

GIVE TO THE RED CROSS

GREENPORT, L. I., N. Y.

JANUARY 31, 1945

1941 - GREENPORT ON PARADE - 1944



YMS 379 MAKES HISTORY SURVIVES SHORE BATTERY FIRE ON D-DAY

WE WIN SAFETY 'CONTEST' - THE 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE GROUP 1 OF THE ANNUAL INTER FOR 1944. A PLAQUE WILL BE

**GREENPORT'S CONTRIBUTION TO NAVAL STRENGTH
SHIPS COMPLETED IN YARD NOW TOTAL - 453**

With the year end announcement by official Washington of the vast accomplishment of United States Shipyards by adding almost 65,000 vessels of all types to the fleet we think it opportune to disclose to our employees and to rise and claim credit for our part in the program by announcing that to date we have delivered 453 Naval vessels of all types.

Greenport Basin & Construction workers have accomplished much for which they can be justifiably proud.

Our AMC 96 foot Minesweepers arrived in time to protect allied supply lines at a period when over a million tons of British shipping alone, went to the bottom.

Our YMS 136 foot Minesweepers arrived in time to lead the invasions on the African Coast, at Salerno, Anzio, Normandy, and in the Pacific area.

Our LCM 50 foot Landing Craft arrived in time to storm the beachheads carrying tanks, trucks, bulldozers, troops and supplies.

Our YTB 110 foot Harbor Tugs are arriving in time to handle harbor traffic which is increasing with the expansion of the fleet and merchant vessels.

These accomplishments have been the result of many long hours of work on the part of plant workers and considerable planning on the part of company officials and department heads in expanding plant facilities.

The time and effort involved in organizing office and engineering procedure; the employment and training of personnel; the setting up of procedures for labor relations, share riding, rationing, deferment policies; first aid and safety organizations, plant protection forces, and the many other requirements of a modern war plant has been tremendous.

In May 1941 our employment was 337. By the end of the year it had risen to 438. Additional contracts made increased demands on personnel, and by June 1942, there were 1044 on the company payroll. In addition there were 67 employees of sub-contractors working.

In January 1943, employment reached its highest point with 1115 workers, 60 employees of sub-contractors, 11 USN Inspectors and office workers, and 47 others having business in the yard; a total of 1233.

THE BOWLINE

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Leonard G. Krancher, Editor

TARGET JAPAN!

In the book, "We Japanese" by H.S.K. Yamaguchi, occurs the statement: "The morale and spirit of the Japanese army is established on two rigid, cardinal principles: First, that a soldier shall never retreat; second, that he shall not be taken prisoner."

Although events past and present largely bear out Admiral Halsey's famous remark to the effect that "there is no liar in all history like the Jap," there are some elements of truth in this Jap writer's words. Every campaign from Guadalcanal to the Philippines has demonstrated that Jap land forces seldom give ground; they generally hold on until they are wiped out and our advances are effected only by rolling over a welter of dead Japs. The same thing can hardly be said, however, for the Jap Navy, strong forces of which have quite frequently turned tail and run when confronted by U.S. forces of anything like comparable strength.

But the Jap very rarely surrenders. Japanese casualty lists do not even contain a classification for the missing. The soldier who does not show up after a battle is dead, and his next-of-kin eventually receives the man's death benefit payment and a small box of symbolic human ashes. The only Jap soldier who surrenders is either shellshocked out of his senses or an avowed traitor. It is common for the Jap soldier to shoot himself with his last bullet or arm his last grenade and clap it to his stomach.

The Jap Commanders work their men up to a maniacal pitch in virtually every lost battle, then lead them forward to certain death.

HAPPY LANDING

Congratulations to Ted and Mary Lou Brigham upon the birth of a son, Theodore William 3rd at the E. L. I. Hospital on January 21st.

