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FOLLOWING General MacArthur's historic return to the Philippines and the first successes of the invasion in the Leyte sector, frontline dispatches carried news of Sooners involved in the fighting there.

► Fred W. Gill, '41, Norman, seaman first class in the Coast Guard and a veteran of Pacific island invasions, was one of the first to return to the shores of the Philippines.

Gun pointer of a machine gun, Seaman Gill is stationed aboard an LST manned by Coast Guardsmen which, with a number of other Coast Guard amphibious craft, beached in the first assault waves to discharge troops and supplies. He has also taken part in the invasions of Wake Island, Morotai Island, Biak Island, Hollandia, New Guinea, and Noemfoor.

► Maj. Ellis L. Brown, '39eng, Duncan, veteran of the Pacific aerial war who has been home on leave for several months, rejoined his Bombardment outfit in the South Pacific and was believed to be operating in the Philippines around Leyte. While in the U. S., Major Brown completed a course of training at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

► Also reported in the invasion of the Philippines were Pvt. Harry Coates, '43, El Reno, with the Infantry of the 96th Division, and Maj. Alfred Bungardt, '39med, Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Eugene P. Dale, '36-'38, Enid, who was taken prisoner by the Japanese when Bataan fell and later escaped to join guerilla forces, was rescued by American forces in the Philippines and was on his way home in October.

Lieutenant Dale escaped from his captors in April, 1943, when a Japanese transport he was aboard was sunk. Pilot of an A-20, he was first sent to the Philippines in November, 1941, having received his wings at Kelly Field, Texas, in July of that year.

► Lt. Clyde Fleming, '26bs, Norman, was one of the prisoners either killed or re-captured by the Japanese when the Japanese ship on which he was being transported from the Philippines was sunk by an American submarine after MacArthur's forces invaded the islands.

Some of the prisoners were picked up by the Americans after the ship sank but Lieutenant Fleming was reported not among them. Captured by the Japanese at the fall of Corregidor, he was with a group of prisoners doing forced labor on a Japanese air field in the southern Philippines and was being shipped north by the Japanese after the recent American invasion.

► Lt. Dale S. Hannah, '40-'42, Artesia, New Mexico, is pilot with the "Air Apaches," Fifth Air Force unit specializing in low-level strafing and bombing attacks in the steamroller drive toward the Philippines.

Aided by Underground

After masquerading successfully for eight weeks as a French peasant in German-held Paris, Sgt. Eugene Kiefer, '42, Oklahoma City, was safely back on U. S. soil last month following his brief stay undetected in the enemy camp.

Sergeant Kiefer's B-24 was shot down near Paris on June 2 but he escaped uninjured and managed to contact the French Underground. Entering Paris as a Frenchman, he kept on the move to escape detection by the Germans. When the American troops arrived, Sergeant Kiefer stood cheering on the sidewalk amid the throngs of Parisians.

After spending his recent leave in Oklahoma City, he reported to Miami Beach, Florida, for re-assignment.

Newsman to Paris

Capt. Max Gilstrap, '37journ, lecturer, ranger-naturalist and newspaperman, has been transferred to the European theater as editor of the Paris edition of *Stars and*



AT PARIS HEADQUARTERS

Armed forces newspaper Stars and Stripes followed Allied armies into Europe with Capt. Max Gilstrap, '37journ, as editor of the new Paris edition.

Stripes, one of the most important journalistic assignments of the war.

Former assistant editor of the English edition of *Stars and Stripes*, Captain Gilstrap was transferred to the new post from London. Before entering the Army, he was on the staff of the *Christian Science Monitor* in Boston and was associated with the National Park Service.

Yugoslavs Honor

Maj. John T. Snyder, '36-'40, Enid, commander of a Liberator Bomber squadron in Italy, now wears the wings of the Royal Yugoslavian Air Force as tribute for his work with a group of Yugoslavian fliers attached to his squadron.

The RYAF detachment, which joined Major Snyder's squadron in Tunisia and as part of it has flown on 88 missions against the enemy, has been cited for service in support of the Allies in the Mediterranean from November, 1943, to the present.

Rescuer and Rescued

Capt. Julius Levine, '25, McAlester, was among Army doctors of the 15th Air Force in Italy who moved into Roumania to help rescue and treat injured American fliers who were liberated when that country fell to the Allies.

One of their most spectacular cases was a Flying Fortress gunner, shot down over Ploesti last August, who was thought to be fatally wounded but was saved when the American doctors treated him with penicillin.

► Lt. Ernest F. Ainsworth, '35-'38, Oklahoma City, an Air Force radar officer, was home this fall after being rescued from an enemy prison camp in Roumania.

After crashing in Roumania last summer, Lieutenant Ainsworth was held prisoner by the Germans there until he was freed by Allied forces in September and flown to Italy on the first leg of his journey home.

Goes West With Play

Cpl. David Sureck, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, is in the cast of the motion picture *Winged Victory*, Moss Hart's pageant drama of the Air Force now being filmed in Hollywood. He was also in the Broadway stage production of the drama. The movie is being directed by George Cukor.

Foils Spy Attempts

Four national magazines carried photographs of Ensign Kenneth W. Miller, '40eng, Norman, in connection with recent articles on the radio intelligence division of the Federal Communications Commission with which he was associated

before entering the Navy. The articles appeared in *QST*, *Click*, *Radio News* and *Popular Mechanics* magazines.

Ensign Miller was assistant district supervisor of six states in the Great Lakes area for F.C.C. radio intelligence and helped locate and make raids upon clandestine radio stations. He is now on duty in the Office of Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D. C., but expects to rejoin the F.C.C. after the war.

On Autogyro Flight

Lt. Harold H. Hermes, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, was one of eight Air Force pilots chosen to test a new model helicopter manufactured by the Sikorsky Company on an experimental flight from Wright Field, Ohio, to Colorado Springs.

The helicopter carries two persons and has a cruising speed of 90 miles an hour.

Back From Battlefronts

Capt. Jack M. Collier, '40fa, Norman, veteran of 40 missions over the Himalaya Mountains hump between China and India, has returned to the United States and was stationed at Love Field, Texas, with the Air Transport Command. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal, as well as commendations from Gen. H. H. Arnold and Gen. H. L. George.

► Lt. (jg) Dick Smethers, '42bus, Ponca City, has returned to duty in the United States following a tour of duty in the Aleutian Islands. He was assigned to the Naval Mine Warfare School, Yorktown, Virginia, for training. With him was Mrs. Smethers, the former Mima Magoffin, '42 journ, McAlester. While visiting in Norman during part of his leave, Lieutenant Smethers was stricken with an attack of appendicitis and was taken to the Naval Hospital near Norman where an appendectomy was performed. He was last reported in a satisfactory condition.

► Lt. (jg) William A. Allen, '38eng, Oklahoma City, reported to Jacksonville, Florida, for re-assignment upon his return to this country from the South Pacific, where he was stationed for several months.

► Maj. Leon Anderson, '40bs, visited briefly at his home in Norman this fall when he flew to the United States from England on a business trip. He returned soon to England, where he has been stationed for two years with the Air Transport Command.

► After taking part in the invasion of Sicily and Southern France as captain of a LCT, Lt. (jg) Al Horwitz, '42journ, Oklahoma City, was home on leave this fall. Lieutenant Horwitz was also in India for a time. He was formerly sports editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*.

