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Butler With U.S.F.A.

Capt. Robert W. Butler, '35-'38, Sapulpa, was among the first Americans to enter Vienna as a member of General Clark's forces in Austria. Captain Butler is chief of the real estate section of the Vienna Area Command. He will work under General Clark in the Army of Occupation, exercising military control over governmental agencies during the rehabilitation period. Captain Butler is a member of the U.S.F.A., United States Forces in Austria, formed from American personnel of the 15th Army group, which fought through Italy and forced the unconditional surrender of the German armies in the Mediterranean theater several days before the complete collapse of the enemy in Europe. Captain Butler holds a Bronze Star.

I Already Am, Thank You

Maj. Doyle C. McGuggin, '34-'40, Enid, was operations officer of a B-29 group regularly flying missions over Japan when he received a letter from the University asking, "How would you like to bomb Tokyo in a B-29?" Major McGuggin reports he thought someone was trying to be funny until he realized the letter was part of a campaign for alumni, students and friends of the University to buy enough bonds to purchase a B-29 for that purpose.

Discharged

Capt. Richard Roys, '39med, Norman, recently went to Seattle, Washington, where he was to receive his discharge from the Medical Corps. Since returning from the Southwest Pacific he has been stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. His brother, Capt. Harvey Roys, '43med, has been assigned to the Army of Occupation in Korea.

► Jim Gowdy, '28law, has returned to his position as city attorney of Oklahoma City after receiving a discharge from the Army Air Force. Holding the rank of captain, he served a tour of duty in the China-Burma-India theater.

► Capt. I. Frank Haxel, '32, recently discharged from the United States Army after three and one-half years spent in India, Burma, and Tibet, now resides with his family at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and is pursuing his civilian occupation of United States Postal Inspector.

Liberated

Capt. Clifford C. Hines, '34, Norman, who was taken prisoner in the fall of the Philippines, and Capt. Alex Welcher, '40geol, Norman, who was also taken prisoner in the fall of the Philippines, were returned to American Military control in Japan on September 8. Captain Hines and Captain Welcher, both who have been overseas for four years, were in the same camp at Zentsuji, and during the long period of their internment, they occasionally were able to get short wave radio messages through to their families. They were reported to be in fair health and are expected to be returned to the States soon.

Back From Battlefronts

Lt. Sam Roys, '39-'42, Elk City, has returned to the United States after flying 35 missions in China and being reported missing for 34 days when he was forced to bail out over enemy-occupied territory. At that time four of the 11 crew members of his B-24 were captured, but all escaped and reached safety. Lieutenant Roys holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for each. He went to China in July, 1944, as pilot of a B-24. Upon his return to this country he was stationed at the Army Air Field, Bryan, Texas.

► Lt. Col. Charles R. Taylor, '17-'18, Oklahoma City, returned recently from Europe where he saw action in the campaigns of northern France, the Rhineland and central Europe. Colonel Taylor and the 207th Field Artillery battalion were separated from the rest of the 45th Division in De-

ember, 1941, and were sent to Panama for Canal protection duty.

► Lt. Col. Kirk Woodliff, '37law, holds numerous war medals including the Croix de Guerre, the European theater campaign ribbon with four battle stars and two Bronze Star medals, one with an Oak Leaf Cluster. Colonel Woodliff recently returned from Europe and was temporarily stationed at Fort Sill.

► Lt. Pren G. Hollingsworth, '42, Norman, reported to the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, for reassignment after flying 40 missions in the European theater. He is the holder of the Air Medal with four clusters and the Purple Heart.

► Capt. Nathaniel Bert Smith, '37-'42, Oklahoma City, returned recently from Germany, where he has been stationed for the last 45 months. He served with the 58th Armored Field Artillery battalion that landed in Africa November 8, 1942.

► Lt. Everett M. Lewis, '39geol, Norman, has returned from service outside the continental United States and was being processed at the Redistribution Station, Miami Beach, Florida. Lieutenant Lewis served seven months as a platoon leader in the European theater of operations. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the European campaign ribbon with two battle stars.

► Lt. Col. Milton Gordon, '38eng, Tulsa, returned recently after two and one half years in the Mediterranean area, where he served with the 324th Air Service group throughout the campaigns of northern Africa and Italy.

► Capt. Frank L. Knotts, '38med, Stillwater, returned recently after spending the last 23 months with the Second Auxiliary Surgical group in North Africa, Italy and southern France. Since his return he has been stationed at Winter General Hospital, Topeka, Kansas.

► William E. Kent, '43bus, Tecumseh, technician third grade, returned recently from Europe where he had been for the last 20 months. He has been awarded the Bronze Star medal and the ETO ribbon with stars for campaigns in France.

