As the European fighting entered final stages last month, Sooner alumni in all branches of the service were scattered among Allied forces gradually driving toward a German defeat.

- Commanding general of the Second Division which played an important part in the battle of France is Maj. Gen. Walter Robertson, '07, who was recently awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

General Robertson has been in command of the Second Division since November, 1942, when it began training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. A graduate of West Point, he has served in Manila, Honolulu, France, Italy and at numerous posts in the United States.

At one time, General Robertson was an instructor at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is a brother of Mrs. Wyatt Marrs, wife of the head of the department of sociology at the University, and Mrs. Garrison Buxton (Virginia Robertson, '29a), Oklahoma City.

- Spearheading the attack in the Allied landings in southern France was that veteran fighting group, the 45th Division, composed chiefly of men from Oklahoma and Texas. It was the fourth enemy beachhead the men of the 45th have stormed across since July 10, 1943, when they plunged into the surf at Sicily.

From Sicily they went into the bitter battle at Cassino in September, 1943, and after the Allied advance stalled at Cassino, the 45th Division was pulled out for the invasion of Anzio in January, 1944, and some of the bloodiest fighting of the war. New commander of the 45th is Maj. Gen. William W. Eagles.

- Lt. Col. Hal Muldrow, '28us, Norman, commander of the 189th Field Artillery battalion of the 45th Division who was home on leave at the time of the invasion, last month rejoined his troops in France.

- His brother, Maj. Alvan Muldrow, '33aw, commanding the 12th battalion of the Second Division with the First Army, was also in the thick of fighting on the continent.

- A bylined story by Ira Wolpert, covering the St. Lo-Periers front, recounted the fierce fighting at St. Lo and the final success of the Fourth Infantry Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Raymond Barton, '07, Ada, in breaking through the German lines there.

General Barton directed the fighting in a small, emptied-out living room on a French widow's farm. There was an oval table in the room, two chairs, a lot of boxes to sit on and to hold telephones and a big piece of plywood over which lay a stretched-out map.

Mr. Wolpert told how the general talked over the telephone in a soft, courtly voice before and during the battle, checking to see if his men were in place and knew what to do and later to direct battle moves and inquire about casualties.

"Even when the sky filled with airplanes and the battered stone house shook and shed stale dust over him," the correspondent reported, "his voice remained soft and his manner courtly. He had the kindest, most unworried looking eyes I have ever seen in a man in battle."

- On the Pacific front, Allied forces brought aerial warfare closer to the Japanese homeland. Capt. Louis J. Lamm, '37-'39, Vici, a squadron leader, helped lead the first attack by Seventh Air Force Liberators on Iwo Jima in the Bonin Islands, 60 miles from Japan.

In French Invasion

Lt. Col. T. T. Beeler, '37ed, Norman, is executive officer of an Evacuation Hospital which took care of the first wounded soldiers in the invasion of Normandy. The unit arrived in France four days after the first landings and in the next four days evacuated 2,200 wounded.

In the two-day period, surgeons of the hospital staff performed 185 major operations. The hospital used the assembly line method of caring for surgical cases, surgeons working steadily on 12-hour shifts. Blood plasma used by the hospital was flown from London. Colonel Beeler joined the unit last January.

- Capt. Edwin C. Year, '39med, Oklahoma City, was a member of the first surgical team to land in Normandy by glider on D-Day. For several hours after landing, he and the other Medical Corps men cared for American wounded in the field, later making their way to a village, where they set up a clearing station.

- Capt. Thelma B. Forbes, '37nurse, Independence, Oklahoma, is on the staff of an Evacuation Hospital in France which has been devoted largely to the care of wounded German prisoners. Captain Forbes has been on foreign duty with the Army Nurse Corps since February, serving in Ireland and England before going to France.

- Lt. Thomas E. Shockley, '36-'39, Wilburton, was with the 82nd Airborne Division in France, having made a successful parachute jump into Normandy in the initial phase of the invasion.

- Col. Frank S. Cleckler, '21ba, former executive secretary of the Alumni Association, is in France with the Quartermaster Corps. In a recent letter to friends, he wrote that he was quartered in a small hotel and working 15 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week.

After landing on the French beach at dawn and setting up equipment, Colonel Cleckler visited a farmhouse across the road and discovered he remembered enough French from his A.E.F. days to buy some hot water and eggs.

- Lt. (g) J. R. Forrester, '41bus, Muskogee, was serving on board a ship which took part in the invasion of southern France. In a recent letter describing the action, he said, "We made our attack in daylight hours of the morning after allowing our air forces to bomb the beaches first. . . . The bombing was so terrific that the ship actually vibrated from the concussion. . . . We, on this ship, did not see a single enemy plane although some were reported near. . . . We don't have any idea as to when we will be coming home again but we do know that the completion of this operation is one good big milestone that is passed."

