

## Promoted To Corporal



Cpl. Howard V. Page is enjoying the Florida sunshine now as well as his promotion to Corporal. The last letter we had from him he was only a First Class Private. Congratulations, Howard. Before leaving here June 12, 1942, Howard was in the Champagne Gummy Department.

## In Oklahoma



T/Corp. Dewey Winchester wrote in September that he liked Ft. Sill fine and hoped to stay there. His wife (formerly Julia Jordan of Champagne) was with him. Dewey was a Chlorinator Operator here at Ecusta.

## "Striking" For Position



Eugene E. McCall, A. S. is now on sea duty with the Chief Yeoman Division. He was first stationed at Norfolk. He wrote that the boys in his division had a good laugh when he got the Echo addressed "Chief Yeoman"—a position he can only dream of now.

The best substitute for brains is silence.

## LETTERS HOME:

Dear Mr. Straus:

December 20, 1942

Thank you very much for the cigarettes which you and Ecusta sent to me. It is good to think that the people back home still remember me. It has been very difficult to get Piedmonts down here and I was pleased as Punch when I saw them. Whoever picked them out for me really knew what he was doing.

I am working like a Trojan here in O.C.S. (Officers Candidate School). I have a tremendous amount of extracurricular work as I am the 1st Sgt. of my squadron—a job which is all work and no glory, and which takes so much time that it's impossible to do well academically. My average day is from 18 to 20 hours of concentrated work and if it weren't that I'm going to graduate in another month I wouldn't be able to keep the pace up. I'm getting a tremendous amount of experience, however, and some day it will stand me in good stead.

I hope to be able to get home for a couple of days when I finish here but I'm afraid I won't be able to, and there's a good chance that I'll be shipped overseas without getting back to Brevard at all. If it turns out that way it will be a great disappointment to me.

My best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and Mrs. Straus and to all my friends at Ecusta. I'm looking forward to the day when I can be back with all of you.

Sincerely,

AUGUSTINE W. TUCKER, Jr.,  
(1st Sergeant)

December 28, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I'd like to take this time to thank you very kindly for the nice Christmas present. It is so nice and it is something I can really use on days like this one. It has been raining here all afternoon and so to pass the time away we have to do something.

Hope you had a very nice Christmas and also a happy New Year. We had a very nice Christmas dinner here but carried on activities the same as usual.

You are doing a great job there at Ecusta. We would all be lost without cigarettes.

I wish to thank you again for the nice stationary and keep sending the Echo.

Best wishes,  
WESLEY KEELS, Jr.

December 27, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

First, please accept my apologies for not having written sooner but honestly, I have been busy from 7:30 A. M. until 12:00 midnight.

Thank you for the many kindnesses you have extended. I hope some day soon to rejoin you all at Ecusta and again do my little bit in helping to produce the world's finest cigarette paper.

A copy of the Echo was received this morning and I really enjoyed reading it. Seeing the names and faces of friends at Ecusta put me in touch with a world that seems a thousand miles away. I like it here though and like the fellows I work with. It is a very difficult experience for me and I hope to profit by it.

Mr. Straus, I hope you can find an odd moment in your busy day to write just a line. It is always a pleasure to hear from friends and family; it serves to brighten a rather routine existence.

May I say in closing that I wish you all good luck. I know that you are behind us here and I know that we, who have been with you, are behind you there.

Most sincerely yours,  
SAM GORDON

December 13, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus:

I have been receiving the Echo. Sometimes I get two or three at one time. I enjoy reading it all but especially the letters from the other men in the service.

I sure do miss working at the plant as I enjoyed working for you and it will sure be fine when we get back together again and can tell our experiences.

Keep the Echo coming and tell all my friends hello.

Sincerely yours,  
HOVEY WALDROP

January 1, 1943

Dear Mr. Straus:

Would like to let you know I'm in the U. S. N. now and also to say a word of appreciation for the thoughts of good fellowship and kindness that accompany me due to my connection with your company.

I re-enlisted the 9th of December, 1942 and am at a receiving station now waiting to be assigned to sea duty.

I like the navy fine but I hated to break up my home and leave Ecusta for I liked my work there. In fact, I liked my work better than any place I ever worked and I am also sure Ecusta is the best company in the world to work for.

Mr. Straus, I will appreciate hearing from you and am real interested in the program of Ecusta.

From one of your many boys in the armed services and a friend.

Always,  
S. A. KENT

Dear Mr. Wells:

December 24, 1942

I am now taking this opportunity to thank you and the employers of Ecusta for the way I was treated at the plant. I enjoyed all the things there.

Tell the boys on "C" Shift I would like to hear from them and tell them also that they shouldn't complain of the cold there because where I am it is nothing but snow and ice. The rivers here are frozen over and are nearly hard enough to stand on. I like the navy fine. I am trying to get in the Gunners' School as an air-plane machine-gunner midship. I don't know whether I can make it or not.

I will take twelve weeks of basic training, or better known as boot training, and then I will get a furlough and am looking forward to a visit to Ecusta.

Mr. Wells, please send the Echo to me. I will appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,  
WILLIAM E. GREEN

## In Flying School



Pvt. Ernest M. Gasperson is now in an Army Air Forces Navigation School in Louisiana. Ernest left Ecusta June 12, 1942 where he was with the Cleaner Crew. We have not heard from him since he left here for Fort Jackson, S. C.

## In Mississippi



Pvt. William H. Tritt is now at Camp Shelby, Miss. He was in the Ecusta Fibre Warehouse Crew before leaving for the service September 24, 1942. We have had no correspondence from him since he left.

## Army Not So Bad



Pvt. Harry W. Clayton is now stationed at Ft. Jackson, S. C. He writes that the Army is not so bad after all and says to tell everybody "hello." Before leaving Ecusta November 2, 1942, Harry was an Ecusta Beaterman in the Refining Room.

Employer (to newly-hired typist): "Now I hope you thoroughly understand the importance of punctuation?" Stenographer: "Oh, yes, indeed, I always get to work on time."