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THREE ARTICLES telling the stories of Capt. Eugene Dale, '36-'38, Enid, and two other U. S. Army captains who escaped Japanese imprisonment last fall ran in *Collier's* magazine last month. Appearing in the March 3, 10 and 17 issues, the serial was entitled "We Lived to Tell." It was set down in the first person plural by Corey Ford and Alastair MacBain as the three men told it to them. In graphic language the articles told of the terrible living conditions in the prison camps, the mistreatment suffered by the prisoners at the hands of their captors, and their escape when the Japanese ship they were on was torpedoed by an American submarine.

► Mrs. Dorothy Ellis Obert, wife of Maj. David Obert, '40, Apache, who was taken prisoner by the Japanese when they captured Manila, has been liberated by American forces in the Philippines. Major and Mrs. Obert were married in November, 1941, and were separated when he was ordered to fly out one of the last P-40's to leave Bataan. Mrs. Obert, whose parents live in Chicago, was a civilian employee of the government in the Philippines. Major Obert is now an operations officer with the 15th Air Force in Italy.

► The first member of his family Maj. Ralph W. Hubbard, '32med, Oklahoma City, saw after his release from a Japanese prison camp was his brother, Capt. William E. Hubbard, '41med, who met him somewhere in the Pacific. Captain Hubbard, physician with the Fifth Air Force, flew 4,000 miles to spend 24 hours with his brother after Major Hubbard was liberated. Captain Hubbard wrote his parents in Oklahoma City that his brother had gained 20 pounds since his rescue by American forces, and that "he still is amazed he is alive and on his way."



HOME AT LAST

Released from a Japanese prison camp after the American landing in the Philippines, Ralph Hubbard, '32med, now a lieutenant colonel, was home last month with his family in Oklahoma City.

Decorations

Tech. Sgt. Clarence A. Pearce, '38-'42, El Reno, has been awarded the Bronze Star and an Air Medal for his work as a combat correspondent with the Troop Carrier Command during operations in and over Europe.

The Bronze Star was awarded to Sergeant Pearce for his part in organizing news facilities for coverage of airborne phases of the D-Day invasion and for service in Normandy at advanced Troop Carrier airstrips. He was decorated with the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while engaged in intensive aerial activity as a combat correspondent covering the vertical envelopment of German armies impeding the progress of the Allied ground forces in Holland.

The citation accompanying the Air Medal stated that "the plane in which Sergeant Pearce rode circled continuously over the Paratroop and Glider landing zones in the Eindhoven-Nijmegen areas from the time the initial serial of Troop Carrier aircraft arrived until the final serial was in sight. In spite of intense enemy ground fire, extremely adverse weather and damage to the plane from enemy action, he completed his assigned missions."

Sergeant Pearce's work with the Troop Carrier Command has taken him into every sector of the western front, Holland, Belgium, France and Germany.

Before entering the service, Sergeant Pearce was with the United Press in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is a former editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*.

► Capt. Norman G. Walker, '37-'40, Bethany, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as a navigator with the Air Transport Command. Captain Walker participated in the first group organized to ferry airplanes from Hamilton Field, California, to Hawaii. He has since flown in every theater of the war for the A.T.C.

► Staff Sgt. David R. Johnson, '41-'42, Norman, waist gunner on a B-17 with the Eighth Air Force, has been awarded an Air Medal with four Oak

Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement while participating in bombing attacks on vital German targets.

► Capt. Carl Eley, '38-'39, Altus, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters to add to his Air Medal for service as a fighter pilot in the China-Burma-India theater. He recently returned to the United States after being overseas for a year.

► Capt. Port G. Robertson, '37bs, Edmond, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for his work with the Field Artillery in Europe. He is attached to the Second Division.

► Staff Sgt. Robert L. Shepherd, '39med, Norman, waist gunner on a Flying Fortress of the Eighth Air Force, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement during bombing attacks on Nazi targets.

► Pfc. Harry H. Harkins, '42-'43, Billings, Montana, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds received in the head while he was helping capture an enemy pillbox near Aachen last November 29. Private Harkins, also holder of the Combat Infantryman's Badge, was recuperating from his wounds in an English hospital.

► Capt. Leo Huff, '41, Altamont, Kansas, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious action and the Order of the Purple Heart for a wound received in action with the Infantry in Europe. Captain Huff recently came home on leave after serving overseas since last May. He was in action in France and Germany. At the end of his leave Captain Huff reported for re-assignment at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

► Maj. Herbert T. Hope, '42law, Maysville, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service as a Field Artillery officer in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 September 1944 and 10 October 1944. During that time he served as S-3 officer of a Field Artillery group, operating the fire direction

center and developing a staff that efficiently directed the fire of three battalions.

► Charles E. Lambdin, '43, Powell, Wyoming, boatswain's mate second class, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for injuries received in a Naval engagement in the Pacific.

► Capt. Dan D. Jennings, Jr., '38-'40, Edmond, commander of an Armored Infantry company of the Third Army, has been awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds. Captain Jennings has been in combat since last August 10, at Metz, St. Vith, Melun, Verdun, Chartre, Antwerp and in Holland.

► Pfc. Miller Davidson, '43, Norman, has been given the Purple Heart for an injury received on December 12 while fighting with the Infantry in Belgium. He was sent to a hospital in England for treatment.

► Pfc. John M. Rowntree, '43, Oklahoma City, has been decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart for an injury received last December 21 while in combat with a Third Army Infantry unit 12 miles east of Saarbrücken. He was hospitalized in Paris, returning to combat duty after being released from the hospital on January 9. Late in February his parents were notified he was ill in Luxembourg but received no details.

► Cpl. Carl W. Longmire, '44, Pittsburg, California, has been decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in Belgium last November 3. He was wounded in the left arm by German machine gun fire while he was laying mines. Corporal Longmire has now recovered and is back in combat with the First Army.

► Capt. John J. Ambrister, '37-'38, Prague, has been decorated with an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious service as a bomber pilot in the European theater and the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds suffered on his 24th mission over the continent. Captain Ambrister has returned from foreign service and was stationed at the Altus Army Air Field as an instrument flying training instructor.

► Lt. Willis A. Bynum, '39-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as a B-25 pilot in the Pacific theater. Lieutenant Bynum returned to the United States early this year after being overseas for a year and a half. He took part in the Solomon, Bismarck and New Guinea campaigns.

► Sgt. William W. Cross, '39-'41, Norman, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as an engineer and gunner aboard a bomber in France.

► Capt. Wayne Moore, '39-'40, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with an Oak Leaf Cluster and an Air Medal with eight Clusters for his work as a Mustang pilot with the Eighth Air Force. He also holds the Order of the Purple Heart. Recently Captain Moore returned to the United States from England after flying 108 missions and downing 10 enemy planes.

► Pfc. James K. Heady, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for a flesh wound in his right arm received in the Alsace-Lorraine sector on January 11. He was fighting with an Armored unit of the Seventh Army.

