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FOUR ALUMNI were known to be freed from Japanese imprisonment in the Philippines by advancing American forces, and two more were thought to be liberated, but official confirmation was still forthcoming, in mid-February.

Maj. Ralph Hubbard, '32med, and Maj. Emil P. Reed, '31med, both of Oklahoma City, were among Americans freed by the Rangers in their raid of January 30. Mrs. Sue Boaz Noell, '35 nurse, Chickasha, was liberated when American forces reached Santo Tomas.

Maj. John Primrose, '28law, Eufaula, was released from prison camp No. 1 near Cabanatuan.

Capt. Michael E. Peshek, '39bus, and Lt. Kenneth B. Shelton, '36pharm, both of Oklahoma City, were believed to be in prison camp No. 1 in the Philippines, from which the first prisoners were released, but they had not been reported liberated by February 17.

Major Hubbard and Major Reed, both members of the Army Medical Corps, were taken prisoner at the fall of Corregidor. Their families had infrequent cards and indirect word from them during the three years of their imprisonment. Mrs. Hubbard was working as a nurses' aide at the University Crippled Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City when she learned her husband was alive and free, and ran all the way to Culbertson School to tell her son Joe, six years old, the news about his father. The Hubbards have an older son, Ralph, Jr., 17.

Major Hubbard's younger brother, Capt. William E. Hubbard, '41med, is with the Medical Corps in Australia. Another brother, Maj. John R. Hubbard, is an Army doctor in China, and the boys' father is Dr. John C. Hubbard, an Oklahoma City physician who returned to private practice from the Army early last year.

Major Reed's wife and three children, Elizabeth, Virginia, and Emil, Jr., live in Dallas. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Horace Reed, Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Noell went to the Philippines with her husband, Capt. Livingston P. Noell, Newport, Arkansas, when he was assigned to Nichols Field as assistant surgeon for the 20th Air Base group. She became a member of the Red Cross staff there, and after she was interned continued with her nursing work.

Separated for a time, the Noells were finally reunited at Santo Tomas, where together they cared for hundreds of patients in the camp hospital. While there they celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary.

Major Primrose, who went to the Philippines in September, 1941, as instructor with the 12th Filipino Infantry, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Silver Star shortly before the fall of Bataan, when he was captured. Three cards were received from him by his mother, Mrs. Mary M. Primrose, Eufaula, during his three years in prison. Before entering the service Major Primrose practiced law in Eufaula.

For the benefit of those who would like to write to friends known to have been liberated or any they think soon may be, the proper way to address mail is as follows: Name of person, American Red Cross, Civilian War Aid, Sixth Army Headquarters, Civil Affairs Section, A.P.O. 442, in care of Postmaster, San Francisco. The Red Cross has announced that every possible effort will be made to deliver all mail.

Two Lead Guerrillas

Eighth Army forces which landed on the shores of Luzon in January were met by a Filipino guerrilla band led by three American Army officers, two of them University alumni. They



STOPPED VON RUNSTEDT

Maj. Gen. W. M. Robertson, '07, Oklahoma City, commander of the Second Division, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism during the critical days of "the battle of the bulge" when his men stopped Von Runstedt's panzers from breaking through the lines and pouring into Verviers and Liege. The award was made by Lt. Gen. Courtney E. Hodges, commanding general of the First Army.

were Capt. George (Sinning) Crane, '31ba, and Capt. Winston A. Jones, '31-'36, Frederick, both of whom escaped from the Japanese during the death march from Bataan.

By mid-February more information was available about Captain Crane than Captain Jones, but both were known to be safe with American forces. An Associated Press dispatch filed on the Zambales beachhead on January 29 quoted Captain Crane as saying he had been in the Subic Bay area for ten days before the invasion, lighting fires on the beach in an attempt to signal American vessels. He said his closest call during nearly three years of guerrilla fighting came only a few days before the invasion, when a party of Japanese soldiers came through the area searching for the three American officers. Captain Crane said they heard them just barely in time to make their escape.

Captain Crane, Captain Jones and the other officer, named Kadel, were among several dozen American officers who broke away from the march of death, the A.P. reported. Captain Crane was quoted as saying he expected death twice, the first time when a Japanese soldier leveled a gun at him. "I pointed to my heart and closed my eyes, but for some reason he didn't shoot," Captain Crane said. Later a Japanese officer nearly ran Captain Crane through with his sword.

Finally Captain Crane fell by the side of the road from exhaustion, and was carried away by Filipinos who took care of him for five days, until the last of the prisoners and Japanese guards were out of the area. They then took him to join a group of American officers in hiding. The group carried on guerrilla activities with the

natives against the Japanese until American forces arrived.

Captain Crane had the highest praise for the Filipinos, who constantly risked their lives to help the Americans hiding with them and refused bribes from the Japanese to turn them in.

When the landings started, Captain Crane was amazed to see the new types of equipment which the Army had. The A.P. story stated, "When an amphibious truck rolled by, he expressed great interest. 'That's a duck,' he was told. He just stared."

Captain Crane's mother, Mrs. Josephine Haynes, formerly hostess at the Chi Omega house in Norman, now lives in Sheridan, Wyoming. Before entering the Army Captain Crane was an attorney in Wichita, Kansas.

Captain Jones had not been heard from since December 30, 1941, before the Philippines fell. He arrived in Manila for Army duty on August 1, 1941.

Decorations

Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, '07, Oklahoma City, commander of the Second Division of the U. S. First Army, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action near Monschau during "the battle of the bulge."

An Associated Press dispatch by Correspondent Hal Boyle described the awarding of the medal as follows: "Robertson stood at attention in a snowy roadway as U. S. First Army commander Lt. Gen. Courtney E. Hodges pinned the medal on him. It was under Robertson's personal leadership in the field that the wearers of the Indianhead patch put up a stonewall defense that stopped Von Runstedt's panzers from breaking through the lines and pouring into Verviers and Liege."

"In those critical days the division killed 1,000 Germans and knocked out 99 enemy tanks.... After the Germans overran two divisions on his right flank last December 17, Robertson personally took over and organized the defense of vital crossroads outside Roerath.... Throughout the action Robertson was in the forefront of the fighting."

The citation accompanying General Robertson's D. S. C. stated that he "remained in complete observation of the enemy to supervise the disposition of his troops and to direct the fire of his own tanks and tank destroyers" in spite of intense enemy fire.

In a recent letter to his mother, Mrs. Nettie Robertson, Oklahoma City, General Robertson wrote, "I understand that we, the Second Division, received some publicity along about December 21.... We were hit and hit hard, but we set at least two SS divisions back on their heels and never gave an inch until the attacks had been stopped. Then we readjusted our lines and they have pretty much left us alone since. It was the most vicious battle that we have had and every man in the division covered himself with glory."

General Robertson holds the Silver Star and Bronze Star in addition to the D.S.C.

► Maj. William J. Kennedy, '34-'35, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his work as a command fighter pilot with the Eighth Air Force. He entered the Air Force in 1935, receiving his commission in June, 1937. Earlier in the war Major Kennedy was stationed for a while in Hawaii.

► Staff Sgt. Clark L. Boyer, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, home on leave this winter after flying 33 combat missions with the Eighth Air Force, has

been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He was waist gunner on a Liberator bomber.

► Lt. Bruce E. Walters, '41-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement during aerial flights over France between September 9 and October 21, 1944. Lieutenant Walters is a liaison pilot with a Field Artillery brigade.

