

# News From Our Former Employees In Service

## PREFERS EAST COAST

J. E. Allen, MoMM 1-c writes from the Pacific theatre, "We were in San Diego about 15 days and did we have a time! But I will settle for the East Coast any time. I got a week-end pass and took in Los Angeles and Hollywood. I guess I expected to see a movie star on every corner in Hollywood, for I was surely disappointed. Hollywood was just like any other city of any size, except for a few more night clubs. And higher prices. Tell all the fellows hello for me."

## HOT GAMES IN ITALY

From Italy, Sgt. Edward Brackett writes, "We have been pretty much rushed this last month, as everything is moving so fast, and we haven't time to do much but move with it. The weather is fine here now, and things are beginning to look better, but nothing can take the place of home . . . We've been playing baseball for some time; have some pretty hot games . . . The planes are due in now, so will have to say so long."

## NIP FLYERS DON'T RETURN

Pfc. James Dunne, writing from Okinawa Shima, says, "We landed here on D-Day, which was Easter Sunday. I will never forget the way the ships shelled the beach before the landing. We had a ringside seat while all H. was breaking loose. After you are in this outfit awhile, making a beachhead is just like going to work in Champagne. Stitching early in the morning. I have seen some of the Nip planes coming over and they are still here, some on land and some in the bay. I didn't see one go back. What men our pilots are!"

## LEAVES HOSPITAL

Pfc. Fred Powell, former Boiler Room employee, who has been in a hospital in England, is now able to return to duty. March 31, 1944, he entered the Army, and had basic training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

## NO PLACE FOR GI VACATION

From Florida, Pvt Foy E. Guice requests the Echo, saying, "It gets lonesome here sometimes. Florida is not so bad, but for a soldier this is no place for a vacation. They keep us pretty busy so we don't have time to miss all the things we had at home so much."

## EAGER TO BE CIVILIAN AGAIN

Pfc. Vincent J. Dixon writes from U. S. Naval Proving Grounds, Dahlgren, Va., "I receive the Echo each month and appreciate it very much. This is a pretty nice base, and state-side guard duty beats overseas duty any day. But I'm still looking forward to the day when I can lay aside the military coat, and once again enjoy the normal and peaceful life I knew at Ecusta."

## HOPES FOR WAR'S END

Pfc. Walter F. Clubb writes from the Philippines, "I have a little time to write a few lines to say hello to my friends, as I have been thinking about all of you. I trust that you are all doing your best to back the home front, as you can feel sure that I am doing my job over here, to the best of my ability. My wish of the day is that this thing will soon be over, and I can get to work with all of you again."

## Is Declared Dead



T-5 JOSEPH ALBERT SHOOK above, has been declared dead after having been missing in action since July 1944. Shook was a native of Tuckaseegee in Jackson county, and was employed at Ecusta at the time of induction.

## RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS

Pvt. Ray L. Israel has just returned to the U. S. from 14 months' overseas service in North Africa, Italy and France with the 5th Army. Pvt. Israel volunteered for service in Jan. of 1943; at that time he was employed by Ecusta as assistant Canteen operator. He had Infantry training in Camp Blanding, Fla., before going overseas.

## VISITS PAPER PLANTS

Sgt. Nathan E. Reed writes from overseas that he has visited several cigarette paper plants, and says, "our machinery, working places and conditions so far exceed them, that we should really throw out our chests and be proud of Ecusta. Our cleanliness, in comparison, is very noticeable."

## VISITED HERE RECENTLY

Mattie Inez Summey, Sp. Q 2-c of the WAVES, recently spent a week-end at her home in Brevard. She was employed in Ecusta's Finishing department prior to entering the Navy in Sept. 1943. With boot training at Hunter College, Bronx, N. Y., she is now stationed at WAVE quarters in Washington, D. C. Sp. Q 2-c Summey visited Ecusta in April '45.

## RETURNS TO OKLA.

Tech. Sgt. W. Bruce Pettit has returned to Frederick, Okla., air base after a 20-day furlough. A veteran of a year's service in the China-Burma-India theatre of war, Sgt. Pettit returned to the states in Jan. '45. He was a radio operator on a B-25 Mitchell bomber, in the 14th Air force stationed in China. Prior to induction in Aug. '42, he was employed in Ecusta's Chemical laboratory.

## ORDERED TO CAMP LEE

W. O. (Jg) John A. Hamlin tells us, "I have been ordered to the Adjutant Generals' School at Camp Lee, Va., for eight weeks. It's swell being stationed on a post once more, and it is to be hoped that upon re-assignment, I will be assigned to another post, or orders for overseas. Best of luck."

