2-Day Spontaneous National Celebration
As People Give Thanks For Final Victory

Sprague Workers Praised By
Undersecretary Patterson

Atomic Bomb Secret Well Kept

Undersecretary of War, Robert B. Patterson, in a mes-
sage received August 20th, congratulated Sprague em-
ployees who worked on parts of the atomic bomb.
The message was addressed to "Madison Square",apparently the code name for North Adams in the famous
Manhattan project. It read as follows:
"Today the whole world knows the secret which you
have helped us keep for many months. I am pleased to
be able to add that the warlords of Japan now know its
effects better even than we ourselves. The atomic bomb
which you have helped to develop with high devotion to
patriotic duty is the most devastating military weapon
that any country has ever been able to turn against its
enemy. No one of you has worked on the entire project
or known the whole story. Each of you has done his
own job and kept his own secret, and so today I speak for
a grateful nation when I say congratulations and thank you
all. I hope you will continue to keep the secrets you have
kept so well. The need for security and for continued
effort is fully as great now as it ever was. We are proud
of every one of you.

What Price Victory?
In our rejoicing and cheering be-
cause the war is ended let us not for-
get those who can never return. Let
us not forget those former Sprague
workers who once worked side by side
with us here. Let us not forget those
thousands and thousands of men from
country to country who have been
wounded and disabled for life. Let
us resolve that this sort of thing must
never happen again and actively work
for continued Peace backed up by
more than mere words.

President Truman To Proclaim
Actual V-J Day

MacArthur to Receive Formal
Surrender in Japan August 31
Mikado Must Obey Him
As Supreme Commander

Americans Now Occupying
Japan by Air, Land and Sea

Reconversion Gets Underway After
Sudden Halt to Hostilities In Pacific

We have won the war. Only last May the world witness-
ed V-E Day which foretold inevitable doom for Japan and
final victory for the Allies. And now it is here! As we go
to press formal V-J Day itself is only hours away!

Years of horror, hate, misery and destruction will now
become history. Yet we cannot forget how for three black
years our own fate hung in the balance. We won out through
sheer grit and courage that were supposed to be lacking in our
so-called "decadent democracy." Nor was all our blood
spilt on battlefields. Last December official Army orienta-
tion programs took special pains to tell soldiers returning
from overseas that up to that date more people were killed
in industry than were lost by our Army on all fronts.

Yet nothing could stop us! Soon the wooden guns and
makeshift tanks gave way to the real thing. America went
all out with a unity never experienced in all history. "Too
(Continued on page 2)
**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

**National Headquarters**

Washington 12, D. C.

**SPRAGUE VICTORY LOG**

Beaver Street

News or Features, Manuscripts

Dear Mr. Whitten:

I had hoped long before this to be able to state that the very much appreciated support which you provided us during our 1945 War Fund was last March in the columns of SPRAGUE VICTORY

Our $200,000.00 goal was over-subscribed, and at National Headquarters we have doubt that the support which American editors gave us had much to do with this splendid success. Again our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Mitchell

Publicity Department

**Plants**

Marshall Street

Cecile Trudel

Brown Street

Agnes McDonough

**DEPARTMENT REPORTERS**

Beaver Street

Emma Alongi, Linda Brown, Dorothy Chang, Josephine Convery, Margaret Daniels, Lucy DeFazio, Esther Driscoll, Mamie Farinon, Dorothy Gageant, Isabelle Paquette, Doris Roy, Alice Swartzer, James Shea, Vi Short, Constance Sprague

Morrissey, Marjorie Peck, Edmund Rivers, Rita Siciliano and Claude Wager.

Marshall Street

Isabelle Brundige, Frank Daniels, Minnie Dextradeur, Henry Gamari, Ruth Gavitt, Emma Underwood, Jessie Waryan and Mary Zona.

They gave their services freely and willingly to the hospital, and our sincere appreciation and thanks go out to them.

**Associate Editor on Vacation**

Mary Mathews dropped us a card from Lake George, where she apparently is having a grand time.

Oh, yes, we mustn't forget Art Sprague Company, who is also at Lake George. Who knows, maybe both of them are in that canoe in the picture postcard they sent us.

