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AROUND NEW YORK

With a British visitor . . .

Earlier this month, those of us who recently arrived here from Great Britain, were, by courtesy of Polarad's very active Personnel Department, invited to travel on one of the well-known water-borne sightseeing cruises around Manhattan Island. Several senior representatives of the company agreed to come along with their families, and this afforded an excellent opportunity for us to get to know each other informally. The weather bureau having forecast rain for the appointed day, we set out with our sunglasses in our pockets and cameras at the ready and were not disappointed.

First sight of interest was the silhouetted outline of the downtown office buildings, which for several of us had been our first glimpse of New York. I gather that there is no truth in the rumour that a cardboard mock-up of this world famous skyline is to be constructed at Rockaway for the benefit of airborne newcomers arriving via Idlewild.

A very fresh breeze was apparent as we approached the Statue of Liberty, but photographic evidence has since refuted the observation that she had her collar turned up.

Governors Island slipped past quickly, and soon the first of the many bridges which span the East River was seen. Far from being the most impressive of these, the Brooklyn Bridge carries the dubious distinction of having had a popular song written about it. I suppose "The George Washington Bridge" didn't fit the metre!

The aircraft carrier "Saratoga" in Brooklyn Navy Yard provided a subject for many photographs, as did one of her lesser sisters being shepherded down-river by tugs.

The U.N. building was perhaps the most impressive sight of the trip and can be seen far better from the middle of the East River than from most other points.

With the approach of the narrower sections of the East River, many of us took the opportunity to indulge in the

"All American Sport of Eating" (the capitals are mine) and returned to the upper deck just in time to see the Yankee Stadium at its best; fading into the distance! During this break, one hardy type had been busy snapping scrapped-car dumps, presumably to send back to the folks in England as evidence of American prosperity! Besides, he had a new camera which he couldn't bear to put away!

A large letter C, painted on one of the sheerest rock faces of the Palisades would provide a sobering thought for those who think that the younger generation lacks initiative, although I think the freshmen who repaint it annually must receive considerable "encouragement" from the more senior members of Columbia University.

The junction of the East and Hudson appeared, and we sped downstream under the George Washington Bridge which must be the most difficult of the sights of New York to photograph, unless one has an ultra-wide-angle lens. The top of one of the towers would probably be the best viewpoint, but no-one expressed any desire to emulate the American journalist who recently attempted a walk up one of the suspension cables to get there.

A short trip down the Hudson to Pier 81 and the trip was over, and though one member of the party had managed to feel sea-sick, everyone seemed to have enjoyed the experience.

I am glad of this opportunity to extend, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, thanks to all those who organised this outing, which provided a very refreshing new angle on the sights of New York which to some of us, more used to England's greener lands had been giving us "sore eyes" in an almost literal sense.

For anyone who forgot to take off his lens-cap, excellent slides of the trip can be bought at any good camera store.

Phil Baker

POLARAD ENTERS INDUSTRIAL BASEBALL LEAGUE

Polarad has instituted another activity for sports-minded men of Polarad. The company is sponsoring a team in the

Citadel Softball League, a league comprised of various industries in the New York area. Among them are General Mills, Allied Chemical and Equitable Life. The games will be played at Randall's Island. Polarad team managers are Lloyd Giardino and Bob Ollivier. All at Polarad hope its team will make a creditable showing in this first season of "semi pro" baseball.

Bill Murphy

CURRENT STANDING

	Won	Lost
Eng.	2	0
Main.	2	0
Test	2	1
Ship.	1	1
Draft.	0	2
Prod.	0	2
Pub.	0	2

A. Rauchman



"Play Ball"

WELCOME THE SPECTRUM!

With this issue, Polarad's company paper waves a new banner. The contest was a hot one and naming the paper entailed careful elimination of many interesting titles submitted by Polarad personnel in all departments. The winners are Dan Chernoff, patent attorney, and A. Richard Miller of the Advanced Development section, who will each receive