► Capt. Howard Moyer, '39-'40, Norman, returned recently by way of a slow freighter from Calcutta, India. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and Cluster, and ribbons for Pre-Pearl Harbor, American theater, European theater and Pacific theater with three stars.

► Capt. John B. Hobbs, '33-'35, Oklahoma City, who recently returned from China, where he was aide to a general, has been assigned to duty with Army Air Force headquarters in Washington, D.C.

► Lt. William J. Mayhall, '42ba, Oklahoma City, arrived home last month on leave after being stationed in the European theater of operations for two years.

► Lt. Fred Reynolds, '40-'43, Norman, has returned to the United States after serving with a heavy Ordnance unit in Europe since before Christmas. His organization saw service in France and Germany.

► Capt. Carl A. Reid, '40eng, Oklahoma City, had a 30-day leave after flying home from Germany late this summer before reporting for duty at Fort Sill. He and Mrs. Reid planned to establish a home in Lawton.

► Ensign M. X. Beard, Jr., '40eng, Norman, has returned to the United States after serving for 11 months aboard a destroyer in the Pacific. He was assigned to a damage control school in San Francisco for a special course.

► Lt. Col. David Brooks, '34, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States from foreign duty, holder of the Bronze Star, a European theater ribbon with ten battle stars, and a French medal. He was to be re-assigned at San Antonio, Texas.

► Capt. Victor B. Monnett, '37geol, Norman, has returned home on leave after one year's service overseas in England, France, Belgium, Holland

and Germany. Captain Monnett, Army engineer with the 1657th Engineers group, was to report to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, at the end of a 30-day leave.

► Capt. Gayfree Ellison, '40med, Norman, home after two years in the Mediterranean and European theaters of war, has received his discharge from the Army Medical service. Captain Ellison, battalion surgeon for the Second Field Artillery Observation battalion, was stationed in North Africa, Cassino, Rome, France and Germany. He arrived in the States from Regensburg, Germany, and reported to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, where he received his discharge.

► Pfc. James G. Bruton, '34-'39, Oklahoma City, has been home on leave after serving with the Third Army in France, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Private Bruton was on a 30-day furlough before reporting to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

► Maj. Wallace Hackett, '35, Norman, was expected home from the European theater in the middle of September. He planned to visit the O.U. campus and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hackett. Mr. Hackett is bookkeeper of the University Book Exchange.

► Cpl. John B. Geary, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, was home on leave recently after serving in England with an intelligence unit of the Eighth Air Force. He wears a Presidential Unit Citation ribbon and the E.T.O. ribbon with four battle stars.

► Cpl. Joe C. Dolman, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, has been at home on a 30-day leave following two years of service with the Third Army Field Artillery in Europe. Corporal Dolman holds the Order of the Purple Heart and wears five battle stars.

► Cpl. LeRoy McCollum, '38-'41, Oklahoma City, has been home on leave after serving overseas two years with a Signal company of the Second Infantry. He was in action from D-day to V-E day in Europe. Corporal McCollum was to report to Camp Swift, Texas, for re-assignment.

► Lt. Clifford Cole, '33-'36, Norman, recently returned from 18 months of duty with the Navy in the Pacific, and was to report for duty at the Naval Hospital at San Diego, California.

► Lt. Richard M. McCool, Jr., '41ba, Norman, arrived in the United States in August for hospitalization after being wounded in action off Okinawa in June. He was first in hospitals in Oakland and San Leandro, California, later being transferred to the Navy Hospital at Norman.

► Capt. William H. Bollinger, '34eng, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States from Europe, where he was stationed for 16 months. Preparatory to receiving a leave he reported to Fort MacArthur, California.

► Capt. William B. Armstrong, '40geol, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States from Italy, where he served for two years.

► Sgt. John L. Bumgarner, Jr., '40-'42, Norman, was assigned to the San Antonio, Texas, Air Force Personnel Distribution Command upon his return from the China-Burma-India theater, where he was stationed for more than two years.

► Capt. Bryce DeLong, '42, Noble, has arrived in the United States after spending eight months overseas with the 13th Airborne division and participating in the battles for the Rhine and central Germany.

► Lt. Burt E. Sheriff, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, pilot of a B-24, recently returned from duty in the Pacific, where he spent 13 months. He was to report for reassignment at San Antonio, Texas.

► Lt. Andrew Crosby, Jr., '41law, Lawton, has been home on leave after serving for nine months in the European theater as a First Artillery Observation officer with the Seventh Army.

► Robert D. Conrad, '41-'42, Hugo, pharmacist's mate second class, is on the staff of the Naval Hospital at Great Lakes, Illinois, after serving for 25 months with amphibious forces in the Southwest Pacific.

► Lt. Col. George S. Bozalis, '35med, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after 17 months of duty as chief of medical service with the 109th Evacuation Hospital in Europe. Colonel Bozalis holds the Bronze Star and wears five battle stars.

