

News From Former Employees Now In Service

AIR AND SUBMARINE ATTACKS

M. Sgt. Clyde "Speedy" Jones writes from somewhere in Italy: "... We had a very exciting crossing—air and submarine attacks—and to say I was scared is putting it mildly. However, I didn't get seasick and I dreaded that all the way over, and it wasn't any overnight hop, either. . . . Right now I'm hoping it won't be too long 'til I'm on my way back to good old U. S. A., N. C., and Ecusta. It is going to be wonderful to get back. . . . I hear from the boys in the Refining room and they report that things are going well. . . . The war picture looks better each day, thank goodness. . . ."

Editor's note: This recent promotion from Technical to Master Sergeant is the third promotion in less than three months.

IS AT CAMP CLAIBORNE

Pfc. Ray Winchester writes from Camp Claiborne, Alexandria, La.: "... I wish I could be back to enjoy some of those good times we used to have. It has been so darn hot here you can't even enjoy the training! . . . Since I plan to leave in the near future, my new address will be forwarded to you. . . . My regards to all, and the best of luck to Ecusta always. . . ."

PITCHING BALL IN NAVY

Fritz J. Merrill, F 2c, writes from Gulfport, Miss.: "... I see where you fellows have had a good season of baseball, wish I could have been there to play some. I have played quite a bit of softball this summer. I played some in Jacksonville, Fla., after my boot training and then I have played a lot since here. . . . I pitched for the Electrician Mate School team and won the base championship. Believe it or not, I sneaked in a no hit, no run game in the play-off. That's enough of my boasting. . . . You know how I love baseball and softball. . . . I'll probably be leaving here about the 21st of October as my school ends then."

ESCAPES INJURY IN CRASH

S. Sgt. Clyde R. Rice, formerly of Champagne's Printing department, barely escaped injury when a B-24 which he was in crashed while making a landing at his base in Homestead, Fla. One member of the crew was killed and another injured. Staff Sgt. Rice is a flight engineer has been in the air corps for two years.

RECEIVES OAK LEAF CLUSTER

S. Sgt. Charles Felix Bryson, of Brevard, and an Ecusta yard crew employee prior to entering the Air corps in May of 1942, is now in England. Recently he was awarded a third Oak Leaf Cluster to the air medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat. Sgt. Bryson is an aerial engineer on a B-24 Liberator bomber.

OUT TO SEA AGAIN

Leo A. Reid, SK 2c, is somewhere in the Pacific; for a number of months he was stationed in Hawaii. Before induction, he was employed as a third hand in the Machine room. Seaman Reid trained at Norfolk, Va., and Charleston, S. C.

IS INSTRUCTOR IN MEMPHIS

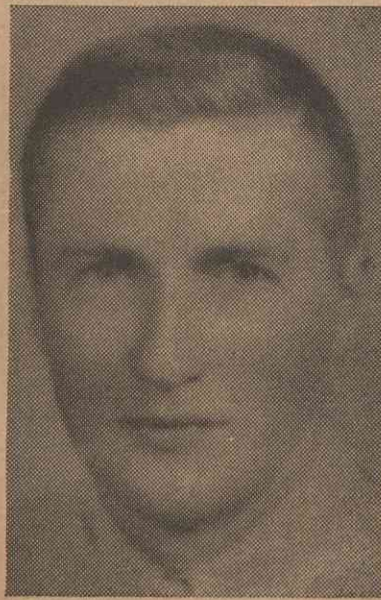
Robert Duckworth, AMM 2c, is an instructor in the aviation machinist mate school in Memphis, Tenn. In April, 1943, he entered the navy. Prior to induction he was an Ecusta beaterman.

Now In England



PVT. W. WAYNE PHILLIPS, above, has been in the Army almost two years. He is now stationed somewhere in England. At Ecusta, Pvt. Phillips was employed as an Ecusta digester cook helper. He trained at Camp Lee, Va., and Camp Ellis, Ill.

33 Months Overseas



PFC. JONES GARREN, of the U. S. Infantry is now stationed in Dutch New Guinea. He has been overseas 33 months and in service for three years. At Ecusta he was employed as a blender helper. Pfc. Garren has been stationed in the Canal Zone.

