

At a 12th AAF P-47 Base in Italy.—Staff Sgt. Edgar T. Boone (right), of 211 South Alston Avenue, Durham, N. C., repairs a parachute at an advanced base in Italy. Sergeant Boone, veteran of more than 31 months with the 86th Squadron, 79th Fighter Group, 12th Air Force, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service as parachute rigger in direct support of combat operations.

—12th Air Force photo by Sgt. Ken Henderson, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sgt. Boone Awarded Bronze Star Medal

At a 12th AAF P-47 Base in Italy.—Staff Sgt. Edgar T. Boone, son of Mrs. Gertie Boone, 211 South Alston Ave., Durham, N. C., has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service as parachute rigger through seven campaigns from Egypt to Germany with the 86th Squadron, 79th Group, 12th Air Force in Italy.

Sergeant Boone was cited for "keen initiative and a steadfast devotion to duty" during more than 31 months overseas supporting combat operations. For fifteen months, while stationed in Libya and Tunisia, he helped establish and maintain, under hazardous conditions, a mobile parachute section which served fighter pilots in the absence of a service group.

In addition to the Bronze Star medal, Sergeant Boone wears seven bronze battle stars, five overseas bars and Distinguished Unit badge. His group, operating with the British Desert Air Force command, supports Eighth Army troops in Italy and Russian troops, Allied Partisans in Yugoslavia.

Before entering the Army in October, 1941, he was a student of Durham public schools and an employee of Erwin Cotton Mills, Durham, N. C.

BACK THE MIGHTY 7TH!

SPINNING No. 6

Mrs. Jerry Peninger, Jr., spent last week-end with her husband, Pfc. Jerry Peninger, who is a patient at McGineo General Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, and found him getting along nicely.

All are glad to find that Mrs. Dorothy Tillman has returned home after being a patient at Watts Hospital.

Mrs. V. L. Buchanan, 922 Orient Street, entertained Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock in honor of her eldest daughter, Sylvia Jean, on her fourth birthday. There were twenty-five boys and girls present. The refreshments served the youngsters were orangeade, candy, peanuts and birthday cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Thomas of Sanford, N. C., were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Wood, of New Hill, N. C., is spending a few months in the home of her son, Mr. Lee Thomas.

Mr. Gilbert Thomas is a brother of Mr. Lee Thomas and also son of Mrs. J. A. Wood.

Miss Maude Ray is back at work after having been out sick for several weeks. We welcome you back Miss Ray.

is attached to the Sixth Infantry Division which has set a record for continuous combat in the Southwest Pacific Theater. On April 11, the "sight-seeing" Sixth completed its ninety-third straight day of fighting since landing at Lingayen Gulf last January 9.

Lt. Col. Walter M. Harrison, public relations officer at Sixth Army Headquarters, states the figure was a new all-time high for combat in the Southwest Pacific, topping by thirty-two days the previous mark held by the First Cavalry Division. The latter had held the record with a sixty-two-day continuous fighting performance at Leyte.

The Sixth Army, currently engaged in the destruction of the powerful Japanese Shimbu line east of Manila, has killed more than 10,000 enemy troops since S-Day and destroyed or captured quantities of Jap supplies and equipment. The Division commanded by Brig. Gen. C. W. Hurd, fought at Maffin Bay and Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea, before coming to Luzon.

T-5 McBroom has recently met Wallace Riley and Henry Browning also of Durham, whom he had not seen for almost three years.

CENTRAL OFFICE

There's still an empty desk in the payroll department and we're hoping that Louise will be back soon to resume her work.

Miss Bethune came to our office from the Ellerbe Mills, Ellerbe, N. C., in June, 1942. She has made a place in the hearts of the girls that can't be filled except by her—so we're looking forward with eagerness for a speedy recovery from her long illness.



Sgt. William Ralph Evans, former employee of Erwin Mills, is now "somewhere in the Philippines." He has been overseas since April, 1944, serving with the 439th Engineers. Sgt. Evans is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Evans of West Durham.

