

News From Former Employees Now In Service

IS A MAIL CLERK

Somewhere in England
March 21, 1944

Dear Bill (Kirk):

This will only be a note, but since I don't have time for a letter I wanted to say that I received your letter and was very pleased to hear from you. Mail is always welcomed and to me it means so much.

I am glad to know that you are well and getting along nicely with your work. I am fine and have almost completely recovered from my injury.

Had I told you previously that I am now the Company mail clerk? It is a good job and I like it very much. The only objection is that at times I don't get enough mail for myself.

The Echo is coming regularly and I also had a very nice letter from Bob this week. Keep things going and one of these days I'll be back, I hope.

Give my regards to all my friends,

Sincerely,
RANDALL LANKFORD (Cpl.)

SENDS ANOTHER COIN

Somewhere in New Guinea
April 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

I've just received your letter in which you told me of your receiving the Jap coin. I am glad you liked it. I got it where the Japs had moved out of in a hurry. I am sending this letter with an Australian coin to add to your coin collection. Back in 1942 when the Japanese thought they would invade Australia, they printed up a lot of invasion money to be spent in the Commonwealth of Australia. I have seen quite a bit of this invasion money but haven't any yet. If I do I'll send some to you.

A few days ago I received two Echoes in an air mail envelope. It seems that this is the only way I can be sure of getting them, since I move too fast for newspapers to catch up with me. I appreciate this very much, as these two copies are the only two I've received in a long, long time. If you could continue to send them to me I would be grateful.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JACK D. MORGAN (Cpl.)

P. S. The Australian coin is a Florin, about 32c in our money.

READS THE ECHO

Somewhere in England
April 26, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

I have just received the back copies of the Echo which I had written you about some time ago. Sure was glad to get them and I want to thank you for such prompt action upon receiving my letter.

I had some time off yesterday and, believe me, I spent every minute of it reading those Echo copies. Somehow I feel better now. Makes one feel good to know that the other boys are doing o. k. here and there all over the globe.

Now that I have been here for a while I like England much better, and will feel right at home if I can ever get in touch with some of the other fellows that are also here. Several of the boys, I learned from the Echo, have just arrived. I'll be looking them up.

Regards to you and all my friends at Ecusta,

Sincerely,
EVERETT WHITMIRE (Sgt.)

Now In England



CPL. JOSEPH A. PERRY, of Hendersonville, is pictured as he made repairs on a P-38 'Lightning' engine at an Aerial Reconnaissance Station in England. He is an aircraft mechanic for a Photo squadron.

Cpl. Joseph Perry Aircraft Mechanic

(Special to the Echo)

AN EIGHTH A A F PHOTO GROUP, ENGLAND—Cpl. Joseph H. Perry, 34 years old, Hendersonville, N. C., is an aircraft mechanic for a photo squadron at this Aerial Reconnaissance station in England.

Cpl. Perry is the husband of Ruth Fulton Perry, Pickelsimer apartments, Brevard, N. C., and a son of Mrs. Mary L. Perry, Hendersonville. Prior to entering the service in September, 1942, he was employed as a machinist in Champagne's Machine shop.

He graduated from Flat Rock high school, class of 1931. Before going overseas Cpl. Perry was stationed at Brookley Field, Mobile, Alabama.

Three brothers, Lt. Harry Perry, S-Sgt. Paul Perry, former Ecusta Machine Room employee, and Charles Perry are in the armed forces.

NO EASY LIFE

Somewhere in Italy
April 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

Will answer your letter, which was most highly appreciated.

As far as conveniences go, we have it pretty rough. Shave and take a bath wherever you can. We have our own electric power, have six men to a tent, and I'll say this, I never really knew the boys until I got into close quarters with them. We have boys from most all walks of life in this outfit. Most of them are from Texas.

Here's hoping that you have the best of luck and the most prosperous year in the history of Ecusta corporation.

Tell all the fellows and Mr. Patton I wish them the best of luck. Here's hoping that we are all together again before another year rolls around. Keep making them and we will keep using them.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD BRACKETT (Cpl.)

A partice softball game was played Thursday afternoon between the Finishing Dept. Girls and the Champagne Girls. The softball season has been slow starting.

