Liberated

Lt. Col. Victor E. Warford, '40b, Chickasha, who was a prisoner of war in Germany, has been liberated. Colonel Warford was first reported missing in action over Czechoslovakia on November 11, 1944. He was with the 309th Fighter squadron. He has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

Capt. Murray F. Gibbons, Jr., '41aw, Oklahoma City, has been freed from a German prison camp. Captain Gibbons was reported missing in action in Germany on December 21, 1944, with the 432nd Bombardment squadron.

Lt. Frank C. Sneed, '42ba, Lawton, has been freed from a German prison camp. Captain Sneed, a Paratroop doctor, was reported missing the day following the Normandy invasion, and was reported a prisoner of war last September.

Lt. John H. Bishop, '34-'36, Norman, has been reported missing in action over Germany in March. Lieutenant Bishop enlisted in the Army Air Force in July, 1943. He was a bombardier on a B-17. He was returned home after being liberated from a German prison camp.

Capt. Victor E. Warford, '40bs, Chickasha, who was a prisoner of war in September, has been freed from a German prison camp after having been listed as missing in action over Germany since February 3, 1944. He was attached to the 532nd Bombardment squadron.

Lt. John R. Eskridge, '41, Oklahoma City, has been freed from a German prison camp on September 28, 1944. He was a co-pilot on a B-17 which went down over Germany on August 26, 1944. He was shot down over Germany on November 11, 1944. He was with the 432nd Bombardment squadron.

Lt. Norval Covington, '43, was liberated from a German prison camp on December 6, 1944. He was reported a prisoner of war in March, 1945.

Capt. Jesse N. Mayers, Jr., '41aw, Robstown, Texas, (left), engineering squadron officer attached to the 458th Bombardment group of the Eighth Air Force, was recently taken, along with many other ground personnel, on a flying tour of Germany to view the results of the war he had done. He is shown viewing the ruins of Koblenz with a friend, Capt. John A. Castle. Santa Rosa, California.

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Lieutenant Eskridge, pilot of a P-51 Mustang fighter, was shot down August 26, 1944, over Germany. He has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, which were pinned on his mother, Mrs. T. H. Eskridge, Oklahoma City, at a special ceremony March 23, at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Richard W. Bell, '41bs, Oklahoma City, was freed from a German prison camp on April 15, 1943. He was shot down over Germany on October 9, 1943. He was a co-pilot on a B-17 which was shot down in a big raid over Germany on October 15, 1943.

Capt. Glenn N. Houston, '36, Norman, has returned home after serving three years in the South Pacific theater. Omaha was an Ordnance maintenance and supply officer in that area. He spent most of the three years in the Solomons and New Guinea but his duties took him to practically all the major South Pacific islands. At the end of his leave at home he was to report to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for re-assignment.

Back from Battlefronts

Capt. Felix F. Simmons, '42bs, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States and is stationed at San Antonio, Texas, as a fighter pilot instructor. During Captain Simmons' service in the European theater he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

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He took part in the invasion of Southern France.

Lt. Bill Barrowman, '41, Norman, was home on leave after serving three years in the Mediterranean and European theaters. He was to report to Miami, Florida, for re-assignment.

Cpl. Edmund Clark, '42, Norman, who has been overseas eight months, has returned to the United States. Corporal Clark, who has been with an Aircraft Repair unit in the Pacific area, was to report to San Diego, California, for re-assignment.

Lt. Col. Robert F. Brooks, '39, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States on leave after serving two years with the ground forces in the Pacific. He was attached to the 1st Fighter Division of the Army Air Forces. At the end of his leave Captain Jones was to report to Washington, D.C.

Col. Boyleston Bass, '28us, Oklahoma City, was home on leave early this summer after serving two years overseas. He was the general staff headquarters with the Sixth Army under Gen. Walter Krueger in the South Pacific.

Lieu. (jg) Matthew J. Kane, '32, Oklahoma City, was home on leave recently after serving two years in the European theater. He was with the 1st Fighter Division. He was to be stationed at El Toro Marine Air Station, California.

Staff Sgt. Samuel D. Robinson, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, has returned home in May for a 30-day leave after serving two years in the European theater. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was to report to Westover Field, Massachusetts.

