

News From Former Employees Now In Service

Spent Day At Work In Large Cannery

Pfc. F. A. (Tony) Sansosti writes from Traux Field, Madison, Wisc. (He is a former foreman of Champagne. Pfc. Sansosti is studying to be a radio technician.):

"Madison, where our field is located, lies between Lakes Mendota and Monano, in the beautiful 'Four Lakes Region' mentioned in Longfellow's poem—It is hard to describe the scenic beauty of this entire region—and especially in and around Madison—because of this beauty the city has often been recorded in music, literature and art . . . the people really try to make their 'War Time Guests' feel at home—and we really enjoy it. I think this section is the only place I have found that compares favorably with our own North Carolina Mountains—and their beauties.

"Never have I imagined such farms—such grand herds of cattle—such fields of corn and wheat—stretching for miles and miles. There are also several paper mills in this vicinity which I hope to be able to visit before I am transferred. Also many canneries to take care of the huge crops. Speaking of canneries those here have been caught short-handed and have asked for volunteers from our field. I volunteered along with many other boys, and spent last Saturday (my one day off) hooking corn on a conveyor belt in a large cannery—which carried the corn to the husking room. I stayed right with it for twelve hours . . . and was I tired! But it was worth it . . . I never saw so much corn in my life—I was allowed to visit the entire plant—and followed the corn from the conveyor belt on to the can—and to the warehouse . . . what a unique process. I can honestly say that my education benefitted . . . at the expense of my back and arms—but the boys here at Traux Field are glad to help out when needed . . . The best part to me was to see the no waste . . . husks and cobs trucked off to dairy farms and put in silos . . . I enjoyed seeing it all and learning what becomes of the mountains of piled up corn husks and cobs—and to see the saving of all this potential food for the future.

Is Storekeeper



GEORGE R. SEXTON, who worked at Ecusta as Third Hand, is now in the navy as storekeeper, third class. He has been training at the University of Minnesota for about a year. He left Ecusta October 21, 1942.

In Air Corps



PFC. FRANK (TONY) SAN-SOSTI is with the army airforces at Traux Field, Madison, Wis. Before entering the service on January 30, 1943, he was a Champagne foreman. Pfc. Sansosti has also trained at Keesler Field, Miss., and Sioux Falls, S. D.

GLAD TO HEAR FROM COMPANY

Sgt. Devere L. Hardin writes from the Airdrome Sqd. at Scott Field, Ill.: "I am always glad to get any news from the company and the ones working for it. Thanks for the Echo, and best wishes for the company and its employees."

GOOD TO GET OFF DESERT

Pfc. William H. Tritt writes from Fort Dix, N. J.: "I am looking forward to the day when I will be back working with all my old friends. We are now stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. and, boy, does it feel good to get off of the old desert and be back in barracks once more."

ON MANEUVERS IN LOUISIANA

Pfc. Warren Alexander writes from Shreveport, La.: "I enjoyed my visit back there . . . It seems like home to get back to the plant and doesn't seem like going home unless I do . . . We are ready to start maneuvers here in Louisiana . . . I think I am going to like this better than Texas."

IN SICILIAN INVASION

T-Sgt. Fred Hutchinson writes from Sicily: ". . . Just received with greatest pleasure a copy of the Echo . . . This copy had a list of former Ecusta employees who are now in the service and I was really glad to get my hands on it . . . At the end of the list was a note from the editor wishing up-to-date information on the men, so I feel that I should give a little on myself. At the present I am serving with the Army Air Forces in Sicily. Since coming into combat I have received the Air Medal while participating in the Sicilian invasion. . . I am looking for a speedy victory and I hope to see you folks soon . . ."

IN CASTLE IN ENGLAND

Pfc. Robert Jackson writes from somewhere in England: "I wonder how everything is going at Ecusta today? I'd sure like to be there and find out myself. It's a very quiet day in this large castle. I'd like to tell you just what part of England, but I can't. Keep 'em smiling. I hope to be back soon."

