

# News From Former Employees Now In Service

## CARTOON TELLS A SIGNIFICANT STORY

**NEAR GULF OF MEXICO**  
Pfc. David Sams writes from the Army Air Field, Harlingen, Texas: "In my previous letters I mentioned the snow and the high mountains. Well, we don't even have a mole hill here. We are about two miles from the Gulf of Mexico and the elevation is some where between six and ten feet. It's awful hot during the day but there is a breeze most every night. If it wasn't for that we would be little brown crisps . . . I am in aerial gunnery school. . ."

**KEEPS UP WITH CHANGES**  
Cpl. M. S. Shipman, Jr., writes from Nashville, Tenn.: "In reading the Echo, I see there have been quite a few changes made since I was there. I have noticed also there is a great popularity in brides and brides-to-be . . . Miss English and Miss Johnson, may the following years be the more happy ones! . . . There are quite a few boys here in my outfit who used to be employed at Ecusta . . . To all my friends, a jolly hello . . ."

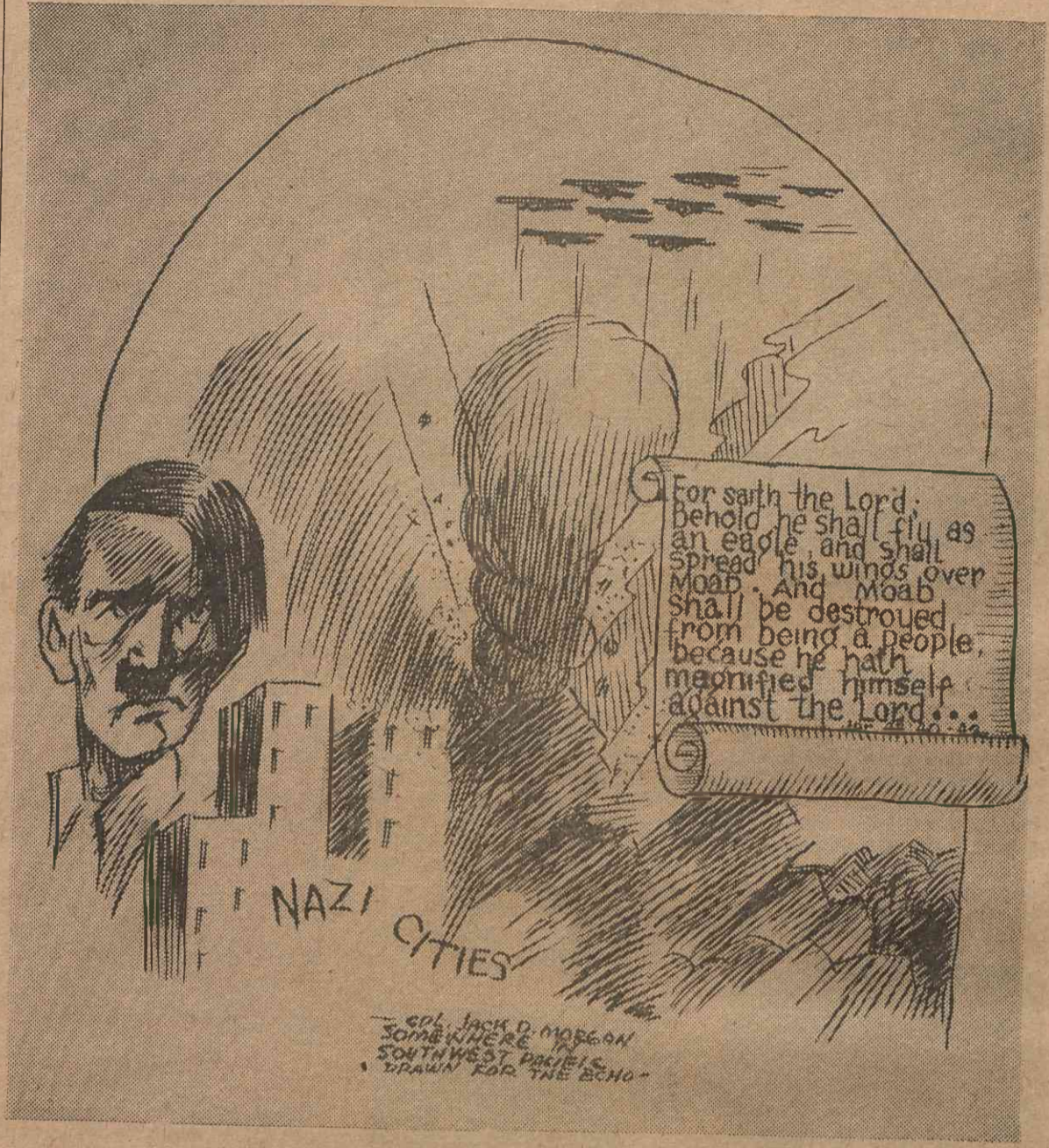
**HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED**  
Pfc. James C. Gevedon writes from Minneapolis, Minn.: "I hope that everything is going along just fine at the plant. I hope to be able to visit the plant sometime this fall or early winter. . . I am expecting to get a furlough sometime soon . . . Since I last wrote you I have been transferred to the Air Corps and I like it better than I did the Engineers . . ."

