

Landscaping For U. S.



LIEUTENANT ROBERT R. BOLT is now located at North Camp Polk, La., and according to his letter of Dec. 27th, is enjoying his training very much. Bob has the unique opportunity of receiving military training while following his own profession. He is a member of the Landscape Planning Board at Camp Polk where an additional part of the camp, known as North Camp Polk, is being completed.

Cafeteria Clatter

First we wish to correct a mistake in the last writing. Estel is not a cute girl whom we have added to our gang but a nice looking young man of whom we are all very fond. We have had lots of fun over the mistake, however . . . We wish to introduce our "Kitchen" within the Cafeteria kitchen. Mr. Kitchen comes to us from Brevard. Divola is our latest addition in the Canteen for Jo Jo was already here and only swapped jobs . . . Oh yes, you've noticed our new girl on vegetables. She is another Ethel and we love 'em both . . . Mr. Jones went to Sylva, not Hen'ville, for the weekend . . . We are very lonesome since we lost "Little Bit." Good luck, fella . . . No, our Orr boys are not brothers Homer is Charlie's father . . . Soon we will have the whole McCall family group with us. So far we have Mr. McCall, Roy and Ethel. They are all good workers and have dispositions that one enjoys

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At Fort Dix, N. J.



SGT. Ned BOWMAN, employed at Ecusta as Machine Tender on No. 4 paper machine, left us in June of 1941 and is now Mechanic in the Army Air Corps. He received his training at Great Falls, Montana, but is now stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. Ned seems to be enjoying military life and said to tell everyone that as far as the army goes, he has just what he wants in it. He was granted a short furlough recently but time did not permit a visit to Pisgah Forest.

NOTICE

The most outstanding charitable organization in the world, the American Red Cross, has just told us that they need help and plenty of it.

The reason is that they are caring for and feeding the orphans of the mothers who were killed when their homes were bombed, or when their fathers were killed on the Russian front, while they were giving our army a chance to get ready and you and me a chance to stay at home with our families and eat as usual. They are helping the English that are left after their homes have been bombed into dust, the starving Greeks who fought the Germans to the last ditch, hoping that we would finally save them, the wounded and diseased Chinese families whose menfolk are helping hold the Japanese until we can get around to them, and the families of the Polish flyers who shoot down German planes and follow them down to make sure that no German gets out.

Besides furnishing trained nurses, relief supplies, medicine, and food to all of the unfortunate people of the war that they can reach, all over the world, they have men on all of our fighting fronts to give our boys any help, advice, or counsel that they need in their private affairs, and sponsor entertainment and recreation for them.

All of this costs money and the one place to get it is from those of us that are fortunate enough to still be leading normal lives in spite of war that has killed hundreds of thousands, and taken all earthly belongings from many times that many.

True enough all of us feel very poor on account of the new taxes and higher prices, and it's easy for us to think of this money being spent on someone we will never see, but if we were there to see the people it would be spent on, we would be glad to give them anything we had.

Many industrial workers are giving the Red Cross a day's pay and the men at Champion in Canton have promised them \$3500 with the company giving the same amount.

Each of us here at Ecusta, Champagne and Endless Belt are surely humane enough to give at least 2 hours' pay to this worthy cause.

Mr. Straus has promised that the Company will give as much as we do.

All foremen will contact each person in their departments as soon as possible and ask how much they wish to contribute, collect the money and pass out a Red Cross membership tag to each contributor. The lists and money will be turned in to the head of each department, who will then turn it in to the Mill Office.

This is only the second time that Mr. Straus has ever asked us to put over a charitable campaign, so let's do a good job of it.

RED CROSS COMMITTEE:

- R. F. Bennett,
- Otto Goepfert,
- W. K. Straus,
- F. S. Best.

LETTERS HOME:

January 18, 1943

Dear Mr. Wells:

Just a line to say "hello" and to let you know that I received the nice box of stationery. Sure do appreciate Ecusta's sending it to me. It is really nice.

I am still receiving the Echo and sure do enjoy reading it. I guess that I will be leaving here soon and I will let you all know my new address as soon as I get settled.

Here's hoping that everything is still running smoothly at Ecusta. I enjoy telling the fellows that the cigarette paper that they smoke is made at Ecusta.

Well, I guess that I had better sign off and help clean up the barracks. Hope to have more to write next time.

