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AS THE ALLIED drive continued into France, news dispatches from the liberated area carried names of Sooners who had participated in the attack.

► The Fourth Infantry division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Raymond O. Barton, '07, formerly of Ada, was reported at Cherbourg when that city fell to the Allies. A *Time* magazine account of the fall of Cherbourg said that General Barton's division drove through to the waterfront in the final phases of the battle.

Later in the fighting, announcement was made of the death of Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., assistant commanding general of the division, following a heart attack. "General Roosevelt really was a battle casualty," General Barton said. "All day long he rode the lines. He spared himself nothing. In fact, he had been out at command posts cheering the men, helping commanders and helping me. He was the most gallant soldier, officer and gentleman I have ever known without exception."

► Howard Cowan, '32, Associated Press correspondent covering the French invasion, went on a mission over France June 7 aboard a C-47 piloted by Lt. Col. John Neale, '22-'25. Both men are former residents of Shawnee. Colonel Neale was vice president and chief pilot of the Pennsylvania Central Airline before he joined the Air Force.

In a dispatch from a Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier base, Mr. Cowan described the raid as "no milk run." The C-47 towed a glider full of troops to the Cherbourg peninsula, dodging flak all the way.

► Another Sooner who has been flying troops into France is Flight Officer Shaw D. Ray, '39, Yukon, who pilots a C-47 carrying Paratroopers into Normandy.

► Capt. Lemuel D. (Bill) Thomas, Jr., '41ba, Ringling, who commands a Field Artillery battery in an Infantry division, made his third invasion when the Allies assaulted the coast of France. He was also in the invasions of North Africa and Sicily.

In a letter from France to one of his former professors at O.U., Captain Thomas said that last month marked his second anniversary overseas.

► Also in the invasion was Cpl. Christopher C. Nelms, '22-'27, Norman, who was with the first wave of Field Artillery to land on the French coast. He is a veteran of the North African and Sicilian campaigns.

► Pvt. John W. (Jiggs) Lee, Jr., '37-'38, Eldorado, Oklahoma, with the Armored Forces in France, wrote his father that he had seen action but had escaped injury.

► Maj. James Fellers, '36law, and Capt. Byron W. Jones, '39law, both of Oklahoma City, were reported to be with the same outfit on a French beachhead.

► The first Oklahoman to be reported wounded in the Normandy invasion was Lt. William M. Sammons, '39-'42, Oklahoma City, who was injured slightly over France while he was carrying troops into action. Lieutenant Sammons has been overseas with the Troop Carrier Command since last February.

► Capt. Kenneth E. Richards, '37fa, Durant, was flown to the United States from the French invasion coast after being wounded three days after the fighting began. Liaison officer with a Field Artillery outfit, Captain Richards received a head wound while fighting near Treviers.

► Lt. Marvin R. (Red) Richardson, '37-'41, Noble, received a broken foot when he landed with the Paratroopers in France on the first day of the invasion. He went without medical attention for 11 days before the foot was X-rayed, showing four breaks.

► Maj. Dennis O. Bernier, '25, Norman, was flown back to England for medical care after being wounded in France on June 15 when he was hit by shrapnel. He

wrote his wife he was recovering satisfactorily.

► Among the first casualties in France was Maj. Basil Shirley, '28-'32, Norman and Ardmore, who has been missing in action since June 17. He was attached to headquarters of the Ninth division in France. Major Shirley's brother, Lt. Barker Shirley, '32law, is on duty at Selman Field, Louisiana.

► Lt. Col. Richard E. Buchanan, '33geol, Oklahoma City, on the headquarters staff of an Infantry division, has been missing in action in France since June 17. Before entering the service he was associated with the U. S. Geological Survey in Oklahoma City. He went overseas nearly two years ago.

► Capt. Woodrow L. Pickhardt, '37med, Seminole, of the Medical Corps, has been missing in action in France since June 7. He received training in parachute jumping at Fort Benning, Georgia, before going overseas and became a medical paratrooper.

► Lt. Rubert D. Huggins, '37-'39, Oklahoma City and Stigler, was killed in action with the Paratroopers in France on June 17. Former music major in the University, he received his commission in the Armored Forces at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in July, 1942, and was assigned there as an instructor.

A year later he entered parachute training and received his Paratrooper wings in September, 1943. He went overseas in February. In addition to the University, he also attended the University of Manila.

Survivors include his wife, the former Daphne Dunford, '39soc.wk, and a baby daughter Phyllis Kaye, both of Oklahoma City; his father, Charles F. Huggins, Stigler, and an uncle, A. H. Huggins, '22 law, law librarian at the University.

► Lt. Robert Wayne Coln, '39-'41, Norman, member of a Fighter squadron, was killed in action with the Air Force in France on June 19. While attending the University he was a student in the College of Engineering.

► Maj. James C. Buchanan, Jr., '34bus, Muskogee, supply officer for a Field Artillery unit attached to an Infantry division, was killed in action in France on June 15. He went overseas in March.

Before entering the service, Major Buchanan was owner of a men's store and director of a bank in Muskogee and manager of a cotton ginning company at Webbers Falls. While attending the University, he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and Scabbard and Blade.

Survivors include his wife, the former



IT HAPPENED AGAIN

Proof again that Sooners usually wind up together are (left) Capt. Leland Gourley, '40, and Lt. Charles E. Wright, '42, members of a division Artillery staff.

Wanda Hays, '35ba, '38ma, and a 15-month-old son, who live in Muskogee, and a brother, E. J. Buchanan, '29bus, Tulsa.

Recalled to Post

Maj. Guy H. Parkhurst, '27ba, '34m. eng, '35ma, Oklahoma City, who was instrumental in building U. S. aerial strength in England, was recalled to his post with the Ninth Air Force shortly before the invasion started, after a brief leave at home.

Major Parkhurst went to England in 1942, when three groups of Flying Fortresses comprised the U. S. Air Force there. He was first assigned as division engineering officer for those Forts and later help organize a number of Liberator groups.

As a result of that work he served as chief of the experimental and technical section of the Air Service Command in the European theater of operations until the Ninth Air Force was set up in England, when he was assigned to its headquarters staff.

Major Parkhurst returned to the United States to attend Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, but was recalled to England before starting his work there.

At B-29 Base

Col. Philip Klein, '32eng, Oklahoma City, is on the staff of the Chinese Fighter Wing assigned to defend the bases from which the Superfortresses which bombed Japan this summer took off.

Former pilot with Braniff Airlines, Colonel Klein arrived in China a month and a half before the first raid took place, as a member of Brig. Gen. A. H. Gilkeson's staff. He has served in several theaters of war.

Directs Chinese Artillery

A dispatch from Brooks Atkinson, former *New York Times* drama critic now a war reporter for the *Times* in China, described the hazardous aerial observation work of Lt. Col. Clyde J. Watts, '31law, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Atkinson gave an account of the Chinese barrage of fire, directed by Colonel Watts, against Japanese holding out in the hills above Lameng where the Burma Road crosses the Salween River.

"Being in a highly vulnerable situation in an unarmed plane over Japanese installations, Colonel Watts was delighted to report that the Chinese had knocked out Japanese anti-aircraft guns that had been drawing a close bead on him," he reported. Colonel Watts has been in India and China for nearly two years.

Back From Battlefronts

Lt. Col. S. Ernest Strader, '17med, former Oklahoma City physician, has returned from the South Pacific, where he spent



VETERAN COMES HOME

Lt. Bryce Moore, '42ba, Oklahoma City pilot, was back in Oklahoma after numerous missions over the continent.

nine months as commander of a Field Hospital. Colonel Strader took part in two campaigns, the New Guinea and Papuan battles. The climate in that part of the world did the men almost as much harm as the Japanese, he said. The extreme heat and humidity make fatigue hard to overcome. While the fighting was going on, Colonel Strader's hospital took care of 50 and 60 patients a day.

