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Two pamphlets have been received at the Alumni Office that are of interest to many Oklahomans. These are the *Cannoneers Post*, the story of the 94th Division Artillery, and the *Story of the 45th Division Artillery*. Both these pamphlets relate the history of their divisions in this war.

The *Cannoneers Post* was published by Capt. J. Leland Gourley, '40, Norman, public relations officer. In the author's note he says: "To the people outside the 94th Division Artillery and members of our immediate family, this book probably will be pretty dull reading. We have not had the space or time to make a more colorful story as it should be. The information contained herein is mostly a succession of plain facts. . . . We have tried hard, though, to dig out of official records, maps and documents exact information which will help give credence to the stories you will tell your wives, sweethearts and grandchildren about how you won the war in Europe." Thus, in a very plain manner is told the story of the 94th from the time of its organization at Fort Custer, Michigan, on September 15, 1942, until hostilities ceased in the European theater of operations.

In a like manner the *Story of the 45th Division Artillery* is told as it follows the division from the time it was called into federal service on September 16, 1940, at Fort Sill, through the continued policing of Munich on May 9, 1945. Among the officers featured by write-ups and pictures in the book are three O.U. alumni. They are Lt. Col. Russell D. Funk, '24, Oklahoma City, commanding officer, 158th Field Artillery battalion; Lt. Col. John Embry, '27law, Chandler, commanding officer, 160th Field Artillery battalion, and Lt. Col. Hal L. Muldrow, Jr., '28bus, Norman, commanding officer, 189th Field Artillery battalion.

Both histories are accompanied by realistic pictures of battles in which the divisions participated.

Wolfard Views Damage

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND STATION, England.—Japan of tomorrow was mirrored for Sgt. Neal E. Wolfard, '37-'40, Norman, when he recently took the "trolley run" to view the devastated and defeated Third Reich in an eight-hour flight in an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress.

Sergeant Wolfard is stationed at this large strategic air depot near Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, where battle-damaged Forts were repaired before further flights into Germany.

It was his first opportunity to observe cities like Kassel, Cologne, Hamburg, Brunswick, Hanover, and Eindhoven. He saw how steel and armament works, chemical and power plants, iron works and refineries were reduced to rubble. Sergeant Wolfard's work, along with others of the Eighth Air Force, aided this achievement.

Missing in Action

Lt. E. B. Setliff, '40-'43, Madill, has been reported missing in action since June 18. He was serving in the Pacific and had flown over 100 combat hours and had made eight raids against Japanese installations. Lieutenant Setliff was awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster in May. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at the University.

Liberated

Lt. Ralph W. Johnson, '41, Durant, has been liberated from a German prison camp, Stalag Luft No. 3. He was captured on April 26, 1943. Lieutenant Johnson was with the 17th Bombardment group.

Discharged

Lt. Col. Walter J. Arnote, '28law, McAlester, has received a discharge from the Army and planned to return to his law practice at McAlester. He was in service five years and served overseas with the Headquarters company of the 45th Division.

► Elmer L. Kirkpatrick, '29ma, storekeeper 2/c, Tryon, has been discharged from the Navy. Mr. Kirkpatrick served on Saipan and other points of action in the Pacific theater of war.

► Master Sgt. Jack S. Lewis, '32, Oklahoma City, has recently received a discharge from the Army. Mr. Lewis, who has returned to his home in Oklahoma City, served overseas with the 28th Air Depot group.

► Capt. Amos Battenfield, '41journ, Norman, has received a discharge from the Army Air Forces on the point system. Captain Battenfield, who was pilot of a B-24 during the first raid on Wake Island, holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Lt. Col. Frederick R. Hood, '30med, Oklahoma City, has been honorably discharged from the Army. He planned to resume his practice in cardiology in the Osler Building, Oklahoma City, July 1. Dr. Hood was originally commissioned in the Army Medical Corps in 1942, when he reported to LaGarde General Hospital, New Or-



FORMER SAILOR NOW MAJOR

Paul W. Reed, '16, Sulphur, who has an extensive and unusual service record, has recently been promoted to the rank of major. Major Reed served in World War I and as chairman of the Murray County Selective Service Board until immediately following Pearl Harbor, when he resigned his position and enlisted in the Navy. He served throughout the Guadalcanal campaign as an enlisted man in the Navy. In May, 1943, he was commissioned in the Motor Transportation Branch of the Army and stationed at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation. Before entering the service, Major Reed was the Ford distributor for southern Oklahoma.

leans, Louisiana.

► Col. Wallace N. Davidson, '19med, Cushing, will receive a discharge from the Army in October. He recently returned to the United States from Burma, where he commanded a 1,600-bed Evacuation Hospital for two years.

► Having acquired more than 100 points under the discharge system, Capt. Phil McCartney, '41, Ponca City, has been discharged from the Army Air Force. He returned to the United States in the fall of 1943 from the South Pacific, where he served as a medium bomber pilot. He has since been stationed at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, and at Coffeyville, Kansas.

► Lt. John R. Couch, '40law, Pryor, has received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Force after serving overseas with the 494th and 432nd Squadrons, and being awarded the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters. He has opened his office in the First National Bank Building, Oklahoma City.

Injured in Action

Lt. Herbert L. Durgan, '37eng, Oklahoma City, was injured in action in Germany last March 25. Returned to the United States for hospitalization, he was stationed at Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, California. Lieutenant Durgan was with the 399th Field Artillery battalion.

Prisoner of War

Capt. Robert L. Cooper, '39law, Pond Creek, was taken prisoner by the Japanese on June 20 while commanding native troops in China. Captain Cooper entered the Field Artillery as a lieutenant in 1943 and was sent to the Chinese theater in January, 1944. He was the only American serving with the segment of the Chinese Army at the post where he was captured. He had been in the interior of China for several months.

Back from Battlefronts

It was a real homecoming recently at the home of Mrs. Joe Bailey Allen, Oklahoma City, when all three of her sons arrived for a visit at the same time. Master Sgt. William M. Allen, '39-'41, had just traded his 110 points for a discharge and was preparing to resume his studies at the University. He was overseas for 32 months, seeing action in Africa, Sicily, Italy, southern France and Germany with a tank outfit. For meritorious service in France and Germany he won the Bronze Star.

