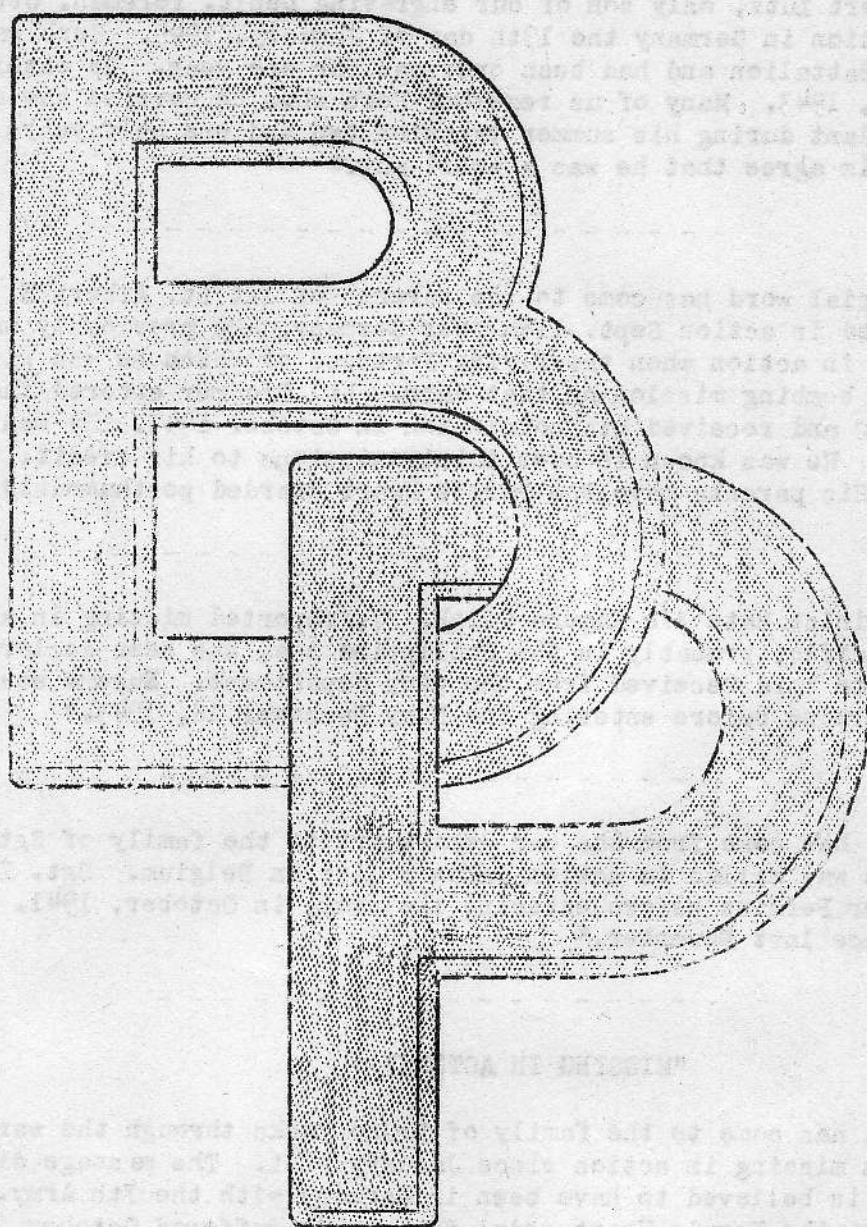


Bob Sievert



NEWS

"BLUE STARS TURN TO GOLD"

"Herbert Lutz, only son of our engraving Dep't. foreman, Otto Lutz, was killed in action in Germany the 19th day of January, 1945. Herb was a member of an Engineers Battalion and had been overseas for one year. He entered the service in April, 1943. Many of us remember Herb when he carried the mail throughout our plant during his summer vacation two and one half years ago. All of us who knew him agree that he was a swell guy."

"Official word has come to the parents of 1st Lt. Albert E. Trommer that he was killed in action Sept. 11th over Germany. He previously was reported missing in action when the Flying Fortress of which he was pilot failed to return from a bombing mission on that date. Lt. Trommer entered the service in November, 1942 and received his commission in October 1943. He went overseas early last June. He was known to have thirty missions to his credit. He held the Air Medal. His parents have the Purple Heart awarded posthumously."

"Machinist Mate 3/c Eugene Sulek, 27, reported missing in action in battle in the Pacific, probably in the Philippine sea, has been declared officially dead, according to word received from the navy department. Eugene was employed here at Baker Perkins before entering the Navy December 18, 1943."

"Word has come from the war department to the family of Sgt. Louis J. Zeman that he was killed in action January 31st in Belgium. Sgt. Zeman was employed at Baker Perkins before entering the army, in October, 1941. He went overseas to France last November."

"MISSING IN ACTION"

"Word has come to the family of Bruno Yorks through the war department that he has been missing in action since January 21st. The message did not specify, but he is believed to have been in Germany with the 7th Army. Pvt. Yorks was awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds suffered October 25th, in France. In the army since December 1943, he went overseas to Italy last July."

NEWSPAPER

Please note change of address for the following servicemen. Keep us informed of your correct address so that our files may be kept up to date.

We appreciate the letters which have been received from you. Some of them are being included on other pages in this issue. We hope you'll enjoy them as much as we have.

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NIGHT SHIFT 'GANG.....

"I bet you are glad to hear from us on the Night-Shift. We like to let you know that we are behind you & still on the job every night in the Machine Shop.

"Charles Marks got a break & was transferred on days Jan. 1, 1945. Now Tony Truck is in charge again with Joe H. ... as his assistant. Since W. Lawrence & Frank Filiatroul left for the armed forces, we have a few newcomers on the Boring Mills. John Deike, Joe Kyzinski, Vern Purman. We even have one old timer back - Donald Doer, discharged from the Navy & glad we have him with us again. Wimpy (W.Knight) is operating one, so is Ed. Heyse, P. Smith and the big scribe - W. Makholm. Only three Milling-Machines operating nights - Albrecht, Modlin & Joe Korkus. Grandpa Christie & Howard Bunder are working on the Vertical Boring Mills; so is Wayne Tester on the big one in Aisle 1. Frank Foley is still drilling holes. Old man Koslaw & his son Martin, two newcomers Charles Crane (an Ex-soldier) L. S. Taylor & Jack Stahlmacher are working hard on the Gearcutters. Good old Jack.

"The Engine Lathes are going full blast with Frank Bukowski (Hawksha) Duquette (Knobs) Al. Smith, Bogart, Abbott, Stroik & Gaertner.

"All the Turret Lathes are operating with Joe Grabowski, R. Torry, Grifforth, Correll & Curtindale (Whity), Frank Dabloff is on the big Planer & still likes his candy, if he can get it. Ralph Hoefling got as far as he wanted to on the big Boring-Mill. Minard is still on the Grinder. He is the father of Shorty, the girl who is playing a big part in completing the Bulletin. Then we have a new man on another Grinder. Dougherty the up-to-date broadcaster. Gus Stahlmacher & Perry Reeves are putting the production out on the Screw Machines.

