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**Army-Navy Star Is Big Challenge**

Up to Every Worker to Turn on Live Steam

Now or Never Every Red-Blooded American

Must Make Every Single Second Count!

Sprague War Production now meets its greatest test; its greatest challenge. If any one of us thinks he or she has already done his or her best, because the Army and Navy have judged us worthy of the White Star Award,—let us stop right here and get ourselves ready for our greatest personal effort. Again at the Thursday, October 7th rehearsal, director of Sprague shows for the last several years, Mr. G. Churchill Francis, announced that he is enthused over the excellent talent on hand and the many well-organized groups now giving more than ever before. The Sprague Show is to urge us to greater personal merit and in the continued war effort. Again at the Thursday, October 7th rehearsal, director of Sprague shows for the last several years, Mr. G. Churchill Francis, announced that he is enthused over the excellent talent on hand and the many well-organized groups now giving more than ever before. The Sprague Show is to urge us to greater personal merit and in the continued war effort. Again at the Thursday, October 7th rehearsal, director of Sprague shows for the last several years, Mr. G. Churchill Francis, announced that he is enthused over the excellent talent on hand and the many well-organized groups now giving more than ever before. The Sprague Show is to urge us to greater personal merit and in the continued war effort. Again at the Thursday, October 7th rehearsal, director of Sprague shows for the last several years, Mr. G. Churchill Francis, announced that he is enthused over the excellent talent on hand and the many well-organized groups now giving more than ever before. The Sprague Show is to urge us to greater personal merit and in the continued war effort.
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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Editor."

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20% LOSS IN WAR SPE WINS DEFEAT

Modern war logistics (cold facts) prove that a battle or campaign or other action is as good as lost when you lose 20% of your effectives (your men, equipment, supplies).

Shall we leave the victory in the War Fund to our common conscience in every matter, this world would soon be a world where we could no longer bear the burden of guilt. We can no longer expect the world to give us sympathy and support of our men in service. These social agencies and our continuous delinquency—not to mention lack of moral support of our men in service. These social agencies and our own service men are fighting our battles for us 365 days a year, 24 hours each day. Shall we let them down? Shall we fail to provide for the success of the cause, and add to your Army-Navy Production Award? Shall we? Shall we fail by 20%? Or shall we provide that 20% margin which is the difference between failure and success? You answer!

FOR EACH ONE TO DECIDE!

It is a matter for each one to decide within his own conscience. The LOG can only try to see the problem as a whole. The LOG can only try to put itself in the place of the company, and try to do the best it can. But we North Adams people are practical people. We see life as it is. The Sprague quota is $18,000 and MUST be raised if humanly possible.

We were Glad to See

Among the important visitors at the Sprague Specialties Company this past week were: Mr. S. B. Darmstader, who for many years has been the representative for Sprague Specialties Company in Chicago; Mr. R. F. Wheeler, representing our subcontractor the Spalding Company in Chicago; Mr. M. R. O’Donnell, representing Western Electric at Kearsy, N. J.; Mr. R. J. Milly, representing the Philco Corporation of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Mr. Howard H. Jacobson of Farnsworth’s, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Trips and Week Ends

William Sheldon, overseer of the Cartoner Line, (Gas Mask) is spending a week’s vacation in New York City. Hope you have a good time Bill. Eleanor DeSante is spending her week’s vacation in Pittsfield with her sister. Eleanor works at Marshall Street.

Alice Lavariere of the Mica Department spent the week of Sept. 25 in New York.

Art Sheldon, Gas Mask claims, he spent a week’s vacation in Albany, but his co-workers heard he spent it at home cooking pickles. Which was it, Art?

Mrs. Mildred Magani of the Cartoner Line, is using her vacation to get her new home settled, into which she has just recently moved.

Doris Williams recently spent a few days in Hartford and Rockville, Conn. Josephine De Paoli, Helen Harrington, Ruth Arriglini of the Block Test spent a week end in Albany, N. Y. Stanley Janik of Block Test and his wife, spent a week’s vacation in New York.

Roma Sweeney of Block Test visited her brother Harold who is stationed at Newport, R. I.

Patricia Ryan of the Resturant’s, is enjoying a vacation in Philadelphia.

SOMETHING IN A NAME

Sprague Working In Co. K State Guard

The Massachusetts State Guard can still take enlistments. In the last issue of the Log we published the names of Sprague workers from Adams, Florida, Williamsstown, and Clarksburg who are State Guard members. Sprague workers in Company K of North Adams are: Beaver Plant—L. W. Wallers, Young, Sgt. Robert Godfrey, Pte. Lee LaDue, Pte. John LaDue, Roy Caron, Robert Booth, and William Bayly.


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Grady Markland of Sample Lab. Brown St., was bridesmaid at the recent marriage of her cousin Rita Markland to Capt. Ewart Callahan of San Diego, Calif. Thomas Koehler of the Merchant Marines acted as best man. The latter was wounded in action and is spending a 30 day furlough in the States.

