Private Arthur D. Miller

Killed First Day of Invasion - Awarded Silver Star For Gallantry - Veteran of Italian and Sicilian Campaigns

Private First Class Arthur D. Miller, had just reached his twenty-first birthday when he met his death on D-Day during the allied invasion of France. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller were informed of their son's death on Independence Day. No details were given in the form wire from the Secretary of War, but it is believed that his unit was one of the first to establish the Normandy beachhead.

Directs Fire from Gun Track

The Silver Star was awarded to him gallantly in the vicinity of Djebel el-Anef, Tunisia. When Pvt. Miller's unit was first time in three years.

In Commemoration of July Fourth

Ex-Service Men Guests

The program given on July Fourth by the Sprague Radio Log was dedicated, not only to all men and women serving here and abroad in the Armed Forces, but also to those boys who have served, and now, with medical blessings are attempting to take up civilian life where they formerly left off. There are some thirty-eight ex-soldiers now employed at Sprague's. These men were the special guests at the exhibition. Some of them were speakers on the program.

Guest Speakers

Mr. William Sheldon, Mr. Arthur Kramer and Mr. John Rice presented vividly, experiences of theirs when in service. John Rice had participated in the battle of Tarawa, as well as other island engagements. Miss Arlene Greene of the WAC's, home on furlough also spoke briefly. Major Cornelius O'Brien and President R. C. Sprague were the principal speakers of the day. Patriotic music was rendered by the Sprague Radio Chorus which had also sung the Log Staff program of the week previous. Hostess-of-the-Day was Miss Eleanor Carlson of the Brown Street plant.

“LET QUANTITY PLUS QUALITY OUR WAR PRODUCTION MOTO BE”

“OF THE EMPLOYEES”

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC VICTORY LOG, July 22, 1944

Number 24

Cigarettes - $9.00
A Carton - In China

June 17, 1944

Dear Miss Owen:

Opening a carton of Camels recently, I noticed the label: From the employees of Sprague Specialties Company, North Adams, Mass. I also come from Massachusetts, a very nice city called Malden (Greater Boston). Have been overseas for 20 months and certainly remember the days when “Dominoes”, “Flotsam” and “Chil-"sia” only were to be had. I imagine the States have changed considerably since the last time I was there. I have never seen North Adams, but if it is anything like my city—it must be, for wherever one comes from—that’s HOME! There is no place like home. One doesn’t realize it until far away—Africa, Sicily, Egypt, India or even China. None can compare with our homes and the American way of life.

China is an old ancient country, full of traditions, clans and languages. All work is done by hand. Farmers work day and night in the fields and rice paddies. (Incidentally, I hate rice!) As I write to you, coolies with umbrellas and fan-like fans are crossing the streets. Needless to say, new and exciting places are always going by. I rode into town the other day and spent half an hour arguing about the price. The coolies wanted 300 Chinese dollars equivalent of American money,—we finally settled for 100. (About 50 cents in American money). Chinese merchants sell their wares along the narrow streets, and American cigarettes cost about $0.00 per carton—American money, so you can see how high things are over here. The Chinese language is very hard to understand, and their money system is just as difficult. All these travels are very educational but I’d trade it all for the States. In closing, I wish to thank you again for your thoughtful letter, in remembering us over here—those men who are always thinking of you over there. I hope this will all be over soon, and we can take up where we were before the war. Give my regards to Boston and North Adams! Sincerely,

John L. P. Putney

Charles Kramer, serving on troop convey ship. Formerly of Shipping Dept., Beaver. Served on an L.S.T.

VITAL TO FIGHTERS OVERSEAS

Electronics figures as one of the half dozen most important items of war production during the past six months. This means Victory is near — as each and every one of us keep up the good work. The most important thing in everybody’s life today is winning the war conclusively as had also been possible — we must all pitch in and do our best. Victory is at hand.

“IF WE DO OUR PART WELL…”

“Can we finish this war in Europe this year, If WE DO OUR PART WELL...” says General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery. Slowly, steadily, the United Nations combined forces are now rolling back Hitler’s defenders into open country on the road to Berlin.

