Liberated

Lt. James K. Davis, ’36-’37, Oklahoma City, was liberated from Oflag No. 64 in Germany, near the Polish border, when American forces trapped the German troops in that area before they could take the prisoners farther into Germany. Early in April Liberated prisoners of the 10th Air Division to have landed in Eastern Europe, were managed to escape. On June 7 he was captured again, and in October it was announced that he was a prisoner of the Germans.

Lt. Loyd A. Taylor, ’34-’35, Ardmore, prisoner of war of the Germans, has been liberated by the advancing Russian armies, the War Department has announced.

Capt. William Berry, ’40aw, Stillwater, was freed from Billibird prison in Manila when American forces took the Philippine capital and was on his way home last month. Ensign Berry was on the staff of the Navy base at Cavite when war broke out. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese in May, 1942, at Corregidor. Interned at Cabanatuan, 60 miles north of Manila, he and two other prisoners escaped in 1943 and were at large on Luzon for several months before they were captured. Before entering the Navy, Ensign Berry was connected with the motion picture industry.

Capt. Irving D. Warden, ’36-’40, Norman, has been released from a German prison camp by the advancing Russian armies. The War Department announced that the news of his liberation had received from the United States military mission in Moscow. Capt. Warden was taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge in advancing Russian armies, and was reported by the War Department to be a prisoner of war in Holland last September, has been liberated by the advancing Russian armies and was reported by the War Department to be in Moscow. Lieutenant Barker was a member of the 10th Air Division of the Eighth Air Force, which was among approximately 600 Americans rescued by Soviet troops in January. A Paratrooper, Lieutenant Barker parachuted into Normandy on D-Day and later participated in the initial invasion of Holland. Mrs. Barker is the former Addie Lee Pickard, ’39orn, Norman.

Promotions

Jess Larson, ’26, Chickasha, ’54th Division veteran, has been promoted to captain as the Field Artillery School at Ft. Sill, has been promoted to colonel. Alumni recently promoted to lieutenant colonel include the following: Nomin N. Anderson, ’33 based in the Philippines, commander of the 79th Field Artillery overseas; William R. Francis, ’36osu, Blanchard, overseas with the Ordnance; Alfred H. Schmidt, ’36osu, Park Ridge, Illinois, former news editor of the Times; Lloyd W. Taylor, ’41med, Hugo, with the Medical Corps in the Southwest Pacific; Roy A. Webb, Jr., ’40, Pampa, Texas, with the Air Force Training Command in Fort Worth, Texas; John P. Stewart, Jr., ’33osu, Oklahoma City, with the Field Artillery in Europe; Ralph R. Curkin, ’29-’34, Oklahoma City, overseas with an Armored division, and Ellis Brown, ’39eng, Duncan, commander of the 99th Bombardment group, known as the Jolly Rogers, based in the Philippines, which has raided Formosa.

Ed’s note: This concludes the analysis of the G. I. Bill, by John G. Hervey, dean of the O.U. School of Law, which has been published in three parts, in this and the previous two issues of Sooner Magazine.

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23. Has the veteran an indefinite period of time in which to take advantage of the educational benefits?

No. The law provides that a course shall be initiated not later than two years after the date of his discharge of the termination of the war, whichever is the later. And no such training or education shall be afforded beyond seven years after the discharge or termination of the war.

24. Can the veteran choose the institution which he wishes to attend?

Yes—subject to two conditions. These are:

a. That the institution is on the approved list of the Veterans Administration.

b. That the veteran be accepted as a student by that institution.

25. How much does the government pay directly to an eligible veteran who is in training?

The government will pay a subsistence allowance of $50 a month during the approved period of training, or a full-time program of education or training. If the veteran has one or more dependents, then the subsistence allowance is $75 per month.

26. May a veteran-trainee qualify for pension receive pension allowance while receiving his subsistence allowance provided for under the G. I. Bill of Rights?

No; he cannot receive both pension and subsistence allowance. He chooses pension or subsistence allowance, whichever is larger, and is entitled to the other benefits.

27. What other expenses are paid by the government?

The government provides tuition, customary fees, and necessary books and supplies up to an approved amount. These are paid directly to the institution which the veteran-trainee attends and not to the veteran-trainee.

28. Can the veteran choose his course of instruction?

Yes. But once he has begun it, he can change it only with the approval and consent of the Administrator of the Veterans Administration.

29. Must the veteran take a full-time program?

No. But a lesser subsistence allowance will be granted by the Eighth Air Force Administration if the veteran takes a part-time program. The same is true of the veteran who takes a part-time "refresher or retraining" program.

30. May the government withdraw the training available to a particular veteran?

Yes. The veteran may be removed from an educational or training program, before the termination of the period for which he is eligible, by the Administrator of the Veterans Administration, if the conduct or progress of such veteran-trainee is unsatisfactory according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institution.

31. How does a veteran proceed in applying for the educational benefits provided by the G. I. Bill of Rights?

a. He should obtain Form 526 from the Veterans Administration, having jurisdiction over the area in which is located the veteran's place of residence at the time of entry into the service.

b. He should send all the above mentioned material to the regional office of the Veterans Administration, having jurisdiction over the area in which the veteran resides.

c. He should send a statement either on the form or separately that he will be accepted as a student by the institution of his choice.

d. He should send the form to the institution in which he wishes to attend.

32. What is a veteran entitled to in the event of vocational rehabilitation?

Only the Veterans Administration can determine whether a veteran has a service-inured disability. If the veteran has been given a pension rating of at least ten percent and has received notice that a vocational handicap exists, he is eligible to apply for the educational benefits under vocational rehabilitation and should apply under Public Law 16. Use Form 1900.

33. Is it to a veteran's advantage to apply for the benefits of vocational rehabilitation, Public Law 16, over those of the G. I. Bill of Rights?

The subsistence allowance is higher under vocational rehabilitation. Tuition, necessary fees, books, and supplies are also provided.

34. What application form is filed for the benefits of vocational rehabilitation?

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