As the Allied drive continued into France, news dispatches from the liberated area carried names of Sooners who had participated in the attack.

- The Fourth Infantry division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Raymond O. Barton, '07, formerly of Ada, was reported at Cherbourg when that city fell to the Allies. A Time magazine account of the fall of Cherbourg said that General Barton's division drove through to the water-front in the final phases of the battle.

Later in the fighting, announcement was made of the death of Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., assistant commanding general of the division, following a heart attack. "General Roosevelt really was a battle casualty," General Barton said. "All day long he rode the lines. He spared himself nothing. In fact, he had been out at command posts cheering the men, helping commanders and helping me. He was the most gallant soldier, officer and gentleman I have ever known without exception."

- Howard Cowan, '32, Associated Press correspondent covering the French invasion, went on a mission over France June 7 aboard a C-47 piloted by Lt. Col. John Neale, '22-'25. Both men are former residents of Shawnee. Colonel Neale was vice president and chief pilot of the Pennsylvania Central Airline before he joined the Air Force.

In a dispatch from a Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier base, Mr. Cowan described the raid as "no milk run." The C-47 towed a glider full of troops to the Cherbourg peninsula, dodging flak all the way.

- Another Sooner who has been flying troops into France is Flight Officer Shaw D. Ray, '39, Yukon, who pilots a C-47 carrying Paratroopers into Normandy.

- Capt. Leland D. (Bill) Thomas, Jr., '41, Ringling, who commands a Field Artillery battery in an Infantry division, made his third invasion when the Allies assaulted the coast of France. He was also in the invasions of North Africa and Sicily.

In a letter from France to one of his former professors at O.U., Captain Thomas said that last month marked his second anniversary overseas.

- Also in the invasion was Cpl. Christopher C. Nelms, '22-'27, Norman, who was with the first wave of Field Artillery to land on the French coast. He is a veteran of the North African and Sicilian campaigns.

- Pvt. John W. (Jiggs) Lee, Jr., '37-'38, El Dorado, Oklahoma, with the Armored Forces in France, wrote his father that he had seen action but had escaped injury.

- Maj. James Fellers, '36law, and Capt. Byron W. Jones, '39law, both of Oklahoma City, were reported to be with the same outfit on a French beachhead.

- The first Oklahoman to be reported wounded in the Normandy invasion was Lt. William M. Sammons, '39-'42, Oklahoma City. He was injured slightly over France while he was carrying troops into action. Lieutenant Sammons has been overseas with the Troop Carrier Command since last February.

- Capt. Kenneth E. Richards, '37-'41, Noble, received a broken foot when he landed with the Paratroopers in France on the first day of the invasion. He went without medical attention for 11 days before the foot was X-rayed, showing four breaks.

- Maj. Dennis O. Bernier, '25, Norman, was flown back to England for medical care after being wounded in France on June 15 when he was hit by shrapnel. He wrote his wife he was recovering satisfactorily.

- Among the first casualties in France was Maj. Basil Shirley, '29-'32, Norman and Ardmore, who has been missing in action since June 17. He was attached to headquarters of the Ninth division in France. Major Shirley's brother, Lt. Barker Shirley, '32law, is on duty at Selman Field, Louisiana.

- Lt. Col. Richard E. Buchanan, '33geol, Oklahoma City, on the headquarters staff of an Infantry division, has been missing in action in France since June 17. Before entering the service he was associated with the U.S. Geological Survey in Oklahoma City. He went overseas nearly two years ago.

- Capt. Woodrow L. Pickhardt, '37mod, Seminole, of the Medical Corps, has been missing in action in France since June 7. He was a training in parachute jumping at Fort Benning, Georgia, before going overseas and became a medical paratrooper.

- Lt. Rubert D. Huggins, '37-'39, Oklahoma City and Stigler, was killed in action with the Paratroopers in France on June 17. Former music major in the University, he received his commission in the Armored Forces at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in July, 1942, and was assigned there as an instructor.

A year later he entered parachute training and received his Paratrooper wings in September, 1943. He went overseas in February. In addition to the University, he also attended the University of Manila.

Survivors include his wife, the former Daphyne Dunford, '39soc.wk, and a baby daughter Phyllis Kaye, both of Oklahoma City; his father, Charles F. Huggins, Stigler, and an uncle, A. H. Huggins, '22law, law librarian at the University.

