

# News From Former Employees In Service

Richard Lance (Fireman, 3rd class) writes from Richmond, Va.: "Received the Echo a few days ago and was sure glad to get it . . . If we get a delayed order, I may get to come home for a few days . . . Give my regards to everyone and keep the mill humming."

Pfc. Arthur L. Orr writes from Jefferson Barracks, Mo.: "This is quite a place after having been at home and seeing my friends . . . It is an overseas training group and we will get a lot of good out of it . . . Am always wondering how the plant is getting along."

Pvt. Cortez Hyder writes from Camp Rucker, Ala.: ". . . The weather sure is hot down here. I'm liking army life though. Am now a switch-board operator in the communication sector . . . am liking my job just fine. . . Tell everyone 'hello' for me and to keep up their good work at buying war bonds."

Ernest V. Rector writes from Maxwell Field, Ala.: "I think I am going to like it here though the training is going to be tough . . . I will be here nine weeks before I transfer to a Primary School. I hope to be sent some place near Ecusta so that I can visit the mill sometime . . . Keep buying war bonds and making good cigarette paper."

Pfc. Tony Sansosti writes from Madison, Wis.: "I just had to write and tell you how much I enjoy receiving the Echo, especially the July issue, with the pictures of the July 4th picnic and events . . . By simply closing my eyes and a little imagination, I could just see each event before me. Reading the names of folks I know, it seemed like I was taking part in the fun . . . Good luck and God bless the man and management responsible for such entertainment and get-togethers for employees. More and more plants are learning that workers are human and love life and laughter. For the most part they can all learn a lot from men like Mr. Harry Straus. More power and long life for such men! . . . Life at camp is full. I'm in my third phase of radio study . . . Chow gets better and more plentiful every day. Perhaps the physical conditioning program is responsible for our good appetites . . . Am hoping for a leave so I may visit you all."

Pvt. Albert Grindstaff writes from N. Africa: "I am doing my best to get this war over as quick as possible so I can come back home . . . So please send me the Echo so I can see what is going on."

Pvt. Samuel A. Gordon writes from University of Tenn., Knoxville, Tenn.: "I am working in a college where they train the Aviation Cadets before they get to be Cadets. In other words, they do most of their academic work here so they can start flying when they get to flying training detachments . . . The permanent personnel here lives in one of the college dormitories, and they have it set up almost like a home . . . The fellows say there is not much to do in town (Naturally I haven't had time to find out), but with the co-eds here, I don't think I will find it boring. Of course, a private's pay must be taken into consideration . . . If I get a pass, I might dash up and see you all some week end."

## Gets A Nazi Plane



PVT. CHARLES W. McJUNKIN has downed at least one Nazi plane and is now going after more of them. He was formerly employed here.

Jack Moore (Seaman, 2nd CL) writes from Quonset Point, R. I.: "I receive the Echo regularly and wish to thank you, the staff and all the workers at Ecusta for making it possible for me to get this paper . . . Say 'hello' to all my fellow workers . . . especially those in the Pulp Mill."

Lt. (jg) Millinder M. Matthews writes: ". . . We have made several trips to different ports; seen action; delivered our cargo, then off again . . . Each trip takes about two weeks . . . two weeks filled with hard work and long hours . . . I wish I could tell you where all we have been and all that happened, but that can not be yet. Some day, maybe. . . Maybe when the tools of war have been refashioned into servants of mankind, I will be permitted again to meet with all the fellows and their families for a meaningful Independence Day . . . I am looking forward to again visiting you all there, and there is not a day goes by that I do not think of all of you and tell someone else about the mountains and Ecusta."

Pfc. John C. Jackson writes from New York, N. Y.: ". . . Hoping to be back with you in the near future . . . At present I am enjoying the army very well. I am training for a mechanic in the ground crew of the air corps. I am expecting the Echo soon."

Pfc. Lewis P. Bagwell writes from Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, Ariz.: "I was home on furlough from July 4th through July 11th. I sure had all intentions of coming to Ecusta and visiting you and the rest of my friends. Unfortunately, the day I had planned to visit you, my mother's sister died in Charlotte and I was unable to make the visit. I sure am sorry that I didn't get to see and talk with you all . . . I am looking forward to my next Echo."

Sgt. Clarence W. Israel writes from Indiantown Gap, Penn.: "Sorry to have waited so long to write but it's the usual story—too busy hiking and training . . . Thanks to everyone there for the Echo; it is interesting to read the letters from those in the service, also the jokes and mill chatter . . . Am looking forward to the day when we can all return to our old jobs."

