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## Liberated

Lt. Col. Victor E. Warford, '40bs, Chickasha, who was a prisoner of war in Germany, has been liberated. Colonel Warford was first reported missing in action over Czechoslovakia on October 11, 1944. He was with the 309th Fighter squadron. He has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

► Capt. Murray F. Gibbons, Jr., '41law, Oklahoma City, has been freed from a German prison camp. Captain Gibbons was reported missing in action in Germany on December 21, 1944, with the 423rd Infantry Division.

► Lt. Leonard A. Wall, '40-'42, Dombey, has been liberated from a German prison camp after having been listed as missing in action over Germany since February 3. He was attached to the 532nd Bombardment squadron.

► Capt. Woodrow L. Pickhardt, '37med, Lawton, has been released from a German prison camp. Captain Pickhardt, a Paratroop doctor, was reported missing the day following the Normandy invasion, and was reported a prisoner of war last September.

► Lt. Frank C. Sneed, '42ba, Lawton, has been freed from Stalag Luft No. 3 in Germany. Lieutenant Sneed, pilot of a B-24, had been a prisoner since his plane was shot down over Germany.

► Lt. Richard J. Keough, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, has been liberated from a prison camp in Germany, where he had been held since he was shot down in action in the European theater in August, 1944. He went overseas soon after receiving his wings in April, 1944, and was with the Eighth Air Force.

► Maj. Herbert A. Von Tungeln, '34ba, Norman, has been liberated from a German prison camp. Major Von Tungeln was reported missing in action on August 24, 1944, when his bomber went down over Germany, and was listed as a prisoner of war December 27, 1944. He holds the Air Medal for meritorious service with the Air Force in the European theater.

► Lt. Hubert W. Fraker, '39-'42, Pine Valley, has been liberated from Stalag Luft No. 1. Lieutenant Fraker, who was with the 366th Bombardment squadron, was listed as missing in action over Germany January 5, 1944, and was reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany in February, 1944. During his absence his wife, Mrs. Carol Fraker, made her home in Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Beverly R. Polk, Jr., '40, Oklahoma City, was liberated from a German prison camp on April 28. He had been a prisoner of war for nearly two and a half years. He received his wings and commission in June, 1941, and went overseas soon after. No direct word had been received from Lieutenant Polk by his family since last November.

► Lt. John F. Shirk, '40, Oklahoma City, former O.U. football star who has been a German prisoner since the Battle of Salerno, has been freed. Lieutenant Shirk held a reserve commission in the Field Artillery and was called to active duty in February, 1941, going overseas a year later. He participated in the North African and Sicilian campaigns before being captured on September 6, 1943.

► Lt. Charles P. Ray, '39, Oklahoma City, has been liberated from Stalag Luft No. 1, Germany. He was a co-pilot on a B-17 which went down over Germany January 29, 1944. He was reported a prisoner of war in March. Lieutenant Ray holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Distinguished Service Cross.

► Lt. Norval Covington, '43, was liberated from a German prison camp on May 13. He was first reported missing in action with the Air Force over



LOOKING OVER THE DAMAGE  
Capt. Joe N. Magee, Jr., '41eng, Robstown, Texas, (left), engineering squadron officer attached to the 458th Bombardment group of the Eighth Air Force, was recently taken, along with many other ground personnel, on a flying tour of Germany to view the results of the work he had done. He is shown viewing the ruins of Koblenz with a friend, Capt. John A. Castle, Santa Rosa, California.

Germany on December 5, 1944, and was reported a prisoner of war in March, 1945.

► Lt. John R. Eskridge, '41, Oklahoma City, has been liberated from a German prison camp. Lieutenant Eskridge, pilot of a P-51 Mustang fighter, was shot down August 26, 1944, over Germany. He has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, which were pinned on his mother, Mrs. T. H. Eskridge, Oklahoma City, at a special ceremony March 23, at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Harry F. Lorenzen, '42law, El Reno, was freed from a German prison camp on May 6. Lieutenant Lorenzen participated in the landings on Sicily with the Third division and was captured by the Germans on July 11, 1943. A Field Artillery officer, he was reported on his way home in May.

► Lt. Richard W. Bell, '41bus, Oklahoma City, was freed, after being a German prisoner for almost two years, from Stalag No. 7A on April 30. He was attached to the Eighth Air Force when shot down in a raid over Regensburg, Germany, on August 17, 1943. Lieutenant Bell was a bombardier on a B-17.

► Capt. Edwin Curtis Yeary, '39med, Oklahoma City, reached the United States in May after being released from a German prison camp. Captain Yeary was aboard the first glider which landed in France on D-Day with a surgical team. He helped establish a clearing station for battle casualties. Captured at Bastogne with the 101st Airborne division, he was reported missing in action last December.

► Lt. Robert L. Whittet, '37-'41, McAlester, member of the Air Force reported a prisoner of the Germans in April, 1944, has been released from the prison camp in which he was held. He

was first reported missing in action over Germany in February, 1944. Lieutenant Whittet was at La Havre, France, awaiting passage home in late May.

► Lt. Owen Smith, '34-'36, Norman, has been released from a German prison camp. Lieutenant Smith, who was with the 569th Bombardment group, was first reported a prisoner of war in November, 1943. Holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, he was at St. Valerie, France, awaiting transportation home.

► Lt. Roy D. Clem, '39-'42, Granite, has been liberated from Stalag Luft No. 3. Lieutenant Clem, with the Army Air Forces, was reported missing in action in the Mediterranean area in February, 1944, and in March was reported a prisoner of Germany.

► Lt. C. H. Jameson, Jr., '36, Sulphur, has been freed from a German prison camp. Pilot of a B-17, he was shot down over Germany on November 26, 1944.

► Lt. Joe H. Bishop, '37-'38, Blackwell, has been liberated from a German prison camp. Lieutenant Bishop enlisted in the Army Air Force in July, 1942, and was a bombardier on a B-17. He was reported a prisoner of war in July, 1944.

► Lt. M. Herschel Higgins, '40, Duncan, has been liberated from a German prison camp. Lieutenant Higgins was a pilot of a B-17 which was downed in a big raid over Germany on October 15, 1943.

► Lt. Harold K. Wood, '41, Norman, has been liberated from Stalag No. 7A in Germany. Lieutenant Wood was reported missing in action in Africa April 5, 1943, and was listed as a prisoner of war in Germany in May, 1943. Lieutenant Wood is in the Army Air Force.

► Sgt. Elbert Lee Hoffman, '44, Oklahoma City, has returned home after being liberated from a German prison camp on April 23. He was taken prisoner last December, and spent time in five different camps before his liberation. Sergeant Hoffman was with a mortar gun crew with the 106th Infantry Division at the time of his capture. At the end of his leave at home he was to report to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for rest and re-assignment.

