CONTINUED EXCELLENCE IN WAR PRODUCTION BRINGS 5TH AWARD

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"Glad to be in U.S.A." In England During Two Wars

In 1939 Mrs. Violet Gavan was able to take a long anticipated trip to England to visit her sister. Unaware of the storm clouds hanging over England, she went to England by the shortest route, came to sea, sailed, and at last received the news that war was declared, came as a shock. Preparations for returning home were made immediately but ocean travel was out of the question because the waters were mined.

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Fortunately, the floor where the cook's station was located remained undamaged. The kitchen was kept clean and orderly. The work went on as usual. There was no lack of food.

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"SPRAGUE ON PARADE" SPONSORS PROGRAM FOR 7TH WAR LOAN DRIVE

Sprague on Parade devoted its half hour program on Wednesday, May 16th to the Seventh War Loan Drive. Prominent North Adams citizens spoke in behalf of the Drive which was launched in the city on May 18th.

The introductory speech was given by Mayor Cornelius O'Brien who informed his listeners that North Adams has lost forty-five young men in service, and because of them and all the other young men and women in North Adams who are serving their country, every citizen of this city will do his part to put over its quota for the Loan. "You can count on us in the Mighty Seventh Drive."

There is no doubt that Sprague Employees should take great pride in the part they have played thus far in this battle of supply. But the dramatic headlines in the daily papers prove how much more remains for us to do.

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Sprague’s NASB long had vital work over $100,000,000 in War Bonds. Speakers included Under-Secretary of the Navy, Ralph H. Bard, Vice-Admiral E. L. Cochrane, two Marine tank officers from Okinawa, and officials of the Food Machinery Corporation.

Many electrical components used in the Water Buffalo are made by the employees at the Sprague Plants. This important fact was brought to the attention of the general public at the close of the Food Machinery Corporation program over station WRYO of the Blue Network.

Sprague Employees Back 7th Loan

(Continued from Page 1) Japanese arms and people ask for unconditional surrender is not only for the fighting men. Every person at home must pull in the long battle too. The Seventh War Loan is the first organized effort of the people at home in fighting the Pacific War. These billion dollars which must be raised help to provide the tanks, guns, ships, planes and supplies needed for the first invasions of the Jap homeland. By placing the entire amount will be translated into first action by the armed forces.

Even if you have not yet done your part you can still join the day of jubilation. Sprague employees are helping.

Glad to be in U. S. A.

Mrs. Gavan relates that after raids, the shell-racked the home became separated from its convey. This required a delay and wait for the convoy which never showed up. Finally they joined another convoy. A never to be forgotten experience was when depth charges were dropped over board all night, as the water they were traveling through seemed to be alive. Once again the fresh news of the band which had sold over $100,000.00 was put on the air in a coast-to-coast hook-up for the Food Machinery Corporation program over station WRYO.

The Navy Band, famous for selling $100,000,000 of War Bonds at launching of Food Machinery Corporation’s 10.08ths amphibious tank. Sprague Electric Company makes electrical components used in these tanks.

ANOTHER STAR IS ADDED

Congratulations to Each Sprague Worker Who Helped Make This Fourth Star and Fifth Award Possible

July 2nd, 1943—at not too long ago was a gala and memorable day for the Sprague Electric Company and its employees. At that time, our Government honored us with the presentation of the Army and Navy “E” Flag. The prestige made then we have fulfilled. We have maintained and guarded this honor.

The four mostiniors stars which have been added to this flag are the proof. The boys at the factory left us in peace and gave thought to those stars. Perhaps you haven’t realized that they are a reflection on each one of us. Have you done your part? Of course you have or those stars would not be there. Remember, from the top gun down to the man on the end of the line, each has had to do his part. Co-operation is a most essential part of our daily program.

Let us consider ourselves to be in service. The achievements and outstanding feats they have accomplished can never fully be rewarded. It is amazing what they have done. But, bear in mind, as you are stired by their sacrifice and devotion efforts. From the highest ranking officer down to the boy in uniform, co-operation has had to be their part. Each branch of service has had to rely on the other doing its part. Just so does each Front Line fighter.

