

# ★ ★ With the Armed Forces ★ ★

PARTICIPATING in the tremendous raids on the Marshall Islands late in January were Lt. S. M. Abrams, '42bus, Miami, and Capt. Novel Wood, '37-'41, Norman.

Captain Wood, former O.U. football star, led a squadron of Mitchell bombers, flying as low as 50 feet over the target on one raid. His unit at one time fought off 25 Japanese planes over Maloelap atoll.

Lieutenant Abrams piloted a Mitchell bomber on raids over Maleolap and Taroa atolls.

## Action at Salerno Praised

An article praising the notable performance of Lt. Col. Hal Muldrow, '28bus, Norman, during the heavy fighting at Salerno appeared in the January issue of the *Beta Theta Pi* fraternity magazine.

Author of the article, entitled "He Saved Salerno," is Col. Lee B. Thompson, '27law, former member of the 45th Division now with the Air Force in the Southwest Pacific. He describes Colonel Muldrow's actions during the dark days at Salerno when Allied loss of battle seemed certain.

Colonel Muldrow was credited with turning the tide by arming his artillerymen and leading them forward as infantry to force the enemy back. For previous action in the Sicilian campaign, he was awarded the Silver Star.

## U.S.S. Naifeh to Be Launched

The Navy Department announced late in January that a ship to be launched on an undisclosed date at Orange, Texas, has been assigned the name *U.S.S. Naifeh* in honor of Lt. (jg) Alfred Naifeh, '40law, Norman, who lost his life in a Pacific Naval battle in 1942.

His mother, Mrs. Rathia Naifeh, was named sponsor of the destroyer escort and was invited to Orange to christen it. Lieutenant Naifeh was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal and the Order of the Purple Heart posthumously.

## Travels Many Miles

A letter describing conditions in the Mediterranean theater of war written by Bill Brinkley, '40journal, former reporter and special feature writer on the *Washington Post*, appeared in a recent issue of the *Post*.

Mr. Brinkley wrote that he had been over a good share of North Africa, most of Sicily, Naples and several of the islands of the Mediterranean, including Capri, Corsica, Sardinia and Malta. He estimated that he had traveled about 25,000 miles on three continents by land, sea and air during 1943.

"I have lived under about every sort of condition since leaving the United States," the reporter wrote. "One night you would sleep on the ground in a grove of trees and the next you would sleep in a lush villa in a



COVERS NEW FRONT

Tom Yarbrough, '32, veteran *Associated Press* war correspondent of the Pacific theater, is now assigned to the European area.

red-walled room with downstairs an onyx tub that came to your waist when you stepped into it."

## Visits Royal Family

Maj. George H. Shirk, '36law, Oklahoma City, general staff corps officer on duty in London, was one of 35 American officers invited to a party at Buckingham Palace the afternoon of November 24. A lengthy letter from Major Shirk to his mother, Mrs. Carrie Shirk of Oklahoma City, described the occasion in detail.

The group of officers was ushered into a large room, "with a bright cheery fire in one end, and furnished in very fine gilt and many colors. ... We sort of gathered in this room and stood and chatted for perhaps 15 minutes. ... Soon large double doors at the far end opened, and they were flanked with several rather stately equerries, in plenty of color, and many ribbons and medals." In the next room were King George, Queen Elizabeth and the Princesses Margaret Rose and Elizabeth.

Cards were passed in and each of the officers shook hands with each member of the royal family. "The King gave each a hearty handshake and all had a pleasant smile. ... From here we passed on across into a room that was laid with a great long table along one side, covered with countless crystal and silver appoint-

ments .. silver chafing dishes .. and several nice decanters with the finest Scotch."

Major Shirk had coffee and sandwiches with Lady Mountbatten, wife of Lord Louis Mountbatten, after which he chatted with King George. The King joked with Major Shirk about his being the tallest guest present. (Major Shirk is 6 feet, 4 inches tall.) About the King he wrote, "Very pleasant, easy talker, rather low, easy, steady voice, and most informal, with not too much of a smile at any time."

Next Major Shirk joined the group visiting with Queen Elizabeth, who also remarked on how high they grow them in Oklahoma. "She was most pleasant and gracious. Her complexion is beyond compare, and a perfect smile. ... Sparkling black hair, and never for a minute was that smile missing.

"About this time a most attractive creature came into the line of vision. ... it developed to be the Duchess of Kent. She reminds me of a college senior, quite the center of attraction of all the college dances, and that sort of thing. ... I was quite taken by her appearance and friendly, but still graceful and highly cultivated manner.

"The next person I ran into was Lady Astor. She is quite a character. I have met her before, and somewhere she got the idea I am from Texas, so she always calls me 'that long tall drink of water from Texas.' She turned me over to a friend of hers. ... the Duchess of Northumberland, who is mistress of the robes.

"She took me over to meet the two princesses. ... The older one looks exactly like her mother, only is not as natural and informal. She was a little bit more on her dignity. ... She appeared to me as one who will make a fine queen. ... The little girl is rather cute. ... When they heard I was from Oklahoma the conversation naturally got around to red Indians and oil, and they seemed enthused.

"Promptly at five, the band played *God Save the King*, the royal family just sort of disappeared from the group and the party was over."

## Ship's Captain

Lt. Carl Carmichael, '33-'40, Norman, has been placed in command of a Naval vessel after completing training courses at Little Creek, Virginia, and Key West, Florida.

Lieutenant Carmichael received his ensign's commission at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, in 1940. He was stationed in the British West Indies and on board a mine sweeper as executive officer before returning to shore duty for further training.

## Decorations

Lt. William G. Snoddy, '37-'38, We-woka, received the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters for service as a bombardier aboard a Flying Fortress in the Mediterranean theater of war.

Former electrician at Denison, Texas, Lieutenant Snoddy went overseas in April, 1943. His brother, Lt. Richard A. Snoddy, '37-'38, an Army Air Force pilot, is missing in action in the South Pacific.

► Capt. Lemuel D. (Bill) Thomas, '41ba, Ringling, received the Silver Star for gallantry during the action at Kasserine Pass in North Africa where he commanded a Field Artillery battery.

Captain Thomas later participated in the invasion of Sicily. His wife, the former Harriett Collins, '40fa, lives in El Reno.

► Lt. Bill N. Gray, '39-'41, Fort Worth, Texas, was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster after completing 75 fighting missions against the Japanese in the Southwest Pacific.

He also holds the Air Medal, awarded after 25 missions, and the Distinguished Flying Cross, given after 50. He received his commission at Foster Field, Texas.

► The Ordnance Company commanded by Lt. George McDermitt, '42eng, Norman, received the personal commendation of General Mark Clark for the excellence of its work as a unit of the Fifth Army.

