With the Armed Forces

Lt. Col. Morton E. Munson, of Lawrence, Kansas, has reason to regret one of the many "miracles" that circulated while his battalion was fighting the Nazis last spring. The battalion was racing through Germany and had reached the town of Merkels. He was speaking to the civilians in the town claimed that there was gold in an old mine but the colonel passed it off as mere rumor. Two days later his unit discovered the mine and the richness of Nazi loot in the salt mines there.

Colonel Munson is now stationed at Fort Sill. In recent days it has been reported that he may soon be placed on a special Army mission in foreign service again.

Douglas Baker, 42, Lindsay, Oklahoma, was recently declared killed in action by the War Department after having been listed missing in action for the past year. Mr. Baker held the rank of a lieutenant junior grade in the Naval Air Force. He was killed by a fighter plane in a carrier that was shot down over the Philippines in the South Pacific.

Lt. Col. Carl B. Albert, 31, McAlester, Staff Judge Advocate, Far East Air Service Command, has been awarded the Bronze Star recently by the War Department.

In addition to his duties, which Colonel Albert performed in a most meritorious manner as Staff Judge Advocate, he assisted and instructed trial judges and other personnel of the court and rendered invaluable legal assistance to members of the staff of headquarters, Far East Air Service Command.

Colonel Albert entered the service in June, 1941, and since arriving overseas in July, 1944, has been stationed in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan.

He attended the University of Oklahoma and received his law degree from Oxford University, England.

Maj. L. Hart Wright, 41, was stationed in Austria as a battalion commander of the 839th Field Artillery battalion.

Lt. W. H. Hoover, 44, Harlingen, Texas, was killed in action November 24, 1944, in Southern France. Private Hoover completed his A.S.T.P. training at Texas Southern University on March 4, 1944, and four days later was sent to Camp Howze, Texas, in the infantry.

It was revealed recently that there were 35 Oklahomas on board the Oryx Mari, Japanese prison ship which was bombed by American planes when it could not be distinguished from a cargo ship.

Three former University men are known to be among the survivors of that tragic sinking. They are Maj. Charles W. Miller, 37, geol, Oklahoma City; Lt. William Thomas "Divide" Howell, 39, speech, Woodward, and Maj. C. S. Maupin, 34, med. The prisoners aboard the ship were all defenders of Batagon and Corregidor.

The fact that the men were crammed into the airless holds according to their rank—Naval commanders and Army lieutenant colonels first on down to privates and seamen— accounted for an extremely high death toll among the officers. More than 100 had suffocated when the ship was aground on a small island near the Subic Bay Naval Base after American planes had dive-bombed her as she traveled northward up the coast of Luzon.

Joe A. Jille, 41-43, recently was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the Army.

Lt. Col. James L. Farmer, 38, eng, Norman, is home on temporary leave visiting his family.

Sgt. Philip Becker, 43, and Sgt. Donald Becker, 43, are in Japan serving with the Army occupation forces.

First Lt. Ted Becker, 43, is now serving with the Army in Japan.

Maj. James D. Webster, 28, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, died December 10 in the 194th General Hospital near Antwerp from a natural cause. He entered the service in October, 1939, and was with the Second Armored Division of the First Army, going overseas December, 1942.

Major Webster wore the pre-PEARL Harbor ribbon, the ETO ribbon with six battle stars, the Purple Heart and two Unit Citations from the French and Belgian governments.

He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity at the University and was connected with the Travelers Insurance Company in Oklahoma City for two years.

Forest McClain, 42, eng, captain in the Field Artillery, is home on terminal leave.

Joseph Terlinden, 42, Oklahoma City, was killed in a plane crash near Schombsen, Germany. He volunteered and was a fighter pilot, taking part in 12 missions before being shot down. Lieutenant Price had received the Air Medal.

Commander A. L. O'lonnian, 36, of Oklahoma City, arrived in Guam recently to begin another assignment in the service of the Navy.

Major Robert W. Butler, 35-38, Sapulpa, was chief of the Real Estate Section VAC, which was the first office of the United States forces in Austria to set up operations in Austria. This was a part of General Mark W. Clark's USFRA.

