

# ★ ★ With the Armed Forces ★ ★

LT. JAMES W. GOODWIN, '43ba, Oklahoma City, has won the Bronze Star and the Silver Star for outstanding service with the Field Artillery during the war in Europe. The citation accompanying the Bronze Star, which he earned somewhere between the Roer and the Rhine Rivers on March 1, states in part: "The disdain for danger, bold, aggressive action and skill displayed by Lieutenant Goodwin reflect high credit upon himself and are in accordance with the highest standards of the military service."

On April 7 during an attack upon a German town, Lieutenant Goodwin, disdaining the danger about him, set out alone to select an observation spot and thereafter directed such effective fire upon the hostile installations that the Infantry was able to continue its advance. This action won for him the Silver Star, the citation praising him "for cool courage, initiative and exemplary action." Lieutenant Goodwin was attached to the 326th Field Artillery battalion of the 84th Infantry Division.

► Capt. Robert K. Milburn, '39ba, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal for heroic achievement in aerial combat. He has participated in 10 combat operations including bombing attacks on objectives throughout Germany. Captain Milburn was with a Bombardment group of the Second Air division.

► Capt. Jack B. Cornett, '39-'40, Oklahoma City, is a member of a squadron that recently won the Distinguished Unit Citation. He also holds the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. Captain Cornett was in England with a Fighter squadron.

► A letter of commendation was recently received by Lt. Dewey E. Dobson, Jr., '40, Stamford, Texas, from Lt. Col. John P. Breckenridge, commanding officer at the John H. Payne Field, Cairo. Lieutenant Dobson received the commendation for the part he played in the elimination of a 500-ton backlog of vital cargo which was to be moved by air transport to the China-Burma-India theater. In this action over 216 tons of equipment were moved through Payne Field in a period of 24 hours.

► Lt. Col. Neil D. Cox, '27-'30, Longview, Texas, recently received the Bronze Star from Maj. Gen. Ralph McT. Pennell, commandant of the Field Artillery School, at a review on the Old Post Parade grounds at Fort Sill. Colonel Cox served in North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, the Normandy beachhead, northern France and Belgium with the Ninth Infantry division. He is now in the Department of Combined Arms at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill.

► Lt. Herbert J. Fourt, '37-'39, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in action. He also holds the Order of the Purple Heart with

an Oak Leaf Cluster. Lieutenant Fourt was with a Field Artillery battalion of the 45th Division.

► Capt. Lucius C. Tirey, Jr., '38-'41, Quinton, received the Bronze Star from Maj. Gen. E. R. Quesada, commanding general of the Ninth Tactical Air Command, a component of the Ninth Air Force. The citation says of Captain Tirey's work as tactical officer with a fighter-bomber wing: "His continuous effective efforts as chief controller co-ordinated air attacks closely with those of the ground forces, thereby hastening the rout and destruction of the enemy."

► The posthumous award of the Bronze Star and Silver Star was made on Easter morning to Maj. Basil Shirley, '28-'32, Elk City. The medals were presented to his wife in ceremonies at Fort Sill. Major Shirley was killed in action in Normandy on June 17, 1944. The citation for the Silver Star read: "The gallantry and disregard for personal safety displayed by Major Shirley on June 17, 1944, reflects highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

The Bronze Star citation stated, "He distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period February 23, 1943, to August 20, 1943."

Major Shirley's military service included the African and Sicilian campaigns. He has also received the Order of the Purple Heart. Survivors other than his wife and son include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shirley, Lawton, and one brother, Lt. Barker Shirley, '32law.

► The French Croix de Guerre has been awarded to Lt. Col. Hubert S. Judy, Jr., '40bus, Woodward. He also received re-



SOONERS IN GERMANY  
*Tech. Sgt. Bedford M. McKenzie, '38fa, Mangum, center, chats with two other Oklahomans, Sgt. Floyd M. McIntosh, Okmulgee, left, and Capt. Ross E. Harlan, Poteau, right, about their work with a Marauder medium bomber group doing air disarmament work with the Ninth Air Force in Germany.*

cently a second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Flying Cross, which he earned in April, 1944, when serving as air commander of a B-24 division of the Eighth Air Force on a bombing mission over Europe. Colonel Judy is on the General Staff Corps of the control council in Europe. He expected to be stationed in Germany this summer.

► Maj. Harold C. Kirkpatrick, '40bs, Norman, has been commended by the commanding officer of the headquarters of the China Wing, India-China division, Air Transport Command, for his record and manner of performance of duty as wing flying safety officer. He attained the "unprecedented, in this wing, low average of .116 accidents per thousand hours of flying during the month ending April 30, 1945." The commendation further stated, "By your superior leadership and sincere effort, you have promoted harmony and co-operation between all concerned, without which this splendid result could not have been achieved."

► Pfc. Marion Rowland, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, has recently received the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement in the line of duty." He and two companions left their positions and braved enemy fire to carry two wounded men to cover. Private Rowland has earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge in addition to the Bronze Star. He was with an Armored division in Europe.