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To each and every person who worked at Sprague Electric Company during the war go the sincerest words of appreciation for their patriotic part in the war production schedules demanded of the company. While it has at all times been impossible to divulge the ultimate kind of equipment on which the past two months have been spent, Sprague workers may all rest assured that they were engaged in making components which were of the highest importance in waging the war and bringing to victorious conclusion to all who had died or lost loved ones to their families, who helped them in keeping up their health, safety and attendance records, the highest praise of the company, community and country is due.

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**VICTORY**

Not all of us could wear the uniform,
Not even though we gladly would have gone
To battle in the place of those we love
For right, and liberty and peace,
Not all of us could fly the flaming sky,
Or land mid fire and shell on foreign shore,
Or weary unto death slog on through jungle slime
Until we fell some day forgotten . . . missing.
Yet we could pray each night and day for those
Who once we worked and played beside us here,—
Pray that the God we all revere will bring
Their souls to see the eternal Victory.

— F. S. W.

**S P R A G U E E L E C T R I C V I C T O R Y L O G**

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**PEACE**

(Continued from page 1)

little, too late” became “enough and on time.” The scales tipped in our favor. Industry came through!

As we look back to the day Sprague workers first won the Army's award of the day, during which the Japanese set their men free, it is our privilege to publish this pride of our company, this company, this country.

**VICTORY**

Forty-nine Veterans of War II Now At Sprague's

In a recent issue of the Log we published the names of 47 war veterans now employed at the Sprague Electric Company. As we go to press, we announce the addition of one Joseph Poissant, who has been added to the list of veterans now working at Sprague, making a total of 49.

**VICTORY**

Thanks for the LOG

(Automatic Western Pacific)

July 9, 1945

Dear Friends:

Just a few lines to thank all of you for the package I received. At this time I also want to say thanks for the Log which I received.

I am living fine and hope to be back in North Adams again soon.

Regards to the boys in the Machine Shop.

As ever,

William Brown

**Scholarships Available To Young Children**

The announcement of the opening date of Pine Cohort School, of Williamstown, on Sept. 17th, for the 1945-46 term will be of interest to many at Sprague's, as there are several children of employees enrolled.

Today, education assumes a great importance than ever before. The G.I. Bill of Rights will mean a college education for those who would otherwise have been limited to high school. This will raise the standards of colleges and will make it progressively more difficult to be admitted.

Children should start their preparation for college in the lower grades by developing good study habits. An education for those who are encouraged in small classes where the children are given individual attention and allowed to proceed at their own ability.

A scholarship fund has been established at Pine Cohort to bring the cost

within the reach of all. It is also well to remember that a good student who has not been handicapped by poor school work can go through college on scholarships. Such funds are unrestricted and open to scholarship college students, but are only available to those who qualify.

Pine Cohort has an able staff of experienced teachers, headed by Prof. Samuel E. Allen. His newly appointed assistant is Mr. L. A. Hallock, who has, for a number of years, been a member of the faculty at Williamstown High School. Mr. Hallock is introducing manual training and mechanical drawing this year. Art and music appreciation are also offered. Since the school established itself, three years ago, in its new home, many improvements have been made. The building was former-
Sick of Seeing Water

July 23, 1945

At Sea

Dear Friends:

I am sending you this letter to thank you all for the package I received a few days ago. Everything was in perfect shape. You can't say that too often in this war.

The Sprague Log also caught up with me the same day. It was great to read about people you really know for a change. I was very glad to read that D. Chilton was headed back for the States. That is the day we are all longing for.

I am good health but sure am sick of seeing water. We are kept pretty busy most of the time so that helps out.

There is not much we can talk about but I guess you people on the home front are kept pretty well informed. That play by play description when we were around Japan, even surprised us. I guess you know what they are doing. Thanking you again.

Dust and Ashes

Berlin, Germany

July 30, 1945

Dear Friends:

Just a few lines to let you know that I receive the Log regularly. It's very interesting to read and brings back memories of the old gang.

I miss that gang very much, but out here it's: "Swing and Sway" with Sammy Kaye, but out here it's: "Swing and Sway" with the S.S. Delwen Way. That is the reason for using pencil.

Planky Poses With Nurses

July 29, 1945

Underway in S. Pacific

Dear Miss Owen:

Received the very much appreciated box from the Sprague employees and having the opportunity at present, I will endeavor to answer it in return.

