

# NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

## CHATHAM MISSING FROM RECENT TRAINING FLIGHT

We are indeed sorry to learn that Machinist Gunner Bernard R. Chatham has been reported missing from a recent training flight off the coast of California. Bernard is a former service man in the Preparatory Department at High Point Weaving. He has a brother, Carlton, in the Weave supply room on second shift. He is a stepson of Dallas Brown of the Preparatory Department.

Bernard was home last December and visited the plant at that time. He was then awaiting an assignment as a crewman on a torpedo bomber. Their plane was last seen on a training flight off the California coast.

"Point-Crest" extends to his family the hope that he may soon be found and that they might be comforted in their anxious moments by our Merciful Creator.

## RUFFIN REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR

Word has been received that Cpl. James L. Ruffin, who was recently reported missing in action, is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

Corporal Ruffin was a former Atwood Spinner at High Point Weaving, and his wife, Irene, was a redrawer here. They have a young child, James, Jr., who is several months old. Mrs. Ruffin has recently received a letter from him.

"Point-Crest" shares in the joy that he is at and with the present tempo of the war in Germany, sincerely hope that he will soon be released by the on-rushing American forces.

## FORMER EMPLOYEE DIES AS RESULT OF WOUNDS



PFC. R. V. HUNSUCKER

"Point-Crest" is sorry to hear of the recent news of Rufus V. Hunsucker. Pfc. Hunsucker died as a result of wounds received in Germany on March 24th. His wife, Mildred, is employed at High Point Weaving Company in the Copping Department on first shift. His brother-in-law is Oscar Powers who works in the Weave Room on first shift.

Pfc. Hunsucker entered the service on May 23, 1944, and went overseas November 2, 1944. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mildred and her family in his loss.

## RANDOM SHOTS

Looked mighty good to see Roy Scarboro S2/C home on furlough from Panama. He tells some mighty interesting stories of his experiences there but he said he just had to come home to see that baby son of his.

We were glad to see Cpl. Jason Taylor, former third shift worker, who was home for the Easter holidays.

Pvt. James Dickerson recently spent the week-end at home with his wife and parents. James was wounded while serving with the Marines in the Pacific. He has now returned to the States and at the present time is stationed in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was formerly a packer at Hillcrest.

Mrs. H. W. Powell has received word that her husband, Pvt. Henry Powell, who was a former fixer at Hillcrest, has been wounded in action somewhere in Germany. To Henry everyone at Hillcrest sends their wishes for a speedy recovery.

Albert "Chick" Faulkner, former supply clerk at Hillcrest, received a discharge from the Navy recently after serving on a L. C. T. in the Pacific. "Chick," it is certainly good to see you around Hillcrest again and we hope that before long you'll be able to take up where you left off in the supply room.

G.M.3/C James Irby recently paid us a visit. James has been going to school for several months and is now preparing to go back to sea duty. Good luck, James, drop back to see us again on your next leave.

A recent visitor at Hillcrest was Herman Jones. Herman was formerly a spinner at Hillcrest before entering the Service. He has been discharged and dropped in to say hello.

Henry Lemonds, former supervisor at Hillcrest, is now serving with the Field Artillery somewhere in France. Henry says he's getting along fine, but would much rather be back at Hillcrest.

Tom Hill is really taking the saying "Join the Navy and See the World" literally. Latest reports reveal that he is in Honolulu, Hawaii. Have you seen the hula girls with grass skirts yet, Tom?

## EXCERPTS FROM SOLDIERS' LETTERS

In a recent letter from Samuel P. Stutts, Jr., who is somewhere in Germany, states, "The only thing wrong with me is that I would like to be getting back to the States. As soon as we finish our business with Adolph, I will be back to look for my old job. I am with the U. S. 7th Army in Germany now. We have got us a nice house with plenty of stoves and innerspring mattresses, so we are having a pretty nice time. Those German gals do know how to can food, too. I was thinking of writing Hitler a little note thanking him for having everything prepared for us."

In a letter from Pvt. Ted O. Hill who is somewhere in France, he writes, "I received the mill paper today and I sure did appreciate it. That lets a fellow know how things are running back home. I sure will be glad when I get out of the army to come back there and be with everybody."