► Lt. Louis C. Roark, '40geol, Tulsa, B-24 and B-17 navigator with 43 missions in the South Pacific to his credit, has returned to the United States. He was sent to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida. Lieutenant Roark holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and a Purple Heart.

► Staff Sgt. Ben J. Rumpel, '30-'33, who was wounded in action with the Field Artillery in Italy, has been returned to this country for treatment at Borden General Hospital in Chickasha.

► Capt. Kenneth C. Dean, '40-'41, Foster, Oklahoma, has returned from the Southwest Pacific, where he was stationed for a year as pilot of a B-25. He went on 45 missions. Upon his return to this country he was sent to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida.

► Lt (jg) J. J. Summers, '37fa, '38m.fa, Fort Supply, has returned from foreign duty to be stationed at the Amphibious Training Base, Solomons Branch, Washington, D. C. He was overseas for 16 months.

► Capt. Millard Purdy, '38journ, Oklahoma City, was home on leave this summer after two years in the Pacific. Former reporter on the *Oklahoma City Times*, Captain Purdy was stationed in Hawaii as public relations man. In a column for the *Daily Oklahoman* written while home on leave, Captain Purdy said, "I doubt if anyone knew how many islands there were in the Pacific before the war, but wherever there is an island you will find an Oklahoman. If the island is only large enough for two soldiers, one of them will be a native Sooner... The first thing they say when they find out you are a Sooner is, 'Well, I'll be——, what part of the

state you from?' Then they invite you in for a slice of Spam."

► Pfc. Henry LeCrone, '39, Oklahoma City, who spent 65 days on the beach at Anzio, was home on leave recently. He was with a 45th Division Medical detachment which arrived at Anzio four days after the first landing. Private LeCrone was injured in the left arm by flying shrapnel when enemy planes bombed the harbor.

► Capt. Harold B. Witten, '36med, former Harrah physician, has returned from Italy, where he was a member of the Medical Corps with the Fifth Army. Captain Witten was sent back to the United States to study at the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas.

► Lt. Col. James Clarke Selman, '38bus, Oklahoma City, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for service with the Fifth Air Force in Australia and transferred back to the United States. Assigned to duty with the Air Force in Colorado Springs, Colorado, he was attached to a pursuit outfit in Australia.

► Lt. Bill Gray, '38-'41, Oklahoma City, fighter pilot who has been on 176 missions in the Southwest Pacific, returned to the United States this summer wearing the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Lieutenant Gray came through 13 months of combat flying without a scratch.

► Cap. William H. Hoover, '38-'40, Altus, was assigned to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, upon his return from the Southwest Pacific, where he flew 38 missions during nine months. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Maj. Burl L. May, '31-'34, Maysville, has returned to the United States after two years as a signal officer with the Air Force in the European theater of operations. He was assigned to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida.

► Lt. John A. McReynolds, '37ba, Norman, has returned from the Aleutian Islands, where he was stationed for two years and was assigned to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. One of the most frequently heard radio programs in the Aleutians is the propaganda broadcast Tokyo Rose, Japanese equivalent of Lord Haw Haw. Symphonic and swing music broadcast by the Japanese station was much enjoyed by the soldiers, Lieutenant McReynolds said.

► Maj. Herbert Van Zant, '39journ, Duncan, has returned from service in North Africa and Italy to attend Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

► Lt. Jules Bloch, Jr., '37bus, Oklahoma City, who has been on duty with the Navy in the South Pacific, was sent to the Naval Hospital at Oakland, California, upon his return to this country. He was on leave in Oklahoma City last month before being re-assigned to duty.

► Sgt. Samuel C. Black, Jr., '37-'39, Oklahoma City, returned home this summer for a 30-day leave after serving with the Marine Corps in the Pacific for two years. He was in the first group of artillerymen to land on Tarawa, and was on the island for the first five days of battle. At the end of his leave, Sergeant Black was to report to Camp Pendleton, California.

► Capt. James R. Holbird, '30law, former county attorney for Garfield County, has returned to the United States after serving for 28 months in the Caribbean area and South America. He was an aircraft observer, group intelligence officer and airdrome commander during his tour of duty in the Canal Zone, Guatemala, Ecuador and the Republic of Panama.

► Sgt. Jack Bowers, '39-'40, Norman, has returned to the United States after serving with the 45th Division in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was first attached to the 179th Infantry, but was later transferred to a Hospital

unit at Naples. Sergeant Bowers was to report to Fort Sam Houston, Texas; for re-classification.

► Capt. Cecil T. O'Neal, '20law, Lawton, was among a group of 98 veterans of the Southwest Pacific war which returned to McCloskey General Hospital at Temple, Texas, this summer.

► Pfc. James R. (Cotton) Covington, '41-'42, Savanna, Oklahoma, is a patient in the Naval Hospital at Oakland, California, having returned from service with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific.

► Lt. Tom R. Clark, '41bus, Pauls Valley, has returned to the United States after 21 months of service with the Air Force in England. He was assigned to the Army Air Field at Kingman, Arizona.

Decorations

Ensign Carl Dalbey, '40, Oklahoma City, Merchant Marine radio operator who died when his ship, the *S. S. William Pierce Frye*, was torpedoed and sunk March 29, 1943, has been awarded a Mariner Medal posthumously. The award was made to his mother, Mrs. Carl S. Dalbey, in a ceremony held in June in the capitol in Oklahoma City. Governor Kerr and Mayor Hefner spoke at the ceremony, which was broadcast. Mr. Dalbey survived two shipwrecks before the one in which he lost his life. In April, 1942, his ship was torpedoed by an Italian submarine and he drifted for 43 days in an open boat in the Caribbean before being picked up. He was given the rank of ensign posthumously.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been awarded posthumously to Lt. Claude Rhoté Fletcher, '39-'41, Norman, who was killed in an airplane crash in the Pacific on March 20. Added to the Air Medal which Lieutenant Fletcher was given in February, the Cluster was awarded for his work as a navigator-bombardier from May 13, 1943, to January 12, 1944. Mrs. Fletcher is the former Hazel Moore, '42ed, Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Jack Merritt, Jr., '42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as navigator-bombardier aboard a B-24 in the European theater of operations. Lieutenant Merritt enlisted in the Air Force in July, 1942.

► Lt. Col. Charles E. Peterson, '38eng, Wichita Falls, Texas, has been awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service on New Georgia and Bougainville. The citation praised Colonel Peterson, an Ordnance officer, for "superior judgment,

► The Silver Star has been awarded to Lt. Col. Wayne L. Johnson, '30ma, Oklahoma City, for gallantry in action as commander of an Infantry battalion at Anzio. His battalion was ordered to occupy the beachhead defense line, in the face of heavy enemy fire. On the third day Colonel Johnson was injured while at a forward observation post, but he continued to direct the operations of his battalion until the situation was such that other officers could carry his plans out. Both of his legs being fractured below the knees, Colonel Johnson was returned to Ashburn General Hospital at McKinney, Texas, for treatment. He expected to be in the hospital for six or eight months.

► Lt. Richard W. Caldwell, '29ba, Bartlesville, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action as commanding officer of a Navy vessel in amphibious action during the landing on Sicily. The citation read in part as follows: "Although subjected to intense hostile fire of all calibers when his vessel beached on Caffi Beach, Lieutenant Caldwell . . . succeeded in effecting the disembarking of Army troops aboard." The medal was awarded to Lieutenant Caldwell by President Roosevelt.

► Lt. Cleveland C. Hall, Jr., '42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for service as a Troop Carrier pilot in India. He received the decoration about the same time he was promoted to first lieutenant. Lieutenant Hall was originally in the Field Artillery but transferred to the Air Force.

► Lt. Colbert C. Smith, '38-'39, Norman, has been awarded an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for service in line of duty as a bombardier with the Air Force in England. Lieutenant Smith has been missing in action since June.