The office has the responsibility of procuring housing and office space for all American forces occupying Vienna. To date over 1,200 pieces of real estate, totalling in value over $5,000,000, have been requisitioned. The policy is to evict known Nazi occupants and house non-party members, Nazi-occupied quarters are taken for them. The entire cost of these operations is borne by the occupied government.

Major Butler, whose wife, Mrs. Ruth D. Butler, lives in Silver Springs, Maryland, was assigned overseas duty in April, 1943. In addition to five battle participation stars, he wears an award on the Europe-Africa-Middle East Theater Ribbon for the Salerno invasion in September, 1943. He also has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Butler's assignment in January, 1939, Major Butler attended the University and worked for the Oklahoma-Kansas Producing Department of the Texas Company.

Harry Nunn, 39, of Dallas, is now a captain, having been promoted from first lieutenant. He is stationed at Absevoye on Leyte.

Lt. (jg) Jack H. Boatman, 39-41, Oklahoma, who had his pre-medical work at the University and graduated from Duke Medical School in September, 1944, is now the Medical Officer of the Arult (AKA) Number 58 in the Pacific.

Lt. Browning Adams, 42, veteran Navy flier, has "checkered" out at Moffett Field, California to become a commander pilot on Air Transport Squadron 11’s daily California-to-Tokyo schedule.

His first assignment with the Naval Air Transport service will be at Honolulu, where he reports "to fly the line" as a co-pilot prior to assuming the responsibilities of plane commander. He will fly four-motor Douglas "Skymasters." His squadron, which landed naval supplies and personnel under fire at forward Pacific outposts during the war, is returning veterans to the United States.

Lt. Adams, who received training at Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, Atlanta and Orlando, has been in training at the plane command school at the Naval Field Service School at Pensacola.

His wife, Theodoria, will return to Norman to make her home with her mother.

First Lt. Marvin Breeding, 43, of Oklahoma City, has returned to the States from overseas duty and is now stationed at Fort Sill.

Maj. David Roper, 29-43, is now stationed at Fort Sill with the Field Artillery Reserve Training Corps.

Maj. Larry Cotton, 33, former vocalist for the Howie Hecht band, will arrive this week at a west coast port following completion of a special assignment at Gen. George C. Kenney's Far East Air Forces headquarters in Manila. A veteran of five years' service, he was to proceed to Port Lewenvouth, Kansas, for separation from the Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cotton, 626 Tulsa Street, Norman. His wife, Eunice, is stationed at Fort Worth, Texas.

After spending his terminal leave at his home in Norman, he will go to New York City to resume voice training with Mrs. Carolina Lazzari. Recently married, he and his wife sang with the Hecht band, with whom he worked with Mme. Lazzari each time the band was in the New York area. He plans to resume radio work soon.

Major Cotton, who served as a special staff officer with Gen. Kenney, made many appearances before GI audiences both overseas and in the States.

Robert W. Butler

Robert W. Butler, who is Real Estate Officer VAC, under General Mark W. Clark's United States Forces in Austria, is shown discussing the housing problem with a civilian official of the Wohnungsamt (Housing agency) in Vienna, Austria.

Comdr. James R. Holden, U. S. N. R., 37, Tulsa, has been assigned to duty aboard the new light cruiser, USS Fargo, which was commissioned December 9 at the Philadelphia Naval Base.

Lt. Ralph Reecer, 39, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States and expected to be discharged soon. He served with the 7th Division on Leyte and was a participant in the assault on Okinawa. Lieutenant Reecer received two Purple Hearts and two Combat Stars.

Lt. Col. William L. Wardell, 28, eng, St. Louis, Missouri, was commended recently by his commanding officer in Alaska. The commendation was given for the tact and cooperation with which he discharged his responsibility as liaison officer with the Alaskan Department.

Colonel Wardell went to Manila in July, 1945, for duty with the signal section of the general headquarters. Upon acceptance of the surrender terms, he went forward with the advance echelon of the general headquarters to Yokohama and a short time later to Tokyo.

The cables from Tokyo have been supervised and co-ordinate the use of Japanese toll and exchange communication facilities required for occupational purposes. Upon return, he will supervise the Japanese administration of these facilities to insure continuous service for occupational use and to see that the domestic system is administered, developed and used by the Japanese in a manner which will assist in the accomplishment of the occupational mission to the greatest extent.

