AMONG NEWSMEN on the scene of action June 6 to report the Allied invasion of France was Tom Yarbrough, '32, veteran war correspondent of the Pacific area now serving in the European sector.

As a representative of the combined U.S. press agencies, Yarbrough viewed the landing from a British destroyer which was anchored about a mile and a half off the coast of France. His eyewitness account follows:

This little ship with four hot guns is going back to England now after spending 12 incredible hours in the front ranks of the first phase of the Allied invasion of France, an operation that came off 10 times as smoothly as anyone aboard expected.

From where we sat about a mile and a half offshore, it seemed too smooth and easy to be true. Men of this ship, through several tense and expectant months, had come to refer to this thing as "that blood bath." It still seems incredible that in 12 hours within easy shooting distance of Hitler's Europe, this force of men and ships did not encounter a single German plane or ship. It was like seeing a play in which some of the leading actors fail to show up.

With strong binoculars we saw thousands of men and machines tumble safely across beaches bristling with ugly spikes driven into the sand at crazy angles and topped with mines. This account embraces only the things we could see and which were reported to us from the shore immediately ahead.

Units participating in the land, sea and air attack were not identified until later in June in an announcement from military authorities. Among the units involved was the Second Infantry division, which includes a number of Sooners alumni.

Complete 156 Missions


After two years in the Southwest Pacific with the Medical Corps, Capt. Frank C. Binkley, '39 med, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States for hospitalization. He was sent to Harrison General Hospital, Longview, Texas, for treatment of malaria and dengue fever. He was attached to an Aviation Engineering battalion building air fields in New Guinea. Before entering the service Captain Binkley was staff physician with the Paramount Motion Picture Company in California.

Maj. Ellis L. Brown, '30 eng, Duncan, has returned from the Southwest Pacific theater of operations where he was a bomber pilot for 14 months. He expected to be assigned to Command and General Staff School and an advanced air combat training station. Major Brown holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, an Air Medal to which three Oak Leaf Clusters will be added, a presidential unit citation given to the Jolly Rogers group, and a Silver Star. He took part in 67 combat missions from a New Guinea bomber base.

Maj. Harry Hughes, '20ba, Norman, was wounded in action several times with the 45th Division, has returned to the United States wearing the Order of the Purple Heart. Major Hughes was at Anzio when he received orders to come home on April 1. He reported to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for further assignment. He was first injured last July in Sicily, when he was hit in 18 places by shell fragments. Moving into Italy he was injured four more times by shell fire, once seriously enough to spend 15 days in a hospital. An Oak Leaf Cluster was added to the Purple Heart for each additional injury.

Capt. John O. Gossett, '30-34, Norman, is a patient in Battey General Hospital, Rome, Georgia, having returned from service with the 45th Division in Europe.

Capt. James P. Trent, '42-43, Prague, is convalescing at the Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, after serving with the Marine Corps on Bougainville.

Col. Roger Wood Pearl, '04-10, formerly of England, has returned from a two-year tour of duty in the South Pacific with the Marine Corps to duty at Camp Pendleton, California. A member of the Marine Corps since 1915, he has been on duty in the South Pacific since April, 1942. During his Marine career, he has served in Honolulu, San Francisco and the South Pacific.

Among a group of 45th Division veterans who recently returned to the United States were Capt. Casro L. Oglesbee, '37med, Muskogee, and Capt. Charles W. Cleverdon, '33bus, and Staff Sgt. Clarence Spence, 26bus, both of Oklahoma City. Captain Cleverdon was intelligence officer of the Air Force battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Dwight Funk, '24, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Col. J. R. Hinslawn, '21med, Norman, last month completed a trip around the world and is scheduled to arrive for a visit at home next month. He has been stationed in the European theater of operations with the Medical Corps.

Lt. Willard Anderson, '37eng, Seminole, has returned to the United States for duty at Aberdeen Gun Grounds, South Dakota, after serving abroad for two years. Lieutenant Anderson was with the Army Ordinance in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was assigned to Aberdeen as an instructor.

Maj. Virgil Johnson, '35ma, '40ph.d, former technician in the zoology department at the University, was assigned to duty in Washington, D. C., upon his return from New Guinea, where he was stationed with the Air Force. The first acquaintance Major Johnson saw after arriving in the United States was Capt. Al B. Sears, University history professor on leave of absence, whom he met in an Officers Club in California.

Capt. Ralph P. Bollinger, '37-'41, Norman, has returned to the United States after serving for 18 months as a test pilot and Transport flier in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Air Medal.

Maj. Norval L. Sommers, jr., '37bus, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after 18 months of foreign service. During that time he was on the Quartermaster staff of the Ninth Service Command in Cairo, Egypt, was base Quartermaster officer in Benghazi, and served as a Service Center Quartermaster officer in Cairo.

Staff Sgt. William R. Hammond, '40-'41, Muskogee, has returned from the Southwest Pacific after having served there for nine months, wearing the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Sergeant Hammond, winner of a P-47 Liberator, went on 42 missions against the Japanese. Upon returning to the United States he was assigned temporarily to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida.

Capt. James H. Richards, '40-4a, '40eng, Norman, has returned to the United States after serving 28 months in the Southwest Pacific area as a Bombardment group Ordinance officer. His unit was awarded a Presidential Citation. Upon arriving in the United States, Captain Richards was sent to the Air Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Florida.

Capt. Carroll Daulton, '40bus, Norman, was assigned to Fort Sill upon his return from North Africa, where he was officer in charge of supplies at the headquarters general depot. Lieutenant Daulton made the invasion at Oran and was afterwards stationed at Algiers and Bizerte.