AIR MAIL TO SERVICEMEN

The Post Office Department said confusion has arisen over air-mail rates to servicemen. It explained: The rate is six cents per half ounce when addressed to men overseas through an Army post office number and sent via the postmaster at Presque Isle, Me., New York City, Miami, New Orleans, Minneapolis, San Francisco, or Seattle, or addressed to a Fleet Post Office through the postmaster New York, San Francisco or Seattle. Air mail addressed to servicemen (or civilians) in this country takes a rate of eight cents per ounce. Rates were changed by the new tax bill.

(From United States News, April 28, 1944.)

STILL STRONG, HEALTHY

% Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.
April 28, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

For the past two months I have been rather busy. I have been in charge of a rather large job, nearly too big for a little fellow to be in charge of, and one that had to be done right and in a certain length of time. But we gave it our best, did it right and ahead of schedule. Perhaps I will have a little more leisure time now.

Since being in the service I have had several different kinds of work and positions. I was in school for about 4½ months, and then on one base I was a radio and signal man, and then at times I have worked at my trade (carpenter). I am as strong and healthy as ever, or maybe more so, and I give any job my best.

I am sure that Ecusta and the people there are backing us to the limit. I am proud of Ecusta and W. N. C. as a whole.

My very best wishes go to you and Ecusta. I appreciate each and every copy of the Echo and letters from there. Remember me to my friends there.

Cordially,
LEWIS M. TOWNSEND (CM 1-c)

GETS XMAS GIFTS

% Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.
April 21, 1944

Dear Leon (English):

I haven't heard from you in quite some time now, but I suppose like everyone else you are pretty busy.

I received a copy of the Echo several days ago, and yesterday I received a copy of the Ecusta Christmas program which I enjoyed very much. It also made a hit with the fellows. The fellows look forward to my getting the Echo almost as much as I do, which is really saying a lot. I am always glad to get it, not only because I like to keep up with the happenings at Ecusta, but also because it reminds me of the people back home whom I liked and miss so much. Some day I hope to be back with them working at Ecusta again.

I'll close for now but will write again soon.

As ever,
VINCENT DIXON (Pfc.)

IS IN HOSPITAL

Oakland, Calif.

Dear Miss Ricker:

I'm sorry I haven't written before now about my new address. I've been so busy lately, I've hardly had any spare time. I have been here at the Naval Hospital for about one month.

This hospital is much bigger than the one at Shoemaker and I like it better. I'm lots nearer town so I don't feel so isolated here. And the food (chow in navy lingo) is real swell here, also. I guess that's something we all look forward to, isn't it?

I have been getting the Echo regularly lately and enjoying it more than ever. Thanks a million.

How are things around there now? I guess it looks like the same old plant but if I were to visit it now I'm sure I would see lots of new faces. I'm really looking forward to coming back and visiting again. Maybe that day won't be too far away! I guess there are still a few people in the office I know—Gee! How I miss that place! Give them all my regards, and thanks again for the Echo.

Sincerely,
HAROLD BROWN,
Hospital Apprentice, 1-c

SEES LOTS OF ACTION

In Gilbert Islands

Dear Ecusta:

I received the Christmas package a few days ago. I want to thank you and try to show my appreciation to the entire concern. It gives us boys a lot of pleasure to know that the ones we left behind are constantly thinking of us.

I have also received a number of the Echoes. I also want you to know that they are very interesting and give a good idea of what is going on back there. I hope I will continue to receive them in the future.

I am stationed in the Gilbert Islands. I have seen a lot of action in every respect. I have learned to eat from a tin can, boil my own coffee, and to sleep in a fox hole with six inches of water. Those are the times our thoughts wander back to old Ecusta. I hope to return there after the war and get my old job back.

I will close, saying hello to each and every one of you.

Yours truly,
FRANK R. CARSON (Pvt.)
P. S. Tell all the boys in the Pulp Mill I said hello and to keep the good paper rolling 'til we get back.

RFC.

Rosecran Field
St. Joseph, Mo.
April 29, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

Sorry that I have not written to you sooner, but as to interesting things to write about, there just aren't any here.

I sure did enjoy the furlough last January and was glad to work some of the boys I used to work with. Think most of them are in the service now.

Our work is not so hard at present due to this Missouri "monsoon." We have had about two clear days in the past month, and rain all the rest.

Thanks a lot for sending the Echo, for I enjoy reading it very much. I will try not to be so late in writing next time.

As ever,
WILLIAM E. DRAKE (Sgt.)