► Lt. Col. James H. Bearly, '38bus, Oklahoma City, returned this fall from the Aleutian Islands, where he had been on duty for 16 months with the Air Force, to attend Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

► Lt. Finis Parham, '34law, Norman, was home on leave this fall after two and a half years duty in the Pacific. A communications officer, Lieutenant Parham was first stationed at Pearl Harbor and was later sent on sea duty. He participated in the Gilbert Islands campaign.

► Lt. Leon Biddy, '42, Hobart, was home on leave this fall from the European theater, where he has more than 300 hours of combat flying to his credit. Pilot of a P-47 fighter plane, he has been decorated with an Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters.

► O. W. (Dub) Farley, '41-'42, Eldorado, seaman first class, was home on leave this fall after serving overseas for nine and one-half months. Mr. Farley was in Australia and New Guinea most of the time he was overseas. He was to report to Treasure Island, California, last month for re-assignment.

► Carl C. Ridley, '30, Oklahoma City, storekeeper first class, was home on leave recently following 19 months spent in the Southwest Pacific. Former field representative for Wilson and Company, Mr. Ridley entered the Navy in November, 1942, and went overseas in March, 1943.

► Lt. Shelby T. Alexander, '41journ, Lone Wolf, was assigned to duty at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, as assistant flight engineer upon his return from the European theater. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Tech. Sgt. Milton J. Markus, '35-'39, Independence, Missouri, has been returned to the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, after serving for 32 months as a supply sergeant in the China-Burma-India theater of operations.

► Lt. Lawrence L. Irwin, '42, Leedey, Marine fighter pilot, has returned to this country after participating in 37 combat missions in the Central Pacific. Lieutenant Irwin went on raids on numerous Japanese installations in the Marshall Islands from his base in the Gilberts. Earlier he was based on Samoa and Funafuti Islands in the Ellice group. Upon his return to the United States he was assigned to the Marine Corps Air Depot at Miramar, California.

► Staff Sgt. Francis Pease, '40, Hollis, veteran of 30 missions over France and Germany as waist gunner on a B-24, has been returned to the United States. Last spring he was awarded an Air Medal, to which has been added an Oak Leaf Cluster.

► Lt. Alvin D. Turquette, '40-'42, Norman, was home on leave this fall after taking part in both the Normandy and Southern France invasions as a photographic officer with Navy intelligence. Before going to France Lieutenant Turquette saw action in Africa and Sicily. At the conclusion of his leave he was to report to another theater of war.

► Maj. Ben Owens, '40bs, Miami, was home on leave this fall after spending 26 months in the Pacific theater of operations with the Marine Corps. Major Owens saw action at Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian with the Second Marines. At

the end of his leave he expected to report for duty at Quantico, Virginia.

► Lt. James E. Gumm, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, was home on rotation leave this fall after serving for 13 months in the Mediterranean theater. A pilot with the 12th Air Force, he has flown on 77 combat missions.

► Staff Sgt. Robert L. Morhart, '39, Shawnee and Tulsa, has returned to the United States after two and a half years with the Air Force in the South Pacific. When he first went overseas Sergeant Morhart spent six months training in Royal Australian Air Force radio and aerial bombardment schools. He was then assigned to an Air Force Bombardment group as radio operator and gunner, and was later transferred to a ground radio detachment because of an ear injury caused by high altitude flying.

► Lt. Orville K. Daniels, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after serving for 15 months in the Mediterranean theater of operations, wearing the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 13 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Croix de Guerre. Lieutenant Daniels flew on 65 missions as navigator aboard a Flying Fortress. Upon arriving in this country he was sent to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida.

► Lt. Jay B. Smith, '36-'37, Oklahoma City, has been transferred back to the United States after serving for a year in England as a Naval public relations officer. He was to report for orders last month in Washington, D. C. Before entering the Navy Lieutenant Smith was state public director for Oklahoma of the Works Progress Administration.

► Capt. Bernard Philip Howes, '39-'40, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after 30 months in the Southwest Pacific. Captain Howes, who holds the Silver Star and the Order of the Purple Heart for service during the Burma campaign, was to report to Palm Springs, California, for re-assignment. While on leave he visited his grandmother, Mrs. D. D. Puckett of Oklahoma City.

► Capt. Lloyd E. Brittan, '36-'39, Garden City, Kansas, has been returned to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, after completing a tour of duty in the Pacific as a squadron navigator.

► After 30 months in England and on the Normandy beachhead, Maj. Edgar Baxter, '33eng, Oklahoma City, was home on leave this fall. He is a Field Artillery officer.

► Lt. Hal Leaming, '39law, Oklahoma City, returned to duty in the United States this fall after serving as a Naval intelligence officer in Brazil for 16 months. At the end of his leave in Oklahoma City he was to report to Quonset Point, Rhode Island, for training before assignment to duty in Norfolk, Virginia.

► Capt. William H. Wylie, '39geol, Oklahoma City, was home on leave this fall after serving with the Coast Artillery in the Pacific for three and one-half years.

► Lt. (jg) Joseph Morgan Ray, '38-'41, Oklahoma City, who was wounded by shrapnel on a mission in the Central Pacific, has returned to the United States after eight months overseas. Lieutenant Ray was attached to a Navy squadron which participated in more than 65 combat, photographic and reconnaissance patrols from bases in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

► Lt. John E. Scrivner, '40law, Oklahoma City, of the Naval Reserve, was home on leave this fall from the European theater, where he participated in the Normandy invasion.

Decorations

Capt. Charles G. Shull, '32-'38, Hugo, has been presented the Croix de Guerre with a Silver Star by Lt. Gen. Joseph Pierre Koenig, commander of the French Forces of the Interior, for helping supply the



ON CHANNEL RUN
Radioman George F. Andres, '41, handles radio communication aboard a Coast Guard-manned LST operating between Britain and France.

French Maquis by air. The ceremony in which the presentation was made began with the playing of the stirring *La Marseillaise*. When making the award, General Koenig stated, "I have the honor to represent my country in honoring those men who have devoted themselves to the cause of the French Forces of the Interior. My country honors not only you fliers, but all those who have acted in any capacity in the air of France during the difficult times when she was occupied by the German invader." Captain Shull is squadron bombardier for a Liberator outfit based in England.

► The Paratroop regiment commanded by Lt. Rubert D. Huggins, '37-'39, Stigler, who was killed in action in Normandy on June 16, has received a Presidential Unit Citation for its performance on D-Day. Mrs. Huggins, the former Daphne Dunford, '39soc.wk, is living in Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Foy Rice, '40, Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious action in making a parachute jump into Normandy on D-Day. Lieutenant Rice also went into Holland with the Paratroops on September 16, and was injured by both shrapnel and bullets. The extent of his injuries are not known.

► Lt. John W. Coyle, Jr., '41-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as co-pilot of a B-17 based in England.

► Pfc. Theodore R. Matteson, '40-'41, Tulsa, with the Infantry in France, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service against the enemy. Private Matteson, who also holds the expert Infantryman's badge, has been overseas for several months.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Capt. Tipp W. Watts, '30-'32, Oklahoma City, for his service with the India-China wing of the Air Transport Command. He has more than 450 hours of flight time on the Assam-China route.

► Maj. Charles W. Mooney, '34bus, Shawnee, has been awarded the Bronze Star for his work during the Italian campaign and the Purple Heart for injuries received when a bomb fell near the French hospital in which he was recuperating from an appendectomy. He was operations officer for a Field Artillery battalion which landed at Salerno, and is credited with shooting down two German planes with a machine gun mounted on the hood of his half-track. Major Mooney returned to the United States this fall.