## Is In Pacific



CPL. KENNETH V. McCURRY, of the U. S. Army, is now in the Northwest Pacific with an Ordnance ammunition co. Prior to induction in Jan. 1943, he was employed as a backtender the Machine Room. With basic training at Ft. Lewis, Wash. and additional training at Jackson, Miss., he had service in the South Pacific and Hawaii.

## PERRY AWARDED BATTLE STAR

Sgt. Joseph A. Perry, husband of Ruth Perry of the Beater Room lab., was recently awarded a second battle star to his ribbon for the European theatre of operations. It signifies participation by the seventh photographic reconnaissance group in the Normandy campaign. The first star represents the group's participation in the air offensive over Europe. Sgt. Perry is an aircraft mechanic for a photo squadron in England. His squadron is one of the units which comprise Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt's 325th Photo Reconnaissance wing.

## SPENT EASTER IN ROME

Cpl. Raymond Nicholson, writing to Mr. Wells, says, "I have returned from a pass to Rome. There I found some old coins for you. The one with the crooked marks is from Turkey. The one that says "one penny" is from England. The one that says 10—is a Greek coin. The one with 1 soldo is from the Vatican City in Rome. The two coins that are worn and beaten up are old Roman coins. The one with the bee on a flower is an Italian coin. I had a very good time in Rome and celebrated Easter there."

## PEOPLE KNOW HARDSHIPS

Pfc. Atlas Jackson writes from the ETO, "No doubt it's nice there now, and with all the flowers and the trees getting green, it must be lovely. The weather here most of the time is cloudy and very cool. Even when the sun comes out, it doesn't seem like that nice warm sun that shines over W. N. C. 'Good ole days!' Something a fellow doesn't give a second thought, until he has wound up in some place where they don't know what it is to live in a free country. Most of the people here sure know what a hard time is and those who can speak English and have been to the States will tell you there's no place like it."

## PRAISES OFFICERS

From the Central Pacific, Bunker W. Teague, S 1-c, writes, "I am in the best of health, like my job fine, and have a swell bunch of officers and men to work with so I am satisfied until V-Day. I was very happy to hear of the Five-Year Club. I am anxious to get back and attend these meetings in the near future."

## COMPANY IS CITED

Cpl. Raymond Nicholson, former Chemical Laboratory employee, now wears a gold wreath on his sleeve signifying that he and his group were presented the meritorious service plaque. The plaque stands for exceptionally meritorious service and was given in recognition of their record last August and September. Cpl. Nicholson's unit, the 313th Medical battalion, is part of the 88th Central Postal Directory division in Italy. He has been in service more than 30 months.

## LIKES ROCK ABODE

Stanley E. Taylor, S 1-c, writing from the Marianas, says, "I've been on this rock a little over a month and like it very well. Living conditions are pretty good and I guess I'll make this my home for some time. I hope, though, that we can all be back home before long. Surely this thing won't go on forever. Give my regards to the people there."

## OUT OF HOSPITAL

Lt. Ben Rickman writes from Tampa, Fla., "I always look forward to reading the Echo and finding out how everything is at the plant. I am always looking forward to the day when this war is over and I, as well as many others, will be back on our old job and can work together as we used to. Since I got out of the hospital, I haven't flown very much as my ear still hurts quite a bit at high altitudes. Hope to get home and see you all in ten months."

## GUN FIRE INDUCES SLEEP

From the ETO, Sgt. Jas. P. Williams, writes, "Seems that I'm lost when I can get to sleep all night and not hear the guns sound. I landed in France on the beachhead on D-Day, June 6; thought sometimes that I'd never make it . . . I am in Germany now; hope the next stop will be Berlin. I was across the German border before Christmas, but was pushed back in Belgium for a few days . . . Tell all the friends hello, and give them my best wishes."

## HOT IN NEW GUINEA

From New Guinea, Cpl. Elijah Mooney writes that he is well and doing fine. He says, "It is very hot here and rains every day." In thanking the company for his Christmas box and his check, he says, "I appreciate your kindness very much and it will never be forgotten. Best regards to all and may God bless each and every one."

## IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Eddie T. Moss, S 1-c writes, "I am in the Hawaiian Islands. It is getting pretty warm over here. I would like very much to be back in W.N.C. I've met one Brevard boy since I've been here. He seems to be getting along O.K."