LET'S LOOK AT THE PRODUCTION RECORD

● **WOODEN HULLS** ●

Type	No.	Sponsor
AMC	46	Mrs. Margaret Walters
AMC	47	Mrs. Dorothy Schrimshaw
AMC	48	Miss Elsie Thornhill
AMC	49	Miss Mildred Howard
AMC	61	Mrs. John Adams
AMC	62	Mrs. W. Kelly Hunter
AMC	63	Miss Mary Gillespie
AMC	64	Mrs. A. M. VanDeWater
YMS	20	Mrs. J. H. Keatley
YMS	21	Mrs. M. E. Tulloch
YMS	22	Mrs. M. H. Crouter
YMS	23	Miss M. E. Snyder
YMS	24	Mrs. H. A. Brandt
YMS	25	Mrs. G. H. Snyder
YMS	26	Mrs. G. E. Higgins
YMS	27	Miss Jane Rothe
YMS	28	Mrs. H. B. Walcott
YMS	29	Mrs. N. S. Hague
YMS	30	Mrs. S. N. Pyne
YMS	31	Mrs. T. B. Conklin
YMS	183	Miss Kate Smith
YMS	184	Mrs. Inez Robinson
YMS	185	Miss Elsie Papajohn
YMS	186	Mrs. G. C. Dyer
YMS	187	Miss Shirley Tulloch
YMS	188	Mrs. R. C. Sanders
YMS	189	Mrs. John Bennett
YMS	190	Mrs. O. W. Sepp
YMS	191	Mrs. G. C. Haigh
YMS	192	Mrs. H. F. Sasse
YMS	193	Mrs. L. J. Valentine
YMS	194	Mrs. F. E. Alexander
YMS	375	Mrs. J. W. Mulford
YMS	376	Mrs. W. B. Young
YMS	377	Mrs. F. N. Chandler
YMS	378	Miss Lily Pons
YMS	379	Mrs. Lois Klein
YMS	380	Mrs. J. Watson
YMS	381	Mrs. M. P. Johnson
YMS	382	Mrs. Wm. Burns
PCS	1405	Mrs. A. C. Bedford
YMS	453	Mrs. E. A. Benson, Jr.
YMS	454	Mrs. W. J. McNeil
YMS	455	Mrs. M. I. Arms
YMS	456	Mrs. M. E. Wuest
YMS	457	Mrs. P. Rosenbluh
YMS	458	Mrs. B. K. Clark
YMS	459	Mrs. Rose Healy
YTB	219	Mrs. C. R. Leo
YTB	220	Mrs. M. G. Swanson
YTB	229	Mrs. Clara Watts
		Total 51

● **STEEL HULLS** ●

Type	Numbers	Total
LCM3	C4589 to 4625	37
LCM3	C14310 to 14369	60
LCM3	C29504 to 29631	128
LCM3	C46758 to 52397	178
		Total 403

SAMUEL Y. FOSTER, VETERAN CAULKER, RETIRES AT 76

After sixty years of caulking, G.B. & C's oldest employee has decided to call it a "day" and go into retirement. Not that he can't still set the pace on any wooden vessel to be caulked--he just figures that at the age of 76, after swinging a 12 lb. beattle mallet for 60 years is enough.

Mr. Foster was born in Greenport and his father and grandfather were both shipwrights. His best 8 hour day was 1600 feet of caulking.



PERCY G. TUTHILL

has had a varied and colorful career in the shipbuilding industry at Greenport.

At the age of twenty he started to learn the trade at the James Dimon Shipyard, located at Riverhead, New York. Wages in those days for skilled men were \$2.00 a day. He worked, as was the custom then, ten hours daily and in the winter it was from "sunrise until sunset." In order to avoid arguments as to the exact time of starting and quitting the almanac was consulted. He recalls a man whose name was Deacon Mulfwinter standing with a watch in one hand and the almanac in the other giving the signal.

