

## LETTERS FROM SERVICE MEN

September 27, 1944

Dear Sir:

I have been receiving your paper every month and am very glad to get it. It makes a guy feel good to get some news from home every once in a while. I haven't been working in your company but I have a brother working there and he likes his work very much. Maybe when I come back home I think I would like to have a job in your company. Your paper has been coming to my old address so I thought I would drop you a line and let you know my address. I am in Holland now. Everything is going O.K. over here. Tell all the fellows back there to keep up the good work and that we will hold this end of the line down if they will give us a little rope on that end. There's not much I can write so I will call this a letter. I will be looking for your paper next month.

Pvt. Robert E. Cobb.

V . . . —

Dear Friend,

Just a few words to let you know I have received The Mill Whistle and enjoy reading it so much. It is a pleasure to have you send this paper. Hope some day after this big job over here is finished I can come back and help keep the mill wheels rolling. I have a few words I am sending I would like to have put in The Mill Whistle, so all the boys who get this paper, can read it.

I am here in England and like it OK. We have a nice place and are staying in barracks. I don't know of much to write about but hope some day to be back and all unite together in peace again. May the wheels keep rolling to finish up the big job soon.

As ever, a friend,

Sgt. Nollie Burgart

(Sorry I couldn't make room for the poem, Nollie.)

V . . . —

South Pacific  
Oct. 9, 1944

Hi, Mr. Newman,

Guess you don't remember me, but I am one of the old mill hands who was employed about four years ago. I receive The Mill Whistle every two weeks, and I want to say that I really enjoy reading it, and for a small town I think there is quite a bit of news. Although I don't know half of the guys who live in Draper, I would like to get acquainted with all the new guys tha have moved there since 1940.

Tell all the old gang to drop me a few lines because a letter means a lot to a guy overseas. Keep up the good work and smooth sailing.

Harold Wright

P. S. I am sending you my address.

## Woolen Mill Awarded Second Star

For the second time within seven months the Woolen Mill, a unit of the Marshall Field & Company, of Spray, North Carolina, has received a star for excellence in the production of war material.

On November 2, a brief presentation ceremony was held in the yard of the Woolen Mill. J. Frank Wilson, Production Manager, presided and presented Luther H. Hodges, Vice-President and General Manager of the Manufacturing Division, who came down from New York for the occasion, as did H. W. Whitcomb, Assistant General Manager who will soon take up his duties in Spray.

Mr. Hodges spoke feelingly of the fine work the employes of the Woolen Mill are doing at a time when everyone should exert their best effort. He pointed out that by staying on the job, performing their tasks to the best of their ability, and exercising care in keeping their product at standard quality, the employes of the Woolen Mill had achieved the enviable record of an Army-Navy Flag and two stars.

Mr. Whitcomb spoke briefly, congratulating the workers and officials and expressing confidence in their ability and determination to keep up their good work.

Short talks were also made by Harold Griffiths, Director of the Bi-County Joint Board, C. I. O., and by Corporal Ernest Perry, of the Marines and formerly employed at the Bedspread mill, who left one arm in the South Pacific.

The flag was accepted for the Woolen Mill employes by J. G. Halsey, Manager of the mill, and Hal Leavitt, Superintendent.

V . . . —

Hi, "Dummy",

Received your Mill Whistle yesterday and it sure was a treat. Sure makes a guy feel good to get a paper with some home town news in it.

In this edition of The Mill Whistle you mentioned something about Miss Manufacturing Division. Do you mind if I make a suggestion? Well, here goes. I think it would be swell to send a picture of Miss Manufacturing Division to all the boys in the service and let it be their pin-up girl. What do you think of that?

Say, "Dummy", will you send me the addresses of some of my friends who are in the service. Here are three names: Lewis Cox, Ernst Thomson and Edith Clifton. Sure hope you have their addresses for me and I sure will appreciate it if you will send them.

Well, guess this is about all for now, so goodbye, and tell everyone "hello" for me. Here's hoping to hear from you real soon.

William Land



Brenda Anne Nowlin, beautiful little daughter of Petty Officer Howard ("Lucky") Nowlin and Mrs. Nowlin. She is now eight months old and this picture was taken when she was six months old. She saw her sailor Daddy for the first time on June 30th, and we'll just bet daddy was mighty proud! Petty Officer Nowlin was employed at Draper Blanket mill and Mother, the former Louise Hill, was secretary to Davis Petty at the General Office.

V . . . —

Oct. 21, 1944  
Saturday Night

Hello, J. U.,

Well, here I am again writing to tell you that my address has changed again. I guess this is a lot of trouble for you but is the only way I can get The Mill Whistle without it being a couple of months old. I'm really sorry but would appreciate it if you would send the paper to my new address.

Thank you very much and all you home folks keep up the good work. Hoping to be home soon, I remain

Your friend,

"Wimpy"

V . . . —

Captain (to newly appointed sergeant): "Look here, there are men coming into camp night after night after 'Lights Out' has been sounded. It's got to stop."

A few days later he asked the sergeant whether things had improved.

Sergeant: "Oh, yes, sir. The last man in blows the bugle now."

V . . . —

Teacher: "Now, Johnny, if you put your hand in one pocket and pulled out 75 cents, then put your hand in the other pocket and pulled out 75 cents, what would you have?"

Johnny: "Somebody else's pants."