It Master Sgt. Everett R. Thomas, '39us, Norman, has returned to the United States on leave after serving over three years in Europe. He was hospitalized in England for three months. At the end of his leave he was to report to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for further treatment.

Col. Row J. Logan, '41-'42, Tulsa, has returned from overseas where he was pilot of a heavy bomber of the 15th Air Force. Holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, he was assigned to Westover Field, Massachusetts.

Cpl. John K. Whistler, '35, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Master Gunnery Officer by the 2nd Air Division of the Army Air Forces. At the end of his leave Captain Jones was to report to Washington, D.C.

Cpl. Clyde J. Watts, '31, Oklahoma City, was in the United States on leave after being stationed for 30 months in the Burma and China areas with the Field Artillery.

Capt. Ralph L. Steen, Jr., '37-'40, Oklahoma City, was home on leave from the Marianas, where he acted as adviser and organizer of a lead-crew school at a B-29 base. He holds the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

Lt. Col. Walter R. Graham, '28, Oklahoma City, was home in May on a short leave. He has since returned to Italy to resume his duties as inspector general with allied air forces in the Mediterranean.

Lt. Raymond J. Johnson, '40, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after serving 15 months in the Pacific area with the Marine Air Corps as flier of a torpedo bomber on submarine duty. He was to be stationed at El Toro Marine Air Station, California.

It Lt. (jg) W. L. Kennedy, '44, Oklahoma City, was recently home for his first leave in 18 months. Lieutenant Kennedy has been assigned to a light cruiser in the Mediterranean. He was captured in that battle and by the time he was released he was not sure he still had it coming. It had been five months since he had heard from anyone in the United States and he thought it might have been canceled. Private Soule was to report to West Point June 19 for a physical examination.

At least three former Universitymen were back in the United States, including General Amspacher, who had been overseas since June, 1942, and holds the Legion of Merit medal, the Bronze Star, and the French Croix de Guerre.

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Belgium. Colonel McKinney was Ordinance officer of the 381st Bombardment Group during its missions over Germany, which assisted in the final drive across the Danube to the heart of Bavaria. Colonel McKinney's 79th Ordnance Company distinguished itself in these actions, winning the Meritorious Service Plaque.

The second and third bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal have been awarded to Maj. Richard A. Wilson, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, "for operational flight missions from May 15, 1944, to March 31, 1945." Major Wilson, former squadron commander with the 312th Bombardment group, an A-20 bomber unit of the Eighth Air Force, has been relieved of his duty in order to return to the United States. He was overseas 29 months and is credited with 92 combat missions, including low-level attacks against Formosa, Bataan, Corregidor, and the Manila area. He served with the 312th during the New Guinea campaign and participated in the liberations of the Philippines.

Lt. Wendell J. Doggett, '41a, Ponca City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service during activities in the Battle of the Bulge. Lieutenant Doggett was attached to the 8th Infantry Division.

Capt. Denver R. Stufflebean, '38-'41, Pauls Valley, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in missions against the enemy in the European Theater. First Lt. J. W. Stoughton, Italy, was attached to the 384th Bombardment group as squadron commander, group operations officer, and group air executive. In an operational period of 11 months the group completed more than 200 missions and won a divisional citation. A squadron belonging to the group holds the Eighth Air Force's present flying record with 82 combat missions without loss of aircraft or personnel. Colonel Hubbard has been overseas 17 months.

The fifth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Don G. Smith, '40-'43, Norman, Oklahoma. This cluster was awarded to the 382nd Bombardment group. The presentation was made by his group commander, Col. William J. Wiegewesten, who commented on the "courageous, coolness and skill displayed by Sergeant Leenhouts."" 

Lt. Herman L. Hensel, '39-'40, Shawnee, has been awarded the Air Medal with two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for his part in the tactical aerial offensive during the Battle of the Bulge. Lieutenant Hensel, co-pilot of a B-17, jumped from his plane when the crew was forced to abandon it because of engine trouble. The crew landed in liberated territory and divided the valuable salvage-laborer, captured five Germans hidden nearby. At the time Lieutenant Hensel was on his 18th mission with the 323rd French-based Marauder medium bomber group. Support of Allied ground troops driving deep into Germany. The aerial attacks were aimed to seal off battle areas from movement of German troops and supplies.