Sure would be great to be back to Sprague's, even if I did do a bit of yelling about things in general when I was there, but I think I've learned to take the knocks of life a lot more like they should be taken. I used to work in Factory Engineering, if you remember me. Please ask the fellows to drop me a few lines. I don't get much time but I'll try to write them later, especially Bill Jette, Buck Bullet, Milt Spencer and Ernie Parwpaw.

We were all around Japan, even surprised us. But I guess you people on the home front are kept pretty well informed.

Our mail comes in batches as a rule because we move around so much. Even though some of the stuff is quite old material it is still swell to read. Eventually the Log reaches me and I join with all the other boys in saying it's a great to read about the folks back home.

If all goes well I may see N.A. by next summer. Sincerely yours,

Robert McPherson F-1

Paradise?

Somedewhere in the Pacific

Dear Miss Owen:

Well, we are now living here after a lot of overtime getting our new camp comfortable. The atmosphere is filled with fresh paint and new lumber. The camp is set up on a terraced-sloping hills side facing a narrow bay. There are two tents to each tiny garden terrace where the natives' crops, beans, corn and sweet potatoes are still unharvested. Pine trees shade our dwelling and add to its beauty.

From our tents we are able to look out and see the blue bay, and the green hills beyond. Black rocks seem to be rising out of the sea. It's a wonderful sight.

The new chow hall is a place of comfort. It's cooled by the quiet breeze blowing in from the water. The cooks and mess cook in white uniforms, while I keep it looking spick and span. At night it is the bright spot of camp. The boys congregate to read, write and play cards. Hot coffee is available to warm the tummy and the spirits.

We'll, Miss Owen, I guess this is about all for now. Sure hope it isn't too long before I'll be able to pay you and the Plant a visit.

Sincerely,

Albert Joseph DiLorenzo

Makin M.D.

Native doctor on Makin Island, in the Pacific.

Still Prefers N. A.

August 8, 1945

Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Mr. Winston,

I'm not very good at writing letters but I hope you don't think that I didn't appreciate the Log I used to receive each month. I have not received it for the last two months and I miss it very much. It used to keep me in touch with everyone, I knew, and how everything was going at Sprague's.

I have my wife and child here with me now, and they like it very much in Texas; nevertheless we still prefer North Adams.

I went up for my rate last month and I made it. I am now 2nd class petty officer. But my one wish is to get out of this Navy as soon as possible and I guess all we service men feel the same.

I have been quite lucky since I got into the Navy so really have no kick coming. I know that you are all doing a grand job. Keep up the good work. Yours truly,

Ali Cardinal

12-Day Furlough

Pvt. William L. Coleman, Jr., has completed his basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga., and spent a 12-day furlough at home. He was formerly from Erich, House.

In So, Pacific

Seaman W. J. Pasotti
To Serve on Cruiser

Seaman 2nd Class William J. Pasotti from K.Y.A. is now at Newport, R.I., preparing for duty aboard the USS Los Angeles, a new heavy cruiser, according to the official release.

He will be attached to the lookout division of the big ship. He entered the Navy last January and reported to Newport after completing recruit training at the Naval training center at Sampson, N. Y.

Francis E. O'Brien Sr. e-where in the So. Pacific, formerly of the Sample Department, Francis is a nephew of Elizabeth Hunt of the Black Test.
**Machine Shop**

By J. B. Ceci

Remillard

Hey, Sputnik! This is an expression of "Nick" Richerolle of our Depart-

ment. Bass tonk folk to this. Recently,

ly, said Nick waited in front of the plant one-half hour for wyley to come

and see him. Suddenly a voice called out, "Did you forget you left your car at

the park?" Nick turned, and nick, to hear someone call "Booson, West, and cele-

brated V-J day by eating a scrumptious dinner of the traditional Boston Baked Beans.

Is that a diesel engine under the hood of "Codi" Remillard's car? Is it a

known fact that he buys his oil and the gallon and more frequently than steel gussets?

Once there is freedom of speech in the Department, the fair dame is

looking better too.

"Tuffy" Rondell sure showed us how to can be done with a little sand-
paper and paper. "He's aloof," she said.

That's a fine tan you have, Doris. (Editor's note)

**Factory Engineering**

By Alphonse Mazurek

This department is beginning to look

like itself again with everyone back from vacationing.