Otto Gabriel & Dick Benthien are still in the Cage. The same old Dick, worrying always about the tools and is ready with good advice anytime. Probably you all remember his motto: "A good machinist keeps his tools clean and breaks none." Otto is jumping from one Grinder to another to keep the boys going with sharp tools and speed up production.

Anna, the only girl we had on the night-shift, sweet and pure, got transferred on days, but seems to be worrying about her Joe in Detroit, if he is really true to her.

"CHRISTMAS FLASH"

Anna received a tiny Wristwatch from Joe, who is about ready to make his final plea for Anna's hand.

"Emil is working hard with the broom & wheelbarrow. Harry Strandes, everybody knows him, is making his rounds every night with his boxcar to boost production.

"Joe Lash is time-keeper & Steve Gast is operating the two overhead Cranes.

Clarence Hatch (Chick) is still around looking after the electrical equipment.

You see, we are all working hard for a speedy victory to have you all back with us as soon as possible. May the dear Lord guide and protect you where-ever you are at all times. God bless you all.

A BEE LINE ...By A.B.Sawyer.

She was a Butterfly's daughter-
But the question is: Who was he?
She lived and loved as she ought'a-
That is - in a fair degree.
Then he came, one day, to court her;
So she listened to his plea.
And they flew over land and water
to a place he knew in a tree.
But the place she found was sorta -
Nobody's business, you see,
For she was a butterfly's daughter -
and he - was a son of a Flyer, also.

Foundry..... by Fred Davis.

"Several of the old familiar faces in the Foundry have disappeared in recent weeks. Buck Ryder, the big noise, left in January after a heated argument with one of the helpers. Apparently Buck ran into someone who could talk louder and faster than he could - if such a thing is possible. Everett Rossow is now working for Ed Bremer as an electrician. Bill Levarenz is taking a six months vacation in Florida. Oley Noble has come down out of the crane to become a moulder. Oley cracked his motorcycle into a car last fall and came very close to joining the angels. He was banged up quite badly but is O.K. now. It seems that wasn't exciting enough for Oley; now he is taking flying lessons. If that guy lives to be an old man it will be a miracle.

"Bill Goodrow left a few weeks ago with a story that he had joined the Merchant Marine. A week later Bill came back and quietly went to work. It seems they want men in the Merchant Marines. That reminds me of a good story about Bill. He dug a small pit in the floor near his job and filled it with water, graphite and a few other ingredients to make a nice sticky mess. Then he covered it over lightly with sand. He and Ed Salow then lured many victims over and maneuvered them into this trap. They had quite a picnic and got many of the boys in up to their knees. Later in the day Bill was working hard to close up his job and wandered straight into his own trap. Everybody gave him a loud razzing and he soon filled up the hole, sputtering to himself as he did so.

"Our new building on the rear of the foundry is progressing nicely. The steel work is all up and the bricklayers are moving at a fast pace. At present they are engaged in moving the back wall of the sheet metal Foundry addition back about 20 feet.

"Bruno Yorks

"Bruno Yorks has been reported missing in Germany. All the rest of the Foundry boys in service are still O.K. as far as we know. Keep up the good work out there fellows, and we will try to hold our own back here."

Bldg. II.....

"Jane Weigl is a rather attractive addition to Building II time office and the boys are rushing every job in order to get their time ticket punched often.

Fred Faulman and Art Gulliver are still picking away at small Laboratory Mixers.

Bill Plambeck Jr. is still making oven panels when not making eyes at the girls.

Otto Lutz had the misfortune to lose his son in Belgium.

Bill Baker has entered the armed forces.

Just in case you wonder sometimes how we get our equipment erected and serviced, here are the names of the men who do that work:-

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| A.W. Currie | James Shanks |
| C.A. Ferrier | Frank Sheppard |
| Geo. Hastad | A.H. Strutz |
| Felix Hoelbl | H. Close |
| A. Lloyd | A.H. Kammerer |
| F.C. Nonn | Albert Muth |
| Leon Pal | J.S. Neville |
| Geo. Proudfoot | J.C. Short |
| Warsin | |

Bill Lubahn has his own method of fixing things. How about it Bill?

Below is the address of our plant in England:- Contact Mr. G.E. Toulmin, Secretary of Baker Perkins Ltd. Peterborough, Northamptonshire, England. Anyone having the chance is more than welcome to visit the plant there. If possible try to give them a day or two previous notice that you are coming.

Around Saginaw.....By. E. Vipond.

Ray Leaman is fiddling nights & pushing a pencil days. Bill Lubahn has been down in Texas and is just back from a trip to Calgary, Sask. He was trying to get cooled off a little.

Bev. Wayt went deer hunting and got back PERIOD.

Every night you will find Jim Harley, Art Burns, Elaine Bragen & Shirley Minard waiting in the lobby after 5:30 for Ken White who is in their share-the-ride group.

Our lady draftsman Irene Letts won a 12 lb. Turkey at a feather party. Guess we'll go over for dinner.

Phil Prentice is now trying to design a flange outfit with the assistance of Jim Hansen and Norm Krenke. Max Mueller is now back on the job so he can give them some good advice.

Jim Brown is lending a hand in the N.Y. office making sales layouts.

Ralph Finni who married our ration clerk Phyllis, Dec. 9 is beginning to get that hen pecked look already.

Carol Heineman's drawings show considerable improvement since Art Leach moved on the board next to her. What else could they talk about?

We expect vast improvements in photography since Bert Schleicher & Henry Greif started to compare notes.

Mack McGee is counting the days until golf season opens.

Jack Ricker went to Battle Creek last fall to shoot wild Geese but says he didn't get any because the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary Guards are too watchful.

Howard Babcock has just returned from a two months stay in Denver where he has been experimenting with centrifugal separators. Hes off on another trip again.

George Levi, with the help of Bill Marsh, Carl Werth, Paul Hausbeck, Bud Therry, and Mike Grekko, is trying to design a biscuit plant during the prolonged absence on the road of Ed Ure, and Bill Clark.

Betty Garner, the office infant, is kept quite busy these days hunting Engineering dockets which are generally found on the desk of the Engineer who wants it.

Tilly Hoelbel is working in the Purchasing Department.

Richard Epple has been trying to sell some cigarette rolling machines to the boys in the Engineering Dept. They are quite a machine if they would only work.

Mildred Rank and Martha Rappuhn are still handing out tracings as well as the usual line.

Charlie Pabst runs the Blue Print Machine while Joe Hern blames the bum prints on the chemicals.

Ezra Sperling has returned from an Eastern trip. He says at one hotel he had to sleep on a cot set up in a public room.

Al Garlo's crew has been augmented by the addition of Jim Brown's daughter. Everyone was surprised to learn Jim was old enough to have a daughter old enough to work.

