

# News From Our Many Employees In Service

## COMING SOON

Cadet Nurse Martha L. McCall at Greenville, S. C., writes: "Since leaving Ecusta I have been here at the General Hospital. My first two months were almost entirely classes. I never knew there were so many basic sciences to learn before doing any actual nursing. After this we are allowed to do more and more work in the hospital, which being what I joined for, I enjoy the most . . . I have a vacation coming up in December and I'm really looking forward to seeing every one of you people there. There is one thing that a plant like Ecusta and an institution like a hospital have in common: they are operated scientifically yet their work is for the best good of the greatest number. Keep up the good work, Ecustans. I miss all of you, especially my good friends in Finishing."

## USES JAP PAPER

From the Yokosuka (Ex-Jap) Navy Yard, Leo A. Reid, MAM2-c, sends us a letter on honest-to-goodness Japanese stationery: "About four years ago the Japs sent us a greeting by way of Pearl Harbor. They also hoped to use this paper to help follow that greeting. But to completely reverse their plans, I am using it to convey my appreciation for the way you people back home have backed our efforts and remembered us. Today I received the July copy of the Echo. For the last 18 months I have worked in the P. O. on the Piedmont so I can truthfully say all of us enjoy hearing from our friends back home more than anything else . . . Now that the war is over, I hope to be back home soon to stay . . . We are only a few miles south of Tokyo so I expect to see what is left of their city in the next few days . . . My best wishes to you and all the folks at Ecusta."

## FORGOT-US-NOT

Pvt. Lloyd McGaha is in Manila now and wants to be remembered to all his Ecusta friends. He doesn't know how long he will be there, but hopes to be back with us before long.

## Visited Ecusta



GARLAND T. JONES, seaman second class, is assigned to a ship repair shop, Norfolk, Va. He entered the Navy in March, 1945, and received boot training at Bainbridge, Md. In September he visited Ecusta, accompanied by his wife. Both are former Finishing department employees.

## Now In Italy



PFC. WILLIAM E. "BUDDY" NEILL is now in Italy. Former office boy at Ecusta, he entered service in February, 1943, and had basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas. He saw duty in North Africa, and later was wounded in France and sent to Italy for hospitalization. We haven't heard from you for ages! Howza 'bout a letter, Buddy?

## In Navy 4 Years



WM. HAYNIE, PhM 3c, is on Okinawa. He has served in the Navy four years. Bill volunteered for naval service in April, 1942, received his boot training at Portsmouth, Va. He was employed at Ecusta as a backtender in the Machine Room.

## HAS 40.75 POINTS

From Wahiawha, Hawaii, Joyce P. Sentelle, RM2-c, sends best wishes to everyone at Ecusta and hopes to be here soon. He writes: "I have forty and three quarter points and am hoping to join you at Ecusta again by the first of the year or shortly thereafter . . . I was in the Philippines, assigned to an LST, when the war ended, but we pulled out before we had a chance to celebrate. I am now stationed here in Hawaii, about 35 miles from Honolulu. This is a nice station, the weather is warm but rains a lot . . . It sure was generous of Ecusta to buy Camp Sapphire for the enjoyment of the employees, and I'm sure everyone was pleased with the five year bonus."

## Saw Real Action



SGT. JOHN P. MULLENAX, of the 3rd Army, is now home on furlough on return from a year of service in the ETO. He was with the 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. John was a gunner on a M-36 destroyer. He was in combat for 225 consecutive days and participated in four major engagements: Northern France, the Ardennes, the battle of the Rhineland and Central Europe. John was employed as a blender helper; he entered service in November, 1942.

## Is In Manila

Pvt. Lloyd McGaha writes from Manila, "I wish you could see the city of Manila. It is as near a wreck as possible. Huge buildings of concrete and steel are shattered as if they had been toys. The harbors are full of Jap ships that our bombers sent down. It makes me feel good to see the might of our armed forces even if I didn't get in on any of the fighting. Please send me the Echo. My wife sent the clippings of the square dance team in action. Sure looked good. I recognized most of the dancers . . . Give my best regards to all the Ecusta people. The 4th of July Picnic was swell. Was lucky enough to be there."

## NO PLACE LIKE HOME

From James A. Hammond, Y3-c, on Guam: "How is everyone getting along at Ecusta now? I received a copy of the Echo today and that's something that I always look forward to getting. First, I always search for "Office Bits" because it always interests me to know what the old gang is doing and the new changes in the office. Boy, that new camp sounds wonderful! I bet it's beautiful now with all the leaves a hundred different colors and with Pisgah in the background. I do love those mountains of North Carolina. I think W. N. C. is one of the prettiest places in the world in the fall season but, of course, it's tops with me anytime." Jimmie continues with a very interesting description of the cities and villages on Guam—if you'd like to read it, we have the letter in the Library.

## STRICTLY LEGAL

Lawyer: Now, if you want my honest opinion—  
Client: Stop right there! What I want is your professional advice.

## PING PONG

After lunch most ev'ry day  
By the cafeteria  
Congegates a noisy throng  
For the game of Ping and Pong.

First they toss bits of mazuma  
To decide who plays with whoma,  
Take positions at their stations  
After minor altercations.

Paul, receiving Ernest's service  
Ill conceals that he is nervous  
But in turn gives him the works  
With his bouncing Gatlinburgs.

Charlie, paddle wildly flailing,  
Hits to Leonard, laces trailing;  
Peter strains his eyes to see  
Smacks by Peter Eberle

Ernest wants a partner such as  
Wendell, who tries for the edges  
'Cause he fears John's forehand  
Who is  
Often teamed with Slicer Lewis.

Tommie's backhand is a menace  
To his foes in table tennis  
And his words are poisoned darts  
Aimed at John's and Ernest's  
hearts.

Kay the watcher must decide  
Was the last ball good or wide  
But he wasn't looking. Now  
Finally we have a row.

Faces red and tempers hot  
Hitting wild an easy shot  
And the party that gets beaten  
Tells the world that they've been  
cheated.

All are leaving in a huff  
And you think they've had enough  
Far from it. It won't be long  
They are back at Ping and Pong.

## IN CIVVIES SOON

Cpl. Edward Drake writes: "I'm sending you what I sincerely hope is my last letter to notify you of a change of address . . . Upon completion of school I found my outfit had moved to Barksdale Field, Fla. So much the better as it's one more step toward being a civilian again."

## COULD BE!

Caller: Is you mother engaged?  
Little Boy: I think she's married.

## Back From Pacific



S. SGT. JOHN H. JACKSON was en route to the Pacific when V-J day was declared. He was returned to the States and visited Ecusta in October. He also served in the European war theatre for two years. John worked in the Power department.