
A member of the Eagle Squadron when the transfer into American service occurred, Captain Hively made colorful aerial history in the early days of the war and has continued to score as one of the topnotch pilots in that sector.

His adventures on the first shuttle bombing raid between England and Russia were described in an article in the British edition of Yank which was clipped and sent to Norman by Lt. Glenn Bradley, '39-'43, who recently went overseas.

Captain Hively's group escorted bombardiers which bombed an oil refinery southeast of Berlin and went on to Russia, landing behind the Russo-German battle line. While there, the story related, he and a Russian general exchanged leather belts as tokens of friendship.

On the return trip, the planes stopped in Italy and flew with a group of 15th Air Force planes on a raid. On one of these missions, Captain Hively knocked down three Messerschmitts before his plane was hit and he was bruised in the right eye.

The colonel ordered the captain to the hospital until his eye healed, but comrades smuggled him out so that he might go back to England with his squadron. He flew his Mustang back, a patch over his injured eye.

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On the French Front

Maj. Paul Gardiner, '41bus, Cherokee, who was reported missing in action over France last month, has returned to his outfit safely and was again on active duty.

A fighter pilot, Major Gardiner was shot down over France on June 17, but landed unhurt and worked his way back to Allied lines. He is a squadron leader.

Lt. (jg) Harrell McCullough, '35bus, Ardmore, commander of a Navy armed guard crew aboard an American merchant ship, was in a British port during the early stages of the French invasion and witnessed part of the rocket bombing of London.

His ship was in the Thames River the morning of the invasion and met the invasion fleet coming out.

Maj. James W. Billings, '40eng, Norman, had charge of the water-proofing of all land vehicles of the Ninth Air Force—jeeps, trucks, ambulances, automobiles—for the invasion of France.

These vehicles had to be waterproofed so that they could land at points on the Normandy coast where there were no docks. Major Billings is Ordnance chief at an advanced Ninth Air Force Service Command depot in England.

Pfc. Truman Pouncey, '42, former journalism professor at the University, was reported in Normandy with the Civil Affairs division of the Army.

In a letter to H. H. Herbert, director of the School of Journalism, Private Pouncey explained that his work consists of moving into French towns immediately after the entrance of Allied troops, helping civilians get re-organized and expediting Army welfare.

Lt. Foy Rice, '40, Norman, participated in the invasion of Normandy as a para-trooper. He was reported to be assisting in rescue work, transporting wounded men across the Channel.

Lt. Norman M. Barker, '40, Norman, parachuted into France on the sixth day after the invasion and was machinegunning while in the air and after he landed, but escaped injury.

Cpl. Thurman Garrett, '41-'42, Blackwell, was reported with a Military Police battalion in France. He was mentioned recently in a broadcast by Radio Commentator Ted Malone, whom he drove around while on a tour of the battle area.

Also in France are Maj. Alvan Muldrow, '33law, of the Field Artillery, who took part in the Battle of Normandy; Capt. Robert B. Austin, '41geol, Kansas City, with a Combat Engineers group; Capt. Glenn R. Davis, '35law, Marietta, with a division Artillery staff; Lt. Col. T. T. Beecher, '37med., Norman, executive officer of an Evacuation Hospital; Capt. Tom Finney, '36law, Bartlesville, of the Field Artillery; Lt. William Turnbull, '42bus, parachutist with an Airborne division; Capt. W. E. Emanuel, '35bus, Norman, of the Ordnance; and Lt. Col. Merton Munson, '31law, of the Field Artillery.

Colonel Munson wrote the Alumni Office that his outfit landed in France on D-Day plus two. "We started shooting as soon as we got two guns on shore, and from the statement of prisoners, the American Artillery fire has been very effective," he wrote.

He continued, "At first the French just stared at us, but they are now much more friendly. At first they thought we would soon be 'kicked' back into the sea, but they now feel we are here to stay." He reported having received the May issue of Sooner Magazine on July 2.

In Saipan Battle

Taking part in the battle on Saipan Island in the Marianas were Lt. B. L. Sherrill, '42bus, Oklahoma City, and Lt. Henry W. Reaves, '41bus, Norman.

One of the first Marines ashore, Lieutenant Sherrill was injured once by a grenade which went off three feet from him and caused him to have a concussion. Several other times he has been slightly injured. Lieutenant Reaves commanded an Artillery battery in the battle. After the fighting subsided, he wrote his parents that he was well and safe.

Decorations

Maj. Gen. Raymond O. Barton, '07, former of Ada, has been awarded the Silver Star for extreme gallantry in action as commander of the Fourth Division in France.

On June 24 the First battalion of the division became all but isolated from the other units when it attacked a German-held airstrip. The only line of communication between it and the rest of the division was a hedgerow path which was under enemy observation and shellfire.

The citation accompanying General Barton's Silver Star stated that he traveled this road under fire to join the First battalion "with utter disregard for his own welfare." Dispatches from news correspondents in France described General Barton as a commander intensely concerned with his men's welfare and a soldier of great personal bravery.

Capt. Charles Donovan Tool, '31med., Edmond, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for courageous performance under fire at Cassino. Member of the Medical Corps attached to the 36th Division, Captain Tool is the first Oklahoma physician to receive the D. S. C.

The accompanying citation from Gen. Mark Clark read in part as follows: "Captain Tool drove his ambulance into position in the midst of shelling . . . After treating some of the more seriously wounded who had been moved to a stone culvert for protection, he made his way through flying shell fragments to care for men in a
gun pit where many hits were sustained. . . .” While caring for the injured there, Captain Toft was himself hit by a shell fragment which perforated his spine.

He was aboard a hospital ship in a European port, starting for home, when a delegation of officers came aboard to award him the D. S. C. Upon returning to the United States Captain Toft was taken to Boshnall General Hospital at Brigham City, Utah, for treatment.

