ON THE JOB EVERY DAY

A Duty Code for the "MAN BEHIND THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN"

As an American workman, conscious of my obligation to the men of the armed forces who are risking their lives that my freedom may endure, I solemnly declare and affirm that —

1. I will be at my job every scheduled day, my health permitting.

2. I will safeguard my health in my hours off the job, so that absence from work will not result from intemperance or neglect of my physical condition.

3. I will not, without due notice, absent myself from my work and thus cause to stand idle any equipment which might otherwise be producing its full capacity of urgently needed war materials.

4. When absence is unavoidable, I will notify my foreman in advance, that he may make provision to maintain uninterrupted production on my job.

5. I fully understand that absence from my essential work may jeopardize the life and safety of a friend, a relative, or a friend's son who has taken his place in the face of the enemy.

6. I affirm that I shall be unworthy of my rights as an American citizen if I become negligent in regular attendance on my job.

7. I will be guided by the full realization that if I do not do my share to produce for victory, my fellow workers may regard me as one who shirks his duty in this fight for freedom.

8. I know how gigantic is the task of myself and my fellow workmen in matching the production of the enemies of my country and my people.

9. I cannot expect, nor shall I deserve, the respect and the friendship of my fellow Americans if I do not take seriously my responsibility to be punctual and regular in my attendance at work.

10. Even though my individual job may be small, I realize that it is essential.

11. I appreciate the fact that, if I am undependable and irregular in attendance at my work, I may help to bring upon myself and my faithful fellow workers inevitable regulations which would deprive all who work of certain freedoms and privileges which we now enjoy.

12. My sense of duty to my country will not permit me to shirk the work which I am now called upon to do to protect this country which has given me a better way of life than workers enjoy anywhere else in the world.

13. I will do my part to convince other workmen who may be indifferent to the need of regular attendance at work that America deserves their faithful service.

14. I will regard as unfair to me the negligence of a fellow worker who may, by his absence from work, prevent me from doing my full duty.

15. I re-affirm my faith in America and dedicate myself to the regular, punctual and dependable performance of my full share of the work required to make my country "the arsenal of democracy," the liberator of oppressed people throughout the world, and the defender of freedom.

Therefore, I take as my pledge the voluntary pledge of that hero of the first World War who, before he died in battle, inscribed in his diary these words:

"America must win this war. Therefore, I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure. I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost, as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone."
On April 28 the service clubs of North Adams called upon Mr. R. C. Sprague to speak to them in place of Governor Saltonstall who was detained at home with a severe cold. Although this meeting and Mr. Sprague’s address have been given liberal space in the Transcript we would like to underline two or three points which he brought out when speaking to this large group of representative North Adams men.

Highlights from Mr. R.C. Sprague’s Address

The directors of the war production program at Washington are an intelligent, serious, hard-working group of men who are trying their best to solve problems of staggering proportions and doing so with marked success.

They are doing their best under very serious handicaps including living conditions.

The Sprague Specialties Company has turned out more war goods over a longer period than any other Northern Berkshire industry.

We had the feeling, even before Pearl Harbor, and even more strongly now, that when you are doing business with the government on war orders you are a part of the armed forces of the nation.

If a manufacturer adjusts himself to that viewpoint and to the fact that it puts the government in a position to tell him what to do and when and how to do it, it will help him a lot.

Only five per cent of Sprague Specialties production is in lines it was making a year ago.

Such extensive conversion has brought many hard problems in designing new products and often in designing and building the machinery and tools to make them, as well as of getting the materials for both, training the personnel in new operations, and laying out a new manufacturing program, without previous experience, to produce the right quantities of the right items in a specified time.

We are doing our best to keep going and one of our chief ambitions has been to keep going so that North Adams would be represented in the war production effort and so that North Adams people would be employed.

QUESTIONS FROM THE DIGEST OF ARTICLE  
IN PRINTER'S INK WEEKLY, MARCH 13, 1942

"I don't get me wrong — I'm just an ordinary guy."