► Capt. Glenn D. Kelley, '34-'35, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three additional Oak Leaf Clusters for his Air Medal in recognition of the work he did as commander of a B-26 Marauder flight in the European theater. He has also been given the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in action. After completing 68 missions he was sent back to this country, and reported to Santa Monica, California, for re-assignment.

► Lt. O. Keith Bergdall, '43bus, Meno, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for injuries he received in action with the Field Artillery in France. He was transferred back to England for hospitalization.

► Staff Sgt. Bob W. Heard, '41-'42, Tulsa, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work as left waist gunner of a B-17 with the Eighth Air Force in England. He also holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. The Bombardment unit to which he was attached has been awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.

► Lt. Thomas G. Bowie, '41eng, Tulsa, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work as pilot of a P-47 fighter plane with the Tenth Air Force in India. Holder also of



FRANCE REWARDS

Capt. Charles Shull, '38, receives the Croix de Guerre from Gen. Pierre Koenig, leader of the French Forces of the Interior.

the Air Medal, Lieutenant Bowie has completed 50 combat missions during ten months in the China-Burma-India theater. Before entering the Army he was associated with the Standard Oil and Gas Company in Tulsa.

► Capt. Howard P. Rice, '40med, Ada, has been awarded the Bronze Star for continued meritorious service with the Field Artillery in Italy. He is with the 45th Division.

► The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Staff Sgt. Joe L. Irwin, '38-'39, Orange, Texas, for extraordinary achievement during bombing attacks on German war plants and on military targets in support of Allied ground forces. Also the holder of an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Sergeant Irwin is ball turret gunner on the Eighth Air Force B-17 *Sack Happy*.

► Staff Sgt. Harry G. Parks, '35-'39, Meeker, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious service with the Air Force in England. He completed 25 missions and 250 combat flying hours during his 13 months overseas as gunner on a Flying Fortress. Sergeant Parks returned to the United States this fall.

► Lt. William W. Boyd, Jr., '39-'40, Tulsa, member of Bombardment squadron of the 15th Air Force in Italy, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious operation against the enemy. He received training at the Army Air Field, Muroc, California, before going overseas.

► The Distinguished Service Cross has been awarded to Lt. (jg) Jimmie J. Sellars, '41-'42, Binger, for "extraordinary achievement." The text of the citation has not yet been released. Presentation of the award was made by Rear Adm. A. C. Read. Lieutenant Sellars is a member of the Navy Air Corps, and received training at San Diego, California, and Kingsville, Texas, before going on foreign duty.

► Lt. Claude J. Pierce, Jr., '42-'43, Tulsa, has been awarded the Air Medal for his work with the Air Force in India. He has 250 hours of combat flying to his credit as a member of a Liberator crew.

► Lt. William C. Mabrey, '40-'42, Okmulgee, has been awarded an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for his work with the Eighth Air Force as navigator on a Flying Fortress. He has participated in numerous bombardment missions over Europe.

► Lt. John K. Brock, '37-'38, Wewoka, member of a Bombardment squadron of the 15th Air

Force, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious action against the enemy. Lieutenant Brock trained at Langley Field, Virginia, before going overseas.

► Lt. Henry T. Gardner, '43, Idabel, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious action against the enemy as a member of the Eighth Air Force. Also the holder of an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Lieutenant Gardner is attached to a Bombardment squadron.

► Maj. Robert D. Coggeshall, '37-'39, Tulsa, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in combat as a B-24 squadron commander with the Eighth Air Force. He has been overseas since January. Major Coggeshall first entered the Air Force in June, 1940, when he enlisted as a cadet. After receiving his commission at Kelly Field, Texas, in February, 1941, he reverted to civilian status and became a mail and cargo pilot with the Pan-American Airways Company in South America. Late in 1942 he returned to the United States and re-entered the Army Air Force with the rank of second lieutenant.

► Lt. William F. Hubbell, '40ed, Tulsa, has been awarded an Air Medal and the Bombardment squadron to which he is attached in Italy has been awarded a Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Lieutenant Hubbell, a navigator, has been in Italy since August and has completed 20 missions.

► Capt. Clifton L. Bell, '37geol, Gray, Oklahoma, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service near Le Mesnil, France, last July. During that time Captain Bell, commander of an Armored Field Artillery battery in combat near Le Mesnil, organized an observation post and a fire control center with an Armored Infantry battalion by accurately massing the fires of both Infantry and Artillery weapons and by his constant observation of all indirect fires. He prevented an attack by the enemy on the morning of July 15.

► A citation from Admiral Nimitz has been received by Lt. (jg) Evans Chambers, '40med, Enid, for meritorious service in the line of his profession as assisting surgeon to the senior medical officer on board a U. S. transport during the invasion of Saipan Island last June. "By his devotion to duty, untiring energy and professional skill, operating for over 72 hours without rest, he was instrumental in bringing relief to many of the wounded and undoubtedly saved the lives of many who would otherwise have perished," the citation read.

► Staff Sgt. C. Ned Hockman, '41-'42, Carnegie, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "exceptionally meritorious and outstanding service in support of military operations from 27 March, 1944 to 1 April, 1944 during the aerial invasion of Burma." A photographer with a Reconnaissance squadron, Sergeant Hockman recorded all activities even when under direct fire, exposing himself to enemy guns without regard for his personal safety. During evacuation from a crude, temporary air-strip in a damaged plane, he continued to photograph though subjected to heavy enemy ground fire.

► The fourth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Col. Wendell J. Kelley, '37-'40, Lexington, P-51 Mustang fighter pilot with the Eighth Air Force. Colonel Kelley is deputy commander of a group which recently set a distance record for British-based fighter planes when it escorted heavy bombers on a 1,600-mile round trip to Gdynia, Poland.

► Maj. Harry D. Lewis, '39, Stigler, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in flight while delivering supplies to Allied forces in the China-Burma-India theater early this year and for work before that in the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns. Major Lewis, a pilot with the Troop Carrier Command, also towed gliders full of troops into France during the southern invasion.

The Troop Carrier unit to which he is attached was the first to leave one theater of action to participate in the campaigns of another. Major Lewis also holds the Air Medal for his work in North Africa and Oak Leaf Clusters for flights over Sicily, Italy and India.

► Capt. Muryl G. Crossley, '40bus, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for service with the Field Artillery in Normandy. He was in training with the Artillery at Fort Sill, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, before going overseas.

► The third Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Ted C. Findeiss, '42eng, Wichita, Kansas, recently promoted from second to first lieutenant. He is pilot of an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress and has participated in numerous bombing attacks over Europe.

► Lt. Robert C. Weldon, '39-'42, Tulsa, has been awarded the Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as pilot of a Marauder bomber during 13 months overseas. He returned to the United States this fall.

► The first bronze Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. George Defenbaugh, '39-'42, Dewey, bombardier with the 15th Air Force in Italy.

► Lt. Jack W. Janssen, '41-'43, Lyons, Kansas, has been awarded an Air Medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement during bombing missions over Europe. The Eighth Air Force Bombardment Squadron to which Lieutenant Janssen is attached has been awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for its shuttle bombing raid on the Messerschmitt airplane factories at Regensburg, Germany.

► Lt. Robert Calahan, '35-'39, Idabel and Norman, who recently was transferred back to the United States, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as a bombardier with the Eighth Air Force. Lieutenant Calahan went on 31 missions aboard a Liberator, bombing Munich, Berlin, Dresden and numerous other targets in Germany and France. Upon his return to this country he was sent to the Air Force Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida.