Pfc. Charles I. Bailey, '40-'41, a technician with an Air Force ground crew, was stationed at San Angelo, Texas.

Pfc. Joe B. Allen, '43, had been overseas 10 months with the 95th Infantry Division. He saw action in France, Germany, Belgium and Holland. He wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Order of the Purple Heart, which he was awarded for wounds received in the Battle of Metz.

► Lt. James L. Dorland, '41, Norman, is in the United States after serving for 10 months in the European theater of operations. Lieutenant Dorland has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for outstanding achievements in aerial combat against the enemy.

► Pfc. David Wallace, '43, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after a tour of duty

overseas. Private Wallace spent seven months at the front in Europe with the 347th Infantry division.

► Tech. Sgt. John M. Rowntree, '43, Oklahoma City, has arrived home on furlough from the European theater of war. He has been overseas with the Second Infantry regiment since September, 1944. Sergeant Rowntree is holder of the Order of the Purple Heart.

► Capt. Glenn R. Robinson, '41eng, Miami, has returned home on leave after serving 12 months overseas. He has been with the 95th Infantry division since entering the Army. While overseas he served as division ammunition officer. Captain Robinson won the Bronze Star for meritorious services rendered during the Saarlautern campaign. He wears three battle stars on his European theater of operations ribbon.

► Capt. Jimmie G. Andros, '35, Faxon, has returned from a tour of duty in the European theater of operations. Captain Andros served 35 months in North Africa, Italy, Sicily, Corsica and France.

► Lt. Joe F. Adams, '40-'42, Hollis, arrived home recently from the far Pacific. Lieutenant Adams, pilot of a P-38, was with the Jungle Air Force "Vampires" squadron which is credited with shooting down a total of 171 Japanese aircraft.

► Lt. Thomas A. Cardwell, '41eng, Oklahoma City, has arrived in the United States after 28 months in the European theater of operations. He served overseas with the Signal Corps.

► Capt. R. Boyd Gunning, '37law, Norman, was home on leave after 37 months of service in the Pacific as a Field Artillery officer. Captain Gunning served on Bougainville and later on the island of Luzon, where he was stationed from January until the time he started home. Captain Gunning was director of short courses and visual education in the Extension Division before entering the Army.

► Lt. James A. Clark, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after being liberated from a German prison camp near Moosberg. Lieutenant Clark was listed missing in action as of July 23, 1944. A fighter pilot of a P-47, he has received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Order of the Purple Heart.

► Lt. Cecil A. Farrand, '43, Oklahoma City, arrived recently from the China-Burma-India theater of war. He served there as a pilot with the 490th Bombardment squadron. He was re-assigned after his leave at San Antonio, Texas.

► Flight Officer Harold W. Morgan, '32-'35, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after completing a tour of duty in the European theater of war. He was to report to San Antonio, Texas, for re-assignment.

► Maj. Bill Tutin, '35bus, Norman, arrived home for a leave recently from the European theater of operations, where he served with the 18th Corps Artillery.

► Maj. Edgar Roy Oppenheim, '35-'36, Oklahoma City, recently arrived home on leave after serving in North Africa and Italy for two years with the Allied force headquarters. Major Oppenheim, whose recent work has been concerned with the re-deployment of troops, earned the Legion of Merit award for his meritorious efforts to make possible the prompt return of personnel to the United States.

► Lt. Col. John T. Snyder, '36-'40, Enid, has arrived in the United States for re-assignment. Colonel Snyder, who entered the service in July, 1940, holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He served in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

► After serving in the European theater of war for 10 months, Maj. Paul D. Smith, '34pharm, Oklahoma City, has returned home on leave. Major Smith served as battalion executive with the 929th Field Artillery as it moved through France, Belgium and Holland.

► Staff Sgt. Clifford L. Marshall, '43, Norman, returned home on furlough after duty with the Eighth Air Force in England. Sergeant Marshall,

a top turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator, holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was a member of the 389th Bombardment group, which has twice received the Distinguished Unit Citation. At the end of his leave he reported to

The Alumni Office requests the assistance of all readers of Sooner Magazine in completing its records of alumni—both graduates and former students—who have served in the war. The work of compiling information on decorations, combat records and deaths will continue despite the end of the war. If you have any such information about an O.U. alumnus, please mail it to: War Records Secretary, University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, Norman, Oklahoma.

the re-deployment center at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

► Home on 30-day leave recently was Maj. David H. Bridges, '39fa, Oklahoma City. Major Bridges served overseas with the special troops of the 12th Army for 15 months.

► Maj. Charles N. Breeding, '37-'39, Oklahoma City, was home on leave after 11 months of combat duty with the Eighth Air Force in England. Major Breeding, squadron commander of a heavy Bombardment group, flew 23 missions as a command pilot over Germany and occupied countries. He has won the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious action against the enemy.

► After being released from a German prison camp, Capt. Thomas J. Huff, '42med, Walters, has returned home on leave. Captured at Luxembourg on December 19, 1944, he served overseas with various units of the 687th Field Artillery battalion.

► Lt. Robert B. Holland, '32-'35, Norman, has arrived home after a tour of duty in the European theater. Lieutenant Holland, who was with the 933rd Field Artillery battalion, served in Africa, Italy, France and Germany.

► Staff Sgt. James R. Green, '35-'39, Norman, has been home on furlough after serving in the European theater of war with an Eighth Air Force Bombardment group.

► Lt. Lawrence Fuller, '42, Norman, has returned to the United States from Germany for re-deployment to the Pacific area. He was attached to the 410th Bombardment group. Lieutenant Fuller holds the Air Medal with one silver Oak Leaf Cluster and two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Lt. Marshall Hanna, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, has been home on leave after being released from a prison camp in Germany. He was taken prisoner last September 17 after he was forced to bail out of his plane, a P-38. Lieutenant Hanna, who completed 20 missions before being captured, holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Order of the Purple Heart.

► Flight Officer R. L. Hoskinson, '32-'35, Norman, has returned from a year's duty in England and France. He was co-pilot and navigator on a C-47 with a Troop Carrier unit of the First Allied Airborne Army. He reported for re-assignment at Santa Ana, California.