Capt. Grove Nelle Dickson, 40th nurses, Lawton, an Army nurse, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic services in the line of duty in Italy. No details were announced by the War Department. Lieutenant Dickson is attached to an Auxiliary Surgical group. She is the first Sooner alumna in service to be decorated.

Lt. Earl E. LeValley, 42nd, Mayville, has been awarded the Air Medal for aerial services against the enemy in the Mediterranean theater of war. He pilots a Liberator bomber.

Capt. Julius H. Almond, Jr., 40-42, Enid, based in France with the Ninth Fighter Command, has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and 12 bronze Clusters. Captain Almond’s flight group was commended for its achievements on the day of invasion.

Lt. Godfrey S. Fowler, 42nd, Norman, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart with four Oak Leaf Clusters for wounds received in action in Sicily and Italy. He is now back in this country, as a tactics instructor at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Major Hughes’ series of injuries has been an interesting case for the Army medics, as he fought on without medical attention for days after being wounded by artillery fire, preventing infection with self-administered sulpha drugs.

Lt. Godfrey S. Fowler, 42nd, Norman, has received a special commendation from Lt. Gen. Mark Clark and Maj. Gen. John B. Cootler for his fine work as commanding officer of an Ordinance company, 5th Army, during the Sicilian campaign. The citation stated that the tireless and efficient work of the company in supplying the ammunition was a vital factor in the success of the operation at that time.

Maj. Dennis O. Bernier, ’12, ’25, Norman, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received on June 15 in France. He has been returned to the United States for medical treatment. Major Bernier was struck by shrapnel while on a mission near Saint Lo and was unconscious for four days.

Capt. William E. Hubbard, ’41med, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Soldier’s Medal for heroism when a plane crashed and burned at the Australian air base where he is a flight surgeon. In a letter to his mother, Captain Hubbard described the experience as “while the fire was immense, full load of gasoline, and the ammunition was exploding, my boys and I made a search close to the fire for anyone who might be alive, although we considered the possibility very slight. We did find two boys still breathing but burned seriously and with multiple injuries. We dragged them to the hospital. Both of them lived very long. . . . I wanted my two enlisted men to have the medal, but for myself I wasn’t very eager. The only thing I want . . . is to have again the privilege of wearing a blue suit and a red tie.”

Lt. Warren C. Myers, ’40, Norman, has received a Bronze Star for heroic action with the 45th Division in Italy. When his battery commander was injured and left lying helpless on exposed ground, Lieutenant Myers and another officer, who volunteered to help, ran 50 yards to the enemy. They assisted the wounded man to shelter and gave him first aid which was credited with saving his life.

Capt. Kenneth E. Richards, ’37a, Miami, Oklahoma, wounded in action in France on the third day of the invasion, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart. Seriously injured, Captain Richards was returned to the United States aboard the first transport for wounded after the action on the continent started. He was brought to O’Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, and is now out of danger. Captain Richards was attached to the Second Division as a Field Artillery officer.

Capt. David J. Davis, ’42, Norman, has received a commendation for outstanding service at an advanced B-24 base in the Southwest Pacific. Captain Davis is adjacent with a squadron of the 13th Air Force.

Lt. Lorenzo Torres, ’40eng, Dewey, member of the Naval Reserve, has received a Presidential Citation for gallantry in action in the Pacific as a full-time engineer officer. The citation specified Flying Cross for gallantry in service as member of the crew of a B-24 in the fighting on Guadalcanal. He already held the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received there.

Capt. Otis S. Stephens, ’41bus, Wichita Falls, Texas, pilot with a Troop Carrier squadron in the South Pacific, has been awarded a Bronze Star for gallantry in the fighting on Guadalcanal. He already held the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received there.

Lt. George S. McDermitt, ’42eng, Norman, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement during bombing attacks on German industries, coastal defenses and supply lines.

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Capt. Frank R. Barker, ’38a, Oklahoma City, Medical Corps officer, has been awarded the Legion of Honor for his work with Army troops stationed on the Island of Trinidad in the British West Indies. Captain Barker, who received his medical degree at Baylor University, is now stationed in the South Pacific.

Dr. Edgar G. Theus, ’36law, Bethany, and J. P. Smith, ’31-39, Oklahoma City, have been awarded Air Medals for outstanding service, courage and devotion to duty during the invasion of France. Both are glide pilots.

Capt. Walker L. Boone, ’37-40, Wyandotte, has been awarded an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and two Clusters to add to his Distinguished Flying Cross. Captain Boone recently returned to the United States after completing 97 missions over Europe. He was stationed in England for two years.

Lt. Robert D. Sheehan, ’40-41, Tulsa, has been awarded an Air Medal for service as pilot of the B-24 World War II bomber, "Nurse," in the Air Force for three years, Lieutenant Sheehan has been overseas for nine months.

Lt. Gilbert W. Woods, ’39-42, Lamont, has been awarded an Air Medal for combat missions over Europe. He is navigator of the Silver Lady, a Liberator bomber.

An Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster has been awarded to Staff Sgt. Joe L. Irwin, ’38-39, Orange, Texas, for meritorious achievement during aerial attacks on European targets. Ball turret gunner on the B-24 "Woolen Butch," Sergeant Irwin has participated in bombing attacks on German industries, coastal defenses and supply lines.

Capt. Steve McLaury, ’42a, Snyder, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in Italy. He is a liaison officer with a Field Artillery military pack outfit of the Fifth Army, Captain McLaury, who volunteered for the observation work, has completed 49 combat missions.

Staff Sgt. W. Harrison White, ’37-38, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge for service with the 545th Infantry Regiment during the invasion of France. The citation stated that the crew of a Piper L4pb-20S, "A-4," distinguished themselves during the invasion of France. The crew of the Piper L4pb-20S, "A-4," distinguished themselves during the invasion of France.