► Lt. Comdr. John A. Blue, '43med, Guyton, has been commended in a Naval hospital house organ in an article describing the modern allergy clinic set up by Commander Blue and his corpsmen. It is the first of its kind ever operated in the Hawaiian Islands. They have made their own pollen extracts from dust and local flowers and plants gathered from every part of Oahu Island. The clinic treats hundreds of patients every month.

► Col. Boylston B. Bass, '28bus, Oklahoma City, has recently been awarded the Bronze Star by Gen. Walter Krueger, Sixth Army commander. Colonel Bass won the medal for meritorious achievement in action on Luzon.

► "For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy," Cpl. Lorren Meador, '42-'43, Erick, has been awarded the Air Medal. He flew nearly 250 missions against vital German-held targets in support of the advance of the Fifth and Eighth Armies. Corporal Meador was gunner on a B-24 with the 15th Air Force.

► Lt. Frank M. Cowell, Jr., '41ba, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star by Brig. Gen. Williston Palmer of the Seventh Corps. He won the Star for "meritorious service against the enemy." Lieuten-

ant Cowell was with a Field Artillery battalion in Germany.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Tech. Sgt. Thomas A. Patterson, Jr., '40-'42, Oklahoma City. He has completed more than 362 hours of operational flight in 339 missions over enemy territory. Sergeant Patterson, who has been in the Army more than 30 months, is a liaison pilot with the 10th Air Force.

► The Air Medal has been awarded to Lt. Bruce L. Katz, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, upon completion of 150 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over India-China air routes, with weather conditions necessitating long periods of instrument flying.

► Lt. Maurice E. Owen, '36bus, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal. He is a pilot and flight leader with a Bombardment group in the Philippines. He has been overseas 11 months and has made 75 combat missions. He and his group, known as the "Roarin' 20s," were active in the liberation of the Philippines and took part in the landing on Leyte. They were commended for their direct support of the First Cavalry division.

► Lt. Jack C. Humphreys, '43bus, Tecumseh, has received a commendation for more than 70 missions in France and Germany as aerial observer for the 514th Field Artillery battalion. He had previously been awarded the French Croix de Guerre and the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

► Lt. Col. Walter R. Graalman, '28law, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement in the performance of service during the period August 1, 1944, to April 25, 1945," while serving as acting inspector general at Air Force headquarters in the Mediterranean theater of operations. Colonel Graalman entered the service in April, 1942, and went overseas in January, 1944.

► Lt. William L. Fogg, USNR, '32law, El Reno, has been awarded a letter of commendation by Admiral R. C. Spruance. Lieutenant Fogg received the award for his part in the invasion of Iwo Jima.

► "For cool courage and efficient leadership" the Bronze Star was awarded recently to Maj. Vestal D. Avery, '37-'40, Wayne, former Field Artillery battalion commander in Germany. The citation for meritorious service stated: "By his calm, cheerful manner and outstanding leadership, Captain Avery maintained the morale and fighting efficiency of his unit throughout a three-day period when his positions were heavily shelled and the enemy penetrated to within a few hundred yards of his guns." Major Avery, recently promoted, is now attached to headquarters of the 272nd battalion as S-3 officer, after 12 months of combat service overseas.

► Lt. Roy M. Towers, '42bus, Pawnee, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in the Leyte campaign. In an advance over the mountains of Leyte toward Ormac Valley, he was traveling in advance with his scout. When the scout was

wounded he pushed forward into the clearing to ascertain the enemy's position. He covered the withdrawal of the wounded soldier and in doing so killed three Japanese soldiers and disabled an enemy gun position. He then went on to deploy his platoon and led the assault which resulted in the death of seven more Japanese, thus enabling the troop to continue its mission.

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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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Lieutenant Towers has returned to duty in the United States.

► The Air Medal has been received by Lt. (jg) Robert E. Wolford, '40-'42, Norman, for meritorious acts in an aerial flight against the enemy in the vicinity of Kyushu on March 19. Lieutenant Wolford, pilot of a carrier-based fighter plane, engaged and destroyed an enemy single engine bomber, "thereby materially assisting in the protection of his task force units," the citation said. Before blasting the Japanese plane out of the sky, he bombed hangars and strafed planes and installations in the Kanoya area. Lieutenant Wolford received his commission in the Navy in January, 1944.

► Lt. Max G. Pfaender, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded both the Air Medal and the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in the Mediterranean theater of operations. Lieutenant Pfaender was serving as a pilot with the 12th Air Force in Italy.

► Capt. Harold W. Freeman, '26, Pauls Valley, has received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France and Germany. The award was given for service from January 15 to 25 and from February 5 to May 8. "During these periods he conducted civil affairs with great devotion and judgment with the French people and often with great personal courage, as his detachment was serving under difficult conditions very close to the front lines," the citation read. Captain Freeman entered service in the Military Government branch in December, 1943. He is now military governor of an area made up of 61 towns and villages, and is stationed at Waiblingen, Germany. He is a former speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

► Lt. Col. Bland West, '37law, Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic action on December 14. Since that time an Oak Leaf Cluster has been added for meritorious service.

