

Calling the Roll of Sooner Classes

~1892~

Clara Wallace Matlock and Mamie Blake Jenkins, both of whom were students when the University of Oklahoma was started in 1892, now live in California. Mrs. Matlock lives in Pasadena and Mrs. Jenkins in Los Angeles.

~1895~

John W. "Jack" Harts, who started football at O. U. in 1894 and who now lives in Glendale, California, recently visited with C. Ross Hume, '98ba, 1900ma, while the latter was in California.

~1898~

Judge C. Ross Hume, '98ba, presents this "All Sooner Question": "What town in Oklahoma of the size can beat Anadarko for 'Captaincy'?"

Raymond R. Hume, '01phc, was captain of the football team at O. U. in 1897.

Raymond Courtright, '14ba, was captain while a student of O. U.

B. W. "Pete" Hammert, Jr., '23, was captain while he was in the University.

L. E. "Jap" Haskell, '22geol, was captain as an undergraduate student and is the present director of O. U. Athletics.

"This Anadarko town had the captaincy, as you will note, four of the fifty years up to this date."

Mr. Hume recently spent a month visiting his daughter, Elizabeth Hume Black, '36bs, at her home in Glendale, California.

~1917~

R. M. Dannenbey, '17ba, has recently moved to Oklahoma City from Tulsa where he is an employee of the Shell Oil Company.

~1921~

Dr. Charles Edgar White, '21, Muskogee, was recently elected vice-president of the newly created State Medical Board.

Harvel White, '20-'21, is the manager of the Kansas Well Log Bureau, and Kansas Sample Bureau.

~1924~

Dr. Lance S. Brintle, '24, is now chief of the vocational advisement and education section of the veteran's administration of Southern California.

~1925~

Lt. Col. Harold W. Gardiner, '25law, who recently returned to civilian life after active service with the U. S. Field Artillery since February, 1941, has been appointed educational director of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

As a reserve Army officer, Colonel Gardiner was called into active service in February, 1941. He organized a school for qualifying Field Artillery officers, and received a commendation for his use of visual and mechanical aids in instructing in a school which specialized in the use of aerial photography. In 1943 he became a battalion commander and was advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

His decorations include the Croix de Guerre with palm and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf cluster.

~1926~

Clifford W. Byron, '26, is manager of the petroleum division of the Chicago Mill and Lumber Company, operating in Louisiana.

~1927~

Lt. Col. J. Spencer Entriiken, '27eng, who was in chemical warfare and attached to the general staff in Washington, has recently been discharged and has returned to his home in Ardmore.

Major Ralph M. Bohannon, '27bus, Tulsa, now on terminal leave, will resume his position with

the Carter Oil Company upon termination of his leave. He has recently returned to the States after 18 months overseas duty. He was commissioned in 1942 and served as finance officer with the 6th Air Force in Panama.

~1928~

Ray Claiborne, '28geol, Oklahoma City, is now geologist for the Ambassador Oil Company, Fort Worth, Texas.

~1929~

W. Dave Henderson, '29geol, Lawton, has resigned as Stanolind Oil and Gas Company divisional geologist to accept a position as district

geologist for Phillips Petroleum Company. He will be stationed at Midland, Texas.

Mrs. Hugh B. Key (Dorothy Ann Parker, '29ba, Enid) has recently moved from Shreveport, Louisiana, to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Cannon B. McMahan, '29law, Okmulgee, announced recently that he plans to resign his position as assistant to the Attorney General, Washington, D. C., and enter private practice of law in Oklahoma City.

Major Joe H. Kennedy, '29law, Muskogee, has reopened his law practice in the Barnes Building, Muskogee. He recently returned from the European Theater after 19 months service and is now on terminal leave.



O. U. SPOONHOLDER WAR WIDOWS—To the old grad, the Spoonholder on the north oval of the University campus has been a tradition and landmark since the Class of '10 constructed it under stormy conditions. As a landmark on the campus, the Spoonholder has been used on hundreds of occasions for various University ceremonies and outside activities. The Spoonholder has stood as the "O. U. Rock of Gibraltar" and has been used for the "assembling point" of O. U. sons in military uniforms in the course of two World Wars. Today, in the immediate post-war era of World War II, it is used for the "waiting post" of two of the many, many O. U. war widows. Jean Marable Smith, '41ba, (left) wife of Capt. Wm. G. Smith, '40-'41, along with Iola Haxel Mitchell, '41-'42, (right) wife of Capt. Charles T. Mitchell, '38-'42, (im) patiently wait for the two captains to finish their items of business over in Germany and "get back to classes." While the two captains are away, the two wives are performing services as "chiefs of staff" in the crowded-jammed-and-stacked University Student Housing offices on the O. U. campus.