- Lt. Robert Wayne Coln, '39-'41, Norman, member of a Fighter squadron, was killed in action with the Air Force in France on June 19. While attending the University he was a student in the College of Engineering.

- Maj. James C. Buchanan, Jr., '34bus, Muskogee, supply officer for a Field Artillery unit attached to an Infantry division, was killed in action in France on June 15. He went overseas in March.

Before entering the service, Major Buchanan was owner of a men's store and director of a bank in Muskogee and manager of a cotton ginning company at Webbers Falls. While attending the University, he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and Scabbard and Blade.

Survivors include his wife, the former
Wanda Hays, '35ba, '38ma, and a 15-month-old son, who live in Muskogee, and a brother, E. J. Buchanan, '29bus, Tulsa.

Recalled to Post

Maj. Guy H. Parkhurst, '27ba, '34en, '35ma, Oklahoma City, who was instrumental in building U. S. aerial strength in England, was recalled to his post with the Ninth Air Force shortly before the invasion started, after a brief leave at home.

Major Parkhurst went to England in 1942, when three groups of Flying Fortresses comprised the U. S. Air Force there. He was first assigned as division engineering officer for those Forts and later help organize a number of Liberators groups.

As a result of that work he served as chief of the experimental and technical section of the Air Service Command in the European theater of operations until the Ninth Air Force was set up in England, when he was assigned to its headquarters staff.

Major Parkhurst returned to the United States to attend Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, but was recalled to England before starting his work there.

At B-29 Base

Col. Philip Klein, '32eng, Oklahoma City, is on the staff of the Chinese Fighter Wing assigned to defend the bases from which the Superfortresses which bombed Japan this summer took off.

Former pilot with Braniff Airlines, Colonel Klein arrived in China a month and a half before the first raid took place, as a member of Brig. Gen. A. H. Gillkeson's staff. He has served in several theaters of war.

Directs Chinese Artillery

A dispatch from Brooks Atkinson, former New York Times drama critic, now a war reporter for the Times in China, described the hazardous air observation work of Lt. Col. Clyde J. Watts, '31law, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Atkinson gave an account of the Chinese barrage of fire, directed by Colonel Watts, against Japanese holding out in the hills above Lameng where the Burma Road crosses the Salween River.

"Being in a highly vulnerable situation in an unarmed plane over Japanese installations, Colonel Watts was delighted to report that the Chinese had knocked out Japanese anti-aircraft guns that had been drawing a close bead on him," he reported. Colonel Watts has been in India and China for nearly two years.

Back From Battlefronts

Lt. Col. S. Ernest Strader, '17med, former Oklahoma City physician, has returned from the South Pacific, where he spent nine months as commander of a Field Hospital. Colonel Strader took part in two campaigns, the New Guinea and Papuan battles. The climate in that part of the world did the men almost as much harm as the Japanese, he said. The extreme heat and humidity make fatigue hard to overcome. While the fighting was going on, Colonel Strader's hospital took care of 50 and 60 patients a day.

Lt. Louis C. Roark, '40geol, Tulsa, B-24 and B-17 navigator with 43 missions in the South Pacific to his credit, has returned to the United States. He was sent to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida. Lieutenant Roark holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and a Purple Heart.

Staff Sgt. Ben J. Rumpel, '39-33, who was wounded in action with the Field Artillery in Italy, has been returned to this country for treatment at Borden General Hospital in Chattanooga.

Capt. Kenneth C. Dean, '40-'41, Foster, Oklahoma, has returned from the Southwest Pacific, where he was stationed for a year as pilot of a B-25. He went on 45 missions. Upon his return to this country he was sent to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida.

Lt. (jg) J. J. Summers, '37fa, Fort Supply, has returned from foreign duty to be stationed at the Amphibious Training Base, Solomon Branch, Washington, D. C. He was overseas for 15 months.

Capt. Millard Purdy, '38pun, Oklahoma City, was home on leave this summer after two years in the Pacific. Former reporter on the Oklahoma City Times, Captain Purdy was stationed in Hawaii as public relations man. In a column for the Daily Oklahoman written while home on leave, Captain Purdy said, "I doubt if anyone knew how many islands there were in the Pacific before the war, but wherever there is an island you will find an Oklahoman. If the island is only large enough for two soldiers, one of them will be a native Sooner... The first thing they say when they find out you are a Sooner is, 'Well, I'll be— what part of the
unit at Naples. Sergeant Bowers was to report to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for re-classification.

