

Employees In Service Pay Us A Visit

Sgt. Charles E. Holcombe, an aerial gunner in a bomb squadron in South Dakota, visited the plant August 25 with Alene Wallin, of Stocksville, N. C. He was on an 11-day furlough. Sgt. Holcombe worked in the Inspection department before he entered the service in October of 1942. After entering the army, he has been in 10 camps in 10 months, Miami Beach, Fla., Lowry Field, Colo., Tyndall Field, Fla., and Myrtle Beach, S. C.

A member of the Army Air Corps, Cpl. William Lyday, had his first furlough and visited the plant September 7th. Cpl. Lyday, who worked here as meter man, left October of 1942. He is now stationed at Roswell Field, N. M. He took his basic training in Miami Fla.; he graduated April 27, 1943, in Amarillo, Texas; from there he went to school in Seattle, Wash., where he graduated June 4th and was appointed aerial gunner. After being stationed at Cheyenne, Wyo., a while, Cpl. Lyday was sent to New Mexico, where he is stationed now.

On September 8th, the Finishing department had a visit from one of their former employees, Pvt. Edward Gillespie, who left to join the Coast Artillery December 8, 1942. After taking his basic training at Fort Tilden, N. Y., he was sent to Fort Totten, N. Y., where he is stationed at present. This 10-day furlough was his first.

Lt. (jg) Millender M. (Sam) Matthews was formerly employed in the Filter Plant as a foreman, and was commissioned September 11, 1942. He was home on only a short leave on September 15. He has been aboard ship for six months. Lt. Matthews took his training at Harvard University.

While he was home on a 15-day furlough, Sgt. George O. Taylor visited the plant on September 17. Before going into the service in March of last year, Sgt. Taylor worked in the Gummy Department of Champagne. He took his basic training at Camp Grant, Ill. He is now stationed at Camp Butler, N. C. Sgt. Taylor has been stationed in eight different camps, in six different states. He says that he still likes Western North Carolina best after he has seen 38 states.

Pfc. Warren R. Alexander came in for a visit September 9. Before entering the service, Pfc. Alexander worked in the Pulp Mill. After leaving here in December, 1942, he was sent to Camp Howze, Texas, where he is stationed now. His furlough was for six days.

While he was home on a 15-day furlough, Sgt. James A. Whitmire visited the plant on September 10. This was another of the Inspection Department's boys in service. He has been stationed in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Oklahoma and California. Sgt. Whitmire has been in the army since February of 1942. He was expecting to get overseas orders.

Cpl. Sam Gordon visited the plant September 14. He is in personnel work at the College Training detachment at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Before entering the service in November of last year, Cpl. Gordon worked in the Pilot plant as secretary to Dr. Bryant.

One of the boys who was formerly employed in the Filter



They Also Serve

Each night from my house I can see three girls seated around a dining table writing letters to their soldier husbands. Regardless of how tired they are, or how trying the day may have been this is a nightly occurrence.

Into these letters these girls pour all their love, all their yearning, and all their devotion. They write of a post-war future—not quite clear to them. But with a certainty that there will be one. Theirs is a faith that is doubt-proof.

Though their hearts are heavy, though their lives are lonely, when they sit down to write they lay aside their personal cares and write words of cheer and laughter, words of encouragement and inspiration—words that will strengthen the morale of their men. They write gaily and entertainingly of the happenings here at home. They write of incidents that will bring laughter.

These three girls are symbolic of women of their kind, all over the world today. They are our uncheered heroes. They are soldiers without uniforms—soldiers without the glories of war. Stripped of their security, perplexed by the sudden change that has taken place in their ways of living—yet they carry on with an indomitable will and will continue to carry on until their soldiers "come back home."

We read and hear of the men

Plant, Hassie W. McCrary, First Class Seaman, visited on September 11. He was on a 72-hour liberty and reports back to Bainbridge, Md., where he took his boot training and is now stationed. Seaman McCrary has been in the Navy since April and reports that he likes it fine.

DIDN'T EVEN GET OFF WHEN DAUGHTER WAS BORN

Aviation Cadet Ernest V. Rector writes from Maxwell Field, Ala.: "I'm getting used to this place now. It isn't so very hot—usually the temperature is around 90 to 95 degrees, but the humidity makes it seem much hotter. It is especially noticeable during the rugged physical training periods . . . My academic average at the College Training detachment was among the seven highest. I was lucky in getting here a month before I was scheduled to be transferred. . . . I've got two 100s and one 95 so far in my classes here. I hope my luck still holds when I start flying. . . . I have been receiving the Echo regularly and I do enjoy it immensely. . . . I haven't any idea where I will be sent for Primary flight training, but it is my hope that I will be stationed at Camden, S. C. From there I should be able to make it to W. N. C. some weekend. Furloughs are just a legend to us cadets. I didn't even get off when our daughter was born five months ago. . . . Things like that make it hard, but when we look at the job in front of us it isn't too hard to realize that the most we can do is the least we can afford to do if we are to get this war over as soon as possible."

behind the guns. But were we to observe more closely we would see these courageous women behind their men, and were we to peer into these faces we would see the anxiety that is there.

With the so able words of Milton—to you women of great courage I say "They also serve who only stand and wait."

Until 1913 the robin was considered a game bird in some Southern states.

Musings In Shift D, Of Inspection

Just sitting here thinking how things might look ten years from today. My thoughts are as follows:

- Bob—being an old man
 - Stella—watching Pauline
 - Kenneth—drawing old age pension
 - Ethel—being Mrs. A Shook
 - Sadie—married to a preacher
 - Oscar—having a grown daughter
 - Irene—an old woman trying to keep house
 - Worth — walking around on crutches
 - Pauline—living in Ohio
 - Whitmire—in his castle
 - Ruby—gone to the studios in Hollywood
 - Frances—eating five hot meals daily
 - Hugh—being a Catholic priest
 - Mae — owning a convertible coupe
 - Clyde and Lucy—singing a duet
 - Donna Ruth — being red-headed instead of grey
 - Vernon — sitting in the white house
 - Lillian—owning a jewelry store
 - Ada—wearing false teeth
 - Fred—being a "grandpa"
 - Willa Mae—renting a ranch in Texas
 - Jean—sitting at home refusing to work
 - Mary D.—being a beautician
 - Marie—being an old maid
 - Mary P. — traveling with her Major-General
 - Buvee—still sitting on the re-winders
- Now that my thoughts have passed by, I'll be saying, "So long, folks!"

The mouth of the bird known as chuck-will's-widow is so large it can swallow humming birds and sparrows whole.