~1930~

Oscar R. Champion, '30geol, Brownsville, Texas, and Mrs. Champion (Elizabeth Burke, '28fa, El Reno) have moved to Fort Worth, Texas, from Midland, Texas. Mr. Champion is division manager for the Alder Oil Company.

Wayen Sanders, '30law, is now connected with Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Denver, Colorado, since being released from the Navy November 1. He served as a lieutenant while in the armed forces.

Capt. Dan M. Bailey, '30low, has returned to his job as head of the legal department of the Continental Supply Company, Dallas, Texas. Captain Bailey is now on terminal leave.

~1931~

Allece Locke, '31drama, Oklahoma City, arrived recently in Munich, Germany, to open service clubs for the service men. Before becoming an Army service club hostess, Miss Locke taught speech in the Gatewood and Harding schools in Oklahoma City.

Vernon Rice, '31ba, has returned to his job as radio and drama critic on the *New York Post* in New York City. He recently returned from Germany and was discharged from the Army.

~1932~

Truman Harrison, '32, Ada, has resumed his practice of law at Ada after being discharged from the Navy with the rank of lieutenant. He served three years of active duty in the Pacific theater and was formerly county attorney of Pontotoc County.

Jim Robinson, '32ba, '32law, who is director of public relations and head of the speech department, Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, recently released a special bulletin from the college emphasizing the outstanding work being accomplished in fine arts and speech at Tahlequah. With an influx of returning students from the armed forces plus a heavy enrollment of other students, Northeastern is beginning an expansion program in fine arts and speech that will soon bring the college, back to pre-war levels. Mr. Robinson is a member of the executive board of the University of Oklahoma Association and as an undergraduate and graduate student in the University, was one of the outstanding students in the field of speech education.

~1933~

W. O. Max Hickey, '31-'33, was discharged recently after three years service in England. His wife, an English girl, and small son will join him as soon as transportation permits.

Dr. Oliver E. Benson, '32ba, '33ma, associate professor of government on leave of absence with the armed forces, returned to the University and assumes his duties at the beginning of the second semester.

Dr. Benson has been a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy and an instructor in Japanese.

Maj. William G. Bray, '33pharm, '35ma, Poteau, has returned to his old job as pharmacist in Bird's Drug Store, Poteau. Major Bray served with the Army Air Forces three and a half years. He was released on terminal leave December 9, 1945.

~1934~

Harry E. Moore, '34m.ed, has accepted a position as superintendent of schools in El Segundo, California.

Lt. Col. Clinton S. Maupin, '34med, Waurika, has returned to the United States after being released from a Japanese prison camp, where he has been held for the past two and one-half years. His experiences include action all the way from Bataan, through the Philippines, Formosa, Japan and Korea.

~1935~

Lt. Everett F. Goins, '35ba, has accepted a position with Frisbie General Insurance Agency, Yukon. He was recently discharged from the Army.

Lois Straight, '35law, has been made president of the Washington County Bar Association.

Maj. Glenn Davis, '35law, now on terminal leave,

has returned to his job with the Indian Agency in Muskogee.

~1936~

James C. Hamill, '36law, now on terminal leave, has moved to Madill to enter law practice in the office of Ruel W. Little, '27law.

~1937~

Si Freeman, '37ed, '37law, who resigned the position of county attorney of Pontotoc County to enter the Navy, has received his discharge and returned to his home in Ada.

Lt. Col. Clyde Kernek, '37med, Holdenville, has been discharged from the Army and has returned to Holdenville where he will take up his duty as a partner in the Pryor-Johnston-Kernek Clinic.

Mrs. Reford Stack (Genevieve Carter, '37ma) has returned to the Oklahoma College for Women campus, Chickasha, as assistant professor of physical education.

Millard Neptune, '34me, '37law, is now in South America working for the Phillips Petroleum Company.