The fourth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Capt. Donald I. Lawless, '42, Wichita, Kansas. The citation with his fourth Cluster spoke of his "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial offensive and support operations over Germany and Nazi-occupied Europe." Navigator on a B-17, he also wears a Presidential Unit Citation.

Lt. John O. Goffe, '42, Salinas, has received the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat operations with the 312th Bombardment group in the European Theater of war. Major Amend, Field Artillery officer in the First Army's Fifth Corps, was in action continuously from the time he landed in Normandy the day after D-Day until hostilities ceased in Europe.

Capt. Edward F. Hubbard, '38us, Frederick, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with an Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with two Clusters. Colonel Hubbard recently assumed command of the 453rd Bombardment group of the Eighth Air Force. He participated in 21 high altitude bombing attacks while serving in a B-24 group as squadron commander, group operations officer, and group air executive. In an operational period of 11 months the group completed more than 200 missions and won a divisional citation. A squadron belonging to the group holds the Eighth Air Force's present flying record with 82 combat missions without loss of aircraft or personnel. Colonel Hubbard has been overseas 17 months.

Capt. Elizabeth Ray, '34ba, Oklahoma City and Yokon, commander of a group of WAC's attached to the 15th Air Force in Italy, receives a Bronze Star medal from Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commanding general of the 15th Air Force, Captain Ray commands a WAC's unit in Italy. She is a former Oklahoma newspaperwoman.

Col. William C. Garrison, '32ba, Cherokee, has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm leaves, the Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Legion of Merit. Colonel Garrison went overseas in May, 1944, commanding officer of a battalion of eight-inch howitzers. He was later made an assistant Corps Artillery officer with the Third Army.

Capt. George D. Almen, '21aaw, Tulsa, has been presented the Chinese Grand Star of Honor for outstanding and distinguished service to the Republic of China and to the Chinese army. He is on duty at a field installation of the Chinese combat command.

Staff Sgt. John E. Cicle, Jr., '40-'43, Norman, has been given the Bronze Star for service with the 285th Engineer Combat battalion of the Third Army in Luxembourg. The accompanying citation stated in part, "Sergeant Cicle, as a squad leader while in charge of control posts between his platoon and adjoining cavalry elements, voluntarily made many more patrols than he was called to his personal safety. His leadership and his work assured continuous communication and aided greatly the successful performance of his organization's mission.

Capt. Benjamin R. Thomason, Jr., '39gol, Gainesville, Texas, has been awarded the Bronze Star for extraordinary bravery in the field during the Normandy invasion. Colonel Thomason was injured by the Okie River for wounds received in the same invasion. Hospitalized for some time in England, he was returned to the United States last fall and placed in Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. After his release the hospital. Captain Thomason was assigned to Fort Sill for advanced training.

Capt. Leo H. Belluq, '43ba, Norman, has been awarded an Air Medal for service as liaison officer with the Field Artillery in the Ninth European Theater.

Lt. Leo E. Thomson, '40gol, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the second and third Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in combat missions over Germany." He was pilot of a Flying Fortress.

The seventh Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Richard L. Baggett, '39-'41, Wayne, in recognition of service in Ninth Air Force combat operations over Europe.

Lt. Roy E. Tomlinson, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in support of Allied ground operations over Europe."

Lt. Jarrel L. Barnhill, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal for sustained operational flight over enemy territory. Lieutenant Barnhill, who was stationed at a B-17 base in southern Italy, is a veteran of more than eight missions over Germany and the Balkans.

The fifth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. John W. Coyle, Jr., '41-'43, Oklahoma City, for meritorious achievement during Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on enemy-held installations in Germany.

Lt. Roy L. Reid, '38-'41, Marietta, has received the Air Medal and five Oak Leaf Clusters for courage and distinguished service to the Central European Theater as navigator on a Flying Fortress with the 34th Bombardment group.

Master Sgt. Robert Leon Spira, '38, Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star "for meritorious achievement in service in support of combat operations." Also holder of the Distinguished Unit Badge with a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Sergeant Spira has been head of an aircraft maintenance detachment in Italy with the 15th Air Force.

Capt. Robert L. Kendall, '40md, Strong City, Oklahoma, has received the Bronze Star for action with the 120th Medical Battalion in the European theater. Overseas since January, 1942, he has been in Italy, France and Germany.