New four are Victor Verdant, Anthony Wasco, and Ollie Root drafting in the "Comical" Engineering Department.

Alex Shablisk, who worked in the oven Engineering Department last winter, has now finished his fall plowing and harvesting his crops, and is back on the ovens again.

Leon Yblonski just can't figure cards in the noon Rum game. When he stays out of the high grade pot he holds the ace, when he enters he doesn't even get a small spade. Mike Grekko is the most persistant & cheerful loser in the game.

Dave Avedisian is still trying to bowl a perfect game, says he'll do it next time. He still drums a little, works a little, and blows a lot.

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Clarence Scherping Jr. is still trying to put on weight enough to get in the Navy.

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Now that the novelty of being the father of a 10 pd. baby has worn off, Bill Oberschmidt is getting back to normal.

AROUND THE NEW YORK OFFICE...by J.Brown.

"In case you boys in the service don't know that we have a New York Office with live people in it, let us inform you of their identity.

"Starting from the 20th floor there is Mr. R.E. Baker and Miss Brom his secretary.

"On the 8th floor answering all the calls is Miss Mary Fragazie (her phone number is Murryhill 89933). Miss Fosswick and Mrs. Walsh handle a lot of typing. Miss Becker is in charge of the office beauties of the 8th floor. Bakery Sales are handled by Mr. Duff, Mr. George, Mr. Haysom, and Mr. McKenzie. Bakery Service by Mr. Inch. with Mr. Warsin assisting. Mr. Farrer handles Sales Layouts with Mr. Charles Cantelli assisting.

"Chemical Sales are handled by Mr. Powers & Mr. Geier with Miss Graters assisting at the typewriter."

"In the CHICAGO OFFICE, Harry Floyd handles the Bakery accounts and Schmiel the Chemical. Miss George runs the office."

"There are only two in the DALLAS OFFICE. Barclay does the road work and Mrs. Findley the office work."

"McDonald & Rogers take care of the SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE."

"Bob Davis and Grant Robertson make their headquarters in the TORONTO OFFICE which is run by Miss Baker & Miss Stewart."

Notes on Deckhouse Party...By G.Vaughn.

The party was held in the Cafeteria, and the tickets read: Chicken Dinner, refreshments and entertainment. Our Cafeteria cook Mary did a swell job. Well after the dinner, the party opened up with a bang. In fact I believe the company will have to re-finish the table tops. Oh boy, that was some wood mallet. It had about a yard of maple in it.

Our guests attending the party were Mr. C. Pletscher, Mr. H. Hennecke, & Mr. V. Burkhuise from Bay City. Mr. Jim Harley was unable to attend.

Mr. Pletscher gave us a short speech, and said "To hell with all this talking, lets get on with the party."

It wasn't long before we were cooking with gas on all four burners. Mr. Hennecke asked Mr. Oberschmidt if he thought it was necessary to have another party when they shipped the next Dough Mixer out. (ha-ha). What do you think?

The committee on this party were Louis Ressome, Bob Cherry, Bert Farrand and James (Moon) Muches. Thanks fellows - nice going.

Ed Gutman and Scotty Ferguson were there. Did you get enough chicken fellows? (S o r r e e ! !)

"We also had some gals at the party. Kathryn Fish, Virginia Puzato, Alice Dennings, Edith Purdy. Katty Fish asked me not to forget her. (How could we Kate - how could we?) Also Irene Bierd, and Lou Ann Davis.

A quick look around the table and who do we see but T. Meeler, C.Douglas, Carl Mempel, Jim Hansen, Eddy Leach, F.Cherry, Marty Krueger, Ken Fiebig, A. Anderson, G.Slotrda, L. Verhius, G. Day, F. Lazzaro, Jack Curtis, A. Dencko, H. Sager and a host of others.

We closed the entertainment with some fine pictures from the Conservation Dept. Mr. Whaley ran the films through for us. Thanks Charlie.

A picture showing the deskhouse and the people who worked on it was given to each one attending the party.

Well boys and gals, will have to close now. We'll be seeing you.

Written up by G. Winegarden...

These boys are sons of Harold Bull of the Order Issue Department:-

Sgt. Sheldon H. Bull 16176482
535 Ordnance H.M. Co. (F.A.)
A.P.O. 709 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Enlisted in Ordnance in January 1943. Trained at Texarkana, Texas, Camp Livino Livingston, Louisiana, and received specialized training at Ft. Crook, Nebraska. He went overseas in January 1944, and is stationed at Guadalcanal with the 12 Saginaw men who enlisted with him. -Sgt. Robert Vibert, Pfc. Harold Schultz, Sgt. Floyd Thomas, Pfc. Frank Watson, Sgt. Thomas Hahn, Cpl. Richard Walpert, Pvt. Harry Demmers, Pvt. John Sweeney, Pvt. Clayton DuPuis, Pvt. Marvin Brusson, Cpl. Wm. Redding, Cpl. Robert Coates.

Pfc. Duane J. Bull 36987203
Co. I 12 Inf.
A.P.O. 8 c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

Trained at Camp Hood, Texas from June to November 1944. Duane was sent to Germany via England, France and Belgium. He is now with the U.S. 9th Army in Germany.

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Corporal Ernest C. Schott, son of Carl Schott, of our assembly crew, returned in June after 28 months service in the Pacific Area. He was returned to the same area in February. Carl served in Trinidad, British Guinea, and New Guinea.

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Petty Officer M.M. 1-C Eddie Novak is on an L.S.T. and is on convoy duty in the Philippine Area. Eddie has been in the service three years.

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Corporal Paul Major a nephew of our Assembly foreman, Art Seymore, has returned to duty in France after a long convalescence in England from wounds received on "D" Day.

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E. Huegel, a former service man who was a MO.M-M-1C, is back on the assembly floor with us after a two year hitch. He was stationed at Great Lakes and Traverse City, Michigan where he was located at the commissioning of the new base.

Norman Fiebig F2C, a former Baker Perkins moulder, is now stationed on one of the Mariannas Islands. This is a group of Islands East of the Philippines, of which Guam is the main Island. The days are plenty hot, but the nights are cool. The scenery and mountains are beautiful, but according to Norm's last letter, the Golden Gate at California is the only scenery that he is interested in seeing. He is the son of Marcus Fiebig, one of B.F.'s veteran Moulders, and a brother of Kenneth, our Pattern Shop Foreman.

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A.S. Harry McGee is at Northwestern Unit School of Medicine. He took his Pred-Med at Notre Dame, and his Physical Diagnosis at Cook Co. Hospital. Harry will have another year of training before graduation. Harry is the son of Clarence McGee of our Chem. Eng. Staff.

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Frank E. Young Jr. S-2C is in training at Tech. Training Naval Aviation Camp at Norman, Okla. He is an Aviation Ordnance Man. He is now taking the V-5 Test for Pilot. Frank is the son of Frank Young Sr. of the Chem. Sales Department.