"I want to be told — not to remember Pearl Harbor. I want to be told to take Tokio, bomb Berlin, to raze Rome. . . . I want something to fight for. . . . I want something to do, not just to wait for. . . . We hated the Hun, we didn't just laugh at him. . . . We took the offensive psychologically long before we took it physically . . . and don't tell me we can't do the same now. . . ."

"I want to sing that we control our own destiny, tomorrow the destiny of the whole world. I want to sail against Germany, against Italy, against Japan. . . . I want to construct a greater American co-prosperity sphere. . . . I'm fed up with singing plaintive songs — I want to sing battle songs. Don't tell me there'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover. To hell with bluebirds. Tell me there'll be vultures and a deathly silence over Berchtesgaden."

"I'm bored with keeping a stiff upper lip — I want to develop a stiff uppercut. I'm tired of being made to feel sad. I want the experience — the purging, marshalling, driving experience — of being made to feel mad. Fighting mad!"

"You get me?"

KEEP 'EM FLYING ★

OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Henry Scrivens of the Marine Corps was recently promoted to a Corporal.

Sgt. Bob Cutler of Hdq. Squadron of the 39th Air Base at Boise, Idaho, was a recent visitor at the plant. He reports that the army is fine. He is doing clerical work at the present time.

David Puppolo, radio technician, has been transferred from Boston to Texas A. and M. College for a three-months’ course.

THE 4 Q'S

1. What products are manufactured at Sprague Specialties?
2. What is your surest comfort?
3. What is the greatest mistake?
4. Can you name the worst enemy of production?
We are grateful to Frank Estes of the Brown Street Plant for giving our flags the freedom and dignity they should have. Noticing that they were always getting twisted around the staff from the building, he volunteered to cut poles for the flags at both plants.

Frank also "kept 'em flying" during the last war. Being an expert in forestry he knew the type of tree needed and where they grew.

MORE SLOGANS — TO AXE THE AXIS
Kut OUT the Kidding and Buckle Down to Business.
Forget the Frills and Fight to the Finish.
Chiang Kai-Shek say Japs No Have Chinaman's Chance.
Do it WELL and Give 'Em HELL!
I am a soldier of Industry — racing against time!
Sockato mato an mashda mikado bang onda potato!

WAR BONDS BY PAY ROLL DEDUCTION
Report by Katie Bryce
The first pay roll deduction for bonds was made on January 10, 1942. At that time 223 members were pledged to purchase bonds. At the end of the month a total of $983.75 had been deducted from the pay roll.
In February $1,250.50 was deducted from the pay roll and $112.50 worth of bonds were purchased. At this time the membership had reached 232.
A total of $1,153.50 was deducted from the March pay roll when the number of members was 230. The amount paid out for bonds was $656.25.
Through April 18, $928 has been deducted from the pay roll and $300 worth of bonds purchased. The total membership is 232.
The total amount of bonds purchased by the Sprague employees since January 10, 1942 on the pay roll deduction plan is $2,068.75.
The Credit Union has bought to date $2,000 worth of War Bonds. This subscription is not for individuals but is an investment of its funds by the Credit Union itself.

VICTORY CLUB ORGANIZED
A group of girls of the Western Electric Department have organized a club, to be called the Victory Club, the main purpose of which is to buy war stamps and bonds.
A meeting is to be held at some member's home every two weeks. A patriotic program is carried out and each member buys stamps or a bond. Following this a social evening is enjoyed.
The officers are as follows: President, Ruth Morrissey; Secretary, Laura Pierce; Treasurer, Frances Alderman; and Club Reporter, Emma Alongi.

WE WANT RECRUITS!
We want recruits to enlist as Buck Privates in the Bond Battalion by contributing at least a Buck a week. If you haven't signed up for the pay roll deduction plan get your application card at once. They're doing it all over the country. Why not join up today? Ask your foreman!

★Keep On Buying! Keep 'em Flying!★
Engagements

MARIORIE BOILLAT of the Paper Assembly Department and Lawrence Morris, not employed here, announce their engagement. No wedding date is yet set.

MARGUERITE ST. PIERRE of the Purchasing Office announces her engagement to Eugene Andrew who is not employed here. The wedding date is May 30, 1942 in Notre Dame Church.

