Deaths in Service

Lt. Sam Barr, '41, Norman, who was reported missing in action over Luzon as of March 5, 1945, has been declared officially dead by the War Department.

Lt. Alton C. Bookout, '32-'35, has been declared officially dead by the War Department. Lt. Bookout was reported missing on sea March 20, 1942, after his destroyer was sunk.

Daniel J. Burns, '38-'40, has been declared dead by the War Department. Lt. Burns has been missing in action with the Army Air Corps over the Pacific since March, 1942.

Capt. Victor France, '40,journ, Norman, was buried near Berlin after being shot down April 18, 1944. He had been reported missing until recent information was received.

Lt. Bill Harold Handwerk, '40, Oklahoma City, was killed in action March 17, 1945, off the coast of Borneo. He was serving as co-pilot at the time.

Lt. Robert C. Hewitt, '36-'39, Muskogee, has been declared officially dead as of January 28.

Lt. Jack Hughes, '39-'42, Army Air Corps, was killed in an airplane crash in Europe, March 24. He had been overseas a year, following completion of his flight training at Eagle Pass, Texas.

Pet. Charles R. Kahl, '40, Ardmore, who has been missing in action since January 14, 1945, is now presumed to be dead. Private Kahl was a member of a tank crew that left Niederbetschdorf, France, on a mission to attack the enemy at Hatton, France. Shortly after the tank reached Hatton, it suffered a direct hit by enemy gunfire.

Lt. James S. King, '42-'43, Tulsa, is now presumed dead by the War Department. He was reported missing in action on a bombing mission over Vienna, Austria, on October 13, 1944. He had been awarded the Air Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. Lieutenant King was serving as a bombardier on a B-24 and was lost on his tenth mission.

Lt. Marion Carter Lutes, '39,bus, Durant, who was reported missing over New Guinea April 29, 1944, has been listed as dead by the War Department.

Lieutenant Lutes received his wings in October, 1943, at Lake Charles, Louisiana, and went overseas in October, 1943. During the next six months he participated in 16 combat missions. He was on a mission to drop the guns on a P-47 (Thunderbolt) northeast of Faisa, New Guinea, and failed to return.

Before entering the Army Air Corps in January, 1942, he was district office service manager for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Oklahoma City.

Capt. Oran McCain, '31,law, former Tulsa attorney, recently returned to the United States from the invasion at Salerno.

Kenneth Lee Meeks, '38-'41, Ardmore, was lost September 27, 1944, while serving on his 13th mission in the European theater. Mr. Meeks was awarded two Air Medals and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart and two Presidential Citations.

Quintin N. Preble, '43, Norman, was officially declared dead by the War Department as of January 28.

Lt. Col. Herman H. Simpson, '22-'23, '24, Lawton, was killed in an airplane crash at the Laredo, Texas, Army Air Field in October. The accident occurred as the plane was landing at the field. Colonel Simpson, who had been on active duty for more than 10 years, was employed as an auditor with the state examiner and inspector's office for several years in civilian life.

Lt. James Clifford Voelkers, '41-'42, Oklahoma City, has been missing in action since March 18, 1945. He was on a raid over Italy. Lieutenant Voelkers had been awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster.

Lt. Charley Hill Walling, Jr., '35-'39, Semi-, was officially declared dead in a message from the War Department. Lieutenant Walling, member of a B-29 crew, had been reported missing since December 18, 1944, when his plane failed to return from a bombing mission over Nagoya.

Capt. Walter R. "Waddy" Young, '36-'40, has been officially declared dead as of January 21.

Returned to States

Lt. Arch D. Akers, '36, Ardmore, recently returned to the States from Italy and has been reassigned to Fort Worth, Texas.

Maj. Vincent Appleton, '39,bus, "Buboo, buffalo, has just returned to the United States from the South Pacific theater of operations after a three-year absence.

Col. Samuel K. Bird, '29, has just returned to the States from the Second Marine Division and is stationed at Quantico, Virginia.

Maj. Harry B. Bullen, '33-'36, Tulsa, returned to the States recently for his discharge from the Army. He has served overseas for nine months with the Infantry in the Pacific.

Sgt. George S. Copeland, '34, Norman, has returned to the United States from overseas service after a period of seven months. On February 4 he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for service against the enemy during the period from December 13, 1944, to April 13, 1945.

Capt. Herbert Miller, '37-'42, Norman, has returned to the States from the Pacific where he has served since August, 1944. He has been in service three and one-half years.

Capt. Willis B. Mitchell, '42,bus, Tulsa, has returned to the United States following 18 months overseas service.

Lt. David Newby, '43,bus, returned in January from Korea after serving two years in Europe and the Orient.

Lt. Col. Andrew Dee Pickard, '37-'41, Norman, returned recently from overseas duty after 29 months. He holds the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Purple Heart, and Presidential Unit Citation.