CARDING NO. 6

Pfc. Frank L. Porter, who was employed in the Card Room, Plant No. 6, before entering the Army, has just completed a 17 weeks' course of airplane mechanic's training at San Bernardino, California. He has received a diploma for successfully completing the course. He is now stationed at the Municipal Airport, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walker gave a fish fry at their home on May 4, honoring Mrs. Walker's brother, Pfc. Henry Kidd of the U. S. Marines, who will leave for overseas in the near future.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Sarah Condon is a patient at Watts Hospital. We are hoping that she will have a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Iona Mosley spent last week-end in Danville, Virginia, visiting her sister, Mrs. Mozelle Hicks.

Pfc. Earl McCormick of Indianapolis, Indiana, has returned to his home after spending the past week as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Evans at their home on the Old Oxford Highway.

Pvt. Baxter Pendergrast, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pendergrast, is back in the States after serving overseas for the past thirty months. At the present he is at the Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, N. C. He was visited last week by his sisters, Mrs. Nancy Harden, Mrs. Pat Brown, and Mrs. Louise Pledger. They state that Pvt. Pendergrast was doing fine and is expecting to be home in a few days.

Word has been received in the city from S 1/C (RM) Ray Lassiter who has been serving in the South Pacific for the past 13 months. Ray has been on routine duty between Australia and New Guinea, but is now on the way to the Philippines. He states that he received 35 letters from his wife, Mrs. Martha Lassiter, at one time. He also received a copy of THE CHATTER which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Mrs. Jack Nance is confined to her home on Washington Street because of illness.

Mrs. Maxine Stencil Taylor has returned to her home after spending the past month with her husband at Morehead City. Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of Mr. A. C. Stencil, assistant overseer of weaving.

Lee Carlton, a former loom fixer at Plant No. 6 before entering the Marines, has returned from the island of Iwo Jima, and is at a rest camp recuperating after the battle with the Japs. He says that he has met many of his old buddies since returning. We are all glad to hear from Lee.

G. B. Philpott Convalescing in Overseas Hospital

A letter received by Mrs. J. J. Philpott of 300 Oregon Street informed her that her son, Pfc. Gerald B. Philpott, 20, was wounded in combat on April 6 while fighting in Germany. He is now a patient at an Army General Hospital overseas.

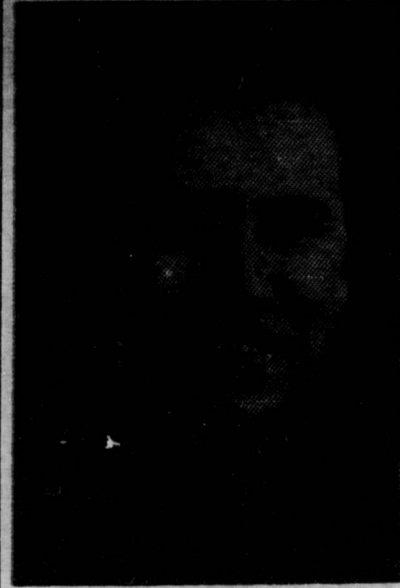
Private Philpott, a member of the 42nd Rainbow Division with Patton's Seventh Army, has been awarded the Purple Heart. Entering the service in February, 1941, he left for overseas duty a year ago. He received his training at Fort Bragg, N. C., Salt Lake City, Utah, and Fort Custer, Mich.

His wife, the former Donna Bringard, and their infant daughter, Janice, reside in Delta, Utah.

Negro Quartets Render Music in Local Churches

There was a musical program at St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, May 13, 3 P.M. The music was rendered by the Liberty Four Quartet accompanied by the Silvery Moon Quartet of Burlington, N. C.

These singers also appeared at the New Bethel Baptist Church at 8:30 P.M., May 13.



Dalphie W. Barton, formerly employed in the Sewing Room and now in service overseas, received the Bronze Star Medal last summer. The citation is given here.

