FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

I want to extend my hearty congratulations to each and every New Haven Railroad employee who contributed in any way to the success of the first exhibition tour of a United States Army Hospital Train ever to be made.

Your purchases of additional war bonds in connection with the exhibition of the train will permit the Army to buy additional Hospital Trains, similarly equipped, for the benefit of the members of the Armed Forces who are wounded fighting for us.

It would be a hard-hearted individual, indeed, who could walk through those cars without being deeply moved by thoughts of the men who will receive comfort in them. We all know we never can fully repay our soldiers for their sacrifices, but by availing ourselves of this opportunity we can feel that we have helped at least to assure them of the very best of care when they are traveling by railroad.

But let's not stop there. Let us each and every one continue to buy more and more bonds to the very limit of our ability.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
A S this issue of ALONG THE LINE goes to press, the total War Bond Subscriptions as a direct result of the exhibition tour of the Hospital Train over our system has reached $1,816,537, it was reported by James F. Toohey, General Chairman of our War Bond Committee, thus assuring the purchase by the War Department of at least 27 additional hospital cars for use in transporting our war-wounded. Of this amount, $888,466 represented additional subscriptions by New Haven Railroad employees, the rest being purchased as a result of the hospital train exhibit.

This was the enthusiastic response of New Haven Railroad men and women to the confidence placed in them by the United States Army and the Treasury Department, when they agreed to accord us the privilege of being the first railroad in the country to conduct such an exhibition.

The Hospital Train’s tour of our railroad, from New York to Boston with as many intermediate stops as it was possible to make during the three days the train was available, was arranged in conjunction with the Third War Loan drive. As stated in the outline of arrangements prepared by Lt. Col. George W. Mather, Chief, Transportation Branch, First Service Command, its purpose was “for employees of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad to purchase by Payroll Deduction Plan War Bonds sufficient to purchase a four-car hospital train.” Labor-Management Committees were actively at work prior to, during, and after the exhibition, with the result that up to this writing 2,199 new employee subscribers under the payroll deduction plan were added to our roster of patriots, and 8,603 previous subscribers had increased
J. F. Toohey, Esq.,
General Chairman, War Bond Committee,
New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad,
New Haven, Connecticut.

My dear Mr. Toohey:

Representing the Secretary of the Treasury, I had the privilege
of attending the New Haven Railroad's exhibit of an Army Hospital Train at
Grand Central Terminal on September 21st.

As planned by President Palmer, yourself and other officials of
your railroad, with the generous help of officers of the First Service Com­
mand, this exhibit proved to be a most effective method of promoting the
sale of War Bonds at many points along your lines. It was a splendid idea,
ably carried out. The strongest appeal for popular support of the Treasury's
War Bond program has always been that we of the home front must Back the At­
tack by putting the best possible equipment at the disposal of our fighting
forces; and two years of experience have taught us that the best way to make
that appeal is by the actual showing of modern war equipment.

The Hospital Train with its crew of young alert doctors and nurses
and its representation of clean comfort and efficiency illustrated to thousands
of Americans just how their Government is mobilizing the best resources
of medical and surgical science for the prompt care and hospitalization of
the wounded. In past wars it has been a grim fact that more lives have been
lost through curable wounds which were not immediately and properly treated
than from the direct impact of enemy weapons. Today, a wounded man's chances of
recovery, if he survives the first impact, are tremendously in his favor.
The Kid in the Ward Car wants to get well, in order to go back and finish his
fight with the Japs or Germans. When he was landed in the United States he
was put almost directly into the Hospital Train, to be sent to a Government
hospital as near his own home as possible. Medical science and the encourage­
ment of his family and friends will soon restore his young strength for the
service of his country.

That is the story which your Hospital Train has been telling to many
thousands of good people along your lines; and those people have bought more
War Bonds than ever before. You leaders and workers of the New Haven Railroad
have thus done a magnificent war service. Let's keep up the good work. We
must all continue to Back the Attack until full victory is won.

Yours sincerely,

James L. Houghteling
War Finance Division,
Treasury Department.
the amounts of their payroll deduction authorizations for purchase of additional War Bonds. Instead of a FOUR-car train, purchase of TWENTY-SEVEN hospital cars is assured.

President Howard S. Palmer greeted Army generals, governors of states, mayors of cities, and other distinguished citizens who visited the train at New York, New Haven, Hartford, Providence, and Boston, and hundreds of New Haven Railroad employees contributed their share towards the success of the unique exhibition. Radio programs broadcast right from the train were arranged at seven of the sixteen stops, thus bringing descriptions of the train to untold additional thousands of persons unable to inspect the train in person.

Lt. Colonel Lee J. Tucker, War Bond Officer of the First Service Command, United States Army, Stewart B. Johnston, Assistant Manager of the War Finance Committee, United States Treasury Department, and Major M. Frank Turney, Medical Corps, Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, accompanied the train for the entire tour, Major Turney seeing to it that the Army personnel staffing the train did everything possible to display the train and its equipment to the best advantage.

Acknowledgments are also due Colonel J. J. Reddy (Medical), Lt. Colonel George Mather, Colonel E. S. Linthicum (Medical), Lt. Colonel Walter A. Brown (Public Relations), and Lt. Colonel A. J. Lamoureux (Provost Marshal), all of the First Service Command, for their whole-hearted cooperation throughout.

Also on the train for the entire trip, were Mr. Toohey and Sam Boyer, Assistant to President. J. Frank Doolan, Operating Assistant, took personal charge of the train's operation, maintaining strictly to the tight schedule which had been arranged so as to afford the maximum number of employees an opportunity to see and walk through the cars.

We were fortunate to have as a member of the train's personnel an Army nurse who had seen active service at Casablanca, 1st Lieut. Mona Dykema, who in a very modest manner took part in each of the radio programs.

At each exhibition stop, the stirring music furnished by the thirty-

The Army personnel who staffed the Hospital Train on its tour of our system. Front row, left to right: Lt. Colonel Lee J. Tucker, War Bond Officer, 1st Service Command; Major M. Frank Turney, Medical Corps; Captain Rufus A. Snyder; 1st Lieut. Audrey A. Bill

The Fort Devens Reception Center Band, whose outstanding concerts at every stop attracted thousands of appreciative listeners, was led by Staff Sergeant Joseph Conti

Valuable assistance was rendered by John Albertson, Aset. Commun. Engr. Tech. Sgt. Christopher Sheppard and William Hill, Supvr. Air Conditioning Equip., stayed with the train throughout the trip

At Hartford: Samuel D'Onofrio, Station Baggagemaster; Leslie C. Hipson, Assistant Stationmaster; George Barth, Trainman; John H. Bethke, Trainman; Leo B. Lafferty, Conductor

At Van Nest: Patrolman Harry Schaff; Conductor James T. Hooper; Engineer Robert J. Bond; Fireman Charles W. Rapp; Flagman Leo C. Burke; Trainman Edward W. Kent

While the whole tour was arranged primarily for New Haven Railroad employees, it was decided to open the train to the gen-

six piece Fort Devens Reception Center Band, led by Sgt. Conti, attracted hundreds of listeners to the train, and the band also took part in each of the radio programs.

Because of the closeness of the schedule, it was impossible for any of the personnel on the trip to get to restaurants for meals, and so for three days, with the exception of breakfasts, they had to get along with box lunches. These, however, were carefully and pleasantly varied, under the supervision of John
Mayor LaGuardia presents the $100 Bond to baby Pamela, daughter of Ensign James J. Fitzmaurice, born at the exact minute the Mayor received the bond from Mr. Palmer. L. to R.: Mrs. Fitzmaurice and daughter, Mayor LaGuardia, and Sam Boyer, Assistant to President.

Assistant Chief, Fiscal Branch, 2nd Service Command, Governors Island, N. Y. Capt. Snyder explains to Major Julia C. Stimson, Army Nurse Corps, USA, retired, and to Misses Nell V. Beeby, R.N., and Anna Taylor, R.N., both Assistant Editors, American Journal of Nursing, how sterile vials of morphpine solution are packed for use on the train. The War Bond table was a busy place.


General public also, in order to help stimulate War Bond sales in each community where the train stopped, and the local War Bond Committees at each place arranged booths for the sale of bonds on the spot. Just how many thousands of additional bonds were sold but not reported as a direct result of inspection of the Hospital Train, or of listening to the various broadcasts, of course never will be known.