- Sgt. Alvin Henderson, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, earlier reported missing in action, has informed his parents that he is safe and well and back with his Paratrooper unit. Sergeant Henderson was reported missing on the first day of the Normandy invasion while serving as a paratrooper, in charge of the bazooka sec-
lieutenant Ellinger returned to this country to officer with the Ninth Air Force in England. Noble, has returned to the United States after Lt. Ralph (Cy) Ellinger, '26, Purcell and Sam Houston, Texas, last month for reassignment. He is attached to the Air Force Training Command.

Lt. Col. Honald N. Maidt, '28-'30, Oklahoma, veteran of the first Air Force unit to move over the hump, came home to Oklahoma City after serving overseas for 27 months as a technical supply officer of the 45th Division now fighting in Europe.

Deaths in Service

Lt. Col. Jay P. Rouselle, '35-'37, Muskogee, veteran of the New Guinea aerial campaign, was killed September 3 in the crash of an Army bomber shortly after it took off from the Army Air Field at Harvard, Nebraska, en route to Newark, New Jersey. Nine persons were killed in the crash.

Colonel Rouselle held an accumulation of decorations including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, the Order of the Purple Heart and the Air Medal. He went to the Southwest Pacific in August, 1942, from Central America, where he was stationed after receiving his commission at Kelly Field, Texas.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rousell, Muskogee, his wife and a small son, Jay, Jr.

Capt. Lynn O. Frensley, '41, Duncan, a battery commander with an Armored Field Artillery unit, was killed in action in France August 2. No details about his death are known other than the fact that he was with the American forces in the assault on Cherbourg.

Captain Frensley entered the Army in June, 1941, having been commissioned a second lieutenant in the University R.O. T.C. unit. He was assigned to Panama in December, 1941, and served there for 16 months before returning to the United States for advanced training and transfer to the European theater.

At the University, Captain Frensley was an organizer with the Independent Men's Association and worked part time at the Campus Drug Store. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frensley, Duncan, four brothers and a sister.

Lt. Scott R. Blanton, '35-'40, Norman, of the Infantry, was killed in action in New Guinea on July 29. Former business student in the University, he trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, before going overseas.

Lieutenant Blanton entered service in 1942, having joined the National Guard in Norman two years earlier. He went overseas in January, 1943. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Sallie Blanton, Norman, and his wife, of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Lt. Robert A. Henry, '40-'42, Tulsa, co-pilot on a Liberator, was killed July 31 when the bomber in which he was training crashed near the Army Air Base at Mountain Home, Idaho, where he was stationed. He was a member of a crew preparing to go into combat.

Lieutenant Henry was a pre-medical student in the University. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Henry, Tulsa.

Lt. Donald Schultz, '40-'43, Norman, died by accidental drowning in Highland Beach Lake near Oklahoma City on August 16 while home on leave. He had gone swimming with a group of former schoolmates, including his fiancée, Miss Annabelle Escoe, '44, Oklahoma City.

Lieutenant Schultz received his commission in the Air Force at Williams Field, Arizona, two weeks earlier. At the University, he was a student in the College of Engineering and was active in choral and glee club activities as a tenor soloist.

Survivors include his parents, E. J. Schultz, chairman of the department of music education at the University, and Mrs. Schultz, two brothers and a sister.

Capt. Charles W. Minton, '37, Maysville, plans and training officer of the
headquarters company, First battalion, Ninth Division, was killed on July 30 in the Normandy-Britany fighting. In the invasion of Africa, he commanded an Infantry company which fought at Kasserine Pass, Hill 609 and El Guettar. He later saw action in Sicily and from there was sent to England where he was attached to the Ninth Division.

Before entering service, Captain Minton was employed in the City National Bank in Oklahoma City and was at one time assistant cashier in the First National Bank at Maysvile. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Anna W. Minton, and his wife, the former Maxine Wallace, of Holdenville.

Lt. Robert S. (Sammy) Maupin, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, who has been listed as missing in action since last November, was killed in action on November 29, 1943, the War Department has announced.

On that day, which was his twenty-third birthday, Lieutenant Maupin's disabled Flying Fortress crashed into the English Channel while returning from a raid on Berlin. It was his second mission.

Lieutenant Maupin was formerly an engineering student in the University. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Maupin, Oklahoma City, and three brothers in service.

Lt. Eden C. Jones, '38-'40, Wichita, Kansas, pilot of a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force, died July 30 of wounds received in action over Germany. A few days before his death he was awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement.

Before entering the Air Force, Lieutenant Jones was an inspector at the Boeing aircraft plant in Wichita. He was formerly a business student in the University.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Jones, Wichita, a brother and two sisters.

Assignments

Lt. Herbert Scott, '26ba, '26ma, former O. U. Extension director, has been transferred to duty in the Canal Zone.