When still a very young man he came to Greenport and worked in the various yards in business at the time. He operated his own shipyard for nearly 25 years, and during World War I, constructed five 110' sub chasers and a tow boat for the U. S. Navy. He was taking life a bit easy when World War II broke out and came back to help build the 53 wooden hulls the Greenport Basin & Construction Company has built since 1941.

The yard superintendents and company officials gave him a party, presented him with a gold pocket knife, and wished him well.

CHIPS AND SPARKS

A LITTLE TOO HOT TO HANDLE - John J. Spillane signed up with the USMC instead of the Yankees. At Tarawa he was in charge of an amphibian tractor when the Japs started to hurl grenades at the oncoming "Amtracs." Two bounced on the deck of the tractor. He scooped them up like ground balls and pegged them back. But the third exploded too fast. The Amtracs won the game but Spillane lost his arm.

STEEL YARD IN PRODUCTION - The manufacture of LCM3 conversion parts is going full speed ahead in Section II. As fast as they are fabricated, they will be painted, marked, crated and shipped overseas.

BEACH-HEAD CANTEENS - Three hours after the initial landing on Leyte, American Red Cross men had established beach-head canteens serving coffee and other refreshments.

1763 GALLONS OF BLOOD - Suffolk County residents contributed 14,109 pints of blood during 1944 for the armed forces. Of this amount, Greenport donated 755.

FISHING TRAWLER "MALOLO" IS LAUNCHED



Sponsored by Mrs. Carl Erickson the G.B. & C. Co. designed and built trawler "MALOLO" slid into the water on December 30th. The craft is 58'6" long and was built for Eldridge & Erickson, local fishermen.

GB & C AT WORK

The Stock Department

The Stock Department is to G.B. & C. what a big department store is to a big city. You can find what you need without shopping around.

There is one difference though--they know what the "customers" are going to ask for and when.

All kinds of material; thousands of fittings, valves, screws, bolts, piping, and other parts are always in stock ready for requisition by the mechanics.

There you can find all sorts of special tools and safety devices that may be loaned upon deposit of a tool check.



EDMUND M. SARLES
Department Head



SUSAN KING



ROBERT CAREY - Navy Material



MAE HABERMANN and LUCY BEVELL pass out tools and material under guidance of Snapper VICTOR HEHR



ALEX KESSLER - Steel



LESLIE HALLOCK - C. M. P.



JOHN BALTRUSH, FRED PRINCE, Stock Clerks, and HAROLD HUDSON, Lumberman, take inventory.



H. S. WELDON - Receiving



CHAS. LANGDON - Shipping



JOE PASTERNAK unloads truck on platform.



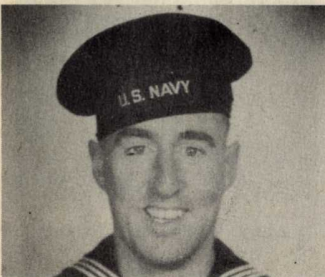
WILLARD HOWELL
Doubles as Photographer

**HARRY W. SMITH, CMP,
WITH 85th DIV. IN ITALY**



Harry, a member of our guard force, joined up in 1942, was assigned to the military police corps and shipped to the Mediterranean Area. He took part in the invasion of Italy and was present when Rome fell to the Allied armies. He has been awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat.

WILLIAM J. QUINN



Bill, a painter, was accepted by the Navy in July 1944, and started his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. He is now stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, for further training.

ROBERT TASKER



Robert graduated from Army Air Forces Technical School at Lincoln, Nebraska and Pratt & Whitney Engine Specialist School at Detroit, Michigan. He is now a Flight Chief with the Air Transport Command at Homestead, Florida.

MISSING IN ACTION

George C. Drevas Jr.
Gilbert H. Terry

ON THE LAND, ON THE SEA, IN THE AIR---

WITH G.B. & C. EMPLOYEES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NELSON BEEBE - I am sending you a picture of our new ship USS LCS(L) (3) 87 from the Pacific area. It is certainly a swell one and a fine crew too. I read with much sorrow about the boys we lost. Keep the Bowline coming and remember me to the boys in the Maintenance Department.

