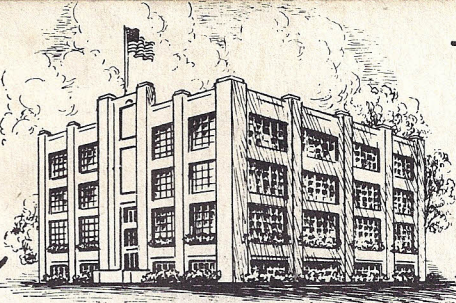


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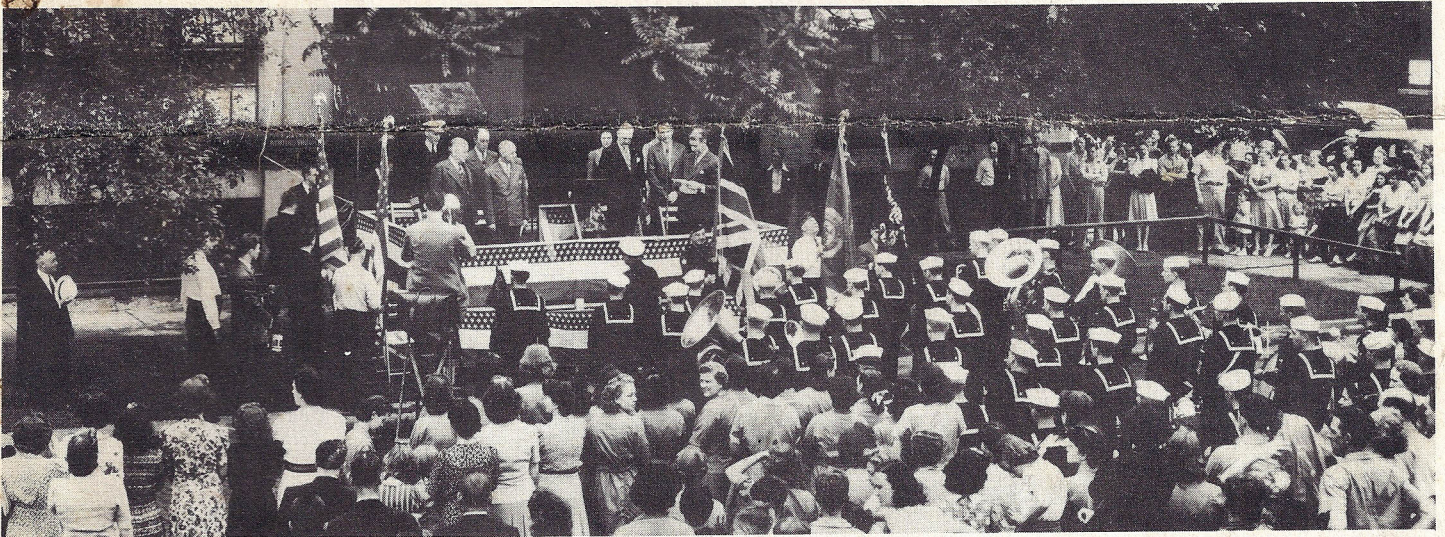
LATEST NEWS FROM OUR BOYS ON THE ACTIVE FRONT
AND OUR EFFORTS ON THE HOME FRONT TO BACK THEM UP

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MINUTE MAN FLAG AWARDED EMPLOYEES OF SCOTT LABORATORIES

As reported in our last issue of the "News", we now fly the Minute Man flag below the Stars and Stripes at the Lab, for 100% of our employees are buying bonds every week under the payroll allotment plan to help buy the guns, tanks, planes and ammunition you boys who are in service must have to blow the Nazis and Japs to the right place. Altho we had bad luck in the weather (it rained during most of the time) it was a very colorful ceremony, as the photograph above shows. The Navy was represented by Captain E. A. Walleson of the 9th Naval District, and the U. S. Navy Band rendered music throughout. The Budlong Post of the American Legion presented the colors, and Mr. John Gallaher, of the U. S. Treasury Department, presented the Minute Man citation to Mr. Scott. As guest speaker we had the Right Honorable Walter Nash, New Zealand Minister to the United States in Washington. Mr. Jim Mangan, also from the Treasury Department, was the very able Master of Ceremonies. Despite the heavy showers throughout the afternoon, everyone stayed until it was over. Carolyn Cur-land and Bernice Skarzynski, both of whom have husbands in the Army accepted the flag for the employees.