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Mike Wachowicz (Gear Cutter Mike) received a nice letter from Joe LaTarte (Benny), this past week. Benny is located with the Sea-Bee's in the Mariannas.

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Sgt. Arthur T. Wehner U.S.M.C. has been in the South Pacific area for 25 months. Art sent home some nice souvenirs to his parents. Art Sr. had them on display at the shop. Art would like to hear from some of you fellows. He is now in Guam.

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Corporal Charles Wehner, Gunner on a B-17, is in the European area. Chuck finished his training in Florida in December.

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Pvt. William Martens is in a rest camp in Astoria, Oregon, after South Pacific Duty. He is recuperating from Malaria.

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S-1/c Andrew J. Kristalyn, a brother of our Shirley from the Planning Dept. was home on a 24 day leave, and has reported back to San Francisco for new orders. He has spent ten months in the Pacific as a gunner on a Tanker.

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Sgt. James R. Mollhagen Jr. U.S.M.C. son of James Sr. of the Planning Dept. visited the plant. He had spent 30

months in the Pacific area. While at Guadalcanal & Guam he served with Art. Levi, Chuck Everett, Art Wehner. Jim is now at the Great Lakes Hospital for treatment, and is looking forward to a 30 day leave real soon.

Pvt. Kenneth Greenleaf Jr., the son of our inspector Kenneth Sr., is now in the Philippine Islands, with a tank destroyer reconnaissance unit as a radio operator. Kenny was formerly with a cavalry unit in New Guinea.

Chick Novak has returned to our assembly floor after an over-age discharge. Chick's son Robert J. Novak F 2/c has been taking advance training at Drake U. He was home on a furlough in Feb. and is now awaiting orders at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Capt. A.T. Bohnhoff, son of our Chief inspector Art, is connected with the 75th Bomb Squadron, 42nd Bomb Group, as an Engineering Officer. He has spent two years in the South Pacific, and is at present, in New Guinea. He worked on the Chemical Assembly floor during summer vacations while attending college.

Dan Archangeli our stores superintendent, has a son, Dan Jr. T.M.M. 2/C who is now located near Honolulu. Dan enlisted Jan. 25th, 1943, at Great Lakes, for boot training & Torpedo School. His advanced training was at Reypport, Wash. He was attached to U.S.S. Gaumbier Bay in the Pacific Area. He is now located at N.A.S. 28 - Ord. Div.

EFC Edward J. Biles, son of Mrs. A. Biles, and brother of Belinda, is located in New Guinea. Eddie has been overseas for 15 months, with the Air Force Engineers. While at Guadalcanal he met Marvin Brusson and Sheldon Bull.

Edward, son of our Machine Shop Supt. A.S. Sampierre, entered the U.S. Navy in Sept. 1942, but was permitted to attend school to finish Pre-Medic Course. until February 1944. Went into active duty at Great Lakes Trng. Sta. & received a commission. He transferred to different hospitals throughout Calif. and then to the Hawaiian Islands. From there to the Marshall Islands where he is at present.

Below is his address:-

E.A. Sampierre, HA 2/c
Medical Department
N.A.B. #825 % Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Flight Officer Harold Schuler is stationed at Corsica. He is flying a B-25 as a Bombardier-Navigator. His wife the former Maxine Whaley is a clerk in the Fdry. Accounting Dept. Harold has been in service 2 years & overseas 5 months. He graduated from Saginaw High in 1937.

Fvt. Harold Koeplin the former Arthur Hill star-miler suffered an arm wound in Belgium, according to word received by his father, who operates the electric furnace in our foundry. The patient next to Harold in the hospital was Mickey Rooney. Harold says he is a regular fellow.

Sylvester Dufore screw machine operator received a box of Japanese souvenirs from his son Ray. Ray is on an L.C.I. & took part in the Leyte & Mindoro invasions & is now taking part in the Luzon invasion. Ray has been in the navy since Jan. 1944.

Paul Rifenburg Ensign, is taking instrument flying at Atlanta, Ga. & then will be transferred to the West Coast for further instruction. He has been an instructor for Naval Cadets for the past 2 years at Corpus Christi & Dallas. Dick Rifenburg A.S. is taking boot training at Great Lakes. Dick the former Arthur Hill football & basket ball star was drafted from the U. of Mich. in Jan. Both boys are nephews of George Winegarden of the Progress Dept.

Peter Yorks W.T. 3-C is located with the Sea-Bees in the Philippines. He has been overseas 1 yr. Better known as Feachy, he is a brother of Bruno & Benny Yorks.

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WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF YOU WERE BACK WORKING IN THE OFFICE AT
BAKER PERKINS INC.

In the morning, you would either drive in the back gate or, if you parked outside, you would walk in the front gate. Archie Neushafer would be there with his, "Good Morning" and those that had letters to mail would give them to him. A lot of the girls have letters these days.

After you ring in, you gather in little groups and then the chatter begins. It generally goes something like this: "Belinda, did you hear from Hank Bremer lately?" or up near Ben Angell someone will say, "I hear Ronnie Watson is now in Germany", or you may hear the old stuff like, "Who is that new girl in the Planning - Boy!"; or "You know that girl that hangs around with Rita, Boney Fox they call her". Where do you suppose a girl ever got the nickname of "Boney"? If you were in the front office some morning you would likely hear someone say, "I'll bet Bill Brown is having as much fun as anyone else in the Service from B-P - he always did like the water".

Eight o'clock you start work. About ten you will hear, "Who in hell opened the window - put a board in the hole" and then "Got some blood in your veins". About once a week Elmer Vipond gets in some candy and then the rush starts. If you are one of the first, you always get an extra "for a friend".

At twelve-thirty you rush to be the first in line for lunch. The menu hasn't changed much because of the War. They still serve the same kinds of soup. The Sagingaw water has a real bad odor lately. You could either play bridge, uhre or rhum. Oh yes, and there is a place to play cribbage too. If you don't play cards, you can sit up with Margaret Walsh and Mary Laufer and laugh and make a lot of noise. Some of the girls take this opportunity to type a letter to the boy friend.

One o'clock - here comes Engels. Time to go to work. The afternoons go by slowly and not much happens unless you watch Rabe, Ben Angell or Riordan try and roll a cigarette. That is really something to see. You know, you can smoke in the office now - if you can find anything to smoke. Don't know what the girls smoke when they run out but have never seen them roll 'em. Its now about 4:30 and you eat the bar of candy you got for the friend.

Five-thirty it is dark outside now that we have the new time. You ring out and, as you pass out the front gate, Bill Plambock says

"Good-night".

Team Standings Week of 12-27-44.

