

News From Former Employees Now In Service

URGES, "JOIN THE NAVY"

Burder Teague, S 1-c, writes from the South Pacific, "I don't get seasick any more; even last night I was able to walk to the chow hall alone, when they helped me up from bed. No, just joking—I was only sick the first day at sea. That was the longest day of my life . . . I have seen Pearl Harbor and had several liberties in Honolulu. You should see the waters at Waikiki Beach. They are several different colors—the farther out you go, the darker. But I would take Davidson River any day . . . I have seen and talked to some natives, in fact I have been through their village; got run out, too, with knives. The men and boys would meet us, and try to sell war clubs! I bought one and sent it to Gladys. Maybe I shouldn't have done that! . . . I am now striking for Soundman—very interesting work . . . I have quite a few good pictures; hope to have a good collection when I get home. Join the Navy and see the South Pacific."

TO GO OVERSEAS

Enjoys Echo, writes Lt. Ernest Rector, from Sebring, Fla., "It's just like a big pile of mail from old friends . . . I've been here six weeks getting B-17 transition as first pilot. Expect an overseas assignment as soon as I finish phase training here and at R.T.U."

NOTHING LIKE W. N. C.

"The French were glad to see us," writes Pfc. Howard Lawing, who is in France. "They wanted to give us anything they had . . . I have seen Cherbourg, Paris, Rheims, and several other places of interest . . . Before coming to France, I was in England, Scotland and Wales. None of these places are as good as W. N. C."

GETTING BETTER NOW

Pvt. Robert Pearce writes from a Regional Hospital, "I thoroughly enjoy reading the Echo. It gave me great pleasure to see how well Ecusta responded to the recent bond drive . . . I feel fine now, but may be in this convalescent ward a few more days."

IN THE INVASION

Sgt. Jack D. Morgan writes from the Philippines, "I have been on an invasion with an invasion force. We were attacked by the special Japanese attack force whose flyers dive at ships in suicide attempts to sink them." Black-out—two lines! "There is definitely a war on . . . I hope everything is going nicely at Ecusta, and extend to all of you my best wishes for the coming year."

WANTS TO GO OVERSEAS

"Can't be home right now, but can still think about it," writes George R. Sexton, SK 3-c, from Lido Beach, Long Island. "When working the night shift in the Personnel Office here, I watch the boys come in from overseas and see them go out again, and it makes you want to go, too . . . Give my regards to all the boys in the Machine Room."

HOPES TO VISIT US

"Enjoyed swim on Christmas day," says Kermit W. Reece, F 2-c; "There isn't much I can say as to my present location, but I hope before too long to visit my friends at Ecusta again . . . Give my regards to the Refiner Room."

Cpl. John Wilber Arrives Overseas

15TH AAF IN ITALY.—Cpl. John L. Wilber, 34, Box 375, Brevard, has arrived overseas and has been assigned to duty as an engineer-gunner in a 15th Air Force B-24 Liberator group, commanded by Lt. Col. Brooks A. Lawhon, Tacoma, Wash.

With more than 160 combat missions to its credit, the group to which he has been assigned has made bombing attacks on vital Nazi targets throughout southern and central Europe.

Wilber entered the AAF on Nov. 14, 1942, and received training at the aerial gunner school at Laredo, Texas; and at the aircraft mechanic school at Keesler Field, Miss. Prior to his entry into the army he was employed by the Ecusta Paper corporation, Pisgah Forest, N. C. He was graduated from Charleston high school, Charleston, S. C., in 1931.

His wife, Mrs. Vilote M. Wilber, lives at Brevard.

RASTUS SMITH WRITES

"Things are looking pretty good here. We're given them — alright. We're working pretty hard now; it sure is hot, too. There isn't much for a guy to do here for pastime. We write letters, go swimming, boat-riding, and to the movies."

FROM SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Pvt. Julius W. Tinsley writes, "There isn't much that I can say as to my whereabouts, other than that it is very hot, and there are worlds of coconuts growing on these islands. It isn't to be compared, though, to the beauties of western N. C., or any part of the U. S. . . . Please remember me to everyone there."

IS AT CHERRY POINT

Gordon M. Hollingsworth, PhM 3-c, is stationed at Cherry Point. He says, "I have been here for the past two months. In fact, I was here last June, but was transferred to Kinston, N. C., then back here last November. This is a Marine Air base . . . Tell all the Ecusta boys 'Hello' for me and to drop me a line."

ECHO IS STILL NEWS

Sgt. Lee E. Reid writes from overseas, "Glad that everything is going fine at Ecusta, for it sure doesn't help a person's feelings over here, to hear of strikes going on back home . . . I think the Christmas box meant a lot to every Ecusta member in service . . . The mud isn't quite so bad here, now that the ground is frozen . . . The Echo is generally a couple of months old when I get it, but it's still news to me."

