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## Clearing the Desk

MOST ALUMNI won't realize for a number of years the real importance of the dormitory construction program just started at the University under sponsorship of the National Housing Agency. Designed to house Army and Navy trainees stationed on the campus for the duration, the buildings nevertheless are of semi-permanent construction and after the war will provide the largest and most extensive student housing layout the University has ever had. The dormitory units will accommodate 900 men, with a large kitchen and dining hall, auditorium and recreation building. This is the largest single building project ever undertaken at the University. Most of the buildings will be on the polo field, facing Jenkins Avenue.

WITH ARMY AND NAVY trainees using the building extensively, the Oklahoma Memorial Union looks more like a USO center than a college union these days. Nearly 600 ASTP men are having their official army mess in the Union Cafeteria three times a day, pending completion of new kitchen facilities at the Residential Halls where they are quartered. The Cafeteria fountain is open in the afternoons for civilians, but no food is served in the Cafeteria except to the Army. Civilian students and faculty members are being served meals in a temporary buffet-style cafeteria in the Woodruff Room. The trainees, most of whom have already had some college work at other schools, fit easily into the campus routine and except for their uniforms look just like the usual cross section of college students. Actually, they look better than an average cross section, because they are selected for ability to profit from college work.

OUR BEST military intelligence from Washington, D. C., in recent weeks comes from Capt. Albert Kulp, '34law, who is assistant chief legal assistance branch, of the Office of the Judge Advocate General. He reports that Lt. Col. A. W. Riggsby, '29ba, '29law, and Capt. John B. Dudley, '35law, are serving in the same department; and Capt. Carl Albert, '31ba, is in the Air Judge Advocate's Office. Major Evans G. Nash, '34bus, is on duty in the Military Personnel Division of the Army Service Forces in the War Department. Other Sooners he sees occasionally, or has seen recently, include Major Jesse L. Hefley, '25eng, Major Maurice Hefley, '31eng; Major John R. Browne, '39law; Capt. Earl Harder, '37eng; Major Joseph G. Rucks, '36law; Capt. Scott Hammonds, '33eng, and Capt. Oliver W. Hammonds, '32ba.

NOT EXACTLY military intelligence, but something unusual is a wedding of two Army captains reported by Captain Kulp. First Officer (Captain) Peggy Williams, '35-'37, of the Women's Army Corps, was married to Capt. Gerald P. Rosen, in Washington recently. Captain Rosen is a graduate of Harvard Law School, stationed in the Judge Advocate General's department. Just to keep things on the proper plane no doubt, two captains served as ushers—Captain Kulp and Captain Dudley. Mrs. Rosen was a member of the first WAC class at Des Moines and was elected

most popular girl of the class. Also quite personal, but of interest to many Sooner friends, is the news that Captain Kulp and Mrs. Kulp (Virginia Kramer, '31ba) now have a baby son, named Victor Morris Kulp.

WE PAUSE here for a "station announcement." All readers of this issue of *Sooner Magazine* who find sins of commission (no pun) or omission in the information about 6,000 alumni in service published in this issue are earnestly requested to notify the Alumni Office at once so that the mistakes can be corrected in our records. Sooners in the service are being promoted so frequently that we probably have listed many of them in a rank or two below their present military standing. We are especially anxious to have the latest and complete information about any Sooner casualties or prisoners, and about decorations and awards received.

THANKS AGAIN to the many Sooners overseas who have taken the time and trouble to write V-mail letters to the Alumni Office . . .



AS ARTIST SEES SAILOR  
A cartoonist friend with Lt. George (Sailor) McDermitt, '42eng, in North Africa, presents his caricatured impression of the '42 Class president.

telling about some fellow-Sooner encountered "at the front door of a foxhole" . . . or the local scenery enjoyed in some far outpost . . . or the satisfaction derived in receiving the news about Sooner friends and the University through the alumni publications. —By R. C.

## The Cover

Citation accompanying China's Meritorious Medal awarded posthumously to Lt. Duane J. Clapham, '38bus. Other pictures on page 9.

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