

HELP THE HOSPITAL DRIVE

GREENPORT, L.I., N.Y.

JULY 31, 1945

CRATE No. 9



**SHALLOW DIVING AND UNDERWATER CUTTING EQUIPMENT**

Crate No. 9 is one of the many crates that will comprise complete conversion kits now in production to convert LCM3 Landing Craft into Fire and Salvage Boats for use in the Pacific.

## THE BOWLINE

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### OUR FIGHTING NAVY

It was just five years ago that President Roosevelt signed the bill which started the expansion of the U. S. Fleet. At that time we had 383 combatant ships.

Since then the "Two Ocean Navy" has become a "Five Ocean Navy". Navy yards and private builders have delivered 1,322 fighting ships, meaning vessels from destroyer-escorts, and submarines up through battleships and giant carriers. Considering the losses of approximately 140 major ships and transfers under lend-lease of others to our allies gives us approximately 1,500 large combat vessels.

Of our present fleet, smaller combat vessels, thousands of landing craft of all sizes, auxiliaries and other types make up the balance of more than 100,000 vessels which the Navy can now bring in to action against the enemy.

Remaining to be completed in 1945 and 1946, with a few of the heavier units carrying over into 1947, are 223 major ships as follows:

Two battleships, three carriers (45,000 tons), nine carriers (27,000 tons), two carriers (14,500 tons), twenty-six "baby flat-tops", one large cruiser, twenty-two heavy cruisers, nineteen light cruisers, eighty-seven destroyers, sixteen destroyer-escorts, and 35 submarines.

This program has been carried out by the Bureau of Ships headed since November 1942 by Vice Admiral E. L. Cochrane, Chief, and Rear Admiral E. W. Mills, Asst. Chief.

Its execution is a magnificent tribute to the Navy, the shipyards, and the workers.

We are proud of the accomplishment. We are proud of the part we played in the program by constructing and delivering 52 minesweepers and 403 LCM3 landing craft, a total of 455 vessels. All of our resources will continue in the support of the war effort to the very end.

### GB&C Co. EMPLOYEES GIVE BLOOD TO BANK

Thirty-one employees gave blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank on June 26th. On that day John Charters and George H. Taylor became eligible for the Gallon Club.

### CONVERSION UNITS ARE ROLLING ALONG

LCM3 conversion units are rolling along the assembly line with increasing speed. From the fabricating shops the thousands of items that make up the complete unit move on monorails to the sandblasting rooms where they emerge bright and shining from their bath of sand applied with compressed air by blasters. The parts then roll on to the paint shop where their prime and finish coats of paint are applied which will protect the steel from the weather conditions en route to the Pacific. From the paint shop there are certain parts which are assembled and when completed are moved on trackage to the crating department. From the opposite end of the crate shop prefabricated crates are assembled and when the two meet checkers and craters fit the parts in place and the crate is ready to be trucked out to the warehouse for storage until the complete unit is ready for shipment.

### OUR HOSPITAL NEEDS YOUR HELP

No one appreciates the value of the Eastern Long Island Hospital more than those of us at GB&C. No single group of employees make use of the hospital's facilities more than our employees. Every hour of the day the hospital is ready to meet any emergency caused by accident and illness. Its ambulance is available upon a minute's notice. Its laboratory and x-ray equipment, doctors, nurses, and technicians have provided the facilities for diagnosis and treatment so important in industrial accidents.

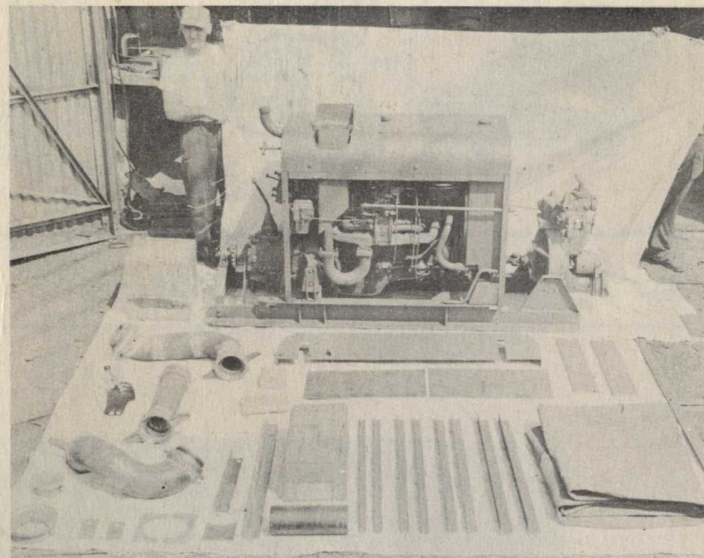
The hospital has cooperated to the fullest extent in all our needs — it now needs our help. There is a large deficit resulting from war time demands and conditions. When your village committee calls on you for a donation, just stop and think how much it means to have a hospital to administer to you and your family needs — and give as much as you can to help keep up the good work.

### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS HELP WAR EFFORT

In spending their vacation to speed up the delivery of vital war material the following high school boys are making a valuable contribution to the war effort at GB&C:

Robert Nugent, George Bellefontaine, Francis Tillinghast, Edward Sammis, George Minch, Walter Gaffga, Richard Gardner, Raymond Merrill, Donald Schafer, Frank Mazzaferro, Henry Santacroce, Bernard Heaney, Albert Monseil, Earl Breese Jr., Ralph Verity, Leroy Smith.

### CRATE No. 5



CHRYSLER POWER UNIT

### CHIPS and SPARKS

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP** - "May I extend the official thanks of the Treasury Department for the splendid help you have given us in all War Loan Drives to date"---Ted R. Gamble, National Director, War Finance Division.

**YOUR FEET ARE IMPORTANT** - Your shoes contain three things that are valuable to both you and Uncle Sam. These three things are leather, which is rationed, and your two feet which are irreplaceable. Think before you walk against a red light or work without safety shoes.

**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE** - Rita Bartlett is back in Accounting pinch hitting during vacation time....Mary Caputo is the new smile you see in Dept 10 Office....Marie Klefve, formerly of Personnel, and Mary Klos, former switchboard operator, are in the stock and material division of Dept 9.

**DEFINITION** - A WAVE is a GRABLE-bodied seaman.

**IT FINALLY HAPPENED** - When Mary Churchill, daughter of the British Prime Minister, recently christened the Southern Bell, a river steamer, she started a new custom. Instead of banging the champagne against the ship she poured on a sip from the uncorked bottle and then passed the rest around among the thirsty Tommies witnessing the event. It's the first time we ever heard of the sponsor of a ship being influenced by mental telepathy.

### NEW YORK SALES OFFICE NOW OPEN

The management has announced the opening of a New York City Sales Office in the Lincoln Building at 60 East 42nd Street. It is located in Room 602. The telephone number is VAnDerbilt 6-3363. Mr. Charles J. Hendrickson, sales manager will be in charge.

### YMS 453 CREW MEMBER REVISITS OUR PLANT

Frank Van Sickle, QM 2/c came to Greenport as a crew member of the YMS 453 which was delivered to the Navy in June 1944. He reports that he has been aboard since that time operating in the New York Harbor area.

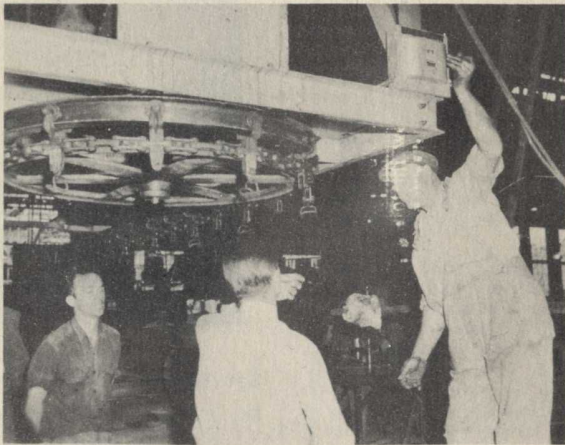
### FORMER EMPLOYEES RETURN TO WORK

Answering GB&C's pleas for additional workers the following former employees have returned and are back on their old jobs:-

S. Clark Tuthill, George Heaney, Lester Pollock, Edwin Fickiessen, Henry Karcher, Frank Januick, Casmiro Cervone, Chauncey Reeves, Louis Westphal, David Cadell, Henry Hansen, Milton Beaston, Frank Tyler, Melville Van Hise, Rolf Rosenblad, Anthony Zdunko, Louis Miller, Edward Mott, Lily Januick, Raymond Thilberg, Harold Thilberg, Louis Hartwig, James Jester, Edwin Elliot, Harry Cleveland, Walter Adams, William Rafford, Robert Ludwig.