Capt. Edgar G. Theus, ’36law, Oklahoma City, wears the Distinguished Unit Badge with an Oak Leaf Cluster, awarded him as a member of the 10th Air Force in India. In the Air Force for three years, Lieutenant Sheehan has been overseas for nine months.

NURSE DECORATED

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part as follows: "Under extremely adverse terrain conditions aggravated by deep mud, dense growth and underbrush, Lieutenant Binkley made a very accurate survey of the entire sector. His survey determined the scale of maps and photos, magnetic declinations and other important data which were furnished all artillery batteries as basic firing data."

Lt. (g) Joseph M. Ray, '38-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as a bombadier aboard a B-24 which bombed Ploesti oil refineries. Photographs taken on the raid showed that Lieutenant Coates' bombing destroyed a locomotive roundhouse, the through lines and sidings, and other vital targets in and around the city. The citation accompanying the D. F. C. stated that Lieutenant Coates' potential failure into a brilliant bombardment success. Lieutenant Coates returned to the United States this summer after completing 78 missions.

Capt. Theatus E. Greenan, '39journ, Wewoka, has been awarded a Bronze Star for gallantry in action with the Second Division in France. He was one of 5 officers and 21 enlisted men cited by Maj. Gen. W. M. Robertson for bravery under fire and complete disregard for personal safety. Capt. Greenan is a Field Artillery officer.

Lt. William R. Badgett, '40-'41, New Orleans, pilot who recently returned to the United States from his Mediterranean tour with the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Pilot of a B-25 Mitchell, Lieutenant Badgett flew 56 missions in 11 months. Upon returning to this country, he was assigned to Kelllogg Field, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Back From Battlefronts

Lt. Col. Hal Muldrow, '28bus, Norman, was home for a 30-day leave last month after a year of overseas duty as commander of an Artillery unit of the 45th Division. He has been overseas since Sicily and in Italy at Salerno, Anzio and the Garigliano area. As a German insurance man, he expected to return to Italy at the end of his leave. He holds the Silver Star.

Capt. Phil J. Newkumet, '37eng, Norman, has returned to the United States after serving for 14 months in Africa, Europe, Sicily and Italy as a squadron executive officer in the Air Force. He was assigned to the Air Force Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, upon his return.

Capt. Harry B. Gilstrap, Jr., '21-'22, Oklahoma City, who served as a pilot with the ''Red Devils," has been awarded the Temporary Bomber squadron to hit Rabaul. Lieutenant Lynch wears the Presidential Unit Citation awarded the "Red Devils," which consisted of a brown badge, silver and black, with the emblem of the United States.

Maj. E. Cotter Murray, '30med, Marceline, Missouri, Medical Corps officer who recently returned from a tour of duty outside the continental United States, was assigned to Selfridge Field, Michigan.

Staff Sgt. Harold Dougherty, '37bs, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after serving overseas for 18 months with the Air Force. He was assigned to the Air Force Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida.

Capt. Harry B. Gilstrap, Jr., '21-'22, Oklahoma City, who served as an Air Force group adjutant in the African and European theaters of war for two years, has returned to the United States for assignment to the Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida.

Shaw D. Ray, Jr., '39, Yukon, recently promoted from flight officer to second lieutenant, was home on leave from England. After 20 months of overseas service. He first saw action in North Africa and later was transferred to England to help transport troops in the invasion. He expected to return to foreign duty at the end of his leave.
 Deaths in Service

Lt. Col. Richard E. Buchanan, '33-geol, Oklahoma City, who had been listed as missing in action in France since June 17, died of wounds on June 26 in a German prison camp where he was being held captive. He was 32 years old.

Colonel Buchanan took part in the fighting in North Africa, Sicily and France during the early days of the invasion. He was a Field Artillery officer attached to the Ninth Division. Before entering the Army, Colonel Buchanan was associated with the U. S. Geological Survey in Oklahoma City. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Scabbard and Blade and Bombadier.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Buchanan, his wife, the former Elizabeth Plaster, 36, and a daughter, Ann Elizabeth, of Oklahoma City.

Lt. Hooley B. Raper, '39-law, Chouteau, was killed in action in France on June 14 while serving with the 90th Infantry Division as a supply and personnel officer. A graduate of the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, Lieutenant Raper served at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and Camp Polk, Louisiana, with the 90th before going overseas. Prior to entering training at Fort Benning, he was stationed at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska. Survivors include his father, Lewis Raper, Chouteau.

Maj. Basil Shirley, '28-32, Norman, a Field Artillery officer, was killed in action in France on June 17. He was previously reported missing in action.

Before entering the Army, Major Shirley was an engineering draftsman employed by the government. At the University he was a student in the School of Architecture. Survivors include Mrs. Shirley and a small son, Ardmore, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shirley, Lawton, and a brother, Lt. Barker Shirley, '32-law, on duty at Selma Field, Louisiana.

Lt. Woodrow W. Rorex, '32-33, Tulsa, who was in charge of a Mortar platoon during the invasion, was killed in action in France on June 12. A graduate of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, Lieutenant Rorex was sent to England last January.

While a student in the University, he was all-college wrestling and boxing champion. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Rorex, Tulsa, and several brothers and sisters.

Maj. Albert B. Duke, '31-33, Oklahoma City, was killed July 20 in the crash of an Army plane near Salina, Kansas, where he was stationed at the Army Air Base. He was 37 years old.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Duke, Oklahoma City, and a sister, Lt. Frances Duke, '42-ba, a member of the WASP on duty at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Maj. Robert D. Hicks, '36-ba, Bethany, died of heat exhaustion at Camp Hood, Texas, on July 24 while serving as assistant to an Army chaplain there. He was 33 years old. Before entering service, Private Hicks taught school at Bethany.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Brownie Hicks, of Bethany, and his mother, Mrs. Maude Hicks, Caney, Kansas.
Missing in Action

Lt. Joe E. Thompson, '40-'42, Cushing, pilot of a Marauder, has been missing in action over France since July 8. It is believed his plane was shot down over Caen.