Highlight of the five-hour exhibition at Grand Central Terminal, September 21, which lasted from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., was the visit of Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, to whom President Palmer presented a $100 War Bond, which the Mayor, with his usual quick-witted...
felicity, immediately announced (looking at his watch) he would present to the first baby of a serviceman to be born in New York City on or after that very minute, 8:12 a.m. The lucky serviceman proved to be Ensign James J. Fitzmaurice, of 215 Martense Street, Brooklyn, whose daughter, Pamela, arrived at exactly 8:12 a.m. at Adelphi Hospital. Ensign Fitzmaurice is stationed at Norfolk, Va. Presentation of the bond to the little lady and her mother took place at the Hospital on September 30.

Among the other celebrities present at the ceremonies at Grand Central Terminal were James L. Houghteling, Director, National Organizations Division, War Finance Division, United States Treasury...
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Department, Washington, D. C.; Colonel C. M. Watson, Chief, Medical Branch, Second Service Command; Colonel E. B. Gray, Commanding Officer, Second Transportation Zone; and Colonel William Schiff, Assistant Chief, Fiscal Branch, Second Service Command.

Promptly after the close of the Grand Central exhibition, the train proceeded to Van Nest Shops, where Superintendent of Shops J. W. O'Meara and Assistant Superintendent E. J. Cotter had completed arrangements which enabled all of the shop employees to go through the train during the half-hour stop. Proceeding then to Harlem River, the train stopped for fifteen minutes, giving employees there the opportunity to inspect the...
A good crowd greeted the train. DPA Charles E. Williams, Trainmaster William J. Duggan, and Dist. Traf. Agt. Edward J. Barrett had charge of arrangements. Union News Agent Henry Fierro making a purchase at the Bond booth.


Employees enjoyed the band concert immensely. Awaiting their turn to inspect the train are A. Bielicki, Frank Esposito, Joe Higgins, Felix Murrose, Eddie Donohue, Frank Chmilska, Angelo Trudueau, Charlie Bish-

hospital facilities.

At Stamford, Mayor Charles E. Moore, Chief of Police John B. Brennan, and John W. Clark, Chairman of Stamford's Third War Loan Drive, were on hand to welcome the train. We quote the Stamford Advocate:

"The train consisted of three hospital ward cars and a headquar­ters staff car, all converted Pull­mans. Second Lieut. Dora P. Gochee of the Army Nurse Corps explained to visitors in the first ward car, with a capacity of 32 men, that each of the gray steel double decker beds lining both sides of the tan and cream car is provided with a toilet article bag furnished by the Red Cross, a receptacle for a paper drinking cup
and an ashtray. She opened the doors of the steel medicine chests showing rows of narcotics, pointed out the nurse's desk with its deep drawers for the charts of patients, and indicated the stacks of maroon pajamas, blue corduroy robes and towels, all marked U. S. Army Medical Corps, which are stored in a large linen closet near one end of the car. She said that each patient on the air-conditioned train would receive at least one change of linen each day.

"This second car contained the quarters of the commanding officer and the junior medical officer, Capt. Rufus A. Snyder, a stainless steel kitchen large enough to serve 500 men with hot meals, and a fully-equipped operating room."
"A Stamford physician looking at the shining sterilizer, the adjustable table, the cabinets containing rows of untarnished instruments, and the battery of powerful no-shadow lights in the operating room, shook his head in wonder at second Lieut. Mona Dykema, Army nurse in charge, and said: 'We never had anything like this in the last war.' The car also had quarters for the Army nurses. The third and fourth cars of the train contained sections for bed and ambulatory patients, and the latter car, in charge of First Lieut. Audrey A. Bill, M.C., said to be the first woman physician to be commissioned by the Army, contained in addition, a dressing station, an emergency operating table, scrub.
basins, and a Stokes wire cage litter so constructed that no patient could fall out of it no matter what angle it reached when being slid into the car from the outside through the wide doors.”

Harold Meyer, of Radio Station WSRR, conducted an interview program over the air soon after arrival at Stamford, describing the marvelous accommodations of the equipment to listeners who were unable to visit the train in person.

At Bridgeport Mayor Jasper Mc-Levy was among the first visitors when the train arrived at 5:45 p.m., and he returned at 7:30 in order to participate in the half-hour broadcast over Radio Station WICC, conducted by Announcer Ken Rapieff. Among those who stepped up to
TO ALL NEW HAVEN RAILROAD EMPLOYEES:

GREETINGS:

Thursday, September 9th, will mark the beginning of the THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE. This Drive comes at a time when the United States is carrying the war to our enemies and all signs point to the immediate invasion of Europe.

It is contemplated to purchase a four-car hospital train consisting of a unit operating car, two ward cars and a ward dressing car at a cost of $65,000 per car fully equipped. This hospital unit train will be the first to be donated to our Government by the employees of any industry in this country and will be used for the accommodation of the casualties of the Allied Armies.

A four-car hospital unit train has been loaned to us by the United States Army for a period of three days and will be run and exhibited over the property of the New Haven Railroad beginning September 21st to 23rd, inclusive and will be shown at as many terminals and stations along the line as time will permit.

You will be contacted by an Employee of the Carrier, who is a member of the Labor-Management Committee.

Needless to state this drive has the approval of the undersigned General Chairman and the Organizations they represent.

Can we count upon you to increase your payroll deduction if you are now a subscriber? If not a subscriber, may we urge you to sign a payroll deduction card to assist others who are now subscribing in our endeavors to purchase the hospital unit train that is so badly needed by our Government.

The General Chairmen of all the railroad labor organizations collaborated in sending this letter to all employees.
Salerno wounded experience Hospital Train comforts ... a photograph of a hospital train in actual service, carrying wounded veterans of the Salerno fighting to Washington, D. C., for transfer by ambulance to the Walter Reed Hospital (Associated Press photo).

the bond-booth and bought bonds were Sgt. Richard Quigley, a Tunisian campaign veteran; Santo Tucci, who has five sons in the Armed Forces; and Diana Weisman, who, though only seven years old, was buying her 25th War Bond.

In spite of a conflicting attraction in the shape of an all-star benefit performance at one of the local theaters in Waterbury, with bond purchases as the price of admission, a long queue formed as soon as the train stopped at the Waterbury Station for its first “evening performance,” and continued to file through the train until closing time at 10:00 p.m. Mayor John F. Monagan was among the visitors.

Putting up in Waterbury overnight necessitated a 6:30 a.m. breakfast at the Hotel Elton in order to be on hand at New Britain for an hour’s exhibition there. Mayor George A. Quigley was among the hundreds who braved an early morning drizzle to see an Army Hospital train at first hand.

President Palmer, Trustee James L. Loomis, and Vice Presidents Robert L. Pearson and Frank J. Wall were on hand at Hartford to greet Governor Raymond E. Baldwin, who took part in the fifteen-minute program over Station WTIC, handled by Announcer Bob Steele.

At New Haven, hundreds of General Office employees turned out to take advantage of the opportunity to see just how our wounded are cared for while traveling by train, and Mayor John W. Murphy and William J. Falsey, Chairman of the local War Bond Committee, participated with Mr. Palmer in the
broadcast over Station WELI, with Bill Lerner as announcer.

Arriving at New London at 4:30 p.m., a long line of people immediately began streaming through the train, continuing until closing time one hour later. In the meantime, Radio Station WNLC, with Announcer George Newman as MC, broadcast a fifteen-minute program from the operating room in the "unit" car, interviewing Colonel Tucker, Major Turney, Mayor Theodore N. Hansen, and several other local celebrities.

At Providence, visitors included Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Troland of the First Service Command, Governor J. Howard McGrath, Acting Governor, Mayor Mowry Lowe, on which also took part in a half-hour broadcast from the Operating Room in the "unit" car, interviewing Colonel Tucker, Mayor Turney, Major Turney, Mayor Theodore N. Hansen, and several other local celebrities.

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Mayor and Mrs. Harriman of New Bedford were among the visitors when the train stopped there from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 23, and delegations from the Red Cross, Civilian Defense, and other war service organizations and personnel from Fort Rodman were among the several hundred who inspected the train.

Great interest was shown at Readville Shops, where all the employees had an opportunity to walk through the cars. The Reception Center Band's concert in front of the Administration Building, caught the enthusiasm of the workers, and the girls furnished the members of the band with Coca-Cola and candy bars.

Proceeding to Quincy for an hour's exhibition, bond sales got a substantial boost with a $10,000 purchase by Jacob Grossman, Quincy lumberman. Mayor Charles A. Ross, George T. Bonsall of Quincy's War Bond Committee, and Red Cross officials and directors were among the visitors, and Dr. Joseph P. Leone of Quincy Hospital brought down a delegation of nurses' aids. Another feature of the bond sales was a $2,000 pur-

chase by the widow of a Marine Captain killed in action in the Pacific.