Lt. Richard J. Keough, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, a P-51 Mustang fighter pilot with the Eighth Air Force, has been missing in action over France since August 13.

Lt. Richard C. J сочета, '40-'41, Oklahoma City, a B-24 overseas pilot of a Flying Fortress, has been missing in action over France since August 12. Holder of the Air Medal, he went overseas last May and was promoted to first lieutenant shortly before his last mission.

Capt. Allie V. Peoples, Jr., '40bus, Oklahoma City, pilot of a B-24 overseas for six weeks, has been missing since August 18 when he failed to return from a flight over Romania.

Lieutenant Davis entered service with the 45th Division in 1940, transferring to the Paratroopers two years later and going overseas in August, 1943. He is a brother of Capt. Irvin Davis, '28, San Antonio, Texas.

Lt. Adam Willey, '41-'42, Sapulpa, bombardier on a B-24 which is known to have been shot down, has been missing in action since July 28 when he failed to return from a bombing raid over Romania. His squadron was based in Italy.

Lt. Claude W. Dagenhart, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, navigator on a Flying Fortress, has been missing in action over Germany since August 3. Overseas for two months before he was reported missing, Lieutenant Dagenhart had completed three combat missions.

Maj. Herbert A. von Tungeln, '34ba, Oklahoma City, former Oklahoma newspaperman, has been missing in action over Germany since August 24. He was awarded the Air Medal earlier that month.

Major von Tungeln went overseas July 1, having received his commission in the Air Force in 1939 at Kelly Field, Texas. Before entering service, he was associated with newspapers in Wewoka, Norman and Duncan.

Decorations

Maj. Lloyd W. Taylor, '41med, San Francisco, has been awarded the Legion of Merit by Maj. Gen. James L. Frink, commanding general of the U. S. Army Services of Supply in the Southwest Pacific. The honor was bestowed upon Major Taylor for his work in late 1942 and early 1943 as supply officer of a Medical unit serving combat troops in New Guinea. Suffering from illness and fatigue, Major Taylor obtained badly needed medical supplies for American and Australian hospitals other than his own, in addition to doing his regular work caring for wounded men. He is now assigned to the Office of Chief Surgeon of the Southwest Pacific area, helping in the evacuation of patients from battle zones to Australia and the United States.

Capt. Richard Roys, '39med, Norman, company commander of a Medical unit on an island north of New Guinea, has been decorated with the Bronze Star for bravery in caring for the wounded under fire. Captain Roys already held the Silver Star, awarded for bravery in action in New Guinea last year.

Seven more Oak Leaf Clusters have been added to the Air Medal held by Lt. O. M. Murray, '40-'41, Norman, making a total of ten Clusters which he holds. Lieutenant Murray recently went on his 65th bombing mission over western Europe. He is a member of Nye's Annihilators, a Ninth Air Force Marauder group, the first American Bombardment group to raid Nazi targets at night in force.

Ensign William G. F. Schmidt, '38bus, Norman, has been commended by Admiral Kaufman, commander of Pacific fleet destroyers, for his work aboard a destroyer during the invasion of Salam. In addition to that action, Ensign Schmidt has participated in the invasions of the Gilbert Islands, Kwajalein and Eniwetok, and the bombardments of Mille and Woleje islands in the Marshall group and the Palau Islands. He was home on leave this summer, later returning to duty aboard his destroyer.

Capt. Neal Harris, '36-'40, Norman, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Flying Cross. Major Brown has transferred back to the United States several months ago to attend Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was operations officer of a B-24 squadron in the battle area.

Capt. Neil Harris, '36-'40, Norman, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French government for his services as liaison officer between the French and American armies in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, where he is now stationed. Captain Harris was stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Fort Sill before going overseas.

An Air Medal has been awarded to Capt. Richard W. Wilhain, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, for meritorious achievements while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific area. Pilot of an A-20 Havoc
bomber, Captain Wilson took part in many raids against Japanese bases at Hollandia, Wewak, Hansa Bay and Atapau.

 Following an engagement against the Japanese in the South Pacific, two alumni were awarded the Bronze Star. Maj. James L. Lain, Oklahoma City, and Cpl. Berntell Gilbert, '35-'38, Lawton. They are the only O. U. men in their Field Artillery battalion. Corporal Gilbert was decorated for gallantry in action while a member of an Artillery forward observation party. Major Lain's award came for meritorious achievement as S-3 officer of the unit.

 Lt. Harry E. Strate, '42, El Reno, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for outstanding achievement as a member of an A-20 Havoc bomber. He is pilot of an A-20 Havoc bomber.

 Sgt. Jack Gibbs, '35, Norman, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster for two wounds sustained in action in the Mediterranean theater. He saw action in both Sicily and Italy. This summer he was home for a leave on rotation. He was a machine gun platoon sergeant with the 95th Division Infantry.