Stationed in England since August, 1943, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters. He had completed 60 missions.

Staff Sgt. Paul A. White, '39-'42, Anadarko, tail gunner on a B-17, has been missing in action over France since June 19. He went overseas in March and held an Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Lt. Marion C. Lutes, '38, Durant, test pilot with a Service squadron in New Guinea, has been missing since April 29. On July 3 his plane, a P-47, was found, leading Air Force officials to believe that he may have escaped safely.

Lt. Col. Walter G. Hopkins, III, '40 bus, Oklahoma City, has been missing in action with the Air Force over the invasion area since June 10. Unofficial information was that he may be a prisoner of the Germans, but no confirmation has been received.

The word that he may be a prisoner came from Lt. Col. James S. Hopkins, III, also of Oklahoma City but no kin, who wrote that he heard a German radio broadcast telling of the capture of a Colonel Hopkins, without giving any more details. Colonel James Hopkins is based in Normandy with the Ninth Air Force.

Injured in Service

Tech. Sgt. James E. Humphrey, '35-'37, a paratrooper, was wounded in action during the invasion of France. He formerly was employed on the Beaver Herald-Democrat and the Sentinel-Record in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Maj. Bob Hughes, '33pharm, Apache, member of the 90th Division in France, has been wounded in action. No details are known. The 90th landed in Normandy on D-Day, and had a prominent part in the capture of Cherbourg.

Lt. Frank Bishop, Jr., '40bus, Norman, was wounded in the shoulder on the twelfth day of the battle for Cherbourg and was taken back to a hospital in England for treatment. An Infantry officer, Lieutenant Bishop was in the third group to land in France on invasion day.

Capt. Felix Adams, '32, Vinita, a Medical Corps officer with the Paratroopers, was in an English hospital recovering from wounds received in France. He parachuted into Normandy on D-Day and was shortly afterward knocked unconscious when a piece of shell hit his helmet and he was injured in the right leg.

When he regained consciousness, he was a prisoner of the Germans and was held for the next three weeks in Cherbourg, being freed when that city fell to the Allies. He was then sent to England for treatment.

While a prisoner of the Germans, Captain Adams cared for the injured among the German troops and their American prisoners. He was provided with an operating room in Cherbourg by the Germans, who gave him a pair of binoculars and some leather goods when they left.

Lt. Webber Merrell, '42med, Guthrie, received an arm injury in a jeep accident in Normandy on the first day of the invasion and was returned to England for treatment. A former O. U. football star, Lieutenant Merrell served his internship at Wesley Hospital in Oklahoma City before entering the Medical Corps.

Lt. Sanford O. Lorette, '36-'42, Vinita, Field Artillery officer, has been wounded in action in the European theater. His name was included on an August 11 War Department casualty list.

Ensign Woodrow W. Massad, '41bs, Healdton, has been wounded in action according to a recent Navy casualty list. No details were given.

Prisoners of War

Staff Sgt. Terrell C. Rogers, '42-'43, Seminole, tail gunner on a B-17 missing in action over Germany since June 20, was reported a prisoner of the German government. He holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

In May, shortly after he arrived in England, his plane was shot down into the English Channel but all crew members were picked up. Sergeant Rogers was a former engineering student in the University.

Staff Sgt. Jack V. Pipkin, '41-'42, Oklahoma City, crew member of a B-17 lost in a raid over Sofia, Bulgaria, who has been missing in action since January 10, was reported a prisoner of war in Bulgaria.

Four men were seen parachuting from his plane before it crashed, and it is now known that he was one of them.

Lt. Col. Ed Bland, '34-'39, Waurika, member of an Air Force Bombardment group in the Mediterranean area who has been missing in action since April 16, was reported a prisoner of the Germans.

He was captured after his plane was disabled on a raid over Italy and he was forced to bail out.

The first word since December, 1943, from Maj. Ralph W. Hubbard, '32med, Oklahoma City, who was taken prisoner by the Japanese when Bataan fell, was received by his wife last month.

He sent the following message: "Health good. My love to you, the boys and the entire family. Do not worry, this is only temporary. Am well and will soon be with you."

With Service Command

Col. Reuben G. Lewis, '2pharm, commanding officer of the Fort Sill Reception Center since April, 1942, has been appointed to the recruiting and induction branch of the Eighth Service Command, with headquarters in Dallas.

Veteran of the first World War, Colonel Lewis was an Oklahoma City insurance man before being recalled to duty in December, 1940. In his new position, he supervises induction stations and reception centers in the five states of the Service Command.

Discharged

Maj. Earl J. Hazel, '21-'25, was scheduled to return to his old position as manager with the Veezy Drug Store chain in Oklahoma City last month following his reversion to inactive status. He was stationed at Stewart Field, West Point, New York.

Rate High as Teachers

Ratings of "superior" and "excellent" as instructors have been awarded respectively to Capt. Clark Hetherington, '42bus, Norman, and Lt. David H. Turner, '43ba, Holdenville, at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Captain Hetherington teaches Tank Destroyer tactics, while Lieutenant Turner is an instructor in the preparation and conduct of fire. The ratings were given by Brig. Gen. F. B. Mallon after a survey of the officer complement of Fort Meade.

Promotions

Bert E. Johnson, '29law, Tulsa, on duty at 14th Air Force headquarters in China.
has been promoted to colonel. Former judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Tulsa, Colonel Johnson has been in the China-Burma-India theater for two years.

