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Number 1

Refinery Basketball Team Ends Successful Season



Softball Players Out for Practice

About 25 men have indicated their interest in playing softball and will gather at Mason Park for several skill and practice sessions beginning Monday, March 19.

Lawrence Mancuso, temporary leader for the group, states that an attempt will be made to enter a team in the strong city league that plays at Lubbock Field and also a team in the Industrial League at Mason Park.

All persons interested in playing softball are urged to contact Mancuso or T. E. Airhart. Their presence is desired at any practice sessions scheduled this week.

More Men Needed For Auxiliary Duty With Coast Guard

The United States Coast Guard is offering another opportunity for men to become Volunteer Port Security Force members. An appeal is made for 12 hours a week of each man's time to be spent in protecting vital operation centers.

A few Shell employees have contributed their time to this worthy organization, but a great many more are needed. This is a splendid opportunity for the men at the Refinery to show Houston that Shell employees are always willing to do anything that will help speed victory.

Information concerning the V. P. S. F. can be obtained from Wm. C. Sims in Automotive or Fred C. Driskell, Topping. Urgency is required for this may be the last class of training. Extra gas allowance is permitted by the Ration Board for this organization.

Organization and Purpose

The United States Coast Guard Volunteer Port Security Force releases "regulars" for combat duty. They guard or patrol ships in port, docks, warehouses, repair bases and barracks. Headquarters are located at 1410 Main Street, telephone number Ch. 4-3478. Coast Guard trucks take the men to the Barracks, 920 Broadway, where they are assigned for watch and are then transported

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Shell Cagers Win Second In Two Leagues

Placing second behind Sinclair Refinery in the action-packed San Jacinto Basketball League which ended Feb. 20, Shell Refinery bowed to a mighty Cameron Iron Works team in the final tilt of the Industrial League to lose the championship to Brown Welders. The score of the Cameron-Shell encounter, played Friday, March 9, at Ripley House, was 21 to 19.

The Oilers' defeat in the San Jacinto League was occasioned by a make-up game at Jackson Gym on Feb. 20, Shell losing by ten points to Sinclair, 43-33.

Under the skillful coaching of Joe D. Thompson, the Refinery boys played a wallowing brand of basketball, crushing the fast Grapette team in an exhibition game Dec. 16 by a score of 49-27.

SEASON'S RESULTS

Industrial League	
Opponent's Score	Shell's Score
Brown Welders, 32	10
Brown Pipefitters, 23	25
Brown Electricians, 22	34
Goodyear Rubber, 18	32
Cameron Iron, 20	28
Brown Welders, 34	27
Brown Pipefitters, 27	51
Brown Electricians, 25	30
Goodyear Rubber, 0 (Forfeit)	2
Cameron Iron, 21	19

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Shell Women Bowlers Hold Undisputed Lead

Copping the lead by 16 points, the Shell Refiners have the Women's Commercial League tied up. Ann Windham holds high series with 498, and Adele Thompson has high game with 209. The Refiners are at the top of the list with high game series, 712, as well as holding high team series, 1730.

The team bowls on Friday nights at 6:15 at the Recreation Center. The Refiners also bowled in the City Tournament on February 24, winning 6th place. Team member, Alene Garrison, came out third highest in the Class C singles.

The Shell Oil Cagers finished a strong second in the San Jacinto league and Ripley House league. Standing is Joe D. Thompson, Coach. Back row, left to right: J. C. Boudreaux, C. A. Janac, Johnny Lacy, E. E. Morris, Charlie Martin, C. G. Scott, and Tom Osburn. Front row: J. T. Cutrer, J. T. Arterbury, Ray Julian, "Hoot" Crawford, and D. W. Stewart.

Give to the Red Cross War Fund

TO: EACH EMPLOYEE

We are the RED CROSS—each of us as individuals. Through our contributions, we become individual participants in a most worthy cause sponsored by the American Red Cross.

You are aware of the present campaign that is now being conducted in this locality and throughout the country. In our plant we are beginning the 1945 Red Cross War Fund Drive. Your department supervisors and their appointed Red Cross Co-Workers will receive your contributions and issue the "Certificate of Membership" card, the lapel tab and the window emblem. You will want to wear the lapel tab and put up your window emblem in order to identify yourself as a member and participant in the 1945 War Fund Drive.

Recently, the War Relief Drive, the War Bond Drives, and even our regular bond purchases have fallen "below par"—we should strive harder to put the current drive over the top and regain some "lost ground" by having 100 per cent response and participation.

Your contributions may be small or large. This depends upon your own individual circumstances. However, it is our desire that we have a minimum average of \$5.00 per contribution. It is felt that you will want to be a part of this worthy cause and contribute your share in bringing about the completion of a job well done—that is, over the top in the 1945 Red Cross War Fund Drive.

Perhaps we should say that we are not contributing TO the Red Cross, but are giving THROUGH the Red Cross for the care of our soldiers and the suffering peoples throughout a war-torn world.

P. E. FOSTER,
Manager Houston Refinery

C. B. LOCKE,
President O. W. I. U. Local No. 367.

War Bond Sales Drop

The sale of War Bonds on the payroll deduction plan has been steadily dropping for the past several months both in percentage of payroll and number of employees participating.

Less than eighty per cent of the employees are purchasing eight per cent of the payroll in Bonds. Let's hear from that other twenty per cent in the refinery before we hear from that twenty per cent in service.

Committeemen Selected For Revamped SRERA

Constitution Adopted Sets up Seven Zones

Returns on the election of representatives for the 7-man Executive Committee are coming in fast, reports Tex Sears, Secretary-Treasurer of S. R. E. R. A.

Pat Mosher, Industrial Relations, came out ahead in the race for representative from Zone 6, an area

The constitution of the Shell Refinery Employees Recreation Association will be found on Page 2.

comprising 255 employees in the Main Office, Engineering Office, Inspection, and Industrial Relations Dept.

M. L. Bartley, Loading Racks, was the choice of 290 employees in Zone 4. That territory includes Treaters, Topping, Dispatching, Loading and Unloading, Docks, Cooling Water System, Slop Recovery, and Car Shop.

Ballots are out in the remaining Zones and voting closed Saturday, March 10.

Seven Zones

Zones 1 and 2 cover the Machine Shop, Carpenter, Boilermaker, Instrument, Pipe, Welding, and Field Office, with a total of 630 employees.

Zone 3 is composed of Control Lab., Research Lab., Warehouse, and Automotive, totaling 290 employees.

Cracking Dept., Gas, and Utilities with 220 employees make up Zone 5.

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Another Rice Dance May 5

Tentative plans for another colorful evening of fun and entertainment is planned for members of the Shell Refinery Employees Recreation Association, announced T. E. Airhart, Acting Business Manager. A dance, similar to S. R. E. R. A.'s socially successful event of February 23, is scheduled Saturday, May 5, at the Rice Hotel Ballroom. Music will be furnished by Torres-Waters Orchestra.

Due to the nation-wide curfew restrictions, the dance will begin at 8 p. m. and end at 12 midnight. Semi-formal attire will prevail.

Appointment of a dance committee will be made by the new Executive Committee on April 1, Mr. Airhart said. Meanwhile, Fay Hilliard and Woody Myers are handling preliminary details.

K. P. Davis, Missing, Now Reported Dead

Kenneth P. Davis, missing since April 13, 1944, was officially reported killed in action at that time while on a mission over Budapest, Hungary. He was waist-gunner on a B-24 Liberator.

Sgt. Davis was employed by Shell in August, 1939, and worked in the Engineering Field. He entered military service October 12, 1942, received his initial training at Ellington Field and at Biloxi, Mississippi, and was shipped overseas in December, 1943.

Sgt. Davis is survived by his wife and small daughter, Anita Louise, who reside in Arkansas, Kansas.

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D. C. Bailey
Helen Wills



S R E R A Constitution

Adopted January 17, 1945

ARTICLE I

The name of the organization shall be "Shell Refinery Employees Recreation Association."

ARTICLE II

The object of the organization shall be to promote and provide recreational activities for its members.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The affairs of the organization shall be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of seven (7) members.

Section 2. The refinery shall be zoned into seven zones and one executive committeeman selected by the members in each respective zone.

Section 3. An executive committeeman shall serve for one year.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall have power:

a. To select a chairman from the membership of the committee.

b. To establish the seven zones by considering as equal a distribution of members and potential members as possible.

c. To appoint or approve the appointment of all functional committees and subcommittees.

d. To appoint and recall a Business Manager, a Secretary-Treasurer, and the Chairman of a Finance Committee and two committeemen.

e. To establish and amend the by-laws for the administration of the club, if such by-laws are acceptable to at least five members of the Executive Committee and not in conflict with the constitution.

f. To approve all activities, monthly reports and expenditures.

Section 5. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The Business Manager, appointed by the Executive Committee, coordinates the activities of all committee members. He appoints the Activity Committee members. He reports directly to the Executive Committee once a month. He approves petty cash expenditures.

Section 2. The Secretary-Treasurer, appointed by the Executive Committee, records all business proceedings, records and accounts for all expenditures, accepts payment for dues, and disburses petty cash.

Section 3. The Finance Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, plans and budgets all expenditures, receives and studies requests for new activities and budget increases, studies and recommends approval of all financial statements, approves all expenditures excepting the petty cash fund.

Section 4. The various Activities Committees, appointed by the Business Manager, with approval of the Executive Committee, shall be a group of committees, each one representing a particular activity. They shall plan, organize, and control the activities of the group in which they are respectively interested.

ARTICLE V

Any employee of the Shell Oil Company, Incorporated, Houston Refinery, shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE VI

The constitution shall be amended by vote and approval of two-thirds of the total membership of the organization.

STORE NEWS

By A. M. Eaton

Edie Hennessy disappointed some of the Stores' female personnel when she returned from a three-day leave, spent visiting G. V. Land (Stores transfer clerk on furlough from the Navy). It seems as though, oh well, why go any further—she didn't.

For several weeks Don Wilson had been helping get the Stores Department back on the money. The regular yearly pain—inventory. He has been very helpful, especially in furnishing the girls with good sound fatherly advice.

Barrell arrived on the scene the other day with one of those inside-out-bang-down-hair-do's, but caused so much unfavorable comment, she decided to change it back to her regular style after about four hours.

Rose made a fast trip over toward San Antone one weekend, but didn't seem to get her—anyway, we don't think she made the grade.

You can always tell the Yankees in the crowd. They always start dreaming about snow up in the hills along about now every year.

If you aren't getting as much Coca-Cola now as you have been used to getting, don't be alarmed for our quota has been cut by 40 per cent. This is the first time this year we have ever had more bottles on hand than we could get full ones. Present indications are that this won't last much longer—say approximately six to seven weeks.

If you have any kittens you don't want, just contact H. P. Brewer. From what we hear, he likes the little fellows.

Sgt. Homer Garrett Given Purple Heart

Awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action off the coast of France, Sgt. Homer C. Garrett, former Car Shop employee, suffered a broken pelvis bone when his transport ship struck a water mine in the English Channel.

The explosion threw Sgt. Garrett onto the deck knocking him unconscious. When he came to, the ship was sinking and he could not move his legs. There was a boy near him with a cut in his neck. Homer reached over and held on to the boy's clothing to keep him from being drowned until a destroyer rescued them.

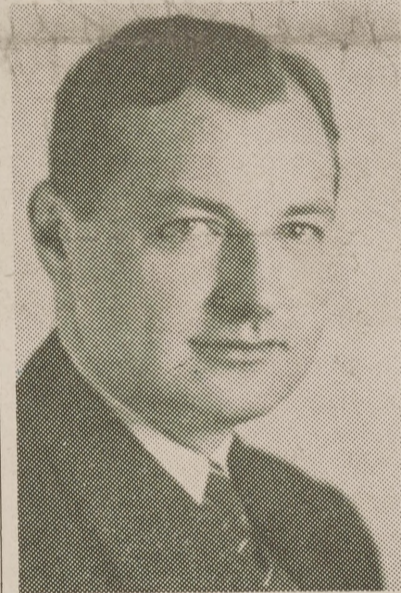
Shell Officials on Visit



George Legh-Jones, left, managing director of Shell in London and formerly one of Shell Oil Company's youngest presidents (Shell of California), is pictured with President Alexander Fraser as they visited the Houston Refinery on one stop of a nation-wide tour of Shell facilities conducted by Mr. Jones.