Lt. Col. Frank Scully, '42-'42, Norman, has returned to the States following a year's service in the China-Burma theater.

Lt. Lawrence A. Trautman, '38,bus, lieutenant colonel in the Army, recently returned to the States from overseas duty.

Capt. J. W. White, '35-'40, Oklahoma City, recently returned to the States after 16 months in the European theater where he served with the 19th General Hospital in Paris and later with an armored division in France and Germany. Captain White was an intern at the hospital at Anthony's Hospital before entering the Army.

Ralph Wyatt, '43, char, has returned to the States from the Pacific. He expected to be discharged in the near future.

Lt. Comdr. W. H. Taft, '30,bus, '31,bus, Enid, has written a textbook Fuel and Lubricants, now used in the instruction of midshipmen at U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Discharges

Several Oklahoma City doctors have been released from active duty and have returned to private practice. They are G. T. Allen, '32,bus; George L. Borecky, '23,bus; John V. Clark, '39,bus; Sam R. Fryer, '33,bus; C. C. Fulton, '20-'26; Lynn J. Harp, '36-'39, '28,bus; W. E. Rupe, '31,bus; Welborn W. Sanger, '31,bus; William E. Strecrke, '36,bus, and Earl L. Yankel, '43,bus.

John A. Atkinson, '41,bus, Tulsa, is now on terminal leave from the service.

Tech. Sgt. David A. Bacres, '41,bus, '43,bus, Norman, was discharged recently after serving with the engineers for more than a year in Europe.

R. R. Baker, '41-'42, Norman, has recently received his discharge from military service.

Rudus Y. Bandy, Jr., '45,bus, Oklahoma City; Roger R. Farmer, '35-'36, Oklahoma City, and John A. Lambie, '38,bus, Waynoka, have been discharged from the Navy.

Richard S. Barton, '36-'37, Newalla, has been discharged from the Navy at Camp Wallace, Texas.

Lt. (jg) Mathew X. Bogue, Jr., '43,bus, Norman, has received his release from the Navy. His total Navy service of 21 months included 17 months of sea duty in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands and participation in the Philippine invasion.

Everett E. Berry, Jr., '40-'43, Wynoma, was discharged from the Army March 23. He holds the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the ETO Ribbon with battle stars.

Maj. Thomas M. Brett, '40,bus, Norman, has been discharged from the Army. He entered the service in July, 1940, and has served in the Normandy Invasion, Brittany, Ardennes Forest, Central Germany and Eastern Germany, Major Brett is a member of the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Pearl Harbor Ribbon, European theater of operations ribbon and five campaign stars.

Capt. James H. Brown, '39,phys, El Reno, recently received his discharge from the Army and is at Glendale, California.
Robert Lewis Brown, '33-'37, Norman, was discharged from military service March 13.

Maj. Robert J. Butts, '42bus, Enid, has returned to terminal leave after three and one-half years' service with the Army. He spent 27 months in overseas service.

More former University students who have been discharged are Lt. Oscar W. Chandler, '54-'36, Oklahoma City; Ensign E. Dubois, '33phys, 35eng, Oklahoma City; Roger K. Gray, '43bm, Ardmore; Clinton A. Lucas, '36, Tulsa, and Karl F. Martin, '39-'41, Tulsa.

Sgt. John Circle, '40-'43, Norman, has received his discharge from the Army following overseas service in the European theater.

First Lt. Chester R. Force, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, recently returned from two and one-half years' service in the Pacific and is now on terminal leave.

Former University students who have been discharged from the armed forces recently include: Rae Clifton, '40bus, Norman; Joe Murray, '34-'36, Norman; Charles H. Vowell, '32bm; Harold L. Zanone, '32, and Edward of gallons, '46.

Lt. Col. Garner G. Collins, '19ba, Chickasha, has been on terminal leave which expired April 12. He entered the service since 1917.

Cpl. Patricia A. Dreyling, '46fd, formerly Pat Carney, has received her discharge from the WAC after two years of service.

Lat. Ensign P. Duff, '39, is now on terminal leave from the Army. He has served in both Germany and Japan.

Capt. C. P. Erwin, '42ba, Wellston, is now on terminal leave from the Army which will expire May 13.

Donald R. Euter, '43-'45, Norman, has returned from service and was discharged April 6 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Capt. Lewis Fisher, '43, Chickasha, has recently received his discharge from military service.

Lt. Col. Frank F. Fidd, '46, Norman, was discharged from the Army March 14.

First Lt. Chester R. Force, '42bus, Norman, received his discharge from the Army March 16, after six months in the Philippines where he served as adjutant with the Philippine detachment and rehabilitation center.

Henry T. Ford, '24-'26, Granite, has been discharged from the Army with the rank of captain.