The following alumni have been promoted to lieutenant colonel: Wendell J. Kelley, '37-'40, Lexington; fighter pilot with the Eighth Air Force; Charles M. Butkin, '40-'43, Oklahoma; Sr. Pilot for the Sixth Miskovsky, '25-'29, Oklahoma. Engineers; Philip Sureck, '33-'35, Oklahoma City, in Washington, D. C. Dolezal, '33-'35, Oklahoma City, representative of the Marine Corps, attached to an Air Force Service Command in Italy; Orville H. Tackett, '39-'40, Oklahoma City. Regimental surgeon at headquarters of the Mobile Force and Security Command in Panama, and Mitchell Escosimos, '39, Norman. Veteran of the early air war in the South Pacific, now an Air Force base inspector at Sarasota, Florida. Colonel Sims holds the Silver Star.

Advanced to major were the following Sooners: John M. Campbell, '19-'20, former attorney in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, overseas with the Air Force; Robert D. Myers, '36-'38, Tulsa, Oklahoma, overseas with the Field Artillery; Robert A. H. S. Smith, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, on foreign duty; Jack G. Morgan, '35-'37, Walters, overseas with the Field Artillery; James J. E. Oxford, '41-'42, Smyrna, Army Air Base, McCook, Nebraska; James H. Humphrey, '35-'37, Fort Worth, Texas, service pilot for the Sixth Command in Oklahoma; Thomas M. Cash, '35-'37, Oklahoma City, at Mitchel Field, Long Island, New York.


And William M. Maitz, '35-'37, director of supply and maintenance at the Army Air Field, Topeka, Kansas; D. L. Obert, '40, Apache, overseas with the Air Force; Floyd L. Sible, '30-'32, Oklahoma City, intelligence officer with the Ninth Bombard Command; Harl D. Mansur, Jr., '39-'41, Oklahoma City, with the Air Force in India, and Robert F. Donovan, Jr., '30-'32, Tulsa, wing officer of a unit of Flying Fortresses with the Eighth Air Force.

Promoted to captain were the following: Carroll B. Anderson, '39-'41, Oklahoma City; Fort Worth, Texas; Minter G. Baker, Jr., '42-'43, Muskogee, Camp Phillips, Kansas; Jake Jones, Jr., '42-'43, Oklahoma City, overseas with the Field Artillery; S. J. Niosiak, Jr., '40-'43, Oklahoma City; George Wood, '39-'40, with the Eighth Air Force; Homer Dolezal, '33-'35, overseas; Balfour S. Whitney, '35-'38, Oklahoma City, overseas with the Field Artillery; Frank Mauskovsky, '25-'29, Oklahoma City; judge advocate of the Air Force Redistricting Staff at Santa Monica, California; William F. Collins, Jr., '40-'42, Oklahoma City; Camp Beauregard, Louisiana; Byron Staur, '31-'37, Oklahoma City; Newport News, Virginia, and Wiley R. (Bob) Ratterman, '31-'37, Oklahoma City, with the Field Artillery in the South Pacific.

Promoted from second to first lieutenant were the following: Louis L. Surber, '37-'40, Norman, fighter pilot stationed at Corsica; Henry F. Simms, '40-'42, Wichita, Kansas, technical supply officer of a unit of the 45th Division; Elisha L. Sherrill, '32-'35, Lawrence, Kansas, with the Air Transport Command; Larry Arnett, '40-'43, Oklahoma City, overseas.

The men left O. U. to enter service in the spring of 1943, returning to the campus last fall as one company of the A.S.T.P. unit then stationed at the University. They entered Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill in March.

Those who received their commissions, and their new assignments, are as follows: Joe E. Bass, '41-'43, Cadell; Drew V. Finley, '40-'43, Shawnee; Gene Newman, '40-'43, Ardmore; Kansas; Harry E. King, '40-'43, Enid; Glen G. (Bud) Taylor, '40-'43, Medford; Clayton B. Turpin, '40-'43, Oklahoma City; Charles H. Johnston, Oklahoma City; Harry D. Mooreland, '40-'43, Edmond; Harald L. Osborne, '39-'43, Oklahoma City; Alvin V. Shelden, '40-'43, Oklahoma City; Glenn D. Dickinson, '40-'43, Pragme; James E. Conner, '40-'43, Pampa, Texas; Sam G. Shackelford, '40-'43, El Reno; Stratford B. Tolson, '40-'43, Pawhuska, and James E. Tyre, '40-'43, Oklahoma City, all to Field Artillery battalions at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

Donald L. Means, '40-'43, Norman; Owen F. Reynolds, '40-'43, Oklahoma City; Orville H. Tackett, '39-'43, Oklahoma City; Joe Bessell, '40-'43, McAlester; Howard T. Grove, '40-'43, Sapulpa; John R. Elsberry, '40-'43, Oklahoma City, and James C. McGiboney, '40-'43, Sulphur, all to an Armored division at Camp Bowie, Texas.

The Field Artillery battalions at Camp Bowie went Gus J. Kiriopoulos, '40-'43, Oklahoma City, and Gilbert A. Frisbie, '40-'43, Guthrie.

Assigned to an Infantry division at Camp Butner, North Carolina, were the following Sooners: John M. Campbell, '19-'20, former attorney in Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Ralph A. Herzmark, '40-'43, Oklahoma City; Lawton, veteran of the early air war in the South Pacific, now Air Force base inspector at Okinawa.

Those who received their commissions, and their new assignments, are as follows: John E. Marshall, Jr., '42-'43, Oklahoma City; William E. Malby, '40-'43, Bartlesville; John F. Krisher, '40-'43, McAlester, and William S. Cheney, '40-'43, Lubbock.

A number of the men were assigned to various advanced training courses in the Fort Sill Field Artillery School, as follows: Richard Hull, '40-'43, Tulsa; John F. Krisher, '40-'43, McCurtain; and Leslie A. Long, '40-'43, Tulsa, to a sound and flash ranging course; Samuel D. Haas, '40-'43, Alexandria, Louisiana; Robert J. Billings, '41-'43, Tulsa; and J. T. Turner, '40-'43, Oklahoma City, to a survey course.


