

REPORTER'S-REPORT

BATTLEBORO NEWS: We regret to report that Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Pope received message in March stating that their son Jack was missing in action in France. Our sympathy goes out to them. Pfc. Albert Gainer is improving from injury received in action in Jan. in Belgium. Congratulations are due 1st Lt. Lawson G. Matthews who is now Capt. Matthews. He is with Sig. Ser. Div. in England. He was a former teacher here. We are happy to report that Battleboro went over the top in Red Cross Drive by a hundred or more dollars. Roger Etheridge was rejected at Fort Bragg because of jaundice. We hope he will not be recalled. Farmers are very busy this lovely weather but labor shortage makes farming this spring rather hard. T/5 J.A. Viverette, Jr. writes he is in Germany under Gen. Bradley's command with 1st Army---says they are really moving in a hurry. Hopes that it will all be over in Germany by June.

MACCLESFIELD NEWS: Capt. D. J. Moore is at port of embarkation to return to the front. He returned 12 Mo. ago from two years service in the South Pacific. He will be located in the European theater this time. Horace Jefferson, F. C. 2/c is at home on 30 day leave. He has served in several major battles in the Pacific. Sgts. Willie Phillips and Walter Phillips who have been in the South Pacific with marines are at home on leave. Sgt. Willie has married an attractive South Carolinian since on leave. Pfc. Freddie Ellrod is still in a hospital somewhere in Europe. He is suffering from back injury and hand wounds. Pfc. Raymond Gardner who has had a foot injury is about ready to return to the front. Mr. R. W. Hearne is seriously ill in a Tarboro Hospital. The three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bridgers was recently burned to death from catching her clothes afire in a field brush fire.

WHITAKERS NEWS: George Tucker, Ph. M 1/c spent last week-end at home. He is stationed at the N.A.S. Dispensary, in Norfolk. The Milton Marks have heard that Charles has arrived somewhere in the South Pacific. Wiley Bradley is overseas by New York way, and Elizabeth is with her parents in Enfield. Joel Price and Alex Battle have opened a peanut shelling shop in the building next to the Mayor's Office. Joel Hamilton spent several days at home and had treatments for an injured eye. Mrs. Sam Anderson's father, Dr. Jones, of Richmond, Va. died last wk. The new cannery at the school was put into use for the first time this week when Will Powell and Alex Battle butchered a calf and canned it. Two men from State College came down and supervised.

LFGGETT NEWS: June Koonce is back overseas after having spent a thirty day furlough at home. Joe Cherry is now in France. A. T. Cherry has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. Robert Lee O'Neil was married Fri., March 16th to Ruby Everett. Sambo Grimes is home on two weeks furlough. John MacDowell, Jr. is back at home after having spent some time in the hospital in Tarboro. Mr. J. T. Lawrence, Sr. is at home after spending several days in the hospital. Thomas Lawrence, Jr. is improving after his recent illness in the hospital. Mrs. Arthur Fountain is out after having had flu. Bill Allsbrook has finished the mid-winter term at State College and has stopped school to join the Navy. Mrs. Graham Gulley is now living in Mississippi where Graham is stationed. Mr. and Mrs. Gaskill Anderson announce the birth of a son David Gaskill, Jr. born Feb. 21st at Bass Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, Jr. announce the birth of a son, Joshua Thomas Lawrence III, on Sat. March 17th at Edgecombe Gen. Hospital. Remember! Sara was your former HFN Reporter.

ROCKY MOUNT NEWS: This month marks the third anniversary of the SMC Booth at the Railroad Passenger Station. Local jewelers have formed the Rocky Mount Jewelers Fellowship Club with J. M. Fox as president. Pfc. Wm. V. Minter awarded Purple Heart. S/Sgt. Gilbert Strickland awarded Bronze Star. Wm. B. Harrison was elected Pres. of Jr. Chamber of Commerce