

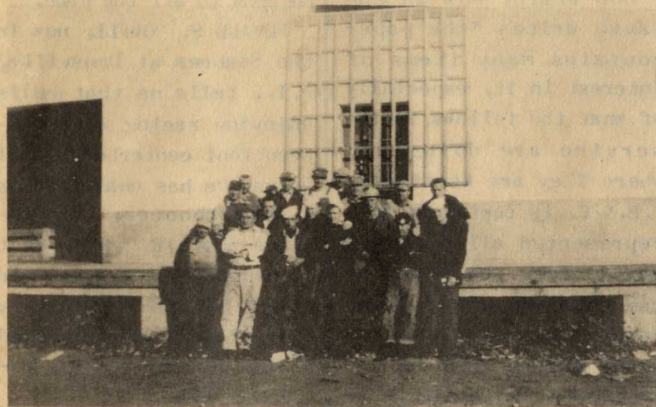
THE BOWLINE



YOU MISS A DAY—A SOLDIER PAYS GREENPORT, L. I. N. Y.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1943

YMS CREW HELPS LOAD BOAT IN RECORD TIME



Helped by the crew members of the YMS 380, Mike Norkelun's loustabouts loaded a boat in 3 hours. The job usually requires a full day. The men in the picture are Fay Shuchmas, Frank Krzeminski, Charles Krukoski, Mike Norkelun, Charles Mamole, Gus Lellmann, Joe Brandi, George Lakowitz, Rocky Hulse, Frank Begora, and Joe Smiley.

Stowage in a Hurry

Gus And Members In Government Hull Allowance Are Versatile

One of the most versatile employees of The G. B. & C. Company is Gus Lellmann, snapper of the Government Hull Allowance, a division of the Maintenance Department. "The Goose", as he is familiarly known around the yard, not only works hard keeping Government material flowing into the Navy boats built here in the yard, but also finds time to manage the yard baseball team and write a page of sports for the BOWLINE.

Working with him in Hull Allowance are Joe Brandi, a very small guy with a loud voice who recently made the society column in the paper by announcing his engagement to Miss Bea Van Valkenburg, Lewis Wilkerson, and Miss Esther Bond, who handles the office work in the Dock House where Gus has his headquarters.

The Dock House itself is a credit to Gus's ingenuity. Nobody had thought

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Wife of Comdr. McNeil Sponsors New Minesweeper For The Navy

"The all-out effort of industry today is shortening the war. In this all-out war the efforts of builders and men to use and fight ships are equally necessary. To win requires the "everlastin' cooperation of every bloomin' soul" and this spirit is everywhere evident in your plant. Officers and employees of The Greenport Basin & Construction Company may well be proud of their contribution to the nation's war effort", declared Commander W. J. McNeil, who is with the Navy Department Bureau of Supplies and Accounts in Washington D. C. to a large group of employees and guests of this company at the launching of the Minesweeper 454 on October 23.

were played by the members of The Greenport Basin & Construction Company Land.

Comdr. Former Journalist

Prior to the war, Comdr. McNeil was well-known in Washington newspaper circles and since his recall to duty, he has served as Navy Disbursing Officer, a job which includes the handling of payments for the Navy Department. He served as a coxswain aboard the U. S. S. Oregon during the last war.

Lt. McNeil is now stationed on the destroyer U. S. S. McCook and has seen service overseas. Another son, Cadet E. E. McNeil, is in the Army Air Corps at Williams Field, Arizona.

Mrs. McNeil Sponsor

Mrs. Olga Harris McNeil, wife of Commander McNeil, acted as sponsor for the new Navy vessel and sent it down the ways with a splashing bath of champagne. Other guests at the launching ceremonies included Lt. (j.g.) W. J. McNeil Jr., son of Comdr. and Mrs. McNeil, and Miss Lois Woodward of Los Angeles, California, fiancee of Lt. McNeil. Company officials Mr. T. W. Brigham and Mr. George H. Snyder officiated at the ceremonies. Several rousing musical selections

Bowl Presented by T. W. Brigham

After the launching Vice-president Snyder presented Mrs. McNeil with a silver bowl engraved with her name and the number of the Minesweeper, 454. Comdr. McNeil is a personal friend of Mr. James A. Roberts and expressed regrets that the Assistant-Secretary of the Company was unable to attend the launching.