Andreea Prytza is back at her drawing board after a five weeks' leave. She and her good husband, who were spent with her husband T.S. Emil Prytza who just returned from over war on July 27th.

Laura Ferguson is also back follow-

ing the old routine of sketching after enjoying a two weeks' vacation. One

week being spent at home and the other in New York and New Jersey. "Red"

sure leads the life of a traveling sales-

woman.

Joe Tednie had just about the sunniest week any vacationer could dream of and from what we gather he made the most of every minute.

Bernie Bullett and Ralph Boisjolie returns from vacationing. "Dave," they

would be the best for a vacation, but more about this later.

(Doctor) who is currently asked to mention her vacation spent at her parent's camp at Wimshur Lake. The rain could not dampen her spirit. That's a fine tan you have, Doris. (Editor's note)

**Dry Test**

By L. B. and V.

We wish Mr. Jones after your vacation with your son, Frank.

Mrs. Wm Perry is the new owner of the "Codi" Remillard's car, which was sold for

"car? It is certain she would definitely wear a pair of shoes that fit on her next

crossed the meadow. Adrienne Galipeau returned from her vacation at Fort

White Oak's section in Williamstown.

No crowded trains for "Doc." Plumb is now known as the "Fort Plumb"

The Maintenance Department is glad to announce the following appointments:

**Block Annex**

By Esther Driencoll

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Helmut Forges is back from a leave of absence which she took with her husband to California.

We are happy to extend a welcome to our new members in the Department: Doris Vella, Doris Hamilton and Don Domicik, who have been transferred from Check Inspection to Assist-

ants to Hilda Shub.</p>

**Engagement**

By Hazel Goddall

Many of the singles in the Department have been enjoying vacations during the past few weeks.

Rita and Raymond Bishop spent several rainy days at their farm in East Sandwich. They said they were very satisfactory at the Camp Lauderdale, Cambridge, New York, where she and her friends spent several days. "Doc." Plumb spent a week at home visiting with her brother-in-law and sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed-

Domingue in Amsterdam. Jimmy and Larry who have returned from vacationing with the Fortin's in New York State. Harvey Fortin spent a few days at his summer camp and Raymond Calvi is home at this time. Lorraine Perce was at home as was the rest of her family. "Bunny" Toney is happy to hear that her birthday, Rose week has returned to school and she has returned looking as brown as before.

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WHAT A CATCH!

A mess of brook trout caught by Douglas McCreary and party at St. Come, Quebec.

A Baby talk

I DO NOTES

Corporal M. E. Evans

Corporal M. E. Evans is assigned to the Air Transport Command's pipeline project at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla., key base of the Caribbean division. He was formerly from the Sock Room.

The pipeline project, one of the biggest maintenance operations ever undertaken by the army's air forces, involves the repair and overhaul of huge fleets of C-54 Skymaster cargo planes flying personnel and vital war supplies. It has been proposed to cut the output of Florida and India and, then over the "Hump" of the Himalayas into China.

On Oubu

Dear Miss Owen:

I received the package from the Sprague Employees on the 11th of July. I want to thank everyone at Sprague for their thoughtful kindness in sending the package to me. Thank you again. A fellow away from home sure does appreciate a thought like this.

You will notice that I am now in the Pacific and in particular on the island of Oubu in the Hawaiian group. Life out here isn't too bad. There is quite a bit of entertainment to keep a fellow occupied, and the beach at Waikiki really lived up to all expectations. Not bad at all, but I still prefer the old Berkshire.

Thanks again to everyone and regards to the folks in the MDP Department.

Sincerely,

Harvey Rubin

SWARE ELECTRIC VICTORY LOG

MORE FROM THE SOLDIERS

Shared Package

Lom, France

July 16, 1945

Sprague Employees

Dear Friends:

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India isn't a place to get stuck in. The fellows here are just "swooning out" the war. Most of them think it will all be over quite soon.

Thanking you once again for everything.

I will sign off for now.

Andrew Montgomery

Went to Calcutta

July 26, 1945

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Techn. John F. O'Leary

Discharged, 129 Points

Technician John F. O'Leary, formerly from the Paper Assembly, has received an honorable discharge after spending 86 months overseas.

A member of a Field Artillery Unit, Ex-Sgt. O'Leary holds the Bronze Star Medal and the ETO ribbon with seven battle stars.

