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Roll Of Honor

SGT. LLOYD EARL DALE, of Watha, formerly employed in the Welding department, killed in an airplane crash in the South Pacific while serving in the U. S. Marine Air Corps as a gunner-radio-man.

PFC. DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS POTTER, formerly of the Warehouse and Store Room, killed in an airplane accident near Pratt, Kansas, on Oct. 4, 1943 while a member of the United States Army Air Forces.

FRANK L. JOHNSON, JR., formerly of the Employment department, reported missing and presumed to be lost following the sinking of the U. S. ship on which he was serving as a member of the Merchant Marine early in the spring of 1943.

PFC. WILLIAM H. MAYERS, of Acme, formerly of the Ship Carpenters department, killed in action in Italy on June 1 while serving as a member of the United States Army.

SECOND LIEUT. WILLIAM FRANK PRITCHARD, of Wilmington, formerly employed in the Fitters department, killed in action over Italy on June 13, 1944, while serving as a pilot in the United States Army Air Forces.

Bruce B. Cameron

All who knew Mayor Bruce B. Cameron, a director of the Company, and were acquainted with his many activities in the interest of the shipyard realize that his death on July 17 is a great loss to our organization.

A man of vision and continually on the alert to enlarge his community's industrial assets, he led in extending the warm welcome we received to Wilmington. His assistance, in matters both major and minor, during the early days when our problems of establishing a large plant under war-hurried conditions were many, was always forthcoming and most valuable.

As we progressed, Mayor Cameron's opportunities for service increased and few found greater pride in our achievements than he. We benefitted from his experience and position as one of North Carolina's most resourceful and successful business leaders. His association with the yard may well be counted among those factors that carried it to its present high place among the state's industries and the country's shipyards.

He was more than a director of the Company. To hundreds of Shipbuilders, who knew and admired him, he was a loyal and thoughtful personal friend. We will, as Captain Roger Williams said in expressing his deep regret over his passing, miss him greatly.

The shipyard was but one of Mayor Cameron's scores of business and civic interests.

In reviewing his career of public service, the Wilmington Star-News said:

"Mayor Bruce Cameron's ca-

Letters To The Editor

SERVING IN PACIFIC

To The Editor:

I just received my copy of the paper for the month of May and I want to say that I think it gets better every time I read it.

I'm on an island in the Pacific and we don't get much news from home. When I get something like the paper, it makes a fellow feel good to know that the people are with him. My mother works in the Tabulating department and I'm looking forward to coming back to the yard. I hope you keep on sending the paper. There are a few of the fellows from the yard here with me and we all get together and talk over the times we have had there. I wish you would say hello to all the boys in the Welding school and the Welding department. I will close now for it is getting dark.

Your friend,
PFC. Robert A. Biddle,
34850858.
APO No. 9937,
Care Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.

MAKES GOOD SUGGESTION

To The Editor:

How's everything back at the shipyard? I suppose that you are working quite hard now, aren't you?

I just received my May edition of The Shipbuilder and I want to thank you folks for sending it to me. I always enjoy reading about the doings in the yard, how they converted from Liberty to C-2 ships, about the different types they are building, how the yard is expanding and whether Hi-Mate was a success this year. However, the item of greatest interest seems to be somewhat neglected. It is the news of the employees at the yard. For instance, how about a column in each issue on the personnel of each department? For example, from Time Study, who has gone to which branch of the service? On the whole, though, I think that it's quite a good paper for the yard and I appreciate it greatly.

Give my regards to all of the old gang. Hello to Julie Johnson, "Dutch" Dietrich, Paul Wilson,

P. G. Ensbv, Mr. Ware, and many others we know, including Don Hyatt and O. R. Naumann.

I had a letter from Paul Dowdle recently. He seems to like the Navy quite well, and is quite lucky to be stationed so near home.

I'll be looking forward to these things: (1) More Shipbuilders and (2) Seeing you folks again when I return—soon I hope.

Sincerely,
Pete Burkholder,
34463914,
APO No. 472,
Care Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.

BOOSTS CITY, YARD

To The Editor:

I received The Shipbuilder today. I was very happy to get it and thank you for sending it to me. I have talked so much about Wilmington and the shipyard until almost all of my buddies in the barracks want to come to Wilmington after the war.

Will you please note a little change in my address. I'm in the 11th Regiment and this is a fine company. I finished my first six weeks of basic three weeks ago. I'm in a Mobile Laundry school now and am getting along fine. I hope the janitors are doing a good job.

Sincerely,
Pvt. Charles S. Fisher,
34861098,
Company M,
11th A.S.F. Regiment,
T 786,
Camp Lee, Va.
July 17, 1944.

GOING TO SCHOOL

To The Editor:

I received my Shipbuilder and appreciate it greatly. It means a lot. Great life here. Graduate July 8th and then go to Chicago to Radio Tech school. Hope to drop by and see you soon.