It is reported that Shell employees sightseeing in London and visiting the head offices there were personally interviewed by Mr. Jones, Shell's highest official.

Training Head



Val Jean McCoy, above, who is now functioning as manager of the training division of the personnel dept., New York office, started out at Houston Refinery as assistant head of industrial relations.

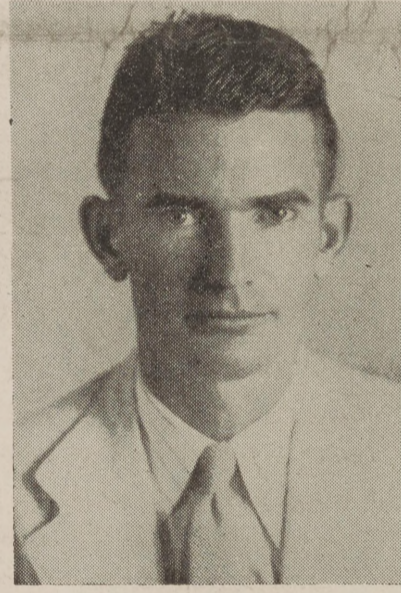
Dues Due

Membership cards for the second quarter of 1945 will be issued April 1 by the S. R. E. R. A. The membership has increased by 75 new members in the past 30 days, indicating interest in the organization on the part of employees. Membership dues, which are 50 cents a month, are payable quarterly to the Secretary-Treasurer.

An invitation is extended to new plant employees to join the S. R. E. R. A. and participate in the recreational activities provided for its members.

War begets poverty,
Poverty peace.
Peace begets plenty,
Then riches increase.
Riches bring pride,
And pride is war's ground.
War begets poverty,
So goes the round.
—By an Unknown Author.

To California



O. Morgan Williams, Operating Department Head of the Chemical Division, was transferred to Shell Chemical Co. at Martinez, California, March 1, where he took over as Superintendent of that plant.

His many friends regretted his leaving the Houston plant but rejoiced in his promotion to a more responsible position.

J. P. Okie, former head of the Gas Dept. here and more recently from the Shell Chemical plant at Dumas, Texas, replaces Mr. Williams. Welcome, Brother Okie.

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San Jacinto League	
Opponent's Score	Shell's Score
Houston Silents, 22	16
Market St. Baptist, 30	28
Charley Gardners, 54	24
Massey Bus. College, 18	43
Sinclair, 22	29
Houston Silents, 30	32
Market St. Baptist, 34	30
Charley Gardners, 39	13
Massey Bus. Col., 0 (Forfeit)	2
Sinclair, 43	33

Knights of the middle ages often wore armor weighing as much as 200 pounds.

Interest High In Industrial Golf Tourney

Plans are being made to enter a Shell team in the Houston Industrial Golf League, it was announced by Tex Sears, Secretary-Treasurer of the Shell Refinery Employees Recreation Association.

Bulletins containing full particulars were circulated on March 3. Twelve members, Sam Lee, Research Lab; John Naschke, Gas Dept.; Bill Anderson, Gas; Joe Simoneaux, Main Office; Elmer Saxon, Industrial Relations; Bob Dicks, Technological; Art Doyle, Technological; G. W. Matson, Pipe Shop; J. M. McClain, Pipe Shop; J. T. Dobson, Engineering Field; Harry Kennedy, Engineering Field; and C. R. Brockmeyer, Engineering Office, have indicated a desire to participate in the tournament.

The league will be composed of teams from Hughes Tool Co., Baytown, Todd-Houston Shipyard, Brown Shipyard, Sinclair Refinery and Shell Refinery. Three foursomes have already signed up and interest shows that four to six can be obtained.

Eighteen to 24 men players are needed for the Shell team, Miss Sears said. All golfers interested in the tourney are requested to submit their names to Miss Sears within the next two weeks.

The date of the tournament will be released as soon as the player roster is completed. Matches will be played each Sunday on Glenbrook, Memorial and Hermann golf courses.

Burn Victims Back on Job

Miss Virginia Frazer, who was burned in the "flash" fire accident at the Chemical Division several weeks ago, has returned to work and has been transferred to the job of escort clerk in the Industrial Relations Department.

Jim Penick also has reported back to work.

These employees sustained serious burns from a fire which occurred at the Chemical plant. The flash fire was caused by leaking accumulated gas that was set off by the welding torch of a construction company worker.

Summer Bowling Session Planned

With the wind-up of the present bowling leagues, B. A. Risinger, Bowling Chairman, announces plans for a Summer League. All 20 alleys at the Recreation Center, 1815 San Jacinto, have been reserved for Friday nights at 6:45, he stated.

Present indications are that a six-team scratch league will be formed made up of bowlers with averages of 140 and above. Lower average bowlers will have a chance to participate in either a mixed league, or a men's league and a women's league, depending upon the choice of the bowlers.

The Summer League will get underway as soon as the season for the Classic League closes.

SRERA Committeemen

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A total of 230 employees in the Chemical Division are included in Zone 7.

At present, a temporary committee of seven members, T. E. Alhart, Fay Hilliard, Ann Wright, F. Sartor, S. P. Davis, C. D. Mann and J. E. Watts, is handling the affairs of the organization.

A liar must have a good memory.

Engineering Field Downtown Leaders

A one-game lead places Engineering Field on top in the newly-formed Mixed Bowling League which gets under way at 6 p. m. on Wednesday nights at the Main alleys. Tied for second place are Gas Dept. No. 3, Car Dept., and Gas Dept. No. 1.

The Refinery's No. 3 League is made up of eight teams that went into action on January 31 of this year. L. C. Moore is high man with an average of 154. N. E. Watson rolled 215 for high game, and J. T. Cutrer rates high series with 538.

N. A. Koneman, Jr., is Secretary-Treasurer of the new league.

STANDING

Team—	W.	L.
Engr. Field	13	5
Car Shop	12	6
Gas Dept. No. 3	12	6
Gas Dept. No. 1	12	6
Gas Dept. No. 2	9	9
Engr. Office No. 2	7	11
Engr. Office No. 1	4	14
Control Lab.	3	15
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Shellane Heads Women's League

Holding a precarious lead of three points, Shellane, captained by Louise Ross, is out to win the championship, with Butadiene running a close second in the 6-team Refinery Women's League.

Members of the leading team are Louise Ross, Peggy Carnes, Ann Wright, and Hortense Barrell. Holder of high game is Viola Adams with 189. High series is held by Hazel Risinger, 468.

The League bowls on Wednesdays at 9 p. m. at Recreation Palace.

STANDING

Team—	W.	L.
Shellane	73	27
Butadiene	70	30
Toluene	53	47
Alkylate	50	50
Neo-Pentane	44	56
100-Octane	43	57
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Research Lab No. 2 Cops No. 1 League

Two weeks from the season's end, Research Lab. No. 2 is leading by one point in the fast-moving, action-filled Refinery Bowling League No. 1 out Recreation Palace way. Research Lab. No. 4 is running in second place with Pipe Shop, Technological, and Control Lab tied for the third berth. Ten teams are entered in the Wednesday night Men's League.

J. Dahl holds the record for high game at 249, and A. (Jeep) Sartor's 616 controls high series. G. Reno is high man with an average of 168.

Boilerhouse Steam

By F. A. Bly

R. C. Grothe, Assistant General Floreman, has been promoted to Head Janitor.

Ace Hearn is on sick leave.

Mr. White, Boiler House pipefitter, is trying to learn to repack a valve. Another ten years and I believe he will have mastered the art.

The painters in the Boiler House have had a good time painting everything including the personnel.

H. J. Kennedy had a prosperous week-end. He says the take was about \$35.00.

Some of the Solutizer operators have inhaled so much gas in the last 15 years that they now think that water will burn.

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Bowling Profiles

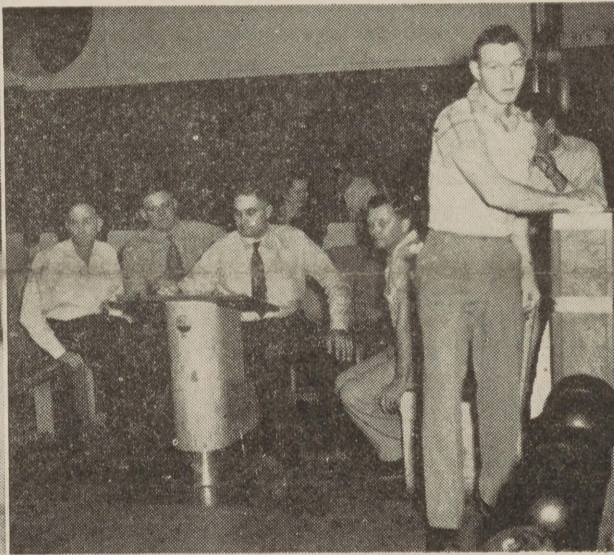


The Technological team bowling Wednesday night in League No. 1 at Recreation Palace. Seated: Mark Isaacs, Barney Orfield (recently transferred to Norco), John Naschke, and Bob Dicks. Standing: Art Doyle, behind Isaacs, and W. E. Hopkins, on the right. The Tech team, second during the earlier part of the season, has fallen to fourth place.



In the picture at the left is Control Laboratory team (girls) versus the Gas Dept. (men) in a 6 o'clock game at Gene Bailey's Bowling Alley located at 913 Prairie. The No. 3 League now bowls at the Main Alleys.

Standing is W. W. Frech, Adele Thompson, Miss B. A. Boykin, S. F. Ford, Norman Koneman, and J. H. Griffey.



On the right is the Car Shop versus a mixed team bowling a practice game the first night. Seated: R. J. Irby, J. A. Janak, O. E. Hutchinson, T. E. Airhart, and Charles Clemens, standing.



League leaders of the Refinery C League which bowls Friday nights at 6:45 at the Recreation Center Lanes. On the first-place Chemical Division team are left to right: Gene Davenport (with cigarette in his mouth), E. R. Adlof, Floyd Reitz (at the scoreboard) and Paul Murrell.

Research Holds Third Place In Industrial Group

Pacing the top teams with only a three-game disadvantage, Shell Refining Research holds third place in the Industrial C League. Composed of B. Risinger, G. J. Reno, J. R. Morrison, C. J. Dobratz, J. B. St. Clair, E. P. Grigassy, and A. F. Sartor, the Researchers have 49 games won to their credit and 26 lost. They bowl Thursdays at 9 p. m. at Recreation Palace.

The Shell bowlers hold high team series in the 14-team league, 2668, and B. Risinger has the highest average, 179.

STANDING

Team—	W.	L.
Langham, Langston, Burnett	52	23
Electrical Materials	51	24
Shell Refining Research	49	26
Brown Shipbuilding	47	28
Sinclair	44	31
Humble Club	40	35
Krieger Motors	39	36
Fair-Maid Bread	38	37
Todd-Houston No. 2	35	40
Todd-Houston No. 1	34	41
Emsco	32	43
Beacham & Nesmith	31	44
Mel's Tavern	23	52
Continental Can	10	65
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Chemical Division To Win 'C' League

Chemical Division leads the Refinery C League by five games over the second place team, the Pod Laboratory, in the men's Friday night bowling tourney at Recreation Center Lanes. Control Lab. commands an uncontested third place in the closely matched eight-team league.