► Staff Sgt. Robert L. Davis, '38, Norman, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work with a Bombardment squadron of the 13th Air Force. A letter from Maj. Gen. St. Clair Street, commander of the 13th, to Sergeant Davis' wife stated that Sergeant Davis has acquitted himself with honor and distinction.

► Lt. Charles W. Ward, '42-'43, Tulsa, Infantry officer with the Third Army in Europe, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious action, the

Order of the Purple Heart for wounds and the Infantry Combat Medal. Lieutenant Ward, who received his commission at Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee, at the age of 18, went overseas in the spring of 1944.

► The Order of the Purple Heart has been awarded Staff Sgt. Kermit Van Leuven, '26-'29, Oklahoma City, with an Engineers company in Germany. Sergeant Van Leuven recently sent his mother a road sign reading, "You are now entering Germany through the courtesy of the 95th Division."

► Capt. Matha M. Miller, '38-'42, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for his work with a Signal battalion with the 12th Army Corps in Europe. Captain Miller contributed materially to the rapid movement of the corps across France by the efficient manner in which he organized repair facilities for the battalion.

► Lt. Albert E. Pierce, '36-'39, Oklahoma City, who was killed in action on Guam on August 14, 1944, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart posthumously. Lieutenant Pierce was an Infantry officer with the 77th Division.

► Lt. Bates Stinson, '42bus, Sayre, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for injuries received last September 24 following a jump into Holland as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division. He was evacuated to an English hospital, where his wife, an Army nurse, attended him during his convalescence. In January both Lieutenant and Mrs. Stinson returned to the United States, and he was assigned to Schick General Hospital at Clinton, Iowa, for further treatment.

► Capt. Neel J. Price, '42med, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for heroic service in combat as a member of the Medical Corps with the Fifth Army in Italy. Captain Price, as surgeon with an Infantry battalion, has been close to the front lines since the beginning of the Italian campaign. The citation accompanying his Bronze Star stated in part, "Night and day Captain Price attended the wounded, cheerfully making them comfortable and evacuating them to the rear with the least possible loss of time . . . Through aggressiveness, force and initiative, he performed surgical operations smoothly and efficiently, under great stress and strain." Captain Price's wife, the former Ruah Lee, '42nurse, and their baby son live in Stillwater.

► Lt. Henry H. Montgomery, '39-'42, Bartlesville, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious service as a liaison pilot with the Field Artillery in Europe. Lieutenant Henry was home on a 30-day furlough early this year after suffering a broken leg in action in Belgium.

► Lt. George B. Snider, '39-'42, Waurika, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement as pilot of a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force. He is a member of the 486th Bombardment group, a part of the division cited by the President for its England-to-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt plant at Regensburg, Germany.

► Pfc. Paul Z. Beck, '42-'43, Bradford, Pennsylvania, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement against the enemy in Germany during the period from November 28 to November 30, 1944. During that time Private Beck, an Infantryman, was fighting in the vicinity of a heavily fortified enemy town when assault elements were stopped by intense enemy fire. Private Beck, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, left his sheltered position to restore a communication line between his company command post and mortar section command post that had been destroyed by enemy fire. Private Beck is the brother of Capt. Henry J. Beck, '42eng, and Pfc. Theodore Beck, '40-'43, both also overseas.

► A commendation has been received by the 12th Field Artillery battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Alvan M. Muldrow, '33law, Norman, from Maj. Gen. W. M. Robertson, '07, commander of the Second Division, for "outstanding performance of duty in combat operations against a highly trained



NO GOOD LUCK SWASTIKA
Shown with a captured Nazi flag at Brest, France, are two officers with the Second Infantry Division, Maj. Gerald H. Galbreath, '40law, (left) and Capt. Theatus Greeson, '39journ.

and tenacious enemy during the period 17 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the Bullingen-Krinkelt-Rocherath area." The citation stated that the fires of the 12th battalion were a deciding factor in stopping enemy assaults against both the Ninth and 38th Infantry regiments, which could not have survived the assaults without the additional fire power. Stated General Robertson, "It is my opinion that this battalion exhibited outstanding ability, gallantry, devotion to duty and determination in repelling the counterattack launched against the Second Infantry Division with a minimum loss of American lives and equipment."

► The third Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. William Pustilnik, '39-'41, Long Beach, Long Island, New York, bombardier aboard a Flying Fortress of the Eighth Air Force.

► The second Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Lester W. Morris, '35-'36, Oklahoma City, co-pilot of a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force.

► The fifth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. John W. Paul, '41-'42, Tulsa, co-pilot of a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force.

► George S. James, '30, chief pharmacist's mate now stationed at the Navy Recruiting Office in Oklahoma City, has received a personal citation from the commanding general of the Second Marine Division for his "excellent service in line of duty in connection with graves registration during the Saipan-Tinian campaign, Marianas Islands." Mr. James laid out and established cemeteries for the Marine dead in areas still under enemy fire. Part of his 23 months overseas was spent in a field hospital in New Zealand.

► Maj. Francis H. Turner, '26-'29, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for valorous service with the Infantry in the Pacific theater.

► The Bombardment group to which Lt. James E. Fox, '41eng, Norman, is attached as a pilot has been cited for "distinguished and exceptionally outstanding performance of duty on 200 missions." The Liberator group has raided targets in Germany, France, Norway, Holland, Belgium and Poland.

► Maj. Fred F. White, '38bus, Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious action as a Field Artillery officer in Europe.

► Lt. Charles R. Richardson, '40, Noble, has been decorated with an Air Medal for his work as a bombardier on a Liberator over Europe. He recently returned to the United States after being stationed in England for five months.

► Lt. Kenneth E. Skaggs, '37-'39, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his work as a B-24 pilot in China. He flew 42 missions in that theater. Recently Lieutenant Skaggs returned to this country and was sent to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, for re-assignment.

► Lt. Stewart W. Clark, '40-'43, Ponca City, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as pilot of a P-38 plane with the 15th Air Force in Italy.

► The fifth, sixth and seventh Oak Leaf Clusters have been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Ralph E. Reiger, '41, Oklahoma City, pilot of a Thunderbolt fighter with the Ninth Air Force in France.

► Lt. Harry Culver, '40-'43, Homestead, Oklahoma, has been decorated with an Air Medal for meritorious achievement as pilot of an Eighth Air Force bomber in attacks against German targets on the western European front.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Robert B. Click, '42-'43, Nowata, for his work as co-pilot of an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress.

► Capt. William E. Hubbard, '41med, Stillwater, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action December 14 in Germany. Captain Hubbard is a battalion surgeon with the Lightning Division.

► The Bronze Star medal has been awarded to Maj. Paul R. Turnbull, '29eng, Hobart, for outstanding work as commander of part of a Ninth Air Force Service group from February, 1944, to October, 1944. Major Turnbull's team was responsible for the repair and maintenance of several squadrons of P-47 Thunderbolts. Major Turnbull went overseas in August, 1943, and has been stationed in England and Belgium as well as France, where he is now.

