

News From Former Employees Now In Service

JERRIES LEAVE HURRIEDLY
 Jim Morrow writes on French prisoners taken from the "office" effects of a Jerry garrison. They left in a hurry, and didn't have time to carry their equipment. . . . I didn't get here on D-day, but managed to get into some of the "hedge-row" stuff, and the hard experience of the dash across France. . . . Credit can be given to the machines and the technicians, but for the real work, give the lion's share to the doughboys, as he is the man that takes the real beating and keeps on going. . . . I get a thrill out of reading about the people I remember in the Echo."

LIKES 'FRISCO
 Best wishes to everybody, writes J. Merrell, F 2-c, EM, from Oakland, Calif. "Oakland and Frisco are beautiful cities. . . . I miss the bowling league is going strong."

IMPRESSED BY RUINS
 Pfc. Ray M. Winchester has visited Liverpool and London. He writes he was impressed very much by the ruins; often wonder how the people here made out. It sure shows what war can do, to look at the many buildings lying flat on the ground. . . . This British money made me sweat at times, too, but I think I have it now. Still seems funny, using pounds, pence, etc. The cars and bikes are quite a sight, too. Wake up that gang in Chem. Lab. and give them my regards."

ATTACKS NAZI TARGETS
 Tech. Sgt. Lawrence F. Dixon, chief engineer and waist gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, holds the Air Medal and one Oak Leaf. Recently he received a Presidential citation. He has flown with his group to attack many important Nazi targets and participated in D-day. T. Sgt. Dixon earned the A. A. F. in January. He received his wings at Hingen Field, Texas. David Dixon, A.M.M. 3-c, of the Naval Air Force, is an engineer gunner stationed at San Diego, Calif.; expects sea duty soon. Both are sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Dixon, president of California Central.

NICE TO SOLDIERS
 Western N. C. beats France, writes Pfc. Raleigh Waldrop. "Although the people are nice to the soldiers and seem unable to do much for us. The girls always give a smile and that really helps keep a fellow's morale up, although no one need worry about straying. . . . Have me a job the next day after I get home, please. . . . Have talked to German prisoners and they are eager to get the news from the front, but couldn't tell them much. You folks get more war news than we do."

MEN NOT FORGOTTEN
 Tony Sansosti writes to thank Ecusta for Christmas package. "Whoever did the packaging did a swell job. Our quarters and camp looked like a giant picnic ground. Judging from the volume of packages received each day, we are not nearly the "forgotten" as some of us think at times. We had all at the plant a Merry Christmas and a Victorious New Year."

Ex-Refining Room Foreman In New Guinea



Shown above is a picture of Enno Camenzind, former Refining Room foreman and a group of natives taken on New Guinea. Enno writes "weather hot as the dickens and the dampness is pretty bad. Right now I would gladly contract with pleasure to change my place for a nice cool spot of a back tender and I would probably freeze to death in the beater room. It is not quite that bad but pretty near."

Gets Purple Heart



PFC. BILL H. NICHOLSON, above, recently was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action October 20th. For 10 months he has been overseas, having participated in a number of major battles, including the capture of Rome, under the leadership of Gen. Mark Clark. Pfc. Nicholson, an expert rifleman, trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and Ft. Meade, Md. He is a former employee of the Cafeteria.

CHEERED BY PACKAGE

Howell Medford, F 1-c, says it is good to know that the men far from their work and loved ones are still remembered by their company, as he thanks Ecusta for his Christmas package. "Let's remember that the things we are fighting for are Victory and Peace. Let's keep pushing on until we achieve just that. I am looking forward to the day when we can return and earn a living by a justified day's work in a grand company."

RADAR INSTRUCTOR

Richard W. Pearce, Radio Technician 2-c, of the navy, is now a radar instructor at Camp Bradford, Va. Seaman Pearce was a machinist and has been in service two months. He trained at Michigan City, Ind., and at Naval Research, Washington, D. C. A brother, Bill Pearce, also a former employee, took part in the Anzio beachhead attack and the battle of Rome, and is now with the infantry in France. He wears the silver star.