Lt. William F. Zerbini, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight as co-pilot of a B-26 bomber with the Ninth Air Force.

Lt. William W. Upchurch, '40-'42, Norman, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievements" while participating in Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on Nazi war industries in Europe.

Lt. William Nolan, '37-'42, Norman, has been awarded the Certificate of Merit for courageous action during the early days of the German offensive in Belgium. Lieutenant Nolan, forward observer with the 106th Infantry Division, stayed at his post although surrounded by enemy troops in order to report valuable information and direct Artillery fire.

Maj. Fred W. Whetzel, '37aaw, McAlester, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service with the 42nd Division in a drive through France and Germany with the Seventh Army. As a Division Artillery officer he handled all personnel and supply problems, Major Whetzel displayed aggressive, untried and efficient supervision over the supply of ammunition and other material during the division's advance from the Meuse River through the Ardennes and the Siegfried Line to Dain, Germany, and subsequently across the Rhine to Schweinfurt.

The fourth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. Lester W. Morris, '35-'36, Norman, for meritorious achievement while participating in Eighth Air Force bombing attacks over Germany.

Mark D. Holcomb, '31-'32, Lawton, has received a commendation signed by Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger for a six-week training program he set up for new Medical Corps men in preparation for the next campaign during the Bannana, New
Guinea, campaign in January, 1943. His regiment was believed to be the only one on the island to have a parachute regiment. Schmoldt also received the Legion of Merit award during the campaign. He has been overseas for 33 months and has served in five major campaigns.

Erie, New York, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the European theater of action. Maj. Gen. Robert L. Shepherd, 41-'43, Norman, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal. The citation accompanying the medal states that he received the award "for meritorious and distinguished services at the front in the performance of his duty, while serving with the 37th Infantry Division of the First Army in Czechoslovakia. He accepted the surrender of Brest during the Normandy campaign.

Lt. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, 47-0, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Legion of Honor Medal, the Croix de Guerre with Palm by the French, and the Order of the Bath by the British. He also holds the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross, and the Silver Star. General Robertson was waistgunner on a B-17 with the Eighth Air Force. He has been missing in action over Italy since March 18. Lieutenant Voelkers had received the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster for bombing missions March 4 and 16 on targets in Italy and Austria.

Lt. George Colbert McKoy, 38-'42, Stonewall, has been missing in action since June 20, 1944. The Alumni Office has learned. Lieutenant McKoy failed to return from a mission over Poland. He was killed on a B-24.

Lt. Quintin Preble, 43, Norman, has been reported as missing in action since a raid over Tokyo January 27. Sergeant Preble, who was with the 13th Bombardment Squadron, had been stationed on Saipan since November, 1944. He was a member of a B-29 crew.

Deaths in Service

Lt. Arthur Clinton Hon, 41-'40, Tulsa, who was reported missing in action following a mission over Czechoslovakia, May 12, 1944, must be presumed to be dead, the War Department has announced. Lieutenant Hon had been overseas only three months when reported missing, but was on his 20th mission. He had been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. While at the University Lieutenant Hon was a member of Alpha Epsilon Alpha honorary anthropology fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and the Jazz Hounds. Following his graduation he went into the Oil and Gas Company. Survivors include his wife, the former Daphne Ridgway, '41, and son, David Hon, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hon, Tulsa.

Lt. James W. Denton, 28, Hollis, was killed in action in the Philippines on March 23. At the time of his enlistment in the Army in July, 1942, he was a student at the Guard at Leveland, Texas. He trained at Camp Roberts, California, and Fort Benning, Georgia, where he received his commission. Lieutenant Denton participated in several combat battles while serving with the 38th Infantry Division. Survivors include his father, son and a daughter, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Denton, Hollis.

Pfc. Billy Bunch, '41-'43, Duncan, was killed in action in northern Italy April 19. Details of his death were not known. Private Bunch was with the Fifth Air Force in Italy. He went into the Army June 7, 1942, and left the port of embarkation last November 7, 1943. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bunch, Duncan, and a brother, Dwight Bunch, in the Navy. Jack T. Boyer, '40-'42, Marlow, storekeeper first class in the Navy, was killed in action on an undisclosed date. Details of his death were not available. Mr. Boyer went overseas last January after training at Norfolk, Virginia. He entered the Navy in January, 1942. In addition to the University he attended Draughon's Business College in Oklahoma City. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Belle Purcell, Marlow.

