FOUR ALUMNI were known to be freed from Japanese imprisonment in the Philippines by advancing American forces, and two more were thought to be liberated, but official confirmation was still forthcoming, in mid-February.

Maj. Ralph Hubbard, '32med, and Maj. Emil P. Reed, '31med, both of Oklahoma City, were among Americans freed by the Ranggers in their raid of January 30. Mrs. Sue Boaz Noell, '35nurse, Chickasha, was liberated when American forces reached Santo Tomas.

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Two Lead Guerrillas

Eight Army forces which landed on the shores of Luzon in January were met by a Filipino guerrilla band led by three American Army officers, two of them University alumni. They

were Capt. George (Sinning) Crane, '31ba, and Capt. Winston A. Jones, '31-'36, Frederick, both of whom escaped from the Japanese during the death march from Bataan.

By mid-February more information was available about Captain Crane than Captain Jones, but both were known to be safe with American forces. An Associated Press dispatch filed on the Zamboanga beachhead on January 29 quoted Captain Crane as saying he had been in the Subic Bay area for ten days before the invasion, lighting fires on the beach in an attempt to signal American vessels. He said his closest call during nearly three years of guerrilla fighting came only a few days before the invasion, when a party of Japanese soldiers came through the area searching for the three American officers.

Captain Crane said they heard him and closed my eyes, but for some reason he didn't shoot," Captain Crane said. Later a Japanese officer, named Kadel, were among several dozen American officers who broke away from the march of death, the A.P. reported. Captain Crane was quoted as saying he expected death twice, the first time when a Japanese soldier leveled a gun at him. I pointed to my heart and closed my eyes, but for some reason he didn't shoot," Captain Crane said. Later a Japanese officer nearly ran Captain Crane through with his sword.

Finally Captain Crane fell by the side of the road from exhaustion, and was carried away by Filipinos who took care of him for five days, until the last of the prisoners and Japanese guards were out of the area. They then took him to join a group of American officers in hiding. The group carried on guerrilla activities with the natives against the Japanese until American forces arrived.

Captain Crane had the highest praise for the Filipinos, who constantly risked their lives to help the Americans hiding with them and referred back to the Japanese to turn them in.

When the landings started, Captain Crane was amazed to see the new types of equipment which the Army had. The A.P. story stated, "He expressed great interest. 'That's a duck,' he was told. He just stared."

Captain Crane's mother, Mrs. Josephine Haynes, formerly hostess at the Chi Omega house in Norman, now lives in Sheridan, Wyoming. Before entering the Army Captain Crane was an attorney in Wichita, Kansas.

Captain Jones had not been heard from since December 30, 1941, before the Philippines fell. He arrived in Manila for Army duty on August 1, 1941.

Decorations

Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, '07, Oklahoma City, commander of the Second Division of the U.S. First Army, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action near Monschau during "the battle of the bulge."

An Associated Press dispatch by Correspondent Hal Doyle described the awarding of the medal as follows: "Robertson stood at attention in a snowstorm several days ago as U.S. Army commander Lt. Gen. Courtney E. Hodges pinned the medal on him. It was under Robertson's personal leadership in the field that the wearers of the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action near Monschau during "the battle of the bulge."

Robertson's D.S.C. stated that he "remained in complete observation of the enemy to supervise the disposition of his troops and to direct the fire of tanks and tank destroyers" in spite of intense enemy fire.

In a recent letter to his mother, Mrs. Nettie Robertson, Oklahoma City, General Robertson wrote: "I understand that we, the Second Division, received some publicity along about December 21.... We were hit and hit hard, but we set at least two SS divisions back on their heels and never gave an inch until the attacks had been stopped; then we readjusted our lines and they have pretty much left us alone since. It was the most vicious battle that we have had and every man in the division covered himself with glory."

General Robertson holds the Silver Star and Bronze Star in addition to the D.S.C. Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his work as a command fighter pilot with the Eighth Air Force. He entered the Air Force in 1935, receiving his commission in June, 1937. Earlier in the war Maj. General was stationed for a while in Hawaii.

Staff Sgt. Clark L. Boyer, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, home on leave this winter after flying 33 combat missions with the Eighth Air Force, has
been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He was was gunner on a Liberator bomber.

Lt. Bruce E. Walters, *41-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement during aerial flights over France between September 9 and October 21, 1944.Lieutenant Walters is a liaison pilot with a Field Artillery brigade.

