

News From Former Employees Now In Service

DOESN'T LIKE FRENCH NOTES

Pvt. Atlas O. Jackson, writes from somewhere in France: "... How are the boys and girls around the plant coming along? Sure would love to be back there and pass a few words with them. However, maybe there will come a time when we won't be scattered all over the world and we can be back to have some more fun and do some more work and draw that good ole greenback every week instead of these English and French blue-pound and franc notes"

MORE THAN WEATHER HOT IN FRANCE

Sgt. Melvin "Mac" McCormick writes from France: "... I am now over here in France where it is very hot — and not only the weather! The way things are going now, it looks like it may not be too long before we can return home. Everything is well with me under the conditions and I hope it is the same over there . . . I have lost contact with Tom and Jim the past couple of weeks, as they are kept as busy or busier than I am . . ."

LOOKED FOR ECUSTANS AMONG WOUNDED

Sgt. Charles B. Peevy writes from England: "... I have now traveled on most every foot of England, Scotland and Wales. I've cooked and I've looked throughout the wounded soldiers that we carry but have never seen one person I knew from North Carolina yet, so the boys from Ecusta must be pretty lucky and don't get hurt—no? Maybe I'll meet some of the boys before long but let's hope it will be back in the States"

WAS IN HOSPITAL

Pfc. William H. Tritt writes from Front Royal, Va.: "... I am still in the hospital at Ft. Belvoir, Va., and I hope I can soon get out. They have let me rest and asked me thousands of questions and I hope they can soon cure me . . . I can't read very much because every time I start I get sleepy and, boy, you can't sleep and read. When I am not asleep I am out some place talking to some of the boys I have met here. They are from every state in the Union" and Pfc. Tritt writes later from Indiantown Gap, Pa.: "... I have been transferred from Virginia to Pennsylvania. In fact, I am at the military reservation here but don't expect to stay here very long."

IN GUNNERY SCHOOL

John N. Price, S 2-c, writes from Norfolk, Va.: "... I am going to a gunnery school and everything is very interesting, a lot more so than I ever thought it would be. But still it is not like being at Ecusta. I think Ecusta is one of the finest places I have been . . . I guess I will make a little trip one of these days before long, and then I will get to see what things look like 'over there' . . ."

SENDS GREETINGS

William W. Robinson, S 2-c, writes from Earle, N. J.: "... All the boys here from home are fine. Tell all the folks back at Ecusta hello for us. I am thinking of them and hope some day I will get back to see them all and that it is not far off . . ."

With Engineers



SGT. CRAIG D. SNIPES, above, is now with an Engineer Depot Co. overseas. Prior to induction in December, 1942, he worked in Inspection department. Sgt. Snipes trained at Camp Phillips, Kan., and Nashville, Tenn.

Stationed In Va.



HERBERT O. WEBB, S 2-c, is now stationed at Camp Peary, Va. September 8, 1944, he entered the Navy. Prior to that time he was employed in Machine Booklet department of Champagne.

Sees Much Action



PVT. RAY ISRAEL is now in France. He has been stationed both in North Africa and Italy. Pvt. Israel had basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He left Ecusta Jan. 30th, 1943, as assistant canteen operator.

2 Years In England



SGT. FRED G. BARTON has been in England more than 2 years. He worked as a vacuum washer operator in the Pulp Mill. May, 1942, he entered service. Sgt. Barton is with the Air Force engineers.

ENJOYS LIFE

Pfc. Lewis P. Bagwell writes from Salina, Kansas: "... I just received my first issue of Life magazine as a gift from Mr. Straus. I want to thank you for this subscription . . . Mr. Straus has really been wonderful to the men in service from Ecusta. We all appreciate it so much, and I am sure that the rest will agree with me when I say that Ecusta employees have the best, most kindhearted employer in the country . . ."

MANY BUDDIES IN SERVICE

Pvt. P. Laxton Cantrell writes from Cherry Point, N. C.: "... I see quite a few of my buddies that I left at Ecusta are in service now. Maybe before long we can all be back working together. Sure would like it right now but I guess I'll have to help finish the job I am on before I can come back to work . . . I have been here for two months or more . . ."

LIKES ROME CITY AND GIRLS

Pvt. Bill Nicholson, writes from Italy: "... I just received the August Echo, and the pictures taken of the Cafeteria and Canteen gang surely bring back fond memories . . . Things in Italy are pretty good now. I have visited Rome a number of times. It sure is a beautiful city (including the girls)."

LIFE MUCH LIKE CIVILIAN'S

Jack Holden, Aviation Metal-smith 2-c, writes from Norfolk, Va.: "... I am getting along fine and am beginning to feel very much at home here, as soon I will have been here for two years . . . Gladys is here with me and we are house-keeping, so we are as happy as anyone could be in these war times. I have duty eight hours a day and my job is very interesting. I go home every night and have Sunday off, so my life is now very much like a civilian's . . ."

FROM NORTH AFRICA TO SOUTHERN FRANCE

Pfc. W. E. "Buddy" Neill writes from Southern France: "... I am somewhere in Southern France now and I like the place better than North Africa, but neither is like good old N. C. . . Haven't had a chance to read a late paper for the past month, but from the way things are moving, I don't think it will be long before we are back home and with good old Ecusta once more . . ."

WENT TO AUSTRALIA ON FURLOUGH

Rastus Smith T-5, writes from New Guinea: "... I went to Australia on a furlough, and haven't been back many days. I was down for 15 days and was gone from my company about a month. I sure had a swell time and sure did feel good to get back to civilization again. It was very hard to come back here too . . . I am a Diesel mechanic. It's pretty hard work but it's interesting. I'd still prefer to be an Inspector back at Ecusta . . . Tell Bob Matthews hello . . ."

CROSSING ITALIAN MOUNTAINS

T. Sgt. John B. Reid writes from Italy: "... I'm in Italy now and have been for some time. Got my first Echo yesterday since I've been overseas. It was months late but news to me . . . Italy is mountainous like W.N.C. but the mountains here don't remind me at all of N. C. It's not as easy to cross them as the ones back there, but cross them we do, and will . . . Hoping to be back at Ecusta soon . . ."

WITH PARACHUTE INF. IN HOLLAND

Pfc. Jim McCormick (Parachute Inf.) writes from Holland: "... All is o.k. and I'm hoping to get back to the mountains soon. Haven't had much news from there in quite some time . . . This place is a lot better than I expected (for water and scenery). Seems to me the places get wetter every place we go! . . . Haven't seen anything of my brothers yet. Guess I'll see them when we all get home . . ."

IN EUROPEAN THEATRE

Cpl. John Jackson writes from somewhere in the European theatre: "... I'm fine and working some. Our work is going good, and some other things better. Yes, as you say we may get up in Germany, but I'm not expecting it, as our work is well done so far, and some of the heavies will finish up I guess . . . I haven't heard from Waldrop in a good while. I'm sure he is over in France. It isn't too far though even from here. I'll just stay put if possible (Hal) . . ."

BUY WAR BONDS! AND STAMPS

ANSWERS to Save-a-Life Quiz.

1. Two out of three
2. Increasing hours of darkness
3. Falls
4. One out of three
5. Unorganized activity
6. Burns
7. Falls
8. 267
9. Fingers
10. Machinery