

Men In Armed Forces Pay Us A Visit

Another member of the Army Air corps ground crew, Pfc. Thomas Edens, who was employed in the Cafeteria prior to his induction into the Army in March of 1943, visited Ecusta Jan. 20th. After a few weeks of basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., he was sent to mechanics school in Lincoln, Nebraska. At present he is stationed at Farmingdale, Long Island, N. Y. Pfc. Edens was home on a 12-day furlough.

Cpl. Lester C. Wilson, former Maintenance Mechanic, who is soon to enter Cadet training in the Air Corps, visited the plant Jan. 21st. He has been to airplane mechanic school, aerial gunnery school, and is now stationed at Laredo, Texas. With him, visiting the plant was a Brevard boy, Sgt. Oscar R. Bryson, who has just returned from the Southwest Pacific.

A member of the Amphibious Corps of the Navy, Jesse Gossett, Electrician's Mate, 3-c, who visited us last fall, came in again on Jan. 21st. (We like to see all Ecusta men in service on every leave or furlough). Before entering the Naval service in March of last year, he was employed by Ecusta as a member of the Landscape Crew. He has had four months of electrical training and has been on sea duty for two months. His overseas ribbon is for the American theatre of operations.

Pvt. Floyd Callahan, formerly employed in the Finishing department, is now with an Engineering division of the Army stationed in Nashville, Tenn. He had been on maneuvers since December 11, and returned from a 3-day pass here to Tenn. Pvt. Callahan took his basic and engineering training at Breckenridge, Kentucky. He is an assistant air compressor operator.

Cpl. James C. Gevedon, has seen action since he left Ecusta in March, 1942. He has been in Alaska for 19 months in the Air Corps Weather Wing, and is wearing three service ribbons: 1. Asiatic-Pacific campaign, 2. American theatre, 3. Good Conduct. Cpl. Gevedon took his basic and engineering training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Before entering the service he was employed as a Millwright Foreman at Ecusta.

Another former employee who has seen much action visited Jan. 25th. T-Sgt. James T. Williams, of the U. S. Marines, was in during his 30-day leave. After leaving Ecusta, where he worked as a digester cook, October 5, 1941, and taking his basic training at Parris Island, S. C., he went to quartermaster school at Toledo, Ohio. He has been in the South Pacific for 16 months and returns wearing four campaign ribbons: 1. Presidential citation with a star for Guadalcanal, 2. Asiatic duty with a star for one engagement, 3. American theatre, and 4. Pre-Pearl Harbor service ribbon. Sgt. Williams tells us that he expects to ask for another school here in the States.

Cpl. Russell Allen, Newport News, Va., paid a visit Jan. 10th during his seven-day furlough. Before entering the service he was employed here in the Pulp Mill. Cpl. Allen has had two months of maneuvering in West Va. After his furlough he returned to a hospital in Newport.

Newest In Showers



SECOND LIEUT. DeWITT DRAKE, former payroll department employee, is taking advantage of this new type shower somewhere in the Florida swamps. The snapshot was taken during a 10-day bivouac while DeWitt was stationed at Miami Beach in officers' candidate school. Lieut. Drake has been in the army air corps since the summer of 1942.

A Flight Engineer in the Army Air Corps, Pfc. Frederick E. Bishop, visited January 25th. This was his first furlough (18 days) since he entered the service in March of last year. He has attended airplane mechanics school after his basic and had, at the time of his visit, just completed training at a special school at Douglas Aircraft, Santa Monica, Calif. He was returning to San Francisco for his next assignment. The ribbon he was wearing was "Sons of the American Revolution."

Cpl. William A. Lyday, who has been training pilots at an air corps base in Roswell, New Mexico, visited Ecusta January 25th, and again March 15th. He is a former employee of the Power Plant, and has been in the army since Sept., 1942. Cpl. Lyday tells us that Elmore Collins, a former employee of Champagne, is also stationed in Roswell as a radio operator. At the time of his last visit Cpl. Lyday was being given a new assignment—maybe an overseas address—he picks up his combat crew at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Another former employee of Champagne, Tech. 4 Lewis M. Meece, visited on Jan. 28th. He is in the medical corps stationed at present in Shreveport, Louisiana. After taking his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., he was immediately assigned to duty at Fort Lewis, Washington, working in an Office. He was expecting to be sent to La. on maneuvers for two months while he was home on this recent 15-day furlough.

During a 10-day furlough (Jan. 6th) Pfc. William H. Tritt, formerly employed in the Warehouse here, now in an army Infantry Division, visited. He had just been in Louisiana for two months of maneuvers and for desert training in California. At present he is stationed at Ft. Dix, N. J., with the Quartermaster corps. Pfc. Tritt has been in the Army for 17 months.