Planning For Future North Adams

As presented by Mayor O’Brien in Radio Talk

On Program of July 4

I appreciate very much your courtesy in permitting me your time on your radio program to discuss with the citizens of North Adams some of the common problems which will confront us, as a community, in the very near future. In this rapidly-changing world of tomorrow, industry and business cannot be expected to do the whole job of post-war rehabilitation. There are certain fields in which government must plan. We refer to public works such as highways, parks, sewers, schools, flood control, etc. We hope the government—local, State and federal—will do its planning in these fields as we hope em-

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Employees Work All Day and Night in the Fields and Rice Paddies.
The Marshall Street plant and Mrs. Hostess-of-the-Day was Miss Katie program of July 11th, when our guest it is ~ keep going — DO more, GIVE more, and be the kind of our well known singers at Sprague's recent graduate of the New England artist, Miss Betty Ann Judge, a Call it Patriotism, or loyalty to the American way of life, Prendergast, Leona Reese, Mary Rosse, Mary Roy, Eleanor Rhodes, Bertha Ghidotti, Rita Johnson, Margaret Kernahan, Dorothy Pasierbiak, Constance Bushika, Nathan Candiloro, Eleanor Carlow, Kay Corsi, Cecile Grenier, Kay Convery, Jane Dawson, Lucy DeFazio, Mamie Farinon, Gertrude Gentile, Emma Alongi, Ruth Bass, Thelma Bonkler, Carmella Ciolfi, Josephine Convery, Jane Dixon, Lucy DeFazio, Muzio Farino, Gertrude Gentile, Hubba Bush, Naheba Candiloro, Eleanor Carlso, Kay Core, Cecile Guinier, Kay Ghidotti, Rita Johnson, Margaret Kernahan, Dorothy Pasterblik, Constant Pondergast, Louise Reese, Mary Rosse, Mary Roy, Helen Salvists, Alice Scollo, William Sheldon, Jessie Vallieres, and Mary Vanuni. Beaver Street Marshall Street

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**MAYOR'S SPEECH**

ready for construction when funds are available.

A survey of possibilities for public works in the city of North Adams reveals that there is a tremendous reservoir of work which could be done with a lasting benefit to the community. These capital improvements would cost about $85,000,000. This report is more municipal, state and Federal Projects. Concrete progress will depend upon the preparation of plans and the specifications of each project. Until the plans are adopted by city officials, the project cannot be let without further delay when the war ends, these recommendations will be ready to follow the draft in industrial and private employment immediately upon cessation of hostilities. Our committee has endeavored to select only those projects which it considers of major importance to the city of North Adams.

1. Hoosac River flood control.
2. Route for diversion of Mohawk river waters.
3. Route for diversion of Naushon river.
4. Extension of Union Street west to Marshall Street.
5. Purchase of land for an airport.

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Sprague Victory Log

Bever Street

Dear Miss Owen:

I am just one more Sprague worker waiting and hoping to receive my issue of the Log. My definite location I cannot tell, but I was in the push against the two famous defense lines of the Germans at Rome: the "Heller Line" and the "Gustav Line." In June, I went through the "Eternal City" (Rome). The folks back home would appreciate it if I did, seeing the great city. With my company, I went on a sightseeing tour under supervision of Catholic priests. We saw St. Peters, the Colosseum and the Catacombs of Rome. And many other uncharted sights.

I will appreciate the Log since it keeps us over here close to our friends and helps spend many a lonely hour. This one favor I ask of you, and thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Peter Solari, S2-e stationed at Jacksonville, Fla. Husband of Angeline, of Imperieugnan.

Letters and News from the Armed Forces

Pfc. Kenneth Armstrong, formerly of Maintenance, stationed at Lathrop, Calif. He is the husband of Doris of Partition Assembly, Marshall Street.

Afloat on the South Pacific

June 31, 1944

Dear R. C.:

I just want to know you of the rather unusual way in which I have recently met up with the company's ladies' magazine, which I will henceforth call the Log.

This is a big chunk of water, this Pacific, and it can and does become very boring. In a crossing, for instance. So, to live it up, we ran a deck show every three or four days with the aid of the talent (1) aboard yesterday's show featured a croseti heroines five captains and five sergeants. Several overviews of the referees resulted in a close win for the captains. The prizes were bags of "the maker" and it was a very pleasant surprise to find a tag each, bearing, "Compliments of Sprague Specialties Company, North Adams, Mass."