The Silver Star for gallantry in action has been received by Lt. Steven A. King, *36-'37, Kingfisher, liaison pilot with the Field Artillery in the South Pacific. The medal was bestowed upon him for the work he did last June 21 and June 22, flying slowly and at a low altitude over Japanese positions on Biak Island in order to obtain vitally needed information. Lieutenant King also holds an Air Medal. Before entering the service he raised cattle on a ranch west of Kingfisher.

Capt. William M. Sammons, *39-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his work as a pilot with the Troop Carrier Command during the invasion of Southern France. Captain Sammons also holds the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in that area. Upon his return to this country recently, was in England, North Africa, Italy and Southern France.

Services Rewarded


three miles in darkness through enemy territory under heavy fire. Fully aware of the dangers involved, Private Nielsen volunteered for the job and helped accomplish the mission with complete disregard for his own safety. He is the son of Dr. J. Rud Nielsen, professor of theoretical physics at the University, and Dr. Gertrude Nielsen, head of the Cleveland County Health Department.

Lt. Joe Francis, *42, letters, Norman, has been awarded a Bronze Star medal for his work with the Signal Corps in France. The accompanying citation stated that he "particularly distinguished himself... for meritorious service against an enemy of the United States." When last heard from, Lieutenant Francis was in Luxembourg. He wears three bronze battle stars.

Maj. Neil J. Thomas, *39, bus, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in France during the month of August. He is a navigator aboard a bomber of the Eighth Air Force.

Lt. John E. Jackson, *41-'42, Duncan, has been awarded an Air Medal in the Air Force, Lieutenant Jackson received his commission at San Marcos, Texas.

Pvt. Billy Twitty, *42, Sayre, has been given the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in that area. Upon his return to this country recently and was sent to the Air Force Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, for re-assignment.

Sgt. Robert A. Maher, *43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as a liaison pilot with a Field Artillery outfit attached to the Fifth Armored Division in Europe. Recently reported to be in Belgium, Lieutenant Moran flew 35 missions over France.

An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. William H. Tabb, "43, Lawton, navigator aboard a bomber of the Eighth Air Force.

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The Bronze Star medal has been awarded to Col. William Carl Garrison, "52, bus, Royal Center, pilot of an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress.

Jr., *41-'43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for destruction of three enemy fighter aircraft during aerial fire in order to evacuate wounded men from the action around Luneville and Domalske last September were largely instrumental in the success of American troops in that area. Colonel Garrison is the brother of Lt. Col. Don Garrison, *29, bus, "40, commander of the University R.O.T.C. and A.S.T.P. units.

A Bronze Star has been awarded to Capt. James D. Huskins, "36, Willmoreton, for gallantry above and beyond the call of duty as a surgeon with an Infantry battalion in Europe. The accompanying citation stated, in part, "On August 6 near Gethemo, France, and on August 12 near Venoge, France, Captain Huskins exposed himself to machine gun, mortar and Artillery fire in order to evacuate wounded men of the Second Battalion, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, and attached units. He was one of the first persons to cross the bridge at Lonlay L'Abbaye, France, disregarding his own safety so he could administer first aid to an isolated group of men. Captain Huskins, overseas for more than two years, was in England, North Africa and Sicily before going to France. Mrs. Huskins, the former Frances Huff, "38, is living in Norman while he is on foreign duty.

The fifth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. John W. Coyle, Jr., *41-'43, Oklahoma City, pilot of an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress.

Lt. Glenn P. Bradley, *39-'43, Norman, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action with the Field Artillery. He returned from December in Germany. He was recovering in a hospital in England.

Capt. Jack H. Riddle, *41-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for meritorious achievement during aerial flights over France.

Capt. Jack S. Miller, *40-'41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service as a Field Artillery officer on the European front. During the German break- through in the Ardennes, Dec. 16, 1944, and evacuations to this country recently and was sent to the Air Force Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, for re-assignment processing.

Lt. Jack Jenkins, *37-'42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for meritorious achievement during aerial flights over France. He also holds a Bronze Star medal for his work as a bombardier on a B-24 in the European area. Lieutenant Jenkins recently returned from foreign duty and was sent to the Air Force Redistribution Station at Santa Ana, California, for re-assignment.

Capt. Ira D. Cornelius, *38-'40, Chickasha, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for very meritorious achievement during flying operations in the Burma theater.

Capt. George M. France was killed in action on April 18, 1944, after flying 110 missions and destroying four enemy planes. He was a fighter pilot, and a member of the American Eagle Squadron of the Royal Air Force before transferring to the U. S. Air Force.

The Legion of Merit has been awarded to Col. E. H. (Bud) Larecy, *26, Seminole, for exceptional conduct in the performance of duty in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Colonel Larecy is the general staff of Seventh Army and was aide at one time to the Commander of the C.C.C. camp at Konawa.