Pfc. Joe H. Price, Jr., 28, Poplarville, Mississippi, was killed in an automobile accident near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, December 4, 1944. He was returning to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, where he was stationed with the 69th Infantry Division. Pvt. Price was killed in action over Italy. Mr. Price went overseas last January after training at Norfolk, Virginia. He entered the Corps of Engineers in June, 1942. In addition to the University he attended Draughon's Business College in Oklahoma City. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Belle Purcell, Marlow.

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and a brother, Eugene Schmidt, all of Oklahoma City; and two brothers in the service, Pfc. Donald H. Schmidt, Oklahoma City, and Lt. Edgar R. Schmidt, '36us, who is overseas.

- Lt. Weldon E. Howard, '40, Seminole, has been reported killed in action over Germany on January 17. Lt. Howard was a P-51 pilot with the Eighth Air Force and had just completed five months of combat flying. He has been awarded the Air Medal and the Order of the Purple Heart.

Promotions

Recently promoted to lieutenant colonel include the following: Nash P. Truss, Jr., '36us, Oklahoma City, with the Ninth Air Force in France; Frank A. LaBoon, '40-'42, Ponca City, Oklahoma, with the 15th Army; Burton E. Hull, Jr., '37ba, Oklahoma City, assistant acting chief of staff at Fifth Field Artillery; and Quynton R. Hampton, '37-'41, Mountain Park, overseas with a Composite Spotting squadron, have been promoted to lieutenant junior grade.

Out on Points

'Two of the first state men to receive discharges under the point system of demobilization are Capt. Max C. Marble, '39, Pawhuska, and Master Sgt. Burd C. Turman, '39, Dewey. Captain Marble, who had served for 30 months, was on the first list of personnel at Lt. Gen. Barton K. Young's Army Air Force Command Headquarters to qualify for separation. He took part in the North African invasion and was stationed for a while in Italy. Captain Marple received his discharge at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on May 22.

Sergeant Turner enlisted in the Army in 1940 and had been overseas for more than two years. He served in Australia, New Guinea and in the Philippines.

New Officers

Harvey Aronson, '41-'43, Oklahoma City, and Owen M. Watt, '43us, Tulsa, have received commissions as second lieutenants direct from the ranks. Both were with Infantry units in Germany. Lieutenant Aronson, holder of the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge, was attached to the Seventh Army.

Graduate from West Point

Among the Oklahomans who graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in June were three former students of the University. They were George E. Wyatt, Jr., '40-'42, Oklahoma City; Robert E. Lee, '39-'42, Oklahoma City, and Frank A. LaBoon, '40-'42, Chickasha. All three received commissions as second lieutenants.

Both Lieutenant Wyatt and Lieutenant LaBoon have entered the Corps of Engineers. Lieutenant Lee's commission is in the Field Artillery.

Caucus in Salzburg

Salzburg, Germany, was the scene of a recent discussion of Oklahoma politics when three former University men and prominent state political figures met there for lunch. The trio consisted of Maj. Mac Q. Williamson, '10, Pauls Valley, former attorney general; Maj. Joe B. Thompson, '27ba, Ardmore, former state senator, and Capt. Harold Freeman, '26, Pauls Valley, former speaker of the House. The meeting was arranged for the luncheon to be held in Salzburg, where he was stationed. Major Williamson and Major Thompson were stationed in a nearby town. All are officers in the Military Government branch of the occupation force.

Flight Surgeon for Squadron

Lt. Comdr. F. W. Gross, '37med, Lindsay, is flight surgeon for Naval Air Transport Squadron 11. Commander Gross not only is charged with supervising the medical care of more than 1,000 flight personnel in the squadron, but also regularly inspects quarters and messing facilities at bases on his squadron's 15,236-mile air network which connects the western United States and the Philippines.

Squadron 11, the Navy's largest air transport operating squadron, flies as many as 2,000,000 miles a month to shuttle personnel, cargo and mail between advanced area bases. Recently the squadron officially began evacuating wounded men by air.

Commander Gross entered the regular Navy in 1938 and was assigned to the aircraft carrier Saratoga as flight surgeon for two years before receiving his present assignment.