The captains who won the mache and the enlisted men who actually received it and are smoking it, agreed that I should drop you a note of thanks.

Yours truly,

Pvt. Warren Pruyne

Earns Wings

Alfred Hurley, a former Sprague employee, has just been awarded silver wings in the Army Air Force at Ellington F.A.A., Texas and will be given additional training, prior to duty assignment.

Brothers Spend Eventful Three Weeks

The three Williamson Field boys have spent an exciting and eventful three weeks. One received a lieutenant's and pilot's commission in the Army force and was married at Aloe Air Force to Miss Florence Crossland of Tulsa, Okla. He is Herbert, a former Sprague employee. Another, Robert, received a promotion in the Coast guard and a transfer to a radio school in Maryland, and the third, Harold, a former Sprague employee on a Flying Fortress in England received a promotion to staff sergeant and decorated with the air medal with oak leaf cluster and received the presidential citation.

Armand Solari, S2-e, now serving in England. He is the husband of Frances of R. Tost and brother of Lena, of Paper Rolling.
At Lost Staff Radio Show, Priscilla Winsor of Payroll Depart- ment tells how... Little Pink Pills—Pep up you.

Block Test
The Department extends best wishes to their reporte, Barbara Bailey whose marriage took place on July 8th. Barbara will spend her vacation with her husband at Fr. Cyril's.

Pauline Jamieson and Lorraine Plou- sounder have spent their week's vacation in Springfield. Alfire Solari is extended good wishes and speedy recovery by the Depart- ment.

Roma Mesorcow is enjoying a month's leave of absence, and will return to her husband at Camp Shelby, Miss. Shirley Fisher is enjoying her vaca- tion at Woodstock, Vt., while Josephine DePaoli is spending her in Torrington, CT.

Teddy Raymond, your "cowboy sing- er" is patriotic and spending his vaca- tion in Chicago.

Welcome back to Theresa "Mickey" Briggs, who returned from a visit to her husband Cpl. Russel Briggs station at home, Ky.

Josephine DePaoli is on a dessert-what she eats: Five and a half and easily barreled, shortskirt and short-waisted woman in a skirt in an afternoon. A sexy way to lose weight, don't you think?

Perfect Attendance For June
Those of the Block Test Depart- ment with Perfect Attendance Records include: Harry Carpenter, Donald DePaoli, Harry Enney, Anthony Ja- nucks, Frederick Lundby, Henry Mee- ewezer, Miles Shaffer, Irvin Smeall, Julia Abraham, Alice Allard, Barbara Bailey, Odoles-Debres, Ruth Ellsworth, Lorna Carrisa, Josephine DePaoli, Emma Ethier, Elizabeth Flowy, Nanny Gallonne, Gertrude Galligan, Mary Garner, Currie Goodes- moore, Caroline Grant, Elizabeth Hunt, Josephine Janczak, Emma Korelas, Anna Lamoneau, Anna Malloy, Ida Roy, Margaret Roy, Frances Vassar, Jeanne Solari, Theresa Tassone, Anna Werner, Mary Zito, Donald Huftel, Nellie Carraian, and Merrill Cole. We are glad to report that the number of persons with perfect records has increased every month... and — keep up the good work. It's our hit for production and for the boys "over there".

Farewell Party
A farewell party was given at the home of Harriet DePaoli for Elizabeth Awraithi who left to go to her husband at Minot Field, Texas. Ruth was present and was accompanied by a sum of money by her co-workers.

BLOCK ANNEX

By Esther Perrault

Those who enjoyed a perfect week of vacationing are: Modeline Roader, Margaret Anderson, Mildred Wager, Catherine Timothy, Emma Basile, Alice Basile, Ethel Farnsworth, Marge Richer, who has gone to a dude ranch in New York. Susie had a birthday on July 8th. Usually there is lots of noise- making, but not that day. After the war there will be fireworks again to help you celebrate.

Norma Whipple, who is employed in your machine shop, has finished the training to be a machinist. She will be happy to be back in the shop.