Captain Evans Congratulates Sprague Employees

The following letter has been received from Capt. J. S. Evans, U.S.N., who presented the emblems to the Employees at the Army-Navy “E” Ceremonies last April.

"I am pleased to inform you that you have won for the second time the Army-Navy Production Award for meritorious service on the production front. You have continued to maintain the high standard that you set for your men each month. We are proud of your achievement. The White Star, which the renewal of your contract will pass to your ship, is the symbol of appreciation from our Armed Forces for your continued and determined effort and patriotism.

Sincerely yours,
Robert P. Patterson
Under Secretary of War"

MORE SUGGESTION AWARD WINNERS

The Log congratulates the following Sprague employees who have, in the past few weeks, been awarded prizes for their suggestions on ways and means to improve production, efficiency and other important phases of their work.

These suggestion awards went to: Mrs. Brenda Bixby, Mr. John Murphy, R.K.A.; Mrs. Ruth Briggs, Wire Coating; Mr. Anthony Marinio, Mica; and Mr. Roy Testiver, Test and Finish.

ANNUAL SHOW CHORUS RECORDS THEME MARCH

At the second rehearsal of the season of the Annual Sprague Show a recording was made by the chorus of the new "Fight for Victory," Mica Hop. The latter is important as is the also the yard's. The official report of selection of your company for the Star Award was received in my office the other day and wish to take this opportunity to extend to you and your employees my sincere congratulations.

Respectfully,
Cpt. U. S. Navy

October Slogans Pouring In

18 slogans in August, B. in Sept. Write yours today. Follow the rules. 30 best for first two months will be printed next issue.

Soon the slogans of the September winners will appear in the three plants. In sending in slogans be sure to follow the rules. Several good slogans had to be set one side because ones equally good have been properly presented. This of course is unfair, but we do not have your name, your department AND the date. The latter is important as it tells the entire story. It is naturally given to contestants who follow the rule of mailing (enclosing in a sealed envelope) all original slogans to the Editor of the Log.

SEPTEMBER WINNERS

The winners for Sept. were: Beaver Street, L. N. Pike; Brown Street, Bernard Stackpole; Marshall Street, Eddy Brown; and the top fifteen slogans will be made into painted signs. The three winners will be invited to appear on the Sprague Radio Log program.

OBVIOUS SOLUTION TO SOMETHING IN A NAME

"S— is for the Senator. They give us . . ."

"P— for Perfection in every detail"

"R— for Right from which they show us . . ."

"A— for America, we proudly hail"

"G— is for the Guards who protect us . . ."

"E— for excellent and understanding we claim . . ."

"A— awarded the second time, places SPRAGUE in the Hall of Fame."

Cousins Irvin P. Toope, Frances C. Biggers, and Helen O’Brien, Payroll, Brown, and Irve’s Dog Duchess, photographed at Plymouth Rock.

Henry and Jessie Marcey spent a week’s vacation in New York. They saw the World Series, Henry in Block Test and Jessie works in Bath Tub Assembly.

Marjorie Haagstiel spent a week’s vacation in Providence, R. I.

Helen Manservio and Eunice Rice attended the Great Harrington Fair.

Helen Kordok of Paper Assembly spent a week end in New York City, Mrs. Flore Dennevoer of Paper Assembly was vacationing in Providence, R. I.

Doris Bernini, Lena and Mary Simoniou and Mary Roye reported a pleasant week end spent in Springfield.

Doris Netherwood and Adele Shaler vacationed at Red Shutters Inn, Lee, Mass.

Emma Blair and Alma Kent had a grand week end in New York City.

Sillen O’llen spent a week end in New York City with friends.

New York City was also the week end destination of Mary Barro.

WHERE THE EYES OF THE SPRAGUE SPECIALTIES COMPANY

"Of the Employees", by the Employees."

"The Eyes of the Employees," by the Employees.

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**NEWS and VIEWS from Sprague Workers In Service**

**A Good Letter To Read**

Second Letter Next Issue

Mr. Les Tatro, guard, reports two very interesting letters from his son, Norman Tatro who is a Marine. Incidentally, the censor who read this letter has placed a comment at the end of the letter, saying: "If all the letters were as interesting as this boy's, the censoring job wouldn't be too hard." The Censor.

Norman says in part: "Yes, you have quite a few nephews in the service, haven't you, all trying to do their part so this war will end as fast as possible. Be it sailor, soldier or the Marines, we're all in it fighting for what we think is right, and they are finding out on all fronts how wrong they were in trying to tackle us. Italy probably sees his mistake now. Dr. O... said he never saw anyone who had an operation like mine heal up so fast. I guess I'm a lucky fellow. It's too bad that he wasn't accepted, but he can do his part back home. We need men with his knowledge all over the world, producing the tools we need so badly to win this war, so matter who they are, color, race or creed, giving their all back home to help win this war. We may have a little tougher life, but without the people back home, we might as well give up... You flatter me too much on my letter writing. I'm just a lucky guy who likes to write, knowing that it will pay dividends in one way or another. My mother and dad always enjoy my letters. I'm glad, because they deserve more credit than I. It was their work that made me what I am today. I'll always try and make my parents, you, my girl, and everyone else proud of me, even in my letter writing.