Lieutenant McDermitt, first stationed in North Africa, has taken part in the invasions of Sicily and Italy. Word was received that he had been awarded the Purple Heart.

► Lt. John R. Couch, '40law, Oklahoma City, holds the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters for service as an Air Force bombardier-navigator over Sicily and Italy.

He received his commission in September, 1942, and participated in the "softening-up" raids on Sicily and Italy before the invasion took place.

► Lt. John F. Reed, '40law, Oklahoma City attorney now in the Navy, received a citation for the planning and execution of a boat group assault during the Sicilian invasion.

Lieutenant Reed was on duty at Manila at the outbreak of war and saw action in the Dutch East Indies, Australia and the Solomon Islands before returning to the United States. He participated in the recent Battle of Salerno.

► Lt. Jack R. Hodge, '41bus, Oklahoma City, member of an Ordnance unit, has been cited by the French government for setting up an assembly line for American Lend-Lease vehicles for the French Army.

He participated in the invasion of Italy after serving in North Africa.

► Lt. Corwin V. Edwards, '39law, Oklahoma City, received the Silver Star for gallantry in action with the 45th Division in Italy.

The accompanying citation stated that he directed artillery fire under heavy enemy shelling for six hours although wounded at the time. He entered service when the National Guard was mobilized in 1940.

► Capt. Allan Engleman, '36bus, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery battery commander, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his part in the Battle of Tunisia. He recently returned to the United States.

Captain Engleman was one of the first Americans to enter Bizerte in the early days of the North African campaign and his battery was the only Field Artillery unit which the Free French Forces had before Bizerte and Tunis.

He was formerly associated with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Dallas and while attending the University was business manager of the 1936 *Sooner Yearbook*.

► Lt. (jg) Raymond P. Gahan, '41, Blackwell, Navy pilot in the Solomon Islands, received the Navy Air Medal for meritorious achievement while serving with a bombing squadron against the Japanese.

The citation stated that Lieutenant Gahan assisted his squadron in sinking four

destroyers and severely damaging a light cruiser.

► Lt. Melvin M. Anderson, '39-'40, Oilton, of the Troop Carrier Command, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for service with the Air Force in the Southwest Pacific.

He was cited for heroism and outstanding accomplishments during more than 50 missions which included the transporting of troops and the delivery of supplies in areas patrolled by enemy aircraft.

Former pilot with the Boeing Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kansas, Lieutenant Anderson also holds the Air Medal.

► Lt. Col. J. P. Rousek, '35-'37, Muskogee, received the Silver Star in ceremonies at an unidentified base in the South Pacific. Presentation was made by Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, Fifth Air Force commander.

Colonel Rousek also holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Order of the Purple Heart and the Air Medal. He served in the Panama Canal Zone before transfer to Australia.

► Lt. (jg) Jack W. Thomas, '41, Oilton, Navy pilot, received the Navy Air Medal for the excellence of his work in the Solomon Islands area.

He led his flight on 25 combat missions and personally accounted for two enemy planes. Presentation of the medal was made at Melbourne, Florida, where Lieutenant Thomas is stationed.

► Lt. Clarence B. Gregg, '38-'40, dive bomber pilot in the Solomons, received the Navy Air Medal for achievements against the Japanese while attached to a Naval aircraft group.

Lieutenant Gregg made seven attacks against enemy air bases in that area, all against heavy anti-aircraft fire. He was recently transferred to duty at Norfolk, Virginia.

► The Air Medal awarded posthumously to Capt. J. Sachse Wallace, '36-'40, Tuttle, was recently presented to his baby daughter Susan in ceremonies held at Will Rogers Field near Oklahoma City.

Captain Wallace received the award for extraordinary achievement while participating in more than 200 hours of anti-submarine patrol. He was first reported missing after failing to return from a patrol over the Atlantic but later was announced as killed in action.

In the same ceremonies at Will Rogers Field, Glen L. Dark, Oklahoma City, father of Lt. Glen L. Dark, Jr., '41, who was killed in action in North Africa, received his son's posthumous awards of the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Sgt. Robert Perry Moss, '40, Duncan, of the Marine Corps, was cited for meritorious performance of duty by Admiral W. F. Halsey, commander of Navy forces in the Southwest Pacific.

The award was presented for his ser-



SERVES IN IRAN

*This picture of Sgt. J. Horace Davis, '42geol, came to the Alumni Office all the way from Iran where he is stationed.*

vice with a Marine photographic squadron attached to an aircraft wing operating in the Solomon Islands area. Sergeant Moss is a veteran of the initial action on Guadalcanal.

► Lt. Gene Adams, '40-'42, Norman, pilot with the India-China wing of the Army Air Force, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious action against the enemy.

► Capt. Walker L. Boone, '37-'40, Wyandotte, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service with the Eighth Air Force over Europe. Flight leader of a Fighter wing, Captain Boone has been on 50 missions against the enemy, often as escort to Flying Fortresses on bombing raids. He was awarded the Flying Cross at his base in England.

► Tech. Sgt. Rupert J. Daugherty, Jr., '32-'33, Bartlesville, aerial gunner and radio operator with a bombardment squadron, received the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in 100 hours of operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific.

The citation from Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, Air Force commander in that area, stated that Sergeant Daugherty has taken part in raids on enemy airdromes and installations and attacks on enemy shipping.

► Presentation of five additional medals to Lt. Amos Battenfield, '41journ, veteran of more than 50 combat missions against the Japanese, took place in a formal military review at the Liberal Army Air Field in Kansas. Lieutenant Battenfield received an Oak Leaf Cluster denoting a second award of the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Oak Leaf Clusters to add to the Air Medal he already held.

► Lt. Melvin M. Anderson, '39-'40, Oilton, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for service "in the face of great danger, above and beyond the line of duty." The citation mentioned that he had gone on more than 50 missions to convey supplies to isolated points and transport troops through enemy-patrolled territory.

► Maj. Jack Romerman, '40law, Oklahoma City, intelligence officer in the Army Air Force, received a commendation for the excellence of his work during the fighting at Salerno. He received a similar commendation for action in the North African campaign. Mrs. Romerman is the former Janice Lee Huston, '40fa.

► Capt. Warren Morris, '41phys.ed, Tulsa, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action with the Marine Corps in the Southwest Pacific. Former O.U. star baseball pitcher now with a Marine Artillery unit, he was with the first troops to land on the Solomon Islands, but recently was transferred from there.

► Comdr. Ira E. Hobbs, '18-'19, Marlow, received the Silver Star for heroic action as commanding officer of a U.S. warship during an attack by Japanese bombers in the Santa Cruz Islands vicinity. The citation stated that when Commander Hobbs' ship

was severely damaged by fire and flooding he "coolly and tenaciously continued to fight against overwhelming odds until he eventually succeeded in saving the vessel and her personnel."

