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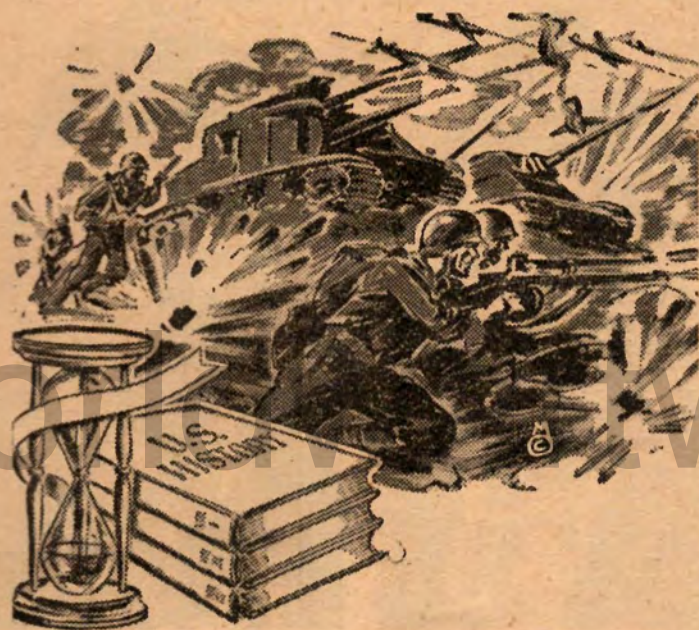
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### Foreword . . .

Home front folks, these days, are naturally elated and proud of the heroic deeds of our fighting men. But there are many sober, anxious moments, too, when all of us consider the cost of war in suffering and sacrifice. The first Armistice Day was one of rejoicing. This Armistice Day is one of prayer.—a prayer for an early and enduring peace. Americans today realize there will never be another Armistice in the full meaning of the word. There'll be no letting down. Rather we must keep on devoting our energies and resources to making this a better world for all to live in.



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# Alta Post, No. 19, of the American Legion

With the boys beginning to return from World War II, the work of Alta Post, No. 19, of the American Legion is becoming even more important and expanding rapidly. Long a force for community betterment, the local legion post has an even greater task to perform these days, in looking after returning veterans.

One of the first responsibilities of the American Legion is the welfare of all veterans and to further this phase of its work the local Post maintains a service officer who is ready at all times to advise and assist veterans in securing insurance adjustments, pensions, hospitalization etc.

The ranks of the American Legion are open to veterans of World War II, and already discharged veterans have become members. As these boys return to their homes the membership of the local Post is expected to reach several hundred and those who have carried on the work for the past twenty-five years are looking forward to the time when they can work with the younger men who will have the advantage of the experience of the older members on which to carry on their expanding program.

Activities of Alta Post this year are under the direction of True M. Ethridge, who follows in the footsteps of a long succession of able men, all pictured here, or accounted for.



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1944



Adolph Seligman  
1943



B. A. Ruth  
1942



Hilton Heimbach  
1941



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1940



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1939



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1938



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1937



Tren Biswell  
1936



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1935



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1934



Frank Cruff  
1933



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1932



A. L. Wynne  
1931



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1930



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1929



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1928



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A. G. Heerman  
1922



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1921



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## History of Five Years of War in Europe

—By MALCOLM MUIR, JR.—  
United Press Staff Correspondent

### Hitler's Blitzkrieg on Poland In Sept., 1939, Began World War II

Shortly before dawn on Friday, Sept. 1, 1939, the armies of Adolph Hitler, fired with the Fuehrer's ambition to rule the world, smashed into helpless Poland.

Two days later, at 11 a.m.—the same fateful hour another war had ended—the tired voice of Neville Chamberlain announced to the world Great Britain would abide by her pledge to the Polish government. A few hours later France, somewhat reluctantly, followed suit.

The war that was to engulf 46 nations and sweep across three continents and countless islands and waters had started.

#### New Kind of War

To most Americans the news came with frightening suddenness. But Europeans had been listening for many months to the rising beat of the German war tom-toms. They had seen the Nazi machine operate in Spain and watched it gobble up Austria, Czechoslovakia and Memel in ominous succession. They had awaited the impending blow-up with much of the subdued awe of people awaiting the eclipse of the sun.

Only the British and French governments had refused to believe Hitler would quit playing poker and draw his gun. Chamberlain had banked on appeasement, Munich; the French counted on their "impregnable" Maginot Line and the "world's finest army."

As a result, the Allies were tragically unprepared when the blow finally fell that September morning. Once again, as in 1914, they had failed to gauge the might of the German army.

For the Nazis' new Blitzkrieg—lightning war—technique had destroyed all concepts of war as the Allies knew it. With a speed that astonished the world, German armored columns sliced into Poland from five directions, isolating the bewildered defending armies.

Planes, Tanks Co-ordinate  
Overhead, Hermann Goering's bomber fleets paced the advance

with clockwork timing—pulverizing Polish troops, guns and supply lines, and bombing the defenders' air force out of existence before it left the ground. In key areas, the invaders were guided by fifth columnists planted many months in advance.

The Poles were geographically unable to receive aid from their allies, before the first week was out, Nazi mechanized columns had clamped a ring of steel about Warsaw. Hard-driving tank-plane teams were overrunning Upper Silesia, Danzig, Cracow and Lwow. The Polish government fled to England.

Even the Germans were surprised at their quick success. The Russians rolled across the Polish border from the east just in time to protect Soviet interests in Poland. On Sept. 27, Warsaw—almost obliterated by bombs—fell, ending Polish resistance and completing one of the most remarkable military campaigns in history.

Hitler now shifted his weight of arms to the west, where the Allied Generalissimo Maurice Gamelin was boasting that the Nazis were "fools" to have given him so much time to "complete our mobilization."

#### 'Phoney War' Period

But for long months to come there was to be no action.

During one of Europe's coldest winters the opposing armies huddled and looked at each other from behind their Maginot and Siegfried fortifications. In Flanders, the British rehearsed maneuvers calculated to take them crashing through the German lines when weather permitted.

Allied commentators, incredulous, dubbed the interlude a "phoney war" or "sitzkrieg." The German high command used the lull to plug the last chinks in the Wehrmacht's armor, and to map final plans for conquest.

Meanwhile, Russia, fearing war with Germany, invited Finnish diplomats to Moscow to discuss a non-aggression pact. In return for a guarantee of Soviet assistance in the event of war, Russia asked the use of certain bases in Finnish border territory. Finland flatly refused to co-operate.

Premier Stalin, realizing little time was left, sent Red Army divisions up the Karelian Isthmus, Nov. 28, 1939.

#### Finns Cease Struggle

The Finns proved to be no pushover. Entrenched in the Mannerheim defenses, they demonstrated their toughness in a series of pitched battles fought at sub-zero temperatures. For more than two months of bitter fighting they held the upper hand, exacting a heavy toll of the Red armies.

Early in February the Russians changed their tactics, shifting the entire force of their attack against relatively small key sectors, softened first by a murderous weight of explosives. Wave upon wave of determined Russian troops hurled themselves against the Finns' concrete emplacements, which gradually began to crumble. Toward the end the attack was continuous day and night. On March 13, the Finns gave up the hopeless struggle. The Russians got their protective bases: the ports of Viipuri and Hangoe and the entire Karelian isthmus.

To the west, first rumblings of reawakening war were heard early in April. The British, seeking to halt German ore shipments from Sweden, started laying mines in Norwegian waters. The Nazis, fearing Allied landings in the area, acted quickly. Proclaiming a desire to "protect" Denmark and Norway from Allied designs, German troops descended on the two neutral countries by land and by sea on the morning of April 9, 1940.

The invading forces met with little resistance in Denmark and overran the country in a matter of hours. In Norway, success was nearly as rapid. Espionage, sabotage and treachery had crippled the little Norwegian army. Landing parties occupied Oslo, Trondheim, Bergen, Stavanger and the sub-Arctic ore port of Narvik almost simultaneously.

#### B.E.F. Smashed in Norway

Back in England there was misguided jubilation that Hitler had dared at last to "bring the

war out into the open." Expeditionary forces were dispatched to the ports of Andalsnes and Namsos—north and south of Trondheim on the central Norway coast—and to Narvik to the north. In Commons, Chamberlain chortled that the Nazis had "missed the bus this time."

It was the Allies' first dismal blunder. The British forces were half-trained and tragically inadequate. With little air support and virtually no anti-aircraft protection, they never did succeed in getting their heavy artillery or mechanized equipment ashore. Clouds of land-based Nazi aircraft and columns of armored troops smashed every effort to expand the little British beachheads. The only successes were limited ones scored by Canadian and British troops in the Narvik area. The battered relief forces finally made their escape by sea from scattered Norwegian fishing villages.

In England, the Norway debacle sealed the downfall of the Chamberlain regime. On May 10, Winston Churchill became prime minister. His first task was a stern one; that morning German panzer divisions rolled into Holland and Belgium.

#### Nazis Had Victory Within Grasp After Race to Channel in 1940

##### II

By May, 1940, the collapse of Norway had set the stage for an all-out German offensive against Western Europe. The Blitzkrieg, powerfully armed and smartly generated, did it again.

Motorized German spearheads struck swiftly into Holland on the morning of May 10, seizing control of the county's vaunted water defenses within a few hours. Fifth columnists and paratroopers took over communications centers and key bridges much as they had done in Poland and Norway.

Converging ground columns closed rapidly on the Hague, Rotterdam and Amsterdam. They received little fight. The Netherlands armies, separated and surrounded, capitulated after four days.

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In Belgium, a large body of British and French troops advanced some 50 miles north of the border in an attempt to cut off German detachments pouring across the Albert Canal, 100 miles to the northeast, and driving eastward toward Brussels and Antwerp. The French were relying on a Belgian division in the Ardennes Forest near the Luxembourg border to cover their right flank.

It was this right flank that proved the Allies' undoing.

Striking with speed and audacity, a crack German armored column under Gen. Erwin Rommel dispersed the Belgian division and emerged from the forest on May 13. Then Rommel began an apparently insane maneuver. He turned westward and raced along behind the Allied lines up to the valley of the Somme, reaching the English Channel near Abbeville.

His supply line was stretched a precarious 150 miles, but the speed of the Nazi follow-up assured the success of Rommel's tactic. Tank units, motorized troops and blocks of infantry streamed swiftly through the gap to build up the German salient. By May 23, the Maginot Line was effectively flanked and the Allied forces to the north cut off and surrounded.

#### 'Miracle' at Dunkirk

The main French armies started a belated rescue drive from the south, but on May 28, King Leopold suddenly surrendered the entire Belgian army. The remaining Allied divisions in the trap were facing surrender or annihilation. Then help arrived from an unlooked-for quarter.

Streaming miraculously to the rescue at that critical moment came a strange procession—a vast nondescript relief fleet of vessels hastily recruited from England's coastal towns and villages. It included ancient transports, pleasure steamers, destroyers, fishing craft, tugboats and dainty racing vessels. Standing in perilously close to shore, they began the seemingly impossible task of removing the trapped troops from Dunkirk's crowded beaches.

For four days and nights under a hellish rain of bombs and shrapnel, the motley fleet shuttled back and forth across the channel. Scores of vessels were sunk but the rest came back for more. When the ordeal finally ended, some 330,000 British and French soldiers—roughly three-fourths of those left after the Belgian surrender—had been

taken back to England.

#### Britain Awaits Invasion

It was then the Nazis did—in the words of Neville Chamberlain—"miss the bus." England lay ripe for invasion across a 21-mile strait. The British army, compelled to leave its heavy equipment on the Continent, was tired and disorganized.

The British braced for assault. Home Guards with bayonets on poles drilled to aid the army. Prime Minister Churchill squared his shoulders before a microphone and promised the world that the British would "fight on the beaches, on the landing grounds, in the fields, in the streets and on the hills."

He vowed: "We shall never surrender!"

In that dark hour the American government, eschewing legacies, hurriedly shipped to England 1,000,000 old Springfield rifles and many French 75's of World War I vintage. These, Churchill later revealed in an address to the U.S. Congress, were virtually all the arms Brit-

ain had with which to defend herself.

#### Nazis Strike South

The world may never know what quirk in the German mind halted their gray-green armies at the Channel and turned them south upon France.

The French, now under Marshal Maxime Weygand, threw up a temporary line along the Somme but the German mechanized thrusts, pushed under cover of blasting swarms of dive bombers, soon found and pierced its weak points. By June 10 fast rolling Nazi columns had crossed the Seine and were closing on Paris.

On that day, when the war seemed as good as won for the Nazis, Benito Mussolini announced Italy's entry into the conflict.

The triumphant Nazis rolled into Paris on June 14. Three days later the aged Marshal Henri Petain, once toasted as the hero of Verdun, asked for honorable terms of surrender.

Petaín got his terms. They were harsh, not honorable. On June 22, in the same armistice car at Compiègne in which the first world war had ended, the Nazis announced they were taking half of France and demobilizing all French military, naval and air forces. The Italians obtained disarmament of France's North African colonies.

#### 'Battle of Britain' Smashed Nazis' Hopes for Quick Victory

##### III

With France shattered and the rest of western Europe brought to its knees, only the island of Britain stood between Adolph Hitler and final victory in the early summer of 1940.

And England, with her concentrated population and exposed industrial areas, seemed an easy target for the bombardment that would pave the way for the inevitable invasion. By every calculation, this was Der Fuehrer's moment.

But to the relief of the anti-Axis world, the British resolved not to play doormat as scheduled. Dismissed by Hitler as a piece of willful folly, this decision proved to be the turning point of the western war.

For the British were victorious in all three phases of the grim aerial struggle that followed—christened by Prime Minister Churchill "the Battle of Britain."

#### Pounded British Ports

The first phase began late in June when, hoping to starve the island out of the war, the numerically superior Luftwaffe launched a terrific assault on Britain's ports and shipping.

First the Thames estuary and Plymouth and then the west coast ports of Liverpool, Cardiff and Bristol were subjected to relentless poundings as hundreds of Nazi dive bombers pressed the assault without respite for days on end. For a time it appeared as if Britain's supply lines might indeed be strangled from the air.

After a few weeks, however, the fledgling RAF, rising stubbornly to meet every attack, found an answer. The Nazis' dreaded Stukas, it developed, were startlingly vulnerable. Designed entirely for the assault, they had been given neither the guns nor the armor to withstand severe attacks themselves either from fighters or anti-aircraft fire.

The British made the most of their knowledge, and by Aug. 1, the balance had swung in their favor. By the middle of the month, they were destroying seven enemy bombers to each of their own planes missing. And

Allied shipping still plied the sea lanes.

Then Air Marshal Hermann Goering changed his strategy. In the hope of cracking British morale, he sent a series of mass daylight raids against the major British cities, especially London.

#### Blitz London Daily

This phase reached its peak in the late summer and autumn when up to 1,000 Nazi bombers hammered the British capital almost daily. Destruction was terrific, thousands were killed and most of the population was driven underground as bombs showered on economic targets and residential areas indiscriminately.

But this form of raid also had its weakness. Streaming in by daylight, the Nazi formations made even easier targets than the dive bombers. In one four-week period, the RAF, backed up by barrage balloons and anti-aircraft batteries, knocked down 883 German planes. By November, Goering had to admit the RAF ruled the daylight sky over Britain. He couldn't frighten the British out of the war.

In mid-November, the Luftwaffe switched to large scale night bombing of unprecedented intensity. Concentrated attacks were hurled at Coventry, Southampton, and Birmingham, as well as new death-dealing assaults on London. Scores of churches, historical buildings and large residential districts were demolished throughout England. Thousands were made homeless and the death toll mounted toward 30,000 as Britain rocked and shuddered under the worst the enemy could give.

In the face of this mounting inferno, British morale never faltered. Typical of the defender's spirit were the volunteer civilian spotter squads who defiantly shouted to the raiders for "More!" after snuffing out showers of incendiary bombs. Without complaint London's residents filed into the subways and air-raid shelters every night.

Then, toward the end of the year, defensive measures—radar, night-fighters—improved markedly. Larger and larger percentages of the raiding airfleets started going down in flames over their targets. The RAF, gaining rapidly in striking power, began to send out bigger and bigger flights of its own bombers on reprisal raids. Defensively, it carefully husbanded its dwindling force of fighters to make every blow count.

#### First Defeat to Hitler

In late December, the Nazi attacks began to lose their sting. Heavy incendiary raids wrought severe damage for a time, but by the end of January the worst was over. The British had won the battle of Britain; for the first time in World War II, Hitler had been defeated.

"Never," said Churchill in a tribute to the RAF pilots, "had so many owed so much to so few."

The skill of the RAF pilots and the determination of the people of Britain had undoubtedly cost Hitler his chance for a short, cheap war. Had Britain fallen, an expeditionary force from the United States and Canada would have been confronted with the almost impossible job of recovering Europe by attacking across the Atlantic.

Now, with Britain standing, the Allies had an advance base from which to battle Hitler's armies in the Mediterranean, aid Russia and ultimately invade western Europe.

#### Nazis' Capture of Crete Posed Menace to Allied Life-Lines

##### IV

The fall of France in June, 1940, placed the whole coast of North Africa from Morocco to Egypt in Axis hands, giving Adolph Hitler effective control of the central Mediterranean without firing a gun in that area. But Hitler's strategy called for control of the eastern Mediterranean as well—to snap the British life-line to the East beyond repair.

Hitler's Axis partner Benito Mussolini had opened the drive to secure this control by invading Greece from Albania in October, 1940. But Il Duce had caught a tartar in the courageous Greeks. By the end of that winter, his offensive was floundering backward through the Albanian hills. He had no choice but to accept Hitler's aid.

It came on April 6. A full-dress, German blitzkrieg roared from Bulgaria down the Drago-man pass and the Stuma valley into eastern Yugoslavia. The over-drawn Yugoslav army could put up little more than a token fight. The principal Yugoslav cities fell in a matter of days, and the main German force swung southward toward strategic Monistir pass, at the junction point of Yugoslavia, Albania and Greece.

#### British Send Army

A British rescue army—a force of 60,000 Australians and New Zealanders hastily shipped from North Africa—had moved up to the pass, but flanking German vanguards made its position untenable. It fell back first to a line near Mt. Olympus and then to Thermopylae. There it braced on April 14 and held for 10 desperate days against an overwhelming weight of German arms.

The props finally were knocked from under the British line the last week in April when two supporting Greek armies collapsed. One fell to a German force which drove down the Vardar valley, seized the key port of Salonika and cut the Greeks off to the east. The other deployed to the west, surrendered to German columns which had by-passed the British and streamed into Greece from the north.

The British, nearly surrounded and subjected to a merciless aerial assault, were forced to begin a costly retreat to the coast. There, the Allied Balkans campaign fizzled out in an inglorious evacuation, mostly from the ancient port of Megara. Some 45,000 Imperial troops escaped to the island of Crete. Nine thousand were captured by the Germans.

#### Suez Within Range

Suez and important oil ports in Syria and Palestine now were within bombing range of the Luftwaffe. The break-through also enabled the Reich to bring sharply increased pressure on Turkey and the Middle East—to such an extent that Allied troops were forced to invade Syria, Iraq and Iran later in the summer to end Axis influence in those states.

Crete, directly athwart the British life-line, now beckoned to the Germans, but the British navy controlled the seas. The Nazis decided to attempt an unprecedented aerial leap.

For three weeks they assembled transport planes and gliders at fields in Greece and the Aegean islands, while the Luftwaffe pounded key targets on Crete. The British posted strong garrisons at the vital Malemi airfield and Suda Bay naval base

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at the east end of the island, and also at the Retimo and Candia field on the north coast, 40 and 80 miles to the west.

#### Paratroopers attack

The attack began early in the morning of May 20. Under cover of a smashing aerial bombardment, more than 3,000 German paratroopers descended near Malemi. A concentrated assault took the field by noon, and additional troops, plus motorcycles and light artillery was flown in. A drive started westward toward Retimo and Candia, where the British were repulsing other aerial invaders with heavy casualties.

Attempts to land more troops from transport vessels, meanwhile, were smashed by the British fleet. The next day, however, the Luftwaffe switched its attack to the British warships and smashed two cruisers and four destroyers. The Royal Navy withdrew from Crete.

Retimo and Candia now fell to better equipped and organized enemy forces, and the Axis victory was assured. The British, lacking air and naval support, were herded through the mountains toward the southern coast. There the main British force finally fought its way to the port of Spahio on May 30 and made its escape by sea. The rest mostly in isolated pockets, were left for eventual mopping up.

This spectacular German victory, handing the Luftwaffe a land base commanding the entire eastern Mediterranean, struck a doubly cruel blow at the British, coming as it did after the Royal Navy virtually had eliminated the Italian fleet.

#### Threatened Sea Gains

For the British fleet had seized the initiative after some months of jockeying on Nov. 10, 1940, with a daring torpedo-plane attack on the Taranto naval base inside Italy's heel. British torpedoes had sunk or damaged seven Italian warships, including three battle ships.

Then Britain's vessels had ranged far and wide to retain and extend this advantage—even in the face of a severe setback two months later, when enemy bombers had surprised and crippled the cruiser "Southampton" beyond repair and damaged the aircraft carrier "Illustrious."

On Feb. 9, 1941, the British tars had paraded their contempt for the Italians by steaming boldly northward into Axis controlled waters to shell the Genoa naval base. And on March 28, they had erased the Italians as a naval factor by sinking three of their cruisers and two destroyers and severely damaging the battleship "Vittorio Veneto" in the Ionian Sea.

Now the loss of Crete threatened to wipe out these gains and add to the problems of a merchant marine already gravely menaced in the Atlantic, where the U-boats were going a long way toward winning control of the sea.

#### Early Axis Strategy Called For Control of Suez Canal

The lid had flown off the North African powder keg with the fall of France in June, 1940.

For the French collapse had given the Axis French Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria, handing it effective control of the entire central Mediterranean. Jumping at this chance to cut Britain's Eastern life-line for good, Axis strategists now selected the Suez, the vital valve leading to the Indian Ocean, as their next military goal.

The first blow was struck in July, 1940, from East Africa at the Suez's rear. From Ethiopia, Italian armies drove south into Kenya and north into the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, posing a grave threat to the canal's western coast. This was followed in August by Italian occupation of British Somaliland on the Gulf of Aden, virtually plugging the ditch from the south.

#### Italians Coeksure

Up on the North African coast, a month later, another Italian force under Marshal Rodolfo Graziani launched the first of the Axis' desert campaigns—designed to seize and block the Suez from the west.

No longer hampered by a French threat on their flank, about 250,000 confident Italians paraded eastward from Libya across the lightly defended Egyptian border. They carried with them marble monuments to celebrate anticipated victories.

The British, outnumbered, retreated and in a matter of weeks the Italian march reached Sidi Barrani, 100 miles inside Egypt. There, Graziani paused, apparently to regroup his forces for a drive through to Alexandria and the canal.

The British, reinforced in December, beat him to the punch.

#### 130,000 Italians Captured

Australians, New Zealanders and Indians under Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell probed the Italian lines, found them shaky and pressed their advantage hard. Sidi Barrani fell before Christmas, and the Imperials swept back across the border.

The port of Tobruk, the caravan terminals of Derna and Benghazi far along the coast were stormed and taken in brisk fighting. Upward of 130,000 Italians were captured. By Feb. 18, 1941, the British advance had reached El Aghella, 500 miles west of its starting point.

All Libya might have fallen that spring but for two factors: (1) Wavell's army was depleted seriously to send troops to threatened Greece; (2) the Axis army was stiffened by armored forces under the Nazi panzer and desert expert, Gen. Erwin Rommel.

Rommel took prompt advantage of the skeletonized British force. In a savage charge his Mark IV tanks, armored cars and motorized infantry swept the Imperials from their El Aghella positions late in March. They were back at Benghazi by April 4. Derna fell three days later and three British generals were captured by a Nazi scouting party.

#### Retreat to Egypt

"Racing on, Rommel's divisions—now known as the Afrika Korps—now chased Wavell's troops the rest of the way back to Egypt faster than they had come. Only at the battered port of Tobruk did a pocket of British resistance manage to hold out.

Not until he had crossed the Egyptian border early in May did Rommel finally call a halt, his supply lines stretched overlong. There, near the port of Sollum, the front was frozen for the summer while the Afrika Korps awaited fresh men and materials.

In East Africa, meanwhile, the tide of war had been reversed. Converging on Ethiopia from both Kenya and the Sudan, strengthened British columns removed the threat to the Suez from that direction, more than wiping out the Italians' previous gains.

Later in the summer, the British further safeguarded the canal area by striking into Iraq, Iran and with the aid of the Free

French, in Syria. These campaigns, although not particularly brilliant, served their primary purpose of erasing Axis influence in those states.

#### Hitler's Dreams of Soviet Riches Turned Into Colossal Blunder

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"If I had the Ural mountains with their incalculable store of treasures in raw materials, Siberia with its endless forests, and the Ukraine with its tremendous wheat fields, Germany and the National Socialist leadership would swim in plenty."

That was Adolf Hitler's dream as early as the Nuremberg Nazi party conference of 1936. He also may have been thinking of the oil of the Caucasus and the Donets Basin coal.

But with his fateful non-aggression treaty with Russia in August, 1936, Der Fuehrer seemed to have jettisoned this long-standing goal. Hand-in-hand, it appeared, Germany and Russia were planning to conquer Europe together. Happily, events proved this alliance not to be what it looked.

For by the spring of 1941, the Nazi machine, victorious on many fronts, still had a long way to go. Russia's resources again looked very sweet. Moreover, the long-cherished German "drive to the east" must remain a blueprint so long as such a dangerous threat stood poised on the Nazi flank.

#### Nazi Estimate: 4 Months

In any event Hitler turned the whole tremendous weight of his military machine against Russia in June, 1941. The entire job, the Nazi generals figured, would take at most four months. What they had done before in Poland and France, they simply would do again on a larger scale; chop up the Soviet lines, annihilate the Red Army parade into Moscow and write the peace in the Kremlin.

Accordingly, the Wehrmacht plunged forward June 22 in four major drives. Covering a 1,000-mile front stretching from the Baltic south to the Black Sea, the Nazi offensives were aimed toward (1) Leningrad, the old Czarist capital in the north; (2) Moscow, in the north center; (3) Kiev, the Ukrainian metropolis on the upper Dneper, and (4) Rostov, gateway to the Caucasus at the mouth of the Don.

Through the end of June, July and into August, the campaign seemed to go substantially as the Germans had planned. The Russians resisted fiercely and scorched the earth as they retreated, but still they retreated. To the outside world, it seemed that literally thousands of towns and villages were being overrun and put to the torch by the invaders, their populations massacred.

The advance threatened Leningrad almost immediately from two sides. One German-Finnish army drove down the Karelian Isthmus toward the city from the north, while a German force under Gen. Franz von Leeb raced through the Baltic states from the west. On Aug. 13, von Leeb's columns entered Novgorod, 100 miles below the ancient capital, and two weeks later the historic siege of Leningrad began.

#### Drive on Moscow

The drive on Moscow started almost as fast. From East Prussia, a German spearhead under Gen. Feodor von Bock swept through Poland and past Minsk, just inside Russia, within a week. By mid-July armored vanguards had smashed through the rail center of Smolensk and were driving on Moscow, 230 miles beyond.

The push into the Ukraine followed a parallel course and went

even farther. Gen. Gerd von Rundstedt's panzers ground through the former Polish metropolis of Lwow and burst westward onto the rolling plains and fat farmlands of the upper Ukraine in 13 days. By July 13, their advance had engulfed the manufacturing city of Zhitomir, 90 miles into Russia, and was menacing the tanning town of Berdichev, 80 miles southwest of their goal at Kiev.

The Ukrainian advance went more slowly from there, but on Aug. 22, the retreating Russians were forced to give their most dramatic demonstration of the Soviet scorched earth policy, blowing up their giant \$110,000,000 dam across the Dneper at Dnepropetrovsk, 250 miles below Kiev. von Rundstedt claimed the capture of Kiev, Russia's third city, three weeks later.

On the long fourth front down along the Black Sea, Col. Gen. Ewald von Kleist's German and Romanian armies fared equally well at first. Inexorably, they drove from Romania across Bessarabia and into southern Russia to surround Odessa, the Soviet's second port, late in July. From there, they battered their way on to occupy successfully the manufacturing city of Nikolayev, Kherson at the mouth of the Dneper, the iron mining center of Krivoi Rog, and the manganese city of Nikopol in the Dneper bend.

#### Losses in Millions

But spectacular as all these gains were, they were less than the German timetable required. As the summer wore on, the fact that Hitler had made a monumental blunder became pleasantly clear to the Allied world. The Red Armies were neither clumsy nor disorganized as he had supposed. Soundly equipped and smartly led, they waged a new and devastating variety of defensive war, and they waged it with growing confidence as they tasted success.

The resulting battles now dwarfed everything that had gone before. Losses to both sides were counted in the millions. In key areas—Leningrad; Orel and Bryansk, below Moscow; Poltava, east of Kiev, and Odessa—struggles of immense proportions swayed back and forth. More and more frequently, the Russians' "defense in depth" tactic succeeded in swallowing up and destroying the Wehrmacht's thrusts. Rarely did the Soviets permit themselves to be trapped by the speedy Blitz. A stalemate threatened as the Russian leaves turned to brown and time began to desert the Nazis.

On Oct. 2, Hitler announced an all-out drive to capture Moscow and end the war before snowfall. By Oct. 13, a desperate German charge had reached the rail hub of Vyazma, 130 miles west of the capital. By mid-November, the Red Armies were driven back within 50 miles of the city. Two weeks later, the thunder of the German big guns could be heard in the Kremlin.

That was as close as Hitler got. The Soviets counterattacked furiously to stall the Nazi push. For safety, the Russians moved their capital to Kuibyshev, 600 miles to the east on the Volga. But they might as well have saved themselves the trouble. This time the Blitz was bogged down for good.

The Germans also stepped up their attacks on the other three fronts in October. They met with varying success. At Leningrad von Leeb's forces made a determined but futile effort to reduce the beleaguered city. Nazi

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armies pressed 250 miles across the Ukraine to seize the industrial center of Kharkov, but were halted sharply there.

#### Red Army Intact

Along the Black Sea salt marshes, von Kleist's armies hammered home a two-pronged offensive. One army finally entered Odessa Oct. 16 and then swung southward onto the Crimea to open the long siege of Sevastopol. Another smashed along the Sea of Azov to take the steel city of Stalingrad and the port of Taganrog by storm.

It was this second army which closed late in October on von Kleist's major objective—Rostov perched high on the bank of the Don 1,000 miles inside the Russian border. Four weeks later, just as the earliest and bitterest winter in years descended on the battle fronts, the battered but victorious Nazis ran up the Swastika over Rostov's ruined city hall.

That hard-won victory was the high-water mark of the German advance for the year. It seemed impressive, yet none of Hitler's principal goals had been gained. The Wehrmacht had battered its way through an area four times the size of England. Yet the Red Army still stood and the major Soviet resources remained untapped.

The Soviet Union still loomed a powerful figure in both Europe and the East in December, 1941, and until she was defeated, Hitler was obliged to forego all other plans.

#### Nazi's All-Out Bid for Oil in '42 Was Doomed by Reds at Stalingrad

##### VII

Soviet Russia had been staggered by the initial German onslaught in June, 1941. By November, the Nazi tide had swept 1,000 miles to the east. Russia's foremost cities were either encircled or already in German hands. Then, just as the outside world had expected the Soviets to crumble, something happened. Unsuspected Russian reserves of men and arms combined with the bitterest winter in 150 years to upset Hitler's plans.

It had been no mean feat of logistics for Der Fuehrer to hurl some 20 panzer divisions into the far flung fray in June. In December, with the roads clogging with ice and snow, to move up the infantry needed for the clinching blow was more than he could swing. And now he faced a revived and confident foe to boot.

The Russians seized the offensive abruptly early in December. Their impact rivaled that of the opening German drive. All along the 2,000 mile front their resurgent forces met success.

From east of Rostov, Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's army slammed back into the Sea of Azov city less than a week after the Nazis entered its streets.

#### Hitler Takes Command

On the Crimea, Sevastopol's long beleaguered garrison mounted a counter thrust that re-took Balaklava, where the storied Light Brigade rode into the jaws of death. Russian paratroopers landed behind the Germans' peninsular lines.

In the central Ukraine, Red columns encircled ruined Karkov and swept back to the skeleton city of Dnepropetrovsk on the great Dneper bend.

Before Moscow, Marshal Semyon Budenny's army rolled back the enemy on both flanks, seized Mozhaisk—starting point of Hitler's abortive October drive—and probed on toward the Latvian border.

Even the mile thick ring of

steel about Leningrad was partially cut by a Soviet spearhead pushing deep in the Valdai hills below the ancient capital.

Tacitly admitting the setback, Hitler assumed personal command of the German army. Officially Berlin complained of the "fearful cold." It had reason. Everywhere the Russians were making the most of the German's inexperience at waging war over freezing snow choked terrain.

#### Russians Sweep Westward

Mounting their troops on skis, their artillery on sleighs and painting their tanks white, the Russians outflanked and annihilated the stranded Nazis by the thousands. The rutted snow became littered with the battered hulks of abandoned material.

By March, the serried front showed Soviet pockets thrown about a score of German bases, while the main Red armies swept westward to menace the main Nazi supply lines from the Reich. Towns and rail junctions as far as 150 miles west of the maximum Nazi penetration were falling to the flying Red troops.

Then, late in April the offensive ended as suddenly as it had begun. An ominous lull descended on the battle lines while the earth hardened and dried under the warm spring sun. Rumors spread that the armies of the Reich were massing once more. Hitler was reported marshaling his armor for a decisive all out summer campaign.

The attack lived up to advance billing when it came, late in June. It soon was apparent Hitler was throwing the major part of his forces into the 1942 bid for victory. But this time he made no attempt to strike on all fronts simultaneously. This time the major blow was to the south, and the objective was—oil.

Between the jaws of a giant pincers drive, the Nazis aimed to obtain oil for themselves and to keep oil from Russia. One powerful force was to strike east, seize the Volga river city of Stalingrad and block that great river highway over which four-fifths of Russia's oil flowed north from the Caucasus to Soviet armies, factories and farms.

#### Strike for Oil Fields

The other was to drive south into the Caucasus itself, the high fertile isthmus linking middle Europe with eastern Asia. Its objective were the Maikop oil fields, 150 miles below Rostov, and the much richer Grozny, Batum and Baku fields on the other side of the 20,000 foot Caucasus mountains.

Actually, the first German triumph of the summer, though striking, had little direct bearing on the main goal. It came on July 2, when Gen. Erich von Mannstein's troops finally succeeded in breaching the defenses of battered, shattered Sevastopol. That victory coming after 245 days of almost continuous siege, seemed a signal for renewed German effort everywhere.

Both arms of the pincers movement reached out rapidly and with frightening success. The northern arm contacted Voronezh on the upper Don July 7, bypassed the city and swung southeastward through the rich farming country across the river. The noose was flung about Stalingrad on Aug. 20.

The southern prong overran Rostov within a week and spilled southward over the Caucasian steppes. Maikop fell Aug. 7, and the Nazi vanguards streamed into to foothills of the mountains beyond.

For Russia it seemed the most

critical period in more than 14 months of war. But as the summer wore on, it assumed a strange resemblance to the summer before. The Red Armies hung on just as stubbornly as they had farther west, and once again Hitler seemed unable to put his finger on final success.

#### Fight for Streets

As October came to smoke-hung Stalingrad, a grim citizens army was battling with its back to the Volga. It had fought the enemy first in the outlying country, then in the suburbs and finally in the rubble choked streets of the city itself. Successful attacks were measured in terms of twisted masonry won. Now retreat was out of the question. Bridges were blasted and all ships withdrawn.

The Russians still were resisting when the winds whistled down the steppes in mid-November. Then, just as Hitler was loudly promising the fall of Stalingrad, the Red Army struck back again. From north of the city, forces under the personal direction of Premier Stalin executed a super-pincers thrust that cut off and isolated the attacking arm. In the Caucasus, other Red troops converged on a German army already floundering in blizzards and waist deep snow.