## Back from Battlefronts

Capt. Glenn N. Houston, '37eng, Norman, has returned home after serving three years in the South Pacific theater. Captain Houston was an Ordnance maintenance and supply officer in that area. He spent most of the three years in the Solomons and New Guinea but his duties took him to practically all the major South Pacific islands. At the end of his leave in Norman, Captain Houston was to report to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for re-assignment.

► Staff Sgt. Walter S. French, '29bus, Tonkawa, has returned to the United States on leave as a veteran of the First Army campaign in Europe. Attached to headquarters of the First as chief clerk of an air sub-division, Sergeant French participated in D-Day activities. He holds the Bronze Star medal.

► Lt. James D. Holt, '38-'41, Clovis, New Mexico, has been in the United States on a 45-day leave. Lieutenant Holt has been in Iran and Burma with the 352nd Engineer regiment. His work in Burma consists of construction of roads and air bases. At the end of his leave he returned to Burma to resume his duties there.

► Capt. Felix F. Simmons, '42bus, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States and is stationed at Strother field, Kansas, as a fighter pilot instructor. During Captain Simmons' service in the European theater he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

► Master Sgt. Everett R. Thomas, '39bus, Norman, returned to the United States on furlough early this summer. Sergeant Thomas served 34 months overseas with a unit of the finance department of the ground forces at a port of debarkation in India. At the end of his leave he was assigned to duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

► Lt. Col. Robert F. Brooks, '33geol, Oklahoma City, recently returned home for a one-month leave after serving three years in the Mediterranean and European theaters. He was to report to Miami, Florida, for re-assignment.

► Capt. Byron W. Jones, '39law, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States on leave after serving in the European theater of war for nearly two years. He was attached to the First Fighter Division of the Army Air Forces. At the end of his leave Captain Jones was to report in Washington, D.C.

► Col. Boylston Bass, '28bus, Oklahoma City, was home on leave early this summer after serving two years as secretary of the general staff headquarters with the Sixth Army under Gen. Walter Krueger in the South Pacific.

► Lieut. (jg) Matthew J. Kane, '32law, Oklahoma City, was home on leave recently after serving two years in Hawaii with the Navy.

► Lt. William J. Logan, '41-'42, Tulsa, has returned from overseas where he was pilot of a heavy bomber of the 15th Air Force. Holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, he was assigned to Westover Field, Massachusetts.

► Vernon E. Barth, '37bus, Tulsa, aviation fire control man first class, has returned to this country after 20 months with a Navy air squadron in the Atlantic theater.

► Lt. Col. Thomas C. Kelly, '39, Oklahoma City, has returned from service overseas, where he completed 51 missions over enemy territory. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Lt. Donald V. Smith, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, has reported to the convalescent hospital at Fort George Wright, Washington, after serving three years in the Pacific.

► Capt. A. E. Culmer, Jr., '40med, Oklahoma City, is home after 18 months of service in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. He wears the Philippines liberation ribbon with one battle star and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with one star. Captain Culmer was attached to a General Hospital unit.

► Lt. Hal Morrow, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, was home on leave after completing 30 missions in the European theater as pilot of a B-24. Lieutenant Morrow, who was with the Eighth Air Force, holds the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. He was to report to Santa Monica, California, for re-assignment.

► Pfc. David A. Russell, '33-'37, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States for medical treatment after being wounded in action with the Third Army in Europe. He was hospitalized in England for three months. At the end of his leave he was to report to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for further treatment.

► Lt. Col. Rowe Cook, '32law, Oklahoma City, was home on leave after serving as judge advocate with the 45th Division in the European theater for 23 months. Colonel Cook was to report to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, for re-assignment.

► Cpl. Edmund Clark, '42, Norman, who has been overseas eight months, has returned to the United States. Corporal Clark, who has been with an Aircraft Repair unit in the Pacific area, was to report to Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

► Lt. G. Dudley Strother, Jr., '40-'43, Oklahoma City, spent a two-week leave at home last month after serving as diving officer on a salvage ship in the North and Central Pacific. He was to be reassigned at Seattle, Washington.

► Lt. Comdr. Hugh F. Owens, '34law, Oklahoma City, has returned home on leave after serving overseas for 16 months. Commander Owens was executive officer on a destroyer in the Pacific.

► Lt. Bill Barrowman, '41, Norman, was home on leave this spring from the Mediterranean area. He took part in the invasion of Southern France

as pilot of a glider. Lieutenant Barrowman was recovering from a hand injury.

► Lt. Wayne C. Montgomery, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, has returned to this country after spending a year in the European war theater. Lieutenant Montgomery, pilot of a B-17, made 35 bombing attacks on German targets. He has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Lt. Col. Clyde J. Watts, '31law, Oklahoma City, was in the United States on leave after being stationed for 30 months in the Burma and China areas with the Field Artillery.

► Capt. Ralph L. Steen, Jr., '37-'40, Oklahoma City, was home on leave from the Marianas, where he acted as adviser and organizer of a lead-crew school at a B-29 base. He holds the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

► Lt. Col. Walter R. Graalman, '28law, Oklahoma City, was home in May on a short leave. He has since returned to Italy to resume his duties as inspector general with allied air forces in the Mediterranean.

► Lt. Kenneth J. Wilson, Jr., '42, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after serving 15 months in the Pacific area with the Marine Air Corps as flier of a torpedo bomber on submarine duty. He was to be stationed at El Toro Marine Air Station, California.

► Capt. Harold B. Dane, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, has come home on leave after a year's service in the European theater. Flight commander and pilot of a B-24 in the Eighth Air Force, he has 30 missions to his credit.

► Lt. (jg) Donald Peters, '40ba, Norman, was home on leave this spring after a tour of duty aboard a landing craft in the Pacific. He has participated in several landings, including that on Iwo Jima. At the end of his leave Lieutenant Peters returned to sea duty.

► Capt. John K. Whistler, '35eng, Oklahoma City, returned home in May for a 30-day leave after spending three years in Italy. Captain Whistler was with the 68th Armored Field Artillery battalion.

► Staff Sgt. Samuel D. Robinson, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after making 35 bombing raids with the Eighth Air Force. Holder of an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster, he was to report to Miami Beach, Florida, for re-assignment.

► Capt. Andy O. Campbell, '34eng, Oklahoma



GUN FIRE CONTROL OFFICER  
*Veteran of service in Great Britain, North Africa and Italy, Maj. Herbert H. Moody, '33eng, Ponca City, is now assigned to duty as gun fire control officer with the Anti-aircraft in San Francisco, California.*

City, after serving 25 months overseas, has returned to this country. Captain Campbell was combat gunnery officer of the 95th Heavy Bombardment group in the European theater. He holds the European theater of operations ribbon with four battle stars and a Presidential Unit Citation with two Clusters.

► Ensign William E. Hanson, '41-'44, Oklahoma City, spent a leave at home this spring after serving on a ship in the Atlantic the last year. He returned to his ship for further duty.

