

# News From Former Employees Now In Service

## RIPPED THROUGH PACKAGE

Cpl. Carlos C. Morris writes from Pacific theater, mentioning Christmas box, "My buddies thank you, too. We went through the package like a tank through a Jap pill-box . . . It helps to know that you haven't forgotten us, even though we have been away so long . . . I'm holding my own with the Hula women and going swimming on the famous Waikiki beach every day I can get off. It is really swell—that is, if you don't see too many Dorothy Lamour movies."

## BACK IN INFANTRY

"I'm back in the infantry," writes Pvt. Geo. D. McCormick from Camp Maxey, Tex. "It took our troop train 14 hours to travel around 400 miles . . . I'm taking infantry advanced training for six weeks, then will go to P. O. E. either at Ft. Meade or Ft. Ord, Calif., as an overseas replacement."

## TAKING PLANE COURSE

"Ecusta is doing swell job," writes, S-Sgt. Chas. F. Bryson from Camp Curtissair, where he is taking a course in cargo aircraft in the Curtiss factory.

## VISITS EL CENTRO PLANT

1st Lt. Houston W. Kitchin writes from Ft. Riley, Kans., that he visited the processing plant at El Centro, Calif., and that it was very informative. "The manager, while showing me through the plant, was very thorough in his explanations, so that I might understand the processes the flax went through before being shipped to Ecusta. They had the same spirit of friendliness that is so prevalent at Ecusta."

## WANTS TO RETURN

"I want to return to Ecusta," says Sgt. W. A. Lyday, "after the war." He has just finished a B-29 electrical course at Amarillo Tex., and "am now all set to go to the Pacific to help bomb the h— out of Tokyo. These B-29's are sure wonderful planes, and I really enjoy working with them."

## PROUD OF ECUSTA JOB

Pfc. Alvin H. Drake writes to thank Ecusta for his Christmas box, saying, "I am proud to work for a factory that can think of its employees at a time like this, and will be glad when we can all go back to our jobs, feeling proud that the ones left there have built our reputation while we were away." Pfc. Drake is stationed in the Aleutians.

## ENJOYS READING ECHO

Pfc. James K. Mills sends a Christmas card to Mr. Straus from "Somewhere in France." He says he enjoys reading about his friends (in the Echo) and what they are doing. "I hope it won't be too long before I can be back at my old job, at the best place I ever worked."

## BILL BALEY UNCHANGED

Major T. E. Ramsey writes: "Saw Bill Baley yesterday. He hasn't changed at all . . . He says that if he were back at Ecusta now he wouldn't complain about anything. Think a shell took the top of the roof off over his head the other day and that made him like Brevard even more . . . Had a letter from Raleigh Waldrop recently. He's in my section of the country, so might get to see him sometime . . ."

## Now Overseas



SGT. GORDON R. BLACK is now serving overseas. On April 5, '41, he entered the Army. At Ecusta Sgt. Black was employed as a machinist.

## Was Ecusta Tester



LT. (jg) GEORGE CECIL MABRY was employed as Ecusta Tester before entering the Navy in Feb. '42. He is now overseas. Lt. Mabry trained in Atlanta, Jacksonville, and San Francisco.

## ENOUGH OF "PARADISE"

"A real pleasure to receive the Echo," writes L. A. Holt, Jr., S 1-c, from the Hawaiian Isles. He says, "I'll be more than glad to leave this 'Paradise of the Pacific' and get back to the mountains of W. N. C. The magic of Blue Hawaii and Waikiki Beach loses its glamour after several months and Hawaiian floor shows soon lose their appeal due to the lack of variety."

## DUNKED IN ADRIATIC

Capt. Charlie Cook writes of floating in a "Mae West" for about an hour in the Adriatic sea before a British boat picked him up. "Boy, I thought I had had it . . . I spent last week in a rest camp in Rome . . . Ran into Bobby Gottlieb in Naples a few days back."