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Apple is well acquainted with all types of student problems. "Raised in Oklahoma, he received his A.B. from Southeastern State Teachers' College in 1928 and his M.A. from the University of Oklahoma a year later. Later he attended Columbia University and obtained a doctor's degree in education. "Leaving his position as associate professor of education at Ball State Teachers' College, Muncie, Indiana 34 months ago, Lt. Apple entered the Army Air Force to do instructor's work. After attending school at Miami Beach, Florida, he was stationed for nearly two years at Ellington Field, Texas, where he taught preflight and navigation classes. "Last May he was sent to the school for personal services at Lexington, Virginia, and then to Fort Madison, Wisconsin, for seven weeks. "Among the free time activities held by Apple was the discharge of a medical officer to arrive from the mainland in October, Lt. Apple has been working with the university since its early stages of planning. "From his opening booklets, he holds a pilot's license for small planes and is an excellent tennis player. In 1925 he was the state tennis champion of Oklahoma and was runner-up for two successive years. "Though busy with the numerous students who file into his office daily, he welcomes anyone who has a personal or curricular problem out of the scope of course advisor's."

ETO Colonel to Ft. Sill

Lt. Col. Walter O. Beets, 28-31, Oklahoma City, veteran of the major campaigns in the European theater of operations with artillery units of the 9th Infantry Division, has been assigned as commanding officer of Field Artillery Training Detachment No. 1, Field Artillery School Troops, Fort Sill.

In combat with the 26th and 60th Field Artillery battalions of the 9th Infantry Division and for an infantry unit, he was a member of artillery headquarters, Colonel Beets participated in the battles of Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe.

Colonel Beets went overseas as battery commander of Battery A of the 26th Field Artillery battalion in time for the D-Day landings in North Africa in June, 1944, and advanced to artillery officer and executive officer of that unit. In July, 1944, he joined artillery headquarters of the 9th Infantry as supply officer, a job which he held for one month before taking 10th Field Artillery battalion as commanding officer.

Colonel Beets, in addition to eight battle stars and the Bronze Service Arrowhead for the D-Day landing in North Africa, has been awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action and the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf cluster for meritorious achievement. From the French government, he received the Croix de la Liberation for his work in instructing French troops in North Africa in the tactics and techniques of American field artillery.

O.U. Colonel of Fighting 69th Sent to Fort Sill

Lt. Col. Ben E. Allen, 38, Muncie, Indiana, has been assigned as an instructor in the department of gunnery of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill. In combat he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Colonel Allen was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery School at the University, where he was a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, in 1936. He was called to active duty immediately upon being commissioned, returning to his reserve status in July, 1937.

Again called to active duty in 1940, Colonel Allen completed the battery officers' course at the Field Artillery School and was assigned to the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center for five months. In August, 1941, he joined the department of gunnery at the Field Artillery School as an instructor.

Colonel Allen joined the 879th battalion in March, 1943, and immediately attended the new division officers' course at the Field Artillery School. He was commissioned a lieu tenant with the 879th battalion during the entire time he was assigned to that organization, returning to the United States with the battalion in September, 1945, for inactivation. Since returning to the United States, Colonel Allen has completed the officers' refresher course at the Field Artillery School.

In his second year of active duty, Colonel Allen was employed by the Phillips Petroleum company in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He is a member of the University of Oklahoma Honor Society and Scabbard and Blade, military recognition society.

O.U. Guerrilla Leader

Maj. Winston A. Jones, '31-'36, Frederick, Field Artilleryman who survived the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and who served as a guerrilla leader during Japanese occupation of the Philippines, has been assigned as operations officer of Field Artillery Training Detachment No. 1, Field Artillery School Troops, at Fort Sill.

When the Japanese attacked the Island of Luzon in December, 1941, Major Jones was a member of the 31st battalion, 88th Field Artillery regiment, Philippine Scouts, acting as commanding officer of guerrillas in the 29th regiment. Jones joined the 1st battalion, 41st Field Artillery regiment, Philippine Army, as an intelligence officer from December, 1941, until he was captured by the Japanese on April 12, 1942. For only one week were the Japanese able to keep Major Jones prisoner, and on April 19, 1942, he escaped to join elements of the American forces. He rejoined the United States Army on February 1, 1945, when United States forces made their second landing on Luzon.

