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Letters To The Editor

BUT THOSE GIRLS!

To the Editor:
I have just received three copies of The North Carolina Shipbuilder, sent to me in this rather remote part of the Pacific by a former shipyard "mate", A. H. Ward. You and Al may be sure that I have thoroughly enjoyed their contents — the reading matter and especially the pictures. Out here one sees lots of ships, but those girls! I have always felt that North Carolina had more than her share of beautiful girls, but believe me, it looks as though the N. C. S. Co. has done itself more than proud in that respect.

Having a keen interest in the yard's production records, I share with you and those faithful workers in the pride that you must have in such a fine organization. The ships, and I have seen and personally checked on many of them out here, speak for themselves. The crews' high praises punctuate the commendations and compliments that seem to pour in to you from all over the globe.

It was a real treat to scan the copies for familiar faces. I found many old friends and associates, both white and colored. To them I wish to send my best regards and to everyone concerned, thanks for the swell ships that are so rapidly coming off the ways.

I hope to see more of The Shipbuilder in the future. It is good to renew old acquaintances.

Sincerely,
R. H. Edwards,
C.S.F., U. S. N. R.,
144th N.C.B.,
(A.B.C.D.),
c/o F. P. O.,
San Francisco, Cal.,
May 20, 1945.

PARTICIPATES IN INVASION

To the Editor:
How have you been and how is everything at the old Alma Mater? I haven't had much time in which to write, as we have been rather busy. We were with the Task Force that made the strikes on Okinawa preceding and during the invasion. We had some rather exciting days but came out unharmed. I'm still looking forward to getting the newspaper. All our mail hasn't caught up with us yet.

Give my regards to all my friends. If you see "Dad" Batson, convey my friendship.

Sincerely,
Thomas E. Davis,
S 1/c, (RdM),
969-24-69 "C" Division,
U. S. S. Hale, DD 642,
F. P. O.,
San Francisco, Cal.

SERVING IN PACIFIC

To the Editor:
I just received a copy of The North Carolina Shipbuilder and enjoyed reading it very much. I served with your company from July 14, 1942 to April 10, 1944 in the Plumbing department. In the past year that I have been overseas, I have met many of the men I worked with there.

My father, who is an employee in the Joiners department at the yard, applied for a subscription to the North Carolina Shipbuilder for me but as yet I haven't received any of the copies. Would you please check on it for me?

Since entering the Navy, I have been serving with a Naval Supply Depot somewhere in the South Pacific. One month after I came overseas, I became the

PFC. EDWARD F. CLINE
Wilmington
Welding Department
★

CPL. JOHN W. PERRY
Raleigh
Drillers Department

THE SPIRIT OF '76



proud father of a baby girl. I am looking forward very much to returning to my wife and the daughter that I've never seen.

Sincerely,
J. D. Walker, Jr., S 1/c,
N.A.B. Navy 140 Supply,
c/o F. P. O.,
San Francisco, Cal.

ENJOYS SHIPBUILDER

To the Editor:
I've received two of the copies of The North Carolina Shipbuilder and really and truly appreciate them. I enjoy reading them and also the rest of the boys on my ship like to look over them for a lot of them are also from North Carolina.

I have been away from the states for over four months now, but it is not so bad over here. We get to see a lot and are always ready to go any time they give us the word.

Well, this is about all I have to say. So, I am signing off. Keep up the good work for I hope to be back to see you all soon.

Thanks for everything,
Sincerely,
Clayton Eddinger,
S 1/c,
U. S. N. 969-45-01 Division L.,
U. S. S. Osaga, L. S. V.,
No. 3,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Cal.,
May 28, 1945.

PLANNING TO RETURN

To the Editor:
I received my paper a few days ago and was very glad to get it. It makes me feel so proud to read about the good work the yard is still doing. I don't know how long I am going to be overseas, but it doesn't make any difference as long as the people at home are still doing their part.

I know that the Drilling department is still on the ball. I saw that Mr. Clyde Clark is still in the Drilling department and also many of the men who were there when I worked in that department.