KEEPS MEN FLYING

Cpl. John Jackson writes from overseas, "Hope everything is going well with Ecusta . . . I look forward to receiving the Echo and any other mail from the home folks. Keep things humming and I'll keep 'em flying; so, here's to the New Year ahead with full steam."

SENDS HIS GREETINGS

From P. W. Camp, Opelika, Ala., Pvt. Martin E. Turbyfill writes, "Best wishes to all Champagne and also Ecusta for a prosperous and a victorious year."

Now In So. Pacific



PFC. JAMES DUNNE, U. S. M. C., is now on duty in the South Pacific. Pfc. Dunne was assistant foreman in the Hand Booklet Dept. Nov. '43 he entered service and trained in South Carolina and Virginia. Mrs. Dunne, formerly supervisor of girls in Champagne, is living in New York, and his mother lives in Ireland.

RAINS ALL THE TIME

T-5 William G. Simpson writes from England, "I could write more often, but the same thing happens here every day, so once a year you get the news. And that's rain; it rains more here than any place I know; everything is flooded now, and it is still raining . . . Tell all the boys in the mill hello, especially in Refining, "D" shift"

MUD IN GERMANY

Sgt. Clarence W. Israel is in Germany, and writes, "The Christmas package was a well-selected gift for a G. I. who seems to be always human, even though he has just finished eating a big meal . . . The mud that has pulled and tugged at our feet, slowed down armor and transportation . . . We had the first freeze in this sector two days ago . . . Remember me to the boys of Refining, Shift "A"."

NOW ON AN ISLAND

"California is all they say," says C. D. Cagle, SC 1-c, who is stationed on San Clemente Island, near San Diego. "The western people are really wonderful. I am glad I can say I have been here; but woe is me—they stick me and 350 others out on this lonely isle off the coast—nothing but planes and goats for company. Although we get ashore once a month."

WORKED CHRISTMAS DAY

"Everything is well with me," writes Sgt. Melvin McCormick from overseas. "The weather has given us a slight break by staying clear and cold. The ground is frozen, which is a big help to the tanks and machines. We worked on Christmas day, and had a 'white Christmas'."

WANT TO BE BACK

Writing from France, Cpl. Howard L. Volrath says, "Charles Mitchell is here with me, and wherever we go, we stick together. We are both in good health and feeling fine, but would feel much better if we could be back at Ecusta."

Ecustans Return From Armed Forces

Several of our employees who have been in military service have recently been discharged and are now at their respective jobs in Ecusta. We are delighted to have these veterans of World War II with us again. They are:

Sherman Ducker, Machine Room—Marines.

Harry Johnson, Landscape—Army.

Robert Pearce, Machine Room—Army.

Edwin G. Rothbauer, Pilot Plant—Army Air Corps.

Cheatham Nelson, Machine Room—Army.

Morris O. Ward, Turbine Room—Army.

Roy Wolf, Machine Room—Army.

A WONDERFUL WISH

Pfc. Lewis P. Bagwell writes from Salina, Kansas, "Here's hoping that the New Year will bring 'peace on earth, goodwill to men'. And may Ecusta have a very successful year in every way."

SLEEPING INSIDE NOW

T-5 Thomas N. McCormick writes from Belgium, "I've seen more of this country than I ever wanted to, but it is better than France, at that. At least, we can sleep inside and not in foxholes. That French mud is something you read about, but don't believe until you see it . . . Give my regards to everyone."

WE SAY, AMEN!

Pvt. Lawrence Richardson writes from the Southwest Pacific, "I hope by the time another Christmas rolls around this war will be over, and we can all celebrate Christmas in our homes again."

JACKSON IS OVERSEAS

From overseas, Cpl. John H. Jackson writes, "Glad things are going so well at Ecusta, and of course I would love very much to be back with you, but we are away for a good cause, so we will do the job the best we can. Hope this finds all going well; as for myself, I'm O. K.—working most of the time."

Caswell Ball, Petty Officer 2-c, had boot training at Bainbridge, Md. On completion of boot, he was assigned ship's company in the dry-cleaning department, where he is press foreman. He was employed in Champagne printing department and has had almost three years in Naval service. P. O. Ball reported to Bainbridge, Md., after a leave of 14 days and his visit to Ecusta.

Pvt. Ivan Galloway, U. S. Infantry, visited Ecusta February 1st. An employee of Pulp Mill control, he entered service in September, 1944. Pvt. Galloway received basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He was on 10-day leave at the time of his visit and reported to Fort Meade, Md.

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