Winter had come a second time to war torn Russia, and Hitler's campaign was over for the year. Der Fuehrer again had expended hundreds of thousands of men and vast stores of irreplaceable equipment without achieving a single goal. Not one barrel of oil had gone to the Reich. And now Germany faced the threat of another Soviet winter offensive that might erase all its territorial gains.

#### British Victory at El Alamein Proved Turning Point in War

##### VIII

For the Germans, the insatiable demands of the Russian struggle took priority over all other considerations in 1941 and 1942. None realized this more acutely than Gen. Erwin Rommel, whose Afrika Korps stood stranded just inside Egypt in October, 1941.

Rommel, called upon to recoup Mussolini's Libyan debacle, had done that and more. Now he threatened to snap the British Mediterranean life-line beyond repair. Once astride the Suez, he would be in a position to pry open the Near East and the Middle East, perhaps even to break through to the Indian Ocean and join the legions of Japan.

But Hitler did not choose to play out what appeared to be a winning hand. Rommel waited for supplies in vain. British Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell saw his chance. On Nov. 15, five British spearheads sprang across the border in the greatest Allied drive of the war up to that time: hailed by Churchill as the first undertaken with men and machines to match the enemy.

#### Supply Lines Falter

Rommel had no choice but to retreat. His main problem soon became to avert a full-fledged rout. For the British pressed their second Libyan offensive with impressive speed. Tobruk's gallant garrison was relieved early in December and by Christmas the flying Imperial columns were past the caravan terminals of Derna and Benghazi, hundreds of miles beyond.

The goal was a complete conquest of Axis-held North Africa. But once again Wavell found himself thwarted by that besetting nemesis of every desert advance—faltering supply. Conversely, Rommel's resistance stiffened as his supply lines shortened.

The British reached El Agheila, 400 miles west of the Egyptian border, on Jan. 7. They got no farther. Rommel had entrenched himself in the desert hills and salt bogs just west of the port. Repaired and replenished, his big guns and tanks slapped back fiercely at his pursuers, who were forced to encamp on a flat, exposed plain. After a week, the British were weakened further by troop transfers to Singapore.

#### Rommel Counterattacks

Another week passed and then Rommel launched a savage counterattack under cover of a stinging sandstorm. The attack was successful. The pattern of the previous months was repeated in reverse. In two days the British were swept back 80 miles to Agadaba. Benghazi fell once more, and for its capture Rommel received the rank of field marshal. By Feb. 20, the British were back in the vicinity of Tobruk.

There they regrouped, held desperately and forced a stalemate on a line running from Tobruk 40 miles south to the desert crossroads of Bir Hacheim. The lull lasted three months. The two armies rested, fidgeted and waited for reinforcements under a desert sun that withered men and made metal too hot to touch.

On May 26, Rommel opened his final desert campaign. He ordered his tanks forward. For two weeks, the struggle swirled back and forth below Tobruk. Then, on June 13, British Gen. Neil M. Ritchie sent his tanks into a Nazi trap and lost 230 of them. Stripped of their armor, the British lost Tobruk and 25,000 men stationed there. The squat Nazi tanks roared on eastward over the coastal plain.

#### Nazis Reach Matruh

Bardia, on the Egyptian border, fell after a week, and then Sidi Barrani, 100 miles inside. By June 29, the Nazi tide had reached Matruh, the largest town west of Alexandria, and Rommel was nearer the green valley of the Nile and the brown ditch of the Suez than ever before. England and the Empire, Churchill told Commons, were in mortal peril.

At a sun-baked collection of huts named El Alamein—a name now fixed in history with Waterloo and Gettysburg—the British finally called a halt. Grimly they threw up a defensive line running inland 35 miles to a vast alkali bed called the Qattara depression. Rommel flung his panzers furiously against the makeshift defense, and for several critical days the decision hung in the balance. But although the line bent perilously, it failed to crack. For a third time the pay-off victory had eluded the Axis grasp. And now Rommel's Afrika Korps was out of tanks, ammunition and water—everything a desert army needs. It dug-in to await supplies and reinforcements.

This time, it got them, but the British got more. They also got new leaders: the spirited and offensive-minded Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and the master strategist Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander.

Under these talented soldiers, a new British army took shape that summer. Not only quantities of British men and supplies but long lines of U. S. Sherman tanks and more than 1,000 American planes were added to give it new bite and stamina. Visiting Cairo, Churchill told Montgomery his orders this time were to "destroy Rommel and his army for good." By autumn, preparations were completed.

#### Monty Outwits Rommel

The attack was launched just Continued in Back of Book



## Killed While Serving Their Country



Edward Barajas  
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 Kenneth McCallister  
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 Jose Moreno  
 Lloyd G. Moore  
 Walter Allen Moore  
 Sam Petinak  
 Orrin W. Reed  
 Gilbert T. Smith  
 Robert C. Warkentin  
 Victor Drew Wittwer  
 Robert H. Yaryan

## Missing In Action

Beverly "Dick" Borthwick  
 Clarence Bly  
 Obie Charles Brians  
 Edward Daves

Herman Fleming  
 Herbert E. May  
 Manuel L. Sosa  
 Billie Steiman

## Prisoners of War

Allen B. Cumberledge  
 Abe Fedrau  
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## Vernon C. WYLLIE



VERNON C. WYLLIE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Wyllie, Sr., 1600 142nd St., San Leandro, attended Dinuba high school and enlisted in the Navy Air Corps in November, 1942. In October, 1943, he had advanced to Aviation Machinist's Mate second-class and was in the Air Transport Command flying to the Southwest Pacific. Wyllie was helping to keep the Navy's big planes in order as crew chief. He is stationed at Alameda with the rating of Aviation Machinist Mate 1/c.

## Roy W. WYLLIE



ROY W. WYLLIE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Wyllie, Sr., 1600, 142nd St., San Leandro, graduated in 1935 from the Reedley Junior College, reported to the Army Air Base at Sheppard Field for training, he was transferred to Greenwood Mississippi Army Air Base for his basic flight training. He entered the air forces in November 1942. He graduated August 30 from Blytheville, Ark., Army Air Field as a Lieutenant. In October, 1943, he was in the Student Officer's Detachment at Maxwell Field, Ala. His wife is the former Miss Frances Richardson of Parlier, and is making her home with her parents at 380 Merced St. for the duration. Wyllie flew his Liberator Bomber, "The Sun Maid," from Topeka, Kansas, to somewhere in Italy in May, 1944. He flew a number of missions without mishap, but one day while riding in a jeep, a truck ran into it, and

he received a dislocated shoulder, which grounded him for several days. While he was grounded, his crew and plane were lost. On August 2, 1944, he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in a crash landing on an American Air Field in Italy, after his plane had been shot up over enemy territory. He was also presented with the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster. Wyllie was promoted to First Lieutenant on August 1, 1944.

## Melvin WELLS



MELVIN WELLS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wells, 159 No. H St., Dinuba, entered the Army on August 12, 1944 as a private in the infantry at Camp McQuaide, Monterey, Calif.

## Robert WILSON



ROBERT WILSON, former Dinuba youth, was in the Army Field Artillery before Pearl Harbor and was ordered into foreign service in December, 1941. He has been stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo and Camp Roberts. He was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands as a medical clerk in a hospital detachment. Wilson reported in June, 1944, that when Mrs. Roosevelt toured his area somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, he was chosen as one of her guides. He received his first furlough in three years in Aug. 1944, and came home to marry Miss Helene Gratz of Dinuba. He then reported to Seattle, Washington, where he expected to be shipped out again during the first part of September. His rank at that time was S./Sgt.

## Elvin Leroy WILLIAMS

ELVIN LEROY WILLIAMS, of Dinuba enlisted in the navy in October, 1942.

## William E. WILSON



WILLIAM E. WILSON, whose wife, Mrs. Doris Wilson, and infant son, Edwin, reside in Oroquieta, P. O. Box 344, entered the Army in September, 1942. He received his training at Camp Roberts, and at Fort Lewis, Washington. In August, 1943, Wilson was sent overseas with the Signal Corps, first landing in North Africa. He was sent to Italy in November, 1943, where he received his T/5 rating. Wilson has not seen his son, Edwin, who was born in February, 1944.

## Raymond B. WOODCOCK



RAYMOND B. WOODCOCK, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Woodcock of 151 Snyder Avenue, He was employed by the Alta Packing Co for 10 years. Attended the local schools. He enlisted in the army Oct. 20, 1942, going to Camp Hood Texas. Graduated from Tank School in July 1943. He then went to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and was a sergeant in the tank destroyer division as motor inspector.

## Thomas YOUNG

THOMAS YOUNG, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Young of Dinuba, entered the Army in the fall of 1942 and in September, 1943 was transferred from Jackson, Florida to Camp Springs, Washington, D. C. He went overseas in November, 1943. In Army Communications, Sgt. Young was thought to be located in Scotland in September, 1944.

## Robert H. YARYAN



BOB YARYAN, son of Mrs. Hazel Yaryan of 1160 Francisco Street, Berkeley, and the late Bert Yaryan, formerly of Dinuba, joined the Army Air Force in October, 1942. He entered pre-flight training at Santa Ana Air Base, Santa Ana, and took Primary at Ryan Field, Tucson, Ariz. He completed Basic Training at Pecos, Texas and was transferred to Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona for his advanced training. Yaryan was commissioned at Luke Field in December, 1943. He received further training at Tacoma, Wash., and at Concord, Calif., before leaving for overseas. When the invasion began, he was on his way to Algiers, where he remained for a short while. Lt. Yaryan then went to Italy, where he was stationed when his P-38 crashed on a training mission on June 30, 1944, fatally injuring him. He was employed at Lockheed for two years before he joined the Army; and was married on September 6, 1942, to Miss Vera Louise Kelly of Los Angeles. Their baby daughter, Susan Jean, was born on August 26, 1944. Besides his wife and daughter, Lt. Yaryan is survived by his mother, Mrs. Hazel Yaryan of Berkeley; and two sisters, Maxine Yaryan of 1733 No. Alexandria Ave., Hollywood, and Mrs. Richard Demaree of Oroquieta.

## Irwin WOODY



IRWIN WOODY, of Dinuba, enlisted in the Army in Sept., 1942 and received all military training at Camp Haan. Because of being over 38-years of age he was given an honorable discharge in January 1943.



## Donald ABNEY



DONALD ABNEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Abney, formerly of Orosi and now of 244 E. San Joaquin St., Tulare, enlisted in the Paratroops in March, 1943. He graduated from Orosi High School in 1943. Abney was sent to Tooeba, Georgia, and then to Camp Mackall, N. C., for paratroop training. In August, 1943, he was home on a short furlough, having received his wings at Fort Benning, Ga., a few weeks before. He returned to duty at Camp Mackall, N. C., and around May 1, 1944, arrived in New Guinea. In August, 1944, Abney was a Corporal, stationed somewhere in New Guinea with the paratroops. He had received the Good Conduct Medal and a medal for expert marksmanship.

## Marcelino AMARO



MARCELINO AMARO, son of Mrs. Dionisia M. Amaro of Cutler, is a native of that Alta District community, having been born on July 6, 1923. He joined the Army Air Forces on February 8, 1943 and was sent to Florida for his training as a mechanic. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal and transferred to Hammer Field, Fresno. While there he visited his mother and sister and two brothers at home. Next, he was moved to Tacoma, Washington, and then to Canada where in November, 1943, he was advanced to T/5. In 1944, Sgt. Amaro was shipped overseas to New Guinea for active duty.

## James B. ALLAN Jr.

JAMES B. ALLAN, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Allan of Los Angeles, married Winnie Naylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Fred Naylor of Dinuba January 4, 1943 in the air base chapel at Albuquerque, N. M. She was a hostess on the T. W. A. airlines at the time of her marriage. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Force, August 27, 1942, at Victorville. He is the pilot on a B-17. Allan was promoted to a First Lieut. in Sept., 1943. In April of this year he reported to Carlsbad Army Air Field, at Carlsbad, N. M. They announced the arrival of James B. Allan, III, at Carlsbad, New Mexico in October, 1943. From Carlsbad, Lt. Allan was sent to Hobbs, New Mexico. After two months at Gunnery School at Kingman, Arizona, Allan will attend a school for training in piloting B-29. Lt. and Mrs. Allan spent ten days in October, 1944, at the home of the Fred Naylor in Dinuba.

## Edward ALMEDA



EDWARD ALMEDA, son of Joe Almeda, of Cutler, left for the Army in December, 1942. He was assigned to duty in the Air Corps and received his basic training in Florida. He then was sent to Denver, Colorado, and Detroit, Michigan. He spent two months in the Brimington General Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, and in October, 1943, was stationed at Pendleton, Oregon. Sent overseas as an aerial gunner, he was wounded in action over northern Europe but was back in action again by June 1944.

## Clarence BLY

CLARENCE BLY has not been given up for dead by his wife, Gladys, of Dinuba. On December 16, 1941, she received a telegram from Rear Admiral C. W. Nimitz, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, Washington which reported his loss in action. He was Machinist's Mate and had been in the Navy for eleven months. She received a card from him in January dated Honolulu, December 11, in which he stated he was well. Her sister heard from relatives that they had seen him after Pearl Harbor and that he was well and had been credited with saving the life of five men. But to date no further news has been received by the wife and 6-year-old daughter.

## Dr. H. G. BRERETON

DR. H. G. BRERETON, son of H. H. Brereton, 173 Franklin Way, is in the Army Air Force enlisting in July, 1942. At that time he was on the staff of Pratt

Diagnostic Hospital, Boston, Mass. On entering the service he was commissioned First Lieutenant, and was ordered to duty at Kelley Field, Texas. In October 1943, he was stationed at San Antonio, Texas as a member of the Faculty Board, and had just been promoted to captain. Brereton was awarded his wings as Flight Surgeon in September, 1944. At that time he was stationed at Randolph Field, and living with his wife and son at San Antonio, Texas.

## Paul S. AVILA



PAUL S. AVILA, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Avila of Mexico City, entered the armed forces on April 20, 1943. A graduate of a high school in Mexico City, Avila is the nephew of Mrs. Medina of 445 W. Kern St., Dinuba. He received basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington, and was sent overseas to England in December, 1943. In August, 1944, Avila had been in France as a Private in the Army Engineers since the "D" Day invasion.

## Antonio R. ALVAREZ



ANTONIO R. ALVAREZ, whose wife resides in Dinuba, is a native of Mexico and is a naturalized citizen of the United States. He graduated from the Dinuba High School in 1938, entering the Army on November 25, 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Roberts, California. His special training was taken at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He left for the front in August, 1943 and is with the Airborne Division of the Glider Infantry. He took part in the

invasion of Normandy landing on French soil on D Day. He is a Staff Sergeant.

## Jim AMBROSE



JIM AMBROSE, who is the son of Mrs. J. Ambrose of Dinuba, was sworn into the Army Reserve at Los Angeles in July, 1943, and went to Fort MacArthur for indoctrination before being returned to U. S. C. Dental College as a private. Upon his graduation in 1945 he will be commissioned a First Lieutenant.

## Robert W. ARKLEY



ROBERT W. ARKLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Arkley of Orange Cove, graduated from the Orosi High School in 1942 and entered the Army in August, 1943. He first reported to the basic army training camp at Camp Fannin, Texas. Arkley came home for a week's furlough in December, 1943. While home, his engagement to Miss Helen Elrod of Orosi was announced. In January, 1944, he shipped out for overseas duty. He landed first in New Zealand and then was sent to another base for training, advancing to the rank of Private First Class.

## Donald BISHOP

DONALD BISHOP, son of Mrs. Glen Bishop of Cutler was discharged in 1942 for being under age. Don is expecting to be called again for service this month.



## John A. ALLEN



JOHN A. ALLEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Allen of Orosi, left June 25, 1942 for San Francisco to begin his training with the Navy. He studied naval aviation at St. Mary's College, and completed the course successfully and was assigned to Oakland for duty. In December of that year he visited his parents enroute to Corpus Cristi, Tex., where he was graduated from the Naval Air Training Center in April of 1943 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve. He was sent to Florida, and in July, 1943, was transferred to San Diego, spending a furlough at home. He left San Diego, July 16, 1943 for active duty in the So. Pacific. He is in the combat squadron. A first lieutenant, Allen arrived home on September 2, 1944, after spending fourteen months in the South Pacific. As a Marine dive bomber pilot, he was awarded the Air Medal for direct hits on important enemy gun positions and shore installations where his plane was damaged by anti-aircraft fire. Lt. Allen left October 18, 1944, for Cherry Point, N. C., where he expected to be stationed for several months instructing in combat tactics. He was accompanied there by his wife, the former Patricia Tobin of Orosi.

## Charles Edward ALLEN



CHARLES EDWARD ALLEN, husband of Mrs. Margaret Allen of 2634 Sutter St., San Francisco, enlisted in the Army on June 17, 1937. He was stationed at

Tacoma, Washington, when Miss Margaret Helen Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore of Cutler, was married to him on February 20, 1942. Allen left for overseas duty on October 17, 1942, landing in North Africa. After participating in the major North African campaigns, he was located in the Italian theater of war. In August, 1944, Allen was somewhere in southern France.

## Dan ALLEN



DAN ALLEN, husband of Mrs. Vera Allen of Dinuba, and brother of Marlin, Starlin, and Jay Allen and Mrs. Dorothy Mason, enlisted in the Army Air Force and left October 19, 1942 for the Lemoore Army Air Base. He is one of the ground crew who "Keeps 'Em Flying." He has been employed in several business places in Dinuba including the Jitney Lunch, Dad's Smoke House and the Tower Theater. He was advanced to a Private first-class in October, 1943. While at Lemoore, Allen qualified as "the straightest shooting G. I. ever to aim a carbine at a target at Lemoore Army Air Base," when he scored a possible 198 out of a possible 200. This achievement qualified him as the ranking expert on the carbine in the history of Lemoore Field. In September, 1944, Pfc. Allen was reported to be stationed at Roswell, N. M., in radio communications.

## Paul ABRAHAM



PAUL ABRAHAM was inducted into the Army on September 5, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Retta Abraham, and children, Jimmy and Gale, make their home with her parents at 168 Whittaker Way, Dinuba. Abraham was stationed at Fort Sill,

Oklahoma, for a little over a year and then moved to Jackson, S. C. He received a furlough on June 21, 1943; and then an emergency furlough during the following month when his son was very ill. He was stationed at Jackson when sent overseas in February, 1944. After being stationed in England for a time, Corporal Abraham was sent to France.

## Ralph ALLEN



RALPH K. ALLEN, Dinuba High School coach, was appointed Chief Specialist for the Navy to instruct physical education in February, 1942. He was one of 50 selected by Gene Tunney, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, from among 600 applicants. Before his departure for 6 weeks' intensive training at Norfolk, Va., he was tendered a banquet by the Block "D" members. He completed the course at Norfolk and took up his duties. Allen was stationed at the Naval Training Station Bainbridge, Maryland, and on January 12, 1944, was commissioned a Lieutenant (jg) in the Navy. He then studied at Princeton University for sea duty. In August, 1944, Allen was stationed at the U. S. Naval Station in New Orleans, La. Allen returned to his base at the Armed Guard Center at New Orleans from two months at sea as commanding officer of the Navy gun crew aboard a merchant ship. He visited ports in South America and the Caribbean area.

## Willis ADAIR



WILLIS ADAIR, son of Mrs. John Shadden, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hooper of Orosi, graduated from Orosi High School in 1935; and enlisted in the Navy in April, 1940. Adair completed boot camp at San Diego in July, 1940. He was then assigned to the U. S. S. Cincinnati, where he remained until being assigned to the aircraft car-

rier, U. S. S. Hornet, from which General James Doolittle and his fliers took off to bomb Tokio. Adair was aboard when the Hornet was sunk by Japanese action in a furious battle in the Santa Cruz Islands, and was one of the survivors of that memorable sea and air fight. Following the sinking of the Hornet, he was land based in the Fiji Islands one year, and was made first class storekeeper there. He returned to the United States in February, 1944, and enjoyed a month's leave at home for the first time in 37 months. After his leave he was sent to Norfolk, Va., where he was given advanced training as a pay clerk. From there, he was sent to Seattle, Washington, to receive more training and to await the commissioning of a new destroyer. The destroyer was commissioned in July, 1944, and he sailed aboard it for places unknown.

## Lloyd E. ADKINS



LLOYD E. ADKINS, son of Mrs. Audrey Adkins of Orosi, entered boot training in the U. S. Navy at San Diego on June 22, 1944. His wife, Edith Mae, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Perry of Rt. 2, Box 30, Dinuba. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins moved to Hollywood after their marriage in 1940, where he entered defense work at Lockheed Aircraft in May, 1941. In 1942 he transferred to Vega Aircraft at Burbank, and in 1943 became a group leader in the production department there. Adkins entered the Navy a month after their son, Tommy, was born. Following his graduation from boot camp, he was sent to Port Huene, and then to the South Pacific area. He was a seaman 2/c at that time.

## Samuel Edward BALZER

SAMUEL EDWARD BALZER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Balzer and brother of Alvin Henry Balzer who is in the Navy, enlisted in the Navy in September, 1942. He first reported to San Diego for training for three months after which he was sent to a Navy base at San Francisco. From there he was on duty in the Hawaiian Islands and later went to the Aleutians. In October, 1943, he was serving with the Navy Armed Guard on board a Merchant Marine Ship and was plying the Pacific. In September, 1944, Balzer was somewhere near Australia aboard a merchant ship; and at that time his ship had not been back to the States for six months.



**Amalia Mendez  
ANDRADE**



AMALIA MENDEZ ANDRADE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angela M. Andrade, 251 South O street, and a graduate of Dinuba schools, Dinuba, joined the Waves in Feb. 6, 1944 and was sent to Hunter College in New York, for her training. Next, she went to Bethesda, Maryland, for hospital training. She was home later in the spring for a three day visit, reporting to Farragut, Idaho, for duty in the hospital there. Miss Andrade came home on leave September 7, 1944, returning to duty on September 12. At that time she rated H. A. 1/c.

**Louis Mendez  
ANDRADE**



LOUIS MENDEZ ANDRADE, son of Mrs. Angela M. Andrade, 251 South O St., Dinuba, began his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Station in Farragut, Idaho, on September 24, 1943. He was home on leave in November. After reporting back to Farragut, he was shipped to the Pacific area where he saw action in the Marshalls campaign. After fighting on Saipan and in the Mariana Islands, Andrade returned to the United States. He came home on leave on September 3, 1944, leaving the following 17th. At that time he rated Seaman 3/c.

**Charles BRUBAKER**

CHARLES BRUBAKER, son of Mrs. Marion Brubaker, entered the Army in October, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Beal, Marysville. Several months later he was released to resume his farming activities in the Dinuba district.

**Joe AKERS**



JOE AKERS, son of Mrs. Charles R. Hurst of Dinuba, was sworn into the Army Air Corps at Hammer Field, Fresno, in August, 1942. He reported to Rankin Field, Tulare, where he passed his physical examination. His first training was received at Valley Forge Military Academy, Pennsylvania. In February 1943, he was transferred to Yale University at New Haven, Conn., for 14 weeks technical instruction in aerial armaments. He graduated and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. In May, 1943, he was ordered to Santa Ana, Calif., and from there he was sent to Albuquerque, N. M. He was home on a furlough in July of that year. Akers was transferred to the Airborne Troop Carrier Command in August, 1944, and stationed at Malden Army Air Field, Malden, Mo. He was reported to be serving there as an instructor in small arms to the crews of the troop carrier ships in the following September.

**Richard Brent  
AKERS**



RICHARD BRENT AKERS, son of Mrs. Charles R. Hurst of Dinuba, is a graduate of Dinuba High School, Visalia Junior College, and Davis Agricultural College. He entered the Merchant Marine School at San Mateo in Mar., 1943 and graduated the latter part of May. On his birthday, June 8th, 1943, he shipped out as deck officer on a merchant vessel for his first sea voyage. In December, 1943, he returned from a round the world cruise and since that time he been employed by the Federal and State Department of Fruit Inspection, while awaiting assignment.

**Thomas G. AKERS**



THOMAS G. AKERS, son of Mrs. J. W. Slayton, P. O. Box 96, Sky Acres Ranch, entered the Armed Forces on March 22, 1944. After his preliminary training at San Diego Naval Training Station, he was transferred to Santa Barbara, where he is with the ground crew, working on fighter planes at the Marine Air Base. Akers is a graduate of the Oroqui High School.

**Nelse L. ARNOLD**



NELSE ARNOLD, former local agent for the Railway Express, reported for active duty April 2, 1943 as a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy Supply Corps. He completed his training in a special school for administrative officers and was assigned as an instructor at Camp Peary, Va. in May. From there he was sent to the Marine Base at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for two months special training. He paid several visits to Dinuba in Sept. from Port Hueneme, Calif., where in October 1943 he was assigned as Assistant Receiving and embarkation officer. Mrs. Arnold and twin sons Jack and James have joined him and are making their home in Ventura, Calif. He is a veteran of World War I, having had four years Sea Duty with the U. S. Navy and a record of having been one of the youngest men to serve his country in World War I.

**Rev. J. Leonard BELL**

REV. J. LEONARD BELL, who served as pastor of the Four Square Church in Dinuba, left his charge in November, 1942 to enter the armed service as a chaplain. He went to Los Angeles

to receive training for his duties as chaplain.

**Jack P. ARMO**



JACK P. ARMO, son of Paul and Victoria Armo, Rt. 2, Box 304, Dinuba, enlisted in the Ordnance Division in August, 1941. He was sent to San Jose. He then chose the Air Corps and was transferred to that division and sent to Randolph Field. He took eight months' flight training in the air corps and in October, 1943 was stationed at Waco, Texas. In August, 1944, he was still stationed at Waco as a chief technical plane inspector. He held the rank of corporal at that time. Prior to his enlistment, Armo attended Visalia Junior College, Fresno State College, and the University of Southern California in preparation for high school teaching. Armo was transferred to Camp Kearns, Utah, on September 19, 1944. A corporal, he expected overseas duty at that time.

**Vaughn AVEDIGIAN**



VAUGHN AVEDIGIAN, son of Mr. P. Avedigian of the Dinuba district, joined the Navy a few months after his graduation from the Dinuba High School in 1940, and is a veteran of more than two and one half years of naval duty. At the last report, he had been transferred from the South Pacific war zone to the Eastern War zone.



## Arthur A. ANDERSON



ARTHUR A. ANDERSON, of Dinuba, salesman associated with the power company, joined the Navy in December, 1942, and was made a petty officer in the Seabees. He was sent to Camp Bradford, Va., for his boot camp training emerging with the rank of electrician's mate first class. He returned to the west coast in February, 1943, and visited his family in Dinuba. His wife resides here. A daughter, Mary Jo, is attending the University of California at Berkeley while a son, Arthur, is in the Army. He was put in a stevedore battalion as a maintenance man and sent into the Pacific War Theater to load and unload convoys often under enemy fire. Anderson was promoted to a chief petty officer in January, 1944. He has been stationed around Guadalcanal and expects a leave soon.

## Arthur E. ANDERSON



ARTHUR E. ANDERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson of Dinuba, joined the Army under the Army Specialized Training Program and on July 12, 1943 entered the University of Illinois. Basic instruction was given in mathematics, physics, chemistry, English, history, geography, physical education and military subjects. In October, 1943 he was specializing in French and foreign areas. In Mar. 1944 he was at the University of Illinois

at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois. His next assignment was at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Pfc. Anderson is now in the Infantry with a New York post office address awaiting shipment overseas. His father is in the Navy.

## James ANDERSON



JAMES ANDERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson of Whittaker Way, joined the Navy and was sworn in at Los Angeles in August, 1943. He left immediately for San Diego Naval Training Station. Before his enlistment he was employed by the Dinuba Sentinel as reporter and circulation manager. He was reported to be in the Naval Hospital with pneumonia during Sept. and Oct., 1943. He had completed his preliminary training and was awaiting assignment to an advanced school when he became ill. Upon his recovery, he was assigned to the Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot, U.S. Repair Base at San Diego, remaining there from December, 1943, to March, 1944. Anderson was then sent to Port Hueneme for one month before leaving in April, 1944, for duty in the Pacific. His first stop was Hawaii. He is now on an island near the Philippines.

## Arthur A. MURRELL



ARTHUR A. MURRELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Murrell of Ceres, formerly of Dinuba attended Dinuba schools. He was inducted into the Marine Corps June 10, 1943. After boot camp training in San Diego, he was sent to Camp Elliot, thence to Pearl Harbor. Cpl. Murrell is now stationed on Midway Island having left the states in January, 1944.

## Marvin E. BITTICK



MARVIN E. BITTICK, son of Mrs. Gladys E. Murrell, Rt. 1, Box 567, Ceres, a former resident of Dinuba, entered the armed services on Oct. 8, 1943. His boot training was received at the Alameda Coast Guard Training Station. He graduated from Signalman's school April 29, 1944 being then transferred to San Francisco with the U. S. Coast Guard. Signalman 3/c Bittick is now attached to Captain of the Port at San Francisco.

## Rova E. BITTICK



ROVA E. BITTICK, eldest son of Mrs. Gladys E. Murrell of Rt. 1 Box 567, Ceres, California entered Marine Corps training in San Diego, Feb. 20, 1943. He was transferred to the 24th Replacement Bn. Anople Tractor Division at Camp Pendleton. Then later to Camp Elliot and overseas with the same replacement Battalion. He landed in New Zealand, Sept. 16, 1943 then on Oct. 17 was sent with the famed 2nd Division to Samoa and the Battle of Tarawa. Nov. 20, 1943 he gallantly gave his life in the service of the country he loved. He was buried at sea the same day. The Purple Heart was presented Posthumously to him and sent to his mother in July, 1944. Ernie delivered milk for the Alta Dairy Delivery

and also was employed by the Produce Transportation Co. of Reedley. He was a very close friend of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Arnst of Dinuba and had a host of friends in Dinuba and Reedley who are saddened by his loss. He always had a pleasant smile. "Greater love hath no man except he give his life for his friends" He attended high school in Dinuba.

## David J. BARKMAN



DAVID J. BARKMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Barkman of Dinuba, entered the service in April, 1943, and was first sent to Camp Kearns, Utah. He was stationed at the Santa Ana Army Air Base Hospital in June, 1943, where he was still serving in August, 1944, with the rank of Pvt. On June 7, 1944, Barkman visited his parents on a three-day leave.

## Jesse BABB



JESSE BABB, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Babb of Rt. 1 Box 132, Parlier, and a half brother of Bill Traylor of Dinuba, graduated from Parlier High School with the class of 1943 and joined the Navy on October 20, 1943. He received his boot camp training in San Diego completing it in December, 1943. He was sent to Norman, Oklahoma, for instruction to become an aviation machinists mate. He was home on leave in July, 1944, holding the rating of seaman second class at that time.

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**Stanley BABCOCK**



STANLEY BABCOCK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rawleigh Babcock of Dinuba, attended a government air school in Sacramento in October, 1941, and in March of 1942 left for Anchorage, Alaska. He was in Alaska until January, 1943 when he returned to Dinuba and shortly thereafter joined the Navy. He went to Farragut, Idaho, for boot camp training and from there was sent to machinists' mates school at Norman, Okla. In Oct. 1943, he was an instrument instructor with the rating of Petty officer 3/c. Accompanied by his wife, Babcock spent a short leave with his parents and other relatives and friends in Dinuba in February, 1944. He was advanced to petty officer 2/c during the following May. In September, 1944, Babcock wrote that he had been at Norman, Oklahoma 19 months, and had been instructor in the aviation machinist motor school 13 months at that time.

**Clarence A. BABCOCK**



CLARENCE A. BABCOCK, formerly of Dinuba, husband of Eunice Babcock and a brother of Rawleigh and Hershel Babcock of Dinuba, is a member of the Seabees and was reported to be in Samoa in Sept. 1943. In October, 1943, he arrived at the hospital in San Diego ill with tropical fever and was later confined to Santa Cruz convalescent home for four months. He is now as-

signed to the Naval station at Livermore in charge of transportation maintenance. His wife and son, Eddie, reside in Salinas. Bob, the oldest son, is in the Army. Bruce is now in the Navy and at Farragut, Idaho.

**Gerald BABCOCK**



GERALD BABCOCK, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Babcock of Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy, and was called for duty shortly after graduating from Dinuba High School in 1944. He was sent to Farragut, Idaho, where he completed his boot training in the following September. From Farragut, he was sent to Camp Parks, Calif., for several weeks' training. He was then sent to the advanced base at Fort Huachuca, where he was in training with C. B. 5s in late September, 1944.

**Robert "Bob" BABCOCK**



ROBERT "BOB" BABCOCK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Babcock, entered the Army in February, 1943 and received his first training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. His father is in the Sea Bees and his mother is residing in Salinas. The family formerly lived here in Dinuba. Private Babcock was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. His present address is A. P. O. New York, having been recently sent overseas.

**Joe J. BARKLEY**

JOE J. BARKLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barkley entered the U. S. Naval training station at Farragut, Idaho in April, 1943.

**Claude B. BARBER**



CLAUDE B. BARBER, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Barber of Orange Cove, enlisted in the Navy on November 6, 1942. His wife, the former Joyee Ladd, makes her home with her parents four miles north of East Reedley. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mobley of Dinuba, are his grandparents. Barber attended Reedley High School. He completed training at Farragut, Idaho, in May, 1943, and received advanced training in the Navy Hospital at Bremerton, Washington, completing it in July, 1943, as a pharmacist's mate. On August 25, 1943, he left for Adak Island with the Sea Bees. He returned to the United States on February 27, 1944. Barber was then stationed at Camp Parks, Calif., until July 17, 1944, when he was sent to New Guinea. A pharmacist's mate third class, he was stationed there in September, 1944.

**Dewey BANKS**



DEWEY BANKS, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Banks of Dinuba, enlisted in the Army in December, 1941. At the time he was employed in Oakland, having graduated from the Dinuba High School earlier in the year. His three years training with the high school cadets stood him in good stead and he was promoted to Corporal in the Coast Artillery and placed in charge of instructing recruits at Camp Callan, San Diego where he received his training. In May, 1943, he was studying to be an instructor. He came down with

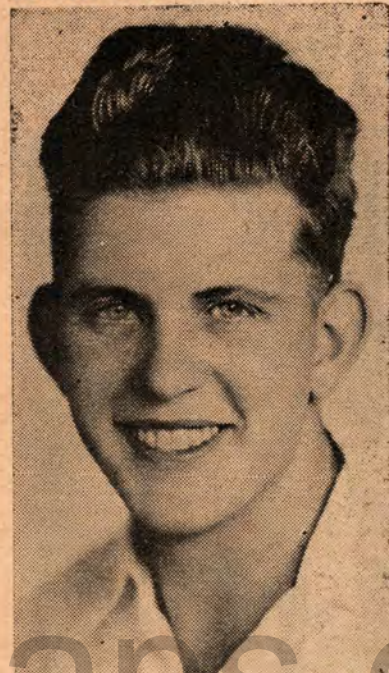
rheumatic fever and was in the hospital for three months. In the summer of 1943, he was given an honorable discharge for medical reasons.

**Edward BARAJAS**



EDWARD BARAJAS, son of Mrs. Rosa Barajas, of Dinuba, a graduate of the Brawley High School in Imperial Valley, and a former resident of Dinuba, enlisted in the Army in February, 1943. He was sent for basic training at Camp Hood, Texas and sent to Camp Polk, Louisiana for a short time before being moved to Camp Pickett, Virginia. In August, 1943, he was in Dinuba, visiting his mother and sister, Mrs. J. Patino. He was placed in the tank division in Louisiana and stationed at Camp Fort Dix, in New Jersey before being sent overseas for active duty. In October, 1943, he had arrived safely at an overseas destination. Mrs. Rosa Barajas received a telegram from England in January, 1944, informing her that Edward had been killed on the 26th of December.

