

Clearing the Desk

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WHEN THE University of Oklahoma conferred the B.A. (journalism) degree upon Miss Elsie Faye Newby December 23, a twelfth Newby name was added to the alumni file. The others are: Mrs. Frank A. Buttram (Merle Newby, '06bm, '12ma); Errett R. Newby, '07bm, '08ba; Mrs. E. R. Newby (Lola North, '14ba); Mrs. Cadwalader Jones (Ruth Newby, '37bus); Mrs. James Shepherd (Elaine Newby, '40 speech); David North Newby, '43eng; Mrs. D. N. Newby (Ruth Ann Hummer, '43ba); Jessie D. Newby, '10ba, '25ma; Jerry B. Newby, '12ba; Mrs. J. B. Newby (Edna Cash, '15ba); and Warner W. Newby, '21ba (deceased). This makes a total of 15 O.U. degrees in the immediate family. The latest Newby graduate, Elsie Faye, is the daughter of Warner W. and Faye Dougherty, '23.

DISTANCE DOESN'T seem to mean much any more. When Lt. Col. Hal L. Muldrow, '28bus, distinguished himself in battle at Salerno in Italy, an article on his valiant work was written for *The Beta Theta Pi* fraternity magazine by Col. Lee B. Thompson, '27law, who was stationed at approximately the opposite side of the globe in the Fiji Islands. The article, relating how Colonel Muldrow's artillery battalion stopped the spearhead of a Ger-

man tank attack that threatened to split the hard-pressed Fifth Army line during the Salerno invasion, appeared in the January issue of the fraternity magazine.

FROM AUSTRALIA, Lt. Ed Ellinghausen, '41ba, writes to say that he and Lt. Bob Carter, '41bs, sang the O.U. songs one night while visiting an Australian home which had a piano—but they had a little difficulty remembering all the words of the glee club song *Oklahoma Hail*, and would we please print the words in *Sooner Magazine* for their benefit. We will, Ed, and here they are:

From the hillsides, from the prairies
Comes a song that never wearies,
Loyalty that never varies,
Oklahoma, Hail!

Ivied walls and stately towers,
Campus fair 'neath sun or showers,
All the love we bear thee flowers
And will never fail.

Shout the chorus loudly (loudly)!
Bear the emblem proudly (proudly)!
Army vast, we march at last
And lift our voices stoutly (stoutly)!

On we march for Alma Mater,
On we march nor ever falter,
Singing loud, each son and daughter,
Oklahoma, Hail!

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Letters

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and, of course, we all hope so. (Shirk has been reported a German prisoner by the War Department.)

It is muddy and nasty going over here at present, with lots of rain and fairly cool weather. Very uncomfortable at times, with some snow on the high ground. Slow, dirty work.

Hope this information will help some towards your records. With best regards to all,

W. K. Garnett, '37law
Captain, Field Artillery
Italy

Fighting Engineers

By way of bringing you up to date in my war experiences, I landed in North Africa with the Engineer Combat Regiment on the 26th of January, 1943. We did not get in on the actual fighting in North Africa, but did construction work such as the building of Prisoner of War camps, construction of hospitals and other military installations and roads. It was not until the Sicilian campaign that I got in the real battle.

As part of a Special Task Force and fighting as infantry, we landed with the initial landing of Allied troops on the beach at Gela, Sicily. Here our force fought and captured the city. I personally captured five Germans and assisted in the capture of 31 others. This was the proudest moment of my life. Throughout the campaign we maintained roads and bridges, removed enemy mine fields and booby traps. The Germans are very clever in the use of their land and anti-personnel mines. These mines make it dangerous even for those in the rear and out of artillery range. However, the Engineers have become skilled in the handling of mines. After the

campaign we enjoyed a rest period at Mondello Beach, near Palermo.

We landed in Italy on September 15, 1943, and have performed the same type of work as in Sicily. The crossing of the Volturno River was an experience that will never be forgotten, because the Engineers crossed in front of the Infantry. I'm still wondering who started this "Sunny Italy" stuff.

The Combat Engineers are very proud of the word "Combat" in their title and you will always find them right in the hottest part of the battle. They are expected to be able to fire the Bazooka gun as well as the Infantrymen and oftentimes they have to go out in front of the Infantry to clear mines.

Bill Hargis, '40
Captain, Engineers
Italy

France Decorates

I have just completed reading the August issue of the *Sooner* and sure did enjoy checking the list for friends in the service. O. U. should be proud of her contribution of sons and daughters.

For the archives, I have been decorated with the French Croix de Service and was promoted to major March 7. We have had a very interesting go of it so far—some good, some bad. Of course, we will all be glad to get back and see the campus again.

Best regards,
Walter O. Beets, '28-'31
Major, Field Artillery
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