► The Silver Star for gallantry in action has been received by Lt. Steven A. King, '36-'37, Kingfisher, liaison pilot with the Field Artillery in the South Pacific. The medal was bestowed upon him for the work he did last June 21 and June 22, flying slowly and at a low altitude over Japanese positions on Biak Island in order to obtain vitally needed information. Lieutenant King also holds an Air Medal. Before entering the service he raised cattle on a ranch west of Kingfisher.

► Capt. William M. Sammons, '39-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his work as a pilot with the Troop Carrier Command during the invasion of Southern France. Captain Sammons also holds the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in the invasion of Normandy.

► Lt. Edward M. Salisbury, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Oak Leaf Cluster and an Air Medal with two Clusters for his work as a pilot with a Tenth Air Force Troop Carrier squadron. Lieutenant Salisbury has 186 missions and 700 combat flying hours to his credit during five months of service in the India-Burma theater.

► Lt. William P. Moran, Jr., '40, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as a liaison pilot with a Field Artillery outfit attached to the Fifth Armored Division in Europe. Recently reported to be in Belgium, Lieutenant Moran flew 35 missions over France.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. William H. Tabb, '41ba, Altus, navigator aboard a bomber of the Eighth Air Force.

► Lt. John E. Jackson, Jr., '41-'42, Duncan, has been awarded an Air Medal. A navigator in the Air Force, Lieutenant Jackson received his commission at San Marcos, Texas.

► Pvt. Billy Twitty, '42, Sayre, has been given the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in the head and arm in action in Germany on November 16. A radio operator in the Air Force, Private Twitty was placed on limited service after his release from the hospital.

► Sgt. Robert A. Maher, '43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as ball turret gunner on a Flying Fortress based in England. The Bombardment division to which he belongs was recently cited by the President for its shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt plants in Germany.

► Flight Officer Earl F. Zellner, '39-'40, Tulsa, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as bombardier on a B-24 with the 15th Air Force in Italy.

► Lt. (jg) Robert E. Duncan, Jr., '40-'41, Garber, who recently returned from nine month's service in the Pacific theater, holds the Navy Cross and Air Medal for meritorious achievement in that area. Upon his return to this country Lieutenant Duncan was assigned to duty in California.

► Lt. Melvin H. Davis, '29-'32, Guthrie, has been awarded an Air Medal for flying more than 35 missions against the enemy in France and Belgium.

► Pfc. John R. Nielsen, '44, Norman, has been awarded a Bronze Star medal for "heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States." Private Nielsen was a member of a patrol carrying withdrawal orders to a friendly force in the village of Schwerdorff, France, on a night mission last November. The patrol had to travel



SERVICES REWARDED

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commanding general of Seventh Army, pins the Legion of Merit on Col. E. H. Larecy, '26, Seminole, of General Staff Headquarters, for the performance of outstanding services in North Africa, Italy and Southern France.

three miles in darkness through enemy territory under heavy fire. Fully aware of the dangers involved, Private Nielsen volunteered for the job and helped accomplish the mission with complete disregard for his own safety. He is the son of Dr. J. Rud Nielsen, professor of theoretical physics at the University, and Dr. Gertrude Nielsen, head of the Cleveland County Health Department.

► Lt. Joe Francis, '42letters, Norman, has been awarded a Bronze Star medal for his work with the Signal Corps in France. The accompanying citation stated that he "particularly distinguished himself... for meritorious service against an enemy of the United States." When last heard from, Lieutenant Francis was in Luxembourg. He wears three bronze battle stars.

► Maj. Neal J. Thomas, '39bus, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations as executive officer of an Air Force unit in Belgium. He has been stationed in the European theater since March, 1944, when he went to England. From September, 1941, to July, 1943, Major Thomas was on duty in the Panama Canal Zone.

► The Bronze Star medal has been awarded to Col. William Carl Garrison, '32ba, Cherokee, for service beyond the call of duty as a Field Artillery officer in the European theater. At the time the citation was bestowed, Colonel Garrison still held the rank of lieutenant colonel and was commander of the 738th Field Artillery battalion. Since then he has been promoted and made assistant commander of the 12th Corps Artillery. The citation stated that Colonel Garrison's extraordinary heroism and skill in the action around Luneville and Dombasle last September were largely instrumental in the success of American troops in that area. Colonel Garrison is the brother of Lt. Col. Don Garrison, '29bs, '36m.ed, commandant of the University R.O.T.C. and A.S.T.P. units.

► A Bronze Star has been awarded to Capt. James D. Huskins, '36med, Wilburton, for gallantry above and beyond the call of duty as a surgeon with an Infantry battalion in Europe. The accompanying citation stated in part, "On August 6 near Gathemo, France, and on August 12 near Venegons, France, Captain Huskins exposed himself to machine gun, mortar and Artillery fire in order to evacuate wounded men of the Second Battalion, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, and attached units. He was one of the first persons to cross the bridge at Lonlay L'Abbaye, France, disregarding his own safety so he could administer first aid to an isolated group of men." Captain Huskins, overseas for more than two years, was in England, North Africa and Sicily before going to France. Mrs. Huskins, the former Frances Huff, '38nurse, is living in Norman while he is on foreign duty.

► The fifth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added

to the Air Medal held by Lt. John W. Coyle, Jr., '41-'43, Oklahoma City, pilot of an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress.

► Lt. Franklin L. Ross, '41eng, Wichita, Kansas, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his work in flying 35 missions over Europe as navigator of a B-17. He returned to this country recently and was sent to the Air Force Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, for re-assignment processing.

► Capt. Dick S. Simon, '41eng, Bradford, Pennsylvania, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service as a Field Artillery officer on the European front. During the German breakthrough last December he was wounded and evacuated to England, where he was still hospitalized last month. Captain Simon was with the First Army near Aachen at the time he was injured.

► Lt. Glenn P. Bradley, '39-'43, Norman, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action with the Field Artillery on December 9 in Germany. He was recovering in a hospital in England.

► Capt. Jack H. Riddle, '41law, Coweta, a member of the Marine Corps, has been awarded a Bronze Star medal for his splendid work in action against the enemy on Saipan and Tinian from June 15 to August 2 of last year. Captain Riddle, overseas more than a year, is in a Naval hospital in the Hawaiian Islands and is to be sent to a hospital in this country soon for a three-month rest.

► Lt. Jack Jenkins, '37-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as a bombardier on a B-24 in the European area. Lieutenant Jenkins recently returned from foreign duty and was sent to the Air Force Redistribution Station at Santa Ana, California, for re-assignment.

► Capt. Ira D. Cornelius, '38-'40, Chickasha, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Order of the Purple Heart, the Croix de Guerre and two Presidential Citations for his work with the Air Force in the European theater. He also holds an Air Medal with ten Oak Leaf Clusters. Captain Cornelius has returned from foreign duty and was stationed at the Army Air Field at Kingman, Arizona.

► Capt. Felix F. Simmons, '42bus, Oklahoma City, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross and six Oak Leaf Clusters to add to his Air Medal for excellent work with the Air Force in Italy. Captain Simmons recently returned to the United States after flying 102 combat missions.

► Mrs. Lena France, '39m.ed, Oklahoma City, was given the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal with three Clusters awarded posthumously to her son, Capt. Vic J. France, '40journ, in a ceremony held at Tinker Field, near Oklahoma City, recently. Captain France was killed in action on April 18, 1944, after flying 110 missions and destroying four enemy planes. He was a fighter pilot, and a member of the American Eagle Squadron of the Royal Air Force before transferring to the U. S. Air Force.

