

## Macon Sailor

### Lost At Sea; Billie Bateman Drowned

Billie Thomas Bateman, 19-year old Macon County seaman second class, was drowned when a small boat capsized at Portland, England, Monday night. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bateman, of Franklin Route 4 have been notified. The boat was plying from a cruiser, and capsized when it struck a buoy.

Young Bateman, who entered service in August, 1945, was reared in the Nantahala section, but his family moved to the Jess Thomas farm last March. He attended the Franklin High school.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include six brothers, Huell, Hubert, George, Howard, Mack, and James Edward, and two sisters, Launa and Maude Belle.

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