CATHERINE PHLEPS of K. V. A. and JOHN MAHONEY, JR. of the Machine Shop are engaged to be married on June 20, 1942.

MARGARET DOYLE of the Brown Street Plant and Joseph Gliwiski, not employed here, plan to be married in the near future.

KENNETH JEPSON of the Impregnating Department announces his engagement to Iris McBride, who is a teacher in Stamford, Vermont. The wedding will be at an early date.

Wedding Bells

ROBERT SHAW of the Brown Street Plant and CATHERINE TANGUY, formerly of Paper Assembly, were recently married in St. Francis Church.

Notre Dame Church in Adams was the scene of the wedding on April 18, 1942 of BEATRICE ROULLIER and MARSHALL KING, both of the Brown Street Plant.

BEATRICE BISSAILON of the Paper Test Department was married in St. Francis Church to Pvt. Chester Cymborski of Fort Deven on April 25, 1942.

On April 25, 1942 LUCY SMOLSKY of the Brown Street Plant became the bride of Mathew Ciempa, not employed here. The wedding took place in St. Francis Church.

HARRY ESTES of K. V. A. and Mina Davis, not employed here, were married in Stamford, Vt., on April 30, 1942.

MAISIE ROHANE of Paper Assembly Annex and WILLIAM PIERCE of the Resistor Department were joined in marriage on May 2, 1942 at St. John’s Episcopal Church.

On May 7, 1942, MARION BOWMAN and JAMES SINCLITICO, both of the Brown Street Plant, were married in St. Anthony’s Church.

NELSON CHARBON of the Boxing Department and Zane Barrett, not employed here, were married in St. Francis Church on May 9, 1942.

St. Francis Church was also the scene of the nuptial ceremony of SHRILY BEUSY of the Paper Test Department and Staff Sgt. Albert O’Connor of Camp Edwards on May 9, 1942.

HELEN RONAN of the Paper Test Department and Albert Choquette, not employed here, were joined in holy matrimony on May 16, 1942 in St. Francis Church.

MABEL GODFREY of the Boxing Department and Clifford Benoit, not employed here, were married at the Church of the Incarnation on May 16, 1942.

ELSIE McCONNELL of the Employment Office and HARRY HASKINS of the Receiving Room were married on May 23, 1942.

DORIS ROACH of the Brown Street Plant and Pvt. Charles Canedy, Fort Hancock, N. J., were married in the First Baptist Church on May 23, 1942.

LARS ANDERSEN of the Sales Office and Ethel Boyce, who is not employed here, were married in Wollaston, Mass. on May 23, 1942.

RECENTLY ARRIVED!

April 24 A son to Mr. and MRS. WILLIAM RICHARD. The father is a Check Inspector in the Receiving Department.

May 1 A daughter to Mr. and MRS. JOHN MASSELL. The young lady’s father is employed in the Brown Street Plant. Her mother, the former Eugenia Pitanelli, worked in the Boxing Department.

May 2 A son to Mr. and MRS. HERMAN SCHOFIELDER. The father works in the Maintenance Department and the mother is the former Alvina Arbour of the Final Test Department.

May 11 A daughter, Jacqueline Marie, to Staff Sgt. and MRS. CHARLES BELOUN. The mother is Rita of the Paper Test Department and Dad is attending an Officers’ Training School in Georgia.

May 11 A son to Mr. and MRS. WILLIAM JETTE. Mr. Jette is in the Drafting Department.

THE FALL OF CORREGIDOR

By MARION B. CARON

Outnumbered, exhausted, hungry, Short of munitions and men, The tired defenders on Corregidor Fought on to the bitter end. Terrific bombardment from big guns, Trapped on all sides of the bay, American-Filipino soldiers Will remember till death that day. Gallantly onward they battled, Giving their all, every one, To destroy the threats to our freedom, To set the “Rising Sun” But inevitable was the surrender,— And defeat is not the name For that brilliant amazing battle,— For they fought on just the same. Our hearts fill with admiration For their courage, steadfast and true And General Wainwright Our hats are off to you. For in spite of your terrible handicaps,— A shining example to all Is your patriotic spirit— Though Corregidor had to fall.

