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Ed's Note: Readers should remember while reading this section that most of the news was received by the *Sooner Magazine* before the war ended in Europe. The notices of liberation published about O.U. alumni who have been German prisoners of war include only those which have come to the attention of the magazine staff. There are, of course, other alumni who have been liberated and news about these will be published as soon as confirmation of liberation has been received.

As HOSTILITIES CEASED in Europe, Alumni Office records showed that approximately 2,000 graduates and former students of the University were fighting with the armed forces there.

O.U. alumni were in every branch of the service represented in the European theater, but the Air Force and Field Artillery probably claimed the largest numbers. Hundreds of alumni have flown innumerable missions over the continent as members of the Eighth, Ninth and 15th Air Forces, and hundreds more served in ground positions at home bases. Officers who received their first military training in the University R.O.T.C. unit in years past distinguished themselves in practically every outfit on the western front.

Decorations

Lt. David M. Cook, '42law, Oklahoma City, a Field Artillery officer, has been awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action at Pawing, Leyte, last October 21, and a Bronze Star for meritorious achievement during military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20 to November 22 last year. The Silver Star was awarded Lieutenant Cook for helping save the life of a wounded soldier while under enemy fire. The citation stated, in part, "About 20 yards away from Lieutenant Cook . . . a man who had been seriously wounded while in his fox hole was calling for an aid man. Perceiving that no aid men were present, Lieutenant Cook crawled to his equipment and procured his first aid pouch, which contained several morphine syrettes. He then crawled to the wounded man, and in so doing exposed himself to enemy cross-fire. He gave the wounded man an injection of one-half grain of morphine, then applied first aid to a gunshot wound in the soldier's thigh. He remained with the soldier . . . until the firing subsided and a medical officer arrived on the scene."

► Capt. Neal W. Harris, '36-'40, Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat with the Fifth Army in northern Italy. The accompanying citation stated in part that Captain Harris showed excellent knowledge of Field Artillery technique and attention to duty. "These talents enabled him to co-ordinate Artillery support by accurate and timely reports to both his own and the supported unit," the citation said. Captain Harris has returned to the United States and was stationed at Fort Sill.

► Col. Lloyd Swearingen, '20ba, '21ms, professor of chemistry on leave of absence for military service, has been awarded a Bronze Star and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for meritorious service as a Chemical Warfare officer on the staff of the 15th Corps during the European war. Colonel Swearingen's trailer was recently used as a dressing room by Marlene Dietrich when she put on a show for his men. Now, Colonel Swearingen wrote his wife, generals want to trade trailers with him.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Col. Ellis L. Brown, '39eng, Duncan, veteran of more than 500 hours of flight in the Pacific. Commander of the "Jolly Rogers" Bombardment group, Colonel Brown also holds a Distinguished Flying Cross with two Clusters and a Presidential Unit Citation.

► Lt. Col. Ernest L. (Mike) Massad, '32, Ardmore,

has been awarded the Bronze Star and Silver Star medals for service with an Airborne division in the Philippine campaign. The Silver Star was awarded to Colonel Massad, a Field Artillery commander, for risking his life to wipe out a Japanese installation on Luzon. He braved machine gun fire to reach an observation post where he could personally direct fire on enemy positions. Colonel Massad received the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte. Colonel Massad, one of the most famous Sooner fullbacks of all time, played football at O.U. in '30, '31 and '32.

► Capt. Richard O. Trent, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf cluster for meritorious service with the Air Force in the South Pacific. He already held the Distinguished Flying Cross. Captain Trent has returned to the United States after being overseas for 22 months and 450 hours of combat. Pilot of a B-17, he was badly injured when another plane crashed into his during a take-off, but has now recovered. He was to report to Santa Monica, California, last month for re-assignment.

► Lt. Col. Kenneth Rees, '40eng, Edmond, has been awarded a Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in France, the Netherlands and Germany from September 23, 1944, to March 3, 1945, as Ordnance officer with the 102nd Infantry Division. The accompanying citation stated in part: "His knowledge of Ordnance problems and their solution, his initiative and foresight, energy and tireless efforts in obtaining Ordnance equipment and supplies, planning for support of Ordnance installations, directing battlefield recovery and evacuation, supervising maintenance of Ordnance equipment, and his attention to duty, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service."

► Maj. Paul E. Scheefers, '33eng, Duncan, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement in participating in aerial flight against the enemy as liaison officer with a Field Artillery battalion of the 45th Division.

► Capt. John T. Spears, '43, Ardmore, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for bravery in action with the 251st Engineer Combat battalion of the 13th Corps in its drive through Germany.



TO BUILD TOWN

Comdr. Herman P. McCrimmon, '25med, Burlingame, California, was stationed at an advanced Naval Base in the Pacific to set up a Special Augmented Hospital and establish a complete town centered about the hospital.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Capt. Steve McLaury, '42ba, Snyder, for meritorious achievement in aerial flight from May 22, 1944, to February 6, 1945, in Italy and France. Captain McLaury is a liaison pilot with a Field Artillery unit.

► A bronze Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Maj. Richard A. Wilson, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, staff officer of an A-20 Bombardment group of the Fifth Air Force in the Philippines. Major Wilson, who has been overseas 17 months, was credited with 100 combat missions.

► Staff Sgt. Walter S. French, '29bus, Tonkawa, has been awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in action in Normandy and Germany with the First Army. He has been attached to G-3 at headquarters of the Army.

► Capt. Basil D. McCampbell, '41eng, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on Corregidor February 16. He has now recovered and is back in action with his outfit, a Parachute Field Artillery battalion.

► Lt. Murray V. Jett, '41-'42, Frederick, has received an Air Medal for his work as co-pilot of a B-17 with the Eighth Air Force.

► Four Oak Leaf Clusters have been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. George B. Snider, '39-'42, Waurika, pilot of a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force.