► Lt. (jg) W. L. Kennedy, '44eng, Oklahoma City, was recently home for his first leave in 18 months. Lieutenant Kennedy has been assigned to a light cruiser in the North and South Pacific.

► Tech. Sgt. Rex Gardner, '39, Chickasha, has returned to this country after two and one-half years service overseas. He served in North Africa, Italy, and Germany. Sergeant Gardner was with the Eighth Armored Division when Germany surrendered.

► After escaping from German prison camps three times, Pfc. Edward (Ted) Soule, '40-'43, Oklahoma City, finally succeeded in rejoining American forces and returning to the United States in May. On arriving home Private Soule learned he still had an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. He won the appointment through a competitive examination taken just before he went overseas and learned about it just before the Battle of the Bulge. He was captured in that battle and by the time he was released he was not sure he still had it coming. It had been five months since he had heard from anyone in the United States and he thought it might have been canceled. Private Soule was to report to West Point June 19 for a physical examination.

► At least three former University men were among the more than 10,000 veterans of the European war who landed in New York harbor June 3. The trio were Col. William H. Ampsacher, '36med, Maj. E. Bruce January, '40, and Capt. James C. Ampsacher, '43med, all of Norman.

Colonel Ampsacher had been overseas since June, 1942, and holds the Legion of Merit medal, the Bronze Star, and the French Croix de Guerre.

Major January, who had been overseas since December, 1942, participated in campaigns in Africa, Sicily, Normandy, Belgium, and Germany. He has been awarded the Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit, and the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in Sicily in a bombing raid.

Captain Ampsacher recently received his promotion to his present rank. He has been overseas for eight months and was attached to the Medical Department of headquarters of the First Army.

## Decorations

Lt. Victor W. Johnson, Jr., '39bus, Pueblo, Colorado, with the 53rd Ordnance Ammunition Company, has been awarded the Legion of Merit. Lieutenant Johnson received the award "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from February 21 to June 5, 1944. During this period, at a time when the supply of ammunition was of utmost importance, Lieutenant Johnson, operating extremely close to the enemy, with great skill, undaunted perseverance, and unqualified courage, succeeded in stocking, storing and personally supervising the critical movement of badly needed ammunition. With no regard for grave personal danger, and under the most adverse conditions, being subjected to countless times of enemy shelling, strafing and low-level bombing, he maintained a steady, thoroughly reliable and smoothly functioning supply of ammunition direct to the combat troops in the line."

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Maj. Gordon L. Eaton, '40, Okemah. Major Eaton is a member of the "Billy Mitchell" group of the 20th Bomber Command in India.

► Lt. Col. Nevelle E. McKinney, '40pharm, Enid, has been awarded the Bronze Star for work done during the Germans' winter breakthrough in

Belgium. Colonel McKinney was Ordnance officer of the 99th Infantry division of the Third Army, which assisted in the final drive across the Danube to the heart of Bavaria. Colonel McKinney's 799th Ordnance company distinguished itself in these actions, winning the Meritorious Service Plaque.

► The second and third bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal have been awarded to Maj. Richard A. Wilson, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, "for operational flight missions from May 15, 1944, to March 31, 1945." Major Wilson, former squadron commander with the 312th Bombardment group, an A-20 bomber unit of the Fifth Air Force, has been relieved of his duty in order to return to the United States. He was overseas 19 months and is credited with 109 combat missions, including low-level attacks against Formosa, Bataan, Corregidor, and the Manila area. He served with the 312th during the New Guinea campaign and participated in the liberation of the Philippines.

► Lt. Wendell J. Doggett, '41ba, Ponca City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service during activities in the Battle of the Bulge. Lieutenant Doggett was attached to the 83rd Infantry Division.

► Capt. Denver R. Stufflebean, '38-'41, Pauls Valley, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in missions against the enemy. Captain Stufflebean, an Army Air Force pilot, was stationed in New Guinea. He went overseas in November, 1943.

► The fifth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Don G. Smith, '40-'43, Norman, for meritorious achievement in aerial combat. Lieutenant Smith, pilot of a B-17 with the Eighth Air Force in England, took part in 35 bombing missions over Germany as a member of the 381st Bombardment group.

► The fourth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Tech. Sgt. Max W. Leenhouts, '38-'40, Cleveland. Sergeant Leenhouts, top turret gunner on a B-17, received the award for meritorious achievement during Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on vital German industries and military installations. The presentation was made by his group commander, Col. William J. Wigglesworth, who commented on the "courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sergeant Leenhouts."

► Lt. Herman L. Hensel, '39-'40, Shawnee, has been awarded the Air Medal with two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for his part in the tactical aerial offensive of the Ninth Air Force over Europe. Lieutenant Hensel, co-pilot of a B-26, jumped from his plane when the crew was forced to abandon it because of engine trouble. The crew landed in friendly territory and, guided by a Polish slave-laborer, captured five Germans hidden nearby. At the time Lieutenant Hensel was on his 18th mission with the 323rd French-based Marauder medium bomber group in support of Allied ground troops driving deep into Germany. The aerial attacks were aimed to seal off battle areas from movement of German troops and supplies.

► The fourth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Capt. Donald I. Lawless, '42, Wichita, Kansas. The citation with his fourth Cluster spoke of his "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt during an attack on Imola, Italy, April 12, 1945." Captain Lawless was serving with the 12th Air Force in Italy when he received the award. He also holds the Distinguished Flying Cross.

► Flight Officer William H. Herron, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, has been decorated with the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over Germany and Nazi-occupied Europe." Navigator on a B-17, he also wears a Presidential Unit Citation.

► Lt. John O. Goffe, '42, Sulphur, has received the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat. Lieutenant Goffe, navigator on a B-24, participated in ten combat operations over Germany.

► Maj. John W. Amend, '35bus, Antlers, has received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the European theater of war. Major Amend, Field



#### ALUMNA IS HONORED

*Capt. Elizabeth Ray, '34ba, Oklahoma City and Yukon, commander of a group of WAC's attached to the 15th Air Force in Italy, receives a Bronze Star medal from Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commanding general of the 15th.*

Artillery officer in the First Army's Fifth Corps, was in action continuously from the time he landed in Normandy the day after D-Day until hostilities ceased in Europe.

► Lt. Col. Edward F. Hubbard, '38bus, Frederick, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with an Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with two Clusters. Colonel Hubbard recently assumed command of the 453rd Bombardment group of the Eighth Air Force. He participated in 21 high altitude bombing attacks while serving in a B-24 group as squadron commander, group operations officer, and group air executive. In an operational period of 11 months the group completed more than 200 missions and won a divisional citation. A squadron belonging to the group holds the Eighth Air Force's present safety flying record with 82 combat missions without loss of aircraft or personnel. Colonel Hubbard has been overseas 17 months.

► Capt. Elizabeth Ray, '34ba, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. The medal was presented to her by Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commanding general of the 15th Army Air Force. Captain Ray commands a W.A.C. unit in Italy. She is a former Oklahoma newspaperwoman.