► Maj. John R. Penington, '40eng, Antlers, Liberator bomber pilot in the Southwest Pacific, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters. He is a veteran of 35 combat missions. Major Penington was formerly with Army Ordnance, transferring to the Air Force for training at Greenville, Mississippi, Columbus, Georgia, and Smyrna, Tennessee, before going overseas.

► Lt. Col. Henry F. Taylor, '26-'27, '36, Maysville, has been awarded the Legion of Honor for his "continuous and untiring effort" with the Fifth Island Command in the South Pacific.

► The second and third Oak Leaf Clusters have been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Fain H. Pool, '40bus, Lawton, for meritorious achievement while participating in several bombing attacks upon German war plants and upon German military defense points and communication lines in support of Allied ground forces in western Europe.

► An Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters is held by Lt. Charles W. McClean, '41-'43, Tonkawa, for his courage, coolness and skill while participating in several bombing attacks on German installations in western Europe. Lieutenant McClean is co-pilot of an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress. He received his wings at Williams Field, Arizona, last January.

► Lt. Alfred H. Locke, '39-'40, Oklahoma City, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work as pilot of a B-24 during a foreign duty tour of nine months. Also the holder of the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Lieutenant Locke returned to this

country recently and was sent to the Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida.

► Lt. Shelby T. Alexander, '41journ, Lone Wolf, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Oak Leaf Clusters to add to his Air Medal for service as pilot of a Liberator bomber in the European theater. The awards were made for his attacks on German targets in support of Allied ground operations in France. He holds a Presidential Unit Citation for his England-to-

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.

Africa shuttle bombing raid on Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg, Germany.

► Staff Sgt. John J. McNally, '29-'35, Tulsa, ground mechanic with the 15th Air Force Mustang Fighter group, has received a commendation from the pilot of the airplane on which he works. In a letter to the squadron commander, the pilot stated, "As pilot of his aircraft, I have been closely associated with Sergeant McNally for a number of months. Throughout this time I have found his work to be superior... The proficiency and thorough knowledge that he applies to every task have inspired in me utmost confidence in this man. His plane has performed faultlessly on many lengthy missions and has taken me through a number of highly successful engagements with the enemy... Sergeant McNally entered the Air Force in January, 1942, and has been overseas in North Africa and Italy for 21 months.

► Sgt. William E. Everidge, Jr., '40-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in the fighting on Guam with the Marine Corps. Sergeant Everidge was returned to the United States after his recovery in a Navy hospital in Honolulu. He had been overseas for 27 months. At the end of his leave in Oklahoma City he was to report to Quantico, Virginia, for re-assignment.

► Capt. William L. Shamel, Jr., '40, Sulphur, has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as pilot of a Troop Carrier Command C-47 flying Paratroopers into the European theater. He has been overseas for 22 months and has taken part in five campaigns.

► Lt. Col. Donald F. Newell, '36geol, El Paso, Texas, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manus Island in the Admiralty group last March. Commander of the Artillery liaison party that accompanied the brigade combat team on the Manus operation, Colonel Newell was solely responsible for receiving all calls for reinforcing ground, air and Naval fire. The citation accompanying the medal stated that his superior judgment and outstanding work in co-ordinating all the fire support were a great contribution to the success of the operation. He also holds the Silver Star.

► Lt. George S. McDermitt, '42eng, Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious services as an Ordnance officer in support of combat action in Italy. Commander of a detachment of an Ordnance ammunition company, Lieutenant McDermitt operated a forward ammunition supply point at Mondragone, Italy, from May 10 to May 20, 1944, under difficult conditions to meet emergency demands for ammunition by combat units. Working long

hours, under blackout conditions at night, he personally directed operations of the supply point to keep the troops well supplied with ammunition.

► Col. Earl Sneed, Jr., '37law, Tulsa, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his work in service and supply with the 15th Air Force in Italy. Commander of two large air depots, Colonel Sneed has successfully solved the intricate problems of serving and supplying the heavy bombers of the 15th Air Force by initiating an intensive training program for the adaptation of a minimum of trained personnel. Many airplanes previously discarded as irreparable have been returned to active service under Colonel Sneed's direction. He has been on foreign duty since June, 1942.

Deaths in Service

A detailed letter recounting the last action of Maj. James C. Buchanan, '34bus, Muskogee, June 15 in France has been received by Mrs. Buchanan (Wanda Hays, '35bs, '38ma) from Brig. Gen. John M. Devine, Major Buchanan's commanding officer.

General Devine wrote that he and Major Buchanan were driving up to the front lines to coordinate Artillery fire in the attack on the village of Gourbesville, in the Cherbourg peninsula, when their jeep ran into a roadblock and they were fired upon by a group of Germans.

General Devine, Major Buchanan and the driver, Corporal Bender, jumped from the jeep to take cover, the General and the Corporal going into one side of the road, and Major Buchanan the other.

"The last I saw of Buck he was going over the hedge, his tommy gun in his hand," General Devine wrote. "The Germans opened up on us with machine guns, grenades and mortars. For some time I heard Buck's tommy gun shooting back, while I fired from my side with a pistol, the only weapon I had. After a short while all firing ceased. On my side of the road I rolled away along the hedge, hoping that Buck and Bender were doing the same. When the Germans rushed the car I was far enough away to jump the hedge and get away by crawling."

General Devine returned to his own lines and sent a search party out to find the two men, but in vain. The attack on Gourbesville that night was successful, and the next morning General Devine led another searching party which found Major Buchanan's body not 30 feet from where he had jumped the hedge. Corporal Bender was found seriously injured, but is now recovering in a hospital in England.

Of Major Buchanan, General Devine wrote, "He had stayed too long to fight when he might possibly have gotten away... I have recommended Buck for the Legion of Merit, an honor he well deserves and which I feel sure will be awarded him."

► Lt. William H. Skinner, '42, Bartlesville, was killed in mid-July in action with the Marine Corps on Saipan Island when he was hit by a grenade as he led his men onto the beach. Lieutenant Skinner entered training with the Marine Corps at Parris Island, South Carolina, later trained at Quantico, Virginia, and went overseas last May. At the University he was a student in the College of Engineering. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Skinner, Bartlesville, and a brother, Pvt. Edwin N. Skinner, '37-'40, with the Marine Corps in San Diego, California.

► Robert E. Cain, '28, Vici, technician fifth grade, was killed on June 9 in the European theater of operations. No details were released. Corporal Cain was clerk in an Ordnance company, and was stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Robinson, Arkansas, before going overseas. He was an expert linotype operator and printer, having worked in several print shops in

Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas before entering the Army. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Abigail Cain, Vici.

► Lt. Robert L. Garrett, '41, Norman, was killed in action over Germany on March 23. He was previously listed as missing in action as of that date. Pilot of a Liberator bomber, Lieutenant Garrett went on foreign service last February. He received his commission at Columbus, Mississippi, and later trained at Columbus, Ohio, Tucson, Arizona, and Blythe, California. At the University he was a student in the College of Engineering. Survivors include his parents, Mrs. Hazel Garrett and Chester Garrett, Norman, and a brother in the service.

► Tech. Sgt. Alvin H. Henderson, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, was killed in action in Holland on September 18. On the first day of the Normandy invasion Sergeant Henderson was captured by the Germans, but escaped with the aid of the French Underground and rejoined his fighting unit. At the University Sergeant Henderson was a pre-medical student. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Henderson, a brother and a sister, all of Oklahoma City.