NOTES

JAMES MANGUSO, LORIN UNDERWOOD, and “SCOTTY” GRAVES spent a week-end recently at Highgate, Vermont, fishing. The prize of the trip was a six and one-half pound wall-eyed pike.

Among those who braved the cold and high water the first day of the season were “BUDDY” COMBS, JOHN MAHONEY, JR., GEORGE SCARBO, WILLIAM MAUSERT and JAMES SCARBO.

ROGER GARNER, ROBERT GARNER and LAWRENCE DUFRANE have donated blood for transfusions recently.

About thirty girls had a pantry shower May 1 for HELEN STEBBINS, who was at Wenzel’s. Games were played and a motion picture of the wedding was shown. Helen was married April 11, 1942.

FULVIA FALCO of the Impregnating Department has been visiting in Brooklyn, N. Y.

ISOBEL MULVANEY and KATIE BRYCE of the Impregnating Department and Office took part in an exhibition of the Scottish Drill Team put on in Bennington, Vermont, in April.

EVELYN MARTIN of the Impregnating Department visited in Springfield the week of May 2.

The Can Shop held two Turkey Dinner parties during April in honor of members going into service. The first was on the 11th for “RED” DONAT REMILLARD and was held at Wenzel’s Farm. “Red” has since reported to Battery B, an anti-aircraft outfit at Fort Eustis.

The second dinner, also at Wenzel’s, was in honor of WALTER ROCOWSKI. It was held on April 25. Nearly all members of the Can Shop Department attended both affairs and the boys were given cash gifts as a sendoff.

A corner of the old stock room has been rebuilt and converted into a very attractive conference room. It is available for all kinds of meetings for business, shop activities, and planning for shop social activities. Foremen, supervisors as well as plant organizations will find the new conference room helpful in carrying on their regular or emergency meetings.

THE CREDIT UNION SAYS:

The request for loans has been slowing up considerably. We would welcome applications from qualified employees.

THE Q CLUB

Look again! Here are four ANSWERS. See if you can GUESS the questions.

1. Nothing to speak of.
2. The knowledge you have done your work well.
3. Giving up.

THE QUESTIONS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 2

May 14 A daughter to Mr. and MRS. LEONARD ROY. The mother is Laura of the Boxing Department.

May 16 A son to JOHN and LILLIAN LADUKE. Dad is in Block Test and mother is in K. V. A. Department.
Machine Shop Cops Final Roll-Off ... Maintenance Team Runner-Up Banquet May 14 Climaxes Successful Season


The Bowlers' Banquet at Wenzel's Farm

BASEBALL
By Hank Gamari

First practice for soft ball brought out sixteen candidates. The second call we had eighteen. On the third call thirty candidates showed up and we were all set.

Brown Street Plant will have a soft ball team. The Can Shop is developing a team also.

There will be a regular soft ball team this season with a schedule of outside games as in former years. We shall play as we can, but with the swell turnout to date the Sprague team should do all right.

Our opponents will be the Y. M. C. A., McKinley Square, Corner Cafe.

Let's keep sports alive. They help to keep us on our toes. All work and no play even in war time is not so good for you. Let's have some fun before we carry a gun . . . and besides it gets you in good condition and keeps you there.

There are not enough regular players available to develop a baseball league so it has been discontinued except for pick-up games.

Bill Landry is Captain of the Sprague soft ball team and Hank Gamari is Manager.

RIFLE REPORTS
Frank Chilson, Chief Range Master, reports that the boys are practicing regularly, but that due to pressure of work here and in neighboring places, it has been impossible to run off any regular outdoor matches.

Outdoor practice is now getting under way and it is expected that the range will continue to be used regularly for practice and matches.

The matches will be scheduled for Sundays and when the days get even longer will also be held in the early evening. The outdoor range at the Sportsmen's Club affords good competition at 50, 100, 125 and 200 yards.