The citation accompanying the award

reads in part: "In the vicinity of . . . France, Major West, as Division G-2, while attempting to contact a task force commander, was subjected to heavy and direct fire from enemy Artillery, mortar, self-propelled guns, machine guns and small arms. With utter disregard for the danger from this concentration of fire he proceeded until he established contact with the task force commander at an observation post which was also under heavy fire. He accomplished his mission, but discovering that the task force was having difficulty in getting proper Artillery preparation for an Infantry attack on a town, he volunteered to undertake the direction of the preparatory Artillery barrage. Again ignoring the danger to his life he advanced to a vantage point beyond the front lines where he might facilitate the accurate direction of the Artillery. Utilizing his past experience as an Artillery officer, he directed the preparatory Artillery barrage so skillfully that our Infantry was able to attack closely behind it. Major West's skill and personal bravery contributed materially to the success of the attack with a minimum of casualties."

Since the time of the action he has received a promotion to lieutenant colonel.

► The Bronze Star has been awarded to Maj. Quynnton R. Hampton, '37-'41, Norman, for meritorious services in support of combat operations from February, 1944, to May, 1945, in Italy. In a position as assistant to the assistant chief of staff, supply section of headquarters of the Fifth Army, Major Hampton initiated and maintained a set of charts and graphs which reflected the status of ammunition supply at the Army dumps as well as the progress of unloading ships. As a result of his accurate judgment many emergency changes and deliveries were made to forestall the development of critical shortages. Major Hampton has been overseas since November, 1942.

► Lt. Col. James A. Embry, Jr., '37ba, Chandler, member of the Marine Corps, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy on Guam, Marianas Islands." For three months he served as air defense commander and operations officer of a Marine Air Corps Group, and the award was based on his outstanding performance of these duties. Prior to taking over duties as operations officer, he served as commanding officer of a fighter squadron in the Marshalls. Colonel Embry has returned to the United States and was stationed at Quantico, Virginia.

► At a ceremony held at an air field in southern Italy, Staff Sgt. Doyle D. Turner, '42, Cordell, was decorated with the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." Sergeant Turner was engineer-gunner on a Flying Fortress with the 353rd Bombardment squadron.

► The Distinguished Flying Cross has recently been awarded to Lt. Jesse D. Burton,



'39journ, Shawnee. He received the medal for meritorious service as a navigator-bombardier on a B-29. Lieutenant Burton was attached to the 793rd Bombing squadron stationed in India.

► Capt. John R. Runyan, '31-'37, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. More details in connection with his earning the medal were not available. Captain Runyan was with headquarters command in the European theater of operations.

► Lt. Jammie M. Philpott, '38-'39, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement" while participating in heavy bombing attacks on targets in Germany and assaults on Nazi strong-points in support of Allied ground forces. Pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress of the 95th Bombardment group, he was a member of the Fortress group which led the first American bombing attacks on targets in Berlin. Lieutenant Philpott also holds the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

► Lt. Col. Stewart E. Meyers, '28ba, Oklahoma City, was commended for "outstanding leadership, zeal, and knowledge of defensive tactics" in the citation which accompanied his recently awarded Bronze Star. Colonel Myers received the decoration for "exceptionally meritorious conduct" during the period from July 1, to October 12, 1944, at which time he was in charge of the preparation and occupation of an important sector in the defenses of an island in the Southwest Pacific. Colonel Myers is now stationed in the Netherlands East Indies.

► Maj. Richard A. Wilson, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, has received a personal letter of commendation from Gen. George C. Kenney, commanding general, Far East Air Forces. The commendation reads: "Your commendable action as a pilot of an A-20 type aircraft on an attack over Nichols Field, Philippines, on February 6, 1945, has been brought to my attention. I wish to express my appreciation of your outstanding performance of this mission. It is through the devotion to duty of men such as yourself that Far East Air Forces have been able to achieve their repeated successes. You have rendered a material contribution to the effective prosecution of the war and to our ultimate victory."

Major Wilson has been overseas 19 months and is credited with 109 combat missions and 319 combat flying hours. This is his second letter of commendation and he holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Lt. James E. Jones, '40-'43, Oklahoma City, has recently been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious services performed while bombing installations in Austria. He was pilot of a Liberator bomber with the 15th Air Force stationed in Italy.



#### A-20 PILOT

*Maj. Richard A. Wilson, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, holder of numerous decorations for his outstanding record in the Pacific war, was reported recently to be on his way back to the United States.*

► Capt. Lal D. Threlkeld, '40med, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star with an accompanying citation which reads in part: "His thorough professional knowledge and personal interest in the welfare of every member of his unit have greatly contributed to the efficiency and morale of the squadron and reflect credit upon Captain Threlkeld's character as an officer of the Medical Corps of the Army." Captain Threlkeld was a member of the Medical detachment of the 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance squadron attached to the 35th Infantry division.