► Lt. Col. William H. Amspacher, '36 med, Norman, was awarded the Legion of Merit in England for his work as an Army Medical Corps officer in Africa and Sicily. Colonel Amspacher was transferred from Sicily to England to recuperate from an illness.

► Staff Sgt. John S. Channell, '39-'40, Binger, tail gunner on the Flying Fortress *Forget-Me-Not II*, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for the destruction of three enemy fighters during one flight. The entire crew of the Fortress is credited with destroying ten Nazi fighters on that one mission over Bremen.

Sergeant Channell, who also holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, entered the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941 and transferred to the U.S. Army Air Force last June.

► Lt. John Coenen, '41, Sapulpa, returned to the United States from service with the Air Force in England decorated with the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was assigned to an Army Hospital to recover from a back injury.

His back was first injured when he parachuted from his spinning plane onto an English hillside and his parachute failed to open until he was nearly on the ground. Later he twisted his back while maneuvering away from a group of Focke-Wulfs while on a raid over Emden, Germany.

► Lt. John S. Walker, '38-'41, Okemah, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters for extraordinary achievement as an Air Force fighter pilot in the North African campaign. The citation stated that during more than 60 sorties against the enemy he "proved himself one of the most daring and skillful of P-40 pilots." Lieutenant Walker was recently stationed at the Army Air Base at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

► Capt. William H. Hoover, '38-'40, Altus, has been awarded an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his work with the Bomber Command in the Southwest Pacific. He also holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and is credited with 207 hours of combat.

► Capt. Harry H. Alley, '27law, member of a Fighter squadron in England, has received the Air Medal for his combat record during 16 months of service with the Eighth Air Force in the European theater. His brother, Lt. John N. Alley, '33ba, '34ma, of the Field Artillery, has been stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. They are the sons of John H. Alley, University government professor.

► Maj. Gilbert O. Halsey, '29-'30, with the Eighth Air Force in England, holds a collection of decorations including the British Distinguished Flying Cross, the American Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He was

credited with 300 hours of anti-German operations.

► Maj. Francis R. Thompson, '37-'40, El Reno, veteran of the Pacific aerial war, has received an Oak Leaf Cluster to add to the Distinguished Flying Cross, an Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Order of the Purple Heart. He served overseas with the Army Air Forces for two years and four months. He is now stationed at Lawson Field, Georgia.

## Deaths in Service

Staff Sgt. Jack A. Sellers, '40-'41, Holdenville, former arts and sciences student in the University, was killed October 1 in the crash of an Army plane near Elk, California.

He enlisted in the Air Force a few days after Pearl Harbor. Before entering the University, he was associated with the *Holdenville Daily News*.

► Lt. Gus Kitchens, '38-'42, Sasakwa, Air Force pilot reported missing in action early in 1942, has been listed officially as killed in action by the War Department.

Lieutenant Kitchen's plane was last seen dive-bombing a munitions dump at Lae, New Guinea, and is believed to have crashed after releasing its bomb load.

Former O. U. football star, he was an arts and sciences student in the University. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Icenah M. Kitchens of Sasakwa.

► Lt. Tom W. Jackson, '34-'35, Tipton, navigator on a bomber, was killed in action with the Army Air Force in India on November 25. He held the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

Promoted in October to first lieutenant, he was transferred to India in March, 1943. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jackson, Tipton, and a brother, Lt. Stanley Jackson, on duty in Northern Ireland.

► Lt. Robert Gray Hamilton, '33-'35, Dallas, Texas, glider pilot, was killed in a plane crash near the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base, North Carolina, on December 23.

He received his commission at Victorville, California, and has been in service for three years. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Nelle Hamilton of Dallas.

► Lt. Stevie E. Hughes, '40-'41, Altus, test pilot with the Air Service Command, was killed in an airplane crash near Hollis, Oklahoma, on December 24 while flying home for a Christmas visit.

He had flown from his post of duty at Hill Field, Ogden, Utah, and was less than 30 miles from home when the accident occurred. Officials at the Army Air Base at Childress, Texas, said the plane's emergency landing lights were on, probably indicating trouble, when it flew over that field.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lannie Hughes of Altus.

► Cpl. H. B. Lanning, Jr., '39-'41, Nowata, a veteran of the Guadalcanal campaign, was reported killed in action with the Marine Corps in the Southwest Pacific. He was a former journalism student in the University.

► Lt. Bernice C. Northcutt, '39-'42, Marine flier from Lexington, Oklahoma, was killed December 30 in a plane crash near DeLand, Florida. He was stationed at Pensacola, Florida, for special dive-bombing training.

Before entering service in September, 1942, Lieutenant Northcutt was a pre-medical student in the University. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Northcutt of Lexington, and three brothers, Lt. Carol R. Northcutt, '38-'39, San Angelo, Texas; Maj. Clarence D. Northcutt, '38law, in England, and O. V. Northcutt, '37-'41, petty officer first class stationed at White Plains, New York.

► Cpl. Ernest E. Gunter, '33-'34, Hammon, Oklahoma, was killed in action in Italy on December 20 while serving as a member of the Seaforth Highlanders of the Canadian Army. He had been overseas for 19 months.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Gunter of Hammon, his wife and baby daughter Sally of Weatherford, and a brother, Capt. Warren T. Gunter, '29-'34, with the Army Air Force at Gainesville, Texas.

► Sgt. Henry M. Porteous, '40, Calgary, Canada, was killed on a raid over Berlin on September 4 while serving as an aerial observer with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Porteous of Calgary. News of their son's death came to them through the International Red Cross.

► Capt. Abraham R. Johnston, '33-'37, Corpus Christi, Texas, was killed December 14 in the crash of an Army bomber at Omaha, Nebraska. On December 15 he was to have graduated as a B-24 pilot from Tarrant Field, Fort Worth, Texas.

Captain Johnston entered the Army with a Field Artillery commission in 1940. He later transferred to the Military Police and still later to the Air Force, receiving his pilot's wings at Pampa, Texas, on October 1, 1943.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Susan S. Johnston, '26ed, Sand Springs; two sisters, Mrs. Patricia Johnston Hoffer, '31fa, San Diego, California, and Suzanne J. Fisher, Canton, Mississippi, '24-'32, and a brother, Maj. L. A. Sybert Johnston, '36med, Del Rio, Texas.

► Warren Edward Daniel, '29, Santa Fe, New Mexico, was killed November 26 in the collision of a training plane and a bomber near Blythe, California.

Mr. Daniel, a flying instructor, had taken a student up to practice rolls. They were



SEES HISTORIC ISLAND  
Betty Coleman, '40phys.ed., (left) overseas with the Red Cross, visits the Isle of Capri with friends.

flying upside-down when the bomber, going into a power dive, crashed into them.

