

Liberated

Lt. James K. Davis, '36-'37, Oklahoma City, was liberated from Oflag No. 64 in Germany, near the Polish border, when Russian forces trapped German troops in that area before they could take the prisoners farther into Germany. Early in April Lieutenant Davis was reported to have landed at an Eastern port and to be on his way to Oklahoma City. He was first taken prisoner by the Germans last June 5 when he invaded Normandy with the 101st Airborne Division, but managed to escape. On June 7 he was captured again, and in October it was announced that he was a prisoner of the Germans.

► Lt. Loyd A. Taylor, '34-'35, Ardmore, prisoner of war of the Germans, has been liberated by the advancing Russian armies, the War Department has announced.

► Ensign William Berry, '40law, Stillwater, was freed from Bilbid prison in Manila when American forces took the Philippine capital and was on his way home last month. Ensign Berry was on the staff of the Navy base at Cavite when the war broke out. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese in May, 1942, at Corregidor. Interned at Cabanatuan, 60 miles north of Manila, he and two other prisoners escaped in 1943 and were at large on Luzon for several months before they were recaptured. Before entering the Navy, Ensign Berry was county attorney of Payne County.

► Capt. Irving D. Warden, '36-'40, Norman, has been released from a German prison camp by the advancing Russian armies. The War Department informed his parents that the news of his liberation had been received from the United States military mission in Moscow. Captain Warden was taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge in Luxembourg last December. An Infantryman, he holds a Bronze Star medal.

► Lt. Norman Barker, '40, Norman, prisoner of the Germans since he was captured in Holland last September, has been liberated by the advancing Russian armies and was reported by the War Department to be in Moscow. Lieutenant Barker was a captive in Oflag 64, northwest of Warsaw, and was among approximately 600 Americans rescued by Soviet troops in January. A Paratrooper, Lieutenant Barker parachuted into Normandy on D-Day and later participated in the initial invasion of Holland. Mrs. Barker is the former Addie Lee Pickard, '39journal, Norman.

Promotions

Jess Larson, '26, Chickasha, 45th Division veteran now on the staff and faculty of the Field Artillery School at Ft. Sill, has been promoted to colonel.

Alumni recently promoted to lieutenant colonel include the following: Norman A. Anderson, '33 bus, Oklahoma City, Field Artillery officer overseas; William R. Francis, '36bus, Blanchard, overseas with the Ordnance; Alfred H. Schmidt, '36bus, Park Ridge, Illinois, overseas with the Ordnance; Lloyd W. Taylor, '41med, Hugo, with the Medical Corps in the Southwest Pacific; Roy A. Webb, Jr., '40, Pampa, Texas, with the Air Force Training Command in Fort Worth, Texas; John P. Stewart, Jr., '33bus, Oklahoma City, with the Field Artillery in Europe; Ralph R. Carlin, '29-'34, Oklahoma City, overseas with an Armored division, and Ellis Brown, '39eng, Duncan, commander of the 90th Bombardment group, known as the *Jolly Rogers*, based in the Philippines, which has raided Formosa frequently recently.

Those advanced to the rank of major include: Colquit S. Sykes, '40geol, Ardmore, with the Field Artillery in the Central Pacific; Roy G. Andrews, '32eng, Norman, chief target data officer with the Fifth Air Force in the Philippines; Frank Loeblich, '40eng, Oklahoma City, commander of an Air Force Ordnance Depot in Corsica; Dan D. Tompkins, '31eng, Corpus Christi, Texas, attached to the Southern Land Frontier at Fort McIntosh, Texas.

Robert H. Slover, '35ba, Prague, overseas; Frank A. Engleman, '36bus, former news editor of the *Hobart Democrat-Chief* now on duty in Washington, D. C.; Ronald R. Hermes, '34-'39, Anadarko, Army Air Field, Midland, Texas; Hubert A. Gilbert, '32-'35, Yale, member of the In-

Analysis of G. I. Bill of Rights - - - (Part 3)

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23. Has the veteran an indefinite period of time in which to take advantage of the educational benefits?

No. The law provides that a course shall be initiated not later than two years after either the date of his discharge or the termination of the war, whichever is the later. And no such training or education shall be afforded beyond seven years after the termination of the present war.

24. Can the veteran choose the institution which he wishes to attend?

Yes—subject to two conditions. These are:

a. That the institution is on the approved list of the Veterans Administration.

b. That the veteran be accepted as a student by that institution.