► The Legion of Merit has been awarded to Col. E. H. (Bud) Larecy, '26, Seminole, for exceptional conduct in the performance of duty in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Colonel Larecy is on the general staff of Seventh Army headquarters, and participated in the initial landings on the southern coast of France. Before entering the service he was on the state headquarters staff of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and at one time was commander of the C.C.C. camp at Konawa.

► Lt. Ralph Reiger, '41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as a P-47 Thunderbolt pilot with the Ninth Air Force in Belgium. Since going overseas last April, Lieutenant Reiger has been on more than 50 missions. He received his commission at Luke Field, Arizona, and was promoted to first lieutenant last December.

► Lt. Col. Thomas C. Kelly, '39, Oklahoma City, squadron commander with a P-38 group of the 15th Air Force, has been awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster at his base in Italy. Colonel Kelly has completed more than 28 missions since going overseas last September.

► The second and third Oak Leaf Clusters have been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Victor P. Farris, '43, Oklahoma City, navigator on a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force in England.

► Lt. Rex Edwards, '36-'40, Oklahoma City, has been given the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received from flak while over a German target. Lieutenant Edwards was home on leave this winter after flying 51 missions as bombardier on a B-24 based in Italy. He also holds the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

► Lt. Wayne C. Montgomery, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in bombing attacks against German war plants and military installations. Lieutenant Montgomery is pilot of a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force.

► Capt. Gilbert W. Tracy, '37med, Cheyenne, Oklahoma, has received the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service as commander of a platoon of a 45th Division Clearing company in five major operations. Captain Tracy has been a Medical Corps officer with the 45th Division since it first went overseas.

► Lt. John T. Stone, '37-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as an aerial observer in the Southwest Pacific. Lieutenant Stone recently returned to the United States after taking part in the fighting on Guadalcanal, Bougainville and New Guinea. He left the States in March, 1942, going first to New Caledonia. He was with the first troops to land on the island after it was freed from Vichy rule, and helped defend it at the time of the Battle of the Coral Sea. Lieutenant Stone went from New Caledonia to Guadalcanal with one of the first Army groups to relieve the Marines, and from there to a base in the Fiji Islands where he trained as an aerial observer in preparation for his work in Bougainville and New Guinea.

► Master Sgt. Ralph E. Stormont, '29-'30, Henryetta, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations as chief of the squadron armament section of a Ninth Air Force Marauder outfit. The accompanying citation gave Sergeant Stormont much of the credit for the success of the squadron, noting that the squadron had a remarkably low percentage of armament malfunctions and has received numerous citations.

► Capt. Dale M. Williams, '41-'42, Tulsa, pilot of a P-51 Mustang in the European theater, has been awarded an Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. Captain Williams, who entered service in March, 1943, has been overseas more than five months.

► An Air Medal has been awarded to Flight Officer Earl F. Zellner, '39-'41, Catoosa, bombardier on a B-24 attached to the 15th Air Force in Italy. He has completed a number of bombing missions over Europe.

► Lt. Col. James W. Billings, Jr., '40eng, Cushing and Norman, in France with the Ninth Air Force Service Command, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for his "untiring efforts, exceptional foresight and superior technical and practical knowledge which contributed materially to the success of the invasion of the continent." Colonel Billings was stationed in England for months preceding the invasion. He was responsible for providing Ordnance equipment to tactical forces serviced by his command, and in addition supervised the successful water-proofing of all vehicles in his advanced Air Depot area prior to the invasion.

► Capt. John C. Major, '40eng, Scio, New York, and Fletcher, Oklahoma, has received a Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in combat during the period from April 5 to November 14, 1944. Captain Major went overseas in De-

ember, 1943, and trained in North Africa before entering combat in Italy. He participated in the capture of Rome and is now on the front lines with the Fifth Army.

► Maj. James M. Updike, '36-'38, Tulsa, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work as commander of a Bombardment squadron with the Ninth Air Force. Recently promoted to his present rank, Major Updike had more than 80 combat missions to his credit in January.

► An Air Medal has been awarded to Maj. Jeff G. Ray, '35eng, Oklahoma City, for his work as an aerial observer with the Third Army in France. The citation stated that Major Ray distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying 35 sorties near or over enemy lines for reconnaissance and adjustment of Artillery fire on enemy installations. Major Ray holds the Silver Star for his expert direction of an engagement between Allied and enemy tanks last September.

► The fourth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. John W. (Jack) Paul, '41-'42, Tulsa, co-pilot of a Flying Fortress stationed in England.

► Capt. Robert D. Sheehan, '40-'41, Tulsa, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Oak Leaf Clusters have been added to the Air Medal he already held. Pilot of a B-24 based in England, he went on his thirtieth bombing mission late in December, when he was the lead bomber over Frankfurt, Germany. Captain Sheehan went on foreign duty last March.

► Lt. Norman C. Nash, '36-'38, Edmond, has been awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry and intrepidity in action in the performance of his duties as plotting officer in a United States submarine during a war patrol of that vessel." The citation further stated, "His skill and ability in furnishing his commanding officer with a continual flow of valuable information during approaches and attacks against enemy shipping contributed directly to his vessel's success in sinking an enemy Naval vessel of over 2,000 tons and damaging enemy shipping of over 60,000 tons."

Lieutenant Nash, son of Dr. M. A. Nash, '19ba, '27ma, and Mrs. Nash, Edmond, graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, in 1941.

► The Air Depot Group in Italy to which Lt. Paul B. Guild, '34-'35, Shawnee, is attached, has been awarded a meritorious service unit plaque for its work in "converting the depot area from a scene of utter devastation, caused by U. S. bombers, to one of neatness and order." Lieutenant Guild, who served a tour of duty in Peru in 1943 and returned to the United States before going to Italy, also holds the Air Medal.

► Capt. Fain H. Pool, '40bus, Lawton, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous bombing attacks against military

and industrial targets in the Reich, and enemy installations in the path of the Allied armies in Western Europe." Captain Pool also holds an Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters for his work with the Eighth Air Force. He has been on numerous bombing missions over the continent, and also has made several confidential flights. Overseas since April, 1944, Captain Pool expected to return to this country early this spring.

► Lt. C. J. Pierce, '42-'43, Muskogee, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal for his work as pilot of a B-24 with the Tenth Air Force in the India-Burma theater. Early in January he had flown 275 combat hours during seven months of overseas service.

► The second Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. William Pustilnik, '39-'41, Long Beach, New York, bombardier on a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force in England.

► The Order of the Purple Heart has been awarded to Cpl. Lloyd E. Lamirand, '43bus, Noble, for wounds received on November 16 while fighting with the Seventh Army in France. He was injured in the leg by shrapnel, but no bones were broken. Corporal Lamirand was attached to an Infantry unit.

► Staff Sgt. John N. McClain, '41-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his participation in 14 daylight bombing raids on German targets. He is waist gunner aboard a Flying Fortress.

► Lt. Lawrence J. Barrett, Jr., '41-'43, Watonga, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work with an Eighth Air Force Mustang group which has destroyed 305 enemy planes.

► Lt. Raymond W. Pittman, '41-'42, Oklahoma City, a prisoner of war, has been awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his work as an Air Force bombardier. Lieutenant Pittman was taken prisoner when his plane was shot down on his 19th mission last summer.

► Capt. Frank L. Goldsby, '36-'42, Norman, was presented with an Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters in a ceremony at the Altus Army Air Field recently. Now on duty as assistant supply officer at the Altus field, Captain Goldsby returned last year from the Mediterranean theater of operations. He went on 56 combat missions as pilot of a B-25 bomber with the Ninth and 12th Air Forces.