Bowline

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Sherrill Pemberton...Art Editor
Staff Members: Ethel Capon,
Ed Lellman, Gloria Lademann.
Safety column..George Dorsan

THE THING TO DO

It often happens that when a person is in a hurry to make a phone call and not too certain of the number he thinks "I'll take a chance on it being right," only to find that he was a poor guesser. Then he wishes he had heeded the advice of the telephone company and looked it up in the phone book.

Very much the same thing happens on the job with the result costly mistakes are made. Here it's more than a nickel at stake to take the risk of not being right. So if you're not quite sure, don't remember or don't know how - Ask Your Foreman First!

JUST ONE SHOT

It happened during the British retreat from Greece. A weary division of the 8th Army trudged over a bridge of the Corinth Canal. Engineers stayed behind to blow it up in order to slow the German advance. Before they could fire the charge German parachutists showered down to seize the bridge. One engineer escaped and hid in a hole. Suddenly he spied a detonator about the size of a cigarette. Raising his rifle he sighted carefully and fired. The bridge leaped skyward

Our Service Men & Women

PTC AQUIN McCAFFERY, now stationed at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts writes that he just received his first BOWLINE since entering the service and enjoyed seeing familiar names and faces in it. He asks about the old Machine Shop 1 night gang. CORPORAL GEORGE A. FOSTER sends a letter from "somewhere in England" saying he has seen G.R. & C. built boats and they make him homesick. Also that he met an English sailor on a train one day and the sailor had been formerly stationed in Greenport. The English boy told George how things were here in Greenport.

ARTHUR L. KLIPP, Pl/c is taking special training in the Diesel School at the Navy Pier in Chicago, Illinois. He says, "I will serve aboard minesweepers and LCM's so when I read the paper, I wondered if one of these days real soon in a deafening roar. Before the enemy could catch up, the men of the 8th Army were aboard ship and on their way, as history has shown, to defeat Formel in Africa.

Some people might say such shooting was pure luck, but we don't think so. Admittedly, luck may have played some part, but the skill obtained through years of target practice was the real reason for such success. And so each of us must learn by doing if we wish to become skilled in any field of endeavor. The important thing in the doing is that each time we do it right and in that way we develop the skill to hit the target every time!

I might be aboard a G.R. & C. ship". He says hello to friends in the Blacksmith Shop #1.

CORPORAL HELEN ARNOLD of the WAC writes that she enjoys reading about pals she left behind, and thinks everyone in the yard is doing a swell job. She hopes to see us at the end of the month.

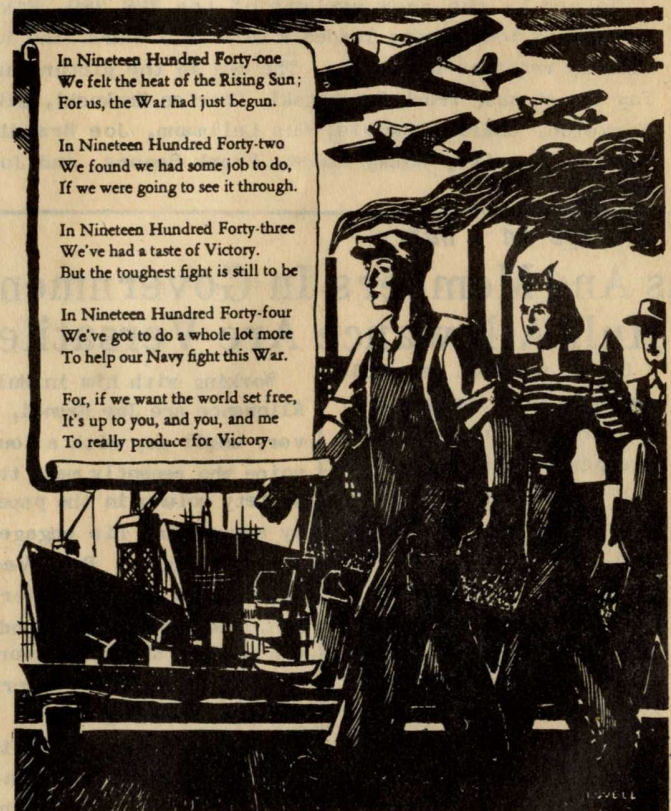
BOB WELLS, now in the Navy, writes "the paper contains many items of interest in it, especially of what the fellows in the service are doing and where they are stationed. G.R. & C. is certainly well represented all over the world. From the looks of the telegram on the front page, G.R. & C. is really going places. Keep up the good work. Say hello to my friends in the Paint gang."

