

Located In Texas



PVT. HUGHES MERRILL is now stationed at Camp Wallace, Texas, where he is a fire control operator on an anti-aircraft gun. Pvt. Merrill was employed in Gunning, Champagne when he went to the army.

FINISHES SEA DUTY

July 5, 1943

Dear Mr. Wells:

It looks as though my days at sea are over, and I can't decide whether to be happy or sad about it. At present I am helium officer, and have charge of helium issued to airships.

It is really hot down here and I could easily stand some cool mountain air from Ecusta. I am always glad to get the Echo.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID PICKLER

WRITES TO DAD

Dear Dad,

One thing I want to brag about and that is the food. It is absolutely delicious and I am looking forward to each and every meal; and always three servings.

Thanks for all the letters; the way you write certainly makes me feel better than most of the boys do, particularly when they get letters from home pitying them about the tough life they have now, etc. I CAN TAKE IT; I wanted this all the time.

I got more shots today and I can feel it a little bit. This second set of shots usually brings a little temperature and I am going to take it as easy as possible.

It is raining and I am in a mess. We have two fatigue uniforms and one got soaked this morning; the other one I washed last night and hung it out for drying and it is soaked too. You should see me do my washing, uniforms and all. The pressing is still a problem, but I am working on a deal now with a fellow, where I am going to wash his uniforms and he is going to press mine. You should see the way we roll up our underwear, towels, stockings, etc. I know, I always kept my room in perfect shape(?) and after I come home it will be hard for me not to.

I saw Speedy Jones several times, even though he is quite a distance from my barracks. He lost about 26 lbs. he says—and he looks it too. Streamlined Speedy!

This camp has an officer, I believe a Captain, who is officer in charge of safety. They publish records weekly, showing how soldiers get hurt in camp, usually due to carelessness and what they call "Playing but not playing safe." This applies particularly to accidents on the athletic field.

Write again soon.

Your Son.