Sincerely,
Thomas Edwin Davis,
S 1/c,
U. S. N. T. C.
Great Lakes, Ill.
June 26, 1944.

Goodbye From Mr. Ware

It is hard for me to say goodbye to the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company. For three and a half years the yard has meant to me the most interesting work, the finest friends I have ever known. I shall always feel proud to have worked in an organization which has accomplished so successfully all it has set out to do. I think every person in the yard shares my feeling because each individual has had his or her part in its success.

All of you helped me in my job—no matter what department you are in or what shift you work. I thank you and wish you good luck and good shipbuilding in the months and years to come.—Storer P. Ware.

reer offers an outstanding example to the ever-growing list of Americans who have risen to preeminence in their city, state or nation by their own effort and industry. At the height of his career no Wilmingtonian exercised so great an influence upon the community, its development and prospective improvement; no man had more or greater affiliations in business, in civic affairs, and municipal betterment; no man ever crusaded more valiantly for what he felt was right. In the brief time he served as Mayor, the Council put through many measures the benefits of which will continue to be felt for generations and laid the foundation for undertakings, especially in the period immediately following the war, that will raise the city to a position of prominence in the state."

Builders Of Huntington Praised For Fine Job

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a grand job and the workmanship, materials and equipment are tops. It is jobs like this one that are going to win the war."

He reported, after having made two trips on the Huntington, that she is very seaworthy in all kinds of weather. He substantiated Officer Bonser's remarks regarding the excellent welding and added that there has been "no trouble at all" with valves or bearings. Her pumps, he continued, more than come up to expectations and all auxiliary equipment measures up nicely.

"The steering engine runs very smoothly and answers instantly to the tele-motor. Combustion Engineering boilers are first rate steam generators and very economical to operate. They are easy on oil. The line shaft has needed no adjustment since the ship came out of the yard and the balance of the propeller is fine," he asserted.

Named in honor of the founder of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, the Collis P. Huntington was launched on Nov. 1, 1942, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Roberta A. Fitzhugh and was delivered to the U. S. Maritime Commission eleven days later.

Don't take a chance — the odds are against you.

LIEUT. STORER P. WARE



There are certain times when it's futile to say What's on our minds; you're going away. That's the chief problem before us it seems, Going away, to join the Marines.

We hate it but are proud—all in one, Your duty here has been well done; But bigger things await you there, In Quantico as Lieutenant Ware.

Tenuta and Farrell, to say nothing of Lewis, Are going to miss you, nor are they the fewest. The mail room and the switchboard, too, Are blue at the thought of losing you.

There's no point in goodbye, that we won't say, Just wish you the best in every way. A thousand good wishes for the newer scenes, To our favorite Shavetail of the U. S. Marines.

Shipbuilder Welcomes More News From Yard Departments

The Shipbuilder wants to publish more news from various departments of the yard.

In fact, we are anxious to start an "Around the Yard" column with each unit of the organization represented monthly. Whether we are able to do so depends on you.

News especially desired is that about former shipbuilders in the service and about sons and daughters of present employees who are doing their share in the Army, Navy or Marines. Interesting items about various employees and their activities will also be appreciated. If someone in your department was in an unusual field of work before he or she started building ships, let us know about it. A word or two about extra-curricular activities, especially on the home front, social gatherings, hunting or fishing expeditions by work-

ers here also makes good reading. News about hobbies is also good. We believe there are scores of items that would have an appropriate place in such a column.

However, we do not want gossip, trivia that is of little interest to persons other than those directly affected or anything that tends to offend. So-called humorous "practical joke" contributions will not be considered. How do you go about getting this news to the Editor?

Write it out — please print names — sign it and turn it in to the personnel supervisor of your department. If you care to, you may appoint a correspondent for your department. Or you can call Cecil Lewis at extension 104. Anything worthwhile will be appreciated and we welcome any suggestions in connection with this proposed department of The Shipbuilder.

Bobo McKenzie Runs Across Another Former Erector On Pacific Island

Our former employees certainly get around on the war fronts these days.

Now comes a letter from Robert (Bobo) McKenzie, formerly of the Erectors and star of Hi-Mate productions, who is serving with the rank of Chief Boat-swain Mate in the Seabees on a Pacific island.

But Bobo isn't the only ex-shipbuilder down there. "I can't tell you his name but one of our colored boys from the Erectors department is on the island with me. He used to work for me at the yard and happened to hear them yelling for Bobo over the P. A. and

started looking for me; you don't know how glad I was to see him," McKenzie wrote in a recent letter to Morales C. Vendig, resident construction engineer for the U. S. Maritime commission. McKenzie is the co-author of the shipyard's song, "Down the Ways Another One Goes," which was copyrighted sometime ago.

"I certainly do appreciate the interest you have taken in the song and all you've done about it. Things like that mean an awful lot when you are far away out here and there are many happy memories connected with all of it," he wrote.