

News From Former Employees Now In Service

WRITES FROM ENGLAND

Sgt. Nathan Reed writes from somewhere in England: "... It certainly is great to know that even men — greatly involved in business capacities—can still take time to remember employees in the service. I'm sure my gratitude for this remembrance will stand for each of the many Ecustans now in the service. ... I am well and still working—all for the best. May our combined endeavors bring about an early Victory and return each of us to the security of our jobs at Ecusta in the near future. ..."

Somewhere in England
April 26, 1944

Hello, Ecusta:

This leaves me o. k. I like the country. Am cooking on a hospital train which was formed in Georgia. Have been across since February. We live, eat, sleep and work on the train, which is carrying wounded troops over the country. I like the work fine but would like to be back in North Carolina any day.

Sincerely,
CHARLES B. PEEVY,
Corporal.

Southwest Pacific
April 29, 1944

Dear Mr. Straus:

Thank you for your kind letter. Being so far from home and people you know, it means a lot to get a letter expressing such good wishes.

I think of Ecusta often and all my friends who worked and continue to work there. Most of those boys are taking part in the great effort now in progress so that they may once again enjoy the way of life they once knew. The one great desire in every man's heart is to get this thing forever over and return home. We have made much progress and will continue to do so as long as God gives the strength and courage to go on. My part has been relatively small so far, but the time and opportunity will come when I may have a larger share in bringing about an end to the "Yellow Unprintables."

I am in the best of health and am having a good time as far as that is possible.

The Echo has been a constant source of enjoyment.

We have a relatively large supply of cigarettes at all times. I usually inspect each one I smoke carefully and sometimes, when I feel rather liberal, give the boys a 1½.

My best regards to all the remaining friends.

Very sincerely,
WILLIAM SILVER,
Ensign.

BOYS IN SAME COMPANY

Cpl. Ben H. Bishop writes from the care of Postmaster, New York: "... I have been in this company for some time and like it fine. There are quite a few boys in the company from North Carolina, but none from my home town. ..."

Pfc. Lamar Hamilton has returned to Camp Stewart, Georgia, after spending a 10-day furlough here. He is a former employee of Ecusta Landscape crew and left in May, 1943. Pfc. Hamilton is in the anti-aircraft searchlight branch of the army.

Gets Promotion



BURWELL F. HALL, JR., above, son of Dr. and Mrs. Burwell F. Hall, 170 West Chestnut street, Asheville, has been promoted to the rank of major in the marine corps. Prior to his call to active duty in February, 1942, Maj. Hall worked in the Filter Plant.

Now In Calif.



BURDER WILLIAM TEAGUE, seaman second class, is now at San Francisco, California, awaiting further orders. He recently spent a short furlough here visiting his wife. Seaman Teague entered the navy in February and received boot training at the Great Lakes naval station, Great Lakes, Ill. Before entering service, he was employed at Ecusta.

IS BACK IN STATES

Pvt. Fred W. Laughter writes from Camp Crowder, Mo.: "... I am back in the U. S. A. for one more time, and I like the States the best and I like old N. C. the best of all. ... I stopped at the plant while I was on furlough ... was glad to be there. ... Best wishes and luck to all at Ecusta. ..."

Pfc. James B. Waldrop, former Ecusta Pre-Washer Helper, who left January 5, 1942, has arrived safely in England. Pfc. Waldrop was on the Alcan Highway in Canada for 21 months then was transferred to Camp Edwards, Mass., before going overseas. His wife, Nell Lance Waldrop, is an employee of Champagne's Stitching department.

Missing In Action



A message from the War Department, received by Mrs. E. V. Fowler, of Brevard, stated that her son, 2nd. Lieut. Fred Gordon Fowler, a pilot on a fighter plane in the Italian theatre of war, has been reported missing in action over Corsica. The message stated that he has been missing since April 13, but gave no further details. Lieutenant Fowler has been overseas two months and enlisted in service in May, 1942. He is 23 years old. The last letter his mother had from him was written on April 11. Before going into the service, Lieut. Flower was employed in Champagne's Printing department.