Major Jones has four battle stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations ribbon, indicative of his service in four major campaigns. He also wears the American Defense ribbon with one star battle, the Philippine Defense ribbon with one star battle, and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one battle star.

Major Jones returned to the United States March 16, 1945, and went immediately to Dibble General Hospital at Mendo, California, for recuperation. Upon discharge from Dibble General Hospital, Major Jones was placed on home leave with the War Department in Washington, D. C., remaining there for three months. At the end of that time Major Jones went to the Redistribution Center at Santa Barbara, California, and after three weeks there, he went to Fort Sill.

Commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery after training in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Oklahoma, Major Jones' first tour of active duty was from July, 1937, to July, 1938. He was recalled to active duty in March, 1940, arriving in the Philippines Islands August 16, 1941. He was attached to the Philippine Scouts until August 13, 1941, and the Motor Transportation School at Fort Wayne in June, 1941.

February, 1946
On the World War II memorial plaque, in the lobby of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, presented by the senior class of 1944, all too many gold stars appear before the names of Sooner sons. The Alumni Association in co-operation with the University administration, devotes thousands of hours yearly to recording on permanent War Records the information about their honored dead in the late war. Through every available source of information, night and day checks are being made to complete these records with 100% accuracy. Your aid is solicited in helping with this mammoth—near impossible—project. The following graduates and former students of the University of Oklahoma, as your Alumni Headquarters has them recorded up to the present date in the War Records Division, were either killed in action, died in service, or are still reported missing in action in World War II. Hundreds of questions on O. U. men and women who served in the armed forces come to the headquarters of the Association monthly. We need your help by giving us leads or information on those whom we may not have established records at this hour. Therefore, in case of omission on our part of any name or names of those who were killed in action or died in service during World War II, any information that you as a friend of the University can supply to us would be appreciated.

O. U.’s Honored Sons

*A Alumni who were killed in action or died in service.

