

With the Armed Forces



LEONARD DODSON

Blind Vet Earns Chem Degree

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War causes undue hardships, but some of these can be compensated for by determination and hard work. That's what Leonard Dodson, '46bs, former Army lieutenant in the Field Artillery, discovered when he returned, almost totally blind, to the University of Oklahoma last January, needing only two more semesters to receive a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering.

After he participated in almost nine months of continuous combat service, a mortar shell exploded in his face as he was attempting to rescue a wounded buddy near Luneville, France.

He presented a difficult problem to Army surgeons, since some believed his sight could be saved by removing the fragments imbedded in the pupils of his eyes, while others thought too much risk was involved in an operation. Dodson gambled on surgery—and lost. He is now totally blind in his right eye, and vaguely can see objects at distances at less than one foot with the other.

Becoming acclimated to studying under such conditions was hard at first, but soon he became adapted to his physical condition. He took his tests and examinations at the blackboard, diagramming the complicated chemistry problems with clear, legible drawings. His attractive wife, Martha, who is a graduate of the University, read the home assignments to him and helped in reviewing new information. She is an instructor in the speech department so aiding her husband with his studies falls in direct line with her teaching chores.

Professors in the college of engineering have honest respect for the work Dodson has accomplished. One instructor who taught him before he entered the Army says his progress in his studies is better now than it was when he went away because of his diligent application. The professors give him a hand now and then, but most of the time he worked all of his problems on his own initiative. He has maintained a "B" average since his return.

For his work at home Dodson has a talking book machine which plays records of his text books. He also uses a crude-looking braille, circular slide rule in working problems.

Dodson received his BS degree, July 30, but he is going to work for a masters degree in education, specializing in vocational guidance work.

Besides his work in education, Dodson also plans to go into business for himself to produce new cement. His specialty is the development of soil cement, which can be made into bricks, logs and monolithic walls for buildings. After the unlimited amount of fortitude he has displayed this year in his University work, there is little doubt in the minds of his professors, or the people of Kaw City, his home town, that Dodson's success will also be unlimited in his chosen field.

Maj. N. Robert Drummond, class of 1936 has just been assigned to the 308th Bomb Wing (L), APO 712 located at Kimpo Army Air Base, 18 miles from Seoul, the Korean capital. His present duty is that of wing surgeon in charge of all medical activities of his unit.

Major Drummond was commissioned as an officer in June 1936 and went on active duty in July 1940.

As well as being assigned overseas service in Korea he has also served in the Medical Air Transport Service, Naples, Italy.

► Maj. Robert W. Butler, '38, has been awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon by Gen. Mark Clark at a joint awards-promotion ceremony in Vienna, Austria.

After leaving the University, Major Butler was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps. He entered active duty in April, 1941, and was assigned to overseas duty the following April. In September of that year Major Butler participated in the invasion landing at Salerno, Italy.

In addition to an arrowhead for combat landing, Major Butler also has the Bronze Star and five battle stars on his Europe-Africa-Middle East campaign ribbon. He is now chief of the Real Estate Section of the Vienna Area Command.

► Capt. Foster L. White, '40eng, was recently selected for a commission in the regular Army. While serving in the China-Burma-India theater during the war, he completed 91 combat missions flying P-38 Lightnings and P-47 Thunderbolts. Captain White wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with one cluster.

► Lt. Col. William E. Crump, Jr., '33-'37, Wynnewood, training office with the C-3 Section of I Corps Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan, has recently been appointed an Infantry first lieutenant in the Regular Army.

He served in North Africa and England of the European Theater, before coming to the Pacific Theater and serving in the Philippines as G-9 officer of the 24th Infantry Division, and then coming to Japan. He recently returned to Japan from a three months TDY in the U. S.

► Maj. Noel Story, '42law, Eufaula, has been named chief of war crimes branch of the Seventh U. S. Army Judge Advocate. Major Story, a Field Artillery officer, has served with the 76th division in Germany and Chemnitz. He has been awarded the Silver Star for action in the Ardennes forest as an artillery observer and the Army Commendation Ribbon by Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keys, commanding general of the Seventh Army.

Deaths in Service

► Capt. Robert L. Cooper, '39law, Pond Creek, has been declared dead by the War Department. Captain Cooper had been reported as captured by the Japanese on June 20, 1945.

► T/Sgt. Clarence William Vaughn, Jr., '40-'41, Oklahoma City, was officially declared killed in action by the War Department on November 28, 1944. He formerly was listed as missing in action on November 28, 1943, on a flight over Rimini, Italy.