 Upper left—Maj. Gen. W. M. Robertson, '07, commanding general of the Second Division, pins the Silver Star on Capt. Tom Brett, '40bus, for gallantry in France.

 Upper right—Lt. Comdr. Margaret Stephenson, former counselor of women at O. U. now in the SPARS, launches the 81st tanker off the ways at Swan Island Shipyard in Portland, Oregon.

 Lower right—Former O. U. football star now in the Army Air Force, Staff Sgt. Chad Valance, '42ed, plays tackle with the Second Army Air Force football team at Colorado Springs.

 Maj. W. F. McIver, '35-'36, Oklahoma City, veteran of foreign service in England and Australia, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Presidential Unit Citation. He was formerly 1st Sgt. of a tank platoon, and an engineer with the 45th. This summer he was home for a leave. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Order of the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster for distinguished service in France.

 Lt. Mack A. Jones, '41-'42, Norman, bombadier on an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement in the air offensive against continental Europe.

 Lt. Joseph F. Morgan, '38a, Oklahoma City, has been commended for his "splendid work" as pilot of an observation plane with a patrol from the United States.

 Lt. William C. Wallace, '36-'38, Oklahoma City, has been decorated with the Air Medal for outstanding achievement as a member of a light bomber unit in the Pacific. He is pilot of an A-20 Havoc bomber.

 Upper left—Maj. Gen. W. M. Robertson, '07, commanding general of the Second Division, pins the Silver Star on Capt. Tom Brett, '40bus, for gallantry in France.

 Center left—Lt. (jg) Jack Britain, '38bus, returned home after 20 months of sea duty in the Pacific to take command of a new LST.

 Center right—Lt. Ira D. Cornelius, '40, Marauder pilot in the Mediterranean theater, holds the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters.
The Legion of Merit has been awarded to Lt. Col. Fred A. Daugherty, '36-'37, Oklahoma City, for action in the Southwest Pacific from May 3 to August 15, 1943. Colonel Daugherty planned and carried out the shipment of troops, equipment and supplies from Australia to Woodlark Island when operations were going on there. Later he assisted in the supply work for the Cape Gloucester operation, utilizing a method he worked out while in the island campaign.

Maj. Earl L. Malm, '37,med, Oklahoma City, is flight surgeon with a Flying Fortress group in England which has been commended by a high-ranking officer for the accuracy of its bombing raids on Germany.

Tec. Sgt. Lester K. LaMarr, '34-'39, Pawhuska, has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement as an aerial gunner on nine missions over Germany. He received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained over Schwenfurtdorf, Germany, which is now a gunnery instructor at an Air Force station in England.

Tec. Sgt. Joseph E. Morrison, '38-'40, Tulsa, has received a personal commendation from Lt. Gen. M. H. Harmon for courage and alert performance of duty last March when he helped extinguish a dangerous fire, risking his personal safety. Sergeant Morrison is attached to an Ordinance Munitions company at an advanced base in the South Pacific. He participated in the Solomons campaign.

Lt. Comdr. Walter H. McKenzie, '30s, Eaid, member of the Navy Medical Corps, has been awarded a Presidential Unit Citation as a former member of the First Marine Division, which was cited for gallantry and determination in the South Pacific. Commander McKenzie, formerly a physician in Fort Worth, Texas, has returned to the United States for duty at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia as an eye specialist. He served in the Pacific for 20 months. Commander McKenzie received his medical degree at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, 1933.

Lt. Fred A. Huston, '43, Oklahoma City, has been awarded an Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his work with a Bombardment squadron over Europe. He has participated in raids over Munich, Kiel, Leipzig and Paris.

Maj. Lloyd J. Martin, '38-'40, Wichita, Kansas, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as commander of a squadron of Liberator bombers with the Eighth Air Force. Major Martin has been on missions over Kiel, Gosla, Tutwoc, Munich, Leipheim, and numerous objectives in France. His squadron has been called the Eighth Air Force, as a whole for completing 90 missions over Europe without the loss of a single plane or crew. Major Martin has been overseas since last November, having been commissioned in the Air Force in January, 1942.

The second Oak Leaf Cluster has been awarded to the Air Medal held by Capt. Robert W. Mo- anax, '40-'41, Chickasha, flight leader with a Mustang squadron in the Pacific. Captain Mul- anax has 81 combat missions and 225 hours of combat flying against the Japanese enemy, in his credit.

Lt. Everett D. Daniels, '39, Norman, has been awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry and intrepidity in action" in Italy, where he is an artilleryman. Lieutenant Daniels has been injured in battle twice. Before entering the Army in 1942, he was with the United States Border Patrol at Marfa, Texas.