Survivors include Mrs. Arteola B. Daniel, '29fa, dramatics director of Santa Fe High School, and Vaughn Carl Daniel, '29, who is with the Army in the Pacific.

► Lt. Melvin H. Breckenridge, '40, Pond Creek, navigator on a bomber, was reported killed on a bombing raid over Germany by the War Department. Previously listed as missing in action, his death was confirmed by the International Red Cross.

Lieutenant Breckenridge held the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Survivors include his wife and small daughter, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Breckenridge, all of Pond Creek.

► Staff Sgt. Leon D. Jeffers, '39-'40, Paden, gunner on a bomber, was killed in a raid over Germany on December 1. He was first listed as missing in action until the International Red Cross received notification of his death.

Sergeant Jeffers enlisted in the Army Air Force two years ago. Survivors include his grandmother, Mrs. V. T. Jeffers, Paden, and several brothers and sisters.

► Word has been received of the death last July of Lt. Joe S. Rawlins, '39, Ardmore, who was a pilot stationed at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was killed while flying in search of a group of Army pilots lost in that vicinity. Survivors include his father, Sam A. Rawlins, Ardmore, and his wife, of Houston.

► Lt. Tom Webb Jackson, '34-'35, Tipton, navigator on a bomber, was killed last November in India during action with the Tenth Air Force. He held the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded for his participation in long-range bombing attacks against enemy installations in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire and under adverse weather conditions.

Lieutenant Jackson was transferred to

India in March, 1943. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jackson of Tipton.

► Lt. Harrison Smith, Jr., '42bus, Oklahoma City, Marine Corps pilot, was reported killed in action in the Southwest Pacific theater by the Navy Department.

Lieutenant Smith entered the Naval Air Service and was commissioned an ensign in May, 1943. He transferred immediately to the Marine Corps and trained at Cherry Point, North Carolina, before going overseas last fall. He was promoted to first lieutenant before leaving.

At the University Lieutenant Smith was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Smith of Oklahoma City.

## Missing in Action

Lt. Sam Maupin, '39-'40, Oklahoma City pilot, was listed as missing in action a second time after a report of his rescue from the North Sea was declared erroneous.

Lieutenant Maupin was first announced as missing after a Flying Fortress piloted by him failed to return from a raid over Berlin. Erroneous news of his rescue which followed was corrected by Lieutenant Maupin's co-pilot who reported that he saw only two crew members, both sergeants, leave the plane before it crashed into the sea.

The pilot attended Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, and played football while attending Classen High School in Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Charles Roy Mertz, '40, Ponca City, fighter pilot in the Southwest Pacific area, has been reported missing in action. Word was sent to his wife and parents in Ponca City by a friend in the same area with an Engineers unit and from a relative who was a member of Lieutenant Mertz's squadron.

► Tech. Sgt. Clarence W. Vaughn, Jr., '40-'41, radioman and gunner on a Flying Fortress, has been reported missing in action in the Mediterranean theater. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vaughn of Oklahoma City.

► Sgt. Carl Roop, '39-'42, Heavener, gunner on a Marauder bomber based in England, was listed as missing in action after his failure to return from a raid over occupied Europe in December. He is a former engineering student in the University. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roop of Heavener.

## Prisoners of War

Messages from several alumni held prisoner by the Japanese government were received by their families in Oklahoma.

► A card from Pvt. Gareth E. Ruggles, '40ed, to his parents in Oklahoma City stated that he had received no mail since being captured in the Philippine Islands two years ago. He wrote, "Health improving... Have library, phonographs.

Got some Red Cross food and medicine. Everybody write! Including O. U. friends."

He added that he is working in a small clothing factory. Private Ruggles' address is 287th Prisoner of War, Tokyo Camp No. 3, in care of the National Red Cross, New York, New York. Letters of no more than 25 words may be written to him.

► On December 22 the War Department intercepted and recorded a radio broadcast by Capt. Clifford C. Hines, '34, Norman, a prisoner at the camp near Shikoku, Japan.

He reported that he is in good health, and that the 20 Oklahomans interned in the camp have formed a club. Captain Hines was taken prisoner at Corregidor.

► On a similar broadcast, picked up by an amateur radio operator on the west coast, Capt. Alex Welcher, '40geol, Norman, sent a message home.

► Shortly before Christmas Mrs. Ralph W. Hubbard, Oklahoma City, received three cards from her husband, Maj. Ralph W. Hubbard, '32med, who was taken prisoner in the Philippines. He stated that his health is fair and that he is improving under treatment.

► A card from Lt. George L. Verity, '37law, McLoud, the first from him since his capture, was received by this family. He was first imprisoned in the Philippine Islands after being captured at Corregidor, but was later transferred to Japan.

► Reported to be prisoners of the German government were Lt. Herschel Higgins, '40, Duncan; Lt. Hobart G. Osburn, '40-'41, Enid; Beverly Robert Polk, '38-'40, Alex, Oklahoma, and Lt. Ralph Casey, '34-'35, Guthrie.

► Lieutenant Higgins, a Flying Fortress pilot, was taken prisoner after failing to return from a raid over Germany in October.

► An Air Force navigator, Lieutenant Osborn was missing in action after a bombing raid over Greece on October 8 but later was reported captured.

► Mr. Polk, a member of the Air Force, is being held at a prison camp designated as Stalagluft Number 3. Through the World Student Service Fund he has applied for a correspondence course in geology from the University.

► Lieutenant Casey, Flying Fortress bombardier, was listed as missing in action after a raid on Hanover, Germany, on October 4.

► Lt. Hubert W. Fraker, '39-'42, Pine Valley, bombardier with the Air Force in England, was reported taken prisoner by the Germans following a raid over Kiel, Germany, in January. He was previously listed as missing in action.

Lieutenant Fraker is a former O.U. journalism student. Mrs. Fraker (Carol Cook, '40he), whose home is in Wilburton, lives in Oklahoma City.

► A message has been received from Lt. Paul Geer, '34-'39, Oklahoma City, a prisoner in Japan, by his mother, Mrs. A. J. Moore of Oklahoma City. The message came by short wave from Zentsuji prison camp on Shikoku Island, and was picked up by the Provost Marshal General's office in Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant Geer said that he is in good health, and sent his regards to all his Oklahoma friends. He was stationed in the Philippines with an Air Force Bombardment squadron in 1941.

### Injured in Service

Lt. Harry P. Frantz, '41bus, Enid, of the Field Artillery, has been listed by the War Department as wounded in action in the Mediterranean theater. No details were released. Mrs. Frantz is the former Mary Lee Winters, '42.

