TO you who have read in detail about the Midway Battle of June 3, 4 and 5 this picture is not presented as news. It is a tribute to American Youth. The newspapers and recent issues of Time and Life have given us vivid stories of the last fateful hours of this lost squadron. Of fifteen pilots and fifteen gunners only one pilot survived — Ensign George H. Gay — after keeping himself afloat for twenty-four hours. His personal account of how the squadron discovered the large Jap fleet — of its immediate attack without waiting for support of fighters or dive bombers — makes a thrilling and inspiring story. They kept the Jap carriers and battleships engaged and disrupted their plans so that they were unable to beat off the United States dive bombers and fighters when they arrived for the kill. . . . Just skimming the surface of the sea, they bored their way to the carriers through a constant hail of anti-aircraft and regular battleship gunfire — and the attacking Zero fighters — until one by one, disabled or mortally wounded, they plunged at tremendous speed into the ocean as into a stone wall. . . . Alone, his gunner shot dead, himself wounded in shoulder, arm and leg, Ensign Gay flew his craft in close to the carrier, launched with great difficulty his torpedo, zoomed up and barely over the carrier, and was then shot down just as his torpedo hit home. He had carried out his final orders. . . . Squadron skipper, Major John C. Waldron, in his final words to the squadron had said: "... My greatest hope is that we encounter a favorable tactical situation, but if we don't, and the worst comes to worst, I want each of us to do his utmost to destroy our enemies. If there is only one plane left to make a final run-in, I want that man to go in and get a hit. May God be with us all. Good luck, happy landings and give 'em hell."
A WELCOME TO NEW EMPLOYEES

Many new employees are joining the Sprague Specialties family these days. For the management, for the heads of departments and for all the old timers at Sprague's the Log cordially welcomes you. A friendly spirit of cooperation, a desire to be of service and an insistence on quality are traditions at Sprague Specialties Company. We hope that you will do all you can to carry on these traditions. If you have any questions that are not yet clear about your work or anything connected with your employment please speak to your supervisor, foreman or the Personnel Office without hesitation. The Company wants all such questions answered to your entire satisfaction as soon as possible.

JOIN TEN PER CENT BOND BUYERS

Your country asks you to loan it money to wage the war. It asks you to make it ten per cent of your earnings. It promises to pay you back four dollars for every three dollars you lend it. Are you a ten percenter?

SAFETY

The "seventh" column is responsible for more United States casualties than war itself. Accidents and death through carelessness in factories and other industrial operations account for a tremendous loss in man and woman power every year. We hope you will regard it as a national duty to observe every rule of safety and common sense in your work — not only for your own sake but for that of your family and country.

SAFETY — FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS

In 1940 United States industry lost 17,000 workers killed, 93,000 crippled by accident and 1,500,000 injured so they were absent from their jobs for days or weeks. THINK how this slows down the war effort. THINK what it costs in suffering to the injured, to their families and friends. Whenever you are tempted to rush a job, get careless, take a chance, or disregard company SAFETY rules — Don't!

RUSSELL COMEAU IS DIRECTOR OF SAFETY

Safety and the health of employees assume greater importance than ever with the large numbers of new employees now at the two Sprague plants. With this in mind definite steps have been taken to see that these matters are given prime consideration at all times — by foremen and supervisors as well as by the employees themselves.

Foremen and supervisors with these large numbers of new employees to oversee, sometimes do not have sufficient time and so the subject of SAFETY has been put under the direct supervision of Mr. Russell Comeau. His appointment as Director of Safety is in addition to his regular duties and he will have the guidance of Mr. Kean of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Co.

"TRAINING WITHIN INDUSTRY"

A Course of Instruction Sponsored by The Man Power Commission, Washington, D. C.

Because factory demands have increased too rapidly for routine training of enough supervisors and instructors to take care of the large number of new employees, the War Man Power Commission, after a long period of study, has developed a course of instruction which has been condensed into five periods of two hours each.

This "IN Plant" training is available to employees of industrial plants manufacturing war products. Its purpose is to assist foremen and supervisors in the proper methods of breaking down jobs into single operations and in presenting information in plain, easily understood terms to new employees.

Any employee interested in these classes may speak to his foreman.

This "Training within Industry" course is in addition to the Foreman Training Course and the Supervisor Training Course as conducted by Dr. Reitell of the firm of Stevenson, Jordan & Harrison.

THE ANNUAL SHOW GETS UNDER WAY

The Sprague Christmas and Benefit Committee met recently and took the initial steps toward launching the 1942 Minstrel Show which, incidentally, will be the fifth annual presentation. Etta Owen was selected to serve as general chairman this year and her committee will be announced in the near future.