Moving to Brockton for a half-hour pause, visitors included Mayor Joseph H. Downey and other city officials, the Rev. Francis L. Cooper, Chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter, and a Red Cross delegation.

The train then moved into South Station for the grand finale, staying there from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. the 23rd. Eleanor Towle, Clerk in the Passenger Traffic Department, was the first purchaser at the booth. Governor Leverett Saltonstall, Mayor Maurice J. Tobin, Major General Sherman Miles, and Brig. Gen. Clarence H. Kelts were greeted by Trustee Henry B. Sawyer and Mr. Palmer, and participated with Mr. Palmer in a broadcast over Station WBZ and WBZA, with Don Caruso as Master of Ceremonies. The previous evening the same station had broadcast a dramatization of "The Kid in the Ward Car," written by Don Horter, author of a previous script on "The Kid in Upper Four," as well as a series on "A Great Railroad at War.

And so The New Haven Railroad then turned the Hospital Train back to the United States Army, having shown it to a total of 27,017 visitors, and reaching an untold number of thousands of other persons with the message of the train through the radio broadcasts. And as a grand result, 27 new Hospital cars will soon be rolling over the rails on their errands of mercy, purchased by War Bond subscriptions—a real way, indeed, to BACK THE ATTACK!

The Under Secretary of the Navy
Washington
17 September 1943

Dear Mr. Pelley:

The War and Navy Departments would appreciate it if you would express to the men and women who work on America's railroads the gratitude of the Army and Navy for the splendid job they are doing.

Since the outbreak of war the railroads have hauled 76 million carloads of freight, most of it destined for battle fronts. Millions of fighting men have been transported to training camps and embarkation ports.

The Army and Navy realize that, to perform this big job, crews on trains, in shops, in yards, and along rights of way have had to work long and hard. To the men and women who have made this record movement of men and weapons possible, the Army and Navy are deeply grateful.

Keep up the good work -- for railroad work is war work, railroad service is vital to victory.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Patterson
Under Secretary of War

James Forrestal
Under Secretary of the Navy

Mr. J. J. Pelley
Association of American Railroads
Transportation Building
Washington, D.C.
HELP THE
Backbone Club

Every month since a year ago last May, The Backbone Club has sent monthly packages to all New Haven Railroad men from the New Haven area in the Armed Forces. Each month the list has grown. Now, approximately 800 New Haven Railroad men are receiving these welcome boxes.

The Christmas boxes this year will cost approximately $3.50 each. To help finance this extra expense, "gift participation" tickets are being sold. Ray Carmichael, Auditor of Disbursements, is General Chairman heading the sale. The tickets are 10c each, 3 for 25c, book of 12 for $1.00. Buy some and help make our New Haven Railroad men happy on Christmas morning!

Send Christmas Gifts to OUR Servicemen!

1. General Chairman Ray Carmichael sells first book of tickets to Elwood H. Stewart
2. Janice Armstrong finds General Chairman "Bill" Donohue (BRT) an easy victim
3. General Chairman "Cliff" Kealy tells Mary Moran this is one purchase he's glad to make
4. Mrs. Mabel Clark has no trouble selling a book to Agent "Dan" Dinnean at Cedar Hill
5. Eleanor Spencer and Frances McCran "gang up" on Bob Farquahrson at the Bullard Bldg.
6. General Chairman "Jack" O'Connell (Clerks) buys a book from Shirley Hanson
7. Rose Iannotti finds General Foreman Peter Sheridan an "easy sale" for such a worthwhile cause
Thanks to Uncle Sam!

A word of sincere thanks and appreciation is due Uncle Sam, as represented by the United States Army and the United States Treasury Department, for their splendid and wholehearted cooperation in making possible the marvelous exhibition tour of a Hospital Train over our lines on September 21-22.

It was a real privilege in every sense of the word that the New Haven Railroad had the honor of being the first railroad in the country to arrange such an exhibition.

It was a real privilege, too, that New Haven Railroad employees were given the opportunity to inspect this inspiringly complete hospital equipment, and to make an actual purchase of a similar train through War Bond Purchases.

In behalf of both the Management and the Employees, we therefore express our very hearty acknowledgments.

THANK YOU, UNCLE SAM!

Dig Deep, Brother . . .

A soldier wrote home recently, "... We've got a lot of diggin' to do ourselves this year. We've got Japs to dig out of the Philippines, out of Singapore, out of the Dutch Indies and other Pacific strongholds. We've got Nazis to dig out of France, Norway, and Holland. We've just got to have planes and tanks and guns so we can dig right down to Liberty for every man, woman and child. So dig deep yourself, brother. We're willing to give our lives—all we ask is that you lend your money to buy all the War Bonds you can. After all, we're making just a few sacrifices ourselves."

And Pray, Dear Lord . . .

From one of our own employees now in the uniform of the United States Army comes this gem of wisdom, which all of us could use to good advantage—war or no war.

"We have a little prayer down here," writes Private 1st Class Carl A. Tryanow, "that we say when our tongues suddenly feel the need for too much exercise:

"Dear Lord: Help me to keep my big mouth shut when I have nothing to say."

Back the Backbone Club . . .

An organization doing a really worthwhile work is The Backbone Club, whose slogan is: "The Women Behind the Men Behind the Guns." They really are just that. Membership is composed principally of women employees in the New Haven area, and women members of the families of New Haven System men in the Armed Forces.

With faithful regularity The Backbone Club has sent monthly packages to New Haven Railroad men in the Armed Forces.

There are now something like 800 names on the Club's mailing list. For the extra-special Christmas gift box mailing, this means an expenditure of over $2,500. YOU can help by buying some "participation tickets." If no one has approached you, send your contribution direct to Ray Carmichael, General Chairman, Yellow Building, New Haven.

You can't go wrong!
Yard job, Yard, is quite a boy.

Steward Peter P. Nevins reported for Millville July 11.

Steward W. D. Butler has a new daughter, Barbara Ellen, born August 19.

Hostess Cora Newkirk was married on August 19 to Lt. Paul Louches, U. S. Navy, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City.

Supervising Hostess Ellington was Matron of Honor.

New Hostesses include: Hilda Oliver of Rockisland, Mass.; Marjorie Cvinance Schatzel of Bethpage, N. Y.; and Louise Johnson of Providence, R. I.

Our good wishes to Chief Time Clerk Barbara King, who is wearing a very attractive diamond ring. The lucky boy is Corp. Francis Walsh, Fort Henning, Ga.

We welcome Marian Maxwell, of Rock­land, Mass., Clerk-Stenographer to the Summer Street Office, and Janet Gluckert of Beverly, Mass., former Hostess, as Stenographer at the Dover Street Office.

August vacationers included Special Assistant L. R. Swain who went on a fishing (?) trip at Cuttyhunk, Mass.; Order Clerk James Murphy and family at Minot Beach, Mass.; and Clerk; Stenographer Ursula Mills, who learned to swim at Swift's Beach.

Our good wishes to Clerk Helen Noble (New York Office), who was married August 27 to Pvt. William Tatle. (See Oak Point name)

Grill Car Attendant Mary Devan, Manchester, Mass., has been ill for several weeks. It is hoped she will be able to return to service soon as Mary's genial manner and ready co-operation are sorely missed.

BOSTON FREIGHT TERMINAL

Congratulations to our last trick Car Marker Frank Decola. His daughter, Edith, was married on August 29.

We regret to report that our Correspondence Clerk Nippy Norton is at the Carney Hospital. Glad to see you back, Jim.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Pierce have announced the birth of a second son, Sanford Ralph, on September 18. "Ralph," is a suppurative member of the Office Agent's office at Springfield, Mass.

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And our best wishes to Ruth D. Shedd, Secretary to General Freight Agent Filligim at Boston, who enlisted in the SPARS and left for Palm Beach, to start basic training.

General Freight Agent Filligim and his associates welcome to the department Marie E. Montith and Patricia M. Greene, Stenographers. Harold J. Dore has also joined Mr. Filligim's organization as a Traffic Representative and we extend our best wishes.

Welcome to E. J. "Ed" Switz, new Clerk in the Office of General Freight Agent, Chicago.

ESTHER PHILLIPS

BOSTON FREIGHT TERMINAL

Office of the General Yardmaster

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Texas to see us. Warren is with an Armored Division.

Billington dropped in. He is at New Orleans in the Signal Corps.

John Reeder went to Texas to see us. Joe, a Sergeant stationed in the South, looks sure they are going to have many Marksmen qualifications with pistol and rifle this year.