**William Sherman BAKER**



WILLIAM SHERMAN BAKER of Dinuba entered the U. S. Army on October 4, 1943. He was stationed at Camp Roberts before being sent overseas. He was ill in a hospital at New Guinea for a while, but has recovered.

**Glenn BEINHORN**

GLENN BEINHORN, nephew of William Beinhorn of Oroquieta and brother of Herman Beinhorn has been in the Army for almost four years. He is with a tank division who served in Africa and are now doing duty in Italy.



**Marion BARTSCH**



MARION BARTSCH, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Bartsch of Dinuba, and a brother of Harold Bartsch, was in the U. S. Army in November, 1943. He trained at the 90th College Training Detachment at Stilwater, Oklahoma, after he served as chief inspector and attained the rank of staff sergeant at Carlsbad, New Mexico. He was then transferred to San Antonio, Texas, as an aviation cadet.

**Harold Homer BARTSCH**



HAROLD HOMER BARTSCH reported in June, 1943, at the Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho, for training. He is the husband of Mrs. V. Bartsch of Healdsburg and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Bartsch, formerly of Dinuba and now of Chico. He attended a sound school at San Diego, and held the rating of seaman, Second Class.

**Ross L. BOLINGER**

ROSS L. BOLINGER entered the Army Air Force in March, 1943, and was given his preliminary training at Fresno Fairgrounds. From there he was transferred to Buckley Field, Denver, Colo. He was promoted to Private First Class and moved to Camp Crowder, Mo. In Aug. 1943, he was honorably discharged in line with the Army's policy of releasing men in the limited service classification.

**Gerald BESSEY**



GERALD BESSEY, formerly employed by a major oil company in Dinuba, enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve as a carpenter about the first of March 1942 and reported for service March 15, 1942. He was sent to the U. S. Naval Training Station at Norfolk, Virginia and returned to the coast in July, 1942 for a short furlough. In September, 1942 he was reported in U. S. Navy construction work in the Hawaiian Islands. Bessey served 16 months on Midway, a sand covered island one mile by half a mile and 10 months at Pearl Harbor. A carpenter's Mate 3/c, Bessey was in Dinuba on leave in Oct. 1944.

**Robert F. BARNETT**



ROBERT F. BARNETT, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barnett of Knoxville, Iowa, received basic training in the Marine Corps at the Marine Base, San Diego. His wife, the former Dorothy Tunnell, resides at Rt. 2, Box 234, Reedley. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tunnell of Reedley. The couple were married on May 28, 1944. Barnett received further training in motor vehicle mechanics at the Marine Base in San Diego, completing it on March 20, 1943, with the rank of private. He was then transferred to Camp Elliott, San Diego, and was shipped overseas in June, 1943. He saw action on Guadalcanal, Vella Lavella, and Bougainville. Barnett returned to the States in February, 1944, and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. He returned for active duty overseas on September 5, 1944, and was sent to Pearl Harbor, where he was stationed in the latter part of that month, with the rank of sergeant.

**Jimmy A. BARTEL**



JIMMY A. BARTEL, is a former Dinuba and Oroquieta boy. In 1936 his folks moved to Fresno. He graduated from Fresno High in 1941 and was employed for several years as an engraver for the Fresno Bee. On Feb. 20, 1943, he entered the Army Air Force, and was stationed at Basic training Center, Fresno, Cal. In May, he was sent to Clerical School at the State College of Education at Greeley, Colorado. After eight weeks, he was transferred to Barksdale Field, Louisiana, where after photography and chemical warfare training in different parts of the States, he was shipped out the 1st of Oct., 1943, for an overseas destination. From that time on Jimmy has been stationed some where in England. He was made Sgt. June 15, 1944. He also received the good conduct medal for good character and for efficient performance of duty. Sgt. Bartel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. August Bartel, and brother of Lorraine of Fresno.

**Elmer J. BARTELL**



ELMER J. BARTELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bartell of Rt. 2, Box 201 Reedley, entered the U. S. Army November 13, 1942. He was sent to Monterey for his early training. During September 1943, he was stationed in the infantry at Camp White, Oregon. Bartell was transferred to Camp Adair, Ore., where he was transferred to the Medical Corps. After staying there for three months, he was again sent

to Camp White. From there, he transferred to Camp Ellis, Ill., and then went to New York. Bartell left for overseas in July, 1944. He was a private somewhere in India with the general hospital in the Medical Corps in September, 1944.

**Aaron T. BALES**



AARON T. BALES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bales, Rt. 2, Box 306, Reedley, entered the Army Air Force in July, 1942. He is a graduate of the Reedley High School and Reedley Junior College. Bales received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Little Rock Ark., and from there went to the San Antonio Cadet Classification Center, where he was placed in ground crew mechanics. In January, 1943, he was sent to the Hondo Navigation Training School at Hondo, Texas, where he is now serving as crew chief of his plane.

**Finis Culver BARKER**



FINIS CULVER BARKER enlisted in the Navy in July, 1942. He is the grandson of Mrs. Mary M. Culver of 174 Golden Way, Dinuba. He served in the State guards before he joined the Navy. After a short training period, he was assigned to a ship in November, 1942. By September, 1944, Barker had been stationed overseas in the Pacific area for two years. Based in Australia, he married Miss Doris Kathleen May there. They have a small daughter, Patricia.



## Grant BALENTINE



GRANT BALENTINE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Balentine of North Dinuba, enlisted in the Coast Guard on August 28, 1942, soon after he graduated from the Dinuba High School. A seaman second class, he was transferred to Alaska. He was on a Coast Guard Cutter on patrol duty in the Pacific from February, 1943, to April, 1944. He was in the Aleutians, to the far away Northland waters, and in the South Pacific. He was promoted from Seaman second class to Fireman third class. Balentine arrived in Dinuba for a

fifteen day leave on April 17, 1944, from the North Pacific; having flown from Seattle, Wash., directly to Fresno. At that time, Miss Doris Washburn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Falk of 274 Franklin Way, Dinuba, and Balentine were married in a Lynwood chapel. By August, 1944, the couple had established their home in Seattle, Washington, at 20 W. Garfield St. A Machinist's Mate second class, Balentine returned to his home port once a month at that time.

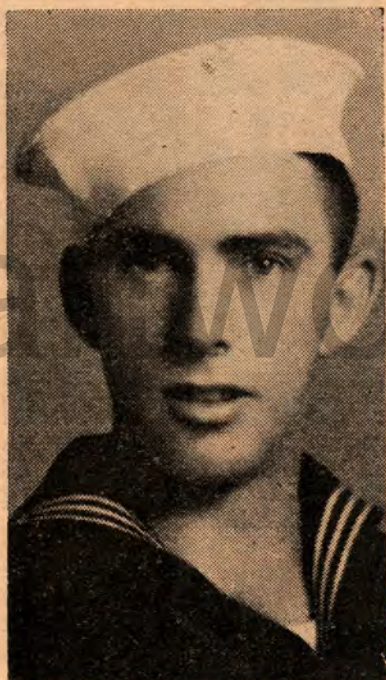
## Eugene R. BALENTINE



EUGENE R. BALENTINE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Balentine of North Dinuba, joined the Army in March, 1941 and went to Camp Callan, San Diego for training. One of the first to be sent far from home, he arrived at Fort Richardson, Alaska, on July 16, 1941. Cpl. Balentine was

home in 1943 for his first Christmas in three years, having spent two and a half years in Alaska. On January 3, 1944, he reported to Fort Lewis, Washington for duty. He was then sent to Amarillo Army Air Field, Texas. Sgt. Balentine is now at Camp Roberts, Calif.

## John Richard BAILEY



JOHN RICHARD BAILEY, son of Mrs. Dottie Thomas, of

627 Magnolia Way, Dinuba and husband of the former Miss Mary Ellen Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Russell, joined the Navy in May, 1943. He has a son that was born in April, 1943. He reported to the Naval Training School at Farragut, Idaho, and was home the third week of July, 1943, and immediately thereafter was ordered to sea duty. He served in the South Pacific aboard a destroyer and saw action in the invasion of the Marshall Islands. In May, 1944, his wife gave birth to a girl while residing in Benicia, Calif. By July, 1944, Bailey had achieved the rating of P. O. Second Class. His specialty is radar. Bailey underwent an appendectomy aboard ship in August, 1944, from which he recovered satisfactorily and returned to duty.

## Jim CROSS



JIM CROSS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cross of the Dinuba-Reedley district attended grade school in Dinuba. He spent 13 months in the South Pacific. Cross Ph. M 1/c is now attending the University of Washington, Seattle, taking a pre-medical course. He was home on a ten-day leave in October 1944.

## Henry F. BAERG



HENRY F. BAERG, son of Rev. Abraham J. Baerg of Dinuba, was called to active duty in September, 1942, after having

held the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserve for eleven years. At that time he was in the employ of the Bank of America, Dinuba branch. His wife and three sons continued to reside in this district after he reported at Lowry Field, Army Air Force Replacement Pool in Denver, Colorado. He was sent to school at Orlando Fla., in October. The same month a fourth son was born to Mrs. Baerg. After completion of a course as a Controller Lt. Baerg was sent to Fort Brady Mich. and upon reporting there was reclassified into the Finance Branch of Service, from there he reported to Fort MacPherson Atlanta, Ga. There Lt. Baerg received orders assigning him to Miami Beach Fla., as Assistant Finance Officer, and was later reassigned to Hammer Field Army Air Base as Commanding Officer of Finance Det. also Assistant Finance Officer. While there he was promoted to a First Lieutenant and transferred to Camp Pinedale as Base Finance Officer.

## Paul BESTWICK



PAUL BESTWICK, son of Arthur Bestwick of Hiawatha, Kansas, entered the Army in December, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Merna Bestwick, lives at P. O. Box 147, Cutler. Bestwick was sent to Camp Howze, Texas for basic training, and in September, 1943, was sent on maneuvers in Louisiana. On completion of maneuvers, he was stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., until last July, when he transferred to Camp Fannin, Texas, where he is instructing new recruits in infantry tactics. He is a Staff Sergeant.

## Alvin Henry BALZER

ALVIN HENRY BALZER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben. H. Balzer, of Route 1, Dinuba enlisted in the Navy in September, 1942. He was first sent to the Naval Training School at Farragut, Idaho, for his boot camp. He was then assigned to the Commissary Department. In January, 1943, he was sent to a Navy Camp near Seattle. In Oct. 1943, he was serving as a Steward in the Commissary Department. He has a brother, Samuel Edward Balzer who is also serving in the Navy. Balzer was stationed at Kent, Washington, for a time; and in September, 1944, was serving as cook at a camp in Bainbridge, Wash.



## Henry Martin BEAVER



HENRY MARTIN BEAVER is the husband of the former Nadine Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Bennett of Whitney Way, Dinuba. The Beavers and their two small sons made their home at Pismo Beach before he reported for boot training in the Navy at Farragut, Idaho in January, 1944. Beaver was next assigned to the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Norman, Oklahoma, from which he graduated as thirteenth in his class in September. His wife and sons resided at Oklahoma City at this time. He is now at Miami, Fla., at an aerial gunnery school training for a tail gunner. Mrs. Beaver and boys are living at Columbus, Ohio visiting her husband's parents and family, that being their home town.

## Donald T. BEAUDETTE



DONALD BEAUDETTE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beaudette of Dinuba, joined the Army Air Force in April, 1942 and came home on a furlough

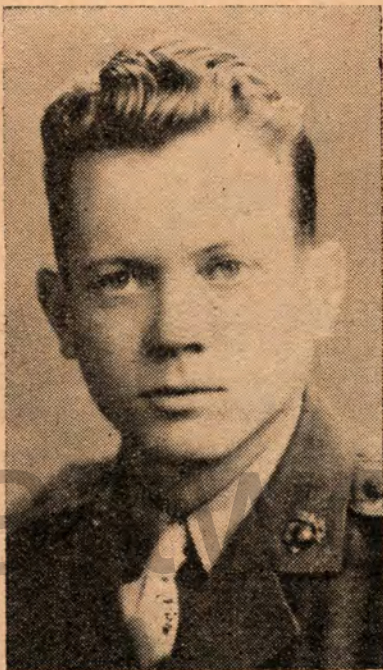
in August. He left August 20 for Duncan Field, San Antonio, Tex., to study the work of radio-man in a bomber. Promoted to a Corporal in 1943, and is among the Dinuba High graduate boys who have gone overseas. He was in England from September 1943 until he went to France with the invasion forces.

## Kenneth J. BEAUDETTE



KENNETH BEAUDETTE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beaudette of Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy during March 1941, and received his preliminary training at San Diego Naval Station. He was on a cruiser during the Pearl Harbor attack. He is a graduate of Dinuba High School. In September, 1943, he was stationed at a submarine base somewhere in the South Pacific with the rate of Coxswain. Beaudette was home on a 30 day leave in March, 1944. Following his leave, he was assigned to a destroyer, and at latest report is in the South Pacific, with the rate of Boatswain's Mate second class.

## Sidney V. BEATH



SIDNEY V. BEATH, son of Mrs. N. C. Frye of East Orosi, has been in the Marine Corps since before Pearl Harbor. In November, 1941, he was stationed at San Diego and was home on leave. Thereafter, he was moved into the Pacific battle

area, and saw action in the Solomons. He experienced all the rigors of the struggle against the Japanese in that area, crawling through mud, staying awake nights, going hungry. He was with Corporal Warren Levan of Dinuba when he was killed in action. He was promoted to sergeant. Beath left Guadalcanal when the Marines were taken out of there in February, 1943. He was stationed in New Zealand where he was hospitalized with malaria for several months. Returning to the United States in October, 1943, he was stationed at Vallejo until July, 1944. On December 24, 1943, he was married to Miss Geraldine Tibbs of Orosi. In July, Beath went on board ship, and was promoted to platoon sergeant.

## Stanley BEATH



STANLEY BEATH, son of Mrs. Rosa Wilkerson, formerly of Orosi and now of Delano, joined the Army Air Forces early in 1942. He attended Orosi High School. Beath was stationed at Minter Field, near Bakersfield, for over two years as a butcher. He was sent to North Carolina for six weeks, and in May, 1944, was sent to North Africa. A Private first class, Beath was stationed in Italy in August, 1944.

## Estel L. BEATH



ESTEL L. BEATH, son of Mrs. Rosa Wilkerson of Orosi

and a brother of Mrs. Bob Pinkham of Dinuba, enlisted in the Marine Corps right after Pearl Harbor and went to San Diego for his preliminary training. Later he graduated from advanced training school at Chicago, Ill., as a power turret specialist. He was home on a visit in April, 1943. Leaving here, he reported to San Diego. In September 1943, he was reported to be on duty in the South Pacific. In Oct. 1943, he was rated a Sergeant, and in August, 1944, had been made a Technical Sergeant. In a letter to his mother from somewhere in the South Pacific on July 26, 1944, Beath explained, "I'm sorry I can't give much information where I've been and what I've seen and done. So far I've been on several islands. Been through quite a few bombings and a couple of weeks of shelling. Got a lucky break and went on a couple of bombing missions over Jap territory. That is about all I can give you of my doings. Things are pretty quiet so there is nothing for you to worry about." Beath arrived in San Francisco in Oct. 1944, after spending 20 months in the South Pacific area.

## Forrest BARNES



FORREST BARNES, son of Claude W. Barnes, Dinuba grocerman, left in November, 1942, to enter the Army Air Force. Home on leave in January, 1943, he and Betty Patrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Patrick of Dinuba, exchanged marital vows in the First Baptist Church. In July, he was stationed at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he attended radio school. Barnes came home on furlough in December, 1943, and reported back to Alliance, Neb., for training with the Troop Carrier Command. Later, he was stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., on maneuvers. In March, 1944, Barnes was sent to England, where he was one of the first to go over to France on D Day. During the latter part of the following June he was transferred to Italy, and took part in the invasion of Southern France. While in Italy he was awarded the Air Medal for the first mission over France on June 6, 1944. In September, 1944, Barnes was stationed as a radio man with the Troop Carrier Command in England. Mrs. Forrest Barnes received word in Oct. 1944 that her husband Cpl. Forrest Barnes had been wounded in action, the information coming in a letter from Barnes who wrote from a hospital, using his left hand to print the letter.



## Vernon BERNARD



WM. VERNON BERNARD, a son of the late Mrs. Bessie Bernard, of Orosi, a brother of Ed, a nephew of Mrs. Ralph Wileman and Mrs. N. L. Arnold, enlisted in the Army Signal Corps in July, 1942. He was first sent to Camp Crowder in Missouri for several weeks, then to Kansas City, Missouri, where he entered a radio school for special training. He graduated from this school with the highest grades in his class and was sent to Camp Murphy, Florida, where he went to school, specializing in Radar. Upon graduation from this school he was made an instructor and Sergeant. In October, 1943 he was attached to the Army Air Forces at Camp Murphy, instructing classes in Radar. He had his first furlough in July, 1943, and visited relatives and friends in Cutler, Orosi and Fresno. In May, 1944, Sergeant Bernard returned to his base at Baltimore, Maryland, after visiting in the Ralph Wileman home. By the following September, he was stationed in California, working over the 9th area from its headquarters in Utah. He is instructing at San Luis Obispo.

## Ed BERNARD



EDWARD E. BERNARD, son of the late Mrs. Bessie Bernard of Orosi, and nephew of Mrs. Ralph Wileman and Mrs. N. L. Arnold enlisted in the Army Air Forces in July, 1942. He was sent to Wendover Field, Utah for his basic training, from there he was

sent to Richmond Air Base at Richmond, Virginia, for further training and was sent to New York for overseas duty. At that time he was a Sergeant. In October, 1943, he had been in England for over a year and was in charge of a group of mechanics maintaining and repairing radio equipment in the Flying Fortresses as they return from their bombing missions. He had the pleasure of seeing the King and Queen of England on two occasions while on furlough in London and was very much surprised one day to see King George come driving up to the hangar in a station wagon. In May of 1944, Sgt. Bernard was made a group radio Inspector and is enjoying his work very much. On October 21st Sgt. Bernard married a young lady in London.

## Elmer L. BERNARD



ELMER L. BERNARD, of Orosi and Dinuba, son of J. P. Bernard and brother of Mrs. Nelse Arnold and Mrs. Ralph Wileman, received an assignment to Honolulu as a carpenter in July, 1942. He was promoted to carpenter foreman and fire marshal in March, 1943 and was employed in the construction of military installations on the Hawaiian Islands. Bernard was one of two carpenters flown 1,500 miles south of Honolulu to Christmas Island in April, 1943, to aid in construction of military operations there. In an article published in the July 1, 1944, issue of the "Aerographer," a southern California aircraft corporation magazine, Bernard was cited for his trip to the small coral island in the Pacific. "He originally sailed west from San Francisco on July 8, 1942—by a strange coincidence just 24 years to the day after he sailed east from New York with the 9th Division of the A. E. F. They 'sighted sub, sank same' on that 1918 trip, and by a strange coincidence they depth-charged another sub on his 1942 trip westward to Hawaii. Elmer was wounded on the third day of the battle of the Argonne in World War I. On his first Sunday fishing trip on Christmas Island, he waded into a school of eight foot sharks before he knew it. He's still whole. Sitting out in the pouring rain to watch a movie show was one of his pastimes. "You dried off soon enough, he explained, as the temperature often hit 130 degrees." Bernard spent three months on Christmas Island. In August, 1944, he was employed by the Rohr Aircraft Corporation in Chula Vista, where he and his wife, Mrs. Gladys Bernard, reside at 553-5th Avenue, Apartment B. (P. O.

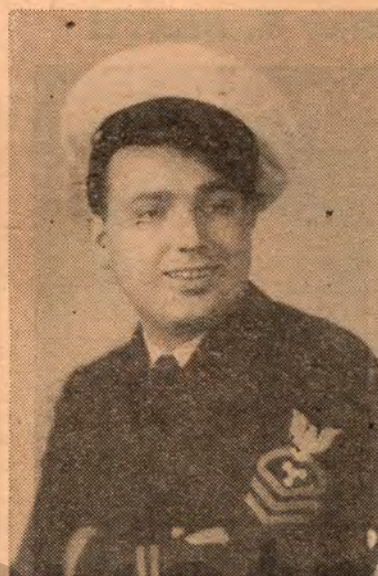
Box 154 National City). Mrs. Bernard teaches music at National City Junior High School there.

## William L. BENTON



WILLIAM L. BENTON, son of Mrs. Bertha Hooper, 3853 Washington, Fresno, entered the service in Fresno on February 8, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Lucile E. Benton, lives in Fresno. Benton graduated from Fresno High School in 1937. He was first sent to the Presidio of Monterey on February 22, 1943, and returned to Fresno during the following March. He received his basic training there, and was transferred to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was placed in a replacement wing. From there, Benton was sent to Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, Ariz., on May 27, 1943. He was stationed there for thirteen months as range chief of the bombing range section, in charge of the construction and repairing of nine bombing ranges and several radio controlled bombing targets. He left Davis Monthan Field on June 10, 1944, for Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo., where he joined a newly activated B-29 superfortress bomber command. A sergeant in September, 1944, he was then reported to be on his way overseas to the South Pacific.

## Everett BISWELL



EVERETT BISWELL, son of Mrs. Edith McDougald of Orosi, enlisted in the Navy in 1934, on third enlistment in October 1943, was first class petty officer on a gunboat in the Atlantic. He formerly was on an aircraft tender. Biswell spent four years on the Atlantic Ocean and fifteen months in Brazil, where he was on December 7, 1941. Returning to the United States in 1944, he took a six weeks' course at Philadelphia, Penn., graduating with the rank of Chief Water

Tender. From there, he was sent to Treasure Island. In April, 1944, Biswell visited his mother in Orosi, and was later transferred to Seattle, Washington, where he boarded a newly commissioned destroyer bound for the South Pacific in August, 1944.

## Lester BISHOP



LESTER BISHOP, lived with Ben Burkdolls at Orosi. He was in his Junior year at Orosi high school when he enlisted the day after December 7, in the Navy at San Diego. One of 3 out of 150 boys, he was sent to gunners' school at Seattle, Wash. After completing his course there, he left San Francisco and made two trips to Alaska and Ireland aboard an aircraft carrier. In August, 1944, Bishop had been in the South Pacific area since March, 1944. He held the rating of Aviation Machinist's Mate first class.

## Thomas I. BIRD



THOMAS I. BIRD, whose wife, the former Marjorie Beckner is now residing at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Beckner of Orosi, entered the Navy in 1937, and in October, 1943 was rated a Petty Officer, first-class on a destroyer which is on convoy duty in the North Atlantic. During the six years he has served in the Navy he has earned several stars for participation in some of the major battles of the South Pacific. He is a cited survivor of the crew of the destroyer Laffey, sunk in November, 1942 in the Solomons.

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## Albert Fred BLUMER



ALBERT FRED BLUMER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blumer of Dinuba, joined the Navy in July, 1941. He received his training at San Diego and then was assigned to the fleet and went to Pearl Harbor. On that fateful morning of December 7, 1941, he was on one of the Navy's largest aircraft carriers, the U. S. S. Enterprise. His ship was due in Pearl Harbor that day but was delayed by storms at sea. This was not only fortunate for Blumer but his country as well because the Enterprise was an important factor in turning the tide of no less than ten major sea and air battles. He saw action as a gunner's mate at Midway and fights in the Solomons. In the Battle of Santa Cruz 83 Jap planes came over the Enterprise and dropped bombs. When bombs hit close the entire ship shook. The ship was hit several

times during engagements with the enemy. When there was time a little patching up would be done and the ship kept on the job. One of the historic missions of the big flat top was accompanying the aircraft carrier, Hornet to within a few hundred miles of Tokio to send Gen. Doolittle and his fliers over Tokio in a daring raid. He was home for his first leave in 22 months in August, 1943. He returned to duty wearing three new ribbons with a bronze star for being pre-Pearl Harbor and two silver stars for action. He has been awarded the Presidential Unit citation "For consistently outstanding performance and distinguished achievement during repeated action against enemy Japanese forces in the Pacific War Area, December 7, 1941, to November 15, 1942. Participating in nearly every major carrier engagement in the first year of the war, the ENTERPRISE and her Air Group, exclusive of her far-flung destruction of hostile shore installations throughout the battle area, did sink or damage, on her own, a total of 35 Japanese vessels and shoot down a total of 185 Japanese aircraft. Her aggressive fighting spirit and superb combat efficiency are fitting tribute to the officers and men who so gallantly established her as a solid bulwark in defense of the American Nation." Gilbert and Marshall Island raid Feb. 1, 1942. Wake Island raid Feb. 24, 1942. Marcus Island raid, March 4, 1942. Battle of Midway, June 4-6, 1942. Occupation of Guadalcanal, August 7-8, 1942. Battle of Stewart Islands, August 24, 1942. Battle of Santa Cruz Islands, October 26, 1942. Battle of Solomon Islands, November 14, 15, 1942. Before coming home on thirty days leave, Blumer was made a gun-

ner's mate third class. After his leave he was transferred to San Pedro to train on a crash boat for three months. He was then sent to the Hawaiian Islands for several months. From there he was transferred to the Marshall Islands, where he was stationed as a gunner's mate second class in August, 1944. His term of enlistment was up on his twenty-first birthday, August 6, 1944. Blumer will remain in the Navy for the duration of the war and six months.

## John BALUKIAN



JOHN BALUKIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Balukian of the Dinuba district, left Visalia Junior College two weeks after Pearl Harbor and enlisted in the Navy. He has since been to

two continents, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. He is a gunner in the Naval Armed Guards.

## Elmer BETTS



ELMER BETTS, son of Sarah Betts of Oroquieta, attended the Oroquieta High School and graduated with the class of 1925. His wife, Mrs. Alyce Betts, and child, live in San Jose. Betts enlisted in the Sea Bees on April 1, 1943. He completed his training with the rating of P.T.R. 2/e. He was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands for eight months, and has been through the Marshall and Mariana Islands. In September, 1944, Betts was stationed on Tinian Island in the Pacific.

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**Henry  
BLANKENSHIP**



HENRY BLANKENSHIP, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blankenship of Cutler, received training in the infantry at Camp Roberts. His wife, Mrs. Polly Blankenship, left for Arkansas in December, 1943, to spend the winter with her parents there. Blankenship was awarded a medal for shooting a 30 mm. machine gun at Camp Roberts in August, 1943. He came home on furlough in October, 1943, and was then sent overseas. He received his first combat experience at the front lines of the enlarged Empress Augusta Bay beachhead, where he was engaged in an important operation in the second battle of Bougainville, which pushed the Japanese back into the jungle interior in their last tottering stronghold in the Solomon Islands. He is a third gunner in a crack mortar section of a celebrated infantry battalion. Blankenship joined his present outfit of jungle veterans while they were resting in the Fiji Islands following their successful Guadalcanal campaign. He was awarded the infantry combat medal; and in September, 1944, was a private first class and still stationed there.

**Stanley O. BLOIS**



STANLEY O. BLOIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marsden S. Blois of San Mateo and grandson of the late Mrs. W. N. Barr, enlisted in the A. A. F.: was sent to Fresno basic center No. 8, then to Chicago and to Truax Field. Pfc. Blois graduated in radio from Truax Field, Madison, Wis.

and next he had been transferred to Boca Raton, Florida, to continue his studies.

**Marsden BLOIS, Jr.**



MARSDEN BLOIS, Jr., grandson of the late Mrs. W. N. Barr, graduated from Annapolis in Dec. 1941. After graduating, Ensign Marsden was assigned to a destroyer on convoy duty to South Seas where he has been ever since. He was promoted to Lieutenant senior grade and has seen much active duty in the Coral Seas Battle and many other parts of the Solomons. He was made gunnery commander on the Destroyer and is in charge of Radar detectors.

**Robert BLACK**



ROBERT BLACK, son of B. A. Black, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Black of Route 2 Box 194. His grandparents raised him. He attended local schools and graduated from Dinuba High. He attended Reedley Junior College for one year. He joined the Navy Reserves August, 1942, and took the Navy's course to qualify as a commissioned officer at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri. Black was next assigned to the Great Lakes Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. from which he completed his training in January, 1944, to qualify as a radio technician. He enjoyed a short leave at his grandparents' home before being assigned to active sea duty.

**Tren BISWELL, Jr.**



TREN BISWELL JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Tren Biswell of Dinuba entered a civilian flying school at Bishop, Calif., in March, 1942. He was accepted as an Aviation Cadet at Minter Field Army Basic Flying school in June, 1942. While awaiting call to report for Army Air Force training he filled in as a civilian employee at Sequoia field in a mechanical capacity. On December 8th, 1942 he left for Santa Ana Air School for training and in March, 1943, had received sufficient training there and was transferred to Thunderbird Field in Arizona. After some study and flight there he was transferred to Marana Army Air Field, Tucson, Arizona, where he completed the Basic Flying Training Course on July 28, 1943. His advance field was at Douglas, Ariz. where he received his wings, and was home on furlough in Oct. 1943. He reported back to Greenville, S. C., on October 13th to organize a squadron and fly B25's. Lt. Biswell and his crew took off in their plane, February, 1944, for duty in the Asiatic theater. They landed in India, and soon afterwards flew to China. Since then, they have flown 30 missions with 150 hours of combat flying to their credit. In August, 1944, Biswell was promoted to first lieutenant, and had been awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

**Samuel Martin  
BLEDSON**



SAMUEL MARTIN BLEDSON, son of Mrs. Rachael Bledson of 110 Holden Avenue, Dinuba joined the Army in July, 1942. He is a member of the Signal Corps and in January, 1943 was stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado.

He was home on furlough in September, 1943. Pvt. Bledson was confined to the hospital at Camp Carson, Colorado for several months, and in February, 1944, was assigned to Camp Roberts, Calif. He was next transferred to Camp Crowder, Missouri with the Signal Corps.

**Bill Maxon BLEDSON**



BILL MAXON BLEDSON, son of Mrs. Rachael Bledson and a brother of Martin, went on duty with his coast artillery unit in the Hawaiian Islands in January, 1943. He had enlisted in the army more than a year before.

**E. Richard  
BERRYHILL**



E. RICHARD BERRYHILL, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Berryhill of Rt. 1 Box 9, Dinuba went to Miami Beach, Florida, where he was receiving his basic training in July. In October he was at Clemson College in South Carolina for further training as an aviation cadet. Aviation Cadet Berryhill graduated from Military Clemson College in February. While there he was appointed student 1st lieutenant. He was sent back to Miami Beach, Florida, where he classified as pilot and navigator. He went to Preflight school at Maxwell Field, Alabama and then to Albany, Georgia, on May 24, 1944, for primary flight training, where he was in August, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Doris Berryhill, is residing in Greenville, Miss., near him. An upperclassman, Berryhill was in basic flight training at Greenville the following September.



## George BEVANS, Jr.



GEORGE BEVANS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bevens, of Dinuba, enlisted in the naval air corps reserve officer's training plan V-5 in the latter part of March, 1943. After graduating from Dinuba High School in June he reported to Carroll College at Helena, Montana, and progressed satisfactorily in the V-5 Naval aviation cadet reserve training program. Bevans came home on leave during February, 1944, and then reported to St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., for four months flight preparation training. In June, 1944, the Navy reduced its cadet training 66%. Bevans' entire company reported to Great Lakes N.T.C. to await re-distribution and to take various aptitude tests. In the following August, he was sent to Naval Aviation Technical Training Center at Norman, Oklahoma, where in September, 1944, he was attending A.O.M. school, receiving instruction in aerial gunnery.

## Hubert L. BERRY



HUBERT L. BERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Berry of Rt. 1, Box 469, Oroquieta, entered the Army in December, 1942, completing his basic training at Camp Howze, Texas, in September, 1943. In August, 1943, Berry was stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., with the infantry. He is an expert sharp shooter, and possesses a rifle medal and the good conduct medal. He received a fifteen day furlough in June, 1944. His rank at that time was Private first class. By late September, Berry had received a promotion in his rating and had a New York address. He was previously stationed at Camp Claiborne un-

til September 1. At last report he was somewhere in England and had been advanced to Sergeant.

## William "Billy" BERRY



WILLIAM "BILLY" BERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winnie Berry of 114 Marion Way, Dinuba, entered the Merchant Marine at the age of sixteen and a half years on June 10, 1944. He attended Dinuba High School. Berry received basic training in San Francisco and on the following June 21 signed on a ship. In September, 1944, he came home after a trip to Australia, New Guinea, and surrounding islands. He left for San Francisco Oct. 9, 1944 to sign for another trip.

## Carl BERRY



CARL BERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Berry of Rt. 2, Box 219, Dinuba, entered the armed forces on November 11, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Juanita Berry, and two children reside at Box 74, Cutler. Berry received his basic training in the infantry at Fort Ord; and was sent overseas to New Guinea on May 6, 1944.

## Bill BEINHORN

BILL BEINHORN, son of William Beinhorn of Oroquieta, enlisted in the Navy in the first part of 1942, and on completing his boot camp, was sent to New York City. He did guard duty on the capsized liner Normandie. He also worked in the publicity department and has enjoyed many novel and pleasant experiences in the city. He was home on a visit in August, 1942. For the last six months, Beinhorn, Yoe-man, 2/c, has been stationed at Little Creek, Virginia.

## Graham BIDDY



GRAHAM BIDDY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos E. Biddy, of Rt. 1, Box 266, Cutler, entered the armed forces on April 20, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Adeline Biddy, lives in Chicago. Biddy graduated from Oroquieta High School in 1938 and attended Visalia Junior College for one year. After entering the service, he completed basic training in the infantry at Camp Beale in five months. He underwent one month's training at Fort Ord and left for overseas duty on October 15, 1942. He first landed in Australia. In September, 1944, Biddy was stationed in New Guinea as a private first class in the infantry.

## Lorian J. BIDDY



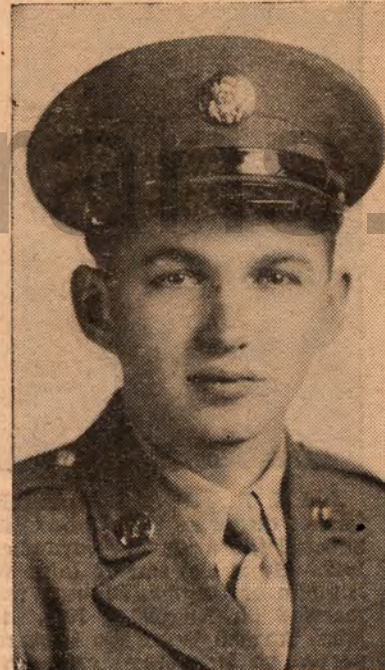
LORIAN J. BIDDY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos E. Biddy of Rt. 1, Box 266, Cutler, enlisted in the Navy on October 21, 1942. He graduated from Oroquieta High School in 1938, and attended Reedley Junior College for one year. Biddy was married to the former Miss Dorothy Vetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Vetter of 404 North Villa, Dinuba, on July 23, 1942. After enlisting in the Navy, he attended boot camp in San Diego. In September, 1944, he was serving as a motor machinist's mate 2/c at the U.S.N. Amphibian Training Base at Coronado, near San Diego, where he was an instructor. His wife, and baby daughter, Joyce, live with him in San Diego.

## Alfred BELL

ALFRED BELL, in July, 1941, was one of six men in the Tulare County Observation Squadron of the Calif. State Guard, aviation unit and was mustered in in September, 1941. Later he was

employed at Rankin Field and is now serving as an instructor at the Tulare school. He and his wife live in Tulare.

## Robert BLAIR



ROBERT BLAIR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle T. Blair, of Dinuba, enlisted in the ground crew of the U. S. Air Force, Oct. 15, 1942. After his basic training at the Lemoore Army Air Base, he was sent to an Airplane Mechanics School on the Base and after completing this course, went into active duty with the ground crew there. In August, 1944, he was still stationed at Lemoore, with the rank of Private. Blair and his wife, the former Miss Gladys Sheffield of Reedley, and little daughter, Patricia Gale, were residing then at 396 Nicholas Ave., Dinuba.

