



Sooners on Active Duty

LT. MARSHALL J. ANDERSON, '37, Oklahoma City, believed to be the second University alumnus killed in action in the Pacific war zone, died in air combat January 19 after leading a flight of planes in an attack against the Japanese.

Two days before his death, Lieutenant Anderson received a Distinguished Service Cross from General Douglas MacArthur, who personally pinned the medal on the flier, citing him for distinguished gallantry in an air battle against heavy odds. He brought down his first Japanese plane in that attack.

On January 19, while again leading his flight of pursuit ships, Lieutenant Anderson shot down another Japanese plane and then, because his own plane was crippled, bailed out. He was killed while floating to earth when he and his parachute were riddled with machine-gun bullets by two Japanese, who fired at him again when he reached the ground.

The war hero was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Anderson, Oklahoma City. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; Central State College, Edmond, and the University before enlisting in the Air Corps in 1939. A younger brother, Joe Anderson, is also on duty in the Pacific war zone.

Several memorials to Lieutenant Anderson for his outstanding heroism and sacrifice have been suggested. The U.S. army has been asked by Congressman Mike Monroney, '24ba, to name the advanced flying school at Enid, now nearing completion, for the Air Corps hero.

A resident of Washington, D. C., in a letter to the editor of the *Oklahoma City Times*, suggested that Oklahoma contribute to buy a bomber in honor of Lieutenant Anderson.

War Department Communique No. 78, devoted to the heroic action of Lieutenant Anderson, follows:

General MacArthur has reported to the War Department that First Lt. Marshall J. Anderson, Air Corps, of Oklahoma City, one of the most intrepid pilots of the Philippine air force was killed in action January 19. For distinguished gallantry in action January 17, Lieutenant Anderson had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

On that day, at the head of his flight of pursuit ships, Lieutenant Anderson attacked a superior force of enemy dive bombers, dispersing the hostile planes. In this action Lieutenant Anderson shot down an enemy observation plane.

He then led his flight in an attack on a hostile

bomber formation, forcing the bombers to release their bombs prematurely and harmlessly and to flee. Continuing the attack, Lieutenant Anderson led his flight in a heavy machine-gun attack on an enemy truck convoy.

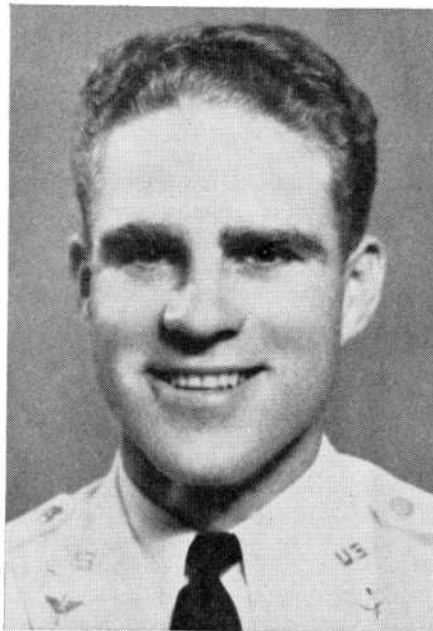
On Lieutenant Anderson's return to the flying field, General MacArthur personally decorated him on the spot with the Distinguished Service Cross.

On January 19, while again in the air, Lieutenant Anderson's flight was attacked by a greatly superior number of Japanese planes. A strenuous fight ensued during which Lieutenant Anderson shot down another enemy plane—his last. His own plane was crippled and he bailed out.

Two Japanese planes followed him to the ground. His parachute was riddled with machine-gun bullets and, while hanging helplessly in the air, he was shot to death. Still not satisfied, one enemy plane returned to dive and machine-gun the crumpled body.

A final entry in the pilot's diary of January 17 was not entirely decipherable but mentions the Bible.

Pictures of Lieutenant Anderson and Lt. Kenneth M. Taylor, '40, were included in an "Honor Roll" published in a recent issue of *Life* magazine, a presentation of pictures and brief sketches about American fighters who had been decorated for heroism in the Pacific war area. Lieutenant Taylor won the Distinguished Service Cross for courage in aerial defense against the Japanese in the Pearl Harbor raid.



