With the Armed Forces


In a letter to General Barton, General Patton said, "Your fight in the Hurtgen forest was an epic of stark Infantry combat, but in my opinion your most recent fight—from December 16 to December 26—when, with a tired division you halted the left shoulder of the German thrust into the American lines and saved the city of Luxembourg, is the most outstanding accomplishment of yourself and your division."

The Fourth Division was also commended for its fine work since D-Day by Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, commander of the Twelfth Corps.

A Christmas Day dispatch by the United Press from Allied front lines in Belgium quoted Maj. Andrew Dee Pickard, '37-'41, Norman, as saying his troops were having very hard going in the drive to recapture Bastogne. Major Pickard said the Germans were contesting every yard of the advance with a formidable array of Artillery.

As the U. P. correspondent talked with Major Pickard, shells crashed several hundred feet away from them, they could hear Artillery fire in the nearby town of Tintange, and could see the still smouldering ruins of the village of Warnach, devastated by fire several days earlier.

Decorations

Lt. Col. Leon R. Vance, '35, Enid, has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for heroism during a flight on the day before D-Day as command pilot of a bomber on a mission over Winneux, France. During a heavy barrage of flak, the pilot was killed and several of the crew members, including Colonel Vance, were seriously injured.

Thrown onto the floor and unable to get up because his leg was nearly blown off, Colonel Vance piloted the badly damaged ship back to England from his position on the floor. Because some of the crew were unable to bail out, he was forced to land the ship on the ocean close to the English coast. A bomb stuck in the bomb bay exploded when the plane hit the water and Colonel Vance was thrown clear. An hour later he was picked up by a rescue party, but none of the other crewmen were saved.

After being in an English hospital for a time, Colonel Vance started back to this country on a hospital plane which was lost on the way. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Georgette Drury Vance, Garden City, New York, to whom the Congressional Medal of Honor will be given.

Lt. Col. Jack F. Burnett, '39med, Ennis, Texas, has been awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious achievement as a flight surgeon in the China-Burma-India theater. He recently returned to the United States after serving for 26 months in that area. Upon his return he was sent to the Air Force Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, for re-assignment processing.

Lt. Comdr. William Deal New, '34med, Guthrie, has received a citation from the President for his performance as a regimental surgeon for a Marine unit in the South Pacific. Commander New has served during three major battles, including Guadalcanal. A member of the regular Navy, he has been in service since 1935.

Lt. David Riley, '40-'41, The Bronx, New York, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as a Marine fighter pilot with the Bulldog squadron, which shot down 24 Japanese planes in two days over Rabaul in December, 1943. Lieutenant Riley also saw action at Bougainville, Guam and Rota Island in the Marianas. He recently returned from the Pacific and was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Depot at Miramar, California.

Capt. Harold Thain, '42ba, Waukomis, has been awarded the Silver Star for his work with a Field Artillery battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division in France. When Captain Thain and his men parachuted into France, they landed behind German lines and knocked out several
enemy guns before making an all-night march through enemy territory to join their own forces. Also in Europe with an airborne unit is Captain Thain's brother, Maj. Carl Thain, '37-'41. Both were in North Africa before taking part in the European invasion.

- An Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters has been awarded to Tech. Sgt. George E. Skye, '40bus, Watonga, engineer and top turret gunner aboard Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force. The medals were given him for his "courage, coolness and skill" during numerous raids over enemy territory.

- Maj. John W. Shamel, '36-'40, Tulsa, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal for his work as an Artillery officer in North Africa, Italy and France since going overseas last March. He is attached to headquarters of the Seventh Army under command of Maj. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, USMC, with headquarters in Europe.

- Capt. John W. Shamel, '36-'40, Tulsa, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal for his work with the Air Transport Command in India. During more than 12 months in India and Burma, Maj. Shamel has been attached to the 24th Air Depot Group at Calcutta, India. He was shot down by enemy aircraft while flying a mission from Calcutta to the Burma area. Captain Shamel returned to the United States last fall and was attached to a Ferrying group at Great Falls, Montana.