## James W. BLAKE



JAMES W. BLAKE, son of Mrs. Isabel Blake, Dinuba, enlisted in the United States Merchant Marine and was called to duty in August, 1942. For two months he attended the Officer's Training School for the Merchant Marine at San Mateo and then shipped out for ten months, living in the officer's quarters while on board. In July, 1943, he entered the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, Long Island, N. Y., where he spent nine months in theory and other academic work. After graduating and being commissioned as Ensign, he was transferred to duty with the Navy and is now serving in the Southwest Pacific.

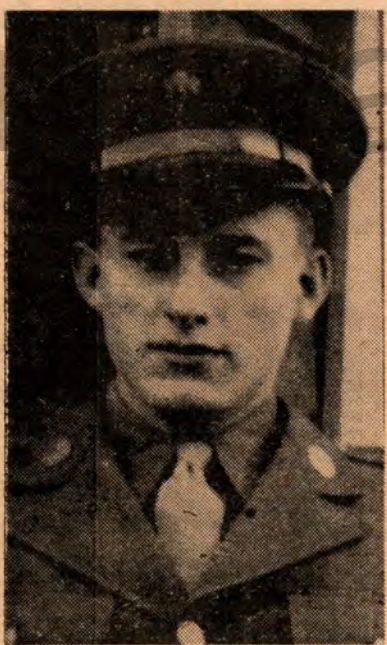


## John R. (Buck) BIGHAM



JOHN R. (BUCK) BIGHAM, former owner of the Club Cafe, entered the army in November, 1942. He is the son of John W. Bigham of Dinuba. Bigham was married on August 2, 1943, to Miss Carmen Doss. He first reported to Monterey and was then sent to Camp Roberts. In September, 1944, Bigham held the rank of sergeant and was cooking and baking at Camp Roberts, where he still is.

## C. Harold BECK



C. HAROLD BECK, brother of Mrs. Charles R. Barnes of Rt. 1, Box 180, Dinuba, entered the Medical Corps in May, 1943. He attended Dinuba High School in 1941 and 1942. Beck received his basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, completing it in August, 1943. From there he was transferred to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colo., where he graduated as a surgical technician in October, 1943. His duties are setting up surgical tables, assisting in operations, and those of a volunteer emergency ambulance driver. From Denver, Beck was sent to Camp Carson, Colo., where he joined the 42nd Field Hospital. In December, 1943, his unit moved to Maxton Air Base, N. C.; during the two weeks spent there, the unit was instructed in loading its equipment on bombers and gliders. From there, the 42nd Field Hospital was sent to Fort Bragg, N. C., and soon after that, Beck was given his first and only furlough. After visiting his family and friends in Dinuba, Beck returned to Fort Bragg, where he remained until being shipped overseas during the latter part of March, 1944. He spent some time in England, where he

reported the English treated him very well. In a letter received by his sister from France soon after "D" Day, Beck said he was well, but very busy. His rank at that time was that of a private.

## Gene Albert BELCHER



GENE ALBERT BELCHER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Belcher of 164 Second Avenue, entered the Navy on March 5, 1943 and received his boot camp training at Farragut, Idaho. He was home on a visit in June, and went back to the naval training station where he is attached to ship's service and is on duty in one of the offices at the station. He was a Seaman Second Class at that time. In Sept. 1943 he was advanced to Third Class Petty Officer and stationed at Shoemaker, Calif. He was next assigned to San Pedro on a mine sweeper. On April 1, 1944, he gained the rank of Petty Officer 2/c. In June, Belcher was confined to the naval hospital in San Diego with an infected hand. He spent several weekends with his parents during this time. He was discharged from the hospital on Sept. 13, 1944 and sent back to his station on the minesweeper. Gene is now someplace in the South Pacific area.

## Louis BLAIR



LOUIS BLAIR, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mobley of Dinuba, entered the Army on January 18, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Esther Blair, and three children reside at 1817 South Ave., Reedley. Blair completed his basic training at Camp Roberts on May 20, 1944, and from there was sent to Camp Adair, Oregon, for advanced training; completing it on July 8, 1944, with the rank of Private. He left for overseas in July, 1944, after previously being stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland, for a short time.

## Rudolph A. BERG



RUDOLPH A. BERG, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Berg, old-time settlers who have lived in the Parlier district for 45 years, graduated from the Parlier schools, attended Reedley Junior College, graduated from diesel school in Los Angeles, and then graduated as a chemical engineer from University of Cal. at Berkeley. He is a brother of Wesley Berg of the Army Air Forces. Berg enlisted in the Army Air Forces as an engineer, and was commissioned in Chumate on November 28, 1941. On that day he was married to Miss Mary Elder of Midland, Texas. In August, 1944, he was located somewhere in Alaska.

## Ruben D. BECK



RUBEN D. BECK, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Beck of Wellington, Texas, entered the Army in April, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Mary Jo Beck, resides at 169 Whittaker Way, Dinuba. He attended high school in Oklahoma. Beck received basic training at Camp Hood, Texas; and completed advanced training at Fort Ord in November, 1943. He was first sent overseas to Australia for two months, and then was transferred to New Guinea. By Aug. 1944, he was reported to have been in battle twice. At that time he held the rank of Private in a Tank Destroyer Battalion, and had been in New Guinea as a truck driver for six months. In a letter to his home, Beck stated that he and his captain had captured three Japs alive, and that two were dead under his truck. He also said that two Japs shot the tires off his truck, but that they paid with their lives. Beck was sent to the hospital for rest after the battle was

over. His wife received several souvenirs he had collected in New Guinea. Among them were a sword, a billfold, several pictures of Japanese people, and a Japanese postcard. He was sending a captured Japanese flag home. Beck also said that when a fellow was in battle, he didn't think of himself, but of the folks back home; and that a letter from home meant more to a fellow than anything there is. Following his most recent battle, in which he was injured in the back, Beck was promoted to corporal. He was in Australia four months, and has been in the hospital.

## Wesley J. BERG



WESLEY J. BERG, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Berg of Rt. 1, Box 111, Parlier, entered the Air Forces in 1942. His wife is the former June Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Carlson of Rt. 2 Box 198, Dinuba. Berg graduated from Parlier High School in 1939, and attended Reedley Junior College and the San Jose College of Arts. He received basic training at Lowery Field, Denver, Colo., and advanced training at Fort Myers, Florida. In August, 1944, he was stationed at Fort Myers as an instructor in the flexible gunnery school there, with the rank of corporal. His wife is with him there.

## Roy BAYLISS



ROY BAYLISS, son of Sarah Bayliss, formerly of Dinuba, now residing at Menlo Park, Calif., is a nephew of Bob Bayliss of 1120 F St., Reedley. Roy was born and raised in Dinuba. He is serving in the United States Merchant Marine.



## Robert BOYD



ROBERT BOYD, son of Zack Boyd of 136 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, and Mrs. Pearl Boyd of Richmond, enlisted in the Navy February 7, 1944. Robert was a freshman in Dinuba High. He went to boot camp at Farragut, Idaho and was then stationed at Camp Shoemaker. He is now in the Hawaiian Islands.

## Gerald BOYD



GERALD BOYD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Boyd, is in the Medical Department, detached to the Air Force. He received his basic training at Camp Grant, Illinois, in October, 1941. He was stationed at Harlingen, Texas, for fourteen months. In July, 1942, he was home on furlough in company with his wife. Next he was placed in charge of the Personnel Section of the Medical Detachment at Dodge City, Kansas and promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant. He and his wife became the proud parents of a girl, Patricia Ann, born September 29, 1943. In January, 1944, he was home on furlough, returning to Dodge City. He was stationed at Greensboro, N. C. in June, 1944, for special training in the Medical Corps. His next move was to North Africa, and in August, 1944, he was stationed somewhere in Italy. In a letter written from there to his father, Boyd said, "I'm getting along just fine in my new organization thank goodness. I'm still doing personnel work assisting in taking care of the pay and records of the officers and enlisted men. So I'm kept rather busy and the time really goes fast. The news sure sounds good. Gets better every day. May not be too long

before we old draftees will be floating home. And what a happy day that will be. The weather is fine here on the island. But the mosquitoes are pretty bad in carrying malaria. So we take good preventions against same." His brother, Robert, is in the Navy stationed at Hawaii. A letter from Gerald said he was in Paris, France.

## Norman L. BLANFORD



NORMAN L. BLANFORD, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Blanford of Sako, Mo., entered the service in August, 1940, at St. Louis. His wife is the former Lois Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kelly of Rt. 2, Box 125 Dinuba. The Blanford family have a daughter, Norma Lois. Blanford graduated from Vermont High School in 1937. He received basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and advanced training at Fort Ord. From there he was sent to Camp Swift, Texas, in June, 1942. In June, 1943, he was sent on maneuvers in Louisiana and then to Desert Training Center, Calif. for his desert training. Blanford was then transferred to Indiantown Gap, Penn., and from there was sent overseas in August, 1944. In early October he was in France serving as staff Sgt. in the Reconnaissance Troop.

## J. T. BOATMAN



J. T. BOATMAN is a son of Mrs. Boatman of 485 South M St. He attended school in Dinuba, coming here when he was ten years old. Boatman entered the Navy on November 10, 1943. His boot training was at Farragut, Idaho.

## Donald O. BONDESEN



DONALD O. BONDESEN, was born in Dinuba, attended Kings River School, and graduated from Dinuba High with the class of 1942 in which year he was editor of the school newspaper. He is also a graduate of Merritt Business College in Oakland, his family having moved there in recent years. He joined the Navy on April 23, 1943, and received his recruit training at Camp Hill. In September, 1943, he was stationed with his ship's company at Camp Peterson, Farragut, Idaho. In September, 1944, Bondesen, Y 3/c, was reported to be spending a week's leave with his father and sister in Oakland, and with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Winter, formerly of Dinuba and now of Hollister. Upon his return to Farragut, where he had been stationed for the previous nineteen months, Bondesen expected overseas duty. During the time he spent at Farragut, he came in contact with many Dinuba boys.

## Charles Raymond BOATMAN



CHARLES RAYMOND BOATMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Boatman, 458 South M St., enlisted in the Naval Reserve in September, 1942. He was first stationed at the Naval Training School at Farragut, Idaho where he specialized as a machinist. He was appointed for advanced training in the Naval Machinist School at the University of Min-

nesota at Minneapolis in April, 1943, where he underwent a rigid 16 weeks course learning how the huge engines propel warships and to repair and maintain auxiliary engines on board ship.

## Beverly "Dick" BORTHWICK



BEVERLY "DICK" BORTHWICK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Borthwick of Dinuba, entered the Army in March, 1943. He is a graduate of Dinuba High School and attended Visalia Junior College for two years. His wife is the former Bernice Clapp of Oroquieta, In May, 1943, he was on duty at Camp Roberts, Cal., training as a radio expert. Borthwick landed in Africa in August, 1943. He landed with the first troops in Italy, becoming a part of 5th Army, and was in action continually until June, 1944, when they entered Rome. During that time he spent six weeks living in an Italian Tomb, in which he took refuge when his bed was blown up by a bomb. He participated in many of the mountain battles, and was with the men who established the beach head at Anzio after many fierce attempts by the Germans to force them into the sea. He spent months in fox holes, writing that the huge German bombers going over sounded like giant box cars banging together, so they named it the "Anzio Express." His most exciting experience was that of being chased by a German tank. Borthwick was promoted to a Corporal and awarded the Good Conduct Medal in May, 1944. A war department telegram informed his wife that Cpl. Borthwick was missing in action in France on September 11, 1944.

## Herman BEINHORN

HERMAN BEINHORN, Oroquieta nephew of William Beinhorn of Oroquieta, is in the Army, a private first class. He was in Oroquieta in August, 1943, from Colorado for a visit. Last year, Beinhorn received a medical discharge from the army after a severe attack of fever. He is now at Corcoran on a ranch.



## James E. BURT



JAMES BURT, music instructor at the Dinuba High School, entered the Army in July, 1942, and was sent to Notre Dame University for training. He went to Santa Ana Air Base as an instructor with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was honorably discharged March, 1943 for medical reasons. He is now an instructor in one of Los Angeles high schools. On June 24, 1944, Miss Joyce Van Noy, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Van Noy, became his bride. Mr. and Mrs. Burt are now living at 11015 Ayres, Los Angeles 34.

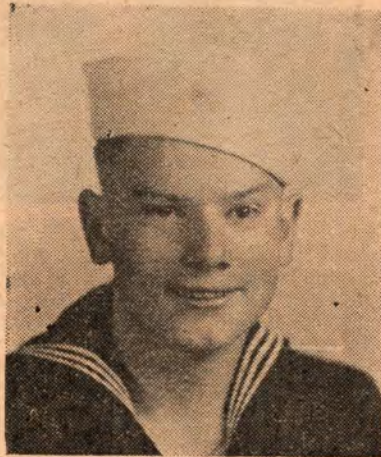
## Bradford BROOKS



BRADFORD BROOKS is a native of Sultana, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brooks, now of Lompoc, and a nephew of Mrs. George Robison. A graduate of U. C. L. A., he enlisted in the Navy in 1940. He received his wings at Pensacola, Florida, in November of that year. Once while serving as instructor, the plane he and a student were flying crashed into the sea after a wing broke off. They were rescued by the Coast Guard. In March, 1942, he was transferred to an aerial photo school and after his graduation was married to Miss Marie Swanson of Pensacola. Next he was moved to Seattle in September. There he was promoted to the rank of Senior Lieutenant and sent to

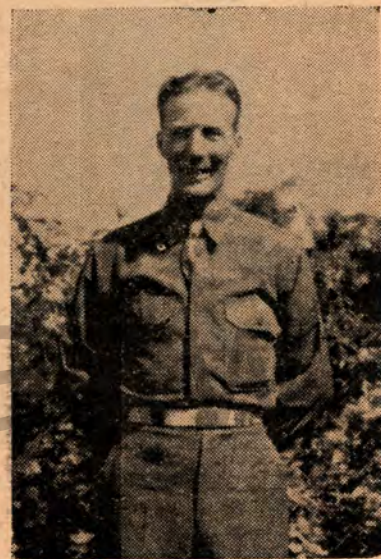
the Aleutians. He had the honor of having an oil painting done of himself and two of his friends by Lt. William F. Draper, U. S. N. R. It was published in the National Geographic Magazine, August 1943 issue, page 161. In October, 1943 he was still in the Aleutians. A letter received in Oct. 1943, said, "They dressed up the squadron and trotted out the brass band the other day to give me the Distinguished Flying Cross and my co-pilots and photographer Air Medals." In Oct. 1943, it was reported he had been serving as an executive officer in his squadron for several months. Lt. Brooks is now stationed at Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands.

## Obie Charles BRIANS



OBIE CHARLES BRIANS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brians of Route 1 Box 173 Dinuba. He was a sophomore at Dinuba High School and was 17 when he enlisted with the navy in March, 1943. He had his boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and was promoted to Seaman Second Class. He had additional training at Bremerton and Tacoma Washington, and Gunnery training at Pacific Beach, Washington. In October, 1943, Brians was home on leave. When the aircraft carrier Liscome Bay was launched at the Vancouver, Washington, Kaiser shipyard and commissioned on August 7, 1943, Gunner Brians was one of her crew. On December 7, 1943, his parents were officially notified by the Navy Department that he was missing in action following the sinking of his ship by a Japanese submarine on November 24, 1943, in the battle of the Gilbert Islands.

## Claude BROMLEY



CLAUDE BROMLEY, entered the service of the United States, armed forces. He is a graduate of the Orosi High School. His mother now lives in the Bay district.

## Frederic Gage BIREN



FREDERIC GAGE BIREN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Biren of Pasadena, is an alumnus of Pasadena Junior College, and attended Los Angeles City College. He was married to Miss Wilma Morehead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morehead of Orange Cove, on April 18, 1943. They resided in Bakersfield until he was assigned to overseas duty. Prior to his enlistment, Biren was employed by Sears Roebuck and Co., stores in Los Angeles. He enlisted in the Army Air Forces in January, 1942, and was a member of the Minter Field AAF Band until April, 1944, when he was assigned to overseas duty with the Air Forces. He took his overseas training at Camp Kearns, Utah, and in August, 1944, was stationed in the Pacific area with the rank of sergeant.

## Stanley L. BARR



STANLEY L. BARR, son of W. N. Barr, Dinuba, received his commission in the Naval Reserve in September, 1942. He was rated a Lieutenant. (J. G.) and reported to Treasure Island for student training. He graduated from Dinuba High and was a backfield star in the U. C. football team where he graduated in 1930. In 1932 he married Miss Grace Rupert who now resides at 500 Leavenworth St., San Francisco. Before entering service he was employed by Calif. Lands, Bank of America and lived in Delano, Hanford and Fresno. Since June, 1943, he has been First Lieutenant on his ship and the officer of the First Division.

In October, 1943, he was raised to Lieutenant (Senior Grade). He has been on a patrol craft for the past year with San Francisco his home port.

## Chester L. BRIDGES



CHESTER BRIDGES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dennis Bridges, formerly of Dinuba, now of Watsonville, Calif., Chester graduated from the Dinuba High School, and entered the Marine Corps. After two years overseas he came down with jungle fever and was ordered back to the States. Cpl. Bridges is now on guard duty at Moffat Field, near San Jose.

## Louis J. BLOYD



LOUIS J. "Bill" BLOYD, was inducted into the Army March 17, 1943 and was assigned to Camp Roberts for training. His wife, nee Iva Louise Chambers, is making her home with her parents, 153 Golden Way. In Oct. 1943, he was on maneuvers near Bend, Oregon. He was home on furlough the last of that month, visiting his wife, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bloyd of Dinuba. Pvt. Bloyd was shipped overseas in March, 1944, and served in New Guinea. Pvt. and Mrs. Bloyd have a daughter, Patsy Maxine, born August 9, 1944.



## William E. BRASHEARS



WILLIAM E. BRASHEARS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brashears, formerly of Cutler and now of Ventura, entered the armed forces in June, 1942. He attended school in Cutler. With the Army Engineers, Water Supply, Brashears was in North Africa for one year and a half, and sent souvenirs from there to his friends in Orosi, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Straw of Rt. 1, Box 161. In August, 1944, he was stationed somewhere overseas with the rank of Corporal. At last report, he was in Italy.

## Ed. BRASHEARS

ED BRASHEARS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brashears, formerly of Cutler and now of Ventura, enlisted in the Navy in 1937. His wife resides in New York City. He attended school in Cutler. Brashears transferred to a submarine when war was declared. His submarine is credited with sinking several Japanese service ships. He is a graduate of Orosi High School.

## Robert BRASHEARS, JR.

ROBERT BRASHEARS, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brashears, formerly of Cutler and now of Ventura, Calif., entered the Army in September, 1942. He attended school in Cutler. A graduate nurse, Brashears was serving overseas in the Medical Corps in August, 1944.

## Arthur BRADY



ARTHUR BRADY entered the Army on July 9, 1942 and was assigned to service with the signal corps at Camp Crowder, Missouri. In Feb. 10, 1943, he was

transferred to Drew Field, Fla., and on September 1, 1943, received an eight-day furlough to visit home, returning to Drew Field. Brady was sent overseas on December 1, 1943, and in August, 1944, was based in England. His wife, Mrs. Ruth Brady, resides in Sultana. In Oct., 1944, she received word he was somewhere in France.

## Jesse BREWTON



JESSE BREWTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brewton of Dinuba, left January 18, 1943 to report to the Navy in San Francisco. He was sent to Farragut, Idaho, for his recruit training. He is a graduate of Dinuba High and attended Visalia J. C. His parents reside at 112 Holden Ave. After finishing at Farragut, he was sent to Norman, Oklahoma, for three months, and then to Purcell, Oklahoma. In September, 1943, he was transferred to Lake City, Florida, for advanced training in air gunnery. A seaman 1/c, Brewton visited his family in Dinuba in October, 1943, en route to Seattle, Washington. In June, 1944, his parents received word that Brewton, AOM 3/c, had been sent overseas. He was shipped to the Aleutian Islands.

## Oscar BREWTON



OSCAR BREWTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brewton of Dinuba enlisted in the Army

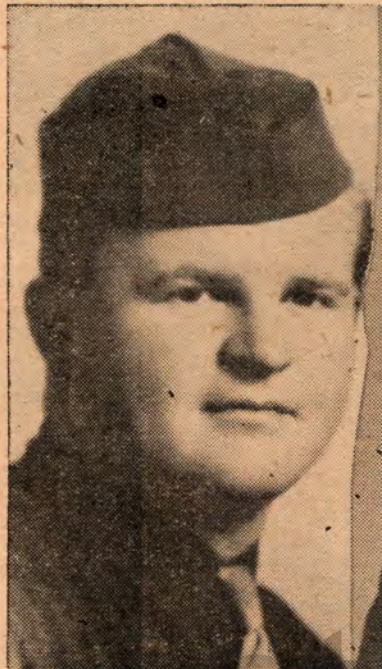
in Feb., 1943 and in March was stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas. From there he went to Weatherford, Oklahoma, for more training. In September, 1943, he was on duty at Fort Dix, N. J., as an airplane mechanic. Brewton was shipped overseas to England in October, 1943. A corporal, he is now serving in France.

## Jack BRANDON



JACK BRANDON, son of Mrs. Avery Woolley of Dinuba, is in the Army. He left the Far North by plane January 13, 1943, on his way to Orlando, Florida, to attend a school on the new methods of signal operations. Enroute he stopped in Dinuba to visit his mother. He received his basic training at Camp Roberts and Fort Lawton. After Radar training at Orlando, he was sent back to the Aleutians. He was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant. His work which is very interesting is of a supervisory nature in advanced radar. After twenty months in the Aleutians he is now an instructor in radar and A.W.W. at Drew Field, Fla.

## Don BRANDON



DON BRANDON, son of Mrs. Avery Woolley of 270 North I street, Dinuba, entered the U. S. Army in 1942 and was sent to Camp Haan for training. He advanced rapidly and was soon a Private First Class. He was sent to north Long Beach, where in October, 1943, he was a Sergeant attached to the Headquarters Battery, Coast Artillery. After spending a year at Long Beach, he is again at Camp Haan. Sgt. Brandon, Mrs. Brandon and baby reside at San Bernardino.

## Cecil C. BRAY



CECIL C. BRAY, of Sultana entered the Army July 5, '43, and was assigned to the signal corps. He was sent to Camp Crowder, Missouri, where he received a medal for expert marksmanship. From there he went to Richmond, Virginia. While in Virginia he advanced to the rank of Corporal. Before entering the Army he was a member of the "Wandering Cowboys," a local band which performed over the radio and at several Dinuba Rodeos. He has two sisters and a brother in Dinuba: Mrs. Nina Honeycutt of Dinuba, Mrs. Ida Tullis of Sultana, and Loya E. Bray of Dinuba. In September, 1943, he was transferred from Gainsville, Florida, to Bend, Oregon. While in Florida, he organized his own band and performed on several radio programs. At that time, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. His wife accompanied him to Oregon where she found residence near his station. Bray was transferred to Indio, Calif., in January, 1944, and was sent overseas in April. In August, 1944, he was reported to be somewhere in New Guinea with the Signal Corps. His rank at that time was technical sergeant. Bray invented an article there that proved useful, and was accepted by the U. S. Government.

## Bob BRUNE



BOB BRUNE, son of Mrs. Callison, entered the Army Air Forces on February 22, 1944. He is a graduate of Reedley High School. Brune received basic training as an aviation student at Amarillo, Texas, and went to Canyon, Texas, for advanced training. In September, 1944, he was reported to be stationed at Luke Field, Arizona, where he was studying to be a navigator.



## Robert Glenn BRIDGES



ROBERT GLENN BRIDGES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bridges, of 134 Sierra Way, entered the U. S. Army on October 4, 1943. He reported for duty October 25, 1943. Bridges graduated from Dinuba High School in June, 1943, in three years. From Monterey, he was sent to Camp Roberts for basic training in the field artillery. He came home on a fifteen day furlough in July, 1944. In September, 1944, Bridges had completed training at Camp Bowie Texas, and was awaiting overseas duty. He was a private at that time.

## Jerome BRIDGES



JEROME BRIDGES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bridges of Dinuba, entered the Army in March, 1941 and was sent to Camp San Luis Obispo, then to Los Angeles and placed on guard duty at Huntington Park. In Aug. 1942 he was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, for training. In November, 1942, he was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands and held the rank of Corporal. In September, 1943, he wrote from an unknown location in the Pacific. Bridges graduated from Dinuba High School in 1940 and attended Visalia Junior College. His wife, Mrs. Peggy Bridges, lives in Huntington Park. Bridges was stationed on New Britain Island until July, 1944, when he moved to an unknown destination. He was a staff sergeant at that time. In September, 1944, he had not been home since Pearl Harbor.

## Charles BRICKER



CHARLES BRICKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bricker of Rt. 2, Box 282 Dinuba, was sworn into service as a Naval Aircrewman on October 3, 1944. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1944; and is a brother of Harold Bricker of the Coast Guard. Charles was sent to Memphis, Tenn., for his boat training.

## Harold BRICKER



HAROLD BRICKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bricker of this district, joined the Coast Guard after graduating from Dinuba High in 1942. He was sent in June, 1943, to a radio school on the Atlantic Coast. He returned from his radio school in N. J. June 13th. In Oct. 1943 he was serving as a radio man on a transport somewhere in the Pacific. Bricker returned to the United States directly from Saipan, bringing a load of casualties. He visited his parents in Sultana in July, 1944, the time of his arrival, after spending eleven months at sea. He had participated in the battles of Gilbert, Marshall and Mariana Islands. On the beach at Tarawa, Bricker reported that he met another Sultana boy, Robert Wilson. During the time he was overseas, his transport hauled the Second Marines; and three times followed the first invasion wave, setting up radio communications on the beach at Tarawa and two others. At the time he came home, he had three battle stars on his campaign ribbon. Bricker visited his parents on a 48 hour leave in August, 1944, returning to his base at San Diego. By the following

September, he had returned to sea duty in the Pacific, rating radioman 2/c, senior radioman aboard a troop transport.

## Ruby BOYETTE



RUBY BOYETTE, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Brouhard, 120 So. J St. Dinuba, Calif., was sworn into the WAVES at special ceremonies in San Francisco in May, 1943, and began her training the following month at Hunter's College in New York. After graduating in September, 1943, she was assigned to duty in the WAVES at New River, North Carolina. In October 1943 she was rated S 2/c and met her brother, Robert Brouhard, in Washington, D. C. for a day to see each other and the city. A Pharmacist's Mate third class stationed in Quantico, Virginia, Mrs. Boyette was honorable discharged from the WAVES on January 21, 1944.

## Robert BROUHARD



ROBERT BROUHARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Brouhard who reside at 120 So. J Street Dinuba, entered the Army the first of 1943. He won a medal for marksmanship. In June, he was stationed at Camp McCain, Mississippi. In Oct. 1943, he was at Fort Meade, Maryland. In Oct. 1943 he met his sister Ruby Boyette S. 2/c in Washington D. C. for a day to see each other and the city. Brouhard was later transferred to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where he was with the medical unit in the hospital there. A few weeks later, he was transferred to Cushing General Hospital at Framingham, Mass., where he received the Good Conduct Medal for a year of good service. In January, 1944, his

sister, Miss Betty Brouhard of Dinuba, visited him and their sister, Ruby Boyette of the WAVES, in Massachusetts. Brouhard came home on furlough for two weeks in March, 1944. He remained at Cushing Hospital for two and one half months, and was then returned to Fort Devens as a Military Policeman. In July, 1944, Brouhard was sent to Houlton, Maine, where he is now guarding German prisoners.

## Frank L. BRAY



FRANK L. BRAY is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Bray of Traver and a nephew of Mrs. Fred Tullis of Sultana. He attended Orosi High before volunteering for the Army. He entered the service in February, 1943, and was first sent to Cheyenne Wyo. From there, he went to Pittsburg, Calif., for a short time. He went overseas in November, 1943. Pvt. Bray is somewhere in Australia, serving in the Army Quartermaster Corps.

## Gino V. BOSCARIOL



GINO V. BOSCARIOL, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Boscariol of Orosi, entered the armed forces on October 25, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Shirley Boscariol, resides at Rt. 2, Box 43, Dinuba. He graduated from Orosi High School in 1939. Boscariol received basic training in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Berkeley, Texas, completing it in February, 1943. Camp Shelby, Miss., was his next station, where he completed training in June, 1943, with the rank of corporal. He then moved to Fort William Henry Harrison at Helena, Montana, and in October, 1943, was sent to Guadalcanal. A sergeant, Boscariol is in a truck regiment of the Quartermaster Corps.



## J. D. BRIDGE



J. D. BRIDGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bridge of Dinuba, and brother of Kenneth Bridge of the Army Air Force, joined the Marine Corps in July, 1943, and reported first to Los Angeles and was sent to the Marine Corps School at Camp Elliott, near San Diego. In September, 1943, he was home on furlough from his station at San Diego. In October, 1943, he entered the Marine Corps radio mechanical school to become a radio mechanic in the Tank Corps. In December, 1943, he was shipped overseas to the South Pacific, and by August, 1944, the last letter he had written his parents was dated May 29.

## Paul BRIDGE



PAUL BRIDGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bridge, of Spring Lake, Texas, brother of Gene Bridge of the Army and brother and brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bridge of Dinuba, entered the Army from Dinuba on May 12, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Roberts, where he took basic training. Since he has had training at Camp Cooke, Calif., in Tennessee on maneuvers and in Oct., 1943, was located at Pine Camp, N. Y. He is in an armored division. His wife the former Ila Mae Kidwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kidwell of Dinuba, moved to Great Bend, N. Y., to be near her husband. A son, Lowell Wayne, was born to them last November 25. Since that time, Mrs. Bridge and her young son have returned to make their home at Box 601, Dinuba, for the duration. Bridge was stationed last at Indian-

town Gaps, Pennsylvania, and last Feb. was shipped to England. He holds the rank of corporal. He landed in France soon after the start of the invasion and participated in the struggle to liberate the French. At the same time word came that Cpl. Bridge was in a hospital in France, his wife received a German Swastika arm band that had been taken off a dead Nazi.

## Kenneth BRIDGE



KENNETH BRIDGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bridge of Dinuba left in October, 1942 to enter the Air Force. In August, 1943, he was on duty at a bomber base at Santa Maria. Later being assigned to Hammer Field, Fresno and in October, 1943, sent to McClellan Field at Sacramento. He is a brother of J. D. Bridge. From McClellan Field, Bridge was sent to New York. He shipped overseas in December, 1943, and stayed in England until "D" Day. He was one of the first to land in France with the invasion forces. At that time he held the rank of Pfc. In a letter received by his parents dated July 29, he stated that he was still having a good time, and that when the Yanks followed everything moved on.

## Gene BRIDGE



GENE BRIDGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bridge, of Spring Lake, Texas, brother of Paul Bridge of the Army and L. H. Bridge of Dinuba, entered the Marine Corps in 1939. He had lived in Dinuba nearly a year

prior to his enlisting. He completed Marine Corps schooling at San Diego and while on a furlough in 1942 he became engaged to Miss Jean Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paul of Dinuba. He was then a Corporal. In August, 1942, he sailed from San Diego, through the Panama Canal, stopped shortly at Charleston, S. C., and on to Iceland where he was stationed for 8 months. On his return from Iceland in April, 1943 he and Miss Paul were married and in November, 1943 he left from San Francisco for overseas duty in the South Pacific. At that time he was rated a Sergeant in the Tank Corps. In June, 1944, he was stationed in New Guinea.

## Arthur Byron BROCKLISS



ARTHUR BYRON BROCKLISS is the husband of the former Esther Ann Spomer, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Spomer of Dinuba. They were married in September, 1942. Brockliss entered the Army in March, 1941. After Pearl Harbor, the division he was with at San Luis Obispo went to Roosevelt Naval Air Base on Terminal Islands, where they were on guard duty for several months. He left there for Fort Benning, Ga., where he received his commission in May, 1942. Brockliss was stationed at Camp Roberts, Indian Town Gap, Penn., and then transferred to Camp Pickett, Va. In the spring of 1944, he was sent to Hawaii with an infantry regiment as motor officer. While there, he was able to see his father, Oliver M. Brockliss, who is in the Navy. After leaving the Hawaiian Islands, Brockliss took part in the battle of Guam, where his regiment was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for exemplary conduct in action. His wife is making her home in Dinuba. He has recently been promoted to Captain.

## Sherman P. BRIDGES

SHERMAN P. BRIDGES, son of LeRoy Bridges of 174 Perry Ave., Dinuba, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges of 444 O St., Fresno, is in the Quartermaster Department of the Army. He is a graduate of Fresno High School. His wife, Sally and their young son,

live in San Jose. Bridges has been in the service for almost two years, sixteen months of which he has spent at his present post at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He was home on furlough about three months ago and expects to soon go overseas. He is a brother of William, Delmas and Verdo, all in the armed forces.

## Delmas Duane BRIDGES



DELMAS DUANE BRIDGES, son of LeRoy Bridges of 174 Perry Ave., Dinuba, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges of 444 O St., Fresno, is squad leader in the Infantry of the famous "Red Bull Division" now fighting in northern Italy. Staff Sgt. Delmas, a Fresno High graduate, saw action in Tunisia, Cassino, Anzio, and Rome. This division has a record of taking every objective assigned to it and has become one of the most decorated of all units in the Mediterranean theatre of war.

## Verdo E. BRIDGES

VERDO E. BRIDGES, a son of LeRoy Bridges of 174 Perry Ave., and Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges of Fresno, is a seaman i/c in an amphibious operations base. He attended Fresno High School and is a brother of Sherman, William and Delmas. Verdo entered the Navy on April 12, 1944 and received basic training at San Diego. He is now overseas, assigned to the South Pacific area.

## William Walter BRIDGES

WILLIAM WALTER BRIDGES, son of LeRoy Bridges of 174 Perry Ave., Dinuba, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges of 444 O St., Fresno, is a mechanic in the Navy. He entered the armed forces on April 12, 1944, and was almost immediately assigned to overseas duty, leaving in May for the Pacific area. Bridges was home on leave in early October. His wife, the former Freda Eberlein of Dinuba, and their three children reside in Whittier, where Bridges lived before he was inducted.

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## John C. BRANNAN



JOHN C. BRANNAN, son of Mrs. Mary Pipkin of Box 264, Cutler, entered the Army on October 17, 1942. He is a brother of the late S/Sgt. Henry Brannan, who was killed in England in November, 1943. Brannan is also a brother of James H. Brannan of the Army. He has three sisters: Mrs. Maggie Heard and Mrs. Mildred Perry of Cutler; and Mrs. Dorothy Duncan of Jacksonville, Ark. He received thirteen weeks of training in the infantry at Camp Walters, Texas. In February, 1943, he was sent overseas, and was stationed as a machine gunner in New Guinea, in December of that year. Still stationed there in September, 1944, Brannan holds the rank of private first class.

## Henry P. BRANNAN



HENRY P. BRANNAN, son of Mrs. Mary Pipkin of Box 264, Cutler, entered the Army Air Forces on September 25, 1941. His two brothers, James and John Brannan are with the U. S. Army; his three sisters are Mrs. Maggie Heard and Mrs. Mildred Perry of Cutler, and Mrs. Dorothy Duncan of Jacksonville, Arkansas. Brannan received basic training in aerial gunnery at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and completed advanced training at Lowery Field, Colo., and Tyndall, Fla., in May 1942, with the rank of Corporal. He was sent overseas to England in July, 1942, and served as a tail gunner on a Flying Fortress. A Staff Sergeant, Brannan was presented with the Silver Star and the Air Medal by General Ira C. Eaker, commander of the 8th Army Air Force, in August, 1943. The awards were given after S/Sgt. Brannan dis-

persed enemy fighters, twice emptied and reloaded his gun in the heat of battle; and for the probable downing of another plane. He was killed in an air crash at Stoney Stratford, England on November 30, 1944. The Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters awarded S/Sgt. Brannan, were given to his mother at a Graduation Review at Lemoore Army Air Base May 20, 1944, by Maj. Gen. Paul B. Malone, retired. Commemorated by his fellow crew members as "the best tail gunner ever to climb into a Fortress," Brannan's repeated acts of heroism and devotion to duty were revealed in the citations accompanying each of the awards. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievements as tail gunner of fifteen bombardment missions over enemy-occupied Continental Europe, displaying real courage and skill. He destroyed one enemy plane, ward off many attacks, and aided materially in the success of the fifteen missions. The Air Medal was awarded him for five missions; the first Oak Leaf Cluster for five missions, the second Oak Leaf Cluster when he downed one plane. He received the third Oak Leaf Cluster when his plane was forced out of formation by determined attacks on his positions by destroying one enemy plane and severely damaging two others. A letter from his Lieutenant stated, "To me, Henry will always remain the greatest tail gunner that ever stepped into a Fortress. I'm proud that I can say I flew so very much with him." The President awarded Brannan the Purple Heart after his death.