COMFORTS BOXES GOING FORWARD REGULARLY

Unfortunately, we have been so terribly busy during the last couple of months, that we have not had time to get out the "News" as regularly as we would like. However, we have been getting away the boxes of "comforts" to you with fair regularity and from the letters now starting to come in, they have been thoroughly enjoyed.

OUR PLEDGE TO EVERY REGULAR EMPLOYEE OF THE E. H. SCOTT RADIO LABORATORIES WHO LEAVES US TO GO ON ACTIVE SERVICE -- YOUR JOB IS WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK. E. H. SCOTT

DON'T FORGET WE LIKE TO GET MAIL TOO

We all know how you look forward to letters from home, but don't forget we here at the Laboratory are just as anxious to hear from you. Drop us a line now and again, and let us know if all of the boxes are reaching you, and how you are getting along.

HERE'S OUR HONOR ROLL TO DATE

Staff Sgt. James Balsamello
Private J. Huddleston
Private R. Wittich
2nd Lieut. J. P. Feehan
V. Ahles, Jr. (Merchant Marine)
Seaman B. D. Sorenson
J. Pellikan (Coast Guard)

Private Warren Carlson
Sergeant R. Johnson
Corporal Eddie Megen
Staff Sgt. W. Curland
Lee Crutcher (RCAF)
Seaman J. Ellis
R. Thelen (Signal Corps)

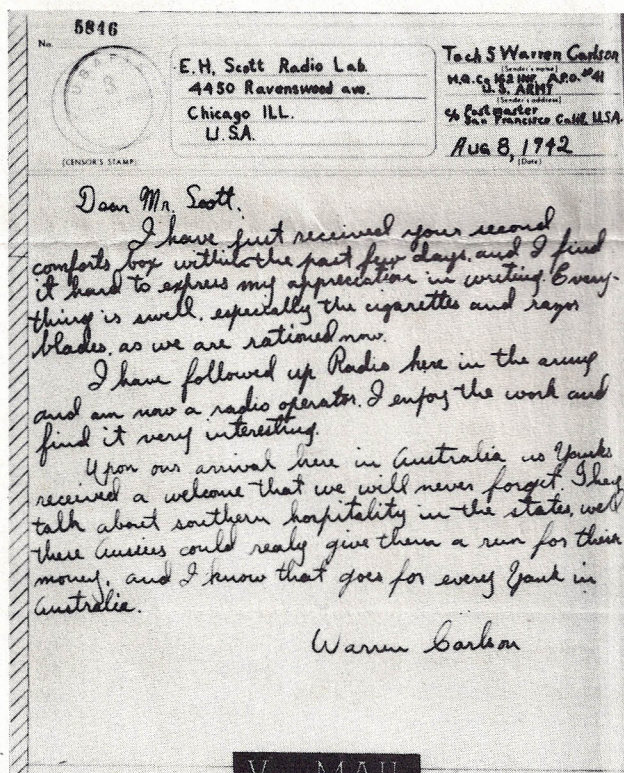
(Note: We are not giving the addresses of the men because a copy of the "News" might fall into the wrong hands. However, the full address of each man has been given to our volunteer correspondents, and if there are any others who would like to write the boys, Miss McHale will give you the addresses.)

WE RECEIVE OUR FIRST "V--MAIL" LETTER

We received our first "V--Mail" letter from Warren Carlson who is now in Australia, and to give you an idea of what it looks like we are reproducing it

exactly as it was received. As you will see, it is only one page. The process of sending such a letter is something along the following lines. You write your message on one side only and send it to the last known address of the serviceman, whether it be San Francisco, New York, etc. The Post Office knows just exactly in what part of the world the serviceman is located, and all of the "V" letters for that part of the world are then micro-filmed, and the film sent by Airmail to its destination - Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia or wherever the man in service is located. On arrival, the film is printed and photographed back into letter form as you see it in the reproduction of Warren Carlson's letter, and is delivered promptly.

