

News From Former Employees Now In Service

TRAVELED AROUND

George R. Sexton, SK 3-c, writes from Lido Beach, Long Island, N. Y. "I went to England aboard Liberty ship. I can say that you don't know what a good country you are in till you leave it, so now I am more proud of the States than ever before. I went to Plymouth, England, Liverpool, Scotland. The time I was with is over in France. I am here waiting for new orders. I sure was glad when the Machine Room won the baseball contest. I only wish I could have been there to play with them. I met across a boy in England who wanted to work there. We talked about the good old times there at Ecusta. We are doing a swell job over here. I'd like to give the Red Cross some credit; if it were not for the R. C. our boys would be in bad shape. They deserve credit too. They have American food, have a clean place to sleep if you get a day or night and the boys really appreciate it. I tell everybody to give all they have."

At Camp Picket



CPL. JOE E. JONES is now at Camp Pickett, Va. He was previously stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla. May 30, '41, he entered the army. Cpl. Jones was employed in the Machine Room. A brother, M-Sgt. "Speedy" Jones, is now in Italy.

Is Now Overseas



CPL. CHARLES MITCHELL is now with an artillery battalion in North Africa. Cpl. Mitchell has been in the army nearly two years. He trained at Ft. Bliss, Tex., before going overseas. At Ecusta he was employed as a Vacuum Washer operator.

ENJOYS CHRISTMAS BOX

Cpl. J. D. Poland writes from a hospital overseas: "I received the Christmas parcel in excellent shape. We are having quite a lot of fun with the "Magic Horse Race" . . . I enjoy the candy and cookies very much, we haven't been getting very many sweets lately. . . . I look forward to receiving the Echo because it visualizes our yesterdays and gives us many hopes for tomorrow. . . . Many thanks and a Merry Christmas."

RUNNION MEETS BALEY

Sgt. Ed Runnion writes from France: ". . . Thanks for the Christmas package. It is very nice. . . . Bill Baley came by a day or so ago. It was good to see him. Of course we talked over the old times at Ecusta. I imagine quite a few Ecusta men are in France but I haven't seen any except Bill. . . . Not much news from here. . . . Still doing fine and am anxiously awaiting the chance to be back home. . . ."

ECHO IS GREAT HELP

"Echo is great help in keeping me informed about our servicemen," writes Pfc. A. Cortez Hyder from Belgium. "The people here are very nice and friendly to the American boys. Most of them are able to speak only the Flemish language, altho' some speak a little English and French. . . . It seems quite odd to see a person wearing wood shoes. Quite a few people wear them here."

IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS

Sgt. Bill Daly, USMC, writes from the Central Pacific: ". . . I have been fortunate in being promoted to sergeant. . . . I would like to return to the States a sergeant but if getting home means being broken down to a buck private I would gladly take the bust in rank and go home for awhile. . . . All I want to be after this war is over with is a peace loving citizen with plenty to eat. . . . Regards to the folks back there. . . ."

MAKES HIM HUNGRY

Good to know how Ecusta is standing in production of war goods—says Cpl. John H. Jackson. "Now that I have read about every line and looked at every picture, I want to thank you for the Echo. . . . Boy, oh boy, those pictures and write-up about the cafeteria sure make an old former employee hungry—after this C-ration, canned, and dehydrated foods. Anyway, we'll eat them for a better day ahead. . . . They are flying hi, today. I hear 'em and see 'em yes, and serve 'em."

FRENCH GLAD TO SEE YANKS

"And they had a good right to be," writes Sgt. Lee E. Reid. He "wouldn't say he liked France—rain and mud all the time. . . . I enjoy the Echo quite a bit; at least I know some of the things that are going on, and the whereabouts of quite a few of the boys."

ENJOYS READING ECHO

Eddie T. Moss, S 1-c, colored, is at Earle, N. J., and expecting to be shipped out soon. He says that all the boys look forward to the Echo each month. Asks, "How are Arthur and the station wagons getting on?" Also, "I am sure that Ecusta employees are doing their bit to get this war over."

Prisoner Of War



S-SGT. CARLOS JOHN McCALL has been a prisoner of war of Germany since May 24, '44. Formerly an operator in Champagne's Printing Dept., he entered the Army Air corps in January, '43. Sgt. McCall was a gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

Overseas 11 Months



PFC. THEODORE HOXIT, above, is now in Italy. A member of the 5th Air Force ground crew, he has been overseas 11 months; he entered the service in January, '43. Pfc. Hoxit is a former employee of the Fibre Warehouse.

WRITES OF PASTIMES

Cpl. Rastus Smith writes from somewhere in the Pacific: ". . . It's Sunday here today and it's a very nice day. . . . Usually go bathing, but I haven't been today. This morning I wrote a few letters, washed a few clothes, and looked at a few old magazines. It's about 1:30 now and I've started to write letters again. . . . Through the week I usually go to the movies if I'm not too tired. . . . I'm learning a good trade. . . . just in case I would like to do mechanic work in civilian life. . . ."

IS FINE IN SPIRIT

Pfc. Wade M. Scroggs writes from France. "Would like to receive the Echo each month. . . . The Germans didn't take everything over here, for we are in what I would call cattle country; we see a lot of cattle, also fine pastures. . . . Wishing Ecusta and all there the best of luck."

FIRING BOILERS IN NAVY

W. Howell Medford, fireman writes from Fort Pierce, Fla.: "I am better satisfied now that I am doing my work that I was doing that makes me feel at home. My rate changed in order to firing again. They gave me my ship's service pay which more offsets my previous rating. Tell Mr. Finck that I am back to the business again. Send my regards to the gang at the Boiler Room. . . . Hoping to get this over as quickly as possible and return home to good old W. N. C. the best company in the world."

PLENTY OF WATER

Charles B. Clark, S 2-c, writes from somewhere in the Pacific: "Been kinda' busy getting set down to sea life. There isn't much news out here. Just a few sea and plenty of water. . . . Guess Ecusta is running along fine especially the Finishing department."

WAS IN DASH ACROSS FRANCE AND BELGIUM

T-5 Chris Costanza in a letter: "I am now a light tank crew, which is a promotion since the time I wrote you. I like it well, but not as much as I like to be back at Ecusta, working again."

RECEIVES ECHOS

James Middleton writes from France. Says that it seems every one there is "on the go." He urges, "Keep the good going, and we'll try to do the best over here until it's finished."

FRANCE SOMETIMES AHEAD

Melvin McCormick writes from France: ". . . I have been here for some time and have been in several hot places—and I don't like the weather. Don't let anybody tell you the Ordnance stays behind the lines. They are, in fact, ahead of the Infantry and Artillery, as I know. . . . We are getting worse weather every day. More rain than we had in England, and it is very cold. . . . Where you go it's mud up to the ankles and everyone has small pox. We saw very little summer here. . . ."

SPEEDY JONES ON THE BEAM

Writes T-Sgt. Earl Fulbright from the European theater. "Speedy is a crew chief, and his ship is leading in missions and number of hours. Once he worked for 62 hours straight to keep his ship in the air. He came over here to do a job, and believe me, he's doing a bang-up one. . . . He's a home-town man that the home-town folks should really be proud of."

SENDS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Pfc. Benjamin F. Walker writes from somewhere in France: "I am in good health and hope you all are fine. . . . It isn't too bad here although I'd rather be back in States. . . . Mail calls are dear to most of us, so hoping you people at home and Ecusta a Merry Christmas and may the next year be a happier one than this."