► Maj. N. Ross Strader, '36-'40, Homestead, Oklahoma, a military internee in Switzerland, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Major Strader, formerly attached to a Bombardment squadron in England, is a prisoner at Adelsboden Camp.

► An Air Medal has been awarded to Capt. Raoul J. Delier, '41, Oklahoma City, navigator attached to the Ninth Air Force. Captain Delier also recently received his promotion from first lieutenant.

► Capt. Jean Crabtree, '38, Ada, has been awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his work as pilot of a B-26 in the European theater of operations.

► Lt. Charles L. Coates, '40bs, Oklahoma City, Air Force bombardier serving in Italy, has been awarded an Air Medal. Before going overseas Lieutenant Coates received advanced training at Davis-Monthan Field, Arizona, and Alamogordo, New Mexico.

► Two Oak Leaf Clusters have been added to the Air Medal held by Capt. Louis J. Lamm, '37-'39, Vici, Oklahoma, B-24 pilot with the Seventh Air Force. He has flown 73 combat missions in the Aleutians and 16 in the Central Pacific. Of those missions, Captain Lamm believes a recent night raid on Truk was the toughest. Two of his engines were set afire and one of them stopped, but the plane kept going, he wrote. Air speed was cut down to 140 miles an hour, and the plane reached its base with a seven-minute supply of gasoline left.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal awarded posthumously to Lt. James H. Hill, '38-'41, Oklahoma City, who was killed May 13, 1943, in aerial combat in the South Pacific. He was a Fighter pilot at Guadalcanal when he was killed.

► Lt. Joe F. Adams, '40-'42, Hollis, pilot of a P-38 Lightning fighter ship, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement with the 13th Air Force in the South Pacific. Lieutenant Adams was one of 60 men decorated by Maj. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon in a recent ceremony at a South Pacific fighter base.

► Maj. E. Cotter Murray, '30med, Marceline, Missouri, has been awarded an Air Medal for service as a Medical officer with the Air Force in the South Pacific. He has returned to the

Reaction of Cartoonist Sam Cobeau, '37, to the recent numerous multiple births in England and America appeared in The New Yorker on June 10. A sergeant with the Signal Corps in New York City, Mr. Cobeau has signed a contract with the magazine for three cartoons a month.

initiative and diplomacy." It further stated that he was successful in insuring an adequate supply of all weapons and their maintenance for the men in his Corps.

► Lt. Carl Crites, '37-'40, Bartlesville, was awarded an Air Medal for bravery in action as an Air Force navigator in ceremonies held at the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa. Lieutenant Crites went on nine missions over Europe as navigator aboard the bomber *Woolaroc*. He retired from active service last November and has been employed in the production department of the Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville.



Cobeau

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United States after 18 months overseas, during which time he flew on eight missions. He went to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, for re-assignment.

► Lt. Earl C. Garey, Jr., '38-'39, Comanche, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as navigator aboard the B-17 *Little Chum* in the European theater of operations. The D.F.C. was awarded for extraordinary achievement during pre-invasion bombing attacks on the continent. On a recent raid over Berlin, his 27th mission, Lieutenant Garey shot down a Focke-Wulf 190, in addition to doing his work as a navigator. Before entering the Air Force, he was a civil engineer with the State Highway Department.

► Maj. Barron C. Housel, Jr., '34bus, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Southwest Pacific area." Major Housel returned from that area recently to a post in Washington, D. C. He went overseas in November, 1941, joining General MacArthur's staff just after the surrender of the Philippine Islands.

► Capt. Hugh N. West, '38-'41, Kermit, Texas, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters for his exploits with the 15th Air Force in Italy. Captain West, who recently returned to the United States, was flight leader of a Bombardment group, flying a Liberator named *Miss Maggie*, after his wife. He led bomber formations against five European capitals, has been on four missions over Ploesti and helped bomb Cassino. He received the D.F.C. for leading a fleet of Liberators against Bad-Voslau, Austria, a raid which Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commanding general of the 15th Air Force, called the finest exhibition of pin-point bombing of the war.

► Lt. Douglass M. Stewart, '43eng, Muskogee, has been commended for his work as a convoy officer at an Ordnance Depot overseas. The commendation was given to the officer who chose Lieutenant Stewart for the post, for his wisdom in the choice. Of Lieutenant Stewart, the commendation said, "As an officer he is careful in his attention to military courtesies, he has exercised real initiative and good imagination in fulfilling his responsibilities and he has contributed much to making this depot one of the outstanding in the United Kingdom."

► Lt. Truman B. Ball, '41, Lindsay, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and a Presidential Unit Citation. He recently returned to the United States after flying on 25 missions in the European theater. He was a B-17 navigator-bombardier.

► Lt. Ira D. Cornelius, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work with the 12th Air Force in the Mediterranean theater. Lieutenant Cornelius, a member of a B-26 Marauder group, participated in the first Allied raid on Florence, Italy, last spring.

► Lt. Col. Hubert C. Judy, Jr., '40bus, Woodward, has been awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for his work with the Air Force in England. He was cited for extraordinary achievement in leading a Heavy Bombardment wing of Liberators over enemy-occupied Europe recently.

► Lt. Everett F. Goins, '35ba, Rocky Ford, Colorado, has received a commendation from his admiral for the high quality of his work at Salerno with a Naval Construction battalion. Lieutenant Goins, who also saw action at Anzio, was recently sent back to a rest camp in North Africa on leave.

► Lt. (jg) Glenn T. Bodman, '42bus, Ponca City, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action as assistant beachmaster of an attack transport at Tarawa last November. Award of the medal was made aboard ship somewhere

in the Pacific. The citation said that Lieutenant Bodman "while frequently under enemy fire, performed his duties in an outstanding manner on the deck."

► Capt. Corwin C. Grimes, '38-'40, Olean, New York, commanding officer of a B-24 Liberator squadron with the 15th Air Force, has been awarded an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. The honors were given him for meritorious achievement in aerial flight against the enemy. Captain Grimes is attached to a Bombardment group which has been bombing German-held targets in Austria, Rumania, Hungary, France and Northern Italy. He has also seen foreign service in the British West Indies and South America.

► Lt. C. R. Van Hoesen, Jr., '34-'35, Tulsa, has been awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action with an Armored Tank division in the Sicilian campaign. Lieutenant Van Hoesen is now a liaison officer and instructor in Italy. Before going overseas a year ago he trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and was an instructor at Camp Rucker, Alabama. Before entering the service he was associated with the British American Oil Company in Tulsa.

► Capt. Charles W. Minton, '37bus, Maysville, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action with the Infantry in Tunisia. Captain Minton took part in the original American invasion of North Africa, the battle of El Guettar, the Sedjenane Valley campaign and the Sicilian

campaign. Before entering the service in August, 1940, as a reserve officer, he was a banker in Maysville.

► Lt. Robert V. Mulanax, '40-'41, Chickasha, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for service with the Tenth Air Force in India. Lieutenant Mulanax is pilot of a bomber.

Deaths in Service

Lt. Roscoe E. Norris, Jr., '42-'43, Oklahoma City, was killed in a plane crash at Palacios, Texas, on June 9. He received his commission in the Air Force at Aloe Army Air Field, Victoria, Texas, in February and was stationed at Abilene, Texas.

Lieutenant Norris was a former student in the College of Engineering. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe E. Norris, Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Robert C. Noyes, '42-'43, Shidler, was killed in an airplane crash May 31 at Santa Maria, California, where he was assigned for advanced training. His P-38 fighter plane crashed into an embankment when the motor went dead at a low altitude.

Lieutenant Noyes entered the Air Force in February, 1943, and received his commission at Victorville, California. He was a former engineering student in the University. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Noyes, Shidler.

► Pfc. Wayne C. Harshman, '42-'43, Tulsa, who became ill after serving with a Tank Destroyer unit in New Guinea for a month, died May 17 aboard a hospital ship returning to the United States from the Southwest Pacific.

