

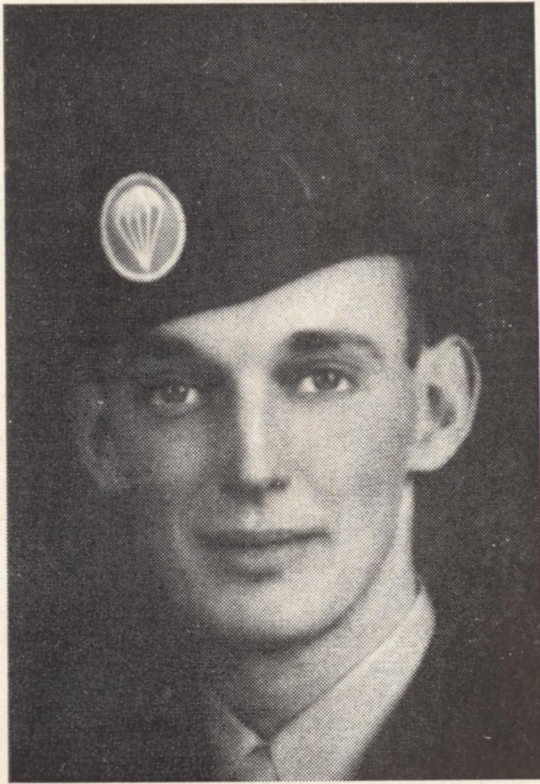
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LT. J. WM. ATKINSON JR.

Former Editor Killed In Normandy Invasion

Started Plant News Nine Years
Ago This Month

Employees of Portsmouth Works learned with sorrow of the death of Lt. J. Wm. Atkinson Jr. who was reported killed in action during the Normandy invasion on June 8. A paratrooper adjutant, he had been stationed in England since January and was the first Scioto County soldier reported killed in the invasion. It is believed he was in the first wave of paratroopers that invaded France on "D" day.

Bill, as he was popularly known in all departments, put out the first issue of Plant News nine years ago this month. He continued as its editor for the next five years, making many friends throughout the plant.

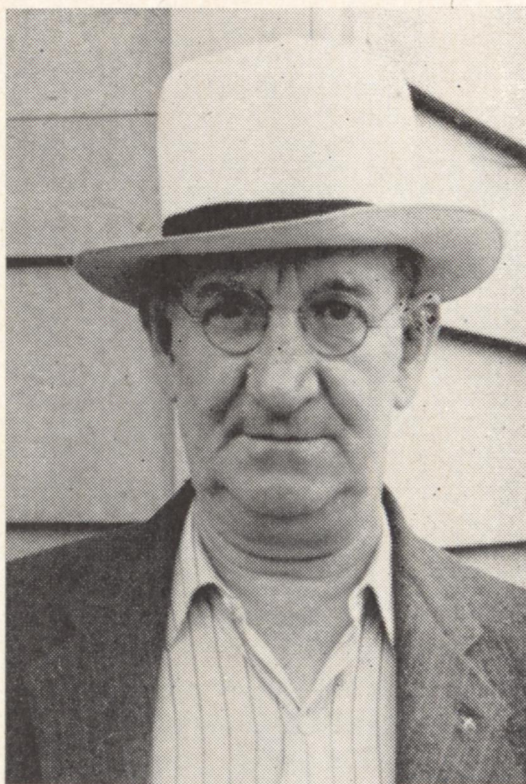
Shortly after Pearl Harbor he enlisted in the army. He received his training as a paratrooper at Ft. Benning, Georgia where he was commissioned in the fall of 1942.

Seven Employees Join Armed Forces in June

Seven employees of Portsmouth Works joined our armed forces during June and four others received honorable discharges during the month, making a total of 408 now in active service.

Those leaving during the month were Chester N. Conklin, James O. Schaeffer and Manford L. Griffith, unassigned laborers, Frank Chase, machinist and Farris Lowder, welder in the Mechanical Department, Donald Horsley Jr. laborer at the Coke Plant and Woodford P. Williams, laborer in the Range Boiler.

Leonard Viars, Tin Shop, Walter Raike, Department 17, Harold Booth and Elmer Abrams, Open Hearth received honorable discharges. All except Abrams returned to their jobs at the plant.



Charles W. Stoop, who retired because of illness on June 12, 1944. Mr. Stoop came to Portsmouth Works on March 24, 1925, from Wheeling and for nineteen years served as a machinist at the Rod and Wire Mill. He will make his future home at 1625 Cordova Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.



PVT. CEAPH A. LOWE

Pvt. Ceaph Lowe Dies In Action on May 30

Furnace Employee is Second War
Casualty from Plant

Pvt. Ceaph A. Lowe of the Blast Furnace was the second soldier from the Portsmouth Plant to give his life in the service of our country in World War II.

According to a brief message received by his parents from the War Department, Pvt. Lowe was killed in action on May 30 somewhere in England, where he had been serving with an ordnance ammunition unit for the past four months. He was 35 years of age at the time of his death.

Pvt. Lowe was employed at the Blast Furnace July 15, 1942 and joined our armed forces in December. He received his training at Camp Maxey and Camp Hood, Texas and was sent overseas in January this year.

His father, Willard Lowe, a member of the Plant Protection Department, is employed as gate-man at the Coke Plant.

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What is a Safety Man?

It doesn't make any difference what his title is—safety director, inspector or supervisor. What is he to you?

Do you think of him as a kibitzer and an old fuddy-duddy who's always wagging his finger and telling you to wear your safety goggles, your safety shoes—to keep the guard on the machine and yours tools repaired?

Well, you're an ungrateful wretch or "wretches" if you do.

The safety man is a gent who may not know your name or precisely what job it is that you perform, but he worries about your welfare 24 hours a day.

He bites his nails in hopes that you won't get to daydreaming or come in all tired out and get jammed up in an accident.

He worries about whether you're wearing your safety shoes. He goes all-out with management to get this fixed or that repaired.

Your safety—and your's and your's, is his "baby" and he works at taking care of that baby on a full-time basis.

Sure he gets upset when he walks through the shop and finds a couple of smart aiecs cooking up a practical joke. (Practical jokes kill people and hurt many

others—and don't give us an argument on this point, because you'd be wrong.)

Sure he gets upset when he sees an employee running a grinding machine without wearing his goggles.

Sure he gets upset when he finds anybody flirting with an accident.

But, get it straight, he's not a snooper trying to catch you in an unsafe act.

He is the best friend you've got in the place if you want to live to a ripe old age and stay in one piece.

Cooperate with him.

—The Safe Worker.

Safety Honor - Roll

This Record includes the days between the last lost Time Accident in your department and July 1, 1944

Table with columns: DEPARTMENT, SUPERVISOR, Days Worked Without a Lost Time Accident. Lists various departments and supervisors with their respective days worked.