Sports Note: Will the regular or self-appointed managers, captains, record holders and ringers of that fine old art of horseshoe pitching kindly send in reports on how things are going? Any tournaments? Any teams? Any competition between departments? Who's Who in Horseshoes?
“J.K.” JULIAN SPRAGUE

Born in New York City on June 14, 1903, Julian Sprague, brother of our president, first attended Rumsey Hall School as a young lad, later attending Hotchkiss School at Lakeville and Roxbury School, both in Connecticut. He was an excellent tennis player and track athlete, running the middle distances. After finishing his preparatory school work Mr. Sprague attended Yale University and then from 1920 was engaged in the radio business in New York City, selling component radio parts.

Next he had experience in the Bond Purchasing Department of the Harris, Forbes Company in New York City and then went to Florida for two years during the early boom times in that state.

In 1926 Mr. Sprague joined the sales department of Sprague Specialties Company in Quincy, Mass., when they were making tone controls. He later helped design and manufacture the original midget condensers.

Then, for about four years, Julian Sprague was plant manager for the company at Quincy, Mass. Following this period he located in Canada, Michigan and Western New York. Since locating in North Adams he has brought in the original mica business which has led to the development of the transmitting mica department.

For some time past Mr. Julian Sprague divided his work between straight sales and the coordination of selling between design agencies, prime contractors and subcontractors in the East, this latter work increasing rapidly so that now virtually all his time is on war work. In recent months he has also helped with the procurement of certain needed tools, dies and machinery in cities (particularly Detroit) where he has large customers located.

Tennis still gets his first vote for recreation and exercise when he can get a chance. His sales work gives him plenty of travel about the country. He also turns to games for relaxation, — a board of cribbage now and then at noon time with some of the boys in the office. But of all games, duplicate bridge takes his real interest. He belongs to a club of six couples who get a great deal of pleasure from this real test of one’s skill at bridge. The Neal Welch’s and the Jack Washburn’s also belong to this neighborhood league and perhaps we should publish the box score of results for the past winter — (if we could get hold of it.)

Mr. Sprague has three children — Frank, sixteen years of age, who is now at Woodbury Forest School in Virginia; a little daughter Anne who is six; and the youngest, Peter, who is now three. Mrs. Julian Sprague was the former Helene Coughlin of Biddeford, Maine.

Thus you will see that Julian Sprague has had a long experience in the radio parts manufacturing and sales fields beginning in 1920. He has become a loyal resident and booster for North Adams. He is raising a good American family to help keep the flag flying high. His personality is straightforward, friendly, optimistic and forceful. Apparently ever smiling and full of fun, you can rest assured that his eye is on the ball every minute. Like the other officials of the Sprague Specialties Company, he is putting every ounce of fight and strength into a driving attack on our enemies in strict accordance with orders from Washington.

TO AMERICAN WORKING MEN AND WOMEN

General MacArthur and his men are fighting and are on the alert twenty-four hours a day, week-in and week-out with cat-naps and hasty meals between assaults. They are on the job each day and depend upon you to be on yours. A soldier in battle does not go A.W.O.L., neither must you.

Your working hours are less than half the number of hours General MacArthur and his men are on the job. Use your off hours to keep fit. Do your job properly. Your high quality of workmanship must be maintained because any poorly made item may cost many lives.

Increase your daily production. We need more weapons to with this war, and without your help we may all become slaves of Hitler.

Yours very truly,

R. M. JONES, Colonel, Air Corps, District Supervisor.

SPRAGUE LOG

May, 1942

Baltimore, Md.

April 24, 1942.


Gentlemen:

The attached telegram informs us of deeds of heroism performed by our own incomparable flyers at the front. Of course, we are proud of General Royce and Colonel Davies.

Your "toil and sweat" helped do this fine job and you can justly be proud of the results of your labor.

There are thousands of brave, serious men at the front waiting to duplicate the job done by General Royce and Colonel Davies. They need equipment. More! More! More! Our part is so small compared to the men out there.

Yours sincerely,

BENDIX RADIO DIVISION OF BENDIX AVIATION CORPORATION,

HUGH L. HUGHES, Director of Purchases.