Lt. MARSHALL J. ANDERSON, '37
Killed in action after winning the
Distinguished Service Cross

► Weldon W. Woods, '39, Oklahoma City, was killed February 11 when the army basic training plane he was flying crashed into a field six miles west of the training field at Lemoore, California. He was 25 years old. The former Oklahoma youth graduated from Classen High School in Oklahoma City and enrolled at the University as a freshman arts and sciences student in 1938. A member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, he also attended Oklahoma City University and the University of California at Los Angeles. Mr. Woods enlisted in the Army Air Corps last November after working for a time at the Lockheed airplane factory in California. He was almost disqualified for Air Corps training following his physical examination because a typist erroneously recorded his pulse count as 94 instead of 84. Following a physical recheck, Woods was declared eligible.

► Aviation Cadet Lansing H. Myers, '36, Idabel, is scheduled soon to receive his wings and second lieutenant's commission from the Air Corps advanced flying school at Stockton, California.

► Jack R. Denton, '41, former business student at the University, was killed February 9 in a training plane crash near Sikeston, Missouri, where he was an aviation cadet. The 23-year-old flier was to have graduated with the cadet class of February 23 at Sikeston. Mr. Denton was born at Shawnee and attended the University two years. Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Denton, of Hornell, New York.

► Major Thomas Lloyd Brown, '26bus, has been transferred from Fort Sill to the Army War College at Washington, D.C.

► Lt. Harry Burford McInnis, '34, last month was reported to be a prisoner of war in Japan following capture on the island of Guam. Former dentist at the Naval Hospital in Washington, D.C., Lieutenant McInnis radioed a message to his mother in Enid which was picked up by the United Press listening post in San Francisco. "I am in a prison camp in Japan," the Navy dentist reported, "and am being well treated. We all hope there will be an exchange of prisoners soon." Lieutenant McInnis received his naval training at Washington, D.C. and Pensacola, Florida.

► Lieutenant McInnis and Alvin Arron Bumgarner, '19-'21, platoon sergeant from Tulsa, were among the 55 Oklahomans reported to be prisoners of the Japanese in a recent release by the Navy Department. Sergeant Bumgarner was with the Marine Corps at Wake Island.

► Major Donald E. Mathes, '23ba, who is on duty with a tank battalion on the West Coast, reports that his combat helmet reminds him of the football helmet he wore for O.U. in the fall of 1922. Major Mathes was called to active duty about a year ago, after 15 years in the scouting and geological departments of the Republic Production Company. He was a reserve officer, having received his commission at the University in 1922 after completing military science

courses. In a letter to *Sooner Magazine* Major Mathes sent his regards to the University's new president, Joseph A. Brandt, and commented: "He will probably recall me as that long legged waiter from New Mexico over at their house at the bend. I was more than pleased when I read last year of your good luck in getting Joe back to O.U." Mrs. Mathes and two children Donald and Margy Gay are remaining in their home at Houston, Texas, for the duration.

► First-hand account of the heroic action December 7 of Lt. Kenneth M. Taylor, '40, Hominy, has been brought to Oklahomans by Mrs. Asenath Locke, who recently arrived in the United States from Hickam Field, Hawaii. Her husband, still with the Air Corps at Hickam Field, saw Lieutenant Taylor make the flight which led to his decoration as one of the first Americans to receive a Distinguished Service Cross. Although the Sooner flier had not yet graduated from flight training school at Hickam Field, he went up on his own initiative, downed an enemy plane, almost crashed in a landing to get more ammunition, and went up again to get another enemy plane, Mrs. Locke reported.

► Lt. Col. Hal Muldrow, '28bus, of the 45th Division at Camp Barkeley, Texas, recently was assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for a month's special work.

► Despite the usual wartime difficulties connected with long distance communication, Lt. Lester Mooney, '41, Norman, man-



LT. HARRY B. McINNIS, '34
*Reported prisoner of war after capture
by the Japanese at Guam*

aged to talk twice to persons in Oklahoma though he was stationed half way around the world in Java. With only minor delays, he telephoned his parents in Norman that he was safe, and a few days later, the girl friend, a University student from Pawhuska, put in a call for Lieutenant Mooney and had to wait only a few minutes before she was talking with him. Both conversations, of course, were limited to personal matters and nothing remotely connected with military affairs could be mentioned.