- Lt. Mack A. Jones, '41-'42, Norman, holds an Air Medal with four Clusters for his work with the Eighth Air Force. The Bombardment unit to which he is attached has been cited by the President for its England-Africa shuttle bombing raid on the Messerschmitt plant at Regensburg, Germany. Lieutenant Fox has been on more than 30 raids.

- The Bombardment outfit to which Tech. Sgt. Robert L. Spires, '38, Norman, is attached in Italy has been awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy. Sergeant Spires is a crew chief.

- Maj. John H. Byrd, '38eng, El Reno, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service as an Artillery officer in North Africa, Italy and France since going overseas last March. He is attached to headquarters of the Seventh Army under command of Maj. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, USMC, with headquarters in Europe.

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- A Silver Star for gallantry in action has been awarded to Capt. W. Hillyer Freeland, '38fa, Norman. Captain Freeland was injured in action during the attack on the syntheticoil works at Politz, Germany. He was later flown to England where he led a fleet of Mitchell bombers in a raid on an Italian airfield in November. Following his discharge from the hospital, he returned to the United States as a flier with the 8th Air Force.

- Lt. Col. L. E. Patterson, Jr., '30geo1, '32ms, for the excellence of his work during the three years he was attached to General McFarland's headquarters in Australia. Colonel Patterson escaped from Java just ahead of the Japanese invasion in the early days of May. His home was left in Oklahoma City last fall.

- An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Silver Star held by Capt. Lennell (Bill) Thomas, Jr., '41ha, Ringling, for gallantry in action near St. Menehould, Meuse-Argonne sector of the Western Front in France. He was awarded the original Silver Star after the Battle of Kasserine Pass in North Africa in 1943. Captain Thomas is a Field Artillery officer.

- Lt. D. A. Smith, Jr., '42, Tipton, has been awarded a Bronze Star for his work as an intelligence specialist with a B-24 group based in Italy. He is in charge of briefings.

- Maj. James D. Webster, '28ba, Oklahoma City, has been given the Order of the Purple Heart for injuries received while he was doing rescue work in Holland. Major Webster helped rescue some Dutch civilians who were trapped in a mine which had been hit by German artillery fire. During the evacuation he was injured in another explosion. Major Webster was stationed in North Africa before going to England to take part in the French invasion.

- Maj. Noel S. Wood, '37-'41, Norman, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with four Clusters for his work with the Air Force in the Pacific. He has been on more than 40 missions over the Marshalls and in the Marianas. He led a fleet of Mitchell bombers on a raid at an altitude of 30 feet, and over Mckale Atoll.

- Lt. Charles A. Tuggle, '38, Kansas City, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious action as a bombardier with the Eighth Air Force and the Order of the Purple Heart for injuries received in action. He was formerly a bombardier-instructor at the Oklahoma City air depot at which Sergeant Culp is stationed as a flight surgeon.

- Lt. Thaine A. Syfert, '33-'35, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal for his work as a bombardier on a B-25 in an attack upon a railroad bridge in Bavaria. The destruction of the railroad at that point contributed greatly to the defeat of enemy troops in that area.

- Lt. William M. Kilpatrick, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, has been given the Air Medal for his work as a pilot of a Liberator bomber attached to the 15th Air Force in Italy. His unit played an important part in the bombing of Roumanian oil fields and in paving the way for the invasion of Southern France.

- Lt. Col. Joe A. Smallley, '37fa, Norman, has been awarded the Silver Star for meritorious action while serving as Artillery liaison officer with an Infantry unit on New Guinea last summer. Though wounded by shell fragments, he crawled to a radio transmitter and continued giving commands until the height of the action passed. Later he walked down the mountain, spent the night, and was carried out on a litter the next day by natives, reaching the hospital that evening.