Coke Plant Breezes

—by John Payton

Fred Hardy has a new idea for getting time and a half for every day. He just carries a red pencil and traces the black eights declaring this will fool the time keeper and paymaster. O. K. Fred, and if it works why not throw the red pencil away and get a green one and make it double time.

Did you hear about Fred Wolfe, exhaustor engineer, running a stop sign? Well, he did and said he told the officer that he did slow down. He did not know what to say when the officer told him that the sign said "Stop" and nothing about slowing down.

Clay Dutiel, you can't make Wolfe step on it anymore.

Alva Hall is having a very difficult time trying to break in a locomotive crane that has just been worked over in a repair shop and is sure having a wonderful time. Slim says if it don't work better pretty soon he will have it worn out and will be broke down himself.

Can anyone tell us why Harvey Strehle slept on the floor of his room in the hotel at Cincinnati instead of using his bed? Why not have an automatic control put on the bed so it will stop and stand still a couple of minutes everytime it comes past the door, Harvey.

Forest Martin, who has been sick and absent from work for some time, is reported much better and expects to be back on the job soon. He also



Gretchen and Jerry, children of Gerald Miller, pattern maker, display the 1943 catch Gerald and Ed Lewis have been telling us about.

sends a letter of thanks to all at the Coke Plant for their kind consideration. Hurry back, Jiggs, we have missed you.

Clay Dutiel don't have any use for the new "sympathetic" rubber and Bill Corbin don't have much faith in the "Distell" engines.

The next time you pass the corner of Vine and Rhodes Avenue in New Boston, remember that it has a new name. It is now known as "Tombstone Corner", but it is only a parking lot for the office force.

Tom Hileman, the sockball "Hagerty" of yesteryear, has found that he can't take it any more. Tom says



Sgt. Charles L. Thompson Jr. is stationed in England with an ordnance unit. His father is employed as a blacksmith at the Coke Plant.



Karen Kay Messer, 6 months, daughter of Pfc. and Mrs. Estell Messer, and granddaughter of Arthur Jones, slagman at the Open Hearth.

his legs won't stand up like they used to, but he still comes out to see the games and brings his dog with him. The boys don't think he brings the dog, but insist that the dog brings him.

Have you noticed the passing parade at 3:30, led by Bill Dalton? If not, you ain't seen anything yet.

Did you hear about Phillip Morris doing all the work at the coke wharf? Well it happened like this. Frank Clark didn't feel so good so he just wrapped a white rag around his finger and saturated it with iodine. Phillip, thinking he was badly hurt, very readily agreed to do all the work. Be careful Phillip, the whole crew might try it on you at the same time.

Yes sir, Adolph Rehs is on his vacation, taking in all points between here and Roanoke, West Virginia. We sure would like to watch that boy throw his feet out.

Flash: John Ruth spent the week end in West Union and it is a dry town. Wonders are still happening.

L. A. Davis is back in the news again. The story goes that Lou overhauled his lawn mower and after sharpening the blades, tightening the nuts, oiling all parts and putting them back together, he tried to cut the grass, only to find that it would not cut. After sweating for about four hours in the hot sun he decided to consult one of his neighbors who very readily told him that he had put the blades in backwards. Don't give up Lou, you're still young and will learn plenty.



Pvt. Richard B. Gardner is stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina with the combat engineers. He is the son of Dick Gardner, Nail Mill toolmaker.

Open Hearth News

—by Raison and Frantz

Things We Would Like To See:

- Jim Armstrong with clothes changed and waiting for Bob Cullen to punch out.
- Frank Puntenny and Bob Clare at a rodeo or dude ranch.
- Fred McClelland reading high brow literature.
- Captain Moore catching a seven inch blue gill.
- Fat Leach and Art Brunner in a foot race.
- Stonewall Jackson with insomnia.
- Raymond Smittle in low gear.
- Joe Allen with plenty of scrap and no empty furnaces.
- And all our boys back home from the armed services.

Earl Mingus is boasting of how he out-swapped Guy Erwin. Earl says he could fill a show room with the equipment he got in trade for his horse. Zatso, Guy?

Evan Lavender reached the Burma theater and docked on his 38th birthday anniversary.

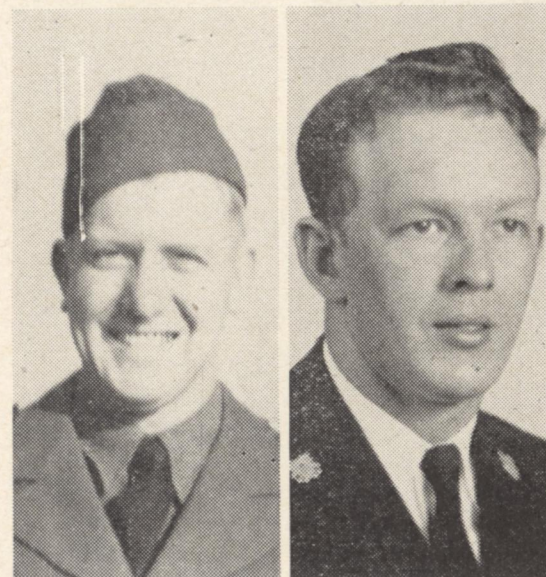
Earl Kalb spent his day off picking berries and Eb Scherer was sweating blood because he thought Kalb might pick his favorite patch.

Okie Dokie, who once wooed his kitchen mechanic with all the ardor of a gay Lothario, has reverted to his first love, the finny tribe.

We repeat, that is not a corpse in the Open Hearth Office, but Carl Mucha, Mr. Snyder's assistant.

Harold Reutinger, the singing clerk, reports great success at the paddock. (Says he).

To date Elmer Meade has lost two pounds and four ounces worrying whether John Hammond will make it.



Cpl. Ralph E. Pflieger and Radioman Marion Owens, sons-in-law of Ora Wells, ladle craneman at the Open Hearth.



On their twelfth bombing mission over Germany on January 11 this crew of an American Flying Fortress was shot down over Berlin. All are now prisoners of war in Germany. Fourth from the left in the back row is the pilot, Lt. Paul Kallas, son of Nick Kallas of the Yard Department.

Blooming & Bar Mills

—by Ken Cronin

The friends of Charley McLaughlin will be pleased to hear of the progress he is making as a tumbler and acrobat. Charley recently was successful in turning a back flip from a load of poles into eight inches of water. His next effort will be towards accomplishing a high dive from the barn roof into a damp wash rag.

Charley Thompson's dream of retiring has vanished. As soon as he started laying his plans his wife beat him to the gun and retired before he got a chance and Charley is doomed to keep his nose to the grindstone a while longer.

Slim Stroud now has an air conditioned Frigidaire. Shot a hole through it with an unloaded shot gun.

Mrs. Fetty is still unable to understand why Charley couldn't afford to take his vacation and take a trip to New York with her, but did take it while she was gone.