Rolling a 238 to gain high individual game is T. L. Hill of the Instrument Shop team. C. Humphreys bowled 612 to garner high individual series.

George Thorn is high man over the 40 bowlers with an average of 178. George bowls on the Pod Lab. team.

STANDING

Team—	W.	L.
Chemical Division	47	28
Pod Laboratory	43	32
Control Laboratory	40	35
Ref. Eng. Field	37	38
Main Office	35	40
Instrument Shop	34	41
Research Laboratory	33	42
Shell 100-Octane	31	44

RESEARCH LAB.

By Arky

This oughta be a real colyum with long rows of dots between spicy comments . . . like this . . . but nothing juicy happens around here . . . except perhaps that tidbit of gossip Max won't tell . . . he just walks around licking his chops . . . he'd even drool, if he had time . . .

When approached by same, one should manage a poker-puss and keep his trap shut. Even that is dangerous.

But Max was four days behind when it came to some dope about himself and der Fuehrer's group.

Which is a reminder that Jeep Sartor's slightly dazed expression is due largely to the fact that he hasn't decided which period he loses the most sleep in—Tuesday to Saturday, or vice versa.

You look swell, yourself, Doug.

But you oughta told Marj what to say when someone, name o' Peg, surveys the shelf-ful of catalogs in the stockroom and asks, in earnest, "Is this the library?"

Harriet and Peg and Sam will soon learn that things sorta grow,

instead of happen, around here . . .

like one day, when there's nothing to do but sit on the floor and put the refractometer bath regulator, Eddie Gelus' blackboard has nothing but a bunch of names on it. A few days later, upon wandering by to see if the bath is still under the table, what does one see? A beautiful sentiment, on the b-b, about lighting your candle. No names.

Mr. Lovell was unimpressed by the purity of the thought.

Swell doin's over at Pat Mosher's, for Lil Defee, and a real surprise, eh wot, Cobina? Lots of purty pink lacy things (aw, shucks, fellows), and now Lil's studyin'. Yep.

Barney thought about moving to Houston, but just couldn't see his way clear. Mebbe the South End No. 2 bus scared him. Try again, Barney. We traded even with Broadmoor. They think it's purty awful, but wait till the buzzer won't work, heh, heh, heh.

They say Tabb is a treacherous seat-mate on the wilder corners on

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Dick Miller Is Reported Safe

Word has been received from Mrs. J. L. Miller, wife of Major J. L. Miller, Refinery Superintendent on military leave in Australia, that their son, S/Sgt. Richard "Dick" Miller, has reported back to his base after being missing for five weeks over the Philippines.

Dick was operating from a base in the Netherlands, East Indies, and had made 22 missions. His outfit, the 13th Air Force, called the "Suicide Squadron" because it specializes in 1,000-mile over-water missions against strongly defended pinpoint targets without fighter cover, bombed the oil refinery at Balikpapan, a feat that was ranked as one of the most skillful and daring in history and the most effective.

--Boiler House Steam--

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Observed: W. M. Griffin trying to do a head spin.

After being an auxiliary fireman for three years, Bishop was finally called out to a fire at 3 o'clock in the morning—working day shift, too!

Notice: \$5.00 to anyone who will steal No. 8 Boiler and promise not to bring it back.

For Sale: One wrist watch and Eversharp pen and pencil set, \$3.98. See Harry Kennedy.

Congratulations, Landrum, on the new arrival. I've heard that it is really a pretty calf.

Buttermilk really does know all there is to know about Boilers. If you don't believe it, just ask him.

Kennedy and Rinehart were seen standing very close to each other and waving their arms like signalmen.

Jim Stowers was off a couple of weeks visiting his grandma.

Congratulations, Mr. Collins, for talking someone into printing a paper for us.

Al Keeney wrote that the scenery in France was so good he almost crashed his plane trying to get a better look.

Ruff likes to stay out here so well that he hid on top of the No. 8 Boiler for 16 hours.

For five years Neal maintained that Pasadena wasn't for him. Two weeks ago he bought a home there.

Chemical Maintenance News

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Thurman are very proud of that brand new baby girl that moved in at their house. Congratulations, Thurman, may there be many more.

Gregory Ramsey, who was with the warehouse here, has been transferred to the Instrument Shop at the Refinery. We sure will miss that chatter, Ramsey, but good luck to you.

We are forced to go to the Welding Shop and open up some light on the coffee club. (Note: Two members paid 22½% dividends in one week.) Bob Nelson came out with two new shirts in the middle of the pay-day, and Blackie Brittain a new pair of pants. Speaking of coffee, the toolroom club has a member they would like to trade to the welders. We don't know whether it is because Big Jim has come back or whether it is because Dutch Gilbert left us, but there seems to be a big difference in the instrument shop. Willie Williams government work dropped off 98% when Dutch went back to the Refinery. Olen Hunley says he wants to be seen as well as heard, and I believed that when I saw the front page of a few weeks ago.

Pemberton "Breezes" to Win Over Touchtone

Yule stories are definitely old stuff now but the pictures below haven't appeared for publication and therefore we present them, for a big time was had by all at the Refinery Christmas parties.

A meeting of the foremen in the cafeteria for a few hours of year-ending recreation and resume of the year's accomplishments was highlighted by the liar contest between the two Engineering Field champs, Ted Touchtone, upper left, and Ralph "Bub" Pemberton, right. "Bub" was adjudged the winner.



Part of the group which gathered in the Main Office for festivities is pictured above. The tree, resplendent with scores of presents, was presided over by Manager Phil E. Foster (back to camera) who, without whiskers, but otherwise a reasonable facsimile, passed them out and was general host for the occasion.



The Industrial Relations group, numbering 21, enjoyed games and a big feast prepared by the girls in the department. Here they have gathered around the banquet spread at the end of their program of games.

-- Coast Guard --

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to the place of assignment. Coffee and cake is served while on watch.

Uniforms

Upon completion of training, the men are issued four uniforms, two blue and two khaki, shoes, socks, underwear, shirts, cap, peacoat, raincoat, ties, and other equipment costing approximately \$130. Issued clothing remains the property of the Volunteers unless for some reason they are dis-enrolled. In which case all wearable garments are returned

to the Coast Guard. A gun is issued as a man goes on watch and is turned in when the watch is over.

Hours on Watch

Twelve hours per week, all at once, or two 6-hour watches of the Volunteer's own selection. These watches can be changed for shift workers so that it will not interfere with their work. Volunteers are privileged to eat at the Coast Guard Barracks galley before or after standing watch. They can also purchase cigarettes and other items at the Post Exchange.

SERVICE CITATIONS

D. F. C. Added to C. B. Robinson's Awards



First Lt. C. B. Robinson shown as he is congratulated after British General R. Knapp after receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross. In the Army since January 30, 1942, Robinson has flown as bombardier and navigator on 70 combat missions over Southern France and Northern Italy. He also wears the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters. He was home recently on leave.

Lt. David M. Walker Holds Many Citations

First Lt. David M. Walker, former Control Laboratory employee, has returned to the States after 14 months overseas. He wears the Purple Heart with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star.

Lt. Walker, who served as leader of an infantry rifle platoon in Africa, Italy and France, received wounds at five different times while under enemy fire.

At present he is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Lt. Wm. K. Earman Completes 40 Missions

First Lt. Wm. K. Earman, former Control Lab. employee, returned to the States after completing 40 combat missions in the Central Pacific. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with three clusters, and the Distinguished Unit badge.

Overseas since December, 1943, he participated in operations in the Marshalls and at Tinian and Saipan in the Marianas.

Pfc. Wade L. Calhoun Given Silver Star

Pfc. Wade L. Calhoun was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Bougainville, Solomon Islands. On March 13, 1944, he and a buddy left the safety of a pillbox, crawling into friendly and hostile fire, to rescue their section leader as he lay helplessly wounded a few feet from the enemy.

Pfc. Calhoun, employed by Shell October 1, 1941, worked as boiler maker helper in the Engineering Field. He entered the armed forces December 8, 1942.

Cpl. Victor E. Smith Awarded Air Medal

Flying from a base in Southern Italy to bomb rail centers in Munich and Vienna and oil refineries in Linz and Salzburg, Cpl. Victor E. Smith has been awarded the Air Medal for his victorious achievement in aerial flight.

He was employed in the Engineering Field, leaving for military service August 26, 1943.

Sgt. Robert D. Miller Receives Bronze Star

S/Sgt. Robert D. Miller, former employee in the Engineering Field, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in the New Guinea campaign. Sgt. Miller was employed by Shell Sept. 7, 1939, and left for military service January 1, 1942.

Lt. Charles W. Sparks Rescued in Adriatic

Second Lt. Charles W. Sparks, former Gas Dept. employee, was saved from drowning by a British gun boat after he had crash-dived his B-24 Liberator in the Adriatic on the return from a mission over Germany.

His radio operator contacted the sea rescue, tying down the key before the plane hit the water so their position kept going through. The crew was tossed around by impact, but managed to climb on the wing and cling there until the ship sank 20 minutes later. A British gun boat rescued the exhausted men.

Overseas since October, 1943, Sparks has flown over 20 missions. He holds the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight.



T. L. "Foot" Wilson (he wears the pants in his family) was selected to wear the gaudy sized unmentionables given to H. Coombes. "Foot" is being urged to pose for the picture by H. McDonald (recently resigned to enter the cattle business) and K. J. Kimmiller. The sergeant on the left may be recognized by his friends, but this time his name can not be given.

SRERA Free Dance Feb. 23 Huge Success

The S. R. E. R. A. dance held Friday, February 23, at the Rice Hotel Ballroom was a success socially and financially, stated Fay Hilliard and W. W. Myers, co-chairmen of the Entertainment Committee.

Much effort was put forth to plan and publicize the gala affair. The buzz of excitement throughout the plant prior to the occasion was climaxed by a total attendance of 650 happy members and guests. Cost of the dance, which was free to members, was \$119.00.

Eight glamorous young ladies under the direction of Pat Mosher, chairman, acted as hostesses to the 50 returned veterans stationed at Ellington Field who were guests of S. R. E. R. A.

Music for the dance was furnished by Torres-Waters Orchestra. T. E. (Scotty) Ross was in charge of door admissions.



Although there was a waiting line for admission to the dance, everyone seemed patient and happy as apparent by the above photograph.

Chemical Division Office News

By Vivian Tucker

Maury Henshaw has recently joined the junketeers after attending the Manufacturing and Technical meeting held in San Francisco. His itinerary included visits to the Shell Chemical plants at Torrance, Dominguez, Martinez, and Shell Point. At the latter plant he got a glimpse of Buzz Barton who was still beaming at his good fortune in being located in the San Francisco Bay region where he can fish for striped bass. On his return, Maury, by a neat bit of time-table manipulation, managed to get a peek at the Grand Canyon which he calls "amazing." Soliciting a first-hand report from Mr. Henshaw himself, we quote herewith: "After hearing advance press notices of the Wonders of California for the last two years, I had the opportunity to observe first hand at the recent Shell Chemical Manufacturing meeting in San Francisco. I must admit that I was not in the least disappointed, and had an excellent trip. In the course of my visits to head office and the other plants, I enjoyed meeting several of the former Houston staff, including Bill Reynard, Charley Dougherty, Helen Hanson, Casey Casagrande, Al Horsley, Ross Holloway, and Buzz Barton. All said 'Hello' to the Houston staff—laughingly."

Through the grapevine, we understand Chris Johnson purchased a heater from Morgan Williams. Could it be that the honeymoon for Chris and our former Ruthie Rodd is over? How do you intend to face the winter, Morgan?

Ivan Shore, back from the annual Purchasing-Stores Meeting held in New York October 9-11 relates interesting sights and experiences on this, his first trip, as well as exhibiting a pair of well burned tonsils. Asked whether or not the burned tonsils were caused by gazing at tall buildings and windy street corners, Ivan replied, "Well, partly that, and (in a subdued tone) partly that I just got 'em burned."