Former business student in the University, Private Harshman entered service in January, 1943. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harshman, Tulsa, and a brother, Stanley Harshman, Navy V-12 trainee in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

► Lt. Fred F. Settle, Jr., '40-'41, Oklahoma City, was killed in the crash of a Liberator bomber near Walla Walla, Washington, on June 22 while on a routine combat training flight.

Lieutenant Settle, who also attended Oklahoma A. and M. College at Stillwater, received his commission in the Air Force at Big Spring, Texas. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Settle, and his wife, Mrs. Frances Settle, all of Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Milton Sears, '36, Bristow, was killed in action on the Italian front on May 13. He was with the 88th Division, which trained at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, before going overseas.

Lieutenant Sears was a prominent Bristow athlete and a member of the state championship DeMolay basketball team in 1936. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sears, and his wife, all of Bristow.

► Maj. Allen J. Conley, '42bus, Tulsa, pilot with the Ferry Command, was killed

How Sooners Serve

ARMY	
Privates	1,003
Corporals	238
Sergeants	358
Cadets	273
Warrant Officers	42
Lieutenants	2,245
Captains	1,092
Majors	567
Lieutenant Colonels	172
Colonels	40
Major Generals	2
WACS	93
TOTAL	6,125
NAVY	
Seamen	675
Chiefs	58
Cadets	81
Warrant Officer	1
Ensigns	354
Lieutenants	448
Lieutenant Commanders	31
Commanders	12
Captain	1
WAVES	60
TOTAL	1,721
MARINES	
Privates	60
Corporals	2
Sergeants	17
Lieutenants	68
Captains	18
Majors	2
Lieutenant Colonels	5
Colonels	2
Brigadier General	1
Women's Branch	7
TOTAL	182
COAST GUARD	
Seamen	44
Petty Officers	4
Cadets	1
Ensigns	2
Lieutenants	5
SPARS	9
TOTAL	65
GRAND TOTAL	8,093

in an airplane accident in Italy on May 14. Holder of an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster, Major Conley ferried paratroopers into action in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

Missing in Action

Lt. Arthur C. Hon, '41geol, Tulsa, pilot of a Flying Fortress and veteran of more than 20 missions, has been missing in action over Germany since May 12. Before entering the Air Force, he was employed with the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in Tulsa.

▶ Lt. Robert C. Hewitt, '36-'39, Muskegee, pilot with the Ninth Air Force in England, has been missing in action since May 29 when he failed to return from a mission over enemy-occupied Europe. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

▶ Lt. Lloyd Saunders, '37-'38, Tulsa, copilot of a Flying Fortress in England, has been missing in action over Germany since May 28. He was formerly employed in the geological department of the Shell Oil Company.

▶ Staff Sgt. James W. Rodgers, Jr., '35-'39, Holdenville, radioman on a B-24 based in Italy, has been missing in action over Austria since May 24. The commanding officer of the 15th Air Force reported that two parachutes were seen to leave Sergeant Rodgers' disabled ship, but it is not known if he was one of the jumpers.

▶ Sgt. Eugene Kiefer, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, tail gunner on a bomber based in England, has been missing in action over France since June 2.

▶ Lt. Colbert C. Smith, '38-'39, Norman, bombardier with the Air Force in England, was reported missing in action over Germany since June 20. He was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Prisoners of War

Lt. Hubert W. Fraker, '39-'42, Pine Valley, and B. R. Polk, '38-'39, '40, Alex, Oklahoma, prisoners of war in Germany, have enrolled in University courses through the Correspondence Study Department of the Extension Division.

Lieutenant Fraker, Army Air Force pilot, is enrolled in two Shakespeare courses. Mr. Polk is taking a mathematics course. Materials for the courses are sent to the students through the Y. M. C. A.

▶ Three alumni reported to be prisoners of war in Germany are Lt. William J. Plants, '41, Army Air Force bombardier from Hornell, New York, Lt. Joseph H. Bishop, '37-'38, bombardier on a B-17 from Ponca City and Blackwell, and Capt. Morris K. McCarver, '37, Moore, Oklahoma, who was taken captive when he made a crash landing in the Mediterranean area several months ago.

Lieutenant Plants, who received his



REWARDED FOR SERVICE
Lt. Col. Donald Newell, '36geol, Kansas City, was promoted during combat in the Southwest Pacific and later cited for performance of duty.

commission at Big Spring, Texas, was being held in Stalag Luft No. 1. Captain McCarver wrote his parents that he is well and that the food is the same as that served German soldiers, sometimes a little better.

Injured in Service

On June 5, the day before the invasion, Lt. Col. Leon R. Vance, Jr., '35, Enid, piloted a Liberator back to its base in England with all four motors dead and his right foot shot off.

Deputy commander of a B-24 group, Colonel Vance described the mission as follows in a letter to his wife:

We were on a mission over enemy territory. A flak burst hit me in the right leg, blowing off my right foot. It also shot out all four engines. I applied a tourniquet and then flew the ship in a glide back to England, where the crew bailed out. Then I flew it down to the water and set it down on the English Channel. Air-Sea Rescue finally picked me up and took me to a hospital. . . I didn't bail out because I thought there was another injured man on board who could not bail out.

I flew the ship all the way while lying on the floor between two seats. The pilot was dead. Coming down so fast, the windshield froze over and I couldn't see out. The instruments were all shot out too—I'll never know how I managed it. . . I know of no one who has had as narrow an escape.

Colonel Vance was burned on the chest and his face was cut, in addition to the injury to his foot. He wrote that doctors had told him he would be able to fly again. A graduate of West Point, Colonel Vance was director of training at Strother Field, Kansas, before entering B-24 training preparatory to going overseas.

▶ Lt. Russell Black, '42speech, former announcer for radio stations WKY and

KOCY in Oklahoma City, was wounded June 18 in the Southwest Pacific where he is a Field Artillery liaison pilot. He has been on foreign duty since last October.

▶ Lt. Earl E. LeVally, '42ba, Maysville, has been injured in the Mediterranean area where he is attached to an Air Force Bombardment squadron. His name was included on a War Department casualty list in June but no details were given.

Discharged

Capt. Mark Hargis, '26eng, has been discharged from the Army after completing a tour of duty with the Corps of Engineers and has returned to his old job as assistant city engineer in Oklahoma City.

He was in the Army for two years as billeting officer at the Army Air Field, Hondo, Texas, in charge of providing quarters for civilian and military personnel.

▶ Capt. L. F. Holmberg, '28bs, Norman, reverted to inactive status last month after two years of service with the Army Air Forces supply division. He has been on duty in England.

Captain Holmberg expected to resume his position with the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company.

U. S. S. Naifeh Commissioned

The *U. S. S. Naifeh*, destroyer escort named in honor of Lt. (jg) Alfred Naifeh, '40law, Norman, was commissioned on July 4 at Orange, Texas. Mrs. Rathia Naifeh, the lieutenant's mother, who was the ship's sponsor, attended the commissioning ceremonies.

Last February the vessel was launched by Mrs. Naifeh. Lieutenant Naifeh died in October, 1942, after the ship on which he was serving as supply officer was sunk by enemy action.

Promotions

A number of Sooners, at home and abroad, have been promoted in rank to lieutenant colonel. They are as follows:

Wade A. Eskridge, '36eng, Altus, Ordnance officer attached to an Airborne division at Camp Polk, Louisiana; Donald F. Newell, '36geol, Blair, Nebraska, on the Artillery staff of a division in the Pacific; Troy H. Shelby, '30-'34, Field Artillery officer at Fort Sill and a pitcher with the Sill officers baseball team.

Onis George Hazel, '31med, former assistant professor of dermatology at the University Medical School, chief of the preventive medicine branch of the Third Air Force surgeon's office in Tampa, Florida; Colvern D. Henry, '26med, base surgeon at the Army Air Field, Venice, Florida; Joe Ice, '37law, Geary, on duty with the Army Air Force at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; Charles E. France, '23law, Oklahoma City, chief judge advocate with the Air Force in Italy.