S/Sgt. E. P. Morgan writes from somewhere in England, "Across the many miles your interesting and friendly little paper has paid me a



Pfc. James C. Kirkman is now with the 18th Infantry of the First Army in Germany. He has been overseas since March, 1943, and has been in action in North Africa, Sicily, France, and Belgium, and recently received the "Bronze Star." He is a former employee of the Throwing Plant.

PFC. RAYMOND and CPL. CARLTON E. ELLIOTT — see article elsewhere on this page.

Cpl. William G. Queen, former Atwood Spinner on second shift, entered the service in January, 1942. He is now serving on a Medical Ship.

Lt. Bill E. Morris, former fixer in Warp Department, who served 1½ years overseas, is now stationed at Selfridge Field, Michigan.

Pictured above is Cpl. Clinton D. Marsh. Clinton was formerly a spinner at Hillcrest before entering the Service. He recently returned from overseas and spent a furlough here and will shortly rejoin his company again.

Pvt. Clifford W. Cleveland entered the Army in April, 1943, and took his training at Fort Belvoir, Va.; Camp Edwards, Mass., and Camp Gordon, Johnston, Fla. He is now serving with the amphibious forces in France. He is a former second shift shuttle filler.

Pvt. Kenneth Barrett was employed at Hillcrest as extractor before entering the service. Kenneth is now serving with the infantry overseas.

Sgt. Richard Lowe, former loom fixer, entered the service in December, 1942 and went overseas in November, 1943. He has been stationed in India since January, 1944, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Lowe, have been notified that he is authorized to wear the presidential citation ribbon for combat in Burma. Sergeant Lowe has three other brothers in the armed services.

Most welcome visit again. Thanks ever so much and if it were possible I would tell you how much it meant to me. But to really know, you would have to step into my shoes over here and receive one for yourself."

## CHRISTMAS MEET UNITES BROTHERS IN GERMANY

Pfc. Raymond L. Elliott and Cpl. Carlton E. Elliott, brothers, who both worked at High Point Weaving Company before entering the Army were quite happy to meet up with each other somewhere in Germany on December 23, 1944. They were able to spend Christmas together and saw each other quite frequently up until February. They had not seen each other for nearly two years. Both are in the Ninth Army and have been in several major engagements. Raymond is in the Infantry and Carlton the Medical Corps. Raymond entered the service on November 20, 1942. He received his training at Camp Swift, Texas, and Fort Dix, N. J. He has been overseas for seven months and has been awarded the Combat Infantry Medal. Carlton entered the Army on August 15, 1941. He received his training at Camp Grant, Ill., after which he was sent to Panama for 17 months. He returned to the states and was then sent to the European Theatre of Operations where he has been for the past 8 months. He has been awarded a Certificate of Merit. Carlton was married on July 10, 1943, to the former Miss Nell Montgomery. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Elliott, of Greensboro, route 3, former employees of High Point Weaving.

## CANIPE HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY

It was recently announced that Cpl. Ben Canipe has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

This news was received by his wife who with two children survive. In addition to receiving this award, Mrs. Canipe also received a letter from Capt. Benjamin J. Herman describing the action of Corporal Canipe. We feel that this letter so well describes his activity that we reprint it in part as follows:

"It was Ben who led his squad in firing when we were attacked by a Messerschmitt 109 on November 6, 1944. Neither plane nor pilot will ever see Germany again. It was Ben who pulled his men out of his half-track to safety when a German incendiary shell struck it and started a fire. . . . It was Ben who asked me if he could lead a squad of volunteers out to a house only 450 yards in front of us where we knew Germans were organizing a strong point. . . . They arrived at the house and after a short fight succeeded in capturing 59 German soldiers, one officer, three machine guns, 30 rifles, 25 automatic rifles, two mortars, 40 hand grenades, three bazookas and a large amount of ammunition besides killing about 20 Germans.

"It was Ben who volunteered to go out on night patrols right up to the woods 800 yards in front of us to find out how strong the enemy was there. It was Ben who forgot about sleep and food while sweating it out with his men night and day in ice-caked fox holes, while enemy artillery and mortar shells rained continuously around his position."