

News From Former Employees Now In Service

HOPING TO GET PHOTOGRAPHY
Care of Fleet Post Office San Francisco, Calif.
I have just been reading the Echo (May issue) and everyone seems to be O. K. at Ecusta. That's sure I would like to see everyone, and I don't think it will be long until we can all celebrate our Victory over these... call them what you want. Everyone has his own idea about the censor would not mine, I'm sure.)
Today I can eat, and that's really something. After all, I am new at sea business and I have really been feeding the fish. There were 50 of us new fellows on our ship and we have really had a... like the navy O. K. I am on a... at the present, plus a few... down every so often. I hope... photography, or radar, after... months at sea. I think I... a good chance at this — I...
I want everyone to drop me a... or two. You don't have to... me—just write.
I will try to get a Jap for... everybody. (Oh, my Gosh! I went... extremes on that. I'd better... long, everybody.
A friend,
Burder W. Teague (S2-c)

VISITED ROME



PFC. RALEIGH T. WALDROP is now with an Aviation Ordnance company in Italy, having recently returned there from Corsica. He writes he spent his most perfect day since leaving the States on a sight-seeing trip in Rome. Raleigh was an assistant chief inspector before leaving for service in March, 1943.

In Foreign Service



PVT. THOMAS D. BROWN, who was a third hand in the Machine Room until he left for service in June, 1942, has been stationed in England and North Ireland where, as of April, 1944, he was on duty at a Station Hospital and wrote us Ireland was even more beautiful than England. He went into foreign service six months after his induction.

OUTFIT HAS GREAT SUCCESS

Somewhere in New Guinea I'd better write or you might be thinking the Japs have got me. If so, it is a big mistake, for they have to do a darn sight better than they have so far.

I have been moved again since I last wrote you. I am now somewhere in New Guinea. My outfit has been in action with the Japs and met with great success, with extremely light casualties. I, like all other "G. I.'s" am proud of my outfit.

Received several copies of the Echo within the last week and enjoyed them immensely. It sure helps a guy keep informed of the whereabouts of his friends.

I am very proud of the way the people there are backing us guys. Just keep it up and we'll do the rest, and knowing we are being backed by you will make it much easier for us.

I read in one of my copies of the Echo, a notice to the effect that you were sending a magazine to the boys in the service and would like to know which they prefer. I would like to put in my request for the Life magazine. It is hard to get hold of good magazines and books over here. I feel quite sure you will have the thanks of some of my buddies as well as my own for the magazine.

Give the gang my regards. Am hoping to be able to be back there soon—in the spring of '45, I hope.

Yours truly,
Roy E. Carter (Cpl.)

K. P. FOR "VARIETY"

Smyrna, Tenn.

The Echo came today and reminded me I haven't made a "Progress Report" since I got here. So, here goes.

This field is very nice. There's a swimming pool, tennis courts, "Rec." hall and movie for relaxation. There's K. P. for variety, and just enough work to keep busy without being too pressed to get things done. The food is excellent, and the fellows I am with are more so. Of course, it's hot, but the nights are cool enough to sleep, and occasionally a breeze sneaks in during the day.

They send men out from here for overseas replacement, so I am hoping I get to go soon myself. I passed my physical, so now I can only hope.

Thanks for the Echo and I'll try to keep you posted from time to time.

Sincerely,
Sam Gordon (Cpl.)

IN S. W. PACIFIC FOUR MONTHS

Lt. A. W. "Gus" Tucker, who has been with the army air intelligence service in the Southwest Pacific for four months, was recently home for four weeks. Before being inducted into the service in July, 1942, Lt. Tucker was a storeroom foreman.

AWARDED OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Lt. William M. Heaton, of the army air forces, was recently awarded an Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Medal, for exceptionally meritorious service in an aerial flight over enemy-occupied territory in continental Europe. Lt. Heaton is the pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt. He recently saved the life of Lt. Col. Gabreski. He was employed in the Machine Room at the time of his induction. His father, William Heaton, is employed in the Machine Shop.