We are reproducing some of the letters that have been received during the past couple of months



V-Mail Letter From Warren Carlson

from our boys, and they will tell you how much the letters you have sent them are appreciated. However, to make sure that everyone of our boys who are now in the armed service will always be sure to receive letters from some one here at the Lab regularly, we are listing a group of volunteer letter-writers for September and October. This does not mean that no one else should write. I am sure the boys would appreciate letters from everyone of you. Here are the names of the men and girls who will write:

<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WRITE TO</u>
Helen Ruszel	W. Hilton	James Balsamello
Margaret Richter	C. Lamsey	J. Huddleston
Carolyne Curland	D. Dalton	R. Wittich
Irene Knudsen	H. Rehm	J. Feehan
Betty Soltau	W. Crossland	V. Ahles, Jr.
Catherine Kennedy	M. Lacheman	B. Sorenson
Dorothy Lindgren	G. Roethel	W. Carlson
Jessie Jackson	F. Bauman	R. Johnson
Mary Finnie	E. Halter	E. Megen
Violet Jaus	J. Peterson	W. Curland

You will notice that Jack Ellis, John Pellikan and Ray Thelen are not on the above list. Jack and John just left for service and so far we haven't received word as to where they are stationed. Ray will be in Chicago at school for the next six months anyway.

LETTERS FROM THE BOYS IN SERVICE

We have received several very nice letters from Bill Curland, but have only room enough to quote his last letter:

"Just a few lines to thank you once again for the very nice package I received from you last week. Naturally, it is hard for me to express in words just how much I really appreciate the many things you have sent me, and I want you to know that I don't look for them as a matter of fact, but rather accept them as a reassurance of your faith and kind thoughts for those of us who wear our country's uniforms.

"Things get a little monotonous in the Army, especially when you stay in one spot for long. Then 'bingo' along comes a nice letter or package from home or your friends to let you know you are not alone in this fight, but have the backing of all the folks at home. Keep up the good work and we'll do our part here in camp and when the time comes, at the 'front'."



Dick Wittich



John Huddleston

in the Army. I received the 'Scott News' and it is a knock-out. By the way, I am now a Staff Sergeant. Our Division is receiving the latest of all equipment and we are getting some real training. We are 'Hell on Wheels' and the toughest Armored Division there is. We are sure doing our best. Hope to hear from all of you again soon."

Dick Wittich acknowledges his package and letter;-

"I am sorry that I could not have written you sooner and thanked you all for those swell packages. I want to thank both Wanda Banza and Warren Ketter for the letters they sent me, and hope that I will be able to answer their letters soon. Up until a week ago I was confined to the post hospital with a case of pneumonia, and while in the hospital was not well enough to write. I am now over my illness, feeling fine and back to regular Army life.

"At first when I went into the Army I was shifted around a little, but the work we do now is that of Signal Corps but under the command of the Air Corps. I have been in service since the beginning of January and up to now cannot say that I have any regrets for having enlisted into the service."

Here's a thank you note from Jack Feehan before he received his commission. Since this letter was written we had a visit from Jack and he told us all about his work:-

"I would like to write each one of you personally and thank you for the swell box of gifts you sent me. You don't know what it means to a guy down here in the wilds of -- to receive a package and have all the fellows gather around and remark about what a great gang you must have worked with and what a great

Here's some news from Jimmy Balsamello:

"To the Gang:- I hope this letter finds you all in the pink of condition. I am feeling fit as ever. I wish to thank all of you for the Comforts box sent me. That is what I call a grand gesture. Most of the items included had the inscribed names of my old friends, and some were the names of those with whom I didn't have the chance to make a close acquaintance.

"I passed many of the items around to the boys in the maintenance section, and they each in turn would come and ask me who is this person? Who's name is shown here? and so on. I would tell them a little story describing the person and kind of work he was doing.