Lt. Col. Robert Neptune, '37law, is on terminal leave after three years service with the Air Force in Europe.

James H. Tabor, '37ba, '39llb, and Mrs. Tabor are the parents of a daughter, Troy Elizabeth, born May 6, 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Tabor are also the parents of a son, James H. Tabor II, called "Kimo" (Jim in Hawaiian), now four years old. Mrs. Tabor is formerly of New York and Hawaii. Mr. Tabor is now assistant secretary and executive staff assistant of Dole Hawaiian Pineapple Company.

~1938~

Raymond Criswell, '38law, Wewoka, is now engaged in law practice with his father in Wewoka. He was recently discharged from the Army with the rank of major.

Herbert Branan, '32ba, '38law, and Mrs. Branan (Elizabeth Trumbo, '29bs), Oklahoma City, are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, who was born November 11.

G. Scaling Corbyn, '38bus, former first lieutenant in the Army, is now connected with the Marmaduke Corbyn Insurance Agency in Oklahoma City. He recently returned after several years of overseas duty.

Charles A. Kothe, '38law, Tulsa attorney, is a national vice-president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Granville Widdows Dutton, '38ba, '39ma, who has been with the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department during the last four years, is now employed as an economic analyst in the American Republics Unit of the Department of Commerce in Washington, D. C.

Eudean Grantham, '38ed, '44ma, has accepted the position of executive director of the Oklahoma District Association of Y.W.C.A. She is responsible for organizing and supervising Girl Reserves and adult groups in the smaller communities of the state.

~1939~

Lt. James F. Haning, '39law, is now with the Navy and expects to be discharged in the near future.

Finis Morris, '39ma, has resumed his duties as principal of the Washington School, Ada, after being discharged from the Army.

First Lt. Frank Hughes, '37fa, '39m.ed, Ada, formerly an instructor in music at the University, is at home on terminal leave after serving with the Army in the European theater of operations.

L. T. Vanderveer, '39m.ed, has been the director of student personnel at George Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, California, since August, 1944.

Mr. Vanderveer is also president of the O. U. Alumni Charter Club of Los Angeles and is at the present time making extensive plans for the club to present an "O" blanket to Jack Harts, who coached the first O. U. football team. The blanket was recently awarded Mr. Harts by the O. U. Athletic Council and the Alumni Association.

Joseph J. Swan, '39med, Chickasha, has started private practice with Walter J. Baze. He is now

on terminal leave from the Army after five and a half years of service as a major in the Medical Corps. He served 38 months overseas in Alaska and in the Philippines. He was last stationed with the 93rd Field Hospital, Manila.

F. Wilson Everts, '39, and Mrs. Everts (Irma Dee Springer, '38ba, '39lib.sci) are making their home in San Antonio, Texas, where he is employed by the Hutchin's Brothers Men's Store. He recently was discharged as a major in the Infantry.

George Bixler, '39law, Oklahoma City, has reopened his law office in Oklahoma City after several years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Now connected with the Reda Pump Company, McPherson, Kansas, Major Nathan W. Anderson, '39eng, is a recently discharged service man who received his majority while on terminal leave.

He holds four battle stars for the European theater including participation in the battle of the Bulge. He was with the 259th Field Artillery, and served with the 9th Army and later the 3rd. Prior to coming home in October, he was stationed at Camp Oklahoma City, Rheims, France, where he was assistant coach of the football team. He was overseas 15 months.

~1940~

Louis (Paddy) Palmer, '40law, has been appointed county judge of Tillman County after receiving his discharge from the Army. Previous to his enlistment he was the Tillman County Attorney.

Raymond W. Reed, '37ba, '40law, is now the owner and operator of the Reed Flying Service in Wewoka.

Charles Edward Steele, '39-'40, Okmulgee, has been discharged from the Army after more than four years overseas. His overseas duty included service with the 45th Division through several of the major battles of the war in Europe. Mr. Steele planned to enter the University in January and continue his education.

Howard Rice, '40m.ed, Ada, has resumed his duties as principal of the Glenwood School, Ada, after being discharged from the Army. He served for three years with the armed forces in the European theater of war.

Maj. Samuel James Storm, '37-'40, has returned from two and one half years overseas duty with the Army Signal Corps in India and China. He is now on terminal leave and planned to re-enter the University the second semester.