► Capt. Edward M. Weiss, '26-'27, Oklahoma City, died September 21 of wounds received in action in Germany on September 16. He commanded a Rifle company in the Ninth Infantry Division which was in the first wave of troops to land in Belgium and take part in the first advance against Aachen. Captain Weiss entered the Army as a private in February, 1941, and was sent to the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He later was an instructor at Benning and Fort Sill before going overseas. Prior to entering the service Captain Weiss was in the real estate business in Oklahoma City. He is survived by several sisters and brothers.

► Cpl. Jack Holland, '41-'42, Enid, was killed in action in Germany on October 10. He was attached to an Infantry Reconnaissance unit of the Second Division. At the University Corporal Holland was a student in the College of Arts and Sciences and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. A. H. Holland, a brother, Aviation Cadet Gordon Holland, San Angelo, Texas, an uncle, J. D. Holland, '13law, and two aunts, Blanche Holland, '22ba, '32ma, and Mildred Holland, '24ba, all of Norman.

► Lt. William C. Shelton, Jr., '41, Tahlequah, was killed in an airplane crash near Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 26 while in training at that field. He attended Northeastern State College at Tahlequah and Oklahoma A. and M. College at Stillwater as well as the University, and was well known throughout the state as a pianist. Before entering the Air Force he took radio training at Palo Alto, California. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Julia Shelton, '42, who has done graduate work in the University, and a brother, Thomas Shelton, Norman.

► Capt. Ralph L. Robison, '36-'37, Oklahoma City, was killed in action over Roumania last May 5. Until recently listed as missing in action, Captain Robison served as navigator on a bomber based in Italy. He was killed on a raid over Ploesti. Captain Robison entered the Army with the Oklahoma National Guard in September, 1940, transferring to the Air Force in April, 1942. He received his commission at Mather Field, California, and was transferred overseas last February. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robison, his wife, and a son born last May, all of Oklahoma City.

► William E. Graham, '39-'40, Los Angeles, California, was killed in action with the Air Force over Germany on July 28. He was attached to a Bombardment squadron, having trained at Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Pyote, Texas, before going overseas. At the University Lieutenant Graham was a freshman in the Col-

lege of Arts and Sciences. Survivors include his father, E. H. Graham, Los Angeles.

► Sgt. Paul A. White, '39-'42, Anadarko, listed as missing in action since his failure to return from a raid on Bordeaux last June 19, has been declared killed in action. Confirmation of his death came from one of the three crew members who survived the explosion of the bomber on which Sergeant White was serving. Sergeant White, who went overseas in March, 1943, held the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. At the University he was a student in the College of Business Administration. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry White, formerly of Shawnee and now of Anadarko, three sisters and one brother.

► Capt. Howard Fielden, '37geol, Fort Cobb, was killed at Anzio last June 4, when his jeep hit a mine as he drove up a small by-road on reconnaissance. A Field Artillery officer, he had earlier been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in North Africa. Captain Fielden went overseas in May, 1941, and landed with the American invasion force in North Africa in November, 1942. Before entering the Army he was employed as a geologist with the Carter Oil Company in Venezuela for two years. At the University Captain Fielden was a member of the Glee Club, the University Band, the University Players and Sigma Gamma Epsilon honorary geological fraternity. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Fielden, Fort Cobb.

► Pfc. Kenneth W. Phillips, '43, Muskogee, was killed in action in the Southwest Pacific theater on July 28. A radio operator, Private Phillips had been overseas less than a month when he was killed. He entered the Army in December, 1942. At the University Private Phillips was a student in the College of Engineering. He also attended Muskogee Junior College. Survivors include his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Phillips, Muskogee.

Missing in Action

Comdr. Charles W. Brewer, '30, Clinton, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Gold Star in lieu of a second cross, has been reported missing in action.



COMMANDS FIELD
Col. Clint T. Johnson, '19ba, is commanding officer of the Avon Park Army Air Field in Florida.

Commander Brewer, a member of the regular Navy, won the medals for his excellent record as a Navy fighter pilot in the Atlantic. His wife, Mrs. Grace George Brewer, is living in Coronado, California.

► Lt. Calvin L. Gifford, '34-'35, Wirt, has been missing in action since September 17 over Holland. Pilot with the Air Transport Command, he had been overseas for a year and had flown on numerous missions over Germany, France and Holland.

► Capt. Denver Davison, Jr., '36-'41, Ada, has been reported missing in action with the Ninth Air Force over France. He was on his second tour of overseas duty, having earlier served in North Africa and returned to the United States for instruction before going into the European theater of operations. He was on his third mission with the Ninth Air Force when he was reported missing. Mrs. Davison, the former Susan Norris, '41ba, and their son, Denver Davison, III, are living in Ada. Captain Davison's father is Denver Davison, '15law, state Supreme Court justice.

► Lt. Robert B. Standerfer, '42, Erick, has been missing in action over Yugoslavia since September 13, when he failed to return from a mission. Pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber stationed in Italy, he had completed ten missions. Lieutenant Standerfer received his commission in the Air Force at the Altus Army Air Field last February and went overseas in August.

► Lt. Col. Victor E. Warford, '40bs, Chickasha, has been missing in action over Czechoslovakia since October 11. A P-51 fighter pilot based in Italy with the 15th Air Force, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal, and had been recommended for the Silver Star.

► Lt. Norman Barker, '40, Norman, has been missing in action with the Paratroopers in Holland since September 17. He took part in the invasion of Normandy, returning to England before going into Holland. His brothers in service are Maj. Forrest Barker, '34-'40, pilot who is missing in action, and Lt. Jack G. Barker, '37-'40, paratrooper in New Guinea. Mrs. Barker (Addie Lee Pickard, '39journ) and their baby daughter Gail Ann reside in Norman.

Injured in Service

Lt. (jg) Vance Lucas, '42med, Tulsa, battalion surgeon with the Marine Corps, was slightly wounded by shrapnel while landing on the beach at Saipan, but has now recovered and is stationed on Tinian Island. He has been in the Pacific for a year as a member of the Naval Medical Corps.

► Maj. LeClaire R. Maricle, '39ba, '39ms, Oklahoma City, has been reported wounded in action, but no details have been made public. Major Maricle is a Field Artillery officer serving in France.

► Lt. John R. Nacher, '39-'40, Oklahoma City, has been wounded in action somewhere in France. He is an Infantry officer with the 45th Division.

Prisoners of War

Lt. Lloyd Saunders, '37-'38, Tulsa, listed as missing in action since May 28, has been reported a prisoner of the German government. Co-pilot of a B-17, he was forced to bail out over German territory and was taken prisoner.

► Lt. James K. Davis, Jr., '36-'37, Oklahoma City, listed as missing in action since D-Day, has been reported a prisoner

of war in Germany. Lieutenant Davis parachuted into France from a Troop Carrier plane on June 5, the day before the invasion. He went on foreign duty in August, 1943. Before entering the service he was associated with a typewriter company in Oklahoma City.

Around the World

Capt. Seth (Jerry) King, '42letters, Okmulgee, is attached to the Infantry unit which took Orleans, and also was in action at St. Lo. He recently wrote that a Rifle company with the unit is commanded by Capt. Leo Huff, '41, Thomas, Oklahoma, who had to throw his copy of *Sooner Magazine* away recently, along with other encumbrances, when he was trying to get away from some German sharpshooters.