Capt. W. Thurman Shaver, '34-38, Oklahoma City, reported to San Antonio, Texas, for duty.

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Capt. Aaron P. Youngheim, ’36, El Reno, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious service after returning from two years overseas duty. He was with an Armored division in Italy.

Plato Andros, ’40-’42, Oklahoma City, boat-saw’s mate second class, was home on leave recently after the merchant ship he was aboard was sunk by a German submarine in the North Atlantic. A star tackle on the 1941 O. U. football team, he plans to return to the University after the war to work for his degree in education.

Lt. William T. Brooks, ’28-’29, Oklahoma City, reported to New Orleans for temporary duty after returning from duty in the South Pacific. He was aboard a minesweeper in the attack on Tarawa and landed on Kwajalein Island. While in the Pacific he ran into several Oklahomans, among them Comdr. Clifford Fulton, ’24b, ’26a, Oklahoma City, at the Officers Club at Pearl Harbor.

Lt. Loyd Skinner, ’39-’41, Washington, Oklahoma, was home on a furlough last month after completing 70 missions as pilot of a bomber in Italy. He holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Maj. Tom R. Watts, ’38b, Oklahoma City, has returned to the United States after 14 months of action with the Marine Corps in the Pacific. He was stationed aboard a battleship.

Lt. Cdr. Q. Corby, ’38a, Oklahoma City, was ordered to report to Fort Riley, Kansas, after he returned from the South Pacific where he served for 25 months with the Cavalry in Australia and New Guinea. During that time he met General MacArthur and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, on tour in the war zone.

Lt. Col. Quentin M. Spradling, ’32b, ’40 mba, Norman, has returned home from Italy, where he was an officer with the 5th Division. Colonel Spradling participated in the landings on Sicily and Italy. Returning home, he left Naples one Tuesday and arrived in Norman the following Sunday, with a stopover in Washington, D. C.

Lt. C. Roscoe Dyer, ’37-’41, Oklahoma City, has returned to this country from the Aleutian Islands, where he was stationed with the Field Artillery for nearly two years. He was assigned to the Fort Sill Field Artillery School as an instructor.

Decorations

The 56th Evacuation Hospital in Italy, to which Capt. William R. Turnbow, ’35med, Tulsa, is attached, has been commended for its heroic work on the Anzio beachhead by General Mark Clark.

Capt. Turnbow is an anesthetist on the staff of the hospital, which was under heavy artillery fire for over ten weeks at Anzio. The hospital’s normal capacity was 750 beds, but it handled as many as 1,129 patients and 100 operations in a day.

The 56th was activated at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in April, 1942, and went overseas a year later. It was stationed at Bizerte before going to Italy.

Lt. James M. Mahaffey, ’40-’42, Norman, has been awarded the Silver Star, the Order of the Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious achievement while participating in combat missions over Occupied Europe. The decoration was pinned on him by Lt. Col. Donald H. Dines, ’41 geol, Tulsa, officer of his regiment.

Lt. John A. Myers, ’41 eng, Dallas, Texas, engineering officer with the Air Force in the European theater, has been awarded the Legion of Merit and an Air Medal for excellent service. Major Myers has been overseas for two years in England and Italy.

Lt. Donald H. Dines, ’41a, Norman, has been awarded the Air Medal for "exceptional meritorious achievement while participating in bomber combat missions over Occupied Europe." The decoration was pinned on him by Lt. Col. Donald H. Dines, ’41 geol, Tulsa, officer of his regiment. Lieutenant Dines has been on missions over Guteshol, Gotha and Frankfurt.

Lt. Col. Earl Taylor, ’35-’39, Konawa, commander of an Infantry battalion of the 45th Division, has been decorated with the Legion of Merit for outstanding achievement as a pilot in the South Pacific. He is credited with having shot down one enemy plane.

Maj. John T. Cooper, ’36b, former Wewoka lawyer, has been awarded the Bronze Star for saving the life of a fellow officer in Italy. The officer was buried beneath debris when the house being used for a fire direction center was hit by a German shell.

Major Cooper, executive officer of the Field Artillery battalion occupying that area, searched the ruins under enemy fire to see if any of the occupants were still alive. He found the officer pinned beneath rubble. He freed him and rendered medical aid until a Medical detachment arrived.

The battalion to which Major Cooper is attached is credited with helping repel three German attacks on the Anzio beachhead.

Lt. Louis C. Roark, ’40 med, Tulsa, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Order of the Purple Heart for his record of achievement with the 13th Air Force in the South Pacific.

Pilot of a B-24, Lieutenant Roark recently returned to the United States after completing 43 combat missions over Japanese territory.

Major Harry M. Thompson, ’37-’38, Vinita, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for service as a P-40 pilot in the Asiatic Pacific theater.

Major Thompson recently returned from foreign duty after completing 30 missions. He is credited with the destruction of one Zero.

Staff Sgt. Francis Pease, ’40, Hollis, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in combat missions over enemy territory."

Sergeant Pease has been wagon gunner on a Liberator in the European Theater of Operations for more than six months. He is credited with shooting down one enemy plane.

Capt. Carl T. McLean, ’39-’41, Ardmore, Maryland, fighter pilot, has been awarded the Air Medal for action in the Southwest Pacific. He has three Zeros and more than 100 missions against the Japanese to his credit.

Operating from Munda, Vella La Vella and Biak, his squadron has made numerous raids on enemy shipping, airfields and ground installations.

Capt. Walter S. Murphy, ’38-’40, Norman, Eighth Air Force navigator, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. When Captain Murphy completed his tour of missions, he stayed in England as an instructor.