► Lt. John D. Hill, '38-'43, Norman, recently arrived in the United States after duty in Italy. Lieutenant Hill, holder of the Air Medal and the Order of the Purple Heart, was with the 464th Bombardment group. He was to report to Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, for re-assignment.

► Lt. J. L. Johnson, '34bs, Temple, was assigned to duty as officer-in-charge of the Naval Air Facility base at Pyramid Lake, Nevada, after being stationed for 16 months in Florida and six months overseas.

► Cpl. Coulter C. Ray, '37journal, Idabel, has been home for a visit after completing 25 months of service overseas. Corporal Ray, who served in the European theater of war, was with the Quartermasters Corps. He reported to Kelly Field, Texas, for re-assignment.

► Lt. Paul Kelly, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, has completed 18 months of overseas service and returned home on leave. Lieutenant Kelly, who enlisted in March, 1943, served with the Fifth Cavalry. He was to report to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for re-assignment at the end of his leave.

► Lt. James H. Witt, '41, Oklahoma City, was at home on leave after serving 16 months in Italy and India with the Air Force. Lieutenant Witt holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Lt. Henry L. Janssen, '43ba, Lyons, Kansas, returned from seven months of service in Europe last month. He had been serving with the 412th Field Artillery battalion. Mrs. Janssen is the former Marjorie Trent, '43journal.

► Flight Officer Richard W. Varley, '38-'39, McAlester, has returned home from the European theater of war. He entered France on D-day with the 82nd Airborne division, participated in the invasion of Holland with the 101st Airborne division, made the hop across the Rhine with the 17th Airborne division and assisted in the transportation of troops in all the battles of Germany. Overseas for 15 months, he holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Presidential Citation.

► Lt. Ernest J. Richards, '39-'42, Norman, has returned to the United States from the European theater of war. He made the trip aboard the USS *Hermitage*. Lieutenant Richards was with the headquarters company of the 138th Ordnance battalion while overseas.

► Lt. Col. James W. Billings, Jr., '40eng, Norman, has arrived in the United States after 34 months overseas duty as an Ordnance officer. He was in the European theater with headquarters of the 42nd Air Depot group. He returned to the United States aboard the USS *Samuel Livermore*.

► Lt. Melvin L. Parham, '39-'41, Norman, has arrived home from Italy, where he was stationed with the 15th Air Force. He made 20 sorties during his overseas service, and holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and a Presidential Unit Citation. Lieutenant Parham was to report to a San Antonio, Texas, base for re-assignment.

► Capt. Laurence R. Bolen, '40law, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States from the European theater of operations. Captain Bolen, who holds the Bronze Star, was with the First Army from the time of the invasion of Normandy.

► Capt. Emery M. Craighead, '41, Parsons, Kansas, has arrived in the United States after a 32-month tour of duty with a Weather squadron in the Middle East area. Captain Craighead was to be re-assigned at an Air Force distribution center.

► Lt. Raymond Price, '34-'37, Noble, has returned from a tour of duty in the European theater of operations. He participated in three major engagements and was wounded November 30, 1944, in France while fighting with the 44th Infantry division. He was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for the wounds. Lieutenant Price, who has been in the Army since February 1, 1941, went to France in September, 1944.

► After serving 12 months in the Pacific theater Staff Sgt. Creighton Collier, '42-'43, Norman, has arrived in the United States on furlough. Sergeant Collier, who is a radio radar-gunner in the Marine Air Corps, has served on planes carrying wounded from Peleliu, Leyte, Saipan, Guam and other Pacific islands. He was to report to El Centro, California, for re-assignment.

► Capt. Emil F. Meis, Jr., '37bus, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after serving for several months overseas with the 75th Field Artillery. He landed in Normandy on D-day plus one. Captain Meis, who was in service before Pearl Harbor, holds the Bronze Star, the Silver Star, the Order of the Purple Heart, and the E.T.O. ribbon with five battle stars.

Decorations

Lt. Charles R. Kerr, '42law, Pawnee, has received the Bronze Star for outstanding service during the fast carrier raids on Okinawa and

Formosa in October, 1944. His citation read: "For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy during the period October 7 to 21, 1944, while serving as communication and airplot officer of a destroyer attached to a fast carrier force. He designated targets to gun control during air attacks on three days which resulted in the destruction by gunfire of three enemy planes, one unassisted by other ships. His coolness under attack was inspiring and his conduct was at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval service."

► Lt. William C. Woodward, '42zool, Norman, has recently been awarded the Bronze Star. Lieutenant Woodward was stationed at Fort Sill after completing a tour of duty in the European theater of operations. For services rendered as a liaison pilot in Europe Lieutenant Woodward has also been presented the Air Medal. He holds the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received last December.

► Lt. Eugene B. Cruce, '40-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal. Lieutenant Cruce, who served four months overseas as a bomber pilot, has been assigned to the occupational Air Force in Europe as a member of the Second Bombardment group.

► Maj. Thomas P. Conners, '37med, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Of him the citation read: "At all times his bravery and self-sacrifice, beyond that normally expected of him, were an inspiration to all who witnessed his gallant deeds. Such heroism and skillful medical work under fire were truly worthy of the finest traditions of the United States Army." Major Conners served with the 87th Mountain Infantry in Italy.

► Maj. Vern R. James, '37, Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star by Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig, 20th Corps commander. Major James received the award for meritorious services rendered in the Third Army thrust across France to the Moselle River.

► Maj. Leon N. Gilbert, '40, Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat in Europe with the 776th Field Artillery battalion. Major Gilbert recently received his promotion from captain.

► Capt. George McDannold, '42eng, Tulsa, has been decorated with the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in action against the enemy. He was stationed in Italy with the 91st Infantry division. Captain McDannold has been overseas for 16 months.

► For meritorious service in combat in Italy the Bronze Star has been presented to Capt. Neil Keller, '33law, Norman. He has been serving with the Fifth Army at headquarters of the 99th Division. Captain Keller was awarded the Infantry Combat Badge earlier in the year.

► Three Oak Leaf Clusters have been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Stuart W. Clark, '40-'43, Ponca City. Lieutenant Clark, who is credited with 35 combat missions, was a P-38 pilot with the 15th Air Force.