► Col. William C. Garrison, '32ba, Cherokee, has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm leaves, the Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Legion of Merit. Colonel Garrison went overseas in May, 1944, as commanding officer of a battalion of eight-inch howitzers. He was later made an assistant Corps Artillery officer with the Third Army.

► Capt. George D. Almen, '21law, Tulsa, has been presented the Chinese Grand Star of Honor for outstanding and distinguished service to the Republic of China and to the Chinese army. He is on duty at a field installation of the Chinese combat command.

► Staff Sgt. John E. Circle, Jr., '40-'43, Norman, has been given the Bronze Star for service with the 285th Engineer Combat battalion of the Third Army in Luxembourg. The accompanying citation stated in part, "Sergeant Circle, as a squad leader while in charge of contact patrols between his platoon and adjoining Cavalry elements, voluntarily made many more patrols than he was called upon to make, without regard to his personal safety. His leadership and his work insured continuous communication and aided greatly the successful performance of his organization's missions."

► Capt. Benjamin R. Thomason, Jr., '39geol, Gainesville, Texas, has been awarded the Bronze Star for extraordinary bravery in the field during the Normandy invasion. Captain Thomason also has the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in the same invasion. Hospitalized for some time in England, he was returned to the United States last fall and placed in Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. After his release from the hospital, Captain Thomason was assigned to Fort Sill for advanced training.

► Capt. Leo H. Bellicu, '43ba, Norman, has been

awarded an Air Medal for service as liaison officer with the Field Artillery in the European theater.

► Lt. Leo E. Thomson, '41eng, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the second and third Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" on combat missions over Germany. He was pilot of a Flying Fortress.

► The seventh Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Richard L. Baggett, '38-'41, Wayne, in recognition of service in Ninth Air Force combat operations over Europe.

► Lt. Roy E. Tomlinson, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." Lieutenant Tomlinson, a pilot, was stationed in Italy with the 49th Heavy Bombardment group, which flew more than 225 combat missions against German-held targets.

► Lt. Jarrell L. Barnhill, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal for sustained operational flight over enemy territory. Lieutenant Barnhill, who was stationed at a B-17 base in southern Italy, is a veteran of more than eight missions over Germany and the Balkans.

► The fifth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. John W. Coyle, Jr., '41-'43, Oklahoma City, for meritorious achievement during Eighth Air Force attacks on enemy-held installations in Germany.

► Lt. Roy L. Reid, '38-'41, Marietta, has received the Air Medal and five Oak Leaf Clusters for coolness, courage and skill in aerial combat over Europe as navigator on a Flying Fortress with the 34th Bombardment group.

► Master Sgt. Robert Leon Spires, '38, Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star "for meritorious achievement in service in support of combat operations." Also holder of the Distinguished Unit Badge with a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Sergeant Spires has been head of an aircraft maintenance section of the 15th Air Force in Italy.

► Capt. Robert L. Kendall, '40med, Strong City, Oklahoma, has received the Bronze Star for action with the 120th Medical Battalion in the European theater. Overseas since January, 1942, he has been in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany.

► Lt. William F. Zerboni, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight as co-pilot of a B-26 bomber with the Ninth Air Force.

► Lt. William W. Upchurch, '40-'42, Norman, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievements" while participating in Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on Nazi war industries as navigator of a Flying Fortress.

► Lt. William Nolan, '37-'42, Norman, has been awarded the Certificate of Merit for courageous action during the early days of the German offensive in Belgium. Lieutenant Nolan, forward observer with the 106th Infantry Division, stayed at his post although surrounded by enemy troops in order to report valuable information and direct Artillery fire.

► Maj. Fred W. Whetsel, '37law, McAlester, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service with the 42nd Division in a drive through France and Germany with the Seventh Army. As Division Artillery S-1 and S-4 officer in charge of all personnel and supply problems, Major Whetsel displayed aggressive, untiring and efficient supervision over the supply of ammunition and other materiel during the division's advance from the Moder River through the Hardt Mountains and the Siegfried Line to Dahn, Germany, and subsequently across the Rhine to Schweinfurt.

► The fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal has been given to Capt. Lester W. Morris, '35-'36, Norman, for meritorious achievement while participating in Eighth Air Force bombing attacks over Germany.

► Maj. Mark D. Holcomb, '31-'32, Lawton, has received a commendation signed by Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger for a six-week training program he set up for new Medical Corps men in preparation for the next campaign during the Sanananda, New

Guinea, campaign in January, 1943. His regiment was believed to be the only one on the island to have such a program. Major Holcomb also received the Legion of Merit award during the same campaign. He has been overseas for 33 months and has served in five major campaigns.

► The Order of the Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to Lt. Rubert D. Huggins, '37-'39, Oklahoma City, for wounds that resulted in his death on June 16, 1944. Lieutenant Huggins was attached to the 508th Regiment, which received a Presidential Citation for D-Day activities. Mrs. Huggins is the former Daphyne Dunford, '39soc.wk, Oklahoma City.

► Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, '07, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Legion of Honor Medal, the Croix de Guerre with Palm by the French, and the Order of the Bath by the British. He also holds the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross, and the Silver Star. General Robertson has been in command of the Second Infantry Division of the First Army in Czechoslovakia. He accepted the surrender of Brest during the Normandy campaign.

► Maj. John M. Lydick, '22ba, Oklahoma City, has received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the European theater of action. Maj. Gen. Harry B. Vaughan, Jr., commanding general of a United Kingdom base, pinned the award on him at a ceremony at the base.

► Staff Sgt. Robert L. Shepherd, '41-'43, Norman, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal. The award was for "meritorious bombing attacks against German military targets, in co-operation with advancing Allied ground forces." Sergeant Shepherd was waist gunner on a B-17 with the Eighth Air Force.

► Lt. William J. Logan, '41-'42, Tulsa, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious service as a pilot of a heavy bomber with the 15th Air Force in Italy. Lieutenant Logan has recently returned to the United States and has been assigned to Westover Field, Massachusetts, where heavy bomber crews are being trained for combat flying.

► Lt. Col. Webster Wilder, Jr., '33law, Holdenville, has recently been awarded the Bronze Star. The citation accompanying the medal states that he received the award "for meritorious service during the period of November 10, 1944, to January 27, 1945, at the battles of Mangshih, Chefang and Wanting, Yunnan, China, as Artillery liaison officer with the Chinese \*\*\* Group Army. Colonel Wilder, though frequently exposed to enemy fire, by his good judgment and timely advice, obtained the co-operation of the Chinese in massing the fire of their Artillery on important objectives. . . . His outstanding performance of duty was an important factor in the success of this campaign and reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States in the China theater."

► Lt. Arthur T. Stafford, '43-'43, Oklahoma City, has received the Air Medal for achievements made while serving with the 20th Air Force. He is a navigator on a B-29.