Lt. Henry T. Gardner, '43, Isabel, holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for service with the Eighth Air Force. He has completed approximately 35 missions over Europe as pilot of a B-24 bomber.

Lt. George E. Defenbaugh, '39-'42, Dewey, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight against the enemy. He is attached to a 15th Air Force Liberator group which has been on raids over Germany, Austria, France and the Balkans.

Lt. James N. Reichard, '40-'42, Tulsa, has been awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement during 16 missions over Europe as a P-31 fighter pilot. Lieutenant Reichard is attached to the Eighth Air Force.

Tec. Sgt. Hoyte Allen, '36-'40, formerly of Durant, was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct and outstanding service from March 1 to December 1, 1943. During that time, Sergeant Allen was in charge of setting up control rooms for searchlight and radar units used in the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns. The citation stated that Sergeant Allen displayed superior technical knowledge and ability in the establishment and operation of these rooms. Before entering the Army he was on the staff of radio station WLS in Chicago and was associated with a radio chain in New York City. At one time he was assistant master of ceremonies of the National Barn Dance program out of Chicago.

Capt. James M. Updike, '36-'38, Sapulpa, has been awarded an Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement in flights over France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Flight leader of a Fighter squadron, he has escorted bombers over the continent and has made attacks on robot bomb launching installations.

Lt. Elmer A. Bray, '33-'36, formerly of Norman, has been awarded the Bronze Star for his work with a Field Artillery battalion in the early stages of the Normandy invasion. Lieutenant Bray has been overseas for the last year, stationed in North Ireland and England before going to France.

Capt. Walter K. Caudill, '37bus, Maysville, with an Infantry division in France, was awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious service in combat against the enemy" and the Combat Infantry Award. He went overseas in October, 1943 and participated in the invasion of France. A member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Captain Caudill went on active duty in June of 1941. Mrs. Caudill is the former Gayle Richey, '37.

Injured in Service

Lt. Col. Hugh A. Neal, '27bus, Madill, has been in an Army Hospital in Naples recovering from shrapnel wounds received early in the summer in the fighting in Italy. He was injured while on reconnaissance for his Paratroop Artillery battalion.

Formerly with the 45th Division, Colonel Neal volunteered for parachute duty in January, 1943, and took training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina, before going overseas.

Pfc. Myrle Greathouse, '41-'43, Am- arillo, Texas, was wounded in action with the Marines during the invasion of Guam. Private Greathouse was an outstanding blocking back with the Sooner football team in 1942.

Capt. Hillyer Freeland, '38fa, Norman,
was wounded in action with a Field Artillery battery on August 8 in New Guinea where he has served since last January.

► Capt. John J. Donaldson, '34eng, Bartlesville, liaison officer and forward observer for a Field Artillery outfit in France since D-Day, was wounded in action on July 28. Mrs. Donaldson is the former Lorena Burt, '38fa. The couple have a daughter Dee, whom Captain Donaldson has never seen.

Prisoners of War

Mail direct from men who fought in the Philippines and were taken prisoner by the Japanese was received by their families in Oklahoma.

► Word came from Maj. Clinton S. Maupin, '34med, Waurika, to his wife that he is in excellent health and believes he will be back with his family before long. He was taken prisoner when Bataan was captured.

► Two cards and a letter arrived in Oklahoma City from Maj. Carlos E. McAfee, '28law, a prisoner in Zentsuji, Japan. These messages, written in October and December of 1943 and January of this year, were addressed to his mother, Mrs. D. C. McAfee, who died June 22 following a heart attack. Major McAfee was taken prisoner at the fall of Corregidor.

► A letter and a card arrived from Capt. Alex B.Welcher, '40geol, Norman, interned in Zentsuji Prison Camp, were received by Mrs. Welcher. The letter, the first one from Captain Welcher, was written last December and reported that he had received a package sent by his wife on the Zentsuji Prison Camp, were received by Mrs. Welcher. The letter, the first one from Captain Welcher, was written last December and reported that he had received a package sent by his wife on the

Gripsholm. He said that camp life was plain but adequate, and that he reads a great deal and attends lectures.

► Two cards from Capt. Clifford C. Hines, '34, Norman, also a prisoner at Zentsuji, were received in Norman in August. They were written in October, 1943, and January, 1944. Captain Hines wrote that he was well and safe, and that some mail sent to him by his family in 1942 had arrived.

► A letter written last December at Zentsuji by Lt. Paul Geer, '34-'39, Foss, was received by his mother. Lieutenant Geer does not know that his father, Harvey A. Geer, died last November.

Promotions

Daniel L. Perry, '26med, former Cushing physician, has been promoted to colonel in New Guinea, where he is commanding officer of an Evacuation Hospital. Colonel Perry was formerly with the 45th Division.