► Lt. Col. Lloyd W. Taylor, '41med, Hugo, was home on leave late this summer after spending three years with the Medical Corps in the South Pacific. He has recently been assigned as chief of the hospitalization and evacuation section in Manila. Colonel Taylor holds the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star and a Presidential Unit Citation.

► Col. Edward F. Hubbard, '38bus, Frederick, who recently returned from service in the European theater with the Air Force, was to be stationed at Palm Springs, California.

► Capt. Edwin C. Yeary, '39med, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States from Europe and was being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, Miami Beach, Florida. Captain Yeary was reported missing in action in Belgium as of December 19, 1944, but was later liberated from a German prison camp.

► Capt. Jacob W. Zadik, '39geol, Dallas, Texas, has been assigned as a member of the staff and faculty of the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill. He is a veteran of the Italian campaigns and holds the Bronze Star medal.

► Maj. William S. Lancey, '38ba, Norman, has returned from service in the European theater, where he was stationed for 25 months, and was being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, Miami Beach, Florida. Major Lancey holds the Order of the Purple Heart, a Distinguished Unit Citation and an E.T.O. ribbon with six battle stars.

► Lt. William C. Woodward, '42zool, Norman, has been assigned to the staff and faculty of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill. He is a veteran of service in northern France, the Ardennes, Rhineland and central Europe, and holds a Bronze Star, an Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

► Lt. Harvey Aronson, '41-43, Oklahoma City, was at home on a 45-day furlough. He had been stationed with the Army Infantry in Germany.

► Capt. Edward E. McCollum, '37-'41, Bartlesville, returned home recently after spending the past seven months in Joigny, France, where he was stationed with the Headquarters division, Artillery, 13th Airborne division. He arrived in New York aboard the "Madawaska Victory."

► Lt. (jg) Fred W. Hoover, '42chem, has recently returned from naval duty in the Pacific.

► Lt. Andrew Prosky, Jr., '41law, recently returned from overseas duty where he served with the 292nd F.O.B.

► Staff Sgt. Robert Ray Kirk, '41-42, Muskogee, served 21 months overseas and has been reassigned to duty at Westover Field, Mass.

► Capt. Glen R. Robinson, '41eng, Miami, recently returned from the European theater of operations. He is a wearer of the Bronze Star.

► Howard Cowan, '31-'32, Shawnee, an AP war correspondent, has returned from Europe where for 19 months he covered front line actions, interviewed high Nazi officials, and worked with Gen. Eisenhower.

"Big shot" Nazis interviewed by Mr. Cowan included Goering, Kesselring and Von Rundstedt. The Kesselring interview was probably the most interesting. Three American newsmen were directed by a German MP still on duty to his headquarters at Stalfelden, Austria.

Without rations the newsmen accepted an invitation to dinner on the Kesselring train. The food was "washed down" with a mixture of vermouth and water. At the close of the meal the Kesselring aide raised his glass with a toast—"To peace!"

Goering was "scared to death" when he came out for an interview. Being stripped of his medals left him feeling naked and he kept running a pudgy hand over his uniform where special strips of cloth were sewn to hold them.

Mr. Cowan worked in a correspondents' "pool" with General Eisenhower and came to know him close-up. General "Ike" showed an almost superhuman ability to snap back answers to correspondents' questions, any where, any time.

The next two months will be a vacation for the

newsmen, his wife and four-year-old son, Steve. His next job may be in England. The AP wants him to go back and that's the only country where he can take his family.

In Army University in England

Late in September, Senator James C. Nance of Purcell reported to the Alumni Office that Staff Sgt. Lawson A. Thomas, '41, is now enrolled in the Army University in England. Sergeant Thomas is studying fine arts and commercial art in Shrivenham, England. While he attended the University of Oklahoma prior to war service, he was a staff employee of the Alumni Association in the publications division doing art work.



More than 1400 names on the United States Armed Forces Institute roll are reviewed and checked by Elsie Hughes (top), Mrs. Glenn Jones (center) and Virginia Follmar (lower) of the Correspondence Study Department.

Graduates in Aviation Medicine

First Lt. Thomas P. Anderson, '40bs, '43med, MC, son of Dr. P. H. Anderson, Anadarko, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Mabel I. Anderson, 2555 N.W. 21st street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, graduated from the Army Air Forces School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas, on September 15, 1945.

Under the guidance of its Commandant, Brig. Gen. Eugene G. Reinartz, the School of Aviation Medicine specializes in training physicians and surgeons in a special branch of medical knowledge, practically unknown during World War I, but which now aids in safe-guarding the lives of Army pilots and Air Force personnel.