► Lt. Charles H. Neff, '33eng, Kiowa, Kansas, has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal "for heroism while serving on board a United States Landing Ship Tank when she struck a mine in the Seine Estuary on November 7, 1944." The citation accompanying the award continues, "The courage, determination and devotion to his crew displayed by Lieutenant Neff on this occasion were in keeping with the best traditions of the United States Naval Service." The award was made by Adm. Harold R. Stark, commander of U. S. Naval forces in Europe. Lieutenant Neff is now stationed at the University with the N.R.O.T.C. unit.

► For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, Capt. John A. Livingston, '39law, Madill, has been awarded the Bronze Star. The citation accompanying the award read in part, "Captain Livingston's zealous performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service." Overseas since November, 1944, he was attached to the XXI Corps Artillery as assistant counter-battery officer.

► Capt. Elmer Hale, Jr., '41bus, McAlester, has received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the European theater of operations. Captain Hale participated in the Normandy, northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and central European campaigns. He was with the 685th Field Artillery.

► Lt. Richard M. McCool, Jr., '41ba, Norman, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for injuries received in action with the Navy in the Pacific. Captain of an LCS, Lieutenant McCool received burns, bruises and shrapnel wounds. He was a patient in a base hospital in the Pacific last

month. Lieutenant McCool graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, last year.

► Sgt. John H. Gamble, '41-'42, Norman, is a member of an Air Squadron recently awarded the Meritorious Service Unit plaque for its superior performance in maintaining the aircraft of a Ninth Air Force P-51 Mustang group. In recognition of his personal efforts in bringing about this award, Sergeant Gamble now wears a gold wreath on the right sleeve of his uniform.

► Lt. Frank Bishop, Jr., '40bus, Norman, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action against the enemy. Lieutenant Bishop won the award for services rendered when he re-organized his company during its attack on the town of Stetternich, Germany, on February 24. Lieutenant Bishop was with the 175th Infantry division.

► Sgt. James W. Gray, Jr., '39, Norman, was awarded the Air Medal on completion of 150 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft. The flights were made over the dangerous and difficult India-China air routes, where enemy interception and attack was probable and expected. Sergeant Gray is an aerial engineer with the India-China division of the Air Transport Command.

► An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Bronze Star held by Lt. Col. Maurice E. Stuart, '38law, Oklahoma City. It was awarded for services rendered during the Ardennes offensive. He recently received the promotion to lieutenant colonel and was made adjutant general of the 82nd Airborne Division. Colonel Stuart has been in the European theater for the past 27 months.

► Tech. Sgt. A. B. Balch, Jr., '38-'41, Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star. The citation read in part, "Sergeant Balch, as operations sergeant of the Engineer section, has displayed exceptional ability in correlating and reporting Engineer operations of the units of the Eighth Corps . . . His initiative and unswerving loyalty have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces and reflect great credit upon himself." Sergeant Balch was with the headquarters of the Eighth Corps.

► Lt. William L. Hammond, '38ba, Nashville, Tennessee, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement during numerous operational missions over Europe.

► Capt. Drexel B. Dunn, '40bus, Rocky, has been awarded the Air Medal for distinguishing himself in aerial flight against the enemy in Germany, including front-line reconnaissance and adjustment of Artillery fire on enemy installations. Captain Dunn was attached to the Ninth Army.

► The second Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Murray V. Jett, '41-'43, Frederick. Lieutenant Jett was co-pilot of a B-17 which was instrumental in the successful crippling of industrial Germany by the Eighth Air Force's daylight bombing offensive.

► Lt. Col. William J. Hall, '37-'40, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm. Lt. Gen. Martial Valin, chief of air staff of the French Air Force, made the presentation to him, honoring him for "exceptional services rendered in the course of operations for the liberation of France." Colonel Hall, senior controller for operations of the Eighth Air Force second air division, has been overseas since September, 1942. He has flown in the Middle East, North Africa and the European theater of operations.

► Col. E. H. Larecy, '26, Seminole, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service as executive officer of the Seventh Army supply section. Also holder of the Legion of Merit award, Colonel Larecy served throughout the European campaign with the Seventh Army, making the landing on the southern coast of France. Before entering the service he was a state C.C.C. official.

► Sgt. James R. Andrews, '41-'42, Norman, has been awarded the Air Medal at a base in the Mediterranean area. The presentation was made by Maj. Gen. John K. Cannon, commanding officer of the 12th Air Force. Sergeant Andrews was cited for meritorious achievement in aerial flight as a bombardier and gunner on a Mitchell bomber carrying out attacks along the Brenner Pass line.

## Liberated

Staff Sgt. Simon B. Spradlin, Jr., '39-'41, Norman, was liberated at Luneburg, Germany, when prisoners of war were overtaken by the British. He was taken prisoner July 29, 1944, when his plane went down over Germany. Sergeant Spradlin was a radio operator and gunner on a B-17 with the Eighth Air Force.

► Pfc. James H. Cooley, '43-'44, Oklahoma City, has been liberated from a German prison camp. He wrote his parents April 4 from somewhere in England to tell them of his liberation from Stalag VI-G, located near Bonn, on the Rhine. Private Cooley was a member of the 106th Infantry division.

