

Visits From Our Many Employees In Service

James "Jimmy" H. Newbury, S 2-c, has just completed boot training at Bainbridge, Md. Jimmy was a temporary employee of the Engineering office. After a leave of seven days, he reported to Bainbridge for reassignment. His father, H. E. Newbury, is Safety Director at Ecusta.

Staff Sgt. W. David Sams, of the Army Air force, former war prisoner, visited us July 3rd and attended the July 4th picnic. A gunner of the Eighth Air force stationed in Italy, he was shot down July 19, '44, over Munich, and was taken prisoner the same day. In June, '45 he was released from the camp, Sta-Lag-Luft No. 4 by the British, and a week later returned to the States for a furlough of 60 days. David trained in Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Utah and Nebraska. He was overseas 17 months, wears the air medal with three oak leaf clusters, the unit citation for action over Vienna and the ETO ribbon with three stars for major engagements. David was employed in the Pilot Plant. He has 100 points toward the Army demobilization plan.

Captain Wm. B. "Bill" Long, Navigator, was in June 26 for a visit. Bill was quality supervisor prior to volunteering in January, '42. Bill, a member of the Fifth Air force, returned to the States in November '43 following 14 months' duty at Port Moresby, New Guinea, assigned to a B-17 and a B-25. He has been stationed at Dyersburg, Tenn., Dalhart, Texas and Pratt, Kansas, as instructor. Bill wears the following awards: the silver star for gallantry in action for a skip bombing mission in the South Pacific, the distinguished flying cross with an oak leaf cluster for more than 200 combat hours, the air medal with an oak leaf cluster and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three stars for major engagements. He reported to Pratt, Kansas, following a 14-day leave.

Cpl. Ben H. Maulsby, of the Ordnance attached to the Eighth Air force, returned to the States June 29 from ETO after two years in England. Ben was an inspector at Ecusta prior to volunteering in October, '42. With basic and technical training in Maryland, he was stationed for five months at Rapid City, S. D., as rifle instructor. He wears the presidential citation, the good conduct medal, expert rifleman's medal and the ETO ribbon. Following a 30-day furlough, he reported to Camp Gordon, Ga., but expects a transfer to Drew Field, Tampa, Fla.

E. L. Ponder, Jr., Coxswain, and son of Mr. E. L. Ponder of the store room, recently visited Ecusta while on leave. E. L. was employed as inspection helper prior to volunteering for naval service in May, '42. After boot training at Norfolk, Va., he was assigned to sea duty. His first trip was on the invasion of North Africa; he has had convoy duty since. E. L. expects to return to his ship, a destroyer, for further duty. He wears a ribbon for the American Theatre and the European-Africa theatre with three stars.

Sgt. Wilson's Crew Completes 35 Missions



T-Sgt. LESTER C. WILSON is shown above with his crew in a picture taken on completion of their 35th. bombing mission over Germany. A flight engineer on a B-24 in the English Air force, he entered the service in Feb. '43. L. C. was overseas 11 months, stationed in England. He trained at Keesler Field, Miss., Laredo, Texas and Biggs Field, Texas. L. C. wears the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf clusters, the good conduct medal and the ribbon for the European theatre of war with two stars for major engagements. L. C. reports to Miami, Fla., for redistribution; his wife, Lulu Caswell Wilson, who is employed in the Chem. Lab., is accompanying him to Miami for a two weeks' stay.

Overseas 9 Months



PFC. OSCAR L. GASPERSION is now in Bernburg, Germany. Oscar has been overseas about 9 months as a medium tank driver in the 750th Tank battalion. The 750th is a tank battalion in the Timberwolves division, which was the first division to land in France directly from the states. They drove through Cherbourg, Brussels, Paris, the Belgian Bulge, Cologne, Remagen and were on hand for V-E day. Oscar entered service in June, 1944, while employed on the Landscape crew.