The intensive course in Aviation Medicine which Lt. Anderson has just completed is one prerequisite for attaining the wings of a "Flight Surgeon" in the Medical Corps, U.S. Army Air Forces.

Deaths in Service

Lt. James J. Evans, '36-'37, Spaulding, was killed in action last December 18 in Belgium, when he remained behind to protect his men as they retreated from a position. A letter to his wife from his captain related his death as follows: "We met the enemy about 0500 the morning of December 18, and I sent Lieutenant Evans' platoon across

the river to engage the enemy. While there he encountered such numbers of Germans I ordered him to withdraw across the river and take up a defensive position along the river. He stayed in position until it was overrun by the enemy. He then ordered his men to withdraw into town, while he and a few men remained as a rear guard. He left only when the Germans entered the house he was occupying. While running up the street to join his platoon, he was fired on by a German machine gun and an 88 mm. gun. He was hit before he could cross the street. . . ."

Lieutenant Evans enlisted in the Army in June, 1939, after attending Infantry Officers' Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Evans, Spaulding, and his wife, Mrs. Bernice F. Evans, and son, James J., Jr., of Hobbs, New Mexico.

► Lt. Wayne Hendricks, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, was killed on July 30 in an air raid over Kyushu. He was navigator of a B-25. Lieutenant Hendricks entered the Air Force in June, 1942, receiving his commission at Hondo, Texas, in February, 1944. At the University he was a student in the College of Business Administration. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Virginia Elizabeth Hendricks, a five-month-old son, Douglas, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hendricks, all of Oklahoma City.

► Lt. (jg) Richard Dixon, '38bus, Shamrock, Texas, and Elk City, died in a Navy hospital in Brooklyn, New York, on August 25. He had shortly before been flown to the United States from Wake Island. Lieutenant Dixon received training at the Operational Training School, Treasure Island, California, before going to the South Pacific. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dixon, Shamrock, and an aunt, Mrs. H. R. Payne, Elk City.

► Milus Hall, '27-'28, formerly of Hobart, died in October, 1942, in a Japanese prison camp, the War Department has announced. He was taken prisoner when Bataan fell. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. C. K. Hall, LaJolla, California, and a brother, Linley K. Hall, '26-'28, manager of a Safeway store at Mission Beach, California.

► Lt. James E. White, '41-'43, Checotah, was killed in an airplane crash on his way from China to the Philippines early in August. He was awarded an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters on July 15 in ceremonies on Luzon. Lieutenant White was assistant group operations officer of the Fighter group to which Capt. Vernon F. (Red) Bone, '40, is attached.

► Staff Sergeant Frank R. Drake, Jr., '42-'43, Oklahoma City, died on August 19 of bronchial pneumonia in an Army hospital near Passau, Germany. Overseas since September, 1944, he held the Silver Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster for gallantry in action and a Combat Infantryman's Badge. Sergeant Drake was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Leo LeGrant, Oklahoma City, and his father, F. R. Drake, Denison, Texas.

► Capt. Lawrence G. Boyts, '35eng, New Paris, Indiana, was killed on June 18 when his plane was caught in a monsoon sandstorm 60 miles from Biskia, North Africa. He was transferred last May from Miami, Florida, to Casablanca. Captain Boyts originally received his commission in the Field Artillery at O.U., but later transferred to the Ferry Command. Throughout the war he ferried planes to Allied fighting fronts, and wore ribbons showing service in the American, European-African and Asiatic-Pacific theaters of war. Before entering the service he was a chemical engineer with the Texas Company in Port Arthur, Texas. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boyts, New Paris, and his wife, who lives in Chicago.

Possible Survivors

Two Oklahoma City men previously reported missing in action after the loss of the U.S.S. *Houston* and thought possibly to be still alive this summer after some men from that ship were reported to be in Japanese prison camps are Pfc. Aubrey Kenneth Malone, '33, and Roger Irvin Barnett, '37-'40. Private Malone is a member of the Marine Corps. Mr. Barnett is a fireman first class in the Navy. In late August their parents were awaiting word from the Navy Department as to their sons' fates.

Killed in Action

Lt. Malcolm D. Campbell, '41, Tulsa, was killed May 17 while on a test flight over Czechoslovakia. Lieutenant Campbell was awarded the DFC, Air Medal, Presidential Citation and after his death was awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French government.

Missing in Action

Capt. William E. Merritt, '38-'42, Oklahoma City, pilot of a P-51 Mustang, has been reported missing in action in the Pacific area. Holder of an Air Medal, Captain Merritt went to the Pacific first in 1943, and was home on a leave last June.

► Staff Sgt. Ben Thornton, '41, Ardmore, has been missing in action in the South Pacific since July 27. On that date the B-29 on which he was stationed as chief flight engineer was shot down. Sergeant Thornton entered the Air Force in December, 1942.