Harold Graham, '40m.ed, Ada, has accepted a position as director of music in the Ada public schools. He recently was discharged from the Army with the rank of first lieutenant.

~1941~

Mrs. W. C. Kiebler (Mary Elizabeth Champlin, '41he, Enid) recently moved from Fort Worth, Texas, to Dallas, Texas, where her husband is connected with the firm of Grayson Gill, Architect.

Capt. Richard L. Gay, and Mrs. Gay (Patricia Jacques, '41journ) are the parents of a daughter, Pamela Diane, who was born December 1 at Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio.

First Lt. Holland Evans, '34-'41, has returned to civilian life and is making his home in Norman, where he is completing his work for a degree in business.

Lt. Evans is working in the business office of the Oklahoma Memorial Union while attending the university.

Larry Varvel, '41bus, Bartlesville, was commissioned a warrant officer junior grade in July in France.

Capt. Eldon F. Bowers, '41eng, has returned to the United States. He was reported missing in action for several months.

Quentin F. Maule, '41ba, Sand Springs, of the American Field Service, has been awarded the "Bronze Cross of Merit with Swords" by order of the president of the Polish republic.

This award was made for bravery in action while attached to the Second Polish Corps of the British Eighth Army during the Italian campaign.

NORRIS-McMILLAN: The marriage of Betty Rose Norris, '41he, Tulsa, and Merriell McMillan, '41ed, '41mus.ed, Okmulgee, was an event of August 5. Before entering the Army, Mr. McMillan was an instructor in the history department of the Okmulgee High School and has resumed that position since his discharge. They are now making their home in Okmulgee.

Emmett Charles, '41bus, has opened an accounting office in the Commerce Exchange Building, Oklahoma City.

HAYS-WOODSON: Margaret Hays, '41ed, Oklahoma City, and Jack Woodson, '41eng, were married during the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Woodson belonged to the Delta Gamma sorority at the University. Mr. Woodson, Sigma Nu, was a first lieutenant in the Army and recently was released from a Japanese prison camp after being held prisoner for three years.

Larry B. Lambe, '41mus.ed, has accepted a position as instructor of piano at Northwestern State College, Alva. He was recently discharged from the Navy after holding the rank of pharmacist's mate first class.

Jack Durland, '41law, an attorney formerly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is now associated with a law firm in Oklahoma City.

Bud Daughtrey, '40-'41, has been discharged

from the Army Air Corps after three years of duty. He was formerly a captain.

Robert E. Lee, '41bus, is now vice-president of Lee Way Motor Freight, Inc., in Oklahoma City.

~1942~

Capt. Edwin S. Hurst, '40ba, '42law, after more than three years with the Army in the Pacific, is now on terminal leave at his home in Oklahoma City.

Lt. Buck Cartwright, '42law, U.S.N., Wewoka, received an emergency leave recently because of the death of his five-year-old son. After being on active duty with the Navy in the Pacific, Lt. Cartwright is now stationed at New Orleans, Louisiana.

David Cook, '40ba, '42law, Wewoka, has entered law practice in Wewoka after receiving his discharge from the Army. He was in the armed forces for 42 months and was discharged with the rank of captain.

Douglas Van Dyke, '42law, Tuttle, has been released by the Navy to inactive duty and is now in Oklahoma City.

Capt. C. R. Musgrave, Jr., '42law, has just recently returned to the United States from Korea where he was assistant operations officer of the 40th Infantry Division. He had 36 months of overseas duty before his recent discharge.

Capt. Edgar Nicholson, '37-'42, Wirt, has returned from overseas and was placed on terminal leave October 15. He has re-entered the University School of Pharmacy where he is a senior.

Capt. Lewis Fisher, '42bus, is on terminal leave in Chickasha with his wife, the former Cerda Corrine Wooten, '42.

Capt. Charles Hardister, '42bus, Bartlesville, has arrived in the States after a 31 months' tour of duty in Europe. Captain Hardister was in the Army for nearly four years but has now received a discharge.

Bob E. Baublits, '42, former lieutenant in the B-29 school at San Antonio, Texas, is now head of the men's department of the J. C. Penney Company, Enid.

Tom McCoy, '42bs, has been employed by the faculty in the zoology department at the University.

Tom Miller, '42, Oklahoma City, former captain, has returned home after two and one half years overseas.