Wins Promotion



R. JOHN PICKELSIMER, former Ecusta backtender, has won an early promotion in the Navy as result of his past civilian training. Because he has had sufficient experience in a trade essential in the Navy, he was advanced to the rating of Hospital apprentice, 1-c. After his visit here, he returned for re-assignment to active duty aboard a naval warship or to some naval shore station.

Captain Ralph L. Waldrop, who left Ecusta in 1941 from working in the Pulp Mill to work with Uncle Sam as a Chemical Warfare property officer, visited friends here Jan. 11, while on a 15-day leave. First he was stationed at Camp Tyson, Texas, then at Camp Davis, N. C. This visit was Capt. Waldrop's first in over a year. He has been an officer in the Reserve since 1936; he's wearing the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon.

A member of an Infantry Division, Cpl. Russell Owen, came in for a visit on Jan. 11. Before entering the Army, Cpl. Owen worked in the Chemical Laboratory of Ecusta as a helper. Since taking his basic training at Camp Waters, Texas, he has been stationed at the Induction Center. He was home on a 15-day furlough.

On Jan. 11th, during a 10-day furlough, Pvt. William Drake visited Ecusta. He was employed in the Machine Room before entering the Army in May of 1942. He is in the ground crew of the Army Air corps. After attending an Airplane Mechanic school and an Engine Specialist school, he was sent to Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Mo.

Motor Machinist Mate, 3-c, Richard ("Dick") Lance, who has just completed his P. T. boat training, was home recently on leave (9 days) and visited Ecusta on Jan. 13. Before entering the Navy in March of last year, Dick was scale repair man at Ecusta. After his leave he was expecting to be sent out.

S-Sgt. Hall L. Owen, who was formerly employed in the Chemical Laboratory before entering the Army in March of 1941, visited Ecusta on Jan. 13th. Sgt. Owen has been serving in Panama with the Army Air corps. He is in a Bombardment group and at the time of his visit was unassigned. He was married recently to a Brevard girl.

Troy Drake, Coxswain (Petty Officer 3rd Class), who was a former Champagne printer, visited the plant Jan. 6th. After completing his Radio and Amphibious training in Penn. and Virginia respectively, he has been at sea since last April. He was wearing two campaign ribbons; for the European theatre (months) with 2 stars for combat and for the American theatre. After a 13-day leave with his family, he was reporting again to his ship.

Carl Mooney, S 2-c, former Champagne janitor, was here recently during a 14-day leave. He had completed his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and upon his return he takes four months of Diesel training.

Sgt. Frank A. Smith, Technician 4th Class, is now stationed at Camp Adair, Oregon. On Jan. 17th he visited Ecusta. Prior to November, 1942, he was employed in the Finishing department. He visited during a 17-day furlough which was granted after the completion of weeks of maneuvers in Washington. Sgt. Smith took his basic training in Oregon, at Camp White.

Pfc. Lewis P. Bagwell, former Machine Room employee, visited Ecusta Jan. 19th during a 15-day furlough. When he returned to Smoky Hill A. A. Field in Salina, Kansas, where he is stationed, his wife, the former Katherine Simpson, who used to work in Champagne, and his family returned with him. He says that while he was on K. P. he met Karl Strauss—didn't even know that he was at the same camp. Before he came home he went by to see Karl and found him dancing with a North Carolina girl. (Real "Tar Heel" meeting in Kansas).

Second Engineer Lelian F. Reece, of the Navy, visited Jan. 19th. Before entering the service in February, 1942, he was an Ecusta Machinist. He has taken all of his naval training at New York and, at the time of his 21-day leave, he was trying for another engineering school for which he was qualified along with eleven others chosen from twenty-five.

Lt. (2nd) Gordon Fowler, Army Air Forces Pilot, visited on January 31st. He is a former employee of Champagne. After his classification, pre-flight, primary, basic, and advanced training, he won his wings in July of 1943. He has been assigned to active duty in Panama where he was flying a P-39 and a P-40. He was home on a 11-day leave.

Former Pulp Mill employee, Jack Moore, S 1-c, visited January 28th. He was home on a 12-day leave from the U. S. Naval Air Station at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where he is stationed. Seaman Moore left here for the Navy on October 16, 1942, took his boot training at Jacksonville, Fla., and has been at sea duty since June. He adds his thanks to Ecusta for his Christmas gift in the military guest book.

Bobby Norwood, Seaman, who used to be with Ecusta's crew and who is now in the Navy, visited on January 31. He is now stationed at the U. S. Naval Air station at Jacksonville, Fla., and is in the Naval Air Corps reserve. He has asked for machinist mate training. Bobby was home on an 8-day leave.