Capt. Cecil T. O'Neal, 20thay, Lawton, was among a group of 98 veterans of the Southwest Pacific war which returned to McClusky General Hospital at Temple, Texas, this summer.

Pfc. James R. (Cotton) Covington, '41-'42, Savannah, Oklahoma, is a patient in the National Hospital at Oakland, California, having returned from service with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific.

Lt. Tom R. Clark, 41stus, Pauls Valley, has returned to the United States after 21 months of service with the Air Force in England. He was assigned to the Army Air Field at Kingman, Arizona.

Decorations

Ensign Carl Dalbey, '40, Oklahoma City, Merchant Marine radio operator who died when his ship, the S. S. William Pierce Frye, was torpedoed and sunk March 29, 1943, has been awarded a Mariner Medal posthumously. The award was made to his mother, Mrs. Carl S. Dalbey, in a ceremony held in June in the capitol in Oklahoma City. Governor Kerr and Mayor Heffner spoke at the ceremony, which was broadcast. Lt. Dalbey survived two shipwrecks before the one in which he lost his life. In April, 1942, his ship was torpedoed by an Italian submarine and he drifted for 43 days in an open boat in the Caribbean before being picked up. He was given the rank of ensign posthumously.

An Oak Leaf Cluster has been awarded posthumously to Lt. Claude Rhote Fletcher, '39-'41, Norman, who was killed in an airplane crash in the Pacific on March 20. Added to the Air Medal which Lieutenant Fletcher was given in February, the Cluster was awarded for his work as a navigator-bombardier from May 13, 1943, to January 12, 1944. Mrs. Fletcher is the former Hazel Moore, '42ed, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Jack Merritt, Jr., '42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal for his work as a navigator-bombardier aboard a B-24 in the European theater of operations. Lieutenant Merritt enlisted in the Air Force in July, 1942.

Lt. Col. Charles E. Peterson, 38eng, Wichita Falls, Texas, has been awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service on New Georgia and Bougainville. The citation praised Colonel Peterson, an Ordnance officer, for "superior judgment, Reaction of Cartoonist Sam Cobean, '37, to the recent numerous multiple births in England and America appeared in The New Yorker on June 10. A sergeant with the Signal Corps in New York City, Mr. Cobean has signed a contract with the magazine for three cartoons a month.

initiative and diplomacy." It further stated that he was successful in insuring an adequate supply of all weapons and their maintenance for the men in his Corps.

Lt. Carl Crites, '37-'40, Bartlesville, was awarded an Air Medal for bravery in action as an Air Force navigator in ceremonies held at the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa. Lieutenant Crites went on nine missions over Europe as navigator aboard the bomber WOOLARE. He retired from active service last November and has been employed in the production department of the Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville.

The Silver Star has been awarded to Lt. Col. Wayne L. Johnson, 39thay, Oklahoma City, for gallantry in action as commander of an Infantry battalion at Anzio. His battalion was ordered to occupy the beachhead defense line, in the face of heavy enemy fire. On the third day Colonel Johnson was injured while at a forward observation post, but he continued to direct the operations of his battalion until the situation was such that other officers could carry his plans out. Both of his legs were fractured below the knees, Colonel Johnson was returned to Ashburn General Hospital at McKinney, Texas, for treatment. He expected to be in the hospital for six or eight months.

Lt. Richard W. Caldwell, 29thay, Bartlesville, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action as commanding officer of a Navy vessel in amphibious action during the landing on Sicily. The citation read in part as follows: "Although subjected to intense hostile fire of all calibers when his vessel beached on Calvi Beach, Lieutenant Caldwell . . . succeeded in effecting the disembarking of Army troops aboard." The medal was awarded to Lieutenant Caldwell by President Roosevelt.

Lt. Cleveland C. Hall, Jr., '42, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for service as a Troop Carrier pilot in India. He received the decoration about the same time he was promoted to first lieutenant. Lieutenant Hall was originally in the Field Artillery but transferred to the Air Force.