Jay E. Sherman, '25-'29, Wewoka, overseas with the Field Artillery; James S. Entriken, '27eng, Ardmore, on duty in the Chemical Warfare Office in Washington, D. C.; Robert I. Morrison, '28-'32, Oklahoma City, in Italy on a Corps headquarters staff; Harold W. Scruggs,

'39, Hollis, with the Air Force in England; William J. Hall, '37-'40, Oklahoma City, operations officer with a Bombardment group in England, and Carlos F. Ellzey, '21-'28, executive officer of the Engineers section at an invasion base in England. Formerly with the Southport Petroleum Company in Texas City, Texas, Colonel Ellzey has been actively engaged in planning the Engineers part of the invasion program.

Promoted to major were the following: Kenneth E. Hudson, '38med, Yale, Oklahoma, on the staff of a Station Hospital overseas; A. G. C. Bierer, Jr., '21ba, former Guthrie attorney, on duty in the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington, D. C.; LeRoy A. Ritter, '25ba, former owner and manager of the Oklahoma Business News Company in Oklahoma City, administrative officer in the weapons section of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia; Charles H. Patton, '30bus, former vice president of the First National Bank at Enid, budget and finance officer and assistant supply officer at the Third Air Force headquarters, Tampa, Florida; Thomas B. Jones, '40eng, Blair, Oklahoma, on duty in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

William A. Woodyard, '39-'40, Stillwater, on duty in Italy; Herman R. Green, '33-'34, Hobbs, New Mexico, director of the Ground School at the Army Air Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico; E. Bruce January, '40, Norman, veteran of the North African and Sicilian campaigns who is now in England; Jack E. Moore, '36-'41, Norman, on duty at the Army Air Field, Midland, Texas; George L. Thompson, '19pharm, Shawnee, provost marshal and commanding officer of a Guard squadron at Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Albert Kulp, '34law, Norman, on duty in the Judge Advocate General's office in Washington; Denver Meacham, '35law, Clinton, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Larry Cotton, '33, former vocalist with Horace Heidt's Orchestra, on duty at McClellan Field, California; Wayne A. Maloy, '36ed, Seminole, commanding officer of a field unit of the Air Service Command in Italy, and Ralph C. Tutor, '41ba, Lawton, executive officer of the Station Hospital at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City.

Recently advanced to captain were the following: Caggie Pedrick, Jr., '37-'41, Tulsa, flying instructor at Stewart Field, West Point, New York; Edwin L. Love, '41law, Oklahoma City, with the Army Air Force at Silver City, New Mexico; Byron J. Cook, '29eng, Oklahoma City, an administrative officer at the Central Signal Corps School, Camp Crowder, Missouri; Frank L. Bradley, '36med, Altus, Medical Corps officer in Italy; Lloyd E. Brittain, '36-'39, Garden City, Kansas, attached to the 13th Air Force.

Elizabeth Ray, '34ba, Yukon, serving with the WAC in Italy; Raymond M. Hart, '31geol, Oklahoma City, with the Corps of Engineers in northern Canada; Price T. Watson, '33med, on the staff of a Station Hospital in England where Lt. Col. James E. Ensey, '28med, is chief of surgery; Harvey W. Powell, '30-'35, Holdenville, police and prison officer of a regiment at the Army Service Forces Training Center, Camp Lee, Virginia; Richard W. Musser, '42bus, Enid, Fort Ord, California; Raymond J. Barnett, '38-'40, Purcell, with the Air Force in Alaska.

Alfred Bensinger, '39bus, post range officer at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Alvin W. Phillips, '38-'39, Sayre, on duty with the Air Force at Millville, New Jersey, and Leo E. Huff, '41, Thomas, Oklahoma, overseas with a rifle company. Capt. Seth King, '42letters, Okmulgee, is an Artillery observer attached to the same battalion Captain Huff is with.

New first lieutenants include the following: Artie Marie Garrett, '33he, Lexington, Army nurse in England; Charles E. Wright, '38-'42, Oklahoma City, on duty at Camp McCain, Mississippi; Bernard L. Gordon, '37law, Oklahoma City, in New Zealand; Jennie E. Jones, '40nurse, Law-

ton, Army nurse overseas; John D. Nicholson, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, Army Engineer in Panama.

John W. Morton, '43eng, Bartlesville, with the Ordnance in Detroit, Michigan; C. F. McLaren, Jr., '41eng, Oklahoma City, in India; Jack Tuggle, '36ba, '36bus, Oklahoma City, with the Infantry at Camp Fannin, Texas, and Joan C. D'Orsay, '42nurse, Army nurse on duty at Fort Bliss, Texas.

In the non-commissioned ranks, James W. Harding, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, with the Fifth Air Force, and Clark Ice, '41ms, Fletcher, on duty in England, have been promoted to staff sergeant. Sergeant Ice was recently on temporary duty in North Ireland, where he visited with Lt. Robert F. Lewis, '40bs, '42ms, Bixby, on

If you have more recent information about any of the alumni mentioned in these news items, please notify Editor of Sooner Magazine, University of Oklahoma.

duty there with a Weather Squadron. George G. Anthony, '40-'43, Ponca City, on duty at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and Gilmer H. Nelson, '43 m.ed, with a G-3 unit, have been promoted to sergeant. Joe I. Myers, '41-'43, Yukon, chaplain's assistant with the Ninth Air Force, has been raised to corporal.

In the Marine Corps, Sherrill W. White, '31ba, Oklahoma City, aviator in the Pacific, has been promoted to captain. Robert L. Cox, '31law, Oklahoma City, on duty at Quantico, Virginia, has been advanced to first lieutenant.

Two alumni have recently been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander in the Navy, Beecher Snipes, '32-'37, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Harold M. Gay, '33eng, formerly with the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company in Ardmore and Poteau. Commander Snipes, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, is attached to the headquarters squadron of a Fleet Air Wing in the Atlantic. Commander Gay, who entered the Navy in October, 1941, is on duty in the Southwest Pacific.

Stroud P. Stacy, '42bus, Altus, disbursement officer aboard an aircraft carrier in the Atlantic, and Dick Smethers, '42bus, Ponca City, on duty in the Aleutian Islands, have been promoted to lieutenant junior grade.

New Officers

O. P. Montgomery, '30, Oklahoma City, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at Fourth Air Force headquarters in San Francisco. Lieutenant Montgomery was a flying officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force for nearly three years before entering the United States service. After receiving his commission he was assigned to duty in San Francisco, but expected to go overseas as a fighter controller soon. Lieutenant Montgomery entered the R.C. A.F. in September, 1941, and served at several Canadian air bases. His wife, the former Dorothy Smith, '31, of Norman, was living in Vancouver, British Columbia, at the time of his transfer. The couple have an 11-year-old son, Monte Dean.

John D. Hill, '38-'43, Norman, received his commission as a combat navigator at the Army Air Field, Hondo, Texas, recently.

James P. MacKellar, '33-'38, Norman, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at the Administrative Officer Candidate School, Miami Beach, Florida, and assigned to duty in San Rafael, California.

Lawrence R. Hagy, '23ba, former Amarillo,

Texas, oil man, has been commissioned a major in the fuels and lubrication division of the Air Force.

Virgil N. Woolfolk, '40-'41, Lawton, received his commission as an ensign in the regular Coast Guard at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, this June. He also received a bachelor of science degree. At the Academy Ensign Woolfolk was assistant editor of *Tide Rips*, the class yearbook.

Frances L. Bulla, '34ed, '42m.ed, Norman, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Her husband, Col. Gordon G. Bulla, '30med, is a Medical Corps officer attached to the Air Transport Command.