► Col. Frank G. White, '37ba, Henryetta, was decorated with the Legion of Merit for outstanding work done in the Africa-Middle East theater between April, 1943, and August, 1945. When Colonel White arrived in this theater he was the assistant chief of staff of the supply division of the Ninth Air Force. When the Ninth Air Force departed in the fall of 1943 he efficiently undertook the disposal of surplus supplies and moved excess equipment to areas which critically needed them.

► The Distinguished Flying Cross was recently presented to Lt. William L. Hulen, '38-'40, Elgin, for navigational skill displayed while leading his group through adverse weather to a vital target in Germany. The award, "for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight," was presented at a recent ceremony held at the base of the 455th Bombardment group. The action for which he won the medal took place last March 13.

► Lt. James F. Watkins, Jr., '41-'42, Norman,

has been decorated with the Air Medal for action in the Southwest Pacific. He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from April 2, 1945, to May 1, 1945. Lieutenant Watkins took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected.

► The Bronze Star has been awarded to Lt. Col. Gerald D. Shepherd, '32bus, Oklahoma City, who distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on November 9, 1944, in France. The citation read in part: "Colonel Shepherd continually pushed forward his personal reconnaissance despite a heavy concentration of enemy mortar fire, and selected positions from which his battalion was able to bring down effective fire upon the enemy. His actions were largely responsible for his unit's continuous close support of our advancing Infantry." Since the time of this award Colonel Shepherd has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star for other meritorious service. He also is holder of the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

► Capt. Gayfree Ellison, Jr., '40med, Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in action from August 15, 1944, to May 7, 1945, in France and Germany. The citation stated that "Captain Ellison has shown ability, unstinting energy and leadership in action against the enemy which have been of incalculable value and meriting of high praise. He has fulfilled his duties as battalion surgeon with great efficiency and is a credit to himself and to the Army Medical Corps." Captain Ellison, who is with the 2nd Field Artillery Observation battalion, has been overseas since August, 1943.

► For extraordinary achievement against the enemy, Lt. Clarence L. Martin, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, has won the Distinguished Flying Cross. The citation stated in part: "Although his aircraft was critically damaged during the bombing run on an enemy railroad bridge, Lieutenant Martin demonstrated outstanding determination and skill by remaining in formation until he was able to bomb the target with telling effect." Lieutenant Martin was a pilot with the 391st "Black Death" A-26 Invader group.

► Capt. David Paris, '41med, Cushing, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in New Guinea, the Netherlands East Indies, Leyte, and Luzon. Captain Paris is a Medical Corps officer with headquarters company of the 11th Corps.

► "For extraordinary gallantry in action" Lt. Oscar W. Chandler, '34-'36, Oklahoma City, has been presented the Silver Star. The citation stated: "His quick-wittedness and utter disregard of personal welfare reduced an enemy strong point, thereby saving much life and injury among defending Infantryman." Lieutenant Chandler was serving with the 10th Mountain Infantry division in the Apennines.

► Capt. Albert S. Gilles, '37ba, Norman, received the Bronze Star for action with a searchlight battalion in Germany. The citation in part stated: ". . . his leadership, dependability and extreme devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

► The Bronze Star has been presented to Sgt. William M. Tooke, '42-'43, Tulsa, "for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States." The citation further stated: "His intrepid performance in a momentous phase of combat reflects great credit on himself and exemplifies the high tradition of the military service." Sergeant Tooke, overseas since last October, is serving with the 95th Infantry division.

► A gold laurel wreath insignia signifying duty with a meritorious service unit has been presented to Lt. Lee W. Stone, '41law, Bartlesville. He is a member of the 1221st Quartermaster company, which has been officially commended by Brig. Gen. Muron H. Wood, Ninth Air Force Service Command, "for performance of exceptionally difficult tasks and superior performance of normal

duties in England and the liberated countries of Europe." Lieutenant Stone was the officer in charge of procurement and distribution of rations and supplies.

► Lt. Col. Charles P. Brown, '40bus, McAlester, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement" in the Southwest Pacific. Colonel Brown, according to the citation, commanded a light Artillery battalion attached to an Infantry division in an "outstanding manner" from April 5 to April 29, 1945.

► The Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters have been presented to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Conatser, parents of Lt. Jack D. Conatser, '39-'40, Lindsay. These awards were made to Lieutenant Conatser for services rendered his country in action against the enemy after he had been reported missing as of September 27, 1944. He had previously been presented the Silver Star and an Air Medal with 15 clusters for gallant service over continental Europe. Lieutenant Conatser, pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt, was shot down two miles south of Saarbrücken at Wendel, Germany. As yet, no further details have been revealed.

► Two Oak Leaf Clusters have been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Arthur L. McElmurry, '41-'43, Dallas, Texas. He received the awards for meritorious service in action against the enemy as a member of the 504th Bombardment group.

► Lt. Col. Shelton E. Lollis, '38eng, Lawton, has been presented with the Legion of Merit award for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Africa, Italy and France from March 1, 1943, to November 1, 1944. An Ordnance supply officer, Colonel Lollis was cited for his "marked success in re-equipping combat troops after serious losses inflicted at Kasserine Pass, and in establishing and developing new lines of supply to the Second Army Corps in its withdrawal to the northern sector of the Tunisian front."

The citation further stated, "In addition, he demonstrated outstanding ability in mounting troops for the Sicilian and Italian assaults and in the re-build and re-issue of some 1,200 previously deadlined vehicles. Detailed as Coastal Base Section Ordnance representative to the Beach Control Group, Headquarters Seventh Army, for the invasion of southern France, he displayed unusual initiative and ability in making preparations for handling Ordnance class 2 and 4 items on the far shore, and in co-ordinating the receipt, storage, issue and adjustment of Ordnance supplies on three widely separated beaches.

"His subsequent study and instruction of French personnel effected an entire rejuvenation of French Ordnance requisition and supply procedure, hastening the build-up of reserves for the breakthrough in the Belfort Gap, and his sound judgment, vigorous pursuit, and incessant labors contributed immeasurably to the success of Allied forces in southern France."

► For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon Sgt. Richard R. Whittington, '41pharm, Mount Ida, Arkansas, has been awarded the Bronze Star. Sergeant Whittington has been serving in the Pacific war theater with the First Medical battalion.

► Lt. (jg) Robert E. Wolfard, '40-'42, Norman, has been presented with the Air Medal for engaging and destroying an enemy single-engine bomber with his carrier-based fighter plane. Before blasting the Jap plane out of the skies, Lieutenant Wolfard bombed hangars and strafed planes and installations in the Kanoya area.