And Richard R. Goodwin, '40-'43, Manhattan, Illinois; Ralph A. Herzmark, '40-'43, Ardmore;
Tom Ingram, '40-'43, Fort Worth; Harold N. Keene, '40-'43, Frederick; Maurice Lewis, '40-'43, Sayre; Jack D. Linn, '40-'43, Oklahoma City; Fred W. Lyon, '40-'43, Oklahoma City; Charles R. Moore, '40-'43, Hugo; Glenn F. Myer, '40-'43, Tulsa.

Roy D. Putty, '40-'43, Oklahoma City; Tom Scanland, '41-'43, Oklahoma City; Fred S. Reynolds, '40-'43, Norman; Venon F. Stillwell, '40-'43, Holdenville; J. R. T. Conner, '41-'43, Arcadia; Corporal; Kenneth R. Wasson, '40-'43, Chickasha, and Allan C. West, '40-'43, Ponca City.

The men were praised by a captain in the Ordinance department who was company commander during part of their training, who wrote, "From close observation and personal contact with them, I am glad to recommend them as exceptionally fine officer candidates. The University of Oklahoma has every reason to be proud of the fine record they have made here at Aberdeen."

New second lieutenants in the Air Force, and stations at which they were commissioned, are as follows:


Paul Updegraff, '30law, former Norman attorney, has been commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the Naval Reserve. He entered training at Farragut, Idaho, as an apprentice seaman last February.

Joseph E. Scott, '41bus, Oklahoma City, has been commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve at Camp McConough, Plattsburg, New York; Leonard C. Witt, '41-'42, and William T. Morrison, '41-'43, both of Oklahoma City, received their commissions as ensigns in the Naval Reserve recently at the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, Texas. Arlie W. Green, Jr., '40-'42, Oklahoma City, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Air Corps here, and was assigned to the Naval Air Station at Jacksonvillle, Florida.

Overseas

Cpl. Max Hines, '35-'36, combat correspondent in New Britain for the Foshoce Digest, weekly In- fantary newspaper in the South Pacific, is credited with more combat stories than any other soldier-reporter on the island. Officially a mail clerk, Corporal Hines goes with patrols to advance positions on the way to Rabaul, gathering material for his news stories. He has been overseas since August and has been stationed in Hawaii before going to New Britain.

Lt. Col. Leon Davis, '40ba, Tulsa, with the Air Force in Italy, was one of a group of officers headed by Lt. Col. Floyd who had lunch with Pope Pius XII in Vatican City recently. After eating lunch, the group spent the afternoon in conversation with the Pope, whom Colonel Davis described as "very fine man with a commanding personality."

Staff Sgt. Tullie D. Harris, '36-'39, Jester, Oklahoma, is crew chief on a P-38 Lightning with the 5th Air Force. While in the plane chasing its first victory, shooting down a German bomber, the pilot gave the credit to Sergeant Harris, praising him in keeping the plane in excellent fighting condition.

Lt. James M. Finchum, '39, former Oklahoma City newspaperman, was in command of a patrol which made an advance reconnaissance of Cape Hokins airstrip before its capture by the Infantry recently. Cape Hokins is an advanced Allied position on the north coast of New Guinea.

Cpl. Jacob W. Fees, '43phrm, Pond Creek, is attached to a Station Hospital in North Africa. Recently he sent a sample of altar of roses, purchased in the Galaxy, to be added to the aromatics cabinet maintained in the School of Pharmacy at the University.

Capt. Jackson L. Marks, '40, Holdenville, is group administrative inspector and squadron executive officer for an A-20 Havoc Light Bombardment unit in the European theater. He is an original member of the A-20 unit known as Major Aces commanded by Col. Harold L. Mace of Jacksonville, Florida.

Other Sooner foreign duty are as follows:


Edgar G. Wilmoth, Jr., '41-'42, Oklahoma City, returned from foreign service, is attached to the Motion Picture unit at Hamilton Field, California. Lt. Van Heflin, '32ba, former motion picture star, has been assigned to a Motion Picture unit at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, this summer, and was to be transferred to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for treatment.

Lt. James W. Henderson, '39letters, '41ma, former secretary of the University College, was assigned to the Army Service Forces Personnel Replacement Depot at Camp Bulk, California, as a clerk in the insurance and admissions office. While en route from Los Angeles to Sacramento recently, Private Henderson met a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Frank R. Briggs, '10ba, on the train. Among other things Mr. Briggs told him he knew Dr. John T. Helley, '11ba, '35ed, O. U. education professor, who examined and took him under the arm. Then he played around the turn of the century. Private Henderson told Mr. Briggs about the history of O. U. written by Dean Roy Gittinger, '02ba, of the office of Alumni, and wrote down the name so he could order a copy. Lt. Van Heflin, '32ba, former motion picture star, has been assigned to a Motion Picture unit at Culver City, California.

Lt. T. B. Fessenger, Jr., '35-'36, is attached to the Pacific wing of the Air Transport Command at Hamilton Field, California.

Capt. William O. Waid, '34eng, who recently returned from foreign service, is attached to the
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Lt. Jack Jacobs, '38-'42, former O. U. football star, is playing left halfback on the Air Force team at March Field, California, which opened its 1944 season with a game against the Washington Redskins, 14-13, last month. Staff of a Corps headquarters at the Presidio of Monterey, California. Also on duty there was Capt. Thomas B. Campbell, '37eng, Oklahoma City. Capt. Joseph Sureau, '37law, Oklahoma City, was on duty at the Army Air Field, Muroc, California.

Capt. Stephen D. Crouch, '38-'42, Norman, was assigned to duty at Fort Ord, California, upon completing training at the Japanese Language School of the University of Chicago. Before entering that school, Capt. Crouch received training in military government at Fort Custer, Michigan.