Edwin L. Campbell, '41-'42, Houston, Texas, and Jack Carson, '36-'37, Lindsay, were commissioned second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve at the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, Texas. Lieutenant Campbell was assigned to duty at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, and Lieutenant Carson went to the Marine Corps Air Station at Edenton, North Carolina.

Helene Marie Scharf, '31bus, Oklahoma City, has been commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the WAVES and assigned to Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, for indoctrination. Lieutenant Scharf was special statistician in the sales department of the Public Service Company in Tulsa before entering the service.

Newly commissioned ensigns in the Navy include Karey A. Fuqua, '36bus, Enid, who was assigned to the Supply Corps School at Harvard University; Charles W. Smith, '38-'42, Norman, who received his commission at the Midshipmen's School in New York; Harold Lahar, '41 bus, former O.U. football star and co-holder of the state fourball golf championship, who was assigned to duty in the supply office at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and three members of the University N.R.O.T.C. unit. They were Boone Baker, '41-'44, Amarillo, Texas, Robert Bencar, '41-'44, Tulsa, and Carey Johnson, '42-'44, Racine, Brazil.

Overseas

The adventures of Lt. Hugh Ford, '40journ, Billings, in the invasion of the Marshall Islands reached Norman in a letter from Bill Van Dyke, '38, yeoman first class on duty in Honolulu, with whom Lieutenant Ford visited when in Hawaii. Mr. Van Dyke wrote that the six foot, seven-and-a-half inch Field Artillery lieutenant came onto the beach when it was still under fire and stood calmly up, looking around. "What a sight that must have been," he said. "All those guys pinned down on the beach by rifle and machine gun fire, and he comes riding in grandly in the leading duck ashore, and stands up like a flag pole to see what's going on." Lieutenant Ford told Mr. Van Dyke it didn't occur to him to be scared until a colonel stopped digging a foxhole long enough to tell him, "I'd get down a little, lieutenant."

Capt. Malcolm P. O'Haver, '33-'39, Norman, is attached to an Ordnance battalion in the Mediterranean theater of war, which has set records in the repair of vehicles, artillery and heavy field equipment in Tunisia, Sicily and Italy.

Lt. Houston L. Levers, '42journ, Okmulgee, bombardier on a Flying Fortress in England, recently spent a seven-day rest leave at Cliveden, the country estate of Lady Astor, member of the British Parliament. While there he met a number of British officials, a high-ranking Free French representative and the Argentine ambassador to England. He also visited Eton. Returning to London, he heard a concert by the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra before reporting for duty.

Cpl. A. Charles Adams, '33-'37, former managing editor of the *Guthrie Daily Leader*, is on the staff of the *Gulf Command Bulletin* in Teheran, Persia. The *Bulletin* is condensed from short wave radio reports.

Capt. Jack B. Ryan, '41geol, Rodessa, Louis-

iana, is armament officer of a squadron of B-24's in southern Italy. His squadron, one of the first to go into North Africa, has carried out missions against enemy installations in northern Italy, the Balkans, southern Germany and France. Captain Ryan has flown as an observation-gunner in raids on Pantelleria and Naples.

Lt. Bert Bencar, '41-'42, Tulsa, has been among the Air Force pilots supporting the Fifth Army in its march north of Rome.

Sgt. Ernest F. Doke, Jr., '40-'42, El Reno, is with the Army in Corsica. He recently enrolled in a course in Italian through the University Correspondence Study department.

Other alumni overseas include the following: Maj. William R. Clark, '36journal, Armored Field Artillery; Lt. John L. Shibley, '41bs, Guthrie, Air Force; Lt. W. Norman Floyd, '34eng, Norman, Air Force; Lt. James E. Fields, '40-'42, Bartlesville; Cpl. Eugene E. Gardner, '42ba, Helena, Oklahoma, Infantry; Capt. E. B. McCollum, '32med, General Hospital; Maj. James C. McWilliams, '37law, Field Artillery; Lt. M. Dean Bridges, '42bus, Bartlesville, Ordnance.

Lt. Donald V. Smith, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, Air Force; Cecil L. Thompson, '33ba, Norman, technician fifth grade in the Corps of Engineers; Sterling N. Grubbs, '41ba, Cushing, technician fifth grade in the Signal Corps; Lt. Col. Fred Daugherty, '36-'37, Oklahoma City; Capt. Harold J. Wilson, '42, Claremore, Cavalry; Lt. Glenn P. Bradley, '39-'43, Norman, Field Artillery; Lt. Robert G. Porter, '36eng, Engineering Aviation regiment; Pvt. Robert H. Ashby, '43eng, Oklahoma City, Signal Corps.

Lt. George L. Coffey, '39-'42, Norman, Air Force; Tech. Sgt. Joe L. Fleming, '40-'42, Jay, Oklahoma, Air Force; Tech. Sgt. Heber Finch, Jr., '39law, Sapulpa; Capt. C. A. McCann, '28geol, Oklahoma City, commanding officer of an Engineers Petroleum Distribution company in England; Staff Sgt. Myrl D. Armstrong, '37, Comanche, Air Force; Sgt. George A. Hughes, Jr., '33-'35, Blair, Oklahoma; Lt. Robert L. Lawrence, Jr., '42, Anadarko, Armored Field Artillery; Lt. Sam Magoffin, '37-'39, McAlester, Engineers; Lt. Walter Davidson, Jr., '41-'43, Muskogee, Air Force.

Lt. Mack A. Jones, '41-'42, Norman, Air Force; Lt. Keith Bergdall, '43bus, Meno, Oklahoma; Lt. John H. Speer, '37geol, Miami, Air Force; Lt. Victor Lasater, '42ed, Broken Bow, Signal Corps; Lt. George W. Duke, '38med, Madill, Anti-aircraft; Cpl. Philip R. Monsey, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, Signal Corps; Capt. John W. Ervin, '40ba, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery; Lt. Wendell Ford, '34law, Tulsa, with the Ninth Air Force; Maj. Wendell J. Kelley, '37-'40, Lexington, Oklahoma, Air Force; Lt. Richard Holland, '41bus, Norman, Field Artillery.

Lt. David W. Bardwell, '42eng, Oklahoma City; Capt. James J. Donnelly, '37bus, Corps of Engineers; Lt. William P. Mattox, '43bus, Norman, Field Artillery; Maj. Ralph Merkle, '41eng, Norman, Field Artillery; Capt. Glenn R. Robinson, '41eng, Okmulgee, Ordnance; Pvt. Milton Bradley, '35-'41, Norman, Signal Corps; Sgt. John H. Gallagher, '43, Norman; Capt. Gerald Couch, '39eng, Chemical Warfare Service.

Lt. Fain H. Pool, '40bus, Oklahoma City, Air Force; Lt. Edward W. Yates, '40-'41, Norman, Cavalry; Capt. Ralph L. Stevenson, '42bus, Ponca City, Air Transport Command; Capt. Richard E. Witt, '41med, Army Medical Corps; Maj. Richard A. Norton, '29eng, Tulsa, Civil Affairs; Sgt. Dorris L. Riley, '39ed, Healdton, WAC; Capt. Victor M. Torres, '35eng, Field Artillery; Lt. Col. Gerald D. Shepherd, '32bus, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery.

Lt. William G. McPherson, '42med, Medical Corps; Lt. T. Dwight Mitchell, '43ba, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery; Lt. Ralph E. Reiger, '41, Oklahoma City, Air Force; Lt. Charles T. Gerbracht, '31eng, Altus, in Puerto Rico with the Corps of Engineers; Lt. Wayne L. Moore, '39-'40, Oklahoma City, Air Force; Capt. William A. Thomas, '40eng, El Reno, Air Force; Lt. Ger-

ald E. Porter, '38bus, Beaumont, Texas, Ordnance; Capt. Thomas S. Napier, '34eng, Miami, Florida, Field Artillery; Capt. Warren T. Gunter, '29-'34, Air Force, and Jack Bell, '41bus, technician third grade in the Finance department.

