Our Men at the Front are Counting on You to do More — General A. A. Farmer on “Sprague Day,” April 2, 1943

TEMPO OF WAR CHANGES! SPRAGUE WORKERS ASKED TO SET NEW RECORDS

WE CAN ALL SHORTEN WAR BY SUPREME EFFORTS NOW

Electronic Products Made by Sprague Called Heart, Eyes, Ears, Voice Of Every Branch Of Armed Forces

With Italy smashed and United Nations’ plans for unconditional surrender of the Axis taking concrete shape, new evidence piles up every day that what every Sprague worker has been doing the past two years is now ringing the bell. The fall of Italy and all its preludes is visible proof that your work counts. From material received by the Log for publication comes this short but urgent call for each and every one of us to do our utmost. We can and we will.

No Time For Overconfidence

The tempo of the war is changing. On the battlefronts and in the workshops things are looking way up for the United Nations and how!

But this is no time to become overconfident, no time to slacken our efforts. The enemy is groggy, but he’s not down. He still packs a terrific punch and can hit back with smashing effect. Such an enemy cannot be taken lightly. We on the production front — like the boys on the battlefront — must never forget this.

There is yet another reason for maintaining — yes, increasing — our production effort. Every day the war continues hundreds, thousands, of our boys will become casualties on the battlefields and civilians throughout the nation will be called upon to make new sacrifices.

Responsibility Now Is Ours

Speeding the output of munitions to strengthen our forces in the field is one of the surest ways of shortening the war and cutting the huge price we are paying. Such speeding up is the direct responsibility of the men and women on the production front.

In this situation we would indeed be derelict in our duty if we let up — even for a single moment — in our production efforts. So, come good days and bad, come triumphs and defeats, let us all resolve that nothing shall stand in the way of our doing our all to speed the Day of Victory over the Axis.

 FROM GREENLAND’S Icy Mountains
To Munda In The South Pacific

380,000 Smokes is Grand Total to September 3

In the past two weeks our cigarette fund has sent smokes to servicemen in Greenland, England, Northern Ireland, Panama, Palestine, The New Hebrides, The Marshall Islands and Munda. Since the beginning of the collection we have sent 19,000 packages. The Sept. 3 collection was unbelievably close to the collection for August 27.

From North Adams to the Pacific

These pictures and several others in this issue of the ‘Log’ were sent us by the War Department to show the ways that condensers and other Sprague products which you make are actually up front helping every minute to win the war. ABOVE: Testing radio in a mobile repair truck of a Signal Repair Company is Sgt. John F. Saunders, Atlanta, Ga.; his unit is stationed somewhere in New Guinea. BELOW: This is an advance post, receiving firing orders from an observation post during a demonstration maneuver, somewhere in Australia.

Photos by U. S. Signal Corps.
Laliberte, Claire Murray, Lydia Plankey, Edgar Remillard, Viola Short, John

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“Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter.”

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BONDS BOUGHT MATERIALS TO KNOCK ITALY OUT

TANKS TO THE TANKS NECESSITY MORE THAN EVER

As in many other ways Sprague took the lead by getting its third war bond drive under way a week early. There still must be many who have intended to step up their payroll deductions for bonds. From now on, our country can no longer afford to spend for the products of peace time, the more Germany, now that Italy has taken the count.

"W"o's Who

America: John Paul Vassallo, telephone operator at Brown St.

Barbara Ann is Esther Sullivan's little two year old daughter.

Lab Assistant Has Two Years Flight Service

Jack Wilson Navigator and Radio

This studious, quiet-spoken youth who has worked in the lab for the past eight weeks packs a punch in his account of the travels the past two years which we believe all Log readers will want to hear about.

Jack was born in New Haven and later lived on Long Island (two months in3)

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Field.

As President Roosevelt said: “Lost ground can be regained; lost

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Annual Show And Minstrel Committees At Work

The Sprague Christmas And Benefit Fund Committee met on Thursday, Evening, September 2, and unanimously voted to proceed with plans for the sixth annual Sprague Christmas and Benefit Fund Revue in spite of many war-time problems. The traditional Sprague Production is tentatively scheduled for November 18 and 19 at the Drury High School Auditorium.