• Achte, Henry G.
• Akin, John H.
• Alexander, Donald
• Allen, E. Leroy
• Allen, Joe S.
• Allen, Wm. H., Jr.
• Alley, Harry H.
• Almond, Terry J.
• Anderson, Marshall
• Askew, Clyde L., Jr.
• Atkins, James P.
• Aust, Richard W.
• Bacon, Robert L.
• Badgett, Dale L.
• Baggett, J. Everett
• Baker, Douglas
• Baker, W. Douglas
• Baker, Wm. L.
• Barker, Forrest H.
• Barker, Wm. F.
• Barnett, Roger L.
• Barr, Sam T.
• Bass, Robert D.
• Baze, Roy E.
• Beek, Paul Z.
• Bell, George V.
• Bergdall, O. Keith
• Betts, Lloyd D.
• Bibb, Troy M.
• Billingsley, Leonard L.
• Black, Cecil E.
• Blanton, Scott R.
• Boklee, George J.
• Bookout, Alton C.
• Boucher, Vernon A.
• Bowen, Chadwick N.
• Bowker, Edward B.
• Boyd, Ralph H.
• Boyd, Thomas M.
• Boyer, Jack T.
• Boyd, Lawrence G.
• Brasil, Leslie P.
• Breckenridge, Melvin H.
• Bress, John G.
• Brewer, Charles W.
• Bricker, Herold N.
• Bried, Donald R.
• Brooks, James R. J.
• Brown, Calvin
• Brown, Everett P.
• Brown, Ira
• Brown, Walter R.
• Bryant, Max J.
• Bryant, Marvin
• Buchanan, James C., Jr.
• Buchanan, Richard E.
• Bunch, Billy
• Burnett, Franklin H.
• Burnett, Murlyn F.
• Burns, Dan
• Cain, Robert E.
• Callahan, Walter H.
• Callaway, Jack S., Jr.
• Campbell, Malcolm D.
• Capahaw, Elmer
• Carpenter, Howard G.
• Cason, Ralph H.
• Champlin, John B.
• Chandler, Arthur B., Jr.
• Channell, John S.
• Christian, Wayne
• Clapham, Duane J.
• Clark, James F., Jr.
• Clement, Raymond D.
• Cloe, H. O., Jr.
• Cochran, James W.
• Coleman, Harvey
• Colin, Ernest
• Colin, Robert W.
• Conrad, Doyle E.
• Coxley, Allen J.
• Cook, John S.
• Crouch, Geraldine
• Curtis, Albert B.
• Dagenaart, Claude W.
• Dalley, Carl S., Jr.
• Dale, Eugene P.
• Damberg, Fred E.
• Daniel, Warren E.
• Dark, Glen L.
• Davis, Donald
• Davis, Louis L.
• Davis, Sidney R.
• Davison, Beverly, Jr.
• Day, Ralph D.
• Denton, Aubrey J.
• Denton, Jack R.
• Denton, James W.
• Dick, Noris D.
• Dickson, Robert L.
• Diggs, Graham W., Jr.
• Ditchman, Garland A.
• Ditmars, Sidney F., Jr.
• Dixon, John
• Dixon, Richard W.
• Dorn, Paul H.
• Donaldson, Randolph V.
• Dorsett, Cecil
• Dougherty, Henry M.
• Dowell, Leslie W.
• Drake, Frank R., Jr.
• Duke, Albert B.
• Dunlop, Patrick U.
• Dunn, Clarence N.
• Dunn, Lewis R.
• Dustin, Archie A.
• Edgerton, John P., Jr.
• Edein, Paul E., Jr.
• Eger, James O.
• Eubanks, Oral W.
• Evans, James J.
• Evans, Robert K.
• Evans, Stanley L.
• Evatt, Harold G.
• Fangman, Wayne R.
• Feesinger, Thomas Jr.
• Feest, John H.
• Frieden, Howard
• Friel, James E.
• Finley, Warren H.
• Fleming, Clyde E.
• Fisk, Charles R.
• Flynn, Richard H.
• Foster, Dewey, Jr.
• Fox, Robert E.
• Frankton, Alfred C., Jr.
• France, Victor J.
• Freeland, Jerry G.
• Frenlays, Lynn O.
• Funk, Gus D.
• Gahringer, Ross R.
• Galloway, James H.
• Garrett, James E.
• Garrett, Robert L.
• Gauld, Gerald
• Gifford, Calvin L.
• Gill, James H.
• Goode, Leonard C.
• Graham, James D.
• Graham, Wm. E.
• Grampa, Wm., Jr.
• Grimes, Earl H.
• Gunter, Ernest E.
• Haas, Samuel D.
• Haggard, Jack W.
• Halbach, Edward R.
• Hall, Milus
• Halling, Harold
• Hallmark, Oliver
• Hamilton, Robert G.
• Hamilton, William A. A.
• Handley, Ted
• Haney, Nora B.
• Hannah, Dale S.
• Harris, Lucian F.
• Harris, N. Earl, Jr.
• Harrison, Alexander V.
• Harrison, Thomas E.
• Harshman, Wayne C.
• Hart, Ralph M.
• Hawkins, Paul W.
• Haynes, Joe E.
• Henderson, Alvin H.
• Henderson, James F.
