

# News From Our Many Employees In Service

## LANDED ON LEYTE

From Harold H. Brown, PhM2c, in the Philippines: "Unusual things are always happening so I'll be unusual too and write a letter. I'm still receiving the Echo quite regularly regardless of the ineffectiveness of the mail system and enjoying it as much as ever. I guess it's even more interesting than ever right now though since some of the former employees are getting discharges and coming back. That's news I especially notice. Luck hasn't been with me yet. I would estimate that I still have about four or five months left before that great day dawns for me . . . There's hope now! This is my 16th. month overseas—I'm plenty anxious to get back too, believe me. I'm nearing my two and a half year mark away from home. Now that censoring is all over, I'll tell you where I am. It's a little town on the southernmost tip of Samar called Guiuan. Originally, I landed on Leyte—Dulag, then Tacloban. Of course, the towns out here are different in many ways from what is called a town back in the States, but they aren't too bad . . . Even the weather has been wonderful in comparison with last year—no typhoons yet and not too much rain . . . Thanks again for the Echo. If there's still some people I know in the office, pass on a hello to them for me."

## BOWLS GOOD SCORE

Pvt. Harvey L. Souther writes that he is working in the Office of Headquarters Detachment at Camp Beale, Calif., but only temporarily . . . "One of these days my name will come up for shipment and I'll help ship myself overseas as I am working in the records section of the enlisted men shipping out . . . Tell Pete E. and Hank N. I can still bowl as I bowled three games last night for the first time since leaving Ecusta and had 529 for the set, but I was lucky I guess as I never came close to a score like that at home . . . Take it easy at work and write when you have a chance—"

## A Marine Scout



Master Technical Sergeant **JOHN E. BISHOP**, of the Marines, is now in the Pacific. John was overseas more than a year. He returned to the States, was stationed at Cherry Point and in August, 1944, was again sent overseas. He is a Marine scout, now in the Philippines, and has been in service since May, 1941.

## Now In Hawaii



**JIMMY NEWBURY!** Right you are! Jimmy was octopus hunting on Keehi Beach, Honolulu, Hawaii. He is assigned to the athletic and welfare department, Naval Air Station, Honolulu. A summer employee of the Drafting room, he entered the Navy in April, 1945. Jimmy visited Ecusta in July and attended the July 4th. picnic. He is the son of H. E. 'Hank' Newbury, Safety Director of Ecusta.

## In Army Tank Unit



**PVT. VICTOR SIGMON** is now on Okinawa assigned to the tank corps of the Army. Victor entered the Army in January of this year. He was employed as an inspector here. Victor had basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

## ABOARD THE JAMES O'HARA

Troy Drake, BM2-c, is in Japan. He writes: "I was back in the U. S. A. a couple of months ago but was there only for a few days and then back out here. After leaving this last time, we went to the Marshalls, from there to the Philippines and now Japan. I've been here almost a week but I hope it won't be much longer until I'll be on my way home and for good. I'm now eligible for discharge and have been for some time . . . I'm enclosing a short story about my ship which was written by one of the crew. The story is very true as I have covered most of the seas with it and have been almost all over the world on it. Hope I'll be seeing you soon." (The story of Troy's ship is available in the Library.)

## Is On USS Boque



**THOMAS N. GUICE, S1-c**, is aboard the carrier escort USS **BOGUE**. She is transporting men and planes to the Pacific and bringing discharged men back to the States. Tommy was employed in the Finishing department. He entered the Navy in June, 1944. Tommy expects a discharge in March or April. His last visit was in July, 1944.

## Now In Germany



**SGT. ED W. ERWIN** is in Phrozheim, Germany. He has been in service three years. A recent letter from Ed stated that he hoped to be discharged within 6 months. He was employed in the Finishing department at Ecusta.

## TRANSFERRED TO CHARLESTOWN

**William A. Hannan, SKD2c**, writes he has been transferred to NAS at Charlestown, Rhode Island. He is 'happy as all get out' because it is only four hours' traveling time to his home in New York City, and he can get there nearly every week-end. He wants to continue getting the Echo, his "liaison with that former dream world, civilian life". Bill says he has enough points to get out of the Navy, but SKD's (Storekeeper, Disbursing) are considered indispensable at present. He would like to get back in his old office surroundings, as he has spent almost as long in Service (three years) as he had in Pisgah Forest before he entered. He wants to be remembered to everyone and would like to hear from his old friends at Ecusta.

## INFANTS SALUTE IN JAPAN

From Pfc. A. H. Montville, whose present address is Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan. "The end of the war came as a pleasant surprise to all of us and helped relieve the tension tremendously. The Fifth Division was definitely slated to spearhead the invasion of Japan in November and our company was the one chosen for the first wave. We all knew that and realized out chances for getting back were very slim. Such a rush to make out wills and take out insurance you never saw. With the unconditional surrender of Japan our plans went on as per schedule. The whole division boarded ship and went to Pearl Harbor where we laid over a week. Leaving there Sept. 1, we headed for Japan for three days and then pulled into the bay at Sasebo, Japan, on the night of Sept. 21st. Our way over we had been thoroughly briefed on the landing—our actions toward the Japanese people and even lectures and schools on Japanese psychology and elementary language classes. . . . Everywhere we went there was mute evidence of our landing, and after seeing the equipment the Japs have and the bomb damage, I marvel at how they continued the war as long as they did . . . . Every place we went that first day looked very much deserted and run down. What few civilians we saw tried to outdo each other by bowing and saluting. Everybody in Japan salutes from little babies to the venerables . . . Benny Gaither and I got together for some very good times . . . Do hope everything is running along smoothly and I hope to be home around the first of the year. Then watch out Ecusta, here I come."

## SENDS THANKS FOR ECHO

**William Howard Orr** writes that he is now in California after serving aboard a minecraft in the South Pacific. He, too, has hopes of returning in the near future. Sends best regards to Finishing department.

## In The Pacific



**PVT. HARRY GALLOWAY** is on duty in the Pacific. Former finishing department employee, he entered service in January, 1945. He trained at Camp Blanton, Fla., prior to a transfer to the west coast. How about a letter, Harry?