Lt. Ralph Reiger, *41, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as a P-47 Thunderbolt pilot with the Ninth Air Force in Belgium. Since going overseas last April, Lieutenant Reiger has been on foreign duty. He received his commission at Luke Field, Arizona, and was promoted to first lieutenant last December.
Lt. Col. Thomas C. Kelly, 39, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster with an Oak Leaf Cluster at his base in Italy. Colonel Kelly has completed more than 30 missions since going overseas last September.

The second Oak Leaf Cluster for a Ninth Air Force officer for meritorious achievement in combat during the period from April 5 to November 14, 1944, Captain Major went overseas in December, 1943, and trained in North Africa before entering combat in Italy. He participated in the capture of Rome and is now on the frontline with the Fifth Army.

Maj. James M. Updike, 36-38, Tulsa, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work as commander of a Bombardment squadron with the Ninth Air Force. Recently promoted to his present rank, Major Updike had more than 80 combat missions to his credit in January.

An Air Medal has been awarded to Maj. Jeff G. Ray, 35-36, Oklahoma City, for his work as an aerial observer with the Third Army in France. The citation stated that Major Ray distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying 35 sorties near or over enemy lines for reconnaissance and adjustment of artillery fire. The citation also commented on the general engagement between Allied and enemy tanks last September.

The fourth Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. John W. (Jack) Paul, 41-42, Tulsa, co-pilot of a Flying Fortress stationed in England.

Capt. Robert D. Sheehan, '40-41, Tulsa, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Oak Leaf Clusters to be added to the Air Medal he already held. Pilot of a B-24 based in England, he went on his thirteenth bombing mission late in December, when he was the lead bomber over Frankfurt, Germany. Captain Sheehan went on foreign duty last March.

Lt. Norman C. Nash, 36-38, Edmond, Okla., has been awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry and intrepidity in action in the performance of his duties as pilot and co-pilot of a United States submarine during a war patrol of that vessel." The citation further stated, "His skill and ability in furnishing his commanding officer with a continuous flow of valuable information during approaches and attacks contributed directly to his vessel's success in sinking an enemy naval vessel of over 2,000 tons and damaging enemy shipping of over 60,000 tons."

Lieutenant Nash, son of Dr. M. A. Nash, '19, Edmond, Okla., was attached to the Air Depot Group in Italy to which Lt. Paul B. Guild, '34-35, Shawnee, was assigned. Lieutenant Guild has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement in the campaign around Cherbourg. Colonel Sheehan, former commandant of the University R.O.T.C. unit, was awarded the Legion of Merit.

An Air Medal has been awarded to Flight Officer Earl F. Zellner, '38-41, Catoosa, bombardier, on his 19th mission last summer. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal held by Lt. Victor P. Farris, '43, Oklahoma City, navigator on a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force in England. A Purple Heart has been awarded to Corporal John T. Pool, '43, Muskogee, Oklahoma, for wounds received from flak while over Germany.

Lt. Raymond W. Pittman, '41-42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his participation in 16 daylight bombing raids on German targets. He was a navigator aboard a Flying Fortress.

Lt. Charles S. Burton, Jr., '40-42, Holdenville, Okla., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Medal for his work as pilot of a B-24 with the Tenth Air Force in the India-Burma theater. Early in January he had flown 275 combat hours during seven months of overseas service.

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Cap. Marshall D. Word, '40law, Butler, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement with the 15th Air Force. Pilot of a Liberator bomber based in Italy, Captain Word was wounded in action when he failed to return from a raid over Yugoslavia on December 26, but returned to his base on January 20. No details as to how he returned were made known. Mrs. Word, the former Elta Hibler,'40journ., and their baby son, William, are in Butler visiting Captain Word's parents.

Lt. Col. Wade A. Eskridge, '36eng,Altus, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action as an Ordnance officer with an Airborne Division in the Philippines. The citation stated that Colonel Eskridge organized a defense position, around an ammunition dump under fire by the enemy, engaging in a bombing and parachute attack, leading a vigorous counterattack and inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. Colonel Eskridge, who entered the service early in 1941, is a graduate of the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Lt. John W. Kelly, '39-41, El Reno, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster for wounds received in action with the Field Artillery in Germany. He was injured first on November 18 and again on December 12, 1944, and was sent to a hospital in Belgium early last month, but expected to return to his unit soon. He is attached to a Field Artillery Observation battalion.