► Maj. Marvin R. Burditt, '39eng, Maysville, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for outstanding performance with the Marine Corps in the Pacific theater. Major Burditt also holds a Presidential Unit Citation.

► Lt. James W. Babb, '38-'42, Tulsa, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement as co-pilot of a B-26 with the Ninth Air Force in France.

► Lt. (jg) Elliott C. Fenton, '37law, Oklahoma City, has been decorated with the Bronze Star medal for meritorious achievement as salvage officer in June, 1944, during the assault and capture of an enemy-held island in the South Pacific. The accompanying citation stated in part, "By cool and capable direction, while exposed to great personal danger, he made several trips to the reef to rescue wounded men. He then directed the salvage of landing boats for the transfer of vital cargo to the combat troops and assisted materially in the work of an assault unit." On duty aboard a transport vessel, Lieutenant Fenton has participated in landings on Tarawa, Kwajalein, Saipan, Guam and Leyte.

► Lt. Sidney P. Upsher, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while on a bomb run over an oil refinery in Vienna last November. His B-17 was hit by flak, two of the engines died, and he was forced to leave formation, but was able to land at a friendly base. Lieutenant Upsher also holds an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Bronze Star held by Capt. William B. Armstrong, '40geol, Oklahoma City, for meritorious service in combat with a Field Artillery battalion with the Fifth Army in Italy.

► Maj. James E. Hill, '41-'42, Stillwater, has been awarded the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic work as pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt and a squadron commander with the Ninth Air Force. He received the Silver Star for destroying two German planes and providing superb leadership for his squadron after they were attacked by an enemy squadron outnumbering them. The D.F.C. was awarded to Major Hill for strafing and silencing an anti-aircraft battery protecting a German railroad installation, thereby

making it possible for his squadron to dive-bomb the railroad target with more safety. Major Hill also holds the Air Medal with four silver Oak Leaf Clusters and the French Croix de Guerre. He recently returned to the United States on a 30-day leave after flying more than 100 combat missions.

► Lt. Pinkney C. Largent, Jr., '43, Waurika, has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious service as a pilot with a Troop Carrier group in Italy and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. Lieutenant Largent was injured during a trip carrying small arms and ammunition to Marshal Tito's Partisans in Yugoslavia last summer. He was co-pilot aboard the C-47, which exploded, throwing him clear, when it was hit. The only crew member to survive the disaster, Lieutenant Largent was burned on the right leg. He wears the caterpillar insignia to show that his life was saved by a parachute jump. Lieutenant Largent has more than 500 hours of operational flying in the Mediterranean area to his credit. He took part in the Greek and French invasions.

► Cpl. John M. Andrews, '44, Comanche, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as a tail turret gunner on a Liberator bomber of the 15th Air Force based in Italy.

Deaths in Service

Lt. Clyde E. Fleming, '26bs, Norman, was killed last September 7 when the Japanese transport vessel on which he, along with a group of American prisoners, was being taken to another prison camp was attacked by an American submarine off the western coast of Mindanao. News of the sinking was first received last October, but the War Department did not report Lieutenant Fleming's death until late February.

Lieutenant Fleming was taken prisoner at Corregidor, but his family did not learn of his fate until May, 1943. He was held at a prison camp on Davao during his imprisonment. Before his capture Lieutenant Fleming was a ground officer in the Air Force.

Before entering the service Lieutenant Fleming taught school and coached the football team at Altus. At the University he was a member of Alpha Pi Mu pre-med fraternity, the Zoology Club and the football, basketball and wrestling teams. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fleming, Norman, his wife, the former Hazel Whitwell, '27ed, Oklahoma City, and four sisters, Katherine Fleming, '24nurse, superintendent of nurses at Ellison Infirmary, Mrs. Rosalee Pettit, '30-'36, Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. H. F. Wells, Manitou, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Juanita Bartlett, '30-'33, El Reno.

► Lt. Donald Manley, '38-'42, Orange, Texas, was killed in action in Germany on January 1. He was up in a Piper Cub as an aerial observer for the Artillery of the Third Army, when he was shot down by German fighter planes. Lieutenant Manley had been on more than 100 flights as observer and held the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. At the University he was a student in the College of Engineering. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Manley, Orange, and several brothers in the service.

► Arnold Meckenberg, '42-'43, Brooklyn, New York, was killed in action last September 28 in Italy, when a shell exploded near the foxhole he was in. An Infantryman, he was given the Order of the Purple Heart posthumously. Mr. Meckenberg entered the service in June, 1943, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and went overseas a year later. At O. U. Mr. Meckenberg was a freshman in the University College. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Meckenberg, and a sister, Rita, of Brooklyn.

► Pvt. Paul E. Estill, Jr., '41, Tulsa, previously reported missing in action, died on February 2 in a German prison camp as a result of wounds received in action. Private Estill was first reported missing in the Strasbourg area as of December 21. He went overseas last October with an Armored division, and had been serving as interpreter for his group. At the University Private Estill was a student in the College of Arts and Sciences and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Survivors in-

clude his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Estill, Tulsa.

► Lt. Geraldine Crouch, '41nurse, McAlester, was killed in an airplane crash in Italy on October 14 while returning from a leave. She was surgical nurse at a base hospital in Italy. Lieutenant Crouch entered the Army Nurse Corps in January, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Wallace, Texas, until she went overseas in December, 1942. She was in North Africa almost a year before going to Italy. Lieutenant Crouch was a member of the Oklahoma State Nurses Association. Survivors include her father, Eugene D. Crouch, McAlester, three sisters and four brothers.

► Sgt. Norman Sutliff, '41, Blackwell, was killed in action in Europe on January 18. He was a liaison pilot with the Third Army. Sergeant Sutliff was a brother of Capt. Don Sutliff, '37-'40, who is missing in action with the Air Force in the South Pacific. He had been in the service for two years. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sutliff, Blackwell.

► Staff Sgt. George J. Bookless, '40-'41, Tyrone, Oklahoma, was killed in action in Belgium on December 18. He had previously been reported missing. Sergeant Bookless entered the service in December, 1942, and went overseas in October, 1943. He went first to Ireland, then to England, and into France at the time of the invasion. While attending the University Sergeant Bookless was a student in the College of Education. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Bookless, who live southwest of Liberal, Kansas.

► The Alumni Office recently learned of the death on January 14, 1944, of Lt. John S. Cook, '39-'41, Breckenridge, Texas, in an airplane crash at Pampa, Texas. He was an engineering student in the University and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Survivors include his wife and baby son, born after his death, who live at Breckenridge.

► Sgt. Robert A. Maher, '43, Oklahoma City, was killed in action with the Air Force in England on January 16. He was a ball turret gunner on a Flying Fortress and had been awarded the Air Medal shortly before his death. At O. U. Sergeant Maher was a freshman in the University College. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maher, Oklahoma City.

