

News From Former Employees Now In Service

GOOD CHOW, GOOD TREATMENT

Pfc. Warren R. Alexander writes from England: "... I am now in England. Like it fine but also miss the States. We couldn't ask for better chow or better treatment than we are getting here ... I didn't realize what a swell place Ecusta really was ... with all the extra entertainment and recreation being provided it must be much better than when I left ... They seem to be doing their part in purchase of bonds also ..."

THINKS FRANCE CLEANER

Pvt. William J. Baley writes from France: "... Haven't had much of an opportunity to do much corresponding for my outfit has been on the move constantly ... Am in France now, so you can easily guess what Army I'm in. Like this country much better than Italy. ... It is always good news to know the plant is progressing so well ... Am looking forward to the day when I can return there ..."

PLAN ACTUALLY CAME TRUE

Pfc. Raleigh T. Waldrop writes from somewhere in France: "... I have been busy when it wasn't raining, but if you've talked to any of the World War I veterans, no doubt they have told you something of the rain and mud in France. It really is rough ... I received word that "Mac" Heaton was missing. I'm sure "Mac" was doing a good job. Maybe things will turn out better than we expect ... I'd like to talk to Albert Payne. You know a couple of years ago Payne and I were sitting under the paper machine talking. We were giving our views on the invasion of France. I don't know if Payne remembers that night or not but his ideas were, I'd say 99 per cent right; I didn't think about being a part of it but I've seen what we talked about come true ... Would like to talk to John Goolsby, too ... I still have hopes of visiting some of those French who helped to start things rolling at Ecusta ... Would like to visit a paper plant over here."

SENDS HIS GREETINGS

Pvt. Oscar L. Gasperson is stationed at Ft. Meade, Md., and says "Hello" to all Ecusta employees, and sends his thanks for his Christmas box. Enjoys Echo each month.

AT CHERRY POINT

Pvt. P. L. Cantrell, former employee of Machine Room, writes from Cherry Point, N. C., to thank Ecusta for his Christmas package, and says, "I hope the plant is running full time, with all machines going. ... Give my regards to everyone."

RAINS IN ITALY

Cpl. Raymond Nicholson sends a picture of himself, taken in Florence, Italy. He writes, "We are having terribly rainy weather here—and they call this 'sunny Italy'." He has had another visit from his brother there.

ENJOYS THE ECHO

Pvt. Wm. J. Baley is located in France, and in writing to thank Ecusta for his Christmas box, he also expresses appreciation for the Echo. He says, "I look forward to receiving it every month, as I always like to know what is going on at the plant."

Is Now Overseas



CPL. JOHN H. JACKSON, above, is in an Air Service squadron, somewhere overseas. He was a helper in the Boiler Room at Ecusta. Cpl. Jackson has been in service 27 months. He trained at Daniel Field, Ga., and Caldwell, N. J., prior to going overseas.

Morrow In France



LT. JAMES P. MORROW, formerly Ecusta Filter Plant operator, is now in France. He entered the Army in April, 1941. Lieutenant Morrow has been overseas more than a year. A brother, Eben S. Morrow, MME 1-c, also a former Ecusta employee, visited us recently during his leave.

RECREATION AT BAINBRIDGE

James A. Hammond, A-S, writes from Bainbridge, Md.: "... I sure do miss everyone ... I want to thank them again for the watch ... Bainbridge is a pretty nice place. They have a nice Recreation center here which includes a very nice library, bowling alley and all kinds of games. We have our freedom after five o'clock. Of course, we cannot leave the post but can go to the Recreational hall and stay until eight-thirty ... You sure have to hit the deck early around here. We get out of bed at five o'clock ... Our physical training starts Monday. All this week we have been rolling clothes. You would be surprised to know how many clothes you can get in a small locker if they are properly rolled ..."

Stationed In Florida



PVT. CLYDE G. WILLIAMS, above, is in the Infantry, and is now stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla. November 3, 1944, he entered service. He was formerly a member of the Yard Crew at Ecusta.

In M. Marine



JACK MACKAY, USMS, above, is now stationed at St. Petersburg, Fla. October 28, 1944, he entered the Merchant Marine. Seaman Mackey was employed by Ecusta Slitter service.

IN INVASION OF LEYTE

R. N. Davis, MOMM 2-c, writes from somewhere in the Pacific: "... We are taking the Philippines back and I say we because I was in on the invasion of Leyte which is one of the Philippines and where I was there the battle was really hot. The way our boys from carrier based planes handled their part of the situation was like a movie with dog fights and everything but it was far from a movie because our boys really mean business when they go up and they bring the Japs down to stay ... We saw a lot of action in the invasion and my whole crew came through it without a scratch so I think we did pretty good that being our first invasion ... Give my regards to all, especially Machine Room, Shift D ..."

RATHER BE AT WORK

"Had rather be back at work," writes Pvt. Clyde G. Williams from Camp Blanding, Fla. "I hope to get a pass before long, and will visit Ecusta."

Cpl. Waldrop Served Overseas 32 Months

WITH THE AMERICAL INFANTRY DIVISION SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. — Hovey E. Waldrop, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Waldrop of Brevard, has been promoted to corporal and has completed 32 months overseas in the South Pacific.

Corporal Waldrop is a gunner corporal in a field artillery unit of the Americal Division and has seen action in both the Guadalcanal and Bougainville campaigns with the Americal. During the Bougainville campaign he was awarded a commendation by the commanding general of United States forces in the South Pacific. The commendation was for playing a heroic part in extinguishing a fire which threatened ammunition in a howitzer position. He was awarded the Purple Heart for burns received in the fire and also has received the Presidential Unit Citation for his part with the Americal at Guadalcanal.

Waldrop is a graduate of Rosman high school and before entering the service in April, 1941, he was an employee of the Ecusta Paper Corp., as a Pre-washer helper.

He has one brother, James B., serving with the army in France, and another, Arthur L., who is stationed with the Marines in New River, N. C.

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

Sgt. Edward Bracket writes from Italy: "... Things are looking better around here now, but it sure has been raining; we haven't lost any time for that though it is mussy ... I had a long talk with Speedy the other day and he's doing fine ... I'm enclosing a copy of the write-up they gave us when they presented us with the Presidential Citation. It meant lots to us for we sure worked hard for it ... And from the citation: "For outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy ... Through their concentrated efforts the target was completely obliterated by one of the most successful bombing expeditions in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations ... The Bombardment Group has rendered an invaluable contribution to the war effort, thereby reflecting great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the U. S. of America ..."

LIKES XMAS MESSAGE

Cpl. John Jackson, formerly of Power Dept., writes that he enjoyed the Christmas edition of the Echo, especially Mr. Straus' message ... "It's nice to know that you are backing us up in so many ways."

SENDS HIS REGARDS

Lt. Ansel L. Jones writes from France, "I know cigarette paper is being supplied in sufficient quantity, even if the cigarette situation is acute." He sends regards to all, and says he will be here in spirit.

ENJOYS ECHO

Arthur Jackson Lynch, S 1-c, writes from "Postmaster, San Francisco": "... The Echo means a lot to us employees in the armed forces, so I hope that I will continue to receive it ..."