► Staff Sgt. Frank R. Drake, '42-'43, Enid, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry and courage displayed when he made his way to his wounded platoon sergeant through heavy enemy fire, gave him first aid and dug a shelter trench for him to prevent his being hit again by the German Artillery fire that swept the ground around him.

► Pfc. Richard M. Cavanaugh, Jr., '40, Norman, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received while fighting on Luzon. Private Cavanaugh has recovered from his injuries and returned to his unit, the 32nd Infantry Division. He holds the Philippine liberation medal, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two battle stars, the Good Conduct medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

## Injured in Service

Lt. William H. Dancy, Jr., '41-'42, Oklahoma City, was injured on March 19 when the aircraft carrier *U.S.S. Franklin* was struck by a Japanese bomb. Lieutenant Dancy, a fighter pilot in the

Marine Corps, was taken to a hospital in the Pacific, but expected to be transferred to the United States soon.

► Sgt. Robert N. Berry, '41-'42, Oklahoma City, was injured in action when the B-24 on which he was top turret gunner was forced down off the coast of Luzon after being badly damaged during a mission over Formosa on March 14. All the

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*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.*

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crew members bailed out when two motors on one side quit and the plane lost 6,000 feet of altitude. They spent 26 hours in the water in life jackets before being picked up. Six men did not survive.

► Pfc. Joe G. Dempsey, '44, Tulsa, has been wounded in action, according to a casualty list released by the Navy Department. No details were available. Private Dempsey was with the 27th Marine Division.

► Cpl. Charles R. Taylor, '42-'43, Seminole, was wounded in Germany April 15 in action with the 22nd Infantry Division of the Seventh Army. Corporal Taylor has been serving overseas for 15 months.

► Lt. Philip M. Rubins, '41eng, Oklahoma City, was a patient in a hospital on Oahu after being wounded in action with the Infantry.

► Lt. Melvin B. Russell, '40, Norman, has arrived at Borden General Hospital, Chickasha, for medical treatment. Lieutenant Russell was wounded January 12 in Belgium and on arriving in the United States was first sent to Charleston, North Carolina, for treatment.

► Lt. Freeman H. Beets, '38-'41, has been wounded in action in the European theater. A Field Artillery officer, his name was included on a casualty list in late May.

► Capt. John W. (Jack) Ervin, '40ba, Oklahoma City, was injured January 2 while on duty as liaison officer in Germany. He was hospitalized in England for three months and on May 1 was ordered back to duty with the Third Army. He had not reached his unit by V-E day. Captain Ervin holds the Bronze Star for meritorious service from August to December, 1944.

## Missing in Action

Sgt. Glenn E. Weesner, '41-'43, Muskogee, has been missing in action since a mission in the Guam area April 16. Sergeant Weesner was waist gunner on a B-29. He went overseas in February and has been stationed in the Marianas.

► Lt. Patrick U. Dunlop, '38, Oklahoma City, has been missing in action since May 9. He was stationed in India, flying supplies into China, and had been overseas since last November.

► Lt. Thaine A. Syfert, '33-'35, Oklahoma City, has been missing in action since April 4, when he failed to return from a mission in the Brenner Pass area. Lieutenant Syfert, bombardier on a B-25, was on his 68th mission and would have come home after two more missions. He holds the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

► Ensign John (Jack) L. Trentman, Jr., '44eng, Wichita, Kansas, has been missing in action since April 12, when he was participating in a battle off Okinawa.

► Lt. James C. Voelkers, '41-'42, Oklahoma City,

has been missing in action over Italy since March 18. Lieutenant Voelkers had received the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster for bombing missions March 4 and 16 on targets in Italy and Austria.

► Lt. George Colbert McKoy, '38-'42, Stonewall, has been missing in action since June 20, 1944, the Alumni Office has learned. Lieutenant McKoy failed to return from a mission over Politz, Germany. He was pilot of a B-24.

► Sgt. Quintin Preble, '43, Norman, has been reported as missing in action since a raid over Tokyo January 27. Sergeant Preble, who was with the 21st Bombardment Squadron, had been stationed on Saipan since November, 1944. He was a member of a B-29 crew.

## Deaths in Service

Lt. Arthur Clinton Hon, '41geol, Tulsa, who was reported missing in action following a mission over Czechoslovakia, May 12, 1944, must be presumed to be dead, the War Department has announced. Lieutenant Hon had been overseas only three months when reported missing, but was on his 20th mission. He had been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. While at the University Lieutenant Hon was a member of Alpha Epsilon Alpha honorary anthropology fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and the Jazz Hounds. Following his graduation he was employed by the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company. Survivors include his wife, the former Daphne Ridgway, '41ed, and son, David Clinton, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hon, Tulsa.

► Lt. James W. Denton, '28, Hollis, was killed in action in the Philippines on March 23. At the time of his enlistment in the Army in July, 1942, he was captain of the Home Guard at Levelland, Texas. He trained at Camp Roberts, California, and Fort Benning, Georgia, where he received his commission. Lieutenant Denton participated in several strategic battles while serving with the 38th Infantry Division. Survivors include his wife, a son and a daughter, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Denton, Hollis.

► Pfc. Billy Bunch, '41-'43, Duncan, was killed in action in northern Italy April 18. Details of his death were not known. Private Bunch was with the Fifth Army in Italy. He went into the Army June 7, 1944, and left the port of embarkation last November 7. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bunch, Duncan, and a brother, Dwight Bunch, in the Navy.

► Jack T. Boyer, '40-'42, Marlow, storekeeper first class in the Navy, was killed in action in the Pacific on an undisclosed date. Details of his death were not available. Mr. Boyer went overseas last January after training at Norfolk, Virginia. He entered the Navy in January, 1942. In addition to the University he attended Draughon's Business College in Oklahoma City. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Belle Purcell, Marlow.

► Capt. Joe H. Price, Jr., '28med, Poplarville, Mississippi, was killed in an automobile accident near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on December 4, 1944. He was returning to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, after spending the weekend with his family at Poplarville. Captain Price was vice-president of the medical class of '24-'25 and president of the class of '25-'26, and was a member of Phi Chi honorary medical fraternity and Acacia fraternity while at the University. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion, and was president of the Crawford County (Illinois) Medical Society. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Joe H. Price, Jr., two children, Joe H., III, and Jeraldine Lenora, all of Poplarville, and his mother, Mrs. Joe H. Price, Robinson, Illinois.

► Capt. John H. Schmoltdt, '36-'40, Oklahoma City, was killed in action with the Corps of Engineers in Germany on March 19. Death was caused by the explosion of German Reigel mines. Captain Schmoltdt entered the service in February, 1941, and left for overseas duty in 1943, taking part in the Normandy invasion after training in England. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schmoltdt, a sister, Irene E. Schmoltdt,

and a brother, Eugene Schmoltd, all of Oklahoma City; and two brothers in the service, Pfc. Donald H. Schmoltd, Pampa, Texas, and Lt. Edgar R. Schmoltd, '39bus, who is overseas.