► Capt. Thomas S. Napier, '34eng, Miami, Florida, has been awarded the Bronze Star for outstanding performance of duty with the 25th Division on Luzon in the Philippines. As a member of the commanding officer's staff, Captain Napier gathered valuable information about the enemy during the time the division was meeting strong Japanese resistance in the lowlands of the island. After clearing the enemy out of the plains, the 25th Division was assigned to the Caraballo Mountains to fight retreating enemy forces.

► An Air Medal has been awarded to Staff Sgt. Clifford L. Marshall, '43, Norman, turret gunner on a Liberator bomber of the Eighth Air Force. He had completed 16 missions over Europe.

► Lt. Merit L. Espy, '42-'43, Vici, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement during a bombing attack last December 3 on an enemy railway bridge at Mantua, Italy. He was pilot of a Mitchell bomber with the 12th Air Force.

► Lt. Gerald E. Moore, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, has received an Air Medal for meritorious achievement during 20 missions over southern and central Europe. He was navigator on a Liberator bomber with the 15th Air Force in Italy.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Staff Sgt. Samuel D. Robinson, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, ball turret gunner on a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force. Sergeant Robinson participated in some of the biggest aerial assaults on Germany during the last few months of the war.

► Tech. Sgt. H. Arthur Nedom, '42-'43, Tulsa, has been decorated with the Bronze Star medal for heroic conduct in battle as a member of the 106th Division. The 106th, a part of the First Army, met the full fury of the German attack near St. Vith on the morning of December 16, and has received special citations and commendations from General Hodges and British General Montgomery.

► Capt. Charles L. Smith, '42bus, Fairview, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement during a raid on an oil refinery in Austria on January 31. He was group leader on the flight, which was accomplished successfully in spite of extremely adverse weather conditions. Captain Smith also holds an Air Medal with three bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Sgt. Albert Buswell, '41-'43, Kingfisher, has

been awarded two Purple Hearts for two wounds received in action with the 104th Infantry Division in Germany. He was in a hospital in England awaiting passage to the United States. Sergeant Buswell received a flesh wound at one time and at another lost a leg.

► Master Sgt. Robert Steele, '38-'40, Kingfisher, has been awarded the Bronze Star for service above and beyond the call of duty with the Ninth Army in Europe. He was especially commended for his work in heavy Field Artillery operations between October 23, 1944, and January 31.

► Lt. Thaine A. Syfert, '33-'35, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary services with the Air Force in Italy and the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. He is a bombardier-navigator. Lieutenant Syfert also holds an Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Tech. Sgt. John Chipman, '42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as a radio operator and aerial gunner with the Air Force in Italy. Sergeant Chipman was overseas for 11 months, going on numerous missions over Vienna, Munich, Bucharest, Budapest and other cities, and supporting the allied invasion of Southern France. He recently returned to the United States and was to report in California for re-assignment at the end of his leave.

► Capt. Arthur C. Wood, Jr., '41bus, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in connection with the 95th Division's drive on Metz. Captain Wood was cited for establishing liaison between Infantry and Artillery units. He is a member of the 358th Field Artillery.

► Capt. Hubert M. Anderson, '42med, Oklahoma City, has been decorated with the Bronze Star medal for outstanding service as a surgeon on the Normandy beachhead from June 9 to September 1 last year. He entered the Medical Corps in July, 1943, after serving his internship at King County Hospital, Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Anderson and their small son, Joe, live in Oklahoma City.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Joseph R. Southwell, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, upon completion of 450 hours of operational flight piloting transports over India-China routes.

► Lt. (jg) T. H. Tillman, '43bs, Oklahoma City, has been awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received in action aboard a destroyer in the Southwest Pacific last summer. Assistant engineer aboard the ship, Lieutenant Tillman spent a 30-day leave at home earlier this year and is now back in the area of the Philippines.

► Lt. Jack W. Janssen, '41-'43, Lyons, Kansas, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Presidential Unit Citation, and five Oak Leaf Clusters to add to his Air Medal for meritorious service with the Eighth Air Force. After completing 35 missions, Lieutenant Janssen was returned to the United States and stationed at the Enid Army Air Field.

► Maj. Wendell L. Bevan, Jr., '37-'38, Denver, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for leading a group of Flying Fortresses against oil storage yards and refineries at Regensburg, Germany, last December 20, in spite of the handicap of losing the use of two engines before reaching the target. Major Bevan was commanding officer of a B-17 squadron of the 15th Air Force based in Italy. He also holds an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

► The third 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.

► Lt. Frank H. Perkins, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious service during 48 missions over enemy territory in the European theater. He recently returned to the United States after serving overseas for 11 months.

► Lt. Charles S. Burton, Jr., '40-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded a Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious work with an Engineers unit in Europe. He was wounded by shrapnel while

crossing the Rhine, but by mid-April was well and back with his outfit. Lieutenant Burton also holds the Silver Star.

► Lt. J. A. McReynolds, '37ba, Norman, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for a gunshot wound received from a Japanese sniper April 14 in the Philippines. He was recovering in a Philippine hospital.

► Capt. William W. Musser, Jr., '41law, Enid, has been awarded a Bronze Star medal for distinguished performance of duty as a battery commander with the 70th Field Artillery battalion during the assault across and beyond the Roer River. The accompanying citation stated that "From February 23 to March 1, Captain Musser, by aggressive reconnaissance and capable direction of gun displacements met the rapidly changing situation, delivering effective Artillery fire in support of the Infantry and Armored units."

► Lt. Col. Russell D. Funk, '24, Oklahoma City, has been decorated with the Bronze Star medal for meritorious achievement in action while serving with the 158th Field Artillery battalion of the 45th Division in Europe. Colonel Funk previously was awarded the Silver Star.