We received word from Larry McCarthy, now in England with an Army Fight Group. Larry says England is nothing like South Boston.

Disturbances in the town were due to the fact that the family gathering in his home at Hyde Park days with the State Guard.

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We understand that Jim Colbert has been the subject of a recent article in the State Guard.

Tony Sablone has been very busy since returning from his trip to Maine.

We received word from Mike Healy, one of the best selling clerks now in Camp Rucker, Ala. Mike was all right as a pitcher until he met the Fencer Pullars. Southportton S. is unhappy to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Boilermaker Charles D'Oigrino, who passed away recently.

Reading Stores

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IN THE ARMY NOW

"Let no soldier's ghost say, 'If our training program had only worked' . . .

That's the slogan on the walls of our Signal Corps training center. That's the main idea behind its conditioning program—to teach men to defend themselves while maintaining the Army's vital communication lines.

For six weeks we've bivouacked in a little Missouri village. There a replica of an army command post has been set up with all elements well dispersed against air attack or shell fire.

Headquarters is in a farmhouse, our message center in another. Radio shack, telephone central, teletype and telegraph rooms are in other buildings.

Some of the men are sleeping in the old, deserted general store, others in barns. Our mess-hall is the little white church on the crossroads. Too cold for swimming now, the creek is a swell spot for fishing, some fish.

Command: 
Sgt. William Murray, Car Inspector.

PROVIDENCE ENGINE HOUSE

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NORTHERN AVENUE

Everett E. McEwen, Foreman, is vacationing at Fauquier when he will come back a Kentucky Colonel.

Frank C. B. Frank, Car Clerk, is looking around for dandelions. He wants to get in time to harvest them.

Thomas F. McMahon, Jr., Material Runner, who entered the Navy, visited the boys recently.

Stanley N. Larson, Carman Helper, now in Military Service, all the way from California, on a furlough, also visited us.

JOSEPH M. CONNIS

WORCESTER CAR DEPARTMENT

Inspector "Dutch" Paquette is now pushing new twins around his neighborhood mornings.

Inspector "Ed" Alarie spent his recent vacation by the sea, some fish.

Inspector A. McCudden's three sons landed home from the Navy, coincidentally.

Tommy that he is forced to expand.

Inspector "Dave" O'Brien and family are back from a vacation.

Inspector A. Ford recently lost his father. Among the many friends, Mrs. Mary J. Ewart has returned to Camp Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCarthy have arrived from South Boston.

Pvt. William FortNeillis is coming home from his vacation. He is still trying to sell those War stamps recently.

Among the new help we have Carman Helper Archie O'Keefe; Carman Helper; James Meredith, Car Cleaner.

PROVIDE L ENGINE HOUSE

George McLaughlin, Radio Operator, recently received a promotion to Corporal.

JOHN M. SULLIVAN

PROVIDENCE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

We welcome the following new employees: Archie O'Keefe, Joseph A. Crano, Jr., Agatha A. Artinian, Car Cleaners; James F. Haney, Frederick W. Grant, Carman Helper.

Pvt. John F. Doyle, Car Cleaner, home on a furlough, spent a lot of his time at Providence Passenger Station, says hello to his friends.

See where Pvt. Walter R. Carpenter, of the U. S. Marine Corps, was married here a short time ago and is now stationed at South Boston.

Pvt. William Murray, Car Inspector, stopped in to say hello before going back to Camp Robinson.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Oswald E. Garland on the birth of their son. We know they have been very busy since they have been married only a short time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Anna J. Andrews are oft because of illness.

Pvt. Archie O'Keefe, Car Inspector, has returned to work after receiving a furlough.

There seems to be a rumor about the Women's Basketball Team. Watch out, men, they're very good.

There's a swell spot for swimming, the little churchyard.

Army and is stationed at Camp Edwards.

Inspectors A. Ford and A. Breslin recently lost their fathers.

Inspector T. Callaway is busy digging a foundation for an annex to his house.

Staff Sgt. Winston Sanborn, of the Army, was a recent visitor to the General Yard Office.

John N. Halyard, Yard Clerk, has been promoted to Corporal.

Harry Sloan has returned from his vacation at Hyde Park.

Tommy Flynn is confined to the City Hospital recovering from an accident. From last reports Tommy was expected to be discharged.

Arthur Strong is confined to the City Hospital recovering from an illness which came upon him suddenly, requiring a transfusion. A call for blood donors to help him was greatly responded to by his fellow workmen.

JAMES F. MCGRAH

PROVIDENCE FREIGHT DEPARTMENT

A recent visitor to the Freight Office was Lt. Joe Howard, of the Billing Department. Joe has been trained in transportation work and we are proud of his success.

Jim Graham, visitor from Fort du Pont, Del, for many years Personal Stenographer to the Freight Agent, recently met some of the employees of the Freight Office and we are glad to hear that she is improved in health and wished to be remembered to her many friends.

Walter Staneum, of the Cashier's Department, recently made a trip to Providence recently on his way to Baltimore. Walter looks well and is in good health.

Jim Walsh is starting on his 23rd year with the company and he hopes his wish that the weather may be good pass he has been showing.

Cyril Laffamme has written that he arrived safely in England. Don't suppose he is still a war worker there.

Alphonse Sults and Eddie Devaney were recent visitors, in their Army uniforms.

Archie O'Keefe dropped in to greet his friends a few days ago. Archie is working in the shipyard at Providence.

George McLaughlin, Radio Operator, recently received his birth at the Naval Air Station at Quonset, R. I.

At this writing John O'Neill is seriously ill at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Ruth Brown has resigned her position as Night Billing Clerk as she has left for Arizona.

Jim Head, of the Providence Yard, is once again a proud father. He advises that this one is "Junior".

LAWSON I. ANNISS

HARTFORD CAR DEPARTMENT

The following new employees are welcomed: Daniel DeLeo, Carman Helper; Anna Conlon, Car Cleaner; George Thrasher, Car Helper.

The following resignations: Harry Johnson, Car Cleaner; James Merideth, Car Cleaner.
Bowling season opened September 22, at the Sheaffer Alleys, High St., Hartford, Conn. The Hartford Car Dept. is in the Interdepartment, League, consisting of 8 teams. Our team consists of the following: L. S. Cawies, Foreman; Samuel Gruenfeld, Carman Helper; Carri Florida, Labor Foreman; Leo J. Stone, Coach Carpenter; Louis Arcari, Carman.

We are also entering a bowling team in the Capitol, Division of the Commercial League in Hartford, bowling at the Sheaffer Alleys the same evening. Following are members of this team: Lyman S. Cowies, Foreman of the Hartford Car Dept. (Captain); Kenneth Hazel, Bulldozer Operator, M. W. Dept.; Michael Martino, Tower Operator—Operating Dept.; Samuel Guselie, Carman Helper, Hartford Car Dept.; Carri Florida, Labor Foreman, Springfield, Mass. with Benjamine P. Gipper, Carman Leader at the repair track, has taken a week off to make some repairs to his home. He has been busy all summer building chicken houses.

Charles Tischfer, Carman, is vacationing in Maine, fishing.

John H. Wolfe, Carman, returned after 16 days visiting his son, stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Florence Sullivan, Car Cleaner, was out for three weeks due to illness, but is now back to work.

VINCENT J. DELLARIPA

EAST HARTFORD

James J. McAuliffe, Laborer, son of Midland Roster, has been inducted in the U. S. Army.

Work at the company is at a peak.

James Hamilton, Mechanical Inspector, is in a hospital in North Africa.

Elmer Glooskin, son of Machinist Samuel Glooskin, is in New Orleans in a railway unit.

Arthur Healey, Fireman, Midland Roster, son of Engineer James F. Healey, is in a railway unit in New Mexico.

Frank J. Goetz, Machinist, brother of your correspondent, has been transferred from Van Buren, Ark., to New Orleans, in a railway unit.

George Davies is a very happy grandpa; his daughter this time gave birth to a baby girl. Last time it was a grand son; his name is William.

New men welcomed here include: Morris N. Goodfellow, Engineer, James F. Healey, is in a railway unit in New Mexico.

S. William Mahoney, recently promoted to Assistant General Traffic Agent, in place of the late James N. Beack. Born in the South, he started railroading there before joining the Navy during World War I. He came to the New Haven Railroad as spare Agent and Operator in 1920, was made Trainmaster at Atlanta in 1921, and General Southern Freight Agent in 1928. In 1921 he came to Boston as Assistant Scales and Service Agent, later becoming Assistant General Traffic Agent.

Richard D. Johnson, recently made District Passenger Agent at Hartford.