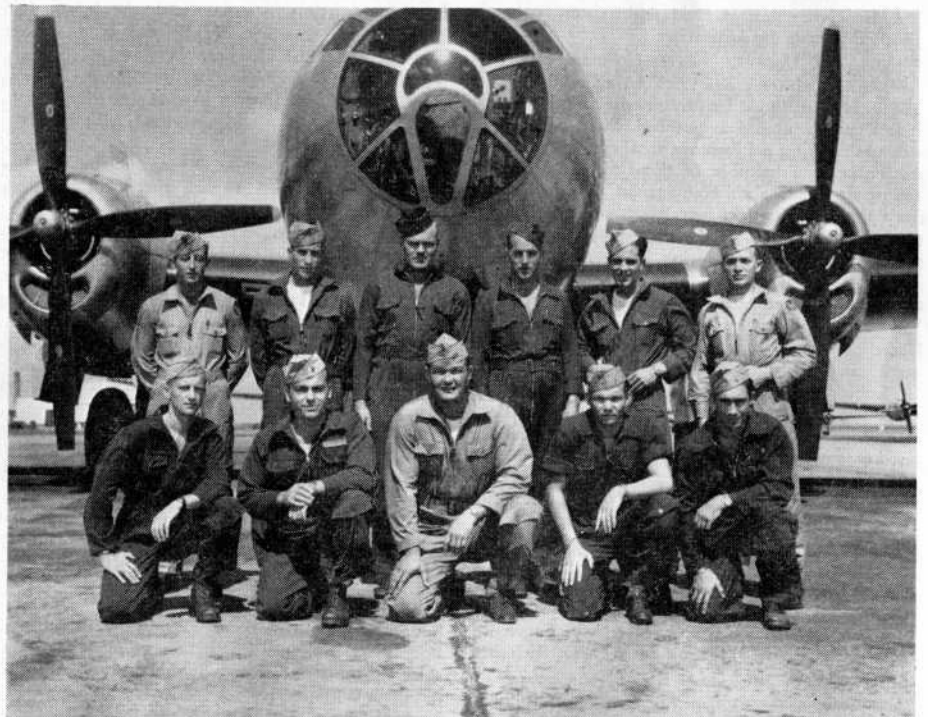
► Lt. John E. Sarles, '41ms, Norwood, Ohio, was killed in action off the Palau Islands in the South Pacific last August 28. He was a pilot attached to the 13th Bomber Command. Lieutenant Sarles went overseas late in 1943 with a Reconnaissance squadron. At the University he was employed as a graduate assistant in biology and was a member of Sigma Gamma Epsilon and Phi Sigma biological fraternities. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Sarles, his wife, Mrs. Bernice Sarles, and a daughter, Judith Ann, all of Norwood.

► Cpl. Ernest G. Shephard, '42, Purcell, was killed in a railroad accident at St. Valery en Craux, France, on January 17. He was a member of the Corps of Engineers. Before entering the service Corporal Shephard was an employee of the Santa Fe Railway Company. At the University he was a student in the College of Engineering. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Berdie Shephard, Purcell.

► Maj. Richard W. Aust, '28bus, Chickasha, died on February 12 somewhere in France of a heart attack. He was buried in a Paris cemetery the following day. Major Aust, an Infantry officer, arrived in France on February 1, going overseas after he had trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and Camp Maxey, Texas. Before entering the service, Major Aust was assistant secretary and treasurer of the Chickasha Cotton Oil Company. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Aust, his wife, and a daughter, all of Chickasha.

► The Alumni Office has just learned of the death on August 29, 1941, of Lt. John J. Mitchell, '40, Pawhuska. He was killed in the collision of two planes near March Field, California. Lieutenant Mitchell received his commission in the Air Force at Brooks Field, Texas, in July, 1941, and was assigned to a Pursuit squadron at March Field. At the University he was a student in the School of Law. Survivors include his father, Joseph D. Mitchell, Pawhuska, and a brother, Dr. Joseph D. Mitchell, '36bs, Dallas, Texas.

► Lt. Charles L. Mathis, '41, Oklahoma City, was one of the American prisoners killed when the Japanese transport they were aboard was attacked by an American submarine last September 7 off



WADDY AND CREW OF MISSING B-29

This photograph of Capt. Waddy Young, '40, (front row, center) and members of his B-29 crew was taken shortly before the group left the U. S. for the Pacific theater. Captain Young, one of the greatest O. U. football players of all time, and the crew failed to return from a raid on Tokyo on January 9 and have been listed as missing in action by the War Department. Their Superfortress was based on Saipan. The All-America football star had previously served a tour of duty as pilot of a bomber over Europe.

the coast of Mindanao Island in the Philippines. Lieutenant Mathis, a member of the Air Force, was officially reported missing in action after the fall of Corregidor and reported a prisoner of the Japanese in May, 1943. He was a student in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University, and also attended the University of Missouri at Columbia. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mathis, Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Leonard C. B. Jenks, '36ed, Oklahoma City, a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Corregidor, was killed when the Japanese freighter on which he was being transported to another prison camp was torpedoed by an American submarine last September 7 off Mindanao Island in the Philippines. Lieutenant Jenks, who entered the Army in April, 1941, went to the Philippine Islands in August of that year. Before going into service he was an officer with the Civilian Conservation Corps. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jenks, Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Col. Alfred C. Frampton, Jr., '36eng, Sapulpa, was killed in the crash of an American Airlines passenger plane near Cedar Springs, Virginia, on February 23. Seventeen persons died in the crash. Colonel Frampton had recently returned to the United States from England, where he was stationed for two years as an Ordnance officer with the Eighth Air Force. Upon his return to this country he was assigned to duty at Aberdeen, Maryland. Presumably he was on an official business trip at the time of his death. Before entering the service in March, 1942, Colonel Frampton was a mechanical engineer in Tulsa. At the University he was a member of Sigma Tau engineering fraternity, Scabard and Blade, Tau Omega aviation fraternity, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Ruff Neks and Bombardiers. Survivors include his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Frampton, his wife, and three children, all of Sapulpa.

► Lt. Robert D. Bass, '39-'43, Enid, was killed in action on February 7 in western Germany. He was with a Combat Engineers unit of the First Army and had been overseas since last September. At the University Lieutenant Bass was a student of petroleum engineering and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Bass, Enid, and a sister, Barbara, a sophomore in the University.

► Lt. Cecil Dorsett, '39law, Norman, reported missing on February 29, 1944, on a flight to Reykjavik, Iceland, must be presumed to be dead, the War Department has announced. Lieutenant Dorsett was ferrying a Liberator bomber for the Royal Air Force as a member of the United States Air Transport Command. He was on detached duty from the New Castle Army Air Base at Wilmington, Delaware, and had made many flights over the North Atlantic delivering bombers since joining the A.T.C. in February, 1942. Before entering the service Lieutenant Dorsett practiced law in Norman. Survivors include his parents, Ralph D. Dorsett, '29ba, '32ma, assistant professor of mathematics at the University, and Mrs. Dorsett (Dollie Griffith, '32ba), his wife, Mrs. Phila Furry Dorsett, '36lib.sci, '39law, Wilmington, Delaware, a sister, Mrs. Rosella Scott, '34ba, and two brothers, Capt. Loyd G. Dorsett, '37ba, '38eng, and Harold Dorsett, '40.

