

News From Former Employees Now In Service

WIPES OUT TWELVE JAP BOMBERS IN ONE DAY



Above is shown a picture of the heightfinder crew of an anti-aircraft battery which shot down twelve Jap bombers and one fighter out of a flight of sixteen bombers escorted by fighters. Pfc. Harry L. Reese, former Ecusta office employee who is a member of this Solomons Islands Crew, is shown in the foreground. "Chigger" Reese was given a citation by Admiral William F. Halsey, U. S. Navy, for "meritorious service in action against the enemy."

FORMER ECUSTANS MEET
Cpl. Dewey Winchester writes again % N. Y. Postmaster: "... Well, this old saying, 'The world is not so large after all' comes true for once with me. I went to a theatre last week, and going in a fellow walked up and asked if I was from Brevard, N. C. He called my name and many others too who are close by... Fred Wilson was his name and he lived close to Pisgah Forest... Keep the Echo coming and the paper humming..."

TOGETHER IN ITALY
Cpl. John H. Jackson and Pfc. Raleigh T. Waldrop write from somewhere in Italy: "... As a surprise we, yes, 'we', will drop a few lines to say all is well with us. As a surprise I met Raleigh T. Waldrop of the Inspection Department about half-way over to this country they call Sunny Italy. Yes, we are together here in Italy... Sorry that neither of us has written before now but you can bet we have fun thinking of good old Ecusta and wishing we were back. Sure hope to be some day... We eat and sleep all we want to so far, so you see we are doing very well—but give us both the good old U. S. any time... Italy has some beautiful scenery but our mountains there are just as nice. So, see America first, then if you have any time to waste come here. I know I wish I were down in the old Boiler Room where it is dry and warm!... Tell all hello in the Boiler Room and the Inspection Dept. Best of Luck to all and tell Mr. Finck hello..."

IS IN NEW GUINEA
Pfc. "Pete" Walter Dockens writes from New Guinea: "... I am somewhere in New Guinea... I noticed in the Echo where the bond drive was a big success and that sure helps... I hope to be back in six months if everything turns out o. k.... I hear whiskey is very high back there, but nothing like it is in Australia — \$17.00 a quart... I really miss those good ball games we had at Ecusta. I have played several softball games since I have been over here. I played a little basketball on an outdoor court and that is a game I really like..."

IN OVERSEAS POOL
Pvt. Tony Sansosti writes from Jefferson Barracks, Mo.: "... I've seen some pretty country while traveling with the army, but it's not like traveling on your own and visiting home. That just can't be beat... I'm in an overseas training and processing pool... All it has been the past 7 weeks was hikes, rifle range, bivouac, and maneuvers, not forgetting K. P.—training and am just going through a continuation while waiting for shipment either domestic or across. I hope for either and soon. I've been unassigned in the Air Corps going on 13 months and that's a dog's faith, pushed and pulled from one place to another; everybody wants you and nobody gets you. It can't last much longer..."

LIKES IRELAND FINE
Pvt. Thomas Brown writes from Northern Ireland: "... I am getting along fine since I have gotten settled down here in Ireland, and I think I like Ireland as well as I did England. I think you are right that the country is more beautiful than England... Best of luck to all..."

Filter Plant News

Our ranks have thinned here at the Filter Plant since we last took pen in hand. Richard Guy Kindall has gone off to the wars and Harry Kolman is now in the Pilot Plant. Good luck, boys, we sure do miss you. (And we're not kidding because that cuts our crew down by one-fourth).

After some snooping, we finally discovered the hobby of some of the Filter Plant personnel. Here goes:

- A. Harrell—Eating.
- H. Mehaffey—Singing.
- J. Connell—Trading.
- J. Winget—Crushing rocks.

Lathe W.: Mac, who was that lady I saw you on the street with last night?

Mac: That was no street, that was an alley!

Here is J. Winget's favorite bedtime story:

Once upon a time there was a mother elephant crashing through the jungle. In her haste, she stepped on a mother bird, killing it. Looking around, she discovered a nest of young birds nearby. Her heart was touched. (How tender this is). She knew that the young ones would get cold without their mother. She must make amends. (How utterly touching). So — to keep the young things warm, she sat down on the nest!!!

—By Water Dog.

NOW IN ITALY

Cpl. Lee F. Beatty writes from somewhere in Italy: "... I am still alive in Italy now... Give my regards to the old gang." He signs it "Until the weather becomes favorable for the final blow of Europe..."

Gets Purple Heart



SGT. ROBERT C. CORPENING is shown above receiving the Purple Heart from Colonel Lacey. Sgt. Corpening, former Ecusta Millwright, entered the service July 5, 1942, and received basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. He took a radio course in Chicago and a gunnery course in Florida. After receiving advanced training at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Walla Walla, Wash., he was sent to England. He was wounded in action Aug. 27, 1943.

HAS ARRIVED IN N. AFRICA

A note from his mother dated 3-28-44 says Pvt. Ray L. Israel has arrived in North Africa where he is O. K. and getting along fine...

MRS. HARRISON RECEIVES PRIZES

Wins Two First Place Awards In State Music Contests

Mrs. Ward Harrison, of Brevard, received high honors in the annual contest for North Carolina composers, sponsored by the North Carolina Federation of Music clubs, by being awarded first place in piano classification and first place in song classification in the amateur division. Mrs. Harrison's piano composition is entitled, "Berceuse" and her song composition, "Christmas Eve."

Mrs. Harrison has composed a number of selections in both song and piano, but this is her first acceptance for award. She studied music with Ludolph Arens and at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music in Appleton, Wis., and at the University of Wisconsin, in Madison. She is a member of the Brevard Music Lovers' club.

Mrs. Harrison is a native of Wisconsin. She moved to Brevard three years ago from New Jersey with her husband, Dr. Ward Harrison, who is head of the chemical department of Ecusta Paper corporation.

WESTERN N. C. BETTER THAN LONDON

1st Sgt. Joe Roy Johnson writes from somewhere in England: "... I was in London on pass. It sure is a nice place, but I still say Western North Carolina can't be beaten... I am saying the same as all the rest of the men. I will sure be glad when I can get back there after this is all over..."