Clarence S. Fanning, appointed Assistant Engineer, Maintenance of Way Dept., Boston, in place of an R. E. retired.

Thomas A. Bentley, recently promoted to Chief Clerk, Pier 36, New York.

M. E. Thomas, recently promoted to Supervisor Car Signs and Lights.

S. William Mahoney, recently promoted to General Traffic Agent, in place of Mr. Mahoney, was Commercial Agent. J. O. F. O'Brien, recently promoted to Streakmaster, Back Bay, Boston.

PROMOTIONS

1. Anthony M. Champagne, recently made Trainmaster, Providence Division.

2. Joseph Donahue, Time Clerk in the Track Supervisor's office, and star third baseman on the Danbury Railroad Softball Team, was crowned the batting champ of the Danbury Industrial Softball League at the annual league banquet on September 16, with an average of 538 for the season. "Lefty" Gomez, former star twirler of the New York Yankees, was the principal speaker. In the all-star game held at Danbury September 19 between the Industrial League All-Stars and the crack Army Team from Camp Devens, Joe, being scoring in the field, scored the only run in the game with a home run. On September 26 he returned to his junior year studies at Catholic University.

3. J. H. Huddle, Railroad Secretary at Danbury, writes us from Savannah, Ga., about the gorgeous Georgia peaches.

4. John F. Lynch, Signal Helper at Danbury, and unit of J. L. Lynch, Operator at Ripley Office, inducted into the armed forces on August 15, has been assigned to a railroad unit at New Orleans. Another son, Gordon, left for Camp Devens on September 21.

5. Patrick "Bick" Scully, foreman at Danbury, writes us from Sicily that the situation is well in hand.

6. Pete Lied, R&B Plumber, wants it noted apox that out of 12 contestants, he has been selected for the bowling league banquet where the cubicle is 500 for a rigid test of his new molars.

7. Greetings to the first members of the fair sex to be employed by the New Haven at Danbury in several years: Rita Tuchman, Clerk in the Freight Office, and Vera Gunn, Crossing Watchman.

8. Passenger Conductor William Nonnan is at his home in New Haven recovering from recent illness.

THOMAS C. CASEY
Maybrook Car Department

Pvt. Charles L. Berghoff has been transferred to Camp Ellis, Ill., with the M. P. Escort Guard Co.

Leo Kimbark, Inspector, Eastbound Department, is on vacation in the south where he is spending a good time.

Bill Walker's sister, Mrs. Van Rallison, visited with him recently and enjoyed his furlough, to say nothing of the new arrival.

John J. Degnan, Clerk, and George Laws, Van Clerk, have been promoted to Foremen.

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Joe Cano, visited their daughter, whose husband is an Army officer at Muskogee, Okla., and wishes to be remembered to all.

Frank Brady is now the Record Clerk on the Bridge at Fort Totten, N. Y., and the band is an Army officer at Muskogee, Okla., and wishes to be remembered to all.

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Roy Hoppin, last trick Car Inspector, has been selected by the Cherry Lane for a Hurry Home Ticket. Good Luck, Roy.

Anna A. McDowell, Eastbound Car Inspector, has been selected by the Army. Alex is one of our most conscientious car inspectors.

Good Luck, Mac.

Frank Babbitt, Locomotive Fireman, son of Frank Babbitt, of Oak Point, is now in the Army in Louisiana. A quiet and his fellow firemen wish him the best of luck.

Bill Tate, Electrician at Oak Point, and friend of Ernest W. Tate, is also in the Army in Louisiana. The secret is now out that Bill took the fatal plunge into the sea of matrimony just prior to joining the Army. Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. William Tate and also the best of luck in his ventures in the Army, (See Dining Car Notes.)

Vincent Laino, our young man, has been off sick since January, is well on the road to recovery and now planning a vacation to the sunny land of Arizona.

Grand Central's loss was Harlem River's gain when Leo Gallagher was promoted to Trainmaster and returned to his old headquarters at that terminal. Bill is glad to have you with us again, Leo, and the best of luck.

Billy Fust, Foreman Electrician at Harlem Bridge and a Jockey, has been off sick for a long time through illness. To our Jockey, we wish the best of luck.

Walter Beagan, Harlem River, and formerly an employee at Oak Point, now in the Navy. Good luck, Walter, and to your father, Walter Beagan.

Meyer Glass, Car Inspector Helper at Oak Point, has been transferred from the lighted district to the dark, and is there doing very well.

Oak Point Motor Shop welcomes George Verves to its ranks of Fireman.

Joe Shea, Foreman Car Inspector, vacationed at Leeda, N. Y., and had a swell time.

Staff Sgt. Bill Anderson, Caller at Oak Point, and son of Mrs. Anderson, was home on furlough from South Carolina and paid us a visit.

Gene Zanvettor, our Machinist and Carman, has been transferred from Oak Point to the Alaskan C.P.R. Good luck, Gene.

Pfc. Fred Burger dropped in on the boys recently, during his furlough, to say "Hello." Stationed at Redmond, Oregon, Frank Brady is now the Record Clerk on the last trick, and Frank Hagan is Crew Dispatcher on the middle.

We extend a welcome to our new men: John J. Degnan, Clerk, and George Laws, Van Clerk, have been promoted to Foremen.

Robert and Richard, twin sons of Jerry Donovan, Bridges, celebrated their 10th birthday on September 7th. Flash! Jerry is also one of twins.

Mrs. J. Degnan, the proud mother of the above twins, is on vacation in Chicago, and is in excellent health.

Capt. Marshall, Carman, has been promoted to Foreman. A good man and a good citizen.

Capt. George Morrison, Asst. Head Delivery Clerk, was given a promotion of Company B, 49th Field Artillery, Under Captain Kelly, Post, of the American Legion, fort years ago.

Capt. Clark, of our Local Police Department, is back at his post, after spending his vacation with his family and watching the Dodgers lose the pennant.

Nick Walsh, our O&K Clerk, returned recently from his vacation, one week of which he spent visiting his little daughter. Mary Ann, the interesting spots in New York and the other week he spent at Green Brook Lake with Mrs. Walsh and Mary Ann.

Julia Spence, Stenographer, has returned from her vacation in Oshkosh with a good coat of tan and a little extra poundage.

Tom Fay, our jovial Asst. Cashier, has returned from his vacation in Oshkosh with a good coat of tan and a little extra poundage.

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The youngest member of this happy McCollin family achieved fame and distinction upon birth of his twin sisters. In this world already equipped with six honest-to-goodness siblings, the following McCollin is employed as Machinist at East Hartford. By the way, it's a boy—Edwin G.

Moe Rothman is now working as a Refulling Clerk, formerly being in the Claims Department.

We are glad to welcome Michele Paceco, daughter of Arthur Paceco, Yard Clerk, and Mrs. Eleanor Danner, daughter of James Mallen, Claims Clerk. Both young ladies are Sorters.

Our sympathy is extended to Joseph Uliman, Car Service Clerk, on the death of his father.

Amiel Braun, Spare Check Clerk at the Lighterage Dock, was killed in a recent accident.

Henry Kavanagh, Transfer Clerk at the Lighterage Dock, took unto himself a bride.

A popular Foreman at the Freight Dock, is now back on the job after being laid up with a touch of pneumonia.

Theodore Webber, Asst. Examiner in the Assistant Superintendent's Office, has been away from the office for a long time due to illness. During vacations he relieved Inspector Beagan, Hopewell Junction, and is expected to return soon.

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for not mentioning the fact in a previous issue. George is at Williamsburg, Va., and expects soon to visit his wife, who has been keeping the home fires burning in New York City. We are glad to have George visit us at the Stores.

H. V. PEMBLETON

SIGNAL ENGINEER

We were glad to hear from Sgt. John Streete of a letter written in the Solomons he will probably be in Georgia and to expect soon to visit his wife, who has been keeping the home fires burning in New York City. We are glad to have George visit us at the Stores.

Cpl. Paul N. Johnson writes that he has been moved from Blanding to the hills of Tennessee and likes it very much.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Benjamin Van Ormer in the loss of his sister and to Henry P. Steintoft in the loss of his wife. Also to Pvt. Edward Mansfield in the loss of his mother. Pvt. Mansfield is in the service over in New Guinea.

Recent callers at the office were Charles Wrenn, Seaman 2/C, who is at U. S. S. Cheyenne Station, Brooklyn; Cpl. Robert Brown, Signalman, Harold Carlson to Signal Supervisor W. A. Ford, was married to Miss Jane Ford, daughter of General Graves to Signal Foreman in place of Cpl. Michael Loyds, who is at present stationed in the Virginian. Cpl. Michael Loyds is now Company Chief Signalman to Signal Foreman W. A. Ford.