Former University students who have recently been discharged from military service are Conrail V. George, '41, Norman; Don W. Rector, '42-'43, Norman; Earl H. Jensen, '41, Oklahoma City; Thomas E. Shelp, '44, Jackson, Michigan; Donald B. Ginter, '38-'40; Howard G. Stanley, '44-'45, and Walter V. Culpepper, '31-'34, Tonkawa.

Donald S. Gallnith, '35med, Ponca City, and Harvey M. Richert, '40bus, Weatherford, have received discharges from military service recently.

Lt. Col. Paul Golder, '41bus, Cherokee, has been discharged from the Army Air Force following nearly five years in the service.

Among former University students who have received their discharges from military service are Leonard V. George, '41, Norman; Don W. Rector, '42-'43, Norman; Earl H. Jensen, '41, Oklahoma City; Edwin S. Haraway, '41, Ada, and Herman Louis Hensel, '39-'41, Shawnee.

Edward P. Gill, '40-'41, has been discharged from the Army after spending his terminal leave from the Army which will expire May 13.

Public Relations Officer
Appointed

Maj. Gordon G. Murphy, '32-'36, Norman, has been appointed public relations officer at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill. Formerly an instructor in the department of motors, he has just returned to the school from Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, where he attended the Army public relations course.

Throughout the battles of Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe Major Murphy served as executive officer of the 758th Field Artillery battalion. In addition to battle stars for three major campaigns, he has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding service in combat. After occupation duty at Fulda, Germany, from May to July, 1945, Major Murphy was transferred to the Delta Base section at Marseilles, France, remaining with that organization until his return to the United States in October, 1945.

Major Murphy received his commission as a second lieutenant of Field Artillery in 1936 upon completion of training in the R.O.T.C. at the University. Called to active duty in March, 1940, he completed the battery officers' course at the Field Artillery school in July and was graduated from the officers' communication course at the school in 1942.

Navy Skeet Shooting Champion Returns

Comdr. William Ragdale, '27ba, nationally known skeet shooter and Navy small-arms expert, has been released to inactive duty and will return to Oklahoma to assume the state distributorship of "Sun Ray" adaptable metal awnings and jalousies. He will open sales offices and assembly plants in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

His release from the service at the Jacksonville, Florida, Naval Personnel Separation Center, where he was special interviewing officer, concluded over four years of duty. Prior to his assignment to the center, Comdr. Ragdale had served in the Navy's gunnery training program both in the States and in the Pacific and had been on the staff of the Naval Air Advanced Training Command in Jacksonville.

Past president of the Massachusetts Skeet Shooting Association, he was on a five-man Navy team which won the Navy championship in 1942.

Discharges

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Capt. C. R. Magrave, Jr., '42law, Bartlesville, who spent three years in the Southwest Pacific with an infantry division, was on terminal leave until March 1.

- J. D. Norton, '35, received his discharge from the Army Air Corps in January. Mr. Norton was coach at Walters High School prior to his enlistment.
- Lt. Col. Charles Edward Peterson, '38eng, Wichita Falls, Texas, has received his discharge from the Army after serving in the Pacific.
- Capt. Clare E. Petrey, '42ba, '43ma, and Pfc. Eugene C. Bond, '44, both of Norman, have recently received discharges from the Army.
- Harvey Milt Phillips, '22, Oklahoma City, received his discharge from the Navy November 14, 1945.
- Among former University students who have recently been discharged are Paul W. Phillips, ensign, '40ba, sc, Geronimo; Jack W. Burns, staff sergeant, '38bus, Norman; Charles Pyle, captain, '33-'35, Paul Valley; James T. Blanton, lieutenant, '31ba, '31law, Paul Valley, and W. K. Pollard, '41ba, Blackwell.
- Col. H. Everett Pope, Jr., '38-'41, Tulsa, recently received his discharge from the Army after serving three and a half years in the Field Artillery. He served for six months in Manila.
- Lt. Col. A. H. Ratliff, '35eng, Shawnee, has received his discharge from military service.
- Staff Sgt. Dale Rayburn, '41-'43, Chickasha, has received his discharge from military service and is now living at Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Sgt. John F. Ringer, '42eng, Andrews, Texas, has received his discharge from military service.
- Lt. Scott I. Robinson, '41pharm, Okmulgee, has been placed on inactive duty in the Navy. Lieutenants Robison entered the Navy in 1941 and served 26 months overseas. He was awarded a Letter of Commendation.
- Ed Rogers, '41ba, has received his discharge from the Army. Mr. Rogers was doing graduate work at Princeton University before entering the service.
- Capt. Irving D. Ross, '41law, Newkirk, has received his discharge from the Army.
- Capt. John K. Runyan, '31-'37, Oklahoma City, has received his discharge from military service.