► The bronze Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Maurice E. Owen, '39bus, Oklahoma City. He was awarded the Cluster for "meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific area." Lieutenant Owen, who has been overseas 12 months, is credited with 75 combat missions in this theater.

► Lt. William K. Garms, '37-'42, Norman, has

been awarded a Certificate of Merit for the "meritorious manner in which he has performed his assigned duties as commissioned officer in a unit of the Eighth Air Force service command in the European theater of war."

► Pfc. Richard M. Cavanaugh, '40, Norman, has been awarded the Medical Badge for exemplary performance of his duties under combat conditions. Private Cavanaugh, a firstaid man with the 32nd Infantry division, served through three major campaigns against the Japanese. He has been overseas for 16 months. Private Cavanaugh also holds the Order of the Purple Heart.

► For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy the Bronze Star has been presented to Maj. Ernest W. Smith, '38law, Oklahoma City. Of him the citation stated: "The professional skill and resourcefulness he displayed, his superior military knowledge and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service." Major Smith served 18 months with the Third Army in France, Luxembourg and Germany.

► Maj. Albert R. Sellers, '28ba, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious conduct in the performance of services from June, 1944, to May, 1945, in the European theater of operations. Major Sellers was commanding officer of the 826th Engineer Aviation battalion which landed in Normandy on D-day plus five. The citation stated: "Throughout all of the campaigns on the continent up until the final defeat of Germany, this unit, due in a large part to the capable supervision of Major Sellers, constructed and rehabilitated many airfields for use of tactical aircraft of the Allied Air Forces. Although consistently close to the frontlines and despite the fact that the front lines moved forward rapidly during the northern France campaign, all assigned tasks were completed promptly."

► Awards of the Bronze and Silver Stars have been made to Capt. Denzil F. Huston, '40law, Oklahoma City. The citation for the Silver Star reads: "His heroic disregard of safety in order to accomplish a vital duty is truly worthy of the finest traditions." On being presented the Bronze Star, he was cited for "tireless service and uncomparable fidelity" in advancing into forward observation posts to establish liaison, and frequently directing supporting Artillery fire. Captain Huston was with the 10th Mountain division of the 616th Field Artillery battalion in Italy.

► Lt. Col. Russell L. Sigler, '38eng, Nowata, was awarded the Legion of Merit on July 4, 1945, for meritorious services rendered while in New Guinea and the Philippines. Colonel Sigler, member of the Ordnance department, served overseas with the Fifth Bomber Command.

► The Bronze Star has been awarded to Lt. Col. Ben L. Burdick, '40ba, Oklahoma City, for meritorious service during the battle for Leyte island in the Philippines. His citation read as follows: "As division Artillery operations and Naval gunfire officer, Major Burdick was instrumental in planning the Naval gunfire support before, during and after the Leyte landing. His knowledge of the capabilities of Artillery fire and of the tactical needs of the Infantry insured proper employment and full utilization of direct and general support Artillery."

► Lt. George B. Brown, '38-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in action against the enemy. Lieutenant Brown has been serving overseas with the 869th Field Artillery battalion.

► Lt. Kemal Saied, '38-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received from anti-aircraft fire while on a mission over Germany on December 11, 1944. He also wears the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters and the Presidential Unit Citation. Lieutenant Saied was pilot of a P-47 with the Ninth Air Force.

► Col. George H. Shirk, '36law, Oklahoma City, was recently awarded the Legion of Honor, grade of cavalier, by the French government at a ceremony in Paris. Colonel Shirk was a general staff corps officer in the European theater. He served 18 months in England.

► Lt. Kenneth E. Will, '39-'41, Enid, has been decorated with the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievements in action against the enemy." He received the award for his action as officer in charge of a weapons company unit of the Second Marine division in three Pacific actions, Guadalcanal, Saipan and Tinian. His citation read: "He performed his duties in an outstanding manner, exhibiting courage and devotion to duty, important factors in the success attained by the unit to which he was assigned. He served his country skillfully and honorably throughout these campaigns and his conduct was at all times in keep-

ing with the highest traditions of the United States Naval service."

► Lt. Carlton O. Relephord, '32eng, Shawnee, has been awarded a Letter of Commendation with ribbon by Admiral William F. Halsey, commander of the Third Fleet. The letter read in part: "His professional skill and tireless devotion to duty were of great benefit to the task group commander in the tactical control of the task group, and his conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service." He won the commendation for action during the western Caroline operation and the



13 ALUMNI VETERANS OF SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION CAMPAIGNS

Thirteen O.U. alumni helped lead the Second Infantry division in its successful campaigns in Normandy, northern France, the Rhineland, the Ardennes and Central Europe. Posed against the Indian Head which is the division's symbol, they are as follows: (left to right, first row) Capt. Laurence R. Bolen, '40law, Oklahoma City; Capt. Thomas M. Brett, '40bus, San Antonio, Texas; Capt. Elvin F. Shultz, '40eng, Oklahoma City; Capt. William S. Jackson, '35-'40, Tipton; (left to right, second row) Capt. Orville R. Callahan, '36bus, Oklahoma City; Maj. B. W. Paden, '38ba, San Antonio; Capt. J. E. Brumm, '40journ, Duncan; Lt. Elmer A. Bray, '33-'36, Tecumseh; (left to right, standing) Maj. F. W. Everts, '39, Norman; Capt. Emil F. Meis, Jr., '37bus, Oklahoma City; Maj. Thomas W. Donnell, '31bus, Lindsay; Maj. Roy W. Gardner, '34, Thomas, and Capt. Muryl G. Crossley, '40bus, Oklahoma City.

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Philippine campaign.

► The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Maj. Gordon L. Eaton, '40, Oklahoma City, who flies with the Billy Mitchell Bombardment group. He has completed a tour of combat flying duty with 35 missions over Japanese territory. He also flew in the mass migration of B-29's from India to the Mariannas Islands. He holds the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and four bronze battle stars.

