish them good flying . . . We were all happy to get word from Roy McClintock. Congratulations on your promotion and let us hear more often from you . . . This is your L.A.B. reporter signing off until next month when we'll be back with more news and gossip from the lab and our boys in the service. If you know anything to report just turn it in to us.

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