► A third Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Wayne C. Montgomery, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, pilot of an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress.

► An Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster has been awarded to Lt. Leo E. Thomson, '41eng, Oklahoma City, pilot of a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force in England.

► Lt. Lloyd H. Saunders, '37-'38, Tulsa, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while flying missions over Germany as pilot of a B-17. Lieutenant Saunders was taken prisoner by the German government in May, 1944. In his absence, the medal was given to Mrs. Saunders. The couple have a baby daughter, Patricia Lynn, born last September 20.

► Lt. Andrew G. Mayse, '41eng, Tulsa, has received the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received while on a mission over Japan on April 7. Lieutenant Mayse, pilot of a B-29 based on Saipan, has completed more than 20 missions over Japan. He went on several search missions for the bomber piloted by Capt. Waddy Young, '36-'40, lost on a mission to Japan.

► The Order of the Purple Heart has been awarded



GOOD FIT, TOO
Lt. Preston J. Moore, '40, with the Air Force in the Philippines, reports that one of his comrades in arms, a Filipino fighter, also likes the red and white of Oklahoma U.

to Tech. Sgt. Doyle B. Watson, '42-'43, Muskogee, who was wounded early in April in action with the Infantry in Europe. He was attached to the Third Army.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Silver Star held by Lt. Col. Merton E. Munson, '31law, Lawton, for gallantry in action last December 7 near Dillingen, Germany. The accompanying citation stated that when enemy fire from German pillboxes impeded the crossing of the Saar River by the 90th Division, Colonel Munson, commander of the 344th Field Artillery battalion, placed a 155 MM self-propelled gun in a position to destroy the enemy fortifications at close range. "Colonel Munson, with undaunted courage and at the risk of his life, gave the command to fire and personally supervised the direction of fire upon the enemy from an exposed position until wounded seriously," the citation said.

► Flight Officer Willard R. Bergstrasser, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as navigator of a B-17 based in England.

► Capt. Donald W. Johnston, '37ba, Oklahoma City, has been awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service with the Field Artillery in Germany.

► Sgt. James R. Andrews, '41-'42, Norman, bombardier and gunner on a B-25, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work during missions from a Mediterranean base.

► Pfc. Billy D. Barnett, '41-'43, Earlsboro, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement as a member of an Anti-tank company with the Ninth Army in Germany. The citation stated that he moved freely under intense enemy fire over open terrain and with utter disregard for his own safety to remove mines from roads, thus enabling tanks and armored vehicles to render close and effective support to assault elements. Private Barnett has been overseas since last September.

► Lt. William F. Hubbell, '40ed, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the third Oak Leaf Cluster to add to his Air Medal for his work with the Air Force in Italy. Lieutenant Hubbell recently returned to this country after completing 35 missions.

► Lt. James E. Jones, '40-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious performance of duty as pilot of a Liberator bomber with the 15th Air Force in Italy. He was especially commended for a bombing raid over Austria.

► The third and fourth Oak Leaf Clusters have been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Jack R. Cornett, '39-'40, pilot of a P-51 Mustang in the European theater.

► Capt. Harry R. Cook, '40bus, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious service as navigator-bombardier on a B-25 with the Tenth Air Force. He completed 62 missions over enemy-held territory during his first seven months of service overseas.

► Maj. James P. Johnson, '40law, Ponca City, has been awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service in support of operations against the enemy as materiel officer of a B-25 Mitchell Bombardment group in Italy.

► Cpl. John R. Nielsen, '44, Norman, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for injuries received in action with the Tenth Armored Division in Europe. He was sent to a hospital in Paris for treatment. Corporal Nielsen also holds the Bronze Star for extraordinary gallantry in action.

Back from Battlefronts

Lt. Norman M. Barker, '40, Norman, was home this spring after escaping from a German prison camp in Poland and returning to the United States by way of Odessa, Egypt and Naples. Lieutenant Barker, a Paratrooper, was captured last September in Holland and transported to the camp in Poland on a prisoner of war train. He escaped, along with 400 other men, when they were being marched from Poland back into Germany. The escaped prisoners were taken in and cared for by Polish officers in Lublin, where they stayed for a month. Lieutenant Barker holds the Order of the Purple Heart and

two Presidential Citations, one for the jump into Holland and one for taking part in the Normandy invasion.

► Lt. W. C. Durham, Jr., '40, Oklahoma City, Marine fighter-bomber pilot, has returned to the United States after serving in the Pacific for a year and a half. Lieutenant Durham participated in the campaigns of Bougainville, New Britain, New Ireland and the Philippines, receiving a Presidential Citation for his work at Bougainville.

► Lt. Earl E. LeVally, '42ba, Maysville, has returned to the United States after a tour of duty with the Air Force in the European theater. Holder of the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, he was assigned to duty at the Army Air Field at Harlingen, Texas.

► Lt. Haskell Sobol, '38-'39, Seminole, has returned to the United States after serving for 15 months as a Navy dive bomber pilot in the South Pacific. Lieutenant Sobol earned two battle stars during the Marshall Islands campaign.

► Lt. J. B. Chenoweth, '43, Norman, arrived home in April after serving a tour of duty with the Eighth Air Force. He was co-pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress.

► Lt. William B. Hill, '43eng, Norman, has returned to the United States after being stationed in India since February. He was on duty in Assam, but was forced to leave because of illness.

► Capt. Dale Desper, '39ba, former staff member of the University R.O.T.C. unit, has returned to the United States from China, where he was an Air Force flier.

► Lt. William C. Moore, '41eng, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after serving for 38 months with the Signal Corps in the Pacific theater. He was stationed in New Guinea, the Dutch East Indies and the Philippine Islands with the 41st Division.

