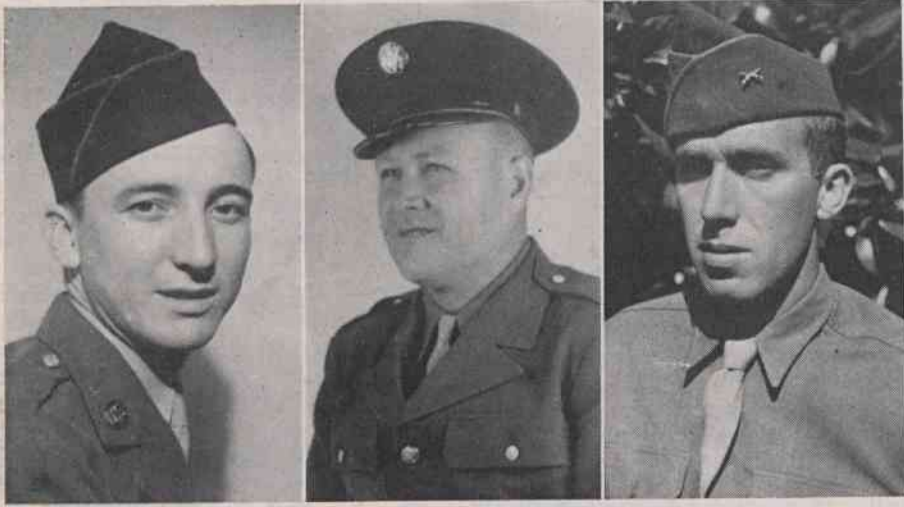


NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



M/SGT. WESLEY HUTCHENS, former third shift overseer in the Preparatory Department, is now stationed at Florence, S. C., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Hutchens. Mr. B. D. Hutchens is an employee of Hillcrest Throwing Company.

PVT. JAMES R. WINDHAM, former third shift warp hanger of High Point Weaving entered the service September 2, 1943. He went overseas June, 1944 and is attached to Q. M. Trk. Co., somewhere in Germany.

PVT. OLIVER A. PICKETT, former third shift hobbin boy, is now somewhere in the Pacific. While home on furlough recently he paid us a visit here at the plant.

Excerpts From Service Men's Letters

C. L. Misenheimer, former Commissary clerk, now serving somewhere in the South Pacific, writes, "Gee, but I get homesick once in a while. I got one of the mill papers yesterday and decided to sit down and write you people a word of thanks.—I've been seeing a lot of interesting things out here and have several souvenirs. I can't tell you just what I am but things are getting pretty good. Maybe it won't be so long before the fellows can be back with you. Gee, but I am sure waiting for that day".

In a recent letter from Sgt. Maivin D. Hepler, who is stationed at Liberal, Kansas, he states, "Always I hear of some thing done to the community that the mill has done or is doing. If only all the business houses and manufacturing plants would stick to the fight as you have done, the men doing the shooting would feel more gratitude and determination. It seems that High Point Weaving hasn't slackened any even to sending those morale building letters and newspapers to each of the men absent."

Cpl. James Brown who is somewhere in Germany writes, "I am now somewhere in Germany and have been receiving the "Point-Crest" regularly and enjoy reading it very much. I can tell from the paper that you are doing your share toward the war effort. The "Purely Personal" column is my favorite for it makes me feel right at home."

In a recent letter from Pvt. Folger C. McKinney, who is somewhere in the Pacific, he states, "I received the "Point-Crest" and sure enjoyed reading it. It really helps a guy out here to hear from home and his friends and all the boys he used to run around with and work with."

We received a very interesting letter from Cpl. Jerry P. Slawter recently, who is somewhere in Germany, and in commenting on receiving the "Point-Crest", he states, "Only yesterday I received my March issue of the "Point-Crest" and I have read every column with interest. Not only does it bring to me the local plant news, it also gives me recent information about other friends in the service who are serving in the many theaters of operations and with whom I have no correspondence. I would like to say hello to everyone, especially to those in the Throwing Department who remember me. All is fine with me and I hope to be seeing you soon."