Deaths in Service

Lt. Col. Donald F. Newell, '36geo, former geologist with the Phillips Petroleum Company in Oklahoma City, Okla., died on December 16 in an Australian hospital, where he was taken after being wounded in action on Leyte Island.

Colonel Newell was a Field Artillery officer and had been overseas since April, 1943, when the invasion of France was made. He was sent to Australia for specialized training in jungle warfare. In December, 1943, he was sent to New Guinea, and in the spring of 1944 took part in the landings on Manus and Leyte Islands in the Admiralty group. For meritorious achievement in connection with operations against the enemy on Manus Island last May, he was awarded the Bronze Star medal and given a spot promotion to lieutenant colonel. During that action he was in charge of Artillery fire and co-ordinated supporting arms and fire from the coast.

At the University Colonel Newell was a member of Sigma Gamma Epsilon honorary geology fraternity and an associate member of Sigma Xi research fraternity. In 1938 he was awarded the prize saber as commander of the honor battalion of the R.O.T.C. unit. Survivors include his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Newell, Kansas City, Kansas, and his wife, Mrs. Frances B. Newell, Altus, and two children, who live in El Paso, Texas.

Lt. Marion Phifer, Jr., '40, Oklahoma City, was killed in action with the Air Force on October 2, 1945, during a mission last month and had previously been reported missing in action. Before entering the Air Force Lieutenant Phifer, was an employee of the Douglas Aircraft Company and was a member of the University R.O.T.C. unit to which he was appointed. After graduation he entered the University Air Force at Claremore. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Phifer, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Elmo T. Olson,'36-37, Bartlesville, died on December 28 of wounds received in action with an Armored division in Belgium. Lieutenant Olson, who was a member of the University Air Force during the war, had the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service. Earlier in the war he served for 14 months in the Pacific theater, before returning to the United States to attend officer candidate school. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. S. S. Stringer, Ochelata, and four brothers.

Sgt. Archie A. Dustin, '24-25, Enid, died on December 22 of wounds received the previous day in action in Belgium. Sergeant Dustin was fighting with the Third Engineers. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Dustin, Enid.

Sgt. Oral W. Eubanks, '27-29, '32, Devol, Oklahoma, was killed in action on November 6 in Germany. He was fighting with a mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance unit. At the University Sergeant Eubanks was a student in the College of Arts and Sciences. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Eubanks, now of Ringling, and several brothers, Eli T. Eubanks, '43law, Wichita, Kansas, Dewey Eubanks, '43, and Pvt. Luther Eubanks, '41, Buer Field, Indiana.

Lt. Vernon L. Red, Jr., '39-41, Oklahoma City, died on December 26 in a hospital in injuries received in aerial combat. He was navigator and photographer on an A-20 reconnaissance plane with the Ninth Air Force. Lieutenant Red, who went overseas last April, held the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. At the University Lieutenant Red was a member of the University. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Red, Jr., Oklahoma City, Midland, Texas, and his wife, Mrs. Jean Red, and daughter, who live in Oklahoma City.

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The Alumni Office urgently requests the co-operation of all alumni in securing as complete data as possible of the death of this young man. If you have any information about a Sooner who has died in service, is missing in action or a prisoner of the enemy, please send all the facts you have IMMEDIATELY to War Records Secretary, Alumni Office, University of Oklahoma.

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The Alumni Office has recently learned of the death on Tarawa on November 16, 1942, of Ensign George H. Cloe, Jr., '40, Cheshire, Connecticut. Navy flier based on a carrier. He was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart. Ensign Close received his commission in the Naval Reserve at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. In addition to the University, where he was a student in the College of Engineering, Ensign Close attended Manhattan College in New York City. Survivors include his father, G. H. Close, Cheshire.

Capt. Roger L. Mills, '41eng, Norman, was killed in action on December 17 in Belgium, where he was serving with a Field Artillery Observation battalion. Captain Mills went overseas in January, 1944, and into Belgium early in December. He received a reserve commission from the University R.O.T.C. unit when he graduated, entering the service at Fort Sill soon after. At the University Captain Mills was a member of Kappa Eta chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity, served with the Engineers Club. Survivors include his wife and small son, Lubock, Texas; his parents, M. E. Mills, associate professor of engineering; Mrs. Mrs. Mary Alva Eubanks, two sisters, Mrs. Vivian Smith, '43eng, Healdton, and Mrs. Viola Thewett, '34-36, Norman and a brother, Capt. Joe Mills, '37eng, in France.