► Lt. Howard G. Yeilding, '38-'40, Walters, has been missing in action since February 19. He was stationed on Saipan at a B-29 bomber base and was returning from his seventh mission over Tokyo. Lieutenant Yeilding was a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in '43. His brother, Capt. Richard P. Yeilding was a graduate of West Point in '42. Captain Yeilding was mathematics instructor at West Point and assistant coach of the lacrosse team that won the national championship in 1944 and tied for it in 1945.

► Capt. Eldon F. Bowers, '41eng, Drumright, has been reported missing in action as of December 19, 1944, in the Luxembourg area. He served with the Third, Ninth and First Armies, and was sent on a special mission for which he received a special letter of commendation from Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

► Lt. Herman A. Welch, '41, Holdenville, reported missing in action since January 24, has been awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Decorations

Lt. Col. John H. Kuhlman, '30-'34, Norman, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action as a Field Artillery battalion commander on Luzon last April. The accompanying citation stated that Colonel Kuhlman's Artillery observation post was subjected to extremely heavy fire while adjusting the fire of four battalions in preparation for an attack. Ordering the members of his party to the rear, Colonel Kuhlman made the adjustment alone in spite of the great danger of his position. Colonel Kuhlman also holds the Bronze Star medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

► Lt. (jg) Frank L. Best, '37eng, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat at Leyte and Lingayen Gulf. He has returned to the United States and was stationed at Dallas, Texas. Last April 1 he was married to the former Miss Isel Prentice, Mountain View, an alumna of Oklahoma A. and M. College at Stillwater.

► Colonel William H. Amspacher, '36med, Norman, has been awarded the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as operations officer, office of the surgeon headquarters, First United States Army. Colonel Amspacher was cited for aid in movement and establishment of medical units and in the evacuation by air of wounded soldiers in France, Belgium and Germany.

► Lt. Comdr. Harper Black, '36eng, Beaumont, Texas, who returned from combat last September, was recently presented the French Croix de Guerre with palm. Commander Black previously had won the Navy Cross for heroic action while attached to an assault force during the invasion of France on June 6, 1944. Commander Black was stationed in Houston, Texas, as resident inspector of Naval materiel at an iron works.

► Lt. (jg) Douglas Baker, '42, Lindsay, listed as missing in action, has been awarded the Air Medal. The citation is for meritorious achievement as a pilot in Fighting Squadron 20, attached to the USS *Enterprise*. Lieutenant Baker has been missing since last December 14.

► Lt. Thomas A. Fain, '32, Oklahoma City, has

been awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Bronze Star medal, all for meritorious achievement in aerial combat. He was attached to a Ninth Air Force Fighter group which was cited five times during the war.

► Maj. Ansel J. Challener, '25eng, '33m.eng, has been presented the Certificate of Merit Award in Paris, France, for conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty. He was assigned to a communications school of the Signal Corps near Paris.

► Pfc. John R. Potts, '42-'43, Norman, recently was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge when Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., presented the Distinguished Unit Citation to his battalion for its conquest of Monticelli Ridge, Italy.

► Lt. Col. Jack E. High, '36law, Oklahoma City, recently was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in the Mediterranean theater. He has been overseas for the past three years.

► Capt. Walter D. Hart, '41law, Thorne, North Dakota, has been awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Croix de Guerre and a Purple Heart with one Cluster. The Silver Star was awarded to him for gallantry in action in capturing a machine gun emplacement single-handed, killing four Germans and taking a fifth one prisoner. Captain Hart received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in line of duty, the Croix de Guerre for gallantry in action during the liberation of France. He served with the Fourth Armored division of the Third Army throughout the European campaign.

► Lt. Col. Francis S. Livermore, '36ba, Hobart, has been presented with a Bronze Star for meritorious achievement as an Ordnance officer in Australia from May, 1942, to June, 1944. The accompanying citation stated in part, "As assistant Ordnance officer and Ordnance officer, Colonel Livermore was responsible for the establishment and organization of Ordnance facilities at three major bases. In the earlier phase of the Pacific war, he displayed keen foresight in choosing sites for Ordnance installations and in supervising their development to meet the needs of a recently activated and rapidly expanding base. Moving forward as the war progressed, he established efficient Ordnance service at two important new bases. . . ." Colonel Livermore was stationed at Augusta Arsenal, Augusta, Georgia, upon his return to this country.

► Capt. Edward C. Brett, '36ba, has received the Bronze Star medal for service in Germany. His brother, Capt. Tom Brett, '40bus, San Antonio, recently returned from the European theater holding the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

► Lt. Col. John Paul Remy, '38bus, Norman, has been awarded a Bronze Star medal for meritorious services in support of combat operations in Italy from September 1, 1944, to December, 1944. During that period he was S-3 officer of a Corps Artillery headquarters, assisting in the formation of a new Artillery group for combat. Colonel Remy was expected home last month after serving overseas for 18 months. He also holds a Medal of War awarded him by the Brazilian government.