Lt. Colbert C. Smith, '38-'39, Norman, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement with a P-38 Lightning fighter ship, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement with the 13th Air Force in the South Pacific. Lieutenant Adams was one of 60 men decorated by Maj. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon in a recent ceremony at a South Pacific fighter base.

Maj. N. Ross Strader, '36-'40, Homestead, Oklahoma, a military internee in Switzerland, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Major Strader, formerly attached to a Bombardment squadron in England, is a prisoner at Adel-boden Camp.

An Air Medal has been awarded to Capt. Raoul J. Deller, '41, Oklahoma City, navigator attached to the Ninth Air Force. Captain Deller also recently received his promotion from first lieutenant.

Capt. Jean Crabtree, '38, Ada, has been awarded the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his work as pilot of a B-26 in the European theater of operations.

Lt. Charles L. Coates, '40bs, Oklahoma City, Air Force bombardier serving in Italy, has been awarded an Air Medal. Before going overseas Lieutenant Coates received advanced training at Davis-Monthan Field, Arizona, and Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Two Oak Leaf Clusters have been added to the Air Medal held by Capt. Louis J. Lamm, '37-'39, Vici, Oklahoma, B-24 pilot with the Seventh Air Force. He has flown 73 combat missions in the Aleutians and 16 in the Central Pacific. Of those missions, Captain Lamm believes a recent night raid on Truk was the toughest. Two of his engines were set afire and one of them stopped, but the plane kept going, he wrote. Air speed was cut down to 140 miles an hour, and the plane reached its base with a seven-minute supply of gasoline left.

An Oak Leaf Cluster has been added to the Air Medal awarded posthumously to Lt. James H. Hall, '38-'41, Oklahoma City, who was killed May 13, 1943, in aerial combat in the South Pacific. He was a Fighter pilot at Guadalcanal when he was killed.

Lt. Joe F. Adams, '40-'42, Hollis, pilot of a 24th Lightning fighter ship, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement with the 13th Air Force in the South Pacific. Lieutenant Adams was one of 60 men decorated by Maj. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon in a recent ceremony at a South Pacific fighter base.

Maj. E. Cotter Murray, '38med, Marceline, Missouri, has been awarded an Air Medal for service as a Medical officer with the Air Force in the South Pacific. He has returned to the
United States after 18 months overseas, during which time he flew on eight missions. He went to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida, for re-assignment.

- Lt. Earl C. Garey, '38-'39, Comanche, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as a navigator abroad the B-17 Little Chum in the European theater of operations. The D.F.C. was awarded for extraordinary achievement during pre-invasion bombing missions by the B-17. On a mission over Berlin, his 27th mission, Lieutenant Garey shot down a Focke-Wulf 190, in addition to doing his work as a navigator. Before entering the Air Force, he was a civil engineer with the State Highway Department.

- Maj. Barron C. Housel, Jr., '34hus, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Southwest Pacific area." Major Housel returned from that area recently to a post in Washington, D. C. He went overseas in November, 1941, joining General MacArthur's staff just after the surrender of the Philippine Islands.

- Capt. Hugh N. West, '38-'41, Kermit, Texas, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as navigator aboard the B-17 Little Chum. The honors were given him for meritorious achievement in aerial flight against the enemy. Grimes is attached to a Bombardment group which has been bombing German-held targets in Austria, Rumania, Hungary, France and Northern Italy. He has also seen foreign service in the British West Indies and South America.

- Lt. C. R. Van Hoesen, Jr., '34-'35, Tulsa, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action with an Armored Tank division in the Sicilian campaign. Lieutenant Van Hoesen is now a liaison officer and instructor in Italy. Before going overseas a year ago he trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and was an instructor at Camp Rucker, Alabama. Before entering the service he was associated with the British American Oil Company in Tulsa.

- Capt. Charles W. Minton, '37hus, Mayville, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action with the Infantry in Tunisia. Captain Minton took part in the original American invasion of North Africa, the battle of El Guettar, the Sedjenane Valley campaign and the Sicilian campaign. Before entering the service in August, 1940, as a reserve officer, he was a banker at Chickasha.

- Lt. Robert V. Mulanax, '40-'41, Chickasha, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for service with the Tenth Air Force in India. Lieutenant Mulanax is pilot of a bomber.