## HAS NICE PLACE TO STAY

"Echo catches up with me quite regularly," writes Cpl. James Mosier from Belgium, "and I sure enjoy it. I'm alright and have a fairly nice place to stay—at least in comparison to the beaches and fox-holes which were our former home."

## In Service 9 Months



PVT. JULIUS TINSLEY is now in San Francisco, Calif. He has been in service 9 months. Pvt. Tinsley was a printing operator in Champagne. He trained in Camp Lejeune, N. C.

## Former Employee



PVT. GARNETT BUCKNER, is now in California. Before entering the Army, June 18, '43, he was employed in the Beater Room. Pvt. Buckner trained in Texas, Nevada and California.

## DEVOURS THE ECHO

"I read and re-read the Echo," says Pvt. Lonnie E. Coates, stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla. He would like to see his friends in the Chem. Lab. and Pulp Mill.

## ECHO DEPICTS HOME LIFE

Sgt. Craig D. Snipes and Cpl. Glenn J. Summey write together from Belgium, "The Echo seems to bring our home life very close to us . . . it warms our hearts when we feel and know that our friends at home are constantly supporting us. We are just waiting for the day when the world will be at peace again, and we will be permitted to return to our homes and loved ones."

## IS WITH NINTH ARMY

Cpl. Dewey Winchester has a visit with his brother. He declares that "if things go good, Jerry can't last much longer. I am waiting for that day, so we can all be happy again . . . You people are sure nice to the boys, and that is one reason why they want to get back there."

## 21 DAYS ON SHIP

Pfc. James Dunne writes the Pacific theater, "I spent 21 days on the ship coming over. It wasn't so hot, but very crowded and the deck very narrow. We had two meals a day. We stopped several days at Pearl Harbor, but couldn't leave the ship. I was glad when we hit this island. It seems funny to go swimming four days before Christmas. I'm in a tent about 50 yards from the beach and get a good breeze. You won't go here if you like coconuts. Going up and down the beach, you can see where the little soldiers the Rising Sun have had a very rough treatment."

## HOPES TO GO TO PARIS

Cpl. Robert H. Tritt sends wishes to all for a happy New Year. Writing from France, he says, "This time next year, I hope to be back there with all my friends . . . Hope to go to Paris soon. I know I will do a lot of looking around while there."

## ON NINTH ARMY FRONT

Pfc. Warren Alexander writes from "Somewhere in Germany" that he is well and with the Army on the front lines. "Being here and seeing cigar rationing, it makes us appreciate the work you folks are doing at Ecusta. We don't hurt for cigarettes, but run short at times."

## LIKED STRAUS' MESSAGE

Cpl. Raymond Nicholson writes "I did so much enjoy reading the Echo and finding out what is going on at Ecusta. It was good to see the Christmas message from Mr. Straus, and to know that you have such a fine gentleman working for and remember us in many ways."

## OUTFIT WRITTEN UP

Pfc. Ray Winchester has been in combat for some time. He writes from Germany, "My outfit has been ready had a big writeup in 'Stripes.' We were at Aachen and Warselem and I'm sure you read about the 9th Army through that sector. I ran into my brother last week and spent a couple of days and nights with him."

## BELGIUM IS BEAUTIFUL

According to Cpl. W. Raymond Lankford: "Belgium is a beautiful country and the Belgian people are eager to accommodate us in any way possible. At present I am living in a brick home with all modern conveniences. Having access to a bath tub is wonderful after using a steel helmet for several months . . . I haven't had an opportunity to visit Troyes. If I should I shall take advantage of it and try to get some dope on paper mills."

## FRENCH STAGE BETTER

2nd Lt. Ansel Jones writes from France, "All-round conditions (with SHAEF) are pretty good but a bit wet most of the time. I can go to Paris on pass. Some town, too. I've seen some of the famous sights and places there, and some pretty good stage shows. The French have us entertained in the way of stage entertainment."

## LIKES NAVY LIFE

Marshall Ballard, S 1-c, writes from Earle, N. J., to Mr. Benjamin that he is well, has gained weight and likes navy life.