► Lt. Leland S. Cope, Jr., '38-'41, McAlester, was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Tennessee while en route last month from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Oklahoma. He was taken to the Army Hospital at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Early unofficial reports revealed that he suffered three skull fractures and a broken jaw. Lieutenant Cope was coming home to be with his father, who was seriously ill in a McAlester hospital.

► Staff Sgt. Benjamin J. (Jack) Rumpel, '30-'33, Oklahoma City, was seriously wounded in action in Italy on November 6. No details of his injury or treatment were made public. Sergeant Rumpel went overseas with the 45th Division last May.

### Back From Battlefronts

Lt. Col. J. Clark Selman, '38bus, Oklahoma City, was home on leave in February after more than two years' service in Australia and New Guinea with the Air Force.

Colonel Selman landed in Darwin, Australia, on February 2, 1942, and was stationed there for seven months before going to New Guinea. There he flew on numerous patrol missions and escorted bombers on missions against Japanese installations.

"I ran into more old friends down there—fellows I knew at home and went to school with at Norman—than I can find here now," Colonel Selman said after returning to Oklahoma City.

► Capt. Donald D. Hickman, '37law, Kaw, Oklahoma, of the Judge Advocate General's department in England and North Africa, has been transferred to Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., for treatment of X-ray burns on his jawbone.

### Parachutes to Safety

Lt. James T. Dorland, '41, Norman, was a member of the crew of a twin-engine trainer which parachuted to safety when their plane ran out of fuel near Wrightsville, Georgia.

The landing field was obscured by smoke from a nearby forest fire and the pilot, Lt. William F. Arnold, son of screen actor Ed-

ward Arnold, was unable to set the plane down. "All that we could see were the many fires," Lieutenant Dorland said. "We just picked a spot where they were thinned out and jumped, which I was anxious to do."

The plane was on a training flight from Ellington Field, Texas, to Warner Robins, Georgia.

### Promotions

Recently promoted from the rank of major were Lt. Col. Jack F. Burnett, '39med, formerly on the staff of the Scott-White Hospital at Temple, Texas, now a Medical Corps officer with the 14th Air Force; Lt. Col. Robert J. Ahern, '37-'38, El Reno, director of training at the Army Air Forces bombardier school at San Angelo, Texas.

And Lt. Col. Leroy H. Sadler, '29med, former Oklahoma City physician with the Medical Corps at Service Command headquarters in Dallas; Lt. Col. Hubert S. Judy, Jr., '40bus, Woodward, formerly with the Oklahoma Gas and Electric company, now with the Bomber Command in England, and Lt. Col. Maurice Hefley, '31eng, Norman, on duty at an Ordnance depot in Puerto Rico. Mrs. Hefley, the former Etta Anderson, '31led, and their children are living in Camden, Arkansas, while Colonel Hefley is overseas.

Among Sooners in the service the following have been advanced to the rank of major: Paul A. Fisher, '36-'40, Norman, Field Artillery, Fort Sill; D. H. Bridges, '39fa, Camp Forrest, Tennessee; Robert K. Black, '35bus, Coast Artillery, North Pacific; Marvin E. Owens, '37eng, Miami, Raritan Arsenal, Metuchen, New Jersey; Bob T. Hughes, '33pharm, '33ph.c, Apache, Fort Dix, New Jersey, and Basil Shirley, '28-'32, Ardmore, overseas.

Carl R. Johnson, '26-'31, Skiatook, Quartermaster Depot, Fort Worth, Texas; Kenneth W. Rees, '40eng, Edmond, Camp Swift, Texas; Al D. Sims, '33bus, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery, Italy; Perry Fred Sollars, '40geol, Norman, MacDill Field, Florida; Waldo W. Montgomery, '29-'34, Field Artillery, overseas; Phillip W. Horn, '34ba, Ardmore, Medical Corps, overseas, and Cullie B. Harris, '41eng, Willow, Oklahoma, Air Force, overseas.

Newly advanced to the rank of captain are the following: John C. Voorhees, '38, Oklahoma City, Fort McIntosh, Texas; Robert L. Krueger, '41, Oklahoma City, Pendleton Field, Oregon; Francis Stewart, '41eng, Muskogee, Camp Bowie, Texas; J. R. Edgington, '39law, Ponca City, Fort Sill; Bill Selvidge, '42law, Ardmore, 8th Air Force, and Frank Lynn Killingsworth, '30-'35, Seminole, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Wilbur E. McMurry, '41eng, Wichita, Kansas, overseas; William R. Lavery, '41eng, Okmulgee, overseas; Charles S. Storms, '42bus, Waurika, Memphis, Tennessee; Gerald H. Galbreath, Jr., '40law, Tulsa, overseas; Harm Musgrave, '34bus, Elk City, Fort Bliss, Texas; Jackson A. Kinnebrew, '35ba, Pauls Valley, Fort Sill, and Worth B. McCauley, '31law, Oklahoma City, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Thelma Forbes, '37nurse, Custer, Army Nurse Corps, Camp Berkeley, Texas; L. G. Johnson, '35med, Oklahoma City, Will Rogers Field; Roy Tant, '38-'39, Grandfield, Topeka, Kansas; A. R. Sellers, '28ba, Oklahoma City, overseas; Jack L. Ridley, '39eng, Sulphur, Fort Worth, Texas, and John S. Barwick, '23geol, Guthrie, overseas.

Edward A. Bartolina, '29eng, Henryetta, China-Burma-India Air Service Command; Guy E. Chapman, '32geol, Norman, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; Robert M. Hippard, '42eng, Tulsa, overseas, and Archie Swanson, '39-'41, Muskogee, veteran of the aerial war in the Southwest Pacific. Captain Swanson recently returned to the United States and was sent to the Air Forces Redistribution Center at

Miami Beach, Florida. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals.

Paul Park, '38-'39, Noble, pilot with a bombardment squadron in England, and Samuel G. Payte, Jr., '41ed, Centrahoma, at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Wolters, Texas, have been promoted to first lieutenant.

New staff sergeants are Gilbert W. Knecht, '38-'41, Heavener, with the Air Force overseas; Howard G. Newman, '31-'33, with the Marine Corps at Camp Kearney, San Diego, California, and Tucker E. Miller, '42, Norman, with the Air Force in Iceland. Promoted to sergeant were Bill Tooke, '42-'43, Tulsa, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; J. L. Terrell, '42, Woodward, with a Marine unit at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman; George M. Dinkler, '33ph.c, Hennessey, overseas, and William M. Oakley, '41-'43, Barnsdall, overseas.

Other promotions in the non-commissioned ranks included Larry Varvel, '41bus, Bartlesville, overseas, to corporal; C. Harlan Dunn, '41eng, Oklahoma City, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, to technician fourth grade, and Alvin H. Smith, '38journ, former Shawnee newspaperman now overseas, to corporal.