Harry Wolters is spending their vacation at home while he is camping at Hodges Lake. Barney Lindquist, of the machine shop, is spending his vacation at his farm. Herbert Sarr is vacationing in the Adirondack Mountains.

Evelyn Charlebon, Arthur Row- land, W. Manert, and Harry Trom- bly have returned after their vaca- tions. Evelyn enjoyed her work at Chichester Falls, while William Manert vacationed at Lake George, N. Y. Bert Peters carries the Torch for all employees of the Beaver Street Machine Shop.

TRAVELS

The Northern Berkshire Softball League has concluded the first half of the season with the Nashoba Valley and Sprague Products tied up in the final standings with seven wins and 3 losses, each, thus necessitating a playoff series which is being contested over the weekend.

Sprague Products needed only one win to clinch the first half, and had only the following games for the League's effor dwellers to beat. But Carmen Simonetti's hitherto losing team to the occasion and turned in a fantastic exhibition behind the high grade pitching of Jimmy Vatak to defeat the Products 8-4. Valotta's slow ball through the infield was the key ball.

Dry Test
By Vi Short

Eunice, Mary, and Muggsy went to Springfield for the week end. Gloria (F. Sinatra) Meleo is back after spending two weeks' vacation in Chicago.

Our deepest sympathy to Claire and Mary Sherry on the loss of their brother, who was killed in the service of his country.

Sincere sympathy to Eunice Sies in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Hills, who was married in 1940.

We wish Doris Derosia good luck on her sixth wedding anniversary on the 25th of June.

Announcement

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Why has "Cookie" changed from coffee to tomato juice at breakfast? And "Yirgie" is in a dither lately! Could it be her hubby is coming home soon?

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Can Shop

By Lena Zappula

VACATION TIME—We hope Anna White is enjoying her trip to Canada—she and her family left her New York vacation, and Ted (destination unknown) liked his. Did that camp in the beef pasty.

The Can Shop outing at Wenas's Farm was a definite success. One mystery is unsolved, though. When did all the food, placed in front of Russ, go? It certainly disappeared somehow! The chicken we found in Lena's beach bag hit the spot, in front of the camp fire—but she should be more careful of the pieces she put in— Bette knows. You are not afraid of ghosts, are you Bette Perry—not when someone is near.

The young sailor, at the age of three is Russell Lebuck, now was also concerned with the Sicilian Campa- gns.

Pauline Jandran and Lorraine Pin-

The had the hard hitting Sprague aggrega- tion popping up for the better part of the week with the halls of Standard field well and hit timely, while taking the losses appearing ragged.

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By Connie Urban

SPARKLE OF VACATIONS: Rose Morel spent her in New Hamp- shire. Jennie Chaflous went to Washing- ton, D. C. for her, and Beatrice Thoms- on is having her vacation in Louisiana. Mildred King is spending her vacation in the Berkshire Hills; Flossy McNeely has just returned from Hartford, Conn., and Margaret LeRieux is spending her vacation in Holyoke.

Max Sevel returns from his home from South America where he has been stationed for the past nineteen months. A surprise party was held at the home of Agnes Miller in honor of Rose Miller who celebrated her seventeenth birthday. A buffet lunch was served and games were played, prizes in which were awarded to Miss Fortini and Ruth Summer.

Bowling Department

“Edie” Lee can sing as well as write. She has won for Factory Engineering Department for the second time in a row.

Sample Department

By The Shadow

Welcome to our Department, Anne Culbert. Hope you enjoy your new work.

Don Fortini has returned after spending his vacation at home. You look rested, Don, but did you lose your tongue?

The Sample Department wishes to express its deepest sympathy to Wilmer Lorry, who is improv- ing a little since he was last at work.

The gang will miss you, Reggie. Our best and loveliest wishes to you.

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Claire Carlton Feted

Miss Claire Maxwell was feted at a party by her co-workers at Beaver Street on July 8th. She was presented a purse of money and a pen and pencil set.

Factory Engineering

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Lab Gab

By Carmella Giuffi

Heartfelt of welcome to Miss Cyn- thia Proud, McNaughton’s prettiest contribution to the war effort.

Bill, a sailor of 3 summers, is son of Ruth Toran of Tabular As- sistant.