An interesting card

showing the Aloha Tower in Honolulu came from CLAUDE HANSEN S3/c. He wants the BOWLINE sent to him as he wishes to know what is happening in the yard. ARTHUR C. HUNTON S2/c writes "I'm o.k., but can't tell you where I am. Dick Hallock was right when he wrote that poem. It's pretty good." He wants the addresses of Verby Goldsmith and Dick Hallock, and wishes to hear from them. Also says, "Give my regards to all the gang."

EDWARD S. HOWELL, now in the Seabees at Dansville, P.I., tells us that he is enjoying racing with fifteen foot centerboard sail boats. He has qualified as a sharpshooter, but remarks about G.R. & C. that "you have to leave the old place before you really appreciate it." He wished to be remembered to Inspector Rush.

We enjoyed the letter
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In Nineteen Hundred Forty-one
We felt the heat of the Rising Sun;
For us, the War had just begun.

In Nineteen Hundred Forty-two
We found we had some job to do,
If we were going to see it through.

In Nineteen Hundred Forty-three
We've had a taste of Victory.
But the toughest fight is still to be

In Nineteen Hundred Forty-four
We've got to do a whole lot more
To help our Navy fight this War.

For, if we want the world set free,
It's up to you, and you, and me
To really produce for Victory.



G. B. & C. Personals

It seems a shame that a certain painter can not pay his debts that he owes.

Say, Malta, don't you know when your hitting a plank or whatever you were suppose to hit that you should be sure of the item and your finger first. After all you should know by now that meat is rationed and you need red points and brown points for it.

We are glad to have Barbara back with us now. She has been home ill. Take it easy, Barb.

Mrs. A has now returned back to her job in the Galley after spending a week in the city visiting her father and old friends (whom she has not seen in about five years.) She said she had a very nice trip.

Well, Well, guess what! We have just been surprised by a visit from some of our old boys who (Please turn to page 7)

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Odell this week on the birth of a son. Spencer is employed in the Maintenance Department.

Deepest sympathy is extended from the officials and employees of this company to Cap'n Jim Hardy in his recent bereavement. Mrs. Hardy had been ill for some time before her death.

Mrs. Lucile Appelt has returned to her work in the Galley after a vacation in New Jersey and New York. While away, 'Cile visited her father.

Nurse Mary Coyle has returned to the Dispensary after a short vacation. Miss Coyle visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waddell in Pitman, New Jersey.

Ken Dimon was around the office the other day with a pigeon which he caught out on the bay. The bird, a carrier pigeon, had become tired and landed on the boat for a rest. He was returned to his owners.

Marian Recken of the Priorities spent a weekend in Manorville, Long Island not long ago. She visited her family there.

Mr. Leonard Krancher, Personnel Director of The G. B. & C. Co. has been away on vacation.

Elsie Thornhill left recently for a vacation in Rochester, New York. While away she is planning to visit Canada and later, she will go to see her brother who is stationed in the Boston Navy Yard.

Marg Lixon of the Accounting Department spent her vacation in New York City. Ann Orłowski, who is employed in Bill William's office has also been taking a vacation.

Dick Watson, ex-employee in Hull Allowance, is now stationed in Fort Praëg, North Carolina.

Frank Clark of Maintenance Carpentry has been away from work for a short vacation. He went as a Church delegate to Utica, N. Y.

Joe Prandi, Gus Lellmann, Mervin Leden, and Ray Ullerick attended the opening football game between the Dodgers and the Giants in New York.