Lt. P. D. Stringer, '36-'42, Field Artillery officer, has been transferred to Camp San Luis Obispo, California. In training with the Infantry there were Pfc. William D. Parsons, Jr., '38-'42, Oklahoma City, and Pfc. Hoover Wright, '41-'42, Mangum.

Lt. Robert M. Young, '38-'40, Chickasha, was on duty at Camp Carson, Colorado.

Lt. Erwin Alpern, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, has been transferred to Peterson Field, Colorado, where he is on duty in the Base Finance Office.

Lt. Col. Delmar W. Holloway, '39-'44, Wood Acres, Maryland, is a G-2 officer on the War Department General Staff with offices in the Pentagon Building.

Lt. Col. Carson L. Oglesbee, '37med, Dewey, member of the Medical Corps, was attached to a Coast Artillery battery at Fort Miles, Delaware.

Lt. Robert Cason, Jr., '37-'38, Ada, was attached to an Air Commando group at the Army Air Field, Gainesville, Florida.

Maj. Harry M. Thompson, '37-'38, Okmulgee, was on duty at the Army Air Field at Fort Myers, Florida.

Lt. J. S. Walker, '38-'41, Okemah, was attached to the fighter group at the Army Air Field, Sarasota, Florida.

Maj. A. H. Ratliff, '39eng, was assigned to an Air Warning unit at Dade Field, Tampa, Florida.

Lt. Col. C. S. Honeycutt, '31-'34, Ft. Sill, has been transferred to the Air Force Replacement Depot, Plant Park, in Tampa.

Lt. Q. M. Spradling, '32-'40, 40th mws, Norman, veteran of foreign action with the 45th Division, is on duty with the Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Maj. W. M. Hardy, '39-'42, Tulsa, is on duty with the Army Air Force Mid-Central Procurement District in Chicago, Illinois.

Sgt. Vernon J. Collins, '41law, Cherokee, was stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois, with a Medical battalion.

Flight Officer Bill Barrowman, '41, Norman, was on duty at Boer Field, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Capt. Roy Frye, Jr., '42law, Sallislaw, Field Artillery officer, was attending Command and General Staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.


Tech. Sgt. Lewis G. Hochkiss, '40ed, Enid, has been transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas.

Maj. Archibald C. McColl, Jr., '27-'30, is on duty at the Army Air Force Specialized Depot at Toledo, Ohio.

Lt. John J. Coley, '43med, Chandler, member of the Medical Corps, was attached to a Quartermaster unit at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

Capt. Raymond P. Gundy, '39-'40, Norman, is commanding officer of a Bombardment squadron at the Army Air Base, Sturgis, Kentucky.

Lt. Col. John L. Newton, '39-'42, Norman, was on duty at the Army Air Field at Alexandria, Louisiana, as an aerial gunner.

Lt. William T. Harral, '42-'43, Erick, is assistant public relations officer at Harding Field, Louisiana.

Pfc. Ali Heshmati, '39geol, is on duty at military control headquarters at Camp Plance, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Aviation Cadet Don R. Nash, '43, Chickasha, was in pre-flight training at Selma Field, Louisiana.

Sgt. T. W. Alexander, '42-'42, Kingsfield, has been assigned to the Ordinance Replacement Training Center, Aberdeen, Maryland.

Lt. Lcc A. Keeling, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, was on duty at Westover Field, Massachusetts, as a bomber pilot.

Lt. William R. Badgett, '40-'41, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, who recently returned from the Mediterranean area where he was a bomber pilot for 11 months, was on duty at Kellogg Field, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Capt. John H. Gilbert, '38-'40, a Medical evacuation officer, was on duty at the Army Air Field at Romulus, Michigan.

Lt. Charles S. Graybill, '43med, Lawton, member of the Medical Corps, is on the staff of the Station Hospital at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Pfc. Harlan Mendenhall, '39med, former reporter on the Daily Oklahoman, is attached to a Film Strip Preparation unit at Keesler Field, Mississippi. Private Mendenhall and his wife are writers of fact-detector stories. Since entering the Army he has published 24 thrillers and Mrs. Mendenhall 22. Private Mendenhall's first mystery novel, Blood on the Mountains, is now in the hands of the publishers.

Lt. William F. Short, '42-'43, Marietta, was with a Field Artillery battalion at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi.

Capt. William F. Mendenhall, '42-'43, Tulsa, was attached to a Signal Training battalion at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, were Capt. Burdet H. Hensley, '32-'42, Oklahoma City, with a Field Artillery battalion; Capt. Roy Musser, '39ed, with an Infantry company, and Capt. Edward C. Brett, '36ba, on the staff of an Infantry division.

Lt. Col. Howard F. Huggins, '35-'38, was on duty at Fairmont Army Air Field, Geneva, Nebraska, as a Bombardment squadron commander.

Sgt. Willard E. Bradely, '36-'37, Olustee, is attached to an Engineering squadron at the Army Air Base, Grand Island, Nebraska.

Maj. J. Bruce Stout, '37eng, Oklahoma City, is in command of a Signal Service battalion in training at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Lt. David R. Douglas, '39-'42, Oklahoma City, was on duty at the Army Air Field, Clovis, New Mexico, with a Combat Crew section.

Capt. Dorwood C. Stephens, '35-'39, Oklahoma City, who got his original commission at the University when he completed his B. S. degree, and later served for 18 months in Hawaii, was a student in the four-engine pilot school at the Air Force Base, Roswell, New Mexico. He recently received his pilot wings.