TEAM	GAMES	PINS	WON	LOST	AVERAGES
Stores	42	28505	25	17	678
Shipping	42	30298	24	18	721
Mach. Shop I	42	29191	23	19	695
Tool Room	42	28616	23	19	681
Boring Mills	42	28388	20	22	675
Sheet Mtl. I	42	27981	20	22	666
Mach. Shop II	42	27905	20	22	664
Sheet Mtl. II	42	27290	13	29	649

SHIPPING					STORES				
PLAYERS	GAMES	PINS	TOT. PINS	AVER.	PLAYERS	GAMES	PINS	TOT. PINS	AVER.
A. Curran	27	437	3958	146	H. Besaw	33	336	4084	123
F. Simon	39	410	5394	138	W. Hyatt	33	308	3641	110
H. Anderson	33	357	4519	136	B. Thompson	36	402	4378	121
J. Krajcir	30	525	4695	156	E. Thompson	30	393	3888	127
L. Maynard	30	414	4255	141	M. Besaw	27	375	3297	122
E. Seymore	36	448	5486	152	J. Salow				163
					J. Mollhagen	21	409	3170	150

MACHINE SHOP #2					SHEET METAL #1				
C. Douglas	30	372	3748	124	F. Kabobel	36	392	4619	128
E. Dragsholm	33	438	4521	137	J. Dettmer				
W. Limberg	36	304	4482	124	H. Zimmerman				
P. Andre	30	435	4770	159	C. Douglas	33	414	4646	140
A. Truck	33	500	4370	132	F. Miller	24	384	3298	137
E. Maleski	33	419	4640	140	B. Cherry	27	419	3146	116
					J. Viettie	9	364	1109	123
					L. Salvner	18	388	2438	135

TOOL ROOM					MACHINE SHOP #1				
C. Douglas	33	344	4625	140	G. Portle				
W. Hatch	36	414	4351	120	J. Faith	27	447	4220	156
M. Williams	24	375	2678	111	L. Zapolski	33	356	4279	129
G. Robinson	33	412	4796	145	J. Honsinger				
H. Reynolds	21	400	2498	118	W. Kwiatkowski				
C. Carney					R. Sebenick	30	430	4307	143
K. McMann	33	400	3219	97	B. Gast	15	399	1812	120
S. Tardiff	27	394	3847	142	A. Kopanek	30	472	4284	142

BORING MILLS					SHEET METAL #2				
E. Brilliant	33	392	4696	142	A. Demko	33	314	3971	120
R. Martin	36	457	4819	133	F. Cherry	33	393	4246	128
H. Sager	36	327	4171	115	D. Sayon	27	408	3583	132
M. Filiatraut	36	416	4547	126	G. Sloboda	33	403	4368	132
S. Defore	33	395	3801	115	A. Miner	30	369	3620	120
F. Smith	36	418	5573	154	B. Farrand	33	311	4367	132
					Strachan	15	317	1693	112

High Single Gam -EarlSeymore - 230
 High Three Game -Jack Salow - 589
 Joe Krajcir - 578

Team High Single - Shipping - 842
 Team High Three Games - Shipping - 2417

From Carl W. Wise (France):-

"It was with a great deal of pleasure that I perused the Bulletin you published a short time ago & forwarded to all ex Baker Perkins employees who are in the Service. It was great to receive some first hand news as to what is happening back there. The whole thing was so well put and so liberally sprinkled with the mention of familiar names and things, that reading it made me feel almost as though I were back there with "the gang" for awhile. It is great to know that we haven't been forgotten by our old friends back at BP & I hope that sometime in the not too far distant future you may see fit to publish another such Bulletin to sort of keep us posted as to what is happening back there.

"I have long been intending to write you about the wonderful reception I received when a friend & I visited the English Plant of Baker Perkins Ltd. in Peterborough, but things began happening so fast right after our visit that I've just been too tied up to do much about it. The reception we received certainly left nothing to be desired. Despite the fact that we dropped in on Mr. Baker unexpectedly, no stone was left unturned to make us feel very welcome and "at home". We were taken on a complete tour of the Plant by Mr. McDougal and much to my surprise it proved to be considerably larger than our place in Saginaw. There weren't too many pieces of familiar equipment, such as rounders, mixers & so forth around but there were enough to remind me strongly of Saginaw. Because of censorship restrictions I cannot mention any of the things I saw there but I can say that the progressive production methods and the time and material saving ideas they have put into practice could not fail to be an inspiration to anyone having the privilege of seeing the inside. After the tour we were treated to an excellent dinner where we had the pleasure of meeting several of the Executives & their wives. Most of them have, at some time in the past, visited Saginaw and had pleasant memories of our fair city. As a

consequence we found many subjects for conversation and time passed altogether too quickly. When at length it became time for us to leave, we departed with the feeling that our visit was by far the most pleasant & enjoyable experience of our stay in England.

"Just a few lines about yours truly & what is going on over here. As I mentioned before, things began happening very shortly after my return from Peterborough. We moved into a Marshalling area for a short time and from there hit the Normandy Beach at D plus very few. Saw a lot of fireworks and spent a lot of time in fox holes the first few weeks we were here. Upon the inception of the Red Ball Highway our Unit was assigned the task of handling all of the Ordnance work for the Highway which kept growing longer and longer as the Front moved forward until it covered several hundred miles. Though my particular duties were in the Personnel Administration field, I found that at the end of my first month on the highway I had traveled more miles than I would ordinarily drive in a year at home. Keeping on the Red Ball has been a big job but at the same time it has been quite an experience.

"There are many more things that I should like very much to tell you about operations on the Continent, but such is impossible at this time because of the secrecy which still prevails on a great many subjects, so will close for this time and hope to see you in person before too very long. Thank you again for your very interesting Bulletin."

From L. Sulek (Philippine Islands):-

"This time the Private is writing from the Philippine Islands. A short time after I got here we had mail call & my first letter was from Baker Perkins Inc. It was the pamphlet named "We Hope to See You Here When You come Back". If & when I get back I am sure I will be there & glad to take any job you will have waiting for me. Those swell days at the Milling Machine will never be forgotten. Your pamphlet was very interesting & hope to receive more because there is always a big welcome waiting for them.

From L. Sulek (Continued):-

"My first foxhole here was in a native cemetery. Experience tells me no matter where it is located, just as long as I can jump in & out of it, rather than for always to stay there. From my cemetery hole living I learned that a cross made of round wood means a man lies there. A cross made of flat wood means a lady lies there.

"In my early days here the natives wore very little clothes, if any at all. On wash day the men, women & children went to a river, took off their clothes and would beat them against the water with a board or bamboopole. Now things have changed a lot but once in a while we still see it. When I come back I know that each bottle of beer will get me to talk deeper about the natives.

"What civilian vehicles I have seen here, were full of bullet holes. Their traffic is driven along the left side of the road. Many times I have seen a fourth of July celebration, although a Jap plane came down before the celebration was over. I have seen many dead Japs and that is the way we like to see them.

"During all of my service days I have not felt as proud of myself as I do now. When I come back & someone asks me where I was & what I went through during World War No. II, I will not need to drop my head down into my shoulders. Many bullets whistled over my head, hitting the trees, enemy bombs dropped so near that I felt as if I left the ground a foot, a piece of shrapnel went through my tent and another fell into my foxhole not over eight inches away from me. All I can say is, Thanks to God that my purple heart day hasn't come as yet.