Lt. Col. E. J. McCormick, '34, Norman, with headquarters of a T. D. battalion, is somewhere in France on the western front. He was stationed at Fort Sill, Camp Gruber, Camp Bowie and Camp Hood before going overseas, and has been on duty since before Pearl Harbor.

Pfc. Owen M. Watt, '43bus, Tulsa, on foreign duty, was last reported with the American troops in France.

Vincent B. Appleton, '39ba, '39law, Buffalo, chaplain with an Infantry unit on an island in the Southwest Pacific, recently wrote the Alumni Office of the co-operation of American soldiers and the natives in religious services. The natives conducted church services at which the soldiers were welcome, and Chaplain Appleton in turn invited the Malaysians to his services, where they all joined together in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Lt. Edwin S. Calvert, Jr., '42eng, Tulsa, is flight engineer on a B-29 based in India, and has been on missions over Japanese-held Manchuria.

James W. Fullerton, '23ba, formerly on the staff of the *Wichita Eagle*, Wichita, Kansas, is a wheelman aboard a hospital ship operated by the Army Transport Command.

Maj. H. A. Vinson, '35med, formerly of Alva, is commanding officer of a Field Hospital in New Guinea. He has been overseas for two and a half years and in the jungles of New Guinea for nearly two.

Tech. Sgt. Bert W. Boozman, '41bus, Fort Smith, Arkansas, recently completed his second year of overseas service. In September, 1942, Sergeant Boozman went on foreign duty with an Air Service Command unit, with which he has been stationed in England, Algeria, and Italy, where he is now.

While Capt. Francis Stewart, Jr., '41eng, Muskogee, was in a hospital in England recovering from serious injuries received on August 11 in France, one of his visitors was Sgt. Conley Van Hooser, '41bus, also from Muskogee, an old friend. Captain Stewart expected to be returned to the United States this fall.

Other alumni on foreign duty are Maj. Jerome Byrd, '35eng, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery; Capt. Wayne A. Vernon, '39journ; Pfc. George W. Qualls, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, Infantry; Staff Sgt. Will E. Boyd, '36eng, Shreveport, Louisiana, Marine Corps; Pvt. Sol Hertzfeld, '41-'42, Brooklyn, New York, Air Force; Maj. Donald D. Reed, '41bus, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Quartermaster Corps; Capt. James A. Thomas, '42eng, Lawton, Air Force.

Lt. Joe P. Andrews, '43bus, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery; A. Leon Hockstein, '40ba, technician fourth grade, Infantry; Capt. Monford D. Grimes, '40ms, Bartlesville; Lt. John B. Baumert, '43bus, McAlester, Field Artillery; Maj. James P. Listen, '41bus, Oklahoma City, Quartermaster

Corps; Lt. Paul E. Rutledge, '40law, Oklahoma City; Lt. Preston J. Moore, '40, Pawhuska, Air Force; Pfc. Paul E. Opp, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery.

Staff Sgt. Bobbie Cates, Jr., '38-'40, Duncan, Air Transport Command; Tech. Sgt. Robert W. West, '33-'34, '38-'39, Wirt, Armored Infantry;



Lt. Edwin A. Llwyd, '38law, Muskogee; Pfc. Richard M. King, '44, Shawnee, Infantry; Lt. Richard W. Payne, '43med, Oklahoma City, Medical Corps; Lt. Col. Cannon A. Owen, '34med, formerly a physician in Fort Barrancas, Florida, Medical Corps; Maj. Thomas C. Kelly, '39, Oklahoma City, Air Force; Lt. Archie L. Denham, '39-'40, Oklahoma City, Signal Corps.

Lt. George F. Allen, '33-'37, Oklahoma City, Air Force; Pfc. Henry L. Robinson, '41-'43, Norman, Signal Corps; Lt. M. C. Reed, '40-'43, Purcell, Engineers; Lt. William C. Woodward, '42 zool, Norman, Field Artillery; Lt. Russell O. Womack, '38-'40, Seminole, Air Force; Staff Sgt. Dick Monroe, '40-'42, Tishomingo, Air Force; Lt. J. B. Chenoweth, '43, Norman, Air Force; Capt. Menter G. Baker, Jr., '42bus, Muskogee, Field Artillery; Lt. Bert E. Taliaferro, '35-'38, Elmore City, Engineers.

Master Sgt. William D. Stone, '41bus, Bartlesville, Finance detachment; Lt. William Nolan, '37-'42, Norman, Field Artillery; Capt. Leslie J. Byron, '31geol, Air Force; Pvt. David A. Russell, '33-'37, Oklahoma City, Infantry; Lt. Katherine Ringelman, '30phys.ed, formerly associated with the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, a therapist with the Army Medical Corps in England; Cpl. John P. Murphy, '38-'41, Chickasha, Air Depot group; Capt. Lloyd H. Alford, '39ed, Purcell, Air Force; Lt. Donald B. Alexander, '42eng, Norman, Air Force; Lt. Lora M. Sulzenburger, '38nurse, Army Nurse Corps.

Pvt. Robert A. Werner, '43, Duncan, Infantry; Maj. Edward N. Carpenter, '37bus, Oklahoma City; Sgt. Dan S. Bassett, Jr., '42, Norman, Paratroopers; Lt. Gayle W. Kizer, '39, Apache, Air Force; Maj. Charles M. Anderson, '12law, Duncan, Judge Advocate General's Department; Lt. Arch D. Akers, '36, Wichita, Kansas, Quartermaster Corps; Lt. John O. Allen, '40geol, Holdenville, Marine Corps; Pfc. Billy D. Barnett, '41-'43, Earlsboro, Anti-tank company; Lt. James K. Kerry, '40-'41, Muskogee, Photographic Reconnaissance squadron.

Lt. George G. Harris, Jr., '40-'43, Helena, Air Force; Lt. Roy G. Miller, Jr., '42, Snomac, Troop Carrier Command; Robert H. Burns, '41 eng, Pauls Valley, technician fifth grade, Field Artillery; Lt. Murray J. Flippo, '43, Maysville, Field Artillery; Pfc. Richard Barnes, '35-'36, Woodward, Field Artillery; Capt. Thomas O. Plummer, '35med, Denver, Colorado, flight surgeon; Lt. Andrew Crosby, Jr., '41law, Lawton, Field Artillery; Pvt. A. C. Bushwell, Jr., '41-'43, Kingfisher, Infantry; Lt. Lawrence J. Barrett, '41-'43, Watonga, Air Force; Lt. Roy E. Dial, '42, Britton, Cavalry; Lt. Wendell V. Brown, '40ba, Chickasha, Medical Administrative Corps, and Lt. Robert M. Fowler, Jr., '41, Tribbey, Field Artillery.

With the Fleet

Lt. (jg) Dave P. Johnson, '38ma, formerly on the staffs of the *Vinita Daily*

Journal and the *Stillwater Daily News*, is editor of the newspaper aboard his ship in the Pacific. He edits the paper in addition to his regular duties as communications officer.

Lt. Tully A. Nettleton, '23ba, formerly an editorial writer on the *Christian Science Monitor* in Boston, is on duty with the Navy at a base in the Admiralty Islands.

Lt. Carl G. Shepard, Jr., '42eng, Huntsville, Texas, has been assigned to the staff of the commander of the Naval Air Force in the Pacific.