"Meller-drammer" to be staged

It was decided to divide the show into two parts as usual and in response to many requests, a hair-raising, thirty-minute "meller-drammer" similar (but much more nonsensical) to the play presented in the 1940 revue, will be under taken. The colorful minstrel show will complete the program. Mr. Lawrence Haskins of the Wire Coating Department (a "meller-drammer" expert) has consented to direct the play. Fred B. Winchell will direct the minstrel and will be assisted by two specialists—Mr. Michael Gorman for the end men and Mr. Lawrence Madison for the chorus.

Miss Etta Owen was again elected general chairman and has appointed Charlotte Trottier as her general assistant. It is expected that Miss Dora Tietgens will be engaged as accompanist.

Although the show will be "stream-lined", wherever necessary, it is planned to have a large cast and several brilliant numbers are already being worked out.

Ray Mahar is in charge of advance ticket sales. Roy Trottier and William Jette will handle properties, lighting, and stage effects. Miss Owen will appoint other committee chairmen soon.

Machine Shop

The Machine Shop for some months has operated its own box for pennies on pay day, sending smokes to the men in service who formerly worked in their Dept. They tell us they know which ones prefer cigars and which ones prefer cigarettes. Here are quotes from letters received from men in service from the Machine Shop where the letters are posted on the bulletin board.

"I received your carton of cigarettes and I appreciated them very much," writes Pvt. Frank DePaoli. "I received the cigs and am very thankful to all of you for them. It seems as if I am always out of them, so you couldn't have sent a more wanted gift," writes John Mahoney. "I just received your package today. It was just what the doctor ordered. I want to thank each and every one of you boys and especially the fellow who thought of picking my special brand. The cigs will come in mighty handy this weekend, as I am going to Galesburg. I certainly appreciate you men tinking of me out here in the middle of nowhere," writes Pvt. Michael Gentle, Camp Ellis, Ill.

Machine Shop inquiries: We hear her name over the plant loud speaker many times. "Who is Sophie Wilson?" Answer: Miss Wilson is an inspector for the Navy.

HELP CUT JOB ABSENCEs

"Victory depends on everyone, everyday! Time lost from your work puts a brake on America's drive to Victory. No matter what your job, stay on it every minute you can. Under war conditions, this is often tough—but war is never easy. Help your community gear itself for war. If you're a store official, banker, or professional man, consider staying open some evenings so workers won't have to take time off. Remember, teamwork will lick absenteeism. Make time work for us—not our enemies.

SPORTS

Twilight League

The baseball season is all over for the Twilight League for 1943. The Sprague team was runner-up in the first half and was a very strong contender for the second half of the League.

The highlight of the second half was the game in which Joe Rossi, formerly of Sprague's, who is now serving in the Armed Services, pitched a one hitter against the winning McKinley Square combination. Joe was in rare form, also punching out a single, scoring two runs—besides his twirling feature.

I feel awful sorry for the Japs, with an arm like that throwing hand grenades. How can we help but win this war. Good luck, Joe, from myself and all the gang!

Sunrise League

Night workers of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Corporation's shipbuilding yards at Seneca, Ill., have a softball league of their own. Nine teams are in the league and all games start, at 5:30 in the morning!
Buckingham Army Air Field
Fort Myers, Florida
August 25, 1943

Well I just received my copy of the Log and it sure was a wonderful issue. It gives me a great pleasure to read about all my buddies I was employed with in civilian but as I read the Log I have found out that quite a few of them are in the service working for our Uncle Sam.

I am stationed in Florida and the weather here in the winter season is great but the summers here are very hot indeed. While I think of it I want to thank you so very much for sending me a copy of the Log. It sure does sound great to read about what the people at home are trying to do for us. All I can say and I suppose the rest of the boys would say is "Keep up the good work!"

