

TCOP BULLETIN

[Cover of April 1, 1942 issue of the Twin Cities Ordnance Plant Bulletin showing caricatures of Axis leaders, Japan's Emperor Hirohito, Germany's Adolph Hitler, and Italy's Benito Mussolini being rained on not only by April showers, but also with bullets and bombs delivered by United States Admiral Douglas MacArthur in an airplane. Hitler is drawn holding a tattered umbrella and kicking Mussolini in the stomach.]

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TWIN CITIES ORDNANCE PLANT

BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS

Outstanding event currently is ARMY DAY to be observed Monday, April 6. Lieutenant Colonel John H. Hinrichs, Commanding Officer, and Major Lynn C. Barnes, Area Engineer, will pay tribute to Army heroes and commend plant operating and construction project war workers in talks over plant wired broadcasting system. Twin Cities radio stations plan rebroadcasts.

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Are you wearing a BUY A BOMBER button? Big show at Auditorium being arranged by St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly to raise funds for purchase. Bomber will be flown here to be turned over to War Department. Plans being made for T.C.O.P. employees to participate. What do you suggest project employees do to help raise the funds.

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HAVE YOU READ the BACK COVER of this TCOP BULLETIN? You answer the question and if it's the best submitted, you win a \$50.00 War Bond donated by Foley Brothers Inc. and Walbridge, Aldinger Co. The winner if a man also will receive a pipe and canister of tobacco donated by Major Lynn C. Barnes. And if the winner is a woman construction project employee, he will present her with a 2-pound box of candy or a pair of nylon hose. You also will be helping the war effort by furnishing the answer to the prize contest question: HOW CAN COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT BE EXPEDITED? Remember the men on the fighting fronts need ammunition right NOW!

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BOUQUETS to the Area Engineer, MAJOR LYNN C. BARNES, who has received a well earned promotion. The GOLD LEAF insignia were pinned on his shoulder epaulets at an informal gathering of Corps of Engineer and Ordnance Department officers in the headquarters of Commanding Officer. As Captain Barnes, the Area Engineer completed the Lake City, Mo., small arms ammunition plant in record time. Looks like another record at T.C.O.P. but maybe that is a military secret.

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More BOUQUETS for Captain John C. Mueller assigned Assistant Operations Officer and Lieutenant Walter P. Blum who succeeds him as Audits Officer. Captain John H. Joy, Executive Officer also Agent Property Officer since Captain H. N. Parrish transferred to another station.

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Toss a BOUQUET off the reservation to Major Robert B. Warren, Executive Officer, St. Paul Office District Engineer, on his promotion from captaincy.

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Newspapers neglected to mention TCOP Ernest L. Shonka, former singer Kay Kyser's orchestra, Herbie Holmes and Benny Meroff, is photo expert on project. BOUQUETS for his singing at St. Paul Cafe recently. And big BOUQUET for his boss, ace-artist official photographic department chief for Constructors, first to photograph Grand Canyon of Colorado in color movies. Should see that spectacular film.

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BOUQUET to Lt. Col. Joe S. Underwood, former C.Q.M. here, now Commanding Officer Q.M. Battalion and also Division Quartermaster, Fort Lewis, Wash. Sends "Congratulations on ... TCOP BULLETIN for March 17... Suggest a 'Bouquet' for the Public Relations Officer and his staff for improving on a good job." Kind words also from Texarkana LONE STAR. St. Paul Public Library asks for all issues. Pete's paper does get around. And BOUQUETS to the many employees who furnished material. Keep it coming.

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In this issue cartoons Capt. Mueller and Lieut. Blum NO brickbats. Both experienced engineers. Spent vacations recent years Officers Reserve camps. Capt. M. hopes to serve in Artillery. Lt. B. a crack pistol shot. Broke record intercollegiate competition.

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MAC ARTHUR NEEDS US

General Douglas MacArthur demonstrated to the world at Bataan there is no better soldier in the field.

His gallant stand has given him a place in history among the great military leaders. He has been given a bigger job. Commanders of the allied forces know he can do the job if given the proper support.

And that's where we come in.

General MacArthur is no miracle man. He says his is a professional soldier, which means he is a methodical, practical and courageous and fighting man. But he cannot win without help. Help in men – guns – tanks – planes. And AMMUNITION. It's up to us to supply these instruments of war, faster and faster, more and more, better and better.

Right now we are responsible for supplying part of the ammunition. And as the tempo of the war increases General MacArthur's must increase, and our effort must increase and continue to increase until the battle is won.

We don't have to worry about MacArthur's job if we do ours. The big push is yet to come.

Military success depends not only on a fighting heart but on supplies. Our army in Australia is depending on us to furnish them. They will furnish the fight.

WAGGING TONGUES

The following order aptly applies to all of us.

TO: ALL EMPLOYEES
Foley Brothers, Inc., and Walbridge, Aldinger Company

Every employee of this project has the responsibility of protecting it. A careless remark, a deliberate statement, (true or false) exaggeration, disclosures of facts as to progress being made, location of various buildings, types of buildings or types of construction etc. may result directly or indirectly in retarding or damaging this project.

As good honest citizens, it is our duty to do everything in our power to expedite the completion of and protection of our plant.

Do not discuss any phase of the work here, in public places, in your home or in your friend's home, in fact anywhere on or away from this reservation. You are especially cautioned against careless gossip and curious friends. You are entrusted with vital information regarding National Defense and any violation of that trust will be cause for disciplinary action.

--E. L. Neville
Project Manager

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WHO ARE WE TO CRITICIZE PEARL HARBOR?

Were we – workmen, managers, labor leaders, politicians – alert every hour of every day last year to give the Navy, Army, Air Force, all the weapons it needed?