"Dalphie W. Barton, Private First Class, Company I, 22nd Infantry, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of Cherbourg, France, 23 June 1944. Private Barton distinguished himself as a member of a mortar squad which provided covering fire during the withdrawal of his platoon. When concentrated enemy fire threatened to inflict heavy casualties, the squad deployed hastily and directed effective fire on the enemy from the prone position. The squad destroyed two enemy machine guns and captured five members of the crews. Private Barton's courageous action was instrumental in the prompt installation of the mortars and the effective fire which repulsed the enemy attack. This enabled the platoon to make an orderly withdrawal so that friendly aircraft could bombard the enemy. Private Barton's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon him and the military service."

R. O. BARTON,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

Rigsbee Awarded Purple Heart; T. V. Pearce Liberated From Prison Camp

Pfc. Earl T. Rigsbee, son of Mrs. Dora Rigsbee, was seriously wounded in action on Okinawa April 9, according to a telegram from the War Department received by his wife. He has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in the battle of Okinawa.

Cpl. Thomas V. Pearce, who was a prisoner of war in Germany for ninety days, has been liberated and returned home. He is at home, 801 Broad Street, on a sixty-day convalescing furlough. After his furlough he will return to Camp Butner for reassignment.



MEET IN PACIFIC—William R. Broadwell, left, radioman S/C, and J. Reid Broadwell, aviation machinist 2/C, sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Broadwell of 110 Case Street, met recently in the Pacific after a two-year separation. William has served in the Navy for two years and has been overseas for 12 months. Reid, husband of Mrs. Addie Mae Broadwell, served the Navy in October, 1942, and has served in the Pacific for six months. He attended Durham High School and after graduation Reid was employed by Erwin Mills and William by Belk-Leggett Company. Their brother, Lt. Edward S. Broadwell, Jr., is now in Italy.

WEAVING No. 6

C. C. Mulholland, overseer of Weaving, Plant No. 6, has been sick for the past few days. Mr. Mulholland first came to Plant 6 in 1896 and has been here continuously since that time. We all hope that he is able to be out and around soon.

The girls are now making bathing suits out of War Bonds. Funny thing about the whole affair is that the smaller the bonds, the greater the interest.

Ralph Hutchins received a letter a few days ago from Vance Hall of the U. S. Navy. Vance says he has received several copies of THE CHATTER and he really enjoyed them. He also asks that everyone write to him. Says that letters are a big load of cheer in his life. (Louise Tilley, reporter, has his address.)

The many friends of Mrs. Berta Horne will be glad to learn that she has returned to work after an illness of three weeks duration.

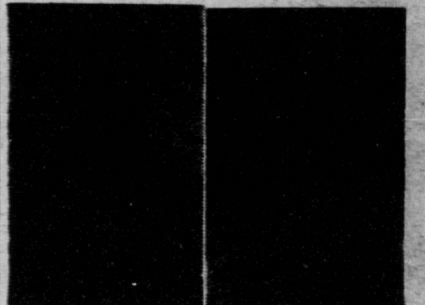
Mr. Vannie Mangum has returned to his home on Orient Street after a minor operation at Duke Hospital. We are hoping for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lorena Johnston is confined to her home on Washington Street. We are hoping she will soon be back to work.

Mrs. Eula Tillman has been out for the past few days. We are hoping she will soon be back.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnston had as their guest the past week their nieces, Mrs. William Ray of Waynesboro and Mrs. Grover Edwards of Mebane.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Henry Wolf who is a patient at Watts Hospital is speedily recovering from an operation. Hope she will be back at home soon.



Ernest Scarlet William Freeland
Pvt. Ernest M. Scarlet, former employee in the Bleachery, is now serving overseas in New Guinea. Pvt. Scarlet entered the service in November, 1942, and has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Cpl. William Freeland is now serving with the Army somewhere in Burma. Before entering the Service, Cpl. Freeland was employed in the Bleachery. He was inducted into the Army in January, 1943. His wife, the former Miss Irene Vickers, is living with her parents on Pratt Street.