About all the news I can give you is that I am a married man now and my wife Mrs. Norman Belleau, former Miss Millie Peters of the Mira Dept., is here with me and will stay here as long as I am stationed here in Fort Myers. I have been here now about 11 months and I am beginning to think they might be getting ready to get me out of here figuring that I have been here so long now. I am beginning to get ready any time they get ready. That's the way the Army is. You never know where you will be from one minute to another. I have a furlough coming up in October but I don't expect to get home at that time. I will probably have to wait for a couple of months after that.

I have run into a few fellows from North Adams, but none of whom were employed by Sprague's. I know of some of them who took up gumming. You see this place is noted for the women and gumming turns out. Last week the Memphis Belle, that great B-17 Bomber that has raised so much havoc with the enemy, visited this Field and we heard the crew members tell of their combat experiences which were very interesting.

Well before I sign off for today I would like to be remembered by the employees of the Paper Assembly Annex and Alfred Bergeron if you should come down this way with them.

Until the next time I get a chance to write again be good, be careful, and write again be good, be careful, and write again.

Stacia Winiowsk of Black Test has returned from a trip to Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Potter visited Pvt. Allan McPherson, formerly of Brown Street, at Camp Sutton, North Carolina.

Frances Aldrich of Brown Street was entertained, in honor of her birthday, at The Springs in New Ashford.

SWEET SPRAGUE MINSTREL MUSIC
OK Jimmy, You'll get the Log

Written by Eleanor Durocher

To A Soldier

Written by Rita Allard of Block Test

SWEET SPRAGUE MINSTREL MUSIC

Orderly Room, 362 T.S.S. Lowery Field
Denver, Colo., Sept. 3, 1943

I am an old employee of your plant. When I left you to go into the Army I told you that I would receive the Log. As yet I have not received it, I truly wish you would send it for me I enjoy reading about happenings at home. I would very much like when I was working for you I was employed in the Paper Annex. I wish that some of my old friends I worked with could drop me a line. And here is something to put in the Log. I was in town a few weeks ago and I went to the Service Club. While I was going by a door I heard a fellow singing. I stopped outside the door and he sang almost every song that we used in our Carsons-Fuquay Minstrel Show. So I went in and I almost fell through the floor. It was a fellow who sang a song that was written by Jacob Jorgens. He is a Corporal and was sure surprised to see a fellow from home. We sat down and talked about old times. Then we went to the piano and sang every song we used in the show. Well, I will say so long, and I hope I hear from you soon. Say hello to Miss Owen in the First Aid Room and to Fedd Windeker in the Main Office. I hope to come for your next show.

I remain yours truly,

PVT. James E. Dillon, Jr.

William Sullivan is five years old.
His mother, Esther, works in Tu- tuhle Assembly.

Just Remember Pearl Harbor
As we work for victory
Just remember Pearl Harbor;
Let us not have absentees,
Let us work together.
Show them just what we can do;
Let's remember Pearl Harbor,
For our boys are working too!

They are fighting for freedom,
For our peace and liberty.
They are fighting all over on land and all over sea.
So if we all remember how they fight for us today,
We will all do our share
For the good old U. S. A.

Written by Lydia White and Gladys
Oakley of our Main Shops.

Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.
August 13, 1943

I like the Army very much. But I will say that I am afraid of the way we work for the next week or two. Training basic training. Then I will be shipped to another camp in the South. And I want to be there for about 11 more weeks basic training. I think they will put me in the M.P. or the Air Corps.

I want to get in the Air Corps because I think I will like it a lot better than where I am now. Although I like the Army, I still wish that I was back at Sprague's working because you miss it a lot when you get in the Army.

Well I guess I will close now because I am tired and it is time for the lights to go out. And we have got to get up at 2:45 tomorrow morning, and that is in a very short time. So I guess I am going to my sleep. Well, good night for now.

Yours truly,

Pvt. "Chuck" Charles Mulcahy

The American Way
Three little men in Georgia.
Who tries to rule the world and men. Such cruelty I've never seen.