Builds Up Athletic Program

Lt. Comdr. Lawrence E. (Jap) Haskell, '22geol, Norman, while stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Jacksonville, Florida, as physical training and welfare officer, has instituted an all-around student sports program which ranks with the finest in the armed forces. Commander Haskell took up these duties in August, 1942, and since that time the athletic phase of training there has been handled as a minor role to a major activity aimed at making Naval airmen "the toughest in the world."

Commander Haskell was with the University in a coaching capacity from 1927 until 1942, when he entered the Navy. He was to report for new duties with the Fleet Air Pacific Coast early this summer.

Allied Medical Aid

Members of the 134th Medical Group at Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, recently found themselves nursemaids when 25 sick and homeless babies were left on their doorstep. Yet Col. Lee Wilhite, '16med, Perkins, who is group commander, said undernourished babies and children are only one of the many problems facing the 134th Medical Group, which is administrating civilian and military hospitalization throughout American-occupied Czechoslovakia.

"It's beyond imagination," said Colonel Wilhite. "There have been times when we had to establish 1,000-bed hospitals overnight." He said the group's hospitals were all filled to well over capacity, many more than 500 percent of capacity.

Colonel Wilhite noted that German physicians amputate more freely than Allied medical men. He found more than 1,000 amputation cases in one hospital. Russians suffered the worst treatment of all, he said.

Letters from Alumni

June 4, 1945

Dear Mr. Beaird:

From the news and letters you have put out since you have been overseas it seems like you are back in the harness instead of the saddle! Either way it's good to hear from you and get the "scuttlebutt."

It would be good to shoot the breeze with Dr. Ewing over a cup of your cafeteria coffee, and maybe afterward take him on in a game of crooker. Is Mr. Owens still the boss in there?

Just to let you know what I've been doing, I'll give you a resume. I'm skipper of an LST and, as you remember, it seems like you are back in the harness instead of the saddle! Either way it's good to hear from you and get the "scuttlebutt."

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Another Sooners grad is skipper of another LST—Jack Britton from Shawnee. We talked O.U. all during a "poop" conference. The lucky dog just got his first command on a ship. He has been at sea 33 days, and has been 30 days in September. I ran the North Atlantic for about a year and a half; have been on this ship one year and eight months. I can't help but think that Oklahoma is ready for me or not, but I'm sure ready for Oklahoma.

You know, I got my law degree and hood-winked Wire Oklahoma Supreme Court into letting me by the hair. I want to go to school again and I'll have to take some classes. That's the last straw!

Sincerely,
DAVID C. MATTHEWS, '42law
Lt. (jg), USNR
FPO, San Francisco.

June 1, 1945

Mr. R. W. Harris
Security National Bank
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

I received a letter yesterday from Ted Board of the alumni association at O.U., saying you had arranged for my enrollment as an active member in the Alumni Association. This was a very pleasant surprise to me as I have been receiving bulletins, news, etc., since the Sooners Magazine of late and had been a little curious as to why they were coming my direction. Since this little party the Japs are holding has kept me fairly well out of circulation, all this news from the home town is welcome. I can assure you, and to know that you have made this possible makes me feel very good.

If you will pardon my being personal—when I read of what you had done, for some reason I remembered your daughter Louise, with whom I attended high school, also the fact that I used to deliver your paper (Transcript), long years ago—not to mention the recollections of your trips to the bank with the reliable bell bank with my savings, only to return home and sneeze all my savings out when I had attained the age of adolescence—those were the days. That was many years ago and you may remember it at all.

You see, out here, we all have a lot of time to remember a lot of things and it is always the pleasant things of by-gone years. As you know, I am married and have a nine-month-old daughter whom I have never seen, so, if when I return, I overlook coming to you personally with my thanks for what you have done, please accept them now.

Sincerely,
L. E. LINDQUIST, '36-'38, RM3/C
FPO, San Francisco.

May 25, 1945

Dear Ed:

One day I was sitting in the press room at Ninzis' headquarters when an officer came out and started writing an announcement of a press conference on the bulletin board. I was in the middle of writing a story and only glanced up. Suddenly I was on my feet and yelling "Bill!!!!!" Sure enough, it was Lt. Bill Brinkley ('40 journ). So we immediately left and headed at top speed for a quonset hut with a bar—figured that was the kind of vantage point we discussed things.

