

News Of Ecustans Now In Service

PRESENTED OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Tech. Sgt. John D. Souther, of Horse Shoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Souther, was presented the Oak Leaf Cluster to add to his air medals. Sgt. Souther enlisted in the army air forces in December, 1941.

Prior to his enlistment Sgt. Souther was employed in the Champagne Machine Booklet Service. We are proud of his honors and wish him the best of luck. Congratulation, Sgt. Souther!

HOPES TO LEAVE HOSPITAL

We learn that James L. Cox, who has returned from sea duty in the Pacific, hopes to leave the hospital in Brementon, Washington, in the near future and pay us a visit. We'll surely be glad to see you, James! We want to hear all about your experiences with the Japs. We can understand your poor opinion of them.

June 22—Lt. Houston W. Kitchen and his wife, the former Lucille Johnston, returned to Ecusta for a visit. Lt. Kitchen worked in the Filter Plant, before going to the army June 18, 1942, and his wife worked in Handbooklet. He reports that all is fine though he has gained two inches (around) in the last two months. He tells us that Texas has her share of snakes and cacti.

June 23—Part of Sgt. Walter R. Davis' 10-day furlough (part of one day, at least) was spent here at Ecusta. Sgt. Davis left the Machine Room in April, 1942 to report for his basic training.

June 22—Cpl. Dewey S. Winchester visited all his friends here at Ecusta on June 23. Before going into the army June 6, 1941 he worked in the Pulp Mill. Cpl. Winchester was home on a 15-day furlough.

June 26—1st Lt. Alfred L. Skinner visited on June 26. He was a chemist here at Ecusta before he left on March 16, 1942. He says that he misses the good food he got at Ecusta. We think this tale he tells is good: "The mosquitoes are so large there that one landed and they put 5 gallons of gas in it before they found it wasn't a P-38."

June 28—Cpl. Glen J. Summey, who worked in the Inspection Department before he went to the army January 7, 1943, was back with us for a visit. We think he looks well and he says he has gained a little weight.

June 28—Pfc. William H. Tritt has had a 12-day furlough. We are glad he came back here to visit during that time. Before going into the army October 14, 1942, he worked in the Warehouse here at Ecusta.

June 28—One of the Pulp Mill boys, Pfc. Everet W. Whitmire, visited in June too. Pfc. Whitmire left here in June of 1942.

June 29—Pvt. John C. Love visited Ecusta on his furlough. He worked in the Printing Department of Champagne before he left January 10, 1943. Pvt. Love tells us that he likes the Army.

June 29—A-C Sgt. Ben M. Rickman visited all his friends at Ecusta after graduating from Primary Flying School June 25. Before leaving in August, 1942, he was an Electrician here at Ecusta.

June 30—Pvt. John D. Hill visit-

Soldier Boys Dream Dreams, Too, But Not About Hitler!



The above drawing was sent in, as shown, by Artist Jack D. Morgan who, prior to entering service, was a regular contributor of the Echo. We think you'll agree that it tells a real story. Wherever you are Jack, we wish you much success, and thanks for the Drawing—Send us some more!

ed friends here during his 5-day furlough. Before leaving for the Army January 21, 1943, he worked in the Finishing Department.

June 30—Pfc. Clarence Williams, who left here October, 1942, came in for a visit the other day. He worked as Breaker Beater's Helper in the Pulp Mill. He was "plenty glad to be back to visit Ecusta" and "hopes to come back here to live after the war is over. These hills can't be beat."

July 2—T-Sgt. Earl Fullbright, who worked here as an assistant to a Quality Supervisor, came back for his second visit July 2. T-Sgt. Fullbright left here December 17, 1941.

July 6—Ensign Bob Clayton, who worked in Champagne before going into the Navy, is now a Pilot in the Naval Air Corps. Ensign Clayton entered the service in September.

July 7—Private Edward Hill, (Should have his commission as Flight Officer when he returns) formerly employed in the Physical Testing Lab. at Ecusta, has been back for a visit. He left for the army December 9, 1942 and this is his first furlough. Pvt. Hill has covered 46 out of the 48 states. We think that is quite a record. Before going into service Pvt. Hill was 2nd Lt. with the Civil Air Patrol, having 119 hrs. as a pilot. Now he has 256 hrs. and classifies as Liaison Pilot.

July 7—One of the Refining Room boys, Pfc. Debois Edmondson, who went to the army August 14, 1942, spent one of his fifteen days visiting friends at Ecusta. He says that his base is supposed to be one of the finest bases in the South; 70,000 people were there over the 4th, quite a lot

from Western N. C.

July 9—Pfc. Rastus Smith, Camp Claiborne, La., came in to see us on July 9. Before going into the army October 15, 1942, he worked in the Inspection Department.

July 13—T-Sgt. Louis M. Meece visited his friends back at Ecusta during his first time home since he went into the army in August, 1941. Before going into the army Sgt. Meece worked in Champagne in the Shipping Department.

July 13—All of us here at Ecusta were glad to have S-Sgt. Weldon Misenheimer and his wife, Lucille (who worked in Handbooklet), visit us on his eight day furlough. Sgt. Misenheimer, who worked in the Gumming Department before he went to the army, left August 15, 1942.

July 15—Sgt. Fred L. Jordon, who worked as an operator in the Refining Beater Room before he went to the Army in August of 1942, visited on July 15. We were glad to have the bigger part of one of Sgt. Jordon's 30 days. He says that Army life is a great life but that it is great to be back here for a visit.

July 15—Pvt. Leonard Pressley came in the other day for a visit. We were glad to see him too. Before leaving he was employed in Ecusta's Warehouse. Pvt. Pressley is taking anti-aircraft training and reports that he likes it fine.

July 16—Pvt. Lee Reid, who left Ecusta's Inspection Department December, 1942, was home on his first furlough—9 days. We were glad to see both the Reid boys and are sure they are lucky to get furloughs at the same time.

July 16—The Reid brothers, former employees, came in together

GOING TO ELECTRICAL SCHOOL

June 14, 1943

Dear Mr. Wells,

I received the May issue of the Echo and was very glad to get it. I sure do like to hear what is happening back at home. I have changed stations recently. I am going to an electrician's school. When I complete the course, I will be classed as a third class electrician.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Sherrill S 2-c

NICE EXPERIENCES IN NAVY

Dear Mr. Wells,

Sorry that I haven't written sooner, but due to conditions that couldn't be avoided, I wasn't able to do so. I have had some nice experiences since I left Ecusta and have enjoyed it very much.

We have a swell base here but I sure do miss the beaches and recreation that we had at Jacksonville. We are more or less our own "boss" here and that means a lot in service.

I received the last two copies of the Echo a few days ago and it seems like ages since I have had any better news.

I will close saying hello to everyone at Ecusta.

Lot of luck,
H. L. Hensley

for a visit. S-Sgt. John Reid worked in Champagne before going into the army October, 1942. When he returns to Camp after his first furlough since entering the service, Sgt. Reid will go to Communications School.

July 17—Pvt. Charles B. Peavy visited us on July 17. We are glad to see our service men when they come back to visit. Pvt. Peavy worked as Bactender in the Machine Room before he left recently, June 11, for the army.