• Henderson, James H.
• Hendrick, Wayne
• Henry, Robert A.
• Hermann, Carl A.
• Herrfeld, Sol
• Hewitt, Robert C.
• Hicks, Robert D.
• Hiibner, S. M.
• Hiltz, Charles W.
• Hoelschuch, Bresen C.
• Horton, Arthur C.
• Hoover, W. Hal
• Hope, Virgil E.
• Howard, Ralph
• Howard, Walden E.
Mooney, Lester T.
Moore, Charles T.
Mose, Raymond S.
Munsey, F. S.
"Mc"
Mcanally, Hugh L.
McCain, Oran N.
McCollister, Gary H.
McCraw, Reaford C.
McDuffy, Jack D.
McKoy, George C.
McLennan, William D.
McNally, Robert
McReynolds, Robert L.
Nafisheh, Alfred
Narbon, Mark F.
Nayfa, James
Neal, Leo A., Jr.
Nelson, Charles, Jr.
Nespor, Robert J.
Neville, Gene
"Ne"well, Donald F.
"Ne"well, James P.
Nonnamaker, Frank C.
Nordahl, Lynn C.
Norris, Roscoe E., Jr.
Northcutt, Bernice G.
O'Nye, Robert C.
O'Vey
O'Leary, Robert G.
Oliviera, Wallace K.
O'conor, Elmo T.
O'Malley, Bernard W.
Owens, Marion S.
Palmer, Phil V.
Park, Tharon A.
Parker, Charles E.
Paxton, Ernest B.
Peace, Clarence A.
Paviluk, Michael E.
Phifer, Marion, Jr.
Phillips, Joe W.
Phillips, Kenneth W.
Phipps, Tilden H., Jr.
Pickett, Winford A.
Pierce, Albert E.
Pitl, Paul M.
Poteet, John E.
Pounds, Jack W.
Powell, John E.
"Pre"ter, Richard C.
Preble, Quintin
Prentice, Thomas W.
Price, Joe H., Jr.
Price, Joe T.
Prickett, William F.
"Qu"arles, J. Harper
Quattabrun, Harrell
Ragsdale, Wilmer E.
Raines, Joe B.
Raper, Hooley B.
Rawlins, Joseph S.
Ray, Samuel A.
Red, Vernon L., Jr.
Reeves, Henry W.
Reid, John E.
Reynolds, Joseph C.
Reynolds, Thomas C.
"Ric"ce, Louis D.
"Rich"ardson, Merrell C.
"Ric"kner, Harold E.
Rieger, Carl
Riesen, John R.
Roark, Edward L., Jr.
Robinson, Ralph L.
Rodgers, James W., Jr.
"Ro"seler, George W., Jr.
Rollow, George V.
Roop, Carl
"Rout," Lambert C.
"Roxor," Woodrow W.
"Rouse," Jay P.
"Rutledge," Paul E.
"Rutledge," Wm. H.
"S""arles, John E.
"Sch"affer, Robert
"Schmidt, Robert A.
"Schm"oldt, John H.
Schultz, Donald
Seals, Milton
Sellers, Jack A.
Setiff, E. B.
"Settle," Fred F., Jr.
"Setl"eton, William C., Jr.
"She"phard, Ernest G.
Shirley, Basil
Sho"ek, Samuel K.
Shultz, William G., Jr.
"Sim"psoon, Herman H.
"Sim," Wm. A.
"Sk"inner, Wm. H.
"Sm"iley, Walter
"Sm"ith, Harrison, Jr.
"Sm"ith, John S.
"Sm"ith, Paul G.
"Sm"ith, Wm., W., Jr.
"Sno"ddy, Richard A.
"Spo"nseller, H. Mark
"Ste"ats, Carl W., Jr.
"Stead," Eugene
"Strut," Norbert
"Sur"ber, Louis L.
"Su"tiff, Don L.
"Su"tiff, Norman
"Syl"ter, Thaine A.
"T""ompson, Joe E.
"To"rton, Ben
"Tormo"hlen, Louis, Jr.
"Trot"ter, Frank A.
"Tu"dor, Robert G.
"Turk," Wayne
"Tu"ner, James Riley
"V""ance, Leon R., Jr.
"Van"horn, Robert I.
"Va"ughn, Clarence, Jr.
"Ve"ith, Justin
"Vo"elkers, James C.
"W""adlin, Robert F.
"Wal"born, E. D.
"Wal"ling, Granville H.
"War"d, Olen E.
"War"ner, Darwin D.
"War"ren, Lloyd
"Was"ham, Raymond W.
"Wat"son, Walter F.
"Wa"tt, John L., Jr.
"Wat"ters, Sidney
"W""etherly, Walter C.
"We"bster, James D.
"Wees"er, Glenn E.
"We"iss, Edward M.
"Wel"ch, Herman A.
"Wen"zel, John H.
"Wey"n, Winton R.
"White," Bob G.
"White," James D.
"White," James E.
"White," Paul A.
"Whit"ehand, Robert
"Wid"lake, Robert L.
"Wil"ley, Adam
"Wil"ley, Harold E., Jr.
"Wi"lliams, Paul I.
"Wi"llis, Samuel
"Witt," Leonard C.
"Witt," Orville S., Jr.
"Wolf," Raymond B.
"Wol"fe, Lester L.
"W"ools, Weldon W.
"Wo"oley, William W.
"W""right, Harold
"Wyn"ne, Richard C.
"Y""elding, Howard
"Yo"ng, George O., Jr.
"Yo"ng, W. R. (Waddy)
"Yo"ng, Wayne H.
The War Over? Not Yet!  