► Lt. Col. Rowe Cook, '32law, Oklahoma City, staff judge advocate of the 45th Division, was home on leave this spring. He expected to rejoin the division at the end of 45 days. The day Colonel Cook left to come home the 45th crossed the Rhine River. In his capacity as staff judge advocate, Colonel Cook supervises the legal problems of members of the division, holding court as time and military conditions permit.

► Maj. John A. Myers, '41eng, Dallas, returned to the United States after serving overseas with the Air Force for nearly three years, and was stationed at the Army Air Field, Roswell, New Mexico. Major Myers holds an Air Medal and the Legion of Merit.

► Capt. I. D. Warden, '36-'40, liberated from a German prison camp by Soviet troops, arrived at his home in Norman on April 18, after flying to the United States from Italy. Captain Warden was taken prisoner by the Germans last December 19 in Luxembourg, and was freed by the Russians on January 29. He reported that actually he was in the prison camp only a month and a half, and that he spent 21 days marching into Germany, 8 days marching on into Poland and to a prison camp in Pomerania. After being liberated he was taken to Odessa, then to Naples, where he boarded a plane for home.

► Lt. W. William Turnbull, '42bus, Hobart, has returned to the United States for hospitalization after being wounded in action in Luxembourg. He is a Paratrooper.

► Tech. Sgt. Winston C. Montgomery, Jr., '36-'40, Oklahoma City, recently returned to the United States after serving for 38 months with the Air Force in the Southwest Pacific.

► Lt. Robert M. Young, '43bus, Oklahoma City and Chickasha, has returned from the China-Burma-India theater to McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas, for treatment of injuries received last December. Lieutenant Young was serving with a Pack Artillery outfit on the Ledo Road fighting front when a shell fragment hit his right knee. He was evacuated by natives on a litter and flown to a hospital in northern India. On March 20 he arrived back in this country.

► Pvt. John M. Hall, Jr., '43, Tulsa, was a patient in Borden General Hospital at Chickasha, receiving treatment for wounds received in Belgium on



SKIPPER IN PACIFIC

Lt. Richard M. McCool, Jr., '41ba, Norman, who was jumped to his present rank from ensign, is captain of an LCS in the Southwest Pacific and a recent graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

January 7. Private Hall fought with an Infantry unit of the 83rd Division during the Battle of the Bulge.

► Lt. (jg) W. Eugene McCrary, '41ba, Lawton, was home on leave this spring after serving for 16 months at a Navy base in England. A personnel officer, Lieutenant McCrary was to report to Key West, Florida.

No Longer Missing

Lt. Harry Culver, '40-'43, Homestead, missing in action since March 18, was reported interned for the duration in neutral Sweden. Pilot of a B-17 and flight leader, he was forced down in Sweden after a raid on Germany. A message from him stated that he was not wounded, was safe, and was being well-treated. Lieutenant Culver holds an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Lt. Paul T. Jackson, Jr., '42-'43, Oklahoma City, missing in action over Italy since last February, has returned to his outfit safely. A letter from him received by his parents last month was the first word heard from him since he parachuted to earth in northern Italy from his disabled fighter plane. He wrote them he was not allowed to tell how he escaped capture and rejoined his unit.

Liberated

Lt. Col. Walter G. Hopkins, Jr., '40bus, Oklahoma City, was reported to be in an Army hospital in Europe following his liberation from a German prison camp. Colonel Hopkins, a Field Artillery officer with the Second Division, was captured last June 10 in Normandy. He was first imprisoned in Poland, but was moved to a camp in Germany last January.

► Pfc. Milton E. May, '41-'42, Fort Towson, was freed from a German prison camp by American forces on April 19. He was taken prisoner by the Germans last December 18 during the Battle of the Bulge. Private May was reported to be in good health.

► Capt. W. Robert Lamb, '30-'34, Oklahoma City, missing in action in Belgium since last December 21, has been liberated from a German prison camp by Soviet troops and was back in the United States. He is a Field Artillery officer.

► Lt. J. T. Godfrey, Jr., '40med, McAlester, U.S. Army physician who had been a prisoner of the Germans for two years, has been liberated and is back in this country. Lieutenant Godfrey was first

reported missing in action in North Africa as of February 17, 1943, and later that year was reported to be a prisoner in Oflag No. 64 in Germany. He was with a Medical battalion in Northern Ireland before going to North Africa.

► Pvt. C. D. (Red) Deal, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, was freed from a German prison camp by the 104th Division and was reported to be at Halle, Germany, waiting for favorable weather to fly home on leave. Private Deal had earlier been reported missing in action. It was not officially known that he was a prisoner until he was reported liberated.

► Sgt. Joseph W. Duvall, Jr., '41, Oklahoma City, was freed from a German prison camp by the 104th Division early in May. No word had been heard from him since last November. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Duvall, and his wife, Mrs. Rosemary Duvall, all live in Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Scott Sanders, '40, Wetumka, was released from a prison camp four miles from Brunswick, Germany, by American troops in April. He was taken prisoner last December 22. Dispatches from Brunswick said that the liberators greeted the prisoners with cigars, candy and news of Franklin Roosevelt's death.

Injured in Service

Lt. Homer C. English, '41-'43, Webb City and Shidler, was injured on February 21 on Iwo Jima, where he was fighting with the Marine Corps. He received shrapnel wounds in both legs. Lieutenant English was undergoing treatment in a Navy hospital somewhere in the Pacific.

► Pfc. Frank O. Reudelhuber, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, was wounded in action on March 17 in Germany with the Infantry. It was the second time Private Reudelhuber had been wounded, the first time being last December 19 during the Battle of the Bulge.

► Sgt. Laddie B. Fields, '43, Hobart, was injured during an air raid on Berlin on March 18. Tail gunner in the Eighth Air Force, he suffered a broken leg and was hospitalized overseas.