► The Bronze Star has been awarded to Lt. Louis R. Devaney, '36med, Sayre, a Navy doctor, for meritorious achievement on Saipan from June 15 to August 5, 1944. The accompanying citation said in part, "His unusual ability, tireless energy and devotion to duty were directly responsible for the saving of many lives and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service." Lieutenant Devaney has completed 18 months of service with the Fourth Marine division, which won its Presidential Unit Citation during the Mariannas campaign.

► The Ordre Nationale de la Couronne de Chene has recently been added to the honors won by Col. Alvin L. Gorby, '25med, Oklahoma City. The medal was bestowed by Prince Felix of Luxembourg on behalf of the Grand Duchess at a special ceremony in Wiesbaden. The Legion of Merit of the United States Army and the Legion D'Honneur and Croix de Guerre with Palms of France have also been presented to him. Colonel Gorby has been a surgeon with the First Infantry division.

► Capt. Billy T. Taylor, '37eng, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from June 26, 1944, to March 16, 1945, in Italy, France and Germany. The citation presented with the medal read in part, "As battalion officer, Captain Taylor carried out numerous advance reconnaissance missions for his battalion, despite the danger of minefields, by-passed pockets of resistance and sniper fire. Captain Taylor's fearlessness and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the members of his unit." He served in Germany with the 522nd Field Artillery battalion.

► Lt. Charles W. Morgan, '36, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for participating in a series of heavy incendiary bombing missions against Japan in March. The accompanying citation read in part: "The rapid succession in which each mission followed the other allowed a minimum time for rest and recuperation. In spite of weariness and fatigue, physical and mental strain, and the hazardous flying conditions, Lieutenant Morgan displayed such courage and skill as to reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces." Lieutenant Morgan was pilot of a Superfortress based on Saipan.

► Lt. James A. Huser, '40fa, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work as a Navy flier during nearly three years of service in the Pacific. As a member of Navy Composite Squadron Four, Lieutenant Huser participated in operations at Saipan, Tinian, Palau, Ulithi and Leyte. For eight months after going overseas he was stationed aboard the U.S.S. *Concord* as aviator and deck officer. In 1942 he transferred to the carrier U.S.S. *White Plains*, where he served as squadron flight officer. Lieutenant Huser has returned to the United States and was stationed at the Norman Naval Air Station. He has transferred from the Naval Reserve to the regular Navy.

► Lt. Buck R. Rex, Jr., '37-'40, Tuttle, has recently been awarded the Air Medal for his work as navigator on a transport plane with a Troop Carrier group. He was overseas for two years in the Southwest Pacific.

► Lt. George L. Gibbons, '40-'42, Purcell, has been awarded the Bronze Star for service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period from December 26, 1944, to April 26, 1945, in Germany. His citation read in part: "Lieutenant Gibbons displayed untiring devotion to duty and inspiring leadership

as battery executive officer. His meritorious service contributed materially to the success of his organization. His outstanding courage and tireless efforts are in accordance with the highest military traditions." Lieutenant Gibbons was attached to the 578th Field Artillery battalion.

► Lt. Col. William C. Lindstrom, '34med, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in establishing a Field Hospital overseas in which more than 1,000 casualties were treated and 180 operations performed in the first five days. "When the urgency was relieved he set up his personnel in a building to give general hospital service to 1,000 patients a week. His brilliant performance of duty and superior initiative are highly commendable." Colonel Lindstrom took part in the campaigns in Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Holland, Belgium and Germany. He holds an outstanding unit citation, a British army commendation for work in the Holland invasion and the Bronze Star. For wounds suffered in Normandy, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

► Lt. Col. James E. Mills, '36eng, Norman, member of the Marine Corps, has been presented with a letter of commendation with ribbon at a ceremony in Washington. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, commandant of the Marine Corps, made the presentation. The letter lauded Colonel Mills' energy, initiative and leadership, which "contributed materially to the success of the Marine Corps Artillery fire." Colonel Mills previously won the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry in action at Tarawa.

► Capt. Philip Sureck, '33law, Oklahoma City, has been decorated with the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in performing his duties during service in the European theater of operations. Captain Sureck was with the First Infantry division.

► The Bronze Star was recently presented to Maj. Joel C. Kelley, '37bus, Oklahoma City, by Brig. Gen. Edward S. Ott, commanding general of the 15th Corps Artillery. The medal was presented at a ceremony at Salzburg, Austria. His citation commended him for meritorious service and conscientious devotion to duty during the hard days of the Seventh Army's drive into Germany. Major Kelley was a member of 15th Corps headquarters.

► Capt. Paul D. Cummings, '39law, Alva, was recently presented the Legion of Merit by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Jr., then commanding general of the Seventh Army. He was awarded the medal for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services."

► Lt. Ralph E. Reiger, '41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for joining an aerial battle in which enemy planes outnumbered American aircraft. His gasoline and ammunition were nearly exhausted when he joined the fray following a dive-bombing and strafing attack, but he destroyed one German plane and landed safely at an advance airfield. Lieutenant Reiger was a P-47 Thunderbolt pilot with the 365th "Hell Hawk" group of the Ninth Air Force until he returned to the United States in May.

► Lt. Col. William A. Lucas, '36ba, Tuttle, has been awarded the Bronze Star and the Croix de Guerre for meritorious achievements in action against the enemy. He served in Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe. Colonel Lucas is now a member of the staff and faculty of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill. He is also holder of the Order of the Purple Heart.

Deaths in Service

Lt. O. Keith Bergdall, '43bus, Meno, was killed in a vehicular accident in Austria on May 8. A message from the War Department said only that the vehicle in which he was riding left the road and overturned. Lieutenant Bergdall was a Field Artillery officer with the 80th Division of the Third Army. He had been in the European theater since July 1 and was wounded in action

near Metz, France, on September 18. He was hospitalized in England. Upon his return to his division he traveled with it through Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Czechoslovakia and into Austria. He was commissioned in June, 1943, at Fort Sill. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Bergdall, Meno.

► Maj. Charles W. Miller, '27geol, Sapulpa, must be presumed to have been killed in action December 15, 1944, according to a recent announcement from the War Department. Major Miller, who went overseas with a Bombardment group in October, 1941, was listed by the Japanese as one of 942 prisoners who lost their lives when a transport, presumably on the way to Japan from Manila, was bombed and sunk last December. Major Miller was a member of Mystic Keys, Sigma Gamma Epsilon geology fraternity and the Pick and Hammer club. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Lu Miller, and son, Charles Garnett, Henryetta, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller, Sapulpa.