25. How much does the government pay directly to an eligible veteran who is in training?

The government will pay a subsistence allowance of \$50 a month during the approved period to the trainee who takes a full-time program of education or training. If the veteran has one or more dependents, then the subsistence allowance is \$75 per month.

26. May a veteran-trainee qualifying for pension receive pension allowance while receiving his subsistence allowance provided for under the G. I. Bill of Rights?

No he cannot receive both pension and subsistence allowance. He chooses pension or subsistence allowance, whichever is the larger, and is entitled to the other benefits.

27. What other expenses are paid by the government?

The government provides tuition, customary fees, and necessary books and supplies up to an approved amount. These are paid directly to the institution which the veteran-trainee attends and not to the veteran-trainee.

28. Can the veteran choose his course of instruction?

Yes. But once he has begun it, he can change it only with the approval and consent of the Administrator of the Veterans Administration.

29. Must the veteran take a full-time program?

No. But a lesser subsistence allowance will be granted by the Administration if the trainee takes a part-time program. The same is true of the veteran who takes a part-time "refresher or retraining" program.

30. May the government withdraw the training available to a particular veteran?

spector General's Department in France; Harold J. Sullivan, '35law, Oklahoma City, member of the Judge Advocate General's Department in the Philippines; Cecil E. Miller, '39med, Mangum, executive officer of Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey; Clarence M. McCoy, '40, Durant, engineering officer with the Eighth Air Force; Kenneth T. Wilson, '33-'36, Oklahoma City, in France; Corwin C. Grimes, '38-'40, Olean, New York, 15th Air Force veteran now on duty at Westover Field, Massachusetts; Earl A. Davis, '30 law, Wewoka, overseas with the Judge Advocate General's Department.

James A. Skinner, '36-'40, Norman, executive officer of a Quartermaster battalion in France; Walker L. Boone, '37-'40, Wyandotte, squadron operations officer with the 353rd Fighter group of the Eighth Air Force; A. R. Sellers, '28ba, Oklahoma City, overseas with an Engineers battalion,

Yes. The veteran may be removed from an educational or training program, before the termination of the period for which he is eligible, by the Administrator of the Veterans Administration, if the conduct or progress of such veteran-trainee is unsatisfactory according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institution.

31. How does a veteran proceed in applying for the educational benefits provided by the G. I. Bill of Rights?

a. He should obtain Form 1950 from the Veterans Administration or educational institution or service organization in his community and execute the form according to the printed directions thereon.

b. He should attach to the form a certified copy of his discharge. Photostatic copy is acceptable.

c. He must sign the application in the presence of a notary public and have the application notarized.

d. He should indicate the educational or training institution he wishes to attend and the date on which he wishes to commence his training.

e. Should have a statement either on the form or separately that he will be accepted as a student by the institution of his choice.

f. He should send all the above mentioned material to the regional office of the Veterans Administration having jurisdiction over the area in which is located the veteran's place of residence given at the time of entry into the service.

32. What if a veteran knows that he has a service-incurred disability by reason of the fact that he has been granted a pension?

Only the Veterans Administration can determine whether a veteran has a service-incurred disability. If the veteran has been given a pension rating of at least ten per cent and has received notice that a vocational handicap exists, he is eligible to apply for the educational benefits under vocational rehabilitation and should apply under Public Law 16. Use Form 1900.

33. Is it to a veteran's advantage to apply for the benefits of vocational rehabilitation, Public Law 16, over those of the G. I. Bill of Rights?

The subsistence allowance is higher under vocational rehabilitation. Tuition, necessary fees, books, and supplies are also provided.

34. What application form is filed for the benefits of vocational rehabilitation?

Form 1900, but this form is filed only after Form 526 has been acted upon and a person has received notice that a vocational handicap exists. Form 1900 may be obtained from the Veterans Administration only.

and Joe B. Steele, '37-'38, Ringling, supply officer of the New Caledonia Island Command. Major Steele, who went overseas in November, 1942, was commended some months ago by his commanding officer for assisting in the development and coordination of a repair plan for Signal Corps equipment which resulted in the expeditious repair and replacement of critical equipment and its return to troops in the combat zone.

Promoted to captain were the following: Don H. Olson, '43med, Vinita, physician with the Lightning Division in Europe; Robert D. Cocanower, '37-'42, Oklahoma City, overseas with the Air Force; Thomas H. Wilson, Jr., '40ma, Norman, with the Air Transport Command in Washington, D. C.; Charles C. Eames, '39-'40, Watertown, New York, overseas with a Troop Carrier squadron; Donald E. Savage, '39ms, Canyon, Texas, overseas with an Air Force photographic unit.