

News from Boys in Service

PLENTY OF GIRLS AROUND

U. S. Coast Guard
Training Station,
Palm Beach, Fla.
May 5, 1944

Dear Helen (Steppe) and Jackie
(Walker):

If my writing goes cockeyed you will know it's because yesterday we all had two shots and a blood test in one arm and another shot in the other arm, and got up and marched for an hour on the field. So, if you think our arms don't ache, you're crazier than you are when you're with me. No foolin', everyone in the room (6 of us) was awake last night and about 3 of 'em talked in their sleep.

This is lots of fun but it's got plenty of hard work attached and that's no lie. You very seldom have a minute to yourself, and one day we have classes, and the next day we work, and vice versa. But I really like it, and the first time we had drill I was the only one who saluted right—after all those crazy salutes we handed each other at Ecusta. I guess I'm the one, huh?

Now, listen, I haven't had any mail yet (of course, neither has anyone else) but all the same hov, about writing me lots, on account of I need my morale lifted at night when they play "Taps." I get homesick for all my little girl friends. Tell everyone hello, and I wish you were all here, no fooling.

Palm Beach is a beautiful place, and guess what? No liberty for five weeks, which means we're confined to this station. It's not too bad, though. Movies (free!) three times a week. We swim at the Sun and Surf club, eat like horses—this air and everything makes you so hungry and everyone gains weight, they say.

Men—what are they? There are about 15 men in this whole station of 2,000 girls and we can't even talk to 'em.

I'll bet we go up and down steps at least 10 or 11 times a day, and that's about 2,000 steps a day 'cause we're on D Deck and can't use the elevators unless we're sick. Me, I should be sick all the time!

Gotta "muster" (that's "line up" to you) for Coast Guard class. Tell everyone to write.

Love,
Phyllis Hampton
(Apprentice Seaman)

PROUD OF ECUSTANS

Washington, D. C.,
May 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

The Echo arrives regularly each month. Let me say thank you. It means an awful lot to receive them and learn the latest news from home. It's good to read where the boys and girls in service are and to know what they're doing.

It makes me, as well as the other members of the armed forces, proud to know how well you are carrying on the good work at Ecusta. We realize the shortage of labor everywhere, and we are glad to know the people there are behind us and wishing with each of us that Victory will soon be ours.

Let me take the pleasure to thank you for giving me the privilege of going through the plant when I was home last. I was very happy to see all the old friends again. I hope to get the chance again in the near future.

The weather is getting very warm here in the nation's capital.

BUSY EXECUTIVE ENJOYS FISHING IN W.N.C.



Mr. Luther Hodges, of New York City, vice president of Marshall Field and Co., is shown above enjoying a few moments' relaxation while fishing at High Falls, in Buck Forest, North Carolina. Mr. Hodges, an outstanding manufacturing executive, recently visited Ecusta and Western North Carolina.

The heat in Washington is quite different from that in N. C. around the lakes where I spent my free time. Since there are no lakes here, you can imagine how the people suffer.

I'm enjoying the WAVE life here very much — wouldn't take anything for this experience. I only hope what little I do will help to bring all our boys home soon.

Best of luck to all the employees at Ecusta.

An ex-Ecusta Worker,
EDNA BELL (Sp. (P) 3c)

WRITE FROM N. AFRICA

North Africa,
May 31, 1944.

Dear Mr. Straus:

Even though Charles Mitchell and I are so far from home, we receive the Echo regularly, and want to thank you many times for it. We like to see what the boys are doing back at the plant; we are glad to know that they are keeping the good work on the upward trend, and hope we can soon be back at the plant, helping them.

We are both in good health, and feel fine. Besides that, we get our mail regularly most of the time, and that is what counts with us. We finally received the box of stationery that you sent for Christmas. Thanks a million, for writing paper is about our biggest problem over here, and we have to write home to ask for everything we get.