Tentative dates for the show are November 19 and 20. Rehearsals are scheduled to begin about October 5. A general call for talent will be posted about September 21. More later.

The Log reports with deep regret the recent death of Roland Bartlett, Sr. on August 21 at the age of 64. Mr. Bartlett was a quiet, highly respected man, well liked by everyone. He had worked in the Machine Shop for over six years and had a fine record as a machinist and expert die maker. A son, Roland, Jr., also works in the Machine Shop; another son, Howard, is a plant guard; while a daughter, Jacqueline, works at Brown Street.
KEEP 'EM FLYING

OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Recent Visitors:

EARL RUSSELL, Navy
GEORGE COODY, Navy
ARTHUR LEMIRE, Army
WILLIAM KIEL, Army

Frank Kryston, Brown Street, was presented with a traveling bag and Army sewing kit by his co-workers when he left to join the Army.

George Coody, Impregnating, was presented with a billfold and sum of money when he left for service in the Navy.

SHARE YOUR CAR

Make It Go Twice As Far

Every employee who owns a car will be doing a big service to his country by using it to capacity, carrying other workers to and from the Beaver Street or Brown Street plants.

Help to beat the Axis;
Use your cars for taxies.

With the three shifts in operation the transportation problems of your fellow workers who do not live within walking distance have become difficult. Many potential workers can not accept employment because they have no means of transportation.

When you give a war worker a lift
You "take Hitler for a ride."

Every car owner is urged to make a special effort to work out a plan to fill up his car. By so doing on a definite, pre-arranged basis you may be eligible for the extra gas allotment.

Fill up every seat
And you can't be beat.

You can also report at the employment office if you can carry workers or if you need a ride. See the "Ride Register" on the bulletin board in the lunch room and sign up for more passengers or if you need a ride. In any case let's make our gas and tires go miles and months further than the enemy thinks we can.

How proud you feel when you take the wheel
Of a Victory Car that carries its quota
Of workers — not shirkers — so stop! take 'em in!
Save rubber, save gas, save steel and save tin!

LET'S NOT GET OURSELVES WRONG

LET'S GET OURSELVES TOUGH

Yes, you and I have dedicated ourselves to winning the war. But don't forget. Our boys out front are the ones who will really have to do the dirty work, the fighting work, the suffering, the dying — the killing and the winning.

Just because the Government pats us on the back for doing a full day's work doesn't mean the boys on Bataan, Corregidor, Midway, Coral Sea and the Solomons were just punching time clocks. They were punching Japs all around the clock. And that goes for all of our boys all over the map. The enemy determines how many hours they work, and if we don't win, the enemy will determine how many hours you and I work. So let's not get ourselves wrong.

How long since you had to pin medals on a red-blooded, honest American just for doing a good, long, hard day's work? What's so extra wonderful about that? Our fathers and mothers and grandfathers and grandmothers — if they had the right stuff in them — and they sure did — worked early and late to make both ends meet and got a big kick out of life too.

So let's not feel sorry for ourselves, or over proud, even if we do beat some records. Let's just give all we've got in strength and devotion to the job, because it's the greatest privilege we have as free men and women in a free country.

The enemy says we're soft. He's counting on that to win. So it's time to get tough with ourselves as well as with our talk.

Sure! the man behind the man behind the gun is important. But if he's got the right stuff in him, he'll say: Thanks for the orchids! but tell it to the Marines, the Navy, the Army, the Coast Guard, the Ferry Command and the Merchant Marine.
RAMBLES 'ROUND THE SHOP!

WHO SEZ WHO'S WHO?

Brown Street: Dorothy Collins Boutwell. Dot first started work in the Paper Rolling Department on April 28, 1936. She has since worked in Old Mica, Dry Rolling and the Impregnating Departments. Dot was transferred to Brown Street when that plant was first opened and has been supervisor of the present Mica Department since April 1941. Her chief hobby is bowling, in which she excels; loves good books and is an avid baseball fan; seldom misses a Sprague game. She has worked in Old Mica, Dry Rolling and the Impregnating Departments.

Jessie Vallieres, Annette Froiola and Emma Montagna. "Tete" Montagna, forelady of the Mask Line. She is married and tells us that her hobbies are her new home and her garden. Raising gladioli is her specialty. Also likes horse races and automobile races — but dislikes "rejects" at her work.

Laboratory: Paul Netherwood has been with us five months. He graduated from M. I. T. in 1933; took his Master of Science degree in 1934 in Chemical Engineering. He is married and has a daughter. He likes photography, skiing, tennis, badminton. . . .

