

2 Sooners Get Advanced Training

Lieutenant Colonel Frank G. Ratliff, '39law, Oklahoma City, and Maj. David W. Way, '36bus, Ponca City, have been assigned to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill as students in the Officers Advanced Course. The Course began on September 5, 1946, and will end on June 16, 1947.

Colonel Ratliff received his commission in the Field Artillery Reserve in May, 1936, and his commission was made Regular Army in September, 1939. He has attended the Officers Basic Course at Fort Sill and the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1943. In India from November, 1943, to October, 1945, Colonel Ratliff served as assistant G-2, intelligence officer with Headquarters of the United States Air Force in the China-Burma-India Theater from November, 1943, to May, 1944, when he transferred to S-3, operations, with the Intermediate Section of the theater. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon with one star and the Bronze Star.

At the present time, Colonel and Mrs. Ratliff reside at 1905 Oak Street, Lawton.

Pharmacist Wanted

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A veteran of three years overseas, Major Way served as battery commander and later as battalion S-3, operations, officer with the 62nd Armored Field Artillery in seven major campaigns including Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. His decorations are the Bronze Star, Croix de Guerre with a silver star and the Presidential Unit Citation. He received his commission at the University in the Reserve Officers Corps in May, 1935, and attended the Officer Specialist Course in Communication in August, 1941. Before entering service, Major Way was an accountant for the Continental Oil Company of Ponca City.

Mrs. Way and their son, David, age 5, reside at 512 McPadden Drive, Ponca City. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Balfour of Hunter, Oklahoma. Major Way is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Way of Prague, Oklahoma.

Obert Gets Silver Star, D. F. C.

Lt. Col. David Obert, '40, Apache, now a student in Illinois School of Technology, recently received the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross earned four years ago with the 24th Pursuit group in the Philippines.

These were added to the Bronze Star, which he later won with the Italy based 12th Air Force during the invasion of southern France, and the ribbon of a Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Colonel Obert was in the Pacific theater when World War II crashed on the scene. There he met and married a Chicago girl, who lived with her uncle in Manila.

While his P-40 pursuit group fought an expert and costly rear-guard, air action before Bataan, his wife was captured and interned at Santo Tomas.

It was less than a month after her capture that Obert led a night attack on Japanese installations at Nichols field, guiding his flight in complete darkness on devastating low level attacks.

Leaving his flight he made two additional passes at the field alone, and then, sighting a long, well-lighted enemy motor convoy, he strafed the entire length of the column, inflicting heavy casualties.

The citation for his Distinguished Flying Cross says: "His spirited initiative, resourcefulness and high degree of airmanship contributed materially to the heroic defense of the Philippine Islands."

Colonel Obert was in Italy when he heard of his wife's rescue from Santo Tomas by men of the First Cavalry division. He received his discharge last December.

Fifty-nine master's degrees were granted last summer at the University of Oklahoma.

Col. Britton Goes to Olmsted Field

Appointment of Colonel Bloyce H. Britton, '26bs, '28med, of El Paso, Texas, as surgeon at M. A. M. A. Headquarters and commanding officer of the Olmsted Field Station Hospital, was announced recently by Colonel David R. Stinson, M. A. M. A. commander.

Colonel Britton succeeds Captain Graham Milburn who has been assigned as flight surgeon with the 11th Air Force for duty at Olmsted Field.



COLONEL BRITTON

Tampa, Florida.

Last September he went to Wright and Patterson Fields, Ohio, as post surgeon, and in February of this year went overseas to Headquarters of the Pacific Air Command. He returned in June.

In civilian life Colonel Britton specialized in ophthalmology at the El Paso County Hospital. He has studied at the New York Eye and Ear Hospital and is rated a flight surgeon, having graduated from the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas.

Colonel Britton's wife, the former Marjorie L. Sweet of Providence, R. I., and their two children, Bloyce, Jr., 11, and Ronald, 8, reside at 2473 Riverside Drive, Santa Ana, California.

Col. Yeaton Assigned to Nanking

Col. Ivan D. Yeaton, former chief G-2, China Theater, and Director of Intelligence, China Service Command, is now assigned to Office of Military Attache, Nanking, China, as Assistant Military Attache on duty in Shanghai, according to word received yesterday from Secretary of War Patterson, War Department, Washington, D. C.

He served as commanding officer of the Yen-an Observer Group in Shensi Province from June, 1945, until April of this year. For this work he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

From September, 1939, to October, 1941, he was stationed in Moscow as military attache to the U.S.S.R. During the early war years he was assigned to military intelligence, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Colonel Yeaton is a native of Haverhill, Massachusetts. He was a post graduate at medical school when United States entered war in 1917. He enlisted as a private and remained in the Army rising to his present rank in September, 1942.

He was assistant professor of Military Science for six years at the University in the early 30's when he married the former Alice M. March of Lawton.

Mrs. Yeaton is now living in Washington, D. C., but plans to sail from Seattle with the first dependents for China on September 3, arriving in Shanghai on September 21.

There are 258 students representing practically all of the 48 states enrolled in the professional writing courses offered by the University of Oklahoma Extension Division.

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