

Likes Navy Fine



JACK MOORE is an Apprentice Seaman at Naval Air Station, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Before leaving here in October Jack was an Ecusta Pulp Mill Tester. Jack writes that he likes the Navy fine. Enjoy that Florida Sunshine, Jack. We have had sleet and snow since you left in October.

Stitching Gab

We are anxious to see the Hand-booklet "Champs" win a game so Sally Jackson can put on her show. Wonder why Pearl Addis laughs so hard? Is it because of the Christmas present? . . . Evelyn Taylor is the new mechanic. Don't let anyone send you after a left hand monkey wrench . . . Wonder why Ruby D. makes it a habit to faint when a certain guy is around? We hear that the girls in the notching are having a good time—how about that, Chief? . . . If Louise O. and Ruby D. would quit growling about everything we would have peace in the Stitching Department . . . Jimmy Dunne has a hobby of collecting jewelry—especially earrings. We welcome two newcomers: Thelma Orr and Jinnie Barnwell. Glad to have you, girls.

VICTORY TAX

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uring deductions after January 1st, 1943.

VICTORY TAX DEDUCTIONS For Weekly pay-roll period

If the Wages are over	But not over	The amount of tax to be withheld shall be
\$ 12	\$ 16	\$ .10
16	20	.30
20	24	.50
24	28	.70
28	32	.90
32	36	1.10
36	40	1.30
40	50	1.60
50	60	2.10
60	70	2.60
70	80	3.10
80	90	3.60
90	100	4.10
100	110	4.60
110	120	5.10

For monthly pay-roll period

If the Wages are over	But not over	The amount of tax to be withheld shall be
\$ 52	\$ 60	\$ .20
60	80	.90
80	100	1.90
100	120	2.90
120	140	3.90
140	160	4.90
160	200	6.40
200	240	8.40
240	280	10.40
280	320	12.40
320	360	14.40
360	400	16.40
400	440	18.40
440	480	20.40
480	520	22.40

Just think for a moment of the trials and ills from which you are exempt and then buy your War Bonds.

LETTERS HOME:

November 30, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I received a copy of the Echo this morning and I certainly did appreciate it. I am very sorry that I have not written sooner, but our days are so full that we very seldom get any letters written to anyone except our immediate families. We have to get up at 5:45 A. M., and I have only forty-five minutes off for each meal and most of that time is spent standing in line waiting to get in the mess hall. We finish our duties at 8: P. M. and then have one hour to clean up and try to thaw out frozen parts of our bodies, then at 9:00 P. M. the lights go out, and unless you are a far better 'man than I am, we all turn in for some real shut eye. All in all, we are really getting to be a tough bunch of fellows and we now think no more of hitting the ground at full speed loaded down with packs, gas masks, helmets, and rifles than we used to think about diving into an inner spring mattress, and believe you me the ground up here is hard and full of rocks and is frozen solid every morning until about 2:00 P. M.

I certainly would enjoy hearing from some of the employees there and will try to answer their letters as soon as I get time. My address is at the top of this sheet and when I am transferred I will send my new address as soon as possible.

We have a fine bunch of men located up here and I have run into several men that have worked with some of the fellows there at Ecusta and that is almost like running into some one from home. We have men here of practically every nationality, including most of the Axis countries, and it is really interesting to hear some of the experiences that some of them have had to get over here to get a whack at the Dictators.

I have only a few minutes left until lights are out and I have quite a bit of work to do so I'll close now. I hope to hear from you and anyone else that would care to write. Many thanks again for the Echo and I hope that I will be able to get many more.

Sincerely,

BEN H. MAULTSBY, Pvt.

December 3, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

Received your letter of November fifteenth. Was very glad to hear from you. I am sorry I have neglected answering your nice letter. I always receive "The Echo." I do enjoy all the news very much which comes to me in "The Echo" each month.

Hope we have 300 on the service flag by Christmas. It seems that Ecusta is doing her part in this war. At the present I haven't a photo in uniform, but as soon as I get one I will send it to you, and also a little write-up about me. I am as yet in the Q. M.

Thanks again for such a nice letter. I am always glad to hear from real friends like you.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER DAVIS, Pvt.

Dec. 11, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus, Mr. Wells, and members of the Recreation Dept. who make possible the sending of The Echo to former employees in the armed forces:

It is to you that I extend my grateful thanks, not just for the Echo, which I enjoy very much, as did all of the other men with me, even though they had never heard of Ecusta, or the lovely Christmas gift of stationery that I received a few days ago and could hardly wait to open, but for the kind interest that you have taken in showing these boys that you do remember them and are with them wherever they are. I know that the others, and they are many, join with me in thanking you too.

