

News From Former Employees In Service

DID CONVOY DUTY

Tom F. Cooper, petty officer 3-c, was home recently on a 4-day leave after serving on convoy duty in the Atlantic, having been to Sicily and N. Africa. Petty Officer Cooper has been in service 2½ years, and overseas four months. He was employed in the Machine Room prior to induction.

DWIGHT COLLINS SAFE

S-Sgt. Dwight Elmo Collins, who was reported missing in action since Nov. 11 in the China theater of war, is now reported safe and well. Sgt. Collins was a radioman on a B-29 Superfortress. Aug. 9, '42, he entered service. At the time of his induction he was employed at Ecusta.

GETS PURPLE HEART

Sgt. Bill H. Nicholson has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in October, '44. He holds the Infantry Combat Medal. He has been overseas a year and in service since May, '42. Sgt. Nicholson is a former employee of the Cafeteria.

RECEIVES PROMOTION

The promotion of Lester C. Wilson from sergeant to staff sergeant was announced recently by Colonel William H. Cleveland, commanding officer of his bombardment group in England. Sgt. Wilson has completed eight bombing missions over Germany, including Hamburg, Leipzig, and Cologne. He entered service March 3, 1943 and has been overseas for four months. S-Sgt. Wilson trained at Keesler Field, Miss., Pyote, Tex., and Kansas. His wife, Lula Cassell Wilson, is employed in Champagne.

CLUBB IS OVERSEAS

Pfc. Walter F. Clubb, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Clubb of Leicester, N. C., is at present time on duty in the S. W. Pacific area. Inducted into the army at Ft. Jackson, S. C., Sept. 10, '43. Served basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala.; then was sent overseas. Prior to his induction, he was a bleach operator at Ecusta since 1940. His wife, Mrs. Walter F. Clubb, lives in Asheville, N. C.

IN EAST INDIES

Pvt. Norman E. Singletary is now in Netherland East Indies, and says, "I know with so many men away, the girls at Ecusta will do just as much a bang-up job . . . It's no picnic where we are now . . . hope next Christmas will see us all home, as I'm getting behind in my coon-hunting."

LIKES FRANCE BEST

Pvt. Albert Grindstaff has been in three countries, but says he likes France best. "It is a beautiful country, and the people try to help all they can . . . Christmas is the time when all the boys think of home the most, for they know what all their folks are doing on that day."

STILL AT VAN DORN

S Sgt. Vernon H. Reese writes from Camp Van Dorn, Miss: "I thought I would let you know that I am still in Miss., and also I wish to express my appreciation for the courtesy and kindness shown to me on my visit at the plant . . . everything and everybody are well. . . . I hope the next time I see you, I'll be back for good."

In San Diego



T-SGT. JOHN E. BISHOP, above, is now in San Diego. Prior to induction, May 27, '41, he was employed in the Slitter Service of Finishing Department.

In Florida



J. EARL CORN, S 2-c, above, is now in Florida with the U. S. Navy. Seaman Corn was an employee of the Machine Room. May 14, '43, he entered service.

Gets A Promotion



SGT. CHARLES L. RUSSELL, above, has been recently promoted from the rank of corporal to sergeant. He was employed by Ecusta as a beaterman, entering service in Nov., 1942. Sgt. Russell is a radio operator on a Liberator bomber, stationed in Italy. His wife, Reba Kitchen Russell, is employed in the Payroll Dept. of Ecusta.

Is Now Overseas



SGT. RALPH C. MORRIS is now overseas somewhere in Europe. A pre-digestor foreman prior to induction in June, '42, Sgt. Morris trained in South Carolina, Texas and Alabama. He is in the infantry.

APPRECIATES BOX

Ralph Teague writes from Williamsburg, Va. (Camp Peary), "thanks for the box. It makes a fellow feel good to know that Ecusta thinks of him. I'll be coming home in a few days and will be down to see you all."

LIKES NAVY BETTER

Thomas N. Guice, S 2-c, writes, "I am beginning to like the Navy much better than at first, but am looking forward to getting back and working with my friends. Give my regards to all the fellows."