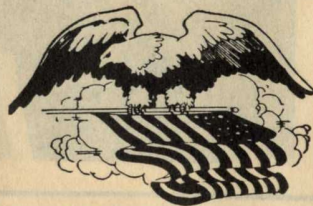
John Worthington Jr. who is now in the United States Army has been working in the Section 2 Tank Lighter Shop while home on furlough. He was given permission by the Government to help out in the production line war effort while in Greenport.

Edward Pollock, who has been working in the Tin Shop, has left the yard to enter the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Dickson of Shelter Island are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Antone is employed in the Paint Shop.

Prick Benjamin, who has been on the G. B. & C. Guard Force, has left the yard.

C. P. Holmes of the Carpentry Department has been visiting his father in Prockton, Massachusetts. (Please turn to page 8)



"MAKE IT GOOD"

The voice in the desert fox-hole
Spoke in my eager ear,
And above the roar of battle
The words came strong and clear.
"Tell our productions soldiers
That to do the job we should,
We're counting on precision.
So tell'em 'Make it good'".

In a flying fortress cockpit
O'er an Italian isle,
A bombardier lad beckoned
And told me with a smile,
"We're both in this together
And I think it's understood
That you'll keep it coming fast, boys
But be sure to "Make it good".

And then the scene was Attu
When the Jap was on the run,
They sent this message for you
From the man behind the gun.
"The stuff these Japs are using
Is not exactly wood,
Oh, you can make it better,
You can "Make it good"!

Then I turned my steps back homeward
Back to my place in the shop,
With the words of these men in my eardrums,
Prayers from the men who may drop.
It was just a dream, but I'd lived it,
And I know—if we only would,
That we can make it better.
We can "Make it good"!

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ANOTHER NAVY GIRL LAUNCHES G.B.& C. T.L.

CUTEST PIN-UP OF THEM ALL



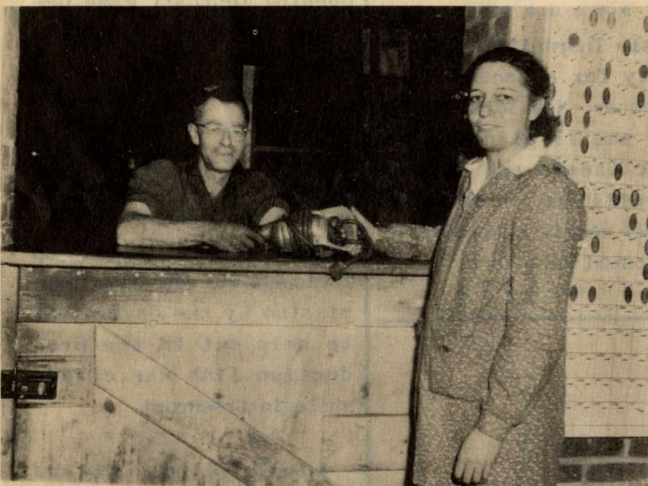
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STOCK CLERKS ON THE JOB AT G.B.& C.



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DAUGHTER OF THE NAVY SPONSORS PCS



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JOHNNY IS A PRODUCTION SOLDIER, TOO!



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1 Miriam Hartley, Navy office employee, was recent sponsor of a Tank Lighter. With her are Connie Rogers, Edna Ryder, Ted Brigham, Agnes Latham, and Lillian Piquet.

2 Stock employees are kept busy all day long dispensing tools and keeping track of company stock. Employee shown is Mrs. Elizabeth Cox.

3 John Worthington Jr., who has been working in Section 2 while on furlough from the Army. This boy knows the importance of both our front line and production line soldiers.

4 Our choice for Pin-up Girl No. 2 is Miss Lannea Nordback, who is two months old. Her father, Bill, is foreman of the MacNutt, Watts and Tankard Gang.

5 Olga Harris McNeil, daughter of Comdr. W.J. McNeil, Navy Department, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts in Washington D.C., smashes the traditional champagne bottle to launch the PCS 1407.



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d The G. B. & C. Company



Swing it BROTHER!