Not all men who are disabled in war are struck down by enemy bullets, but are victims of the ever-present diseases which man is subject to, whether a soldier or a civilian. I am one of these unfortunates, for shortly after leaving Ecusta for the U. S. Naval Service I contracted rheumatic fever and was confined to the hospital for several months.

Due to this I am no longer a member of the armed forces, having been honorably discharged for disability on Nov. 17, 1942, but even though I didn't get to stay to finish the job, I'd like to join those who did in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours for Victory,

MALVIN E. McGAHA

Nov. 19, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I get the Echo each month but don't have time to write as often as I would like. The Division I am in takes care of the Administration and Operation of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command. I being in the Surgeon's Office, am kept plenty busy with daily, weekly and monthly Medical Reports. I like the work fine and have recently been promoted to Sergeant. We have a swell group of Officers and Enlisted men in the office which makes the daily routine more pleasant.

We get but very little time off here but I have been lucky enough to attend two University of Washington football games which helps to take one's mind off the Army routine.

In closing let me say thanks a million for the things you are doing for us men in the Services. Best of luck to you and all employees. Hoping to see all of you again and becoming one of the Ecusta family.

Sincerely yours,

LEWIS M. MEECE (Sergeant)

Nov. 4, 1942

Dear Mr. Wells:

I have arrived at Keesler Field, Miss., for Basic Training in the Army Air Corps. Will send picture later.

Sincerely,

NATHAN E. REED (private)

November, 1942

Dear Mr. Wells,

I am getting along fine. I am getting broken in to a new home and enjoy getting letters from friends.

It is early to bed and early to rise and plenty of running and walking here. We walk so many miles every day that I could make a round trip home in a few days on foot. Anyway it's guaranteed to either make a man of you or kill you.

Give my regards to all,

Sincerely,

JAMES WILLIAMS (Private)

Gives Good Advice



CLIFFORD CAGLE is a 1st Class Cook in the Seabees (Naval Construction). Clifford was employed by Ecusta as a Canteen Operator until he volunteered Sept. 4th, 1942. He took advanced training in the Navy Construction Training Center at Camp Bradford, in Norfolk, Va., where he lived in a tent along with sailors and soldiers. He writes that if they went into training with any idea that it was funny they soon changed their minds. However, he said he was happy, had plenty to eat, shows every night and lots of recreation. His advice: "Keep buying Bonds, Ecusta, and we will keep them away from our shores."

Pulp Mill Shift 'A'

Shift 'A' lost one of their oldest members last month when Gordon Hardin was transferred to Shift "C" to replace Warren Alexander. Sure hated to see Gordon go but we were glad to get Tom Couch in the trade—We think we have a record no other department can equal by having four brothers on the same shift. Russell Landreth is now with us along with his three brothers, Martin, D. C., and Willie—Fleenor is now in the meat business. A few weeks ago he was selling goat meat and this month is featuring beef—Johnnie Jackson says that if a man happens to miss the bus he just loses a day's work, since you can't hire a taxi and it's too far to walk from Hendersonville — Clyde Phipps is about to get well from injuries received when a 'coon mistook him for a tree and almost pulled a leg off climbing him—George Chastain blames his skinned nose on a garage door but didn't insist that we believe him — Had a hearing from Harold Fouts and he is in the Army Air Corps receiving training on the west coast—We sure enjoy the late trip of the lunch wagon on graveyard. The coffee and dough-nuts are just the thing to pull a fellow through until breakfast—We have two more new faces on our shift this month, Abe Lowe and Lloyd Cunningham. Glad to have you—Well, we have rounded out another year with good old Ecusta and wish to thank the management for making it possible for us to have such a fine place to work. We also want to wish all our fellow workers and the boys in the service a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GIFTS FOR MEN IN SERVICE

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helped to achieve: cigarettes, the principal product manufactured with Ecusta paper, or stationery printed in our own Champagne Printing Department and containing greetings printed on Ecusta cigarette paper. Grateful acknowledgement of these gifts are coming in daily.

Probably 50 additional boys will have left for service before Christmas, but unfortunately the addresses of only a few will be obtainable in time for mailing gifts, and it is only hoped that the others will understand their employer's good wishes are no less hearty.