The next day Admiral Ninzi gave a beer party for all the correspondents. I was on the bus ready to go when a fellow got on and sat down beside me. He was a junior graduate lieutenant—a member of some Navy camera party. "Hoberrecht, United Press," I says. "Jerry Rogers," he says, and we both sat and looked across the room.

Then we both whirl around and say, "The University of Oklahoma!"

This is a great business. I'll never forget the night (this Friday night), a Marine came up to me and said, "Would you do me the dubious honor of signing my short-senter?" Ah, the life of a war correspondent.

Sincerely,
ERNEST HOBERRECHT, '41 journ
U.P., War Correspondent
FPO, San Francisco.

Medical School

By Beverly Howard

SEVENTY-TWO graduates of the School of Medicine were among the 33 graduates receiving degrees at commencement exercises held in the Municipal Auditorium in Oklahoma City June 15. Speaker for the occasion was Maj. Gen. George F. Lull, deputy surgeon general of the United States Army, who spoke on the role of the Army Medical Department and the advances made in medical science during the war.

Fifty Medical School graduates received reserve commissions as first lieutenants in the Army along with their degrees. They, with their home towns and the cities in which they will serve their internships, are as follows:

Edward A. Allgood, Altus, Fort Worth, Texas; Broadway Broadrick, Chickasha, Dallas; Arthur M. Brown, Jr., Muskogee, Jolts; D. Eskridge, Brown, Oklahoma City, Baltimore, Maryland; Irwin H. Brown, Oklahoma City, Milwaukee; Richard H. Burgstorf, Cambridge, Oklahoma City; Leon H. Brown, Oklahoma City, Boston.

Robert E. Gasey, Oklahoma City, Chicago; Stanley G. Childers, Tipton, Portland, Oregon; Marvin A. Childress, Allen, Oklahoma City; Walter T. Dardis, Jr., Oklahoma City, Portland; Robert P. Dennis, Oklahoma City, Chicago; Walter H. Dersch, Oklahoma City, Memphius, Tennessee; Marvin H. Bays, Vinita, Oklahoma City.

John W. DeVore, Elk City, Baltimore; Loren A. Denton, Miami, Florida, there; Richard A. Ellis, Duncan, Columbus, Ohio; James B. Eskridge, Illinois, Jackson, Indiana; New Jersey; Charles L. Freode, Oklahoma City, Flint, Michigan; Orville L. Gray, Silver, Tulsa; Arthur E. Hale, Alva, Oklahoma; Oklahoma City, Irvine, California; Walter R. Harris, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City; Robert R. Hinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City; Robert R. Hinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Robert F. Hoover, Oklahoma City, Baltimore; Paul Kouri, Grantee, Oklahoma City; William P. LeBlanc, Jr., Checotah, Oklahoma City.

Dick M. Lowry, Oklahoma City, there; Charles R. Mathews, Oklahoma City, Rochester, New York; Vernon C. Merrifield, Norman, Oklahoma City; Raymond D. M. Miller, Hollis, Indianapolis, Indiana; James T. Herrin, Arkadelphia, Arkansas; Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii; Walter M. Moore, Muskogee, St. Louis, Missouri; William R. Paschal, Oklahoma City, there; Sabin C. Pfeiffer, Alva, Denver, Colorado; William S. Pugley, Oklahoma City, Chicago; George M. Rahhal, Wetumka, Oklahoma City, Kansas; Oren C. Reid, Lawton, Galveston, Texas; Jean E. Rorie, Oklahoma City, Chicago.

Clarence M. Shaw, Jr., Durant, Denver; Charles G. Shellenberger, Oklahoma City, there; Byron F. Smith, Tulsa, Oklahoma City; Henry C. Smith, Lawton; Detroit; Walter F. Spalding, Drumright, Oklahoma City; Gerald M. Steedman, Healdton, Oklahoma City; Glenn V. Sundquist, Mitchell, South Dakota; Milwaukie, Oregon; Willy W. Tallow, Jr., Oklahoma City, Flint; James H. Tiedel, Elk City, Oklahoma City; Howard G. Tozer, Oklahoma City, there; Milford S. Urgenman, Tulsa, there, and Cecil W. Wesc beams, Apache, Oklahoma City.