Promotions to lieutenant colonel were announced for Robert F. Brooks, '33geo1, Oklahoma City, with the Air Force in Italy; Neville R. McKinney, '40pharm, Enid, attached to the Ordnance section of an Infantry division overseas; Oral Luper, '36bus, Stroud, executive officer of the Quartermaster Depot in Jersey City, New Jersey; Joseph G. Perry, '33-'35, Lindsay, pilot of a Flying Fortress at Hendricks Field, Florida; Russell Jones, '38law, Lawton, in England with the Field Artillery; Lawrence Trautman, '38eng, Norman, in England with the Ordnance, and John Paul Remy, '38bus, Norman, with the Field Artillery in Italy.

Colonel Brooks recently wrote the Alumni Office that he had seen Rome, thought it a beautiful city, and added that he was "glad that we were not obliged to destroy it."

Advances to the rank of major were received by Donald D. Reed, '41bus, Pond Creek, with the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming; David M. Best, '37eng, on duty at the Army Air Base, Dr-Ridder, Louisiana; Robert B. Prock, '40bfa, Oklahoma City, attached to Service Command headquarters in the Southwest Pacific; William M. Selvidge, '42law, former state representative from Ardmore now with the Air Force overseas; T. J. Fuson, '34eng, Houston, Texas, on the staff of Maj. Gen. W. E. R. Covell, Services of Supply chief in the China-Burma-India theater; Roy W. Lonsinger, '37fa, with an Anti-aircraft battalion overseas; Richard D. Williamson, '31eng, in France with a Field Artillery Observation battalion; Harold C. Kirkpatrick, '40bfa, Norman, attached to the India-China wing of the Air Transport Command; John Givens, '38bus, Oklahoma City, provost marshal of a division in the Southwest Pacific; and C. W. Wisdom, '31-'39, Oklahoma City, in France with the Air Force.

Newly promoted to captain were Alfred R. Loberich, Jr., '37geo1, '30n, Norman, on duty at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Sill; Whit Martin, '42eng, Tulsa, stationed at Peterson Field, Colorado; T. H. E. Estes, '38-'42, Elmore City, on the staff of the Armored School at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Nel J. Price, '42med, Oklahoma City, Medical Corps officer with a First Aid group on the front lines in Italy; William R. Thompson, '40-'41, McAlester, bombardier at the Army Air Base at Pratt, Kansas; Hazzell V. Schaff, '42med, Wichita, Kansas, overseas with the Medical Corps; Archie A. Acree, '38-'39, Norman, on duty at Sheppard Field, Texas.

And Ralph Wilson, '39-'40, Norman, who recently returned to the U. S. after flying 69 missions over Europe as a Marauder pilot with the Ninth Air Force; Wesley L. White, '40pharm, Pawhuska, Medical Administrative Corps officer on the staff of the Staten Island Area Station Hospital, New York; Murray P. Gibbons, Jr., '37bfa, Oklahoma City, on duty with the Infantry at Camp Atterbury, Indiana; Fred Moore, '41bfa, Oklahoma City, with the Quartermaster Corps in the Southwest Pacific; Louis O. Barnett, '34eng, Watonga, on duty at the Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas; Jack J. Goble, Jr., '42med, Vista, California, Medical officer attached to an Infantry unit in France, and Stanley L. Evans, '42, Shawnee, on duty at the Army Air Base, Casper, Wyoming.

Promotions to first lieutenant were received by William M. Thompson, '42bfa, Norman, on duty with the Naval Military Intelligence in Washington, D. C., as a member of the WAC; Guy S. Henley, Jr., '36fa, Houston, Texas, on duty in the China-Burma-India theater where he serves as aide-de-camp to a Service of Supply general, and Dick F. Boyd, '34eng, Norman, on duty at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Among advancements in rank for alumni in the Navy was the promotion of John H. Mathis, '34law, McAlester, Naval Intelligence officer in New York City, to lieutenant commander.

Promoted to the rank of full lieutenant in the Navy were Ralph C. Erwin, '36law, Muskogee, with the Naval Public Works office at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Jack W. Thomas, '41, aviator and instructor at the Naval Air Station at Melbourne, Florida, and Lieutenant John H. Jr., '40eng, Kansas City, Missouri, chief engineering officer aboard a ship in the Pacific.

Advanced to lieutenant junior grade were Chris V. Sermonti, '42bfa, Oklahoma City, on duty in the Pacific; Harry H. Jordan, '39fa1, on duty at the Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington; Robert S. Smith, '37law, Ponca City, on duty with the Coast Guard; Floyd O. Lochner, '37ed, McAlester, on duty at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Fall Brook, California; Charles M. Cole, Jr., '42eng, Benton, Illinois, on duty; Eugene E. Coffey, '42eng, Okarche, at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena; Edward D. Evans, '42eng, on duty in the Pacific; Julian H. Kiersy, '42bfa, Memphis, Tennessee, on duty, and Ned Shelton, '42eng, Norman, on duty at the Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington.