Charley claims he was sick. She admits that he looked sick when she returned, but suspects that the illness was self imposed.

Alex Haislett is the proud possessor of a new set of store teeth. He's so proud of them he carries them in his pocket to keep from wearing them out.

It's a new or shall we say another boy at the home of Gardner Mershon. Mr. and Mrs. Mershon are now the parents of four boys. Congratulations.

Without a doubt Adam Swords is indebted to his good friend Charley

Fetty for his life. Only the quick and daring action of Fetty prevented Adam from being seriously burned when his clothing caught fire while at work on the Soaking Pits.

Clyde Stockham became a grandfather last month. He doesn't look any older and says he doesn't feel any older until he gets to thinking about being married to someone's old grandmother.

Ray Alexander recently had the misfortune to fall down the stairs at the Blooming Mill pulpit. Although he was badly shaken up he received the minimum amount of sympathy, the only verbal expression of regret coming from Cliff Chinn who complained because he wasn't there to see it happen.

We have started to get fudge again, which goes to prove the power of the press.

"Chub" Ervin, who recently underwent an operation, is well on the way to recovery and we hope to see him back in the near future.

After the incident that happened on a bus the other night we would suggest that Mac quit wearing that perfume in self defense.

"Cookie" had a "get rich quick" dream when he went into the scrap iron business, but was unable to find a buyer. Anyway the mill sure looked nice after he got his iron all gathered up.

The Bloomer gang was certainly vacation minded the past month with Fred, Jess, Bill, Alex and several others taking time out for a well deserved rest. Hope they all had a swell time.

Barrel Shop Bulletins

—by "The Young Man"

Nine years ago this month when the Plant News made its first appearance the Barrel Bulletins were written by "The Young Man" and in all the years that followed Henry has never failed to come through with a column each month. He is the only original reporter still on the job. Thanks for a mighty fine job, Mr. Lordier, and the boys all appreciate it too.

Deep sympathy is extended to Tom Colegrove, well-known car bracer in the shop, whose mother recently passed away.

Believe it or don't. Big Bill's back in Bona-fiddle.

Boob's back, looking more like a real soldier than ever.

Aaron Russell, Robert Hulbert and James Jackson are back at work after a pleasant vacation.

Ora Dodds and John Cunningham, crane followers, known as the "Tireless Twins" and Elmer Noel, our "Dapper Dipper" have left the shop to work in another department. The boys all hope you like your new jobs.

For Sale: One big red rooster and two little brown hens. If interested consult Joe Yeley, the egg man.

Pvt. Glenn L. Chasteen, formerly of the head department, recently visited the shop while home on a furlough. He's looking and feeling fine and would like to hear from the gang. Here's his address: Pvt. Glenn L. Chasteen, ASN 15339524, Hq. Co.



Doris Anne, 11 and Robert Lee, 9, children of Arthur Jones, slagman at the Open Hearth.



Linda Sue Kincaid, 8 months, granddaughter of Cecil Johnson, boiler maker in the Mechanical Department.

135 Ord. Maint. Bn., 13th A. D. A. P. O. No. 263, Camp Bowie, Texas.

Herman Kreuger, Sr. is spending a two weeks vacation with friends and relatives in Toledo and Detroit and Hap Nolan has returned to work after a week's vacation spent at Doc Price's place.

At this time many of the boys in the shop are taking their vacations. The list of notables include John Kinney, Charles Sparks, Talmage Riffe, Wolford Sheridan, Rube Rose, James VanHorn, Levi Justice, James Everman, Bill Kirsch, Frank Green, George Donohue, Charles Marsh and Charles Kammer. Hope you enjoy yourselves immensely.

Virgil Hileman, Rance Williams and Carl Evans have left us to take jobs in Department 17.

Friends of Morris Allen report that he has completed a fine mansion on Indianola Avenue in South Shore, Kentucky.

It is reported that Tom Allen, popular "broom-straw foreman" is taking an extended course in Oratory. Rumors are that he plans to stump the state this fall for F. D. R.

Bird Clark has returned to work after a two weeks vacation, spent "sight seeing" sittin' on his front porch.

Clarence Metzler, foreman, recently pitched his tent for a ten day stay at Roosevelt Lake. That night millions of mosquitos descended on him like so many dive bombers. He fought them gallantly for two days, killing thousands of them, but their

numbers overwhelmed him and he was forced to retreat back to his home.

Friends of James Conley report that he recently found a large bag of what he thought was some kind of hog feed. Taking his find home he proceeded to feed it to his fine and precious pure-bred prized premium pigs.

The next day James heard strange sounds emanating from his pig pen. "Ye Gods", yelled Jim, "sounds like a bunch of chickens in there." He was nonplussed, stupefied and dumbfounded, for he knew too well that no chicken would ever dare to stick its head in his pig pen.

He decided to investigate and after two hours observation, during which time his pigs acted like a flock of chickens instead of hogs, the large ones standing on their hind legs at intervals and cackling like so many hens, he could hardly believe his eyes and ears.

He stood aghast for some time and then decided to have the feed analyzed. He took it to a local chemist who pronounced it a new kind of laying mash for hens.

Dick Lambert wants the wide, wide world to know that he has quit paying rent and has bought and paid for a fine home he can now call his own. Congratulations, Dick, from all the boys.

James R. Allen, a former welder, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is now seeing plenty of action as he is a gunner with a Liberator Bombing Squadron stationed in Italy, which is making many bombing expeditions over enemy occupied territory in that vicinity.



Walter Levi Hobbs and pal. Walter, on the right in picture, is the son of Arthur Hobbs, keeper at the Blast Furnace.



Ralph E. Pollock, S2/C on the U.S.S. North Carolina is the son of Emory Pollock, who is employed as fireman in the Yard Department.

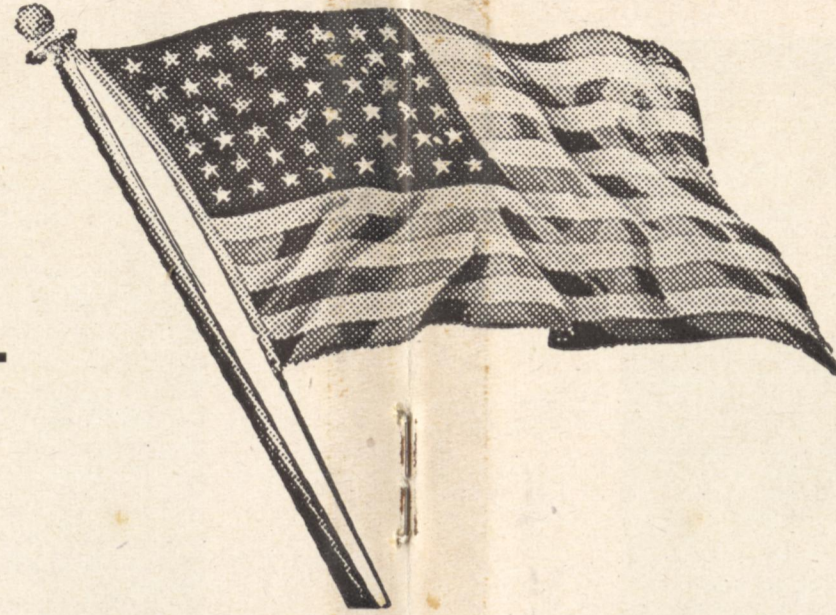


Billie P. Lewis is stationed at Pyote Air Field in Texas. She is a daughter of Bill Lewis, foreman in the Wire Mill Cleaning House.



