

Those receiving the rank of private first class include: John B. Kennedy, '34, Muskogee; Clay T. McCleskey, '26-'27, Lipan, Texas; Robert V. Lowry, '27-'29, Pawhuska; Dewey W. Eubanks, '43, Grady, who was injured on Iwo Jima; Franklin J. Moskowitz, '42-'43, Tulsa, radio operator in a fighter control unit in the Philippines.

Advanced to the rank of commander in the Navy were Harold Abernethy, '39med, Altus, stationed on Saipan; Wylie G. Chestnut, '23, Miami, on duty at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Those promoted to lieutenant junior grade include: William David King, '40-'42, Weleetka; Edward H. Judson, '43eng; George L. Knapp, Jr., '37ba, Fort Worth, Texas; Jack C. Felber, '41-'44, Tulsa; William L. Hixon, III, '42eng; Robert E. Faulds, Jr., '42ba, Tulsa, Naval Medical Corps at Baylor University school of dentistry, who was transferred to the New Orleans Naval Repair Base; Raymond Barnett, '43eng, Watonga, engineer on a LCI in the Southwest Pacific for the last 14 months.

Leo A. Markley, '40-'43, Ada, has been promoted to the rank of ensign.

Discharged

Maj. James O. Hood, '31med, Norman, has received his discharge from the Army at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and is now on terminal leave. Major Hood, a surgeon with the 45th Infantry division, was overseas 27 months. He served in the Italian campaigns before going to France with the Invasion forces, and later to Germany. He wears the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with cluster, and the Combat Medic's badge. Major Hood is a former physician and mayor of Norman, and former director of the Cleveland County Health department.

► Capt. Tom Campbell, '37eng, Hennessey, has received a discharge from the Army. Captain Campbell served with the 3rd Corps Artillery overseas, before he was separated from the service at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

► S/Sgt. Alonzo Z. Mentzer, '28ba, '30fa, Pawnee, was honorably discharged from the Army Air Forces at the Randolph Field Separation Center at Randolph Field Texas. He served as a weather forecaster in the AAF Weather Service and was last assigned to the 3rd Weather Region, which has headquarters at Kelly Field, Texas.

Upon his release from the Weather Service, Sgt. Mentzer received the commendation of his Commanding Officer, Col. Oscar A. Heinlein, Regional Control Officer of the 3rd Weather Region for "contributing to the outstanding achievements made by the AAF Weather Service throughout the world."

Col. Heinlein added that, "Sgt. Mentzer performed highly specialized work in the field of weather for which there was little individual glory. However, his work and that of other Army weathermen played an important role in enabling the Army Air Forces to achieve a splendid record during the war. By making possible accurate weather forecasts, a maximum number of successful missions with a minimum loss of personnel and equipment resulted."

► Lieut. Comdr. Elmer D. Dixon, '33eng, has been placed on the inactive list at the Naval Air Station in New Orleans, Louisiana after almost three years of service. Formerly an electrical engineer with the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company at Enid, he served 17 months overseas as executive repair officer aboard the USS Maui. He plans to return to his former work.

Liberated

Col. James V. Collier, '34ba, Oklahoma City, who was taken prisoner of the Japanese on Bataan, has recently been freed. Colonel Collier is a former R.O.T.C. staff instructor at the University. The information received of his release was the first in two years.

► Lt. Richard L. Duckwall, '34-'40, Tuttle, has been released from a Japanese prison camp. Lieutenant Duckwall was captured on Bataan and was taken to Cabanatuan camp in the Philippines. He was moved to Japan last year.

► Lt. Col. Ralph W. Hubbard, '32med, Oklahoma City, was released February 1 from Cabanatuan prison camp in the Philippines. He has been selected to serve on the national Veterans of Foreign Wars rehabilitation committee.

► Maj. Carlos E. McAfee, '28law, Oklahoma City, was released from a Japanese prison camp recently. Major McAfee was taken prisoner at the fall of Bataan in April, 1942 and was transferred to Osaka late that year. He remained there until September, 1943, when he was sent to Zentsuji.

► Maj. George M. Hohl, '24bus, Sand Springs, has been liberated from the internment camp at Zentsuji, Japan.

Decorations

Captain Joe T. Glover, '40eng, Amarillo, Texas, as group engineering officer for the 27th Fighter Group overseas, has been awarded the Legion of Merit medal. Having served 34 months overseas in the Mediterranean and European theatres of war, Captain Glover has eight campaign stars and five Presidential Unit Citations, also.

► Cpl. Henry G. Samuelson, Jr., '40-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit wreath, European Theater of Operations ribbon, three Bronze Campaign Participation Stars to the E.T.O. Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal.

► Lt. Col. Charles S. Standley, '34-'35, Noble, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for service against the enemy at Hollandia and Toem, Dutch New Guinea, and Morotai, Netherlands East Indies.