In the Navy, the following alumni have been given the second full stripe of the full lieutenant: Everett Goins, '35ba, Yukon, in the Mediterranean theater; John W. Wade, '40bus, Bristow, on foreign duty; Joe Y. Allen, '40eng, Oklahoma City, on foreign duty, and Frank Crider, '30ba, O.U. freshman football coach on leave for duty at the Naval Air Station in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Promoted to lieutenant junior grade were the following: Bill W. Jones, '40bus, Bartlesville, Armed Guard Center, San Francisco; Harold Shoemaker, '36law, Muskogee, veteran of Naval action at Sicily and Salerno; Clarence M. Banks, '39bus, Altus, Naval Air Transport Service, Pacific; D. L. Lassiter, '40geol, Dallas, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California; James Quattlebaum, '38bus, Chickasha, at sea, and Keith I. Hibner, '39arch, '39eng, Bartlesville, on active duty with a Naval Construction Battalion.

Charles C. Roberts, Jr., '41ba, Pawnee, at sea; Terryl F. Voiles, '42geol, Hooker, at sea; John E. Carter, '31bus, Guthrie, in the South Pacific; Mac O. Boring, Jr., '37eng, Fort Worth, at sea; David C. Matthews, '42law, Eufaula, Brooklyn, New York; Carl P. Shortall, '24ph.g, Oklahoma City, overseas, and Richard E. Vernor, '39ba, Muskogee, on duty in the Pacific at a Navy base gunnery office. Lieutenant Vernor entered service with the Marine Corps and later transferred to the Navy. As a Marine, he qualified as an expert rifleman and a sharpshooter with a .45.

## Overseas

Ensign Howard B. Upton, '43ba, Tahlequah, has been on Naval duty in England since November, 1943. His duties—as armory officer, passive defense officer, chemical warfare officer, mess treasurer, recorder in summary courts-martial and assistant communications officer—have taken him from one end of the kingdom to the other. Ensign Upton has found that British officers know more about American government than he does. Anent Anglo-American relations he wrote, "We all criticize the English for the results of their business dealings with us. I'm now convinced that we have only ourselves to blame; ours is the club to wield; we have the resources and money to dictate; we have let them outmaneuver us in international business. We are hard-headed horse traders at home, but internationally we're easy."

A recent dispatch from the Italian front concerning the capture of members of the German army who are not Germans by

birth mentioned Maj. Roy Hickox, '35ba, former editor of the *Guthrie Leader* now with the public relations division of Allied headquarters in Italy. The dispatch said that many so-called "ersatz Germans," Poles, Austrians, etc., give themselves up willingly to American forces. Major Hickox' favorite prisoner of war yarn is about the solemn young Polish soldier who was embarrassed because he could not give Allied intelligence officers all the information they wanted about German troop movements, emplacements, arms, etc. In all seriousness he said, "If I had known you wanted to know all those things I would have taken down notes."

Capt. Nat Parham, '34-'41, Norman, Ferry Command pilot on the South America-Africa run, recently flew Pat O'Brien and Fredric March on a U.S.O. trip and took Secretary of War Frank Knox on an official trip to South America.

Capt. Samuel Hughes, '36-'37, Albuquerque, New Mexico, is stationed in Northern Ireland as a statistical officer with a unit of the Eighth Air Force. Also in Northern Ireland is Capt. Walter K. Candice, '35-'37, Maysville.

Lt. Fred R. Hirzel, Jr., '41law, former Guthrie attorney, is in England as an Army Air Force intelligence officer.

Lt. Quinn M. Dickason, '27law, Tulsa,



THEY HELP PROTECT PANAMA

These five Oklahoma fighter pilots were recently assigned to strengthen the forces protecting installations in the Panama Canal Zone. Included are (below, left to right) Lt. Robert W. Cason, '36-'38, Ada; Lt. A. J. Hensley, Arcadia, and Lt. W. H. Wilson, Oklahoma City; and (above, left to right) Lt. Robert Chadderdon, '40-'42, Bristow, and Lt. Richard Evans, '43, Oklahoma City.

has been appointed assistant staff judge advocate of the Northwest Service Command at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada.

Capt. D. W. Mackie, '36-'40, Piedmont, Oklahoma, is stationed in Teheran, Iran, with the Quartermaster Corps.

Lt. Charles H. Neff, '33eng, Kiowa, Kansas, is on Naval duty in the Mediterranean area. He participated in the landings on Sicily and Italy. Serving with the Army in Italy are Capt. John W. Johnson, '34bus, Oklahoma City; Lt. John D. Saint, '39bus, Nashville, Tennessee, and Capt. Harold B. Witten, '36med, Harrah, with the Medical Corps.

Lt. Neel J. Price, '42med, Oklahoma City, is a Medical Corps officer attached to an Infantry unit in North Africa.

Lt. Jewel B. Salle, '30nurse, formerly of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is on duty with the Army Nurse Corps in the South Pacific. Others in the Pacific area are Lt. Willis A. Bynum, '39-'42, Oklahoma City, with a Bombardment squadron; Capt. R. P. Messenger, '38med, Holdenville, Medical Corps officer, and Lt. Norman Reynolds, '41ba, Oklahoma City, with the Field Artillery.

Recently assigned to unidentified stations overseas were the following: Lt. Houston Levers, '42journal, Oklahoma City, an Air Force bombardier; Lt. Frank Plater, '40bus, Oklahoma City; Capt. Tom F. Hendricks, '40bus, Antlers, Air Force; Lt. Harold B. Tiller, '42bus, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery; Capt. E. W. Smith, '38law, a Medical group; Master Sgt. James P. Larimore, '42bus, Oklahoma City, Troop Carrier Command, and Capt. William A. Stubbs, '41law, Tulsa, Armored Field Artillery.

Capt. John J. McCafferty, '41bus, Oklahoma City; Lt. John P. McNaughton, '39ba, Miami, Field Artillery; Capt. Milton N. Meyer, '34-'39, Nowata, Field Artillery; Maj. Victor L. Glines, '16-'17, Anti-aircraft; Col. Arthur E. White, '32med, Medical Corps; Capt. J. P. Reed, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, Tank Destroyer Corps; Capt. Marcus M. Ravitch, '30ba, Baltimore, Maryland, Medical Corps; Maj. H. R. Christy, '34, Oklahoma City, Air Force, and First Sgt. Richard A. Hays, '31-'35, Quartermaster Corps.