NOW IN THE FLEET MARINES

George M. Hollingsworth, Pharmacist's Mate, 3-c, writes from Camp Lejeune, N. C.: "... Things have changed a bit for me since I wrote you last. About three weeks ago I was transferred over to the Fleet Marines. I am down here in New River, N. C., now for a few more weeks of school. They gave me an issue of Marine clothes which was quite a change-over after wearing the Navy blues for 17 months. ... Give my best regards to the fellows in the Pulp Mill."

STATIONED IN CALIFORNIA

Pfc. George J. Smith writes from Camp Haan, Calif.: "... I'm now in California and doing fine. ... I'm hoping to see everyone in a month or so. Sure will be nice to see the plant again. Only wish I could be coming back to stay. ... Keep everything going and I will keep on smoking. ... Sending good luck to all, and to everyone in the Finishing Department. ... Lights are going out now and Graveyard must be coming in. Keep it up, kids. ..."

GERMANS ARE STUBBORN

Pfc. Floyd Evans writes from somewhere in Italy: "... I am very glad to know about the good work that is being done back there toward winning the war. I want everyone to know that we really appreciate what they are doing. I think the war workers are doing a splendid job. ... Times get pretty tough occasionally over here, but we just say they could be worse and keep going. The Germans are pretty stubborn and have to be convinced the hard way, but they are gradually getting what is coming to them and I think we are beginning to realize that we are over here to win the war. ..."

DRIVES A PRIME MOVER

T-5 Cpl. Albert Grindstaff writes from somewhere in Italy: "... I am still in Italy, still on my old job driving a prime mover. I have been driving it over one year now. ... I have been overseas thirteen months, but I hope we can get it over this year, for I am sure getting tired of this kind of life. ..."

IS AT ADVANCED MESSAGE CENTER

Second Lt. Ansel R. Jones writes from Warrenton, Va.: "... I have been moving around some since being at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. At present I am taking a course in advanced message center, cryptographic, which is proving to be rather interesting. My stay here will probably be for four or five more weeks. They never tell us anything much in advance. ... It is a good station and I have found living conditions good. ... Give my regards to the fellows of Refining. I would like to see them all."

WRITES FROM NAVAL HOSPITAL

Pfc. Harold Misenheimer writes from the Naval Hospital in Norfolk, Va.: "... I am getting along pretty well, but I'm still having trouble from my sinus. ... How are things going at the plant? How is bowling? Will you be playing any baseball this summer? I wish we were all back and could start the interdepartment league again. I really enjoyed the games. ..."

VERSATILE TRAINING

Pvt. Ted Schepkowski writes from Camp Wheeler, Ga.: "... We have completed our seventh week of training and physically I feel much better. We are getting hard and toughened up. You should see my G. I. haircut. It is surprising how many things an infantryman has to learn how to do. At first you might think all he has to do is carry a rifle and march or walk. That is not so. He must be a very versatile soldier. He must know how to handle many different types of weapons, when to use them. He must know how to read maps, not the kind we use when traveling but the kind that will tell him what kind of country he is in. He must be able to distinguish between different kinds of gases that may, and probably will, be used against us. All in all, he must have a thorough knowledge of practically anything and everything that he may run up against in combat. ..."

HAS AGAIN CHANGED CAMPS

Cpl. Ben H. Bishop writes from Camp Cooke, Calif.: "... How is everything getting along at the Machine Shop? ... Tell all my fellow workers hello for me and to keep the wheels rolling. ... Well, we have changed camps. We are in California now. We are going to fire all next week and then we are going to get a furlough. Then it is off for a long ride but nobody knows where. ..."

IS IN CALIFORNIA

Gordon Leslie, S 2-c, writes from Shoemaker, Calif.: "... I am out here in California and like the country fine, but the base we are on isn't as good as the one we left, but I guess we can't have everything like we want it. ... I've been getting the Brevard paper from home, and have been seeing where all at Ecusta have been buying war bonds. Keep up the good work and pretty soon the war will be over. ..."