The man behind the gun can't fire it until we at home make the gun. We've let German, Jap, and Italian workmen out-produce us in equipping their men with weapons to slaughter unarmed Americans.

Let's first catch up with those enemy workmen and beat them. Then you be perfectly sure our men in uniform will beat theirs. –

BUSINESS WEEK

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RED TAPE???? Red tape is a system that you don't understand. There isn't a big organization in the world that hasn't certain rules that seem to be red tape to somebody who is ignorant of them. --
-Lieut. Gen. W. S. Knudsen, U. S. Army.

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

[Large caricature of a Japanese soldier with the head of a stereotypical Japanese attached to the body of a large rat.]

FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

We are at war and too few people realize that fully. Battle fronts are far off and there is little of the bustle of a country in deadly conflict with bandit nations seeking to take away our property and our freedom. But we are at war and we must shape our lives accordingly.

The rats are gnawing. Enemy agents are in our midst, working day and night to nullify the tremendous effort being exerted by loyal citizens to bring victory and preserve liberty for the democracies.

These rats are not only Japs, Nazis and Fascists protected by our lenient laws but actually are fellow citizens working for the Axis for hire, for future selfish gain or because of distorted sympathy with the aims of the venomous rodents now ravaging helpless men, women and children in Europe and the Far East.

Lead poisoning is the right treatment for them. And right here we are building a factory to produce that kind of medicine. We must make sure there is plenty of it. We must work harder. We must make every minute count a step nearer victory.

[signature of Lynn C. Barnes]
LYNN C. BARNES
Captain, Corps of Engineers
Area Engineer

RHYME AND REASON
By Wayne Roman

Japanese treachery warrants
Each loyal worker's abhorrence.
It's everyone's fight.
So let's all unite
To turn out munitions in torrents.

Cartridges rolling off production lines are many
millions of reminders to the Japaxis powers that they
can't take liberties with our liberties.

If Captain Colin Kelly had flown home after
downing his first Jap plane he would not have lost his
life – and the Japs wouldn't have lost a battleship.

Captain O'Hara got six Jap planes in one
engagement. If he had gone back to his carrier after
getting the first, on the theory that he had done his duty
for that day, he would have been court-martialed. Why
should we squawk about working a few extra hours here
safe at home?

BLOOD AND SWEAT

Your brother had served in the Navy?
My son was an Army man
And he gave the Japs a bit of hell
With MacArthur in Bataan.
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Your brother went down off Australia
Guarding our line of supply?
My boy was killed on a night patrol,
Oh, they were so young to die.
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Then write in the record of freedom,
They paid their share of the debt –
They gave their blood in our common
cause,
Shall we do less with our sweat?
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PAYROLL DEPARTMENT PARAGRAPHS

Martin Jahn's son-in-law is a Lieutenant in the
Anti-Aircraft Corps, Coast Artillery, on the west coast.

The girls' luncheon group includes members
whose special diets vary considerably. Florence Cooley
eats raw carrots to improve her eyes. Once a week its
ten members go off the gold standard to celebrate. Each
member brings a designated dish. Delicious looking

cakes always appear on these days. How accurately they
cut the cake to make sure that none remains!!

John McManamon reduced his annual leave
accumulation a few days to go to his home at Junction
City, Kansas, for a visit with his wife and infant son.

Judging from the green worn on March 17 it
seems that St. Patrick increased his number of admirers.
Mrs. Mayme O'Sullivan from the Administrative
Division visited to see that our Irish personnel displayed
their homage in a big way.

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COMMONWEALTH HOTSHOTS

The Commonwealth "Hotshots" have challenged
"THAT" Foley Bros. bowling team to a showdown.
Comments from C.W. Hunt, captain of the "Hotshots"
seemed to indicate that they would take the Foley team
to the cleaners. In his own words – "We'll take the
starch out of their shirts." The "B" team, called "The
Termites" are going to try their skill against Foley's "B"
team the same night.

The Elmer Kirchoff's are announcing the birth
of an heir, born Saturday, March 21, weight 7 lbs. 2 oz.
It is a girl.

Buying electrical appliances seems to be the fad
among the girls these days, but the bug seems to have
gotten Bill Green too, and he won't give us the reason.
However, we suspect wedding bells in the near future.
How about it, Bill?

TIMEKEEPING DEPARTMENT

Herbert M. Myers, late of the Timekeeping
Department, is now one of Uncle Sam's favorite sons.

Burt Hubbard is questioning John
McManamon's daily singing of "Deep in the Heart of
Texas!"

Desmond Jackson is now acting head
timekeeper for the Area Engineer, having been promoted
from Office Assistant. Arthur Gent succeeded him.

Question:

How can completion of
this project be expedited?

Answer:

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You tell how and
win these prizes

\$50.00 U. S. Defense Bond, donated by Foley Brothers, Inc. and Walbridge, Aldinger Co. for the best answer submitted by a Twin Cities Ordnance Plant Construction Project employee.

Smoking pipe and canister of tobacco to the man employee submitting best answer suitable for use as T.C.O. PETE slogan, in addition to the \$50.00 award.

A two-pound box of candy or pair of nylon hose to the woman employee submitting the best answer suitable for use as a T.C.O. PETE slogan, in addition to the \$50.00 Defense Bond -- both special prizes donated by Major Lynn C. Barnes, Area Engineer.

CONTEST RULES: Entries must be signed with name and badge number of contestant; must be on one side of paper only and must be in the Office of the Area Engineer, Bldg. 1003 not later than midnight, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22. Address all entries to CONTEST EDITOR, TCOP BULLETIN.