Lt. Samuel S. Gill, Jr., Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement as a pilot in the South Pacific war zone. Lieutenant Gill was formerly in the Field Artillery but transferred to the Air Force for pilot training.

Maj. Waldo W. Montgomery, ’29-’34, Norman, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services" in the action at Kwajalein. Major Montgomery is on the Artillery staff of an Infantry Division.

Maj. Joseph R. Boos, ’29b, Pauma Valley, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for his defense of our beachhead lines. Field Artillery officer with the 5th Division, Major Boos has been in action at Sicily, Salerno and Anzio. He received his promotion to major in April.

Lt. Bryce Moore, ’42b, Oklahoma City, pilot of the Flying Fortress Esky based in England with the Eighth Air Force, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He has been on more than 25 missions over Europe.

On a recent trip to Stettin, Germany, heavy anti-aircraft fire hit Lieutenant Moore’s plane, damaging one engine’s supercharger and destroying another’s exhaust line. Despite the severe damage, Lieutenant Moore bailed out the target and got the ship safely back to its base. Last month he was home on leave.

Lt. Hugh N. West, Jr., ’38-’41, Oklahoma
City, pilot of a Liberator bomber with the 15th Air Force, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight against the enemy. Lieutenant West has been on numerous raids on German-held targets in Austria, Rumania, Hungary and Northern Italy.

Lt. Charles P. Ray, '39, Oklahoma City, a prisoner of war in Germany, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for a flying feat accomplished as co-pilot of a Flying Fortress before he was taken captive.

On the mission for which the D. F. C. was awarded, the Fortress was badly damaged by flak before the target was reached and the pilot was disabled. Lieutenant Ray, though wounded in the leg, held the unconscious pilot in his seat with one hand and flew the plane with the other.

After the bombing run was completed and the ship started back to England, one engine died and another lost power, but Lieutenant Ray flew back to the field. As he went in to land, the Fortress just ahead of him crashed on the runway and he had to swerve dangerously to avoid crashing into it. On a later mission he failed to return and was reported a prisoner.

The Silver Star has been awarded to Capt. John O. Givens, '38, Oklahoma City, for gallantry in action in the Pacific Iris, New Guinea, last February. Captain Givens is a Field Artillery officer.

Maj. Thomas R. Baker, '35-'37, Oklahoma City, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight in the Burma area on the same day he was promoted to major, May 9.

Major Baker, who also holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, is commanding officer of a C-47 group which supplies and equipment to British troops in Burma. Before entering the Air Force he was employed by Cessna Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas.

Lt. George G. Hamilton, '37-'38, former Har- mon rancher, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight in the Mediterranean area. He has 54 successful missions and four confirmed victories to his credit.

The citation accompanying the D. F. C. specifically mentioned a mission last March over Bulgaria, in which Lieutenant Hamilton led the squadron escorting the heavy bombers. When the bombers were attacked by an enemy squadron, Lieutenant Hamilton completely dispersed the enemy formation, thus enabling the bombers to proceed to the objective, inflicting grave damage on enemy installations.

Capt. Joe H. Powers, Jr., '38, Tulsa, has been awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for service with the Eighth Air Force.

Captain Powers has been stationed in England since January, 1943, having received his commission the previous October. After completing 89 missions over enemy territory, he was assigned to an Eighth Air Force Composite Station in England as a P-47 Thunderbolt instructor.

Deaths in Service

Lt. Harold N. Brickel, '39-'43, Washington, Oklahoma, a Field Artillery liaison pilot, was killed in a plane crash at Camp Gordon, Georgia, on May 3. He received his commission at Fort Sill in the summer of 1943 and his liaison pilot's wings later at Pittsburg, Kansas.

At the University, Lieutenant Brickel was a member of Pi Tau Sigma engineering fraternity and a captain in the R. O. T. C. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brickel, of Wash- ington, and a sister, Mrs. Paul Kreiger (Mary Brickel, '37 ed.), Marlow.

Lt. Orville S. Witt, Jr., '38, Oklahoma City, pilot who has been listed as missing in action since December 20, 1942, was officially reported as killed in action and awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

His parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. S. Witt of Oklahoma City, received a letter from his squadron commander, describing Lieu- tenant Witt's last flight. The squadron was bombing Romilly-sur-Seine, when it was attacked by a German fighter force. Two engines of Lieutenant Witt's ship, the Zombie, were put out of commission by cannon fire and he was forced to drop out of formation.

The Zombie was last seen going into a cloud bank in an attempt to evade the German fighters. The squadron commander did not know whether the ship crashed on French soil or in the Channel.

Pet. William H. Rutledge, '43, Ponca City, was struck by a stray bullet during combat practice at Camp Maxey, Texas, on April 29 and died April 30 in the hospital there. He entered the Army in April, 1943, receiving basic training with the Tank Destroyer Corps at Camp Hood, Texas.

When the Army Specialized Training Program was set up, he was assigned to the unit at Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas, until it was disbanded last March. At that time he was transferred to Camp Maxey for Infantry training. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Rutledge, Ponca City.

Lt. Carl A. Herrmann, '40-'42, Sapulpa, an Army Air Force bombardier, was killed in action over Germany on May 7. He entered the Air Force in March, 1943, received his commission at Dalhart, Texas, and went overseas in December.

Before entering service, Lieutenant Herr- mann was employed at the Beach Aircraft factory in Wichita, Kansas, and the Douglas plant in Santa Monica, California. He was an engineering student in the University. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Herrmann, Sapulpa, and a brother, Sgt. Lewis L. Herrman, with the Army in China.