► Lt. Hobart G. Osburn, '40-'41, Enid, has been liberated from a German prison camp. He was reported missing in action over Greece October 8, 1943, and in December, 1943, was reported a prisoner of the Germans. Lieutenant Osburn was a navigator with the Air Force.

► Lt. Paul T. Jackson, Jr., '42-'43, Oklahoma City, has returned to his outfit and may soon be on his way home. Lieutenant Jackson had been missing in action over Italy since early in the year and was believed to be a prisoner of war but there was no confirmation of this. Lieutenant Jackson, who is with the Air Force, returned to his unit in May but was able to give no details.

► Maj. Robert L. Cox, '36ba, Oklahoma City, has arrived in the United States after being liberated from a German prison camp near Munich. Major Cox, who had been a prisoner for more than a year, was flown out

of Germany three days before V-E day. He was a member of the Air Force and had been shot down over Germany.

► After reporting first to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, Staff Sgt. Leo H. Fritch, '42-'43, Norman, arrived home last month. Reported missing in action over Germany on August 22, 1944, he was liberated from a German prison camp by American forces in the last days of the European war. Sergeant Fritch, gunner on a B-24 Liberator, returned to the states on the *Queen Elizabeth*.

► Lt. Thomas Clifford Mandrell, '36-'39, Grimes, was liberated from a prison camp in Germany on April 29. He went overseas in March, 1944. Lieutenant Mandrell was a pilot of a B-24 Liberator.

► Lt. Edward L. Williams, '42, Oklahoma City, was named on a list of June 19 of those released from a German prison camp. He was reported missing over Belgium on December 27, 1944, and was listed as a prisoner of war last April. Lieutenant Williams has won the Air Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation.

► Lt. Frank D. Austin, Jr., '38ba, Granite, has been released from a German prison camp. Lieutenant Austin had been reported missing in action on December 16, 1944. He was with the 106th Infantry division.

► Staff Sgt. Terrell C. Rogers, '42-'43, Seminole, has been liberated from a German prison camp. He was reported missing in action over Germany on June 20, 1944, and was listed as a prisoner of the Germans in July. Sergeant Rogers holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Lt. James S. Brown, '42pharm, Hobart, has been liberated from a German prison camp. He was reported missing in action in Luxembourg in January. Lieutenant Brown was overseas with the Field Artillery.

► Lt. Milton Bates, '40, Olustee, was liberated from a German prison camp on April 29. He had been a prisoner since the B-24 Liberator on which he was bombardier went down over Germany last August 6. He received his wings and commission December 24, 1943.

## Deaths in Service

Lt. Elmer Capshaw, '42fa, Norman, died in France on June 4. The War Department announcement contained no details. There had been no previous report of his being wounded or ill. Lieutenant Capshaw received his commission in the Field Artillery upon graduating from the University. Before going overseas last April he was stationed at Camp White, Oregon, Fort Sill, Lexington, Virginia, where he attended an officers' orientation course, and Camp Adair, Oregon.

One of the most outstanding art students at the University in recent years, Lieutenant Capshaw continued his painting and his collection of art objects during his Army service. At the University he was a member of Pe-et leadership and scholarship organization for men, Delta Phi Delta art fraternity, El Modjii, Phantom Mask, Phi Eta Sig-

ma freshman scholarship society for men and the Association of Oklahoma Artists. He appeared in three campus stage productions, *Death Takes a Holiday*, *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Capshaw, and two sisters, Amelia Capshaw, '43soc.wk, and Rosemary Capshaw, '45, Norman.

► Capt. Sam D. Miller, '24-'28, Elk City, was killed in action on Okinawa on April 23. No details of his death were available. A Field Artillery officer, he went overseas late last year. Before entering the service Captain Miller was associated with the Williams and Miller Gin Company and the Elk City Cotton Oil Company in Elk City. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and Rotary International. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Marie Miller, and two sons, Sam D., Jr., and Gus.

► Tharon A. Park, pharmacist's mate first class, '36pharm, Okmulgee, has been killed in action. No details of his death were available. Mr. Park was home on leave in March after spending 18 months aboard a seaplane tender in the Pacific, during which time he took part in the battles for Saipan and Tarawa. He was employed as a pharmacist in Oklahoma City and at Lawton prior to enlisting in the Navy November 16, 1942. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Tharon A. Park, and three children; his mother, Mrs. A. J. Francois, Okmulgee; his father, R. W. Park, Lawton, and his brother, Lt. Robert A. Park, '33ba, Navy public relations officer in Oklahoma City.

► Capt. James E. (Buck) Garrett, '32, Oklahoma City, died last October when the Japanese ship on which he was being transported was torpedoed by an American submarine, the War Department has announced. Captain Garrett had been a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of the Philippines in the early days of the war. He entered the service in 1940 as a Field Artillery officer, but transferred to the Air Force and went overseas as an administrative officer in 1941. Before entering the Army, Captain Garrett was associated with the Travelers Insurance Company in Oklahoma City. Survivors include his wife, the former Claribel Harper Scott, of El Paso, Texas, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garrett, Heavener, and a brother, Raymond Garrett, Stillwater.