► Lt. Calvin Locksle Gifford, '34-'35, Wirt, was officially declared dead by the War Department on September 17, 1945. He had previously been reported missing on September 17, 1944 over Holland.

► Corporal Barney Tillman Burns, '34law, was reported killed in action May 2, 1945.

► 2nd Lt. Edward B. Setliff, '40-'43, Madill, was officially reported killed in action on June, 1946.

Discharged

The following men have been released from military service: Lt. Randal W. Clark, Jr., '41-'44, Tulsa; Raymond Dwight Doty, Jr., '43eng, Shreveport, Louisiana; Cpl. James E. Thompson, '41-'43, Norman; Ethan Allen Walker, '44med, Yukon; Cpl. Ben L. Young, Jr., '41bus, San Clemente, California.

► Carl D. McWade, '34eng, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel before being placed on terminal leave. His period of terminal leave ended on July 28. He is now employed by the Cardwell Manufacturing Company as advertising and sales promotion manager.

► Harold Springer, '39law, Davis has recently been discharged from the Navy with the rank of lieutenant commander. He is now practicing law in Davis. Springer saw active service in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

► The following have recently been discharged from military service: Sgt. Richard Dwight Beadle, '41-'42, Santa Ana, California; Cpl. Theodore Roosevelt Beck, '40-'43, Bradford, Pennsylvania; Flight Officer Gerald K. Belles, '38-'41, Indianapolis, Indiana; AS Mervyn Sharp Bennion, Jr., '44, Salt Lake City, Utah; Pfc. Spencer Edgar Berry, '38soc.wk, '41ma, Norman; Capt. Frank Willis Binckley, '41eng, New York City, in school at Columbia University; Dr. James Samuel Binkley, '29bs, '30ba, Long Beach, California, with the rank of Lieutenant, and T/4 Melvin Neil Blackstone, '35eng, Houston, Texas.

► Lt. Col. Kenneth Rees, '40eng, has been released from the Army and has been working as an Engineer for Anderson Prichard Oil Corporation in Oklahoma City.

► The following have received their discharges from military service: Lt. George Gerald Acker, '39ms, Columbia, Missouri; Lt. (j.g.) Charles Francis Adams, Jr., '31, Ardmore; Maj. Franklin W. Akright, '34eng, Oklahoma City; Lt. Col. James Ritchie Akright, '37law, Bartlesville; Capt. Edmond Scruggs Aldredge, '40, Norman; Capt. George W. Allen, '34-'38, Muskogee; Lt. Hiram Judson Allison, Jr., '37bus, Afton; Ensign James Ashley Allison, '40-'43, Wichita, Kansas; Lt. Clyde E. Alton, '41-'42, Garber; Capt. C. Willard Anderson, '37eng, Seminole; Maj. Emmett C. Anderson, '30, Oklahoma City; Capt. Hubert Manley Anderson, '42med, Oklahoma City; Lt. Kenneth C. Anderson, '40eng, Norman; Lt. (j.g.) William Alexander Appleby, '43eng, Norman; Ensign Charles S. Bacon, '44, Paradise, California; Capt. Jack Gordon Barker, '37-'40, Norman; Capt. Raymond J. Barnett, '38-'40, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Lt. Charles R. Barr, '42eng, Midland, Texas; Lt. Warren Jack Bates, '42geol, Ada; Lt. (j.g.) Granville R. Baxter, '35fa, Chicago, Illinois; Lt. James Lamont Baxter, '39bus, Oklahoma City; Capt. David Wright Bean, '38-'42, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Lt. Col. James Henry Beary, '38bus, Omaha, Nebraska; Lt. (j.g.) Gerald E. Bell, '39-'41, Stigler.

► Maj. Louie N. Beck, '31-'36, Wayne, received his discharge from the Air Corps on June 16. He served four years and three months in the Army and served most of this time as Legal Officer. He plans to practice law in Purcell.

► Men who have recently been released from military service are as follows: Billy R. Bryan, '33-'34, Ada; Joe R. Bryan, '33-'34, Ada; Capt. John Victor Bryan, '42geol, Chickasha; Capt. Melvin R. Bullington, '41eng, Wichita Falls, Texas; Robert Carroll Bullock, '44, Camden, Arkansas; Lt. Wayne Bumpas, '28-'29, North Hollywood, California; S/Sgt. Eugene P. Burtner, '43, Arlington, Texas; Sgt. Albert C. Buswell, Jr., '41-'43, Kingfisher; Jack E. Butler, '35-'37, Duncan; Lt. Comdr. J. Knox Byrum, '27law, Shawnee; Lt. James Henry Cain, '41med, Hoffman, Minnesota;

Lt. Logan Donathan Campbell, Jr., '43, Fort Worth, Texas; Sgt. Pierce Edwin Cantrell, '36law, Tulsa; Capt. Robert M. Cardwell, '34-'35, Ardmore; Joel Henry Carlson, '44, Fayetteville, Arkansas; Lt. (j.g.) Daniel H. Carter, '40-'43, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Richard Lee Carter, '43-'45, El Reno; Capt. Hershel S. Carver, Jr., '38-'41, Orange, California.

