

# News From Our Former Employees In Service

## HAS MALARIA IN PACIFIC

Enno Camenzind, Y 3-c, writes from the Pacific theatre, "I received the Echo just a couple of hours ago and finished reading it a few minutes ago. The sailor in the bed alongside of me has it now, and by tonight it will probably have made the tour of the whole ward . . . December and January are the hottest months here, and I mean hot, and the vegetation and air are putrid—in fact, so much so that a scratch or little skin opening usually develops into fungus ("jungle rot" to us). I am one of the few who have been spared that so far by being very careful, but I caught malaria and have been hospitalized for awhile. I hope to return to duty soon, because monotony is bad anywhere, but worse out here."

## GETS A TRANSFER

T-Sgt. Bruce Pettitt has been transferred to the air base at Enid, Okla., from the Miami, Fla., redistribution center. Sergeant Pettitt recently returned from the China-Burma-India theatre of war. A member of the 14th Air force, he was a radio operator on a B-25 Mitchell bomber.

## IN MERCHANT MARINE

Jack Mackey, U. S. maritime service, has returned to Charleston, S. C., after spending several weeks at his home. He was employed in the Finishing department here, and entered service in October, '44. He was to return to a merchant ship.

## HOPES TO RETURN TO JOB

Woodrow W. Smallwood writes from Camp Parks, Calif., "The package from Ecusta made me think of passing through the plant while I was working and speaking to my friends. Here's hoping you carry everything on, so I can return to my job."

## AT HOME IN CORSICA

From Corsica, Sgt. John H. Jackson writes, "Glad to receive letter, and also Echo. I'm always glad to hear from home. Hope this will find all well, and the work going good . . . Am still at the same field—it's home here now."

## FILIPINOS AID IN WAR

From the Philippines, Cpl. Warren W. Hooper writes, "I took part in the D-day operations in the Philippines, and I've found the Filipino people friendly and a great partner in this war. The weather here is much better than in the South Pacific islands . . . Keep up the good work at Ecusta, and we'll be winning this war before long."

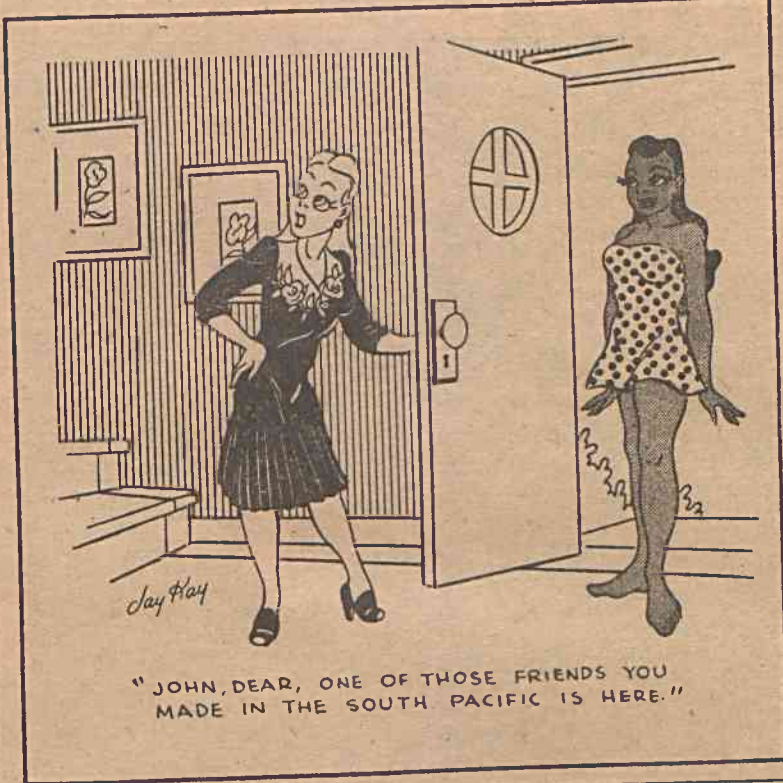
## LONGS TO BE BACK

Lt. Sam Matthews writes from New York, "I am not too much in love with this big place. It is still too big for me and too many people in too big a rush. I shall be glad when I can return to the mountains. I like to think of Ecusta as a place of serenity and contentment amidst wonderful surroundings."

## STAYS MIGHTY BUSY

Pfc. Raleigh Waldrop writes from France that he is now in a new company (Ordnance) and keeping very busy. He wrote on his first day off in three weeks, "It doesn't seem possible I had so much time off while at Ecusta."