Lt. Reaford C. McCraw, '35, Norman, was killed in action in the Mediterranean area on an undisclosed date. His name was included on a June 2 casualty list released by the War Department, but no details were given.

At the University, Lieutenant McCraw was a student in the College of Engineering. Survivors include his father, Robert H. McCraw, Norman and Oklahoma City.

Missing in Action

Lt. Col. Edwin A. Bland, '34-'39, Wau- rika, has been missing in action with the Air Force over Italy since April 16. A column by Ernie Pyle, filed from London May 28, recounted his friendship with the fier and what he had heard from Italy regarding Colonel Bland's last mission. Said Pyle:

I suppose my best friend in Italy was Lt. Col. Ed Bland, a dive-bomber squadron leader... Word has just come that he has been shot down... The letter that brought the word to me said this:

"Ed was strafing about 30 feet above the ground when a small shell set his plane afire underneath. Ed didn't know it until his wing man radioed him. Then he climbed to 1,500 feet and bailed out. The wing man said his chute didn't open till he was 200 feet from the ground. There was a great deal of shooting and one theory is that it was directed at him, but the majority opinion ruled differently and the boys believe he is OK."

Wick Fowler of the Dallas News was a close friend of Ed's. We used to sit around indulg- ing in idle talk and Ed was always talking about how funny it would be to telephone Rome for hotel reservations and throw the Germans into a panic.

After I left Italy Ed's oil line stopped up one day on a mission near Rome and he was certain he would have to bail out. Later he told Wick that while he was in trouble and sure he'd have to jump, he got to the telephone idea and had to laugh to himself.

And now that he really has bailed out, Wick sends this thought in a letter: "Ed's time was short at 1,500 but I have a hunch the telephone idea came to him again on the way down." If Ed did call up Rome for reservations I hope the Germans gave him the royal suite, for he's the best there is.

Maj. Forrest H. Barker, '34-'40, Norman, squadron commander in Sicily and Italy, has been missing in action over Italy since April 30. He completed 42 missions as a pilot and held the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Order of the Purple Heart. Major Barker was injured twice, once in combat and once in a jeep accident. He has two brothers in service,

> George S. Coleman, '39-'41, Calgary, Canada, pilot officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force, has been missing in action over Europe since April 25. He was stationed in England.

> Maj. Robert Lewis Cox, '36ba, Norman, squadron commander and second highest ranking officer in his Bombardment group, is missing in action over Germany. Before entering the Air Force, Major Cox was in the advertising department of Montgomery Ward Company in Fort Worth, Texas.

> Flight Officer Howard G. Carpenter, '37, Oklahoma City, member of a Fighter squadron, has been reported missing in action over Tunisia with the Air Force. He was awarded the Air Medal with bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

Injured in Service

Lewis H. Cofer, '26, Blackwell, technian fifth grade in the Field Artillery, has returned to the United States for treatment of injuries received near Naples in action with the 45th Division.

His first injury was a shattered left elbow received when he dove into a slit trench to escape German bombs. Hospitalized in Naples, he was injured by glass splinters when the hospital was bombed. He was convalescing in McCloskey General Hospital at Temple, Texas.

> Col. Clarence Cochran, '22, Okemah, who was wounded in action with the 45th Division Infantry battalion which he commanded in Sicily and Italy, was a patient in the same hospital.

Prisoners of War

Major Noel Ross Strader, '36-'40, Home- stead, Oklahoma, Eighth Air Force pilot, is a military internee in Adelboden Camp, Switzerland. No details as to how Major Strader landed in Switzerland have been released, but a recent issue of the Prisoner of War News reported on conditions in the camp there.

The bulletin quoted a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross who had visited the prisoners at Adel- boden and said he had found "an atmosphere of order and organized activity." Internees are provided with club lounges, facilities for study, sports, motion pictures and lectures, the bulletin stated.

> Lt. Robert Whittet, '37-'41, Enid, naviga- tor on a Liberator bomber reported missing in action since February 26, has been reported a prisoner of war in Germany.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Whittet of Enid, received a letter from him stating that he was well and interned in a temporary camp.

Missions Accomplished

In a pre-invasion bombing of Berlin which cost the Luftwaffe 29 planes, Capt. Howard (Deacon) Hively, '37-'40, Omar, West Virginia, and Maj. Harold Scruggs, '39, Hollis, each brought down an enemy plane. The dogfight lasted 20 minutes.

> Capt. Samuel J. Brown '27, Tulsa, Mustang pilot, is credited with shooting down a Messerschmitt in a raid over Toulon, France.

Discharged

Major John B. Barbour, '18, Iowa Park, Texas, has received a medical discharge from the Army after serving for 18 months as commanding officer of an Engineer battalion in England. Major Barbour is the father of Mrs. Connie Barbour Kitchell, '43ba, and Aviation Cadet John B. Barbour, Jr., '41-'43, who is to receive his wings this month at Lemoore, California.

Tests New Crafts

Staff Sgt. Malcolm W. McKenzie, '36 eng, '37eng, Oklahoma City, has been placed in charge of tests being run on a new type of airplane in the Mediterranean area.

How Sooners Serve

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How air-mail letters arrive about one month quicker than ordinary mail. Mail for prisoners of war is carried free to prisoners of war. The charge for airmail letters is now 6 cents for each half ounce, to European countries.

Recent letters from German camps indicate that air-mail letters arrive about one month quicker than ordinary mail. Mail for prisoners in the Far East goes by air, free of charge, to Tehran.