Until this war began.
From marching feet there is no sleep.
And Georgia is a piece to strip.
Our children here, they live day.
But not with guns—that's not their way.

So we will work and strive and pray
That all may know the American way.

Written by Eleanor Durocher of Beth Tale Assembly.

Foremen's Clam Bake Held at Petey Dink's
On Sunday, August 29

A New York weather man held the showers, the sun shone and the folk turned out in fine spirits and the folks at the Clarksburg Sportsman's Club put on a bang up round of games. All of them having been enjoyed and while no scores have been turned in for the permanent records, you can take it that the good old fun was had by all.

Two magnificent put-outs by a dark horse named Smith out in left field practically stopped the ball game. No World Series ever saw the like of it. To mention names of the others who starred would call for an extra edition of the Log so let us pass on to horseshoes, poker, cornball contests, "turfhats" and Boche. It is rumored the Log won't half bad at this Boche business and would be willing to take a few lessons just in case. It is also shipped that G. S. put some swell movies of clam opening contests, World class challenges and Aardvog dogfights.

Let it be said that if you want to get an idea of how good a team of hard working, top-notch foremen, you've got here at Sprague's—just watch them at play. And oh yes, let us not forget to top off the clamming, the clowdering, green corn eatin', the most delicious chicken. Don't ask us how it was cooked. And to wash it all down,—what a view you get from that spot up there on the bluff as the sun goes down and a rising vote of thanks is given to the hard working committee which engineered such a successful outing.

This group of soldiers had a grand time on their Williamsenoutting.
Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Clark, formerly of Beaver St. Maintenance crew, visited the plant on Sept. 1. He is with the Quartermaster Corps and is now stationed at Wilmington, Cal. His wife, Roberta, is home on furlough.

Peter Maruco, formerly of Paper Assembly and Robert Dale, formerly of Industrial Oil have been enjoying furloughs.

Another visitor to the plant this week was Sgt. Jerome A. LaRoche of Adams, home on a 15 day furlough. He formerly worked in Dry Test at Beaver St. Originally stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind., he returned recently from ten months maneuvering in Tenn., and was assigned to Camp Burdeaux, Ky.

Pvt. First Class Roger Vincette recently visited the plant on a 7-day furlough. He is stationed at Camp Santa Anita in California.

Sgt. William Derosia, formerly of Dry Test at Beaver St., is home on furlough. He is with the Navy.

Russell Cook at Fort Leonwood Wood, Mo., formerly in the Tubular Assembly, returned from Camp Maxey, Texas to Camp Atterbury, Ind., where he was stationed. He formerly worked in Dry Test at Beaver St., is home on furlough. He is with the Navy.

Nancy R. O'Neill, somewhere in the Pacific, formerly of Beaver St. Maintenance crew, was stationed at Sampson, N.Y., but is now stationed at Norfolk, Virginia.

Eugene H. LaCroche, formerly of Beaver St., is with the Army in New York City.

Lt. and Mrs. Leslie Bellows, with a purse of money. Chief Arthur Ovens gave a talk. The Log adds its wishes for success and good luck to both these men. Dempsey will be trained in the Hawaiian Islands.

The Army is O.K., and a nice outfit to be in. I shall say Goodbye until later and wish you all the best.

Yours truly,

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WEDDING PICTURES OF NOELLA O’DILL

Ronald is the son of Noel O’Dill.

Left is Catherine Spadea, whose father works in Gas Mask. Right is Bernard Thibert, son of Emma of Western Electric. Top, left to right, we have Delilah Davis, whose mother was formerly Lucy Jones of Box. 2nd row, left to right, we have Fred King and wife of the Ovens Department. Top, left is Catherine Spadea, whose father works in Gas Mask. Right is Bernard Thihert, son of Emma of Western Electric.

SPRAGUE SPECIALTIES VICTORY LOG

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Corp. Emerl J. LaFramboise, U.S.A., formerly of Paper Rolling to Marion Bruce, not employed here.

