

# News From Former Employees Now In Service

## IN PREPARATORY PRE-FLIGHT TRAINING

Bill Morris A/C and Bill Fetzer A/C are both in the Naval V-12 training—Morris at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Fetzer, at Duke University, Durham. They came in together for a visit during their seven-day leave October 26. Both were employed as members of the Landscape Crew before June 30, 1943. After four more months there they will go into pre-flight training.

## COMPLETES BOOT TRAINING

Calvin Day, Seaman 2/c, former Ecusta mason who left here August 20, has completed his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and expects to go back there. He was home on a nine-day leave.

## HAS BEEN IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Earl G. Garren, Gunner's Mate, 3/c, visited the plant while he was here on a seven-day leave. He had been in the South Pacific. Before going into service in December, 1941, he was an Inspector at Ecusta. He is at San Francisco, Calif., now.

## NOW IN TANK DIVISION

On October 23, Pvt. C. P. Costanza paid us a visit; he was here during a three-day pass. He is still in training at Fort Knox, Ky. He was employed in the Finishing Department before he was inducted into the army July of this year.

## IS TOP HONOR STUDENT

Cpl. Clyde G. (Speedy) Jones, former employee of the Refining Room of Ecusta, visited that department on October 23. He was home for ten days. He expects to be sent to Salt Lake City, Utah, when he returns. Since leaving here February 5, 1943, he has taken his basic training and has gone to aircraft mechanic school. He had just completed a course at Ypsilanti, Mich., where he was picked as the top honor student out of the high 10 in a class of 212.

## HOME ON LEAVE

First Officer Guy Mull, of the Merchant Marine, visited October 22. He was home on a 9-day leave before going to the ship to which he has been assigned. First Officer Mull was employed by Champagne as a mechanic before he went into military service in February, 1943. He had three years of navy life before coming to Champagne and 3 months of army life before he went into the Merchant Marine. He has had four months training at officer's training camp at New London, Conn.

## WEARS FIVE RIBBONS

After seeing a lot of service, Michael Myers, Seaman's Cook, First Class, came to visit Ecusta October 20 during his 30-day leave. He has seen six years of navy service, intermittently. Having previously been in the service, he left here in February of 1942, and went directly to Norfolk and help put his ship into commission. He has taken part in the North African invasion and has been in and out of Guadalcanal for the last ten months. Seaman Myers was wearing five overseas ribbons: for the North African invasion and a star for a major engagement; for the South Pacific theatre and star for major engagement; for American theatre, for four years good behavior; and for pre-Pearl Harbor (active duty before the war.). While at Ecusta, Seaman Myers was employed in the Inspection Department.

## On Overseas Duty



**PVT. ATNER O. JACKSON** is with the army somewhere overseas. He was employed by Ecusta as a member of the yard crew until entering service on November 27, 1942.

## CAMP WHEELER VISITOR

In from Camp Wheeler, Ga., for a 7-day furlough and travel time, Pvt. Roy Lee Head visited Ecusta October 19. Before going into service April, 1943, Pvt. Head was an Ecusta Tester. He took his basic training at Camp Wheeler. He is with an infantry unit.

## INDUCTED IN APRIL

Pvt. Jesse K. Hyder and his wife the former Margaret Bartley, who worked in the Finishing Department, visited October 19. Pvt. Hyder, employee of the Finishing Department prior to his induction in April of this year, took his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He is training to be an army cook.

## HOME ON PASS

On October 21, we had a visitor, Cpl. Ed Rothbauer. He was home on a 3-day pass. Before entering the service in December of 1941, Cpl. Rothbauer was employed as an operator in the Pilot Plant of Ecusta. He took his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and his advanced training at Herbert Smart Air Port, Macon, Ga.

## IS AVIATION RADIOMAN

Wayne Nicholson visited the Inspection Department October 28; his wife, the former Mildred Holden, was with him. They were both formerly employed in the Inspection Department. After finishing his boot training, he went to radio and gunnery school and to operational training units. After an 11 day leave he was to report to the naval air station at Jacksonville, Fla., as a radio flight instructor.

## SPENT FURLOUGH AT HOME

Franklin Kerber, Apprentice Seaman, came to Brevard, Nov. 1 to spend a nine-day furlough with his parents. He has had two months training at Bainbridge, Md., in the naval reserve. For a few months this summer, he was a member of the Yard Crew.