By Lt. Ralph Brand, 336th, 38th A.M.  
Separation Officer, Borden General Hospital

The war is not over for many University of Oklahoma alumni at Borden’s General Army Hospital, Chickasha, Oklahoma. It is true that most of them are able to be up and about—but the battle is still on for them.

Lt. Price Nash, ’39-41, and Pfc. Chester V. Hamilton, ’32B, are the only two bed patients on this January report. However, being bed patients is not new to two more alumni who are now up and anxious to see what civilian life is like again. Lt. William J. Monroe, ’35B, is the dean of O. U. patients at Borden’s. Most of his eighteen months of hospitalization have been here since that night at St. Lo, but Lt. Col. Wayne J. Johnson is a rival to the “deanship” since his hospitalization dates from February, 1944.

Rumor has it that Lieutenant Monroe feels the call of politics again (he is a former Love County attorney, Marietta, Oklahoma); but it is no rumor that Colonel Johnson, the former Princeton professor, will be glad to teach again and may pick the middle west this winter.

Colonel Johnson was reared in Edmond and still feels that Oklahoma is home although his PhD degree and last years of teaching were in an American university. He was an executive officer, headquarters, 179th Infantry Regiment, when he received his leg wounds. He served ably in North Africa, Sicily and in Italy before February, 1944.

Lt. Col. Weldon K. Ruth, 33nd med., 33nd Med, Okcme, also had his undergraduate work at the University of Oklahoma. He chose the Army as a career immediately after finishing his internship, and still feels that the Army was the only career for him in spite of some experiences which could have changed his mind. He was taken prisoner by the Japs on April 9, 1942, while performing front line medical service. Colonel Ruth was with headquarters Philippine Division, at the time of his becoming a prisoner of war.

Colonel Ruth made the death march from Bataan to O’Donnell and had a broad experience from that date as a Jap prisoner. He was on four different prison ships moving from place to place within Jap jurisdiction, but he was able to land each time without too many mishaps. At the time of his release in September, 1945, he was one out of 88 Americans who were practically surrounded by English prisoners-of-war in a Formosa camp.

Maj. Alexander B. Welcher, ’30B, was one Japan prisoner-of-war who kept in touch with Colonel Ruth, since their paths often crossed. He entered active duty in June, 1940, and was with the 24th Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Philippine Division, when captured on Bataan. He also made the death march and was at the Cabanatuan prisoner-of-war camp. Then came a succession of prisoner-of-war camps which included the Ouka and Koho areas and Zentsuji on Shikoku Island near the Inland Sea. He was on Honshu, a main island of Japan, when liberated by the Eighth Army on September 2, 1945. Major Welcher has had a real convalescence, weighing 118 pounds when liberated and hitting the scales at about 180 now. Major Welcher is still the “hale-fellow-well-met” and was an organizer for the Borden group picture. However, he was at the dentist when the picture was taken and thus he has the individual one.

Maj. Joe L. Dukes, ’28B, Dallas, Texas, has been a recent arrival at Borden. The major was on Okinawa boarding the ship for Tokyo when he had his ankle caught between the LST and the ramp. Now he hobbles around the wards at Borden’s Army General. He was a C.O. of the 305th Airframe Squadron, 5th Air Force on Okinawa. He follows the oil business in Dallas and Tyler, and last saw Ted Beaud, the roaming ambassador of good will, at Tyler shortly before Pearl Harbor—Radin’ the Range and organizin’ Somers!

Lieutenant Monroe was with the 196th Field Artillery Battalion and was wounded in action after participating in the Normandy campaign. He now feels like a resident of Chickasha but looks forward to returning to his old stamping grounds in Marietta. "Bus" was a 'book-peddler' while in O. U. for Jim Mayfield at the University Book Exchange in the Union.

Lieutenant Oscar A. Jacobson, ’38-40, has never known that there was any other university than O. U. He was practically reared on the campus in Normal. His military life has been rough. In August, 1945, he had a motorcycle accident in Manila at the time he had orders to leave for the States. (In March, 1943, he had had an accident with a jeep in Australia.)