► Capt. Harold L. Earhart, '39eng, Oklahoma City, was killed June 12 in a plane crash in Scotland. He had been overseas 19 months with a Bombardment squadron of the Eighth Air Force. Captain Earhart entered the service in January, 1941. Following his graduation he was employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville. Survivors include his wife, of Omaha, Nebraska, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Earhart, Oklahoma City.

► Lt. James P. Newell, '41-'42, Fort Worth, Texas, member of the Marine Air Corps, was killed in a plane crash June 8, while on a routine night flight. He was



stationed at El Toro Field, Santa Ana, California, and had been in the service two and one-half years. Lieutenant Newell, who was specializing in torpedo and dive bombing, had received his overseas orders. He was graduated from Central High School, Oklahoma City, and was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity at the University. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Newell, and a sister, Mary Virginia, formerly of Oklahoma City and now of Fort Worth.

► Lt. Claud W. Dagenhart, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, was killed on August 3, 1944, the Alumni Office has learned. The plane on which he was a crew member was shot down on a mission over Munich when a direct hit destroyed all controls. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dagenhart, Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Robert C. Hewitt, '36-'39, Muskogee, has been killed in action, according to a casualty list released by the War Department June 20, 1945. Details of his death were not available. He was first reported missing on May 29, when he failed to return from a mission over Europe. Lieutenant Hewitt was with a Bombardment squadron. He held the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Survivors include his father, Perry E. Hewitt, Muskogee.

► Cpl. Carl Rieger, '43, Oklahoma City, was killed in action May 5 on Saipan. He entered the Air Force in June, 1943, and was based in the Marianas. He attended Classen High School and was graduated from St. Joseph's in Oklahoma City. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rieger, Oklahoma City, his grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Rieger, and an uncle, Dr. Joseph A. Rieger, both of Norman.

► Lt. Wayne Ross Fanson, '31eng, Mountain View, is believed to have died when a Japanese prisoner of war ship was torpedoed and sunk October 24, 1944, according to a letter from the War Department. The ship left Manila for Japan on October 11, 1944. Lieutenant Fanson was with an Armored division that went to the Philippines in 1941 and was on Bataan when it fell. Survivors include his wife and daughter, Nancy, Davis, and his father, F. W. Fanson, Mountain View.

► Lt. Robert L. Bacon, '40-'42, Sayre, was killed last February 20 when his plane was forced to make a crash landing at sea following hits by enemy anti-aircraft fire. The plane, a Mitchell B-25 on which Lieutenant Bacon was bombardier, hit a huge wave causing it to break in two and sink instantly. Lieutenant Bacon and three other members of the crew went down with the plane. They had been on a mission over Chuso airdrome on Formosa.

Lieutenant Bacon entered the service in March, 1943, and went overseas in May, 1944. He had served 10 months in the Southwest Pacific area. Lieutenant Bacon was recently awarded a posthumous Air Medal for meritorious achievement while

participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from August 23, 1944, to January 12, 1945. The Order of the Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation in recognition of military achievements have also been awarded him posthumously. He was graduated from the Weatherford High School and was at one time employed by the Sayre *Headlight-Journal* and a Sayre pharmacy. Survivors include his wife and daughter, Cheryl Ann, both of Sayre, and his mother, Mrs. C. E. Bacon, Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Wilmer E. Ragsdale, '35eng, formerly of Artesia, New Mexico, was killed in a plane crash at Boston, Massachusetts, on July 10. He was a Navy test pilot stationed at Bedford, Massachusetts. Before entering the service, Lieutenant Ragsdale was associated with the Cutler-Hammer Electrical Manufacturing Company in St. Louis, Missouri, and Dallas, Texas. Before joining Cutler-Hammer he was a technician with the National Broadcasting Company in Chicago. In addition to the University Lieutenant Ragsdale attended the New Mexico A. and M. College at State College. At O.U. he was a member of Sigma Tau engineering fraternity, L.K.O.T. and Acacia fraternity and was employed at radio station WNAD. Survivors include his wife, who was in Boston, and his father, W. E. Ragsdale, Artesia.

### Missing in Action

Capt. Henry W. Reeves, '41bus, Norman, has been missing in action on Okinawa since June 22. He is a veteran of the battles of Saipan, Gilbert and the Marshall Islands and won the Bronze Star for meritorious service on Saipan. He visited in Norman at Christmas last year, and returned to his battalion in the Pacific during February or March, when he received his promotion to captain. Captain Reeves is the son of Dr. S. W. Reeves, dean emeritus of the College of Arts and Sciences.

► Lt. R. B. Jones, Jr., '38-'40, Hugo, has been listed as missing in action in the Pacific war theater. His name was on a casualty list of May 27. No details were available. Lieutenant Jones was in the Air Force.

### Prisoners of War

Lt. Richard L. Duckwall, '40, Tuttle, who is a prisoner of war of the Japanese, has been transferred to Fukuoka prison camp on Honshu. Lieutenant Duckwall was officially reported a Japanese prisoner in December, 1942.