Election Sidelights

Query to Dorothy Rudewig: "Didn't Mr. Vockel vote for Dewey?" Replied Dot. "Oh, no, I don't think so. I believe he voted for the—for the Texas 'Wranglers.'"

Hazel Miers to Mr. Hollified: "Holly, tell us, who are you going to vote for?" Holly: "Oh, I guess, in order to get along with you women folks, I'll have to cast mine for F. D. R." Tommy Thomas and Ben Cummings commenting the morning after the day before: "So, you voted for the 'Chump,' eh?"

Observations

From the appearance of Roy Elliott's desk, we assume he is patri-



Seated at a front table are J. P. Dobson, Mrs. J. W. Collins. Parallax, that nemesis of all cameramen, caused the elimination of that lovely lady with the arms, Mrs. J. P. Dobson. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brockmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Macy, and



Responsible for much of the success of the occasion was Entertainment Chairman Fay Hilliard, smiling into the camera, and Mrs. Hilliard who looked away at the moment the picture was snapped. In the background to the left is Lt. Charlie Battestin whose visit home on leave occurred at an opportune time.

otically collecting for the scrap paper drive; we know he couldn't be that far behind in his work.

The Engineering Department wonders if Kirby Walker is now aware of the fact that the 10 o'clock bus does not stop at all telephone booths.

Eddie Meier running down the wet road from the cafeteria barefoot, one shoe in each hand, chasing long-legged Johnny McGraw.

Lt. C. E. Battestin, former Cracking Dept. employee, home on 30-day leave after 20 months overseas in the Tank Corps, says it is wonderful to be back.

Lt. Battestin enlisted March 11, 1941, and was awarded the Purple Heart before Pearl Harbor. He was in two major combats in the European theatre of operations, receiving the Group Presidential Citation and the French Croix de Guirre. His wife lives in Houston.

Scenes at Rice Hotel Dance

Instrument Hints

By Don Bailey

George Norwood has resigned from the Shell Oil Co. Everybody thought he was only fooling when he said he was leaving. George is now located at Kingsville, Texas.

Dutch "Muscles" Gilbert has returned from the rubber plant to take over Norwood's old zone.

Bill "Nubbin" Negrotto was transferred to the rubber plant to replace "Muscles." I wonder what the operator at the rubber plant will do if "Nubbin" doesn't entertain them with stories about his white horse.

Melvin "Swede" Canuteson has been off several weeks because of illness.

Edward "Porky" Yandle, the ex "Seabee," took Sweed's place on the Dubbs Zone. "Porky" belongs to the Instrument Department "Chelly Club" but "Sweed" is still the head man.

Speaking of the Chelly Club, we have two new candidates, Pappy Daily and Muscles Gilbert. They will have to train a little while before they will be eligible.

Wilber "Midget" Hightower took his place on shift work. It seems as if "High's" destiny leads towards shift work.

I wonder who Cecil Rainey will kid after he returns to work from his sick leave. Cecil used to be a thorn in the side of George Norwood. The way he could say "Nob Nose" was really something.

Captain Rubber Nubbin Negrotto is having a hard time with his bowling team. Overtime and gutter balls keeps him mteam on the bottom of pile.

Several of the boys in the shop want to raise a jackpot and buy a platform for Rubber Nubbin Herrin so the ball will not hit the floor because of his short legs.

I guess it will be next summer before we will have Sweed's barbecue.

We were very sorry to hear that Robert Mann lost his wife. He is a very good fellow and at present is helping "Uncle Sam" win this war. It is a dirty shame he has to lose his companion. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to this fighting "Seabee."

Gas Department News

By D. W. Stewart

The boys of the Gas Dept. are working hard these days to end the crisis. True enough . . . it will be a great day to see the Shell employees now on military leave back in the Refinery. Those boys want to get back, too, because some of them come through for a friendly visit and tell us just how rough it has been.

One of our recent visitors was D. A. Lucas of the Marine Corps, and since he returned from overseas he took to himself a better half. We wish you lots of years of happiness.

"Red" Daniels also came through and we were glad he had the opportunity to play with the Shell basketball club at Jackson gym. He was on leave prior to going overseas. Happy landing, "Red," and hurry back.

Basketball, yes, a good season did we have! It was worth it to see Scott perform any time. Ask Scott about the sneak play for a goal.

These Recreation dances may be O. K. for some folks, but not all of them know when to come back to work after the dance is over. Ask some of the boys about the time the dance ended at the Rice Hotel Ballroom recently. If you don't have any one in mind, ask V. B. Thomas. Of course, he was back to work on time!

The boys over at the Alky plant are really getting the breaks. Everything is automatic control. Ask Mr. Ford. If he doesn't know, he will consult Frech.

The shift foremen are in high hopes—Major Jim Griffey is drawing plans for our new expansion program.

M. S. Smith wears a big smile these days. The reason? His draft status was changed from 1-A.

We all pull our hats off to Mr. White. He has stood the crisis better than expected—i. e., does Margie like her new job?

Mr. Burr, who is now in the Air Corps, came by to see us, and did you know the love bug bit him? Many years of happiness to you and yours.

This reporting off from work is getting to be a problem. If the operator doesn't come to work, his helper usually reports off, too. Is that right, Wolfe?

The hydro unit is up and the boys are getting the unit back to normal after its being shut down for several months. We are glad to see the wheels turning because we know, and so do the boys in the Air Corps, the product is something needed to combat the enemy with.

Many happy years may you spend together, Mr. and Mrs. John Naschke.

Chemical Plant Operations News

Well! Well! Well! We did make the dead-line this time. And although the gossipers haven't been any too busy since last issue, we will scramble around and see if we can overhear a few choice bits.

So much "breaking in" around here in preparation for the new alcohol unit, you never know who will be on what shift. Seems like nearly everyone is taking a turn as Boiler House operator. The ole standby, Vernon "Dad" Stark says they are working him on so many different jobs he should soon be able to run the whole darn job. Well, Dad, maybe they realize they have quality.

A good show could have been seen free when Helen "Ma" Brown tried to learn the fundamentals of riding a bicycle. She has found that the gauging job is much easier on the dogs if one can pedal about. We hear, though, she gave it up as a bad deal.

Roy Murdock, our "talkative" shift fitter's helper, just returned from Arkansaw and reports a vacation is mighty fine, but Arkansaw, in the Fall of the year and especially around "hawg killin'" time, just can't be beat. And to prove that, he swears he is going to bring us some real Arkansaw "Cracklin bread."

"Holly" Hollingsworth, back on the job and "rarin'" to go after an operation. Says "B" Distillation is just a breeze, now that he is feeling so good.

"Snow White" Ward sure looked down in the dumps for a spell. Someone has suggested he is pining away for "Wolf" Ramsey who transferred back to the Refinery. Well, we allow as how there are several other guys up here who miss Wolf and his "tall" stories.

Well, who was that casing around with Frank Ball? Why, it's no other than Floyd Reitz. And, he even brings out his part of the coffee.

Jimmy Nail saying to Crowder: "Say, this is Driskell. The acid car is empty." Do you ever hear that in your dreams, Herbert?"

"Big Jawn" Thurmond, Boiler House operator, requests the boys to please notify him when they are heating the coffee water.

—H. W. Fisher.

Control Lab News

By Mary A. King

Received your cards, Brigham Young. Glad you got what you wanted and we have our fingers crossed.

W. E. Jensen is back with us again. Jensen was in the Medical Corps at Fort Sam Houston and McCloskey during his two years and three months in the Service. He has taken over the Infra-red job.

Florence Theiss is also on sick leave. She has undergone two operations recently but is doing nicely.

Kathlene Trabue joined the W.A. V.E.'s. We miss you, Kathlene, but wish you the very best of success and happiness.

McNeal, we hear you are in California operating a Podbielniak Column for the Navy. We know you are doing a swell job. Is it straight day work?

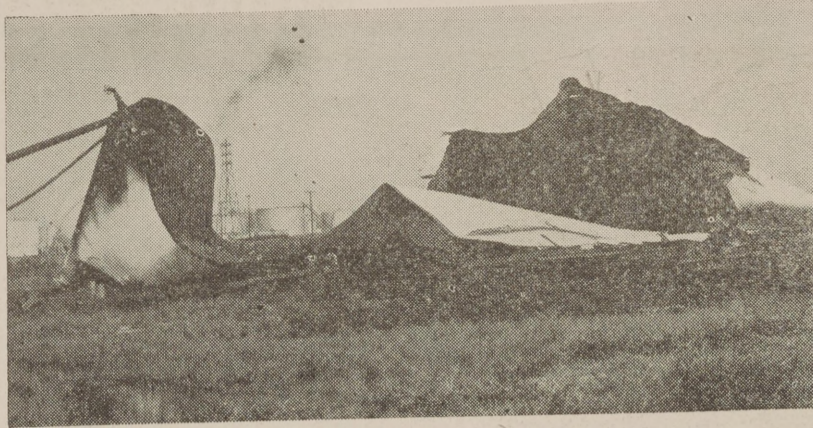
Professor Pearsey says he will let the boys get even when his candidate runs for fifth term.

"Foots" Wilson visiting his old home grounds, and he always manages to go by the gas oil job.

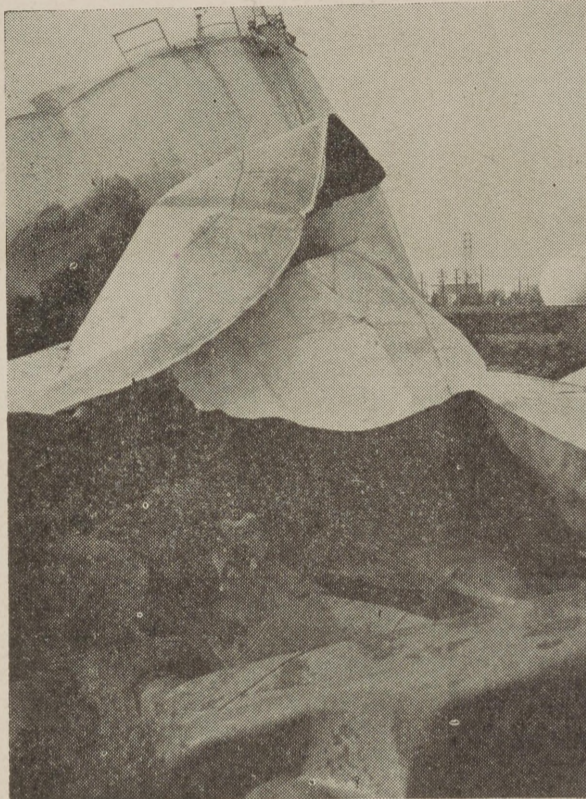
We were honored with a visit from George Livingston who has been in the service for over a year. He sure looked good to all of us. We all wish you lots of good luck, George.

Seigle explaining the mysteries of

Explosion Destroys Empty "G" Tank



No definite cause has been advanced for the explosion of this "G" tank which blew up one night at 10 o'clock. Most likely theory is that the tank, which was being steamed after a cleaning, buckled, causing a spark which ignited gas present. Gauger E. E. Jones, C.H.P.H., was a witness on the next tank when the explosion occurred and saw the steel walls and top rip apart like cardboard in a hurricane.



gas oil distillation to "Dutchy, the trainee."

Tucker lives in the Heights now—Pasadena Heights.

A day was designated as "Sweater Day" in the Laboratory. All the girls and Willie Williams wore a sweater that day.

Pyle, Boykin, and Bramlett have their shoes painted red. Wonder who contracted that job.

Norris is good at telling jokes, especially those he tells to be the truth. For instance, the one he told about his father traveling among the piney woods of Louisiana and met a man whose name was Soap. Mr. Soap named his children after the famous brands of soap, P. G., Ivory, Palmolive, etc.