► Lt. Everett Athens, '41law, Tulsa, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding service during a secret Naval operation in the Mediterranean theater last year. He was attached to Naval strategic services in Cairo, Egypt. Also holder of the Bronze Star, Lieutenant Athens was recently stationed in Miami, Florida. His wife, the former Mary McMahn, '42soc.wk, was with him there.

► An Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster has been awarded to Lt. Herman A. Welch, '41, Holdenville, who has been listed as missing in action since last January 24, when his plane failed to return from a raid over the Kurile Islands.

► Lt. Col. Joe A. Stamper, '35law, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service rendered in France, Luxembourg and Germany. Colonel Stamper is assistant inspector general of the 12th Corps.

► Capt. Collie F. James, '39bus, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement during the Luzon campaign. Captain James, battery commander in the Eighth Field

Artillery battalion, is a veteran of the 25th Infantry division's fighting on Guadalcanal.

► Maj. Joseph W. Long, '39-'40, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for service with the 691st Tank Destroyer battalion. Major Long, who wears five battle stars, acted as battalion S-3 during the long fight across France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany.

► Lt. Granville Tomerlin, '38law, Oklahoma City, was presented the Bronze Star for heroism on Leyte in a battlefield ceremony on Okinawa. Lieutenant Tomerlin, commissioned a second lieutenant during the battle of Guam, was wounded on Leyte and has been awarded the Purple Heart also.

► Lt. Col. Eugene B. Dodson, '33ba, Oklahoma City, has been decorated with the Panamanian Order of Balboa, with rank of Knight Commander, for his services as head of the office of censorship in the Canal Zone. Colonel Dodson was one of a group of seven Army men and one civilian decorated by the Panamanian foreign minister recently.

► Lt. Col. Joe A. Smalley, '34ba, '37law, Norman, has been decorated with the Bronze Star and the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star medal. Colonel Smalley, commanding officer of the 179th Artillery in Germany, has also received the French Croix de Guerre.

► Lt. Col. Roy L. Hickox, '35ba, Guthrie, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in North Africa and Italy. The accompanying citation stated in part, "Colonel Hickox by his tact, initiative and tireless energy made an outstanding contribution to the military service." Colonel Hickox, intelligence officer with the replacement and training command, has served overseas for 36 months and has seen combat duty with the First Armored division in North Africa. Prior to entering service, he was managing editor of the *Daily Leader*, Guthrie.

► Master Sgt. Gynoe H. Beese, '35-'36, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service from May 20, 1943, to October 15, 1944." He was attached to a Signal company of the Eighth Air Force.

► Capt. John N. Watt, '42eng, Tulsa, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat against the enemy in Italy. He was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and entered the Army in 1942. Since then he has served overseas for two years with the Ordnance.

► Maj. A. R. Sellers, '28ba, Oklahoma City, has been presented the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service for his part in leading the 826th Engineer Aviation battalion successfully through the closing days of the European campaign. The presentation was made before a full dress formation of the battalion at an airdrome near Frankfurt, Germany, by the commander of the 924th Engineer Aviation regiment. It was Major Sellers' last official appearance at the battalion before leaving to assume command of the 862nd Engineer Aviation battalion. The Bronze Star was awarded to him for his outstanding service and inspiring leadership of the battalion through the critical drive into Germany prior to V-E day. The 826th landed in Scotland in August, 1942, invaded Normandy six days after D-day, and ended its drive across Europe 70 miles short of Berlin.

► Lt. Harvey Aronson, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious action during a year's service with the Seventh Army in Europe. Lieutenant Aronson also holds a Purple Heart, a Combat Infantryman's Badge and a European theater ribbon with three battle stars. Recently returned from Europe, he was assigned to Ashburn General Hospital, McKinney, Texas, for treatment.

► Col. W. V. Joyce, '26bus, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service with the G-3 section of headquarters of the European theater of war in London and Paris. Overseas for 19 months, Colonel Joyce was associated with redeployment plans and operations in the European theater. He recently received his promotion to full colonel while in Oklahoma City on leave.

► Lt. James L. Porter, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, has been decorated with an Air Medal for meritorious achievement in combat as pilot of a Flying Fortress. He was recently reported to be stationed in southern France aiding in the evacuation of men to a redeployment center in North Africa.

► Pfc. Thomas C. Callahan, '42, Oklahoma City, with the Army of Occupation in Bremen, Germany, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal.

► The fifth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Joseph E. Adkins, '38-'39, Walters, pilot of a Marauder bomber of the Ninth Air Force. Lieutenant Adkins is the veteran of two years of foreign service and 35 missions over enemy territory.