First Lt. Ray Keitz, '42bs, former Phi Delta and pre-med student at the University, has returned from overseas and at present is at home in Lawton with his family.

Lt. John Allen Moore, '42eng, is on terminal leave at his home in Oklahoma City. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity at the University.

Ensign Lawrence C. Prime, '40-'42, and Mrs. Prime, have named their daughter, Helen Susan. She was born November 30.

Raymond T. Foor, '42eng, Norman, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain. Captain Foor has been on terminal leave after serving three years overseas. His leave expired the last of January, and he is now enrolled in the College of Engineering at the University.

John W. Hamill, '39-'42, has been discharged from the United States Coast Guard and planned to return to the University the second semester.

Leroy Sherrill, '42bus, a former captain in the Marine Corps, is now a certified public accountant with Wolff and Company, Oklahoma City.

Jean Butts, '42bus, discharged from the Army with the rank of captain, is now connected with Wolff and Company, certified public accountants in Oklahoma City.

Helen Beth Twitty, '42journ, Sayre, is now employed in the advertising department of the *Miami Daily News Record*, Miami, Oklahoma.

Bob Ecton, '40ba, '42law, has been discharged after three years and three months of duty in the Pacific. Mr. Ecton, formerly a captain, is now connected with Ecton's shoe store in Oklahoma City.

Maury West, '42, Oklahoma City, is an employee of the Lee Way Motor Freight, Inc., in Oklahoma City.

YAMBOR-McCANN: Helen Yambor, Washington, D. C., and Wayne L. McCann, '42eng, were married June 1 in Washington, D. C. Mr. McCann has resumed his former position with the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company since his discharge from the Navy November 13. The couple is making their home in Stafford, Kansas.

WEBB-CARTER: Jacqueline E. Webb, '42ba, became the bride of Reagan Carter, '42geol, in rites exchanged December 28 in Tulsa. Mrs. Carter has been employed as a geologist for Republic Natural Gas Company, Wichita, Kansas, for the past three and one-half years. While in school she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega, Chi Upsilon, honorary geological sorority, Alpha Lambda Delta and was on the Coed Counselor Central committee. Mr. Carter completed his terminal leave January 15, 1946, and is now employed as a geologist for Gulf Refining Company, Laurel, Mississippi. He returned in August, 1945, from two years in the European theater as a first lieutenant in the Infantry. Mr. Carter was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma and was president of Pick and Hammer, general geology club.

Capt. Selwyn S. Webber, '42ba, left the States in September for Japan and returned in November. Now he is in Germany but is expected home again in the near future. Captain Webber is with the escort officers' detachment of the Army.

MR. TED BRAIRD
THE SOONER MAGAZINE
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NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

DEAR MR. BRAIRD:

JUST A FEW LINES TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH ENJOYMENT I HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE SOONER MAGAZINE. WHEN I WAS IN A FORWARD AREA AND THEN IWO, THERE WASN'T MUCH READING MATERIAL TO BE HAD. LIFE WAS WHAT WE COULD RIGHTFULLY TERM PRIMITIVE. EVEN YEAR OLD ISSUES OF MAGAZINES WERE FOR A TIME A TREAT.

THEN DUE TO YOU AND J. B. KOCH'S GENEROSITY I BECAME THE RECIPIENT OF THE SOONER MAGAZINE. WITH GREAT PLEASURE I HAVE READ AND OFTEN REREAD THIS WONDERFUL BIT OF HOME NEWS.

WOULD LIKE TO HEAR MORE OF THE MEN ON THE FRONT WITH THE DIVISIONS, REGIMENTS AND BATTALIONS WHO FOUGHT THE WAR. MANY OF WHOM ARE PRIVATES THAT WERE STYMIED BECAUSE OF LACK OF RATINGS IN THEIR T/O'S. THESE MEN DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO WRITE IN YET MANY HAVE FRIENDS WHO KNOW THEIR DEEDS. THOSE ARE THE GUYS I LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT.

NOW IF I COULD ONLY GET HOME IN TIME FOR THAT COMING GU AND A & M BASKETBALL GAME. SEE PICTURE ABOVE.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY.

SINCERELY YOURS,
Harold P. Gibson
HAROLD P. GIBSON

~1943~

Flight Officer Charles Turner, '43, Chickasha, was discharged from the Army Air Force recently.