S. O. Dorst is engineer for the Resistor Department. He was born in Whitingham, Vt. and graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y. in 1934. He came to the Sprague Specialties Company after spending a half year at R. P. I. in graduate study in electrical engineering. He is married and Mrs. Dorst comes from Claremont, N. H. Together they take a keen interest in their flowers and rock garden. . . .

Dr. James L. Hyde was born in Kansas City, Mo. He graduated from McCallie Military School at Chattanooga, Tenn. in 1931; from Antioch College in Ohio in 1936. After a year of graduate study at Ohio State University Dr. Hyde went to the University of California, where he received his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry in 1941. In January 1941 he was appointed a research chemist at Sprague Specialties Company. Tennis, swimming, skiing are his outdoor recreations. In school and college he played some baseball and touch football. He is a member of Sigma Xi and Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary societies. But music is his first love, because he plays the piano and trombone and greatly enjoys concerts and records. All during school and college he was a member of both orchestras and bands. Annual Show director and others take notice.

Pay Roll Department: Lucille Corey, a native of Woonsocket, R. I., has been with us one year. She has the distinction of having also lived in Detroit, Mich., Shelburne Falls, Readboro, Vt., Adams, Monroe Bridge, where she attended Grammar School, and North Adams, where she graduated from Drury High School in the Commercial Course in 1941. Lucille loves dancing and basketball; and has a sister in Sprague Products. . . .

Ida Lovett has an eleven year record of splendid work and service at Sprague Specialties Company. Most of this time has been in clerical work. She has been married two years. Her husband is Harry Lovett of Dry Rolling. Ida travels to Boston and New York quite often. She likes to bowl, sew and read; also does sewing for the Red Cross and has been an excellent reporter for the Local for over four years. Her work now is to prepare the records of the Western Electric and Boxing Departments for the pay roll. Friends tell us she has a wonderful disposition, both witty and congenial. . . .

Agnes McDonough has been with the company for six years. She was born in New York City and attended 57th Street High School, but then took her last two years at Charlemont, Mass. High School, living in Charlemont with her aunt and uncle. Because of her New York experience in basketball she became coach of the Charlemont team and played at the same time. Must have been good because one year she got a medal for making the most baskets (points) of any girl in New England. Later she attended Bliss Business College in North Adams and then worked six months in the coloristic office at Arnold Print Works. While there she met Mr. James McDonough. You guessed it — they were married soon after. Her husband now works at General Electric Research Laboratory. They have two boys: James, Jr., who is twelve in the eighth grade; Bobby, who is ten and in the sixth grade. Jimmy is a Boy Scout, a Courier for A.R.P., and both boys spent the summer at the K. of C. Camp at Hawley, Mass. Agnes has her First Aid Certificate and says her hobby is having a good time and keeping folks happy.

CIVILIAN RADIO COURSES

Daniel F. Kelly of the Maintenance Department, and Radio Aids for North Adams, Adams, and Williamstown, reports that the recently established radio courses for civilians are progressing favorably. Forty students undertook the course. Twenty-five of these are Sprague Specialties Co. employees. The Primary Course is now completed and the Intermediate Course is under way. A great deal more interest was shown than was at first thought possible. The classes are about evenly divided between men and women, the latter showing excellent aptitude for the work. The second course, among other things, teaches the International Code. Mr. Howard Darling of the Telephone Company has charge of Radio Theory and Mr. Kelly instructs in Rules, Regulations and Code.
U.S. Calling on All Industry to Volunteer 10% in War Bonds

SPRAGUE CAMPAIGN GETS UNDER WAY WITH BIG AIR FLEET AS GOAL

Later we shall start listing the names of subscribers to the 10% payroll deduction campaign in the space at the bottom of this page. Sign up now and get your 10% buttons and stickers. Ask your foreman or supervisor. Start today!

Every 5 volunteers will "black in" a war plane in one of the Sprague Victory Squadrons.

Let's Go!

SCOUT SQUADRON

FIGHTER SQUADRON

DIVE BOMBER SQUADRON

TORPEDO SQUADRON

BIG BOMBER SQUADRON

5 Squadrons of 21 Planes each, the SPRAGUE VICTORY SQUADRONS

For every five names, a plane will become solid black—Let's go!

Mr. and Mrs. American Way

By Arthur Folwell & Ellison Hoover

This is a contribution to Victory by Arthur Folwell and Ellison Hoover—Courtesy New York Herald Tribune Syndicate
PHYLLIS ATWELL of Resistors and Roland Strange, not employed here, will be married in October.

MARGARET SCRIVENS, Brown Street, and Peter Perceault, not employed here, have set Thanksgiving Day for their wedding.