Sincerely,
CHARLES J. SINIARD.

Dear Mr. Wells:

Am writing you to inform you of my new address. Will be here for two months or so and then I will be stationed. I've finished one Airplane Mechanics School and now have an advanced course to take. This sure is a change from the warm weather we had in the South. I want to thank the corporation for the Christmas present and the spirit in which it was given. Here's wishing you and the Ecusta Paper Corporation a very prosperous New Year. Thanks for the Echo.

Very truly yours,
PVT. EDWARD L. BRACKETT.

January 17, 1943

Dear Mr. Wells:

I wish to take this time to thank each and everyone concerned for the Christmas gift and the two copies of the Echo that failed to reach me in the first mailing. It was great pleasure to get them even at that late date. I am sorry to be this late sending in my new change of address. I seem to have that habit of being late in answering all letters.

We left Camp Pickett Friday noon, Jan. 15th, arrived here at 2:00 P. M. Saturday, the 16th. This is a very nice camp location. It is near Indiantown Gap. It was so named because of the Indian towns in its vicinity. The first Indians to inhabit this section, so far as is known, were the Susquehannas, a clan of the Leni Lenape, who lived here about 1600.

When, after Braddock's defeat in 1755, the Indian allies of the French pushed their incursion into the interior parts of the frontier settlements, the section from Manada Gap to Swatara Gap and for some distance beyond, now the site of the Reservation, suffered more than any other.

Accordingly forts were ordered to be erected and many forts and block houses sprang up in the Indiantown Gap area. The site of one of these forts, Swatara Fort, which was built of logs in 1755 Southeast of the Reservation near the intersection of the north-south and east-west trails, is now marked by a large boulder and bronze tablet.

This bit of history about the Gap is in the Reservation Guide pamphlet, which is given to each soldier. How long we will be here I can not say. I hope the time will soon come when I can be back with the gang at Ecusta.

Very truly yours,
SGT. C. W. ISRAEL.

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In French N. Africa



In a recent letter to his father, LIEUTENANT BOLLIN MILLNER gave a very interesting account of his trip to Africa. He described the country as one of exceptional beauty, the inhabitants as gracious and amicable, and the food—excellent. Women's dresses, he says, are made of many pieces of multi-colored materials and look not at all like our American vesture. The use of tobacco is prevalent in this country, even among the small children. We know that Africa must be a remarkably interesting country for Bollin says that some day when the world is again at peace, he hopes to make the same trip again simply for pleasure.

Shift A Refining

Hello folks, time for the news of the month. And believe me, time changes lots of things . . . Did you remember Feb. 14th, St. Valentine's Day? Roses are red, violets are blue, Did you send a message to the lad who is fighting for you? . . . For health's sake grow that Victory Garden. If you have no space for one at home get in touch with Mr. Bennett. Let's go, boys! A full lunch kit will come in mighty handy on graveyard. Mr. Montville is having much trouble securing sufficient literature on growing a garden. Al, why not send for W. M. Maul's planting guide? . . . Refining Room Supt. "Speedy" Jones has been adopted by the tall man with high hat and striped trousers. "Speedy," we're wishing for you the best of everything and may you "all" be back soon . . . Boys, if you need your watch repaired see Ed Norton. He also buys second-hand watches . . . Lewis Redmond has been transferred to Dick Perron's shift and I. J. Eckendorf to Mr. Rhode's shift. Good luck, boys . . . Thad Newman wants the answer to this question: When a doctor gets sick and another doctor doctors him, does the doctor doing the doctoring have to doctor the doctor the way the doctor being doctor wants to be doctored, or does the doctor doing the doctoring doctor as he wants to doctor? . . . The old clock on the wall says it's time for me to sign off so I'll say "so long" until next month.

POST-WAR PLANS

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ing Western North Carolina industries get organized for post-war planning would be announced as the program developed. "This is a program of action and publicity is not one of the things we are seeking," he said. "But there is nothing secret about this undertaking and we want everybody to know fully what is going on. We want the understanding cooperation of everyone in our great section."

Western North Carolina was pointed out by several of the out-of-town speakers as ideal for doing industrial pioneering in post-war planning.

He—Since I met you I can't eat, I can't sleep, I can't drink.
She (coyly)—Why not?
He—I'm broke!