Lieutenant Jacobson has a good war record in the air with 22nd Bomb Group, 5th Air Force
has been in and out of Borden. Col. Samuel H. Alexander, 26th, 28md, outranks all O. U. patients at Borden. Lt. Elmer D. Cain, 58th, knows what war in the Pacific is like from first hand experience as does Lt. William W. Campbell. Lt. William E. Miller, 36, saw his action in New Guinea. Major Clifford C. Hines, 34th, the former assistant O. U. Range Rider, is at present an out-patient of Borden. Chief Cliff was returned to the States in recent weeks, after more than three years as a prisoner of the Japs, following the fall of Bataan and his forced participation in the March of Death. The Borden roster also shows the name of Lt. W. L. Githens, 39th. Thus they come—they come on their go, BUT, for many, many men of O. U. THE WAR IS NOT OVER!

Postwar Research for All

Okahoma Planned

Extensive plans for postwar research, notably in areas of economic importance to the development of the state, have been announced by Dr. George L. Cross, president, in connection with the recently formed foundation.

Through the University of Oklahoma foundation, a trust fund, gifts and bequests will be received to increase the scope and effectiveness of the University's services.

Research is needed to explore many of the state's most serious problems, President Cross stated, but progress will be distressingly slow unless funds can be provided to give research experts the equipment and laboratory assistants they need.

State Students Get Experience

In Radio Field

Picture proof that Oklahoma students are receiving valuable experience by writing and producing radio programs telling of their schools' participation in war loan drives is given in a recent issue of "Minute Man," a publication of the war finance division of the treasury department, reports Dr. Alice Sowers, professor of family life education at the University.

Students from the Oklahoma College for Women were pictured in the WNAD radio studio at O. U. as they presented a program in the Schools for Peace series. The photo was used in connection with a two-page story about the success of the victory loan drive in Oklahoma. Dr. Sowers has charge loan drive in Oklahoma.

Gilmore on New Army Duty

Maj. Joseph D. Gilmore, '38-39, Norman, recently returned veteran of the European theater of operations, has been assigned at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, as executive officer of the Motor Pool Detachment, Field Artillery School Troops.

While serving as commanding officer of Battery A, 264th Field Artillery battalion, and later as executive officer in the same organization, Major Gilmore fought through the campaigns of Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. Besides the scars for these four major battles, Major Gilmore wears the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service.

From the cessation of hostilities in Germany in May, 1945, until August, 1945, Major Gilmore was engaged in occupation duties in Schwabisch, Germany. In August, 1945, he joined the 404th Field Artillery group, with which organization he returned to the United States in October, 1945.

Major Gilmore received his commission as a second lieutenant of Field Artillery at the University of Oklahoma in May, 1934, after training in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps there.

Major Gilmore was called to active duty in February, 1940, and in March, 1941, completed the Battery Officers' course at the Field Artillery School. In June, 1941, he completed the Officers' Survey course.

Returning to the school the following year, he completed the Division Artillery course in April, 1942. In February, 1943, while a member of the staff of the 401st Field Artillery group, he completed the new division officers' course at the school.

Major Gilmore is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and of the Masonic Lodge. He was employed by the Southwestern Trailways in Oklahoma City before his call to active duty.

Dr. Rinsland Returns

Dr. Henry Rinsland, 20th, 24th, professor of school measurements at the University who has been on leave of absence since 1941, has rejoined the faculty for the second semester. He will conduct classes in educational measurements, statistics and research.

Dr. Rinsland was one of the five advisory editors of a dictionary of educational terms that has just been published by McGraw-Hill Publishers. He was also chairman of the committee that initiated the idea for this book and Phi Delta Kappa financial backing for it.

He has recently been made an honorary member of the Mark Twain Society and the Eugene Field Society because of his contribution to children's literature. Dr. Rinsland's vocabulary research is being used to insure that words used in recent children's literature are not above the level of their understanding.

Sooner to Build

By the fall of 1946 the University of Oklahoma plans to boast two new buildings which will house the University Press and the O.U. Research Institute. The graceful structures are also working on the coed dormitory project, plans having been finished this summer, according to Dr. George L. Cross, president.