► Lt. (jg) Anthony R. Kane, '41law, Oklahoma City, was wounded in the shoulder and thigh during operations in the China Sea on January 21, but recovered and was back on duty. In the same battle in which he was injured, one officer and seven men were killed on his ship, a destroyer. Lieutenant Kane also participated in the Luzon invasion and the action at Manila.

► Lt. George P. Wild, Jr., '43eng, Weatherford, was wounded in action with the Third Army in Germany. The extent of his injury was not known.

► Pfc. Joe Thornton, '41-'43, Tulsa, was injured in action in Germany on April 9. He is an Infantryman.

► Cpl. Bill Faulkner, '42, Salina, Kansas, was wounded in action with the Marine Corps on Iwo Jima on March 1, after fighting there for 11 days and nights. He was shot by a sniper in the right elbow, and returned to the United States for treatment at the Puget Sound Naval Hospital in Washington. Later he was sent to the Norman Navy hospital. Corporal Faulkner was in action at Bougainville also.

► The name of Lt. William V. Amrein, '39-'42, Noble, was included on an April 23 list of those wounded in action in the Pacific theater.

► Lt. Thomas E. (Eddie) Davis, '40-'43, Muskogee, star fullback on the 1941 and 1942 O.U. teams, was wounded in action with the Field Artillery on the western European front, but wrote Coach Snorter Luster he would still be able to play football when he comes back to school. Lieutenant Davis received two wounds from shrapnel and a grenade.

► The name of Ensign B. B. Easterly, '41, Alva, was included on an April 18 Navy casualty list as having been wounded in action. Ensign Easterly was on duty aboard ship in the Pacific.

► Pfc. Clarren A. Brandenburgh, Jr., '44, was named on an April 17 list of those wounded in action in the European theater. Details and extent of his injury were not available.

► The name of Lt. Aaron C. Little, '31med, Minco, Navy physician, was on a list of those wounded in action released April 18. Lieutenant

Little was attached to a Marine fighting unit as a surgeon.

► Lt. Clyde McGinnis, '36ed, Hobart, injured in action on Iwo Jima with the Marine Corps, was a patient in the Norman Naval Hospital. Also a veteran of Guam and Bougainville, he received a leg injury on Iwo. Lieutenant McGinnis was a member of Coach John Jacobs' Sooner track and cross-country teams in the '30s.

Missing in Action

Lt. Donald B. Alexander, '42eng, Salem, Missouri, has been listed as missing in action since he was shot down in a raid on Tokyo January 27. Lieutenant Alexander was a crew member of a B-29 based on Saipan. The pilot of another plane on the raid reported that Lieutenant Alexander's ship was forced down near the Bonin Islands 500 miles south of Tokyo because of a punctured gas tank.

► Lt. Thomas B. Fessenger, Jr., '35-'36, San Francisco, California, has been missing in action on a bombing mission over Rabaul, New Guinea, since December 30, 1943, the Alumni Office has learned.

Prisoners of War

Sgt. James L. (Jack) Jones, '39journ, prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Corregidor, was transported to Japan last August with a group of prisoners, a friend recently liberated from Japanese captivity has reported to his mother. He was said to have recovered from a two-year attack of beri beri and to be in good health now.

► Lt. Clifford Fesler, '34-'35, Cushing, bombardier in the Air Force, was a prisoner of war of the Germans at Stalag Luft No. 3, Obermassfeld, Germany.

► Sgt. Elbert Hoffman, '44, Oklahoma City, missing in action in Germany since last December 16, was reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany in mid-April. Sergeant Hoffman was in the Infantry.

► Pfc. Edward E. (Ted) Soule, '40-'43, Oklahoma City, missing in action in Belgium since last December 18, was reported in mid-April to be a prisoner of war in Germany. An appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, is waiting for Private Soule when he returns to this country.

Deaths in Service

Capt. Steve E. Masoero, '39eng, Henryetta, died on April 19, 1943, near Manokwari, Dutch New Guinea, of malaria and dysentery, the War Department has announced. He escaped in a sailboat from the Philippines in August, 1942, after the Islands had fallen to the Japanese. Manokwari is approximately 600 miles southeast of the Philippines. It is not known how Captain Masoero lived after he got there, but it is assumed he hid with natives, as the area was occupied by Japanese. Last word received from Captain Masoero was a letter mailed in April, 1942, from Mindanao. Captain Masoero entered the Infantry in March, 1941, and went to the Philippines the following September. Before entering service he was employed by Eastman Oil Well Survey Company, Atlantic Refining Company and the Shell Oil Company. At the University he was a member of the Petroleum Engineers Club and the Engineers Club.

► William Paul Mays, '29bus, Pauls Valley, was killed April 11 when the C-47 transport plane of which he was co-pilot crashed 11 miles from Oklahoma City following an explosion in mid-air. Mr. Mays was a test pilot for the Douglas Aircraft Company in Oklahoma City. Cause of the explosion was undetermined. Mr. Mays, who learned to fly in 1939, became an instructor of Air Force cadets at the Ada Flying School in 1943, resigning to become a Douglas test pilot. Prior to becoming a professional pilot, he was a Pauls Valley insurance agent. At the University Mr. Mays was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Joy Corby Mays, and a five-year-old son, Victor, of Pauls Valley, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mays, of Maysville.

► Capt. Marion S. Owens, '31-'34, Oklahoma

City, was killed in action with the Field Artillery on Luzon March 30. Captain Owens, overseas since May, 1944, took part in the landings in Leyte Gulf. In addition to O.U. he attended Staunton Military Academy. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Anne Owens, and a baby son, Guy, of Berkeley, California, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Guy Owens, Oklahoma City.

► Albert B. Curtis, '41-'42, Oklahoma City, fireman first class in the Navy, was killed in action in the Pacific January 29. He was previously listed as missing in action. Mr. Curtis had been on foreign duty with the Navy since June, 1944. At the University he was a pledge to Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Curtis, Oklahoma City.