► Ray E. Ashley, Jr., '42-'43, Muskogee, Oklahoma recently received his discharge from the Army and plans to re-enter the University this fall.

► The following have recently been discharged from military service: Lt. Byron Wolverton Aycock, '40med, Lawton, Oklahoma; Lt. (j.g.) Robert Roger Baird, Jr., '43, Sanger, California; Lt. (j.g.) Carlyle Jack Baker, Jr., '43arch, Long Beach, California; Capt. Edward William Bank, Jr., '37ba, Chicago, Illinois; Lt. (j.g.) Alex Barno, '42ba, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Lt. James Edward Bates, Jr., '39bus, Little Rock, Arkansas, and S 1/c Joseph Robert Baumgart, '44, Sacramento, California.

► Floyd H. Norris, LL.B. '35, Los Angeles, was discharged at Camp Beale on December 4 as a lieutenant colonel after serving with the 8th Army in New Guinea, the Philippine Islands and Japan with the Civil Affairs or Military Government Division. On June 12, Norris was admitted to the California Bar and is now practicing law in Los Angeles.

► Ensign Jack Thornton Bell, '44, Stigler; Lt. Harold Bergman, '42geol, Wichita, Kansas; Lt. Robert Lee Bernard, '42-'43, Pauls Valley; Ensign Douglas J. Bourne, '43, Orchard, Texas; Capt. Sample E. Brockman, '34m.ed, Vian; Capt. George E. Burton, Jr., '39-'42, Tyler; Lt. Phillip K. Campbell, '29-'33, Claude, Texas; Lt. Ray B. Cairns, Jr., '39, Denver, Colorado; Capt. Tom F. Carey, Jr., '38bus, '40law, Oklahoma City; Lt. E. E. Chambers '40med, Enid; Lt. William N. Christian, '40-'42, Broken Bow; Lt. Benjamin G. Christopher, '42eng, Dallas, Texas; Lt. Lillian Faye Corley, '39m.ed, Oklahoma City; Lt. Earl S. Craig, '41-'42, Oklahoma City.

► Flight Officer Leo Bert Craun, '37-'41, Tulsa; Lt. Col. G. C. Croston, Jr., '25-'30, Brunswick, Missouri; Lt. Dwayne L. Deal, '39-'41, Clinton; Lt. Homer Omar Eberling, '44, Norman; Lt. John H. N. Evinger, '41eng, Tulsa; Lt. James D. Foliart, '40-'42, Oklahoma City; Capt. Powell E. Fry, '34med, Stillwater; Lt. Dick Taylor Frye, '39-'42, Norman; Lt. Mose Edward Frye, '41ba, Muskogee; Lt. Raymond P. Gahan, '41, Norman; Lt. Robert Gallaway, '41, Boulder, Colorado; Major Otha A. Gasaway, '20ba, Irving, Texas; Capt. Foy L. George, '36ba, '40ced, Odessa, Texas; Lt. Robert Gerner, '34eng, Lafayette, Louisiana.

► Maj. Lloyd Nance Gilliland, Jr., '37ba, '38med, '40m.d., Temple, Texas; Capt. Leo Goggin, '38-'41, Oklahoma City; Lt. Patrick L. Hamilton, '43, New York, N. Y.; F/O Arthur G. "Bill" Hays, '39-'42, McAlester; Capt. Jean W. Heim, '42, Tulsa; Lt. Floyd R. Hinton, '33-'36, Tulsa; Capt. Robert M. Hippard, '42eng, Houston, Texas; Lt. Edward L. Howard, '31geol, Tyler, Texas; Capt. Denzil F. Huston, '38bs, '40law, Oklahoma City.

► John Dell Hadsell, '38ba, will return to Ponca Military Academy as principal of the academy, with rank of captain. Hadsell was released from duty with the Navy after four years service. He holds a degree from the University, with his master's degree from the University of Colorado and one year post-graduate work at Harvard University. Captain Hadsell taught at Ponca Military Academy for two years prior to his military service.