Flight Officer Howard G. Carpenter, '37, Oklahoma City, listed as missing in action over Tunisia since October 10, 1943, is now presumed to be dead. In recent formal ceremonies at the University Air Force base, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters was presented to his mother, Mrs. Virginia Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter was a fighter pilot in North Africa.

Lt. Paul E. Rutledge, '40law, Oklahoma City, was killed in action in Germany on December 26. He was attached to a Combat Engineers battalion. Lieutenant Rutledge first entered the Army in April, 1941, was commissioned an ensign in May, 1942, and went on foreign service in June. At the University Lieutenant Rutledge was a member of Phi Delta Delta legal fraternity. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rutledge, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Sue Rutledge, Prague, Oklahoma.

Lt. J. Harper Quarles, '41ba, Fairfax, was killed in action during Naval operations in the Pacific on an undisclosed date, the Navy Department has announced. He was a graduate of the University. Survivors in- clude his father, James Quarles, Fairfax.

Staff Sgt. Selwyn M. Jones, '34-38, Oklahoma City, was killed in action on October 15 in Italy. He was attached to a Tank battalion. The Order of the Purple Heart was posthumously awarded him. Sergeant Jones was an art student in the University. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Mary U. Jones, Oklahoma City.

Capt. John E. (Baddy) Reid, '36-40, Dun- can, was killed in action over Germany on De- cember 19. He was an Artillery officer on duty at headquarters of the First Army. Captain Reid entered the Army in 1941, receiving his commission at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was on foreign duty in February, 1944. Before he entered service he was associated with the Magnolia Petroleum Company in Salem, Illinois, having studied petroleum engineering at the University. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. E. P. Reid, Duncan, and a brother, Tech. Sgt. James P. Reid, '35-36, Camp Maxey, Texas.

Maj. James Hal Galloway, '28, former Tex- as and Oklahoma volleyball champion, was killed in action in Belgium on December 17. An Artillery officer, Major Galloway had been overseas 11 months. Before entering service in 1940 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he managed the University edition of Rinehart's Oil Reports. He had formerly been a member of the Rinehart staff in Tulsa and assistant oil editor of the Daily Okla- homan. Oklahoma City, and was listed as missing in action over France on December 17. Enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, he was killed in action during Naval operations in the Pacific on an undisclosed date, the Navy Department has announced. He was a graduate of the University. Survivors in- clude his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Galloway, Vernon, Texas, and his wife (Mary Jane Hatch- ett, '31-32) and small son, James Hal, Jr., who are in Dallas, Texas.

Wallace K. Oliveira, '43, Lawrencetown, Illi- nois, was killed in action in the European theater of war on December 2. He was a student in
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Texas. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Lucy
Young, Tulsa, and his mother, Mrs. Joe McCullough, Joplin, Missouri.
Lt. (jg) Robert L. Widlake, '36-'42, Norm-
man, was killed in a plane crash at sea off the
west coast on February 6. Pilot of a Hellicol
stationed at the Naval Air Auxiliary Station, Los Alamitos, California, he was practicing landings and take-offs on a carrier when the accident oc-
curred. A search failed to recover his body. Lieutenant Widlake entered training with the Naval Air Corps in 1942 and received his com-
mission at the Naval Air Training Center, Cor-
pus Christi, Texas. He was a student in the College of Fine Arts. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Louise Widlake, Norm-
man, his father, L. E. Widlake, Oklahoma City, and two sisters, Marian, '41, Ardmore, and Violette, a sophomore in the University.
Lt. (jg) Henry G. Aachte, '42bus., Cordell, died in a Guadalcanal hospital on December 23 of inj-
juries sustained when he was knocked down by a board ship during a storm at sea on November 14. When he fell his left leg was broken and later lobar pneumonia set in causing his death. Lieutenant Aachte completed the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School in Chi-
cago in November, 1942, and went on sea duty soon after. At the University he was a member of the German Club, the Accounting Club and the
Bombardiers. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aachte, Cordell, and a sister, Mrs. Joe Hudson (Anna Aachte, '30ba), Novice, Texas.

Missing in Action
Capt. W. R. (Waddy) Young, '36-'40, Ponca City, pilot of a Saipan-based Superfortress, failed to return from a raid on Tokyo on January 9 and is listed as missing in action by the War Department.

Captain Young went to the Pacific after flying anti-submarine patrol over the Atlantic and serv-
ing a tour of duty as pilot of a bomber over Europe. For his work here he was awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. Captain Young was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force at Brooks Field, Texas, in August, 1941.