As we see it, we are all fighting a foe. The front line men are fighting in the battle to save freedom. The farm boys are fighting in the battle to save home. The manufacturing workers are fighting in the battle to save factory work. In short, we are all fighting the same battle.

Each one of you is fighting for something.

An earing to that fact that we can produce? Don’t take a chance. A simple inspection may mean the breakdown of a piece of apparatus vitally important to the operation.

During our operations in the battle of Okinawa we had an amphibious tank. Sprague Electric Company makes electrical components used in these tanks.

Mr. Gavan says “I have been fighting for a much needed rest. I know when my mother was in England. Letters from her were only monotonous expect and we would wonder who she was and if she was safe. It was a great feeling when she arrived home.”

Electrical ABC’s: For Safer Living

What do you do when your electrical appliances develop a hitch? Not, like an astonishing number of other sensible inventions, electrical appliances connected, poke its innards, with their minds filled with perplexing thoughts. Before you start, plug the end of the plug at the appliance end of the cord, check the next.

If the trouble is not yet resolved, plug the appliance end of the cord, check the next.

What should be done Better for All? If your gadget if the plug is plugged into a live circuit. (Check by plugging anything that you know is all right.) If the streetlight is still the fuse will probably cure your trouble. If it’s a light bulb, plug it out. If there is a switch which was the plug end of the plug at the end of the plug at the appliance end of the cord, check the next.

This week’s Bloop! In the checks the cord itself for broken in the appliance and the plug end of the plug at the appliance end of the cord, check the next.

Next step, if the plug is still not working, check the appliance end of the cord, check the next.
**Letters and News from the Armed Forces**

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**Sgt. Donald Cross**

Sympathy is extended to the family of Sgt. Donald Cross, former member of Company M, who was killed in action in Germany, April 11, 1945. He entered service with Company M, 1st Infantry in January 1943, and served with that unit at various camps in this country, later transferring to cannon company. He fought in Germany and Luxembourg. His wife, Lucia, is an employee of the R.A.E. Department. 

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**Arline Chalfoux in Seattle**

Dear Miss Owen:

I would like to notify you of my change of address. Seattle is a city of many, many hills—more so than North Adams and the weather here is awful. It rains all the time. The rain doesn't seem to bother anyone though, people go about as though the sun were shining and few wear raincoats or carry umbrellas.

My trip out here was very interesting. We went by way of Chicago, St. Paul, N. Dakota and Montana, Idaho and Washington. The Rockies are really beautiful and most of them are still snow-capped. Monday, we had a big parade for the third birthday of the WAC’s and the Seventh Bond Drive.

Yours truly,

Pvt. A. F. Chalifoux

WAC. Pvt. SEFF

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**Russell Hartman, Petty Office 2c**

is somewhere in the Pacific area. He is the brother of Helen, of Dry Rolling.

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**Wounded Veteran Thanks Workers for Their War Effort**

Somewhere in England May 9, 1945

Hello!

Just a very short note to let you know that I have been wounded and I'm writing you my new address so you can send me the Log. That's one thing I miss because it helps one to forget his troubles. Well, I give up now to the Sprague workers and tell them that I thank them all for a wonderful job they did helping us to win this war in Europe. If it wasn't for the work we would never have finished it. So I'll close for now, hoping to hear from you very soon.

William Davernery 31418432


A.P.O. No. 384

c/o Postmaster, New York City, N. Y.

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**Maj. Gazzaniga’s Unit Awarded Service Plaque**

The 11th Weather Squadron of the Ninth Air Force was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Unit plaque for superior performance of duty, while covering weather conditions for the U.S. First, Third, Seventh and Ninth armies. Maj. Gazzaniga has been overseas for 33 months, serving in the Hawaiian Islands before being transferred to Europe. He has received the Air medal for completing a stated number of missions over enemy territory. He formerly worked in Chemical Control, and his sister Helen Parish is employed in Sales Dept.

Sampson, N. Y.