## AWAITS ASSIGNMENT

Pvt. John W. Dale, of the Medical detachment, Ft. Snelling, Minn., recently was in Brevard on furlough. He is awaiting assignment at Fort Snelling after completing the medical course there.

## HAS BEEN IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Earl T. Poss, who was in the infantry, has been in the South Pacific for eight months in headquarters communications company and was a member of the "America" Division, the first troops to land on Guadalcanal. He received his honorable discharge October 22. He worked in the Machine Room until he left for the Army on August 1, 1942.

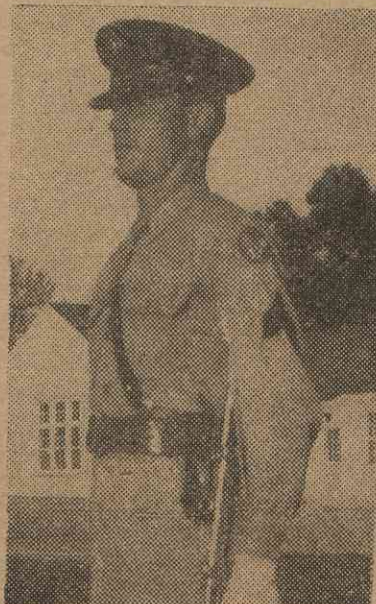
## HAS ASKED FOR SUBMARINE DUTY

Edwin C. McCall, Seaman 2/c, former Ecusta Back Tender who has been in the Navy since August 20, of this year, was here October 29 during his 9-day leave. He took his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and is now going to service school for 16 weeks. He was recommended for and asked for submarine duty, with special training in Diesel engines.

## GOES TO GUNNERY SCHOOL

Robert L. Jennings, Seaman 2/c, former Tester in the Beater Room Control Laboratory, has just completed his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and returns there to go to gunnery school. He left Ecusta August 20, 1943, and returned for a visit during a 9-day leave on October 29.

## High Average



**AVIATION CADET ERNEST V. RECTOR** was at Maxwell Field, Ala., where he was a temporary flight lieutenant. A/C Rector prepared for pre-flight training at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., where he finished with an academic average among the seven highest. He is now stationed at Dorr Field, Fla.

## COMPLETES GUNNERY SCHOOL

Sgt. Bruce Pettitt, who has recently completed his gunnery training at Fort Myers, Fla., has recently been on a 15-day furlough here. He has been transferred for advanced training to the Army Air Base, Greenville, S. C. Sgt. Pettitt, who left here August 6, 1942, was a Chemical Helper at Ecusta.

## GOES TO WEST COAST

Ensign R. H. Clayton was in Oct. 20th, for a short visit; he was on his way to San Francisco, Calif. Before going into service in March of this year, Ensign Clayton was employed in the Gumming Department of Champagne. He has been stationed at Dinner Key Base, Miami, Fla.

## FINISHES BOOT TRAINING

Gordon Leslie, Seaman 2-c, has finished his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and has been on a nine-day leave.

## VISITS IN BREVARD

Richard (Jack) Holden, Petty Officer, 3-c, who is stationed at Norfolk, Va., recently visited in Brevard. He is a former employee of Champagne's Hand Booklet Department. He has been in the Navy since September 4, 1942.

## Pfc. Charles B. Peevy, former Ecusta Backtender who left June 17, came in for a visit during a 7-day furlough, on October 9. He is stationed at Fort McPherson, Ga. and has been there since he went into service.

## BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD

Cpl. Everette W. Whitmire writes from the Santa Maria Air Base, Calif.: "Yes, California is a wonderful place, but nothing can beat dear ole N. C. That is the best place in the world and I hope I can soon go back there. If I ever get near El Centro I'll go to the California Central Fibre corporation and see where the flax comes from that Ecusta uses. Gee! What would I give to be working back there!"

## WITH COMBAT ENGINEERS

Pvt. Floyd W. Callaham writes from Camp Breckinridge, Ky.: "I am located here in Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, in a Combat Engineer Corps. The Army isn't so bad but of course it isn't like being at home working for dear old Ecusta. Tell the fellows who complain about the heavy income tax to try the Army. Thirty days in the Army will convince them they would be better off at home if 50% of their wages were taken out for taxes."

## Now In England



**CPL. JAMES PIERCE WILLIAMS**, former Ecusta janitor, is now in England with the army engineers. He was inducted in the army on October 31, 1942, and received his training at Camp Pickett, Va.

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