He was one of the greatest football players O. U. ever had, being selected for the Associa-
ted Press All-America team and Grantland Rice's All-America team. He was a star player on the team which went to the Orange Bowl in 1939. Upon hearing the news that Captain Young was missing, O. U. Coach Dewey Luster said, "While we were all able to hear he was missing in action, those of us who knew him best re-
member he had a habit of landing butter-side-up."

Lt. James S. King, '42-'43, Tulsa, has been missing in action since his bomber failed to return from a mission over Vienna on October 31. In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Bertha King, Tulsa, the pilot, Capt. N. F. Twinning, said the plane went down on a mission on which Lieutenant King was bombardier. He was hit by flak over the target and was seen to leave the formation under control. General Twining further stated that Lieutenant King has
been awarded an Air Medal for "his capable and gallant action in combat missions."

Lt. Ted Handley, '40-'41, Woodward, has been missing in action with the Air Force since January 25. Since December 25 Lieutenant Handley received his commission as a navigator in the Air Force at Honda, Texas.

Lt. Frank D. Austin, Jr., '38ba, Granite, has been missing in action in Germany since De-
crease 16. He was with the 422nd Infantry near St. Vith. Lieutenant Austin served for 19 months in the Aluetian Islands before going on the European theater last October.

Capt. Murray F. Gibbons, Jr., '41aw, Oklaho-
ma City, has been missing in action since De-
crease 21. He was fighting with the Infantry at or near St. Vith at the time. Captain Gibbons is the son of Col. Murray F. Gibbons, '15, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Capt. Curtis E. Yearly, '39med, Elmore City, Oklaho-
a, has been missing in action in Belgium.

Sgt. Sidney Watters, '43, Norman, has been missing in action over Germany since De-
ember 16. He was with the 42nd Infantry-Division in Belgium. He was about to return from the front to accept an appoint-
ment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, when he was reported missing. Private Soule was in the process of taking ex-
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Lt. James S. Brown, '42pharm, Hobart, has been missing in action in the European theater since December 21. He went overseas last October with an Armored division and acted as a French language inter-
preter for his group.

Pfc. Gerald F. Gardner, '37aw, Norman and Oklaho-
a City, has been missing in action in the

Capt. Thomas J. Huff, Jr., '42med, Walters, has been missing in action in Luxembourg since December 19. Captain Huff joined the service in June, 1943, going to England in February, 1944. On June 19 he went into France, and was known to be at Brest and Paris in Belgium before returning to Luxembourg.

Lt. Herman A. Welch, '41, Holdenville, has
been missing in action with the Air Force near the Kurile Islands in the North Pacific since January 24. He was a navigator with a Bombardment

Lt. Chet H. Jameson, Jr., '36, Sulphur, has been missing in action over Germany since No-

Bomber-borne surgical team to land
with American airborne troops on D-day. Cap-
tain Young went on active duty with the Air Force after graduating from the University of Okla-
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Infantry Division in Belgium. He was about to return from the front to accept an appoint-
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Co-ed Cover Girl Honored
The picture of her which appeared on the
November cover of Sooner Magazine has brought Linda Colbert, co-ed from Nor-
man, the honor "You Would Most Like to Fly a Mission With."

The title was conferred by members of the 48th Bombardment group based in England after they saw her picture on the cover. In a letter to Miss Colbert, members of the group requested a picture of her in a bathing
suit and that she write them at least once a week. She planned to take care of both re-
quests.

Home on leave was Lt. Comdr. Wayne A. Parker, '36eng, Oklahoma City, holder of the
Navy Cross and veteran of Naval action in both the Pacific and Atlantic. Commander Parker was awarded the Navy Cross last summer for his resourcefulness during a bombardment of Tarawa, when his ship was hit by a shell below the water line. The damage included flooding of the engine rooms and lodged in an electric switchboard without exploding. Commander Parker removed part of the switchboard, extracted the shell, carried it topside and threw it over-
board. He has also seen action at Leyte. At the end of his leave at home Commander Parker reported to Norfolk, Virginia, for re-assignment.

Staff Sgt. Charles Dawson, '40, Weatherford,
Citizens and Alumni:

Whether the world is to have a sound plan for peace depends in large measure on the results of the United Nations Conference on Postwar Organization to be held in San Francisco April 25. If you don’t know about this momentous meeting, inform yourself. The fight for peace has just begun.

Injured in Service

Cpl. Hugh L. Mullins, ’40-'41, Purcell, was in a Belgian field hospital after being hit by a shrapnel fragment. He returned to the United States recently for re-assignment.

Pfc. J. Harrall Scott, ’37,'39, Sulphur, was wounded in action with the 95th Division during the fighting around Metz, Germany.