Ethel Slater of the Mica Dept., announce her engagement to Pvt. Norman Cote, formerly of the Maintenance Dept.

The engagement has been announced of Isabel Gaun of Boxing to George Dush of Brown Street Plant.

Helen Maynard of the Mica and Arthur Raive, formerly of Mica and now in the U.S. Army, have announced their engagement.

Mise Nancy Bartholomew has announce her engagement to Pvt. Thomas D. Dion, Jr., formerly of Industrial Oils, who is ranked as Corporal in the U.S. Army.

Lorette Rougeau of Western Electric is engaged to Raymond Lamoureux Jr. of the Drafting Dept.

Dorothy Dargie of Check Inspection to Edward McDonald of the Block Test.

Gloria O’Coner of Western Electric and James Mirante, not employed here, have announced their engagement.

Theresa Densyours, Dry Rolling spent a week at Hampton Beach.

Alma Haley, Dry Rolling, is spending a week’s vacation at her home.

Mr. Formhals, formerly a clerk at the Boston Store is now working in the Dry Rolling Dept.

Editor of the Dry Rolling sent her vacation with relatives at Hoswick Falls, New York.

Mrs. Laura Rivard who recently underwent an operation at the Hospital of Mercy Hospital in Pittsfield is now recuperating at her home. Nice going, Laura!

Holding Up The Payroll At Beaver Street

The department recently held “get together” at the Charlestown Men’s Club. We had fun — the food was swell — we laughed and danced and just raised — the roof!

Ida Lovett returned to work from Long Island, New York, where she spent a week’s vacation with her husband Harry Lovette, (Brown St.).

Irving Toupence spent the week of August 22nd at the Cape. Brown, isn’t he?

Slogan Contest Results

For August

Remember the Log Slogan Contest has monthly awards. We received some good ones this August. You will see the winners posted around the plants soon. See the Log’s advertisement in this issue for rules. Now time to get your September slogan in to the Editor.

For August the Cash prize award for each plant went to Margaret Blin of Beaver Street, Betty Bouchon of Brown Street and Joe Creccinelli of Marshall Street.

As promised, the Log will publish a list of the 25 best slogans received each month in the Log. August’s list will appear in our next issue, dated September 25. Lots of fun! Help Boost our War Production! Write yours Tonight!

“Sprague’s in the fight; let’s turn ‘em out right!”

SPRAGUE WAR PRODUCTION

SLOGAN CONTEST

CASH PRIZE each month for best slogan received in each plant. Contest continues until Dec. 31. Log to publish 25 best slogans received each month. 5 best received in each plant each month will be made into separate colorful signs with your name and posted.

RULES VERY SIMPLE

1. Each slogan must contain the word “Sprague”.

2. Each slogan must be 10 words.

3. Each slogan must try to help our war production effort.

4. Each slogan must bear your name, plant, department, and date.

5. Not more than five slogans each month per person.

6. All slogans must be mailed to “The Log Editor”.

All September Slogans due before October 1.

NOTE: Everybody connected with the Sprague organization in one way or another. Judges’ committees will be composed of well-known North Adams citizens, who will not know the names of contestants when judging slogans.

Lots of Fun! Help Boost War Production! Write it Tonight!
...and \( V_o \) is anything upwards of 1 Kv.!

If you're dealing with voltages of a type indicated by the above formula—well, we don't have to tell you that the job of finding suitable components is a tough one, especially if these V's are working into low Z's.

Obviously then, we don't pretend that transient voltages of this order haven't been a contributing factor to premature gray hairs for Sprague engineers charged with developing condensers and Koolohm Resistors to meet these difficult specifications. They have—and some problems remain to be solved. We're working on them now!

On the other hand, more often than not, eminently suitable components have been forthcoming. A typical illustration is the Sprague Type PX-25 "VITAMIN Q" Paper Capacitor that reads "off scale" on megohm bridges at more than 200,000 megohms.

Let us know just what your problems are, and how the capacitors are to be used. We'll make our recommendations accordingly—telling you frankly and honestly just what you can expect.

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