Sgt. Wm. J. Devlin, gunner on a Flying Fortress in the Pacific. Before joining the armed forces Bill was employed in the Nail Mill.

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EMPLOYEES NOW IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

- ★★ ABBOTT, JAMES F.
- ABBOTT, JOSEPH B.
- ABRAMS, HOMER
- ADAMS, ELMER P.
- ADAMS, PAUL D.
- AEH, KENNETH
- ALEXANDER, PERRY
- ALLEN, BERNARD
- ALLEN, EDGAR A.
- ALLEN, JAMES R.
- ALLMAN, ROY B.
- ANDREWS, ANGELO G.
- ARMSTRONG, CHAS. G.
- ARNOLD, RAMIE
- ARTHURS, THOS. J.
- ARTIS, HOMER
- ATKINS, EUGENE B.
- ATRINS, FRANK
- AUGUSTIN, J. WM.
- BAILEY, WALTER C.
- BAKER, VERNON D.
- BARBOUR, THOMAS
- BARRETT, RAYMOND
- BAUER, LAWRENCE
- BAYERL, CHARLES
- BAYES, LEO W.
- BEASLEY, BEN
- BELL, RALPH
- BELL, ROBERT E.
- BELOAT, WESLEY E.
- BENNETT, FRANK J.
- BERTRAM, DONALD
- BINTON, RALEIGH
- BLACK, JOHN R.
- BLOOMFIELD, HARRY
- BOLOTTA, PHILIP
- BLUME, RAYMOND
- BOGGS, HUBERT
- BOLTON, FLOYD
- BOLTON, RICHARD F.
- BOOP, NORMAN F.
- BORN, GEORGE E.
- BOTTLES, ROY
- BRADY, ARDEN V.
- BRANHAM, HAROLD L.
- BREECH, LESTER
- BRISKER, ROBERT
- BROOMHALL, PAUL
- BROWN, CECIL
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- BRYANT, ORVILLE
- BURCHETT, LONNIE G.
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- BURLING, EUGENE
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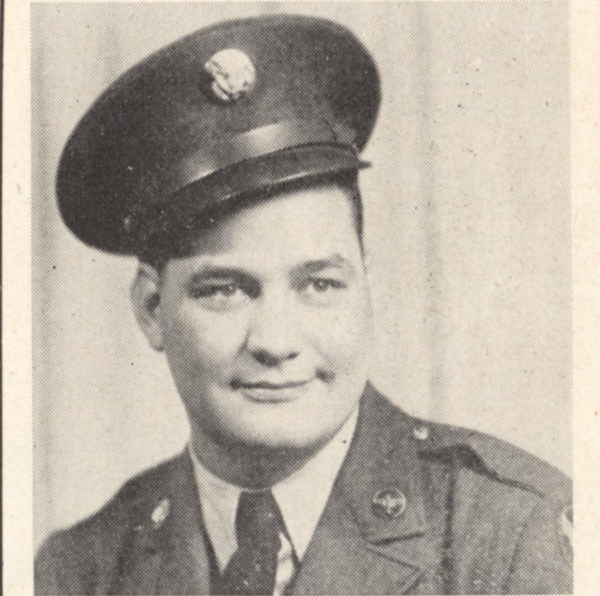
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- PEYTON, CHALLIS
- PHILLIPS, DELMAS
- PIATT, CLINTON
- PITTS, RAYMOND
- POSTON, DENVER
- POTTS, FLOYD
- POTTS, OAKLEY
- PURDY, ELMO
- PURDY, WILLIAM B.
- QUILLEN, CHARLES N.
- RAMEY, HAROLD
- RATCLIFF, CLIFFORD
- RATLIFF, VERNON
- REED, ALBERT
- REINHARDT, GEORGE
- RHEA, JOSEPH T.
- RICE, HOMER C.
- RIDOUT, OLLIE D.
- RIFFE, EDWARD W.
- ROBERTS, HAROLD N.
- ROBERTS, LEONARD
- ROCKWELL, NORMAN
- ROE, ORAL F.
- ROWE, WILLIAM M.
- ROYSTER, HERMAN
- RUBY, HARRY
- RUDITY, JOHN
- RUNYON, FLOYD
- RUSSELL, CHANDOS
- SCHARF, RAYMOND G.
- SCHAEFFER, JAS. O.
- SCHIED, HOMER
- SCHOMBERG, HENRY E.
- SCHOMBURG, LEROY
- SCHULTZ, HERBERT V.
- SERVEY, CLARENCE
- SERVEY, MARTHA ANN
- SHAFFER, HOWARD A.
- SHELTON, HOMER L.

- SHUMP, GLENN
- SINGLETON, LAWRENCE
- SKAGGS, VIRGIL
- SKINNER, C. F.
- SMITH, ALBERT E.
- SMITH, ELMER E.
- SMITH, KARL H.
- SMITH, SAMUEL
- ★ SMITTLE, FLOYD D.
- STANLEY, CARLOS
- STATEN, RAY H.
- STARKS, GODFREY
- STEINBACHER, DONALD
- STILES, PAUL V.
- STONE, ACEL
- STRICKLAND, JASPER
- SUTER, THOMAS E.
- SWITALSKI, JOSEPH
- SWORDS, HERMAN L.
- TABOR, PHIL
- TAYLOR, CHAS. A. JR.
- TAYLOR, CHARLES M.
- TAYLOR, EARL
- THATCHER, EUGENE
- THOMAS, CLIFTON J.
- THOMPSON, THURMAN
- TIPTON, LEO
- TRACY, CHARLES
- TRAYLOR, HERBERT R.
- TRENDE, DONALD
- TRIMMER, ROBERT
- VAN CUREN, CLAYTON
- VAUGHN, WINIFRED
- VAUGHN, RAYMOND
- VEST, EVERETT
- VICARS, CLAUDE
- VULGAMORE, ROBT. A.
- WAGGONER, ELZA A.
- WAKEFIELD, CHARLES
- WAKEFIELD, DON
- WALDEN, HORACE J.
- WARD, ARTHUR C.
- WARNOCK, RONALD C.
- WATTERS, CHARLES
- WATTS, ARNOLD
- WARNER, HARRY O.
- WARNOCK, FRANKLIN
- WEAVER, EARL W.
- WEAVER, SAMUEL
- WEBB, GEORGE
- WELLS, BARNEY
- WELTMAN, BOB
- WEST, EDWARD M.
- WEST, LAWRENCE
- WEST, PHILIP T.
- WHITE, JAS. WILBUR
- WIDDIG, GEORGE
- WILKING, JOHN L.
- WILLIAMS, EARL
- WILLIAMS, SANFORD J.
- WILLIAMS, WOODFORD
- WILLIAMS, W. W.
- WILSON, HOWARD
- WOHLER, WENDELL
- WOLFE, ROY J.
- WOODS, WOODROW
- WYMER, MARVIN C.
- YOUNG, HARRY
- ZEEK, JACK



Sgt. Raymond A. Kemper of the U. S. Marines is a tail gunner on a dive bomber. He is the son of F. P. Kemper of Department 17.



Recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Eugene Liles, of the Blast Furnace is now serving as crew chief in the Army Air Corps.



Jack Pettry, 1/C Petty Officer on the destroyer U.S.S. Barry is the son of Allen Pettry, screenman at the By-Product Coke Department.

★ Killed in Service

★★ Missing in Action

Carpenter Shavings

—by W. L. Ross

The reputation of Bill Burton has been questioned again. Bill chanced off a chicken which in some mysterious way was won by Harold Eynon. The chicken which turned out to be a small Bantam Hen weighing about 14 ounces disappeared. The F. B. I. is working on the case.

A. H. Peyton is very happy these days as he just heard from his son Challis, who is somewhere in France. We wish you lots of luck Challis, as we know you will need it.

Henry Mann has changed his name from Henry to John. He says those Brick Masons working at the Restaurant are calling for Henry so much that he has just changed his name.

"Tiny" Thatcher is about to get into trouble. We hear he has been leaving warning notes on certain fellows cars. Be careful Tiny as they are about to catch up with you.

Charley Wright counted on a large crop of sugar melons when he planted his seed, but some one must of crossed him up, for when the melons came up they turned out to be cucumbers. You didn't get your seed from Jeff Crum did you Charley?

Foundry Castings

—by Harold Wiseman

The stork recently winged his way to Dutch Brady's home and left a fine girl, and is Dutch a proud papa.

Jess Shields reports that Mt. Joy is going to have another election this fall, and we will bet it will be dry as it is the highest part in this county.

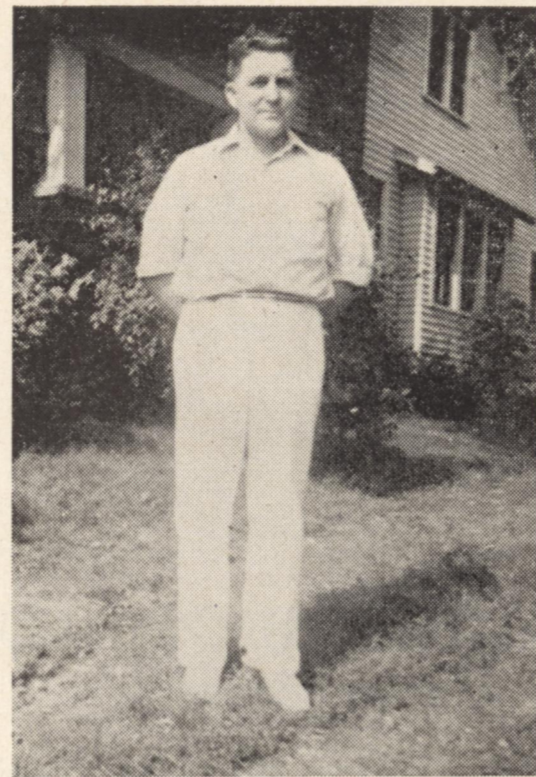
The favorite song hit of the season for Collins is "Horses, Horses" and we can guess why.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. A. E. Forsberg in his recent bereavement.

The champion story of this month comes from H. Lucadoe. It seems he went up in West Virginia over the Fourth and told them about having seventeen hens and one rooster and getting eighteen eggs per day and from the looks of Lucky they did not believe his tale as he came back with two eggs painted a beautiful black and the black won't wash off.

We may have some news from the State of Texas as Hickman went there on his vacation.

Godfrey Starks, Coxswain in the Navy sends his regards to all.



Milford Conley started to work in the Range Boiler June 17, 1919 and galvanized the first boiler at Portsmouth Works. Mr. Conley is a veteran of the first World War and has been galvanize foreman for the past 22 years.

Brick Mason News

—by "A Boot"

It did happen, Doc Peery, Cats and Geno took a vacation. We thought that would never occur.

The gang has begun to look the same since the return of Ova Ferguson who has been vacationing in Cleveland (so he says) running a sand blasting machine two days a week.

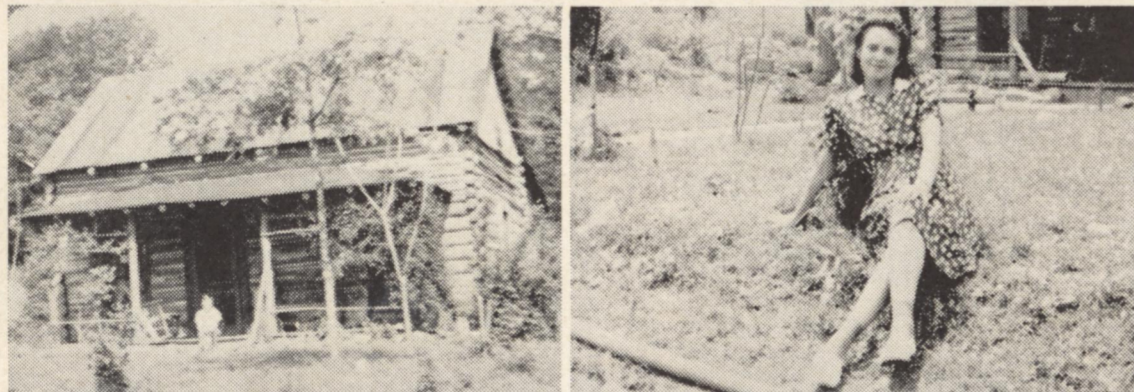
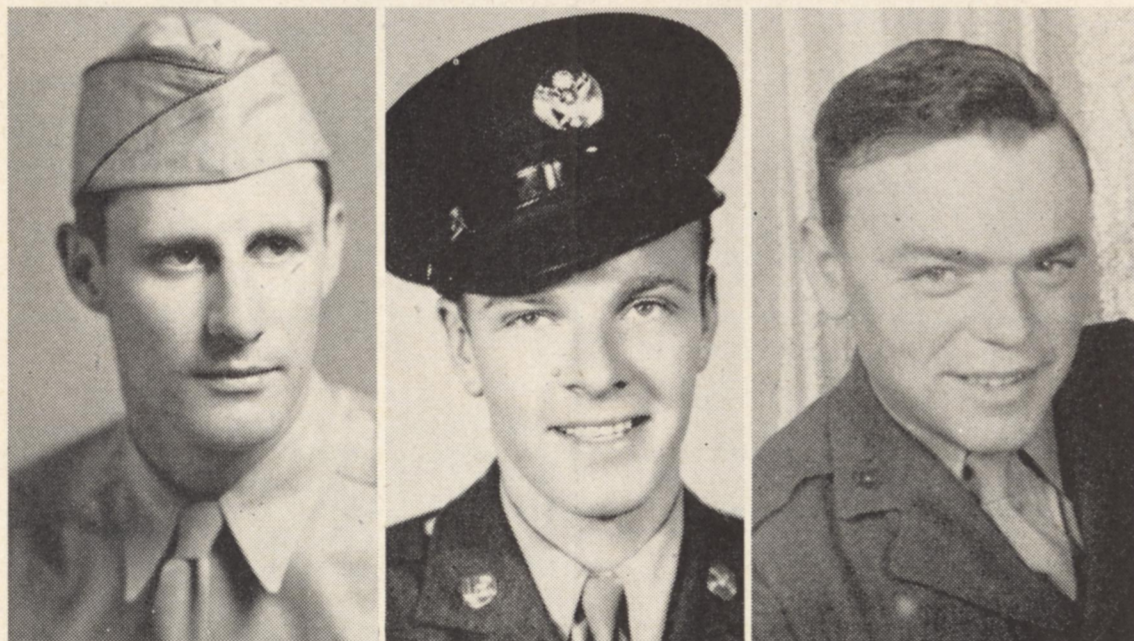
We hear that Lawrence Singleton, who is somewhere with the Sea Bees, would like to have the dope on Ches and Elnora. We don't know about Elnora, but here's the dope on Ches. Since he got on the water wagon he has worked five weeks in a row without losing a day. He is called "Hog" now.