► Maj. Clinton S. Maupin, '34med, Waurika, has been listed as one of the Japanese prisoners taken from a prison camp in the Philippines to Japan. Major Maupin was captured when Bataan fell in 1942, and was in the camp in the Philippines until shortly before the Americans captured it. He is now held at Fukuoka on Honshu.

### Injured in Service

Pfc. Robert J. Fawcett, '39-'40, Oklahoma City, was wounded in action on Okinawa May 29. He was sent to the Marianas for hospitalization. Private Fawcett entered the service in September, 1944, and four months later went overseas with the Infantry.

► Lt. William S. Chaney, '40-'43, Hugo, has been wounded in action in the Pacific theater of war. Details were not available. Lieutenant Chaney was attached to a Field Artillery battalion.

### Back From Battlefronts

Maj. Herbert A. von Tungeln, '34ba, Oklahoma City, has returned to this country after being released from a German prison camp on April 29. Major Von Tungeln was flying a B-17 as a command pilot when he was shot down over Germany last August 24. He suffered from amnesia because of a skull fracture received when some armor plate was hit by flak and landed on his head. He was given the best of treatment by German doctors and soon recovered. Major Von Tungeln, who was awarded the Air Medal a few days before he was shot down, was to report to the re-distribution center at Miami, Florida, at the end of his leave.

► Lt. Joseph R. Southwell, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, who has been stationed in India for more than a year, has arrived home on leave. Lieutenant Southwell was with the Air Force and holds the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

► After completing 27 missions over Italy and the Balkans, Lt. Huel Hamm, '39-'42, Oklahoma City, arrived home on leave last month. He served as pilot on a B-24 Liberator. Lieutenant Hamm wears the Air Medal for his part in bombing Vienna and a Presidential Citation for his squadron's part in the Ploesti oil field raid.

► Staff Sgt. Otis C. Thompson, Jr., '43-'44, Oklahoma City, arrived home last month after service in the European theater of war. Sergeant Thompson made 22 missions over enemy territory as waist gunner and assistant engineer on a B-24 with the Eighth Air Force.

► Maj. J. C. Grimes, '40journal, Oklahoma City, has arrived in the United States on leave before reporting for re-assignment at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He published the *Beachhead News*, a four-page sheet with world coverage by wire services, in such hot spots as the Anzio beachhead, Rome, Naples and Germany.

► Lt. (jg) William Garth Henderson, '43eng, Thackerville, Oklahoma, has returned from two years of service in the Pacific theater. Lieutenant Henderson is in the Navy with the Seabees.

► After serving overseas for more than 30 months, Lt. Harold J. Boyd, '39-'40, Norman, has returned home. He landed in Africa with the first wave of American troops, made the entry into Bizerte and was

with a division that helped capture Sicily. His outfit then went to England to train for the invasion of Normandy and went in on the fourth day. Lieutenant Boyd has the Bronze Star, the Silver Star, Infantryman's Combat Badge, a Presidential Unit Citation and the Order of the Purple Heart.

► Lt. Blanton W. Hoover, '40-'43, Moore, has returned from service in the European theater of war. Lieutenant Moore was attached to a Field Artillery battalion.

► Lt. Col. James E. Mills, '36eng, Norman, is back in the United States after an extensive tour of duty with the Marine Corps in the Pacific theater. He reported for a new assignment in Washington, D.C. Colonel Mills holds the Silver Star for service with the Second Marine division at Tarawa.

► Maj. Floyd L. Waters, '34med, Oklahoma City, has returned home on a 30-day leave. He has seen service in Leyte and Okinawa. Major Waters, in the Pacific theater for 40 months, was attached to the Seventh Infantry division.

► After completing 10 months of service overseas, Tech. Sgt. Rex E. Phillips, '42, Norman, returned home on a 30-day furlough. Sergeant Phillips, who was missing in action from November 6 until November 23, 1944, is a member of the Caterpillar Club for making an emergency parachute jump and a member of the Boot Club for walking out of enemy territory. He made 44 missions with a Bombardment squadron of the 15th Air Force. Sergeant Phillips wears the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, as well as the European theater ribbon with three battle stars.

► Lt. John L. Read, Jr., '40-'41, Norman, has arrived in the United States from service in the European theater of operations. After a 30-day leave he was to report at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, to be assigned to a unit leaving for the Pacific. Lieutenant Read holds the Air Medal for meritorious achievements made in aerial flight as pilot of a B-17.

► After 15 months of overseas service, Col. F. A. Sanger, '26med, Oklahoma City, has returned home. As commanding officer of the 32nd Evacuation Hospital of the Third Army, he traveled through Europe with General Patton's spearheads, setting up his hospital wherever it was needed most. Colonel Sanger, who entered the service in September, 1940, landed with his unit in France at Omaha Beach on July 8, 1944, and was at Thuringia, Germany, when the Army relieved him to come back to the States for medical treatment. He flew from Paris on May 5. Colonel Sanger was hospitalized at Borden General Hospital, Chickasha.