Lt. Harold H. Taft, '35-'39, Norman, Air Force; Maj. William B. Vaughan, '34bus, Wynnewood, Air Force; Pfc. Robert K. Hallett, '43, Duncan, Air Force; Lt. James P. Neal, Jr., '40-'41, El Reno, Medical Administrative Corps; Lt. John B. Doolin, '42law, Alva, Field Artillery; Lt. Carl Fischbein, '43bus, Cedarhurst, New York, Field Artillery, and Lt. James L. Quong, '39-'40, Norman, Infantry.

Lt. Gene Levy, '37ba, Muldrow, Air Force; Lt. Bill Shultz, '38-'39, Holdenville, Air Force; Lt. Robert J. Butts, '42bus, Enid, Army Service Forces; Capt. Morris H. Russak, '39eng, Muskogee; Lt. Ralph D. Wilson, '39-'40, Wynnewood, Air Force; Capt. Sidney Rothman, '35, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, Medical Corps; Capt. Emil F. Meis, '37bus, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery; Lt. R. E. Blaschke, '42, Norman, Air

Transport Command, and Sgt. F. Leslie Potter, '39med, Altus, Air Force.

Capt. M. E. McGovern, '35-'40, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery; Lt. Donald E. Powers, '41, Tryon, Oklahoma, Air Force; Lt. Beverly J. Belisle, '42, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery; Cpl. Jacob W. Fees, '43 pharm, Pond Creek; Lt. Joseph E. Harmon, '42pharm, Frederick, Medical Administrative Corps; Capt. Vern R. James, '37, Norman; Maj. D. L. Hayes, '37eng, Capron, Oklahoma, and Capt. Dan R. Owen, '34bus, Oklahoma City, Tank Destroyer Corps.

Capt. Frank W. Ozment, Jr., '37pharm, Okmulgee, Tank Destroyer Corps; Capt. Ray T. Figley, '30bus, Hastings, Field Artillery; Maj. Max E. Billingsley, '39bus, Wayne, Field Artillery; Robert J. Kurau, '42bs, Atlantic Highland, New Jersey, Army Transport Service; Lt. Neale V. Lamb, '38eng, Bristow, Ordnance; Pvt. Clark H. Ice, '41ms, Oklahoma City; Lt. Col. E. H. (Bud) Larecy, '26, Seminole, a Corps headquarters staff, and Pfc. G. Allyn Bridges, '43, Bartlesville, Air Force.

### Army

Concern over the difficulty of eradicating malaria in the United States after infected soldiers return to their homes was expressed by Lt. Col. S. F. Wildman, '24med, former

Oklahoma City physician, upon his return to the United States from North Africa recently. Colonel Wildman was with the supply division of the Medical Corps in Africa, where, he said, malaria was responsible for more casualties among the men than any other single factor. He is afraid that men with malaria will scatter before they recover, and that eradication of the disease will prove a difficult problem. Colonel Wildman himself had two attacks of malaria while in North Africa.

Lt. Comdr. Neville Bowers, '39med, Oklahoma City, returned to the United States last month from the Southwest Pacific, where he has been serving with the Navy Medical Corps since the first days of the war. He has been stationed on board the U.S.S. Saratoga, at Guadalcanal, and more recently on Tarawa and the Gilbert Islands. Upon returning to this country he went to Washington, D. C., for reassignment.

Frank O'Halloran, '39-'41, Cordell, has received a medical discharge from the Army after serving as a dental technician fifth grade in Sicily. He spent five months in Army hospitals as the result of an accidental injury received there. He plans to enter the University of Wisconsin Dental School.

Robert G. Armstrong, '42ma, Cincinnati, Ohio, technician fourth grade in the Infantry, was stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

Sgt. James P. Sessions, '33ba, Okmulgee, is on duty in a base operations office of the Air Service Command at Brookley Field, Alabama.

Aviation Cadet G. D. Reavis, '40-'43, Shawnee, has been transferred to the Air Force Flying Training Detachment at Tucson, Arizona.

Lt. Richard P. Schorman, '42eng, Duke Center, Pennsylvania, was on duty with an Ordnance Maintenance battalion at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Maj. Patrick Nagle, '28med, former Oklahoma City physician who recently returned from 18 months' duty in the Southwest Pacific, is on the staff of the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Pfc. Sam R. Dritch, '39-'41, Enid, has been transferred to Camp Cooke, California, where he is with an Ordnance Automotive Maintenance company.

Capt. Thomas Finney, '36law, Bartlesville, has been on maneuvers in California, with headquarters at Iron Mountain.

Lt. Chester Force, '42bus, Norman, has been transferred to a Field Artillery regiment at Needles, California.

At Fort Ord, California, were Lt. Irvin M. Garwood, '40bus, Blackwell; Lt. Louis J. Kiriopoulos, '43ba, Oklahoma City, and Lt. C. A. Lavery, '41eng, Cushing.

Pfc. Joseph Kreisler, '42ba, Yonkers, New York, is a member of the Army Specialized Training Unit at Stanford University, California.

Stationed at Camp Roberts, California, were Lt. Harry H. Wilson, '43bus, Oklahoma City; Pvt. Thomas W. Lally, '42

## How Sooners Serve

ARMY	
Privates	999
Corporals	153
Sergeants	305
Cadets	290
Warrant Officers	33
Lieutenants	2,084
Captains	1,010
Majors	504
Lieutenant Colonels	136
Colonels	35
Major Generals	2
WAC	85
TOTAL	5,637
NAVY	
Seamen	470
Chiefs	51
Cadets	72
Warrant Officer	1
Ensigns	331
Lieutenants	361
Lieutenant Commanders	29
Commanders	9
WAVES	48
TOTAL	1,372
MARINES	
Privates	59
Corporals	2
Sergeants	14
Lieutenants	65
Captains	11
Majors	4
Lieutenant Colonels	4
Colonels	1
Brigadier General	1
Women's Branch	6
TOTAL	167
COAST GUARD	
Seamen	43
Petty Officers	4
Cadets	2
Ensigns	3
Lieutenants	3
SPARS	7
TOTAL	62
GRAND TOTAL	7,238

phys.ed, Clinton, and Lt. Gilman G. Hoskins, '43eng, Lawton.

With the same Field Artillery battalion at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, are Lt. Charles F. Wood III, '42geol, Oklahoma City; Maj. Ralph Merkle, '41eng, Norman; Capt. Claude L. Kirkman, '36eng, and Lt. George Snyder, '40eng, Picher.

Pfc. Robert W. Head, '43, Idabel, a member of the Army Specialized Training Unit at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, was a speaker at the New England Teachers Association meeting held there recently. Private Head, an Oklahoma debate champion, represented Yale at the meeting.

Lt. Charles S. Chesterman, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, has been transferred to Tyndall Field, Panama City, Florida.

Stationed at the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Blanding, Florida, were Pvt. G. H. Clark, '42-'43, and Cpl. Emery Anderson, '33bus, '40m.ed, both of Norman.