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Deaths in Service

Cpl. John Robert Rienec, '41, Ardmore, died on December 27 while on duty at the hospital at Key Field, Mississippi, of injuries received in the crash of a B-26 bomber near there the day before. All the other crew members were killed instantly. Corporal Rienec was a radio operator and was stationed at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. At the University he was a freshman in the College of Business Administration. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rienec, and a brother, all of Ardmore.

Maj. Lloyd Warren, '40, Elk City, was killed in a plane crash in the European theater on November 26. Maj. Warren was a radio operator and was stationed at Barkdale Field, Louisiana. At the University he was a freshman in the College of Business Administration. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, and a sister, Mrs. Clifford Kinney, all of Elk City.

Maj. Harry H. Alley, '37,Alva, former Oklahoma City lawyer, died on November 26 from injuries received in a plane crash in Belgium. Major Alley, holder of an Air Medal, was attached to ground force headquarters of the Eighth Air Force. He entered service as a first lieutenant in the Field Artillery in 1940, later training as an aerial observer and transferring to an Observation squadron. He went on duty with the Eighth Air Force in 1942, and was promoted to major last April. At the University Major Alley was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Phi honorary legal fraternity, Phi Eta Sigma scholastic fraternity, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Survivors include his brother, Lt. John N. Alley, '33, Alva, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Warren, and a sister, Mrs. Clifford Kinney, all of Elk City.

Injured in Service

Pvt. William N. Kinney, '43, Tulsa, was in an Army hospital somewhere in the European theater recuperating from wounds received last November 20 while fighting with the Infantry in Hungary.

Lt. Floyd N. Martin, '41-'42, Tulsa, has been missing in action over Hungary since last December 13. He was a Pilot of a P-38 fighter plane, Lieutenant Shultz was returning to England from Belgium at the time of his death. He is credited with downing one German plane. He went overseas in January, 1944. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Minnie Shultz, Holdenville, and his father, Lt. Col. William G. Shultz, '26ma, stationed at Drew Field, Florida.

Ensign John M. Lawrence, Jr., '41-'44, Oklahoma City, who was killed in action in the Pacific on an undisclosed date, was the first graduate of the University Naval ROTC unit to lose his life in the war. He received his commission at O. U. on February 28, 1944. Before going to the Pacific theater, Ensign Lawrence served for four months in the Atlantic. He was a member of Phi Eta Sigma scholastic fraternity for freshmen men and Kappa Alpha fraternity. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lawrence, Oklahoma City, and two sisters.

Missing in Action

Lt. (jp) John H. (Jack) Fezler, '43ba, Oklahoma City, has been missing in action in the Southwest Pacific since October 3. Lieutenant Fezler was attached to a mine investigation unit, and his work included deep sea diving. He received his commission at South Bend, Indiana, in February, 1943, and served for several months in Europe before returning to the United States and being assigned to duty in the Pacific.

Capt. Dale S. Hannah, '40, '41, Artesia, New Mexico, member of the Fifth Air Force, has been missing in action in the South Pacific since August 30.

Lt. Warren L. Keeley, '41, Norman and Arcadia, Oklahoma, has been missing in action in the Pacific since October 30. He was a pilot of a Navy fighter based on a carrier, and recently had been going on missions in the Philippine area. Lieutenant Keeley went on foreign duty last May. Mrs. Keeley (Rachael Helley, '41ba, 42lbdk) and their small son Lee live in Norman.

Lt. Gary B. Johnson, '38-'39, Wichita Falls, Texas, pilot of a B-24, has been missing in action over Hungary since August 22.

Lt. Floyd N. Martin, '41-'42, Tulsa, has been missing in action with the Air Force in the Mediterranean area since October 29. He was attached to a Bombardment squadron.