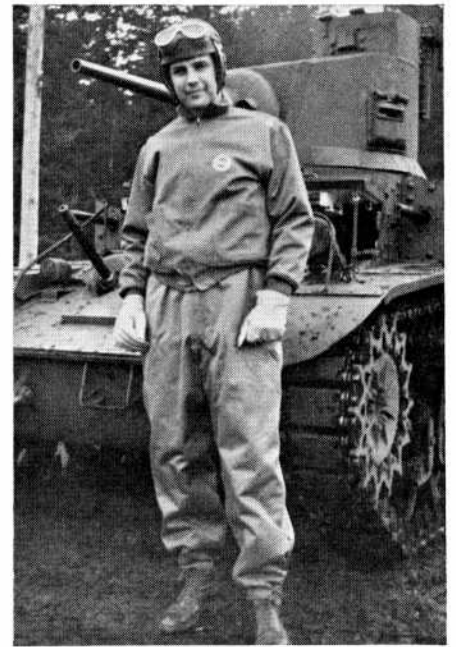
► To avenge the death of his best friend who was killed by Japanese in the Pearl Harbor raid, Lt. Don Sutliff, '40, Blackwell, has volunteered for foreign service with the Army Air Corps and may now be in the Pacific war zone. Several years ago, Lieutenant Sutliff had a back injury which apparently would prevent his being accepted for Air Corps training. However, a delicate operation was successful, and through exercise and hard work, Lieutenant Sutliff managed to pass the Air Corps physical requirements and recently received his wings and commission. He and Lt. Robert Markley, Nardin, who died at Pearl Harbor, were friends during high school days at Blackwell.

► Things happened fast in late January for R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37law, assistant director of the University Extension Division and director of University short courses. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gunning January 18 at the American Legion Hospital in Norman, and only a few days later he received orders to report to Camp Roberts, California, for active duty in the Field Artillery. Mr. Gunning is a national authority in the field of visual education and during the last year has been chairman of the visual education committee of the National University Extension Association.

► Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri lost a versatile athlete from the ranks when Corporal Marvin R. Richardson, '39, Noble, was recently transferred to Fort Sill. Last summer, Corporal Richardson starred on the baseball diamond and later, in the fall, acquired quite a reputation as a halfback. Then, because of his fistic prowess, he was elected to coach the boxing team, which came out with the best record at the post.

► Fred Fort Gill, '41, Norman, is recuperating in a hospital at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, after nearly drowning in a futile attempt to save the life of a bunkmate who had a heart attack while the men were swimming. Trying to rescue their friend, Mr. Gill and his companions were swept into heavy surf.

► Two sons of the late Wyley Ernest Crabtree, '20law, and Mrs. Crabtree (Mable Riddle Crabtree, '20fa) are now in the service. Mr. Crabtree, an attorney at Ada, died January 24, 1941. One son, Lt. Frank Crabtree, is on foreign duty with the Army Air Corps, and another, Cadet Jean Crabtree, is with the Army Air Corps at Kelley Field, Texas. Before opening an office in Ada, Mr. Crab-



MAJOR DONALD E. MATHES, '23ba
*A tank combat helmet has replaced the
O.U. football helmet he once wore*

tree was an attorney in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

► Marvin Green, '40, Norman, has graduated from mechanics' school at Chanute Field, Illinois, and will be sent to Boise, Idaho, for further training.

► Lt. Stephen D. Crouch, Jr., '38ba, Norman, is attending an adjutant general's school in Washington, D.C.

► Lt. Ray W. Broadfoot, '39bus, Oklahoma City, is a member of the second class at Camp Bullis, Texas, the Third Army training center for junior officers.

► Lt. Edwin A. Bland, '39, Waurika, is an Air Corps pilot at Will Rogers Field, air base near Oklahoma City.

► Edward J. Sutton, '41, former business student at the University, has been accepted for training by the Civilian Technical Corps.

► Capt. Bert Kemmerer, '25, Guthrie, and Capt. Clarence Guy Brown, '23ba, Oklahoma City, are among five 45th Division officers recently transferred from Camp Barkeley, Texas, to new posts. Captain Kemmerer has been assigned to the Air Corps Basic Flying School at Victoria, Texas, and Captain Brown to the Office of the Chief of Air Corps in Washington. Mrs. Brown is the former Frances Cartwright, and attended the University.