**HOPES TO SEE JAPS FIGHT**  
Floyd Buchanan, Seaman, Second Class, writes from Casco Bay, Portland, Maine: ". . . I have volunteered for more sea duty. I hope during this cruise I will get to visit the West Coast and see how the Japs can fight . . . Tell all the people at Ecusta hello for me, and that I am going to do everything I can to speed up victory, so I can get back around to see them all."

**THINKS ECUSTA DOING WELL**  
J. E. Allen, Motor Machinist's Mate, First Class, writes from his ship: ". . . I received the Echo yesterday and after reading it I felt so good I figured the least I could do would be to drop you a line to show my appreciation . . . I eat like a horse and growl all the time. In the Navy that's a sure sign a fellow's feeling pretty good . . . I saw the Ecusta Honor Roll and the list of all the folks that have left for the service. I would never have thought that many had already left Ecusta. I think Ecusta has done her job well and will continue to do such a job, so that every man and woman connected with her will always be proud to say 'I work at Ecusta.' . . ."

**APPRECIATES THE ECHO**  
Pvt. C. P. Costanza writes from Knox, Ky.: "I appreciate your sending me the Echo. I hope to be receiving one every month . . . Tell all my friends in Ecusta that I said 'Hello' and hope to write to each one of them in the future."

**TAKING POLICE COURSE**  
We have just received some information about Pfc. William M. (Bud) Case. He is in Miami Beach, Florida, taking a six weeks Military Police Course. When he has completed this he will be sent as a M. P. instructor to some other place. Before leaving here in April of 1942, Pfc. Case was an aviator in Endless Belt. He has been stationed at Lowery Field, Colo., and Blyethe, Wash. and Blyethe, Calif.



**LETTERS MEAN A LOT**  
S. A. Kent, Fireman, First Class, writes from a Fleet Post Office: ". . . Haven't gotten around to thanking you for being so thoughtful in seeing that the boys in the armed services get the Echo, as those good letters mean quite a lot to a fellow who has to be away from home and the job chosen as his life's work . . . Will appreciate your looking out for me when the next Echo comes off the press . . . I realize the task of trying to keep in touch with all the boys so you can be assured I'll remember that each time I receive the Echo and also a word from you."

**SEES A FUTURE FOR ECHO**  
Cpl. Jack D. Morgan writes from somewhere in the Southwest Pacific: "I see a good future for the Echo. It is fast becoming a real magazine and I think it would be a good thing to keep all original drawings and mount them as other magazines do . . . I am working on a number of ideas to try to turn out something your readers might like . . . It is a pleasure to draw regularly for your fast improving magazine . . . Hope to see you in the not too distant future."

**ECHO LIKE A BIG LETTER**  
Cpl. Dewey S. Winchester writes from Fort Jackson, S. C.: "We have been here for two weeks. I have no idea why we are here other than for me to be close home. Ha! I like it here o. k. Please keep the Echo coming my way . . . It is like a big letter from home . . . And do letters from home cheer a soldier up!"

**SUN NEVER SETS ON SOLDIERS FROM ECUSTA**  
Pfc. William H. Laughter writes from somewhere overseas (Note: It takes the Echo 3 1/2 months to get there sent via 1st class mail): "A few days ago I received the Echo for April and was glad to get it. It was a little old when it reached me, but just as new to me as if it was fresh off the press. I surely do enjoy reading it . . . Glad to find out what is happening at Ecusta and most of all I like to read the letters home . . . They say the sun never sets on the American soldiers and judging from the different parts of the world the boys from Ecusta are in, I don't believe the sun ever sets on soldiers from Ecusta . . . I am still in the Southwest Pacific area . . ."

**RECEIVES DECORATION**  
Sgt. Edward Runnion, former employee in the Finishing Department who left here in February of 1941, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained during an enemy air raid over the field in Sicily where he was stationed as an aviation ordnance man. Before going overseas he received training at Fort Bragg, N. C., Camp Blanding, Fla., and Fort Dix, N. J.

**HAVING A GOOD TIME**  
Gordon Leslie, Apprentice Seaman, writes from the Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Md.: "I am having a good time but it is a bit hard . . . Please send me the Echo and tell all the boys 'hello' for me . . ."

**GETS WINGS AND COMMISSION**  
Ben M. Rickman, Aviation Cadet, writes from Freeman Field, Seymour, Ind.: ". . . We have really been busy here from 5:00 a. m. 'til 10:00 p. m. We have even started flying on Sundays now . . . Am scheduled to graduate and get my wings along with a commission Nov. 3rd. We have already been granted permission to buy our uniforms and have signed officer's identification card as a rated pilot . . . Hope to get home for a few days after graduation if possible . . . Have seen a lot of the country from the air lately. Flew to Scott Field, Ill. and Louisville, Ky. and Indianapolis, Ind. last week. Will probably go to Cleveland this week . . ."

**COVERED MOST OF SICILY**  
Sgt. Ed Runnion writes from overseas: "Have moved around quite a bit lately. Have covered most of Sicily and our mail hasn't had much chance to catch up. It's been a long time since I saw a copy of the Echo . . . Hope everything at Ecusta is all right. Have heard from Bill Baley quite often and would like to know the addresses of some of the other fellows. . ."

**FOUND NEWS OF FRIENDS**  
Sgt. Robert Oates writes from Cornwallis, Oreg.: ". . . I thoroughly enjoyed reading it (Echo) and found the news of several of my friends that have entered service very interesting. Their progress has been excellent . . . I took special note of the progress Ecusta was making buying bonds . . . Best regards. . ."