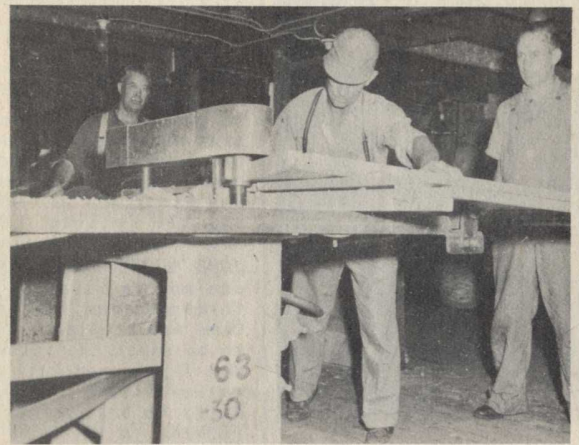
# GB & C AT WORK

### CONVEYOR SYSTEM



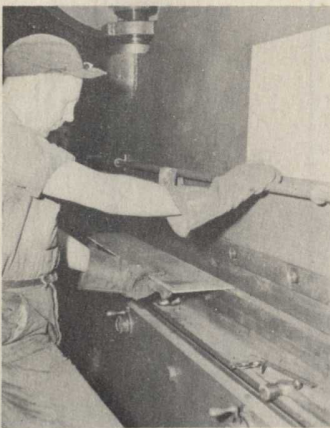
HAROLD SCHAFER starts conveyor on trial run.

### UTILITY BOATS



Ship Carpenters TILLINGHAST, WEBB and CHAPMAN bevel Transom on shaper.

### FORMING



JOSEPH DOROSKI forms a flange for barrack job.

### PUNCHING



MILTON MILLER uses big brake for multiple punching.

### SHEARING



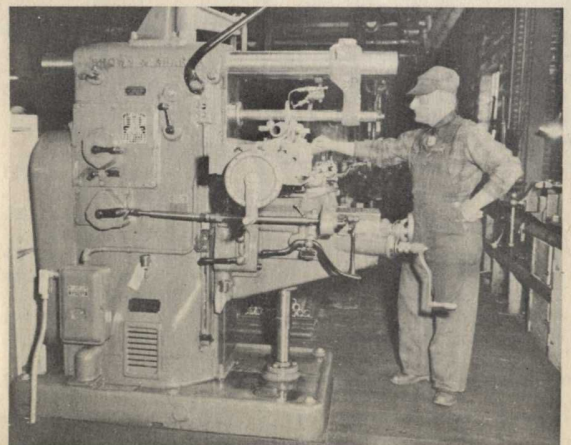
HERBERT BENNETT cuts steel on power shear.

### HORSE POWER



Chrysler Engines are tested by Dept. 6 for Fire & Salvage craft.

### MILLING MACHINE



WALTER ADAMS, Dept. 6, operates latest addition to Machine Shop equipment.

REGINALD ADAMS, USA  
STATIONED AT MANILA

Reginald B. Adams

Reg moved up to the front lines in the Pacific area soon after his entrance into the Army last November. He is a GB&C trained ship carpenter, having started here as an apprentice in 1939.

## ELWOOD D. HULSE



Elwood has been in the Army since October 1942. He saw a lot of action in Germany with the Ninth Army in the armored division. He has been overseas for 10 months.

## HOME ON LEAVE

Peter Flynn  
Benjamin Tyler  
George Reeve  
Francis Bubb  
George Walden  
Norman Hallock  
John Gilligan

Vincent Portaraites entered the armed forces on July 12th.

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**JOHANNES HANSEN** - I have been all over the Pacific area and have seen quite a bit of fighting and my only wish is to get back to Greenport. There isn't any place out here that equals Long Island. Wherever I go the Bowline always seems to reach me and it's swell to see the pictures of the boys I know. The only person I have met that I knew was Joe Widirtsky and that was 8 months ago. Remember me to all the fellows. My new address is Battery A - 38th, APO 331, San Francisco, California.