Promotions

Two alumni have recently been pro- moted to the rank of full colonel. They are William H. Amsbucher, '36med, Nor- man, who has been with the Medical Corps in Africa, Sicily and England for the last two years, and Maj. Jay L. Taylor, '26, formerly with an oil well cementing company in Amarillo, Texas, now on duty in the Office of the Quartermaster General in Washington, D. C.

In a recent letter home, Sergeant Mc- Kenzie referred to himself as a "fogey," Army term for an old hand.

How to Write Prisoners

Instructions which should be followed in sending mail to prisoners of war were released last month in the Prisoners of War Bulletin published by the American Red Cross. They are as follows:

Do not use V-Mail forms.

Be sure that the addressee is correct; letters should not be sent in care of the American Red Cross or the International Committee.

It is essential to prefix or type letters for prisoners held by Japan. For Europe, if not convenient to type letters, they should be written clearly.

Letters to Japanese-held prisoners must not exceed 24 words in the text. To prisoners in Europe it is preferable that they should not exceed one typewritten sheet.

Avoid the use of slang expressions. They confuse censors and delay mail.

Because of censorship and distribution problems in enemy countries, families should not address their letters to the prisoner other than the date and once a week is preferable. There is no limit, theoretically, to the number of letters a prisoner may receive. Experience has shown, however, that to avoid a volume of correspondence slows up delivery at the other end.

Emotive photographs may be sent in letters but not in parcels. The prisoner's name and complete address should always be written on the back of the photograph.

Many relatives and friends post postage stamps on letters to prisoners of war. The United States Post Office wishes it to be made known widely as possible that all mail (except air mail) is carried free to prisoners of war. The charge for airmail letters is now 6 cents for each half ounce, to European countries.

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New Officers
Richard M. McCool, Jr., ’41ba, Norman, received his commission as an ensign in the regular Navy last month in graduation exercises at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Ensign McCool volunteered for amphibious training after completing work at the Academy. While a cadet there he was editor of the Academy publication, the Trident.

Charles R. Bootz, ’41’41, and George R. Brown, Jr., ’38’41, both of Oklahoma City, were commissioned second lieutenants in the regular Army last month at their, Milburn Academy, West Point, New York. Lieutenant Bootz’s commission is in the Signal Corps, and Lieutenant Brown’s is in the Field Artillery.

William H. Lundram, ’34law, assistant United States district attorney at Muskogee since 1939, has been commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy and assigned to Hollywood, Florida, for training. While in the federal office Lieutenant Lundram was particularly active in Indian litigation.

Joseph Meacham, Jr., ’40’43, Lawton, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia, and assigned there for an advanced training course.

Granville R. Baker, ’35fa, Oklahoma City, was commissioned an ensign at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, and assigned to duty aboard a Coast Guard vessel.

James A. Allison, ’40’43, Wichita, Kansas, has been commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve at the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Alumni who have recently been commissioned second lieutenants in the Army Air Force, and fields at which they received their wings, are as follows: Robert L. Maidt, ’41’43, and Grover R. Jenks, ’42, both of Oklahoma City, Ellington Field, Texas; William W. Huley, ’41’42, Oklahoma City, Altus Army Air Field; Roger H. Swan, ’43, Oklahoma City, Lubbock Army Air Field, Texas; Paul T. Jackson, Jr., ’42, Oklahoma City, Moore Field, Texas; Don G. Smith, ’40’43, Norman, Marfa, Texas, and Robert F. Schmidt, ’41’43, Oklahoma City, Williams Field, Arizona. Roy E. Tomlinson, ’41’43, Oklahoma City, was made a flight officer at Frederick Army Air Field.

Overseas
Lt. Van Heflin, ’33ba, former motion picture actor now stationed in the Panama Canal Zone, spoke recently before the Canal Zone Junior College dramatics class, sponsored by Sabret Turbyfill, ’32ma. Lieutenant Heflin spoke on the amateur theater, and led a discussion period later. The college students, under Mr. Turbyfill’s direction, produce a series of plays each season. Lieutenant Heflin’s portrayal in Johnny England, an academy award as the best supporting actor’s role for 1942. His last picture before entering the Army was Tennessee Johnson, in which he played the title role.

Joe Turbyfill, ’40, former second violinist with the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra, is stationed


Maj. William Armstrong, '40geol, Oklahoma City, is commander of a 105 howitzer battalion in Italy which distinguished itself recently when an ammunition pit was nearly blown up. A fire, near a supply of ammunition, started a large number of powder caps and a howitzer. The men in the company fought the fire, disregarding small explosions, for half an hour. Prais- ing the heroic efforts of the crew, Capt. Armstrong said that if the ammunition had blown, it could have hurt a lot of people, and none of them ran when that stuff started popping.

A glittering description of the as yet undeveloped gold and oil resources of Brazil was included in a letter from Capt. Bill Eckes, '40, to Dr. V. E. Monnett, director of the O. U. School of Geology. As a member of the American Embassy stationed in Rio de Janeiro, Capt. Eckes has had opportunity to view first hand the oil and gold sites. "I’ve seen lots of good prospects for shallow drilling—oil seeps up in the trees," he wrote. "I also ran across a bunch of placer gold that has been producing five or six grams per day by panning-flour gold. I have the aerial photos of the whole region, showing the lost ox-bows that can’t be found from the ground because of the dense jungle. I can see those untouched gravel bars in my sleep."

The Valley ball team of which Capt. Phil Haddock, '34ba, Norman is a member in North Africa won the district championship but was eliminated in the final rounds of the North African tournament. Capt. Haddock has been in North Africa nine months.