Prisoners of War

Maj. Herbert A. Von Tungeln, '38ba, Oklahoma City, missing in action over Germany since last August 24, has been reported a prisoner of war in Germany. Mrs. Von Tungeln (Charline Penner, '34ba), Mill Creek, received a card from him late in December, which was written October 9 and stated that he was all right. Major Von Tungeln was pilot of a Flying Fortress.

Lt. Col. Victor E. Warford, '40ba, Chickasha, earlier reported missing as of October 11, is a prisoner of war in Germany. Col. Warford, pilot of a plane protecting observation planes and Troop Transport planes during the invasion of Southern France, holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal.

Out of Prison Camps

Capt. Eugene P. Dale, '36-'38, Enid, for two and a half years a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippine Islands, came home this winter. He was one of the American prisoners who escaped from a Japanese camp on the ship on which he was being transferred to Japan was sunk by an American submarine. After two trips to Washington for conferences, Captain Dale was given a three-month leave beginning December 15.

Captain Dale received his commission in the Air Force at Kelly Field, Texas, in July, 1941, and was shipped to the Philippines in November of that year. On December 7, when the Japanese struck, he had not been assigned to a regular Air Force unit, so he was hurriedly put to work in the Signal Corps, and was later transferred to the Infantry and transferred to the Infantry. Still later he was shifted to the Marine Corps.

Captain Dale spent a month on Corregidor before it fell to the Japanese, when he was made a prisoner of war by the Germans.

He was ashore when the torpedo hit the transport vessel he was on, but managed to swim to shore, where friendly Filipinos took care of him until American forces arrived. He was
wounded in the back when the ship was hit, and has been given a Purple Heart medal. Since his return to the United States he has been promoted to captain.

- Released from the Bulgarian prison camp in which he had been held since forced to bail out over Bulgaria on January 10, 1944, Staff Sgt. Jack V. Pipkin, '41-'42, Oklahoma City, has returned to this country. Holder of the Silver Star, the Oak Leaf Cluster and the Order of the Purple Heart, Sergeant Pipkin reported that living conditions in the Bulgarian camp were bad and that medical care was almost non-existent. Sergeant Pipkin had serious leg and hand injuries.

Details of how the released airmen reached Allied forces in Italy were not disclosed. Upon his return to this country Sergeant Pipkin was selected for assignment to a Forces Redistribution Station at Santa Monica, California, for a check-up and either re-assignment or medical discharge from the service.

Back From Battlefronts

Lt. James A. Huser, '40fa, Oklahoma City, returned to the United States after having flown 74 patrols and missions with a Naval composite squadron based on a carrier in the Pacific. He was one of three lieutenants in the squadron who were wounded in action. One day that Lieutenant Huser was leading the squadron wiped out 50 Japanese trucks loaded with foot soldiers on Leyte. On the morning of October 25 he took part in a torpedo attack on an enemy task force off Leyte Island. At the end of the leave Lieutenant Huser was to be assigned to a Navy base in this country.

- Maj. Albert H. Follmar, '38us, Oklahoma City, has been returned to the United States for treatment of a leg wound at Mare Island, California, after being wounded in action with the Marine Corps on Saipan. At the time he was injured, Major Follmar was commanding officer of the Leyte second battalion, Fourth Division of the 24th Marines. Before going overseas in January, 1944, he waspost adjutant of the Marine base at Parris Island, South Carolina.

- Capt. Samuel T. Moore, '38med, Oklahoma City, returned to the United States in December after serving overseas with the Medical Corps since October, 1942, when he went to North Africa. He went through the Tunisian campaign and saw action as a flight surgeon for a composite squadron during the Sicilian and early Italian campaigns. In February, 1944, Captain Moore was transferred to India, and went on into China this year. When the Japanese surrendered in September he was a patient in a Calcutta hospital, and in the same ward, also as patients, were two other graduates of the O. U. Medical School, Capt. Paul S. Anderson, '35med, Claremore, and Maj. John B. Miles, '27med, Anadarko. Captain Anderson has since recovered and returned to his B-29 outfit, and Major Miles has been returned to the United States for hospitalization.