► Men who have recently been released from military service are as follows: Lt. Col. Fred Elmore Brown, Jr., '34bus, New York City; Col. Ellis Langham Brown, '39eng, Duncan; Lt. Col. David Brooks, '34, New York City; Capt. Tilford H. Eskridge, '38-'42, Seattle, Washington; Comdr. Richard Bland Ford, '28med, Corpus Christi, Texas; Capt. John A. Getty, Jr., '39eng, Odessa, Texas; Lt. Roy Mishey Kunkel, '37m.ed, Duncan; Lt. Roger L. Messman, '36geol, Hays, Kansas.

► Lt. James Robert Pantier, '40-'43, Ponca City; Lt. Eff W. Birdsong, Jr., '41-'42, Lawton; Lt. Col. Julian Bleyer, '34, Tulsa; A/C Milferd Orlandis Brunsold, '45, Manly, Iowa; Lt. Delon Nello Brown, '45med, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Howard

Ray Brown, '44, Iowa City, Iowa; J. R. Brown, '43, San Diego, California; Robert Reck Brown, '34eng, Houma, Louisiana; Pfc. James G. Bruton, '34-'39, Los Angeles, California.

► Dale Mitchell, '40-'42, hard-hitting record buster from Cloud Chief, and a veteran of 37 months in the Air Corps, has signed to play with the Oklahoma City Indians. Mitchell played two seasons with the Sooners before going off to war in 1942. He is the only Sooner regular of all time to hit more than .500 and the only pastimer to capture the O.U. hitting crown, two years running. The fleet-footed left-hander is a veteran of battles of Northern France and the Rhineland, and has two battle stars. He is married and has one child.

► The following recently received their discharges from the Armed forces: Allen J. Alexander, '42-'43, Clinton, with the rank of lieutenant. Captain Wm. Corder Alston, Jr., '37med, now practicing at Greenwood, South Carolina; Sgt. J. F. Ambrose, '29, '33, Oklahoma City; George Andres, III, '39-'41, Norman, discharged from the U. S. Coast Guard; Lt. Alfred J. Ashton, Jr., '41, Norman, now re-entered in the University; Capt. Fred Bawden Aurin, '38bs, Cincinnati Ohio; Lt. Orville Ellis Avery, '39ba, '40ma, Norman, now enrolled in the University, and Capt. Kenneth Malcolm Axelrod, '37bus, Borger, Texas.

► The following men have been discharged from the armed forces: Pvt. Leo Robert Brammer, Jr., '44, Tulsa; Lt. M. Dean Bridges, '42bus, Bartlesville; T/Sgt. Willis William Brakebill, '35bus, Shawnee; Lt. Col. Mack Million Braly, '35law, Ada; Dawson Bray, '42-'43, Chicago, Illinois; Charles Joseph Breeden, '44, Claremore; Lt. James C. Brennan, Jr., '37ba, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Ensign William Benajah Briggs, '44, Enid; Lt. Roger Dean Brightbill, '40-'43, Bethany; Capt. Harry N. Britten, Jr., '37ba, Pharr, Texas;

S/Sgt. King W. Broadrick, '41, Charlottesville, Virginia; Lt. Gene Orlan Brodie, '42eng, Skiatook; Lt. Loddie Wendell Brodie, '42eng, Skiatook; Lt. Lyle Bross, '39-'40, El Reno; Ensign David Randolph Brown, '44, Ardmore; Ensign Ernest R. Brown, Jr., '44, Pryor.

► T/4 James Clay Duncan, '39-'43, Cushing, recently received his discharge from the armed forces.

► Allen Brown, Jr., '40-'41, Blackwell, who recently was returned from three years overseas duty, and is now a student in Central State College, brought with him an Italian bride from Naples. She is Roseta Brown, who studied philosophy at the University of Naples. They met at a party in her home in 1944 and were married in 1945. Brown spent four years in the Army as petroleum laboratory technician and medical technician. He re-enrolled in the University at the fall term.

► The following have been discharged from military service and are now living in Norman: Cpl. N. P. Edmondson, '44; Pfc. Julian L. Center, '44; Pvt. Charles Calvin Callaway, '43; John Ore Busby, '41ba; Robert George Budd, '44eng; Robert W. Woodhouse, '42-'43; Paul H. DeLong, Jr., '43; Robert Edward Brooks, '41-'42; Oscar Randall Bramer, '44.

