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OLD WHALER



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THE YMS 185

A recent visit to the yard by the Sponsor of the 185, Miss Elsie Papajohn prompts us to recall an event which helped arouse the nation to greater effort toward the liberation of the Nazi ridden countries of Europe. Shocked and indignant over the loss of her relatives and of the thousands living in other small European nations, Miss Papajohn wrote Franklin Delano Roosevelt and asked that she be given an opportunity to sponsor a naval vessel. "I would feel that the prayers I have in my heart will help bless it and help it to destroy those who brought death, destruction and hunger not only to my parents' people but for the deaths it has brought to our boys and allies." As a result of the letter, she was selected to sponsor the YMS 185. On the day of the launching, August 8th, 1942, newsreel cameras recorded the ceremonies and her speech. The event made headlines and news broadcasts throughout the nation.

At the time of the launching her brother, Lt. N. J. Papajohn was in the service. While home on leave she was anxious to revisit with him the shipyard where the event took place.

Little did we realize at the time that the event would play such an important part in stirring the nation to greater effort.

Before breaking the traditional bottle on the bow of the ship, Miss Papajohn concluded with "Fight on for victory - We shall not fail. We are all behind you fighting men—God bless you all". If any one had doubts as to final victory that day it surely was not the resourceful 22 year old girl from Brooklyn, N. Y.

A backwoods mountaineer found a mirror by the road. "Well, if it ain't my old pal!" he said as he looked in the mirror. "Never knowed he had his pitcher took."

He put the mirror in his pocket. One night while he was sleeping his wife found the mirror and stared at it. "The dirty double crosser," she said of her husband. "So that's the old hag he's been chasin' lately!"

MOTOR MINESWEEPS HAD IMPORTANT ROLE AT IWO

Under the dominating peak of gun-studded Mt. Suribachi little minesweepers of the Pacific Fleet swept the waters of Iwo Jima two days before United States Marines fought their way onto the beaches. The part played in the attack by these gallant 136-foot wooden ships and their courageous crews was revealed by Lieut. Commander M. T. Lambert, Jr., USNR, who commanded the YMS's.

Twice caught in an inferno of Jap fire, they nevertheless accomplished their job of ensuring a mine-free path to the beaches for the landing craft that were to follow. Sweeping the area little over half a mile from shore along the southeast coast of Iwo, these nameless craft--designated YMS by the Navy--completed the task begun a day before by fast minesweepers and by the fleet sweepers. To the little fellows goes the credit of clearing the shallow waters within point-blank range of enemy guns and thus setting the final stage for invasion.

Covered by a line of battle-ships lying six miles out to sea, the YMS flagship went alone to within 1200 yards of the beach. After surveying the assigned area she turned seaward to rendezvous with the sweeper group, already standing by with gear streamed and ready. At that time, Lieut. Commander Lambert relates, the Japs opened up with three-inch and heavy automatic anti-aircraft guns. "Bullets splashed all around us," he said, "five and ten yards on either side." Perhaps, he added, that single YMS was the "invasion force" which the Tokyo radio claimed had been "repulsed" two days before the actual landings.

Unharméd, the flagship joined the other YMS's and turned once more toward the beach, only to be caught again in a raging crossfire from Mt. Suribachi and positions on the northern end of the Island. But this time big battleships, cruisers and destroyers moved right in to 2000-yard range behind the sweepers. Under cover of terrific bombardment, the little ships for 90 minutes went about their task of minesweeping. Machine-gun fire from Jap positions dug into the volcanic soil of Iwo continued to splatter around them.

Designed originally as a naval district minesweeper, the YMS was intended only for use in home waters. But so rugged and versatile have these ships proved themselves, they can now be found wherever the next step on the road to Tokyo may be.



Lt. Comdr. A. NELSON CHAPMAN

efficient methods were instrumental in completing a program calling for urgently needed vessels.

He is a resident of Orient, L. I. and takes an active part in the civic affairs of his community. His associates will miss his cool judgment and cordial manner.

ASST. SUPSHIPS, US NAVY COMPLETES ASSIGNMENT To go to San Pedro, Cal.

After completing three years as the US Navy representative at the GB&C Co., Lieut. Commander A. Nelson Chapman has received another assignment.

Commander Chapman came here April 2nd, 1942 at the beginning of our YMS construction program and at one time had a total force of 14 inspectors and clerical employees. He had an important and difficult assignment. His sincere cooperation and

CHIPS and SPARKS

TWO GALLONS - August Wieland and John Oliver are now eligible to join the Gallon Club, having donated a gallon of blood each to the Red Cross.

THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO SAY - We quite enjoyed Japan's severing relations with Germany because Japan was not consulted when the Nazis surrendered as provided for in a treaty.

EYESIGHT IS PRECIOUS - Our accident records reveal that many workers completely disregard yard safety rules, particularly regarding the use of proper goggles. Eyesight IS precious and you should do your share to preserve it. Stock rooms have the correct eye protectors for your job. Cover up!!!

WHO BROUGHT THE FIREMEN UNDER CONTROL? There's a story going the rounds about a fire in an up-state farmhouse being extinguished by liberal applications of old cider.