Name	Employment	Left	Branch	Present Rank
Dale, John	Ecusta, Slitter Service	4-17-43	Army	
Daly, William J.	Ecusta, Office Clerk	12-20-41	Marines	Corporal
Davis, Clyde F.	Ecusta, Inspector Helper	7-26-42	Army	Private
Davis, Walter R.	Ecusta, Cleaner Crew	5- 4-42	Army	Sergeant
DeBrabant, Douglas P.	Ecusta, Millwright	1-13-43	Navy	
Dixon, David S.	Ecusta, Landscape (Temp.)	9-18-42	Navy	Appr. Seaman
Dixon, James C.	Ecusta, Office Clerk	10-10-42	Army	Corporal
Dixon, Lawrence F., Jr.	Ecusta, Landscape (Temp.)	8-15-42	Army	Pvt., 1st Cl.
Dixon, Vincent J.	Ecusta, Inspector	2-20-43	Marines	Private
Dockens, Walter M.	Champagne, Gumming Oper.	8-21-42	Army	Private
Drake, Alvin H.	Ecusta, Pre-Wash. Helper	11-20-42	Army	Private
Drake, Dewitt A.	Ecusta, Office Clerk	5-16-42	Army	Corporal
Drake, E. Vincent	Ecusta, Backtender	1-30-42	Army	Pvt., 1st Cl.
Drake, F. Dill	Ecusta, Slitter Service	8-17-42	Marines	Private
Drake, J. Fanning	Ecusta, Slitter Service	1-16-43	Army	Private
* * Drake, John W.	Ecusta, Policeman	6-30-42	Army	Private
Drake, Troy A.	Champagne, Printg. Oper.	7-17-42	Navy	
Drake, W. Edwin	Ecusta, Backtender	5-16-42	Army	Private
Duckworth, Robert H.	Ecusta, Beaterman	4-18-42	Army	
Edens, Thomas D.	Ecusta, Asst. Canteen Oper.	2- 5-43	Army	
Edmundson, DeBois L.	Ecusta, Elec. Trucker	8-14-42	Army	Pvt., 1st Cl.
Edney, Claude E.	Endless, Ironer	12- 4-42	Army	Private
Edney, H. Dwight	Ecusta, Cleaner Crew	3-10-43	Army	
Edwards, J. Norman	Ecusta, Chlor. Helper	1-14-43	Army	Private
* English, Ernest B.	Champagne, Shipping	12-13-41	Army	Private
Ensley, Avery D.	Ecusta, Chlor Oper.	1-26-42	Marines	Corporal
Erskine, Ralph C., Jr.	Ecusta, Machine Tender	3-21-43	Army	Pvt., 1st Cl.
* * Erwin, Archie	Ecusta, Cafeteria Janitor	2-20-43	Army	
Erwin, Harold L.	Champagne, Gumming Oper.	7-24-41	Army	Sergeant
Evans, A. Floyd	Ecusta, Beaterman	10-18-41	Army	Pvt., 1st Cl.
Feaster, Mashall, Jr.	Ecusta, Beaterman	2-28-43	Army	
Fetzer, William McK.	Ecusta, Landscape (Temp.)	6-19-43	Navy	
Fisher, Lawrence D.	Champagne, Printg. Oper.	1-28-43	Army	Private
Fisher, Woodrow W.	Ecusta, Pre-Wash. Helper	3-12-42	Army	Private
Fleming, Frank, Jr.	Ecusta, Backtender	8- 4-42	Army	
Fletcher, Carroll D.	Ecusta, Machinist	2- 3-43	Army	
Fouts, Harold J.	Ecusta, Pre-Digester Cook	8-14-42	Army	Private
Fowler, Earl	Champagne, Printg. Oper.	5- 9-41	Navy	Lieut. (jg)
* * Fowler, Jack	Ecusta, Slitter Service	10-13-42	Army	Private
Friday, Paul G.	Ecusta, Electrician	11-28-42	Army	Corporal
Fullbright, Earl T.	Ecusta, Asst. Qual. Superv.	12-12-41	Army	Tech. Sergeant
Galloway, Freeman E.	Ecusta, Boiler Rm. Cleaner	5-12-42	Marines	Private
Galloway, Howard C.	Ecusta, Third Hand	1-22-41	Army	Sergeant
Galloway, W. Herschel	Ecusta, Inspector	11-16-42	Navy	Seaman, 2nd Cl.
Galloway, S. N.	Ecusta, First Helper	1-15-43	Army	
Garren, Earl G.	Ecusta, Inspector	12-19-41	Navy	Seaman, 1st Cl
Garren, J. Dick	Ecusta, Blender Helper	7-13-41	Army	Pvt., 1st Cl.
Gash, Lantie W.	Ecusta, Pre-Wash. Helper	1-30-42	Army	Private
Gash, Willie T.	Champagne, Gumming Oper.	2- 9-43	Army	Private
Gash, William H.	Ecusta, Backtender	2- 4-42	Army	Private
Gash, Winborn L.	Ecusta, Backtender	2- 4-42	Army	Pvt., 1st Cl.
Gasperson, Abraham J.	Ecusta, Warehouse Crew	4- 4-42	Army	Private
Gasperson, Ernest M.	Ecusta, Cleaner Crew	6-12-42	Army	Pvt., 1st Cl.
Gevedon, James C.	Ecusta, Millwright	3- 3-42	Army	Private
Gibbs, George W.	Ecusta, Inspector Helper	11-28-42	Army	
Gibbs, John C., Jr.	Ecusta, Third Hand	5- 8-43	Army	
Gibson, Hal T.	Ecusta, Asst. to Pres.	7-31-42	Navy	Lieut. (jg)
Gillespie, Edward J.	Ecusta, Slitter Service	12- 4-42	Army	Private
Gillespie, Jackson A.	Ecusta, Slitter Service	4-17-43	Army	
Gillespie, W. W.	Ecusta, Blender	2-18-43	Army	
Glanville, James R.	Ecusta, Office Clerk	7-11-42	Army	Private
* * Glass, Charles B.	Champagne, Hand Bk. Service	6-10-42	Army	Corporal
Glazener, Charles W.	Ecusta, Chemical Lab.	4- 8-42	Navy	Ensign
Glover, William H.	Ecusta, Inspector Helper	9-25-42	Marines	
Gordon, Albert F.	Ecusta, Inspector Helper	7-18-41	Army	Sergeant