Pvt. Howard A. Kirck, home on furlough from Camp Butner, was a welcome visitor in the office.

Office of General Accountant

A Long and Flowing Beard!

Prediction:

Locomotive Engineer Harry Pearson, who runs the Beacon switcher, bids fair to qualify for the House of David baseball team before long. This picture, taken several weeks ago, shows a good start for what seems destined one day to be a long and flowing beard. For Harry has threaten not to shave until his whiskers are equal to his old age.

Power reverse gears are being applied to locomotives in accordance with Interstate Commerce Commission requirements, as fast as producible under present conditions of availibility of materials. Of the 518 steam locomotives owned by the New Haven, 48 are equipped with power reverse gear, according to the latest figures.

Unless there is some sort of a revolution in traffic conditions of Beacon which requires a noiser locomotive to handle the work, it looks as though the only way Engineer Pearson can possibly achieve his ambition will be to bid in some other job!

Meanwhile, the boys all get a great kick out of Harry Pearson’s hirsute adornment.

CEDAR HILL ENGINE HOUSE

Staff Sgt. Nick Rapuano, recently doing his stuff in a Night Bomber Squadron in England, is back enjoying the North African area. Nick says that the climate is like Miami Beach and the people are very hospitable, even though he doesn’t understand what they are talking about. He is also enjoying the fishing from North Africa that on his days off he manages to go swimming in the beautiful water of the Mediterranean.

World fame has been received from Francis Meher, somewhere in North Africa, that he is well and would like very much to have the boys write to him, especially Erwin Harris.

Bill Cave has been promoted to a Corporal. Writes from somewhere in England that all is well with him and not to forget the Red Cross for the swell job they’re doing for the boys.

Sgt. Carl Sylvester, with the Railroad Engineers, has completed a fine job, repairing locomotives on that service running between sea base and one of the bases in England.

Corp. Joe Vaccaro, stationed in England with a Bomb Wing squadron, a recent announcement marriage to a nurse who formerly resided in London. Congratulations and best wishes.

Sam Innes, now in the Merchant Marine, postcard came this week from somewhere in North Africa.

A letter from Renzo Pierpaoli, somewhere in England, states he feels fine and is right at home. In reply to a village near his camp, he found a roller skating rink.

Encouraging reports are being received on the condition of Palmer Carnright, who has been hospitalized for the past few weeks. We all hope that he will be able to be up and around soon.

Pvt. Jack Skelly, of the Marine Corps, and Mrs. Skelly, formerly Miss Elsie Ullette of this office, were recent visitors from San Francisco, where Mrs. Skelly is now in the employ of the Northern Pacific.

Four of our employees, Helene Harris, Lorraine Gohs, Barbara Neets and Gertrude Gates now have husbands in the Armed Forces.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Cpl. John H. Currant, who was cited for bravery in action on one of his trips to Russia with supplies.

Recent promotions were George Prentice to Lt. Jt. C. R. Urquhart, promoted to General Signal Inspector.

Pvt. John Matthews writes from Alaska about how much he appreciates our circular letters and ALONG THE LINE, also packages sent by the boys.

Miss Jane Ford, daughter of General Signal Supervisor W. A. Ford, was married at a very picturesque ceremony on September 22, to 2nd Lieut. William Glaag, a great favorite among the Signal Service overseas.

T. Stanley Bray’s youngest son, Kenneth, has enlisted in the service and is stationed at Sampson, N. Y.

In a letter from Wm. J. Henry, who is now stationed at Camp Jesse Turner, Van Buren, Arkansas, he sumaizes that the last time he was on furlough he took unto himself a bride.

Our own "Ivan Walton," "Nate" Holbrook is back on the job after spending a very pleasant vacation at Great Hill, Bay Canal fishing for striped bass. We saw the twenty-five pound striped bass that “Isaac Walton” "Nate" Holbrook, Sr. told the boys was a beauty.

Harry has threatened not to shave until his uniform is replaced by his wedding suit.

Signal Supervisor W. A. Ford, was married to Miss Jane Ford, daughter of General Graves to Signal Foreman in place of Cpl. Michael Loyds, who is at present stationed in the Virginian. Cpl. Michael Loyds is now Company Chief Signalman to Signal Foreman W. A. Ford.

Here’s one for Ripley: Earl Barry and Miss Lorraine Goble, Barbara Hetzel and Florence McCarthy, recent visitors from the Marines. They are both stationed at San Francisco, Calif.

P.F.C. Russell V. Farrell graduated from the Air Corps Training Command at Sheppard Field, Tex., recently as an aerial gunner and was promoted to Sergeant.

Frank King has returned from a trip to the Saguenay.

Helen Gaspargino is engaged to Clifford Havens, who is now a 2nd Lieut. stationed at Key West. Fla.

Shirley Powers’ cousin, Charles Williams, is an aviation cadet at Mass. St. College.

Word has been received from P. F. C. Peter W. Sperandeo of the Marine Corps. They are both stationed at San Francisco, Calif.

Congratulations to Muriel Coley, Mabel Welch, Martha Gilben and Lillian Wright spent a vacation at Cape Cod and Newport.

BULLARD BUILDING

Auditor of Freight Receipts Office

Recent visitors to the office from the Armed Forces include Capt. Carl Nelson from the Army, Jack Mahoney from the Navy and Ralph Sperandeo from the Merchant Marine.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Capt. Carl Nelson from the Army, Jack Mahoney from the Navy and Ralph Sperandeo from the Merchant Marine.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Lieut. John E. Rourke, of Vice President John McLaughlin is convalescing and we hope we can have him back with us soon.

June Caxan was the guest of the boys when she recently visited us in her WAVU uniform.

Alice Guarniere has left the office to help out Uncle Sam’s Navy as a WAVU. Everyone was glad to see her.

We have recently welcomed a new employee, Francis Mahler, somewhere in North Africa, that he is well and would like very much to have the boys write to him, especially Erwin Harris.

Bill Cave has been promoted to a Corporal. Writes from somewhere in England that all is well with him and not to forget the Red Cross for the swell job they’re doing for the boys.

Sgt. Carl Sylvester, with the Railroad Engineers, has completed a fine job, repairing locomotives on that service running between sea base and one of the bases in England.

Corp. Joe Vaccaro, stationed in England with a Bomb Wing squadron, a recent announcement marriage to a nurse who formerly resided in London. Congratulations and best wishes.

Sam Innes, now in the Merchant Marine, postcard came this week from somewhere in North Africa.

A letter from Renzo Pierpaoli, somewhere in England, states he feels fine and is right at home. In reply to a village near his camp, he found a roller skating rink.

Encouraging reports are being received on the condition of Palmer Carnright, who has been hospitalized for the past few weeks. We all hope that he will be able to be up and around soon.

Muriel Coley, Mabel Welch, Martha Gilben and Lillian Wright spent a vacation at Cape Cod and Newport.

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ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Auditor of Disbursements’ Office

Pfc. John E. Rourke, of Vice President Carmichael’s office, was a visitor recently. John is located at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. Congratulations and best wishes to Lieutenant Gene.” George was up from Fort Bragg recently and looked well browned and fit as a dollar. Everyone was glad to see him.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mary Lazor in the recent loss of her husband, Peter Lazor, former Machinist.

Rutgers M. Leddy, who recently had been stationed at Key West, Fla.

Shirley Powers’ cousin, Charles Williams, is an aviation cadet at Mass. St. College.

Word has been received from P. F. C. Peter W. Sperandeo of the Marine Corps. They are both stationed at San Francisco, Calif.

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CONFIRMATION OFFICE

Congratulations to the Misses Virginia O’Neil and Florence McCarthy, recent recipients of diamonds.

Congratulations to Irene M. Leddy, who expects to be married soon.

Ransom B. Gaffney was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces and has returned to work.

Kenneth Armstrong, son of Frank J. and Mrs. Kenneth Armstrong, discharged from our Armed Forces and is now living in New London.

Richard Craven, John Mesner and Walter Grant have been recently discharged from our Armed Forces and are now living in New London.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ackerman on the birth of another daughter.

Congratulations to Ruth M. Harris on her recent marriage.

HARRY D. KIRKMAN

GENERAL STORES

Earl MacKenzie, former employee of the General Stores while on a furlough from Fort Knox, Ky., to show his markmanship medal.

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BUNICE BENTON BUSHNELL, Assorter, has passed away at New Haven, Conn. Born May 21, 1873, at New York, N. Y., began service March 26, 1904. Died Aug. 18, 1938.