What fat, baldheaded guy's wife found a note in his dinner bucket telling her to feed him a little better so he wouldn't have to get food from the other fellows. We haven't heard a peep out of Elmer.

What influenced Bud Pelfrey to join the Moose? Could it have been on account of Marguerite entertaining there on Saturday night?

Things we would like to know:

- What happened to someone's nose?
- How Mrs. Pellegrinon raises so many potatoes?
- Who won't go to Mary's since the accident?



Cpl. Wm. Maple, Pfc. Roy A. Watts and Pfc. Estell Messer, sons-in-law and son of Elvin Messer, Nail Mill. Below is Elvin's "jungle home" back of Wheelersburg and Billy Messer, Estell's wife.

Nail Mill Whiskers

By Nosey, Newsy and ★

Milligan, Saunders and Pendlum had a bad night coming back from Piqua a few weeks ago. Pen was late to work next morning, Saunders didn't show up until next day and poor Ernie took a week to recuperate.

Pvt. Eugene Atkins, who is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., was home on furlough recently. He dropped in for a while to visit with his old buddies.

Saw quite a few employees at the Blood Bank. You who haven't given and are able to do so, should do your part as a donor. Remember, your blood is needed and you have it to spare.

Someone reported that Miller was a sick man after visiting the Red Cross blood center. The boys at the Road Mesh showed their concern by having a bed prepared with flowers (dog fennel and rag weeds) placed at the head and feet. Also there was medicine and pills and signs reading "Do Not Disturb" when "Stink" came to work that night.

Conversation swung around the other day to the time Wood Moyer swallowed his chew. One onlooker claimed that the chew was so big and Wood so skinny it reminded him of a snake he saw one time that had swallowed a baseball.

Noah Well's bunyons are getting better.

Heard one the other day about a Scotchman who had been presented with a bottle of fine brandy. He was riding home on his bicycle with his valued gift when he was bumped by a car. Sandy felt something wet trickling down and fervently cried, "Gee, I hope that's blood."



Linda and Robert, 9 month old twins and Patricia Ann, 3, children of John Raymond Dalton. Mr. Dalton, a former employee of Department 17, is now serving in the Navy.



This plane was furnished by the Army Air Corps to the Portsmouth Civil Air Patrol to give indocrination flights to boys belonging to the Air Corps Reserve. C.A.P. Lt. Glenn Barrett, employed in the Electrical Dept. served as pilot and instructor for these flights which numbered more than one hundred. Many of the boys taking this instruction are sons of Wheeling Steel employees.

Welding Flashes

—by Walt Dressler

A popular war time noon-day lunch at the Plant Restaurant: Blitized beef, hand grenade potatoes, block buster beans, undercover pudding and flame throwing coffee. Eating time 15 minutes sharp, or you must break the death grip of a waitress trying to remove your tray.

Carl Howell, Range Boiler-Barrel Shop chief shipping clerk has on his honor roll five sons in the armed services of Uncle Sam.

Retail Motto formerly was "The customer is always right". Now you almost have to have a pull to be a customer.

Gus Collins, Chester Godfrey and Raymond Cole are the only three men on earth who can get a half nelson wrestling hold on each other all at the same time.

Orville Reiser and Carl Haywood report Ab Rose back from a business trip to the Eastern Seaboard. Ab purchased five new fly screens and two yards of oil cloth for his recently acquired apartment on Lawson Street. Mr. Rose said much to his dismay he was unable to buy a much desired tea-kettle.

P. S.—For bathing, dishwashing and laundering, a Modern Wheeling Steel Hot Water Tank is much more convenient than the old fashioned tea kettle.

Paul Christopher Reiser did not discover America but did discover talking too long over long distance is quite expensive. Paul, whose youthful appearance sometimes requires him to display his draft card in an ice cream parlor, went to bed late one Saturday night and dreamed

he was transporting a cargo of barrels "across." Imagining his ship was going down he (in his sleep) rushed to the radio room and called barrel inspector "Jack" Jones at his home in Ashland, Ky. "Jack" jumped from bed in his shirt length nitegown, and answered the phone. At once he sensed the situation and instructed Paul to float the barrels in as there was plenty of water. Jones held the wire until Paul woke up three hours later. After Reiser figured up phone bill he really did "sink". P. S.—Dear Leon Bell, Paul Reiser being our Range Boiler A. G. F., why should he be dreaming of barrels?

Willoughby White, chicken financier, assisted by his production and sales manager, Esau Stone, went to sell Mr. L. H. Brown, some select spring fryers for Sunday dinner. Becoming involved in a sales price discussion Mr. White turned to Brown and Mr. Brown turned to White and in an effort to meet each others terms they both turned to Stone.

Ed "Red" Malone — somewhere with our Armed Forces—Clarence Stroth was given your address and if he has not written you, please let us know and we will convict him in the "kangeroo" court.

