

Letters From Ecusta Employees Now In Service

GETS A PROMOTION

Breckenridge, Ky.
May 20, 1943

Dear Mr. Straus:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the April issue of the Echo. Thank you so much for the write up you gave me. That number was especially enjoyable as it contained the news of my Ecusta friends.

I am sorry that I haven't written sooner, but have been quite busy lately. My promotion to sergeant came through on April 15th. Quite a surprise, but a pleasant one. I am progressing along very nicely in the Q. M. C. I am in the office of the Director of Supply. My work is varied and interesting.

I am anticipating a leave sometime in June, and planning to visit Ecusta. I am looking forward to seeing my friends again real soon.

Thanks for the Echo.

Yours very truly,
WALTER R. DAVIS (Sgt.)

ECHO IS "HIGHLIGHT"

May 8, 1943.

Dear Mr. Wells:

I received The Echo today and as usual it received a hearty welcome. I always look forward to the time when The Echo comes off the press. It is the highlight of a month's work for the boys who once worked at Ecusta, because it is our only means of keeping up with each other.

I, like the other boys who write you, find that the army has plenty to be done, and there isn't much time left for writing as often as one would like to. But nevertheless a few lines once in a while beats none at all, doesn't it? It certainly means a lot to "us boys" to know that Ecusta takes such an interest in us, and we shall not let you down.

I have written the boys of Champagne many times and as yet I haven't heard from a one. Would you do me a favor and see if they have lost their pens and pencils? What happened to Champagne Machine Shop Gab? I hope to see it in the next issue of The Echo.

With my best wishes to each and everyone, and hoping that soon we can be together again.

HAROLD R. HOGSED.

BEEN ON MANEUVERS

Dear Mr. Wells:

I realize that I have been very negligent in not writing but am not very good at writing letters.

At the present time my outfit is on maneuvers in Tennessee, about 60 miles from Nashville. It is really rough going. Living in pup tents and eating out of mess kits is not my idea of a good time. Have been on maneuvers almost a month and haven't had my clothes off of me during that time.

My outfit is attached to the Blue Army, and so far we have been getting the best of the Red. There have been few casualties. Just a few tanks and trucks overturned, but only a few hurt. Plan to be on maneuvers until the middle of June, and then return to Camp Blanding.

Haven't been receiving The Echo lately. Just wondering what the trouble could be. I certainly enjoy reading it, so won't you please continue sending it?

How is everything at Ecusta? Give my regards to all my friends there, for I am certainly looking forward to the day when I can return.

BILL BAILEY.

Fred McCann And His Landscape Crew



Because of the extra work involved in raising the Cafeteria Victory Gardens, several local high school boys have been added to the Landscape crew. This department also has the responsibility of keeping our grounds looking attractive. Shown above are Mr. McCann and many members of the landscape crew.

HOW TO SEND MAIL TO MEN IN THE ARMY

(From United States News, April 16)

How should letters be addressed to men in the Army?

Letters for a man overseas should show his rank or grade, his name, including middle initial, followed by Army serial number; his service organization and unit and his Army post office number; it should be marked care of postmaster at a designated port, such as New York or San Francisco. Never give the location overseas of the unit. Can you get the address of a soldier from the War Department?

Members of a soldier's family may write to the Adjutant General's Office or to the U. S. Army Service in Washington for his address. Is it possible to send packages to Army men overseas?

The Army lifted the requirement that a soldier overseas must have the approval of his commanding officer to receive a package from home. Such a package still cannot be mailed, however, unless requested by the soldier. (May 21, 1943.)

Is it faster to send letters for soldiers overseas by air mail?

The only saving probably would be in time between the point of mailing and the port of embarkment. V-mail letters have priority over other mail on plane shipping space. Most letters go by ship.

Can you send letters to prisoners of war?

You can if you have certain information needed for the address. When the War Department receives the information, it is sent to the man's next of kin.

What about American civilians interned in enemy countries?

Letters may be sent to them just as to war prisoners.

Can packages be sent to war prisoners and civilian internees?

They can be sent to those held by Germany and Italy if their camp address is known. No packages can be sent at this time to prisoners held in the Far East.

48-Hour Work

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week on the first shift; Tuesday the next week; Friday the next week; Saturday the next; Sunday the next week; Thursday the next week; Wednesday the next; and then starts over.

Each person going off duty has at least 16 hours off before returning to work.

It has of course been necessary to create new groups, but every effort has been made to place members of the same family and ride-sharing party in the same group.

Shift changing time will remain the same as at present so as to not interfere with bus schedules.

Of course the most interesting part about the 48 hour week is the fact that each person working it will make over 20% more money than he would for a 42 hour week.

However, everyone should remember that when he stays away from work one day he is missing only eight hours work but is losing 12 hours pay, it is emphasized.

She — Isn't moonlight wonderful?

He—Yes, but it's like the third degree.

She — What do you mean by that?

He—I know I'm going to say something that I'm going to regret.

"I just adore a man that smokes a pipe."

"Hmm, what's the reason?"

"My father manufactures matches."

Eversman Named

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ing as much news about as many employees as possible, certain changes are being made.

More features are being added, a wider news coverage will be made and typographically the paper will be more streamlined to conform to modern journalistic practices.

The new management of the paper requests the co-operation of every employee of all three companies. Your suggestions and criticisms will be welcomed.

NOW SERVING OVERSEAS

May 20, 1943

Dear Mr. Straus:

I sure was happy to hear from you, and of the determination of the employees at Ecusta toward winning the war.

I arrived overseas fifteen months ago on one of our island possessions and have been stationed here since. Due to the fact of submarine action and lack of shipping space, I haven't been receiving the Echo regularly, but thanks to the many letters that I receive from you friends at Ecusta, despite the fact that I am in different surroundings, different people and climate, I have adjusted myself and find it interesting here.

My work at present is in the Squadron Supply. I have nothing to do in the way of airplanes, although I am stationed in an air base and see plenty of them. I will be looking for the one named Ecusta and especially the one Champagne.

I hope to get a furlough sometime in the near future and see as many of my friends as possible. I would especially like to say hello to all in Champagne and to the boys that are in service.

Yours very truly,
GRADY WILKIE (Pfc.)

TAKING RADIO COURSE

Sioux Falls, S. D.
May 18, 1943

Dear Mr. Straus:

I want to thank you for finding time to write me. It was encouraging to hear from you, knowing how busy you must be at the plant and all the government regulations to keep up with and a thousand other things. Makes me feel like my day is comparatively short at 12 to 14 hours a day.

Finally after 4 weeks of advance basic I've been shipped out to start on a very interesting radio course including code. We just scratched the surface of radio theory and mechanics, but we ought to learn a good bit and pick up considerably more after we get to work, which will be on a bomber squadron, either flight operator or ground mechanic and operator.

I can take 10 words per minute code now and 16 words is the minimum to graduate, which shouldn't be much trouble as I've still got 13 weeks to go.

I saw in the Echo and Transylvania Times where the plant put on a real frolic follies and show. I wish I could have attended; it couldn't help but be a success, with the talent used, and directed by Mr. Eversman. He's really on the ball, as we say in the Army.

Looking forward to the day I can visit your plant and all my friends, and most of all I wish I could see the mountains this spring—the flat lands of South Dakota are about to get me down.

With best wishes and good luck,
TONY,
Pfc. Frank A. Sansosti
645 T. S. S., Br. 1128

Be Sure To Attend
MINSTREL SHOW
—and—
SQUARE DANCE
Thursday, June 10
CAFETERIA