JOHN J. NOVICK - I send you Christmas Greetings from Italy. I am in Btry. D. 482 AAA AW(SPI) BN.

EDWIN H. LANGBEIN - I wish to extend to you my deep appreciation for sending me the Bowline each month. It is very interesting, and I get great satisfaction in reading it and finding out what the other boys are doing, who are in the service. I am now in the Marianas, and have seen a lot of YMS's. They sure are doing a good job. My address is MoMM 2/C, 76th NCB Co. D4 San Francisco.

REPORTS FROM THE FRONT

ROBERT SMITH - now a Prisoner of War in Germany has been heard from. His parents, Police Chief and Mrs. Joseph R. Smith received their first letter recently. He was a bombardier aboard a B-17.

STEVE GRODSKI - Steve was a member of our guard force in early 1942. He arrived in France via the Normandy Invasion and pushed on with the army to Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany, where he was wounded. For outstanding service he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant on the battlefield. He is now in a British hospital.

JAMES J. MAZZAFERRO - a Sergeant in the 88th "Blue Devil" Division under Lt. Gen. Clark, was with the 350th Infantry Regiment which recently took Mt. Battaglia in Northern Italy and held it for seven days of almost continuous German counterattacks and close quarter fighting.

NICHOLAS FIGURILLI - CM 2/C USN has been home on a 30 day leave. He reported back to Lido Beach for re-assignment.

JAMES MONTGOMERY - is taking his boot training at the U.S. Naval Training Station at Sampson, N. Y.

JOHN GILLIGAN - is the engineer-gunner on a B-24 Liberator with the 15th A.A.F.

GEORGE MAZZAFERRO - A Staff Sgt. in the A.A.F. is attending school at Buffalo, N.Y. where he is studying the Curtis Commando C-46 which is the largest twin engined cargo ship in the world.

KUDLINSKI BROTHERS - Henry and Theodore Kudlinski were both paint department employees, both entered the Army in April 1942, both became Sergeants. They have done their bit for their country and are back to adjust themselves to civilian life. Henry saw considerable action in Africa and Italy and received serious injuries. Theodore received injuries while in training.

MRS. CLARA WATTS SPONSORS THE YTB 688



VISITORS IN THE YARD

Joseph McGayhey USN
Walter Sneed USA
Lt. Charles Thornhill USN
Frank Corwin USA
Ollie Miller USA

GOLD STARS

★★★★★
Russell B. Rose
Walter D. Ebbitt Jr.
Angelo Corrozzo
Salvadore Ficurilli
Arthur C. Hunton
Donald C. Pollock

**THIRD YTB LAUNCHED
SATURDAY, JAN. 20th**

Another harbor tug hit the water under the sponsorship of Mrs. Clara Watts, wife of H. W. Watts of Rockville Centre, N.Y. Mr. Watts is a member of the firm of Williams & Watts, Electrical contractors of New York City.

**LEONARD T. GAFFGA
WITH ARMY REPAIR UNIT**



Len, a shipcarpenter, helped build many minesweepers until he entered the Army in February 1944. He is in Italy using his training and skill a little closer to the front.

RALPH W. FOSTER



While home on leave after finishing his boot training at Sampson, N.Y., Ralph submitted to the Personnel Office camera--Here's the result.

LEROY BROWN



Leroy left the states May 5th, going first to England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany, where he still is in the 7th Armored Division, and the 40th Tank Battalion. According to recent reports the 7th Tankmen claim fastest sweep of the war. Six hundred miles in 21 days. The record advance for any one day was 65 miles. The 7th Armored liberated approximately 150 towns, including the historic cities of Chartres, Chateau-Thierry, Rheims and Verdun.

RECENT ENLISTMENTS

Chester Kruk USMM
Theodore Simonson USN
Norman Hallock USN

PRISONER OF WAR

Lt. Robert Smith