► Lt. Waldon E. Howard, '40, Seminole, has been reported killed in action over Germany on January 17. Lieutenant Howard was a P-51 pilot with the Eighth Air Force and had completed 111 hours of combat flying. He has been awarded the Air Medal and the Order of the Purple Heart. Lieutenant Howard was among the pilots of the 339th Fighter group who for several months tested the new flying suit which has defeated "blacking out." Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Dartha J. Howard, Little Rock, Arkansas; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery G. Howard, Seminole, and a brother, Lt. Jo Bailey Howard, '38-'42, with the Field Artillery overseas.

## Promotions

Recently promoted to colonel was William E. Lobit, '33ba, Galveston, Texas, commander of an Infantry regiment which helped liberate the 3,700 prisoners interned by the Japanese at Santa Tomas University in Manila. He holds the Distinguished Service Cross and is a veteran of the Leyte, Luzon and Admiralty campaigns.

Alumni recently promoted to lieutenant colonel include the following: Nash P. Truss, Jr., '36bus, Oklahoma City, with the Ninth Air Force in France; Frank R. Crabtree, '38, Ada, commanding officer of a B-17 unit in England; Ben L. Burdick, '40ba, Oklahoma City, overseas on a Division Artillery staff; John H. Byrd, '38eng, Tulsa, with Seventh Army headquarters in Europe; William R. Clark, '36journ, Norman, overseas with an Armored Field Artillery battalion; Barron C. Housel, Jr., '34bus, Oklahoma City, with aerial photographic intelligence in Washington, D.C.; James A. Embry, Jr., '37ba, Chandler, with the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia; Don W. McKinney, '35bus, Oklahoma City, overseas with a Tactical Air Command; Bill Hunkapillar, '33eng, Durant, serving with the Field Artillery in the South Pacific, and Bland West, '37law, Norman, intelligence officer with the 103rd Division in Europe.

Those advanced to the rank of major include: Harry S. McMillan, '29pharm, Supply, executive officer of an Evacuation Hospital in the Pacific; Roy E. Grantham, '34law, Ponca City, with a Replacement regiment at Fort Ord, California; Robert S. Love, '33law, Purcell, overseas with the Field Artillery; and Quyn-ton R. Hampton, '37-'41, Norman, assistant acting chief of staff at Fifth Army headquarters in Italy.

Promoted to captain were the following: Joe W. Amspacher, '37-'41, Norman, with the Air Force in India; Sanford O. Lorette, '36-'42, Vinita; Charles L. Coates, '40bus, Oklahoma City, at the Army Air Force Liaison Office, Borden General Hospital, Chickasha; Warren J. Bale, '43eng, Lodge Pole, Nebraska, squadron navigator of the 451st Bombardment group in Italy; Roy Steele, '32law, Altus, member of the Judge Advocate General's department; Jack Florence, '43med, Cushing, physician with the Third Army; Charles C. Crowe, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, overseas with a Bombardment squadron; A. M. Brixey, '43med, Norman, overseas with an Evacuation hospital of the Ninth Army; Monty G. Martin, '41bs, '43ms, Winsboro, Texas, with occupation forces in the Baltic area; Shaw D. Ray, Jr., '39, Yukon, C-47 pilot with the First Allied Airborne unit; Joe N. Magee, Jr., '41eng, Robstown, Texas, overseas as an air engineering squadron officer with a Bombardment group; Leonard A. Kratzer, '40eng, Tulsa, overseas with an Ordnance company; Marion H. Basham, '38ba, '40ma, San Diego, California, liaison officer with the 15th Army; Burton E. Hull, Jr., '39eng, Houston, Texas, at the Fort Worth Army Air Field; Gene Levy, '37ba, Muldrow, overseas with a Weather squadron; and Alfred Houser, '38-'39, Apache, with the Air Transport Command, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Advanced to the rank of first lieutenant were Paul H. Hyatt, '42, Muskogee, who is with the

Field Artillery on Luzon, and J. B. Chenoweth, '43, Norman, pilot with the Army Air Force at Love Field, Dallas, Texas.

Promoted to staff sergeant were James R. Andrews, '41-'42, Norman, bombardier on a B-25 with the 12th Air Force in Italy, and Carl W. Combs, '41, Davenport, who was in an overseas hospital. Earl H. Jensen, '41, Oklahoma City, with an Air Engineering squadron in India, has been promoted to corporal.

Angus Jacks, '34-'37, Asher, overseas with a Rescue squadron, and Connie V. Roberts, '36eng, Gould, overseas with the Naval Air Corps, have been promoted to lieutenant commander in the Navy.

Harry Duvall Pitchford, '40ba, Okmulgee, on duty aboard an LCS, and L. F. Mullins, '40, Mountain Park, overseas with a Composite Spotting squadron, have been promoted to lieutenant junior grade.

## Out on Points

Two of the first state men to receive discharges under the point system of demobilization are Capt. Max G. Marple, '39, Pawhuska, and Master Sgt. Burl C. Turman, '34bus, Dewey. Captain Marple, who had served for 30 months, was on the first list of personnel at Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount's Army Air Force Command Headquarters to qualify for separation. He took part in the North African invasion and was stationed for a while in Italy. Captain Marple received his discharge at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on May 22.

Sergeant Turman enlisted in the Army in 1940 and had been overseas for more than two years. He served in Australia, New Guinea and in the Philippines.

## New Officers

Harvey Aronson, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, and Owen M. Watt, '43bus, Tulsa, have received commissions as second lieutenants direct from the ranks. Both were with Infantry units in Germany. Lieutenant Aronson, holder of the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge, was attached to the Seventh Army.

Alfred H. D. Hawk, '38-'39, Norman, and Jeff R. Mullinix, '38-'41, Oklahoma City, have been commissioned second lieutenants in the Army Air Force.

## Graduate from West Point

Among the Oklahomans who graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in June were three former students of the University. They were George E. Wyatt, Jr., '40-'42, Oklahoma City; Robert E. Lee, '39-'42, Oklahoma City, and Frank A. LaBoon, '40-'42, Chickasha. All three received commissions as second lieutenants.

Both Lieutenant Wyatt and Lieutenant LaBoon have entered the Corps of Engineers. Lieutenant Lee's commission is in the Field Artillery.

## Caucus in Salzburg

Salzburg, Germany, was the scene of a recent discussion of Oklahoma politics when three former University men and prominent state political figures met there for lunch. The trio consisted of Maj. Mac Q. Williamson, '10, Pauls Valley, former attorney general; Maj. Joe B. Thompson, '27ba, Ardmore, former state senator, and Capt. Harold Freeman, '26, Pauls Valley, former speaker of the House. Captain Freeman arranged for the luncheon to be held in Salzburg, where he was stationed. Major Williamson and Major Thompson were stationed in a nearby town. All are officers in the Military Government branch of the occupation force.