Also on duty at sea or at foreign Naval bases were Lt. (jg) Jack Keck, '36eng, Wyandotte; Ensign Kenneth C. Knight, '44eng, Oklahoma City; Lt. Roy S. Taylor, '35eng, Durant; Lt. Leonard C. DeLozier, '29bs, Navy Medical Corps; Ensign John B. Leake, '41-'44, Norman; David Osmond, '36-'39, Gotebo, aviation machinist's mate third class; Arless B. Noble, '42-'43, Shawnee, seaman first class.

Nolan J. Hepburn, '39, storekeeper second class; Lt. Victor V. Davie, '43med, Wichita Falls, Texas; Ensign Charles D. Manson, '44eng, Norman; Lt. George T. Noble, '39eng; Ensign Richie E. Boatman, '41-'44, Oklahoma City; Lt. C. E. Earnheart, '28law, Oklahoma City; Ensign Sam H. Hathaway, '41-'44, Cordell; Lt. (jg) Henry G. Aachte, '42bus, Cordell; Lt. (jg) Vincent Dale, '29-'34, Guymon; Ensign Robert R. Evans, '43eng, Norman; Ensign Joseph L. Artman, '41-'44, Norman; Larry H. Robinson, '37 journ, Eldorado, yeoman second class, and Ensign Howard C. Davis, '43-'44, Welceta.

Promotions

Two graduates of the University School of Medicine have been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander in the Navy Medical Corps. They are Frank M. Woods, '35med, former Miami, Florida, physician, on duty at the Advanced Base Personnel Depot at San Bruno, California, and Wilkie D. Hoover, '33med, former Tulsa physician, on duty at the Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois.

Myron S. Maddox, '39-'40, Aline, with the Naval Reserve in St. Louis, Missouri, has been promoted to full lieutenant. Promoted recently to lieutenant junior grade were Don Stroud, '43 eng, Oklahoma City, in Australia; John W. Lesch, '43eng, Oklahoma City, on sea duty; Wayne L. McCann, '42eng, Kansas City, Missouri, on sea duty; L. A. (Paddy) Palmer, '40 law, Grandfield, in the Pacific, and Jack Baer, '42ed, on leave as assistant football coach at O. U., who was recently transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Gainesville, Georgia.

Alumni newly advanced to lieutenant colonel are James B. Morehead, '38, Washington, Oklahoma; Jack High, '36law, Oklahoma City, with the Judge Advocate General's Department in the Mediterranean theater of war; J. George Pointer, '28eng, Chelsea, on duty at a Corps headquarters overseas; Clarence E. Barnes, '27, Stillwater, G-2 officer on foreign duty, and Walter O. Beets, '28-'31, commander of a Field Artillery battalion in Germany.

Colonel Morehead, veteran of the aerial war in both the Pacific and Mediterranean theaters, holds the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and an Air Medal. He returned to the United States this fall after completing 47 missions in Italy. Colonel Beets saw action in France, Belgium and Sicily before going into Germany. He reported in a recent letter to the Alumni Office, "These forests in Germany are as tough as the hedgerows were in Normandy."

New majors among O. U. alumni are as follows: Frank R. Crabtree, '38, Ada, B-17 pilot with the Eighth Air Force; E. H. Gilbert, '40 bus, Oklahoma City, in New Guinea with the

Quartermaster Corps; Albert J. Thomas, '32bus, Fayetteville, Arkansas, on duty with the plans and liaison division of the Air Force in Washington, D. C.; Doane Tolleson, '24eng, '28eng, Norman, Army Air Field, Marfa, Texas; James R. Cowles, '36phys, Tulsa, overseas with the Air Force; Adin Hall, '41eng, Ponca City, Red River Ordnance Depot, Texarkana, Texas; Kenneth Robinson, '38law, Oklahoma City, overseas; John W. Grantham, '33ba, with the Field Artillery at Camp Gruber.

Austin V. Williams, '37bus, Duncan, with the Quartermaster Corps in Washington; Mark D. Holcomb, '31-'32, Lawton, regimental surgeon with the Infantry in the Southwest Pacific; Fenton Lamb, '33bus, Enid Army Air Field; Broun H. Mayall, '35m.ed, Chickasha, Enid Army Air Field; Millard Purdy, '38journal, formerly a reporter on the *Oklahoma City Times*, in Hawaii; Dugan Woodring, '36-'38, Noble, much-decorated veteran of the Pacific aerial war, now on duty at the Army Air Field at Fort Sumner, New Mexico, and Howard Hively, '37-'40, Ward, West Virginia, who recently rejoined his Fighter squadron in England after spending a leave in the United States. Veteran of 205 combat missions, Major Hively has been awarded 18 decorations.

Promoted to captain were the following: Ira D. Cornelius, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, overseas with the Air Force; Robert D. Sheehan, '40-'41, Tulsa, overseas with the Air Force; J. F. Johnson, Jr., '36ba, with a Medical group in France; Dooley Mallory, '36-'37, formerly of Heavener, with the Air Force in Alaska; Joseph W. Hoppe, '37-'41, Oklahoma City, statistical control officer and personnel officer of an Air Force Service group in Italy; John R. Richards, '42law, Tulsa, with the Field Artillery in Hawaii; Paul D. Cummings, '39law, with a Signal Information and Monitoring company in France, and John S. Drake, '42med, Tulsa, on the staff of a Hospital unit overseas.

The following have been advanced to first lieutenant: Osborne S. Beeney, '39-'43, former reporter on the *Daily Oklahoman* in Oklahoma City, on duty at Tinker Field; Carl E. Paul, Jr., '39-'42, Muskogee, overseas with an Ordnance company; Victor W. Johnson, Jr., '39bus, with an Ordnance company in Italy; Paul Flick, Jr., '39-'42, Oklahoma City, engineering property officer at the Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Tinker Field, and Donald G. McCormick, '33law, Hobbs, New Mexico, former member of the New Mexico State Legislature, on duty at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

Promoted to sergeant were C. Joe Holland, '37ba, on leave as assistant in press relations at the University, on duty at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City; A. Thim Finley, '36-'39, overseas with the Military Police, and Frances E. Wyatt, '39-'42, Poteau, WAC on duty at Pope Field, North Carolina.

William W. Cross, Jr., '39-'41, Norman, ball turret gunner in training with a Flying Fortress crew at the Army Air Field at Alexandria, Louisiana, has been promoted to corporal. Lt. J. B. Chenoweth, '43, Norman, is co-pilot in the same crew, which will be transferred to active duty soon. Also promoted to corporal were George Schwabe, Jr., '42law, Tulsa, at Sheppard Field, Texas; Lynn D. Wright, '40, Norman, with the China Air Service Area Command, and Agnes G. Glaze, '31ba, Norman, WAC on duty with the Signal Corps in Washington, D. C.

George Bloch, '44eng, Tulsa, has been promoted to third assistant officer and commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Maritime Service. Ensign Bloch entered the Merchant Marine last spring, and has been on one voyage which took him far into the Southwest Pacific.

Roy C. Burkhalter, '43, Oklahoma City, member of the Marine Air Corps, has been promoted to first lieutenant at the Marine Corps Air Station, Edenton, North Carolina.

Ira Eppler, '38fa, '43m.fa, Oklahoma City, on

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duty with the Coast Guard in Seattle, Washington has been promoted to seaman first class.