SLOW
DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP!
KEEP 'EM LAUNCHING!

SPORTS

Sports by the Goose

BASKETBALL?

Basketball is near; many employees have been inquiring as to the possibility of our Company being represented on the courts this winter with a team. It is obvious that conditions are somewhat different in basketball than they were in baseball, there being only one place in town, the school gym, to play this game, makes things complicated to start with as the school team has first preference and it is known that a night is to be set aside for the Coast Guard. Should G. B. & C. be given a night for practice, our followers may rest assured that they will be given the opportunity of seeing a few good games this winter. Camp Upton, Riverhead Soldiers and Mattituck have already asked for games and keen competition can be found in these outfits.

Basketball is by far the most popular sport of all and is played by more men in all parts of the world than any other sport. In the short period of a half a century this truly American game has not only flourished here in its own country, but has found favor in virtually all the far flung places of the world. Quietly and steadily it has enlisted a vast army of millions of players and innumerable enthusiasts until today it is the most popular sport in the entire category of competitive

athletics.

Basketball is a needed sport for morale and to work off steam. Take basketball out of the sports picture today and you would have an empty spot that nothing could fill. It is part and parcel of American life. It exudes the wholesome, healthy free and competitive spirit that is one of the features of the American way of life and it helps definitely and immeasurably in building better men and women. Basketball is a game which requires top flight physical condition, endurance, skill, speed, and courage and initiative on the part of all who play. The success of any team or individual depends largely on the extent to which these attributes are possessed. Certainly a sport that demands so much from its players should be thoroughly planned and talked over among those who intend to play before arrangements are made for a team. Those thoroughly interested in having a basketball team can leave their names in one of the Rowline boxes and when enough names are received, the matter will be brought up before the Company officials.

With the loss of such top notch players as Fuzzy Clark, Bob Wells, and Herb Goldsmith, our team really loses its spark plugs. These three boys were the forward wall of our last

Basketball team and their presence will be greatly missed. Players still available from our last team include Sam Copin, Avery Smith, Joe Brandt, Punk Conklin and Harry Bub. These boys could be rounded into a good team if conditions permit us to have a team. I feel sure there are many more promising players in our employ and by the size of the fellows in Section 2 they should be well represented.

Ted Brigham is known to hire the athletic type as can be seen by the number of golf prizes they took at the last tournament. If plans are arranged to have a team, I would like to see every department in the yard represented.

William Macomber, ex-Roustabout, is now stationed in Virginia.

Norman Lilly, who is employed in Joe Ameriz's shop has been on a short vacation. Robert Gaffga has been visiting in New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thornhill celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on October 15. May you have many more of them, folks!

David Caddell, who worked with Henry Clark on the night gang and is now on days, has returned from a short visit near Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Gaffga are congratulating them on the birth of their daughter, Ivie Lea. Lennie is employed as joiner and Mrs. Gaffga worked in the Accounting Department before the arrival of the new addition to the family.

Highlights of the Week

Charlie Limon, who caught for The G. B. & C. Co. baseball team for the past two seasons, after also performing for the GHS team, has signed up with the Merchant Marine and is awaiting call. Charlie will spend a few months in School before shipping out on a Merchant Marine vessel. He should have signed up on one of our YMS vessels.

Arthur Sarno of Section 2 has been given his free agency by The G. B. & C. baseball team. Sarno has been offered the chance to manage New Suffolk next season.

Rumors have it that our ace pitcher, Punk Conklin, will soon ring the bell as he is contemplating getting serious from now on.

Robert Wells, our star

shortstop for the past two seasons, is at present stationed at the U.S. Navy Radio School at Bedford, Pa. Our loss is the Navy's gain.

G. B. & C. lost another basketball player since Lewis "Boots" Foster has signed with the U. S. Army Engineers.

Harry Waite recently won a no shaving contest and during the height of the contest, offers for his baseball ability came rolling in from the House of David teams. He went 3 weeks without touching his face with a razor.

"Raldy" Quarty of the Paint Shop has informed us that Smultz Raynor will not be available for basketball as his duties will not give him time to participate.