► Col. Justin W. Stoll, '28-'33, Oklahoma City, Artillery officer now serving on the western front, holds the Legion of Merit and the Silver Star for meritorious work in North Africa and France. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for leading his command in a forced march across French Morocco for 800 miles, and arriving with his unit in such good condition that it was able to help immediately in halting a determined enemy advance. The Silver Star was awarded to Colonel Stoll for meritorious action in the campaign around Cherbourg. Colonel Stoll is executive officer of Division Artillery with the division commanded by Maj. Gen. Reese N. Howell, former commandant of the University R.O.T.C. unit.

► Lt. Charles S. Burton, Jr., '40-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Silver Star for initiative and personal courage as an Army engineer with the 30th Division on the front lines in Germany last fall. Lieutenant Burton directed the construction of a new route by which tanks were able to give support to several forward Infantry assault teams which were in grave danger of being cut off and wiped out. The route formerly used by the tanks had been destroyed. Throughout the entire operation the area was subjected to heavy enemy fire.

► Lt. Stanley Huser, Jr., '40-'42, Holdenville, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters for his work with the Ninth Air Force as a fighter pilot. Between May 1 and November 2 last year, Lieutenant Huser went on 64 missions totalling 178 flying hours. On July 6 he shot down an enemy plane over France.



SAILOR COMES HOME

Lt. George McDermitt, '42eng, president of the Class of '42, and Mrs. McDermitt (Eldora Baker, '38) visited the campus and had coffee in the Union Cafeteria shortly after "Sailor" came home on leave in February.

► Capt. Marshall D. Word, '40law, Butler, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement with the 15th Air Force. Pilot of a Liberator bomber based in Italy, Captain Word was listed as missing in action when he failed to return from a raid over Yugoslavia on December 26, but returned to his base on January 20. No details as to how he returned were made known. Mrs. Word, the former Elta Hibler, '40journal, and their baby son, William, are in Butler visiting Captain Word's parents.

► Lt. Col. Wade A. Eskridge, '36eng, Altus, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action as an Ordnance officer with an Airborne Division in the Philippines. The citation stated that Colonel Eskridge organized a defense position around an ammunition dump under heavy fire and during an enemy bombing and parachute attack, leading a vigorous counterattack and inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. Colonel Eskridge, who entered the service early in 1941, is a graduate of the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

► Lt. John W. Kelly, '39-'41, El Reno, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster for two wounds received in action with the Field Artillery in Germany. He was injured first on November 18 and again on December 19. Lieutenant Kelly was in a hospital in Belgium early last month, but expected to return to his unit soon. He is attached to a Field Artillery Observation battalion.

Deaths in Service

Lt. Col. Donald F. Newell, '36geol, former geologist with the Phillips Petroleum Company in Corpus Christi, Texas, died December 7 in an Australian hospital, where he was taken after being wounded in action on Leyte Island.

Colonel Newell was a Field Artillery officer and had been overseas since April, 1943, when the Cavalry division to which he was attached was sent to Australia for specialized training in jungle warfare. In December, 1943, he was sent to New Guinea, and in the spring of 1944 took part in the landings on Manus and Los Negros Islands in the Admiralty group. For meritorious achievement in connection with operations against the enemy on Manus Island last March, Colonel Newell was awarded the Bronze Star medal and given a spot promotion to lieutenant colonel. During that action he was in charge of Artillery fire and co-ordinated supporting air and Naval fire.

At the University Colonel Newell was a member of Sigma Gamma Epsilon honorary geological fraternity and an associate member of Sigma Xi national scientific research fraternity. In 1938 he was awarded the prize saber as commander of the honor battalion of the R.O.T.C. unit. Survivors include his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Newell, Kansas City, Kansas, and his wife, Mrs. Frances B. Newell, and two children, who live in El Paso, Texas.

► Lt. Marion Phifer, Jr., '40, Oklahoma City, was killed in action with the Air Force on October 7. He was navigator on a B-24 bomber and had previously been reported missing in action. Before entering the Air Force Lieutenant Phifer, was an employee of the Douglas Aircraft Company in Oklahoma City. In addition to the University he attended Oklahoma Military Academy at Claremore. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Phifer, Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Elmo T. Olson, '36-'37, Bartlesville, died on December 28 of wounds received in action with an Armored division in Belgium. Lieutenant Olson had been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service. Earlier in the war he served for 14 months in the Pacific theater, before returning to the United States to attend officer candidate school. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. S. S. Stringer, Ochelata, and four brothers.

► Sgt. Archie A. Dustin, '24-'25, Enid, died

on December 22 of wounds received the previous day in action in Belgium. Sergeant Dustin was fighting with the Third Engineers. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Dustin, Enid.

► Sgt. Oral W. Eubanks, '27-'29, '32, Devol, Oklahoma, was killed in action on November 6 in Germany. He was fighting with a mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance unit. At the University Sergeant Eubanks was a student in the

The Alumni Office urgently requests the co-operation of all alumni in securing as complete data as possible on University casualties of this war. If you have any information about a Sooner who has died in service, is missing in action or a prisoner of the enemy, please send all the facts you have IMMEDIATELY to War Records Secretary, Alumni Office, University of Oklahoma.

College of Arts and Sciences. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Eubanks, now of Ringling, and several brothers, Eli T. Eubanks, '43law, Wichita, Kansas, Dewey Eubanks, '43, and Pvt. Luther Eubanks, '41ba, Baer Field, Indiana.

► Lt. Vernon L. Red, Jr., '39-'41, Oklahoma City, died on December 26 in a hospital of injuries received in aerial combat. He was navigator and photographer on an A-20 reconnaissance plane with the Ninth Air Force. Lieutenant Red, who went overseas last April, held the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. At the University he was a student in the College of Engineering. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Red, Midland, Texas, and his wife, Mrs. Jean Red, and daughter, who live in Oklahoma City.

► First Sgt. Paul LeCrone, '40law, Tulsa, was killed in action in France on January 12. He was an Infantryman and had been overseas a month at the time of his death. Sergeant LeCrone volunteered for induction in November, 1940. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeCrone, Tulsa, a brother, Pvt. Henry LeCrone, '39, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and his wife and their 17-month-old son, Franklin, of Tulsa.

► The Alumni Office has recently learned of the death on Tarawa on November 16, 1942, of Ensign George H. Close, Jr., '40, Cheshire, Connecticut, Navy flier based on a carrier. He was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart. Ensign Close received his commission in the Naval Reserve at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. In addition to the University, where he was a student in the College of Engineering, Ensign Close attended Manhattan College in New York City. Survivors include his father, G. H. Close, Cheshire.

► Capt. Roger L. Mills, '41eng, Norman, was killed in action on December 17 in Belgium, where he was serving with a Field Artillery Observation battalion. Captain Mills went overseas in January, 1944, and into Belgium early in December. He received a reserve commission from the University R.O.T.C. unit when he graduated, entering the service at Fort Sill soon after. At the University Captain Mills was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Engineers Club. Survivors include his wife and small son, Lubbock, Texas; his parents, M. E. Mills, associate professor of engineering at the University, and Mrs. Mills; two sisters, Mrs. Vivian Smith, '43eng, Healdton, and Mrs. Viola Thweatt, '34-'36, Norman and a brother, Capt. Joe Mills, '37eng, in France.

► Flight Officer Howard G. Carpenter, '37, Oklahoma City, listed as missing in action over Tunisia since October 10, 1943, is now presumed to be dead. In recent formal ceremonies at Tinker Field, near Oklahoma City, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters awarded him was presented to his mother, Mrs. Virgie Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter was a fighter pilot in North Africa.