► Lt. Marvin O. Breeding, '43bus, Oklahoma City, holds the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Order of the Purple Heart for valorous action and wounds received while serving as a forward observer with the 63rd Division Artillery of the Seventh Army in Europe. Lieutenant Breeding recently returned to the United States and was to report to Washington, D.C., for assignment.

► Tech. Sgt. Ray T. Anthony, '34bus, Oklahoma City, holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as a central fire control gunner with a B-29 crew in the South Pacific. Sergeant Anthony recently returned to the United States.

► Lt. (jg) Robert E. Wolford, '40-'42, Norman, has been awarded an Air Medal for distinguished work during an aerial flight against the Japanese near Kyushu last March. Lieutenant Wolford was pilot of a carrier-based plane.

► Capt. G. A. Fisher, '30-'34, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge for his service as personnel adjutant of the 180th Infantry regiment in the European theater. Captain Fisher was expected home in mid-September.

► Capt. Charles C. Crowe, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross with an Oak Leaf Cluster for valorous action as pilot of a B-29 in the aerial war against Japan. Captain Crowe was attached to the 43rd Bombardment squadron.

► Lt. Paul P. Rudell, '42bus, Sulphur, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic action with the Marine Corps on Guam and the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received during action on Iwo Jima. Lieutenant Rudell was presented with the Bronze Star in ceremonies at the Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California, where he was recuperating from his wounds.

► Staff Sgt. Richard Witten, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with ten Oak Leaf Clusters for 11 months' service with the Air Force in the European theater. He also holds a Presidential Unit Citation. Upon returning to the United States recently Sergeant Witten was stationed at San Antonio, Texas.

► Staff Sgt. Charles N. Bassett, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as an Air Force L-5 pilot from March 19 to May 8, 1945. Sergeant Bassett went overseas in February.

► Lt. O. B. Gray, Jr., '42, Muskogee, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal for extraordinary achievement as a Navy pilot with the Seventh Fleet. Serving his second tour of overseas duty, Lieutenant Gray was awarded the D.F.C. for 20 patrol bombing flights and the Air Medal for five flights in combat area under Japanese anti-aircraft fire and attack. He was reported to be stationed near Manila.

► Capt. Roy E. Baze, '36med, former Chickasha physician who was killed in action in southern France in the fall of 1944, has been posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary heroism in action." Captain Baze spent a year in North Africa as surgeon at a station hospital in Oran, then trained as a Paratrooper so that he could accompany airborne troops on invasions. He was killed in France when his jeep ran over a mine. Captain Baze also held the Silver Star, awarded him before his death.

► Staff Sgt. John E. Circle, Jr., '40-'43, Norman, has been awarded a Bronze Star medal for dis-

tinguished action as squad leader with a group of Combat Engineers with the Third Army in Luxembourg. The accompanying citation stated that "his leadership and his work insured continuous communication and aided greatly the successful performance of his organization's mission."

► Pfc. Robert Burton, '42-'43, Tulsa, has been awarded a Presidential Unit Citation and a Combat Infantryman's Badge for service with the 99th Division in the European theater. Overseas for a year, he arrived in the United States late in August, and was to report to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, for re-assignment at the end of his leave.

► Staff Sgt. Jerry J. James, '39, Miami, has been awarded an Air Medal for service with an Air Liaison squadron with the Seventh Army in Germany. Sergeant James went overseas last January.

► Comdr. John R. McKnight, '26, Oklahoma City, has been awarded a Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in action as commanding officer of a ship during a war patrol. The accompanying citation stated that "he launched well-planned and smartly executed attacks which resulted in sinking and damaging many tons of enemy shipping." Commander McKnight was commander of a submarine in the Philippine Islands region when war broke out, and remained in the Pacific until last January. He is now serving as communications officer of the First Naval District. Commander McKnight is a member of the Class of '30 of the Naval Academy.

► Lt. Col. Alden W. Suderman, '37eng, Fort Smith, Arkansas, has been awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao. Colonel Suderman, assistant Ordnance officer of the Tenth Corps, was stationed in New Guinea before going into the Philippines.

► Lt. Col. Rollin Boyles, '25, Oklahoma City, stationed at Ordnance headquarters in Paris, has been awarded the Legion of Merit medal for outstanding service as officer in charge of vehicle assembly and storage in the general supply division of the European theater from April 12, 1943, to October 15, 1944. As chief of this branch, Colonel Boyles was credited with supervising the system of production control for all vehicles assembled on schedule with a minimum of rail movement of parts.

Purdy Awarded Medal

ARMY HDQS., MIDPAC, FT. SHAFTER, T.H. —Major Millard S. Purdy, son of Mrs. Victor S. Purdy, of 1527 N.W. 25, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service from Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commanding Army Forces, Middle Pacific.