► Joe Fred Somerville, '40, Norman, has been truly "seeing America first" since going on active duty in the army. From his post as sergeant with the 45th Division at Camp Barkeley, Texas, Mr. Somerville was transferred to the Air Corps Technical School at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and then to Lowry Field, Colorado. After graduating from Lowry Field in December, Mr. Somerville was again transferred to an air

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field in California, and is stationed there as an armorer in the tow target detachment.

► Lt. Neal W. Harris, '40, Norman, is stationed at Camp Bullis, Texas, Third Army training center for junior officers.

► The wife of Pilot D. C. Stephens, '39, formerly of Norman, received word recently from her husband reporting that he was in the Far East.

► Ab Walker, '33phys.ed, Oklahoma City, former head of the NYA recreation program in Oklahoma, has been called to active duty at Fort Sill. He is a first lieutenant.

► Duane Clapham, '38bus, Norman, formerly stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, has been transferred to a post in the Far East.

► Lt. Dean Daniels, '39, Norman, formerly stationed with the border patrol at Marfa, Texas, has been transferred to Camp Bowie, Texas.

► Carl Kirkpatrick, '37, formerly of Norman, now stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, is scheduled to enroll in officers' training.

► John Hunt, Jr., '36ba, Seminole, with General Douglas MacArthur's troops in the Philippines, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain. Relatives received word in January that Captain Hunt was safe, and later, that he had received a promotion. He had charge of native troops at Batangas when the Japanese first attacked the Philippines. Mrs. Hunt left the Philippines shortly before the declaration of war and is now at Lawton.

► Lt. Raymond E. Gandy, '40, Norman, is stationed at Camp Bullis, Texas, Third Army training center for junior officers.

► Lt. Tom Trower, '42, Bartlesville, senior law student at the University, has been called to active duty at Camp Roberts, California.

► Lt. Robert Musgrave, '42, senior law student at the University, has been called to report for active duty at Camp Wolters, Texas.

► James Ralph Scales, '42, publicity director for Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, has been accepted for deck officer's training in the Naval Reserve and will soon begin a training course leading to an ensign's commission.

► Douglas Idlett, '40, Snyder, who entered the Army Air Corps last year, is reported stationed with the U.S. Army in the Philippines as a staff sergeant.

► Another Sooner in the Pacific war zone is Lt. Paul Greer, '39, Stafford, Oklahoma, who sailed last September for the Philippines.

► David Hill Miller, '42, Mangum, has completed work for a business degree at the University and is now on active duty in the Army.

► Cecil Miller, '38med, Mangum, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain. He is stationed at Tildan Military Hospital, Camp Dix, New Jersey.

► Although Louis A. "Paddy" Palmer, '40 law, may be thousands of miles away from his home town of Frederick by election time this summer, his name will still appear on Tillman County ballots for re-election as county attorney. Mr. Palmer enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January and expected to be sent to Washington, D.C., as a yeoman, second class. Before leaving Frederick, the young attorney left the race for re-election in charge of his friends. W. D. Scott, former Tillman County judge, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Palmer.

► Jack L. Rorschach, '31law, Vinita, reserve lieutenant in the Field Artillery, has been called to active duty. He has left his law office in charge of William M. Dodson, '29ba, '34law, who has resigned as legal assistant to the State Supreme Court. The two attorneys were classmates in the University.

► Thomas Harry Humphreys, '42, Tulsa, second lieutenant and senior law student in the University, has been called to duty at Fort Sill.

► William Jenkins Scott, '42, Duncan, second lieutenant and business senior in the University, has been called to active duty at Fort Sill.

► Lt. Dudgeon Giezantanner, '39bus, formerly employed in the comptroller's office at the University, has been assigned to duty at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.

► Lt. Ray K. Bannister, '32law, El Reno, former U.S. commissioner for the western district of Oklahoma, has been assigned as a battery officer at Fort Sill and took a four-week "refresher" course at the replacement center officers' school.

► H. Richard (Dick) Clarke, '37, former staff member of the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Oklahoma City Times*, has enlisted in the Army Air Corps.