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.

► Lt. Robert Schafer, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, was killed in action in Germany on February 25. He was with a Cavalry Reconnaissance group attached to a mechanized Artillery unit. In addition to O.U. Lieutenant Schafer attended Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, and was a graduate of Culver Military Academy. At the University he was a student in the College of Business Administration and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. Survivors include his father, H. J. Schafer, Oklahoma City.

► Sgt. Sidney Watters, '43, Norman, was killed in action over Germany last December 14. He was previously reported missing in action. Nose gunner on a B-24, he was killed when his plane was shot down over Hannau. Sergeant Watters entered the Air Force in June, 1943, training at Childress, Texas, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and Sheppard Field, Texas, before going overseas last November. Survivors include his parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Watters, two sisters, Mrs. John M. Luttrell (Joe Nell Watters, '38fa), and Mrs. H. N. Stone (Mary Ann Watters, '37fa), all of Norman, and two brothers, Maj. Harold J. Watters, '30-'36, San Antonio, Texas, and John A. Watters, '34eng, Port Arthur, Texas.

► The Alumni Office has learned of the death on April 26, 1944, of Lt. William H. Allen, Jr., '40-'42, Leedy, navigator on a B-17. He was killed on a mission to Berlin, his twenty-fifth over the continent. Lieutenant Allen entered training with the Air Force at Santa Ana, California, in February, 1943, and received his commission at Mather Field, California, the following October. He went overseas in January, 1944. Lieutenant Allen held the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and was up for promotion to first lieutenant at the time of his death. At the University he was a student in the College of Engineering. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. William H. Allen, and his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Allen, both of Leedy.

► Pfc. John Dixon, '42, Ardmore and Norman, was killed in action with the Infantry in Germany on April 5. Former art student in the University, he entered the Army in November, 1941, and was stationed in Oklahoma City before going overseas. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. H. J. Dixon, and his wife, the former Elizabeth Comfort, '43fa, daughter of Nick Comfort, dean of the Oklahoma School of Religion, and Mrs. Comfort, Norman.

► Lt. Samuel D. Haas, '40-'43, Alexandria, Louisiana, died on March 28 of wounds received the previous day in action with the Seventh Armored Division. He was battalion forward

observer and reconnaissance officer with the 489th Armored Field Artillery battalion in western Germany. Lieutenant Haas received his commission at Fort Sill in July, 1944, and went overseas last December. At the University he was a student in the College of Engineering and a member of Scabbard and Blade and Sigma Chi fraternity. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Haas, Alexandria.

► Capt. James A. King, Jr., '38-'40, Wichita Falls, Texas, was killed in action on January 16 while raiding Bitche, France, as commanding officer of a Bombardment squadron of the First Tactical Air Force in support of the Seventh Army. Captain King's plane sustained a direct hit from anti-aircraft fire and crashed, killing seven of the eight crew members aboard. Captain King went overseas in June, 1944, and was first stationed in Sardinia with the 12th Air Force. Before the invasion of Southern France he was transferred to Corsica and helped organize the First Tactical Air Force and move it into France in support of General Patch's troops. Captain King held the Air Medal, the Croix de Guerre with Palm and a Unit Citation. At the University he was a student in chemical engineering. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. King, Wichita Falls, Texas.

► Capt. Howard Leeser, '40eng, Tulsa, was killed in action with the 15th Air Force in Italy on April 20. He had been in the Air Force since February, 1941. Before entering the service Captain Leeser was active in the oil business in Chelsea. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Flossie Leeser, Tulsa.

► Capt. William W. Woolley, '36pharm, formerly of Marlow, died in a Utah hospital on February 5, having returned to the United States from France where he became ill last fall while serving with the Seventh Army. Captain Woolley, a Field Artillery officer, went overseas in November, 1942, and participated in the initial landings in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Southern France. He entered the Army in June, 1941, at Fort Lewis, Washington, as a reservist. Before going into the service he was a pharmacist in Los Angeles, California. Captain Woolley had also practiced pharmacy in Tulsa, Guthrie, Lawton and Snomac. At the University he was a member of the O.U. Pharmaceutical Association and, in his sophomore year, the ranking R.O.T.C. battery. Survivors include his wife, the former Eulonda Maddox, '33-'35, and their nine-year-old son Jimmy, who are living in Lawton.

► Sgt. Vernon A. Boucher, Jr., '40-'42, Bartlesville, was killed in action with the Fourth Division of the Third Army near Hanau, Germany, on an undisclosed date. His name was on an April 25 casualty list. Sergeant Boucher went overseas last December, arriving in Luxembourg for combat duty late in January. He has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart posthumously, and his parents have received letters commending him from his battalion and division commanders. Sergeant Boucher entered the Army in October, 1942, training in Field Artillery, then in Anti-aircraft, and finally in Infantry. At the University he was a member of the Men's Glee Club, the Men's Quartet and the a cappella choir. Survivors include his parents, Dr. and Mrs. V. A. Boucher, and a sister, Martha Boucher, '40m.ed, all of Bartlesville.

Promotions

The following alumni have been promoted to lieutenant colonel recently: F. Gordon Ratliff, '39law, Laredo, Texas, Field Artillery officer on the staff of Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Cranston in Assam, India; Richard G. Taft, '40law, Norman, at the Army Air Base, Santa Ana, California; Carl Albert, '31ba, McAlester, member of the Judge Advocate General's Department on the staff of the Fifth Air Force Service Command.

Lynn R. Mapes, '26ba, Norman, on duty with headquarters of the Eighth Air Force; Robert H. Neptune, '37law, Wilburton, overseas with a Parachute Field Artillery battalion; Eugene B. Dodson, '33ba, Arlington, Virginia, regional postal censor with the United States Office of Censorship in Balboa, Canal Zone; Charles P. Brown, '40bus, McAlester, Field Artillery battalion commander on

Luzon, and Mark G. Meister, '38law, Oklahoma City, with an Anti-aircraft group in the European theater.

