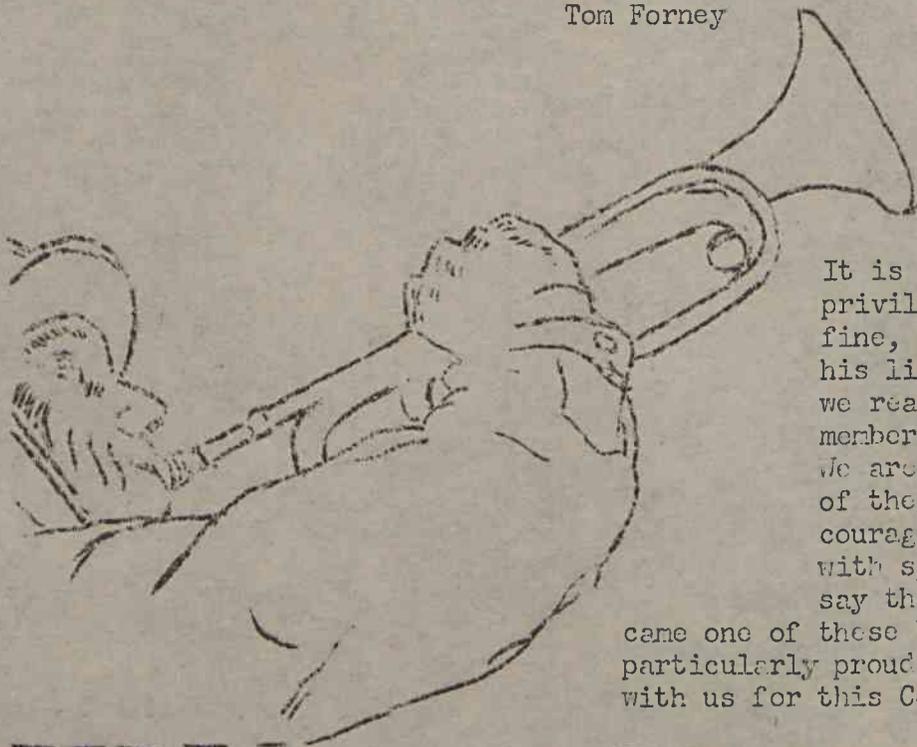


TAPS FOR A MARINE

By

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It is truly an honor to be privileged to pay tribute to a fine, brave young man, who gave his life for his country. Often we read of the brave deeds of members of our fighting forces. We are proud that we are members of the same nation as those courageous men. It is then, with special pride, that we can say that from our own community came one of these brave fighters. We are particularly proud to state that he worked with us for this Company.

The brave young man, to whom, we pay tribute was Pfc. Hildred Canipe, of the United States Marines. A few days ago his parents were notified that Hildred was killed in action on Guadalcanal in the Solomons.

We, who know Hildred know that he must have been a good marine and one who sought always to do what he could to help in the fight for the preservation of American ideas and ideals. While he worked here, Hildred tried always to carry out to the fullest possible extent the instructions of his employers. He always tried to do his job well.— Moreover he sought to learn new things and to advance in his work.

Hildred lived in Fallston, North Carolina. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Canipe. He graduated from Fallston High School with good grades. He attracted the special attention of Mr. W. R. Gary, principal of the Fallston High School. Hildred got his job in the Dye Plant of Cleveland Mill and Power Company chiefly upon his own persistence and upon the special recommendation of Mr. Gary, who had great faith in Hildred. The Foreman with whom Hildred worked, stated that he was one of the most outstanding of all employees with whom they had associated.

It is with great sorrow that we learn that Hildred cannot be with us in body any longer, but the spirit of Hildred is the spirit of America, and that spirit lives forever. It is with great, but pardonable pride that we say that Hildred was one of us. We can be sure that as long as our fighting forces are made up of such men as he, we are certain to win out to eventual victory. We are proud to have known him and to know that he gave his all as a Marine for his country.

After Hildred entered the service and after the war started, Mr. Gary received a letter from Hildred, in which he stated that he was fighting for his family, his friends, and his country. He stated also that he had chosen the service in the Marine Corps and that would see it through. That expression is a demonstration of the type of fellow Hildred was. He was well worthy of the uniform of the United States Marines.

We have an assurance that Hildred and his companions who gave their lives on Guadalcanal, were merely transferred from the Solomon's tropic clime to Heaven's Celestial scenes, where you'll find the streets are guarded by the "United States Marine."