"All I can say is that the Comforts Boxes are a grand idea and it makes me happy to know that the people back home are thinking of the boys

company to have worked for that they should remember the boys in service.

"We will be graduating down here soon, and I am even be able to take advantage of the addresses Mr. Scott put in the last edition of the 'Scott News'. Well, no matter where it will be, it will be a comfort to know that there are some friends doing their share in providing some of the little luxuries of life that we may be unable to get otherwise. Thanks, Mr. Scott, for originating a grand idea, and thanks gang for bringing that idea to life and keeping it going."

Here's a letter from Bob Johnson, one of our regular correspondents:

"Just this afternoon I received a letter from Warren Carlson, one of my buddies who worked with me in the Lab. I am prompted to write now because he happened to mention that he'd had no news at all from anybody connected with the company, and he seemed quite anxious to hear all the latest. (Note: In the meantime, Carlson has received one of the Comforts Boxes, see copy of his letter on page 2)

"I realize that there is a great deal of delay in mail getting thru, because my last letter to Warren was in March and he didn't receive it until May 8th. He answered it on May 9th and I just received it. At first I had thought that he was in Ireland but his letter reveals he is in Australia. It was quite a surprise to me. In his letter he remarks he is quite wild about the country and everyone, especially the Aussie soldiers who treat them all swell.

"For my part, I have had a promotion since I last wrote and will be due for transfer with several hundred other non-commissioned officers, all of whom are temporarily stationed here to observe combat units in training.

"Before closing, I'd like to say again that the comforts boxes have been greatly appreciated and by some strange coincidence seem to arrive when they are most sorely needed. My regards to all the employees, and I'm looking forward to the next 'Scott News'."

Here's the letter we received from Allan Crawford who is now with the Air Corps in Australia:-

"I joined the Army exactly four months ago yesterday and certainly have travelled some since then. I went into the Air Corps and after some weeks at Sheppard Field in Texas was shipped 'down under'. This, I know, will be interesting to you as an Anzac, but just to round things out I am now at radio school studying to be a wireless telegraphist! As you know I was always interested in radio.



Verner C. Ahles, Jr.

"The Aussies have been wonderful to the A.E.F. and have given us a wonderful welcome. I have, of course, met many of the Anzacs, probably, if I but knew, some of your World War 'buddies'. We all like the country tremendously and we can get into town whenever we get a pass. The Yanks have added lots of Australian slang to their own and the air fairly bristles with 'bloody's', and 'fair dinkums'. We get on very well together and are firmly united in the common purpose of driving the Japs back to Tokyo. You would be surprised at the number of people, Aussies too, who know of the Lab's reputation."

Here's a letter from another consistent correspondent, Eddie Megen:-

"It was a thrill to receive the interesting 'Scott News'. It sure had a grand outline of what is taking place and the photos help much more. It sort of made me home-sick to look at those group photographs, especially the picture of the Auditing Dept.

"We arrived here safe and sound. The trip was exciting on the -- Sea which happens to be infested with huge sharks. There was only one thing that wasn't like War No. 1, that was the departing send-off. We didn't have any band playing, or any other fanfare, just a plain nonchalant take-off.

"To give you a picture of this place, it has some resemblance to the State of Arizona with the desert and wild cactus, and believe me the water situation here is a problem. Water is scarce. The people are natives and homes are mud huts, with no lights, or water. The food is in cans and all you can buy here are fruit juices and tuna fish. They make their own beer and rum here which is no good. My only description about this climate is that it is rugged and plenty hot. Drilling in this climate was hell for the first month, but after taking long hikes, and drinking less water our blood started to thin out which sure helped a lot. The first few weeks I felt sleepy due to the heat, but now I could do with six hours of sleep and feel in the pink.

"A little about the Army. We still have the same alerts, and get time off for a swim in the sea, besides the camp movie which is a blessing to look at a white girl. The women here are coal black; sometimes I think they have a black-out all the time. Every day I am beginning to realize more and more that the States is the place for me. I wouldn't want any part of this country. Give me the good USA. You don't know how well off you are until you see the other side. It's 120° in the shade, but you can't find the shade.