Promoted to major were the following: Maurice D. Adams, '41, Sapulpa, with an Armored Field Artillery battalion in France; Jean Crabtree, '38, Ada, overseas with the Air Force; Charles Landt, '42bus, Norman, in the South Pacific; John W. Swinford, '33law, Oklahoma City, at the Army Air Base, Fairmont, Nebraska; John A. Spencer, '34ph.c, Oklahoma City, overseas with the Field Artillery; Lee W. Kilgore, '39geol, Chickasha, with Air Force Intelligence in Washington, D. C.; Joe W. Simpson, '40eng, Norman, Ordnance officer on duty at Wilmington, California.

Reginald S. Williams, '42law, Bethany, overseas with the Judge Advocate General's Department; R. R. McCracken, '38law, Oklahoma City, at Morrison Field, Florida; Leonard B. Allen, '37eng, Oklahoma City, overseas with an Air Depot group; Robert L. Hert, '34law, Perkins, overseas with the Field Artillery, and Horace K. Calvert, '40law, Saginaw, Michigan, on duty in the office of the military attache at an American embassy overseas.

Alumni recently promoted to captain include the following: Edward L. Leonard, '40bus, Chickasha, Army Air Field, Murco, California; Lester W. Morris, '35-'36, Oklahoma City, Eighth Air Force pilot who was thought to be on his way home; Erik Rhodes, '27ba, former Hollywood actor now on duty with the Air Force in the Marianas; Albert J. Kirkpatrick, '39fa, Oklahoma City, with a Tenth Air Force mobile radio unit in Burma; Paul A. Smith, '40bus, Norman, member of the Medical Administrative Corps on duty at the Air Force Regional Hospital, Kearns, Utah.

Charles K. Shroyer, '40bus, Oklahoma City, Ordnance officer on duty at the Port of Embarkation, Charleston, South Carolina; Wayne B. Smith, '40law, Kingfisher, overseas with the Field Artillery; John W. Reeder, Jr., '38-'42, Amarillo, Texas, at Buckley Field, Colorado; Walter Whitton, Jr., '39-'40, Holdenville, armament officer with the Air Force overseas; Eugene A. Bavinger, '38-'42, Yale, on duty at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City; John Miskovsky, '38bus, former football coach at Capitol Hill High School in Oklahoma City now with Airborne forces in Europe.

Owen O. Green, Jr., '38-'39, Oklahoma City, Marine Corps Air Station, Kinston, North Carolina; Jack E. Gordon, '34-'35, Claremore, overseas with the Infantry; Donald Gamble, '39-'41, Chickasha, with the Ferry Command at Gore Field, Great Falls, Montana; James H. Richard, '40eng, '40ba, Norman, Patterson Field, Ohio; Coridon J. Quinn, '40-'41, Okmulgee, pilot with the Ninth Air Force; Hugh W. Ford, '40journal, Billings, combat liaison officer with a Field Artillery battalion of the 27th Infantry Division in the Pacific; Richard Ducker, '38eng, '39ms, Tecumseh, attached to the Chinese Combat Command.

Errit T. Jackson, '38ba, '40ms, Lawton, on duty with the Signal Corps at the Air Force Overseas Replacement Depot, Kearns, Utah; Reed O. Hudson, '42bus, Oklahoma City, with the Air Force at Van Nuys, California; Harold J. Hedges, '36fa, Burbank, Oklahoma, overseas with the Field Artillery; E. Wayne Wilson, '40bus, Enid, with a detachment of Special Troops at Camp Polk, Louisiana; Ben Harned, Jr., '36ba, Bartlesville, overseas with the Field Artillery; Woodrow Wentzy, '40-'41, former assistant in journalism at the University now with a photographic interpretation unit in the Philippines; Henry W. Harms, '35eng, Cherokee, overseas with the Field Artillery; C. Willard Anderson, '37eng, Smethport, Pennsylvania, with an Ordnance Training battalion at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and Harold L. Earhart, '39eng, Omaha, Nebraska, overseas with the Air Force.

Advanced to first lieutenant were the following: Milton R. Moon, '43bus, Oklahoma City, with the Field Artillery in the Philippines; Henry L. Janssen, '43ba, Lyons, Kansas, with the Armored Field Artillery in Europe; Ray J. Hassler, '43ba, Norman, with the Army Airways Communications System in Europe, and Carl M. Kirkpatrick, '35-'37, Oklahoma City, in Europe with the Field Artillery.

Lieutenant Kirkpatrick recently wrote that he along with some others in his outfit had killed five deer, and that they all enjoyed fresh venison for supper that night.

Frank Smith, '26-'27, Altus and Pampa, Texas, with an Engineer Depot company in France, has been promoted to technical sergeant. John A. Phillips, II, '37law, Atoka, with Infantry school troops at Fort Benning, Georgia, has been promoted to corporal.

Jack L. Rinn, '40bus, Lahoma, on duty aboard a destroyer, and George E. Meador, '40med, Oklahoma City, Navy physician on duty at San Leandro Hospital, Oakland, California, have been promoted to lieutenant commander in the Navy.

Promoted to lieutenant junior grade were the following: H. J. Thacker, Jr., '43bus, Weatherford, on sea duty; Johnathan D. Turner, '38eng, Santa Ana, California, on sea duty; Paul Mason, '40bus, El Reno, at sea with an Armed Guard crew; Allen G. Gelwick, Jr., '43bus, Bristow, at sea; Philip D. White, '43eng, Okmulgee, on sea duty; Elizabeth Anne Olson, '40ba, Ada, at the Naval Air Station, Banana River, Florida; Robert Ortenburger, '40-'43, Norman, on sea duty, and Fletcher S. Crowe, Jr., '43ba, Enid, on sea duty.