Lt. Robert Holland, '32-'35, Norman, an artillery officer in Italy, recently wrote home that a picture had been taken of him walking, talking, and shaking hands with Lt. Gen. Mark Clark, his commanding officer. The general was complimenting Lieutenant Holland’s battery.

Maj. Robert E. Rogers, Jr., '29eng, Oklahoma City, has been a depot commander with the Army Ground Forces in China for a year. He wrote the Alumni Office that outside of an occasional air raid, his post might be called "a quiet sector."

Two Medical School alumni were among the group of Army doctors and medical corpsmen stranded on a coral reef in the South Pacific. Capt. A. E. Corder, Jr., '40med, and Lt. Howard Martin, '39med, both of Oklahoma City, were in the unit, which had been adrift on the way from Australia to New Guinea to set up a Base Hospital. While waiting to be picked up some of the men fished, caught red snapper and sea bass.


Cpl. Ed Hudson, '41-'42, Norman; Capt. Joe M. Proffer, '40eng, Marietta, Field Artillery; Plt.}
Army

Pfc. Bernard Fisher, '44 eng, New York City, is in training with the Chemical Warfare Service at Camp Silvert, Alabama.

Sgt. Roy M. McClintock, Jr., '40-'41, Oklahoma City, was with an Air Force detachment at the Douglas Aircraft plant in Long Beach, California.

Lt. Harold M. Nelson, '40-'43, Shidler, was on duty at the Medical Supply Depot in San Francisco, California.

Capt. E. G. McCurrain, '35 ba, Tulsa, has been transferred to Washington, D. C., for service in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Service Commands at headquarters of the Army Service Forces.

Capt. Bernard T. Johnson, '42 eng, Oklahoma City, has been transferred to Brainard Field, Hartford, Connecticut, where he is attached to a Technical Training detachment. Staff Sgt. Joe S. Rockwood, '32 ed, '37 law, Sapulpa, is with the Infantry at Fort Du Pont, Delaware.

Lt. Charles S. Chesterman, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, was on duty at the Army Air Base at Asheville, North Carolina.

Maj. R. E. Ballard, '24 med, member of the Medical Corps, has been transferred to the Station Hospital at Camp Blanding, Florida.

Capt. James L. Shriver, '41, Abbeville, was on duty at Dale Mahry Field, Florida.

Maj. J. D. Powell, '40 bus, El Reno, was stationed at Buckingham Army Air Field, Fort Myers, Florida.

Capt. Doane Tolleson, '42 eng, '28 eng, Norman, was attending a Technical Inspectors course at the Army Air Base, Orlando, Florida. Also there were: Staff Sgt. Sam E. Braden, '32 ba, Shawnee. Pvt. Edwin S. Haraway, Jr., '41, Ada, was attending the Engineer Diving School at Fort Sccven, Florida. Private Haraway volunteered for training in marine diving.

Lt. Philip E. Roark, '41, Oklahoma City, was on duty at Hendrix Field, Sebring, Florida.

Lt. Charles B. Read, '43 ba, Baxter Springs, Kansas, has been transferred to the Army Air Base at Venice, Florida.

Maj. Harold M. Morgan, '37-'38, Oklahoma City, was on duty with the Air Transport Command at West Palm Beach, Florida.

Lt. A. M. Brey, '43 med, Norman, was assigned to Battey General Hospital, Rome, Georgia, after completing his training at the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Maj. W. J. Lampton, '32 ba, Oklahoma City, is a Field Artillery battalion commander at Camp Gordon, Georgia.


Calendar Reminders

Lt. William E. Edwards, '29 eng, originated the Edwards Perpetual Calendar now being considered for presentation at the peace table.

Maj. Bunn D. Hale, '35-'39, and Maj. W. J. Lampton, '32 bus, Oklahoma City, were on duty with Field Artillery battalions at Camp Gordon, Georgia.

Lt. Dardanelle Lister, '43 usc, Oklahoma City, was an instructor at the Station Hospital at Huntsville, Alabama.

Maj. Joseph D. Arce, '38-'42, McAlaster, was stationed at Turner Field, Georgia.

Lt. James W. Stafford, Jr., '41-'42, Marietta, was on duty as a bombardier at the Army Air Field, Mountain Home, Idaho.

Lt. Richard J. Yeager, '33-'36, Oklahoma City, member of the Dental Corps, was stationed at Camp Ellis, Illinois.

Pvt. Bill R. Maysfield, Jr., '42 ba, Saugus, is on duty in the Finance Department at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

John A. Saffell, Jr., '42 eng, Seymour, Texas, is on duty in training at the Station Hospital at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Capt. Ralph D. Gabrel, '38-'40, Oklahoma City, was stationed at the Army Air Field, Liberal, Kansas.

On duty at Camp Phillips, Kansas, were Lt. Col. Donald E. Matthes, '23 ba, former Houston, Texas, geologist; and Lt. Arno D. Whitten, Jr., '43 geol, Tulsa; Lt. Robert L. Lombard, III, '38 ba, Cleveland, and Lt. Isham P. Nelson, Jr., '38 ba, Sand Springs.

Lt. A. M. Herzmans, '41 ba, Ardmore, was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, as an officer with a Field Artillery group.

Maj. William J. Thompson, Jr., '24 ba, Oklahoma City, was stationed at the Army Air Base, Great Bend, Kansas.

Lt. Albert W. Tindle, Jr., '39-'42, Paxson, Oklahoma City, was on duty at the Army Air Base, Topeka, Kansas.