Mark Jones, '40-'42, Billings, on duty with the Marine Corps at Jacksonville, Florida, has been promoted to captain. He expects to go on foreign duty soon.

In the enlisted ranks, James H. Godfrey, '39-'41, Oklahoma City, overseas with an Armored division, was promoted to corporal, and Jay D. Stafford, '42, Norman, radio operator with the Ninth Air Force, was advanced to staff sergeant.

Pearl Harbor Post

Lt. Col. John H. Coffman, '26eng, Holdenville, of the Marine Corps, has been appointed legal officer of the 14th Naval District with headquarters at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Colonel Coffman, who joined the Marine Corps in July, 1926, has been stationed in Nicaragua, China and aboard the cruiser U. S. S. Pittsburg. In 1930 he joined the Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua, later becoming executive officer of the Nicaraguan Military Academy.

After serving as commandant of C.C.C. camps in Ohio and California and Marine Base in Hawaii, he was assigned in June, 1938, to the Judge Advocate General's Department of the Navy in Washington, D. C. While stationed there, he attended law school in George Washington University and was admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia.

Colonel Coffman took part in the action on Guadalcanal in December, 1942.
and remained there until February, 1943, when illness forced his removal to the Naval Hospital in San Diego, where he remained until July.

New Officers

Wyley R. White, '42fa, Los Angeles, former private in the Air Force at Kirtland Field, New Mexico, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry from the enlisted ranks. Lieutenant White was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, for training. In the same class with him at the Infantry School was Lt. R. K. Wooten, '42bus, Chickasha.

Other new Sooner officers include Levi Muncy, '42med, former principal of Jefferson School in Bartlesville, and Charles S. Buchanan, '39-41, Roswell, New Mexico, who were commissioned ensigns in the Reserve, and John J. Vater, Jr., '40-43, Enid, who graduated as a second lieutenant in the Air Force at the Twin-engine Pilot School at Pecos, Texas.

Ensign Muncy entered indoctrination training in Hollywood, Florida, and Ensign Buchanan was commissioned at the Naval Training Center, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Overseas

Maj. Chine L. Mansur, '38eng, Wetumka, has returned to his post in Persia after attending Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Major Mansur was on duty with the operations division of Persian Field Command headquarters in Tehran for a year before being sent back to the States to attend the school. Mrs. Mansur, the former Betty Jo Chitwood, Enid, is living with her two sons with Major Mansur while he was at Fort Leavenworth.

Lt. Wilburn H. Akers, '41og, Oklahoma City, in Italy with the Army, has done quite a bit of geological exploring and research there in his spare time, sending micro samples back to Norman for further examination by Dr. Cecil G. Lalicker, associate professor of geology, Oklahoma State University. Fort Supply, is on the staff of the Army hospital commanded by Col. Gordon Seagrave in the China-Burma-India Theater. He was one of the first doctors on the staff of Birmingham General Hospital, and Capt. Thomas B. Campbell, '37eng, on the Artillery Corps Headquarters Artillery staff; Capt. Thomas B. Campbell, '37eng, on the Artillery Corps; Pvt. Otto W. Walters, Jr., '43, Norman, attached to the California Ordnance Depot, Pomona, California. Also there with an Overseas with the Theatre Artillery were Maj. Edward W. Smith, '39-42, Oklahoma City, pilot of My Everlovin' Gal, a Liberaton bomber with the 15th Air Force, had completed 50 missions over enemy territory by late summer. Lieutenant McGlasson has bombed the Ploesti oil fields six times, and has been on numerous raids to Budapest, Munich, Nice, Toloun, and Bucharest.

Capt. J. C. Grimes, '40journ, Oklahoma City, is officer in charge of the Beachhead News, published by the men of the Sixth Corps in Italy. The paper was founded at Anzio. Captain Grimes recently sent a copy of the July 4 issue to H. H. Herbert, director of the O.U. School of Journalism.

Staff Sgt. Walter E. Jordan, '42fa, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, has been transferred to duty in Brazil. Mrs. Jordan, the former Margaret Sang, is living with her parents in Corpus Christi, Texas.


Overseas with the Theatre Artillery were Maj. Edward W. Smith, '39-42, Oklahoma City, a Corps Headquarters Artillery staff; Capt. Thomas B. Campbell, '37eng, on the Artillery Corps; Pvt. Otto W. Walters, Jr., '43, Norman, attached to the India-China wing, and Lt. Carl C. Ball, '36, Tulsa, with the Pacific wing. Lt. Sam T. Ray, '41, Norman, was serving with a Troop Carrier squadron.