► William Oscar Waid, '34eng, Pawhuska, is a first lieutenant with the Field Artillery in Hawaii.

► Lt. Robert E. Lyon, '37ba, Shawnee, is stationed at the Air Corps advanced flying school at Victoria, Texas, as a ground school instructor and recorder of the aviation cadet board. He was stationed at Kelly Field, Texas, before assignment to Victoria.

► John Wright, '41journ, printer-operator for the *Collinsville News*, has enlisted in the photographic division of the Army Air Corps.

► Louis C. Ross, '36ba, '38law, Claremore, member of the Holtzendorff and Ross law firm, has been called to active service at Fort Sill. He has a first lieutenant's commission.

► Lt. Claude H. Malone, '41bus, Apache, on active duty at Fort Sill, is taking a battery officers' course in Field Artillery school.

► Lt. Franklin Calhoun, '40bus, Sand Springs, received his wings at the Air Corps advanced flying school at Luke Field, Arizona, in January and is now stationed at Morrison Field near West Palm Beach,

Florida. His brother, John Frederick Calhoun, '40bus, is stationed at Lowry Field, Colorado.

► Rollin C. Boyles, '24, associated since 1931 with the Callahan Management Company in the operation of the Ramsey Tower and other Oklahoma City office buildings, has been called to active duty as a lieutenant in the army.

► Capt. Orville H. Tackett, '39med, Oklahoma City physician, has been sent outside the United States for foreign duty at an unannounced station.

► Capt. Ralph V. James, '34ba, Norman, has been assigned in the Quartermaster Department at the Air Corps basic flying school at Enid. Formerly he was quartermaster for the Oklahoma Civilian Conservation Corps.

► Dr. Clyde Kernek, '37med, Holdenville, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain in the Medical Corps. He is assistant medical detachment commander of the station hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

► Jack Riddle, '41ba, '41law, Coweta, has been ordered to report to the training school for U.S. Marines at Quantico, Virginia. He had been employed at the Oklahoma Ordnance Works.

► Capt. James V. Montgomery, '35ms, is in the production division at the Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland.

► Lloyd F. Childers, '41, former engineering student in the University, has written friends that he was aboard the *U.S.S. Cassin* December 7 when the ship was blown up in the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor. Mr. Childers, who at that time had nearly completed requirements to become a naval radio operator, was transferred from the sinking ship to another.

► William Selvidge, '38ba, of Ardmore, former member of the State House of Representatives, last month was accepted for training in the Army Air Corps.

► Gene Neville, '35, former Oklahoma City resident now a pilot officer in the Royal Air Force in England, writes the folks at home that he has a batman (valet) and is saluted "like a big shot." Former copy boy on the *Daily Oklahoman*, Pilot Neville is being given further training on pursuit ships before being assigned to combat or ferrying service. He lives at the American Eagle Club in London.

► Jack C. Chaney, '39, in active service since last July, is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

► Eight of the men who received reserve officer commissions upon graduation from the University R.O.T.C. at mid-semester were called to active duty immediately. Notice of the call was received just before the graduation exercises began, and Lt. Col. Charles H. Brammell notified them while they still had their diplomas in their hands. The eight, who were ordered to report at

Fort Knox, are Charles Earl Knox, Jr., Enid; Vance Piner Suffield, Gage; Jon Thomas Williams, Blackwell; Maury Angus West, Oklahoma City; Darwin Doyle Warner, Pond Creek; Merle Dean Bridges, Bartlesville; Walter Robert Berger, Jr., Fort Worth, Texas, and Charles Alexander Houston, Tulsa. Nine other students also received commissions in the graduation ceremonies.

► Arthur (Pete) Smith, '39, former O.U. all-American end and assistant for the past year to Tom Stidham on the Marquette University football coaching staff at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been called for active duty at Fort Sill. Lieutenant Smith, end coach at O.U. under Stidham a few years back, has been assigned to a battery whose officers include two other well known Sooner football players, Capt. Clyde Watts, '31ba, '31law, and Lt. Bob Hert, '34ba, '34 law.

► James M. Flinchum, '39, staff member of the Oklahoma City United Press bureau, has been called for duty at Fort Sill.

► Ewing Gafford, '41journ, advertising salesman for the *Lawton Constitution*, has been called to active service at Fort Sill.