► Lt. Paul E. Rutledge, '40law, Oklahoma City, was killed in action in Germany on December 26. He was attached to a Combat Engineers battalion. Lieutenant Rutledge first entered the Army in April, 1941, and went to Ireland in January, 1942, with the first American Expeditionary Force of the war, returning to the United States in June, 1942, with the rank of staff sergeant. Upon returning to this country, he entered the Engineers Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and received his commission. He was stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, before going overseas again last October. At the University Lieutenant Rutledge was a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rutledge, Oklahoma City, a brother and sister.

► Lt. J. Harper Quarles, '41ba, Fairfax, was killed in action during Naval operations in the Pacific on an undisclosed date, the Navy Department has announced. He was a gun battery control officer aboard a battleship. Lieutenant Quarles entered the Navy as a storekeeper third class in September, 1941, and was sent to Midshipmen's School at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, early in 1942. He was commissioned an ensign in May, 1942, and went on foreign service in June. At the University Lieutenant Quarles was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi band fraternity, the Senate, the League of Young Democrats and Acacia fraternity. During summers while he was attending O. U., he worked as a ranger at Yellowstone National Park. Survivors include his father, Jones Quarles, Fairfax.

► Staff Sgt. Selwyn M. Jones, '34-'38, Oklahoma City, was killed in action on October 15 in Italy. He was attached to a Tank battalion. The Order of the Purple Heart has been awarded him posthumously. Sergeant Jones was an art student in the University. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Mary U. Jones, Oklahoma City.

► Capt. John E. (Buddy) Reid, '36-'40, Duncan, was killed in action in Luxembourg on December 19. He was an Artillery officer on duty at headquarters of the First Army. Captain Reid entered the Army in 1941, receiving his commission at Fort Sill the next year. He went on foreign duty in February, 1944. Before he entered service he was associated with the Magnolia Petroleum Company in Salem, Illinois, having studied petroleum engineering at the University. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. E. P. Reid, Duncan, and a brother, Tech. Sgt. James P. Reid, '35-'36, Camp Maxey, Texas.

► Maj. James Hal Galloway, '34ba, former Texas and Oklahoma oil writer, was killed in action in Belgium on December 17. An Artillery officer, Major Galloway had been overseas 11 months. Before entering service in 1940 at Fort Sill he was manager of the Wichita Falls, Texas, edition of Rinehart's Oil Reports. He had formerly been a member of the Rinehart staff in Tulsa and assistant oil editor of the *Daily Oklahoman* in Oklahoma City. From December, 1935, to May, 1936, Major Galloway was on duty as a reserve lieutenant with the Civilian Conservation Corps at Paris, Texas. At the University he was captain in the R.O.T.C. and sports editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Galloway, Vernon, Texas, and his wife (Mary Jane Hatchett, '31-'32) and small son, James Hal, Jr., who are living in Durant.

► Wallace K. Oliveira, '43, Lawrenceville, Illinois, was killed in action in the European theater of war on December 2. He was a student in

the College of Engineering at the University. Survivors include his father, B. D. Oliveira of Lawrenceville.

► Lt. Wayne H. Young, '38-'40, Pawhuska, was killed in action with the Infantry in Germany on September 19. He has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart and a Presidential Citation posthumously. Lieutenant Young went overseas in September, 1943, remaining in England until July, 1944, when he went to France. He entered service in October, 1940, when the 45th Division was mobilized, attaining the rank of staff sergeant in the Medical Corps before he transferred to the Infantry and went through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. At the University Lieutenant Young was a student in the College of Arts and Sciences. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lucy Roberta Young, Tulsa, and his mother, Mrs. Joe McCullough, Joplin, Missouri.

► Lt. (jg) Robert L. Widlake, '38-'42, Norman, was killed in a plane crash at sea off the west coast on February 6. Pilot of a Helicat stationed at the Naval Air Auxiliary Station, Los Alamitos, California, he was practicing landings and take-offs on a carrier when the accident occurred. A search failed to recover his body. Lieutenant Widlake entered training with the Naval Air Corps in 1942 and received his commission at the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, Texas. At the University he was a student in the College of Fine Arts. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Louise Widlake, Norman, his father, L. E. Widlake, Oklahoma City, and two sisters, Marian, '41, Ardmore, and Violet, a sophomore in the University.

► Lt. (jg) Henry G. Aachte, '42bus, Cordell, died in a Guadalcanal hospital on December 23 of injuries received when he was knocked down on board ship during a storm at sea on November 14. When he fell his left leg was broken and later lobar pneumonia set in causing his death. Lieutenant Aachte received his commission at the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School in Chicago in November, 1942, and went on sea duty soon after. At the University he was a member of the German Club, the Accounting Club and Bombardiers. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aachte, Cordell, and a sister, Mrs. Joe Hudson (Anna Aachte, '30ba), Novice, Texas.

Missing in Action

Capt. W. R. (Waddy) Young, '36-'40, Ponca City, pilot of a Saipan-based Superfortress, failed to return from a raid on Tokyo on January 9 and is listed as missing in action by the War Department.

Captain Young went to the Pacific after flying anti-submarine patrol over the Atlantic and serving a tour of duty as pilot of a bomber over Europe. For his work there he was awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. Captain Young was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force at Brooks Field, Texas, in August, 1941.

He was one of the greatest football players O. U. ever had, being selected for the Associated Press All-America team and Grantland Rice's team in *Collier's*. He was a star on the team which went to the Orange Bowl in 1939. Upon hearing the news that Captain Young was missing, O. U. Coach Dewey Luster said, "While we were all shocked to hear Waddy was missing in action, those of us who knew him best remember he had a habit of landing butter-side up."

► Lt. James S. King, '42-'43, Tulsa, has been missing in action since his bomber failed to return from a mission over Vienna on October 31. In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Bertha King, Tulsa, Maj. Gen. N. F. Twining wrote that the ship on which Lieutenant King was bombardier was hit by flak over the target and was seen to leave the formation under control. General Twining further stated that Lieutenant King had

been awarded an Air Medal for "his capable and gallant action in combat missions."

► Pfc. Harold A. Shafer, '40-'42, Muskogee, has been missing in action in the European theater since December 21. Inducted into the Army in October, 1942, Private Shafer has been overseas since last October.

► Lt. Ted Handley, '40-'41, Woodward, has been missing in action with the Air Force since January 25 somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Lieutenant Handley received his commission as a navigator in the Air Force at Hondo, Texas.

► Lt. Frank D. Austin, Jr., '38ba, Granite, has been missing in action in Germany since December 16. He was with the 422nd Infantry near St. Vith. Lieutenant Austin served for 19 months in the Aleutian Islands before going to the European theater last October.

► Capt. Murray F. Gibbons, Jr., '41law, Oklahoma City, has been missing in action since December 21. He was fighting with the Infantry at or near St. Vith at the time. Captain Gibbons is the son of Col. Murray F. Gibbons, '15, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

► Capt. Curtis E. Yeary, '39med, Elmore City, Oklahoma, has been missing in action in Belgium since December 19. He was a member of the first glider-borne surgical team to land with American airborne troops on D-day. Captain Yeary went on active duty with the Army Medical Corps in June, 1941, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, joining an airborne unit at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, in August, 1942.

► Sgt. Sidney Watters, '43, Norman, has been missing in action with the Air Force over Germany since December 11. Bombardier-gunner aboard a B-24, he was flying approximately his fifth or sixth mission. Sergeant Watter's relatives have received unofficial word that he landed safely in enemy territory, but officially he is still listed as missing.