Mid-summer gun and buck-shot cleaning. Pete Yeager and "Dizzy" Brannon plan to do it again this winter. Last season they each bagged a buck deer.

Since brass fittings have been on the priority list, Charles Ratcliff, wash room custodian, has been keeping a very attractive luster on the wash basin fittings.

Range Boiler bomber pilot: Roy Brackman operates our crane carefully and with precision.

Rod Mill Cobbles

—by Joseph Wetta

“Rabbit Bill” says he has an air-conditioned house and has to sleep under two blankets. Why not close that hole in the roof?
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“Fightin’ Canter” will take on all comers any Saturday night at the North End area.
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For a cool political discussion listen to Irvin and Waring over Station HOT. Be sure and bring your fan.
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The Dudit and Stewart clans are still feuding.
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“Rabbit Bill” says he can do his job on a cracker a day. Someone please bring some crackers.
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“Sheen Shop Bill” and “Rooster Day” are quiet men about town. “Rooster Day” bought some of the boys an ice cream bar. Why?
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Curley Lintz is going to adopt “Doo-Dad.”
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Irvin wants to buy a goat, or is it a donkey?
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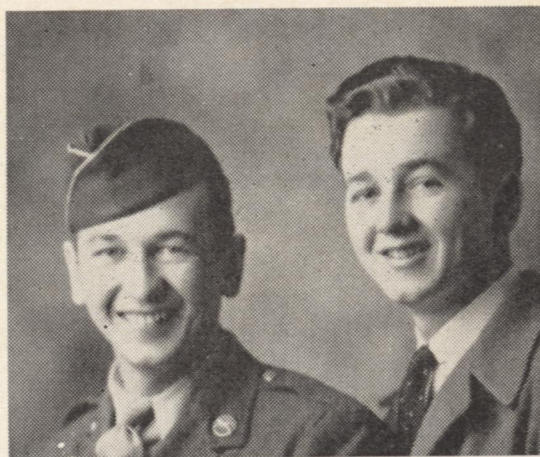
Bill Conklin says that the fried chicken in Adams County is mighty fine.
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The boys in the Rod Mill seen that Howard Pherson and Big Sandy buried the hatchet.
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Bill Adams is wanting Joe Wetta to cook for him. He says that his wife has been gone for a week and and he is missing that good home cooking.



Marion Owens, grandson of Ora Wells, ladle craneman at the Open Hearth.



Isaac and Jack Wells, sons of Ora Wells ladle craneman at the Open Hearth. Isaac is serving with our armed forces in New Guinea and Jack is with the Navy Department at Columbus, Ohio.

Mechanical Musings

—by F. Etterling

From somewhere in the South Pacific Lt. Harry Burkhardt writes to say that he is O. K. and to give his regards to all the gang in the Machine Shop. Harry was employed as a machinist before joining the armed forces 1942.
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From another island in the South Pacific Joe Dettwiller, formerly of the office force, writes that he enjoys getting the Plant News, but is having a hard time getting used to the jungles. He wishes us to say hello to all the boys in the Mechanical Department for him.
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When Tom Crawford went to Columbus recently he really saw some sights. The thing that impressed him most was the extremely high wall around the Ohio State penitentiary. He just can't get over it.
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Not long ago Charley Oppy attempted to ride a bicycle, but from what we heard the bicycle rode him. Now the safest way is to learn to ride a tricycle first, then when you get good enough try the bicycle.
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Does anyone want some fresh country eggs? If so, see Vernon Powell. Of course, you may get a few baby chicks in your order, but who cares. Corbin Lyons didn't seem to mind.
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If you ever have a night mare don't dream about Japs and bombs, for when Paul Barry dived into a fox hole he hit the floor pretty hard.
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C. L. Sunafrank just returned from a vacation trip to Indian Lake where he did quite a bit of fishing. His fish stories are like none we have ever heard before, for he says he caught a lot of fish and not one weighed more than a pound and a half. This is a fish story we might believe.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the following employees and families in recent deaths:

To the family of Gilbert Downey of the Rod and Wire Mechanical Department, who died June 11.

To August Piquet of the Coke Plant, whose wife died May 30 and Virgil Piquet of the Mechanical Department, son of the deceased.

To Arthur Drake of the Open Hearth, whose wife died May 26, and to A. E. Drake of the Electrical Department, son of the deceased.

To Gus Crisp of the Wire Mill, whose father died June 21.

To Willard Finn of the Open Hearth, whose wife died June 29.

To Jesse D. Jackson of the Yard Department, whose mother died June 27.

To Fred King of the Nail Mill, whose son died June 27.

To Tom Colegrove of the Barrel Shop, whose mother died June 17.

To Orville York of the Coke Plant, whose mother died June 10.

To Robert P. Lawyer of the Electrical Department, whose mother died June 11.

To Clarence H. Ault of the Blooming Mill, whose father died June 9.

To Joseph Larcamp of the Mechanical Department, whose mother died May 13.

To Earl W. Bennington of the Brick Mason Department, whose son died May 21.

To George T. Turner of the Wire Mill, whose mother died June 3.

To Mack Patrick of the Nail Mill, whose father died recently.

To Elza Cooper of the Yard Department, whose sister died June 7.

To Robert Spangenberg of the Inspection Department, whose father died June 1.



Ruth Ann, 7 months, daughter of Donald Johnson of the Coke Plant.

“Our Plant Is A Task Force For Victory”

We, the soldiers of the Home Front for war production, are an important task force in ourselves. We have our own responsibilities and duties in carrying out plans for war which will culminate in VICTORY.

Our job is not dramatic, like that of immortal Task Force 58; but it is a part of the blueprint for VICTORY.

Task Force 58 is the most powerful sea force ever assembled. It roams the whole wide Pacific and has been operating in Japan's front yard.

Task Force 58, organized after the occupation of the Marshall Islands, combines groups which have been acting separately. It includes almost every type of fighting ship with such striking and defensive power that it is annexing triumph after triumph towards that ultimate VICTORY.

Our plant can be considered such a task force, with all departments and all employees cooperating in their definite responsibilities and goals of production that are definite parts of winning the war.

If each job can be done a little better, a little faster, the momentum of increased production and improved quality would mean a greater stride toward VICTORY.

You, who know your own job best, are the ones to see ways to save time, to prevent accidents, to conserve materials, to improve and increase production. Your suggestions, when turned into your Production Committee, may be the means of making us all a more efficient task force.

We shall watch Task Force 58 put a paralyzing force of planes into the air, or send its surface power against enemy shore installations, or detach battle-ships to chase down enemy ships.

Our pride in our fighting men must find an echo in our pride in our smaller part of the blueprint for VICTORY, if we have done our own jobs in the best and quickest and safest way.

Our jobs back the Task Force—our BONDS are an investment in their VICTORY!