Now that the dim-out has been lifted in New York state and weather broadcasts are given out, do you think this is a good sign that America will never be bombed?



BILL FOCARTY,
Maintenance.

"Yes, I think that's a good sign that America will never be bombed!"



VICTOR G. HEHR,
Stock Room.

"It's a good sign, but I wouldn't consider it by any means impossible."

GALLEY GOSSIP
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worked in the Galley and now are in Service. There were about five of them here at once, just like old times. They were Joseph Heaney, Henry Pisanski, Clarence Micky, Johnny Davis and Walter Snead (who is to go in the Army in the next week.)

Here is another surprise to a lot of you. Guess what, none other than Bone is to go into the



FREDERICK LIE,
Sawmill.

"Well, to tell you the truth, I always thought the dim-out was foolish anyway. So I think turning on the lights back on is the best thing that has happened because I didn't think the dim-out did much good anyway."



MILDRED CHAPMAN,
Guard.

"No, I don't think it's a sign that we'll never be bombed, but I do think that lifting the dim-out will lessen accidents."

Merchant Marines in a little while. He has passed his test and is now awaiting his call. Good luck to all you boys. You deserve it.

Say Gabe, who hit you in the face? Your face certainly took a beating over night. I guess that now you know who is the boss, or do you?

Russell Kaynor is now the Hurricane Roy who is working in the Galley. He is doing a swell job

**Pipefitter's Hard Hat
Cheats Death**

Says a report from a shipyard, "Hurling thirty feet down from the second deck of the hull, a 29-pound angle iron struck Pipefitter Helper C. D. Mead this morning. Result—one fractured hat—but only a minor scalp wound.

"Said the examining doctor, 'Mead never knew what hit him. He is still alive today because of the hard hat he was wearing. A blow of such terrific force might have crushed his skull!'"

As the photos show, the angle did pierce the hat, but there was no shattering. Hard Boiled Hats are built with resilient crowns to absorb much of the blow. Then, there's that inner crown. Looks mighty inconspicuous but that's what finally stopped that angle.

"That's where it hit," said Pipefitter Mead—40 minutes later.



(These photos were displayed in a poster telling workers to be "ship-shape—wear your Hard Hat.")

and says he likes it very much.

It seems a shame that Tillie can't make up his mind about the lunches that we have to make for the Tank Lighters. We have always been ahead of schedule according to the final orders. But finally he has really given us the right days to make them on.

It seems that Lois became startled when she discovered that she couldn't find Bessie's appendix. Well, where do

you suppose she found them none other than down the drain. Bud came to the rescue and had to pull the pipes apart to loosen them up. Now we have Bessie back together again.

We want to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Gafga on the arrival of a baby girl in their home. Say Chm, where's the cigars?

Malta has been making stories up that make the girls want no dinner. Come on be a good boy, Malta.

Green in Green Dress.

VOICE OF THE INJURED MAN

"PLEASE CALL DISPENSARY FOR
A STRETCHER, MOVE ME
ONLY
IF IN DANGER OF FURTHER
INJURY"

HULL ALLOWANCE....

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of it as an office until he fitted it out and moved in. It has its drawbacks in wintertime when the stove refuses to work, but in summer it is ideal and by far, the coolest spot in the entire yard. The walls are suitably decorated with pictures of the baseball team, Greenport-built Minesweepers, and pin-up girls clipped from various magazines.

The original Hull Allowance office was in the Stock Room, where Gus started over a year and a half ago. He worked as a stock clerk for 4 days and was then transferred to his present job. Official duties of this office are dispatching of all automotive trucks, keeping all records in connection with the handling of gasoline and oil stock, and expediting, receiving and stowing of all Government owned material. Its members are largely responsible for making sure that material is received on time and correctly stowed aboard the boats.