THE "HANDY JIMMIE" - is the unofficial name selected by Capt. Fred Seymour of the USA Engineers for his new salvage creation. The parts which convert an LCM landing craft to a "Handy Jimmie" are being manufactured here.

EXCUSABLE CONFUSION - Did you read the press story about the helpful father who wrote the OPA for a few extra points so that his son could be discharged from the Army?

NEW CONTRACTS RECEIVED Utility Boats, Tank Kits, Trailers, increase work

Production is being scheduled for the construction and delivery of:

(1) 258 18-foot utility boats for the US Army Engineers. The hulls are to be of moulded wood veneer and will be supplied by others. Our work in connection with this contract will be the installation of braces, rails, seats, fittings, engine beds and engines. The contract also calls for a complete paint job, testing and crating.

(2) 158 Kits to convert M4 tanks to Armored Engineers Vehicles. The work on this job will consist chiefly of steel and iron fabrication, welding, painting, and crating.

(3) 7 metal Trailers to be constructed on chassis supplied by the US Army Ordnance Department.

GREENPORT-BILT LCM3's FIRST ASHORE ON OKINAWA, U.S. COAST GUARD REPORTS

Quartermaster 3/c Fred L. Moore, USCGR of Mattituck, Long Island felt pretty close to home when the amphibious invasion assault on Okinawa started. He turned to John Walker McCain, a Coast Guard correspondent serving aboard an amphibious invasion cargo ship and told him why. McCain radioed the story to the Public Relations Office in Washington, D.C.

"Among these assault craft," he said, "are a number of LCM3 manufactured by the Greenport Basin and Construction Co. in my home town." He reflected a moment and continued, "Yes, I feel pretty close to these boats--my brother-in-law, Dick Bassford made the plywood templates and Ted Brigham Jr., plant superintendent, a close friend, supervised their construction."

GB & C AT WORK

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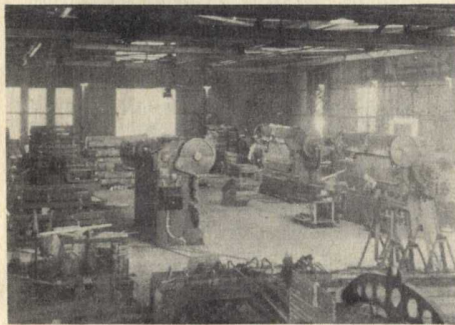


J. MARIUS HANSEN
73 years old -- still going strong

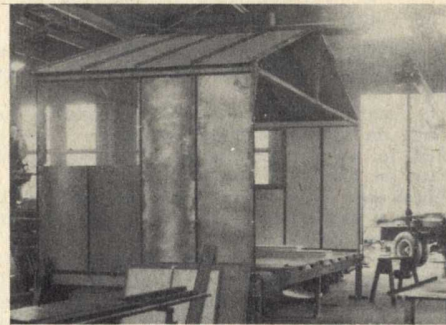
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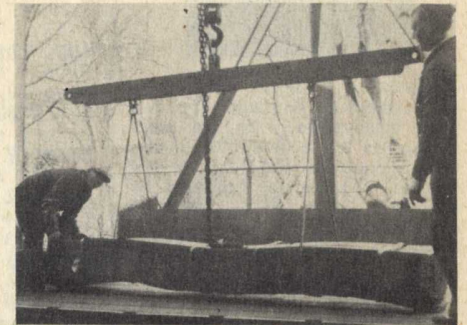
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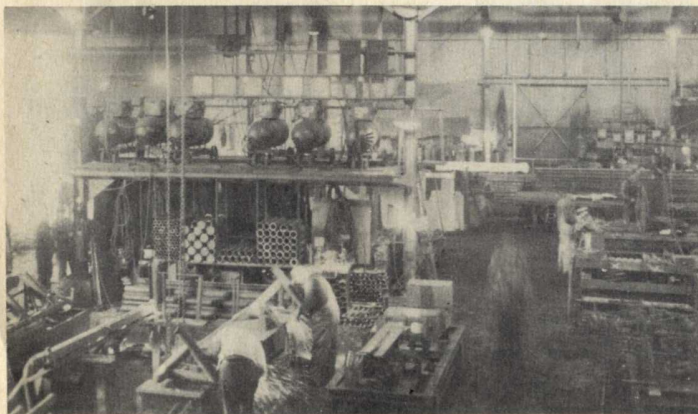
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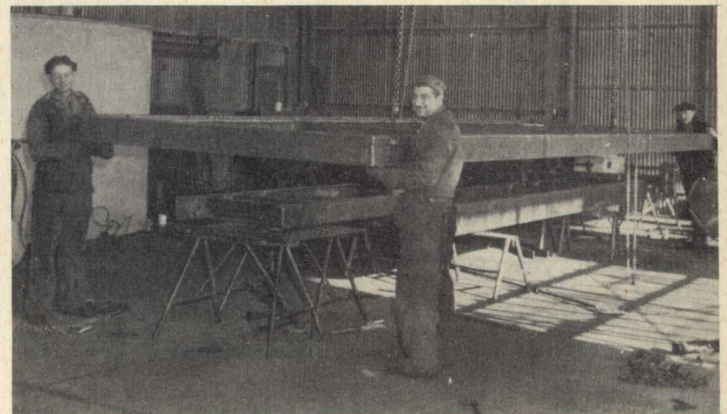
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**T/SGT JOHN BELLEFOUNTAINE
REPORTED SAFE IN FRANCE
Missing Since Feb. 1945**

Word has been received from the missing aviator whose B-24 bomber was shot down while on a bombing mission over Vienna. This is the first information received by his family since he was reported missing.