Lt. Sneed S. Thompson, '41 ba, Gainesville, Texas, was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, with a Field Artillery battalion.

At Camp Campbell, Kentucky, were Pvt. Paul Reiff, Jr., '41, Tulsa, Lt. O. B. Wheeler, '42 ba, Enid, and Eldon L. Marshall, '40 ba, Medford, technician fifth grade.

Stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, were Lt. Gerald S. Young, Jr., '30-'34, Duncan, Lt. Edward R. Boudon, '35-'37, Oklahoma City, Lt. Fred P. Schonwald, '34-'42, Miami, Florida, and Pvt. Bill H. Mayfield, '33-'44, Seminole.


Capt. Henry Clifford, '38 eng, former laboratory assistant in the School of Mechanical Engineering, has returned from the Caribbean area to a post with the Ordnance at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

On duty at Fort George Meade, Maryland, were Capt. Richard J. Boudon, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, Staff Sgt. Edna A. Pickens, '30 ba, Oklahoma City, and Maj. F. O. Hamilton, Jr., '39-'41.

Lieutenant W. Reeves, '30 ba, Oklahoma City, was an officer candidate in training at the Judge Advocate General's School in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Pet. Merron M. Bulla, '31 ba, Oklahoma City, is on duty at the Military Police Replacement Training Center, Fort Custer, Michigan.

Maj. N. F. Williams, '39 ba, Norman, is attached to an Ordinance Base group at Flora, Mississippi.

Maj. Richard T. Pendleton, '26 ba, Norman, is on duty in the Post Legal Office at Receder Field, Mississippi.

Capt. James J. Donnelly, '37 ba, Carnegie, was an Engineer's battalion at Camp McCain, Mississippi. Pfc. Bill Francis, '41-'33, Norman, is in training there.

Lt. Col. H. E. Kuhlman, '32 eng, Norman, has been transferred to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, with a Field Artillery Observation battalion. There is an Ordnance Ammunition company was Maj. Orso O. Allison, '38 eng, Norman, is on duty with the Field Artillery at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, with a Field Artillery Observation battalion.

Capt. John F. Fuller, '38-'40, former Hambibul, Missouri, attorney, has been appointed a member of the newly organized Manpower Priority Committee in Kansas City, Missouri. Captain Fuller, who is stationed at the Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, represents the War Department on the committee, which was formed to clarify the manpower situation in Kansas City and list the plants where workers are most urgently needed.

Pet. J. W. Wagner, Jr., '41-'43, Wichita, Kansas, was attached to a Signal Training regiment at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Lt. W. L. Cridland, Jr., '39-'40, Novata, was on duty at the Army Medical Depot in St. Louis, Missouri.

Lt. John J. Maguire, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, was stationed at the Sedalia Army Air Field, Warrensburg, Missouri.

Capt. Charles C. Pyle, '32-'35, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma City, is attached to a Ferrying group at Gore Field, Great Falls, Montana.

Lt. Jack B. Cornell, '39-'40, Oklahoma City, was on duty at the Army Air Field, Bruning, Nebraska.

Capt. Maurice T. Minette, '40-39, Austin, Texas, was on duty at Fairmont Army Air Field, Geneva, Nebraska. Staff Sgt. Walter J. Drover, '40-'42, Fort Collins, Colorado, was there with an Airways Communications squadron.

Lt. Erwin Alpern, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, is attached to the Missouri River division of the Corps of Engineers in Omaha, Nebraska.

Lt. Jerome W. Ambrister, '40-'42, Oklahoma City, was on duty at the Army Air Base at Clovis, New Mexico, for advanced training after receiving his commission at Martha, Texas.

Lt. Mario E. Hively, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, was assigned to the Army Air Base at Clovis, New Mexico, for advanced training after receiving his commission at Martha, Texas.

Col. Sam Cobean, '37, former Walt Disney artist now with a Signal Corps photographic unit on Long Island, New York, has recently had cartoons in Collier's and New Yorker magazines.

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Lt. Wesley L. White, 40tharm, Pawhuska, member of the Medical Administrative Corps, is on the staff of the State Board of Medical Education, Oklahoma City.

Lt. Col. C. E. Hedges, 36th, on the staff of the Air Force Base, Syracuse, New York.

On duty at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, were Lt. Col. Virgil H. Taylor, 32nd; Lt. Roy A. Baze, 34th; Maj. Malbon D. Hickman, 32nd; Maj. Eugene White, 35th; Col. Silas Gassett, 32nd, and Cpl. Lloyd E. Lamirand, 34th, Noble.

Lt. Robert T. Schaffer, 42nd-43rd, Oklahoma City, was assigned to the 9th Air Base Command, Air Station, at Abilene, Texas, with the Field Artillery.

Lt. Edward K. Livermore, 40th, HOBART, assigned to the 9th Air Base Command, Air Station, at Abilene, Texas.

Lt. Maj. Thomas Fain, 39th-41st, Oklahoma City, was on duty at the Army Air Base, Blackstone, Virginia.

Lt. William F. Robinson, 378th, Tulsa, was attached to a Signal Company at Camp Pickett, Virginia.

Maj. A. A. Hallman, 356th, member of the Medical Corps, has been transferred to the Station Hospital at the Army Air Base, Ephrata, Washington.

Lt. Thomas McPherson, 43rd, member of the Medical Corps, was attached to the 9th Air Base Command, Air Station, at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Lt. John S. Swafford, 42nd-43rd, Oklahoma City, was assigned to the 9th Air Base Command, Air Station, at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Capt. Richard C. McAlister, 42nd, Norman, was assigned to the 9th Air Base Command, Air Station, at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

WAC

Virginia Perkinson, 29th, physical education instructor at St. Sumner Institute, Riverside, California, has joined the Women's Army Corps and will be inducted this month. She received her physical education degree with the first class to be graduated from that department at the University.