I was glad to see those colored boys are still on the ball. A soldier feels good when he knows that the people in his home state really are working to win this war.

I always look for some of the ships that we built in the yard while I was working there. Every paragraph in the paper contains something to build up my morale. I have been in Germany for four months, but I never forget the good old North Carolina shipyard.

BALLAST

Each month many former employees, now in the armed services, visit the yard "to look around" and renew old acquaintances. However, many former shipbuilders, not in the service, come back for visits.

Among recent callers were Dr. C. B. Davis, Medical Examiner for several years, now located in Raleigh; Captain Bob Carter, almost 82 years old and known by many as the "grand old man of the shipyard," from Newport News, and Joe W. Metts, formerly assistant foreman of the Shipwrights, down for a few days from Newport News.

Also Albert and Glenda Blanton, from Tennessee. He was in the Production department and Glenda was secretary to J. W. Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Beatrice

Some boys in my company used to work in a shipyard in New York. They have been telling me about their yard and how they used to turn out ships, but they never get a paper from their yard like I do. When I let them see my paper that I get from the good old North Carolina shipyard all they say is "your yard is still on the ball." That makes me feel as good as when I was working in the shipyard.

I worked in the yard nine months. I enjoyed working for Mr. D. M. Hyatt, foreman of the Drilling department. He is a very fine man. One day he sent me to school and the next day he came around to the school and asked me how I liked the work. I told him I liked it very much, so he sent me out in the yard to drill. The first job I had was to drill a shell plate and I did all right on that; so the next day I was sent on a ship to work. After the war is over with those little red Japs I am planning to get my same job back in the Drilling department.

Give my best regards to all in the yard, especially the Drilling department. Also, I would like to express thanks to Joe Gause of the Drilling department who is responsible for my subscription to your paper.

Sincerely,
Pfc. Walter L. McDowell,
408th QM Company,
APO 758,
Care Postmaster,
N. Y. C.,
May 27, 1945.

Pender, formerly of the Plumbing department, dropped by for a chat after visiting friends in her old department. It's always good to see old friends.

WOMEN IN SERVICE

Many young women formerly employed here are now traveling at home and abroad in the uniforms of the armed forces. The opportunity of sight-seeing and at the same time serving their country has given the thrill of a lifetime to thousands and thousands of girls in the WAC, WAVES, SPARS, Army Nurse Corps, Cadet Nurse Corps and the Red Cross.

The following, formerly in various departments of the yard, are now in uniform:

- Edna Pines Goodman, Machine Shop, WAVES.
Laetitia H. Wadsworth, Infirmary, WAC.
Gladys L. Harvey, Transportation, WAVES.
Vera L. Powell, Welding, WAVES.
Eleanor F. Sugg, Welding, WAC.
Rachel Martin, Bond, WAVES.
Mary C. Tharp, Drafting, Cadet Nurse Corps.
Gladys M. Greer, Welding, WAC.
Dorothy Mae Pratt, Tabulating, Red Cross.
Rossie G. Priest, Boiler-Blacksmith, WAVES.
Jewell Hewett, Welding, WAC.
Hortense Wood, Comptroller's staff, WAVES.
Mary F. Byrd Piece Work Counters, Red Cross.
Dorothy McEwen, Timekeeping, WAVES.
Mary Philia Moore, Drafting, WAVES.
Susan Anna Simpson, Tabulating, WAVES.
Doris M. Hermodson, Pipe Shop, WAVES.
Theresa D. Stora, Plumbing, WAVES.
Janie L. Reid, Welding, Cadet Nurse Corps.
Eleanor E. Chapman, Welding, Cadet Nurse Corps.
Winnie H. Naylor, Welding, Cadet Nurse Corps.
Madeline O. Mallard, Production, Cadet Nurse Corps.
Helen R. Deese, Welding, WAC Medical Corps.
Lucile M. Southerland, Production, Nurses Aide.
Martha McCaig, Tabulating, Red Cross.
Virginia Quinn, Tool Room, WAC.
Bonnie Lanier, Electrical, SPARS.