## James H. BRANNAN



JAMES H. BRANNAN, son of Mrs. Mary Pipkin of Box 264, Cutler, entered the Army on July 28, 1942. He is a brother of the late S/Sgt. Henry Brannan, who was killed in England last November. Brannan also has another brother, John, who is in the Army. He has three sisters: Mrs. Maggie Heard and Mrs. Mildred Perry of Cutler; and Mrs. Dorothy Duncan of Jacksonville, Ark. Brannan received six weeks of preliminary training at Camp Roberts, and thirteen weeks of advanced training at Camp Bowie Texas. He was sent overseas to the Southwest Pacific in March, 1943; and in August, 1944, was located in Australia.

## Floyd BULL

FLOYD BULL lived in Dinuba before enlisting in the Navy. For a time he was believed missing in the Battle of Bataan. How-

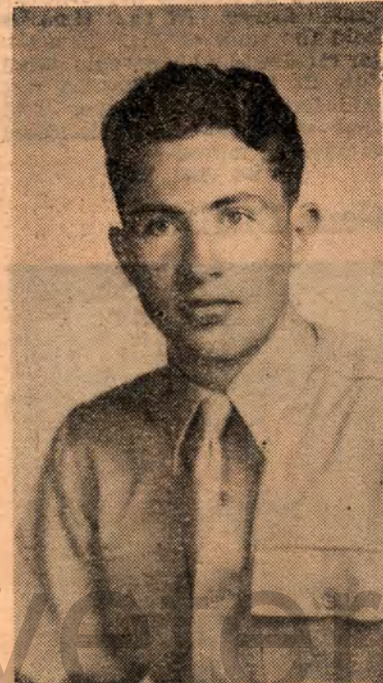
ever he was in Dinuba visiting friends and relatives in May, 1943. He is a cousin of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Bull of Dinuba. Mr. Bull hasn't seen or heard from Floyd since 1943.

## Floyd H. BRIGHAM



FLOYD H. BRIGHAM, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Brigham, and twin brother of Kenneth Brigham, entered the service in August, 1943. A few days after induction he was returned to the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, Calif., where he has been continuing the study of medicine as private first class in the Army Specialized Training Unit No. 3934. In December, 1944, he will complete the second year under the accelerated program of study and will be transferred to the Los Angeles division of the college.

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## John W. BOOTEN



JOHN W. BOOTEN is a former resident of Sultana and attended both Dinuba and Orosi High Schools. He was stationed at Kelly Field, Texas, when he won an appointment to the Army Air Force's Officers' Training School at Miami Beach, Florida. He placed seventh highest among a group of 70 men who passed the exams. He graduated 12 weeks later, in the fall of 1942, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. In September, 1942 he took as his bride the former Jo Beth Tenberg of Kennedy, Texas. They made their home in Augusta, Georgia, near Daniel Field where he is stationed, being the commanding officer of a provisional replacement squadron.

## Wilford E. BRISTOW



WILFORD E. BRISTOW, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bristow of Rt. 1, Box 196, Dos Palos, Calif., entered the Army on July 15, 1944. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1940. His wife, Mrs. Bessie Bristow, and child live at Box 74, Cutler. Bristow received basic training at Camp Swift, Texas, and from there, was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he was stationed in August, 1944. He held the rank of a private in the infantry at that time. The last of August, he left for overseas and landed in France.



## Johnnie BROWN



JOHNNIE BROWN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brown of 105 Umbrella Avenue, entered the Army in February, 1941. He spent ten months at Fort Ord, Calif., and then was transferred to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he drove trucks and guarded mines for four months. Then he was placed on general duty at Bakersfield Airport. After two months, he was sent overseas. He is a native of Enid, Okla. His folks heard from him in June, 1943, the letter saying he longed to be home after eleven months overseas. In October, 1943 he wrote Dinubans that he was still somewhere in the world. In September, 1944, Brown was a corporal, and still stationed in the Aleutians and expected to come home soon, having served 28 months overseas.

## Albert BROWN



ALBERT BROWN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown of 105 Umbrella Avenue, joined the Navy in January, 1943. He completed boot training at Farragut, Idaho, in April, 1943, and trained in aviation ordnance at the N. A. T. T. C. at Norman, Okla. He finished training there on July 24, 1943, with the rating of seaman first class. He then was transferred to the Naval Air Base at North Island, San Diego for five weeks of gunnery training. Brown completed bombardier school there in January, 1944, as a qualified bombardier, and sent overseas soon after receiving advanced gunnery and bom-

bing training. He received the rating of aviation ordnance man third class on May 1, 1944. In September, 1944, Brown was on active duty in the South Pacific. At that time, he had not been home since entering the service in January, 1943.

## Robert M. BROWN



ROBERT M. BROWN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Brown of 731 North Willis St., Visalia, is a brother of H. Norman Brown of Dinuba. He graduated from Visalia High School in 1940 and attended Davis University prior to his enlistment. Brown received his commission February 8, 1944 upon his graduation in Lubbock, Texas as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces. His transitional work was completed at Harlingen Field, Texas, and his operational training was at Casper, Wyoming. After reporting to Lincoln, Nebraska, Lt. Brown left for overseas, going first to England, then to North Africa. He is now a pilot on a Liberator bomber in Italy.

## Donald R. BROWN



DON BROWN, grandson of Mrs. J. D. Brown, 277 So. I St., and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley of 720 Ferger, Fresno, entered the Army Air Force in March, 1943, was sent to Fresno for four weeks, next to Pullman, Washington for four more months of training and then to Lowery Field near Denver Colo. He was in the armory school

training to be a gunner. He graduated from gunnery school in January, 1944, and visited in Dinuba and Fresno before going overseas. He was a corporal at that time. Last reports state that he is a sergeant and is serving somewhere in England as a ball turret gunner on a B-17. He is a veteran of eighteen combat missions and has received two Oak Leaf Clusters in addition to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement." His wife, Mrs. Marita Belle Brown, lives in Fresno.

## Willie BROWN



WILLIE BROWN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown of 151 Academy, and a graduate of local schools, entered the Army on Aug., 1942. He was stationed at Camp Haan, Riverside, where he received his primary training in Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft. In September, 1943, he was stationed at Long Beach, California where he was on guard duty for 17 months at Douglas Aircraft being advanced to a private first-class. He was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas, for advanced training. He came home on furlough in Oct. 1944.

## Austin BROWN



AUSTIN BROWN, son of Mrs. Doshi Brown of Orosi, entered the Army on May 11, 1944. He attended Orosi High School. After training in the infantry at Camp Roberts, and visiting his mother on a 10-day furlough, Brown reported to Fort George G. Meade in Maryland in the latter part of September, 1944.

## Emory Clayton BROWN



EMORY CLAYTON BROWN, of Kerman, whose wife, the former Kathryn Fraser and daughter, Marilyn are making their home in Phoenix, Arizona, enlisted in the Army Air Forces in August, 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Brown of Kerman. He began his pre-flight training at Santa Ana in February, 1943; and from there was transferred to Cal-Aero Academy at Ontario, Calif., where he received his primary flight training. Brown then went to Gardner Field at Taft for his basic training. He received advanced training at Luke Field, near Phoenix, Ariz., where he was commissioned a second lieutenant on December 5, 1943. After six weeks of instructor's training at Randolph Field, Texas, he was assigned to Luke Field, and made a Flight Commander.

## Arthur J. BRYON



ARTHUR J. BRYON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Bryon, Sr., of Hanford, and husband of the former Anne Seligman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seligman, entered the service in July, 1942, by joining the Coast Guards. He holds the rank of Musician, first-class, and is stationed at Government Island, Alameda, California.

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## Alexander D. BRUCE



ALEXANDER D. BRUCE is the son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Holmes, who reside at 404 North K St. His wife and four daughters are residing at 329 No. K St. for the duration. Chaplain Bruce enlisted in May, 1942, when pastor of the First Baptist Church in Centralia, Washington. He was promoted to the rank of captain at Laurel, Miss., in 1943, after which he served at Alexandria, La., and Abilene, Texas. He attended Chaplain's School at Harvard College in September, 1943, from where he went to Mac Dill Field, Tampa, Fla. In May, 1944, he was given orders for overseas as Base Chaplain in the Hawaiian Islands. Chaplain Bruce is a graduate of Redlands, Calif., High School, received his B.A. at the University of Redlands in 1927, his M.A. and B.D. degrees from the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School of Berkeley.

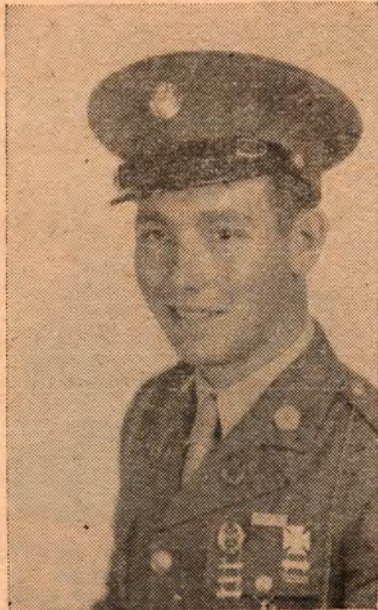
## James T. BRUCE



JAMES T. BRUCE is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bruce of 248 Golden Way. Before entering the Army in February, 1943 he was employed in an aircraft manufacturing company. In May he was stationed at Camp Cook and was home on leave. He is attached to the Engineers, and has been on duty crushing rock, building bridges, and other activities. He was home on furlough in September, 1943. In October, 1943, he was advanced to Private First Class and transferred from Camp Cook to a school in Virginia, specializing in air compressors. Bruce received a certificate on completion of the enlisted specialists course for air compressor operators on December 17, 1943. He

spent Christmas, 1943, with his parents, and on leaving Virginia, was stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo until May 5, 1944. A truck driver as well as an air compressor specialist, Bruce's buddies said that he had three motors to care for while they only had one; and that he loved his truck. From Camp San Luis Obispo, he was transferred to Camp Beale, Calif., and was home on June 2, 1944. He was then sent to San Francisco and left for overseas duty a short time later. In August, 1944, he was serving somewhere on the Pacific.

## S. B. BRYANT



S. B. BRYANT, son of Mrs. Bryant McCurry of Rt. 1, Box 337 Orosi, entered the Army in August, 1940. He received basic training at San Pedro, Calif., and was then sent to Fort Bliss, Texas. Bryant was transferred to Seattle as a gunner in the anti-aircraft division. He was serving as a guard at the Boeing Aircraft plant in Seattle in September, 1944, with the rank of corporal.

## Hansel Cleo BRYANT



HANSEL CLEO BRYANT, son of Mrs. W. H. Bryant of Rt. 1, Box 374, Orosi, enlisted in the Navy on November 12, 1941. He graduated from Perryville School in Arkansas in 1935. Bryant received his boot training in San Diego, completing it in August, 1942. He was next sent to New Orleans, La., for five months, and then to Moffett Field, Calif., for two months. He sailed for the South Pacific in June, 1943. A Cook first class, Bryant fought on Bougainville Island, where he was one of a group of four cooks out of

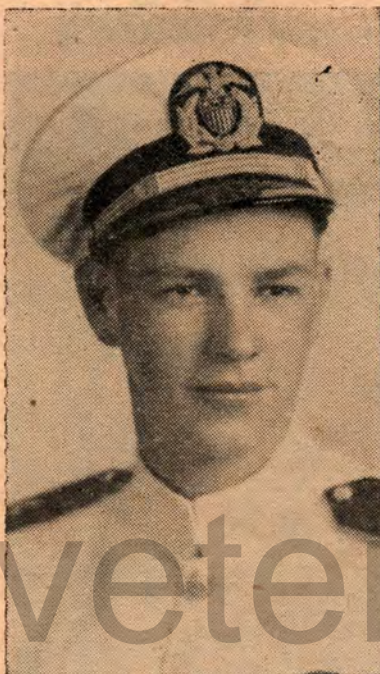
eleven to come out alive. He spent three days and nights in a foxhole 150 feet long and 150 feet wide, packed with dead soldiers. He fought in a hand to hand battle with the Japs for two days, and was unable to eat for three weeks.

## Gordon James BYERS



GORDON JAMES BYERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Byers of Cutler, joined the Navy in April, 1943, and received his recruit training at Farragut, Idaho. He is a graduate of Orosi High School. In July he entered the Electrician's Service School at Farragut for a sixteen weeks course in that specialty. After graduating from electricians school, Byers volunteered for submarine service and was sent to New London, Conn. In December, 1943, he requested service in the Pacific arena and was sent to Mare Island, later being assigned to an outgoing submarine.

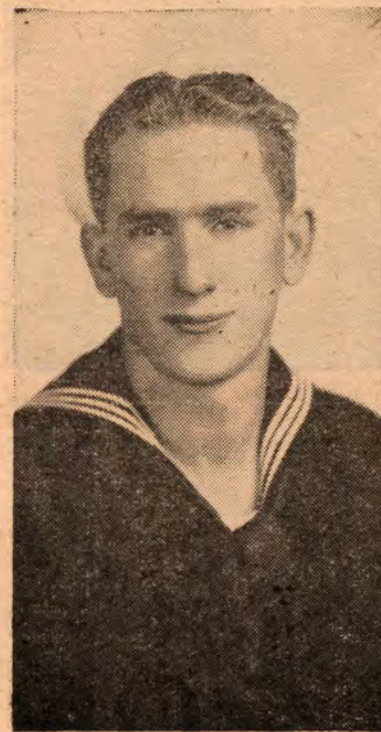
## Francis B. BURKDOLL



FRANCIS B. BURKDOLL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burkdoll of Orosi, graduated from the Orosi High School and attended Visalia Junior College. He attended the California Maritime Academy in San Francisco for eighteen months, graduating in May, 1943, with the rating of Third Mate. Burkdoll left San Pedro aboard a Merchant Marine vessel in July, 1943, circling the globe and then docking at Baltimore, Maryland, in November,

1943. Leaving Baltimore in December, 1943, he arrived in Philadelphia in June, 1944. Serving as Third Mate, aboard his ship, he visited Spain, Italy, Tasmania, India, the Union of South Africa, Arabia, Algeria, Iraq, and Egypt. In July, 1944, Burkdoll arrived at his home for a month's leave, and later took his Second Mate's examination. In August, 1944, he was serving as Second Mate aboard his ship somewhere in the Atlantic.

## Mike Thomas BURATOVICH



MIKE THOMAS BURATOVICH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buratovich of Dinuba, joined the Navy on September 25, 1942. He was assigned to Treasure Island. He spent some time at Eureka. Then back to Treasure Island and next to Moffett Field. Put on sea duty, he was promoted to Seaman First Class. He is with an advance ship repair unit and when heard from in August wrote he had seen Donald Schwab on an island in the South Pacific and it was good to see someone from home. A letter received in September 1943, said "It seems like years since I left the States." In October, 1944 he was in New Hebrides, having been stationed there for the past year.

## Walter J. BULLER



WALTER J. BULLER, son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Buller of Rt. 2, Box 332, Reedley, was inducted into the Army on August 10, 1944. He was stationed with the Medical Corps at Camp Barkeley, Texas.



## James Wilson BURUM



**JAMES WILSON BURUM**, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Burum of Dinuba, became a flying cadet in primary training at Glendale in January 1941. He went to Moffet Field on March 18th to begin his basic flight training and completed the course by June 12, 1941. Then he went to Stockton for his advanced training and upon his graduation was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Force. He was assigned to Minter Field as an instructor. In May, 1942 he was advanced to the rank of First Lieutenant. In August, 1943, he was promoted to a Captain, a few weeks after becoming a squadron commander. At present, Captain Burum is Director of Instructor Training and Commanding officer of the Instructor Training School for Single and twin engine bombers at Minter Field which is the largest training center in the Western Training Command. With his wife, nee Lois Jane Fattee of Dinuba, he makes his home in Bakersfield.

## Harry BURUM



**HARRY BURUM**, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Burum of Dinuba, enlisted in the Merchant Marine in July, 1942. He served four years in the Navy on graduating from Dinuba High School. He is one of the five officers aboard a merchant ship. His wife, the former Mary Ruth Locke, moved from San Mateo to Dinuba to reside during his absence. He first shipped out of San Francisco and in October 1943, reported from New York that among other places he had been to the Fiji Islands, New Zealand,

through the Panama Canal and to Liverpool, England. Burum shipped out again this time for South America and England and back to New York in late February, 1944, from an ocean voyage as junior purser on a United Fruit Co. vessel. Traveling to San Francisco, he was met by his wife there and came to Dinuba. Burum was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Maritime Service. Leaving during the latter part of February, 1944, for Los Angeles, he returned to his duties with the Merchant Marine. He made a short trip, returning in April and left again in July. In August, 1944, Ensign Burum wrote that he had seen President Roosevelt at an undisclosed place in the Pacific area.

## Henry BUTCHERT



**HENRY BUTCHERT**, son of Mrs. Alice Buckley of Dinuba, worked as doorman at the State Theatre before the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor. Henry enlisted in the Army, January 8, 1942 and was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for first training and then to Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, for basic training and graduated as a Corporal. He spent some time finishing training at High Point Hill, Greensborough, North Carolina and then to a camp in Virginia. In Oct. 1942 he went to North Africa and has progressed from point to point in the Allies Advance through the African Campaign on to Sicily and in Oct. 1943 word was received he had left Sicily. He wrote that things were quite rough for a while. He is an air force radio technician. In January, 1944, Butchert wrote that he was in Italy, and had visited Naples, Pompeii, and intended to visit the Isle of Capri. He was in Rome, and from there was sent to Corsica in July, 1944. In August, 1944, he was still located there.

## Victor BUTCHERT



**VICTOR BUTCHERT**, son of Mrs. Alice Buckley of Dinuba, and a star athlete when attending local schools, entered the Army in June, 1942, and was graduated from the armament di-

vision of the Army Air Force at Lowrey Field, Colo., in October, 1942. Since then he has been an armament trainer and inspector. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Promoted to Sergeant, Butchert was transferred to Columbia Air Base, South Carolina, and had been there for eleven months in October, 1943. Butchert was still stationed as an inspector in South Carolina in September, 1944.

## Harvey BURTON



**HARVEY BURTON**, son of Charles Burton of Oroquieta, entered the Coast Artillery on August 5, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Lorene Burton, and child reside at Box 232, Oroquieta. Burton received basic training at Camp Callan, completing it in January, 1943. He was then sent to Camp Haan, near Riverside, Calif., and in September, 1944, held the rank of corporal.

## George W. BUCKLEY



**GEORGE W. BUCKLEY**, husband of Mary Ann William Buckley, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Williams, entered the Air Forces on Sept. 17, 1942 at Visalia, and on October, 1943, was stationed at Harlington, Texas. His wife and small daughter lived with him there, but are expecting to come back to Dinuba soon, as Sgt. Buckley has been transferred from aerial gunnery instruction to a new branch of the Army Air Corps dealing with agriculture and the rehabilitation of occupied countries. In October, 1944, he was expecting to be moved soon.

## Don BURKDOLL



**DON BURKDOLL**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burkdoll of Dinuba, joined the Army Air Corps January 26, 1942. He was given a medical discharge on March 26, 1942. He re-entered the Armed Forces on March 20, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Jeanette Burkdoll, resides at P. O. Box 285, Dinuba, and is employed by the Bank of America. A graduate of Oroquieta High School in 1939, Burkdoll was an instructor at the primary flight training school at Blythe before he entered the Air Forces. He received basic training at Amarillo Air Field, Texas, completing it on May 13, 1944. He finished pre-flight school at Santa Ana Air Base on August 4, 1944. He was then sent to Sequoia Field, Visalia, Calif., for primary training, which he completed on September 8. Burkdoll was next stationed at Merced Army Air Base for basic flight training.

## William BUTLER



**WILLIAM H. BUTLER**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Butler of Oroquieta, joined the Coast Guard in February, 1943. He reported for duty at Government Island, Alameda, and after boot camp was assigned to Seamanship School on the Island, as a Seaman, second class. He has been based at Alameda Coast Guard Base and has the rating of seaman first class (C.R.).

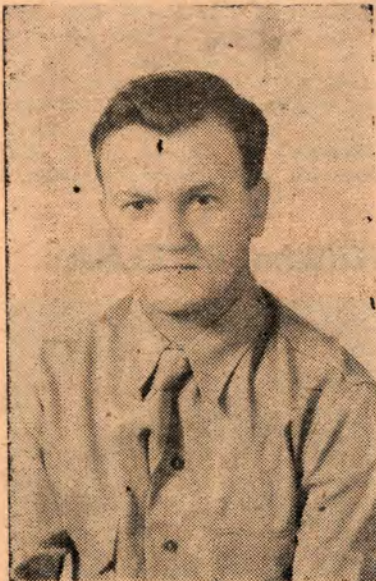


**Calvin O. BUTTS**



CALVIN O. BUTTS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Butts of Oroquieta, enlisted in the Marine Corps in August, 1943, receiving his boot training in San Diego. He was stationed at Oceanside until January, 1944, when he was sent overseas. While he was en route to his destination overseas, his company stopped in the Hawaiian Islands, where he spent a few hours with his cousin, Irvin Butts, who had been stationed there for a year. From there, Calvin went on active duty in the Marshalls and Solomon Islands. In August, 1944, he was serving somewhere in the South Pacific with the Third Armored Amphibious Battalion. He held the rank of Private first class at that time.

**Irvin BUTTS**



IRVIN BUTTS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Butts of Oroquieta, was inducted into the Army on November 6, 1942. He graduated from Oroquieta High School in 1940, and from Visalia Junior College in 1942. Butts was first sent to Monterey, where he remained one week. He was next transferred to the Embarkation Camp at Pittsburg, Calif., where he remained a week, and was then placed on a ship bound for the Hawaiian Islands. In January, 1944, he spent a few hours with his cousin, Calvin, who was en route to the South Pacific. In August, 1944, Butts was still stationed in the Hawaiian Islands with the Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, with the rank of private first class. For recreation, he stated that he occasionally went goat hunting and fishing. When Bob Hope's party of entertainers visited his base, the girls in the party were the first white girls that the boys had seen for many months.

**Melba BUCKLAND**



MELBA BUCKLAND, a sister of Mrs. George and Mrs. Earl Robison of 100 El Monte Way, Dinuba, joined the Army Nurse Corps on October 15, 1943. She graduated from Dinuba High School in 1917. After receiving basic training at Camp White, Oregon, she has been stationed at Hammond General Hospital, Modesto. Lt. Buckland expressed good fortune and satisfaction in being stationed so near family and friends in Dinuba, and so close to her home in Palo Alto. In September, 1944, she was anxiously awaiting an overseas assignment to serve more vitally those boys who need nursing care. She has seven nephews serving in all branches of the service, and one niece, Darleen Robison, Star Route, Dinuba, awaiting assignment to the Navy Nurse Corps.

**William R. BYAM**



WILLIAM R. BYAM of Dinuba, entered the Army in August, 1942, and was first sent to Camp Callan, and then to Camp Davis, North Carolina where he was in the anti-aircraft artillery school.

It was while there he was raised in rank to Corporal. On completion of work there he went to Camp Haan, Riverside, Calif. for desert training and in October, 1943 was stationed at the Army Camp at Orlando, Florida, where he attained the rank of Sergeant. He was serving overseas in August, 1944, in New Guinea.

**Oliver O. BYAM**



OLIVER O. BYAM, entered the U. S. Naval Reserve in September, 1942. He was sent to Treasure Island for duty and in October, 1943, had gained the rating of Machinist Mate, second-class. Byam is stationed at Treasure Island as an instructor, with the rank of Motor Machinist Mate 1st class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Byam, 555 E. Tulare St., Dinuba.

**John BUXMAN Jr.**



JOHN BUXMAN, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Buxman, formerly of Dinuba, now Windsor, Colo., joined the Marine Corps early in 1940. In January, 1942, he was stationed in Iceland. His letters tell of cold, windy winters, with plenty of snow on the ground at Christmas time. The Northern Lights are visible from his camp. A letter received in September, 1943, said he was farther away from Dinuba than he had ever been, but stated he couldn't tell just where. He added he held the rank of First Sergeant. He wrote his parents in 1944 saying he was somewhere in the Pacific war area. His brother, George, who is in the Navy, saw active duty in the Marshall Islands. Another brother, Walter, served on an aircraft carrier. His sister-in-law is in the Waves, and a brother-in-law in the Army.

**Robert O. BUTLER**



ROBERT O. BUTLER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Butler of Oroquieta, enlisted in the Army Air Force in December, 1941. He was stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Next, he attended a weather forecasting school at Champaign, Ill., graduating a Sergeant. He took pre-flight training at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. In June, 1943, he was learning to fly at Sherman, Tex. In October, 1943, he received his Silver Wings at the Central Flying Training Command, Randolph Field, Texas. He graduated from the Albee Flying Command School at Victoria, Texas, late in October, 1943, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He has been stationed at the Harlingen Army Air Base at Harlingen, Texas.

**Donald Ivan BURKETT**



DONALD IVAN BURKETT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Burkett of 324 Sierra Way, entered the Navy on July 7, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Jane Burkett, makes her home with his parents on Sierra Way. He graduated from Hanford High School in 1939. Completed his boot training in San Diego in six weeks, he was sent to Detroit, Mich., for advanced training in the electrical school there. He finished his course in December, 1942, with the rating of seaman 1/c. From Detroit, Burkett was transferred to an amphibious base at Solomons, Md., until September, 1943. At that time he was ordered to the amphibious base in Galveston, Texas, until August, 30, 1943. He was then assigned to an L. C. L. from New York.



## Francis E. CALCOTE



FRANCIS E. CALCOTE, son of Mrs. Emma Cobb of Rte. 4, Box 52A Visalia was stationed at Camp Roswell, New Mexico. He visited friends and relatives in Dinuba on his furlough from the Army in August. He is ranked T/5 and is in the Southwest Pacific.

## Benny P. CARRILLO



BENNY P. CARRILLO, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. John Kor, 500 West Tulare Street, with whom he lived before entering the service in December, 1940. He received his first training at Fort Ord, after which he remained there to assist in the training of recruits. Later, as a Sergeant, Carrillo's unit was among the first to storm and land at Attu. When the Japanese forces were defeated, the Army engineers aided in the preparation of a base. He stayed on the Island of Attu for several months. In September, 1943, his battalion left the Aleutians and late in October, 1943, was at an undisclosed station in the Southwest Pacific. He wrote his relatives telling of some of his Attu experiences. He states he saw much action and was very fortunate in not sustaining any injury. He collected many Jap souvenirs such as "dog tags" (identification discs), chevrons, pictures and coins. Also a bayonet which he has changed into a knife for close combat use. Little was mentioned of the place from whence he wrote. Sergeant Carrillo's division moved

from the Aleutians to Hawaii, where it went through the tough combat and ranger school. There, his engineer battalion was also sent through a highly technical amphibious training program which embodied all the American experience from all fighting fronts. Sgt. Carrillo was with his division in the Aleutian Islands when the Japs made their final banzai charge and were stopped by engineer battalions. Later in the American conquest of the Marshall Islands, it was the engineers who made the first landings to clear the way for the hardened infantry fighters. In Hawaii, the veterans of the Aleutian and Marshall Islands campaigns were reviewed by President Roosevelt. S/Sgt. Carrillo's Division received many decorations.

## Harold COPELAND



HAROLD COPELAND, nephew of Mr. J. B. Maxwell was stationed with the Army at Huntington Beach. He has spent several furloughs visiting here with his uncle. He was with the infantry as a corporal in the Hawaiian Islands.

## Robert C. CARLSON



ROBERT C. CARLSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlson of Route 1, Box 284, Dinuba California, attended a torpedo school at Portsmouth, Rhode Island. In February, 1943, T. M. Third Class Carlson was stationed at Algiers, Louisiana, and assigned to a torpedo motor boat squadron. He was sent out from Seattle in July, 1943, stationed

somewhere in the North Pacific with the designation of T. M. Second Class. He entered the service in May, 1942. In June, 1944, Carlson returned from the North Pacific area, where he had been on Attu for eight months. On his return, he was advanced to torpedoman first class, and was stationed at Treasure Island. Carlson returned to sea duty in September, 1944.

## Marvin Eugene CALENDER



MARVIN EUGENE CALENDER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Calender of Rte. 1 Box 268, Dinuba, joined the Army Air Force in Oct., 1941, after taking civilian pilot training at the Visalia Airport while attending Reedley J. C. He completed seven months of training at Oxnard, Minter Field and Luke Field in Arizona. On May 21, 1942, he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was then transferred to Seattle, Washington, and June 1, 1942, was sent to Alaska. On January 2, 1943, he married Miss Dorothy Neal of Seattle. He was promoted to First Lieutenant Jan. 20, 1943. In Oct., 1943, was still on duty in Alaska. Calender spent 18 months in the Alaskan theater of operations, entitling him to wear the Asiatic-Pacific and American theater ribbons. He and his wife spent the 1943 Christmas holidays with his family near Dinuba. After his furlough, Calender was sent to Santa Monica, and then to Glendale. On April 1, 1944, he was transferred to Moses Lake, Wash., and was promoted to captain the following June. In September, 1944, Calender was stationed at the Moses Lake Army Air Field, fighter base of the air force, where he was a flight in-

structor. He and his wife reside at Moses Lake. A daughter, Dorothy Susan, arrived Sept. 30th.

## Damian CHAVEZ



DAMIAN CHAVEZ, of the Oroqui district entered the U. S. Marine Corps on October 18, 1943. He is the son of Joe Chavez of P. O. Box 332, Oroqui. Chavez was a senior in the Oroqui high school at the time of his enlistment. After completing boot training at the San Diego Marine Base on the following November 30, he was sent to Hawaii. Chavez remained there for two months, and was then sent to Tarawa. Going on to the Mariana Islands, he was on Saipan D Day participating in the battle there. The latest word received from Private 1/c Chavez was that he was in a hospital recovering from jungle fever.

## Vicente CAMARILLO



VICENTE CAMARILLO, son of Mr. and Mrs. Florencio Camarillo of Rt. 1, Box 1, Oroqui, entered the Navy on May 11, 1944. Stationed at Camp Peary, Va., he had been home in September, 1944, on leave.

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**Ernest P.  
CHAMBERLAIN**



ERNEST P. CHAMBERLAIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Chamberlain of 1545 12th St., Reedley, entered the U. S. Navy Sea Bees in October, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Patsy Chamberlain, and son, Robert Keith, reside at 5159 Foothill blvd., San Diego. Chamberlain attended Reedley High School, and spent five years in Chicago, Ill., as a professional singer. He also sang over Radio KARM Fresno and KTKC Visalia; and was employed at Consolidated Aircraft in San Diego until October, 1943, when he enlisted in the Sea Bees. He received basic training at Camp Peary, Va., and trained at Camp Endicott, R. I., and Camp Parks, Calif. In September, 1944, he was reported to be stationed at Camp Hueneme, Calif., with the rating of Machinist's Mate 2/c.

**Mervyn N.  
CHAMBERLAIN**



MERVYN N. CHAMBERLAIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Chamberlain of 1545 12th St., Reedley, entered the service on Feb. 21, 1944. He graduated from Reedley High School in 1935. Before his induction he was employed by Kaiser Corporation, designing parts for corvettes, and also worked for two naval architects. He completed basic training in the Army Engineers at Camp Abbott, Oregon, and at Fort Lewis, Washington, in July, 1944. In September, 1944, he was reported to be doing blueprint and mechanical drawing at Camp Beale, Calif. He was a private at that time.

**Harley L. CHEEK**



HARLEY L. CHEEK, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Cheek of the Orange Cove district, enlisted in the Navy in Dec., 1941. He is now on duty in the Hawaiian Islands at a naval air station. He is an aviation machinist mate 2/c, and repairs planes.

**Delbert CRUFF**



DELBERT CRUFF, son of Mrs. Mollie Cruff joined the Army in March, 1941. Sergeant Cruff is stationed with the Coast Artillery at Fort Baker near San Francisco. On Saturday night, September 18th, 1943, he took as his bride, Miss Lillian Elizabeth Foster of San Francisco. She is the daughter of Mrs. Irma Foster of San Francisco. Cruff obtained a furlough in March, 1944, which he and his wife spent partly in Dinuba. In September, 1944, he was still stationed at Fort Baker.

**Guy CONWAY**



GUY CONWAY, son of Fred Conway of Marysville, Calif., entered the Army in April, 1943.

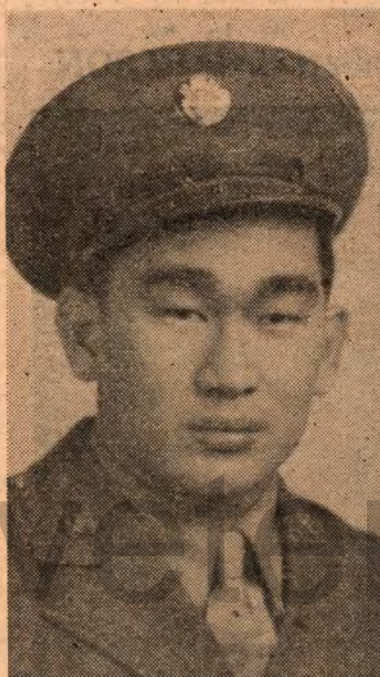
Prior to that time, he lived at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Payne of Box 176, Oroquieta. His wife, Mrs. Josie Conway of Arizona, resides at Gen. Del., Reno, Nev., Conway received basic training at the Fresno fairgrounds, later training at Sheppard Field, Texas. In August, 1944, he was located at Reno, Nev., with the rank of Private.

**Albert CHARLEY**



Sgt. ALBERT CHARLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Charley of Dunlap, has been in the service four years and was in a year before Pearl Harbor. He was in training in Sacramento for eight months, and has been overseas two years and four months in England. He is a mechanic with the Army Air Forces, and to get damaged 8th Air Force bombers back into the fight in minimum time is the job of Sgt. Charley's mobile repair unit. As a youth, Albert Charley attended Oroquieta schools and became friends with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lisman.

**John Warren CHANG**



JOHN WARREN CHANG, son of Mrs. S. K. Chang of 253 So. P Street was inducted September 23, 1942. He received his basic at Camp Roberts. In February, 1943, Chang was sent to Porto Rico. After serving there eighteen months in the Reconnaissance Mobile Force, he came home on furlough. In September, 1944, he was stationed at North Camp Hood, Texas, with a Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. He holds the rank of corporal.

**Forrest H.  
CARLSTROM**



FORREST H. CARLSTROM, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carlstrom. Rt. 1 Box 161, Kingsburg entered the service in February, 1942. Ten days before entering the service, he was married to Miss Marilyn Stone of Dinuba. While her husband is serving overseas, Mrs. Carlstrom is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone. Carlstrom was stationed at Fort Baker, Calif., until March, 1943. During the following year, he rose through the ranks to Staff Sergeant. On May 26, 1943, he was commissioned a second lieutenant at Camp Barkeley, Texas, following an intensive twelve week program in the Medical Administrative Corps Unit. He was then stationed in Santa Ana for six weeks before going overseas. Until July, 1944, Carlstrom was stationed in England. Just before being sent to France, he was promoted to first lieutenant; and in August, 1944, was stationed somewhere in France attached to the 9th Air Force.