## TWINS WRITE HOME

Two Ecusta Backtenders, the Gash twins, write home. From a letter received from their parents we learn that Pfc. William H. Gash is now somewhere in Sicily; he has been in foreign service a year, first in Scotland and then in North Africa. Cpl. Winbourn Gash is on maneuvers in the desert of Arizona.

## HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED

William (Buck) Albert, who recently volunteered for the army air corps and was sent to Keesler Field, Miss., has been transferred to the state of Washington. Before going into the service, June 10, 1943, he was employed by Champagne in Machine Booklet.

## STATIONED IN AUSTRALIA

Sgt. James T. Williams, who was an Ecusta Digester Cook before he went into the Marines in October of 1941, is stationed in Australia, where he has been for a year.

Pvt. Ulysses Summey writes from New Orleans, La.: "Well, I landed here in La. where it is plenty hot . . . We get hot drilling too . . . Keep the Echo coming my way."

Pvt. James C. Gevedon writes from somewhere in Alaska: "Since writing you last, I have changed locations and expect to be here for some time to come . . . I trust everything at the plant is running smoothly . . . Really do enjoy the Echo; so keep sending it and I will keep reading it . . . Hoping I can soon be back working with you all."

## He's On Parade!



Artist Charlie Russel sent in the above. Charlie says he saw a fellow Ecustan out on parade for the first time and he looked like this drawing, apparently the only thing that fit him was his toothbrush.

## ARRIVED IN ENGLAND

Pvt. John C. Brannan, formerly of the Ecusta police force, has arrived safely in England according to a message to his wife. Pvt. Brannan left Ecusta in Nov. of 1942.

## Too Bad Use Of Car Is Limited

The following item, which was published in a New Jersey paper, was inclosed in a recent letter from S. Sgt. J. O. Hill, who is located at Drew Field, Fla.:  
Guadalcanal, 1942  
(Delayed)

Dear Family:

It is pleasant to hear from you after such a long period of time, but it is unpleasant to learn of your changed conditions of living which I can more readily understand from the change of my own conditions.

It is too bad you are limited in the use of your automobile. I know how it is to walk through miles and miles of swamp and jungle. So I understand.

It is too bad to have your choice of food limited. I have experienced this, too, except there is no choice here. So I understand.

It is too bad that Willie has to work so many hours a day at the defense plant. I have to work night as well as day at our defense plant. So I understand.

It is too bad Willie has such little time for amusement. I am deprived of amusement, too. So I understand.

It is too bad that you have to wait in the rain for transportation. I have to wait in the rain on post and my transportation and my destination are uncertain, too. So I understand.

It is too bad that you are being paid so little for working so hard. I only get a fraction of your pay. So I understand.

Winning this war is hard on all of us. You work long hours and so do I. So I understand. But during those hours I get shot at. Do YOU understand?

YOUR LOVING SON.

## PAXTON BROTHERS ON FURLOUGHS

Sgt. M. A. Paxton, of Sioux City, Iowa, and Sgt. Charles E. Paxton, of Camp Rucker, Ala., have been on a 7-day furlough at home with their parents. Charles, who was an Ecusta Chemical Helper, left in June of 1941. Maurice, who was a Vacuum Washer operator at Ecusta, left in July of 1942.

## CITED AS SHARPSHOOTER

Pvt. William W. Gillespie was recently cited as a sharpshooter for making one of the best scores in his company on the .30 calibre rifle. He is at Fort Knox, Ky. Before going into the army, Pvt. Gillespie was an Ecusta Blender. He left in Feb. of this year.

## TRANSFERRED TO WEST VA.

Ralph W. Sentelle, former Ecusta Inspector who left January 24, 1943, has been transferred from Keesler Field, Miss., to Morgantown, W. Va.

## SPENDS FURLOUGH AT HOME

Pfc. Raymond Nicholson, a former helper in the Chemical Laboratory of Ecusta, has recently spent his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rad Nicholson, of Connestee. Pfc. Nicholson left for the Army Nov. 9, 1942 and is now stationed at Camp Blanding, Florida.

## Really Going Places

Perkins—"How's your Victory Garden coming along?"  
Gherkins—"Oh, splendidly. My cut worms, cabbage worms, Japanese beetles, green aphids and potato bugs never looked better, but my corn ear worms and Mexican bean beetles seem a little droopy and undernourished."