## Flight Surgeon for Squadron

Lt. Comdr. F. W. Gross, '37med, Lindsay, is flight surgeon for Naval Air Transport Squadron 11. Commander Gross not only is charged with

supervising the medical care of more than 1,000 flight personnel in the squadron, but also regularly inspects quarters and messing facilities at bases on his squadron's 15,236-mile air network which connects the western United States and the Philippines.

Squadron 11, the Navy's largest air transport operating squadron, flies more than 2,000,000 miles a month to shuttle personnel, cargo and mail between advanced area bases. Recently the squadron officially began evacuating wounded men by air.

Commander Gross entered the regular Navy in 1938 and was assigned to the aircraft carrier *Saratoga* as flight surgeon for two years before receiving his present assignment.

## Builds Up Athletic Program

Lt. Comdr. Lawrence E. (Jap) Haskell, '22geol, Norman, while stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Jacksonville, Florida, as physical training and welfare officer, has instituted an all-around station sports program which ranks with the finest in the armed forces. Commander Haskell took up these duties in August, 1942, and since that time the athletic phase of training there has grown from a minor role to a major activity aimed at making Naval airmen "the toughest in the world."

Commander Haskell was with the University in a coaching capacity from 1927 until 1942, when he volunteered for active duty with the Navy. He was to report for new duties with the Fleet Air Pacific Coast early this summer.

## Allied Medical Aid

Members of the 134th Medical Group at Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, recently found themselves nursemaids when 25 sick and homeless babies were left on their doorstep. Yet Col. Lee Wilhite, '16med, Perkins, who is group commander, said undernourished babies and children are only one of the many problems facing the 134th Medical Group, which is administering civilian and military hospitalization throughout American-occupied Czechoslovakia.

"It is beyond imagination," said Colonel Wilhite. "There have been times when we had to establish 1,000-bed hospitals overnight." He said the group's hospitals were all filled to well over capacity, many as much as 300 percent.

Colonel Wilhite noted that German physicians amputate more freely than Allied medical men. He found more than 1,000 amputation cases in one hospital. Russians suffered the worst treatment of any prisoners in German hands, Colonel Wilhite declared.

## Letters from Alumni

June 4, 1945

Dear Mr. Beard:

From the news and letters you have put out since you returned it seems like you are back in the harness instead of the saddle! Either way it's good to hear from you and get the "scuttlebutt."

It would be good to shoot the breeze with Dr. Ewing over a cup of your cafeteria coffee, and maybe afterwards take him on in a game of snooker. Is Mr. Owens still the boss in there?

Just to let you know what I've been doing, I'll give you a resume. I'm skipper of an LST and, since October, we have hit every beach we and "General Mac" could find. Every one on the ship has the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two stars. That's all the stars you can get. We were in a couple of tight spots but made it O.K. They even shot up the barber's electric hair clippers, and shrapnel cut down the signal halyards on the bridge. . . . I've dished out a few Purple Hearts, and the Doc even recommended me for one for scratches and bruises! I cracked a couple of ribs in one melee. We were at Okinawa on D-Day. I could tell you more about that place, but that's all the censors will allow.

Another Sooner grad is skipper of another LST—Jack Britton from Shawnee. We talked O.U. all during a "poop" conference. The lucky dog just got back from overhaul in the States where he had 30 days leave. I had six days in September of 1943. I ran the North Atlantic for about a year and a half; have been on this ship one year and eight days! I don't know whether Oklahoma is ready for me or not, but I'm sure ready for Oklahoma.

You know, I got my law degree and hoodwinked the Oklahoma Supreme Court into letting me by the bar, so if I want to go to school again I'll have to take up engineering! That's the last straw!

Sincerely,  
DAVID C. MATTHEWS, '42law  
Lt. (jg), USNR  
FPO, San Francisco.

June 1, 1945

Mr. R. W. Hutto  
Security National Bank  
Norman, Oklahoma  
Dear Sir:

I received a letter yesterday from Ted Beard of the Alumni Association at O.U., saying you had arranged for my enrollment as an active member in the Alumni Association. This was a very pleasant surprise to me as I have been receiving bulletins, news letters, and the *Sooner Magazine* of late and had been a little curious as to why they were coming my direction. Since this little party the Japs are holding has kept me fairly well out of circulation, all this news from the home town is welcome I can assure you, and to know that you have made this possible makes me feel very good.

If you will pardon my being personal—when I read of what you had done, for some reason I remembered your daughter Louise, with whom I attended high school, also the fact that I used to deliver your paper (Transcript), long years ago—not to mention the recollections of my trips to the bank with the reliable bell bank with my savings, only to return betimes and sneak all my savings out when I had attained the age of adolescence—those were the days. That was many years ago and you may not remember it at all.

You see, out here, we all have a lot of time to remember a lot of things and it is always the pleasant things of by-gone years. As you know, I am married and have a nine-month-old daughter whom I have never seen, so, if when I return, I overlook coming to you personally with my thanks for what you have done, please accept them now.

Sincerely,  
L. E. LINDQUIST, '36-'38, RM3/C  
FPO, San Francisco.

May 25, 1945

Dear Ed:

One day I was sitting in the press room at Nimitz' headquarters when an officer came out and started writing an announcement of a press conference on the bulletin board. I was in the middle of writing a story and only glanced up. Suddenly I was on my feet and yelling "Bill!!" Sure enough, it was Lt. Bill Brinkley ('40journ). So we immediately left and headed at top speed for a quonset hut which serves as a bar—from which point of vantage we discussed things.

The next day Admiral Nimitz gave a beer party for all the correspondents. I was on the bus ready to go when a fellow got on and sat down beside me. He was a junior grade lieutenant—a member of some Navy camera party. "Hoberecht, United Press," I says. "Jerry Rogers," he says, and we both nod and look straight ahead.

Then we both whirl around and say, "The University of Oklahoma!"

This is a great business. I'll never forget the night (this really happened), a Marine came up to me and said, "Would you do me the dubious honor of signing my short-snorter?" Ah, the life of a war correspondent.

Sincerely,  
ERNIE HOBERECHT, '41journ  
U.P. War Correspondent  
FPO, San Francisco.

# Medical School

By BEVERLY HOWARD

SEVENTY-TWO graduates of the School of Medicine and 33 graduates of the School of Nursing received degrees at commencement exercises held in the Municipal Auditorium in Oklahoma City June 15.

Speaker for the occasion was Maj. Gen. George F. Lull, deputy surgeon general of the United States Army, who spoke on the work of the Army Medical Department and the advances made in medical science during the war.

Fifty Medical School graduates received reserve commissions as first lieutenants in the Army along with their degrees. They, with their home towns and the cities in which they will serve their internships, are as follows:

Edward A. Allgood, Altus, Fort Worth, Texas; Broadway Broadrick, Chickasha, Dallas; Arthur M. Brown, Jr., Muskogee, Tulsa; D. Nello Brown, Oklahoma City, Baltimore, Maryland; Irwin H. Brown, Oklahoma City, Milwaukee; Richard H. Burgdorf, Custer, Oklahoma City; Leon H. Brown, Oklahoma City, Boston.