With the Field Artillery at Camp Butner, North Carolina, were Capt. Richard G. Marriott, Jr., '33-'38, Oklahoma City, Capt. J. R. White, Jr., '37-'38, and Frank M. Colwell, '26-'33, Norman. Maj. Vernon T. Sunderland, '28ba, Wellington, Kansas, is a chaplain at the Army Air Field, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Capt. Robert D. Whipple, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, has been transferred to the Army unit in training at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Capt. E. C. Buttington, '39med, Norman, was on duty in the Office of the Surgeon at the Air Force Specialized Depot in Springfield, Ohio.

Maj. Mace Spangler, Oklahoma City, has been assigned to duty at the Army Air Field at Enid.

On the staff and faculty of the Fort Sill Field Artillery School are Capt. John W. Grantham, '32ba, instructor in gunnery, Capt. P. S. Dunaway, Jr., '40-'42, Oklahoma City, and Capt. Joe W. Myers, '38-'42, with a Field Artillery battalion at Sill was Lt. Marvin O. Breeing, '43, Oklahoma City.

Pvt. Winfield L. Runkle, '38-'42, Oklahoma City, is on duty in the public relations office at Tuskegee Field, near Oklahoma City.

Lt. Coye W. McClure, '40med, Hallis, was in training at the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Lt. E. Douglas Lewis, '38-'42, Okla,ahoma City, was on duty at the Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina.

Capt. Kenneth C. Dean, '40-'41, Prescott, Arizona, was on duty at the Army Air Base at Greenville, South Carolina.

Lt. James G. Davidson, '43ba, Tulsa, was assigned to a Field Artillery Observation battalion at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Lt. Martha M. Gur, shawnee, was on the staff of the Station Hospital there.

Lt. Harry Culver, '40-'43, Homestead, Oklahoma, was sent to the Army Air Base at Dyersburg, Tennessee.

Capt. George C. Wight, '43eng, Field Artillery officer with an Airborne division, has been transferred to Camp Forrest, Tennessee.

Lt. Thurston L. Thomas, '41-'42, Amarillo, Texas, was stationed at the Army Air Base, Abilene, Texas.

Capt. J. D. Davis, '38-'42, Oklahoma City, was in training as an officer candidate with the Medical Administrative Corps at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

Capt. Carl V. Bovard, '43, Oklahoma City, is on duty at the Prisoner of War Camp at Camp Maxey, Texas.

Capt. Arthur L. Long, Jr., '43, Oklahoma City, was on duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

William F. Martin, '36-'42, Blackwell, is an officer candidate in the Air Force, and the Administrative Officer Candidate School, San Antonio, Texas. At the University he was a champion basketball guard, and later played with the Phillips Oilers, national basketball champions in 1941. While with the Oilers he was named on All-American teams for three years.

James O. Worrell, '40us, an aviation student,
If you have more recent information about any of the alumni mentioned in these news items, please notify Editor of Sooner Magazine, University of Oklahoma.

Ensign Harold C. Boone, "42eng, Oklahoma City, is assigned to duty at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D. C.

Lt. (jg) D. L. Salling, "41, Portland, maine, first class, was in training at the Naval Gunnery School at Miami, Florida. He completed a similar school at Key West, Florida, with a grade of 3.71 out of a possible 4.00.

Lt. (jg) Noble F. Wynn, "42med, Hollis, member of the Medical Corps, was on duty at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.

Ensign Durward D. Rosebery, "38eng, has been transferred to the Naval Ordnance Plant at Macon, Georgia.

Clark G.Clinton, "23-'25, Tulsa, was named honor man of his recruit company at the Naval Training Center at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Richard B. Johnson, "42eng, Norman, was a seaman first class in training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

W. Bryan Scott, "33bus, Norman, is a seaman first class in training at the Naval Training School, Michigan City, Indiana.

Lt. Jack Mascho, "40bus, Oklahoma City, is on duty at the Naval Supply Depot in New Orleans.

Ensign Richard M. McCool, "41a, Norman, who graduated last June from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, is in training at the Amphibian Base at Camp Lejeune.

Ensign Jack Yocum, "36ed, Maywood, was on duty with the Navy at Lake Denmark, Dover, New Jersey.

Ensign Lawrence E. Malvern, "39na, Enid, was in training at Fort Schuyler, The Bronx, New York.

Earl E. Patterson, "41eng, Oklahoma City, was an apprentice seaman in training at the Naval Training Station, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Dorothy K. Chapman, "33a, Andrea, was an apprentice seaman in training with the WAVES at Hunter College, The Bronx, New York.

Ensign Ernest Elliott Jr., "40bus, Missoula, was in training at Fort Schuyler, The Bronx, New York.

Fred D. Parker, "44eng, Oklahoma City, was in training at Norfolk, Virginia, and aboard the U.S.S. Prairie State in New York City.

Ensign George C. Hale, "41eng, Okmulgee, was in training at North Carolina State College in Raleigh.

Lt. Comdr. S. A. Purington, "32med, Garnett, Kansas, Naval Medical officer, has been transferred to the Naval Air Station at Astoria, Oregon.

Charles R. Virtue, JR., "39-'40, Oklahoma City, is a specialist first class on duty at the Naval Supply Depot in Clearfield, Utah.

Lt. Comdr. Claude Kirkpatrick, "29-'30, Oklahoma City, is on duty at the Sub-chaser Training Center, Miami, Florida. A 1934 graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, Commander Kirkpatrick was captain of a destroyer escort vessel before being assigned to Miami.

Lt. Elmer Ridgeway Jr., "40med, Oklahoma City, member of the Naval Medical Corps, is on duty at the Naval Air Station, Daytona Beach, Florida.

In training at Great Lakes, Illinois, were T. G. Townend, "36a, Norman, seaman first class, Jack K. Lewis, "43-'44, Oklahoma City, seaman second class, and Harold C. Boone, "42eng, Oklahoma City, seaman first class.

Lt. (jg) Ethan A. Walker, Jr., "44med, Oklahoma City, is on duty at the Naval Hospital at Bainbridge, Maryland.