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Charles E. Vandergriff, '37, Hugo, stationed at a Superfortress base in India, and John C. Crapo, '41-'43, Alderson, Oklahoma, overseas with an Ordnance battalion, have been advanced to corporal.

Haskell Walker, '31us, Norman, personnel officer at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, has been promoted to lieutenant commander. Alumni in the Navy recently promoted to lieutenant junior grade include the following: Clyde L. Murray, Jr., '42, Ensign Naval Air Station, Dallas, Texas; Howard B. Upton, '43, Ensign U.S. Naval Base, San Diego, California; John A. Martin, '316us, Binger, finance officer of the 13th Air Force headquarters in the South Pacific; Charles G. F. Hitts, '40, Oklahoma City, has been recommended for promotion to lieutenant commander.

Promoted to major recently were the following: Perce P. Cooley, '23med, Oklahoma City, Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington; Jack L. Elder, '23us, Oklahoma City, owner of the Oklahoma City racing syndicate; and Robert A. Green, '36pharm, Clinton, Camp Morgan E. Gandy, '39-'40, Norman, commanding officer of a Bombardment squadron at Godman Field, Kentucky; Oliver W. Hammonds, '32a, Oklahoma City, who recently returned to duty with Air Force headquarters in Washington, D. C., after being in the Far East for three months; Arlo Scoggins, '39eng, Oklahoma City, Ratcliff Arsenal, Menenuck, New Jersey, and Lewis W. McBride, '36c, chief engineer of the Grand Canyon Railway and construction contracts with the U. S. Department of Interior; Edward J. G. Dugan, '346a, Bixby, responsible for the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in Colorado; an oilman; John C. McFarland, '34, El Reno, stationed in the Panama Canal Department. Major McFarland's wife is a nurse with a hospital in the Canal Zone.

O. U. men recently advanced to captain are as follows: Charles P. Gorvats, Jr., '40law, Tulsa, with the Judge Advocate General's Department in France; Paul M. Darden, '2med, Oklahoma City, overseas with a Medical detachment; R. P. Bland, '37-'39, Tulsa, operations and training officer at Key Field, Mississippi; Amos G. Butkiewicz, '39, Fort Worth, Texas, operations and training officer at the Army Field Air Force at Kansas City, Kansas; Robert A. Green, '38eng, Clinton, on sea duty; John D. Passmore, '38eng, Oklahoma City, District Engineer, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in Colorado; an oilman; William L. McRae, '39, Bixby, Oklahoma City, storekeeper second class; Ensign J. E. Graham, '43, Oklahoma City, aviation machinist's mate; and Herman F. Rusch, Jr., '406us, Oklahoma City, has arrived at a post in the Philippine Islands, and now carries with it the 12th Air Force headquarters.

Other Sooners on duty at foreign Naval bases overseas include the following: Lt. Comdr. James R. Bollinger, '33eng, former engineer of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in Colorado and California, with the Bureau of Yards and Docks in the Philippines; Ensign E. H. Hudson, '43eng, Norman; Lt. A. H. Hollandson, '35-'38, Frederick; Duane A. Woodcock, '42, Shawnee, fire control team officer; Charles E. Stephens, '38, Arnold, Oklahoma, navigation and contracts section of the 13th Air Force headquarters in the Southwest Pacific; Donald E. Barnes, '39, Ponca City, on duty with the Air Force in Washington, D. C.

With the Fleet

Ensign James B. Robinson, '36-'40, Waurika, is on duty aboard Admiral Halsey's ship in the South Pacific. Recently he had a two-hour visit with a cousin, Ensign Glenn Gainer, '43, also of Waurika, somewhere in the South Pacific.