**Duard COX**



DUARD F. COX, formerly an employee of the Alta Chevrolet Co., entered the Army in the summer of 1941. His first station was San Diego. In December, 1942, he was on duty at Long Beach. By September, 1944, Cox had been stationed in the Alaskan area for nearly 18 months. He was still located there at that time.



## Kenneth CAMPBELL



KENNETH CAMPBELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell of the Monson district, entered the service on March 10, 1943. He was stationed at Camp Bowie, Tex., as a member of the Army's new tank destroyer battalions in October, 1943. He first trained at Camp Hood, Texas. At Camp Bowie, he was promoted to Corporal. He was home on furlough the first of October, 1943. He was promoted to Sergeant in February, 1944, after going on maneuvers in Louisiana. He returned to Camp Bowie. In July, 1944, Campbell was stationed at North Camp Hood, Texas, after transferring from his tank destroyer battalion to the field artillery. He was home on a seventeen-day furlough at that time. On August 8, 1944, he was married to Mrs. Irene Moore, grand daughter of Mrs. Alameda Jackson of Dinuba.

## Glenn S. CARLSON



GLENN S. CARLSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Carlson of Rt. 2, Box 198, Dinuba, entered the Army on April 8, 1943. He graduated from Kingsburg High School in 1941. He attended Reedley J. C. and finished one semester at University of California at Berkeley before entering the service. Carlson received basic training in anti-aircraft at Camp Wallace, Texas. He was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas; Munro and Camp Haan, Calif., for advanced training, which he completed in May, 1944. Carlson transferred to the infantry then, and was sent to Camp Carson, Colo., and from there to Fort George C. Meade in Maryland. He was sent overseas in the middle of August, 1944, and arrived in France on September 6.

## Cecil CAREY, JR.,



CECIL CAREY, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Carey of Orosi, enlisted in the Army Air Forces in August, 1943, shortly after graduating from Orosi High School. He was sent to Miami Beach, Florida, and then to Rochester, N. Y., for his college training. After graduating in April, 1944, he was sent to pre-flight at Maxwell Field, Alabama, where he was classified as a navigator. In August, 1944, Carey was in training at gunnery school at Fort Meyer, Florida. On Oct. 5th, he was sent to navigation school at Ellington Field, Texas, and expected to graduate and receive his commission the last of January.

## Cecil E. CAESAR



CECIL E. CAESAR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caesar of Rt. 2, Reedley, attended the Reedley High School and Junior College, being in the Class of 1943. He joined the Army Medical Corps in March, 1943 and was sent to Camp Berkeley, Texas. An X-Ray technician, he was made a Corporal at this time. Later he went to William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas. Here he graduated on August 7, 1943, as third highest in the senior class. His parents and sister, Dorothy, attended the graduation exercises. While at El Paso, he visited Carlsbad Caverns. In Oct. 1943, Corporal Caesar was an X-Ray technician in the Army Medical Corps at the 182nd General Hospital Unit at La Garde, New Orleans, Louisiana. In November, 1943, he visited his home on furlough, and after his return to his base at LaGarde, was sent overseas to England. In August, 1944, he was reported to still be in England.



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## Gerald A. CAMPOS

GERALD ALVA CAMPOS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aurilio Campos of 278 South P St., Dinuba, was inducted into the Army on October 28, 1942. The Campos family have resided in Dinuba since 1942, when they came here from Seville. Gerald attended grade school there. Three of his brothers are in the service, Ted and Steve in the Army, and Carl in the Navy. He has one other brother, Julian, and five sisters, Mrs. Susan Sierra, Mrs. Juanita Munez, and Carol, Effie, and Bridget Campos. From Monterey, where Gerald was sent upon induction, he was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky for his initial training. He was sent overseas in April, 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Campos received a telegram from the war department on February 1, 1944, notifying them that their son was killed in action in Italy on January 6, 1944. In the following March, they received the Purple Heart and a citation, signed by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and awarded posthumously to their son. A beautifully engraved scroll with the insignia of the President of the United States, and the signature of President Roosevelt inscribed, paying tribute to Gerald, was later received by Mr. and Mrs. Campos in July, 1944. The scroll reads, "In grateful memory of Private First Class Gerald A. Campos, who died in the service of his country in the North African Area January 6, 1944. He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live, and grow, and increase its blessings. Freedom lives, and through it, he lives in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men. Franklin D. Roosevelt."

## Steve CAMPOS



CORPORAL STEVE CAMPOS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aurilio Campos of 278 Q street, was recently discharged from a government hospital after recovering from wounds suffered in action. He served two years in the South Pacific area. His brother, Pvt. Gerald Alva Campos, was killed in action in Italy on January 6th. The parents were notified early in February. There are three other brothers and five sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Campos have no picture of Gerald.

## Ray CHEEK

RAY CHEEK, of Orosi, passed his examinations in Exeter in June, 1943, and entered the Army Engineering Corps.

## Sidney G. CARR

SIDNEY G. CARR of this district enlisted in the Navy. In Nov., 1942, he was sent overseas.

## Carl A. CAMPOS



CARL A. CAMPOS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aurilio Campos of 278 South P St., Dinuba, joined the Navy on June 26, 1944. He is a graduate of the Parlier Elementary School. Campos was reported to be stationed at San Diego, where he was receiving Marine training in September, 1944. He was rated seaman 1/c at that time.

## Ted A. CAMPOS



TED A. CAMPOS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aurilio Campos of 278 South P St., Dinuba, entered the Army on March 29, 1944. He is a graduate of the Parlier Elementary School. Campos received basic training in Arkansas; and then volunteered for the paratroops. In September, 1944, he was reported to be transferring to Fort Benning, Ga., for further training.

## Rufus L. CREED



RUFUS L. CREED, formerly of Dinuba, is the husband of the former Victoria Peters of Dinuba and now of Esequido. Mrs. Creed is the niece of Mrs. Olin Artley of 470 Magnolia Way, Dinuba. Creed received his basic training at Camp Roberts. In September, 1944, he was overseas, and held the rank of private.

## Thomas M. CARLTON



THOMAS M. CARLTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carlton of Box 342, Orange Cove, entered the Army Air Forces on December 1, 1941. He graduated from Reedley High School in 1938. He was married on May 9, 1944, to Miss Lorraine Jackson of Dinuba. Carlton received basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., completing it on January 19, 1942. He next completed training at Delgado Trades school in June, 1942, with the rank of private. Upon completion of advanced training in airplane mechanics, he was transferred to Lake Charles Army Air Field, La., where he was given the duties of crew chief on an AT-6A advanced trainer airplane. In the first month spent there, Carlton was advanced to private first class, the next month to Corporal, and the month after that to sergeant. On January 9, 1943, he was transferred to Aloe Army Air Field, Victoria, Tex. He was made hangar chief there on June 1, 1943, and in August of that year was transferred to a new squadron. He was then assigned to the air inspector, technician's office. On March 1, 1944, he was promoted to staff sergeant. Mrs. Carlton resides in Victoria, Texas.

## Cecil M. CARLTON



CECIL M. CARLTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Carlton of Box 342 Orange Cove, entered the armed forces on April 15, 1942. He attended school in Orange Cove. Carlton received training in the infantry at Camp Roberts, completing it on July 28, 1942, with

the rank of private. He was sent to Seattle, Washington, for one month, and was shipped from there to Alaska with the infantry. Carlton was later transferred to the Army Transport Service as a private first class in December, 1943. In September, 1944, he was serving as a cook.

## Thomas H. CARLTON



THOMAS H. CARLTON, son of Jessie Carlton of Agnew, Calif., entered the Army Air Forces in August, 1943. The nephew of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Carlton of Box 342 Orange Cove, attended Orange Cove Elementary School, and graduated from a San Jose High School in 1943. He completed basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas. He will receive his wings during October, 1944.

## Jessie L. CARLTON



JESSIE L. CARLTON, son of Jessie Carlton of Agnew, Calif., entered the armed forces in July 1942. Carlton is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Carlton of Box 342 Orange Cove; and graduated from high school in San Jose in 1939. He attended the Orange Cove elementary school. Carlton received basic training in the Signal Corps at Red Bank, N. J., completing it in June, 1943. He also received advanced training there, where he was advanced to private first class and then to corporal. He was sent in 1944 to Warrenton, Va., where he was still stationed in September, 1944, with the rank of sergeant.

## Al DULEVITZ

AL DULEVITZ, of Cutler, who is a captain in the Army, visited his family in Cutler.



**Paul CALDWELL, Jr.**



PAUL CALDWELL, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caldwell, Sr., of the Dinuba district, joined the Marine Corps in August, 1942. He trained at the USMC school at San Diego and finished his training at Santa Barbara. In Feb., 1943, Cpl. Caldwell was in the So. Pacific. Sgt. Caldwell is still overseas and has served on the following islands: Hawaii, Russell, Efate, New Caledonia and several others.

**B. E. CLAYPOOL**



B. E. CLAYPOOL, who attended the Dinuba schools, is stationed at the infantry school at Fort Benning, Georgia. He has been promoted from Major to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Claypool and is a nephew of Miss Martha Kaufman of Dinuba. He held a commission in the Reserve Corps which he earned at Army camps and was called to active duty early. Lt. Col. Claypool was assigned to the Army Specialized

Training Program at the basic training center of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga.

**G. A. CHAMBERS**



GALEN A. CHAMBERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Chambers of Orosi, joined the Army Air Forces on July 9, 1941. He had completed two years of electrical engineering at Fresno State College at the time he entered the army. Chambers immediately acquired a job as a radio operator in the Moffett Field control tower. He applied for six months of advanced training at Scott Field radio school in Illinois, and after finishing school there, was sent to Lemoore Air Base. Chambers served as a radio maintenance man and operator at Lemoore, acquiring the grade of sergeant. He then went to Signal Corps officers candidate school at Fort Monmouth, N. J., graduating as a second lieutenant on April 9, 1943. He was then sent into the Caribbean area as a communications officer, where he furnished the communications for a tactical air command headquarters. Since that time, he has returned to the United States, and in September, 1944, was reported to be located at Camp Pinedale, Fresno.

**Allen B. CUMBERLEDGE**



ALLEN B. CUMBERLEDGE, son of Mrs. Stella Dolan of Box 421, Cutler, entered the armed forces in March, 1939. He graduated from high school in Lefors, Texas, in 1931. Cumberledge received training in the field ar-

tillery at Camp Bowie, Texas, finishing on November 17, 1941. He sailed on the following November 20 from San Francisco. He was on Java at the time the Japs invaded the island, and was captured by the enemy there in May, 1942. Sergeant Cumberledge has been a prisoner of the Japanese in the Fukuaga Prison Camp on the island of Kyshu in Japan since the time of his capture. First word from her son was received by Mrs. Dolan in May, 1942, when she was notified by the War Department that he was missing in action. In December, 1942, a short wave radio operator in Long Beach intercepted a broadcast from Japan and made a recording of the message sent by Cumberledge to his mother, in which he said he was a prisoner of war in Japan. However, the War Department did not

confirm this report until May 1, 1943, a year after his capture by the Japanese. In November, 1943, Mrs. Dolan received a type-written card from her son, saying that he was in good health, and asking about his brother and sister. He had signed the card. On February 22, 1944, Mrs. Dolan received a telegram from the Provost Marshal General in Washington, D. C. telling of a short wave broadcast from Japan and giving the text of a broadcast by Cumberledge to his family in Cutler. He stated then that he was in good health, and had had little illness since leaving the States. Mrs. Dolan received a card from him early in September, 1944, stating that he was in good health, but that he had received no word from home since leaving San Francisco.



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## Adrian Ward CARTER



ADRIAN WARD CARTER, son of Verne Waide of Rt. 1, Sanger, Texas, enlisted in the Navy in January, 1942. He attended school in Texas. For two years before entering the service, he made his home with his cousin, Jim Waide, of P. O. Box 207, Cutler. Serving aboard a flagship, he was in several of the big battles of the Pacific. He received wounds in the Coral Sea Battle, and was in the battle of Midway. In August, 1944, he was still with his ship, with the rating of Coxswain first class.

## James CANN



JAMES CANN is another of the Dinuba boys wearing the uniform of the U. S. Air Force. After an enviable record in Dinuba High School, Visalia Junior College and the University of California where he graduated as a mining engineer in December, 1941, he entered the service in January. Cann trained at Mather Field, where he received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant in May, 1942. He was flight instructor at Kelley Field, San Antonio, Texas, for several months. In Sept., 1942, he was transferred to Canada. After several months with the 1st Mapping Sqdn. in Canada his outfit returned to the U. S. A. In a short while he received his 1st Lieutenancy. His position was navigator for the flight leader and he was detachment finance officer. His squadron was next stationed at Miami, Fla. for some time, preparing for a secret mission to North Africa and the Far East. That having been accomplished with many thrilling

experiences, they returned to Bradley Field, Conn. On furlough he flew to San Francisco and married Miss Dorothy Morris, a trained nurse at Childrens Hospital, July 24th 1943. In October, 1943, he was at Bradley Field, Conn. preparing for flights to places unknown. The name of his squadron had been changed to Photo Charting Squadron, and soon Cann was back in Africa, where he was notified of his promotion to a captain. Flying B-17s, many secret missions over enemy territory were carried through successfully.

## Jesse CAMACHO



JESSE CAMACHO, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Camacho entered the service on February 15, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Mary Camacho, resides at P. O. Box 292 Cutler. Camacho attended school in Reedley. Completing basic training in the Army Medical Corps at Camp Walters, Texas, in May, 1943, he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands for further instruction. He finished his advanced training in the Medical Detachment there in May, 1944. He was then sent to Saipan in the Mariana Islands, where he saw action.

## Bernard CARTER



BERNARD CARTER, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Carter, Canal Apt. 130-5, Richmond. Before entering the Army in January, 1943, he was employed in a San Francisco shipyard. He was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, in February, 1943 to train as a mechanic. From there he was transferred, first to Salt Lake City, to Las Vegas, and then to Ephrata, Washington. In Octo-

ber, 1943, Pfc Carter was with the Army Air Force stationed at Ephrata, Washington. Carter rated corporal's stripes in December, 1943. He left Washington in January, 1944, and was sent to Dalhart, Texas, where he was placed in charge of the recreation hall on the air base. While not entertaining the boys, his duty was to show military films to the officers. He was still located there in September, 1944, and expected to come home on furlough in November. He is the brother of Mrs. E. P. Hays of Dinuba.

## Clifton Clayton CONKLIN



CLIFTON CLAYTON CONKLIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conklin of Ivanhoe, formerly of Cutler, and nephew of R. E. Conklin of Dinuba was inducted into the service in June, 1943. He received his boot training at Treasure Island and was then transferred to a blimp base in Eureka, Cal., for several months. Conklin, seaman 1/c, is now overseas on a submarine tender.

## Stanley CRUFF



STANLEY CRUFF, son of Mrs. Mollie Cruff of Dinuba. He is a graduate of the Dinuba High School. Stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, he obtained a furlough in Oct. 1943 to visit his mother. Cruff has been in the Army since April, 1943. He left Fort Leonard Wood during the latter part of January, 1944, for Shreveport, La. He spent two months there on maneuvers, and while there was promoted to corporal and then to sergeant. From Shreveport, Cruff was sent to Camp Breckenridge, Ky. He came home on furlough in June, 1944. He holds the rank of staff sergeant.

## James A. CASTLEMAN



JAMES A. CASTLEMAN, was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., when he married Dora Dean Kidwell in Reno in January, 1943. Mrs. Castleman is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kidwell of Dinuba. Castleman is a native of Nashville, Tenn. He was sent to the Aleutian Islands leaving July 9, 1943. At that time he was a private first class. After serving in the Aleutian area for several months, participating in the battle there and in the Marshall Island, Castleman was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. In August, 1944, he was still stationed there, and held the rank of Corporal. At that time he had not seen his son, Gary William, who was born in March, 1944.

## Ancel L. CARMICHAEL



ANCEL L. CARMICHAEL, son of James F. Tobin of 241 South L St., Dinuba, entered the Army on January 2, 1943. His sister, Miss Eva Tobin, resides with her father in Dinuba. Carmichael graduated from Orosi High School in 1937. After completing his basic training at Camp Roberts on April 15, 1943, he was sent to Camp Rucker, Alabama, for advanced training as a private in the infantry. He was stationed at Camp Butner, N. C., before being shipped overseas in May, 1944. Carmichael was located in England for two months; and in September, 1944, was in France. He writes that he likes the French people and the country; and that he likes the Army, but that civilian life is the life.



## Paul CEBALLOS



PAUL CEBALLOS, son of Sidney Ceballos of West Kern St., enlisted in the Navy on January 24, 1944. He received his boot training at Farragut, Idaho.

## Gerald COIGNY



GERALD COIGNY, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Coigny of Orange Cove, while not in the Army himself, is doing work for the Army. He began in May, 1940 as a Civilian Pilot Training instructor in Oregon and after the out-break of war was a flying instructor at the Rankin Academy at Tulare. In September, 1942, Coigny began flying as first officer for T. W. A. Airlines, flying mostly Army cargo until recently, when Army cargo was discontinued by T. W. A. While an instructor at Rankin, he held the rank of lieutenant, and while flying Army cargo, was rated a captain.

## Frank CHIMIENTI



FRANK CHIMIENTI, son of Mrs. A. Chimienti of P. O. Box 355, Orange Cove, entered the armed forces on August 1, 1942. He attended school in Orange Cove. Chimienti received basic training at Camp Haan, Calif., and later trained at Fort Ord. In July, 1944, he was home on a fifteen day furlough from the Aleutians, where he had seen action with the Japs. In August, 1944, he was with the Coast Artillery in the Aleutians and held the rank of a Private first class.

## Mrs. Ferne I. COFFEY



MRS. FERNE I. COFFEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Borchardt of Dinuba, joined the WAVES in June, 1943,

and went to Hunter College in the Bronx, New York, for her naval boot training. She graduated in August, 1943, as a Seaman Second Class. Next, she was assigned to a training school in Boston learning to keep books the Navy way. She graduated from the Storekeeper's School on October 5, 1943 and was assigned to a permanent station in San Francisco. Stationed at Treasure Island, she was promoted to storekeeper second class in February, 1944. On the following March 28, she was married to Nelson H. Coffey, chief boatswain's mate of the U. S. Navy, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carr in Redwood City. Coffey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Coffey of Brooklyn, N. Y. His father is a retired Navy man. Mrs. Coffey graduated from Dinuba High School, Reedley Junior College, and attended 4C's in Fresno. She was employed in the Security-First National Bank in Dinuba at the time of her enlistment.

## Clifford CASH



CLIFFORD CASH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cash of Kansas, entered the armed forces in 1941. He is the nephew of Frank Cash of Dinuba, and made his home with him in Dinuba. Cash received basic training at Camp Roberts. He received advanced training at Fort Douglass, Salt Lake City, in the military police. He left for overseas with his M.P. unit in January, 1943, and

was sent to New Guinea. After being in the hospital in New Guinea, he returned to the United States. In September, 1944, Cash was a private in the military police and stationed in Salt Lake City.

## Monte C. CARPENTER



MONTE C. CARPENTER, husband of Roberta King Carpenter of Dinuba, was inducted into the service on March 13, 1941, and received his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Mrs. Carpenter and son, Gary Dean, reside with her mother, Mrs. Flossie King, at 158 South J St., Dinuba. With Mrs. King's four sons, it gives the King home a five star service flag. Upon completion of basic training, Carpenter was sent to Fort Ord, Calif., until war was declared, when his battalion was sent to an airport along the coast for guard duty. In April, 1942, he was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, and was stationed there until moved to Camp Laguna, Arizona, for desert maneuvers. While there, he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Carpenter was sent to England in November, 1943, where he remained until the invasion. A member of the Armored forces, Carpenter and his unit established the beach head at Normandy on "D" Day, for which they were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. In August, 1944, he had been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in France, and was established in an English hospital. His rank was first sergeant at that time.

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## E. M COTTINGHAM



EUGENE MAX COTTINGHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Cottingham of Oroquieta, enlisted in the Navy on November 22, 1943, while a senior at Oroquieta High School. He received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and later trained at Bremerton, Wash., in aerial gunnery. He was then assigned to a seaplane tender with the rating of seaman 1/c, and left the States in June, 1944.

## Betty Jane COTTINGHAM



BETTY JANE COTTINGHAM, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Cottingham of Oroquieta, is serving as a cadet nurse at the San Joaquin General Hospital. She graduated from Oroquieta High School in 1941. She will graduate from her cadet nurse's training on September 8, 1945; and has enlisted in the Navy.

## Vernon CHRISTIAN



VERNON CHRISTIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Christian of

Orange Cove, enlisted in the Naval Reserve on September 4, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Kathryn Christian, resides at 1521 Laurel Ave., Richmond. Christian graduated from Oroquieta High School in 1940. He received his basic naval training at Great Lakes, Ill., and was stationed in Iceland for sixteen months. Christian was stationed at San Bruno, Calif., one month after attending school in Norfolk, Va., in August, 1944, he was serving as Storekeeper third class somewhere in the Pacific.

## Douglas L. CHRISTIAN



DOUGLAS L. CHRISTIAN, son of Mrs. Pearl Christian, enlisted in the Navy when he was only seventeen. He is now a navy cook. Douglas or "Chris" as he is called in the Navy, has been in the South Pacific. He is now a Third Class Store Keeper, or Third Class Petty Officer, on the ship. His ship's home base is Pearl Harbor but "Chris" has been to New Caledonia and other Islands in the South Pacific. After two and a half years in the South Pacific, Christian visited his mother and relatives in May, 1944.

## Herman Edward CATO



HERMAN EDWARD CATO, visited his aunt, Mrs. C. F. Skelton of Cutler, the first of January, 1944. His home is in Texas. In October, 1943 he was rated a Seaman second class and was on duty in a foundry shop at San Diego. In September, 1944, Cato was rated MM 3/c, and was still stationed in San Diego.

## James Earl CATO



JAMES EARL CATO, is a nephew of Mrs. C. F. Skelton of Cutler. He entered the Army on June 2, 1942 and while he was stationed on the Pacific Coast visited his aunt. His home is in Bowie, Texas. In October 1943 he was with an antiaircraft unit stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia and rated a corporal. In September, 1944, Cato was located somewhere in England. The latest report is that he is in Germany.

## Chester M. COLE



CHESTER M. COLE, son of Terry Cole of 137 W. Mono St., Dinuba, was home on leave early in July, 1944, from Farragut, Idaho, Boot camp. He was then sent to Camp Bradford, Virginia, where he prepared for duty with the amphibious forces aboard an LST—Landing Ship, Tank. His wife resides in Dinuba. A Seaman second class in August, 1944, Cole had been assigned to the crew of an LST at the Amphibious Training Base, Camp Bradford, Va., where he was going through the strenuous training required of blue jackets who man the beach-hitting tank carriers. Heavier than a modern destroyer, the 300-foot LST lands assault troops and equipment directly onto enemy beachheads, under the protective bombardment of heavy warships and Navy planes. Despite its size and weight, the landing vessel is designed to navigate shallow approaches to hostile beaches, spilling its troops and tanks ashore through huge bow doors. Camp Bradford, where Cole was stationed, is one of a group of bases operated by the Amphibious Training Command of the

U. S. Atlantic Fleet along the eastern seaboard.

## Joy BLISS CRAIN



JOY BLISS CRAIN, daughter of Mrs. N. J. Wilkerson of 160 Whitney Ave., Dinuba, enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps on December 6, 1942. She is the widow of the late Staff Sergeant Jesse F. Crain. Upon enlisting, she was sent to Camp Kearns, Utah, where she was stationed for thirteen months. In June, 1943, she visited her mother and sister, Mrs. Howard C. Wilkerson, in Dinuba. She was transferred to Camp Swift, Texas in January, 1944, where she was placed in a hospital division, later transferring to an evacuation hospital. In July, 1944, she was shipped overseas, and in August, 1944, was stationed somewhere in England as a Lieutenant in the Air Nurses Corps. A short time later she was in France with an evacuation hospital, following General Patton's Army.

## Owen C. CORLEY



OWEN C. CORLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ode C. Corley of Springfield, Ore., entered the armed forces in 1941. A graduate of Dinuba High School in 1939, Corley is the brother-in-law of Mrs. Geneva Corley of 1133 5th St., Springfield, Ore., who is from Dinuba. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins. Corley received his basic training in the infantry at Camp Lee, Virginia. He graduated from officers candidate school in Texas Overseas at the time of the North African invasion, Corley was there for one year and 11 months. Captain Corley is now in Italy.

## George CHOKLOS

GEORGE CHOKLOS, brother-in-law to Marie Choklos, is a Marine stationed at San Diego. He visited at the U. C. Darnell home on a recent furlough.

## Claud



CLAUD, daughter of Mrs. N. J. Wilkerson of 160 Whitney Ave., Dinuba, enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps on December 6, 1942. She is the widow of the late Staff Sergeant Jesse F. Crain. Upon enlisting, she was sent to Camp Kearns, Utah, where she was stationed for thirteen months. In June, 1943, she visited her mother and sister, Mrs. Howard C. Wilkerson, in Dinuba. She was transferred to Camp Swift, Texas in January, 1944, where she was placed in a hospital division, later transferring to an evacuation hospital. In July, 1944, she was shipped overseas, and in August, 1944, was stationed somewhere in England as a Lieutenant in the Air Nurses Corps. A short time later she was in France with an evacuation hospital, following General Patton's Army.

## Desm



DESMOND, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry A. Warren of 2203 1st St., Dinuba, enlisted in the Army on July 2, 1942. He is a graduate of Dinuba High School in 1939. He was a member of the California State Rifle Team in 1941. He is now in the Army.



## Dean CHRISTIE



DEAN CHRISTIE of St. Paul, Minnesota, is the husband of Mrs. Anne Gratz Christie, formerly of Dinuba. He attended St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota, where he took a pre-medical course. Christie joined the Army in 1941, and graduated from Rosewell Army Flying School in New Mexico as a bombardier. He returned last winter from spending fourteen months in the North African theater, where he won the Air Medal, with six oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Christie was promoted to Captain in June, 1944. He was stationed at David Monahan Field, Tucson, Arizona, where he was a bombardier instructor in August, 1944. Captain and Mrs. Christie were making their home in Tucson at that time.

## Robert E. CARTT



ROBERT E. CARTT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Cartt of Dinuba, enlisted in the Army Air Force in October, 1942 and was called in Feb. 1943. He reported to Santa Ana and sent to Michigan College of Mining and Technology at Houghton, Michigan, where he was instructed in physics, history, geography, military tactics and drill. In May 1943 he left for classification center at Nashville, Tennessee where he was classified as a pilot. In June, 1943 he began pre-flight training at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, his primary training was taken at Souther Field, Americus, Ga. In September, 1943, he was transferred to basic training at Greenville, Miss. After becoming an aviation cadet, Robert was cadet flight officer and a member of both the entertainment committee and honor guard. Cartt

next reported to the Greenville Army Air Field, Greenville, Miss., for further flight training. He received his wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant on February 8, 1944, at George Field, Ill. After serving for a time as flying instructor at George Field, he was sent to Chanute Field, Ill. In September, 1944, Cartt was stationed at Courtland Army Air Field, Courtland, Ala., where he was in training as pilot on B-24 Liberators. Mrs. Cartt and daughter, Sherrill, make their home with him at Courtland, Ala.

## Donald R. CARTT

DONALD R. CARTT is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cartt of Dinuba. He enlisted in aviation cadet training Navy V-5 program in January, 1944, while still in Dinuba High School. In June, 1944, having graduated from high school, Don went to Arizona State Teachers' College at Flagstaff, Arizona. He is receiving instruction in college work plus naval rules and regulations with drill and calisthenics. He is a squad leader in his group.

## Thomas E. CARTT



THOMAS E. CARTT, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cartt, of Dinuba, enlisted in the Naval Air Force in October, 1941. He is a graduate of Dinuba High and attended Fresno State College prior to enlisting. After basic flight instruction at the Naval Reserve Base, Oakland, Texas, for thirty days training in navigation and meteorology. From there, he was sent to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was commissioned an Ensign in June, 1942, with pilot's Golden Wings. He took Miss Clara Elliott of Astoria, Oregon, as his bride on August 10, 1942. Ensign Cartt was ordered to the base at San Diego in August and was assigned to patrol duty at Alameda Air Base where he was stationed until July, 1943. He received his commission as Lieutenant, Junior Grade, in Sept., 1942, while at Alameda. He was photographic and supply officer at this base. He piloted PB-1s and Vega Venturas as well as various types of patrol planes. He qualified as an expert pistol shot. Service ribbons worn below his wings are for service before Pearl Harbor, service outside continental United States and expert pistol shot. He was sent to Seattle in July, 1943, where he joined his squadron by ship, somewhere in the Pacific war area. He was

engineering officer and flight navigation officer, as well as being on patrol duty in the Pacific area. After being based in the Aleutians for a year, Cartt was transferred to the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Fla., where he was piloting rescue and search planes in the vicinity of Jacksonville in September, 1944. Mrs. Cartt and daughter, Susan, make their home with him at Jacksonville.

## Virgil H. COONS



VIRGIL H. COONS, attended Orosi schools and is the brother of Marvin Coons, Manteca, Calif. He received his training as a cook at Camp Perry, Ohio, and Port Clinton, Ohio. He is ranked a Technical Sergeant. He was shipped overseas to an unknown destination.

## Fred V. COONS



\* FRED V. COONS, formerly of Orosi, attended the Orosi schools. He is the husband of Mrs. Freida Coons of Cutler. He received his training at Camp Beale, Calif. as

a cook, and was located at 128th Station Hospital at Camp Cook. He is a brother of Marvin Coons of Manteca, Calif. Coons was honorably discharged from the Army in October, 1943, and has returned to his home in Cutler.

## Walter Wendell CROWE



WALTER W. CROWE, is a son of Mrs. Blanche Crowe of Dinuba. A Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, he has served as a dentist for seven years. Last year he was on duty on the battleship, U. S. S. South Dakota. He is now stationed at the Naval Hospital in San Diego. He is married and has a two year old daughter.

## Earl COATS



EARL COATS, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Coats of 107 Holden Avenue. Upon entering the service, he was stationed at Camp Robinson, Little Rock Arkansas; then at Camp Butler, North Carolina. He was reported with the Army in England.

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## Gilbert CHICK



GILBERT CHICK, a former Dinuban, is the brother of Mrs. Carlos Cannon of 265 Whittaker Way, Dinuba. Chick is on his second "hitch" in the Marine Corps. He attended Dinuba schools for several years around 1924, and was here three years ago on a visit. Mrs. Chick is from Quantico Cove, Virginia. Chick attended boot camp in San Diego, and served on the U. S. S. Tennessee on cruises to New Zealand and Australia. Later he was stationed at Quantico. He was in on the "show" at Nicaragua, then back to Quantico, Key West, and then to Brooklyn for his release. There he promptly signed on again. Since then, he has been "tied down" to instructing Marines in marksmanship, something that the Marines are noted for. He reported for duty at the San Diego base on March 5, 1944, and at that time he and his wife visited his sister in Dinuba. His wife was employed in the OPA office in Washington, D. C., and had taken a leave of absence owing to poor health. A platoon sergeant, Chick was stationed in San Diego in September, 1944.

## Donald CHICK



DONALD CHICK, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chick, formerly of Dinuba and now residing in Monterey, entered the Navy in November, 1942. He graduated from Monterey High School in June of the same year, holding the tennis championship of the northern high schools of California. Chick received basic training at Farragut, Idaho, and was then sent to Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. In September, 1944, he rated machinist mate 1/c, and was at sea in the Atlantic area.

## James CHICK



JAMES CHICK, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chick of Monterey, enlisted in the Navy in March, 1942. His wife, Eleanor Chambers Chick, lives in Covina. Chick graduated from Dinuba High School in 1932. A Chief Specialist, Chick received indoctrinational training at Norfolk, Virginia. In May, he was sent to San Diego Naval Training Station where he carried out the duties of Company Commander. In January, 1943, he was transferred to Advanced Gunnery School for six weeks after which he was assigned to DE boat school. He was stationed aboard a DE boat in June. The following September, 1943, he received a transfer to a heavy cruiser on which he has been seeing duty in the Pacific.

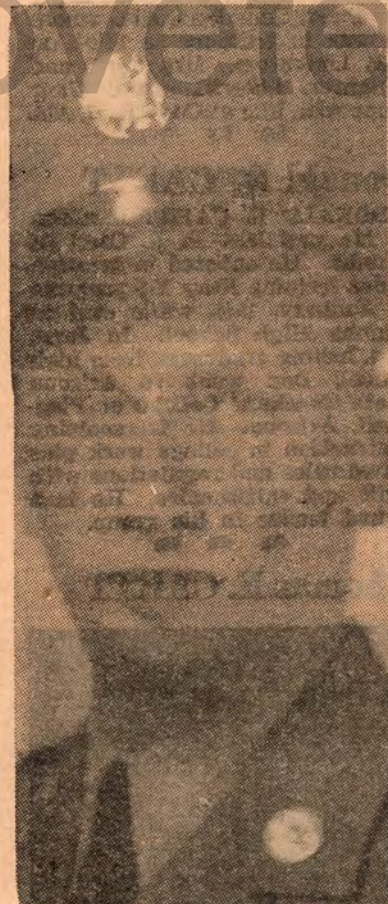
## Claude M. CHAFFIN



CLAUDE M. CHAFFIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chaffin of Rt. 2, Box 318, Dinuba, entered the Army Air Forces August 14, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Inez O'Daniel Chaffin, lives in Orosi. Chaffin attended the Reedley High School, and prior to his entrance into the armed forces, was employed as an agricultural worker by Myron Miller. He received basic training at the Kingman Army Air Field Flexible Gunnery School, Ariz., and advanced training in gunnery and engineering at the Alexandria Army Air Field, La. Chaffin left for overseas in June, 1944, and in July was stationed at an Air Service Command Station somewhere in England. At that time, he was participating in a course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and soldiering in an active theater of war. Following completion of the course, Chaffin was scheduled to be sent to a station from which America's fighting planes take off to smash the Nazi war machine. In August, 1944, he was going out on two missions a

week, having received intensive training in gunnery, engineering, and combat flying, as a member of a Flying Fortress crew trained by the Second Air Force. At that time, he held the rank of sergeant.

## Stanley R. CRIDER



STANLEY R. CRIDER, a son of Mrs. Genevieve Gorde 185 So. L. St. and A. J. Crider of Bakersfield, and is a grandson of Mrs. S. E. Lanfienburger, joined the service on December 17, 1941. He was first with the Coast Artillery at Santa Monica. He then reported for duty as an Army radio operator at the Alaskan battle front. He was sent to the Aleutian Islands, where he was on duty at radio operator during the Attu and Kiska campaigns.

## Harold D. CRIDER



HAROLD D. CRIDER is the son of Mrs. Genevieve Gorde, who resides in the Alta Hotel, Dinuba, and of A. J. Crider of Bakersfield. He is a graduate of Bakersfield High School, living in Dinuba three years, where he was employed at the Alta Meat Company plant. Crider entered the Army on December 30, 1943, going to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, after reporting at the Presidio of San Francisco.

## Matthew K. CHUNG



MATTHEW K. CHUNG, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Chang of P. O. Box 26, Dinuba, graduated as an aerial gunner from school at Harlingen, Texas. He visited here in August, 1943, before starting his instruction to become an Army flier. In September, 1944, A/S Chung was stationed at Deming Army Air Base, Deming, N. M., at the Advanced Bombardiering School there. He expected to finish training there in November, 1944.

## Bethuel CHUNG



BETHUEL CHUNG, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Chung of P. O. Box 26, Dinuba, was inducted into the armed forces on December 28, 1943. He was classified as a draftsman, 070, in the Army Air Forces, and then transferred to the Aircraft Mechanics School at Amarillo Army Air Field, Texas. He graduated in Oct. 1944 with training that fitted him to assist in keeping Flying Fortresses in the air.