► Pfc. Edward R. (Ted) Soule, '40-'43, Oklahoma City, is missing in action with the 99th Infantry Division in Belgium. He was about to return from the front to accept an appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, when he was reported missing. Private Soule was in the process of taking examinations for admission to West Point when he was shipped overseas, and continued with them after he got to Europe. Rep. Mike Monroney and Sen. Elmer Thomas, Oklahoma congressmen who sponsored Private Soule, are holding the appointment open as long as there is a chance he can accept it.

► Ensign Leonard C. Witt, '41-'42, Oklahoma City, is missing in a plane crash, the Navy Department has announced. No details have been made public. Ensign Witt received his commission as a Navy pilot at Corpus Christi, Texas, and trained at the Naval Air Station at Daytona Beach, Florida, before going into combat.

► Lt. Edward L. Williams, '42, Oklahoma City, has been missing in action over Belgium since December 27. He has been awarded an Air Medal and a Presidential Citation for his work as a C-47 pilot with the Troop Transport Command on the European front. Lieutenant Wil-

liams has participated in three major engagements, D-day, Arnheim and Aachen.

► Capt. Irving D. Warden, '36-'40, Norman, has been missing in action in Luxembourg since December 20. An Infantry officer, Captain Warden holds the Bronze Star for meritorious service. He went overseas in September, 1943.

► Ensign Joe Sam Allen, '40-'41, Chickasha, has been reported missing in action in the Pacific since January 7. He received his commission as a Naval flier at Corpus Christi, Texas. At the University Ensign Allen was a student in the College of Engineering and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

► Lt. James S. Brown, '42pharm, Hobart, has been reported missing in action in Luxembourg since early in January. Lieutenant Brown was fighting with a Field Artillery battalion.

► Pvt. Paul Estill, Jr., '41, Tulsa, has been missing in action in France since December 21. He went overseas last October with an Armored division and acted as a French language interpreter for his group.

► Pfc. Gerald F. Gardner, '37law, Norman and Oklahoma City, has been missing in action with the Infantry in Germany since December 16. Private Gardner went overseas last October after training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, Fort Meade, Maryland, and Camp Pickett, Virginia. At the time he entered service he was employed in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Gardner and their two children are now living in Stillwater.

► Capt. Thomas J. Huff, Jr., '42med, Walters, has been missing in action in Luxembourg since December 19. He was with a Medical detachment attached to a Field Artillery unit. Unofficial reports say that all the men in his detachment were reported missing on the same day. Captain Huff joined the service in July, 1943, going to England in February, 1944. On June 19 he went into France, and was known to be at Brest and Paris and in Belgium before going into Luxembourg.

► Lt. Herman A. Welch, '41, Holdenville, has been missing in action with the Air Force near the Kurile Islands in the North Pacific since January 24. He was a navigator with a Bombardment group.

► Lt. Chet H. Jameson, Jr., '36, Sulphur, has been missing in action over Germany since November 26. He was pilot of a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force. Lieutenant Jameson entered service with the Field Artillery in March, 1941, transferring to the Air Force in October, 1942. He received his wings in June, 1943, and was stationed at Walla Walla, Washington, and Avon Park, Florida, as an instructor before going overseas last October.

Back From Battlefronts

Lt. George McDermitt, '42eng, Norman, was home on leave in February after being on foreign duty for 28 months. An Ordnance officer, Lieutenant McDermitt was stationed in England, North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He did not know whether he would go back overseas or be stationed in this country. President of the Class of '42, Lieutenant McDermitt has received several commendations for the work he and his men have done in Ordnance.

► Home on leave was Lt. Comdr. Wayne A. Parker, '35eng, Oklahoma City, holder of the Navy Cross and veteran of Naval action in both the Pacific and Atlantic. Commander Parker was awarded the Navy Cross last summer for his resourcefulness during a bombardment of Tarawa, when his ship was hit by a shell below the water line. The shell tore through one of the engine rooms and lodged in an electric switchboard without exploding. Commander Parker removed part of the switchboard, extracted the shell, carried it topside and threw it overboard. He has also seen action at Leyte. At the end of his leave at home Commander Parker reported to Norfolk, Virginia, for re-assignment.

► Staff Sgt. Charles Dawson, '40, Weatherford,

Co-ed Cover Girl Honored

The picture of her which appeared on the November cover of *Sooner Magazine* has brought Linda Colbert, co-ed from Norman, the title of "The Girl We Would Most Like to Fly a Mission With."

The title was conferred by members of the 486th Bombardment group based in England after they saw her picture on the cover. In a letter to Miss Colbert, members of the group requested a picture of her in a bathing suit and that she write them at least once a week. She planned to take care of both requests.

was returned to this country for treatment at Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California, after being wounded in action on Leyte on October 27. Sergeant Dawson received head injuries inflicted by shrapnel. He was so seriously wounded the Japanese left him for dead and he was picked up later by American forces. Sergeant Dawson was stationed in New Guinea before going into Leyte with the Infantry.

► Maj. Novel S. Wood, '37-'41, Norman, has returned from the Pacific area, where he served as pilot of a Mitchell bomber, and was stationed at Bryan, Texas, to take a course in instrument flying. Major Wood, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross with an Oak Leaf Cluster and an Air Medal with four Clusters, was to report on the west coast for further duty in the Pacific at the conclusion of his training.

► Capt. Jack O. Akins, '34ba, former Oklahoma City physician, was a patient in McCloskey General Hospital at Temple, Texas, after being wounded in Italy. Captain Akins, a member of the Medical Corps, has undergone the amputation of a leg.

► Lt. Col. Howard F. Couch, '22-'25, Oklahoma City, was home on leave recently after returning from India, where he was senior liaison officer with a Chinese Artillery training unit. He acted as advisor to the Chinese commander of the base. At one time during the two years Colonel Couch was in India, several other Oklahoma Cityans were attached to the same unit, Lt. Col. Clyde Watts, '31law, Lt. Col. Robert Price, '27law, Lt. Col. Ted Haywood, Lt. Col. Donald Maitt, '28-'30, and Maj. C. E. Grennard. At the end of his leave Colonel Couch went to the Army Redistribution Center at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for rest and re-assignment.

► Capt. R. R. Coates, '37med, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after serving for 32 months in the Southwest Pacific, and is now assigned to the ear, nose and throat section of Borden General Hospital in Chickasha.

► Maj. Garner G. Collums, '19ba, on leave as business manager of Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha, returned to the United States recently from China, where he had been stationed since 1943. He was adjutant of the Chinese-American Composite Wing of the 14th Air Force at the time he was ordered to come back to the States for training at a Military Government school. Major Collums will later be given an assignment in Far Eastern Civil Affairs.

► Maj. W. E. Harrison, '37law, Oklahoma City, was home on leave recently, having returned from England to attend Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon completion of his course there he will return to his post in England. Last October in London Major Harrison was married to Miss Zofia Zapala, secretary to the Polish air attache in London. They plan to live in Oklahoma City when the war is over.

► Stratton B. Cralle, '41phys, Springfield, Missouri, returned to the United States in January after being released from an English hospital where he was treated for injuries received last November 8. Mr. Cralle, representative of the Sperry Gyroscope Company who serviced the Sperry equipment on bombers at English bases, was injured in the head and legs when a truck tried to pass a bus and ran head-on into his jeep while he was returning to his quarters at the air base.

► Tech. Sgt. Donald L. Henderson, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, was a patient in the convalescent hospital at the Air Force Redistribution Station, Santa Ana, California, having returned to this country after serving a tour of duty with the Eighth Air Force. Sergeant Henderson holds a Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Capt. Joseph A. Tucker, '38eng, Oklahoma City, was home last month on a 30-day leave from the South Pacific, where he had been on duty 30 months. Holder of the expert Infantry-

man's badge, Captain Tucker participated in major engagements in New Guinea, New Britain and the Philippine Islands. At the end of his leave he was to report to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, for re-assignment overseas.