How The Numerologists Have It Figured Out

	Churchill	Hitler	Roosevelt	Il Duce	Stalin	Tojo
Year Born	1874	1889	1882	1883	1879	1884
Age	70	55	62	61	65	60
Took Office	1940	1933	1933	1922	1924	1941
Yrs. In Office	4	11	11	22	20	3
	3888	3888	3888	3888	3888	3888

End of War: 1/2 of 3888 equals 1944

1/2 of 1944 equals 972 or 9 (Sept.) 7, at 2:00

September 7, 1944, at 2:00 o'clock

To find the Supreme Ruler, take the first letter of each name.

MAY VISIT PLANT SOON

Little Creek, Va.

I could never forget all you and all the friends I have at Ecusta have done for me while I was working there as a fireman in the Boiler Room. Also, you have done so much for all of us fellows who are in the armed forces. As a company, Ecusta is tops to me and always will be.

I noticed in the Echo where you were offering to us a subscription to a magazine. I would greatly appreciate it a lot. We in the navy do not get hold of reading material very often. So anything you send me will be appreciated. It is hoped I can pay a visit to the plant in late August or early September as I will be due a leave of absence then.

Howell Medford

IS AT NEW BASE

Earle, New Jersey

I like my new base at Earle very much. It is a new base, not finished yet.

Yes, sir, I sure would like to have the paper. I have nothing to read as no papers come in here yet. Tell Arthur and the rest hello for me.

From—
William W. Robinson,
(Seaman 2-c)

APPRECIATES ECHO

Crane, Indiana

My copy of the Echo always arrives on time and is thoroughly enjoyed. You are doing a swell job of keeping us informed as to the locations and activities of others.

Yours very truly,
C. Olan Hall (Lt. j.g.)

LANDING NOT GLAMOROUS

New Guinea

Much to my surprise, I have landed at New Guinea. I didn't land as glamorously as the Marines, but I am proud that I am at last overseas.

I hope I will receive the Echo over here because I certainly enjoy reading it, and it keeps me posted as to where all the fellows are that I used to know.

I am looking forward to the day when I can return to Ecusta.

Yours truly,
Lawrence Richardson (Pvt.)

KARL STRAUS PROMOTED

T-4 Karl Straus, who is with a Civil Affairs Unit in England, has been promoted to the rank of Technician 4th grade. Before leaving Ecusta in May, 1943, he was secretary to R. F. Bennett. He trained at Fort Logan, Colo., Salina, Kans., Keesler Field, Miss., and Greenville, Penn.

THINGS HAPPENING FAST THERE
Somewhere in Italy we are busy keeping the Huns in the run. Things are happening here than ever before, so in fact, that we are always being with the news.
It has been hot here! Hotter than it was in the Beater Room in—and that is fairly warm.
Now is the plant baseball team on? Sure would like to see game.
I have had a five-day leave a for so past. I spent most of the in the water. We have miles in miles of coast line not far the base, so every chance we go swimming. I hope to see before I leave here.
I look for Speedy's address and others, also. Speedy is not far here. I have a day off soon will look him up. All the others close, also.
What happened to Shift D Re-? They never crash the news more. Tell them for me to get the beam.
With best wishes,
Edward Brackett (Cpl.)

WORKING ON FIGHTERS
U. S. Naval Air Station Atlantic City, N. J.
The Echo pictures taken down the mill sure do bring back fond memories. Those taken at the pic are good—only wish I could been there, too.
I am still here in New Jersey, though I was in Florida on a weeks' temporary duty. It was hot there so I was glad to get back here. I am working on fighters and we have a job keeping them in condition as they are being so much of the time.
I think I will get home for a says sometime this month. I'm forward to my visit to if and when I get home. I'm wishing continued suc- for Ecusta.
Sincerely,
Charles J. Siniard (AMM 1-c)