Other alumni on duty aboard ship or at Naval bases overseas include the following: Ensign Thomas G. Moore, '42eng, Norman; Ensign Rex Scott, '43, Shawnee, aviation machinist's mate; Lt. Comdr. Frank M. Woods, '35med, former Oklahoma City, on sea duty aboard Admiral Halsey's ship in the South Pacific; Ensign Frederick D. Parker, '43eng, Oklahoma City; Ensign Raymond S. Parratt, '44, Cleveland, Ohio, and Don H. Chappell, '43, Albuquerque, New Mexico, seaman first class.

Thurston J. Lewis, '37-'41, Heaven, who received a medical discharge from the Navy late in 1943, is on active duty as an able-bodied seaman on the Merchant Marine.

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Morale Builder

Margaret Prock, '42he, Oklahoma City, has arrived at a post in the Pacific to serve the armed forces as an American Red Cross staff assistant.
Yesterday the boys went wild and 21 Nips will push rudder pedals no more. . . . Guess I'd better quit and start work on this tent before I'm drowned out. They say the dry season starts in January but the dry season here is something like Oklahoma's wettest."

Capt. W. Fagan Hood, '29ba, Oklahoma City, is commander of a Field Artillery battery in combat with the enemy in the Philippine Islands. In a recent letter to the Alumni Office, he wrote, "Almost every day that we have been here is a lot of mud, snow, rain and bad weather. You should see a 'Gopher Hole.' All the comforts of home— even running water. In fact the water runs in the thing all the time."

Stories out of Oklahoma's athletic past were doubtless passed around when four former Sooner sportsmen got together recently in Honolulu.

Calling the Roll

By Elizabeth Lees

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Angie Debo, '13ba, 33ph.d, author of the recently published Prairie City and an authority on Indian history, has been licensed as local pastor of the Methodist Church in Marshall, Oklahoma. DeBo has served for the duration or until a minister is available for that parish. She filed her credentials with the court clerk at Guthrie and was ready in December to perform her first marriage ceremony, if and when the occasion arose.

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Lloyd Noble, '16, Ardmore oil man and member of the University Board of Regents, has been appointed temporary president of an organization formed to establish a Y. M. C. A. at Ardmore. The organization is composed of some 50 citizens pledged to make liberal subscriptions to the fund which must be raised for financing the project. Plans are being made to build a modern Y. M. C. A. building which will house a gymnasium, swimming pools, club rooms, dining rooms, game rooms and other recreational facilities.

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BABCOCK-THOMPSON: Mrs. Sadie Mundil Babcock, '16-17, Muskogee and Tulsa, and Benjamin F. Thompson, Oklahoma City, were married in Tulsa late in November. Mrs. Thompson returned to Tulsa a year ago after serving as coordinator of air training for the Navy Department in Washington, D. C. Before going to Washington she was assistant social service director of the F. E. R. A. for the state of Oklahoma. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are living in Oklahoma City.

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Edmondson Dale Luman, 17-18, Tulsa, died at his home there by suicide on December 8. He was 47 years old. After leaving the University Mr. Luman joined the staff of the Rosalea Petroleum Corporation, and later transferring to the Atlantic Refining Company. He spent 1923 and 1924 in Mexico and South America as a representative of the Atlantic company. In 1930 he was appointed division geologist in Oklahoma, and in 1936 chief geologist for the company. Because of poor health Mr. Luman resigned his position with Atlantic in 1942 and became a free-lance geologist. Survivors include Mrs. Luman and their son, James, both of Tulsa.

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Claude Monnet, '22law, Oklahoma City attorney, has been named special judge of the Criminal Court of Appeals in the case testing the validity of the bill of the last Legislature which separated the sale of beer from dancing. Mr. Monnet is the son of J. C. Monnet, dean emeritus of the University School of Law. He will sit in place of Judge Doyle, who was disqualified.

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William W. Potter, '24, prominent Ardmore attorney, died at a Temple, Texas, hospital on November 17 after an illness of three weeks. He was 43. Mr. Potter had been county attorney of Carter County and city attorney of Ardmore and was United States commissioner at the time of his death. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the Ro-