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| 99.1        | Press release dated February 17, 2004 |
| 99.2        | Press release dated February 18, 2004 |

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 17, 2004, Allied Capital Corporation issued a press release announcing that a definitive agreement has been signed to sell The Hillman Companies, Inc. to an affiliate of Code Hennessy & Simmons LLC, a Chicago-based private equity firm. The text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

On February 18, 2004, Allied Capital Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2003. The text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 8-K.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 18, 2004

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Penni F. Roll

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Penni F. Roll  
Chief Financial Officer

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