► Oscar A. Jacobson, III, '40, Norman, is training as an aviation cadet at Ellington Field, Texas.

► John R. Davenport, '26, Holdenville, medical officer at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, since August, 1940, has been promoted from captain to major.

► Carroll Dayle Briscoe, '41, Tipton, has completed primary flight training at Goodfellow Field, Texas, and enrolled in the advanced flying school.

► Howell E. Wiggins, '36med, Tahlequah, has been promoted from lieutenant junior grade to the rank of lieutenant in the navy.

► Paul Monroe Hoot, '31med, Ponca City, has been promoted from lieutenant to lieutenant commander in the Navy Medical Corps.

► Lansing H. Myers, '36, formerly of Idabel, has graduated from the Air Corps advanced flying school at Stockton, California, and received his wings and a second lieutenant's commission.

► Ralph P. Bollinger, '41, former Sooner basketball player, of Norman, has received his wings and commission as second lieutenant in the Air Corps at Stockton, California.

► Lt. Joe H. Cowdrey, '33bus, budget officer and statistician for the state WPA offices in Oklahoma, has been assigned to active duty at Wright Field, Ohio.

► Seth E. Aiguier, Jr., '40eng, Oklahoma City, ensign in the Naval Reserve, is an instructor in the Naval Air Service at Jacksonville, Florida.

► Capt. Harry Easton, '33eng, '38eng, former petroleum engineer and geologist at Amory, Mississippi, has been ordered to duty in the office of the chief of field artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. During the year that Captain Easton has been stationed at Fort Bragg, he has served as police

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and construction officer, fire marshal, assistant control officer, battalion personnel officer and recently as headquarters commandant of the fort's Field Artillery Replacement Center. F.A.R.C commander is Brig. Gen. E. P. Parker, who was commandant of the University's R.O.T.C. unit when Captain Easton received his first military training.

▶ Harold E. Massey, '36eng, engineer with Cities Service Oil Company in Oklahoma City, has been called to active duty and will be stationed in California.

▶ Frank Spence, '41journ, has resigned as reporter and sports editor on the *Norman Transcript* to enlist in the Army Air Corps. He is stationed at the Air Corps technical school at Fort Logan, Colorado.

▶ Bill Van Dyke, '38, former member of the Dallas, Texas, bureau of the *International News Service*, has enlisted in the Marine Corps and is stationed at San Diego, California. Before accepting the position in Dallas, he was employed on the *Norman Transcript*.

▶ Lt. William J. Scott, '42, Duncan, has completed work for a bachelor's degree at the University and reported for active duty at Fort Sill.

▶ Thomas Eugene Mort, '40eng, employed for the last year by the Depthograph Company at Great Bend, Kansas, has been called to active duty in the Army.

▶ Micah P. Smith, Jr., '40, Norman, has resigned as advertising salesman for the *Ponca City News* to enlist in the Army Air Corps.

▶ Lt. Dugan Woodring, '39, Noble, cabled his parents in January that he is "somewhere in the Pacific war zone" with the Air Corps.

▶ Dewey W. Foster, '41, former student in the University School of Drama, is stationed at Lowry Field, Colorado.

▶ Lt. Harold Reedy, '42, financial secretary for the Oklahoma Memorial Union before being called to active duty in January, has reported at Camp Roberts, California. Mrs. Reedy, the former Miss Ruth Henry, is a business student in the University.

▶ Byron Jones, '37ba, '39law, Oklahoma City lawyer, has been assigned to active duty at Kelly Field, Texas.

▶ Lt. John Jay Donaldson, '34eng, former petroleum engineer with Phillips Petroleum Company at Bartlesville, is attending a battery officers' course at Fort Sill.

▶ Oscar E. Jackson, '41eng, Lindsay, Oklahoma, and Edwin E. Arnold, '41eng, Bartlesville, are ensigns in the Naval Reserve on duty at the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, D.C.

▶ Lt. Escoe Sims, '39, is on foreign duty with the United States Army Air Corps.

▶ Winner of the final weekly short story contest sponsored by the *Daily Oklahoman* was Bill Scott, '41, formerly of Guthrie, who is in "active waters" with the U.S. Coast Guard and possibly doesn't know yet that his manuscript entry took first prize. His story, *I'll Come Back*, was sent ashore by

mail boat to an island station near the American coast.