► Maj. Herbert B. Shields, Jr., '37med, Enid, was to return soon to the United States on rotational leave after serving with the Medical Corps for 32 months in the Southwest Pacific. Major Shields, holder of the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the Papuan campaign, participated in the Leyte landing in the Philippines.

► Lt. James L. Woods, '38-'40, Norman, has returned to the United States after serving for 18 months in New Guinea as a pilot with the Air Transport Command. After a leave of three

Citizens and Alumni:

Whether the world is to have a sound plan for peace depends in large measure on the results of the United Nations Conference on Postwar Organization to be held in San Francisco April 25. If you don't know about this momentous meeting, inform yourself. The fight for peace has just begun.

weeks, he was to report to Dallas, Texas, for re-assignment.

► Lt. Col. Wendell J. Kelley, '37-'40, Lexington, returned to the United States recently after serving for nine months in the European theater of operations as a fighter pilot. Colonel Kelley, who flew on 65 missions, holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, and has been recommended for the Croix de Guerre from the French government.

► Lt. Carl Lochner, '42, Agra, Oklahoma, was a patient in the Naval Hospital in Oakland, California, preparatory to receiving a medical discharge from the Navy. He recently returned to this country after serving as a pilot with a unit of the Pacific fleet. When he is released from the Navy, Lieutenant Lochner plans to take a position with the Dr. Pepper Company in Tyler, Texas. Mrs. Lochner is the former Marie Riviere, '41-'42, Tyler.

Injured in Service

Cpl. Hugh L. Mullins, '40-'41, Purcell, was in a Belgium hospital last fall recovering from second degree burns received in action with the Ninth Air Service Command. Corporal Mullins' group was the first to go into France after D-day, and he was last reported in France.

► Pfc. J. Herral Scott, '37fa, Sulphur, was wounded in action with the 95th Division during the fighting around Metz, Germany.

► Lt. Amos D. Whitten, '43geol, Tulsa, received a shrapnel wound in the leg on December 3 while serving as a Field Artillery observer with the Seventh Army in France. Lieutenant Whitten wrote his family in Tulsa that his injury was not too serious.

► Lt. William Turnbull, '42bus, Hobart, was wounded in action in Belgium on December 25. Lieutenant Turnbull is a parachutist.

► Lt. Robert L. Lawrence, '42, Anadarko, was injured in action on December 15, and was under treatment in a Paris hospital. He was attached to an Armored Field Artillery outfit.

► Lt. Logan D. Campbell, Jr., '43, Duncan, member of an Airborne Infantry regiment, was wounded in action in Belgium on January 10.

► Pfc. Samuel A. Walker, Jr., '39ba, Bartlesville, was injured on December 24 in Luxembourg while fighting with the Third Army. Private Walker holds the Infantryman's Combat Badge.

► Lt. James R. Pantier, '40-'43, Norman, was in a hospital in England recovering from injuries received somewhere in France last October. He is a Field Artillery officer.

► Capt. John W. (Jack) Ervin, '40ba, Okla-

homa City, is recovering in an English hospital from a knee wound received while fighting with the Third Army in Germany early in January.

► Lt. Melvin B. Russell, '40, Norman, was slightly wounded in action in Belgium on January 12. A member of the 84th Division, Lieutenant Russell has been in combat in Southern France and Belgium.

► Lt. Beverly J. Belisle, '42, Oklahoma City, was awaiting re-assignment with the Field Artillery in the European theater after being hospitalized for shrapnel wounds received in action.

► Lt. Ray R. Radford, '35-'36, Enid, has been wounded in action in the Mediterranean theater. His name was included on a casualty list issued January 3.

Prisoners of War

Lt. Col. Walter G. Hopkins, '40bus, Oklahoma City, is known definitely to be a prisoner of the Germans, after having been missing since last June. Shortly after he was reported missing an unofficial radio broadcast indicated that he was a prisoner, and he is now known to be in Oflag 64 prison. Colonel Hopkins was in action with the Field Artillery in Normandy before his capture.

► Shot down last summer while escorting bombers on a raid over Ludwigshaven, Lt. John R. Eskridge, '41, Elmore City, is a prisoner of the German government. He is being held in Stalag Luft No. 1. Lieutenant Eskridge was a fighter pilot, with the destruction of one enemy plane and one enemy train to his credit.

► Cpl. Wallace B. Graves, '43ba, Fort Worth, Texas, was reported on January 22 to be a prisoner of the Germans, after having been missing in action since September 17. He was an Infantryman with the Third Army in France. Mrs. Graves is the former Barbara Jeanne Abey, '43ba, of Fort Worth.

► Cpl. Everette C. Hatton, '32geol, Reed, Oklahoma, prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Bataan, has been moved to a prison camp at Osaka, Japan. He was formerly held in Camp No. 2 in the Philippine Islands. Recently an escaped prisoner who saw Corporal Hatton a year ago informed Mrs. Hatton, Hobbs, New Mexico, that he is getting along all right except for having malaria. Mrs. Hatton has received five cards from Corporal Hatton during his internment.

Promotions

Ralph L. Wassell, '34eng, Higgins, Texas, chief of the research branch of the power plant laboratory at Air Technical Service Command headquarters, Wright Field, Ohio, has been promoted to colonel. Colonel Wassell's section has been actively connected with the recent development of jet-propelled aircraft and experimentation on robot bombs. Colonel Wassell entered the Air Force in 1932, and has been stationed at Wright Field doing research since 1942.

Promoted to lieutenant colonel recently were J. Bruce Stout, '37eng, Weleetka, commanding officer of a Signal Service battalion in England; Max S. Lale, '38journ, Sapulpa, with the Field Artillery overseas; Glen W. McDonald, '34med, Binger, physician with a Military Government outfit in the Pacific; T. B. Rucker, '29 law, Oklahoma City, acting judge advocate at Air Force Western Training Command headquarters, Denver, Colorado; Tom R. Watts, '38 ba, Oklahoma City, with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific; Alden W. Suderman, '37eng, Chickasha, with Tenth Corps headquarters in the Philippine Islands; W. W. Whiteman, Jr., '36ba, '37law, '40bus, Oklahoma City, on duty at Army Service Force headquarters in Washington, D. C.; James L. Sandlin, '26ba, chaplain with U. S. forces in the Philippines, and George H. Koehne, Jr., '38, Tulsa, pilot of a B-17 based in England.

Colonel Sandlin, former pastor of the First Christian Church in Clarksdale, Mississippi, made the initial landings in the Philippines as chap-

lain of the Tenth Corps, and has since been assigned to a station hospital in the Islands. Colonel Koehne, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, had been on 25 combat missions early this year. When he first went on foreign duty he served as squadron commander, but has now been designated senior wing commander. He has been in the Army since 1940, and was stationed in Panama when the war started. Colonel Koehne was also stationed in Guatemala before returning to the United States for combat crew training preparatory to serving in the European theater.

Alumni recently advanced to major include the following: Evans E. Talley, '34med, Enid, with an evacuation hospital in the Southwest Pacific; William B. McFadyen, '32, Anadarko, with the Field Artillery in Europe; Jacob B. Sureck, '27bus, Oklahoma City, with the Air Transport Command in Washington, D. C.; William G. Midgley, '39bus, Newkirk, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; J. Ernest Baker, '32ba, '37m.ed, Purcell, with the Air Force in the European theater.

