

News From Former Employees Now In Service

LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVENTURES

Cpl. Dewey S. Winchester writes from New York: "... I am o. k. and looking forward to some great adventures. I am at present on the East Coast and expecting to go across soon. This makes all soldiers feel good, I know. ... Time is limited. ... Please continue sending Echo. ..."

NOW AT RICHMOND BASE

Pfc. Benjamin Walker writes from Richmond, Va.: "... I have been moved to the Richmond Army Air base. We are surely busy here too. We've all got to keep busy to win this war, though, haven't we? ... This is late to thank you for the cigarettes but we are moving from Camp Stewart, Ga. ... Hope we will all be back to our jobs soon. ..."

BEEN IN PUERTO RICO

Lt. Hal Gibson writes from Nashville, Tenn. (His picture appears in this edition): "... I am at present in Nashville, passing through on my way to the Pacific. For the past year I was attached to a squadron in Puerto Rico. ... I wish I had time to come for a visit because I sure would like to see those beautiful mountains at Brevard and all my friends there. ... I'm going to the West Coast for further assignment — looks like I'll get some action. Give my regards to all there in the office. I'm looking forward to the day when we can be together again."

GOES TO NEW ZEALAND

Lt. Millender (Sam) Matthews writes from a fleet postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.: "... I will leave in a few days for New Zealand for duty. It is considered the most desirable duty in this area. Most of the fellows are very desirous of that location. I will have reported in there before you get this letter. ... This trip has afforded me a splendid opportunity to learn a lot about a number of different races and places. I have seen things that I shall never forget. However, I still say there is no place like home and I have not met one but who is living to get back home. ..."

IN FIJI ISLANDS

Pfc. Hovey Waldrop writes from somewhere in the Pacific: "... I have been in the Fiji Islands and like the place very well. I have seen a volcano. It sure is pretty at sunset. ... I received the November Echo yesterday. I sure do enjoy reading it and letters from other service men. ... I am looking forward to a visit at Ecusta. After three years I am sure there have been lots of changes. I enjoyed the year that I worked with you and would like to begin work again on the very day of my discharge. ... Say 'hello' to all my friends in the Pulp Mill."

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC

T-Sgt. Weldon Misenheimer, writes from the Pacific: "... I arrived at my destination somewhere in the Pacific O. K. I want to thank you for the Christmas present and for sending me the Echo. ..."

WRITES FROM RICHMOND

Pvt. Wade Scroggs writes from the Army Air Base in Richmond, Va.: "... Makes one feel good to know that the ones back home are thinking of you. ... Tell the boys in the Pulp Mill hello and to keep them cooking. ..."

Is At POW Camp



PVT. R. PAUL LEDBETTER, former Ecusta Inspector, is now stationed at the Clinton Prisoner of War Camp, Clinton, Mississippi. Pvt. Ledbetter left here in June of last year and took his basic training at Ft. Custer, Michigan.

Training In Illinois



EDWIN C. McCALL, Seaman 2-c, is now at the University of Illinois attending the U. S. Naval Signal School. Seaman McCall is a former employee of the Machine Room, C Shift. He has been in the Navy since last August.

MUST GO OVER MOUNTAINS

Pvt. Bill Baley writes from the Italian front: "... No news of importance here. The weather is very nice after having so much rain. Progress is slow but sure, for these mountains must be gone over, and not around."

CIGARETTES BUT NO MATCHES

Joseph A. Shook, T-5, writes from somewhere in England: "... I am somewhere in England and getting along fine. The last Echo I received was before leaving Texas. I received the cigarettes but can't get matches to smoke them with. They are really scarce here. ... Give my regards to all the boys."

TRAINING FOR COMBAT CREW

S. Sgt. Joe G. Norman writes from Casper, Wyoming: "... We guys in service certainly appreciate the news from home. I am in a combat training school at the Army Air Base here in Casper, Wyoming."

Goes To Pacific



LT. HAL GIBSON, who before he left in July, 1942, was an assistant to the president, is on the West Coast getting ready for Pacific duty on a carrier. After a short period of training at Quonset Point, R. I., he was sent to Puerto Rico. A letter from Lt. Gibson appears elsewhere in this paper.

Recently Promoted



ROBERT ("WHITEY") DAVIS has recently been promoted to Fireman, 1-c. Before his induction in August of 1943, he was employed in the Machine Room, D Shift. After his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., he has been stationed at the Naval Station, Richmond, Va.

IS IN WEST VIRGINIA

Pvt. Jimmey Curwen is now at Concord College, Athens, West Virginia.

NOW IN ITALY

Lt. Bollin Millner has moved on from Africa into Italy, we learn from his father. ...

AT A PACIFIC BASE

Jack Alexander, Chief Specialist, writes from a Fleet Post Office in the Pacific: "... Everything has been going very well for me and, from all I can gather from different sources, this particular base is the best duty anywhere in the Pacific. I have some very nice people to work with, and they are giving me their fullest cooperation. ... Please give my regards to the office personnel and pass the word that a few lines every now and then will be appreciated. ..."

LIKES ENGLAND; PREFERS NORTH CAROLINA

Sgt. Harold E. Torrance writes from England: "... We boys are making it fine here and it is a clean-looking, pretty country with the flats built close together and not so dispersed as it is at home. It is still North Carolina for me. ... Hope this is the happiest and most prosperous year for all of you and the plant, and may this letter say hello to those there for me."

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA

Pfc. Rastus Smith writes from somewhere in New Guinea: "... Our mail system is rather bad here (some we never get) and when we do receive mail, it sure is dear. ... This leaves me in good health at present. I have been fortunate in getting by as well as I have. ... We are doing a swell job here and will continue to do so until we win. ... You said that Jack Morgan was over here somewhere. Well, if I knew the kind of outfit he was in I might be able to locate him. ... A few people from home write that it is very cold there. They should be here for a few weeks. Gee, it sure is hot, and it's very unhealthy at times. ... I guess you wonder what I do for pastime. I go swimming most every afternoon, pitch horseshoes, play baseball and football, and write a few letters. I know you would like to know a few of the things we do here but due to military regulations we have to be very careful what we write. They are strict on such statements concerning us in any way. Of course, it's all for our own protection. ... Tell all my friends hello and tell Buck McCall to write."

IS BACK IN STATES

Leo McGee, Machinist Mate, 2-c, writes from Shoemaker, Calif.: "... Just to let you hear from me. I am glad to be back in the States and I appreciate your sending me the Echo. ... I hope to see you soon. ..."

IN NEW HEBRIDES ISLANDS

Pfc. Jerry D. Mann writes from the South Pacific: "... I have moved quite a lot in the past few months. ... Fellows, there isn't much I can tell you about the place or my work — censorship doesn't permit it — but I can say I'm in the New Hebrides Islands. We are doing our very best and I know you fellows are backing us which we appreciate very much. ..."

RECEIVES CONDUCT MEDAL

T-5 Fred G. Barton, we learn from his mother, has just been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for 'exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity'. ... He is now in England. Fred was a Vacuum washer operator before he entered the service in May of 1942. ...

IS IN HAWAII

Pvt. Ray M. Rigdon, according to a letter recently received from Mrs. M. Rigdon, Lake Toxaway, Va., is in Hawaii, getting along fine. He says to give all his friends at Ecusta his best regards and tell them he hoped to see them again in the future. ...

"That fellow Jones is a hard-headed cuss," remarked Brown. "That so?" asked Smith. "Yes," replied Brown. "Why, he could read a patent medicine of a manac and not have a solitary symptom of some disease."