▶ Lt. Irving D. Warden, '40, Norman, is stationed at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

▶ Lt. Raymond Gandy, '40, Norman, stationed at Camp Berkeley, Texas, has been enrolled in an officers' training course in San Antonio.

▶ Lt. Francis Stewart, '41eng, is on duty at Fort Sill.

▶ James Worrell, '40bus, Norman, chief accountant at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, is one of the Sooners who saw at first-hand the Japanese sneak raid December 7.

▶ Ben Thornton, '41, stationed at the Air Corps Gunnery School, Las Vegas, Nevada, has been promoted from corporal's rank to sergeant. Formerly of Norman, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps a year ago.

▶ Aviation Cadet Lee W. Lowe, '41, Ardmore, has been stationed at the Air Corps training detachment, Thunderbird Field, Glendale, Arizona.

▶ Walter S. Murphy, '40, Norman, was a member of the first class of aviation cadets to enter the Air Corps Replacement Train-

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ing Center at Kelly Field, Texas, after the entrance of the United States into World War II. He had been on Army duty since September, 1940.

▶ Lt. Col. Don Garrison, '29bs, former Norman High School principal, has been recovering from an illness in the Army Hospital at Camp Berkeley, Texas.

▶ Coulter C. Ray, '37journ, city editor of the *McCurtain Gazette* at Idabel, has been called to active duty.

▶ Stanley D. Thomas, '41, Okemah, is reported to be on duty with the U.S. fleet in the Pacific.

▶ Coy Abernethy, '30med, assistant naval attache at the American embassy in London, has been promoted from lieutenant to lieutenant commander in the Navy. Since graduating from O.U., Mr. Abernethy has been stationed at Pensacola, Florida, in the Philippines and Nicaragua. He has been in London since last July.

▶ Lt. James J. Johnson, '41eng, is stationed at Fort Sill.

▶ Norman Barker, '40, Norman, sergeant with the 45th Infantry Division, has been appointed to attend infantry officers' candidate school at Fort Benning, Georgia.

▶ Jack Ned Smith, '42, Frederick, has been called to duty at Fort Benning, Georgia.

▶ Lt. Addison C. Crowther, '39, Edmond, and Lt. C. J. Vahlberg, '41arch, '41eng, Oklahoma City, are taking a battery officers' course at Fort Sill. Lieutenant Crowther was recently transferred from Fort Benning,

Georgia, and Lieutenant Vahlberg has been stationed at the Field Artillery Replacement Center at Fort Sill.

▶ Tom Biggers, '34law, county attorney of Seminole County at Wewoka, expects to be called soon for army service and has indicated that he will recommend A. C. Kidd, '30, his first assistant, as successor.

▶ Everette C. Hatton, '32geol, has been reported on duty with a coast artillery regiment in the Philippines.

▶ James R. Murray, Jr., '39, former employee of Phillips Petroleum Company at Bartlesville, is a corporal at Camp Berkeley, Texas.

▶ Lt. Delbert Haynes, '37eng, has been transferred from Washington, D.C., to Pittsburg, Kansas, where he and Mrs. Haynes (Jane Owen, '36ba) have established a new home.

▶ Col. Murray F. Gibbons, '15, regimental commander with the 45th Division at Camp Berkeley, Texas, has been transferred to Eighth Army Corps headquarters at Brownwood, Texas. Colonel Gibbons, an attorney in civil life, has served with the 45th Division as plans and training officer, adjutant general and inspector general. His army career dates back to 1917 when he was a second lieutenant and saw service in France. Prior to that time, he was on duty in the Navy with the Asiatic fleet from 1909 to 1913.

▶ Charles Coe Loveless, '41eng, has been commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve.

▶ Lt. Charles E. Hughes, '39bus, Norman, has been transferred from Foster Field at Victoria, Texas, to Moore Field, Mission, Texas, where he is a squadron adjutant.