Staff Sgt. Carlos John McCall, former German war prisoner, has visited us. A radio technician on a B-17 and a member of the Fifth Air force, he went overseas in April, '44. Shot down over occupied Germany, he was a prisoner in Pomerania 11 months. Carlos told us that without the food and aid of the Red Cross, they wouldn't have lived. They ate mostly potatoes and dehydrated vegetables. They were liberated April 29, '45 by Patton's Third Army. Following a leave of 60 days, Carlos reports to the redistribution station, Miami Beach, Fla. He was a printing operator prior to induction, January, '43. He wears the good conduct medal, the air medal and the ETO ribbon with two stars.

Hospital Apprentice



JOHN W. VASSEY is stationed at the Base hospital, Norfolk, Va., where he is a radio technician. Johnny, a temporary employee of the Landscape Crew, volunteered for naval service in August, 1943. He visited Ecustans at the plant June 27, and attended the July 4th picnic. Following boot training at Bainbridge, Md., he was stationed at Long Beach, Calif. and Portsmouth, Va. Johnny reported to the Receiving station, Norfolk, Va. His father, Emil Vassey, is an employee of Ecusta's Maintenance department.

Pvt. Harvey Souther of the Quartermaster corps, visited recently during a leave. He had just completed basic training at Camp Lee, Va. Harvey was employed in the Cost Accounting department of the Main Office. He reported to Camp Lee for Quartermaster School.

Crockett L. Matthews, S 2-c, has just completed boot training at Bainbridge, Md. He worked at Ecusta as Turbine operator almost two years before entering the Navy. Seaman Matthews left in April, '45. After a leave and a visit to Ecusta, he reported to Bainbridge for reassignment, which he hopes will be in electrical engineering.

William A. Bowen, S 2-c, has just completed boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. Seaman Bowen was employed in Champagne Job Printing department prior to entering the Navy in April, '45. After a visit to Ecusta, and a 9-day leave, he returned to Great Lakes for duty.

David Lee Simms, Storekeeper, 3-c, of the Seabees, returned to the U. S. June 15 from 12 months' duty in New Caledonia, the Solomons and the Philippines. An employee of the Hand Booklet department, he entered the Seabees in December, '42. David has the following ribbons: the American theatre, the Asiatic-Pacific theatre with three stars, the Philippine Liberation with one star, and the unit commendation for unloading ammunition while the Japs were staging their second attack on Bougainville. Davis visited during a leave of 30 days.

Pvt. Lloyd McGaha, of the Army Infantry and former beaterman in the Refining Room, is in a pioneer outfit; meaning his examination was of such a degree as to classify him in a specialized outfit. Lloyd entered service in January and had basic training at Camp Croft, S. C. He is now at the Replacement Depot at Ft. Meade, Md. Lloyd visited July 10 during a furlough. He wears an expert Infantryman's award.

Thomas N. Guice, S 2-c, former Finishing department employee, returned for a short visit. Tommy had boot training at Bainbridge, Md., Radar school at Virginia Beach, Va., and was stationed for seven weeks at Treasure Island, Calif., prior to sea duty for eight months. He was taking further radar training at the time of his leave. On return to Raleigh, N. C., he expects to go to sea again. Tommy wears the Asiatic-Pacific theatre of war ribbon with two stars for major engagements.

Fritz J. Merrill, F 1-c, is in the Welfare and Recreation department at Oakland, Calif. In March, 1944, Fritz entered the Navy; at that time he was an Ecusta chlorinator operator. Following boot training at Jacksonville, Fla., and Fireman's school, Gulfport, Miss., he was transferred to Shoemaker, Calif., then to his present station. July 18 he paid us a visit during a 23-day leave, and reported to Oakland.

DR. NEWLAND IN IND.

Major Charles Logan Newland visited his family in Brevard recently. Major Newland entered the Army in 1942 while employed at Ecusta as MD. He is now stationed at Stout Field, Indianapolis, Ind.

BLYTHE VISITS

Alvin Blythe, S1-c, of the Navy, was home recently visiting his parents. Alvin was employed as Asst. Foreman in the Ironing department of Endless Belt. In June 1944 he entered service. A brother, Horace, formerly of the Refining Room is with the Army in the ETO.

STATIONED IN MD.

Pvt. Victor E. Sigmon has reported to Fort Meade, Md., for reassignment following a furlough home. Victor was employed as an inspector at Ecusta; he entered service in January of this year.