

News From Former Employees Now In Service

IS ASSIGNED TO CIVIL AFFAIRS

Somewhere in England I have been receiving all the latest Echos since I left the States; some of the older ones just now are catching up with me. I imagine the Circulation Department probably started getting a little annoyed when they had to change my address so often, but it looks as if this present one will be good for quite a while now.

It was swell reading through the Echo. Even though there are many names and pictures of people whom I've never seen, there also is plenty of news about some of the old Ecustans I knew. I especially enjoy your special columns on the boys in the service and to see where some of them are located. I noticed in one issue where Jimmy Mills, Wade Scroggs and Fred Wilson, who all started "soldiering" the same day I did, wrote to the Echo, and Jimmy and Wade still seem to be in the same camp.

As for me, I'm over here in England now and assigned to Civil Affairs. I enjoy being over here and my work is very interesting, but would trade it for sitting behind a desk at Ecusta on half a minute's notice.

As to your kind offer for a magazine subscription, I certainly would enjoy receiving "Newsweek." I think it is a swell idea to offer magazine subscriptions and I know it will be very much appreciated by all the boys.

By the way, I certainly would have liked to have been able to be at the bowling banquet and to have heard especially the speech of the captain of the great Office team, Paul Plaut. I say "great" because we surely always led the league in spirit even though we usually came out second from last, and that only because one team consistently showed up with only three men! Since we can't win any other medals, I suggest that we be presented next year with a cup for the "Always Try—Never Give Up" spirit.

Well, it certainly will be grand being back with all the other fellows that are also away now, and I'm anxiously awaiting that time, and hope it won't be long.

Sincerely,
Karl H. Straus (Cpl.)

LIKES THE NAVY

The Navy is a fine organization and really looks to the interest of every man here. I am proud I got the preference of the Navy, but I hated to leave Ecusta for I was given a square deal while I was there, and I hope I have a chance to come back sometime.

There are some boys with me from there—Clyde Shuford, Edwin Mims, Carl Watson, and Jerry Moore—most of us in the same company taking our training together.

The Navy is very interesting. We have a daily routine to follow and it's interesting work. Don't know just how long we will be in boot training, but I hope to visit Ecusta and all my friends when I get a leave. I think I will get a chance for Gunner's Mate. I asked for it. I will know when I finish my boot training.

Give my regards to all my friends and I would appreciate receiving the Echo.

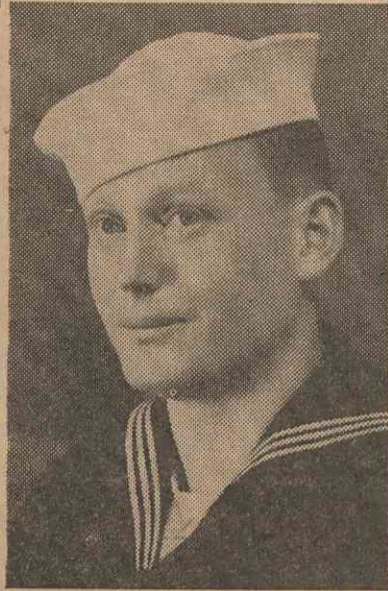
Yours truly,
Kermit W. Reese (A-S)

Visited Us Recently



Gordon D. Leslie, seaman 2-c, above, recently spent a furlough here. He was an Ecusta Digester Cook prior to entering the service in August, 1943. He has been stationed at Shoemaker, California.

Is In Invasion



Eben S. Morrow, machinist's mate 1st class, who is in the "Seabees," wrote recently from France, saying he was well and everything was going fine; he also said the Seabees had been given credit for some fine work on the invasion but personally he felt the praise should go to the G. I. Joe in the Infantry. "Ebb" entered the service in November of 1943.

Overseas Service



Cpl. Wales R. Lankford, above, entered the service in March, 1943, and has been overseas since last December. He was a former Ecusta Laboratory Supervisor, trained in Camp Lee, Virginia and Moultrieville, S. C.

HAS SEEN SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND

Somewhere In France I hope you are enjoying the best of health and are still carrying on the good work that has been going on ever since I can remember anything about Ecusta.