Paper Rolling

By A. L. Bahn

We missed you.

Our reports are all from the winners. We have “one” good turn and why not.

Hold it, boys! It’s a cool day at the Fair! That’s a beautiful picture of one in the Berkshire Hills; Flossie McNulty is having her vacation in Louisiana. Boisjolie is impro- vising to help.

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MICA FINISHING

By Betty Bourdon

The ladies in our department now know how Miss Major of Final Test is with her husband in Tessian where Sgt. Major is stationed with the S. Army.

Col. and Amalia Ket and from Brownell are spending a vacation at Old Orchard Beach, Me.

The Winnahs

One ring was thrown...people stretched their necks. Then three-four and five. And winners every time! The crowd cheered, young children stood in the aisles. While one tiny 4 FRWV stuck back to the rear of the crowd in shame. Yes, this was a capital, and more than Lillian Dubois was the winner, performing in true girl style with the hoops, for which she received numerous awards and the admiration of the crowd.

Checking Along With the Resistors

By Kay Coss

Our Thursday night swimming classes, at the Y.M.C.A., have increased from three to ten. Newcomers are Mary Matranga, Scotty Davis, Cora Blaine, Rose Lanoue, Gladys Franceschini, Millie after the bright lights of Broadway.

We, the day shift, welcome the night shifters are Mary Matranga, Scotty Davis, Cora Blaine, Rose Lanoue, Gladys Franceschini, Millie after the bright lights of Broadway.

Resister Shipping

By Evelyn Dodge

Charles, your shoes are better fishing on your vacation than on other trips.

We all missed you, Jean and Blanche. Glad you took it back and well again.

Doesn't need rations stamp for shoes, not as long as boxes serve the same purpose.

Cottage, we hear your No. 1 mix is ready. Is that why you've been donning wedding dress lately?

You could have made Rosey any happier, giving her a million, than she was when she received her long delayed check from her husband overseas.

Too bad, Helen, you had to come home from Boston sooner than you planned. But, Boston is expensive, you know...including night clubs, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrice Le-Sage, married June 10, 1944. Mrs. Le-Sage is the former Mildred Passe.

Wire Coating News

1st Shift—Les Rosee

We welcome Helen Fote back with us. She is the extended visit with her husband stationed in South Carolina.

Eva Faur, Rhena Gamari, Homer Chiken and Larry Weld are enjoying vacations.

Mr. Washburn (C. Earl) tells us he is expecting his "Major" son, Bob, home for a few days.

2nd Shift—Gloria Barbeau

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Payroll Office

By Kay Heath

We've had quite a few surprises and happenings in our office during the last few months, but the biggest surprise, when you think about it, was the marriage of one of our employees who came to work for us just a little over a year ago.

Miss Dolores Sullivan who will be married to John Egan on July 29th.

Silvers Mica

By Dot and Kay

(Big hint for Mary Cook, Dot and Kay Bourdon has been back from her vacation for three days, and she still hasn't seen her fiancé on their date."

Miss Stanley, the guest of honor with a corsage of flowers is at the reception in the Mica department.

We hear that Gerry Robbins, who's married June 10, 1944, wants to come to North Adams more often, because he enjoys the scenery so much.

Evelyn Schneider, sister of Steve, is to be married to John Egan on July 29th.

Miss Dolores Sullivan who will be married soon to Captain Goodell, was given a shower 7th day at her home.

Miss Sullivan was presented with gifts and money.

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SHOWERS

Brides-to-be have been the guests of honor at many parties and showers recently. Miss Roselyn Charbonneau was the guest of honor at a luncheon party and Miss Mary Leonard at a shower. Her marriage to Louis Vincente is planned for August 5th.

Miss Mary Leonard was the guest of honor at a pre-wedding shower given by her sister, Mrs. Alice Bonney on July 1st. Miss Charbonneau will be married to John Egan on July 29th.

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A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Richards on July 5th.

A daughter, Diane, was born to Mrs. Eleanor, and Pte. James Blair, father was in the service.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thomas. The mother is Therese formerly of G.M.

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The engagement of Miss Helen O'Brien to Mr. Attalla is announced. Miss O'Brien is employed in the Payroll Department at Brown Street.

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Engagements

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