CHEERED BY THOUGHTS

"Would love to be there for Christmas holidays," says Cpl. John H. Jackson, writing from Corsica. "Yes, and other days, ha! . . . It makes a guy feel good to know someone back home is thinking of us boys."

SAME STORY—MUD IN FRANCE

"Tell all the gang hello," writes Pvt. John Sprouse from France. "It has been raining here now for about nine weeks, and boy, is it muddy! Hope to be back at Ecusta by next Christmas."

NO PLACE LIKE W. N. C.

"Have found no place like Western N. C.," writes Pvt. Fred Laughter, from Ft. Monmouth, N. J. Says he may have to go overseas again, but hopes not. Sends best wishes to the Ecusta Paper Corp.

MEAN WEATHER IN ITALY

Weather is bad in Italy, says Sgt. Edward Brackett. "Sure hope is isn't rainy and nasty there as it is here; the wet season has come, and is it mean! We are proud of the comment we got from higher headquarters on our formation. Makes a fellow feel as though he had achieved something." He sends regards to Mr. Straus and the boys in the Beater Room.

SENDS PICTURE OF VOLCANO

Cpl. Hovey Waldrop writes, "Tell all my friends hello, and good luck to you all. Am sending a picture of the volcano here on the island; most of it is covered with smoke. It gets so hot here during the day. Would like to be back there and go rabbit-hunting where there is snow on the ground."

FORT KNOX IS HUGE

"Looking forward to visiting Ecusta on leave home," says Pvt. Bob Pearce, who is in training at Ft. Knox, Ky. "Will be glad to get the Echo; it is a fine paper and serves as an excellent medium for service men to keep in touch with their friends and acquaintances both at home and abroad. This is an enormous post and each of the 48 states is represented here."

FOUL WEATHER IN FRANCE

Sgt. Melvin (Mac) McCormick writes from France that the weather is rainy and bad, and "I see where all those movies of soldiers marching in mud up to their ankles are true . . . It is well with me, and I hope we can be back together soon."

IN ON LEYTE INVASION

Floyd V. Buchanan, S 1-c, writes from the Pacific: "I was very glad to get the cookies and candy, because those are things we seldom see out here. They didn't last very long with this bunch of hungry sailors around . . . I've been trying to locate some of the boys from Ecusta but I haven't been lucky enough . . . I was lucky enough to get in on the invasion of Leyte, Philippines, and I also saw the big battle of Leyte Gulf. . . . I wouldn't mind to have duty over there. The people are pretty nice."

EACH NAME BRINGS MEMORY

Cpl. Harold R. Hogsed writes from Brookley Field, Ala., (in thanks for the personally signed Christmas greeting from the Champagne employees): "To me Champagne is a company, as I read each and every individual name, who is responsible for the achieved success both in the war effort and on the home front; company, as individuals, because each name recalls some vivid memory when I was with Champagne . . . To each fellow worker I wish that some day all may enjoy the true Americanism for which each individual has given so much . . ."

GETS PROMOTION

Lt. John S. Carpenter, stationed in Newark, N. J., has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He has been in service three years since leaving Ecusta, where he was a Main Office clerk. Lieutenant Carpenter trained in Georgia and Florida.

VISITED WIFE RECENTLY

Marine Pfc. Vincent K. Dixon recently spent a 30-day leave with his wife in Brevard. Pfc. Dixon, a veteran of the S. Pacific war theater, and wounded on Guam, was confined to a hospital in San Diego before his leave. He reported to a Marine Guard base near Richmond, Va.

McMINN IN MARINES

Nathan McMinn, of the U. S. Maritime service, recently spent a short leave with his wife in Brevard. McMinn volunteered in the merchant marine in August, '44. A former machine tender at Ecusta, he visited October, '44.

RAY RIGDON DISCHARGED

Ray Rigdon, formerly a private in the Army, has received a medical discharge, after serving in the Central Pacific for some time. Rigdon is a former employee of the Finishing Dept. He entered service in January, '43.