"I am sending you some Japanese invasion money which is only good as souvenirs. One peso is a half dollar, fifty centavos is twenty-five cents & ten centavos is five cents. A ten & five peso can be seen at my folks. If any of you are interested in seeing pamphlets, pictures etc. of my other place, you are always welcome to go in to my folks and they will be glad to show them to you.

"This is all I have to say for this time & praying to be with you soon.

A LATER LETTER: From L. Sulek-

"Received your letter telling about the Christmas Gift you sent to the boys in Service. As yet I haven't received my first edition of the "Time" but from the Islands I thank you because I know it will get to me. We still do flash light reading & writing but I am a veteran at that, so will be looking for the "Times" at every mail call we have.

"Believe it or not, but before I left my other location, I got a chance to see my brother Eugene. I saw his ship in the harbor two days before I was leaving. Pvt. L.B. isn't so young in service, and I knew the time was to see him now or else I wouldn't. No one will ever know that I was A.W.O.L. but both days I was on this ship; in fact I took him for a ride in my jeep. Of course my brother got special liberty before he left his ship & I didn't give a darn about myself because I hadn't seen him in twenty months.

"Well we are forgetting about our fox-hole living, but yet we will always remember them. Yes, we had Turkey for Xmas, but it was the news that really made it a Merry Christmas on that day. We are doing Damn Good! Our losses were small compared to those of the Japs.

"The last night of 1944 several of us G.I.'s got together and waited for 1945 to come. We didn't have too much beer, but enough, and also a soldier who played an accordin. It wasn't a Happy New Year like we used to have in the Mainland but the happiest we could possibly have over here.

"I am writing here in bed & it is now near midnight. The Batteries in my flash light are going dead; it looks like no air raid tonight so I had better get a little shut eye before morning. Will write again."

From John Kostrzewa (Northern France):-

"I imagine you are all surprised to hear from me. I am awfully sorry; guess I should have written before this. I have received your letters & welcome & interesting Magazine. I have enjoyed reading it & can truthfully say I read the magazine from front to back. I want to congratulate Shorty & Dick on the time & great work they have done & hope I can encourage you both in your work of establishing more material for further

From J. Kostrzewa (Continued):

copies. I also want to thank Mr. Pletscher for allowing this magazine to be published. I and I know that the rest of the boys appreciate it.

"I see that our Honor Roll has now three gold stars. I want to join in with the rest of you in expressing my sorrow & to the parents of these boys - May God Bless You. I also want to join in wishing & praying that Al Trummer has been reported safe & in good health.

"D. Williams: I don't hardly agree with your picture in the last issue. They have your feet drawn too big. All kidding aside Mr. Williams, I see you are performing your duties as well as ever. Keep it up boss.

"Hey Benny, is your old Pontiac running? Still getting that 25 miles on a gallon of gas? Keep a pushing her Boy.

"How are you & the boss getting along Rita? I hope good as ever.

"I guess I just can't take time enough to say a little to each individual, as I would like; so to all of you at one time - Hello, Good Luck and may God bless each & everyone of you & keep you in the best of health.

"I imagine some of you would like to know my work as a soldier & my adventures. I am sorry to say that I am unable to state what kind of work I am doing. Censorship won't allow me. As for adventure, they are few. Soldiers life doesn't have them. I have seen very much of France so far & I find it to be a very beautiful country, even though it is war torn. Who cares about a beautiful country when there can't be any to compare to our own. So I guess I will just drop the subject.

"Well gang, I really don't have much else to write, except to thank all of you for remembering me with your letters and magazines & will be waiting to hear from and all about you.

From Bob Crank (Somewhere in Belgium):-

"Received your composition of jokes & addresses & am very grateful to each & everyone of you. It does the heart good to know that you haven't forgotten me & that there will be a place for me among you when I get back.

"Have at last tasted the thrill of actual combat, & although the horrors of war are very sickening, we find the

excitement & adventure quite pleasing. We know now that we are doing something concrete toward blasting the Germans off the face of the earth. We're a patient force, and we love the smack of battle.

"Keep up the good work on the "Home Front" and try to think of me, as of trying to be worthy of all that wonderful support. I thank each & everyone of you with all my heart.

From H.E. Roggmann:-

"Well I suppose you are wondering what has become of me. Well things aren't much different then what they were the last time you heard from me.

"They have been keeping me pretty busy pushing 6 X 6 trucks around the last couple of months.

"I was very pleased with your booklet that you sent out to us fellows in the service. I was lucky enough to run into Robert Ader through your booklet & the addresses. It sure seemed mighty good to see somebody from around home.

"By the way, I received your swell Christmas Gift some time ago. I think it was swell. Thanks a lot.

"I am in very good health. I think the weather down here sort of agrees with me even if I do get mad at it once in awhile. It sure seems that we have had more than our share of rain.

"One of your employees has told me that work has picked up considerably. That makes us feel pretty good.

"Well I guess this is about all for this time. Tell the boys in the Fruhdry that I send my regards.

From Tom Seymour (Central Pacific):-

"I take this opportunity to extend my many thanks to you on behalf of Baker Perkins for their Christmas present to the "Time" Magazine which is being sent to me this coming year.

"There is nothing that would give me more pleasure than to be back there with some of my old friends that are there. I am looking forward to being back there some day in the future.

"We out here are kept pretty busy and I imagine B.P. is doing more than their share back home.

"There isn't much I can tell you about myself except that I have traveled quite a bit and have seen a little of this war

From Tom Seymour (Continued):
and also had the opportunity to be in Australia for a short time this summer. I am aboard a repair ship in the Central Pacific.

"Perhaps you would be kind enough to put this letter in the shop & if any one is interested I would be glad to answer any letters sent my way. To my friends in the machine shop, I send my regards & greetings to all.

"So again I thank the Company for remembering me at Christmass time and until I see you again I remain."

From G.H. Hoelbl:-

"I wish to thank you very much for your swell letters & most of all to a very fine Christmas Gift of the "Time" Magazine. It sure makes a fellow feel good to know that the people back home haven't forgotten me, and many of the other fellows in the service.

"I am now waiting for a new ship. Its a Destroyer and I know I will like her. There isn't much to say about what I am doing. About all I can say is that I'm doing a few things here & there. I do want to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas & A Happy new Year. Thanks again for remembering me. Say hello to everyone for me."

From A. Deike:-

"This is the first chance I have had to drop you a line and thank you for that booklet of shop news & the edition of the "Time" magazine. They were both very welcome; in fact any news from home is welcome, late or early.

"As yet I have not received an issue of the magazine but I am certainly looking forward to it. Of course, as you probably know, the mail service out here isn't right up to date, but even with all the difficulties, they do pretty good.

"I am glad that you made your selection of a Christmas Gift a magazine because candy we have plenty of & of good quality. Cigarettes, so far we haven't any shortage of. And liquor, well if you're lucky enough to fall overboard once-in-a-while they give you a shot to help you to recuperate. That magazine will

be very welcome, and I'd like to thank you again for it.