Jimmie Colbert and wife spent a week end in New York and saw “Okalahoma.” Mae Reeves has spent a week on Cape Cod.

Joe Auerhammer and wife spent a week’s vacation at Cottonport, Connecticut. He is in the service and had a wonderful time. His vacation has returned to the General Stores family, after a two weeks’ illness.

Mr. T. W. Tartaglia, our Local Storekeeper, is on a week’s vacation, the first in 26 years. Gene, we hope you will make the most of it.

CHARLES M. KELLY

Supt. Car Service

Joe Lyons, our former correspondent, has been transferred to Mr. S. P. Mackey’s department. Best of luck, Joe—we all miss you.

Congratulations to Grace Berber on the birth of her third child. There are three Cheers for Bill Keery—he has voluntarily sold his in this department, and to other employees in the building $2,300. In War Savings Bonds, and stamps. Keep up the good work, Bill. Bill has two sons in the service.

Pauline Russell and Eleanor Wyatt have spent a couple of days in New York seeing sights. We hope they had a perfect time.

Elmore Crotty spent her vacation at An­ dover Lake and from reports understand she had a perfect time.

Jerry Walker and Peggy Barry, who donated their blood to the local Red Cross, are in the service.

Barbara Finn has just returned from a trip to Washington to see a fellow employee, who is in the service, Foster Hope.

Bertha Klapproth has spent several Sundays correspondence with her boy friend who is in the U. S. Navy. We understand that, Kathryn Butler is quite a golfer, at least, from reports from Wallingford.

MARJORIE GILBERT

NEW HAVEN DIVISION ENGINEER

NEW HAVEN DIVISION


LEONARD ROBERTS, CAR SERVICE

DEPARTMENT


FRANK ZIMKOWSKI, of Woburn, Mass., retired Assistant Government Foreman, Mechanical Department, South Boston. Born January 25, 1876, in Germany. Entered service in September, 1903. Retired March 31, 1941. Died August 27, 1941.


We extend our sympathy to the relatives of illustrous young man, Carmine McGuinness, Jr., as Timekeeper, and who was driver of Bus B-17, has been killed in action in foreign waters. Mr. McGuinness was an excellent teamster and good friend of all.

Charlotte Danaher, who is in the service, Foster Hope.

Harry Wilson, Rail Repairman, is still a resident of Roslindale, where he has been working for the company for over 30 years.


ROGER HEMMET McCArTHY, of Providence, R. I., retired Locomotive Engineer, Providence Division. Born August 6, 1866, at Providence, R. I. Entered service May 15, 1886. Retired July 6, 1938. Died November 18, 1942.
Lydon Gets Around!...
Corporal William F. Lydon, Electrician's Helper, New Haven Mechanical Department, wrote from Columbia, Missouri, under date of August 20.

"I have participated in the Battle of Munda, had a pleasant stay on Russell's Island, received a reception from the Japs a few days at that well known place Guadalcanal. Arrived in Australia lens, visited New Zealand... Here the Yank was given a reception from the Wrens. Our hospitality was superb. The British currency, the English accent, driving on the left side of the road, the pubs and trams, tea and crumpets all lent to our enjoyment."

Cronk HA 1/C...

"I am in the Hospital Corps and was hospitalized with a fractured arm and am now looking forward to taking a test for Pharmacists."

Aroby in North Africa...
James E. Aroby, Machinist Helper, Readville Shops, is in North Africa, according to a letter received from him August 26.

High Speed Radio Operator...
Boilermaker Victor Uscila, New Haven Division, writing from Tampa, Fla., under date of August 21.

"I am now a high speed radio operator for the Signal Corps and I like the work very much."

Hale a Corporal...
Nathan Hale, Voucher Clerk, Brewery St. Freight House, New Haven, writes under date of August 17.

"I am very glad you said I was just promoted to Corporal."

Mansfield in New Guinea...
PFC Edward Mansfield, Signal Helper, Signal Department, is in New Guinea, according to a letter from him dated Aug. 1.

In S. W. Pacific Campaign...
Corporal Raymond R. Gagnon, Clerk, Hartford Division, writing from somewhere in the southwest Pacific under date of August 20:

"I've been overseas for nearly two years and have participated in one campaign in the South Pacific and the first issue of ALONG THE LINE along with your ever so popular magazine, arrived in the latter part of January. They were both well received, my copy was delivered to me just one day after I returned from spending 44 days on the front lines... The going has been pretty tough at times out here, and we all miss the luxuries we once enjoyed in the States, but when one reads of the wonderful work being done by the New Haven in order to rush shipments out here we feel sure that the boys on the New Haven are doing their share and all pulling for us."

ALONG THE LINE Followed Him in U. S., Africa, Sicily...
Corporal Henry T. Frackiewicz, Fireman, New Haven Division, under date of August 21.

"I want to express my appreciation for receiving ALONG THE LINE. I am always reading the magazine since it has to do with a good old railroad and other interesting subjects. The magazine has been received by me through my army life, in the good old Sixth Division, in Africa and now in Sicily.

Higgins in S. W. Pacific...
Pvt. Leo L. Higgins, Yard Brakeman, Pioneer Yard, New Haven, is in the southwest Pacific, according to a letter received from him, dated August 21.

1260 Sit-Ups
When you learn that this young man is a Signal Operator Assistant, you think he is not hard to imagine he has the energies to achieve 1,260 con­secutive sit-ups, at Duke University Gymnasium, where he is training in the Navy V-12 program. He is Paul Delory Doolan, A. S. At West Haven High School, Paul managed the football team in 1946, when they beat traditional rival Hillhouse, the first time in many years. For three years he was a member of the swimming team and was selected to coach and supervise the "Faculty Kids' at Yale Pools. Entering George­town in 1941, he has been accepted for George­town Medical School, in class beginning January, 1944. In Naval Reserve at George­town, he won the 155-lb. boxing championship. He established the record of 1,260 sit-ups on August 25, after previously establishing records of 400 and 1,000. Now he is satisfied to let it stand and tackle the mental endurance tests of the Naval aca­demic program.

Mahaner m. p. in Australia...
PFC Joseph Mahaner, Machinist, New Haven Division, is in a Military Police Battalion in Australia, according to a letter received from him, dated August 23.

Anson in Sicily...
Corporal Vincent A. Anson, Clerk, Prov­ince V-12 program, is in New Haven, according to a letter received from him, dated August 26.

Schlegel in Iran...
Freight Handler Emil Schlegel, Jr., New Haven Transportation Company, was in Iran according to a letter from him dated July 15.

Graham in Africa...
Hugh C. Graham, Clerk, Auditor of Dis­bursements, is in New Haven, according to a letter from him dated July 16.

Dominic A. Formichella, Clerk, Division Accountant's Office, in New Haven, under date of July 14:

"I've seen a lot of Africa so far and see­ing more every day. There is one place that I've seen and really enjoyed and that is the Ancient Ruins of Carthage... It's the Ancient Ruins of Carthage... It's very hot here during the day (137 degrees) but it gets very cool at night. I have to sleep with two blankets on to keep com­fortable."

Villano in Carribean...
F. C. Salvatore Villano, Mechanical Helper, New Haven Division, writes from "somewhere in the Carribean" under date of August 1.

Addresses Wanted
There are almost 1,000 New Haven Railroad men for whom we do not have service addresses.

"Unless we get them SOON these boys will not receive the Company's Christmas gift package."

If you know a New Haven Railroad man's service address and could send it to: Mr. S. A. Boyer, Assistant to Presi­dent, New Haven, Conn.

Help the Company say MERRY CHRISTMAS to our men in the Armed Forces.

Regards to First Street Yards...
PFC Everett Heasron, Yard Brakeman, writing from Sicily, acknowledging the receipt of the copy of the June issue of ALONG THE LINE:

"Lydon is a much better country than Africa as there are more trees and less flies and bugs. Give my regards to all the boys there, and I am glad to hear that they are on the job."

Tegelman in Hawaii...
Sgt. Arthur Tegelman, Carpenter at the Harlem River Marine Shop, is serving in the Hawaiian Islands, according to the recent information. In a card dated September 8, Tegelman acknowledged receipt of his Christmas package sent to him by the Company in November, 1942. It had only just arrived. "Even though it arrived quite late, it was well appreciated," Tegel­man pointed out.

Vaughan a Second Lieutenant...
Samuel Vaughan, Jr., Traffic Apprentice in the Traffic Department, who has been training at Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an Aviation Cadet, has received his commission as a Second Lieutenant and is connected with the Second Weather Squadron at Westover Field, Mass.