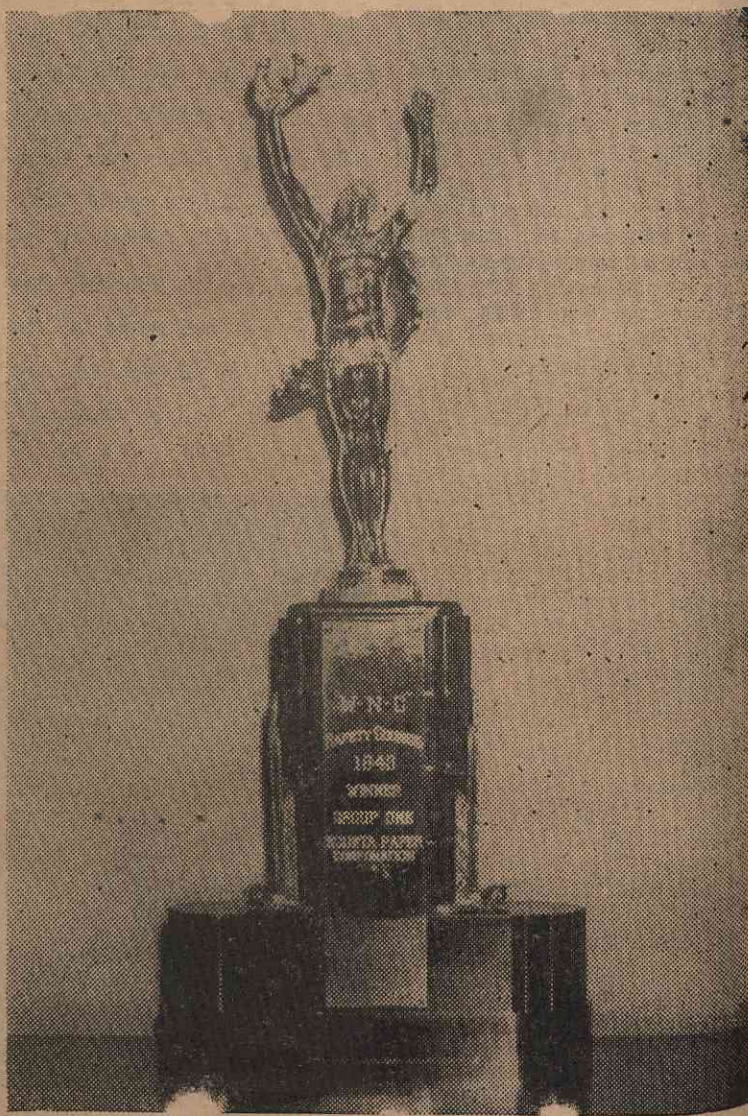
We noticed in that Echo that you would subscribe for one of the four magazines mentioned, for each one of the employees in the service, if we would request it. We think that it is grand of you to want to help us so much. Our reading facilities aren't any too good over here so we would like to have you send us Life magazine, and thanks a million for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,
Cpl. Howard L. Volrath and
T-5 Charles F. Mitchell

DUCKER EXPECTED SOON

Pfc. Sherman Ducker, who was wounded in action, and has been recuperating in a Hawaiian hospital, is expected to arrive here soon. Pfc. Ducker left Ecusta in Nov., '43, he was a machine tender. His wife, Mrs. Christine Ducker, is an employee of Endless Belt.

SAFETY TROPHY ON DISPLAY



The handsome safety trophy that was recently awarded to Ecusta Paper Corporation by the Western North Carolina Safety Council is now on display in the Gatehouse.

Every one of you should make it a point to see the above trophy as it was through your safe practices that we were fortunate enough to win it.

To Ecusta Paper Corporation and its entire personnel, this trophy represents much more than just a handsome bronze statue. It clearly denotes that there was less suffering, loss of earning power and interruption of operations than in most plants the size of ours. It shows that our individuals are not only interested in their own personal welfare, but in the welfare of

their fellow-workers.

With this sense of responsibility and the usual type of cooperation that has always been outstanding among our personnel, there is no doubt but that other trophies will be forthcoming in the future.

We must all remember that it is only through safe practices and safe habits that accidents can be prevented.

MR. BENNETT ELECTED

Raymond Bennett, general superintendent, was elected third vice president of the American Pulp and Paper Superintendents' Association at a convention held in Chicago recently. Mr. Bennett also presided over one of the sessions.