Bob Becker, '43eng, is employed by the Ohio Oil Company in Cement after receiving his discharge from the Air Force. He was a first lieutenant and served overseas in Italy.

Jimmy Sami, '43, Oklahoma City, has been discharged from the Marines and returned to his home in Oklahoma City.

Lt. George J. Enos, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, is now serving his terminal leave in Oklahoma City. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta and was in the College of Engineering.

Lt. Howard T. Craun, '40-'43, is now stationed at the replacement depot at Camp Pickett, Virginia.

Lloyd George Minter, '43law, Pocosset, who has been discharged from the Army, is now employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company in the legal department.

Dean Lee Jones, '43ba, has returned to the States after spending two years with the American Embassy in Rio De Janerio.

~1944~

Dixie Chenault, '44drama, Oklahoma City, a Pi Beta Phi, is a continuity writer at radio station KOZY in Oklahoma City.

Betty Baublits, '44ed, former stewardess with American Airlines, has been transferred to the reservation department of the company and now is in training in Dallas, Texas.

Helen Morgan, '44drama, Ponca City, was appointed "women's editor" of Radio Station KOMA, Oklahoma City, December 1, succeeding Minnie Curtis, '41drama.

Miss Curtis has accepted a position in the radio department of the George W. Knox Advertising Agency.

Marian Bean, '44bus, is now employed in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue in Oklahoma City.

BROWN-FITZPATRICK: Mary Evelyn Brown, '44bs, and Jack Clifford Fitzpatrick, Army of the United States, were married February 2 in Dallas, Texas.

~1945~

Mary Black, '45art, is now employed by the Turbin-Black Motor Company in Lawton.

Martha Appel, '45letters, Tulsa, has been employed as a staff artist in the Y.W.C.A., Oklahoma City.

Stanley Gordon Shreffler, '42bus, '45law, is connected with Wolff and Company, Oklahoma City, as a certified public accountant.

Elizabeth Lees, '45journ, Oklahoma City, is attending Columbia University, New York, on a journalism scholarship.

Mrs. Harriet Broadas Baker, '43ba, '45law, Oklahoma City, successfully passed her bar examination and is now employed by a law firm in Oklahoma City.

Correspondence (continued)

Heflins are still here and Hedda Hopper say's that they are expecting. Van is going to be right back on top again.

On New Years we went over to Santa Monica to an open house at Ralph and Peggy Schnitzer Shaw's. Nice doin'. Saw Mildred Chase—still as pretty as ever and wearing a swank pink feather hat. I talked with Minnetah White Popejoy and she is busy.