► Pfc. Merrell C. Richardson, '42-'43, Beaumont, Texas, has been reported killed in action on January 10 by the War Department. No further details have been released. He was known to be fighting with an Infantry unit of the First Army in Europe. Private Richardson was a student in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Richardson, Beaumont.

► Harold E. Wiley, Jr., '43, Ponca City, soundman third class in the Navy, died on February 19 at the Naval Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Wiley was injured in England last August and returned to this country for hospitalization. He was a patient in Navy hospitals at Fishers Island, New York, New London, Connecticut, and Newport, Rhode Island, before entering the Brooklyn hospital. Mr. Wiley was a student in the Naval V-12 College Training Unit at the University. Survivors

include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wiley, and a sister, Betty Jane, all of Ponca City.

► Details of the death of Ensign John M. Lawrence, Jr., '41-'44, Oklahoma City, the first graduate of the University Naval R.O.T.C. to be killed in action, have been received in the Alumni Office. Ensign Lawrence was killed on December 13 by a Japanese suicide bomber while serving aboard a destroyer off the Island of Negros, in the Philippines. He was buried at Tacloban on the island of Leyte the following day.

Missing in Action

Lt. Granville H. Walling, '38-'39, Altamont, Illinois, has been missing in action with the Air Force in the Southwest Pacific since December 18.

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.

Lieutenant Walling was commander of the Superfortress "Dixie Darling," which took off from a Saipan base on that date to bomb Nagoya, Japan. It has been officially reported that his plane left the formation on the way to the target, and headed back to Saipan. However it failed to reach the base, and no trace of it has been found.

► Pfc. Milton E. May, '41-'42, Fort Towson, has been missing in action in Belgium since last December 18. Private May was attached to an Infantry Cannon company. His wife lives in Waco, Texas.

► Pfc. Frank C. Nonnamaker, '42-'43, Ponca City, has been missing in action with the Infantry in France since January 29. Private Nonnamaker went overseas last October.

► Pfc. Clinton A. Sayles, '40-'41, Ponca City, has been missing in action in France since January 9. Private Sayles was an Infantryman with the Seventh Army.

► Capt. Eldon F. Bowers, '41eng, Drumright, has been missing in action with the Field Artillery in Luxembourg since December 19.

► Lt. Sam Royse, '39-'42, Elk City, has been missing in action in China since February 3. Pilot of a Liberator bomber, he had been in the Chinese theater since last July and had completed approximately 35 missions.

► Sgt. Elbert L. Hoffman, '44, Oklahoma City, has been missing in action in Germany since December 16. He was with an Infantry regiment in the Ardennes drive near St. Vith.

► Lt. Richard C. Prater, '40-'43, Hobart, has been missing in action over Japan since January 18. He was co-pilot of a bomber attached to the Jolly Roger Bombardment group.

► Pfc. Pleasant V. Furgason, '40-'43, Buffalo, has been missing in action in Belgium since January 27. Private Furgason's wife, Mrs. Theda E. Furgason, is living in Laverne, Oklahoma.

► Lt. Leonard A. Wall, '40-'42, Dombey, Oklahoma, co-pilot of a bomber with the Eighth Air Force, has been missing in action over Germany since February 3. His wife lives in Newton, Kansas.

► Pvt. William N. Childers, '44, Tipton, has been missing in action with the Infantry in Belgium since December 18. Private Childers is thought to have been fighting right in the sector where the German breakthrough came.

► Lt. (jg) Douglas Baker, '42, Lindsay, is missing in action with the Naval Air Force in the Philippines. Lieutenant Baker is credited with shooting down four Japanese planes.

► Capt. Walter R. Lamb, '30-'34, Enid, of the

Field Artillery, has been missing in action in Belgium since December 21. Before entering the service in January, 1940, Captain Lamb was connected with the federal Soil Conservation Service in Chickasha.

► Lt. Waldon Howard, '40, Seminole, pilot of a P-51 Mustang, is missing in action over Germany. He went overseas last November.

Prisoners of War

Unofficial word has been received that Maj. William F. Prickett, '37ba, Waco, Texas, Marine Corps officer who has been a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Corregidor, has been evacuated to Japan. He was known to be a prisoner in Camp No. 2 at Davao. On February 19 his family received a form card from him sent from the Davao camp, but it bore no date.

► Capt. James B. Fishburn, '41, Norman, is a prisoner of war of the German government. He was previously reported missing in action as of December 23, when he failed to return from a fighter mission over Germany. Captain Fishburn is the brother of Lt. Junius Fishburn, '42journal, Camp Howze, Texas.

► Lt. Norval L. Covington, '43, Oklahoma City, is a prisoner of war in Germany. Co-pilot of a B-17 stationed in England, Lieutenant Covington failed to return from a raid over Germany on December 5.

► Pfc. Robert A. Wilson, '42-'43, Shawnee, who was reported missing in action since December 18, is a prisoner of the Germans at a prison camp at Hammelburg, Bavaria. He went overseas with an Infantry unit last October and was fighting with the First Army. Two cards from him have been received by his family since he was imprisoned.

► Lt. Henry W. Murdoch, '41, Oklahoma City, is a prisoner of war in Stalag Luft No. 1 in Germany. Pilot of a B-17 with the Eighth Air Force, he was shot down on a mission over Germany on March 23, 1944. Three of his crew were killed, three were wounded, and four, including himself, were not hurt.

► Flying Officer George S. Coleman, '39-'41, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is a prisoner of the German government in Stalag Luft No. 3, having been shot down on April 25, 1944, near Karlsruhe. He was navigator on a Halifax bomber of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

► Lt. Robert O. Douglas, '38-'39, Tulsa, missing in action over Holland since September 17, is a prisoner of war in Germany. Lieutenant Douglas was an Army Air Force pilot.

► Staff Sgt. Simon B. Spradlin, Jr., '39-'41, Norman, member of the Army Air Force, is a prisoner of the German government at Stalag Luft No. 4 in Germany.

Injured in Service

Andrew M. Price, '32-'37, Temple, electrician's mate first class who was injured in an accident in the South Pacific, was a patient in the Naval Hospital at Oakland, California. Mr. Price was up in a coconut tree installing some wiring when the tree broke off 15 feet above the ground. He was fastened to the top of the tree with a safety belt and fell into a foxhole with the tree landing across the hole, thus saving his life.

► The name of Lt. George K. Massad, '42bus, Oklahoma City, was on a list released by the War Department February 25 of those wounded in action in the European area. Lieutenant Massad is a Field Artillery officer.

► Cpl. Tom Henthorne, '40-'41, Tulsa, was a patient in an English hospital being treated for battle exhaustion and shell wounds in both hands. Corporal Henthorne was with an Infantry unit in Europe. After his release from the hospital, he expects to be assigned to limited duty in England.