"I don't know of much I can say that wouldn't be cut out. At least the weather out here is a little warmer than back home right now. I expect in a short time it will get a lot hotter and I don't mean the weather.

"I Certainly would like to be walking through those front gates of the old place right now. I guess we don't really appreciate the things we have until we have to leave them. By the way things look now, I guess it will be quite a while before we can look forward to that event.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to say hello to everyone. It probably will be a little while before I get a chance to do any more writing so the best of regards & the "Seasons Greetings."

From Edward Whitosky:--(South Carolina):--

"Received your letter quite some time ago & also the Baker Perkins paper, was very glad to hear from you & I will repeat again what I said in my last letter. I read the paper from cover to cover & enjoyed every page of it.

"Enclosed you will find a snapshot of myself. It was taken a few months ago. Its not a very good one but its the best I have. Hope it will do. Using snapshots of all servicemen that were former B.F. employees in a future edition of your paper is a very good idea & I am looking forward to my copy so I can see a familiar face again.

"I did get my long awaited furlough & was at the plant to pay you a visit. Evidently it was your day off for you weren't in. I'm sorry I didn't get to see you but my time was quite short & couldn't stay very long in Saginaw. Had to make a trip to Detroit to see the rest of my relation & when I got through there, it was time to come back to the field. Hope we have better luck the next time for I would like to have a nice chat about the good old times.

"Glad to hear that B.F. has gone "Over the top" again the Sixth War Loan Drive. Its a wonderful feeling to know that all the people back home are behind us boys 100%. We have a tough war to fight & Victory will be ours with team work such as that.

From E. Whitosky: (Continued)

"I'm still doing radio work and taking care of all airborne equipment really keeps us fellows busy. Its very interesting work and I learn some thing new every day. By the way I have been doing a little flying now and then. Its really a thrill zooming through the air & I do mean these Army planes Zoom.

"Want to take this opportunity to thank Better Perkins Inc. for the very nice Christmas present which is a years subscription to "Time the Weekly News Magazine". I agree it was a very good idea and it makes our leisure hours more pleasant by providing us with very good reading material that is up to date and interesting. Thanks again & I appreciate it very much.

"Guess this is all the news for this time so will sign off and hope to hear from you again.

From Hank Bremer: (France)-

"I rec'd the second issue of the B-P News a few days ago, and I found from information therein that you two were the co-editors. Congratulations on some well spent effort, and I'm sure that all the other boys will join in with me in wishing that the paper may be continued..

"The Front Cover showing the Company Honor Roll is a master piece and the designer is to be praised most highly.

"I'm glad that many of the boys are writing in, because through these letters a guy gets a good insight of what the other boys in service are doing. Bruno Yorks letter gives an idea of what combat is like and it can be worse. However, to be honest, as a Quartermaster man, my experiences have not entailed such sacrifice as yet. There have been a few anxious moments, but nearly all who are over here have some at one time or another. Being a part of the Third Army speaks for itself. We're in a going outfit & must constantly be on the move. But our Company has received a commendation for devotion to duty & work done under hazardous conditions, so I believe we're doing a worthwhile job. From articles I read in the "paper" I gather that B-P hasn't

been sleeping at the switch either! I'm proud to show such reports to the boys, and it's strange to note the interest that others show in such articles. A lot of the boys read the paper just because its "homey" news from the U.S.A.

"The cartoon and paragraph on my Dad surely must have given him a laugh. I got quite a kick out of them myself, but I think Joe was exaggerating a little on that waistline. Hearn's, no doubt, gets as much kick out of drawing the cartoons, as we do in looking at them.

"Mr. Sperling's achievements as bakery specialist for the Army should bring much credit to B-P. In fact the wide variety of work that B-P has done in the war effort should bring praise for all of you. Success in so many fields is hard to find in one plant.

"It's too bad that the French boys can not remain to keep Wilma company. I've picked up a little of this language so perhaps when I return, I can "parlay" a few lines with her to see if those boys taught her anything!

"I want to extend best wishes and good luck to these: Shirley Bricker-- much success, Marge Andrus--hope she finds one, Erma Davis--speedy recovery, Otto Lutz--to find some help, Dave A. - may there be bigger & more parties, Howard Babcock --success in your experiments, Rex O'Dell--don't ground loop your "Flivver", Jack Ricker--on getting a Hollywood stenographer, Gus Gebhardt-- may he keep up the pace, Ann Lenz--hope he'll ask, Irene Adler--may her patience endure, Dick Grainger--may the bi-focals prove an boon and not a burden, always step in the right direction, Dick, and you won't have to worry about the consequences, Claude Bryson--may all your advice be good, ALL B-P's new employees--may B-P be as good to you as it has to us.

"From the bowling averages it looks like the war has affected you as it did college football, or is it too early in the season to judge yet?

"Gordon Simpson's experience is one that is shared by many of us. However, when I came across the channel from England, I didn't feel so bad. Perhaps I'm an old "salt" now. I'll be able to judge a little better when I make that return trip.

From Hank Bremer (Continued):-

In closing I wish everyone the best of everything. May 1945 bring all the good things you wished for in 1944. Keep up the good work on the paper and write when you can.

P.S. This is captured German Stationary I'm writing on.

From Dolly Needham: (France)-

"The Baker Perkins Bleat arrived & I was most happy to have a bit of news. If you, Dick Grainger, or whoever is responsible, can find time to give out with more, I'm sure it will be greatly appreciated by us.

"I find myself on the verge of writing you people a blow by blow description of my activities. One day soon don't be surprised if it arrives. Would like to advise you now; it should not be read on company time as my writing grows steadily more eligable and along about the 8th page things are pretty rough.

"May you all have a merry, merry Xmas & ring the bell for me on New Years."

From Ronald Watson: (Germany)

"Received my copy of the Bulletin today and want to tell you that I got a big bang out of it. Am anxiously awaiting number 3 which I trust will be on the way in the near future. The "Staff" deserves a lot of credit for the effort and excellent results.

"Received a note from Dolly Needham the other day who is somewhere over here - the L.T.O. is rather extensive, but hope some time to run across her - here s'hoping it's not in the process of being evacuated thru medical channels.

"How are the card games coming. Is the noon session still an institution? And do any of the old gang get together for a round of poker occasionally? Yep, I'm still throwing the parties over here -- lose consistently, guess I'm just a damn poor card shark.

"You will notice from the heading that I am now in the "Fatherland". At present, I have my battery quartered in an old German Castle which at present is pretty much "beat-up". We've managed to patch the holes, put in a few stoves and are really living quite comfortably. We call it our "Fur-lined Foxhole". I have my "dug-out" in the library and am literally surrounded by volume after volume of some of the worlds masterpieces. Unfortunately they are all in German so do me little or no good. We've found several books printed as early as 1609 and 1639- wouldn't they be a priceless item back in the states? This castle has the traditional moat around the entire premise and all the expected out-buildings such as a magazine, gate keepers lodge and several other buildings for the domestics As I've said, its been pretty badly beaten-up, but shows evidence of having once been very beautiful. It must have been vacated in a hurry as no attempt had been made to take anything out.

