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Reese was born in Fayette County in 1924, son of George and Cora Hartley Jackson. He attended the elementary grades at the Black Rock School, a one-room school divided into two classrooms by a curtain. It was a two-teacher school and sessions were for seven months of the year. Students attended six weeks in the late summer, time off to pick the cotton crop, returned to school for the remainder of the term, and ended school in the late spring in time to plant the new crop. Working on the family farm and doing the chores left little idle time, but Reese would set rabbit boxes and sell his catch in town for 20¢ each (skinned and dressed). When he was a Junior in High School, Reese obtained a job on Saturdays at Alford's store in Fayetteville. He would walk the three miles into town to begin work at 6 A.M. and then walk home after the store closed at 10 P.M. His salary was \$1.75 per day. His next job was full time at the Candler Warehouse in Atlanta where he worked until he was drafted into the army in 1943.

Basic training was at Camp McCain in Mississippi, where Reese specialized as an automatic rifleman with the 345th Infantry. In October of 1943, he was sent to Ft. Ord, California to prepare for shipment to the South

Pacific battle areas. His unit was first sent to New Caledonia, then to Fiji, where they joined the Americal Division and were assigned as replacements for the men who were wounded, killed, or sick after the intense fighting on Guadal Canal. After Fiji, the unit saw action on Bougainville, Leyte, Cebu, and at the end of the war, they were posted briefly in Japan. Reese received wounds from Shrapnel at Bougainville and again during the fight at Leyte. His total service time was two years and ten months.



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After discharge, Reese apprenticed as a mechanic with the Royal Typewriter Company in Atlanta. He married Ann Woolsey in 1946, and when the opportunity arose, he opened a dealership for the typewriter company in Rome, Georgia. He sold and serviced office machines for forty-one years at that location, retiring and selling the business in 1988. Ann worked in the business also, as bookkeeper. The couple are the parents of three daughters: Jean (married Neal Brumbe-
loe of LaGrange); Ellen (married Joe Clary of Valdosta); and Teresa (married William R. Roby of Kenbridge, Va.) *Submitted by: Ann W. Jackson*