Navy

Lt. (jg) Jay B. Smith, '36-'37, Norman, is a press liaison officer for the U. S. Navy on the staff of Admiral Sir Bertram H. Ramsay, Royal Navy, commander in chief of the Allied Naval Expeditionary Force taking part in the French invasion. He reported having seen Tom Yarbrough, '32, foreign correspondent who covered the first five days of the invasion but later was called back to a desk in the London Associated Press office.

Lt. (jg) Bill Brinkley, '40journal, formerly reporter on the *Washington Post*, is a Naval writer on the staff of *Stars and Stripes* in the Mediterranean theater. In a recent letter to the *Post*, he said, "As this is being written the Allied forces are outside Rome and we are awaiting the fall of that city with a little of the expectancy with which you must await the western invasion. Rome has been a long time coming, and it will be a comfort to see it at last in Allied hands. . . The average American over here has not been overwhelmed by the country and its historic sights. . . The comment of most guys after taking a look at Pompeii is 'Give me Iola, Kansas.'"

Also on duty at sea or at Navy bases overseas were the following: Ensign R. Wendell Tomberlin, '38fa, former O.U. art professor; Lt. (jg) R. B. Lawrence, Jr., '37ba, Altus; Samuel M. Miller, '42-'43, Altus, radioman second class; Ensign A. Wayne Gentry, '41-'44, Oklahoma City; Ensign H. James Thacker, '43bus, Weatherford; Ensign Jack Trentman, '44eng, Wichita, Kansas.

Lt. (jg) C. H. Atchison, '40geol, Arkansas City, Kansas; Ensign Frank T. Owens, '44eng, Tipton; Ensign William C. Paris, '43ba, '43eng, Norman; Lt. (jg) William R. Brannan, '42; C. John Close, '32eng, radio technician first class; Ensign Gordon B. Granzow, '43bus, Edmond; Lt. (jg) Lester R. Dawson, Jr., '38geol, Oklahoma City, and Ensign James H. McGlothlin, '42-'43, Oklahoma City.

Lee Kennon, '41-'43, Tulsa, O.U.'s all Big Six tackle, was awarded the Hal Nieman Trophy as the outstanding athlete at the University last

year. Transferred last March from the Naval V-12 unit at O.U. to the Naval Midshipmen's School at Plattsburg, New York, he was commissioned an ensign there recently. Ensign Kennon was awarded the trophy by the Sooner Athletic Council.

Ensign William W. Fryc, '35-'37, former court reporter on the *Tulsa Tribune*, recently completed an indoctrination course at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Elmer L. Kirkpatrick, '29ma, Tryon, Oklahoma, is a storekeeper second class in training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California. Former Oklahoma school man, he has three sons in the navy.

Richard O. Oliver, '39fa, Norman, is a third class petty officer at the Fleet Music School in San Diego.

Ensign William O. Felkner, '37bs, '39ms, formerly with the U. S. Border Patrol at Chula Vista, California, is in training at Hollywood Beach, Florida.

Lt. Harold L. Boyer, '41med, Navy medical officer, was stationed at the School of Aviation Medicine, Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Florida. He recently returned from a tour of foreign service.

Fletcher H. White, '36, storekeeper second class, was on duty at Camp Hill, Naval Training Station, Farragut, Idaho.

Melvin Alpner, '44eng, Oklahoma City, is a seaman first class in training at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Ensign D. W. Peters, '40ba, Norman, has been on duty at the Boston Navy Yard, Charlestown, Massachusetts. He received training in applied electronics at Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ensign Frank P. Vance, '38eng, Norman, was ordered to report to the Naval Training School at Fort Schuyler, The Bronx, New York, for indoctrination.

Lt. C. E. Earnheart, '28law, former Oklahoma City attorney, was on duty at the Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, New York.

Lt. John H. Frederickson, Jr., '32eng, Oklahoma City, is assistant public works officer at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Norman.

J. D. McCarty, '36-'39, chief carpenter's mate, has been transferred to the Naval Air Station at Norman.

Lt. Herbert H. Scott, '26ba, '26ma, Norman, has been transferred from the Navy office at Dallas to Oklahoma City. Lieutenant Scott was director of the University Extension Division before entering the service.

Ensign Bill J. Graheck, '42arch, '42eng, Coffeyville, Kansas, is on duty at the Naval Supply Depot at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Lt. (jg) W. E. Dougherty, Jr., '41law, Shawnee, has been transferred from sea duty to the Naval Training Station at Newport, Rhode Island.

R. Thornberg Brock, '40letters, '41lib.sci, Norman, is a specialist second class on duty at the Naval Training Center, Camp Wallace, Texas.

Lt. William T. Brooks, '28-'29, Oklahoma City, is on duty at the Amphibious Training Base, Little Creek, Virginia.

Lt. E. B. Snell, '32bus, McPherson, Kansas, is on duty in the supply office at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia. Also there is Ensign Harper V. Orth, '39bs, recently commissioned in the Naval Reserve.

Lt. Jack Z. Krigel, '41bus, Oklahoma City, is on duty in the Fleet Administrative Office at the Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Army

Sgt. Clint A. Darnall, '41geog, Marlow, is attached to an Infantry regiment at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

Pfc. Frederick M. Jay, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, is attached to an Italian Service company at Camp Clipper, Essex, California, a prisoner of war camp.



BACK FROM ISLANDS
Former I.M.A. secretary at O. U., Artillery Lt. John McReynolds, '37ba, returned from long duty in the Aleutians.

Lt. Robert N. Starr, '43bus, Oklahoma City, is a Field Artillery liaison pilot at Camp Cooke, California.

Lt. John D. Richards, '30fa, '39med, Anti-aircraft officer, has been transferred to Camp Haan, California.

Flight Officer Arthur G. (Bill) Hays, '39-'42, Muskogee, was attached to a Ferrying group of the Air Transport Command at Long Beach, California.

Lt. Ray J. Hassler, '43ba, Norman, has been transferred to McClellan Field, California.

Cpl. Joe B. Odom, '26, Oklahoma City, was on duty at Fort Ord, California, with the Signal Corps.

Capt. Louie W. Beck, '31-'36, is base legal officer at the Metropolitan Airport, Van Nuys, California.

When two Santa Fe passenger trains collided in southern Colorado in June, Lt. Doris Ray, '42nurse, Oklahoma City, member of the Army Nurse Corps, was one of the group of nurses and doctors among the passengers who gave emergency treatment to the injured. An emergency operating room was set up in a baggage car, where two nurses and three doctors worked for three hours. Fifteen ambulances conveyed the injured to hospitals in three nearby Colorado and Arizona towns. Lieutenant Ray was en route to Denver when the wreck occurred.

Pfc. William S. Myers, '41-'43, Tulsa, was attached to a Field Artillery battery at Camp Carson, Colorado.

Capt. Robert B. Harbison, '30law, Altus, is a member of the Judge Advocate General's Department at the Air Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Capt. Ted M. Beveridge, '37-'40, Oklahoma City, is on duty in the operations division of the War Department General Staff in Washington, D. C. Captain Beveridge was formerly on the military science staff of the University, following a tour of duty in the Aleutian Islands.

Capt. Mary Katherine Cuppy, '35nurse, Hobart, member of the Army Nurse Corps, has been assigned to duty in the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D. C.

George W. Wilson, '43-'44, former graduate assistant in geology at the University, was an aviation cadet in training at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

Capt. Elmer A. Gearheart, '37ba, Oklahoma City, is a member of the Medical Corps on duty in Tampa, Florida.

Lt. C. Frances Palmer, '40med, Seagoville, Texas, is on duty at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.

Pfc. George W. Weach, '34-'37, El Reno, is a member of an Infantry division band at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Maj. Donald Minnig, '38med, is on the staff of the General Hospital at Camp Gordon, Georgia.