TO THE EMPLOYEES OF BENDIX RADIO CORP.

BALTIMORE, MD.

TEN NORTH AMERICAN B-25’s FLEW TWO THOUSAND MILES ACROSS THE PACIFIC FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE PHILIPPINES AND BLASTED JAPANESE INVADERS NIGHT OF APRIL 13. DOCKS WERE WRECKED, SHIPS WERE SUNK, AIRFIELDS AND GROUNDED CRAFT DESTROYED. FLIGHT LEADER GENERAL ROYCE AND LIEUTENANT-COLONEL DAVIES WERE CITED "FOR HEROISM AND EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT." YOUR WORKMANSHIP HELPED GET THEM THERE AND BRING THEM BACK. WE RECOGNIZE THAT FACT AND KNOW YOU JOIN WITH US IN PRIDE IN THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT.

LOVETT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR FOR AIR.
This picture snapped by Edgar Remillard

RAMBLES 'ROUND THE SHOP!

Machine Shop: Thomas Francis. "Tommy" has been with us seven years, being one of the first machinists. He came from the Arnold Print Works. During World War I, "Tommy" served in the 490th Air Squadron. . . . John J. Walsh. "Jack" has been here five years, coming from Wall-Streeter Shoe Company. He is contact man with the plant for the machine shop, handling much clerical work and pattern work. "Jack" is civic-minded, having served three years on the North Adams City Council. He is present Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees and has been Treasurer of the Local Fraternal Order of Eagles for fourteen years. He was married twenty-four years ago and has a daughter, Dorothy, who is Assistant Librarian at the Public Library. . . . A. B. Lindquist. "Barney" is a tool and die maker of great skill who has been with the company for eleven years, coming originally from the eastern part of the state. Very reliable and of a pleasing disposition, "Barney" says he made tools for rifle shells during World War I.. . . Clarence Brown. "Brownie" has been here seven years. He came here from Western Electric Co. in Newark, N. J., back in 1931. Later he went with the United Tool Co. of Newark, returning from there to Sprague Specialties Company in 1938. "Brownie" makes a hobby of bass fishing. He was employed in the ordinance department of the Government in World War I. . . . William Landry. "Bill" has worked here for seven years coming originally from the Albany Metal Products Co., Albany, N. Y. "Bill" is a great entertainer and Minstrel Show man and has also seen a lot of the world, having worked in 31 of the 48 States during his career. . . . John J. Murray. "Jack" has worked with us for six years, coming from the Arnold Print Works in the first place. Later he worked for a time with the General Electric Co. in Pittsfield before returning to us again. "Jack" goes in for fishing as his hobby. During World War I he was employed in the Watervliet Arsenal.

Can Shop: James Scardo has been with us eleven years and is still going strong. He is an excellent press operator, solderer and a good all-around man. . . . Frank Morandi has been here eleven years. He is a set-up man. He is also a farming enthusiast, raising poultry. He has spent spare time this last few weeks building a new chicken coop and moving back up where he can have more room to farm. . . . Clinton Sweeney. "Clint" is also a set-up man. His favorite sport is bowling and he does a lot of hunting and fishing.

Retail Sales Department: Teresa Catrombone. Teresa has been with the company ten years, first in manufacturing and four or five years in this department. She is in charge of packing condensers for display purposes for jobbers' shelves for Sprague Products Co. . . . Irene Fischlein. Irene has been employed with us for six years in all. She also packs for jobbers' display and is skilled in handling the replacements for United Motors Service.

K. V. A. Department: George Benoit. George likes bowling, being in the "300" class. He is also a good softball player. He has been with us five years and is in charge of shipping. . . . Alice Sencal. Alice has been here between eight and ten years. She is in final inspection, checking for oil leaks. Among other things Alice is a very good fisherwoman. . . . "Red" Archambault. "Red" is supervisor on the rivetting machines. He is well known around the Sprague plant. Recently (four months ago) "Red" became a proud daddy. . . . John Smith has charge of stock orders. He has been in the department a year and a half and with the company for nearly eight years. He likes all sports but especially enjoys deep-sea fishing at York Harbor, Maine. John also is a proud daddy since little Tommy arrived two months ago. . . . Mary Santelli. Mary has been at the plant some five years. She enjoys watching all sports. She is very helpful in the department where she has been for a year and a half, soldering covers. Very efficient, Mary received an award a few months ago for a suggestion to improve a certain soldering operation.