► Lt. (jg) Warren L. Keely, '41, Arcadia, was killed by a Japanese suicide plane attack last October 30 during the battle for Leyte. He was at first listed as missing in action. Lieutenant Keely was killed when the plane struck the flight deck of the aircraft carrier where he was preparing to take off. He held the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism as leader of a group of four Navy fighter planes which attacked 32 Japanese bombers and fighters near Formosa on October 13, 1944. Lieutenant Keely entered the Navy training program in 1941, and joined the fleet in May, 1944. Survivors include his wife, the former Rachael Hefley, '41ba, '42libsci, and a son, Lee, both of Norman, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keely, Arcadia.

► William Arthur Alexander Hamilton, '44, Oklahoma City, died August 7 of infantile paralysis in Austin, Texas, where he was a Navy V-12 student at the University of Texas. Mr. Hamilton attended Oklahoma City schools and was graduated from Classen High School in 1943, where he won the Classen award and the mathematics award. He entered the University in the summer of 1943 and was a member of Delta Chi fraternity and Phi Eta Sigma national honor society for freshmen. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hamilton, and one brother, D. C. Hamilton, Jr., of Oklahoma City.

► Lt. Bob G. White, '40bus, White City, New Mexico, was killed in action on November 20, 1944, the Alumni Office has learned. Lieutenant White, who was a pilot in the Army Air Force, was shot down over Germany. He was a member of Acacia fraternity, and was manager of the Carlsbad Cavern Tourist Courts, Carlsbad, New Mexico, prior to entering the service. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. C. L. White, White City.

► Lt. James F. Clark, Jr., '42-'43, Dallas, Texas, was killed in a plane crash May 22, 1944, at Victoria, Texas, the Alumni Office has learned. Lieutenant Clark was an instructor at Foster Field, Victoria. Both he and a student were killed when their plane ran into a storm and was destroyed. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clark, Dallas.

► Lt. Jack W. Haggard, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, was killed on June 8 in France. He was a combat pilot of a P-38 with the Ninth Air Force in Belgium and had completed 49 missions. Lieutenant Haggard was the holder of two Bronze Stars and the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters. His wife, Mrs. Patricia Haggard, Oklahoma City, has received a letter from his commander, Maj. Gen. E. R. Quesada, commending his courage and skill. Survivors include Mrs. Haggard, a 6-month-old son, Duane Wilson Haggard, and his mother, Mrs. Francis Haggard, all of Oklahoma City.

► Sgt. James J. Jones, '39journ, Madill, was killed on October 4, 1944, according to word received from the War Department. He was aboard a Japanese prison ship en route to China when it was torpedoed and sunk by an American submarine. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese

April 24, 1943. Sergeant Jones, who entered the service in 1941, worked on the *Madill Record* and the *Daily News-Sun*, at Hobbs, New Mexico, before entering the service. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Inez Jones, Ardmore.

► Capt. John H. Akin, '37, Lakeland, Florida, was killed on a bombing mission over Belgium last February 25, the Alumni Office has learned. Other details were not available. Captain Akin, a squadron flight commander with the 19th Tactical Air Command's Thunderbolt "Raider" group, had flown more than 20 missions in co-ordinated air activity with ground forces in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. He held the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. Captain Akin received his wings at Maxwell Field, Alabama, in July, 1941. Survivors include his wife and son, John H. Akin, Jr., of Lakeland.

► Lt. Denny C. Ivey, '37eng, Big Spring, Texas, was killed in action on February 21 when the *USS Bismarck Sea* was sunk. Lieutenant Ivey, who was main engineer on the carrier, left the ship safely but was killed in the water. He took part in the invasions of Leyte, Luzon, and Lingayen Bay. At the University, Lieutenant Ivey was a member of the American Institute of Mechanical Engineers, American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the Engineers' Club. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ivey, Big Spring, Texas.

► Capt. Stanley L. Evans, '42, Shawnee, was killed in action on March 8, 1945. He was first pilot on a B-24 Liberator which went down in the Adriatic Sea, on the way from a base in Yugoslavia to a target in Hungary. Captain Evans enlisted in the Air Force in November, 1941, and was commissioned September 6, 1942. He went overseas and was stationed at a base in Italy on March 8, 1945. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fayette H. Evans, and a sister, Patricia Evans, Shawnee, and his wife, Mrs. Stanley L. Evans, Casper, Wyoming.

► Lt. Louis L. Surber, '37-'40, Norman, was killed in action on November 18, 1944, according to a message received from the War Department. He was first listed as missing in action on that date. At the outbreak of the war he was on Palmyra Island in the Pacific with a Naval Air-base Construction company. He returned to the United States in March, 1942, and enlisted in the Army Air Force. He received his wings and commission August 30, 1943. Lieutenant Surber went overseas in March, 1944, and saw action in Italy, Corsica, and southern France. He was awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Order of the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. Lieutenant Surber was on the University swimming team, winning the Big Six breast stroke championship in 1940. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Surber, Norman.

► Lt. Franklin H. Burnett, '34-'35, Hale, Missouri, was killed in action on March 22, 1944, the Alumni Office has learned. Lieutenant Burnett, whose plane was shot down over Germany, was with the 24th Bombardment squadron. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Maude Burnett, Hale.

► Lt. Walter R. Brown, Jr., '39, Grandfield, has been declared officially dead by the War Department. He had been missing in action since March 16, 1944, when he went alone into enemy territory to rescue one of the men who did not return from a mission. He was serving with the 88th Division in Italy. Lieutenant Brown attended Cameron Junior College, Lawton, and the University of New Mexico in addition to O.U. He served a year in Puerto Rico as an enlisted man after he entered the Army and returned to the United States for officer training. He went overseas in October, 1943. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown, Grandfield.

► Maj. Harold E. Rickner, '28-'32, formerly of Norman, was killed in a plane crash in Europe on July 29. Major Rickner was a liaison pilot with the Field Artillery attached to the Ninth Army. Survivors include his wife and child, of Stillwater, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rickner, Enid, and a brother, Ray Rickner, Norman.