► Lt. Col. Stephen D. Holloway, '30law, Oklahoma City, has received the Bronze Star for action against the enemy in France, Luxembourg and Germany. Colonel Holloway has been overseas since April, 1944.

► Lt. Col. Stewart E. Meyers, '24-'27, Oklahoma City, was awarded the Bronze Star Oak Leaf Cluster. Colonel Meyers is the owner of two Battle Stars, which he wears on an Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and the Combat Infantry Badge. He had previously been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for the defense of Emirau Island in the Bismark Archipelago.

► Lt. (jg) Jack Van Doren Hough, '44med, Shattuck, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for duty while serving as a battalion surgeon with the 23rd Marine Regiment at Iwo Jima. Lieutenant Hough also attended Southeastern State College, Durant.

► Capt. George V. Stein, '41law, Miami, Oklahoma, wears five battle stars on his European Theater of Operations ribbon as well as the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

► Lt. Col. Webster Wilder, '33law, Cherokee, has been awarded two Bronze Stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon in addition to the Chinese Service Medal.

► Capt. William M. Sammons, '38-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal with two clusters, the Purple Heart and the European Theater of Operations ribbon.

► Pfc. Oscar Randall Braman, '44, Norman, was presented the Bronze Star Medal August 14 at Fellbach, Germany.

► Staff Sgt. Jerry J. James, '39, Miami, recently was awarded the Air Medal. Sergeant James has been in the Army since October, 1942.

► Lt. (jg) Wayne L. McGann, '42eng, Kansas City, Missouri, has been awarded the Bronze Star, Letter of Commendation, Submarine Combat Insignia with four stars, the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon, American theater ribbon and the Philippine Liberation ribbon.

► Lt. John Allen Moore, '42eng, Oklahoma City, received the Bronze Star Medal for duty at a peninsular base headquarters, Leghorn, Italy.

► Sgt. Wedekind Ward, '41med, Erick, has been commended for outstanding duty with the 1st AACS Group, somewhere in the Pacific war area. Sergeant Ward has completed 14 months of overseas duty with the Army Air Corps.

Medical School

Capping exercises for the University of Oklahoma School of Nursing were held in the medical school auditorium October 1, 1945. Twenty nurses received their caps, which were presented by Miss Kathryn Krammes, Director of the School of Nursing.

Dr. Patrick S. Nagle, Associate in Surgery, has received a year's leave of absence from October 1, 1945 to October 1, 1946.

Extension of leave of absence was granted Dr. Donald B. McMullen, Associate Professor of Preventive Medicine and Public Health to go with the Army of Occupation in Japan for a survey of schistosomiasis, for a period of about six weeks, starting October 15.

Dr. John W. Cavanaugh, Assistant Professor of Surgery, has resigned from the faculty of the School of Medicine, effective October 31.

Recent visitors at the School of Medicine: Dr. E. Curtis Yeary, '39med, has been discharged from the Army after having been on active duty since 1941. Dr. Yeary spent several months in a German prison camp.

Captain Ray M. Wadsworth, '42med, has been stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

Dr. Harold B. Witten, '36med, who recently received a discharge from the Army, has accepted a residency at the Valley View Hospital, Ada, Oklahoma.

Dr. J. William Campbell, '39med, has been discharged from the Army and is serving a residency in ophthalmology at the University of Virginia Hospital, Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. James D. Huskins, '38med, has been discharged from the Army, after having been on active duty since 1941, and will enter private practice in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Dr. Homer C. Wheeler, '38med, has received an honorable discharge from the Army, and at present is in Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Captain George E. Dodson, '40med, is on terminal Army leave until December 21, and at present is residing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Correspondence (Continued)

Dear Mr. Beard: Guam

Since I last heard from you I have traveled from sunny North Carolina across thousands of miles of land and water to this quaint old Island of Guam. . . .

Guam really fascinated me at first but it is gradually wearing off day by day. The largest city, Agana, is still a mass of rubble. Some of the ancient structures are still partly standing but were riddled by naval gunfire. A great portion of the city was destroyed by Jap demolitions. The villages have all been rebuilt by our Government. The houses are a frame structure painted various pastel colors but still have the thatched roof. As far as the military is concerned the Island is a mass of supply sources and we are one of the largest. The B-29 bases are really a sight, literally hundreds of planes lined up as far as the eye can reach.

Our function is to supply all Marine units operating on or from the Island. Right now with units being disbanded and other units occupying various Islands and two mainlands we really have our hands full. I really have a wonderful job. I am the Administrative Assistant to the Depot Commander and his Supply Officer, both Colonels. It is all paper work and never a dull moment, for example tonight we had a rush order for tents due to a hurricane destroying some 10,000 on Okinawa.

Since I am the Staff Duty Officer tonight I suppose I had better make a short tour. I say short because if I made a long tour I would undoubtedly get soaked. It rains intermittently night and day. . . .

Very truly yours,
Ken Farris, '43bus
1st Lt. USMCR