Lt. Anson D. Whitten, ’43,'40, Tulsa, received a shrapnel wound in the leg on December 3 while serving as a Field Artillery observer with the Seventh Army in France. Lieutenant Whitten wrote his family in Tulsa that his injury was not too serious.

Lt. William Turnbull, ’42,'43, Hobart, was wounded in action on December 25. Lieutenant Turnbull is a paratrooper. 

Lt. Robert Leverette, ’42, Anadarko, was wounded in action on December 15, and was under treatment in a Paris hospital. He was attached to an Armored Field Artillery outfit.

Lt. Lee D. Bryant, Jr., ’43, Duncan, member of an airborne infantry regiment, was wounded in action in Belgium on January 10.

Pfc. Samuel A. Walker, Jr., ’39,'39, Bartlesville, was captured in Luxembourg while fighting with the Third Army. Private Walker holds the Infantryman’s Combat Badge.

Lt. James R. Piander, ’40-'43, Norman, was in a hospital in England recovering from injuries received somewhere in France last October. He is a Field Artillery officer.

Capt. John W. (Jack) Ervin, ’40,'40, Oklahoma City, is recovering in an English hospital from a knee wound received while fighting with the Third Army in Germany early in January.

Lt. Melvin B. Russell, ’40,'40, Norman, was slightly wounded in a firefight in France last November.

Major Herbert B. Shields, Jr., ’37,'37, End, was to report soon to the United States on rotational leave after serving with the Medical Corps overseas. Major Shields, holder of the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the Pusan campaign, participated in the Leyte landing in the Philippines.

Lt. James L. Woods, ’38-'40, Norman, returned to the United States after serving for 18 months in New Guinea as a pilot with the Air Transport Command. After a leave of three weeks, he was to report to Dallas, Texas, for re-assignment.

Lt. Col. Wendell J. Kelley, ’37-'40, Lexington, returned to the United States recently after serving for 18 months in the United States as a member of the staff of the Base Operations Training Center at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for rest and re-assignment.

Capt. R. R. Coates, ’37,'37, Oklahoma City, returned to the United States after serving for 32 months in the Southwest Pacific, and is now stationed at the Section of Borden General Hospital in Chickasha.

Major Garner G. Collins, ’39,'39, Oklahoma City, was home on leave recently after returning from India, where he was senior liaison officer with a Chinese Artillery training unit. He acted as advisor to the Chinese commander of the base. At one time during the two years Colonel Couch was in India, several other Oklahomans were sent to the same post. Lt. Col. Clyde Watts, ’31,'31, Lt. Col. Robert Price, ’27,'27, Lt. Col. Ted Haywood, Lt. Col. Donald Maude, ’28,'28, and Major J. E. Grennan, were sent to the same section of Borden General Hospital in Chickasha.

Major W. E. Harrison, ’37,'37, Oklahoma City, was home on leave recently, having returned from England to attend Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He acted as advisor to the commander of the base of the 2nd and 4th Armored Divisions in the United States recently from China, where he had been stationed since 1943.

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Promotions

Ralph L. Wassell, ’36,'36, Higgins, Texas, chief of the research branch of the power plant laboratory at Air Technical Service Command headquarters at Wright Field, Ohio, has been promoted to colonel. Colonel Wassell’s section has been actively connected with the recent development of jet-propelled aircraft and experimentation on robot bombs. Colonel Wassell entered the Air Force in 1932, and has been stationed at Wright Field doing research since 1942.

Promoted to colonel recently were J. Bruce Stout, ’37,'37, Weleetka, commanding officer of the 18th Bombardment Group at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina; Max S. Lale, ’38,'38, Sapulpa, with the Field Artillery overseas; Win L. McDonald, ’39,'39, Fort Meade, with the Corps of Engineers in Nagasaki, Japan. He was formerly held in Camp No. 2 in the Philippine Islands. Recently an escaped prisoner who saw Corporal Hatton a year ago informed Mrs. Hatton, of Chickasha, Oklahoma City, that he is getting along all right except for having malaria. Mrs. Hatton has received five cards from Corporal Hatton during his internment.
blain of the Tenth Corps, and has since been assigned to a station hospital in the Islands. Colonel Kochen, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, had been on 25 combat missions early this year. When he first went on foreign duty he served as squadron commander, but has now been designated senior wing commander. He has been in the Army since 1940, and was stationed in Panama when the war started. Colonel Kochen was also stationed in Washington before returning to the United States for combat crew training prior to serving in the European theater.