► Lt. (jg) John A. McIntyre, '44med, Tyron, Oklahoma, was injured on December 28 in the Philippine Islands, where he was serving as doctor aboard an LST. He was returned to the Naval Hospital at Treasure Island, San Francisco, California, for treatment and is now almost fully recovered.

► Lt. Harry G. Fender, '37-'41, Stroud, was returned to the United States and sent to McCloskey

General Hospital at Temple, Texas, for treatment of head and leg wounds received in Germany last November 22.

► Rudolph F. Carney, '42-'43, Quanton, Oklahoma, pharmacist's mate third class, was wounded in action during the Palau invasion in the South Pacific last September 15.

► Lt. Fred A. Huston, '43, Oklahoma City, holder of an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, has been wounded in action in the European theater. His name was included on a February 14 casualty list.

► Pvt. John M. Hall, Jr., '43, Tulsa, was wounded while fighting in Belgium. He arrived in Belgium on January 1.

► Staff Sgt. Eugene P. Burtner, '43, Fort Worth, Texas, was injured in action with the Infantry in France on January 5 and was in a hospital undergoing treatment for his wounds.

► Lt. Col. Merton E. Munson, '31law, Lawton, was a patient in an English hospital, recovering from a shell wound received in action in Germany with the Field Artillery.

► Lt. Logan D. Campbell, Jr., '43, Duncan, was wounded in action in Belgium on January 5. He received a bullet wound in his hand. On February 1 Lieutenant Campbell returned to duty with the Parachute Infantry company.

► Lt. Virgil T. Hill, '41-'43, Canute, Oklahoma, was recovering in a European hospital from wounds received in the "battle of the Belgian bulge" shortly after Christmas.

► Pfc. Carl Combs, '41, Davenport, has been wounded twice in action with the Infantry in Belgium, once on December 18 and again on January 15.

► Lt. Foy Rice, '40, Norman, an Infantry paratrooper, was injured in the face and right arm shortly after entering Holland with the Allied invasion forces. He was injured near Nijmegen.

► Pfc. Bob C. Burton, '42-'43, Tulsa, was in a hospital in Paris being treated for badly frostbitten feet which he received in Belgium early in February.

► Maj. Alfred H. Bungardt, '39med, Oklahoma City, was wounded in action in the Southwest Pacific on October 25, but has now recuperated. He is a Medical officer with the Sixth Army.

► Capt. Jack Riddle, '41law, Norman, Marine Corps officer who was wounded on Saipan, is a patient in the Navy Hospital at Norman.

► Lt. (jg) D. Ross Bell, '37bus, Oklahoma City, member of the Coast Guard, has been wounded in action in the South Pacific. Lieutenant Bell commands a freight and personnel transport ship, and has been in the Pacific area for more than 11 months. He formerly was on duty in the North Atlantic.

Back From Battlefronts

Capt. Richard Roys, '39med, Norman, has returned to the United States after serving with the Medical Corps in the South Pacific for three years. Captain Roys entered the service in 1941 at Seattle, Washington, where he was practicing medicine, and was sent first to Australia as commander of a Medical battalion. Later he saw service at New Guinea, Hollandia and Biak. Captain Roys holds the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and a Presidential Unit Citation. He expected to be stationed in this country at the end of his leave and a rest period at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mrs. Roys, the former Ruth Shannon, '36ed, was secretary to the counselor of women at the University during Captain Roys' absence overseas.

► George Bloch, '44eng, Tulsa, warrant officer in the Maritime Service, visited on the campus last month while home on a short leave. Since entering the Merchant Marine as an engineering officer he has visited numerous ports in the South Pacific and the Orient.

► Lt. Frank Crider, '30ba, freshman football coach on leave of absence, has returned to the United States from foreign duty with the Navy and was stationed at the Navy base at Astoria, Oregon.

► Staff Sgt. Michael Samordic, '41ba, Lackawanna, New York, has returned to the United States after flying five missions as a weather ob-

server on a B-24 in the Southwest Pacific. He was assigned to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach for re-assignment processing.

► Capt. Howard P. Rice, '40m.ed, Norman, was home on a 30-day leave after taking part in five campaigns with the 45th Division in 19 months. He was in action as a Field Artillery battery commander in the campaigns of Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio and Southern France.

► Lt. Floyd P. Hurry, '35geol, Naval Reserve officer from Oklahoma City, was home on a 30-day leave after being stationed for more than 20 months in Australia. He was secretary to the commanding officer of a task force and spent the greater part of his time in Australia near Brisbane. Upon the conclusion of his leave Lieutenant Hurry was to report to New London, Connecticut.

► Lt. Amos C. Poynor, '33, Enid, has returned to the Armed Guard Center at New Orleans after participating in the invasion of Leyte as commander of the Navy gun crew aboard a Liberty ship. While unloading cargo at Leyte, Lieutenant Poynor's ship was attacked 35 times by Japanese bombers. Navy gunners knocked down three enemy planes.

► Lt. (jg) Charles Titus, '43bus, Borger, Texas, visited in Norman last month while on leave from his Navy post in San Diego, California. Lieutenant Titus recently returned from the South Pacific, where he spent 17 months aboard ship and at island bases.

► Pvt. Robert W. Barbour, '41, Norman, who was injured while fighting with a Cavalry unit on Leyte last November, is a patient in Borden General Hospital, Chickasha. He was evacuated by plane to the United States early in February after being treated in hospitals in the Southwest Pacific.

► Lt. John E. Coenen, '41, Okmulgee, was a patient in the Air Force Regional Hospital at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, and expected to receive a medical discharge soon. Lieutenant Coenen received a bad back injury in April, 1943, when he parachuted out of his spinning P-47 onto an English hillside. After spending several months in the hospital he returned to service and shot down two Nazi planes before his back injury forced him to quit flying. Lieutenant Coenen holds an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Capt. Lloyd H. Alford, '39ed, Purcell, was back in the United States after being stationed for nine months in the China-Burma-India theater with the Air Force.

► Capt. Herbert D. Miller, '41eng, Oklahoma City, spent a month's furlough at home after leaving the Army hospital at Modesto, California, where he was sent after being wounded in action in the European theater of war.

► Lt. Col. Russell Hunt, '27-'29, Tulsa, has returned from two years of service in the African and European theaters of war to Washington, D. C., where he is on duty in the Judge Advocate General's Department.

► Staff Sgt. Earl F. Perry, '42, Tulsa, has returned to this country after serving for 18 months with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific and seeing action on Guadalcanal and Saipan. Injured in the back and left leg, he holds a Presidential

Citation. Sergeant Perry was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Base at San Diego, California.

► Lt. Everett F. Goins, '35ba, formerly of Oakland and Fresno, California, was stationed in San Francisco after serving overseas for 18 months. He participated in the landings at Salerno, Anzio and Southern France as beachmaster. In San Francisco he is attached to the Port Director's Office as boarding officer. With Lieutenant Goins in San Francisco are Mrs. Goins and their small daughter, Judith Lynn.