Army

Lt. W. G. Lamb, Jr., '39-43, Ardmore, was a member of the Student Officer detachment at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

Lt. Hooper B. Brown, Jr., '42, Blue, Oklahoma, was at Camp Rucker, Alabama, with a Field Artillery battalion.

Sgt. James A. Laramie, Jr., '42bus, Muskogee, was on duty at the Reception Center at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Leo B. Cram, '37-41, Sapulpa, was a flight officer attached to the Transport Command at Long Beach, California.

Maj. Carl D. McWade, '34eng, former engineer at Barksdale Field, was attached to the California Quartermaster Depot in Oakland.

Bill C. Tucker, '43eng, Tulsa, technitian fifth grade, was attached to an Oil Field battalion at the Ordinance Depot, Pomona, California.

Cpl. Thomas M. Short, '37-37, Oklahoma, was attached to a Joint Assault Signal company at San Luis Obispo, California. There with an Overseas with the Theatre Artillery were Maj. Harold C. Kirkpatrick, '40ba, Norman, attached to the India-China wing, and Lt. Carl C. Ball, '36, Tulsa, with the Pacific wing. Lt. Sam T. Ray, '41, Norman, was serving with a Troop Carrier squadron.

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Lt. Nicholas P. Vlahakis, '37-'41, Oklahoma City, was attached to a Field Artillery unit at Camp Butner, North Carolina, before entering the Army in 1940. Camp Butner, North Carolina, is a member of the pre-medical Army Specialized Training Unit at Ohio State University in Columbus.

Capt. C. F. Burelling, '35med, former Norman physician, has been appointed chief of the flight surgeons' examining unit at Patterson Field, Ohio. In this position Capt. Burelling supervises all physical examinations of officers and men for Patterson Field and Air Service Command headquarters at Fairfield, Ohio.

Lt. Harvey H. Holman, '42eng, Norman, has returned to his post with a Weather squadron at the Altus Army Air Field after two months spent on detached duty traveling all over the United States.

Vernon G. Steffen, '42-'43, El Reno, technical fourth grade, has been awarded a $10 cash prize for a cartoon he submitted to the American Legion magazine, who is to be considered in competition with others for the grand prize. Former art editor of the Covered Wagon, O. U. humor magazine, Sergeant Steffen is an officer in the Air Veterinary Service, 318th Medical Battalion, 359th Field Artillery Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, 30th Infantry Division, 2nd Infantry Division, and 1st Infantry Division.

Capt. Richard A. Goddard, '37-'39, Norman, returned from the Mediterranean where he fought with the 45th Division, has been assigned to the staff of the Army Specialized Training Unit at the University. A company commander with the 179th Infantry, Capt. Goddard was injured in action at Salerno, and was hospitalized in North Africa before being sent to McCloud General Hospital at Temple, Texas, after entering the Army in 1940. Capt. Goddard was superintendent of schools at Noble.

Capt. Sidney J. Miller, '37-'39, Duncan, was on duty at the Field Hospital at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Lt. Rex A. Lafferty, '40law, Frederick, Kansas, was attached to a Bombardment group at the Army Air Base, Harvard, Nebraska.

Lt. Sidney Uphoff, '41-'43, Oklahoma City pilot, was in training at the Army Air Field, Kearney, Nebraska.

Lt. Tom R. Clark, '41bus, Pauls Valley, formerly on duty in the European theater, was stationed at the Army Air Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Lt. Virginia C. Goodwin, '35nurse, Miami, is assigned duty in the New Cantonnment Hospital, Mitchel Field, New York.

Lt. Bill Sanford, '40-'43, Hobart, was stationed at the Suffolk Army Air Base, Westhampton, New York.

Capt. William J. Scott, '37-'42, Duncan, was with Field Artillery battery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Pfc. Frank J. Palas, '40ed, Yukon, is a member of the band at Camp Butner, North Carolina. There with the Ordnance were Lt. Col. Lloyd E. Bond, '40eng, St. Clair, Missouri, and Lt. Harry B. Musser, '42, Enid.

Pfc. James K. Samara, '42-'43, Tonkawa, was attached to an Anti-aircraft battery at Camp Davis, North Carolina.

Capt. Charles M. Landon, '42-'43, Oklahoma City, was stationed at the Army Air Field, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Capt. Joe D. Dawson, '38-'42, Meeker, was on duty with the 18-months overseas duty in the South Pacific. Before entering the service he was with the 88th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, and 1st Infantry Division.

Mr. Harold Keith is a personal friend, and if you would toss this upon his desk after reading I would be very grateful, for it would help me, say, Hello Grandfather.

Pfc. Jack A. Watkins, '42
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Ed's Note: This is the cover of many fine letters which Miss Campbell and Sooner Magazine have received, expressing appreciation for the June cover picture. We all take this opportunity of thanking you all.