► Lt. Col. James D. Fellers, '36law, Oklahoma City, recently arrived in the United States and returned home for a 21-day leave. He served 18 months in the European theater of war and was attached to headquarters of the Ninth Tactical Air Command. Colonel Fellers is holder of the Bronze Star.

► After serving 16 months in Iceland, Capt. Lloyd Bettis, '35eng, Norman, has returned to the United States for a leave and reassignment. He was attached to the Army Signal Corps while in Iceland. Captain Bettis has been in service since November, 1941.

► Capt. Jack J. McCafferty, '41bus, Oklahoma City, returned home for a 30-day leave before reporting at Fort Knox, Kentucky, for re-assignment. Captain McCafferty, holder of the Order of the Purple Heart and the Silver Star, left Germany May 17 for home.

► Sgt. James H. Long, '41, Norman, has returned home on furlough after having been overseas since December, 1943. He took part in three major campaigns, the Solomons, Peleliu and the New Hebrides Islands. He also wears the Philippine liberation bar with two battle stars for Leyte and Mindoro. Sergeant Long received a personal commendation in November, 1944, from the commanding officer of the First Marine division for volunteering as an emergency stretcher bearer during the battle of Peleliu. He received a Presidential Unit Citation for action in the Bismarck Archipelago and Bougainville when serving for five months as an aerial radio gunner. Sergeant Long will be re-assigned at Cherry Point, North Carolina.

► Sgt. Neal Wolfard, '37-'40, Norman, has arrived in the United States and was to report to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, after a short leave at home. He expected to be discharged under the point system. Sergeant Wolfard entered service in November, 1940, and had been in England 34 months working in the Army postal department of the Ninth Repair squadron of the Eighth Air Force.

► Lt. James M. Flinchum, '39, formerly with the United Press in Oklahoma City, has returned from the Pacific theater of war. Lieutenant Flinchum, who went overseas 33 months ago, took part in three campaigns, New Britain, Luzon and Visayan. He holds the Bronze Star for rescuing an American mining executive, his wife and four-year-old child from a Japanese infested mountain top where the trio had been in hiding for three years. Lieutenant Flinchum was with the 185th Infantry.

► Lt. Col. C. J. Watts, '31law, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States to attend the officers' refresher course at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill. Colonel Watts has seen service in the China-Burma-India theater, where he was with a Field Artillery Chinese Training School.

► Lt. Samuel G. Payte, '41ed, Norman, has returned from service in the European theater and was receiving treatment for wounds at LaGarde General Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. Lieutenant Payte arrived in France last October, and was wounded by shell fragments during an attack on the town of Krumkelt on January 21. He was attached to the 393rd Infantry.

► Pfc. James H. Cooley, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, has arrived for hospitalization

at Borden General Hospital, Chickasha. Private Cooley, who went overseas in October, 1944, was wounded and taken prisoner in the Battle of the Bulge last December. He was placed in a prison camp northwest of Cologne, and was later taken to another at Lindberg, Germany. Private Cooley was with the 106th Infantry division.

► Maj. Harold J. Sullivan, '35law, Oklahoma City, returned home on leave from his duties as assistant air judge advocate with Far East Air Forces headquarters in the Philippine Islands. Major Sullivan wears the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with three battle stars for the New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago and Philippine campaigns, the Philippine liberation ribbon with one battle star and the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific area. He went overseas in September, 1943.

► Lt. Stratton D. Loucks, '42bs, Oklahoma City, returned home on leave after 33 months of service overseas. Lieutenant Loucks was attached to the 87th Quartermaster battalion, serving as Ordnance officer in Africa, Italy and Germany. He was to report to Camp Chaffee, Fort Smith, Arkansas, at the end of his leave.

► Lt. Col. Robert I. Morrison, '28-'32, Oklahoma City, recently returned home for a short leave. Colonel Morrison, who had been overseas for the last 34 months, wears the Bronze Star with one Cluster, and campaign stars for Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, and three Italian battles. He served as Special Service officer for the Second corps. Colonel Morrison has returned to duty overseas.

► Lt. Robert N. Thompson, '42, Norman, veteran of a tour of combat missions over Germany and France as co-pilot on a B-17, has returned to the United States. He was assigned to Ellington Field, Texas, for duty at the graduate navigation school for combat navigators. He holds an Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and wears two battle stars with the European theater ribbon. Lieutenant Thompson was attached to the Eighth Air Force.

► Pvt. Leonard Young, Jr., '41bus, Tulsa, has returned to the United States for hospitalization after being injured during action on Iwo Jima with the Marine Corps.

► Lt. William C. Woodward, '42zool, Norman, has returned to the United States from the European theater of operations. He was stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas, where he was to receive 14 weeks of training in the Air Force. Lieutenant Woodward, who went overseas in August, 1944, was with the 94th Division. He holds the Order of the Purple Heart, the Air Medal and the Bronze Star.

► Maj. Dale J. Rutland, '39bus, Oklahoma City, has returned home after four years of overseas duty with the Field Artillery. Major Rutland, who recently was promoted to his present rank from captain, has been serving in the Pacific theater with the 25th Division.