Now In North Africa



PFC. WILLIAM E. (BUDDY) NEILL, former Ecusta Office boy who left Feb. 20, 1943, went overseas in August and is now somewhere in North Africa. He took his coast artillery training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, where he shared a hut with Bob Anders and had the job of mail orderly (pretty popular, we imagine).

THANKS ECUSTA

Marvin V. Cagle, Carpenter's Mate 3-c, writes from Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I.: "I want to take time now to thank you and the Ecusta Paper corporation for all the nice things you have been doing for us men in the service. You are doing a grand job. I wish now to say to my friends that are still employed there that I am sorry my visit was so short."

ANXIOUS TO RETURN

Pfc. E. W. Whitmire writes from the Metropolitan Airport, Van Nuys, Calif.: "The Echo is my closest connection with all my friends back there. I enjoy it very much . . . I am getting along just fine. . . Still liking California but very anxious to return to Ecusta and the mountains of North Carolina. . ."

MOUNTAINS GOOD ENOUGH

Pvt. John Clarence Whitmire writes from Key West Barracks, Fla.: "I received the September edition of the Echo and sure did appreciate it. It was like getting a thousand letters from home. I am getting along fine and am in a very beautiful place. We can go in swimming here the year around. If you love coconuts all you have to do is climb a tree and shake them down. I am on M. P. detachment and have to work only six and a half hours a day, but regardless of how easy I am making it, the mountains were good enough for my forefathers and they are good enough for me."

HOMESICK TO VISIT PLANT

Floyd Buchanan, Seaman 1-c, writes from a fleet post office: "After reading the Echo I am homesick to visit the plant. I see every man and woman at Ecusta is in there doing everything they can to help win this war. Well, that is the way; just keep it up. We boys out here really appreciate everything they do. The big Flying Fortress on the front page of last month's Echo looked good, and just to think that the people around home paid for it makes me feel good. Thanks again for the writing paper and the Echo."

CIGARETTES GOOD FOR MORALE

Cpl. J. D. Poland writes from somewhere in North Africa: "I received my first edition of the Echo since I've been overseas. Needless to say how much I enjoyed it, as well as all the other editions. I received in the States. It's nice to learn the whereabouts of the other boys in service (ladies too). There is very little I can disclose concerning myself as to activities, etc. Glad to read of the great progress Ecusta is making. Cigarettes are great for the morale as well as for the taste. Regards to Mr. Tony Rhodes." Cpl. Poland writes later that he liked Tom Harges and other electricians' pictures.

NOW IN SICILY

Sgt. James B. Simpson, a former Ecusta Inspector, is now in Sicily in the army ordnance. He has been on overseas duty a year, and has been in the service since February of 1942.

IN OVERSEAS SERVICE

Jerry D. Mann, formerly employed in the Refining Room of Ecusta, is in the medical corps, now in overseas service.

IN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY

Cpl. Howard L. Volrath, of Rosman, former employee of Ecusta, is now in overseas duty in the anti-aircraft artillery. He has been in service since March.

SENT TO HOMESTEAD, FLA.

Cpl. Clyde R. Rice, former employee of the Printing Department of Champagne, who left September 2, 1942, took his airplane mechanic training at Gulfport, Miss., and has been sent to Homestead, Fla.

PROUD OF ECUSTA

Sgt. Albert F. Kimsey writes from somewhere overseas: "I have received each issue of the Echo and I always read all of it and enjoy it. I get the news of the plant too from Helen. I think all of you there at Ecusta and all of us who have been there should be very proud of the effort and part taken by Ecusta, for it is that effort that makes the ones here effective."

Is In England



PVT. ERNEST GERALD ALLISON, who was employed as a Backtender in the Machine Room, before entering service in February, 1943, has arrived safely in England. He received his training at Arcadia, Calif.