D. D. Roderick, '22ba, El Paso, Texas, member of the European Civil Affairs Division; Ralph W. Rucker, '36med, Oklahoma City, Sheppard Field, Texas; Walter Cunningham, '39law, McAlester, overseas as a member of the Adjutant General's Department; Robert J. Casey, '39bus, Oklahoma City, with the Field Artillery overseas; Arley L. Outland, '35-'40, Wewoka, Division Artillery officer in France; Glenn C. Lucas, '36ba, Newkirk, overseas with the Field Artillery, and Ewing T. Kerr, '22ba, former state attorney general of Wyoming now with the Allied Military Government in Italy.

Those promoted to captain recently include Bob Vaughan, '38-'40, Hennessey, overseas with the Corps of Engineers; Robert W. Stephens, '39-'41, Holdenville, in Egypt with an Army Airway Communications group; Norman Reynolds, '41ba, Oklahoma City, with the Field Artillery in the Pacific; A. H. Burling, '32geol, Dunlap, Iowa, Army Ordnance liaison officer for the New York Port of Embarkation at the Naval Ammunition Depot at Earle, New Jersey; Eileen Hoggard, '41, '42, Durant, WAC, Fort Bliss, Texas; Harlan Emerson, '38-'39, Duncan, Fort Sill; Paul S. Ballinger, '34law, Holdenville, special investigator in the Air Inspector's section at an Air Service Command Depot in England.

Harold H. Hermes, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, chief helicopter test pilot with the flight test section at Wright Field, Ohio, since January, 1943, who was recently detached for duty in the Panama Canal Zone; Wayne E. Heffner, '40 ed, Tulsa, overseas; Matha M. Miller, '38-'42, Shawnee, overseas with the Signal Corps; John B. Young, '41bs, Oklahoma City, base weather officer at the Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas; Edwin W. Toribio, '39ed, New Orleans, Louisiana, with the Anti-aircraft Artillery overseas; James C. Hubbard, '37-'41, El Reno, on duty with the Air Force Western Procurement District in Los Angeles; Dale Desper, '39ba, Panama, Oklahoma, fighter pilot overseas.

Edward H. Ham, '37-'41, Guthrie, overseas with the Ordnance; Milton E. Carshon, '32-'34, Oklahoma City, with the Ferry Command at the Army Air Field, Bryan, Texas; C. Harold Brand, '26-'28, Moore, public relations officer at the Army Air Field, Greensboro, North Carolina; Jack G. Westbrooke, '41eng, Lexington, overseas with the Field Artillery; James W. Shepherd, Jr., '40bus, Norman, Sedalia Army Air Field, Warrensburg, Missouri, and Charles L. Smith, '42bus, Fairview, flight leader with a Liberator squadron of the 15th Air Force.

Keith Bergdall, '43bus, Meno, Field Artillery, and Robert N. Naifeh, '42, Norman, Air Force, both overseas, have been promoted to first lieutenant.

Bill Bauman, Jr., '42bus, Tulsa, with the Marine Corps in the Pacific, has been promoted to first lieutenant.

Calling the Roll

By ELIZABETH LEES

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"Greater access to the microphone and the telephone for both rural and city people will raise the cultural and educational level of the whole nation. It will also stimulate the flow of intelligence which is indispensable to successful democracy," was the statement of Commissioner Paul A. Walker, '12law, of the Federal Communications Commission, before the third annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Co-operative Association, January 16 in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Walker added that if the telephone industry with all its resources cannot or will not provide rural telephone service promptly and at reasonable costs when materials and manpower become available, then the millions of farmers in America may well resort to their own collective efforts to secure it as they have secured electric service through the Rural Electrification Administration.

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George T. Crouse, '24geol, Wellington, Kansas, is employed by the Texas Company, in Mattoon, Illinois.

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John Paynter, '26ba, is with the American Red Cross in Sudan, Africa. Mr. Paynter, a member of Acacia fraternity, received his master's degree from Columbia University, New York City. He is the former principal of Riverside School in Wichita, Kansas.

Missionaries Home



Dr. Virgil F. Dougherty, '24med, and Mrs. Dougherty (Irene Kernode, '20) shown here with their two youngest children, Louellen and Patricia, recently returned to the United States after 19 years as medical missionaries in Gorie, Ethiopia, and Nasir, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. The last time they were home in Oklahoma City was in 1938 when they were transferred from Ethiopia to the Sudan.

The Doughertys plan to stay in Oklahoma City indefinitely, at least until the war is over.

One of the Dougherty children is an alumnus of O. U. and two are students at the present time. They are Lt. Domer Vincent Dougherty, '42eng, with the Signal Corps in Iran, Lt. Paul Dougherty, with the Army Air Forces, Ruth Dougherty, a student in the University School of Library Science, and Madeline Dougherty, a sophomore in the School of Drama.

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An O. U. athlete who brought home the laurels during his student days and is now training others to follow in his footsteps is Frank Potts, '27ba, Sulphur, head football coach at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Mr. Potts, one-time captain of the O. U. track team and football star, has been employed at the University of Colorado since 1927 when he joined the athletic staff as assistant coach.

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SHEETS-ALLEN: Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Mabel Sheets, '28 he, Erick, to Sgt. T. O. Allen, Chandler, Texas. Mrs. Allen did graduate work at Columbia University, New York City. Sergeant Allen was stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas.

John K. Speck, '28bus, and A. D. Howell, '32bus, have opened a law office in Oklahoma City. They will specialize in tax counseling and tax appellate practice. Lindsey E. Martin, '39bus, '44law, is an associate attorney with the firm.

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BONEBRAKE-VAN BUSKIRK: Miss Elizabeth Bonebrake, '29ba, El Reno, and James Frederick Van Buskirk, Okarche, were married December 28 at El Reno. Mrs. Van Buskirk has been teaching at El Reno, where the couple will live.

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Ruth Blanchard, '31lib.sci, Norman, is cataloger for the Social Security Board Library in Washington, D. C.

Ben F. Hays and Mrs. Hays (Martha Gladstone, '31ed) are the parents of a baby son Robert Evermont born November 17 at Eldorado, Arkansas.

Dick Pearce, '31ba, recently sold a serial story to the *Saturday Evening Post* for \$1,200. Mr. Pearce is a rewrite man on the staff of the *San Francisco Examiner*. The setting of the serial is Fort Reno in 1870.

~1932~

R. Clifton Daniel, '32, Oklahoma City, has been promoted to manager of radio station WCAE in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Daniel was formerly an announcer for WKY radio station in Oklahoma City. He has been associated with WCAE since 1935 and previously held the position of program manager.

Elbert Luther Little, Jr., '27ba, '32bs, is a botanist with the Foreign Economic Administration at Bogotá, Colombia, South America.

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Eugene D. Uman, '33bs, is a principal business analyst for the petroleum division of the Office of Price Administration, Washington, D. C.

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H. R. Antle, '33-'34, resumed his position as science instructor in Sulphur High School after receiving a medical discharge from the Army. Mr. Antle was on overseas duty with the ground crew of a heavy bombardment group in Italy, Yugoslavia and France.

~1935~

Sgt. George Edward Laswell, '35, and Mrs. Laswell are the parents of a baby son George Edward, Jr., born December 21 at Enid.

Fred Langhorst and Mrs. Langhorst (Lois Wilson, '35ba, '38bs, '38arch) are the designers of a child's room featured on two pages in the December issue of *Better Homes and Gardens*. This design is one in a series of postwar housing and planning ideas from outstanding architects of the country being featured by the maga-