MILDRED CHENAIL of Brown Street and HOMER GIROUX of Brown Street announce their engagement. No wedding date is yet set.

DOROTHY POWELL of Brown Street was married to Frederick Jennings, not employed here, on June 27, 1942.

At St. Francis Church, August 4, 1942, RITA LAFAVE of Resistors was married to Lieut. Walter Sobocewski, Camp Blanding, Fla.

VALEDA FREWER was married recently in California to Pvt. John Rooney of California.

MARGARET DOYLE of Brown Street and Joseph Gliwski, not employed here, were married August 7, 1942 at St. Francis Church.

On August 15, 1942, FRANCES SIATKOWSKI, Paper Assembly, and Robert Mack, not employed here, were married at St. Stanislaus Church in Adams.

MILDRED GUTKOWSKI of Brown Street was married to Edward Anton, Adams police officer, on August 15, 1942 at St. Stanislaus Church, Adams.

EDITH BARKUS and ERNEST NORDBERG, both of Brown Street, were married in New York City, August 15, 1942.

RALPH BOSJOLIE, Drafting Department, and Anne Rowley, not employed here, were married at St. Thomas Church in Adams, August 29, 1942.

Aug. 22. A son, Robert Frederick, to MR. and MRS. FREDERICK VOCHEL. Mother was CARMELLA BERNARDI of Paper Assembly.

Aug. 28. A son to MR. and MRS. FRANCIS WIMPENNY. Dad works at Brown Street.

Aug. 25. A daughter to RUSSELL (Can Shop) and ALINE GIROUX (Brown Street).

Aug. 31. A boy to NOELLA O’DELL of Paper Rolling Department.

JACK WASHBURN SAYS:

We not only welcome you, but we also welcome any question you may have regarding your work. We realize many things can turn up during the first week or month of your life here at Sprague’s that perhaps we haven’t cleared up for you. The Sprague Company wants to answer any question that you may have to your entire satisfaction. So, without the slightest hesitation, ask your foreman, supervisor or anyone in the Personnel Department and they will be glad to help you.

A hearty welcome to each and every new employee. Let’s all pull together one hundred per cent in this important war work. Let’s back up our fighting men with all we’ve got. “We can, we must, we will.”

CREDIT UNION BUSINESS THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

Because of increased activity in the employment office it is requested that employees having any Credit Union business, withdrawals or applications for loans limit their visits to Thursday afternoons. All applications for loans must be in by 5 p.m. Thursday to be acted on that week. Employees at the Brown Street plant are asked to observe the same hours.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE HOURS

Applications for employment should be made from Monday through Friday between 9 and 10 a.m. and 2.30 and 3.30 p.m.

HORSESHOE MATCH WON BY SPRAGUE

Lineup of Victorious Local Team is Composed of Three Sets of Brothers

The Sprague horseshoe team won another match September 1, defeating the Union A. C. team 5 to 4. An unusual feature in connection with the lineup of the winners was that it was composed of three sets of brothers. Sprague is looking for more matches and Manager Leon Degraff issues a sweeping challenge to all comers in this section, including the West End Owls. Dates may be arranged by calling Manager Degraff at 3367-W any time after 5.30 p.m.

The makeup of the two teams which competed September 1 follows:

Sprague — Leroy and George Roy, Pat and Russell Mazza and Earl and George Scarbo.

Union A. C. — Menard, Parker, Lebert, Roy, Gallagher and Manager Orrie King.
VACATIONS

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE

Pauline Morrissey, Main Office Beatrice Garrison, Brown Street
Ida Lovett, Office Helen Scarfone, Brown Street
Dot Bliss, Impregnating Mary Mathews, Brown Street
Ken Russell, K. V. A. Helen Corsi, Brown Street
Rachel Godbout, Paper Rolling

Yvonne Davison enjoyed a week’s vacation in Long Island, N. Y.
Bette Cwalinski spent a week at Atlantic City, N. J. and New York City.
Estelle Wilson spent a week in Portland, Maine.
Eunice Moran spent a week in New York City.
Charlotte and Roy Trotter spent a week’s vacation in Canada.

Evelyn Martin enjoyed a few days in Springfield, Mass.
Fulvia Falco spent a week in Albany, N. Y.
Thelma Sherman, Mary Cwalinski, Josephine Bassie and Velma Lincoln have also enjoyed vacations recently.