Capt. Ruby Jane Douglas, 39th, Bristow, is attached to the entertainment section of the Army Special Services division in New York City.

Lt. Frances Duke, 42th, Oklahoma City, is assistant personnel officer of the Station Hospital at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Capt. Hope Gregory, 27-32, Norman, has received a medical discharge from the WAC. She was stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia, as a dental technician.

Mary J. Matthews, 36th, Norman, former child welfare worker in the State Department of Public Welfare, and Pvt. Katherine McKeeman, 42nd, formerly of Stillwater, are in training with the Women's Army Corps at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Lt. Barbara Ann Nelson, 41-42, Tulsa, was on duty at a west coast Port of Embarkation.

Pvt. Patricia O'Connell, 40th, Bristow, was attached to an Airways Communications squadron at Brookley Field, Alabama.

Pvt. Lillian M. Stemmer, 29th, Okenee, was attached to the WAC detachment at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Lt. Mildred M. Stewart, 34th, Tulsa, is on duty with the security and intelligence division of the Women's Army Corps.

Navy

Cdr. Paul M. Hoot, 41st, Ponca City, has been named senior medical officer of the Naval Air Station at Norman. Commander Hoot has served with the Naval Medical Corps at Pensacola, Florida, Long Beach, California, in the Philippine Islands and on board ship. He has seen 118 months of service in the South Pacific throughout his Navy career. Also at the Norman Air Station are Lt. (cliff) D. Darnall, 33rd, flight instructor, and William R. McIntyre, 43rd, Norman, pharmacist's mate third class in the Navy.

Vernon Stetson, 31-37, El Reno, pharmacist's mate third class at the Naval Air Station at Norman. Cdr. Hoot has served with the Naval Medical Corps at Pensacola, Florida, Long Beach, California, in the Philippine Islands and on board ship. He has seen 118 months of service in the South Pacific throughout his Navy career. Also at the Norman Air Station are Lt. (cliff) D. Darnall, 33rd, flight instructor, and William R. McIntyre, 43rd, Norman, pharmacist's mate third class in the Navy.

Lt. Frank S. Dunaway, Jr., Oklahoma City; attached to a Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, stationed at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City.

Lt. John W. Coyle, 41-43, Oklahoma City, was assigned to a Signal Company at Camp Pickett, Virginia.

Lt. Captain Zavitz, 38th-39th, Oklahoma City, has been transferred to the Station Hospital at the Army Air Base, Ephrata, Washington.

Lt. Thomas McPherson, 43rd, member of the Medical Corps, was attached to the 9th Air Base Command, Air Station, at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

If you have more information about any of the alumni mentioned in these news items, please notify Editor of Sooner Magazine, University of Oklahoma.
On duty aboard ship or at Naval bases overseas are the following alumni: Lt. (jg) Walter S. Marta, '40eng, Watonga; Ensign Jay M. Witbeck, '40eng, Dallas; Ensign D. H. Carter, '40-'43, El Reno; Lt. (jg) Worth M. Gross, '40ba, Lindsay; William W. Young, '39, printer second class; Ensign Garth A. Ashon, '40ba, Delaware; Ensign W. W. Massad, '41ba, Hidalgo.

Ensign Robert Ortenburger, '40-'43, Norman; Lt. (jg) Louis W. Goudy, '40eng, Yukon; Ensign John S. Hulley, '41-'44, Hagerstown, Maryland; Ensign Randal C. Clark, Jr., '41-'44, Tulsa; Ensign Billy M. Van Eton, '41-'44, Oklahoma City; Ensign Harvey L. Kimmen, '41-'44, Tulsa; Lt. Alvin D. Turquette, '40-'42, Oklahoma City; Lt. (jg) Mack Hatt, '42ba, Alva; Ensign John M. Laurence, Jr., '41-'44, Oklahoma City.


Lt. (jg) Fred G. Popkess, '43med, Dewey, and Lt. (jg) Herschel G. Carter, '43med, Oklahoma City, are on the staff of the Naval Hospital at Mare Island, California.

Lt. (jg) Paul W. Davis, '29, Oklahoma City, is on duty at the Armed Guard Center, Treasure Island, San Francisco. Ensign Virginia D. Moseley, '38ba, Elba, Texas, member of the WAVES, is on duty in San Francisco.

Lt. Clyde Standridge, '40eng, Loischea, is on duty in the Weather Control office in San Francisco.

Lt.Cmdr. Francis W. Gross, '37med, Lindsey, is a Navy physician on duty at Holville, California.

William K. Swatek, '40, fireman first class in the Sea Bees, was on duty at Fort Huenecke, California.

Ensign George E. Glover, '43eng, Dallas, was assigned to the Submarine Training School at New London, Connecticut.

Ensign James A. Allon, '40-'43, Wichita, Kansas, was attached to an Aviation Training squadron at the Naval Air Station, DeLand, Florida.

Vernon B. Stanlaw, '27-'29, petty officer first class, has been assigned to duty at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Jacksonville, Florida. Ensign Bryce K. Henderson, '38-'39, Blair, Oklahoma, is a flier at the Naval Air Station there.

Lt. Jack E. Belter, '39law, Arapahoe, was on duty at the Naval Air Station, Mayport, Florida. Lt. (jg) King D. Boyd, '37eng, Oklahoma City, was stationed at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.