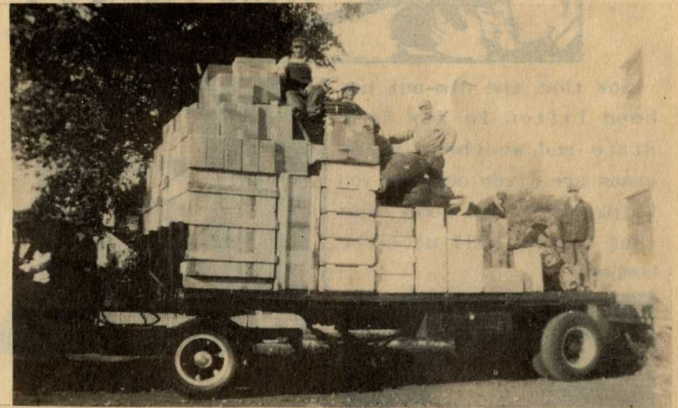
Headaches of the job come when things have to be produced in a hurry. Material may be shipped to another shipyard or lost in transit when it should be here in The G.R. & C. Sometimes it must be traced--to Syracuse or wherever else it may be--and gotten here on time. Material must be here ahead of schedule and properly stowed. The man in charge needs a knowledge of nautical terms on the tip of his tongue.

The picture on p. 1 shows members of Hull Allowance, the crew of the YMS 380, and Mike Nockelun's Roustabouts, who recently set up

a loading record of three hours. Material for the boat was taken from the Barth Building and put on the Minesweeper in a few hours; it is a job that usually requires a full days work. The boys from the crew made the speedy fulfillment of the job possible, and even Jack O'Malley, driver of truck 3 pitched in to help.

"Boy, those fellows really put out the work!" praised Gus, who is a good friend to the service men anyway. He still writes to many ex-employees of the company now serving in the Army, Navy, and Marines. Another picture of the loading crew is shown on this page.

NAVY MATERIAL ON ITS WAY TO WAR



No. 3 truck driven by Jack Charters (O'Malley) is loaded with material destined for stowage on a Minesweeper. Men in the picture are the driver, Ollie Drum, Mike Norkelun, Frank Regora, Frank Krzeminski, and Ray Shaichunas.

SERVICEMEN....

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from CORPORAL JOHN HLLINSKI, who is now in North Camp Polk, Louisiana. He writes "I see by the telegram from Rear Admiral Cochrane that G.R. & C. is running true to form and taking an important part in the present conflict. Congratulations to G.B. & C. May they keep up the good work.

I'm in a medium tank outfit. They look rough but can take a 7 foot ditch like a baby carriage taking a curb stone. My positions are driver and tank commander. The tank commander is the lucky guy who sits on the turret and watches all the fun---- as for the tank itself, one has to actually be with it for awhile before he realizes its importance in the war. Give the sailors the Navy, the pilots their planes, but give me my 30 ton baby and I'm happy. If all the boys at G.R. & C. will keep up the good work, I'm sure we soldiers

won't fail them."

From the Navy Log at the Aviation Radio School in Memphis, Tennessee, we have news of former employee FRANCIS TALLMAN, JR. who is a direct descendent of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martell, 131 Third Street, Greenport, N.Y. "Frank" left this company to enlist and received his primary instruction at Great Lakes, Illinois. Now in Memphis, he is eager to put what he has learned into practice, and some day pilot a fighter plane.

PERSONALS

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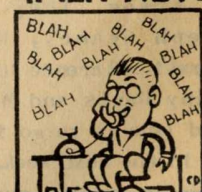
Dick Begley of the Roustabouts was in New York recently. His many friends say that Dick had a wonderful time in the Toyland at Macy's. Incidentally, Dick is the proud possessor of seven new pups presented by his "rabbit hound", Lady Gay.

MRS. ALFRED E. SMITH,
WIFE OF THE FORMER GOVERNOR
OF NEW YORK STATE WILL

SPONSOR A MINESWEEPER AT THE GREENPORT BASIN AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. "AL" SMITH HAS BEEN PROMINENT IN NEW YORK POLITICAL CIRCLES FOR MANY YEARS AND IS A WELL-KNOWN PERSONAGE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

Deepest sympathy is extended to David Corwin on the death of his mother, Mrs. Nell Corwin. David is a member of The G.R. & C. Guard Force. His mother had made her home with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Emma Corwin of Greenport, for many years.

TALK NET!



NEEDLESS WORDS
WASTE TIME AND
AID THE AXIS!