► John Lawrence Vail, Jr., '32bs, has returned to his former position as designing engineer with the Austin Company, Engineers and Constructors, with home office in Cleveland, Ohio, after being released from the service October, 1945. His company holds a contract for remodeling several cotton mills in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and he is at present located at 188 North Fairview, in that city.

► The following have been discharged from military service and are living in Oklahoma City: S/Sgt. Willis James Wheat, '43; Cpl. Thomas C. Callahan, '42; Edgar B. Cafky, '30-'31; Sgt. Rupert E. Wilson, Jr., '41law; Capt. Donald S. Oliver, '41; John A. Green, Jr., '42-'43; Lt. Harrell C. Dodson, Jr., '41med.

► S/Sgt. Clifton B. Ruhrop, '35, Oklahoma City, received his discharge from the Air Forces on February 25, 1946, after 35 months active duty including 14 months on Guam and Saipan.

► Harry W. Hughes, '29ba, Norman, has been discharged after serving over five and one-half

years in the Infantry, with rank of lieutenant colonel. Colonel Hughes has a war record established while serving with the 45th Division that includes the invasion of Sicily, invasion of Italy at Salerno, Central Italy, and the Anzio beachhead operation. He has been awarded the Purple heart with four oak leaf clusters. Colonel Hughes will resume his pre-war profession of school teaching.

► The following men have been discharged from military service: Lt. Robert Preston Bixler, '42eng, Oklahoma City; Capt. Fred Melville Black, '37law, Oklahoma City; Owen Riley Black, Jr., '41bus, Oklahoma City; Lt. Col. Robert Klee Black, '35bus, Duncan; Pfc. Spencer Frank Black, '42, Seminole; John Cecil Blackshire, '43-'44, Fayetteville, Arkansas; William Lee Bland, '42-'44, Tulsa; Lt. Comdr. Jules Hirsch Bloch, Jr., '37bus, Oklahoma City.

► Maj. Glenn D. Kelley, '37, completed his terminal leave in June and is now living in Norman. He was in the Air Corps.

► William O. Fisher, '46, from Grand Tower, Illinois, says he came down to the University to be with his buddies who fought with him overseas. He had three and a half years at Southern Illinois University before the war.

Fisher was discharged in October, 1945 with 96 points after service overseas with the 14th Air Force. He is a math major and hopes to teach school in Oklahoma and also coach baseball, upon graduation from the University.

► Discharges were recently given to the following service men: Lt. (j.g.) Virgil R. Bonnette, Jr., '43eng, Bartlesville; Capt. Clifton U. Boon, '32med, Aurora, Illinois; Ensign Richard Mayo Bowen, Jr., '43eng, Goldsmith, Texas; Cpl. Gus Charles Bowman, '35, St. Elmo, Illinois; Cpl. Bill E. Boyd, '36eng, Shawnee; Capt. James Kendall Boyd, '38ba, Tulsa; Lt. K. Denzil Boyd, '37eng, Houston, Texas; Ensign Kenneth Hawhurst Boyd, '43-'44, Arlington, Virginia.

Lt. Harold Lester Boyer, '41med, St. Louis, Missouri; Capt. James Field Boynton, '30-'31, Sulphur, Oklahoma; Lt. Howard Jackson Bozarth, '28bus, Oklahoma City; Major Clifford J. Blair, '39med, Oklahoma City; Pvt. Tom Braddock, '43, Altus; Sgt. Willard E. Bradley, '36-'37, Olustee; W. C. Bradstreet, '43, Bartlesville; Cecil Amos Brakebill, '45, Shawnee.

Ensign Wade Blocker, '40phys, Idabel; T/Sgt. Barnell V. Bodard, '39-'40, Hobart; Larry Baker Boggs, II, '40-'42, Ardmore; Capt. Laurence Randolph Bolen, '40law, Oklahoma City; Ensign Walker Palmer Boles, '35bus, Ardmore; Lt. Max Augustus Bolick, '42-'43, Tonkawa; Lt. Robert A. Bonnell, Jr., '37-'38, Tulsa; Capt. Thomas C. Bonnell, '31ba, Muskogee.

Joe S. Wallace, '43law, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Walter Richard West, '41fa, San Bernardino, California; Joel A. Wolfe, '16, Tulsa; Mrs. Louis F. Benson, Gb '32, Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Donald Evan Barnes, '40ba, Chicago, Illinois; G. Turner Armstrong, '40eng, Avenal, California.

► Pfc. Kathryn Boerstler, '37ba, has been released from military service and is now living in Henryetta.



Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay presents the Legion of Merit Award to Lt. George C. McGhee (right).