Robert E. Casey, Oklahoma City, Chicago; Stanley G. Childers, Tipton, Portland, Oregon; Marvin A. Childress, Allen, Oklahoma City; Walter T. Dardis, Jr., Oklahoma City, Portland; Robert P. Dennis, Oklahoma City, there; Walter H. Dersch, Jr., Oklahoma City, Memphis, Tennessee; Marvin B. Hays, Vinita, Oklahoma City.

John W. DeVore, Elk City, Baltimore; Loren A. Duntun, Miami, Florida, there; Richard A. Ellis, Duncan, Columbus, Ohio; James B. Eskridge, III, Oklahoma City, Jersey City, New Jersey; Charles L. Freede, Oklahoma City, Flint, Michigan; Orville L. Grigsby, Spiro, Tulsa; Arthur E. Hale, Alva, Columbus; Richard G. Hobgood, Concho, Portland; Richard L. Harris, Oklahoma City, there; Richard D. Hoover, Oklahoma City, Baltimore; Paul Kouri, Granite, Oklahoma City; William P. Lerblance, Jr., Checotah, Oklahoma City.

Dick M. Lowry, Oklahoma City, there; Charles R. Mathews, Oklahoma City, Rochester, New York; Vernon C. Merrifield, Norman, Oklahoma City; Raymond D. N. Miller, Hollis, Indianapolis, Indiana; James T. Hearin, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii; Walter M. Moore, Muskogee, St. Louis, Missouri; William R. Paschal, Oklahoma City, there; Sabin C. Percefull, Alva, Denver, Colorado; William S. Pugsley, Oklahoma City, Chicago; George M. Rahhal, Wetumka, Wichita, Kansas; Oren C. Reid, Lawton, Galveston, Texas; Jean E. Rorie, Oklahoma City, Chicago.

Clinton M. Shaw, Jr., Durant, Denver; Charles G. Shellenberger, Oklahoma City, there; Byron F. Smith, Tulsa, Oklahoma City; Henry C. Smith, Lawton, Detroit; Walter F. Speakman, Drumright, Oklahoma City; Gerald M. Steelman, Healdton, Oklahoma City; Glenn V. Sundquist, Mitchell, South Dakota, Milwaukee; Byron W. Tatlow, Jr., Oklahoma City, Flint; James H. Tisdal, Elk City, Oklahoma City; Howard G. Tozer, Oklahoma City, there; Milford S. Ungerman, Tulsa, there, and Cecil R. Waterbury, Apache, Oklahoma City.

The following graduates received commissions as lieutenants junior grade in the Naval Reserve:

Cad W. Arrendell, Jr., Ponca City, Norman; J. T. Brooks, Marlow, Shoemaker, California; James W. Clopton, Oklahoma City, Seattle, Washington; Charles S. Cunningham, Henryetta, Norman; Cecil H. Dillingham, Jr., Frederick, Bainbridge, Maryland; Martin D. Edwards, Cameron, San Diego, California; Arthur F. Elliott, Enid, Great Lakes, Illinois; Jack B. Garlin, Bartlesville, Norman; Jack L. Gregston, Marlow, Norman; Dave B. Lhevine, Tulsa, Brooklyn, New York.

Dalton B. McInnis, Muskogee, Long Island, New

York; Elmer G. Murphy, Stillwater, Bethesda, Maryland; Hugh W. Payton, Shawnee, Iowa City, Iowa; Newton C. Smith, Cherokee, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and James R. Winterringer, Stillwater, Bainbridge, Maryland.

The six civilian students in the class were the following: Sue Elizabeth Browder, Woodward, Boston; Martha Jene Burke, Oklahoma City, Atlanta, Georgia; Dorothy E. Gore, Blanchard; Benjamin F. Gorrell, Tulsa, Omaha, Nebraska; Paul J. Ottis, Okarche, Oklahoma City, and Clyde E. Tomlin, Oklahoma City, Madison, Wisconsin.

Receiving degrees as graduate nurses were the following: Fern Adams, Payson; Frances Bailey, Altus; Vera Barnard, Okmulgee; Alberta Blount, Seiling; Mavon Bush, Wetumka; Jeanne Crawford, Vinita; Virginia Dees, Healdton; Margaret Dewar, Rogers, Arkansas; Eva Dean Dick, Vinita; Natalie Evans, Pauls Valley; Sarah Ferguson, Stillwater; Anna R. Hogue, Purcell; Georgia Holland, Chester; Frances Hyde, Ponca City; Lena Jantz, Moore; Doris Marie Jay, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Sibyl Lane, Holdenville; Clara Long, Asher; Barbara Macklin, Oklahoma City; Virginia Morris, Prague; Marguerite O'Neil, Holdenville; Frances Lusk, Seminole; Nadine Peck, Leedey; Jean Priebe, Okeon; Mary Lee Reeves, Disney; Betty Studer, Canadian, Texas; Thelma Thiesson, Hydro; Clara Washington, Meeker; Beth Wheeler, Hatfield, Arkansas; Joy Ann Wiley, Chickasha; Kathleen Wilkins, Walter; Muriel Woods, McAlester, and Charlene Ziegler, Prague.

## Faculty

The following changes on the faculty of the School of Medicine were announced after the June meeting of the Board of Regents:

Dr. Raymond L. Murdoch, on leave of absence for military service since September, 1942, has resumed his position as professor of clinical surgery, effective May 15.

Dr. Walter W. Wells, professor of obstetrics and chairman of the department of obstetrics, was named professor emeritus of obstetrics.

Dr. Thomas C. Points was named to the clinical staff as assistant in obstetrics.

Dr. Robert H. Akin was promoted from associate in urology to assistant professor of urology.

Rufus Quitman Goodwin was promoted from associate professor of clinical medicine to professor of clinical medicine.

► Dr. Arthur W. White, Oklahoma City physician and professor of clinical medicine, died at his home in Oklahoma City June 11. He was 68 years old.

A graduate of Rush Medical School in Chicago, Dr. White came to Oklahoma City in 1905 as professor of pathology at Epworth Medical School, a position he held until 1907, when he became professor of clinical medicine. In 1912 he joined the faculty of the School of Medicine and in 1925 reached the rank of professor.

Dr. White served as a captain in the Medical Corps during World War I. He was the author of numerous medical treatises, the latest one, "Management of Peptic Ulcer," being published in 1943. Dr. White was affiliated with the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association, the Oklahoma State and County Medical Societies, the Oklahoma City Academy of Medicine and the Oklahoma Internists Association.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Winifred B. White, Oklahoma City, and a son, Capt. Sherrill W. White, '31ba, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

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