With Chinese Combat Command

 Pvt. Reginald Rosset, Jr., formerly of the Industrial Oil, is now on duty with the Chinese Combat Command, the U.S. Army organization working in the field with the Chinese army to increase their effectiveness against the Japanese invaders. This information was released to the Log editor from the Public Relations Office of the Chinese Combat Command.

Seabee Attacked by Japanese Stragglers

A surprise attack by Japanese stragglers gave Navy Seabeer William A. Brown, formerly from Machine Shop, his first chance to test his reactions under fire, and he said later that "there was nothing wrong with them.

"I executed the most beautiful swan dive you ever saw—right back into my fox hole.

"I'd been taken surprised," Brown explained. "I heard firing, but didn't think there was any fighting and when I stepped out of my fox hole to see what was happening a bullet dug up the sand in front of me."

"It was too dark to see anyone," he said, "so I didn't make any attempt to return the fire. I just headed back for that hole.

Returns to Duty

Helen J. Sutton, yeoman second class, has returned to her station at Washington, D.C., after spending a short leave at the home of her parents. Helen was formerly employed in the Check Inspection Department.

NOTICE

Because of the many changes due to reconscription, will you please see that the Personnel Department is kept informed of any change in your address and telephone number.

Sands Without Hitchin'

"Tete" Montagna of the Sample Lab Brown Street.

Hello Again, Evelyn Fairchild

Wend comes us to that Evelyn Fairchild who just returned from Mexico City. "Hiks," Evelyn! (We hope that's the way you say it in Spanish.) But in good of American we want to say, "Hi, and welcome home! We're looking forward to your return to the Log as soon as your leave of absence is over."

The engagement of Miss Pauline Jandrow to Corp. Henry J. Labone has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding. Pauline formerly worked in the Solder Department, Corp. Labone was employed in the Black Annex before entering the armed forces.

GIRAI - LUCZYNKSI, Mr. and Mrs. John Luczynski of Clarksburg have announced the engagement of Miss Gertrude Girard, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Francis Girard of North Adams, to their son, John. The wedding will take place Oct, 6 at the St. Francis church. John Luczynski is employed in the Impregnating Department.

...READERS DISCUSSION...

Dorothy Bontwell, LOG Reporter for Maintenance, relaxing and enjoying life.

Answers to "Safety Quiz"

1. The kitchen is the most dangerous room in the house. The second most dangerous room in the house is the bathroom.

2. d.e.: First call your gas service man; second, open all the windows and doors; third, get out of the house until the leak is repaired. Don't light a match for any reason.

3. A red-tipped white cane is the distinguishing mark of the blind. In some cities fines are levied for failing to stop an automobile when a "white cane" is crossing the traffic.

Back to Boston

Dominick J. Blais, seaman first class, has returned to Boston after spending a 30-day leave at his home. Dominick was formerly from the Owen Department.
Stamford is a very nice place to live. I don't blame him much, Stamford is a very nice place to live. We will understand when I say that this much; I find it very difficult to make him understand.

Vacationists

Cecile Trudeau spent a week at Atlantic City. The stories she tells makes me wish I could take another vacation. Cecile has a beautiful tan, and the peace and quiet of Stamford. We are all the pretty earrings lately. The girls with us after her operation. Elizabeth Lawson—Resting Beatrice Day—Resting

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A 12-Ring 'Circus'

I would like to add for further information of the readers that Lovell General Hospital was one of the first general hospitals to be erected in this war, and received its first patients on June 30, 1941. Since that time, this hospital has cared for more than 41,000 patients. It is staffed by 130 medical officers, enlisted men and women and 400 nurses, as well as a great number of administrative officers, enlisted men and women and civilians. At present it is the largest general hospital in the country and has over 10,000 patients.

The staff of the Lovell General Hospital pledges to the American public, that it will continue to give the best medical attention available today to all its fighting men.

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SAFEY—SONNET!

Don't follow safety rules—They're just a pack of lies! Never wear your goggles — Never wear your goggles — They'll hide your big brown eyes. Don't wear your safety shoes — They're always on the feet. Be careless as you can, Be careless as you can, Everyone will like you if things are done this way. Obey the rules above, Don't do as you are told, and true happiness in the world, true peace and true victory for all.

George Sand

VICTORY

Sprague Electric's Victory Log

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