Maj. James M. Humphreys, '35bus, Marfa, Texas, is a service pilot with the Sixth Corps Area, on duty at the Municipal Airport, Chicago, Illinois.

Cpl. Esbon Y. Titus, '42ba, Oklahoma City, was on duty at the Army Service Forces Training Center, Camp Ellis, Illinois.

Pfc. Jack C. Bass, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, is on duty at the Engineers Depot in Granite City, Illinois.

Lt. William G. McPherson, '42med, is on the staff of the General Hospital at Camp Grant, Illinois.

Lt. Albert W. Tindle, Jr., '39eng, Grandfield, Oklahoma, is a base weather officer at Scott Field, Illinois.

Maj. Ellis Brown, '39eng, Duncan, much-decorated veteran of the aerial war in the Pacific, and Maj. Earle Garrison, '36bus, Norman, Field Artillery officer, were attending Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Capt. Jesse D. Shipp, '33med, is base surgeon at the Army Air Field, Sturgis, Kentucky.

Maj. Julian Jacobi, '38-'40, Marietta, has been

Cover Girl 'Ding Qua'

Dear Editor:

Had the occasion to glimpse the cover (and contents) of your *Sooner Magazine* covering the month of December, '43. To give your product the least bit of credit, Ed, I thought it was a swell job of work.

To get back to what I intended to be the subject of this letter, I want to say that everyone around this part of China thought Bookie Bragg, your cover girl for that month, was really something out of this world. To coin a phrase, she looked "ding qua qua" as the Chinese would say it. (Meaning very, very good; excellent.)

You being an editor, you are no doubt faced with many trials and tribulations; but I hope this request I'm about to make won't add to your load. We would like for you to send us a picture of Bookie Bragg. I'm of the opinion that this type of request is unusual and probably frowned upon, but speaking for everyone concerned over here in the Orient, we hope our request will be granted.

To keep the record straight, I'm an ex-Aggie and former sports reporter for the *Daily O'Collegian* at Stillwater; however, I've called a truce for the duration since I'm not around to shout "Beat O. U." to anyone who will listen or know what I mean.

WESLEY G. TERRELL
S/Sgt., Army Air Forces
China

transferred to the Army Air Field at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Lt. Richard K. Wootten, '42bus, Chickasha, was on duty at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

Lt. Vivia Locke, '39ba, Durant, is a recruiting officer for the WAC in Monroe, Louisiana.

On duty at Camp Polk, Louisiana, were Lt. Willis F. Gausman, '42bus, Oklahoma City, Lt. Everett S. Palmer, '39-'43, Henryetta, and Lt. William D. Blanks, '37-'39, all with the Field Artillery.

Lt. Barker Shirley, '32law, Norman, was stationed at Selman Field, Louisiana.

Lt. George P. Wild, Jr., '43eng, Weatherford, was assigned to the Army Ground Forces Replacement Depot at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Capt. John E. Miller, '39med, is a flight surgeon at the Army Air Field, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Lt. Owen Townsend, '40law, Marietta, has been transferred to the Army Air Base at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Pfc. Lyle D. Copmann, '41-'43, Stillwater, was attached to an Infantry company at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Pvt. Charles Fortman, '41-'42, Noble, is attached to a Signal Training regiment at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Flight Officer Robert L. Hull, '42-'43, Prague, was stationed at the Army Air Field, Deming, New Mexico.

Cpl. Mary Boyd Abbott King, '30, '31, '36, Durant, is with the WAC detachment at Camp Butler, North Carolina.

Pvt. Lyman L. Bryan, '42-'43, Norman, is on duty at the Army Air Base, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Capt. Ray Cross, '41eng, Altus, is with the Field Artillery at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

Capt. Fred J. Perry, '36med, is a surgeon at the Muskogee Army Air Field.

On duty with the Field Artillery at Fort Sill were Capt. Richard G. Marriott, '33-'38, Oklahoma City, taking an advanced training course, Lt. Edgar W. Driver, '43bus, Oklahoma City, attending a special basic course for officers, and Capt. John D. Locke, '36bus, on the staff of the Field Artillery School. Sgt. Edward Martin, '41law, Oklahoma City, was on duty at the Fort Sill Station Hospital.

Pvt. Marvin R. Jones, '34-'35, Norman, was

with the Corps of Engineers at Camp Abbott, Oregon.

Cpl. Roy E. Munson, '39ed, Lawton, is with an Infantry unit at Camp Adair, Oregon.

Lt. James R. Ramsey, '44eng, Blooming Grove, Texas, was attached to a Base unit at Olmstead Field, Middletown, Pennsylvania.

Capt. Glenn R. Jones, '41, Oklahoma City, is with the Field Artillery at Camp Bowie, Texas. Elijah E. Petty, '41, technician fourth grade, was attached to an Ordnance company there.

Pvt. Johnnie Braun, '39-'42, Hobart, was attached to an Air Base unit at Galveston, Texas.

Capt. H. D. Wolfe, '38ba, Shawnee, is a Medical Corps officer attached to a Field Artillery battalion at Camp Hood, Texas.

Lt. Herbert S. Orr, Jr., '42med, Tulsa, is a Medical Corps officer attached to an Infantry unit at Camp Maxey, Texas. In training with the Infantry there were R. J. Jameson, '26-'28, Norman, and Pvt. Wayne B. Smith, '24-'31.

Lt. Jonita Ruth Bonham, '43nurse, Oklahoma City, an Army nurse, is on duty at Moore Field, Texas.

Lt. Millard F. Lowrance, '38law, has been transferred to the Army Air Base at San Angelo, Texas, as classification officer.

Lt. Maurice Huckins, '43med, Sasakwa, is on the staff of Bushnell General Hospital at Brigham City, Utah.

Jacob W. Levin, '36law, Coalgate, was in training with the Army Service Forces at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Lt. Harold E. Hilderbrand, '43med, Welch, Oklahoma, is on the staff of the Station Hospital at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Pfc. William J. Holloway, Jr., '41-'43, was stationed there.

Edwin M. Harms, '34med, former Blackwell physician, is on the staff of the hospital at the Army Air Base, Casper, Wyoming.

Lt. Col. E. J. McCormick, '33, has been transferred from Camp Hood, Texas, to Camp Bowie.

Marilyn G. Cooke, '44bus, Oak Park, Illinois, has enlisted in the Women's Army Corps and expected to enter personnel work in the Air Force branch.

WAVES

Marilynn O. Harper, '43fa, Fort Crook, Nebraska, is a storekeeper third class at the Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, California.

Charlotte Haulsee, '41ba, Wewoka, is in training as an officer candidate with the WAVES at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. Before entering the Navy Miss Haulsee taught school at Asher, Sand Springs and Wewoka. Also in training at Smith College were Frances M. Hundahl, '39bus, Tulsa, and Rosa Lee Montgomery, '37lib.sci, Hobart.

Mary E. Estes, '42ma, Coalgate, specialist second class in the WAVES, was on duty at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Marines

In the Pacific area with the Marine Corps are Lt. William E. Dickey, '40-'42, Eufaula, dive bomber pilot and recreation officer for his squadron; Capt. Glenn A. Young, '41ba, Sapulpa, attached to headquarters of a Marine Amphibious Corps; Sgt. Leslie W. Hervey, '37-'40, Norman, and Lt. Charles B. Lewis, '40ma, former member of the State Department of Education in Oklahoma City, attached to a Marine Air Warning squadron.

Capt. Carl T. McLean, '39-'41, Ardmore, was attached to a Marine Air group at the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California.

Sgt. Maxine H. Crow, '33-'34, former reporter on the *El Reno Tribune*, is in the public relations section of the Marine Corps procurement office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Maj. Tom R. Watts, '38ba, Oklahoma City, is assigned to the base Artillery battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Sgt. John Anderhub, '41ba, is on duty with the Marine Air Corps at Congaree Field, Columbia, South Carolina.