

INTERVIEWS, COMMENTS, ETC., CONTD.

T/Sgt. Rob't. F. Sykes paid us surprize visit- was engineer gunner on B-17 in Italy and England for 11 mos. and won Dist. Flying Cross, Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidents Citation, and E. T. C. Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars. He was with Capt. Gene Simmons in Italy- did 39 missions, saw robots in England, saw the European drama from a top turret. Off goes our hats to Sgt. Sykes- truly a hero but modestly disowns it. Thanks a million, Bob and good, good luck.

Raymond Price dropped in- now in Amphibious School at Lejeune on New River. Likes it fine and craves action.

Thurman Phelns, W.T.2/c, glad to be back from Russell Islands and Pacific- With CB's and tells us of building roads in jungles and fighter plane strips. Says he has beaucoup thrills. Enjoyed HFN immensely.

HFN wishes to acknowledge receipt of stores from M.S. Brown, Frank Carlisle, Sr., Dr. J. H. Brown and W. L. McLeod. Thanks and keep 'em coming.

This publication wishes to thank Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, Jr., for her excellent reporting from Leggett and vicinity. Mrs. Lawrence is requesting that we select another reporter and we reluctantly excuse her. We are certain the boys have enjoyed her reporting, which was most efficiently done.

Your paper receives news of the injury of Sgt. "Bud" Shook, and we do hope it is not serious. Such a swell fellow, so care free and with a bright future predicted. So Bud, wherever you are keep your chin up, stay in there as you did on the athletic field. They can't "put you out".

One of our many letters:

"Home Front News,
Dear Friend:

Oct. 12, 1944.

I have just gotten a copy of your paper the "Home Front-News." Which I have been getting for about 3½ years. I have also been in both Theaters of operation. Than you have not yet said any thing about it only except the big shot there around Tarboro & the 4F. I also have been in your office & you turn your nose up like you didn't even know me. This is the first paper I have gotten since July. So if you don't wan't my friend to know where I am at after seen 2 battle just keep it to your d.. self and sell it maybe you can by your self a Cola Coca with it. Sign and old Friend around Tarboro. If you don't wan't my name in the paper just don't send it to me.

Robert Davenport, 7081396,
Co. A1, Det. #1, Prov. Bn., A.S.C.,
A.P.O. 226, c/o P. M., N. Y., N. Y.

SQUADS WRITE: Marine Harry Dunn from Pacific reminds us of splendid record of Marines. Hell, Henry, the whole world knows that. And Alice Evans says send her the points you mention. Our good friend, Dick Havens, still in Italy, has heard from Harvey McNair. He still sees P. Ray Lewis and all goes well with him. Geo. Pennington writes great fish story about China. Reminds us of big whale washed ashore at Atlantic Beach. Natives reported whale born 1100 S. C. When asked how they knew his age, they said they found Noah's hat in the whale's mouth. HFN Hears from Logan McCrary in Pacific, and a swell letter it was. Col. Paul Hartman in Italy- was in Ireland & England. Gives great plug for treatment there by English. Goes to Africa and gives HFN vivid description of natives, etc., there. On to Rome, and we expect his letter soon from Berlin.

On 10/25 Southerner reports Capt. Herbert H. Taylor, Jr., ill with Typhus fever. His present address is Hospital Center, Directory Sec., A.P.O. 501, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.