## Donald L. CASE

DONALD L. CASE, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Case of Rt. 1, Box 614, Reedley, enlisted in the Coast Patrol in the spring of 1942. He graduated from Los Gatos High School in 1927 and Stanford in 1931. Case received basic training at Treasure Is. Completed advanced training at the Sub Chaser school in Miami, Fla., with the rank of lieutenant (jg). There he was executive officer on a sub chaser. He then went to Detroit, where he was in command of a sub chaser, which he took back to Miami. He holds the rank of full lieutenant and is in command of a ship off the Washington coast. His wife, Mrs. Elsie T. Case and two children have spent the last six months at Neal Bay near him.

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**Harold CLINE**



HAROLD CLINE, of this district, is the son of Mrs. Lewis Cline of 124 North 15th Street, San Jose, formerly of Dinuba. He has been in the Navy since 1941 and is a Navy Cook. In October, 1943 he had been overseas for over 2 years, much of the time at Pearl Harbor. He was a S. 1/c at that time. He met his brother Jimmy in Oct. 1943, the first of his family he had seen in 2½ years, in the South Pacific. Harold is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands and has earned the rating of Petty Officer 1/c.

**James CLINE**



JAMES CLINE, son of Mrs. Lewis Cline of San Jose, formerly of Dinuba, is serving on an aircraft carrier. He is the brother of Harold, Vernon and Kenneth who are all in the service. He had not been home in two years and his new rating was S. C. 3/c. He was graduated from Dinuba High School in 1939. He met his brother, Harold, in Oct., 1943, the first time they had met in 2½ years, somewhere in So. Pacific. He is still somewhere in the Pacific war area and enjoys hearing news from home.

**Jack C. COCHRAN**



JACK C. COCHRAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cochran, 161 McKinley Ave., Dinuba, flies a Navy torpedo bomber, being the pilot of a three man crew which includes a gunner and radio man. His early flying instructions began in Sept., 1942 at St. Mary's College where he received a concentrated three month course of academics and athletics. From there he reported to the Oakland air base which was followed by a course at Corpus Christi, Texas, where in June, 1943, Cochran received his ensign's commission. After being stationed at Miami, Florida, for several months, he was given a brief leave and visited his family and friends here in September. In October, 1943, he was on duty at Charleston, Rhode Island. In June, 1944, Cochran participated in the battle with the Japanese fleet in the Philippine Sea. A lieutenant (jg), he was in the Pacific with the carrier fleet that won a decisive victory over the Japanese navy during the invasion of the Philippines in Oct. 1944.

esting letters to friends at home, describing his life in one of the largest cities in the United States. He was stationed in Massachusetts and held the rating of a corporal.

**Robert L. COCHRAN**



ROBERT L. COCHRAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cochran of Sultana, is now an aerial gunner in the Army. He enlisted in September, 1942 and trained at March and McClellan Fields in California. He was then stationed at Great Falls Army Air Base in Montana. In November, 1943, he was in New Jersey and rated a Private, first-class.

**Vernon M. CLINE**



VERNON M. CLINE, son of Mrs. L. E. Cline, of 124 N. 15th St., San Jose, entered the Navy on Dec. 12, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Audalee Cline, and two children reside at 111 S. 13th St., in Clinton, Okla. Cline received basic training at Farragut, Idaho, completing it on March 10, 1942. He completed advanced training in gunnery and bombing at Clinton, Okla., and at Houman, La., on August 1, 1944, with the rating of AM 1/c.

**Kenneth CLINE**



KENNETH CLINE, son of Mrs. Lewis Cline of 124 No. 15th St., San Jose, formerly of Dinuba, entered the service some time ago and in October, 1943 was at the naval training station at Farragut, Idaho, and had been advanced to the rank of Seaman 2/c. He was then sent to "Store Keeper's School" in Toledo, Ohio. This was followed by further training at Norfolk, Va. S 1/c Cline completed gunnery training at Norfolk, Va., and has been assigned to a Landing Ship Tank.

**Charles COCHRAN**



CHARLES COCHRAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cochran of Sultana, enlisted in the coast artillery of the Army in January 1942. He is stationed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, being a member of a gun crew in an anti-aircraft battery. P. F. C. Cochran has written some inter-

**Harold V. CLIFTON**



HAROLD V. CLIFTON, son of Mrs. F. S. Clifton, of Route 2, Box 368, Reedley, graduated from Chanut Field school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command in Aug., 1942. He was then transferred to Pecos, Tex., where he was an instructor in the Link trainer department. Link training is blind flying. Sgt. Clifton was a former music teacher in the Tulare County schools. He was transferred to Ryan Field, Tucson, Arizona, where he is doing the same kind of work.

**Raymond W. CONKEY**

RAYMOND W. CONKEY, the grand nephew of Nannie Evans of Dinuba, is now in the Navy at San Diego. His early youth was spent in this district.

**Aubrey CLAYTON**

AUBREY CLAYTON married Miss Barbara Harmon, daughter of Mrs. Louise Kiskaddon who formerly resided here. The groom is in the Army and is stationed at Seattle.



**Alfred SILVA**



ALFRED SILVA, whose home town is Oroquieta, is a Seaman first class in the U. S. Coast Guard. Silva was transferred from Agate Beach, near Charleston, Oregon, to Bandon, Oregon, where he was on duty at a life boat station. He is now assigned to sea duty.

**Burton SHIMER**



BURTON E. SHIMER, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shimer of Oroquieta, was inducted into the Army Air Forces March 1, 1943. A graduate of Oroquieta High School in 1940, Shimer attended the Visalia and Reedley Junior Colleges and the University of California prior to his induction. He was first sent to Lincoln, Neb.; then to Bozeman, Montana; and later to Santa Ana, Calif., where he entered in pre-flight training. Shimer received his primary training at Santa

Maria, his basic at Chico, and advanced training at Fort Sumner, N. M. He received his wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces March 12, 1944. Shortly after that he arrived in Oroquieta to spend his furlough with his parents. Lt. Shimer was stationed at Roswell Army Air Field, Roswell, N. M., where he underwent additional training as a bomber pilot. On October 1, 1944, he was sent to take a course in flight engineering at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.

**Marvin SIMPSON**



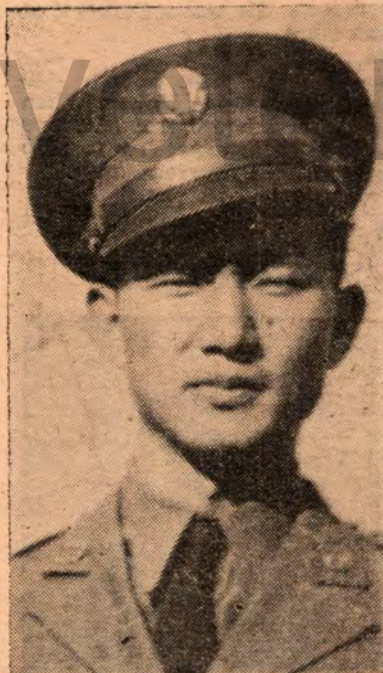
MARVIN SIMPSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Simpson formerly of Oroquieta and now of 953 Palm Avenue, Fresno, Calif., enlisted in the U. S. Navy in January, 1943. He took a 16 weeks course at the cooks and bakers service school in Farragut, Idaho. Upon completing the course Marvin and his wife, the former Lorene Smith of Yreka, enjoyed a leave in the Oroquieta district. Upon graduation from the cook and bakers school he received the rating of Ships Cook 3rd class. He then returned to Seattle Washington, where he boarded one of Uncle Sam's war ships and after having a five weeks trip to the Aleutians and to the Hawaiian Islands, he returned to San Francisco. In Oct 1943 while on leave he had an attack of appendicitis and was sent immediately to the Naval Hospital on Treasure Island. Following his recovery, Simpson was assigned to a ship, and arrived in the New Guinea area, where he was stationed in July, 1944.

**Walter Scott SISSON**



WALTER SCOTT SISSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Sisson of Oroquieta, entered the Navy in November, 1943. He received his basic training at the Naval Air Technical Training School, Norman, Oklahoma, completing it on June 3, 1944, with the rating of Scaman first class. Sisson was next sent to San Francisco for four weeks, and was then sent overseas, somewhere on the Pacific. His rating at that time was Aviation Ordnance Machinist first class.

**Hiromi SHIMIZU**



HIROMI SHIMIZU, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Shimizu of Reedley, enlisted in Jan. 1942, and was assigned to Hdq. Det. D. E. M. L. at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

**Vernon E. SIMMONS**



VERNON E. SIMMONS son of Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons of Orange Cove, enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1942. By September, 1944, he had been in the Pacific area for 21 months, having been stationed in Honolulu. He is rated seaman 1/c.

**Walter T. SIMMS**



WALTER T. SIMMS of Selma, a brother of Mrs. M. A. Craig of Oroquieta, joined the Seabees in August, 1942. His wife, Ophelia, is living in Oklahoma while her husband is serving with the Armed Forces. He also has two grandchildren. Simms, Shipfitter first class, U.S.N.R., was commended by the commanding general of the 3rd Marine Division Fleet Marine Force for outstanding bravery as a member of a Seabee trail blazing detail operating in advance of the front lines at Bougainville last November.

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## Howard E. CLEM



HOWARD E. CLEM, son of Mrs. Bertha Huntington, Rte 1, Box 505, Orosi, enlisted in the Army in Sept. 1942. He graduated as highest honor student of 55 men, from the Lemoore Army Flying School Enlisted Men's Mechanic school in Nov., 1942. A corporal in the ground crew, Clem was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, in July, 1943, to learn to fly. As an aviation student, he was then sent to Montana State College at Bozeman, Montana; and from there to Santa Ana Air Base. He received his primary training at Sequoia Field, and in September, 1944, was undergoing basic training at Stockton. His wife, Mrs. Ruth Pitman Clem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pitman of Orosi, is with her husband at Stockton.

## George W. CLEM



GEORGE W. CLEM, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Clem of Box

245 Cutler, entered the Army Medical Corps in January, 1941. His wife, Mrs. Faye Clem, lives in Dallas, Texas. Clem received his basic training at Camp Ord. He was sent on maneuvers in the field in Louisiana, Mississippi, and on the Mojave Desert. A staff sergeant, he left for overseas duty from New York in September, 1944.

## Grover CLEM



GROVER CLEM, son of Mrs. Bertha Huntington of Rt. 1, Box 505, Orosi, enlisted in the Army Air Forces early in January, 1942, qualifying as an aviation cadet. He was sent to Santa Ana for pre-flight, then to Oxnard for his primary training. He received basic training at Gardner Field near Taft, and advanced flying at Williams Field, Arizona, where Clem was commissioned a second lieutenant in October, 1942. After training as a first pilot on a B-26 medium bomber at Avon Park, Florida, he left for overseas duty in May, 1943. He arrived in the North African Theater of Operations in time to help finish the North African campaign and to take an active part in combat operations during the Sicilian campaign. Becoming ill in the latter part of 1943, he returned to the United States for hospitalization and treatment, and was sent to the Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., to recuperate. After being discharged from the hospital, he was sent to Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., for active duty. Promoted to first lieutenant there, he was serving there as Assistant Base Operations officer in September, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Georgia Beckner Clem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

A. B. Beckner of Orosi, is with her husband. They reside in Shreveport, La.

## John H. CLEM



JOHN H. CLEM, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Clem of P. O. Box 254 Cutler, entered the Army on November 7, 1942. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1941. Clem completed training in the field artillery at Fort Sill, Okla., in April, 1943, and was sent overseas a month later. In September, 1944, he was reported to be serving as a private first class, stationed somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

## Theodore CROMER



THEODORE CROMER, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stokes of

Rt. 1, Box 583, Reedley, entered the Army on January 27, 1942. He graduated from Reedley High School in 1938. Cromer completed basic training at Camp Callan, Calif., in April, 1942. His advanced training was taken at Camp Haan in search lights, and completed in January, 1943, with the rank of sergeant. Cromer received special training in radar at Davis from January, 1943, until the following May, when he was transferred to Florida. In September, 1944, Cromer was stationed at Orlando, Fla., where he was undergoing further training.

## Lorin D. CHILDERS



LORIN D. CHILDERS, husband of the former Lorena Faye Nesmith of Dinuba, entered the service on July 8, 1940, at Fort Lewis, Washington. Mrs. Childers resides at 1530 N St., Fresno. Childers was sent from there to California, where he was stationed at Stockton for three years. In December, 1943, he left for Miami Beach, Fla., to enter O. C. S. He graduated as a second lieutenant in April, 1944, and was sent to Kingman Army Air Base, Kingman, Ariz., where he was still stationed in the following September.

## J. K. CHOWNING, Jr.

J. K. CHOWNING, JR., a Staff Sergeant, was recently transferred to Cadet Pre-Flight school at Miami, Florida. He formerly was stationed at Williams Field, Arizona.

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## Jack E. COOK



JACK E. COOK, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cook of Rt. 1, Box 267, Dinuba, entered the Marine Corps in July, 1942, and completed his basic training at San Diego in January, 1943. He has been in New Zealand, Bougainville, and Guadalcanal. During his two months spent on Bougainville Island, Cook barely escaped death from a Japanese booby trap, cleverly disguised by the enemy under a souvenir sword. Pfc. Cook was on patrol when he came through a Japanese command post which other Marines had wiped out. Just off the trail lay the sword, inviting to souvenir hunters. Closer inspection by Cook indicated that the sword was a decoy. The leather straps of the scabbard were too "cleverly" buried in the mud. He cut the straps and safely picked up the sword, a single edged, two foot weapon with a beautifully decorated handle. The sword is now in possession of his mother. In Aug., 1944, Cook was located on Guam, with the rank of private first class. Cook wrote his mother on the following September 6 that he was in the Mariana Islands.

## Ira O. COOK



IRA O. COOK, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cook of Rt. 1, Box 267, Dinuba, entered the armed forces on January 20, 1942. He graduated from the Kings River Union School in 1935. Cook received basic training in the Medical Corps at Camp Berkeley, Texas, completing it in March, 1942. He was then sent overseas to serve at a base hospital in Jamaica, British West Indies. In August, 1944, Cook flew home to spend a 30 day furlough with his parents, after being stationed in Jamaica for 27 months. He expected to fly back there on September 15, 1944. His rank at that time was corporal.

## Donald Duane COOK



DONALD DUANE COOK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis H. Cook, Rt. 1, Box 267, Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy in July, 1942 and went to boot camp at San Diego and then to San Francisco. In October, 1943 he was a Seaman, first class and was somewhere on the Pacific. As a member of a naval gun crew assigned to an American merchant vessel, Cook has been around the world. He spent 20 days in the Persian Gulf, and visited Tasmania, Africa, Central and South America, and Australia. He returned from sea duty in December, 1943, and visited his parents on a delayed order leave at that time. He was stationed on an island in the Pacific in maintenance in August, 1944. Cook has three brothers in the service: Jack Cook in the Marine Corps, Ira O. Cook in the Medical Corps, and Lee M. Cook in the Army.

## Lee M. COOK



LEE M. COOK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis H. Cook, Rt. 1, Box 267, Dinuba, enlisted in the Army in June, 1942. He was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for his first training and then to Walla Walla, Washington, where he was made a Corporal. In September 1943 he was stationed in North Africa, and he stated the weather was fine, but he preferred the San Joaquin Valley. In October, 1943, word was received he had been made a Sergeant. In August, 1944, Cook was reported to be with the Air Forces in Italy.

## Asa W. COLLINS

ASA W. COLLINS, a former Dinuba dentist, was called into the U. S. Army in July, 1941, and was stationed with the 56th Coast Artillery at Fort Cronkhite, in Marin County. This regiment was a mobile unit and moved up and down the coast. Captain Collins in 1942 was assigned to duty in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands where he was promoted to the rank of Major. Mrs. Collins and young

daughter are residing in Marin County for the duration. Major Collins was granted a furlough after almost two years in the Aleutians. He returned to the same post and is still there.

## James W. COOK



JAMES W. COOK, enlisted in the Army in 1941 and in April, 1943, while stationed with the Medical Corps at the Lemoore Army Air Base, he was married to Miss Carla Goldbeck, a former employee of the P. G. & E. in Dinuba. At that time he held the rating of a Staff Sergeant. Mrs. Cook now resides in Hanford.

## Edward G. CRANDALL



EDWARD G. CRANDALL, son of Mrs. C. C. Neill of San Jose, is the husband of the former Esther Willems of Dinuba. Mrs. Crandall, a graduate of Dinuba High School, and their young son are making their home with her mother, Mrs. Mary K. Willems of Box 429, Dinuba. Crandall joined the Army on February 2, 1943, and received his basic and advanced training at Camp Berkeley, Texas. While there, he attended both chauffeurs and mechanics school. He was then assigned to the Medical Motorized Division of the Third Army. In January, 1944, Crandall was shipped overseas to England, where he received more training. Although he was not shipped to France on "D" Day, he was included soon afterward in the second invasion of France. He

wrote that he had seen many German losses and that now "we are really going places" in August, 1944. At that time he was stationed somewhere in France as a Private first class, and was serving as a chauffeur for the captain in a medical unit.

## Farrell F. CRONE



FARRELL F. CRONE, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Crone of Rt. 2, Box 463, Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy on February 22, 1944. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1944. Crone completed boot training at Farragut, Idaho, on the following April 6, and went to Bremerton, Washington, to join his ship for sea duty. He received advanced training in the Pacific, in the Hawaiian Islands, with the rating of seaman 1/c. In September, 1944, Crone was somewhere in the South Pacific, and had participated in the battles of Saipan and Guam.

## Harvey CUMMINS



HARVEY L. CUMMINS, son of Mrs. R. G. Cummins, formerly of Reedley and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Greene of Rte. 2, Dinuba, was a member of the National Guard when he entered the Army in March, 1941. After training at Camp San Luis Obispo, his unit was assigned to duty along the southern coast of California. He was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, for three months training after which he was given overseas duty in August, 1942. Cummins spent sixteen months in the Central Pacific and was transferred to the South Pacific. In August, 1944, he was reported to have been in action against the enemy with our troops on New Britain.



## James SALMON



JAMES SALMON, a Corporal with the U. S. Army Recruiting and Induction Station in San Francisco was married in October, 1942, to Miss Lenore Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wirt C. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 252, Dinuba. In Oct. 1943 he was with the Army Air Force at Augusta, Ga. He was shipped overseas in Feb., 1944, and was sent to Assam Province in India where he is serving with the AAF.

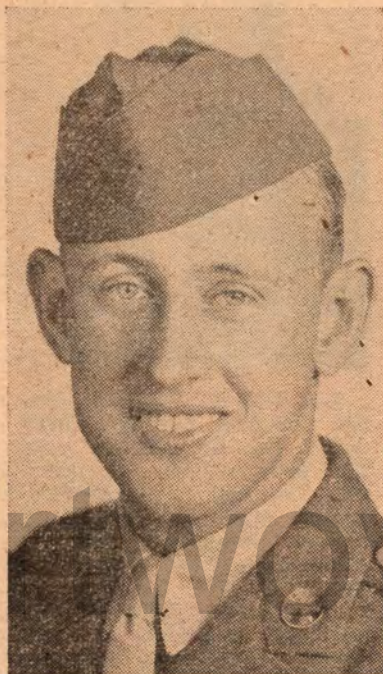
## Dave R. SIEMENS



DAVE R. SIEMENS, who has made his home with his brother, Rev. J. P. Siemens for 14 years,

was inducted into the Army in December, 1943. From the reception center at Monterey, Calif., he was sent to the Army Air Forces school at St. Petersburg, Florida. He was then transferred to the Signal Corps, Communications Department in May, 1943. From there he was transferred to an Air Force Radio Division school at Hammer Field, Fresno. In October, 1943 he had received a promotion to corporal. He was sent to England, developing pneumonia on the fourth day out and spent the rest of the voyage in bed in the ship's hospital. Cpl. Siemens was in England during the robot bomb siege and said "they pack a terrific punch."

## Abe J. SIEMENS



ABE J. SIEMENS, son of Rev. and Mrs. John P. Siemens of Dinuba entered the United States Army in Aug., 1939. After serving for more than two years at the Presidio of San Francisco, Siemens was transferred to Camp Santa Anita where he was chief supply clerk in the Quartermaster's Corps. After serving for some time in Camp Santa Anita he was transferred to Headquarters 47th Replacement Battalion, Desert Training Center, in which he served as Sergeant Major of the 47th Replacement Battalion. His branch of the service in October, 1943 was the Infantry. Abe, his wife and baby visited his parents in the latter part of October, 1943 and returned to Army maneuvers on the Mojave Desert. Siemens is now overseas, having been sent across early in 1944, on what was formerly a luxury liner. Mrs. Siemens and son, Donnie, are residing in Oakland.

## Roger SEYMORE



ROGER SEYMORE, friend of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Schleicher of Rt. 1, Box 30, Orosi, enlisted in the Navy on January 11, 1943. He was sent to Farragut, Idaho, where he trained for several months in a hospital. He was later sent to Oakland Naval Base Hospital, and from there to the South Pacific. In September, 1944, Seymore was rated a pharmacist's mate third class, and was serving as a doctor's assistant in surgery.

## Shirley SAVATEER



SHIRLEY SAVATEER, son of the late Emmett Savateer, and former Dinuban, entered the U. S. Army on April 9, 1941. His wife, Mrs. Shirley Savateer, resides in Sonoma. He trained at Fort Ord and was then sent to specialized training school in

Ohio. Savateer was then sent to the ordnance depot at Stockton in August, 1942, and then on to the desert in Southern California. In January, 1943, he was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington from where he left for overseas duty. Savateer spent eighteen months on the Alaskan highway, maintaining the heavy automotive equipment. In July, 1944, he was transferred to Camp Campbell, Ky. By the following September, he expects to be sent overseas again. He has been first sergeant since November, 1942.

## Verlie O. SHELTON



VERLIE O. SHELTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shelton of Rt. 2, Box 949-E, Reedley, joined the Navy in August, 1942. He graduated from Reedley High School in 1939. Shelton completed his basic training on September 20, 1942, at San Diego; leaving San Francisco six days later for the Solomon Islands, via Pearl Harbor. He was rated a Seaman first class at that time. He went on active duty in the Pacific in October, 1942, and participated in five major battles. He was in nine attacks on nine different islands: the Marshalls, Gilberts, Naru, Bougainville, New Georgia, New Britain, Java, and Sumatra. A Machinist's Mate first class at that time, Shelton was commended by his Captain for making repairs to two main engines while in dangerous waters. He has been to Tasmania, Australia, New Caledonia, Ceylon, Hawaii, and to the Fiji and New Hebrides Islands. He was aboard an aircraft carrier. Shelton returned from active duty on June 17, 1944, and spent a twenty-eight day leave at his home. Following his leave, he was awaiting a transfer to the Atlantic Ocean.

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## Theodore J. SHAW



THEODORE J. SHAW, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Shaw, of Sultana was attending 4 O's Commercial College in Fresno when he entered the Army in March, 1943, and was stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas. In September, 1943 he was stationed as a Corporal in the Headquarters division at Camp Hood, Texas. The same month he visited in Dinuba. He returned to his Tank Destroyer Battalion after his furlough. Shaw was on maneuvers in Louisiana for three months during the winter of 1943, after which he was stationed at Camp Hood, Texas. A few months later, the tank destroyer outfit was broken up and Ted was transferred to the infantry and sent to Camp Howze, Texas. He came home on furlough in July, 1944. In September, 1944, he was reported to be still stationed at Camp Howze, where he is in office work with an infantry regiment.

## John E. SHAW



JOHN E. SHAW, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Shaw, of Sultana, was born at Ruby, Alaska and left there when 2 years old. Graduated from the Dinuba High School and enlisted in the Army early in 1941. In May, 1941, he was stationed at Camp Callan near San Diego. In August, 1941 he was transferred from San Diego to a camp in Alaska. Then came Pearl Harbor and the Alaska area turned into a hot spot. He was instrumental in organizing two baseball teams in Alaska and on Alaskan islands.

He was advanced to Corporal in October 1942. His baseball team won the Championship in Alaska and he and his teammates were given a ten day trip to Fairbanks, Alaska. Shaw came out of Alaska in February, 1944, and was stationed at Fort Lawton, Wash., for three weeks. He was then granted a furlough, his first since entering the Army. From Fort Lawton he was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was stationed four months. He was then sent to Camp Haan, Calif., and was transferred into the Ordnance Department. After eight days there, he was sent to Camp Howze, Texas, and from there to Camp Bowie, Texas. Stationed next at Camp Polk, La., and Camp Livingston, La., in September, 1944, Sergeant Shaw was transferred into the infantry and sent to Camp Cooke, Calif. In October, 1944, he was transferred from Camp Cooke to Camp San Luis Obispo. On October 5 he was home on a furlough. He has been sent to Camp Polk, La.

## Gordon Quimby SEWELL



GORDON QUIMBY SEWELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sewell of Box 193, Oroquieta, entered the Navy on May 20, 1944, and is receiving radio training in San Diego. He attended the Oroquieta High School. Sewell's father is a member of the Sea Bees. His present rating is that of Seaman 2nd class.

## Harry SEWELL, SR



HARRY HOUSTON SEWELL, SR., entered the United States Naval Construction Battalion on October 6, 1943. His wife is Mrs. Mona Sewell of Box 193, Oroquieta. Before he joined the Sea Bees, Sewell was employed as highway maintenance foreman at Oroquieta. His son, Gordon Quimby Sewell,

U. S. N., entered the service last May. Sewell, Sr., received basic training at Camp Peary, Va., and advanced at Gulfport, Miss. He was sent to the Hawaiian Islands during February, 1944. He was rated C. M. 1/c in September, 1944.

## Laurie W. SHARP



LAURIE W. SHARP, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi W. Sharp of Rt. 1, Box 520, Dinuba, entered the Marine Corps on June 29, 1944. He had just completed his junior year in Dinuba High School. Sharp completed boot training in San Diego on September 2, 1944. He came home on a seven-day furlough on September 3, and then reported to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., for advanced training in the amphibious tractor corps.

## Cleo B. SHARP



CLEO B. SHARP, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi W. Sharp, Rt. 1, Box 520, Dinuba, was formerly an employe of the S. P. Co., in Fresno and was inducted into the Army in November, 1942. He was placed in the quartermaster corps and was sent immediately to Fort Francis Warren in Wyoming. In May 1943 he had been transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was home on furlough on September 1, 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp received word in November, 1943, that their son was in England. In September, 1944, he was stationed somewhere in England with the rank of private.

## Wayne SHANK

WAYNE SHANK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shank, is a corporal in the Army.

## M. D. SEWELL, Jr.



M. D. SEWELL, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Sewell of Paris, Arkansas, entered the ground crew of the Army Air Forces in January, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Lois Sewell, resides in Delano, and his brother, Elmer lives in Cutler. Sewell completed basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, in December, 1943. He was sent to Tampa, Florida, for two weeks and from there was sent overseas. By September, 1944, Sewell had served in Italy for six months, and was rated a private.

## Robert E. SHEFFIELD



ROBERT E. SHEFFIELD, of Dinuba, entered the service in August, 1939, and rated a Sergeant in May, 1942, when he took as his bride the former Miss Ruby Garver, daughter of Mrs. Vena Wentworth, 190 Golden Way, Dinuba. In October, 1943, he was starting his fourth year in the service and was rated a Sergeant. He saw action at Casa Blanca with the expeditionary forces landing in North Africa. He participated in the Battle for Tunisia and the invasion of Sicily. He went overseas in October, 1942. Mrs. Sheffield received word from the War Department in November, 1943, that her husband had been missing in action since October 18, 1943. At that time he was with the infantry in Italy. Mrs. Sheffield was later notified that he was alive and well and a prisoner of the Germans. In September, 1944, his last letter written to date was in June, in which he stated that he had had diphtheria and the mumps since being taken prisoner of war.



## Robert H. CRAWFORD



ROBERT H. CRAWFORD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Crawford, Box 294 Orange Cove, Calif., enlisted in the Air Force in December, 1941. He attended Reedley High School. Crawford received his basic training at Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas. He has been in India since March, 1942, holding the rank of a Corporal.

## James A. CRAWFORD



James A. CRAWFORD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crawford of Box 294, Orange Cove, graduated from Reedley High School in June, 1943, and two days later enlisted in the Navy. He underwent Boot training at Farragut, Idaho; and advanced training in diesel engines at the Naval Training School at Iowa State College. He graduated from his

course there on October 30, 1943, and from there went to San Diego, where he completed the Fleet Service School course in internal combustion landing craft. Crawford also trained at Oceanside and Morro Bay before going into active service in the Pacific area in June, 1944. He is serving as a Motor Machinist Mate 3rd Class in the U. S. Navy. He is on active duty in the Pacific as engineer on an LCV.

## William A. (Bill) CRAWFORD

## Elton W. CRAWFORD



WILLIAM A. (BILL) CRAWFORD, and ELTON W. CRAWFORD, are two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crawford, and the grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford of 1736 E. Pinchot St., Stockton, and were raised on their ranch northeast of Sultana. They are pioneers of this district. Bill was among those rescued when the Lexington sank in the Coral Sea battle, and in October, 1943 was stationed on a sub-chaser, rated as Mo. M. M. 2/c. In September, 1944, Bill was reported to have transferred from his sub chaser to shore duty at a pier in New York, as maintenance division repair machinist, until further orders.

Elton, So. M. 2/c, served aboard a destroyer for over a year and was transferred from the Pa-

cific to San Diego, West Coast Sound School Material advanced training. On completion of his training, he will be assigned to a large ship for duty somewhere in the Pacific.

## Beverly CREW



BEVERLY CREW, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Crew, formerly of Orosi and now of 1827 Vagedes, Fresno, completed her training at Fresno General Hospital, and in September, 1944, was awaiting her call to active duty as a Navy nurse.

## Kenneth CRAWFORD



KENNETH CRAWFORD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crawford, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford, of Stockton and formerly of this district, is a radio mechanic and technician with the Army Air

Force, and in October 1943, was stationed at Memphis, Tennessee. He is also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hunnicutt of Sultana. After finishing instruction at Chicago, Memphis, and St. Joseph, he was sent to Miami, Fla., and placed on a large transport plane as radio man. Somewhere in India in September, 1944, he was reported to have recently been sent on a special mission over Burma. He was awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross for successfully completing his at that time, he then left his base in India for another mission. A private first class, sion somewhere in China.

## Vernon J. COLLINS



VERNON JAMES COLLINS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Collins of 454 Magnolia Way Dinuba was inducted into the Army on November 25, 1942. He received his training at Camp Adair, Oregon, and came home on furlough in March, 1944, before going overseas. Mr. and Mrs. Collins received a telegram in July, 1944, stating that their son, Staff Sergeant Vernon J. Collins had been missing in action since July 8 in Italy. A month later, they were notified that he had been killed in action on that day in Italy. He is survived by his parents and eleven brothers and sisters: Mrs. Idella Morris of Sacramento; Lionel Collins of Sunnyvale; Mrs. Geneva Corley of Springfield, Oregon; Mrs. Vivian Snavely, Elvin Collins and Mrs. Elva Daly, all of Fresno; Mrs. Eunice Filler of Richmond; Mrs. Shirley Lawson of Alabama; Neil and Beverly Collins of Dinuba.

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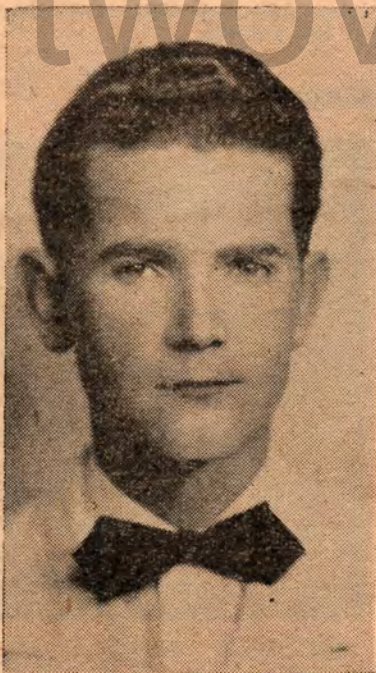
CLARENCE CURIEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Curiel of 252 Q St. Dinuba, Calif., entered the Army Air Force in January 12, 1943 and received his training in St. Petersburg, Florida, and was stationed there for three months. From there he was transferred to Douglas Arizona, and is now stationed at Victorville, California. Pvt. Curiel was married at Las Vegas, Nev., in August, 1943 to Antonia Fernandez. He and his wife are living at the Victorville Army Post.

**William "Bud" CRAWFORD**



WILLIAM "BUD" CRAWFORD, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crawford, who reside at 185 East El Monte Way, Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy in January, 1943, and completed his boot camp training at the United States Naval Base at Farragut, Idaho. In May, 1943, he was assigned to Norman, Oklahoma to be a naval aviation ordnance technician. From there he was moved to Purell, Oklahoma, and next to Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Florida. There he was trained in naval gunnery and air operations. His squadron was formed and commissioned in Seattle, Washington. He was then given further training at Astoria, Oregon; and Holtville, Otay Mesa, Los Alamitos, Calif. On May 23, 1944, he was married to Miss Joye Herndon of Dinuba. Both are graduates of Dinuba High School. An A. O. M. 3/e, Crawford left for active duty in the Pacific as a gunner on a T. B. F. in August, 1944. On his first stop out, he met his brother-in-law, Donald Schwab, who is also in the Navy.

**Lloyd A. "Pete" DANIELS**



LLOYD A. "Pete" DANIELS, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Frank Daniels, of Dinuba, was inducted in Sept. 1942, and was transferred from Fort MacArthur to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he attended officer's training in the morale division. He has done considerable traveling with his group and at last reports was in Persia. While there, he wrote an extremely interesting letter "So This Is Persia" which was published in the Dinuba Sentinel. In Oct., 1943, he was a Private First Class in Provisional Army Exchange unit. Pete is now a Sgt. and is stationed in Iran. He is reported to be in the "best of health" by one of his company who has just returned to the U. S. A. for a "Refresher Course." It is hoped Pete will have the same privilege soon. He has had long hours in the Personnel Office, and has been constantly on an entertainment committee. He is also teaching in the Anglo-Persian Institute at Teheran and has received several bands of merit for outstanding services. Another interesting letter from Sgt. Daniels gives an account of his seeing the President during the famous meeting of the "Big Three" in Teheran.

**Robert Morris DALLY**



ROBERT MORRIS DALLY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dally of Dinuba, attended the Dinuba

schools and in May 1941, enlisted in the Navy and reported to San Diego for his boot training. In Nov. 1942, he was an honor graduate of the Naval Ordnance School, Electrical division and went immediately into active duty with the fleet. In April, 1943 he visited in Dinuba after being aboard a destroyer in the South Pacific where he saw much action in the Solomon Islands. He was Fire Control Man Third Class. His parents live at 429 So. L St. Dinuba. He is a nephew of Misses Hattie and Lottie Bump and Mrs. Hubert Miller of Orosi. He was in the first raid on Guadalcanal and has been in the Fiji islands. He participated in every attack, starting with Guadalcanal and through Augusta Bay on Bougainville. On his return to the South Pacific, he participated in all the invasions, serving on a World War I destroyer. "We've got something to do with now. At first it was almost like fighting with our bare hands," he said. In August, 1944, he was stationed in Washington, D. C., after attending school there for four months and expected to be assigned to the South Pacific soon. At that time his rating will be that of Fire Control man second class. Following his graduation from the advance fire control school in Washington, D. C., he spent four days leave at his home and then left for Seattle, Washington, where he will go on transport duty.

**William E. DABBS**



WILLIAM E. DABBS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dabbs of 249 Magnolia, Dinuba, is in the Army, attached to the medical corps. He began his Army instructions in February, 1943. In September, 1943, he was stationed at Camp Barkeley, Texas. From there, Dabbs was transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and then sent overseas to New Guinea. In July, 1944, he was promoted to corporal.

**Fred COOLEY**

FRED COOLEY, is one of several doctors to leave their practices here to enter the armed services' medical corps. He joined the Army in August, 1942.