Congratulations to McNeal who finally got a straight-day job.

News has been received that James Lee and wife have a fine boy. James worked in the Laboratory before enlisting in the Navy. He has been We take pleasure in congratulating C. E. Cassidy on his promotion from Special Tester to Crude Column Foreman. We wish you the very best of success, Claude.

We also wish to congratulate Miss Ann Varner who has replaced Miss Helen Kaup as Inspection Division Clerk. Helen was transferred to the Chemical Division. We hope both of you will like your new work.

Births of the month: 6½ lb. boy for K. S. Lewis; L. J. Duke, 10½ lb. boy; 6½ lb. boy for R. M. Patterson; and 5½ lb. girl for L. M. Rhemann.

Jack Hatcher has been promoted to Cargo Inspector. We hope you like your new job, Jack.

Everyone who attended the last dance commented on what a nice time they had. There is to be another dance dated for May 5. Let's all go who can.

Loyce Hunter, who has been off for such a long time on sick leave,

is expected back some time this week.

L. M. Cox is to undergo an appendectomy this week. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Katherine Green is off on sick leave, too. Hope she is feeling better and back at work soon.

L. J. Cross and J. R. Hester are back with us again from Service. Both are doing Crude Column work.

Joe Worth came back for awhile, but is off on sick leave right now.

We received your letter, "Jug" Carter. Wish you could take things in hand, come home for dinner parties, get back in the Lab. again and take a good ole dip of Copenhagen.

Prisoner



F/O Tommy Jones is reported a prisoner of war in Germany, his wife, Mrs. S. F. Jones of Pasadena, was informed by the War Department. He was previously reported as missing in action over Austria.

Flight Officer Jones has been overseas since August, 1944, as bombardier on a Flying Fortress. He was employed by Shell Refinery Sept. 29, 1941, as special tester in the Control Lab, and entered the Army in January, 1943.

His wife and small daughter and his mother, Mrs. Roy Jennings, live in Pasadena.

Safety Equipment Prevents Injury

Miss J. D. Blohm, Junior Analytical Chemist at the Chemical Division, is pictured above holding a protective shield and rubber gloves. Recently, while pouring water in a flask containing sodium hydroxide, the solution suddenly exploded breaking the container and spraying chemical on Miss Blohm.

She was wearing the shield which prevented the chemicals from coming in contact with her face and eyes. Miss Blohm now speaks from experience when she says those safety talks are no idle chatter. She offers the above proof that the Refinery's safety regulations are worth observing and the safety equipment will protect employees if they use it.

W. R. Sanders Listed As Prisoner of War

Sgt. W. R. Sanders, missing over Germany since February 22, 1944, is now a prisoner of war, his mother, Mrs. J. A. Sanders, of Hempstead, was notified by the War Department.

Employed by Shell February 9, 1942, in the Stores Dept., Sgt. Sanders entered the service in October, 1942.

Sgt. F. M. Butler Is Missing in Action

Sgt. F. M. Butler is reported missing in action in Belgium since December 22, 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Butler of Tenaha, he was employed only a short while at the Refinery. From December 8, 1941, to the time of his enlistment, January 2, 1942, he worked in the Engineering Field.

surely has made up his mind about that back seat.

We have been hearing lots lately of a new song hit at the treaters, "The E. S. Jive." How about it, "Babe"?

The gang on No. 2 shift would like for someone who is an authority on tropical fish to give us some definite answer.

The writer wishes to thank the management and fellow workers for the kindness and help given him during the serious illness of his wife and daughter. Thanks a million, fellows.

R. G. Funk.

R. D. Perry, Sr., Jr., Visit Refinery

R. D. "Bob"

Perry, Sr., and his son, First Lt. R. D. Perry, Jr., who were home on leave together during the Christmas holidays and visited the Refinery.

Bob, former Auditor of Cash Disbursements and a veteran of World War I, re-entered the Navy shortly after the outbreak of Pearl Harbor, and is rated as Chief Storekeeper on a supply ship. He returned to the States after 22 months in the South Pacific.

R. D. Perry, Jr., as pilot of the B-17, Perry's

"Bob" has two other sons in the Service, Edward Lee, motor ma-



chemist's mate first class on a minesweeper in the Pacific, and Richard S. in the Air Corps.

Mrs. R. D. Perry, Sr., the member of the family at home, resides at 140 Glendale.

Engineering Office

By Doris Garner

Well, things are really perking up in the Engineering Office lately. Everybody is in a rush and doesn't know where to go.

Since the plans for construction of the Cat. Cracker are under way, we have several new additions to our gang.

R. S. Douglas, New York, will be in charge of the new construction. Mr. Douglas was Chief Engineer before he went to New York. J. H. McCarty, New York, will be assistant head. Mr. McCarty was Head of the Inspection Department before he went to New York. Ed. Hander, New York, formerly Industrial Engineer, will also help in the construction of our new plant. We are very glad to welcome each one of you back.

E. D. Underwood, from the Norco Refinery, will be one of the engineers to help in supervising the construction work.

From our own office J. W. Shannon, E. J. Newton and E. T. Horridge will be transferred to aid in the new construction.

E. J. Newton has done such a good supervising job on the new construction office that we may be losing our men very soon. In fact, they moved in March 12, 1945. This new building is located across the street, so don't forget us, boys—remember, you all are still one of us.

J. G. Kerley, recently of the Utility and Engineering Departments, has been sent to the New York Office to head a committee on Control Instruments. Instrumentation of Electronics is one of the big problems to be discussed. Good luck, Kerley!

L. H. McDonald, from the Engineering Department, will take Kerley's place as assistant head of the Utility Department.

Les Myers, formerly of the Utility Department, will take McDonald's place as Preventive Maintenance Engineer. Best of luck, boys.

Another addition to our office is Charlie Sinclair. Welcome to the Engineering Office. Hope that you'll make yourself at home, boys. As you know, we strive to please.

We are very glad to have Joe Murray back with us after several weeks of illness.

This month we leave a new addition to the M. W. Gable family. Mr. Gable is the proud father of a 9-lb. bouncing boy. Both mother and baby are doing fine. Mr. Gable is doing as well as can be expected.

Dennie Havens hasn't exactly left us, but his office is now located in the Warehouse. But there is something about those Main Office girls that Dennie can't resist. Be careful, Dennie, Mommy might not like it.

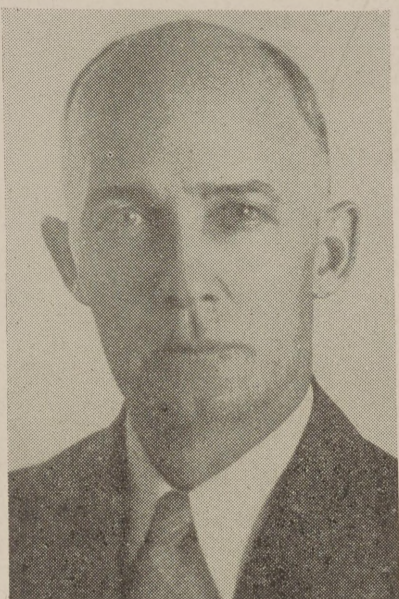
Bill Kubricht's latest name is Brigham Young. I wonder why? Bill, didn't you know that it is against the law to have more than one wife?

"Pappy" Heidrich is still getting all the pretty girls to ride with him. Pappy, the boys want to know what it takes to have the girls flock around them? Does four (4) good tires and gasoline help?

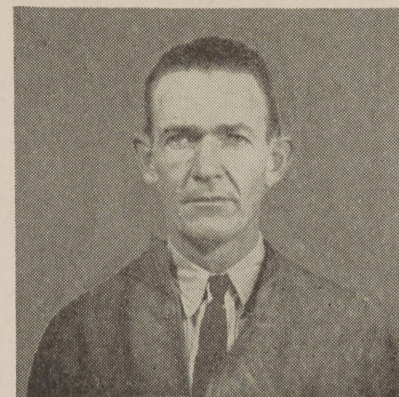
Bob Walters, better known as Brobert, came to work with shoes that were not mates. What's the matter, Bob?

Of course, everybody has noticed "Half-pint" in the Drafting Room. She's cute, too.

In Memoriam



E. B. COX



W. S. WILSON

Employees of the Refinery bemoan the loss of four valued employees who passed away during the past few months. The deaths of E. B. Cox, Engineering Dept.; H. L. Pollard, Cracking; P. L. Tompkins, Engineering Office; and W. S. Wilson, Instrument Shop, leave a void hard to fill.

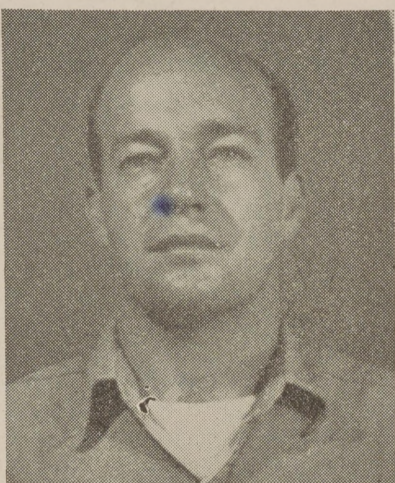
Ed Cox had been employed by the company for the past 21 years, coming here from Norco Refinery. He was the organizer of the Shell Ten Year Club and served as its president for ten years. The club has now attained nation-wide recognition. His death occurred December 7, 1944, after a prolonged illness.

H. L. Pollard's employment with Shell dates back to February 12, 1934. Employed in the Cracking Dept., he was accidentally killed December 9, 1944, when the car in which he was driving to work was struck at Deepwater by a west-bound Southern Pacific freight train.

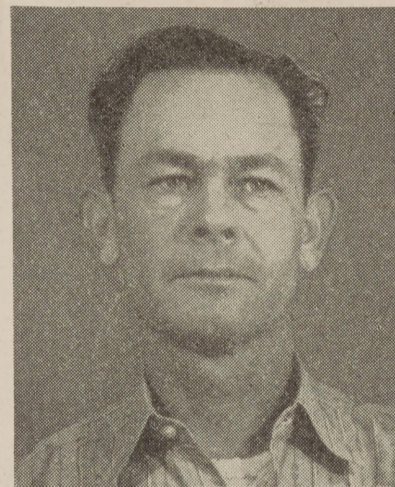
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Mesdames Cox, Pollard, Tompkins and Wilson have asked that their heartfelt gratitude be expressed for the sympathy and kindness shown by employees during their bereavement. Mrs. Tompkins, who was assisted by a plant-wide monetary contribution, returned immediately to New Jersey for the funeral, and we have word that a baby boy, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces, was born in January.

Phil Tompkins was employed by Shell August 7, 1939. He was born in Hollis, New York, and attended Yale University where he majored in Chemistry. Beginning as a general helper, he was inspector in the Engineering Office at the time of his demise. His sudden death from illness was quite a shock to his many friends.



P. L. TOMPKINS



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Two letters arrived from Johnny "The Mad Russian" Delmot. Johnny is a Tech. Sgt. in the signal corps and is seeing service in the southwest Pacific.

Well, the stillmen got their salary increase.

On the schedule mix-up for stillmen Ralph Miller came out as the shift breaker with Sam Hall returning to the Badgers as stillman in Ralph's place.

Joe Jeter, J. C. Allen, Woody, Paul Cherry, and "lil" Joe (low octane) Oliver had a swell time at the Goose Creek-Port Arthur game.

The Topping Department was well represented at the Company dance. Everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time. The gaugers were high gauged, the operator helpers were still helping the operators, and the operators were still operating under their own power, and the su-

I'm a stranger in these parts, myself.

pervisor was looking after all the boys, so a swell time was had by all.

Main Office News

By Helen Wills

The Main Office looks so swanky now with its two-tone inlaid linoleum flooring, new coat of paint, and fluorescent lighting that Joe Simon-eaux started wearing his coat even while at work.