Louis Pedercine, formerly in Inspe-ving, is the son of Sally of Resistors. He was honored at a dinner at the Italian Gardens before leaving for basic training at Sanpanso, N.Y.

**From John Mahoney of U. S. Coast Guard**

Little Creek Res. Sta., Virginia Beach, Va.

Hi Folks!

I thought it about time I wrote to let you know of my change in address. I suppose you people are getting a little tired of this changing of address, but I swear I didn't have a thing to do with it.

I'm now located at a receiving station in Virginia and am waiting for a ship. I don't know just how long I'll be here but if you will send the Log in care of this address, I'm sure I'll receive it. I've already received two copies of the Log since I've been here, but they were forwarded from my former address in N.Y.

I certainly enjoy reading the Log, because it brings home so close, that you forget for a minute that you are in the barracks, but the way you people are working up at Sprague is something to be remembered. You certainly are the UNSUNG heroes of this war.

I'll sign off for now.

A friend and co-worker.

Johnnie

(Reply me to all)

**Arthur LeMire Gets Log and Likes It**

A letter from Pvt. Arthur LeMire, formerly with Sprague, who is now stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky., reads:

Camp Campbell, Ky.

Sept. 26, 1943.

Dear Folks:

I have been receiving the Sprague Log every month and I do enjoy reading it very much.

I have been changed to a new camp once more. Every time they move us, they put us in a camp much larger, it seems.

I have been promoted to first radio operator since the 24th of Aug. and I have noticed that some of our radio sets we have are from Sprague Products, and they are all good, because we haven't had any trouble as yet and we have been in plenty of water and damp weather and our radios still receive very well.

Well, I will close because I only have three minutes to get out to the field. I wish I could be back there working with the rest of the folks.

Yours truly,

Pvt. Arthur LeMire

P.S. Please excuse this letter, it has been written in a hurry.

Pvt. Joseph Toceo, formerly of Mica, recently awarded a marks-manship medal.

**Make It A Million Cigarettes By Thanksgiving**

To date, we have sent 700,000 cigarettes to the boys overseas. The fund collected to Oct. 1 was $190.03, and with a balance on hand, enabled us to send the usual 80,000 cigarettes. This shipment went to the boys stationed in Sicilia and Atta, and to boys stationed in England and North Ireland. Let's make it a million by Thanksgiving.

Naval Aviation Cadet Fred S. Foster, who has completed his flight training at Pera, has decided to be assigned to Pensacola, Fla., for advanced flight training. Foster, who formerly worked in the stock room at Brown St., has just spent a 14-day furlough with his parents in Adams.

Cpl. Armand Gibeau of the Military Police, Camp Washington, R.I., has recently been promoted to Sergeant. Cpl. Gibeau was formerly employed in the western Electric Dept., Beaver Street, and has returned to camp after a 10-day furlough.

**Lieut.-Commander "Bill" Arnold Visits Plant**

A popular former member of the Sprague organization paid a flying visit to the plant last week. William F. "Bill" Arnold was formerly engaged in Sales and Engineering work for the company. Left early in 1941 to become an executive officer at the Squamish Naval Aviation Station near Boston. Since then he has been promoted and transferred to his present location at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Annapolis, Md., and is the head of a good work.
BONDS FOR VICTORY

Let's buy more bonds
Let's answer the call!
To help the mail of the Rising Sun fall.
Buying Bonds will show our fighting Yanks,
We're buying right in and buying more tanks.
For Freedom's sake.
Let's buy them now, while it's still not too late.
For the more we buy, the sooner we'll see
Our loved ones back home — and Victory.
Betty Salaminitis, Registrar Dept.

JUST ARRIVED

Faith Barber Windsor, was born September 27th at the North Adams Hospital. Her mother was the former Honorata Colosi of Paper Rolling Dept. Her daddy, Fritz Windsor, of Material Control, is our capable director of the Minsted Show.

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Mrs. Edward Cassidy Honored Twenty-five years of the formal August 31st, 1944, now Mrs. Edward Cassidy of Gas Mask honored at a dinner with September 6th. She was given a purse of money by his fellow workers.

Rita Fote of Gas Mask has returned from Griffiss Air Base, Potsdam, N.Y. William Fote of U. S. Marine Corps who is stationed at New River, N. C. She also visited at the Jacksonville Base.

The table was most attractive with friends and 25th anniversary by Mrs. Beatrice Benedicti and Mrs. Maud Sullivan. Cassidy was presented with several gifts.

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