"I see where the letter committee will be kept busy. I don't mean the women only but the men too. All I can say is I am ready, so bring on the fireworks. Best regards to all."

Here's an extract from a letter received from Lee Crutcher who is now up in Canada flying with the Royal Canadian Air Force, but perhaps by this time he is now back in the States flying for the U. S. Air Corps:-

"Just a short note to tell you how I enjoyed the box from the Scott Comforts Fund. It certainly was a pleasant surprise and you've no idea how welcome the American cigarettes were. We cannot get them up here at all. I also got a big kick out of the Scott News and felt very proud to think you printed my picture and letter. I noted that I might receive some letters from the Gang and I will certainly be glad to hear from them. I can assure you that I will be very glad to answer any personal letters that I receive."



HERE IS THE PRESENT LABORATORY STAFF
QUITE A DIFFERENCE TO WHAT IT WAS EVEN TWELVE MONTHS AGO

Those of you who are now training in distant Army camps, or are fighting on some foreign shore, undoubtedly will be able to pick out some of your old pals in the picture above, and at the same time you will find many familiar faces missing. As you will notice, the girls have stepped into the breach and are doing a wonderful job. A large number of them have husbands, sweet-hearts and brothers in various branches of the service.

"THIS" AND "THAT" ABOUT HAPPENINGS BACK AT THE LABORATORIES

- * Wedding bells rang for George ("Moe") Laukert and May Hrenga the early part of June. Everyone wishes them the best of luck and happiness.
- * Jack Feehan, one of the first of our boys to receive a commission, is now a 2nd Lieutenant, and to the best of our knowledge is on his way overseas. Best of luck to you Jack.
- * Denny Harris, one of our former Sales Correspondents had a "leave" and paid us a visit the other day. Army life certainly seems to be agreeing with him for he looks very fit.
- * Speaking about Sales Correspondents, we received a letter from another one of our former correspondents, Allan Crawford (letter is reproduced on another page). Allan was born in England, but met and married an American girl, on his first trip over here. He is now a U. S. citizen with the American Army in Australia.

- * Eddie Megen is getting very proficient in Spanish. In fact, he wrote a letter in Spanish to Miss Weishaar and she translated it for us. (Note: Eddie - Next time don't copy too much out of your "Spanish In One Easy Lesson" book - Sort of mix it up more)
- * BOYS PLEASE NOTE: We would like to receive more pictures of our boys so that we can reproduce them in the forthcoming issues of the News. Come on boys, let's see how you look all decked out in your uniforms.
- * Ray Thelen, who has been with us for over eight years, is leaving for the Signal Corps School at the end of the week. His gal friends collected their pennies and gave him a nice going-away cake in the Coffee Room the other day.
- * Two more old-timers, Vincent Hotho and Warren Ketter expect to go any day now. Warren is signing up with the Signal Corps and Vincent with the Army.
- * In the last Comforts Boxes sent out we discouraged contributing candy because in most cases it is perishable. If you boys can think of anything that could be put in the boxes in addition to what you have received so far, drop us a line. Sometimes it's a little hard to know just what to put in them, aside from the usual items such as gum, soap, cigarettes, etc.
- * We have been entertaining quite a few of the boys from New Zealand who were sent to Canada to study the rudiments of flying, but who take their "leave" in Chicago before going overseas. They seem to take to the United States like ducks do to water.



Joe DeFalco and His New Bride

- * Joe DeFalco was married to Jeannette Pusey last month (one of the girls from the Lab) and everyone in the organization wishes them the best of everything.
- * "Pete" (J.C. Peterson) of our New York office is active in the Air Raid Warden work out on Long Island where he lives. He is Deputy Squad Leader, and recently gave a pint of blood to the American Red Cross Blood Bank.
- * We have just received the news thru Carolyne, that Bill Curland has just been promoted to Staff Sergeant. Congratulations, Bill.
- * Since the last Scott News we have moved our civilian office to the corner of Ravenswood and Lawrence Avenue. The plant at 4450 is now 100% on war work.