ROBERT C. EURY, F 2/C:

I read in the "Point-Crest" every month where some Hillcrest or High Point Weaving ex-employee became a great hero in this fight for freedom. I know you are all proud of those boys who are doing such a wonderful job. Yes, and we are proud of you folks back home, too. We appreciate the great sacrifice you people are making in buying bonds and contributing to the Red Cross. Without those sacrifices from the folks back home, we could accomplish nothing.

TOM HILL, S 2/C:

It sure doesn't seem like a year since the first copy of "Point-Crest" came off the press. I have kept all the copies of it since I came into the Navy and have looked at them many times.

CHARLIE SCARBORO AT FORT BRAGG:

The Army is really a fine place to be. Maybe it is a little early to be saying I like the Army, but unless I find it a lot rougher than I have already, I will always like it.

RANDALL WOODDELL, SKV 2/C:

I noticed in your letter of April 10 that you were going to give pins to the employees who had been there five years. Seems like a good idea.

Your letters are really enjoyed in this corner, and as for the paper—it's super. Since I don't take the paper from home, you supply me with practically all the news.

CPL. CHARLES CRAFT IN THE PACIFIC:

I am glad to hear of the men forming a softball team, and I wish both teams success and hope that both teams will come out on top of the league. Softball is the favorite sport over here. We have several Inter-company teams and one team that plays in the Island leagues. They have been very successful so far.

PFC. CHARLIE PARSONS writes from the Philippines: "I was talking to a native girl a few days ago and asked her where she managed to find such nice silk over here to make dresses, and she said it was made out of a discarded parachute; so you can see that they are still good after hitting the ground. I see and use products made by Burlington Mills over here every day."

Theo Suggs Liberated

We were very happy to hear that Pvt. Theo W. Suggs, who has been reported missing in action, is now free after having been interned as a prisoner of war in Germany.

The old saying that everything happens at once is true in this case, for within a period of 30 minutes recently, his parents received three separate messages regarding his welfare.

The first of these came as a telegram from the war department stating that their son was a prisoner of the Germans. Shortly thereafter, the mailman happened by with a post card from Theo written on January 12th, stating that he was in good health and in a German prison camp. In addition to this, there was a letter in this mail from the same source written just a few days after Easter saying that the American army had liberated him and that he was hospitalized in France and hoped to be home soon.

We quote a portion of this letter, "... It surely was a happy Easter Monday for me—the Americans came in about eight o'clock and boy, that was a beautiful day. I have lost weight, from 167 to 122 pounds, but it won't be long now until I am fat again... I hope I get home as quick as this letter does".

We share the sentiments expressed in the sentence above and look forward to seeing Theo soon.

Briles Wins Air Medal

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HOS. TENTH AIR FORCE IN BURMA—Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for Sgt. Joseph L. Briles, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Briles, route 3, High Point, N. C., has been announced by Major General Howard C. Davidson, commanding general of the 10th Air Force.

Sgt. Briles, a B-25 gunner with the "Earthquakers", the 12th Bomb Group of the 10th, has completed 58 missions over enemy territory since coming to India Burma seven months ago.

A graduate of Trinity high school, Briles was a spinner for the Hillcrest Throwing Co., before entering the service 30 months ago.

Horace Gore Killed



PRIVATE GORE

Word was received here Sunday, April 29th by Mrs. Ruby Elkes Gore that her husband, Pvt. Horace Gore was killed in action on April 13th in Italy. Horace was serving with an armored task force at the time of his death. He left for the service on September 16th, 1940, with the National Guard. After serving a year in the States, he was discharged and then after Pearl Harbor was inducted into the regular army. Then he was sent to Trinidad and served there more than 2 years. On returning to the States, he was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, then on to Camp Chaffey, Arkansas. From there he was sent to Italy in March of this year. His last furlough home was in February when his brother was reported missing in action, but his brother was later found in a prison camp.

Horace was employed in the Warp Department as service man.

We wish to extend our sympathy to his wife, Ruby and his parents and may our Creator guide and sustain them in their hour of sorrow.

He served with General Hodges First Army in France, Belgium, and Germany. He was a former beamer helper here.

Army-Navy Meet In Commissary



Our former first and second shift Commissary clerks, Pvt. Paul Mendenhall and Carl Misenheimer, S/1c., at High Point Weaving, recently paid us a visit and are pictured here at their old job. Both men have reported back to duty which will probably carry them to scenes of action.