## A Serviceman's Postwar Problem



## Stationed In Md.



WAC Pfc. above is ELIZABETH P. KIMZEY, who entered the army January, 1943. Pfc. Kimzey had basic training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, and is now stationed at Ft. George G. Meade, Md. She was employed as slitter operator in the Finishing department.

## BUSY IN NAZILAND

"Have been too busy to write," says Pfc. James F. McCormick, writing from Germany . . . "Received the Christmas package, and it was nice. Thanks a million."

## WELCOMES ECUSTA NEWS

Pvt. John B. Baldwin, in the ETO, says, "Tell all the boys hello for me, and that I hope to be back with them soon. I'm looking forward to the next copy of the Echo and all the news of good old Ecusta."

## VISITS LONDON AND PARIS

Pfc. Jesse K. Hyder writes from Holland, "I have seen several European countries, Scotland, England, France, Belgium and Germany. Have been to London and to Paris . . . I'm writing this in an old school house by candlelight . . . I still cook for our boys and like it better every day, although we do see some rough times . . . Tell all of Finishing Dept. 'hello' for me."

## Is In Belgium



SGT. CLIFFORD McCRARY is now with the Army engineers in Belgium. Sgt. McCrary has been in service 27 months. Prior to induction he was a backtender in the Machine room. He trained in Kansas and Camp Forrest, Tenn. He arrived overseas shortly after D-day and has been in France.

## BOX FEEDS NINE

Lt. Fred Yelton writes from Mountain Home, Idaho, "The Christmas box was swell, and thanks very much. I looked all through it, though, and didn't find a god-darn cigarette. We went on a 1600 mile cross-country trip the day after it came and your box was the only nourishment the nine other members of the crew and I had. After ten hours without anything to eat, it's hard to tell you just how good the contents of that box tasted."

## IS SLIGHTLY INJURED

Sgt. Charlie Russell is temporarily hospitalized in Italy due to a minor injury from which he expects to recover very shortly. When he wrote to us recently, he spoke of flying missions over beautiful country, but said, "I wish I were back in North Carolina." We hope that he will soon be fine, and sending us some more cartoons.

## RUNNION IS OVERSEAS

Sgt. Edward Runnion is in an Ordnance company active in overseas combat. He landed shortly after D-day in Sicily, Italy and Southern France. The company operates a repair service for truckers hauling supplies to the U. S. seventh army front. These shops accept any job that can be handled in reasonable time, with special emphasis on first aid to carburetors, ignition, gas lines and brakes. They send out a roving emergency patrol, manned by expert mechanics, to search out drivers flying a distress signal. Jobs too complicated for the on-the-spot cure by the roving squads are towed in by the company's big wreckers. This ordnance group was activated in the fall of 1940, training at Ft. Bragg and Camp Blanding. Its members took their initial step on foreign soil November 18, 1942, at Casablanca. These combat ordnancemen, during the Tunisian campaign, made personal delivery of tanks and half-tracks in the Kasserine area. Sergeant Runnion has been in service four years. He was employed in the Finishing department at Ecusta.

## APPRECIATES PACKAGE

Lt. "Gus" Tucker writes from China, "I can't tell you how pleased I am with the package from Ecusta — mostly that you thought of us who were not able to be home with you, and I think I'm expressing the thoughts of all of us when I say that it has made me feel a great deal better about being here . . . You've no idea how good something from home tastes when you're out here away from it all. Sometimes I think I'd give my place in heaven for a piece of fried ham and a big helping of grits and ham gravy . . . I had a letter from Arthur Loeb today and he seems very much pleased with conditions where he is. He had a little news about some of our mutual friends which I enjoyed."

## REMAINING JAPS FEW

"Natives are friendly," writes Cpl. Hovey E. Waldrop from the Philippines. "They do our laundry and like to help us all they can . . . We are having lots of rain, and it stays muddy most of the time . . . There are a few Japs left, but most of them are in bad shape . . . Some of the boys got one down by the river last night."

## ARTICLES BUOY UP SPIRITS

S-Sgt. James A. Whitmire is in France and writes, "When a fellow gets something from home, it kinda helps him forget some of the things he is having to go through with over here . . . We all have a job to do, and I hope that it is nearly completed. I'm looking forward to the time when all of us can be back punching the old clock and listening to the hum of the machines. So, keep 'em all smoking."

## YULE BOX BANISHED DOUBT

Pfc. W. E. "Buddy" Neill, overseas, writes, "Being overseas so long has made the average soldier wonder if he has been forgotten, but if I had any such ideas, they certainly vanished tonight when I received my Christmas box from Ecusta . . . I receive the Echo, and appreciate it very much."