Maj. Robert V. Mallonee, '40eng, Chickasha, recently returned from service in Alaska to the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, Florida. In Alaska Major Mallonee served as an Air Base Ordnance officer and later as 11th Air Force Service Command ammunition officer.

Lt. Joel J. McGinnis, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, of the Signal Corps, was on duty at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida. There as a Flying Fortress bombardier was Lt. Alfred Ashton, '41, Sulphur.

Capt. Robert M. Silvey, '39eng, Ordnance officer, has been transferred to Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Pvt. Fred E. Stayton, Jr., '42, Ardmore, was on duty at the Air Force Tactical Center at Orlando, Florida.

Capt. Dugan V. Woodring, '36-'38, Noble, veteran of Pacific air warfare, is stationed at the Municipal Airport at Tampa, Florida, as operations officer. Captain Woodring holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Lt. Charles W. Allen, '42law, Guthrie, was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, as an Infantry instructor.

Lt. Carl W. Moot, Jr., '43eng, Pampa, Texas, was at Camp Gordon, Georgia, with the Armored Field Artillery.

Lt. Joseph Hunter Buckles, '23ba, '41ma, formerly associated with the Newspaper Printing Corporation in Tulsa, is assistant public relations officer at Chanute Field, Illinois.

Lt. Leo D. Marks, '37ba, Tulsa, was stationed at Camp Phillips, Kansas, with a Field Artillery battery.

Pfc. G. W. McLachlan, '39-'43, Norman, was on duty in the Finance office at the Walker Army Air Field, Victoria, Kansas.

Lt. Richard W. Portis, '43geol, Fairfax, Missouri, has been transferred to Pittsburg, Kansas, for Field Artillery liaison pilot training.

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## Public Health Officer

A member of one of the oldest services, the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Blair Points, '11med, was assigned to Boise, Idaho, as health administrator.

Dr. Points went on active duty in January, 1942, with the rank of P. A. Surgeon which corresponds to the rank of captain and is designated by captain's bars. He was first assigned to Denver, Colorado, and later to Utah where he served as deputy state commissioner of health and director of a district.

Last September he was promoted to Surgeon, which corresponds to major in the Army, and he now wears major's oak leaves. The uniform worn by members of the Public Health Service is the same as that worn by the army, except for the leather which is dark mahogany or marine leather.

The Public Health Service had its origin in an Act of Congress passed July 16, 1798.

Dr. Points formerly practiced in Westby, Montana, and at one time was associated with the C.C.C. camp at Wagoner.

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Lt. B. E. Robertson, '41ba, Guthrie, is in pilot training as a student officer at the Army Air Field at Coffeyville. Lieutenant Robertson returned last summer from the Pacific, where he was a weather officer, to enter flying training.

Roy E. Tomlinson, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, is in training as an aviation cadet at the Army Air Forces Pilot School at Garden City, Kansas.

Capt. John A. Getty, Jr., '39eng, Kaw, Oklahoma, Ordnance officer attached to an Infantry unit, has been transferred to Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

Lt. Ruth Sweeney, '43nurse, Cushing, has completed training as a flying Army nurse at Bowman Field, Kentucky, and received her wings as a member of the Army Air Force.

With the Field Artillery at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, were Lt. Col. J. H. Boling, '35eng, Healdton, and Capt. Jesse B. Hollis, Jr., '37-'39, Mangum.

On duty at Camp Polk, Louisiana, were Lt. Col. E. L. (Mike) Massad, '32, Ardmore, commander of a Glider Field Artillery unit, and Lt. Col. Wilbur Wilson, '34law, Norman.

Lt. R. K. Wootten, '42bus, Chickasha, is in charge of a Military Police company at the Prisoner of War Camp at Ruston, Louisiana.

Pfc. Howard L. Duckworth, '43, San Antonio, Texas, was on duty at Westover Field, Massachusetts.

Lt. William L. Howard, '43chem, Oklahoma City, was an Ordnance officer at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.

William A. Lutker, '42ed, Lexington, has entered training as an Army chaplain at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Lutker was formerly principal of

the grade school at Lexington and pastor of several Baptist churches near there.

Capt. Raymond E. Gandy, '39-'40, Norman, has been transferred to duty at Selfridge Field, Michigan.

Sgt. Sterling N. Grubbs, '41ba, Cushing, was attached to a Signal Air Warning company at Fort Brady, Michigan.

Capt. Herbert A. Turk, '40ba, Norman, has been assigned to the staff of the College Training Detachment at Michigan State College in East Lansing.

Lt. Col. Chester H. Anderson, '35m.ed, Guthrie, is a Field Artillery officer at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi.

Tech. Sgt. Lewis G. Hotchkiss, '40ed, Enid, was on duty with an Infantry unit at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Bill Martin, '38bus, former O.U. basketball star, is coach of the Army Air Forces basketball team at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. The team, called the Jaybees, started its 1944 season with a 61-to-24 victory over the Missouri State Guard team. Coach Martin played with the Phillips 66 Oilers after leaving the University and was three times All-America guard.

Pfc. Ferdinand P. Snider, '41eng, Muskogee, was with a combat Engineers unit at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Capt. Harvey Kennedy, '39-'42, Oklahoma City, has been transferred to the Army Air Base at Alliance, Nebraska.

Lt. Samuel Abrams, '36law, Guthrie, was stationed at Paterson, New Jersey, with a searchlight unit.

Lt. Alfred H. Burling, '32geol, Dunlap, Iowa, was stationed at the Ordnance Ammunition Inspection Section in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Capt. H. L. Peek, '36eng, Edgewood, Pennsylvania, is on duty in the Camp Evans Signal Laboratory at Belmar, New Jersey.

Lt. Col. M. E. Munson, '31law, Lawton, has been transferred to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he is with a Field Artillery unit.

Maj. John B. Stout, '37eng, has been transferred to Camp Charles Wood, Red Bank, New Jersey, where he is commander of a Signal Corps battalion.

Lt. L. K. Walker, '42, Oklahoma City, has been transferred to the Army Air Field at Roswell, New Mexico.

Capt. Fay Coil, '30geol, '32ma, Midland, Texas, was attached to a Coast Artillery officer student group at Camp Davis, North Carolina.

Lt. William S. McCready, '41eng, Bartlesville, was attached to a Bombardment squadron at Morris Field, North Carolina.

Lt. Tom M. Miller, Jr., '42, Oklahoma City, was ordered to report to Camp Butner, North Carolina, upon leaving maneuvers in Tennessee.

Lt. Waldemar F. Pralle, '43bus, Garber, has been transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he is with a Field Artillery group.

Lt. Hal M. Stewart, '36bus, Muskogee, was stationed at the Army Finance School at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.