Rita Prat enjoyed a vacation at Hampton Beach, N. H.
Jimmie and Rita Cooper spent their vacation at Montreal and Lake Champlain.
Mary Mancuso vacationed at Misquamicut Beach, R. I.
Rita Siciliano has returned from Lake Dunsmore, Vt.
Tony Burro and Alice Peppolo spent three days of their vacation in New York City.
Veronica Landry is visiting Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
Beatrice Campebelli spent a week in New York City.
Evelyn Aubin, Helen Hamnaleck and Viola Rand stayed at home for their vacations.
Evelyn Therrien, Gert Chaperon, and their families spent a day at the Saratoga Horse Races.

George and Alice Senecal spent a vacation at Lake Champlain.
Lillian Goff spent a few days in New York City.
Ruth Meyer recently visited her former home in Brooklyn, N.Y.
Eileen Bunting spent her vacation with some friends at Windsor Pond, Savoy. After getting their meals for a week the girls appreciated their mothers’ good old home cooking when they returned.
Daisy Dalkowski spent her vacation in New York City.
Lillian Clermont spent a few days at Hedges Lake.

"Scotty" and Ruth Graves spent a week at their cottage at Windsor Pond, Plainfield, Mass.

Helene Meecham spent a week in Washington, D. C.

Evelyn Albini has returned from a vacation at Lake Bomoseen, Vt.

Rose Giacco vacationed at Nantasket Beach.
Rita Belouin and Edna Laliberte have joined their husbands, Lieut. Charles Belouin and Lieut. Larry Laliberte, at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Flo. LeCuyer and Agnes Fleming, Mica Department, spent the week of August 3 at Hampton Beach.
D. Boutwell, Beatrice Garrison, Mabel Keller, Lucy Singilictico and Marion Singilictico vacationed at Malletts Bay, Burlington, Vt. the week of August 3.

Frances Romeo, Filter Department, spent the week of August 17 in Boston and New York City.

Frances Alderman and Laura Pierce of Western Electric enjoyed their vacation the week of the sixteenth at Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park, N. Y. While there they were members of a party that visited President Roosevelt at his Hyde Park Library.

Irene Charlene and Marion Roy vacationed at High Point, N. C. for ten days.

Rachel Bongirolotti spent a week at Fort Belvoir, Va. with her husband who is attending an officer’s training school.
A party was held recently for Gert Chaperon (K. V. A.) who has moved from this city to the eastern part of the state, where her husband is now employed. Gert, who always worked hard to help make our annual minstrel a success, was presented with a traveling bag.

Enis Montagna — Hampton Beach.
Rita Siciliano — Lake Dunmore, Vt.
Elsie Osterhoudt — Virginia.
Mary Veinotte — at home.
Molly Scerbo — Jersey City.
Romeo Scerbo — Dyken Lake, Berlin, N. Y.
Tina Vareschi — Tampa, Fla.
Theresa Montagna vacationed at Northwoods Dude Ranch, Lake Luzerne, N. Y.

Rachel Godbout spent a week-end at Camp Kilmer, N. Y. visiting her brother.
John Raby spent a few days in New York City.
Mary Comeau vacationed at Boston.

NAVY RELIEF DANCE A BIG SUCCESS

The dance sponsored by Sprague employees August 21 at the Blue Room of the Richmond Hotel was very successful. Winners of the Jitterbug Contest were: First prize, Peggy Marran and Gerald Bombardier; second prize, Carolyn Champney and Alvin Bard. Waltz Contest winners were Gloria Williams and Casimer Sanecki. Prizes were corsages and boutonnieres of war stamps.

The proceeds, amounting to $200, were turned over to the Navy Relief Fund.
Ever see a happier group of kiddies? Left to right, top row: Claire Marie Vincelette, daughter of Ruth of the Impregnating Department and Armond of Brown Street; Billy Toniatti, son of Ruth of Boxing Department; Earle William Southgate, grandson of Earl Worthington, guard at Brown Street; Roger, son of Rita Styczynski of Wet Assembly; Richard Ernest Mazinski, son of Margaret of Brown Street and "Dick," formerly of Machine Shop. Middle row: Carol Lynn Cyr, daughter of Marjorie of Paper Assembly Annex; Rolland, son of George Remillard of Brown Street; Alene and Pauline, twin daughters of Bernadette Vachereau of the Mica Department. Lower row: Wally Garrison, son of Bea Garrison of the Mica Department; Roselie Ballat, daughter of Eleanor of Paper Assembly Annex; Gloria Jean Wahly, daughter of Mary of Paper Assembly; Linda Racette, daughter of Raymond of Final Test and Thelma of the Boxing Department.

Can you Guess Who these three boys are today? Left to right, you would look first in the Boxing Department; next in Paper Assembly and third in K.Y.A.

GUESS WHO in the August LOG: George and Clarice Coody.