The following graduates received commissions as lieutenants junior grade in the Naval Reserve:

Cad W. Arrendell, Jr., Ponca City, Norman; J. T. Brooks, Marlow, Shoemaker, California; James W. Cleaves, Okemah, Oklahoma City; Charles E. Conner, Washington, D.C.; Charles C. Cunningham, Hennefer, Norman City; Cecil H. Dillingham, Jr., Frederick, Bainbridge, Maryland; Martin D. Edwards, Cameron, San Diego, California; Arthur P. Elliott, Enid, Great Lakes, Illinois; James D. Foust, Oklahoma City; Jack L. Gregston, Marlow, Norman; Dave B. Lhevne, Tulsa, Brooklyn, New York.

Dalton B. McNair, Muskogee, Long Island, New York; Emler G. Murphy, Stilwell, Bethesda, Maryland; Hugh W. Payton, Shawnee, Iowa City, Iowa; Newton C. Smith, Cheyenne, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and James R. Winterringter, Stillwater, Bainbridge, Maryland.

Six civilian students in the class were the following: Sue Elizabeth Browder, Woodward, Boston; Martha Jane Burke, Oklahoma City, Atlanta, Georgia; Dorothy E. Gore, Blanchard; Benjamin F. Gorril, Tulsa, Omaha, Nebraska; Paul J. O'Neil, Oklahoma City, and Clyde E. Tolchin, Oklahoma City, Madison, Wisconsin.

Receiving degrees as graduate nurses were the following: Fern Adams, Payson; Frances Bailey, Altus; Berna Bovad, Okmulgee; Alberta Blount, Soling; Mavon Bush, Wewoka; Jeanne Crawford, Vinita; Virginia Dees, Healston; Margaret Dewar, Rogers, Arkansas; Eva Dean Dick, Vinita; Natalie Evans, Paris Valley; Sarah Ferguson, Stillwater; Anna J. Giese, Paul; Georgia Holland, Chick; Frances Hyde, Ponca City; Lena Jantz, Moore; Doris Marie Jay, Beatrice, Nebraska.

By Sylvan Lane, Holdenville; Clara Long, Asher; Barbara Maklin, Oklahoma City; Virginia Morris, Prague; Margaretta Nelson, Holdenville; Jettie Luk; Seminole; Nadine Peck, Leedy; Jean Priebe, Okeene; Mary Lee Reeves, Disney; Betty Suder, Canaan, Texas; Thelma Thissen, Hydro; Clara Washington, Meeker; Beth Wheeler, Haskell, Oklahoma; Joy Ann Wiley, Chickasha; Kathleen Wilkins, Walter; Murid Woods, McAlester, and Charlene Ziegler, Picher.

Faculty

The following changes on the faculty of the School of Medicine were announced after the June meeting of the Board of Regents:

Dr. Raymond L. Murdoch, on leave of absence for military service since September, 1942, has resumed his position as professor of clinical surgery, effective May 15.

Dr. Walter W. Wells, professor of obstetrics and chairman of the department of obstetrics, was named professor emeritus of obstetrics.

Dr. Thomas C. Points was named to the clinical staff as assistant in obstetrics.

Dr. Robert H. Akin was promoted from associate in urology to assistant professor of urology.

Dr. Quentin C. Cronin was promoted from associate professor of clinical medicine to professor of clinical medicine.

Dr. Arthur W. White, Oklahoma City physician and professor of clinical medicine, died at his home in Oklahoma City June 11. He was 68 years old.

A graduate of Rush Medical School in Chicago, Dr. White came to Oklahoma City in 1905 as professor of pathology at Epworth Medical School, a position he held until 1937, when he became professor of clinical medicine. In 1912 he joined the faculty of the School of Medicine and in 1925 reached the rank of professor.

Dr. White served as a captain in the Medical Corps during World War I. He was the author of numerous medical treatises, the latest one, "Management of Pepsic Ulcer," being published in 1943. Dr. White was affiliated with the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association, the Oklahoma State and County Medical Societies, the Oklahoma City Academy of Medicine and the Oklahoma Internists Association.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Winifred B. White; Oklahoma City; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret C. Carr and Mrs. Beverly Howard; White, B'hs, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. (Continued on Page 19)