Missionaries Home

Dr. Virgil F. Dougerty, ’24md, and Mrs. Dougerty (Irene Kendrick, ’20) shown here with their two youngest children, Louellen and Patricia, recently returned to the United States after 19 years as medical missionaries in Gorgio, Ethiopia, and Nazir, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. The last time they were home in Oklahoma City was in 1938 when they were transferred from Ethiopia to the Sudan. The Dougertys plan to stay in Oklahoma City indefinitely, at least until the war is over. One of the Dougerty children is a junior at O. U. and two are students at the present time. They are Lt. Duncum Vincent Dougerty, ’24md, with the Signal Corps in Iran, Lt. Paul Dougerty, with the Army Air Forces, Ruth Dougerty, a student in the University School of Library Science, and Madalene Dougerty, a sophomore in the School of Drama.

Calling the Roll

By Elizabeth Lees

-1912-

"Greater access to the microphone and the telephone for both rural and city people will raise the cultural and educational level of the whole nation. It will also stimulate the flow of intelligence which is indispensable to successful democracy," was the statement of Commissioner Paul A. Walker, ’12aw, of the Federal Communications Commission, before the third annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, January 16 in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Walker added that if the telephone industry with all its resources cannot or will not provide rural telephone service promptly and at reasonable costs when materials and manpower become available, then the millions of farmers in America may well resort to their own collective efforts to secure it as they have secured electricity service through the Rural Electrification Administration.

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George T. Croone, ’24gcl, Wellington, Kansas, is employed by the Texas Company in Mattoon, Illinois.

-1926-

John Paynter, ’26a, is with the American Red Cross in South Africa. Mr. Paynter, a member of Acacia fraternity, received his master’s degree from Columbia University, New York City. Has been principal of River Sioux School in Wichita, Kansas.

-1927-

An O. U. athlete who brought home the laurels during his student days and is now training others to follow in his footsteps is Frank Potts, ’27bs, Sulphur, head football coach at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Mr. Potts, one-time captain of the O. U. football team and football star, has been employed at the University of Colorado since 1927 when he joined the athletic staff as assistant coach.

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SHEETS-ALLEN: Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Mabel Sheets, ’28he, Erick, to Sgt. T. O. Allen, Chandler, Texas. Mrs. Allen did graduate work at Columbia University, New York City. Sergeant Allen was stationed at Camp Mazey, Texas.

John K. Speck, ’28bs, and A. D. Howell, ’28bs, have opened a law office in Oklahoma City. They will specialize in tax counseling and tax appellate practice. Lindsey E. Martin, ’30bs, ’41aw, is an associate in the firm.

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BONEBRAKE-VAN BUKSKIRK: Miss Elizabeth Bonebrake, ’29bs, El Reno, and James Frederick Van Bukskirk, Okarche, were married December 28 at El Reno. Mrs. Van Bukskirk has been teaching at El Reno, where the couple will live.

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Ruth Blanchard, ’31bs, Norman, is cataloguer for the Social Security Board Library in Washington, D. C.

Ben F. Hays and Mrs. Hays (Martha Gladstone, ’36ed) are the parents of a baby son Robert Everett born November 17 at El Dorado, Arkansas.

Dick Pearce, ’31bs, recently sold a serial story to the Saturday Evening Post for $1,200. Mr. Pearce is a rewrite man on the staff of the San Francisco Examiner. The setting of the serial is Fort Reno in 1870.

-1932-

R. Clifton Daniel, ’32, Oklahoma City, has been promoted to manager of radio station WCAF in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Daniel was formerly assistant manager for WKY radio station in Oklahoma City. He has been associated with WCAF since 1935 and previously held the position of program manager.

Elliott Luther Little, Jr., ’27bs, ’32bs, is a botanist with the Foreign Economic Administration at Bogotá, Colombia, South America.

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Eugene D. Uman, ’33bs, is a principal business analyst for the petroleum division of the Office of Price Administration, Washington, D. C.

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H. R. Antle, ’33-34, resumed his position as science instructor in Sulphur High School after receiving a medical discharge from the Army. Mr. Antle was on overseas duty with the ground crew of a heavy Bombardment group in Italy, Yugoslavia and Russia.

-1935-

Sgt. George Edward Laswell, ’35, and Mrs. Laswell are the parents of a baby son George Edward, Jr., born December 21 at Enid.

Fred Langhorst and Mrs. Langhorst (Lois Watson, ’38bs), Okeene, are the designers of a child’s room featured on two pages in the December issue of Better Homes and Gardens. This design is one in a series of postwar housing and planning ideas from outstanding architects of the country being featured by the maga-