► Capt. Henry Martin Doughty, '23-'26, Okla-

homa City, has died in action, the Alumni Office has learned. Captain Doughty was captured by the Japanese in the Philippines at the fall of Corregidor, and it was later learned that he died in a prison camp. Further details were not available.

Promotions

Eugene W. Ridings, '17-'18, Medford, has recently been promoted to the rank of brigadier general. General Ridings, who has been overseas with headquarters of the 14th Corps, holds the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal and the Order of the British Empire (honorary).

Alumni promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel are Carmon C. Harris, '29law, Oklahoma City, who is a staff judge advocate stationed in Paris, France; Alfred H. Bungardt, '39med, Oklahoma City, with the Sixth Army on Luzon; Patrick Lawson, '29med, Marietta, who is now serving in Germany, and Robert T. Hughes, '33pharm, Apache, commanding officer of the 915th Field Artillery battalion in Europe.

Promoted to major recently were the following: John J. Cummins, '40law, Chattanooga, overseas with headquarters of the 416th Field Artillery group; Wallace M. Danvers, '40, Oklahoma City, with the 308th Bombardment wing; Lafayette H. Wright, '41law, Blackwell, 869th Field Artillery officer; G. L. Noah, '26-'29, Oklahoma City, in the European theater with the intelligence division of the Engineers Corps; Joel C. Kelley, '37bus, Oklahoma City, overseas with the 87th Field Artillery; Norval M. Locke, '40ed, Ardmore, in the United States after completing 11 months of service in the European theater; George T. Montgomery, '41law, Durant, with the 693rd Field Artillery battalion; Glenn M. Stinson, '36pharm, Oklahoma City, at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill; Dahl M. Duff, '36journ, Lawton, with a Field Artillery battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Lee F. Bond, '32-'33, Stigler, serving in the European theater; Jerry B. Morgan, '40, Enid, with the 645th Tank Destroyer battalion; Ben B. Blakeney, '29ba, Oklahoma City, who is now stationed at Orlando, Florida; Crawford D. Bennett, Jr., '32law, Oklahoma City, who served for 20 months with a Chemical Warfare unit in the China-Burma-India theater; Arthur G. Butler, '28-'29, Oklahoma City, who has been serving with a supply squadron at an air depot overseas, and Robert A. Sellman, '40eng, Tulsa, who is engineering officer with a Bombardment group of the Fifth Air Force in the Philippines.

Those advanced to captain are as follows: Emery M. Craighead, '41, Parsons, Kansas, serving in the European area; Carroll Samara, '40law, Oklahoma City, at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio; George R. Sullivan, '41bus, Norman, Engineers Corps; Edwin P. Wheeler, '40eng, Sallisaw, overseas with a Signal battalion; George Summers, Jr., '40-'41, Tulsa, pilot of a C-54 based in the Philippines; William E. Tankersley, Jr., '42eng, Muskogee, with the 33rd Division on Luzon; Herbert J. Fourt, '37-'39, Oklahoma City, in the European area with the 169th Field Artillery battalion; Bruce L. Katz, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, with the Air Force in India.

Kenneth W. Lott, '42eng, Okmulgee, in the South Pacific with the Field Artillery; John Frederick Keester, '35-'40, Oklahoma City, overseas; H. Jack Kraettli, '40eng, Atchison, Kansas, at Fort Ord, California; John Mogab, '43med, Enid, in Europe; William E. Merritt, '38-'42, Maysville, pilot of a P-51 Mustang in the Pacific area; C. W. Beson, Jr., '41eng, Claremore, at a Ninth Air Force depot in England; J. G. Huddleston, '42eng, Seminole, overseas with a weather squadron; Jack E. Whitener, '41bs, Duncan, Eglin Field, Florida; Irving D. Ross, '41law, Newkirk, overseas with a service squadron; William W. Miller, '39-'41, Tahlequah, with the Air Force in the Marianas; William T. Storts, Jr., '39-'40, Sallisaw, in New Guinea; J. P. Hart, '37ms, Oklahoma City, stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi; Ernest E. Bleakley, '41ba, Lawton, Army Air Force; Dale Van Vacter, '35, Oklahoma City,

Sooner of the Month



Carlene Roberts, '34fa, formerly of Oklahoma City, became the first woman in the nation to hold a high-ranking official position with a commercial airline company recently when she was named assistant vice president of American Airlines.

Miss Roberts first entered the aviation field as secretary to C. M. Mosier, vice president of American Airlines in Chicago and former city manager of Oklahoma City. In 1939, when the company moved its headquarters from Chicago to New York's LaGuardia Field, Miss Roberts drew the assignment of setting up a housing department in New York to find homes for company employees.

After completing that job, she was made assistant to Mr. Mosier and put in charge of his Washington office. She held that position until the recent promotion to assistant vice president.

Before joining American Airlines, Miss Roberts was associated with the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.



now at Crile General Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio; Finis A. Mitchell, '37-'39, Muskogee, with the 11th Air Force, and Kay Wilson, Jr., '42law, Muskogee, overseas with the Army Air Force.

Recently promoted to the rank of first lieutenant were Robert M. Caywood, '37-'41, Fort Worth, Texas, who completed 12 months of service overseas with the 10th Air Force; Elmer A. Ulmer, '42-'43, Elk City, bombardier-navigator of a B-26; Calvin D. Hawkins, '39-'41, Norman; James H. Davis, '42geol, Muskogee, overseas with the Third Military Railway Service; J. J. Dulin, '43eng, Norman, in France with the Signal Corps; Philip Morgan, '39-'43, Tecumseh, stationed in the Philippines; James W. Amis, '37-'38, with the Air Force at Big Spring, Texas; James L. Armstrong, '43bus, Oklahoma City, with the 760th Tank battalion; and George W. Allen, Jr., '34-'38, Oklahoma City, overseas with the Transportation Corps.

Marvin L. Ralston, '44, Lawton, has earned a battlefield promotion from staff sergeant to lieutenant. He is serving as a motor officer in Austria. Donald Barnes, '40ba, Ponca City, was recently commissioned as second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Promoted to the rank of sergeant are Chandler B. Foster, '29-'30, Chickasha, overseas with a finance distribution section; Quinton Griffith, '27-'30, Okemah, and A. John Speziale, '42pharm, New Britain, Connecticut, with the 86th Field Hospital. Creighton Galloway, '42-'43, Duncan, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.