The reception room, sporting new furniture, is downright elegant, and that red leather sofa just outside Mr. Foster's office is something out of this world.

Adding to the smart appearance is Receptionist Judy Gigstad, pinching for Dixie Jane Ketelsen who is vacationing in New York.

Anna Greenwood, Cashier, and you can't miss her now with that new desk marker, simply bowls 'em over with that "lady in red" apparel.

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the Broadmoor route; Alice won't sit by her, now.

Can you imagine Walter with a hotfoot? (Wee small voice: "I've gotta see that!")

Marion allows as how a jaunt over to the monument would be fun. It looks better from here.

And Connie continues to find four-leaf clovers while everybody else just mopes around waiting for the yellow buggies to make the circle.

It ain't fair to wonder why Art hangs around Gene's section. Now, is it?

If you need to be reminded of that sweet, foamy, pink, spun sugar in a paper cone you used to get at the circus—it literally melted in your mouth—you should've seen Anne Bondy at the Heifetz affair.

Zaruba had better listen to his Uncle Malcolm the next time—that was the straight stuff, boy!

Tom Wier didn't even look down-cast when someone showed up with a 4-foot copper key-chain.

Some rank outsider nominates Distillation's Lil slick-chick. And she blushed when she heard it!

That section's harmonizing is usually Mary Emily and Stan, but when he starts on the "Blue-tail Fly"—that's strictly solo-stuff, she sez.

Reno, take notice: The boys in the back room, Bob and Ray, kinda mosey up and down the hall, spreading joy and sunshine, between brain-whirls.

You should've seen Eddie Gelus rushing madly down to the coke concession during intermission at the Heifetz affair. Naturally, he was waylaid, and it was a dry half, after all.

Sorta like tearing down the hall at 9:35 a. m. and missing Wilda's daily grocery run by only two block.

Dr. Baker keeps that picture pretty well covered, but we can still see Bill Meerbott's canary food, and Dan's bird-dog, and Doug's cow-bell.

What with deadline and all that, comes the time to make the Spring award of the fur-lined asbestos gloves to Susie—a deserving lad, they say.

I'm a stranger in these parts, myself.

pervisor was looking after all the boys, so a swell time was had by all.

E. R. (Pappy) Heidrich can't understand the change that comes over Gertrude Walters on Saturday afternoons. "I can't help it," says Gertie. "It's just that Saturday night feeling!"

Somebody asked Helen Fleming the difference between an eye-opener and a night-cap. "It's merely the time element," Helen drawled.

With Helon Baldwin, Linda Thompson, Lollie Moore, and Virginia Eads gone from the Cost Department, the place seemed to lose some of its sprightly atmosphere. Lollie writes from Mexico City that she's teaching the inhabitants her brand of English. Hey, fellers!

Dudley Ellis never will learn, it seems. He might as well pay for that coffee outright as to keep on matching for it—and losing.

Harry Schneider with that inevitable candy bar. How do you manage it?

A small riot resulted when Georgia Norwood brought her three-year-old son out to the office. Seems you can't throw the young ones back these days, huh, girls?

Real excitement took place though when Lt. Kenneth Eaves visited the Refinery. Ken, who has been in some tough campaigns in Africa and Italy, came out of this encounter unscathed, too, it was reported.

Isabel Cawley has trouble staying perpendicular. Twice in one day she fell flat on her face. Tch, tch.

Happy day! Bob Dicks and Art Doyle are both in the Tech Department. No wonder Elsa Graham keeps the door closed.

Delving into the intricacies of credits and debits are newcomers, Frieda Jacob, Virginia Todd, Jean Horan, Trudy Reese and Ruth Wolf. A hearty welcome to the pencil pushers' department, girls!

Bernice Hughes, now juggling clock cards in hourly payroll, inquiring of Ann Wright what to do about these "little men."

The situation wasn't bad enough but when Barney Orfield had to get transferred to Norco Refinery as Head Technologist, and Ross Willoughby, Dispatching, and Todd Briggs, Yield, resigned . . . well,

Some day this war will be over and there will be men around permanently, I betcha!

Truman Thomas Edits India Paper

Cpl. Truman S. Thomas, stationed in Abadan, Iran, sends copies of the latest editions of his snappy Army publication, the "Heat Rash."

Editor Thomas says he is still a homesick Control Tower Operator and sends his closest regards to the Gas Dept. personnel.

P. R. Crocket Thanks

P. R. Crocket, Cracking Dept., whose home and furnishings at Deer Park were destroyed by fire on February 24, wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to all his fellow workers for the aid they gave him at a time when he needed help so badly.

Mr. Crocket and his family are deeply grateful for the kindness and consideration shown them.

AUTOMOTIVE

By H. J. McShane

Let's start this off with a few words about our new mechanic. His name is A. J. Hale. He is a swell guy, and a most welcome addition to our toil-worn crew. He is very quiet—we call him "Silent" Hale. He says everyone in his neighborhood is the same way. He lives across the street from our night foreman, J. C. Rivers.

"Good Timber" Smith gave the Lab girls an amazing driving exhibition in their Army jeep the other night. Seems as though he was caught in the mist and fog from the water cooling tower and attempted to continue his journey by relying on the jeep's instrument panel for directions. Well, it didn't work as well for Smitty as it does for his comic strip hero, "Buck Rodgers," and he wound up almost clearing a guy wire.

P. P. Dowdy of the Navy paid us a most welcome visit. He has been in the Pacific for a couple of years. He looks fine and says he likes the Navy, but would gladly trade jobs with anyone of us. He, like most service men, thinks we still have a long, tough fight ahead of us.

George O'Neill demonstrates how to change misfortune into a gravy train. Since injuring his hand some time ago he has worked a straight-day shift in the Garage stockroom, cleaning, painting and re-arranging the parts. The catch is, he has arranged everything so well, he is the only guy who can find anything. The only solution he can offer is for him to stay on the day shift.

Rex Bowler just purchased a home on the bayshore and hopes to occupy it in the near future. Says he wants to have a ring side seat for the next tropical hurricane.

Just overheard Mr. Lane congratulating "Kindling Wood" Fry on the efficient and business-like manner with which he handled his Bull Gang the other night while changing caterpillar tracks. You are on your way to the top, my boy.

We always knew that Tony was an expert on rabbits, but it was a shock to discover that he has a little pigeon that drives a dump truck.

All of the fellows in the Garage thought Mitchell's new "China Clippers" looked real nice, but after a short breaking-in period, Mitch informs us that they are far from perfect. Seems as though the dentist who designed them made no provisions for a copenhagen addict. He hopes to improve on their performance by installing an oil control ring or a squegee.

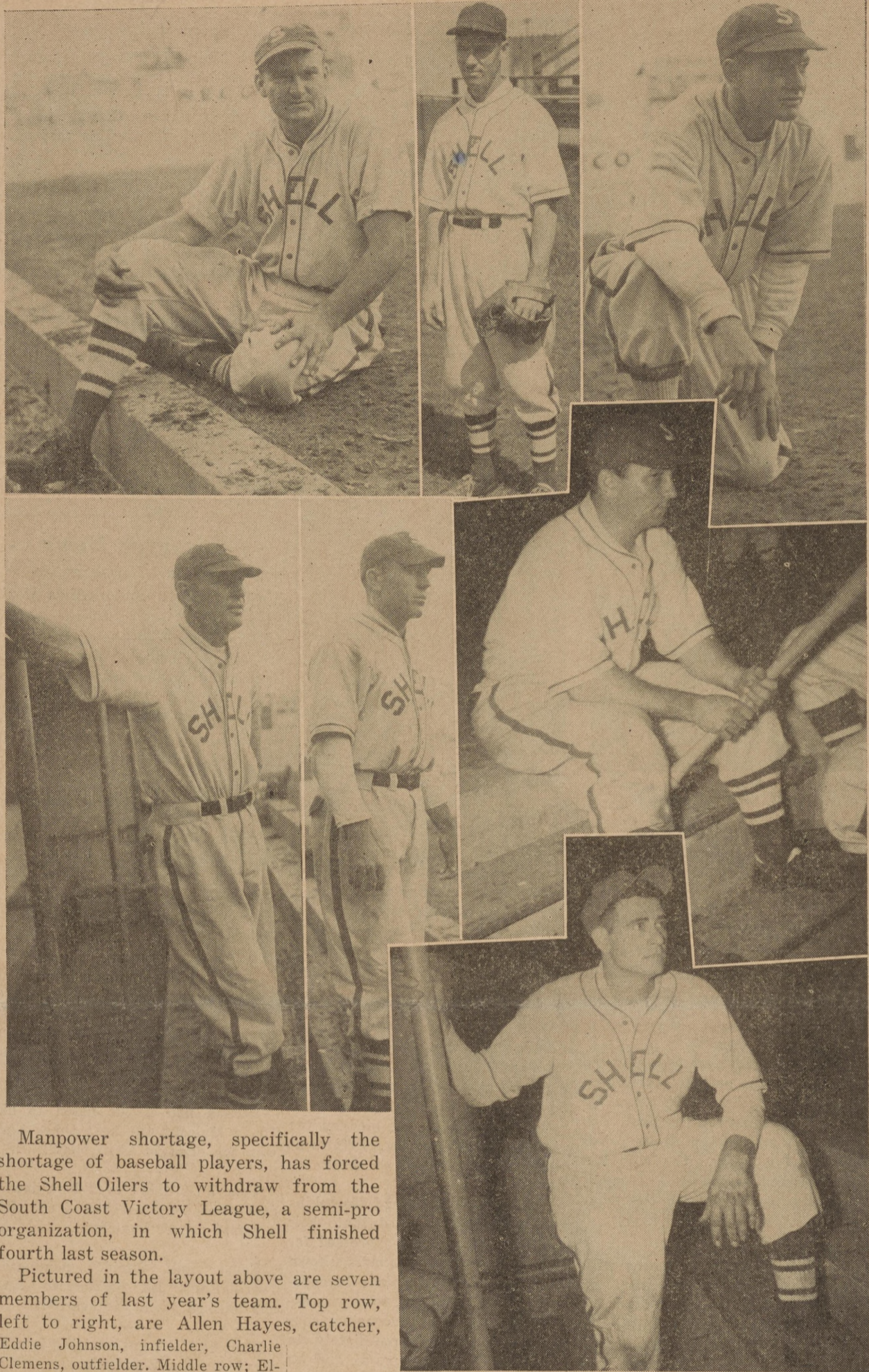
After watching Christian bow and shake hands with Mr. Hill, the labor foreman, every morning for the past few weeks, as he passes through the garage, we have decided it is his idea of perfect post-war planning. It is also rumored that he always brings two apples in his lunch, but never eats but one of them.

Anybody notice how Vetter examines his hands every few minutes with hopes that he will find a scratch large enough to justify a trip to first aid? That is bird-dogging in its most vicious form.

Lane has a way of making his fish stories doubt proof—he tells you about them, then produces pictures to back him up. We hope your luck held out on the duck hunt you planned.

We received a most welcome letter from "Mike" Bady—says he has been on a small island in the Pacific for a long time, but is now in Hawaii. After reading his letter describing how on his arrival he rented a room, laid in bed and looked at the clean walls for hours—took a

League Play Idea Dropped by Oilers



Manpower shortage, specifically the shortage of baseball players, has forced the Shell Oilers to withdraw from the South Coast Victory League, a semi-pro organization, in which Shell finished fourth last season.

Pictured in the layout above are seven members of last year's team. Top row, left to right, are Allen Hayes, catcher, Eddie Johnson, infielder, Charlie Clemens, outfielder. Middle row; Elwood "Lefty" Bishop, ace hurler, Allan Thurman, and Don Bailey, infielders or outfielders. Below is Johnny Campo, manager.

