

THE WAR is two weeks old as this is written, but it only took a few days for news about O. U. alumni participation in the fighting to start coming across the desk. We're proud that one of the first two Distinguished Service Medals to be awarded went to a Sooner—Kenneth M. Taylor whose picture you saw on the cover of this magazine. There are Sooners scattered throughout the world in all the major branches of the U. S. armed forces—Army, Navy, Air Corps, Marines, Medical Corps—and here's betting that you'll be hearing about the exploits of many more of them before this war is over.

WE'LL DO our best to keep *Sooner Magazine* going to subscribers who are on military duty, but in many cases it would be advisable for the subscriber to give the Alumni Office some permanent address to which mail could be sent for forwarding to whatever station he is assigned to from time to time.

HARDEST THING for many alumni to do will be to keep on with regular civilian work instead of jumping into some full time defense activity. Men with families to support and those over-age for military service can keep in mind that speeding industrial production and keeping the nation's business economy on an even keel is highly important in this war. It is likely to be a long conflict, and America's success is going to depend to a great extent on its ability to produce and deliver supplies and armaments to the armed forces scattered over much of the globe. O. U. alumni can serve in this way in cases where they can't go to the fighting fronts.

THIS MONTH we continue the policy of giving more campus news and more alumni news and more sports news, in comparison to other departments of the magazine. There have been a few favorable comments on this new policy, announced last month. Does anyone else have an opinion about it to give to the editor?

DON'T BLAME us for the lack of a photograph to go with the article about Lee Erhard, '22, who not long ago became managing editor of the *Tulsa World*. We wrote him and asked for a picture. The reply was courteous, but firm. He hadn't had a picture made for ten years. And the unmistakable assumption was that he probably wouldn't have any made for the next ten. Members of the *Tulsa* newspaper fraternity report that he is thoroughly devoted to his job, and we presume that he is too

busy ordering reporters to go out and get pictures of other people to take time to have one made of himself.

FROM TULSA comes latest word about the question of which Sooner family can boast the most O. U. degrees. Robert H. Wood, '11ba, responds to *Sooner Magazine's* inquiry with a letter expressing belief that the Wood family is tied with the Culp family for runner-up honors, but that the Newby family is still entitled to first honors. The Wood family's record includes: Minnie O. (Wood) Rose, '99pharm; Robert H. Wood, '11ba; Homa Wood, '15ma, '15law; Okla (Wood) Hawn, '15ma; Virgil O. Wood, '16ba, and Verda (Wood) Bolyard, '18ba. The letter from Mr. Wood also explains that Beulah Wood, the oldest sister in the family, was among the first half dozen to register when the University started classwork in 1892, but she soon married and left school. The youngest brother in the family, Dudley, had four years of premedic work at the University, but decided not to go into the medical profession and did not finish requirements for a degree. At any rate, the Wood family is well toward the top of the list of "Sooner families."

HOW DOES Minnesota do it? Most any college might win a conference championship now and then, but when a team wins six championships in ten years in such a highly competitive conference as the Big Ten, you begin to believe that they have got something there. The *Minnesota Alumnus*, edited by William S. Gibson, a former student in the University of Oklahoma and considered something of a sports authority in Minnesota, discusses this question in a recent issue. Answering the question, "What Is the Minnesota Victory Formula?" the magazine commented: "Among the many reasons which might be given for the perennial success of Minnesota football teams there are two which stand out. The first is Bernie Bierman's genius as a teacher and handler of men. Minnesota teams are thoroughly and painstakingly groomed in the fundamentals of the game and no detail is too small to be given careful attention. The second factor, which is a result of the first, is the poise which is characteristic of Minnesota teams year after year. The players refuse to be shaken when the breaks of the game go against them or they are behind in the matter of score. They keep their heads and buckle down to the job." That's the Minnesota victory formula.

AND the American victory formula!

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