"Well, my regards to everyone there and thanks again for the swell job on the Bulletin."

From Don J. Smokoski:

"I wish to thank you for the years subscription of "Time" magazine. It's a very fine Xmas gift. I've already read some issues of this mag. that my ship-mates have received; I know it's a swell news magazine and I'm looking forward to my subscription coming in. I can guarantee that they will be worn out and unreadable before being discarded.

"I've received two editions of your shop paper. It brings back old & pleasant memories.

"Thanks again for the Xmas gift & the shop news."

From A.J. Porter (Central Pacific):-

"A few days ago I received your welcome correspondence, and was pleased to get word from the plant. I find myself with a spare moment now, so will take time to scratch a word or two in answer.

"It is encouraging to get word to the effect that B.P. is going as strong as ever. From your letters it is evident

From A. Porter (Continued):-

that most of the old gang are still on the job at the plant, with the exception of those that have entered the service.

"I trust that you are all more than busy these days getting your vital war orders filled. I feel certain that the products of B.P. are serving their purpose in this war. Keep up the good work. We still have a long hard war ahead of us in this theater, but I can assure you that a big job is being done here, and its being done well. With a fighting force like ours and home front such as we have, we just can't lose, although it is plenty tough going at times. We here in the Pacific are prepared for anything that may come up, and our morale is high.

"I have worked very hard throughout this operation and it is with a feeling of satisfaction that I say "We have come a long way towards our final goal." For quite sometime we lived in a rather primitive manner, but living conditions get better as each day passes by. All of us are working to get this mess over as soon as humanly possible. It will be a happy day for us when we can get back to the mainland and are able to live a decent civilized life once more.

"As my time is very limited I will have to bring this letter to an end. Any word from you will be appreciated."

From James McNab:- (England)

"This war has me in a different spot then the one in which I was the last time I wrote you. Yes, quite different for then I was enjoying the sunshine of Virginia and now it is the rainy, damp, smokey, and foggy weather of ole England. There is a measure of romance connected with the place, but it isn't the type I care much about.

"I found your bulletin very interesting & intend to keep watch for your next issue. The employees who are putting forth the effort in making it, are doing a very fine job. Sometime ago I received a letter inviting me to visit your plant over here, but being in the states at that time, I didn't note the address. I wonder if you could send it to me now. If I happen to stick around these parts long enough I would like to look it up.

That is of course if (the Army is full of "ifs") I can get a pass.

"Except for the miles between here and good old USA (and my stomach reminded me a lot of them) life here in England isn't too bad. We are treated very well and we manage to get around some to the nearby towns. The American Red Cross has a fine service Club near here and it is very popular.

From Robert Kerns:

"First of all I want to thank Baker Perkins Inc. for the subscription to Time the News magazine. I haven't received any as yet, just the notice.

"Well it isn't much different out here this time than the last. The islands look the same, no women, nothing to drink except on New Years Eve; we had three quarts of whiskey. Of course we paid a good price for it. It was only twenty dollars a quart.

"Ten of us drank it. We just got feeling good and then ran out. At twelve o'clock the bells rang, guns went off etc. It was just like the states, only not enough to drink and no women.

"I believe my stay out here this time will be shorter. I shouldn't be out much more than a year, which won't make me feel bad at all.

"Have any of the other fellows been home lately.

"I hear that there is a cigarette shortage in the states & they are having an investigation about it. We fellows out here believe there should be an investigation about the food that is supposed to come out. I wouldn't feed what we get to a dog. I thought it was bad the last time, but boy is it ever bad now.

"How is everything going at the shop. I sure wish I could have stayed and gone to work again. This Navy life isn't so hot.

From Don Trew:- (Texas)

"Received the companys letter telling of the very fine Christmas gift. I can think of nothing that I would enjoy more, that Baker Perkins could give me now. Thanks very much.

"Have also received two copies of Baker Perkins news. I sure enjoy them and hope they keep coming.

From D. Trew (Continued):-

Please note my change of address. It will be changing again very soon, but at present I don't know what it will be.

"Please thank all my friends at Baker Perkins for all the kindness they are showing to myself and all the fellows who have left with me.

"Looking forward to the day I will again be working with you, I remain as ever your friend."

From Glendon B. Crocker: (Australia)

"I received your thoughtful gift of a subscription of "Time" and want to express my appreciation. It is something of interest throughout the year and also benefits my buddies as well.

"I wish to say hello to all the fellows as it was sure a pleasure working with them. I hope to do so again. It is just over two years ago I left and hope to be back before another two more go by.

"I am still a mechanic working on C forty sevens (Douglas Skytrains) also worked on a flying fortress last week so by the time this thing is over I will have worked on every type.

"Well will have to close so thanks a lot for everything and keep em rolling."

From Lathern Seeber: (Belgium)

"Received your ever welcome letter and was glad to hear from you again. It told about some of the boys in service, also what the factory was doing at home.

"It has been quite a long time since you last heard from me. In the meantime, I have seen quite a lot of the world I am now writing to you from Somewhere in Belgium. I have been in England & was to London. Tried to find the plant there but couldn't. I had lost the address you gave me when I was in the states. While there in England, I was with an A.A. outfit shooting down buzz bombs near Dover.

"From there I went to France for quite a while. I saw Paris while on the way to Belgium. A couple weeks ago we got to fire at some German Air Craft.

"The country sure has been wonderful and very pretty to see. There are quite a number of things that I have seen that I can't even mention in my letters.

"I sure hope that victory will be along soon so I can get back to work again there at the Factory with all my friends.

"I like to read the book very much and hope they will keep on coming. Hope that I hear from you again real soon. Give them all my best of luck."

From F.C. Quinn (France):-

"Received the first edition of your new company paper and enjoyed reading it as well as seeing a few names of the persons whom I used to work with. Although it took some forty-five days to reach me, it still was appreciated very much.

"So far I have managed to still keep ducking in the right direction, by this we all manage to see a new day. The rain is heavy and most of my nights are spent on the alert. Yesterday we had turkey for the nation wide holiday which I never even remembered until today.

"I've already seen all the unpleasant sights and realize that war is not a very nice thing.

"It doesn't seem too long ago since I was working with Mr. Curtis on the forge and when the days work was done, go home to a real home cooked meal.

"The fellows are right about the Calvades. After the first one, you'd think your eye balls were falling out. The bread is excellent and the milk is scarce. Oh, what I wouldn't give for a glass right now.

"Glad to hear the shop is doing so good and wish you all the best of luck in the future. My dad keeps me posted on the news, so there isn't too much I miss. Have seen only one old Saginaw boy here; but hope to do better soon.

"So long for now, till then to all - Good Luck".