New Officers

Receiving their commissions as ensigns in the Naval Reserve from the University N.R.O.T.C. unit this fall were E. W. Jennings, '44, G. A. Marshall, '44, and R. L. Seikel, '44eng, all of Oklahoma City, E. S. Morris, '44, Amarillo, Texas, and R. S. Paratt, '44, Euclid, Ohio. They were to go on sea duty immediately. Marion T. Hall, '43bs, Norman, was commissioned an ensign at the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, and assigned to the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Florida.

Helen Marie Scharf, '31bus, formerly associated with the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company in Tulsa, has been commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the WAVES and assigned to duty at the Naval Aviation Supply Depot in Philadelphia.

Receiving their commissions as second lieutenants at the Air Force Navigation School, San Marcos, Texas, recently were Robert L. Robinson, '39-'43, Hutchinson, Kansas, Chester L. Seyer, '43eng, Purcell, Donald E. Hall, '39-'43, Oklahoma City, and James R. Hutchinson, '43eng, Bartlesville. Commissioned at Selman Field, Louisiana, also a training station for navigators, were William W. Upchurch, '40-'42, Norman, and Bill N. Barnes, '43eng, Tulsa.

Affairs of the State

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himself a competent administrator. If so, this is of the nature of a fortunate accident—he must be a good politician.

The administrator would rather be recognized for his skill, ability, and understanding of the functions of his office than for the accomplishments of a successful campaigner. He prefers the recognition and appreciation of those really in position to judge his qualifications and achievements. He is no master at boasting, or casting slurs at political opponents, and he is rarely successful in the fine art of begging votes from those who know little about his work. He is aware of the political consequences of impartial administration of law, the uncertainty of tenure, and the general inadequacy of salaries. For these reasons, more often than otherwise, men best qualified to serve in administrative posts refuse to submit to what they regard as the indignities of a political campaign. Popular election, when extended to offices of the non-policy-forming type, definitely excludes from public office a large proportion of the most able people.

In the earlier years of our history we could survive the long ballot, although it is certain that we have not gained by use of a recruitment method which failed to elevate to public office those most capable of serving the public interest. But in these days, when the problems of government have grown in complexity, and demand the most advanced skills and techniques for their proper solution, we are obliged to reconsider the arguments which compelled us to the belief that any man who could get enough votes was, by virtue of that fact, competent to perform the duties of any public office.

Calling the Roll

By ELIZABETH LEES

~1916~

C. M. Mackey, '16ba, '17eng, has been promoted from branch manager at Houston, Texas, to southwestern district manager of the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company at Dallas. Mrs. Mackey is the former Alice Hurley, '16. A daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Ogilvie (Barbara Mackey, '43), lives in Oklahoma City. In his new position, Mr. Mackey has supervision of all the company's operations in the state of Texas.

~1920~

Laurence E. Beattie, '20law, Ardmore attorney, was appointed director-attorney of the Ardmore and Carter County OPA Rent Control Area Office recently. Mr. Beattie served eight years as an Ardmore city judge.

John C. Farmer, '20law, Air Force major who recently returned to civilian life, has entered into private practice with the Green and Farmer law firm, Tulsa.

~1921~

Herbert Guthrie, '21ba, Mexia, Texas, died September 7 after a brief illness. He was 50 years old. Mr. Guthrie, geologist for the Pure Oil Company, was a former resident of Norman. Survivors include two brothers Don Guthrie, '37bus, Kansas City, Missouri, Eldon Guthrie, Oklahoma City; and two sisters, Mrs. Fred Huckaby (Alberta Guthrie, '24ba, '24fa), Tulsa, and Dornine Guthrie, '22ba, '22ma, Natchez, Mississippi.

~1922~

Joe Howard, '22law, has been appointed associate attorney for the Veterans Administration at Muskogee. Mr. Howard was formerly an assistant United States district attorney at Tulsa, a position he held for 11 years. Prior to that time he served terms as county attorney of Noble County and later was assistant county attorney of Ottawa County. He and Mrs. Howard have two children, a son Gene and a daughter Joanne Lee.

~1923~

Forrest M. Darrough, '23law, Tulsa, has been promoted to general counsel of the Carter Oil Company and appointed a director of the company. Employed with that firm since 1930, Mr. Darrough had served as assistant general counsel since 1938. He previously was associated with a law firm in Holdenville. The Darroughs have two children, Forrest M., Jr., 11, and Susan, 1.

~1926~

Richard M. Caldwell, '26ba, former assistant city editor of the *Tulsa Tribune*, has joined the publications staff of Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, as a feature writer. He was associated with the *Sapulpa Herald* for a number of years before going to Tulsa.

Joins Kansas Faculty

William McCray Simpson, '36eng, Norman, has accepted the position of professor of aeronautics at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. Dr. Simpson, formerly employed as an aeronautical engineer at the Douglas Aircraft plant, Santa Monica, California, holds a doctor's degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Jennings B. Koch, '26eng, Norman, was elected departmental commander of the Oklahoma American Legion at the 26th annual state convention held recently in Oklahoma City. Mr. Koch is a painting contractor in Norman. He was a member of the famed Rainbow Division.

~1927~

Melville W. Spencer and Mrs. Spencer (Ruth Winn, '27ba) are the parents of a baby son John Winn born August 31 in Washington, D. C. They also have a daughter Carolyn Louise.

~1928~

Aubrey Moses, '28law, long-time resident of Norman and vicinity and county judge of Cleveland County for the last ten years, died October 12 at his home in Norman after a long illness. Before becoming judge, he was county attorney of Cleveland County. Mr. Moses was a member of the Masonic Lodge and past president of the Kiwanis Club and the Cleveland County Bar Association. He was 41 years old. Survivors include his wife, a son Charles, his mother and two brothers.

Carl Taylor, '28ba, '29ma, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is president of the Waukesha, Wisconsin, State Bank.

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Arthur Maddox, '30eng, formerly employed by the International Petroleum Company at Negritos, Peru, is now in Barcelona, Venezuela, with the Mene Grande Oil Company. Mrs. Maddox is the former Lorene Wynn, '32he.

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Edgar L. Kanouse, '32eng, is transmission system engineer in the department of water and power for the city of Los Angeles, California.

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A. R. Douglas, '33ba, Electra, Texas, is an instructor in the Army Air Force Superfortress (B-29) School of the Boeing Aircraft Company at Seattle, Washington. He was recently transferred from Victory Field at Vernon, Texas, where he was stationed with a Flying Training detachment. Mrs. Douglas is the former Avie Elizabeth Squier of Jasper, Texas.

G. Rufus Huckaby, '21, '33, Norman, has a new position as mechanical superintendent of the *Marlow Review*. He was formerly employed by the University of Oklahoma Press as floorman and assistant superintendent, handling the make-up of O. U. Press books, which have included several best sellers. Mr. Huckaby came to the University from Hobart.

Walter T. Kendall, '33eng, Weatherford, is a foreman for the Phillips Petroleum Company at Grayback, Texas.

Lt. Theodore Voth and Mrs. Voth (Rhoda McClintock, '33ba) are the parents of a baby son Theodore, Jr., born recently in Oklahoma City. Lieutenant Voth, a Congregational minister in civil life, was stationed at a Replacement Depot in Utah.

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KIMBRELL-ALKIRE: Miss Ruth Mary Kimbrell, '35ba, '36m.soc.wk, Tulsa, and Cpl. John D. Alkire, Denver, Colorado, were married October 14 in Denver. Mrs. Alkire recently returned from 19 months of overseas duty with the American Red Cross with which she served as a hospital field director. The couple met in Iran where both were stationed at one time.