Has Sea Duty



WILLIAM RUFUS O'DELL, S 2-c, was employed in Champagne's Shipping department prior to entering the Navy. At Camp Peary, Va., he received boot training and is now at sea.

At Hospital Base



WILLIS W. CAUBLE, S 2-c, is now stationed at a hospital base in New Caledonia. Prior to his induction in service in March, 1944, he was an Ecusta beaterman.

INJURED IN BATTLE OF GUAM

Pfc. Vincent Dixon, who has been in the Navy hospital in San Diego, Calif., following a head injury received in the battle of Guam, is home for a month. He left to enter the service in February, 1943, having been employed here as an inspector.

SGT. PAXTON HOME RECENTLY

Sgt. Charles Paxton has returned to Alabama, where he is stationed, from a 10-day furlough. At the time of entering the service in June, 1941, he was a helper in the Chemical laboratory.

COUSINS MEET IN HAWAII

Lawrence A. Holt, Jr., S 1c, formerly Ecusta chlorinator operator, met his cousin, Joe Cooper, S 1c, in Honolulu, Hawaii, recently. It was their first meeting since December of 1941. They were permitted to be together for a day. August 8, 1943, Holt enlisted in the Navy.

CADET IN NAVAL AIR CORPS

William C. Morris, Jr., Aviation Cadet, has reported to the U. S. Navy Pre-flight school, Athens, Ga. The course is a preliminary step in the flight training for combat pilots. Employed on the Landscape crew for the summer of 1942, he left in June. Prior to this training there, he was at the University of North Carolina.

BROTHERS MEET IN PACIFIC

Harold McNeely, Signalman 2c, met his brother, Bill McNeely, in the South Pacific. Harold, aboard a carrier came into port where Bill has been stationed for some time. It has been more than two years since their last meeting. Bill was allowed to go aboard and spend the night with Harold. Until entering service in February, 1942, Seaman Harold was employed in Refining.

TRIES TO MAKE LETTER A "CENSOR'S DREAM"

Horace Hall (CBM) writes from a beautiful island: "Thought I would write you a few lines and tell you where I am and tell you about our trip over. I have read the war regulations and know them pretty well, so will try to make this an O.K. letter, or rather a censor's dream. . . . After leaving where we were, we left for here and, not knowing we were coming here from where we were, we didn't know for sure whether we would arrive here or not, but nevertheless we are now here and not there. The weather here is just as it is at this season, but of course quite unlike the weather where we were before we came here. After leaving where we were we had a good trip. The land and water are just like they would be here, and not anything like they are there, or where we were. The people here just look like they look, but they don't look like they are where we came from before we came here from there. The distance from where we were is the same as from here to there, which makes it that far. I feel just as I should for this kind of weather here, but of course I felt all right there for the kind of weather there, so there is nothing to be alarmed about. The way we came here is just the way everyone comes. Of course, we had to bring along everything we have with us, for here we must wear what we would wear at a place like this. The whole thing is a new experience to me here because it is not like where we came from or what it was where we were before we left there to come here. Even the ground and houses where we were before we came here are different. It is now time to stop this newsy letter or I am likely to give away too much information. . . . P. S. I am located on a beautiful island. Am feeling fine and doing all right."

ON FURLOUGH RECENTLY

Truman I. Henderson, S 1c, formerly employed as a digester cook helper recently spent a furlough here. He entered the Navy in June, 1942, and has been stationed in Panama.

COMPLETES COURSE IN FLA.

Dale Orr, S 1c, is now stationed at an air base in Jacksonville, Fla., taking training for an operational course as an aviation machinist. He has completed the course at the gunner's school at Jacksonville and Memphis. Formerly employed on the Landscape crew, he entered the Navy in November of 1943.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Sgt. Scott Galloway recently spent a 15-day furlough at his home in Brevard. An Ecusta first helper before induction in January, 1943, Sgt. Galloway is stationed at Langley Field, Va. Pvt. Fred Powell is also had a furlough recently. He is stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Recently he spent a furlough here. Prior to his induction he was an inspector; he left in March, 1943.

LONGS FOR N. C. MOUNTAINS

Pfc. Warren R. Alexander writes from Camp Claiborne, La.: ". . . It is really hot here now and makes one long for the mountains of North Carolina. There is no place like them. . . . Not much hope of getting home again soon, but will be back whenever I get another chance. . . ."