E. B. JACKSON,

E. B. CAMPBELL

COMPARISON OF SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED WITH QUOTA OF SUGGESTIONS EXPECTED FOR PERIOD MAY 1, 1942 TO JUNE 30, 1944

DEPARTMENT	No. of Suggestions Received	Quota of Suggestions Expected	% of Quota For Year
Rod & Wire	390	208	188
Coke Plant	38	52	73
Blast Furnace	12	26	46
Yard	35	77	45
Bbl. & R. Boiler	18	78	23
General	37	208	18
Blooming & Bar	9	52	17
Department No. 17	7	64	11
Mechanical	17	156	11
Open Hearth	8	78	10
Inspection	8	78	10
Electrical	6	78	8
Salvage	0	16	0
TOTAL	585	1171	50

We're Proud To Tell You That Again In June Four New Production Records Were Established At The Portsmouth Works By The Employees In The Following Departments :

Woven Wire Fence

Blast Furnace

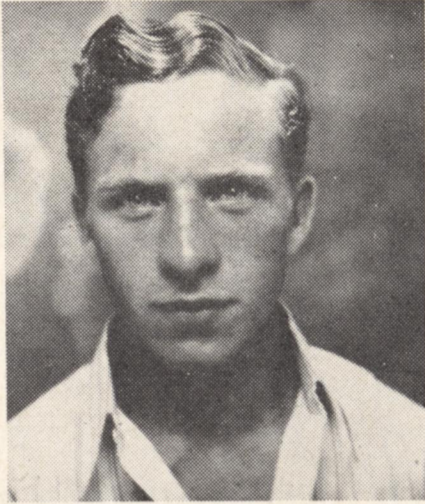
Wire Galvanizing

Welded Wire Fabric

EMPLOYEES WITH OUR ARMED FORCES



LEONARD LAMBLIN



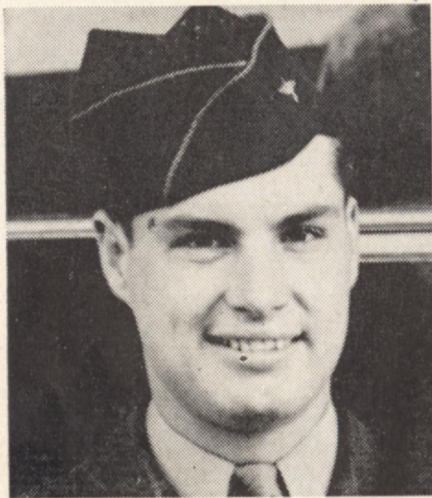
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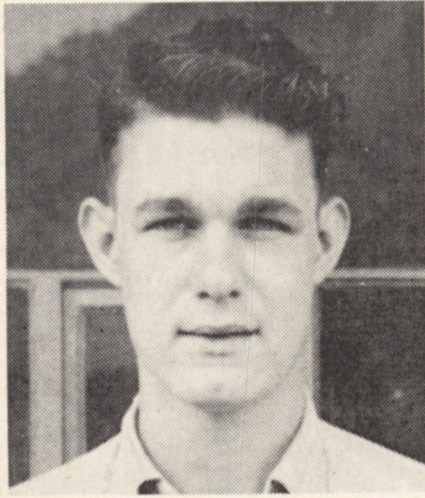
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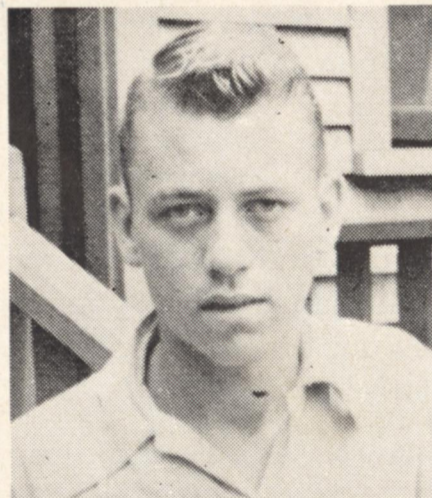
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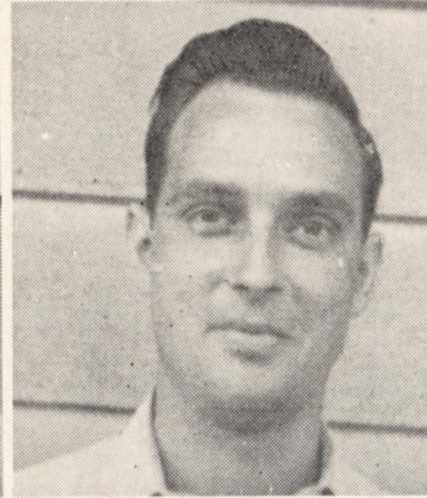
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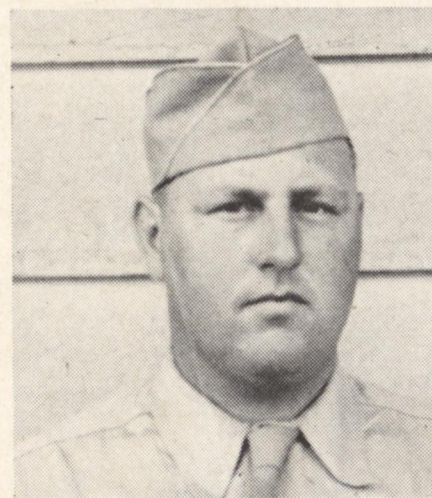
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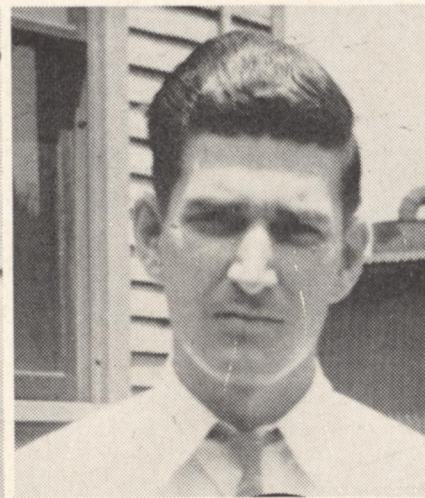
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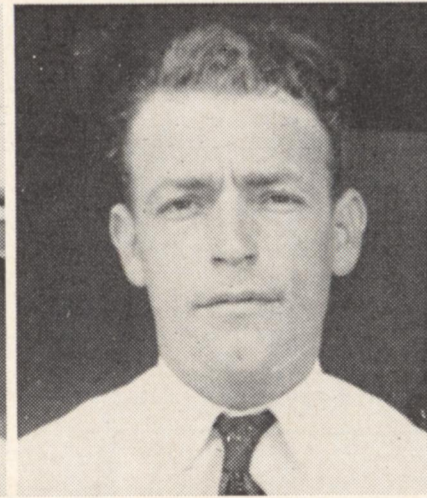
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ORA FULK



PAUL COOK



CECIL ESTEP



ROY SCHOMBERG