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COMMERCIAL IRON WORKS, Portland, Oregon

A Number of Employees

September 1943:	8000
March 1945:	8000

B Program

Construction and outfitting of small craft for the Navy and Coast Guard and patrol vessels; conversion of 3-4 hulls to air transport; repair of electric power plant vessels.

C Facilities

Four building ways
Four outfitting berths for construction
Three outfitting berths for the conversion of hulls
One marine railway, capacity 3000 tons; three platforms, space for four hulls

D Insurance Carrier

Industrial Accident Fund, State of Oregon

E Labor Affiliation

American Federation of Labor

INDUSTRIAL HEALTH REPORTS

- (a) Industrial Health and Safety Survey, September 1943, by
Franklyn W. Johnson
Norwick Ross, Lt. (jg) USN, USNR
- (b) Industrial Health and Safety Survey, March 1945, by
Comdr. Harry G. Beck, (MC), USN
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Industrial Health Accomplishments

The ventilation program was improved to a limited extent. The ventilation arrangements aboard the conversion hulls were good.

Standards not met:

Because of labor agreements specifically prohibiting physical examinations, no such examinations were given. The services of a doctor were not available in the yard. Facilities, services and records of the first aid stations were inadequate. At no time was any attention directed toward the solution of industrial health problems, specifically: the chloracne hazard from impregnated cable; dust in asbestos fanilation; protection of sandblasters and their assistants from silica dust; control of pickling and spraying operations. There was no ambulance service, no solvent control program and no program for the instruction of welding trainees in safe practices, wearing of personal protective equipment or use of local exhaust equipment. The ventilation program was not carried out in all sections of the yard.

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