ALEXANDER ZAVES



Alex, a S/Sgt., has been stationed in England for the past two years. He has been attached to a P-47 Thunderbolt group of the Eighth Air Force. While in England he was married to Esme Carroll of the ATS.

F. ALBERT MERRILL



Albert is now home on leave after 20 months of service in the Pacific area. He was attached to the Navy's Patrol Bombing Squadron 44 - the famed Catalina "Black Cats". These sturdy flying boats covered more than 1,250,000 miles of flying.

ON THE MARCH

Richard Gaddis
John Robert Christensen
Howard Valentine
Richard Dilg
Roderick Foster
Chester Kruk

GOLD STARS

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Russell B. Rose
Walter D. Ebbitt Jr.
Angelo Corrozzo
Salvadore Picurilli
Arthur C. Hunton
Donald C. Pollock
Leo Feldman
Gilbert Terry

MISSING IN ACTION

George C. Drevas Jr.

**ON THE LAND, ON THE SEA,
IN THE AIR ---
WITH G. B. & C. EMPLOYEES**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DONALD DENNIS - I started receiving the Bowline in England and it has followed me through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, into battered Germany, and all I can say is that I wait impatiently for its arrival. I am working in the preflight section which handles all Liaison aircraft for the 9th Army. Our duties are to check over aircraft after it has been repaired and see whether it is fit for flight. Say hello to everyone for me.

EDWARD TAMIN - I sure enjoy reading about all the boys in the States and overseas. I have been in quite a few countries since I have been overseas. I have been in Scotland, England, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany and also France. I have been wounded once and received the Purple Heart. The people in most of these countries live pretty poorly. Remember me to all the boys in the yard.

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

MRS. LORETTA HUNTON has received a posthumous award of the Purple Heart for her son Arthur who was killed in action on June 20, 1944.

PETER BUSSO has again been reported wounded in action. His injury occurred on April 12th in Germany.

STANLEY STARON is at Perrin Field, Texas in training for a flight officer in the AAF.

MICHAEL CAPUANO has reported from the Philippines. When transferred to a different aircraft carrier he met Adam Silchuk and Russell Gagen.

RAYMOND LATHAM is stationed at Palaus with the 7th Air Force. He is a sheetmetal specialist and repairs AAF Liberators.

WILLIAM JONES, a naval aviation cadet, has graduated and transferred to the Naval Air Station at Glenview, Ill. for further training. He attended the US Navy Preflight School, St. Mary's College, California.

VISITORS

HAROLD THILBERG has been in the U.S.C.G. since May 1943. As a member of the crew of a tanker, he survived when a terrific explosion occurred and destroyed his ship.

STEVEN MAJESKI, former shipfitter, on leave after serving on a troop transport.

EUGENE TYLER on leave after serving three years in the Navy with the Pacific Fleet.

ROBERT TYBAERT, who started his Navy Training at Sampson last June and continued on as an instructor.

LEONARD RUTKOSKI, stationed at Charleston, has been serving aboard an AMC along the Eastern Seaboard.

TRACY LEDEN has been in the Army three years. He was with the 38th Infantry and took part in the invasion of the Philippines. While storming the beaches at Bataan he was wounded in the left arm by shrapnel.

EDWARD GOLISZ



Attached to the 254th Combat Engineers of the 1st Army. Eddie participated in the Normandy invasion; has been in the Army since March 1943

HARRY RHODES, JR.



Harry has been in the service since October 1942. He is with the 98th Division in the Hawaiian Islands.

**LIEUT. ROBERT SMITH, USAAF
LIBERATED FROM PRISON CAMP
Was Captured Sept 1944**

The American Red Cross has advised Police Chief and Mrs. Joseph R. Smith that their son, Robert, has been liberated. Bob was a bombardier aboard a B-17. Word was received in November that he was a prisoner.

WALTER MACOMBER



Walt has been in the Navy 39 months. Aboard the USS Alabama he has participated in operations off Norway, Gilbert Islands, Nauru, Saipan, Carolines, New Guinea, and many other Pacific islands. He also took part in the battle of the Philippine Sea and the Battle of the Philippines.

EDWIN LANGBEIN



Langbein received his boot training at Camp Peary, Va. in Oct. 1943. He was rated Machinist Mate 2/c and spent 4 months at the Hawaiian Islands. He is at present at Guam after serving for a short time on the Marshall Islands.

ALBERT PAOLANTONIO



Albert has been in service since May 1942. The above photo was received from England where he is stationed with the 8th Air Force.