Major Purdy served as Assistant Public Relations Officer for Headquarters, AFMIDPAC, from October, 1942, to August, 1943, and as Public Relations Officer from then until September 2, 1945.

The first Army public relations officer to participate in a combat operation in this theater, at the battle for Makin Atoll, Major Purdy developed a system of combat reporting which greatly increased news coverage of subsequent Army operations in this theater.

The citation accompanying the award emphasized Major Purdy's "initiative, diligence and keen professional and military attainments."

Before entering upon active duty in the Army in December, 1940, Major Purdy served successively as a staff member of the *Oklahoma City News* and the *Oklahoma City Times*. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Class of 1938.

Major Purdy is now leaving his post in MIDPAC to return to the mainland for duty with the War Department Bureau of Public Relations in Washington, D.C. His wife, Harriet Purdy, resides at 813½ N.W. 19th Street. She will accompany him to Washington.

Newly Commissioned

Sgt. Alan Cameron, '40, Oklahoma City, was the first G.I. to receive a battlefield commission in

the Medical Administrative Corps of the Army Air Forces. He was sworn in February 15 at Stomara Field, Italy, and was assigned to the M.A.C. Headquarters Detachment, Celone Field. Sergeant Cameron was cited for heroism after saving the life of one gunner and removing the bodies of other crew members of a burning B-24.

► William L. Laws, '43, Oklahoma City, has received his commission as an ensign in the Naval Reserve at Fort Schuyler, New York. Ensign Laws graduated from Midshipmen's School there after recovering from an attack of spinal meningitis.

Promotions

Recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel were J. R. Akrigh, '37law, Nowata, William B. Vaughan, '34bus, Wynnewood, and James L. Farmer, Jr., '38eng, McAlester. Colonel Akrigh, a graduate of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill and the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, was in the Philippines preparatory to going to Japan.

Colonel Vaughan, veteran of 16 months of service in Italy, was attached to Fourth Air Force headquarters in San Francisco. Colonel Farmer is commander of an Ordnance Service battalion with the Sixth Army in Japan.

Promoted to major were Charles A. Stuart, '40eng, Pawhuska, on duty in the office of the maintenance control officer at the Army Air Field, Pyote, Texas, and Charles W. Giffin, Jr., '36-'41, Oklahoma City, with the film strip preparation department of the Army Training Command at Lowry Field, Colorado.

Harry A. King, '41eng, Oklahoma City, with an Ordnance company on Saipan, and Jack C. Chaney, '39bus, Bartlesville, with the 32nd Infantry division on Luzon, have been promoted to captain.

Advanced from second to first lieutenant were Albert C. Hunt, Jr., '38-'40, Oklahoma City, with the 12th Air Force service command; Charles M. Krumtum, '41m.ed, Weatherford, with the 31st Division Infantry, and Gene W. Adee, '43bus, Ardmore, Field Artillery officer.

In the Navy, Wylie G. Chesnut, '23, Miami, on the staff of the Naval Hospital at Memphis, Tennessee, has been promoted to the rank of commander.

Two other Navy doctors have been promoted to lieutenant commander, Phil J. Devanney, '31med, Sayre, at the Pre-Flight School, Athens, Georgia, and J. B. Smith, Jr., '38med, Alva, attached to a Marine Air group in the Pacific. Albert Drake, '28bus, Tecumseh, on duty in the Pacific, has also been promoted to lieutenant commander.

Promoted to lieutenant senior grade were G. Turner Armstrong, '40eng, Duncan, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida; Charles N. Berry, Jr., '36-'39, Oklahoma City, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island; William T. Brown, Jr., '42ba, Norman, at sea, and Frederick E. Hopkins, '42bus, Poteau, supply officer at the Naval base, Oakland, California.

William H. Martin, '43eng, Tulsa, at Miami, Florida, and Dwight B. Mapes, Jr., '40-'42, Tulsa, overseas, have been promoted to lieutenant junior grade in the Navy.

Curtis G. Amason, '37, Konawa, has recently been promoted to staff sergeant.

Benjamin Franklin Bragg, Jr., '40-'42, Cushing, was recently promoted to the rank of captain from first lieutenant.

Ryland F. Keys, '39-'40, Oklahoma City, has recently been promoted from yeoman second class to yeoman first class.

Robert Ernest Klabzuba, '40geol, Prague, has been promoted from ensign to the rank of lieutenant junior grade.

G. Rossi Lomanitz, '40phys, Oklahoma City, has received the promotion of private first class.

Robert L. Moore, '40-'41, Hobart, recently was promoted from technician fifth grade to sergeant. Sergeant Moore is a military writer with the Public Relations Section, Mediterranean theater of operations.