Maintenance Department: Maurice Chonard. Maurice is boss plumber. He is a regular fellow and full of pep. Right on the job, he has been here some six years. . . . Art Gero. Art has been working here for eight years. He is chief electrician. Art is long on fishing and attending parties we are told. . . .

This picture snapped by Edgar Remillard

Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, T. H.


Mr. Tom Cullen:

In response to your request relative to condition of material recently shipped by your company.

Material received in excellent condition, and is in constant use.

Testing radio condensers is no longer a headache. Your instruments have helped us to "Keep 'em Flying."

Thank you,

Wm. L. Hoffman,
A. & R. Dept., Shop 505, Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Mr. Robert Sprague, President
Sprague Specialties Company
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

We recently received the following commendatory telegram from Major General Olmstead, Chief of the United States Signal Corps:

"Employees of the Western Electric Company, Kearny: Two thousand miles across the hostile open waters of the southwest Pacific to bomb Japanese forces again and again. That is the record just established by a flight of heavy American bombers. Far from their home bases and refueling at secret fields, these planes struck for two days at Japanese airfields, convoys, supply depots and ground troops. Then they rescued twenty-five American pilots from Corregidor. The planes that did this job were fitted with radio equipment made by you. Without your sets our men could not have found their way to the enemy over vast stretches of open water. You played your part in this achievement. Congratulations, and keep it up.

Olmstead, Major General, Signal Corps."

This inspiring message was received with great satisfaction by the employees of our Company, who were highly gratified to learn that they had made a personal contribution to the successful attacks conducted by the Air Force. We wish, however, to share this praise with your organization, which furnished us essential parts and made it possible for us to expedite deliveries of air-borne radio equipments.

We feel sure that your people will join us in our sincere determination to provide like equipments in ever-increasing quantities commensurate with the growth of the nation's air forces.

Yours truly,

S. Bracken, Vice-President.
Another happy gathering of sunny smiles. Top row, left to right: Billy LaCross, son of Irene of Paper Assembly Annex. Billy is a cousin of Beverly Ann Hill sitting right next to him. Beverly Ann Hill, daughter of Beatrice of Block Test and Kenneth of Boxing Department. Stanley Michael Glitskas, son of Stanley of the D.C. Rolling Department. Sandra Kathryn Ciolausk, whose mother, Dorothy, works in the Brown Street Plant and whose Dad, Henry, works in the Paper Rolling Department. Baby Marshall Ferris, at age of four and a half months. He is the son of Elizabeth Ferris of Paper Assembly. Bottom row: Michael Puppolo, son of Alice Puppolo of the Brown Street Plant. Judy Ann, whose Dad, Daniel Collins, works in the Western Electric Department. Next come four lovely daughters of Marion Caron of the Sample Department. Left to right they are: Lois, Shirley, Barbara and Marion. Then posing in his snowsuit comes Lawrence Bichette, son of Nora of the Brown Street Plant. The little girl with her pal is Marilyn Ziemlak, whose mother, Phyllis, works in the Western Department and whose Dad, Casimir, works at the Brown Street Plant.

Guess Who, Left to Right: The pretty baby in the high top chair works in the Maintenance Department at Brown Street. The little outdoor girl works in Western Electric Department. The next two are Mr. and Mrs., the boy at Beaver Street and the girl at Brown Street.

**OUR FLAG!**

Why do I thrill at sight of the Stars and Stripes?

Wrapped in the folds of the Stars and Stripes are a thousand pictures of beauty, strength and inspiration which we must preserve for our children and for their children...

**OUR FLAG...** the symbol of America, the Beautiful, the Strong, the True... the symbol of work and play, love, sacrifice, and childhood memories... the symbol of Unity, Justice and Co-operation... the Banner of VICTORY!