► Capt. Fain H. Pool, '40bus, Lawton, bomber pilot who went overseas in April, 1944, returned to the United States and was sent to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami, Florida, for rest and re-assignment. Captain Pool holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Lt. Loyl Skinner, '39-'41, Norman, has returned to the United States after flying 71 missions with the Air Force in the European theater, and was stationed at the Army Air Field at Charlotte, North Carolina, as a flight instructor.

Promotions

E. H. Harrelson, '32ba, Oklahoma City, and Everett G. King, '33med, Duncan, have been promoted to the rank of full colonel. Colonel Harrelson, former C.C.C. official, is a G-5 officer overseas, and Colonel King, former Duncan physician, is with the Medical Corps in the Pacific.

Recently promoted to lieutenant colonel were James H. Ross, '23-'24, Oklahoma City, with the Judge Advocate General's Department in Washington, D. C.; William J. Kennedy, '34-'35, Oklahoma City, overseas with the Air Force; Joe T. Dickerson, '21law, Tulsa, overseas with the Air Force, and A. D. Arnold, '37eng, former engineer with an oil company in Bolivar, Venezuela, now an Army engineer with an Air Force unit in the Pacific.

Alumni recently advanced to the rank of major include the following: Cecil I. Craft, '32eng, North Platte, Nebraska, overseas with an Air Service group; Thomas F. Thompson, '34eng, Vinita, on duty with the Artillery at Memphis, Tennessee; Ed Hays, '34bus, Tulsa, recently home on leave after being stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, for 32 months; Gerald H. Galbreath, Jr., '40law, Tulsa, with the Field Artillery in Europe; Elgin T. Fuller, '30law, Hannibal, Missouri, on duty at the Quartermaster Depot in Kansas City, Missouri; J. R. McBrayer, Jr., '38bus, Oklahoma City, Air Force administrative officer in England; George A. Inglis, '38bus, Norman, Quartermaster officer with the Fifth Army.

Marcus M. Ravitch, '30ba, New York City, overseas with the Medical Corps; R. R. Martin, '37bus, Greeley, Colorado, overseas with a Tank Destroyer battalion; William A. Black, '42, Oklahoma City, overseas with the Troop Carrier Command; Sid E. Cockrell, Jr., '38bus, Tulsa, and Floyd Graham, '29, Oklahoma City. Major Cockrell, former aide to Maj. Gen. William S. Key, was home on leave from Iceland recently, and was to return there at the end of his leave. He has accompanied General Key on several trips over the Arctic Circle and on an inspection trip to Cherbourg, France. Major Graham is executive officer of the Fighter group in the Philippines which General MacArthur said "has set a record for the destruction of enemy planes which I believe is unsurpassed by any group of fighters in the war."

Those promoted to captain are as follows: Paul F. Smith, '41med, Guthrie, Fort Lewis, Washington; Robert W. Larson, '35-'37, Chickasha, overseas; Lloyd G. McCraw, '36-'40, Norman, at the Springfield Armory, Springfield, Massachusetts; John R. Whitney, '27law, Oklahoma City, with the Quartermaster Corps in Washington, D. C.; James A. Close, '41eng, Norman, with the Air Force at Kearney, Nebraska; Robert T. Morgan, '42, Walters, Love Field, Dallas, Texas; Henry W. Reaves, '41bus, Norman, with the Field Artillery in the Pacific theater.

Henry H. Johnson, '39bus, Boise City, at a Replacement Depot in the South Pacific; Harry B. Musser, '42, Enid, overseas with the Ordnance;

Teacher Freed in Manila

Helen Boyle, '27ba, Oklahoma City, for many years an Episcopalian mission teacher in Japan, was among the prisoners of war released by American forces from Santo Tomas University prison, Manila, in February. Miss Boyle, who has not been in the United States since 1938, was an instructor in an Episcopal mission in Sendai, Japan, for ten years. A year before the war broke out, she went to Manila where she was eventually taken prisoner by the Japanese. Among her rescuers was Lt. Charles McPherrin, son of Mrs. Margaret Johnston McPherrin, who attended school with Miss Boyle. Notification of her release was sent to her brother and sister-in-law, Don Boyle and Mrs. Boyle (Helen Gustin, '19) Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma Books

GLOWING reviews from all over the country which collected last month in the University of Oklahoma Press offices in Norman gave high praise to Alice Marriott's new book *The Ten Grandmothers*.

All the reviewers agreed that the work, released as the twenty-sixth volume in the Civilization of the American Indian series, is an excellent study and a noteworthy contribution to its field. Particular mention was made of Miss Marriott's ability to write in moving dramatic style, and her sympathetic understanding of the Kiowa life.

Miss Marriott, '35ba, a noted ethnologist now a general field representative for the American Red Cross, lived for two summers with the Kiowas and devoted more than eight years to preparation for writing *The Ten Grandmothers*.

One chapter of the book was reprinted in a recent issue of *Harper's Magazine*. To give an idea of how the book fared in the hands of the critics, the following extracts were pulled at random from a few of the reviews which have already appeared:

Chicago Sun: Once in a blue moon (which means a fairly long cycle in my case), one who deals professionally with new books comes upon something that seems to him truly noteworthy and memorable—a reading experience which he will cherish for the rest of his life. And when this book is original and, indeed, unique—when it achieves something that has never been done before—one's impulse is to rent a billboard, to hire a hall, in some way to underline and emphasize the excitement and enthusiasm of his discovery, so that other readers may share his pleasure. This has been my experience with *The Ten Grandmothers* by Alice Marriott.

... Miss Marriott is an ethnologist. Her book is based on eight years of work with the Kiowas—work that certainly consisted of much more than superficial interviews with aged Indians. There is evidence everywhere, not only of accurate scientific

knowledge of the material to be presented, but of profound human insight and understanding. Miss Marriott is also a creative artist of extraordinary powers. Her book has abundant humor, drama and melodrama, beauty and sordidness, pathos and tragedy: all presented sharply, objectively, with economy, restraint and dignity. . . .

The great achievement of Miss Marriott's book is that it makes accessible to the reader of today the essence of a culture, a way of life and thought, now almost vanished from the earth. We have an uneasy feeling that some special meaning and value for Americans of today and tomorrow must lie in the older cultures of our continent which our own has so largely displaced. American writers from Longfellow on have tried with varying degrees of success to capture that meaning for us. Miss Marriott's book shows that our feeling was justified.—John T. Frederick.

Christian Science Monitor: This book has a mighty impact of almost Homeric beauty and wonder, tragedy, and bravery. . . . These are real people. Through their pitiful human failings, their faith and courage in the face of danger, their often staunch virtues, all so comparable to those of the white man, does this book carry conviction.—Margaret Williamson.

New York Times: One of the most useful qualities of *The Ten Grandmothers* is its sharp cleavage from the two most common Indian myths: that of the noble red man and that of the sneaking varmint, good only when dead. The Kiowas were neither, just primitive people. Many of them were kindly, hospitable and brave; some were cruel and treacherous. All of them were understandably human and seem so in Miss Marriott's rendering of their own interesting, dramatic and touching stories. This is a distinguished book.—Orville Prescott.