**Deaths in Service**

Lt. Roscoe E. Norris, Jr., '42-'43, Oklahoma City, was killed in a plane crash at Palacios, Texas, on June 9. He received his commission in the Air Force at AIC Army Air Field, Victoria, Texas, in February and was stationed at Abilene, Texas. Before entering the service, Mr. Norris was a former student in the College of Engineering. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe E. Norris, Oklahoma City.

- Lt. Robert C. Noyes, '42-'43, Shidler, was killed in an airplane crash May 31 at Santa Maria, California, where he was assigned for advanced training. His P-38 fighter plane crashed into an embankment when the motor went dead at a low altitude.

Lieutenant Noyes entered the Air Force in February, 1943, and received his commission at Victorville, California. He was a former engineering student in the University. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Noyes, Shidler.

Pfc. Wayne C. Harshman, '42-'43, Tulsa, who became ill after serving with a Tank Destroyer unit in New Guinea for a month, died May 17 aboard a hospital ship returning to the United States from the Southwest Pacific.

Former business student in the University, Private Harshman entered service in January, 1943. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harshman, Tulsa, and a brother, Stanley Harshman, Navy V-12 trainee in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

- Lt. Fred F. Settle, Jr., '40-'41, Oklahoma City, was killed in the crash of a Liberator bomber near Walla Walla, Washington, on June 22 while on a routine combat training flight.

Lieutenant Settle, who also attended Oklahoma A. and M. College at Stillwater, received his commission in the Air Force at Big Spring, Texas. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Settle, and his wife, Mrs. Frances Settle, all of Oklahoma City.

- Lt. Milton Sears, '36, Bristow, was killed in action on the Italian front on May 13. He was with the 88th Division, which trained at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, before going overseas.

- Lt. Milton Sears, a former student at Oklahoma College, was a prominent Bristow athlete and a member of the state championship DeMoy basketball team in 1936. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sears, and his wife, all of Bristow.

- Maj. Allen J. Conley, '42hus, Tulsa, pilot of the Ferry Command, was killed

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Lt. Arthur C. Hon, '41geo, Tulsa, pilot of a Flying Fortress and veteran of more than 20 missions, has been missing in action over Germany since May 12. Before entering the Air Force, he was employed with the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in Tulsa.

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duty there with a Weather squadron. George G. Anthony, '40-'43, Ponce City, on duty at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and Ralph C. Tutor, '41-'43, Lawton, Oklahoma, on duty at Camp McCain, Mississippi, have been promoted to staff sergeant. Sergeant Ice was recently on temporary duty in North Ireland, where he was visited with Lt. Robert F. Lewis, '40-'42, Bixby, Oklahoma, with the Air Force in England; and Wm. Maloy, '36-'39, Seminole, commanding officer of a Guard squadron at Roscenas Field, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Albert Kulp, '34-'39, Navarre, Florida, on duty in the Judge Advocate General's office in Washington; and Harvey W. Powell, '30-'35, Holdenville, police officer of a regiment at the Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia; Holmis, attached to the 13th Air Force.

Two alumni have recently been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander in the Navy, Beecher Snipes, '32-'37, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Harold M. Gay, '33-'38, formerly with the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company in Ardmore, Oklahoma, on duty at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and Foy A. Maloy, '36-'37, decking, commander of a field unit of the Air Service Command in Italy, and Ralph S. Tutor, '41-'43, Bixby, Oklahoma, on duty in the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington, D.C.

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Lt. Bert Bencar, '41-'42, Tulsa, has been among the Air Force pilots supporting the Fifth Army in its march north of Rome.

Lt. Donald E. Doyle, Jr., '40-'42, El Reno, is with the Army in Corsica. He recently enrolled in a course in Italian through the University Correspondence Study department.


Lt. Donald Y. Clark, '38, McAlester, Oklahoma, Air Force; Cecil L. Thompson, '33, Norman, technical fifth grade in the Corps of Engineers; Sterling N. Grubbs, '41, Cushing, technical fifth grade, Signal Corps; Lt. Winter S. Daugherty, '35-'37, Oklahoma City; Capt. Harold J. Wilson, '32, Claremore, Cavalry; Lt. Glenn P. Brinkley, '39-'43, Norman, Field Artillery; Lt. Robert L. Lawrence, '36-'44, Engineering Artillery regiment; Pvt. Robert H. Ashby, '42, Oklahoma City, Signal Corps.