May 11, 1945

Dear Nurse:

Well, here I am. I'm sorry that I could not write sooner. I was kind of lonesome for home and friends, and you people, especially because when I had a cold, I could always go to see you. How is everyone up there, and also Mrs. Button? Our training is hard work, and know—that I can stand it. Hope they send the Log every month and my buddies think it is swell!

Well to be frank, it’s really hell out here— the big guns blasting away at the Lice and at night the Japs bombing us. I’ve had cut by cactus and one of my legs is 67 miles long and 13 miles wide. Well, I'll stop now and hope it won't be long before I pay you people a visit.

Sincerely,

Albert DiLorenzo

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**Corp. Eugene Miliszewski Reported Killed In Action In Germany April 17th**

Corp. Miliszewski entered the armored forces in January 1942. He trained at Camp Pollk, La., and Camp Rice, Calif., before going overseas in September 1943, where he served in a tank unit of the First Army. Before entering the service he was employed in the Black Test Department.

Corp. Miliszewski was born in Adams and always made his home there. He was a graduate of the Adams High School where he was active in sports and entertained a wide circle of friends.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, who is in the Navy and three sisters, one of whom, Regina, is employed in the Western Electric Department.

To the family of the late Corp. Eugene Miliszewski, the Sprague Electric Company extends deepest sympathy.

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**Hell Out Here**

Okinawa May 5, 1945

Dear Miss Owen:

To start, I want to thank you ever so much for sending me the Log. I've received it every month and my buddies think it is swell!

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Sincerely,

Corp. Wayne Damon

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In One of Best Companies May 5th, 1945

Dear Miss Owen:

I am one in the best line crew and in one of the best Signal Companies in the whole Army. We string plenty of wire, put up poles and climb them, install plenty of phones and lightning protectors.

I hope you can say “Hello” to any of my old gang that need to work in the Filters. I miss them all. I wish you would send the Log to my new address written below.

Thanking you in advance. I remain,

Pte. Wayne Damon

A.P.O. 629

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**Morandi Brothers in Service**

Dear Miss Owen:

I've been wounded and I'm on my way home on a 3-day leave. I'm stationed at the Navy Base in New York. I fell early in the May 9th and was in the Navy Base in New York.

Sincerely,

Corp. Floyd Wilson

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**Sprague Employees Well Represented at Blood Bank**

April 7, 1945

Dear Mr. Sprague:

Just like to let you know that I got your Season’s Greetings and also the Log. It is nice to hear from back home. I am praying for the day I will have to stay with my two girls maybe a boy in July. And you can tell that boy that I am “somewhere in the Pacific.”

Well goodbye for now.

Corp. Ernest Dorman

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**Francis Hartman, Petty Officer 1c**

is somewhere in the Pacific, Brother of Helen, of Dry Rolling.

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**Earl M. Williams, S 2-c**

was recently stationed at Quantico, Va., and home on a 5-day leave. He is stationed at the Navy Base in New York. Earl was formerly employed in the Impregnating Department.

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**Sgt. William Duverney**

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A.P.O. No. 314

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**Brion Walczak, M. M. 2c**

is somewhere in the South Pacific. Husband of Leonie, of “W-E,” Dept.

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It was not only an honor to be able to donate a pint of blood for a worthy cause, but with the presence of the Machine Shop group, it was a pleasure. Upon entering the Masonic Temple, headquarters for the Blood Bank Unit, I was met with a most cordial greeting from a swell group of fellows,— men from our Machinist Shop. Their steady stream of banter and ribbing took one’s mind off any other task at hand.

Outside on the street, merry makers celebrating V-E Day passed by, but a feeling of pride was mine as I noticed the many Sprague Employees doing their celebrating in a manner our boys would thank them for, if they were where they could. Once more, this proves that we, here at Sprague Electric Company, are willing to do our part to help the boys at the front.

An Employer
**SPRAGUE ELECTRIC VICTORY LOG**

Beaver News

**Tubular Assembly**

By G. Gentile and D. Gagnon

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**Cpl. Vincent King,** stationed overseas in France, Husband of Barbara, of Black Tex.
V-E Day is still an all-important subject. A few of the topics in Maintenance did go out on that victorious day, but on the whole, those who did have their trains of thought don't take exception stayed in. I think we should hand it to Leda King for her persever- ing spirit on her coffee schedule. Seikar, right on the job throughout the day.