After a long time the Echo caught up with me, and before I could finish with it a dozen or more wanted it. They say they really enjoy it and I know they must. It is just like a letter from home.

Since I left the States I have seen a large part of Scotland and England, and am now somewhere in France. I don't even know myself just where, but I am here.

Now that D-Day is over and all is quiet, I guess everyone has had his or her wish granted by that day. But all I can say about it is that it was the biggest 4th of July I have ever seen!

I hope all the folks in the Finishing Department remember me and that I'll be back with them just as soon as I can.

Best of luck to you all.
An Old Employee—
Marvin V. Cagle,
(Carpenter's Mate 3c)

Gets Promotion



Sgt. Russell L. Owen has recently received his sergeant rating. He entered the service in February of 1943 and says he enjoys reading the Echo. Before entering the service, he was employed in the Chemical Laboratory.

EXPECTS TO GO TO FRANCE

England I haven't forgotten the folks back home at Ecusta, it's just that we get shoved around from camp to camp and I'm not settled yet.

Do you remember Captain Bolt? I didn't get to see him back at Fort Knox, but I'm in the same troop that he is. I talked to him about Ecusta and some of the boys he has run across. He thinks we might be in the same company. He's a darn nice fellow. I hope I get to stay with him.

I've been receiving the Echo, although I do get it late. Always glad to read about folks I know.

I'm somewhere in England but I think soon it will be somewhere in France. Wherever I am, I'm always thinking of home, so tell all the folks I said "hello."

Chris Costanza (Pvt.)

MET T-SGT. CORPENING IN LONDON

Somewhere in England I have just received the latest issue of the Echo and found many things in it that held my interest. I noticed where a couple of boys had met overseas and had a swell time.

Also, the picture and iteming about Bobby Corpening missing the Purple Heart. I neglected to write you that Bobby looked me up through the Red Cross in London just a little over three weeks ago and we spent a 24 hour pass together. We really had a grand time, talking over times and discussing friends Ecusta. It is with the deepest regret and sorrow that I mention now what no doubt you all already know, that he was missing in action a few days later. He was one of my best friends. But I am one to give up hope. He may be all right.

Then I noticed a letter from Lawrence Tipton some place Italy. If he sees this I would very much to hear from him.

Regards to you all at Ecusta.
Sincerely,
Everett W. Whitmire (Sgt.)

HAS VISITED FAMOUS SPOTS IN ITALY

Somewhere In Italy Well, after sitting in one spot it is good to be on the move again. I hope I soon see lots of the country farther north.

No wonder the Germans want to hold Rome—it's a mighty fine town. It is the only one I've seen that the Air Corps hasn't torn up before we got there. Have seen a number of famous spots there such as Vatican City, St. Peter's Cathedral and the Colosseum.

We're going to have to go on and capture the Alps this summer—it's getting too hot here.

Give my regards to everyone.
Sincerely,
Tom Ramsay (Major)

MET SEVERAL ECUSTA BOYS

%Postmaster New Orleans, La. Just a few lines thanking you all for the Echo I received a few days ago. As you know, we enjoy getting the Echo very much. It is like getting a letter from home and is lots of company.

I enjoyed visiting the plant while I was back home on furlough.

I have met several of the boys since I have been in the service. Leon Williams and I are here on the same field together.

Wishing you all the best of luck.
As ever—
Bob Raines (Cpl.)

MUCH SAND—NO RAIN

Camp Peary, Va. It is very hot up here so I expect much writing. The sand is about four inches deep. It rained in about four months you know how dusty it is.

Virginia is O. K. but not North Carolina. I hope I get to see all the folks at Ecusta. I enjoyed working in the Finishing Department for that is a nice job to work.

I got the last issue of the Echo and I regret the loss of Bob D... He was a fine man to work with.

Yours truly,
Charles B. Clark (A-S)

Lawrence A. Holt, Jr., S-1c at a base near Honolulu. Until August, 1943, Seaman Holt was chlorinator operator, in Ecusta.