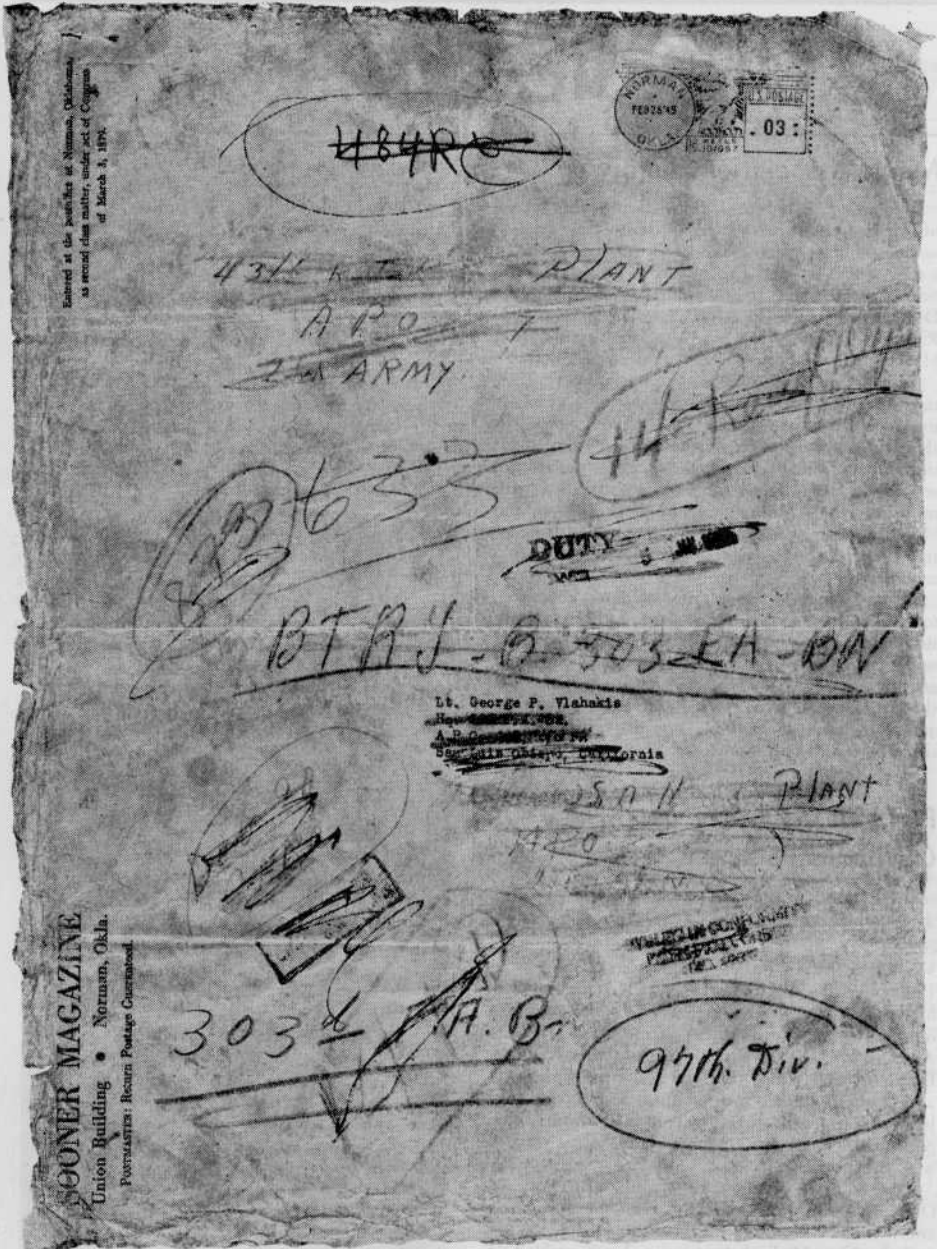
Last night we had a nice evening with Joe Looney (Board of Regents). He was in Pasadena. His mother passed away this past week.

Joe's daughter, Rosene, is here on the coast this winter.

Really happy that the "text book deal is over the bridge" and our new Prexy sounds O. K.

I am in Civil Service out here now and enjoy the work.

Well, Ted, do you have a list of Alumni in this



Sooner Magazine's travel to the four corners of the earth.

area—and do we have an association—and are you ever out here?

Sincerely,
Herman Ziemer, '35fa, '40m.ed

Miizugahara Airfield near
Kumagaya, Japan

Dear Sir:

You will find enclosed one of your envelopes which has traveled quite extensively, consequently thought perhaps you would like to have it and observe its lengthy journey. The following is an explanation of the markings on the envelope which might help you trace the path that it actually traveled.

It started from Norman on 26 February, going to California and returning to APO New York and arriving at our unit, which was in Czechoslovakia near Pilsen, perhaps on or about 31 May. They returned it to the hospital in Paris. The marking "Duty, 5 June 45" indicates that I had returned to duty, so they forwarded it to the 14th Reinforcement Depot, 848th Reinforcement Company in Etampes. In the meantime, they had shipped me to 17th RD in Nuremberg. No markings indicate that the letter went there, consequently be-

lieve that it returned to a central APO in Paris. After searching the directories it was determined that our unit had returned to the states around the latter part of June under the redeployment plan.

After recuperation leave the Division (97th Inf) returned to Ft. Bragg, N. C. for addition training around 31 July. Whereas, we were shipped again overseas from Seattle on 1 September. Our destination was Cebu but we spent a week in the harbor at Leyte then landed in Yokohama on 4 October. Thus, we were moved to our present location where your letter finally reached me on 12 November. However, some of our mail went to Philippines first so it is possible that your magazine went there before coming here.

Altho the issue was old it was excellent reading material. It seems like you're always running into some former O. U. student. Seeing each other gives one a common bond and we are able to exchange facts about your friends; more so if you have definite information as to their location from the Sooner Magazine.

So, best regards to all until I see you again,

Cordially yours,
George P. Vlahakis (Lt.), '43bus