Seikar
By Minnie Destradeur
You glad that you have with us.
We're sure that Stan's Linitum is just the remedy for you, Ailie O'Neill.
No matter how we tease Millie Dumou, she always replies with that same "Be Seet" and never, never, never.
It's Army recently visited us. The visitor being Andy's son who is inte-
rested in the entire room. Good luck, Andy Jr.
We are rooting for Florencia DeQuade as it is the one time that her husband, a recent prisoner of the Germans, is on his way home. We are all keeping our looks for everything the phone rings. Let's them presented him as a farewell to all.
The girls of the Girl Scout Night still have the spirit. They generously co-
operated, and contributed to the V. F. W. Benefit. Harriet Carre sets the pace with her new permanent. Now a lot of the girls are following suit.
Charles E. Williams did buy a bag of potato chips ONCE! George Kaderik--don't you know it was to have the low-fat for you while you get assembled?
Mrs. Beaupre says she'd rather hear a good story, one that is a bit light, especially since she had that front tooth out!
She doesn't know what keeps up like this has been doing it's work, and I think we're happy to have been able to get the entire school for the V. F. W. Benefit.
Pauline Masson is now off the soup line. Millie Dumou--always with a smile?
Our reporter for the second shift of Selkar has been with Sprague Electric Co. for two years—in KN and most recently in Selkar as Supervisor. He is married, has two daughters and a son. He likes to hunt and fish, and his hobby is raising tropical fish. You'll have to ask him how successful this hobby is!

Roth

Morrissey

Selkar

Roth has been employed for four years at Sprague's. Her first job was in "W.E." Department for 2 years, then later in Partition Assembly Dept. at Marshall Street until that department was discontinued, and now in Selkar. She loves to skate and dance. Her spare moments are spent in writing to her husband in honor of Agnes L'Ecuyer, by twenty-five sheets of paper and a mirror.

Brown Street Briefs

P. A. A. Department

By Elise Leja

Songs from Our Department:
Rose Core—"Don't Say No"
Jane Delsco—"So Long"
Let the Rest of the World Go By
Russia Tonioni—"Oh, Where I Hate To Go"
Get up in the Morning
I Don't Worry
Shepherd—"Don't Miss Me"
In Mary Walsh—"I Should Care"
Blanche Cable—Don't Ever Change
Rita Card—"It Could Happen to You"
Piggy Dash—"Friend of Mine"
Linda Grenier—A Voice in Calling
Gloria Chietini—"Smile"

Brown Street Briefs

Bessie Parise was seen working while holding her umbrella over her head — What happened, Bessie? Florence Gaudette sure looks excited these days. Reason: Her brother, St. Charles, was recently liberated from a German prison camp and expects to arrive home soon. Bill Battersby went to Albany. All she heard the following day was: Where did you get the gas?

Meter Multiplier Room

By C. Greene and H. Wager

WANTED: a strong person, not over 99 years, to drive a truck to "C. M. 5," doing hard labor. Apply immediately.

Lois Little Playing

"The Pin-up Girl" for the Playing Department. Lloish has worked for four years in this Department and is popular with her co-workers. She plays a good game of tennis. Her pastime is ice skating and loves to dance. Though she is constantly in contact with every one, she says she has not acquired a taste for it!!

Vitamin "Q"

By Erminia Sweeney

Nora LeFae is vacationing in the Carolina's with her husband who is recuperating from pneumonia.

"Specs" DeGrenier—

"Stand up and say it to the people, Nora. You can't help it any more."

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Industrial Oil Rolling

By Blanche Duquette

Try as we might to learn something new, there is always a new song.

Ray's brother is safe and sound after being in Germany with the armed forces.

Keep Buying Bonds!

By Evelyn Dodge

"Itiilli has been employed for four years in this Department. She is an appreciative hug, bestowed by Rita Card, after going through the "virgin" tests."

Brook in which to fish