McKinstry a Lieutenant...
A letter from George W. McKinstry, Clerk-Operator at Meriden, dated September 5, from England, shows him to be a Second Lieutenant. This is the first we have heard from him since last December, at which time he was a Corporal.

Ralph A. Williams Gets Honorable Discharge...
Ralph A. Williams, Lighter-Captain, Marine Department, has been honorably discharged from the Army after a considerable period in the hospital. He reports that it will still be some time before he can get back to work. All his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Godfrey in Australia...
Douglas J. Godfrey, Berkshire Division Trainman, who is a Sergeant in an Air­plane Squadron, is now in Australia, according to a letter dated September 4. It had just received the April issue of ALONG THE LINE, "much post-marked and trav­el-stamped, but very welcome and eagerly read."

Jim Tropp Gets Commendation...
Jim Tropp, New Haven Division Painter, New Orleans in the Pacific Area, came in for a letter of commendation from the navig­ation officer of a merchant ship in which he was formerly a quartermaster in the Merchant Marine service, and has been cooperative during the present cruise. Due to his knowledge and skill, he assisted the instruction and "breaking-in" of new quartermasters and helmets. He stood watches with ship's company during the day and night, and also at General Quarters. His work has been worthy of praise, with little to be desired.

Baker in New Guinea...
Machinist Helper Richard J. Baker, New Haven Division, is in New Guinea, according to a recent letter dated August 4.

Brady in England...
PFC Harry E. Brady, Stationmaster's Clerk, New Haven, is in England, according to a letter received from him dated July 23.

Condon in England...
Writing to the Backbone Club, Sgt. Charles P. Condon, Signal Helper, New Haven Division, under date of August 4. There are six New Haven fellows with me somewhere in England, but none that they all feel what you are doing is sufficient. I'd like you fellows to drive out of us any feeling of homework that we may have."
WRITE TO THE BOYS

Nothing is so cheering to our men in the service as to know that their friends and their families are writing to them.

We have discussed several times the practical value of writing to our men, but we have not given the addresses. The sooner we are able to supply this information the better.

Frank Moran in Sicilian Invasion

Frank E. Moran, Jr., New Haven Division Fireman, and son of Frank Moran, Passenger, Transportation Department, writing from Sicily under date of August 10.

"It was eighteen months ago that I left the United States and the crew that I left back then to sail pages and two places that I have been in the service. The list of places that I have sailed to now is not a long one.

"It is pretty tough to be a member of an aviation training unit where we conduct training on the Air Corps on all of our airplanes. It is very interesting to be a member of a unit that is using the latest equipment we have."

Sylvester Promoted

Cpl. A. Sylvester, Machinist Helper, Cedar Hill Engine House, has been promoted from Technician 4th Grade to Staff Sergeant, according to an appointment made by the U.S. Army Reserve on August 12, according to reports from Fort Bliss, Texas, dated August 12.

Guyette a Corporal

Freight Flagman Alfred Guyette, New Haven Division, has been promoted to Corporal, according to reports from Fort Strong, South Carolina, dated August 12.

Mello in Alaska

Corporal Frank Mello, Boston Division Laborer, has been promoted to Corporal, according to a letter from his from Fort Bliss, Texas, dated August 12.

Mello has been overseas for 14 months.
This month we regret to record the death of six New Haven Railroad men who had left railroading to serve in our Armed Forces. Killed in action were Anthony Baldassare, freight traffic, Boston; Antonio Mazzarella, track laborer, Cranston; R. I., William H. Morton, Bollerman Helper, Roadville Shop, met death in an automobile accident in South Carolina; Samuel S. Grggerman, Mechanical Inspector at Southhampton St., and a veteran of World War I who re-enlisted last February, died in Forsey Jones Hospital, Michigan, of natural causes. William A. Hirtzinger, Floatmaster Department, died in camp at Fort Bliss just after receiving honorable discharge from the Army.

Details are sparse about all three men killed in action. All that is known of Anthony Baldassare is that he was killed in action somewhere in the South Pacific area. Antonio Mazzarella, reported killed in action July 12 in the North African area. A native of Providence, Mazzarella first entered the New Haven Railroad service July 24, 1934, as a laborer in the Maintenance of Way Department, and worked intermittently at various jobs until he was inducted into the Army February 12, 1942. He would have been twenty-eight in December 1942.

Gaetano DiNallo, who entered the Navy last November, was killed in action in the North African theatre on July 6. A resident of Providence, DiNallo was born April 17, 1921, at Central Falls, R. I. He entered the railroad service August 3, 1942, working as a gang laborer until joining the Navy.

William David Morton was born January 15, 1922, at Yarmouth, N. S., and first came to Roadville Shops January 3, 1942, as a Laborer. In May he was promoted to a Bollerman Helper, continuing at that job until February 27, 1943, when he was inducted into the United States Army. His death occurred May 15, as the result of an automobile accident between Rosedale and Moore, S. R. The death of William A. Hirtzinger was especially sad, coming as it did just after he had been given his release from the Army because of classification in the "over thirty-eight" group. He was forty-one years of age, a native of New York City. He first entered our service May 21, 1941, as a Floatmaster, the Marine Department at Harlem River, later being transferred to Floatmaster. He was inducted into military service September 15, 1942. He died at Fort Bliss April 6.

Samuel Szul Grggerman was born in Russia April 19, 1901. A veteran of the last World War, he entered service as a Machinist Helper at Dover Street, Boston, July 18, 1922. He was promoted to Engine Inspector April 26, 1929, and to Mechanical Inspector June 23, 1924. Laden out in August, 1932, he was at Southampton Street. On February 27 last he enlisted in a rifle regiment of the United States Army, and shortly afterwards was taken sick and placed in Percy Jones Hospital in Michigan, where he died.
as Gunner’s Mate, Second Class, his parents recently received word that he had again been awarded the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds suffered in his left leg during an enemy bombing and strafing attack on his ship. He has recovered and is now back on the high seas.

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**WOUNDED in Their Country’s Service**

Reports have come in during the past month of the wounding in action of three New Haven Railroad men, two of whom have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. They are Bartholomew Succi, Patrick Malvone, and William J. Lessard, the latter two being recipients of the coveted Purple Heart award, Lessard’s being his second award of that medal.

**Bartholomew Succi**, a Laborer under Track Supervisor Sullivan of the Providence Division, is a native of Providence, but lived for fifteen years in Italy, where he was taken by his parents at the age of one. He first worked for the New Haven Railroad in 1937. No details are available as to where Succi was engaged when wounded.

**Patrick Malvone**, who was rated as a Private 1st Class, in an Electrician Helper in the Readville Car Department. He is the son of Nick Malvone, Machinist in the Locomotive Department, and brother of Angelo Malvone, Carman in the Locomotive Shop. He received his wounds in the Battle of Sicily, and has received the award of the Purple Heart.

**William J. Lessard, Jr.**, employed at South Boston Passenger Car Yards, and son of William J. Lessard, Sr., Car Inspector at the same location, was among the men reported as lost after Pearl Harbor. Later, however, his dad received the welcome news that his son was safe. Rated as Gunner’s Mate, Second Class, his parents recently received word that he had again been awarded the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds suffered in his left leg during an enemy bombing and strafing attack on his ship. He has recovered and is now back on the high seas.
This morning, all at once, the guns stopped firing here.

Then the Yanks came in.

And hungry people cheered.

Now it is almost quiet. Men in khaki patrol the streets. They look for booby traps. They search for wounded underneath the rubble.

Suddenly, the kid sees a little girl... sobbing, frightened, cowering in a doorway.

He smiles, holds out his hand. She backs away.

"Come. Don't be scared. I won't bite you."

She looks up. She doesn't understand the words, but she knows the common language—kindness.

He stoops and lifts her in his arms.

From a pocket full of cigarettes and souvenirs—out comes a candy bar.

She takes it in her hands, unwraps it. Now she takes a bite. Her eyes light up—she smiles.

And suddenly, a world black with hunger, fear and hate is bright—with peace and human love.

A couple of hours from now, tonight, again the zero hour will come.

The guns will shake the earth. The tanks will roll.

This kid and a thousand other fighting Yanks will push ahead.

With food and comfort for the bomb-shocked children, hiding in the cellars of the world.

Today when you plan to travel, remember the countless things that we must do to help the kid.

Freights must roll to fill a thousand ships.

Troops must keep on going endlessly.

At home the forging of the tools of war must race ahead.

We dare not—and we shall not fail him.

For more than we may realize, he needs our every effort—every hour, until his job is done.