Ralph Reed, '33ph.c, Norman, on duty aboard ship in the South Pacific, has been promoted to chief pharmacist's mate.

At Innsbruck Surrender

Maj. Bland West, '37law, former Oklahoma City lawyer, was one of two blindfolded officers who went into Innsbruck, Austria, early last month to discuss the terms of its surrender to the 103rd Division. The city had been taken by a free Austrian group but SS troops numbering 250 had refused to surrender. After the conference Innsbruck surrendered to the 103rd, which was greeted as it entered the city with cries of "Heil, Americans," flowers and wine.

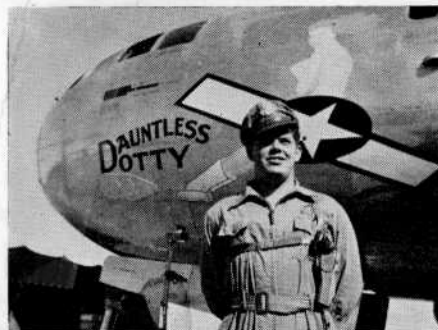
Major West, whose wife, Mrs. Mary Ellen West, '33ba, '35ma, is an instructor in Latin at O.U., is an intelligence officer on the staff of Maj. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe.

Home from Britain

Grace Stevenson, '39journal, Holdenville, first officer with the Air Transport Auxiliary in England for the last three years, returned to her home in Oklahoma in May after her term of enlistment with the A.T.A. expired in April. On June 1, Miss Stevenson was to rejoin the staff of the Spartan School of Aeronautics as flying instructor. She was associated with the Spartan School before signing up for overseas service in England. As a first officer in the A.T.A., Miss Stevenson held a rank comparable to that of captain in the U.S. Army.

Unhurt in Crash

Staff Sgt. Jack P. Drake, '43bus, Wagoner, was uninjured in the crash landing of the airplane in which he was being transferred into Manila Bay off Corregidor on April 11. No one aboard the ship was hurt. The landing was made after the right



ON SEARCH FOR WADDY YOUNG
Lt. Andrew G. Mayse, '41eng, Tulsa, had completed more than 20 missions over Japan at last report and was one of the men assigned to search for the lost Super Fortress of Capt. Waddy Young, '40, missing in action.

motor caught fire, burned off and dropped into the bay. Passengers and crew of the plane were picked up five minutes after they landed by the Air-Sea Rescue Service.

U. S. S. Lawrence Commissioned

The U.S.S. *Lawrence*, a rocket ship named after Ensign John M. Lawrence, '41-'44, Oklahoma City, the first graduate of the University Naval R.O.T.C. unit to be killed in action, was commissioned at the Navy Yard in Charleston, South Carolina, in May. Ensign Lawrence was killed last December 13 during the invasion of Mindoro in the Philippines.

Journalists in Paris

Stationed in Paris were two graduates of the School of Journalism, Lt. Frank Spence, '41journal, Sayre, and Lt. Parker Ledbetter, '40journal, Ponca City. Lieutenant Spence, former sports editor of the *Norman Transcript*, was assigned to a training school for Air Force athletic officers in preparation for work as an athletic director in addition to his duties as public relations and special service officer. Lieutenant Ledbetter, former Tulsa newspaperman, was in Paris as a historical officer with the Corps of Engineers.

Sets Up Navy Hospital

Comdr. Herman P. McCrimmon, '25med, Burlingame, California, has been assigned to an advanced Naval base in the Pacific to set up a Special Augmented Hospital. With a large detachment of officers and men under him, Commander McCrimmon is establishing a complete town, including a laundry, mess, a garden, recreation centers, etc., all centered about the hospital.

Commander McCrimmon was formerly chief medical officer at Hunter's Point Dry Docks, California. This is his second tour of duty in the Pacific, as he was stationed at Oahu when the war started.

Mrs. McCrimmon, the former Adelaide Paxton, '24ba, is making her home in Burlingame while Commander McCrimmon is overseas. With her there for the duration is her mother, Mrs. Fantine S. Paxton, '01ba, formerly of Norman.

Sooners in the 38th

Four batteries of the 38th Field Artillery battalion, Second Division, in Germany are commanded by O.U. alumni, a letter from Capt. John E. Brumm, '40journal, Duncan, reported. Capt. William S. Jackson, '35-'40, Tipton, commands headquarters battery, Capt. Thomas M. Brett, '40bus, Ardmore, and Captain Brumm command firing batteries, and Capt. Muryl G. Crossley, '40bus, Oklahoma City, is commander of the service battery. There are also two Sooners on the battalion staff, Maj. Gerald H. Galbreath, '40law, Tulsa, S-3, and Capt. Theatus A. Greeson, '39journal, Duncan, liaison officer.

Always a Geologist

Maj. Gerald Shivers, '35-'40, Davis, has sent V. E. Monnett, director of the School of Geology, a geological specimen he picked up on the Voltorno River in Italy, where he is stationed with the Signal Corps. In a letter to Doctor Monnett he reported he tried to get away with a cannon ball from the Castle of San Angelo in Rome, "but it was too bulky for me to get out the door with. I haven't given up yet—I'll get one some time or other." Major Shivers has sent Dr. Willard Stovall, professor of paleontology, a brick from an amphitheater at Pompeii and a "small chunk" of the sacrificial altar in the Temple of Apollo there.

Commands New LSM

Lt. Walter B. McCown, Jr., '40bus, Anadarko, has taken command of a new Landing Ship Medium commissioned April 16 at the Navy Yard at Charleston, South Carolina. Lieutenant McCown formerly commanded a rocket ship and is a veteran of the Normandy and Southern France invasions.