**JOHN WORTHINGTON, JR.** - We finally stopped rolling and are now in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. We have taken over a former German Airfield which is also a Displaced Persons Camp and a German P.O.W. Camp. Thirty-two thousand Krauts to be exact. We take care of thousands of displaced persons who fly in and back home daily. Quite a job with so many nationalities to contend with. We draw German prisoners daily to help us do our chores around the Camp. Give my regards to the boys and thanks for the prompt deliveries of the "Bowline".

## NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

**CLARENCE HICKEY** - after 2 years and 8 months in the Army has received an honorable discharge.

**PETER MILLER** - has received Bronze Star Medal and a citation for "heroic achievement" at Normandy on June 14th, 1944 -- has been overseas 27 months.

**CLARENCE CORAZZINI** - a Lieut. in AAF was accidentally killed in a plane crash in the Hawaiian Islands. He worked in Dept 9 during his vacation from college in 1942. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

**ROBERT SMITH** - Bob arrived home on June 25th. He bailed out over Germany after his B-17 was struck by flak, and exploded, landed safely in a rural section; was taken prisoner and spent many months in a prison camp until released by Russian soldiers.

**WILLIAM REYNOLDS** - now a Lieut. in the ATS was home on leave after exciting experiences aboard a 175 ft. craft in European waters during the past eighteen months.

## VISITORS

**ALAN BOUTCHER** - USMC home on furlough after a long and exciting period of duty in the Pacific area - he has been in service for three years.

**ALBERT RODENBURG** - for 2 years a radio operator USNAC on furlough. He participated in the capture of Iwo, Okinawa and the Philippines.

**LOU DORMAND** - who has been in command of a 126' LT doing ferry duty across the English channel for over a year.

**PETER A. ZELENSKI** - who worked on the first LCM3's back in 1942. He has been honorably discharged from the Army after serving in the European theatre since late 1943. Has been with the 8th and 9th air forces and with the Troop Transport Division.

## OUR EMPLOYEES IN THE ARMED FORCES (continued)

946 Loren White	USA	1084 Stanley Staron	USA
955 William Reynolds	ATS	1088 Frederick Preston	USA
959 William Dolan	USA	1089 Robert Parker	USA
970 Paul Zukas	USMS	1091 Walter Hogan	USA
976 Peter Flynn	USMS	1107 Joseph DiLalla	USA
978 Donald Turnbull	USA	1115 Joseph Boerner	USN
981 John Zebroski	USA	1116 Teddy Stepnoski	USN
991 Kenneth Carter	USA	1121 James Martell	USN
1030 Peter Busso	USA	1122 Edwin Taylor	USN
1033 Herbert Conklin	USA	1123 Stewart Davis	USA
1034 Joseph Widirtsky	USA	1151 Curtis Wright	USA
1035 Robert Cox	USA	1160 Benjamin Johnson	USMS
1043 Siah Schlefstein	USA	1173 Oliver Reeve	USN
1044 Raymond Zabel	USA	1176 William Ketcham	USA
1046 Charles Zukas	USA	1182 Robert Hamilton	USN
1049 Joseph Boken Jr.	USA	1183 Leslie Downs	USMS
1053 Russell Gagen	USN	1184 Robert Case	USA
1068 Harry Schweitzer	USN	1185 Thomas Corazzini	USA
1071 Raymond Slattery	USMS	1190 Joseph Heaney	USA
1082 Paul Noreko	USA	1196 Peter Grattan	USA

TILLOTSON WITH  
NINTH AIR FORCE

Sgt Edward L. Tillotson

Ed, a carpenter, came from Port Jefferson to work on the night shift back in 1941. He enlisted in Sept. 1942 and is now in France with the 643rd Bomb Squad, 409 Bomb Group, awaiting re-deployment orders.

## WILLIAM M. SMITH



Smith, a MM 2/c, left Dept 6 to join up three years ago. For the past nine months he has been aboard a repair ship somewhere in the Pacific area. The only indication of his location is that a temperature of 120° in the shade is frequent.

## GOLD STARS

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Russell B. Rose  
Walter D. Ebbit Jr.  
Angelo Corrozzo  
Salvatore Ficurilli  
Arthur C. Hunton  
Donald C. Pollock  
Leo Feldman  
Gilbert Terry  
Eugene Hallock

## MISSING IN ACTION

George C. Drevas Jr.