John B. Doolin, '42law, Alva, Field Artillery officer in a hospital overseas; Clifford H. LeHew, '33, Pawnee, member of a Medical detachment at 45th Division Artillery headquarters; Robert R. Council, '36ed, Wichita, Kansas, with the Air Force at Bryan, Texas; Harry R. DeVinna, '38-'41, Okmulgee, on foreign duty with an Engineers Boat and Shore regiment, and Edgar Nicholson, '37-'42, Wirt, overseas with the Field Artillery.

Alumni recently advanced to first lieutenant are as follows: J. Emerson Titus, '43ba, Oklahoma City, overseas with the Field Artillery; Robert H. West, '43journ, Idabel, with the Field Artillery in Germany; William H. Tabb, '41ba, Altus, navigator of an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress; Robert N. Starr, '43bus, Oklahoma City, overseas as a Field Artillery liaison pilot, and C. Edward Petty, '42ba, '43ma, Norman, U. S. Army liaison officer with the French First Army. Lieutenant Petty was recently in a meeting on official business with a group of officers including Capt. George S. Brown, '42bs, Norman, Maj. Robert J. Casey, '39 bus, Oklahoma City, Maj. Herbert T. Hope, '42law, Maysville, and Gen. Paul V. Kane, former commandant of the University R.O.T.C. unit.

Sidney Williams, '43geol, Norman, has been promoted to first lieutenant, and Wilson Hervey, '37-'40, Norman, has been promoted to technical sergeant. Both are with the Marine Corps in the Pacific.

Fisher Ames, '30law, Oklahoma City, Naval officer on duty in New Orleans, has been promoted to commander. Wallace E. Robertson, '22ba, Oklahoma City, who recently left for foreign service, has been promoted to lieutenant commander.

Richard M. McCool, Jr., '41ba, Norman, commander of an LCS in the Pacific, has been given a temporary promotion from ensign to lieutenant senior grade. Lieutenant McCool graduated from

the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, last year.

The following have been promoted to lieutenant junior grade: Kenneth I. Jung, '36bus, Okarche, on sea duty; Woodrow G. Doak, '38bus, '40m.bus, Kiowa, at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia; William A. Richards, '41bus, Okmulgee, on sea duty; Bill J. Graheck, '42arch, '42eng, Norman, at the Naval Supply Depot, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; L. D. Gasset, '43eng, Webb City, at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, San Clemente Island, San Diego, California; Harriet Hicks, '36journ, Oklahoma City, a WAVE on duty at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

William R. Pratt, '41eng, Perry, on duty in the Bureau of Ordnance at the Navy Department, Washington, D. C.; James F. Summers, '42bs, Okemah, with a Motor Torpedo Boat squadron in the Southwest Pacific; William G. Henderson, '42 eng, Norman, on active duty with the Seabees; Vance H. Weldon, '38-'39, Mountain View, at the Naval Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina, and Robert R. Evans, '43eng, Norman, on foreign duty.

R. W. Delaney, '30, Tulsa, on duty in the Pacific with a Naval Construction battalion, has been promoted to warrant officer.

Around the World

Pfc. Gerald F. Gardner, '37law, Norman, earlier reported missing as of December 16, has been reported safe and back with his unit by the War Department. Private Gardner is with a fighting outfit in Germany.

Lt. Col. Edward F. Hubbard, '38bus, Frederick, has been appointed commander of a Bombardment group of the Second Air Division of the Eighth Air Force in England.

In a recent letter to the Alumni Office Capt. Leland Gourley, '40, Norman, on duty at 94th

Division Artillery headquarters, told of a battle incident involving himself and two other Sooners, which he called a "Sooner triple play." His account ran as follows:

"Lt. Charley Wright, '42, Oklahoma City, was up in one of our observation planes as an Artillery air observer when he radioed me at the Fire Direction Center that he had spotted four Nazi tanks headed for our lines. I happened to be running the Fire Direction Center at that time and I called on Lt. Clyde Fisher, '42ba, Blackwell, who was a liaison officer to our headquarters, to give us some fire from his outfit on the target.

"This he did, and the first round landed 50 yards from the tanks so we let them have it with everything. A few hours later, a battalion executive called us up to ask 'who fired that mission on the tanks?' It happened that the Infantry had just asked him to place fire on these same tanks and as he was getting ready to call the battalion the rounds started landing right in the middle of the Kraut armor which was firing on our Infantry. Our doughboys said 'that was the fastest service we ever got from our Artillery.'"

The first company to enter Muenchen-Gladbach, the Rhine industrial city taken by the Allies early in March, was led by Lt. Frank Bishop, '40bus, Norman, Infantry officer. The Associated Press reported that soldiers marched afoot more than 20 miles without armored support to enter the outskirts of the city.

Lt. Elmer H. Gish, '42ed, Weslaco, Texas, is in a hospital in the Southwest Pacific, ill with a tropical disease. He was formerly commander of a Field Artillery battery in the Philippines. At the hospital in which he is a patient, Lew Ayres, former motion picture star, is assistant to the chaplain and plays the organ at worship services. Lieutenant Gish is anxious to receive letters from his friends. His address is: Hq. Btry., 139th F.A. Bn., A.P.O. 38, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

In a recent letter to his parents, Lt. John Hill, '38-'43, formerly of Norman, told the story of his second raid as a navigator on a B-24 based in Italy. Bad weather was encountered on the raid, and the squadron started on its homeward course an hour behind schedule. The following is an excerpt from Lieutenant Hill's letter describing the journey home.

"When we get out over the Adriatic we find we are going to have to sweat out our gas supply. One plane goes down in the middle of the Sea. Just as the coast is becoming visible, the plane ahead of us falls, nearly clipping up. It was Lieutenant Sparks. He feathered the three dead props and made a successful ditching, bringing her down just in front of a convoy.

"We had just avoided Lieutenant Sparks when our number three cuts out. Foran (the engineer) is working with the cross-feed valve and brings it in, only to have the number four go out. . . . it's a continual juggle with that last ounce of gas. We leave formation, just missing another plane, and cross the coast at 3,000 feet, where we see a fighter strip just below us. We are too high to land, so Al (the pilot) decides to circle back. The engines keep cutting in and out. He sees he can't make it. He lowers the landing gear. I scoot back to the waist with the bombardier. A railroad with high tension wires looms up. The co-pilot brings up the gear. As I see them go up I say, 'Oh, oh, this is going to be a rough landing.' Somehow Doug gets the gear down with just one prop pulling. It cuts out just as we are 25 feet off the ground. Al makes a perfect landing in a mud meadow, dragging the tail. . . . We all scrambled to. . . . All the plane needed was some gas and a steel mat to take off.

"Some of the surrounding gentry came up and I walked a couple of miles home with one of them. He fed me some wine, bread and cheese, and a fried egg. . . . We all slept in the plane. . . . we all nearly froze. The next morning Al called the MP's in—. They picked us up at nine and had a Red Cross girl waiting with hot coffee and doughnuts. . . . A mission doesn't end until you're back in the sack."