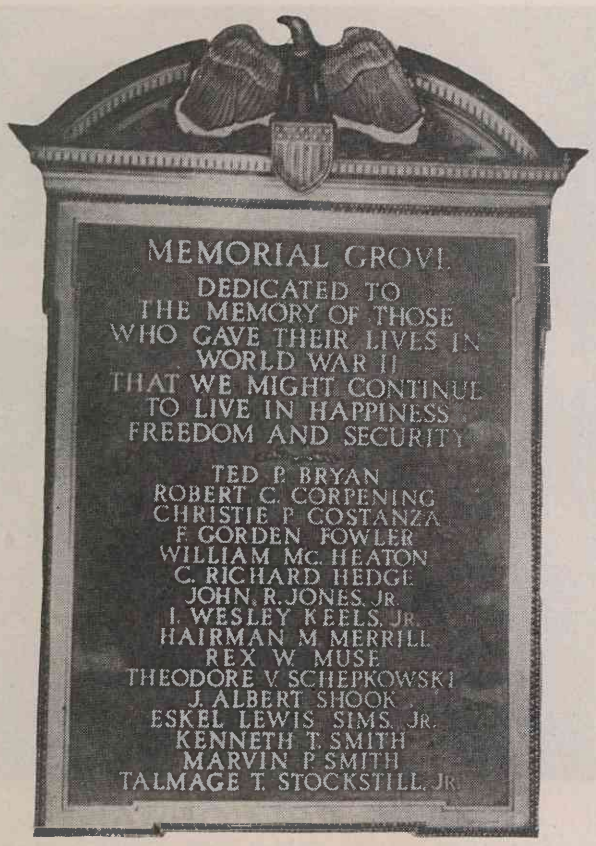

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Ecustans and local citizens gathered at Camp Straus on Sunday, May 27th to pay tribute to employees who gave their lives in the fight for freedom during World War II.

The program was as follows:

Music ..... Ecusta Band
Prayer ..... Rev. Julian J. Holmes
Dedication ..... E. B. Garrett, Jr.
Wreath ..... V. F. W. and American Legion
Flag Raising ..... "Star Spangled Banner" By Ecusta Band
Closing Prayer ..... Rev. Julian J. Holmes

Eben Morrow, D. S. Winchester, Freeman Galloway, Burder Teague, John D. Smith, Jimmy Alderman, Johnny Johnson, Don Lance, Edward Gillespie and Tony Sansosti composed the Honor Guard, representing the local posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Following is the Dedication speech by E. B. Garrett, Jr.:

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE
May 27, 1951

"We are assembled together today to pay tribute to our fellow employees who gave their lives in World War II. This beautiful area of our Camp is set aside exclusively in their memory and honor.

"For the past six years the United States, and the other free nations of the world, have been devoting their efforts toward finding a workable, lasting formula for peace. In spite of the war in Korea and the threat of Communism throughout the world this search for peace is continuing.

"Although we are familiar with the effort now being made by the United Nations to solve the many complex problems in world affairs, we are inclined to sometimes wonder whether or not any real progress is actually being made toward world peace. During such a trying period as we are experiencing today, the leaders of our country and we, ourselves, need inspiration if we are to avoid discouragement and disillusionment. I know of no greater encouragement and no finer inspiration than the memory of the brave men who have given their lives for peace and freedom. For those of us who are privileged to live in a free America, surely the problems and inconveniences which face us in our efforts for peace are extremely minor compared to the complete sacrifice made by these men whom we honor here today.