Present feeling is that the Refinery may organize a team to play independent ball around this area but such a club may be sans the services of Bishop and Bailey who have indicated that they will "retire" this year. Also, Campo has entered a bid for a franchise in the South Coast league after the withdrawal of Shell indicating that he has some strong backing if he can recruit the necessary semi-pro material.

Not listed above is Claude Cassidy, left fielder whose hitting and fielding was a great help to the Oilers. Claude's services have always been in demand by other clubs but he has expressed a desire to play with Shell if a team is organized.

shower every time he thought of it—and how swell he thought it was to be able to obtain a bottle of cold beer—it makes a fellow feel sort of small when he thinks of the growling he does over petty little things here at home. Well here's luck, Mike, from the Gang.

Lt. Col. Green



Lt. Colonel Green, who has recently returned from China and India, visited the Engineering Department while here on leave. Pete has over four years of service with the Army. Before called into active duty, Pete was a designing draftsman at the Refinery. We hope you will be back with us soon, Pete.

A horsepower is equal to 550 foot-pounds of work per second.

Sooner or later we will all receive from Experience at least one complimentary ticket to that celebrated lecture, "Foolish Mistakes."

Back from Pacific



Captain Luke G. Hamilton, whose employment with Shell dates back to July 7, 1939, was home on leave recently. Wounded in the battle of Saipan, Captain Hamilton is the holder of the Purple Heart Award. He was a member of the Texas National Guard and was called to active duty on November 20, 1940. His wife, Mrs. Sadie D. Hamilton, resides in Pasadena.

A parking space is where you leave the car to have the tail-light knocked off.

Shipping News

By A. W. Calhoun

Had a couple of real interesting letters from Phil Hager recently. Take it from me, the old first sergeant is seeing plenty of action, and says Phil, "Robertson County and Houston, Texas, have more than all of Europe put together." He has seen action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He has visited in London and Paris and says that Berlin would no doubt soon be on his list too. Again, good luck and best wishes from us all, Phil.

Also learned that Rollie Bishop and Phil Hager are assigned to the same Army and have highest hopes of getting to see each other in the very near future. Now that is going to be some "re-union" when they do so if any of your ears start burning, it could be this re-union taking place. I have an idea that lots of us will get talked about when this pair get together.

"Red" Link was "just fine" in the last letter I had from him, and I have heard that he has been transferred from his base in New Guinea to somewhere else. Keep that correspondence coming, Red.

The last information Tom Osburn had from his draft board was "expect another communication in 21 to 21 days." Good luck to you, Montgomery.

It's our Red Cross, fellows, lay it on the line!

Congratulations to John "Sag" Eichorn, now a major serving in the European theatre of operations.

Rigsby McGuire, working straight daylights at C. H. P. H., is fast getting rid of that eye infection he had.

P. G. "Popeye" Proctor's dream is realized! The new dinky is real a honey, and does old P. G. love make her shine. Even comes to every day with a fresh shave to erate her. Now, no kidding, folks, the old man is plenty proud of the new "job."

Jake O'Farrell and Burkhardt still fueling.

Sample Girl: What is Calhoun going to do?

Roy Shipp: He's going to lead 3-28.

Sample Girl: You mean sit in?

Several late reports from W. Jackson. He's just fine and all indications lead us to believe that license and commission will be forthcoming in the very near future.

Aren't these dewberry blossoms encouraging this year? Yum, yum.

W. B. Redburn all happy as lark about his new location in Pasadena.

Oscar Rape doing the rounds a straight 4 to 12 job now and telling all the boys about what a good dog that black pointer pup of his would have made. (The dog died shortly after Oscar turned \$100 for it.)

More next time. Absit Omen.

Sgt. B. L. Rainwater Injured in Pacific

S/Sgt. Bernard L. Rainwater, formerly employed in the Engineering Field, is now at Harmon General Hospital where he is recovering from shrapnel wounds received in the Solomons.

The recipient of the Purple Heart, Sgt. Rainwater suffered a considerable number of flesh wounds and the bursting of his right eardrum.

THE SHELLEGRAM

MILITARY NEWS SECTION

Letters from Servicemen

France

This is to keep you informed of my whereabouts. I am in France. I've been here since D-Day. We came as an A. A. Unit (Anti-Aircraft), but since the German Air Force didn't prove out to be what we had expected, they are now turning us into a (censored) company, with (censored) tractor and trailer jobs. We will be ready to start operating in (censored) so.

I am the motor sergeant. I was promoted from Staff to Technical Sergeant. I intend to keep 'em rolling. I have a staff of first class mechanics and nothing can stop us.

I like France much better than England. The climate is more like the States.

I haven't heard a word from the company since I've been abroad. No SHELLEGRAMS, books or nothing. It's rather lonesome, not hearing from your old company you used to work for.

I noticed the Frenchmen used a lot of Shell products in peacetime. You see a lot of torn up Shell Stations in every city.

This leaves me in the best of health, looking to hear from you by return mail.

T/Sgt. J. L. Richards

Sicily

My regular issue of "Shellegram" arrived today after bouncing over a half dozen countries for over three weeks. In view of the fact that I'm the world's worst at letter writing, it serves as an excellent medium of keeping me informed of the events on the home front. Thanks to the department responsible and please note my change of address.

One item of prominence noted was all the new faces, not bad either. How does Eddie manage to get any work done with all that around? Is he still trying to convince everyone that he can still keep up with the "younger" set? I think you owe me a letter, Eddie. I talked to a major in Trapani that knew McCauly. He told me he has every reason to believe he is now in France. It seems that I've been one jump behind Mc ever since I've been over here. I'm hoping my next jump will catch up with him.

A special hello to Gus, Willie, "Doc", Elsa, Libbie, Flossie, Veneta, Virginia and the rest of the Main Office staff, and congratulations to "Figgie" on his promotion. I would appreciate someone telling me of the whereabouts of Mr. Luther. I tried to find you while I was in New York last December, Mr. Luther, but it seems that you and Jack Corkins are competing for the title of Champ Jumping Bean.

Unfortunately, I have no thrilling tales to relate about my soldier career. Thus far, my soldiering has been confined to sight seeing tours and an occasional binge to drag me out of the dumps.

The one thing that has impressed me most about all these countries "over here" is the fact that an overwhelming majority of the people have no conception of cleanliness, time or progress. The filthiest of all the slums in the States would be a mansion to thousands of the poor people in Sicily, Italy, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco and all of North Africa. An amusing thing that is equally amazing is the value the natives place on American cigarettes. An Arab would trade one of his daughters for a few cartons of cigarettes. That sounds like a fantastic tale to you perhaps, but a transaction of that sort was made during the early days of the war so I'm told, and I have every reason to believe it to be true.

We aren't allowed to trade with

the natives unless we pay cash so I haven't actually traded with them but I've tried a number of times to see what I could get for cigarettes. You would be amazed at the offers. In North Africa, I could have sold all the cigarettes I could get for \$2 a package. In Sicily, they are worth \$1.00 I could get a Sicilian barber to shave me every day for three weeks for one package of cigarettes and hundreds of items for sale in stores can be had for a few cigarettes. However, money is a different story. Their prices in dollars and cents are beyond your scope of imagination.

There are a great many other things that I've seen and done but I won't bore you with them here. I hope to be able to tell a few wild tales in person.

I hope some of you find time to write a line or two and I promise to answer soonest.

Waldo Oliphant, F/O.

P. S. I'll add my report to many others of the men in service. Shell products are everywhere.

Pacific

I am sorry this renewal slip is so late but never had a commanding officer until we reached our destination, which took (censored) days and a lot of waves. The first fellow I ran into was Lindstrom. He is here with me. It was good to see a fellow Shell employee. Felscher is supposed to be across the bay from here. Haven't had a chance to see him as yet but I hope to see him soon.

Give all the fellows my regards and tell them to keep up the good work. Also, I want to thank the company for its generous military policy in the past and hope to be back soon.

J. A. Sullivan, WT-1/c

New Guinea

This letter establishes the fact that I am still safe and sound. Also, I can chalk up another invasion to my credit. I can't mention anything about the landing, or much about what has happened since but I have had some most unique and thrilling experiences over a wide scope of this theater.

I haven't forgotten good old Shell, but I have moved around so much and so often that I have had very little time for correspondence. You can rest assured that I have thought of you and recall with pleasure the good old days at the plant and look forward eagerly to an early victory and the return to the fold.

I made the Admiralty Island campaign in March. It was pretty hot for a while, but the 1st Cavalry Div. (Texas outfit) soon had things well under control. Many a "nip" bit the dust there.

We have had very little sleep since being here and until a few days ago only K rations to eat. Everything is pretty well under control now, and running along routine. The first week or ten days after making a landing are the hardest but with the speed with which the army does things, a complete transformation takes place and one would hardly recognize the place as being the same.

I'm just rounding out my 16th month overseas, most of it being spent in these jungles. My outfit are pioneers of Guinea. There are very few troops that have as much time here as we have. I have been in a forward echelon most of the time, move in, build up, and move on. The sight of civilization and the bright lights will be to us one of celebration and amazement.

In spite of my frequent change of

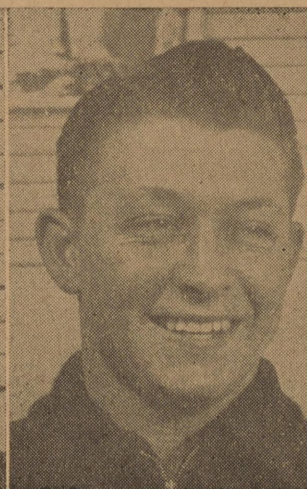
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Treating
1st Mate, M. M.



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Engineering Field
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J. F. LEE
Control Lab.
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J. G. RHAME
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Navy, S 2/c



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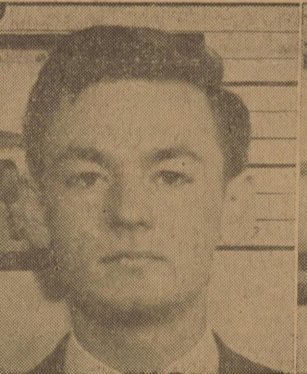
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Army, Pvt.



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S. F. DAVIS
Research Lab.
Navy, S 1/c

A. P. O., the Shell Magazine and Shellegram which I look forward to and enjoy so much has been coming in right along.

I've seen my first Javanese. The Japs used large numbers of them as slave labor and kept them in a state of semi-starvation. Their emaciated bodies, drwn, pinched-up faces, (some of them seemed almost at the point of death) are a tribute to the generosity of their former hosts, "the Japanese." Numerous coolies, Koreans, Formosans, and some Chinese fell into our hands, all slave labor. The hate of these subjugated people towards the men responsible for their misery is easy to discern. Their liberation by

us was a red-letter day in their lives.

I have no idea just how much longer I'll be across, but I'm sure that my return will not be anytime soon. This rotation plan works slowly, only one percent of a command are eligible each month.

My regards to the boys in the welding shop and looking forward to seeing all of you on my return. Thanking you again for the courtesies and consideration shown me in the past, I remain

Cpl. James L. Dykes

Quantico, Va.,

Received the latest Shellegram, the best you've ever put out. It's

a swell issue; keep up the good work. Letters from, and pictures of, lots of the boys I know. Sure spans the miles and days.

Sorry to hear about Rader; a swell guy gone.

I am on detached duty at Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, so I'm "home" every night—you know my family is here in Washington. Hope by the time this reaches you I will be permanently assigned to headquarters.

I am receiving Shell News and the Reader's Digest regularly, as well as the Shellegram. Thanks a lot; I read every line of each one. Keep them coming.

Pfc. M. A. Woodallen

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R. D. Perry, CSK, 152-77-54, Receiving Ship, Brks. 197, Treasure Island, Calif.

Sgt. R. R. Crawford, Co. A, 311 Med. Bn., A.P.O. 450, Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.