▶ Twin brothers, now serving Uncle Sam, and their wives are all former students of the University. The brothers are Tullie D. and Cullie B. Harris, of Willow, Oklahoma. Tullie D., '39, an airplane mechanic at Selfridge, Michigan, was married June 14 to Miss Nita Faye Thrower, '37, of Mangum. Cullie B., '41eng, a pilot and meteorologist stationed at Fort Sill, was married August 25 to Virginia Mae Turnbull, '41h.ec, of Hobart.

▶ Lt. Nathan Blanton, '36-'38, called his parents at Earlsboro January 29 from somewhere in the Pacific that he was "all right." According to latest reports, Lieutenant Blanton was serving as an army flier in the Philippines.

▶ W. L. Delbridge, '40bus, ensign in the Naval Reserve, has been called to active duty. In civil life, Mr. Delbridge was an accountant at Wichita, Kansas. His wife, the former Miss Joyce Watford, '38ed, will teach at Crescent, Oklahoma, while he is in service.

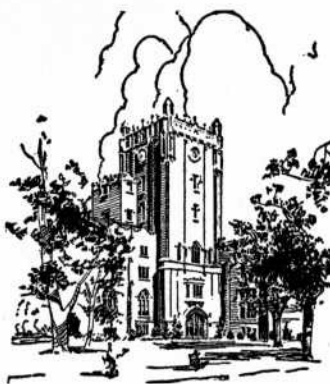
▶ Lt. Herman L. Brandt, '38chem, '41eng, formerly of Ponca City, is stationed at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland.

▶ James Alston Huser, '40ed, Oklahoma City, has been commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve after completing advanced flying school at Jacksonville, Florida.

- ▶ Lt. John A. Martin, '31bus, Oklahoma City, is stationed in the finance department at Sheppard Field, Texas.
- ▶ Lowell Barrett, '28, Earlsboro, has been appointed drill instructor and promoted to corporal at Fort Riley, Kansas.
- ▶ Harry A. King, '41eng, has been taking a refresher course at the Field Artillery Replacement Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
- ▶ John Dell Hadsell, '38ba, has left his position as principal of Ponca Military Academy, Ponca City, to enlist in the Navy. He is taking a three-month secretarial course at the Naval Training Station, San Diego, California.
- ▶ R. W. Hippen, '25eng, of Altus, is a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve.
- ▶ Alfred Richard Loeblich, Jr., '37geol, '38ms, member of the geology faculty at Tulane University, New Orleans, has been called to active duty. Mrs. Loeblich is the former Helen Tappan, '37geol, '39ms.
- ▶ Lt. N. Robert Drummond, '36med, has been promoted to rank of captain in the Medical Corps of the Army. Stationed at Randolph Field, Texas, since July 1, 1940, Captain Drummond is on duty as adjutant of the station hospital. Randolph Field is an Army basic flying school.
- ▶ Capt. Murble H. Pearson, '38med, of the U. S. Army Medical Corps, is on duty at the station hospital, Fort Wright, New York.
- ▶ Lt. Joe Fred Gibson, '34ba, '36law, was runner-up in a race with the Stork January 4. A baby son, David William, had already arrived when Lieutenant Gibson landed by plane in Oklahoma City from his post at Higley Field, Arizona. Former assistant state insurance commissioner for Oklahoma, Lieutenant Gibson was transferred to Higley Field from Luke Field, Arizona, on the same day that David William arrived. Mrs. Gibson and the baby will soon join him at their new home.
- ▶ Clyde Lester Murray, Jr., '42, former junior student in the College of Engineering, from Enid, has enlisted in the Army Air Corps and is taking flight training at Kelly Field, Texas.
- ▶ G. H. Underwood, '39bus, is a naval aviation student at the Dallas, Texas, base.
- ▶ Thomas A. Street, '33-'34, and Hugh N. West, Jr., '38-'40, have completed basic flight training at Randolph Field, Texas. They were members of the second wartime class of aviation cadets and student officers at Randolph Field. The group completed the streamlined pilot-training course in record time.
- ▶ Lt. James H. Richards, '40eng, '40ba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aute Richards of Norman, talked to his parents by telephone from Australia on February 19, and reported that "all is well" with him. He reported that several other O.U. alumni are on duty at the same place he is assigned.
- ▶ Sam Maddux, Jr., '36bus, telephoned his mother in Lawton from some unrevealed point in the Far East where he is on duty. He was at Pearl Harbor on the day the war began.

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