

# News From Our Many Employees In Service

## WANTS MAIL

Pfc. John C. Gibbs, Jr., is in Okinawa and writes, "I'll try to scribble off a line or two just to let you know I'm still kicking, not too high, but I'm saving up for the day I get back. I hope that day won't be far off for I really miss the fellows I used to work with. Tell them all hello for me. Also to write to me if they care to. I've plenty of time to write but have no addresses. Imagine that! Hope to see you one of these fine days."

## GLAD WAR IS OVER

Lewis M. Townsend, CM 1-c, writes from Camp Parks, Calif., "We are having a two days' holiday and wonder how we are going to stand all that time off at once. It is possible I may be home by or before Christmas. I am glad this war is over and this old world at peace again. All I want now is to get my discharge, get back home, back on the job and settle down to a normal life . . . If it hadn't been for the civilian workers at home, we could never have won this war. They kept the supplies and equipment coming but the majority of service personnel could never understand some of the strikes they pulled."

## ANXIOUS TO GET HOME

Pfc. Ben F. Walker, in Brucksal, Germany, writes as follows: "Hello to everyone. Hope you are all well. I am in good health at this time and waiting for the day to come when I am back at Ecusta, working again. I know all of you are happy the war is over and we can settle down again to being a peace-loving nation. The days are really long to us now; waiting, not knowing just when we'll get back home, but hoping it is soon. Until we do get back, the best of luck to all."

## LOOKING FORWARD TO RETURN

"Greetings to the folks at Ecusta," writes W. Howell Medford, F 1-c, stationed at Ft. Pierce, Fla. "I feel fine, but am getting up the hunting fever . . . Victory is ours, now, and how happy and thankful all of us should be. I guess Ecusta folks all celebrated the victory. I hope I can soon come home and feel at ease again. Tell Mr. Finck and Mr. Baker that I haven't heard from them in ages. I am receiving the Echo and enjoying it."

## ENJOYS ECHO

Cpl. Raymond Nicholson writes that "with the redeployment of troops, I find myself moving from place to place. Find enclosed my new address . . . Reading the Echo is the next best thing to being back at Ecusta."

## HOT AND DRY

From Foggia, Italy, Sgt. Edward L. Brackett writes, "This finds me just as hot and dry as ever. The wind blows here all the time. It hasn't rained in over three months. Hope to be home for Tranksgiving. Give my regards to the boys in the Beater Room."

## IS IN GERMANY

In a recent letter from Fritzlär, Germany, Pfc. Ernest Gasperson says, "Sure would like to be back in W. N. C. From the looks of things, I could be before long, but I think we are staying for the occupation."

## Is Still At Sea



**NORMAN L. PONDER, JR.,** MAM 3-s, now at sea in the Atlantic, expects to be home by Christmas. N. L. entered naval service in December, '42. He was employed as a mail clerk at Ecusta. He was stationed at Sheephead Bay, N. Y., prior to sea duty.

## At Camp Gordon



**PVT. LEE ROY HOLDEN** is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga. Lee Roy entered the army in March, 1945, while employed in the Cafeteria. He is in the Infantry, and had basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga.

## Gets A Transfer



**THOMAS L. EVANS, SM 2c** of the U. S. Maritime Service, is being sent to a shipping pool from his station at St. Petersburg, Fla. Tom was a baktender in the Machine Room prior to entering the Merchant Marine in May 1945. Tom is a cook; he expects sea duty soon.

## IS IN HOSPITAL

"Was glad to get the Echos," writes Pfc. James S. L. King from Lawson General Hospital. "They seemed like a letter from home . . . Since the last time I wrote to Ecusta, I have had another operation, but I feel good now that it is all over, so maybe it won't be too long before I can be back again, this time I hope for good. Wishing everyone there the very best."

## SENDS BEST WISHES

William L. Sentelle, S 2-c, writes from the Pacific, "I want to thank you for the Echo, which I receive regularly. The pictures and letters from the boys in the service and also the departmental news I especially enjoy. Please give my fellow workers my regards and best wishes to all the personnel of the Ecusta Paper Corp."

## Fought At Okinawa



**CHARLES B. CLARK, S 1-c**, of the U. S. Navy, is assigned to an L.S.T. now in the Pacific. Former Finishing employee, Charles entered the Navy in May, 1944. Following boot training at Camp Peary, Va., he had further training at New Orleans, La. Charles took part in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He has been in the Marianas, but at present is on Guam.

## SEES FRIEND FROM ECUSTA

Pfc. James Dunne, writing from Guam, says, "When I first heard on the radio that the war was over I was working in the hold of a ship down at the dock and it was 11:15 P. M. I've been working several nights loading ships since then. So, between dock work and close order drill and schooling, we didn't have much time to celebrate. I have seen Harold Misenheimer several times. Last night I went down to his tent. They were making ice cream and I got in on it. It takes only a few minutes to walk where he is. We sure did cover the town and the plant. Last Monday we went to a mass that was said by Francis J. Spellman, archbishop of N. Y. He gave a wonderful talk . . . Give my regards to all."

## Dale Orr Receives Air Medal With Star

Dale Orr, AMM 2-c, recently received the air medal with a gold star, accompanied by a letter of praise for meritorious achievement. The letter was presented at the time of his departure from Tinian for the States.

Dale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Volney C. Orr of Penrose, and was employed on the Landscape Crew at Ecusta before entering service in Nov. '43. He had 3 weeks' boot training at Jacksonville, Fla., 21 weeks at Aviation Machinist's School at Memphis, Tenn., and Gunnery School for 2 months at Jacksonville, Fla. He was then assigned to a squadron and had two months of training with the squadron at San Diego, Calif., being sent overseas December 1, 1944, where he was stationed on Iwo Jima and Tinian.

He visited Ecusta August 29, while on a 30-day leave and was wearing ribbons for American Defense, the Asiatic-Pacific with one star for invasion of Iwo Jima and the Air Medal with one gold star. AMM Orr expects a new assignment soon.

## NOTES ECUSTA'S PROGRESS

Pvt. Julius W. Tinsley, USMCR, writes from the Pacific, "It was very generous of Ecusta to buy Camp Sapphire for the enjoyment of the employees and I'm sure they greatly appreciate the interest Mr. Straus takes in their welfare. My brother writes me about the new addition to Champagne and I am interested that it is growing. Remember me to everyone and keep things going as they are."

James T. Sheppard, S 2-c, recently finished boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and is now stationed at Norfolk, Va., in the Provost Guard. Seaman Sheppard was employed at Ecusta as Asst. Chief inspector, leaving for the navy on March 16, '45. He visited the plant with his wife on September 14, while on week-end liberty. He expects to remain at Norfolk for some time.

Cpl. Hovey Waldrop arrived in the States via Los Angeles August 28, and was discharged under the point system, having served 42 months in the Field Artillery of the 6th and 8th Armies, and being wounded on Bougainville. He had duty, besides, in the following South Pacific Islands: Philippines, Fiji, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal and on Australia. He visited Ecusta on September 6, and was wearing ribbons for good conduct, Philippine Liberation with one star, Asiatic-Pacific with three campaign stars, pre-Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal Patch, a Unit Citation and the Purple Heart. Cpl. Waldrop was formerly employed in the Pulp Mill and hopes to return to work at Ecusta.

## MARKET RISES

A sailor on leave who had been stopping at a fashionable hotel was paying his bill. He looked at the girl cashier and asked what it was she had around her neck. "That's a necklace, of course. Why do you ask?" "Well, everything else is so high around here, I just thought it might be a garter."