J. W. Morrow in North Africa



Pfc. J. W. Morrow is shown standing in front of a Shell station in Africa. In the background can be seen part of a Shell warehouse. Morrow worked on the Toulene units before signing up for the Air Corps September 21, 1942.

Mantooth Stationed in Pacific



J. E. Mantooth, Metalsmith 1/c, accepting life in the tropics. Formerly in the Engineering Field, Mantooth has been overseas two years.

New Guinea

It sure feels good to be in a permanent outfit for a change, maybe I won't be moving for a while now. Had another boat ride coming up to here; had a little excitement but made it O. K.

I think we have good company here. The chow is extra good for overseas. We get six bottles of beer per week, although I haven't gotten any yet. That's about all this time.

I sincerely appreciate what Shell Oil Company is doing for me and my wife.

Pfc. D. E. Womack

Alaska,

Just received the copy of Shellegram so thought I would write. I also received the check for my insurance. I have no place to cash a check as I'm stationed way out in the brush next to two streaks of rust—they call this the railroad. Well, the check was pitched off a train at night so it got wet and tore in half, so I'm sending it back. Please take care of it for me.

I want to thank Shell for all the wonderful service it gives to all its employees in the service. I'm proud to work for the good old Shell.

We had lots of snow this month, so you all can see what we have to put up with.

I'd like to say hello to all my friends there.

Pvt. L. P. Falgout

Southwest Pacific

As I have the day all to myself, I will try and write you a few lines after waiting so long. I really am ashamed of myself for not writing sooner, but we have been pretty busy up to the present, but the work here is just about finished. I had the pleasure of spending a day with Weatherly and R. B. Mann the other day and talked over old times and days that we had spent together at old Shell. We finally had to change the subject as it was too much to talk about this far from the good old U. S. A. I think that you will see them both from what I can gather. Well news is scarce but I am sending you a copy of a commendation which was received by us for the work we have done on this base. It will give the boys some idea of what their bonds are going for and that we are trying to do our part. I am also inclosing a photo of one of the boys snapped of me in front of my tent. It isn't so good but will let them know that I haven't completely dried up yet. I had a nice long letter from Bub Pemberton about a week or so ago giving me the news of the plant. I also had a letter from John Courville but "Dear John" didn't have much to say for himself. Well, I will really be glad when this is all over and we can take up the old pace again.

I have been receiving my Reader's Digest and Shell News regularly. I would like very much to receive a copy of the Shellegram as I have not got mine in about two months, but it is probably in the fault of the mail transportation. Well I must close and go now. Keep the wheels of the plant rolling and give up more aviation gas; so long for now.

I remain your friend.

J. E. Mantooth, MSth 1/c

Pacific

No doubt I am the world's worst correspondent, but this time I have a plausible excuse. For the last two and a half months our mode of living has been anything but conducive to letter writing.

On July 1st, when my semi-annual report was due, I was busily engaged in wondering why I ever left the peace and quiet of the boilerhouse. You probably know that the B'ise is a strong contender for the No. 1 spot as the noisiest and hottest spot in the refinery. However, the Nips are no respectors



Left to right: Ben "Firpo" Adkins topping operator who has been on Military leave since December 16, 1941. He has spent most of his time in the South Pacific, next is five of the natives and at extreme right is a buddy of Firpo's.

of personal likes and dislikes of the individual, especially if he is one of "Uncle Sam's Orphans of the Pacific," as our chief heckler, Tokyo Rose, endearingly calls us. We are inclined to agree with her on 3 out of 4 days, in view of the fact that we are beginning our third year of overseas duty.

The last campaign was by far the most rugged so far. The preponderance of artillery, mortars, and fanatical snipers on this operation accounts for the comparatively high casualty list, but the ratio was still about 30 Japs dead to our one. We salvaged a quantity of sake, rice wine, and nip beer, and more or less sympathize with the beastial impulses of the nips. That stuff will make a carbine look like a 155 MM rifle and a jeep like a General Grant. It doesn't leave you with a hangover but something akin to infantile paralysis. Except for an occasional sniper we have life comparatively easy now.

Met T. P. Corbaley, who is manager of Shell in Hilo, Hawaii, and enjoyed several drinks of the native Hawaiian whiskey with him. His interest and hospitality was both genuine and highly appreciated.

It seems that Shell people are a good deal alike in that respect, no matter where one meets them. It was the same in Wellington, New Caledonia, Honolulu, et al.

I managed to recommend the purchase of several hundred gallons of fuel oil in Hawaii and my slightly exaggerated sales talk proved quite truthful.

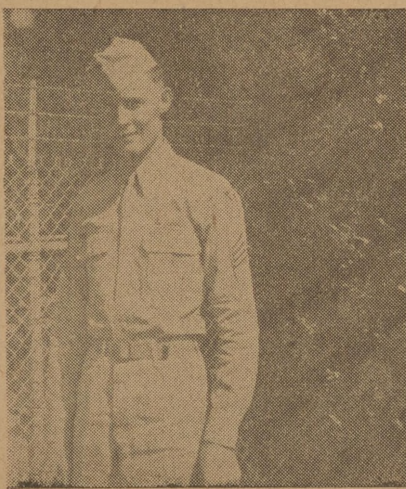
We are all hoping for a Christmas at home. Wish us luck.

Barney Walter

P. S. Pass this along to the Boilerhouse, please.

Italy

I have finally got away from North Africa after a very extended stay there. You will find my new address above. This seems to be a very beautiful country; that is, as much as I have seen of it. While



Sgt. J. D. Waggoner, of the U. S. Army Military Police stationed at Galveston Army Air Base, paid a visit to the Refinery recently. A former employee in the Cracking Dept., he left the plant July 25, 1942 to enter the Service.

in North Africa I was fortunate enough to visit Oran and Algeria.

I am hoping to receive my Reader's Digest, Shellegram and Shell News regularly. I have not had any of them in four or five months. I especially miss the Shellegram as it concerns the people I know best. I hope that it won't be much longer until all the boys will be coming back home.

The water here is much better than in N. A. and the climate a little cooler. I hope to see some interesting places before I leave here. There seems to be quite a lot of fruit here but not so much other food.

If possible will you send me the last three or four issues of Shellegram.

I have visited Casino and it is in a very bad way. A person would have to see it to realize just what a war can do to a place.

I will close now and try and write again soon.

My best wishes for each one at the plant.

Cpl. Stanley E. Croucher- 18116575

Ft. Jackson, S. C.,

I am sorry I have neglected to write for sometime but have been on the move for about 4 months now. It seems though I am fairly settled here at Ft. Jackson for a while. I am now Assist. Property Officer in the Post Quartermaster Section. We have been working long hours and 7 days a week, equipping units so by the time I get home I am in no mood to write. Will try and do better in the future.

I get my Shell News, Readers Digest and Shellegram regularly and it is really appreciated. It helps keep up with what is going on at home. The August 19 issue was really welcome as it contained addresses of several of the men I worked with that I would like to write if and when I find time.

Again, I would like to express my thanks to Shell for everything they have done for me and all the rest of the men who worked for them. I too am looking forward to the time when I can return to the refinery and pick up where we all left off.

2nd Lt. Donald V. Cook

England

This is, I hope, the last letter I will write you on the matter of my family allowance. As you will note, I have been promoted again. Am not sure but think this promotion puts me above your allowance for salary help. Please advise me if I am right in this respect.

Think I can tell you now that I was drafted from the 342 Eng. to supervise work on several hospitals here in England that were being increased in size to take care of possible need in connection with the invasion. The work was done by English outfits here in England. They were rush jobs. My work consisted in the main of figuring out what materials were needed and in then locating said materials and making arrangements to get them. This involved going through the necessary channels either American or British and took a lot of maneuvering at times, but the job was done and in time for use.

At present, my work is more or less a maintenance job with a little construction thrown in now and then.

I was with a S. S. Eng. outfit for a while this month on D. S. but did not like it and managed to get back to H. Q. of B. S. E. Have hopes that I will be sent to France in the very near future. There is a lot of engineering work to be done there if we can ever get going and get our lines lengthened out. Am sure as HELL ready to go any place out of England. Have been here too long now. My first choice would, of course, be Houston, Texas.

Want to take this opportunity to again thank the Company for past



Pictured while visiting the Refinery is L. W. Berry, Sp. 3/c, who is stationed at the Coast Guard Base in Houston. Berry spent over a year overseas, leaving the Engineering Field in October, 1942.

favours. I am getting the Shellegram and magazine regularly and enjoy very much reading them. Note that the Houston Plant keeps in the News. Am sure looking forward to the day when I will be punching in again. Just hope that the Boiler House at the Chemical Plant has not gotten so big that I won't know my way around in it. Often wonder how those Kidwell Boilers are standing up under the pounding they must be getting to take care of the new gadgets that have been put in out there.

Thanking you again for past favours, I remain

M/Sgt. Charles V. White

Muffet Field, Cal.,

Enclosed please find family allowance renewal certificate. I arrived back in the good old U. S. A. on the 3rd of this month and that was the effective date my sea pay was discontinued.

I am up for re-assignment now and as soon as I am assigned I will send you my new address. I am just now getting ready to go on liberty in Frisco so I'll try and write a longer and more interesting letter next time.

Thanking you for all past and future favours, I am

J. R. Davis, Ph. M 2/c

Admiralty Islands

Enclosed please find my application for the renewal of Family Allowance. I am more than happy to say I've made another higher step in promotion. This new re-rate adds another stripe and I am now MME2c, Machinist Mate (Engine) 2nd class.

I received your V-mail of May 26th and your letter of April 11th enclosing insurance check which made me ever so grateful to you. I am sorry that conditions here prevented me from answering your correspondence more promptly. Yet, I feel assured that you understand. You have no conception, Mr. Foster,



P. P. Dowdy, Chief Machinist Mate, stands in front of captured Japanese gun on the Admiralty Islands. With the bees since October 16, 1942, Dowdy worked in the Garage

of how happy the men down here appreciate hearing from home back home, especially me. Mail does so much for morale. So, may rest in ease and feel confident that the letters you send are their bit to bolster the courage and take away those lonesome days weeks.

At present I am located in the Admiralty Group. We have been some time now. Our camp is grand. Chow is fairly good and we have movies almost every night. Bob Hope and his troupe including Frances Langford, Patty The Jerry Cologne and others came a few days ago and presented a swell show for us. It was a treat to see the fairer sex after twelve long months away from the states. In fact we are celebrating our first year out. We were sued six bottles of beer per man the occasion. Never-the-less native gals are just as black as and never seem to get any lighter, not yet, anyway. I am very anxious to get home again as does other fellow here.

As you know, the last time I wrote I was on Bougainville and must say that it wasn't a healthy spot to be at the time. To be frank, I would not have put it up for a million dollars.

I may go on a ten day leave to Australia, at least I hope so. Of us in the battalion who have perfect conduct record of 4.0 eligible to go. Seven men are allowed to go at one time and there are only about five hundred who possibly get permission. But at one time for a period of ten and considering 500 men to be sent from leaves me very doubtful.

Speaking about the Reader's Digest, thanks a lot. I did receive latest issue (August) but missing the Shellegram, I am sorry to say that it has been ages getting the last copy. I am anxious to get a copy, because read the letters from my friends the service, scattered all over very enjoyable. Then too, I have a good idea as to their whereabouts.

Well, I guess I've just about covered all the news for the time and the check. I sure appreciate and thanks again for your letters both. Give my best regards to the refinery workers. We are only too well that they are doing 100 percent and further they are doing "one swell foar" sure hope and want to be back them as soon as possible. I thank them all so much.

In closing, I want to thank Shell Oil Co., again for their interest and consideration shown their employees overseas. On behalf of my wife and myself I am grateful to the company for past favours.

Please let me hear from you whenever you find a spare moment. Letters from home are the tonic that keep me going on the go. Let me say this to those in service, "We are grateful for all your letters, bulletins, news."

H. G. Creed, NME