Navy

Lt. (jg) Jay B. Smith, '36-'37, Norman, is a press liaison officer for the U.S. Navy on the staff of Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, Royal Navy, commander in chief of the Allied Naval Expeditionary Force taking part in the French invasion. He reported having seen Tom Yamrouch, '32, foreign correspondent who covered the first five days of the invasion but later was called back to a desk in the London Associated Press office.

Lt. (jg) Bill Brinkley, '40, formerly reported on the Washington Post, is a naval writer on the staff of Stars and Stripes in the Mediterranean theater. In a recent letter to the Post, he said, "At this being written the Allied forces are outside Rome and we are awaiting the fall of that city with a little of the expectancy with which you must await the western invasion. Rome has been a long time coming and it will be a comfort to see it at last in Allied hands... The average American over here has not been overwhelmed by the country and its historic sites... The comment of most guys after taking a look at Pompeii is 'Give me Iola, Kansas.'"

Also on duty at sea or at Navy bases overseas were the following: Ensign R. Wendell Tomberlin, '39, Virginia Beach, Virginia, O.C.M. as a radio officer on the U.S.S. New Mexico; Lt. (jg) R. B. Lawrence, '37, Okla, Altus, Samuel M. Miller, '42-'43, Altus, radio mechanic second class; Ensign A. Wayne Gentry, '41-'44, Oklahoma City; Ensign H. James Thacker, '42, Weatherford; Ensign Jack Truemann, '43, Wichita, Kansas.


Lee Kennedy, '41-'43, Tulsa, O.U.'s all Big Eight tackle, was awarded the Hal Nimman Trophy as the outstanding athlete at the University last year. Transferred last March from the Naval V-12 unit at O.U. to the Naval Midshipmen's School at Port Washington, N.Y., he was commissioned an ensign three days later.

Ensign William W. Frye, '35-'37, former court reporter on the Tulsa Tribune, recently completed an indoctrination course at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Lt. Elmer L. Kirkpatrick, '39, Okla, Okla, Oklahoma State, is a storekeeper second class in training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. Former Oklahoma school man, he has three sons in the navy.

Lt. Robert O. Oliver, '34, Norman, is a third class petty officer at the Fleet Music School in San Diego.

Ensign William O. Felker, '37a, Okla, formerly with the U.S. Border Patrol at Chula Vista, California, is in training at Hollywood Beach, Florida.

Lt. Harold L. Boyer, '41, med, Navy medical officer, was stationed at the School of Aviation Medicine at the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Florida. He recently returned from a tour of foreign service.

Fletcher W. White, '36, storekeeper second class, was on duty at Camp Kilbourne, Naval Training Station, Farragut, Idaho.

Melvin Alpern, '42, Okla, Oklahoma City, is a seaman first class in training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Ensign D. W. Peters, '40a, Norman, has been on duty at the Boston Navy Yard, Charlestown, Massachusetts. He received training in applied electronics at Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ensign Frank P. Vance, '38, Norman, was ordered to report to the Naval Training School at Fort Schuyler, The Bronx, New York, for indoctrination.

Lt. C. E. Earhart, '38, former Oklahoma City attorney, was on duty at the Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, New York.

Lt. John H. Fredericksen, Jr., '37a, Okla, Okla, Okla, Oklahoma City, is assistant public works officer at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Norman.

J. D. McCarthy, '55-'59, chief carpenter's mate, has been transferred to the Naval Air Station at Norman.

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Cover Girl 'Ding Qua'

Dear Editor:

Had the occasion to glimpse the cover (and contents) of your Sooner Magazine covering the month of December, '43. To give your product the least bit of Credit, Ed. I thought it was a swell job of work.

To get back to what I intended to be the subject of this letter, I want to say that everyone around this part of China thought Bokie Bragg, your cover girl for that month, was really something out of this world. To coin a phrase, she looked "ding qua qua" as the Chinese would say it. (Meaning very, very good, excellent.)

You had the nerve to put her in the saddle with many trials and tribulations: but I hope this request I'm about to make won't add to your load. We would like to you to send us a picture of Bokie Bragg. I'm of the opinion that this type of request is unusual and probably frowned upon, but speaking for everyone concerned over here in the Orient, we hope our request will be granted.

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