Is Now In France



PFC. PULIUS LEE NICHOLSON is now in France. He has been in the Army 26 months and overseas 18 months. He trained at Fort McClellan, Ala., and was employed in Champagne Mechanical service before entering military service.

IN "LARK" CREW

1st Lieut. Boyd "Ikey" Meixell, of the Army air forces, recently visited his parents. After completion of training he was stationed around Australia; on one of the islands there he was wounded. Lt. Meixell has been in service three years; at Ecusta he was employed in Refining. He was a member of the crew of "The Lark," as written in the August 19, 1944, issue of the Saturday Evening Post. Lt. Meixell was assigned to a combat unit engaging in reconnaissance missions against enemy shipping. He reported to a redistribution center in Miami, Fla.

GETS ARMY DISCHARGE

William H. Tritt, formerly employed in the warehouse, received an honorable discharge from the army November 12, 1944. He was stationed at Front Royal, Va., with the Quartermaster Remount Depot.

HEARS NIP BROADCAST

Edwin McCall, S 1-c, hears Japanese broadcast. He writes, saying that the Japs claimed to have sunk the whole Pacific fleet. "Wonder whom they think they are foolin'," he asks. . . . "It's so hot here tonight that the Machine Room would be cool in comparison. . . . If any of the guys have any hunting tales, I'd like to hear from them, but tell them to be reasonable; no tall tales."

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AN EIGHTH A. A. F. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE STATION IN ENGLAND—Sgt. Joe A. Perry, 34, is one of the soldiers at this Eighth Air Force Aerial Reconnaissance station in England who recently was awarded the War department's Distinguished Unit citation ribbon by his Wing Commander, Colonel Elliott Roosevelt. The award was made to all personnel of a photo group, commanded by Lt. Col. C. A. Shoup, of Beverly Hills, Calif., for "extraordinary heroism, gallantry and determination" during the month of June.

Sgt. Perry is an aircraft mechanic for a photographic reconnaissance squadron, whose assignment in the fight against Nazi aggression is to obtain the valuable aerial pictures of enemy military, maritime and industrial installations. During the week preceding the Normandy invasion, and three weeks following the Normandy invasion, group pilots flew exceedingly dangerous low altitude missions to photograph German communication lines and troop supply movements.

Sgt. Perry is the husband of Mrs. Ruth Perry, of the Inspection Dept. At Ecusta he was employed as a machinist in Champagne until entering the A. A. F. in September, 1942.

FIGHTER PILOT

Capt. Chas. C. Cook is now serving as pilot of a fighter plane in the Air Force in Italy. He received his wings and commission in March, 1942, and was an instructor at various camps in the States prior to going overseas.

RECEIVES MEDAL

Pfc. Andrew D. Surrette has been awarded the good conduct medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity." He is a telephone switchboard operator at a P-51 Mustang base in England, from which long range fighters escort heavy bombers to their targets. Pfc. Surrette has been overseas 14 months and was employed in Ecusta's Inspection department prior to induction.

WITH SIGNAL CORPS IN FRANCE

Lt. Ansel R. Jones, of the Signal corps, is now somewhere in France. He has been in the Army 30 months. He trained at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., and Camp Crowder, Mo. Lt. Jones was employed as a blender at Ecusta before entering the Army.

GREETINGS FROM HAWAII

Cpl. Kenneth McCurry in Hawaii wishes all Ecustans a Merry Christmas.

PROMOTED TO T-5

T-5 Elijah Mooney was recently promoted from private to the rank of technician fifth grade. He is assigned to a Quartermaster Laundry platoon at Camp Lee, Va. Prior to induction in April, 1944, he was an Ecusta office porter.

GOT CHRISTMAS BOX

Marshall Ballard, S 1-c, writes from hospital in Earle, N. J., that he highly appreciates receiving his Christmas box from Ecusta, especially as he is still in bed from an operation. Hopes to be home for Christmas and wishes Mr. Straus and all Ecusta employees a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.