**Lark DAVIDSON**

LARK DAVIDSON, of this district, is in the Army. In September, 1943, he was advanced from Private First Class to the rank of Corporal. He was on duty at McClellan Field, Sacramento.

**Beverly DIHEL**



BEVERLY DIHEL, son of the late Jack Dihel, and brother of Mrs. Carmen Ward, 173 Adelaide Way, Dinuba, was inducted in January, 1942. He was placed in the ordnance division of the Army and stationed at Tampa, Florida for training. He had only one visit home and in September, 1942, was stationed in England with the Ordnance corps. In December, 1942, from North Africa he stated: "I like it better here than in England, except that I don't have a chance to take a bath very often." Among some of the duties of his corps literally is to "keep 'em bombing, that is to fin and fuse all size bombs and depth charges and deliver them to the flying fortress bombers." Since his arrival in North Africa his father passed away. Sergeant Dihel claims the first two years overseas are the hardest, and hopes to be home before the end of 1944. In July, 1944, Miss Elvera Spomer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Spomer of Dinuba, announced her engagement to Dihel.

**Bruce E. DINWIDDIE**



BRUCE E. DINWIDDIE, son of Mrs. R. M. Dinwiddie of 516 Goshen Ave. Visalia and husband of Mrs. Nita Dinwiddie of Dinuba, entered the Army in September 1942 and embarked for overseas in February 1943. He is the proud wearer of the Distinguished Unit Badge for outstanding service in the Ploesti attack. In addition, Sgt. Dinwiddie wears the European African Theater Ribbon with three stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

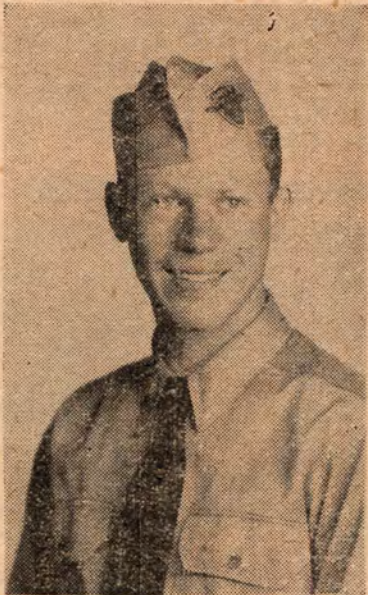


**Lloyd Lewis  
SELIGMAN**



LLOYD LEWIS SELIGMAN, second son of Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Seligman is in the Navy V-12 classes at Harvard university, where he is in his fourth semester. Lloyd is a graduate of Dinuba elementary schools and of Governor Dummer Academy, Newburyport, Mass., where he was active in student affairs and glee club, graduating with highest scholastic honors. At Harvard he is taking a modern language course, concentrating on German. He is a member of the Harvard university glee club. Upon completion of his last semester's work, he will attend Mid-Shipman school.

**Bryce SELIGMAN**



BRYCE SELIGMAN, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Seligman, entered the U. S. Navy

Flight Training School at San Luis Obispo in July, 1944. An electronics engineer, he received a bachelor of science degree, "summa cum laude" last year from Harvard University. Immediately upon graduation he took a government war research job in a large laboratory, having been advised by the Harvard physics department that he would be more useful there than in aviation, because of the critical shortage of physicists. Not satisfied, he finally obtained a release and was accepted for V-5 training. Bryce attended Dinuba elementary schools. His college preparatory work was done at Middlesex School, Concord, Massachusetts, where he was active in football and crew. At Harvard he was active in crew all four years. He is a member of the Harvard Varsity Club, Phi Beta Kappa (to which he was elected his junior year), Sigma Xi, national scientific honor society and of the Harvard Club of Southern California. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Dinuba. A/c Seligman was home on leave recently after having finished flight preparatory school. He reported October 18 at St. Mary's for pre-flight training.

**Robert SELIGMAN**



ROBERT SELIGMAN, son of Mrs. E. Seligman, graduated from the Dinuba High School and attended the University of California before he entered the Army in July, 1943. He reported to Monterey and was sent to Amarillo, Texas for basic training. Classified as a Musician, he helped form a band. He was attached to the 30th Army Air Force Band and promoted to Private First Class. He was a

soloist while a member of the Skyline Chorus, "Howdo" Soldier program on the radio in the Panhandle of Texas. In Dec., 1943 he was transferred to an A. A. F. Band at Sheppard Field, Texas. In May, 1944 he was attached to the Band at McCook Army Air Field, Nebraska. His wife is employed with the Post Engineers as Draftsman at McCook Army Airfield. Robert and wife were home on a furlough in Aug. 1944.

**Dr. L. L. SELIGMAN**

DR. L. L. SELIGMAN, was called into the Army in March, 1941, and ordered to report to Fort Lewis, Washington on May 17th, 1941. After serving in the Army Medical Corps for ten months he was given an inactive status whereupon he returned to Dinuba to resume his practice in March, 1942. He is in the Army Officers Reserve Medical Corps.

**Jess SENNER**



JESS SENNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Senner of Fowler, is an air veteran at the age of 21. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1941 and was inducted February 8, 1943. Prior to entering the A.A.F. he was employed as a warehouseman by the California Packing Co. Sgt. Senner trained at Keesler Field, Miss., and attended armament school at Denver, Colo., gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nevada. He is now a gunnery instructor at an Eighth Air Force heavy bombardment base in England. He flew approximately thirty missions over a period of two and a half months. S/Sgt. Senner was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, having been previously presented with the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters.

**Theodore  
SANDERSON**



THEODORE SANDERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanderson of Rt. 1, Box 517-A, Dinuba, entered the armed forces on October 20, 1941, and was assigned to the field artillery. His wife, Mrs. Grace Sanderson, and child reside at 865 W. 24th St., San Pedro. Sanderson received basic training in San Diego. He was then stationed at Fort MacArthur, near San Pedro, as a cook. He was a private first class in September, 1944.

**William O.  
SANDERSON**



WILLIAM O. SANDERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanderson of Rt. 1, Box 517-A, Dinuba, entered the armed forces on June 22, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Evelyn Sanderson, lives in Clovis. Sanderson underwent basic training in the field artillery at Camp Roberts.

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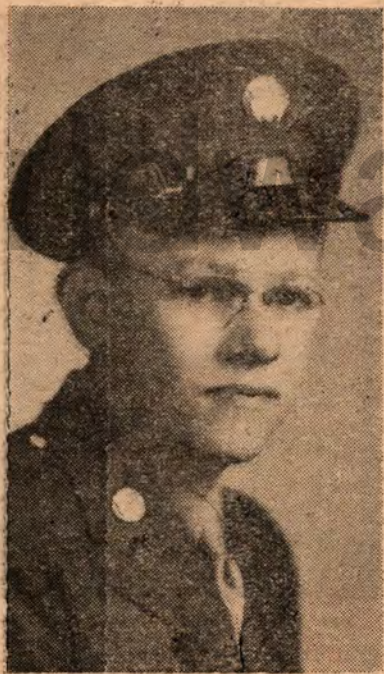
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**Melvin L. SALWASSER**



MELVIN L. SALWASSER, a twin of Mervin J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salwasser, manager of the West Coast Growers and Packers, of Dinuba, was inducted into the Army in April, 1943. After receiving his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was sent to Mt. Rainier Ordnance School for Engineers in Washington state. In October, 1943 he was stationed at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana and at that time was a private first-class in the Petroleum Distributing Company of the U. S. Army Engineer Corps. A Sergeant in August, 1944, Salwasser was serving in an engineers' petroleum distributing company in Burma.

**Everett SALWASSER**



EVERETT SALWASSER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salwasser, local manager of the West Coast Growers and Packers, has been in the Navy since April 1942. He received his primary training at the San Diego Naval Training Base and emerged with a Yeoman third-class rating. After being stationed at a large government building in San Francisco, he was transferred to Auckland, New Zealand in November, 1942, where in October 1943, he was serving as a mailman specialist, second-class, in the Federal Post Office. In August, 1944, Salwasser was stationed at the Fleet Post Office in San Francisco as a Mail Specialist second class.

**Mervin J. SALWASSER**



MERVIN J. SALWASSER, a twin of Melvin L., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salwasser, manager of the West Coast Growers and Packers, of Dinuba, enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Program in October, 1942 and was called to active duty in July, 1943. In October, 1943, he was stationed at the University of Southern California in the Officer Candidate class. In August, 1944, he was attending Marine Officers Training School at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

**Eldon SASSER**



ELDON L. SASSER, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sasser of P. O. Box 247, Orange Cove, graduated from the Reedley High School in 1941 and entered the Army Air Forces in August, 1942. He received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and completed his advanced training in engineering and gunnery at Middle River, Md., and Fort Myers, Fla., in March, 1943, with the rank of staff sergeant. He was sent overseas in September, 1943. In August, 1944 he was reported to be serving as an aerial engineer and gunner on a B-24 bomber in combat duty in India, and had been awarded the Air Medal with cluster, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. At that time he held the rank of technical sergeant. Sasser previously spent two months in England and Africa before being sent to India, where he has been in combat duty since.

**Eugene SASSER**



EUGENE SASSER, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sasser of P.O. Box 247, Orange Cove, attended the Reedley High School and entered the Navy in October, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Dorothy Hall Sasser, lives in Orange Cove. Sasser received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and took advanced training in the Hospital Corps at Camp Parks and Treasure Island. He has seen duty in the Hawaiian Islands, several South Sea islands, and in invasion areas. In August, 1944, he was on shore, expecting to go out to sea soon. His rating at that time was that of Pharmacist Mate 3/c.

**Arthur W. SAUER**



ARTHUR W. SAUER, formerly worked at the Alta Packing Co. and husband of the former Helen Watrous, of Dinuba, entered the Army in August, 1942. He reported to a technical school in Nebraska. In May, 1943 he stated he had moved 7 times in the past 9 months, having been stationed in Utah, Nebraska, Illinois, Texas and at that time in New Mexico. In June, 1943 he reported to Denver where his crew was made ready for overseas duty. He is an instrument specialist on a B-24. In September, 1943, as a Sergeant he had been in England for a month where he was crew chief on a bomber which was making flights over the continent. His wife and baby reside at 335 South K Street, Dinuba. A technical sergeant in August, 1944, Sauer was serving as an instrument specialist in an Eighth Air Force Liberator Station in England. His group was cited for distinguished and outstanding service in 100 combat missions over Europe. The group, commanded by Col. Irvine A. Rendle of Rawlins, Wyo., made its 100th

mission in support of the initial landings by Allied Forces in France. The citation was issued by Maj. Gen. James P. Hodges, Division Commanding General, and covered missions to Berlin, Friedrichshaven, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Gotna, and France.

**William SALJIAN**



WILLIAM SALJIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Saljian of Dodge Ave., Yetttem, graduated from Visalia High School in 1942 and entered the Army Air Forces on April 8, 1943. He was sent to the Basic Training Center in Fresno, and received advanced training at Lowery Field, Denver, Colo., and at Tyndall Field in Florida. In November, 1943 he was stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah; in January, 1944, in New York. From there he was shipped overseas to England in February. In April he was in Ireland, and in July, 1944, was reported to be back in England. At that time he held the rank of sergeant.

**Orval SCHONHER**



ORVAL SCHONHER, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schonher of Orosi. In October, 1941, he was on Annette Island just out of Ketchikan, Alaska in the communications department. Schonher graduated from Orosi High School in 1938, resigned his position with the U. S. Engineering Department at Annette Island, Alaska, to volunteer at Ketchikan for the Army in April, 1943. He was sent to Juneau, Kodiak Island, Anchorage, and then to Nome, Alaska, where he was stationed in August, 1944, with the Signal Corps.



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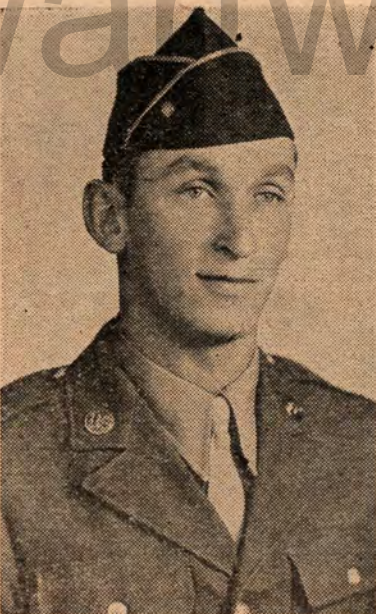
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## Enick DELGADO



ENICK DELGADO, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Delgado, 129 South P St., Dinuba, enlisted in the Army in January, 1940. After considerable study and schooling, he was assigned to the medical department, and in November, 1942 was stationed at Beaumont Hospital at El Paso, Texas. In March, 1943 Corporal Delgado was a member of the basketball team of Fort Bliss at El Paso, Texas, which toured Mexico and even beat the Mexican national champions, the "Los Dorados." He was still a corporal, clerk in the Medical Corps at that time. Since then, he has been at North Camp Hood, Texas, Camp Blandine, Florida, and was in Dinuba on furlough in August, 1944. He is now at Fort Meade, Maryland, expecting overseas duty soon.

## Johnny DAVIDIAN



JOHNNY DAVIDIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Davidian of Monson, worked at Sequoia Field as a licensed mechanic prior to his enlistment in the Army. He was sent first to Fresno Basic Center No. 8 for a time and in July, 1943 was sent to the air force technical training school at Gulfport Field, Mississippi, from which he graduated in December, 1943, as an aircraft mechanic, with the rank of private. From Gulfport Field, he came home on a ten day furlough, and then was sent to Wisconsin. Next he was transferred to Tennessee, and from there to Long Beach. He was next sent to New York, and then back to Long Beach, where in August, 1944, he was doing mechanical work on cargo and bomber airplanes. His engagement to Miss Sue Tamouzian of Orosi was announced last April.

## Sarkis S. DAVIDIAN



SARKIS S. DAVIDIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Davidian Rt. 1 Box 121, Cutler, graduated from Orosi High School in 1940 and was employed at Sequoia Field until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps on Sept. 8, 1942. He was sent to Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona and graduated from that technical training school in the latter part of December, 1942. He was then sent to the Air Base Ground School at Yuma, Ariz. He visited his parents in June, 1943, wearing a Corporal's stripes. Next he was transferred to the Army Air Base at Santa Maria,

California, where he spent a few weeks. He was moved to McClellan Field in Sacramento, California, on September 10, 1943, he has served ever since as a clerk. Davidian held the rank of corporal in September, 1944.

## Charlie DAVIDIAN



CHARLIE DAVIDIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Davidian of Rt. 1, Box 121, Cutler joined the Army Feb. 15, 1944. He graduated from the Orosi High School with the class of 1942. Upon his induction, he was sent to Camp Swift, Texas, for training with an infantry division. From there he was transferred to Fort Dix, New Jersey. In September, 1944, Davidian was overseas in the Atlantic area.

## Downey DAWSON



DOWNEY DAWSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dawson of Sultana, enlisted in the Marines in December, 1941, and was sent to Camp Elliott, San Diego. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1941. During the first six months at Camp Elliott, Dawson won four medals for expert shooting. He was then transferred in July, 1942, to New River, N. C., into a Marine Regiment, a combat unit. He was sent to parachute school in April, 1943, where he completed ground training. Dawson was promoted to the rank of corporal in March, 1943. He transferred to the Fourth Parachute Battalion in June of that year, and one month later was sent to Camp Pendleton, Oregon. The Marine Corps Parachute Battalions were disbanded January 21, 1944, and one day later, Dawson was transferred to the infantry. He was made a sergeant in March, 1944, and in August of that year was

stationed at Camp Pendleton. He has been in a combat unit since receiving boot training.

## Donald DAWSON



DONALD DAWSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Dawson of Orosi, enlisted in the Marine Corps on March 28, 1943. He graduated from Orosi High School in 1942. He received his boot camp training at San Diego, and then went to Florida for training as a mechanic with an amphibian tank division. Dawson came home on leave in October, 1943, before leaving for the Pacific war theater. He was in the battle of Tarawa, and was one of the Marines who fought so desperately in the Gilberts. In July, 1944, his parents received word that their son was injured in the battle of Saipan and in Tinian.

## Edward DAVES



EDWARD DAVES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Daves of Kingsburg, and fiancée of Miss Edna Henkel of the Waves, is a pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress. He has most recently been stationed in Kansas, before leaving for combat training. He enlisted in the Air Force in March, 1943, and has taken his preliminary training in various fields in California prior to receiving his commission of second lieutenant last December. Miss Henkel announced her engagement to Lt. Daves last December. He was reported as missing in Germany on September 28, 1944.

## Clyde W. DREW, Jr.

CLYDE W. DREW, Jr. was reported in command of a cannon company in Virginia.

## Alber



ALBER, nephew of Cutler, enlisted at Fort Meade, Maryland, later sent to company.

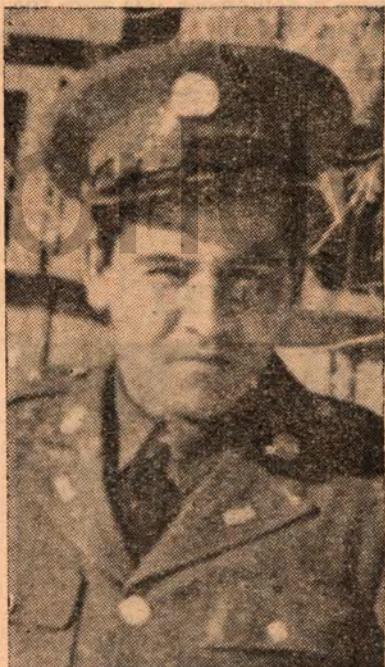
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## Ralph O. ROSENBERGER



RALPH O. ROSENBERGER, son of Mrs. and Mrs. O. B. Rosenberger, 199 Whitney Avenue, entered the armed forces in July, 1942. He was sent to Scott Field, Ill., where he was advanced to a Second Lieutenant in the

Army Air Corps. In October, 1943 he was stationed in Los Angeles to await a call overseas. During that time he visited his parents in Dinuba while on a pass. He is one of four brothers in the service. Some time after October 20, 1943, he was shipped to the Pacific war theater. On Nov. 11 at 5:30 a. m. his ship was torpedoed and sunk. Rosenberger was in oily water for thirty hours and afterwards developed an infection in his eyes as the result of his ordeal. He was in a hospital in Fiji for two weeks. Later he was evacuated to Australia where he was spent time before being sent to New Guinea. On August 29, he wrote he had just returned from a furlough spent in Sydney, Australia, which he said is the most beautiful city he has seen. He went on sightseeing tours conducted by the Red Cross. He is on duty with the Army Air Forces, serving as a communications officer in New Guinea. He has recently been promoted to First Lieutenant.

## John W. ROSENBERGER



JOHN W. ROSENBERGER son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Rosenberger, 199 Whitney Avenue, entered the armed service in October, 1941. He took his Basic training at Camp Callan, near San Diego, then went to Camp Maar near Barstow and in October, 1943, he was overseas in the Coast Artillery. He was made a technician 5 while in Hawaii. Rosenberger has three brothers in the service: Ralph O. Rosenberger of the Army Air Forces; David H. Rosenberger, also of

the Army Air Forces; and Albert Lloyd Rosenberger of the Marine Corps. His sister, Laura Doris LeGrande, is a nurse. John was home from Camp Maar on a two day pass over Mother's Day in the latter part of May. He was stationed on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands until late in February, 1943, when he was sent to an island in the Central Pacific. Rosenberger was transferred to Oahu in 1944 from "The Rock," as he termed his former station, and in July, 1944 had completed a 13 week course at an army radio school there.

## Albert Lloyd ROSENBERGER



ALBERT LLOYD ROSENBERGER, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Rosenberger of 199 Whitney Way, Dinuba, entered the Marine Corps in March, 1943. He was home in May. He graduated in September from the Marine Corps radio operator's school at San Diego. He was then sent to Camp Pendleton for a two week special training course and in October, 1943 was stationed at Camp Elliott when he was sent overseas. In August, 1944, he was with a Marine brigade engaged in the conquest of Guam. His parents surmised this by reading the news that a certain brigade was on Guam and the knowledge that their son was in that outfit. This was confirmed by a letter dated Aug. 23. He was in the hospital with fever after the third day on Guam, but was alright when last heard from. He is a Private first class.

## David H. ROSENBERGER



DAVID H. ROSENBERGER, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Rosenberger, 199 Whitney Ave., Dinuba, entered the service for Uncle Sam in February, 1943 and was first assigned to Sheppard Field, Texas. He then was sent to MacDill Field, at Tampa, Fla., where he was made a Corporal. He visited home in July. From MacDill he was sent overseas and in September, 1943, he was in England. He is one of four brothers in the service. In August, 1944, he was in England with the Army Air Force.

## Luther P. STATON



LUTHER P. STATON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pat Staton of R. F. D. 2, Box 776H, Reedley, entered the U. S. Coast Guard on December 23, 1942. He attended Dinuba High School during 1941-42. Staton completed basic training at Alameda on February 23, 1943; and was sent to Hawaii for further training. He finished there in April, 1943, with the rating of seaman 1/c.

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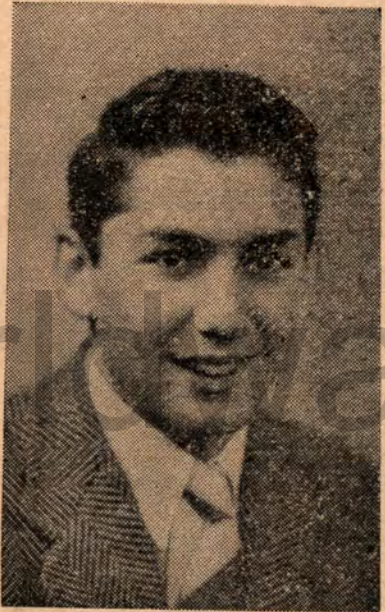


## George SADOIAN



GEORGE SADOIAN, was attached to the Photo reconnaissance squadron at Colorado springs, Colorado in February, 1943, and was a Lieutenant. In September, 1943 he was at Hammer Field in Fresno.

## Harry SADOIAN



HARRY SADOIAN, a son of the Charles Sadoians, Rt. A, Box 609, Oroshi, entered Farragut,

Idaho on September 25, 1944, as an apprentice seaman. He is a graduate of Oroshi High School with the class of 1944. He has a brother, T Sgt. Zaven G. Sadoian, in the Armed Forces.

## Zaven George SADOIAN



ZAVEN GEORGE SADOIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sadoian of Rt. A, Box 424, Oroshi, entered the Army Air Forces in February, 1941, and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, Salinas Airdrome, Ontario, Calif., and at Laurel, Miss. Sadoian was promoted to technical sergeant and shipped to Australia in November, 1943. He was later sent to New Guinea. His parents received word that he was on active duty in New Guinea, and that he had taken part in action against enemy shipping and shore installations as a liaison pilot. In a letter from Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, Sadoian's parents were informed that he was decorated with the Air Medal "in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home, and to you." He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from January 9 to

March 10, 1944. The letter went on to state that he "took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included long range single plane, reconnaissance missions over enemy bases, airdromes, and shipping, in which heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered. These operations aided considerably in the recent successes in this theatre." Sadoian has also received an Oak Leaf Cluster, and has sent home Jap souvenirs, including a Jap Ariska model rifle and bayonet.

## Edward A. SABA



EDWARD A. SABA, son of Mrs. Jennie Saba of 1218 D St., Reedley, graduated from Reedley High School in 1940, and entered the Army September 1, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and took advanced training in post war work at Stanford University and the University of Indiana at Bloomington, completing it in March, 1944. Before the course in post war work was completed, it was disbanded. Saba started out as an Infantry man and transferred to the Signal Corps. In August, 1944, he was stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo.

## Eddie Clayton SAILE



EDDIE CLAYTON SAILE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell E. Saile of 1219 D St., Reedley, enlisted in the Navy on August 12, 1942. He graduated from Reedley High School in 1939, and worked at North American Aviation of Inglewood, Calif., until the time of his enlistment. Saile received boot training in San Diego, and was assigned to one of the largest tankers in the Pacific

for his first year of active service, and came home on his first leave in September, 1943, with the rating of S 1/c. He then completed advanced training in gunnery and fire fighting at Treasure Island and San Diego. He received a transfer to a Destroyer, and in August, 1944, was believed to be seeing active duty in the Pacific.

## George M. SAKAGUCHI



GEORGE M. SAKAGUCHI, son of Mrs. Sakaguchi, formerly of Oroshi, entered the armed forces in March, 1941. He spent a year at Camp Roberts, Camp San Luis Obispo, and at San Jose as a member of the Engineers. Early in 1942, he was transferred to the Army Japanese Language School at Camp Savage, Minn. At graduation in November, 1942, he was given the rating of technical Sgt./3 and a month later went overseas. By September, 1944, he was reported to have been in active service in the South Pacific for almost two years.

## Dale SANDERS



DALE SANDERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sanders of this district, was in May, 1943 an instructor in the Naval air corps and was at that time transferred from Norfolk, Virginia to Elizabeth City, North Carolina for duty. Sanders was transferred from the Atlantic Coast in May, 1944, to Alameda, where he was assigned to similar duties. His rank at that time was Seaman second class.

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## Vernon R. DICK



VERNON R. DICK, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Dick, Rt. 1, Box 214, Dinuba, entered the Army in August, 1942 after graduating from Dinuba High School and attending the Reedley Junior College. He was stationed at Camp Cooke, near Santa Maria in Nov. 1942. He was home for Christmas holidays as P. F. C. and again over July 4th week-end, 1943, as a Corporal when he attended a farewell for his brother James F. Dick who reported for duty then. In October 1943, he was in the Colonel's office of the Medical Corps at Camp Cook. On November 18, 1943, he was married to Miss Frances Driedge of Reedley. Dick received his T/4 rating in January, 1944; and in March, was home on a fifteen day furlough, returning to Camp Cooke. On July 10, 1944, he was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, for more advanced training, where he was stationed in August, 1944.

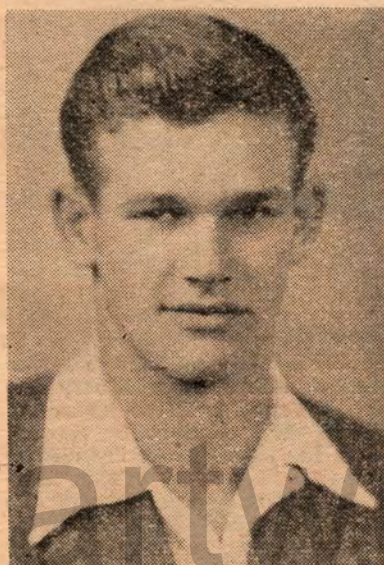
## James F. DICK



JAMES F. DICK, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Dick, Rt. 1, Box 214, of Dinuba, was inducted in June, 1943 and after preliminaries at the Presidio of Monterey

was sent to Camp Barkley, Texas for basic training in the Medical Corps. In November, 1943, he was home on a thirteen day furlough, and at the same time attended the wedding of his brother, Vernon, who is also in the Army, to Miss Frances Driedge of Reedley. After his furlough, Dick was sent from Camp Barkley to Camp Reynolds in Greenville, Penn., and then to New York. He was shipped overseas to England in December, 1943, where he was stationed in a castle which had been converted into a casualty hospital, until "D" Day. When the Invasion date arrived, Dick accompanied our troops to France, where, in August, 1944, he was working in an evacuation hospital caring for our wounded. He was a private at that time.

## Sherman Lester DIERKS



SHERMAN LESTER DIERKS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Dierks of Box 314, Cutler, enlisted in the Coast Guard on August 3, 1944. He graduated from Orosi High School in 1944. Dierks received boot training at Manhattan Beach Training Station, Brooklyn, N. Y. In September, 1944, he was rated St. M. 3/c.

## Raymond DIERKS



RAYMOND DIERKS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cordy Dierks of Cutler, of the U.S. Navy, was stationed at Treasure Island when he visited with his parents in August, 1943. In October, 1943, he was stationed at Moffett Field. In September, 1944, Dierks was stationed at San Bruno, San Francisco, training for transportation duty.

## Ray DIAL



RAY DIAL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Dial of Dinuba, graduated from the Dinuba High School with the class of 1943 and had entered Reedley Junior College when he received his call to enter the College of Pacific at Stockton in October, 1943. He enlisted in the Navy V12 program. He next received four months of training at a Navy Sound School in San Diego, from which he graduated early in the Summer of 1944 with the rating of Petty Officer third class. In August, 1944, Dial was stationed at Treasure Island, where he was assigned to a destroyer as sound man.

## Denzil E. DIAL



DENZIL E. DIAL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Q. Dial, of Dinuba and husband of Kathryn Miller Dial, reported to Santa Ana in April, 1943, to begin his training as an aviation cadet. In August, 1943 he was reported ready to enter his primary flight training at Thunderbird Field near Phoenix, Arizona. By Oct-

ober 1, 1943, he had 15 hours flying time, and was flying solo. Dial completed basic flight training at Marana Army Air Field, Tucson, Arizona. Following completion of advanced training, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and awarded his wings at Williams Field, Arizona, in March, 1944. He was then stationed at Ajo Army Gunnery Base in Arizona as an instructor in aerial and ground gunnery. The school there is the gunnery school for Williams Field, Ariz., and is a branch of Williams Field. In September, 1944, Dial was stationed there, and arrived in Dinuba with his wife on a 19-day furlough.

## Joe F. DAVIS



JOE F. DAVIS, who lived in Dinuba for several years prior to joining the armed forces, was an employe of the Alta Chevrolet Company and the Standard Oil Company. He enlisted on Feb. 4th, 1942 and was assigned to a signal construction battalion. Davis was sent overseas in June, 1942, and while enroute was made a technical sergeant, in August, and a master sergeant in September, 1942. He saw intensive service in New Guinea and was sent to officer's training school in Australia in July, 1943. He was commissioned a second Lieutenant in September, 1943, and continued serving with a signal battalion in New Guinea. After 26 months of overseas duty, he came home in September, 1944. He married Miss Eileen Heathman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Heathman of Rt. 2, Box 246 Dinuba on September 20. Lt. Davis reported to Santa Barbara on October 6, 1944, for re-assignment.

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## Wayne W. DOWNING



WAYNE W. DOWNING, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Downing of 195 Academy Way, Dinuba, joined the Navy in 1941 and immediately upon completing only three weeks of his basic training was ordered to sea duty because of needed replacements occasioned by the Pearl Harbor disaster. He joined the U. S. S. Enterprise, giant aircraft carrier at Honolulu. His ship met the aircraft carrier, Hornet and escorted her to within 500 or 600 miles of Tokio. At that point, Gen. Doolittle and his bombers took off on their historic raid. The Dinuba High graduate was in the battle of Midway and saw the Yorktown listing badly just before she sank. His ship went along when the Marines landed at Guadalcanal and was attacked by 60 Japanese dive bombers and torpedo planes. One of the ship's guns was hit and 35 of the crew killed. The hottest battle Downing told about when he was home on leave in August, 1943, after 18 months continuous sea duty, was in October, 1942, at Santa Cruz when the Enterprise was attacked by 85 to 100 enemy planes. The Hornet was sunk in that engagement. He held the rank of Petty Officer Third Class. His duties included handling deck gear, winches, etc. as well as having gun duties. He has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation "For consistently outstanding performance and distinguished achievement during repeated action against enemy Japanese forces in the Pacific War Area, December 7, 1941, to November 15, 1942. Participating in nearly every major carrier engagement in the first year of the war, the ENTERPRISE and her Air Group, exclusive of her far-flung destruction of hostile shore installations throughout the battle area, did sink or damage, on her own, a total of 35 Japanese vessels and shoot down a total of 185 Japanese aircraft. Her aggressive fighting spirit and superb combat efficiency are fitting tribute to the officers and men who so gallantly estab-

lished her as a solid bulwark in defense of the American Nation." Gilbert and Marshall Island raid, Feb. 1, 1942. Wake Island raid February 24, 1942. Marcus Island raid, March 4, 1942. Battle of Midway, June 4-6, 1942. Occupation of Guadalcanal, August 7-8, 1942. Battle of Steward Islands, Aug. 24, 1942. Battle of Santa Cruz Islands, October 26, 1942. Battle of Solomon Islands, November 14-15, 1942. After spending a thirty-day leave in Dinuba, he reported back to Bremerton, Washington, in August, 1943. From there, Downing was sent to Norfolk, Va., for further training, and after completing his training, was assigned to a destroyer. On March 4, 1944, he was married to Miss Modonna Lindblad of McIntosh, Minnesota. After spending several months in the Atlantic, he was transferred to the South Pacific. In August, 1944, he held the rank of Boatswain second class.

## Clifford H. DOWNING



CLIFFORD H. DOWNING, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Downing of 195 Academy Way, Dinuba, left for service in the Navy on September 27, 1944. His wife, Mrs. June Downing, and son, Sherman Craig, reside at the

home of her sister, Mrs. Wendell Tipton on Rt. 1, Dinuba. Downing attended the Dinuba schools and was employed by Douglas Aircraft at Santa Monica for several years before he and his family returned to Dinuba to make their home. He was sent to Farragut, Idaho, for his boot training.

## H. (Pete) DOWNING



HAROLD (Pete) DOWNING, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Downing of 195 Academy Way, Dinuba, was sworn into the Merchant Marine on September 4, 1944. He attended the Dinuba schools, where he was very active in sports. After spending several days at home, he reported to his base in San Francisco. Downing trained at Avalon four weeks and then reported back to San Francisco for re-assignment.

## Vester J. DICK



VESTER J. DICK, son of Mrs. John S. Dick, is a graduate of the Dinuba High School and of Reedley Junior College. He enlisted in the U. S. Army October 7, 1942. Receiving his basic training at Hammer Field, Fresno, a member of the Topographical Company which is connected with the Air Force. On October 30, 1942, he was sent to Hamilton Field near San Francisco for special instructions in photography. December the second, his company was sent to Bakersfield Airdrome. In May 1943 to Peterson Field, A. A. B. Colorado Springs and in September 1943, to Lebanon Tennessee. He was also stationed at Oklahoma City, Stillwater, Okla., Seattle, Wash., Camp Abbot,

Bend, Ore.; and Camp Beale, Cal. before being sent overseas. In September, 1944, he was reported to be located somewhere in India, awaiting definite assignment. Meanwhile, he had been in Bombay and Calcutta, where he saw many interesting sights and people. His mother resides at 247 North Villa in Dinuba.

## Alvin J. DICK



ALVIN J. DICK, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dick of Dinuba, entered the Coast Guard in March, 1943. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1943, and received boot training at Alameda. On May 29, 1944, Dick was married to Miss Virginia Hicks of Dinuba; and in August, 1944, he was serving in the Supply Depot at Alameda. He is rated as a seaman first class. Dick entered the service with his friend, Bob Dittenbir also of Dinuba, and has worked with him ever since.

## Robert DITTENBIR



ROBERT DITTENBIR, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dittenbir, Route 1 Box 92, Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy in December, 1942, being a senior in Dinuba High School. He was in Dinuba in July, 1943, for a short visit from his station with the Coast Guard at Alameda. In August, 1944, he was rated a Seaman first class, in the clothing depot there. He was home for a week's leave beginning August 7. At that time he had spent more time working in the office, but preferred his old job with the boys in the warehouse. Dittenbir was one of eight boys chosen to work in the clothing depot, which was built during the time he was in Boot Camp, and has learned each phase of the work. The depot is the only one on the Pacific Coast for the Coast Guard, and is a very active place, where orders must be filled regardless of hours.

## Henry RIVAS



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## Henry Ernest RIVAS



HENRY E. RIVAS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Santos Rivas, of 508 W. Tulare Street, Dinuba, entered the Army in September, 1943. He first reported to camp at Monterey and later was assigned to the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Walters, Texas. Rivas came home on a ten day furlough in February, 1944, and then reported to Fort Ord. He was sent overseas in March, 1944, to New Britain, where he was stationed in August, 1944, with the rank of a private.

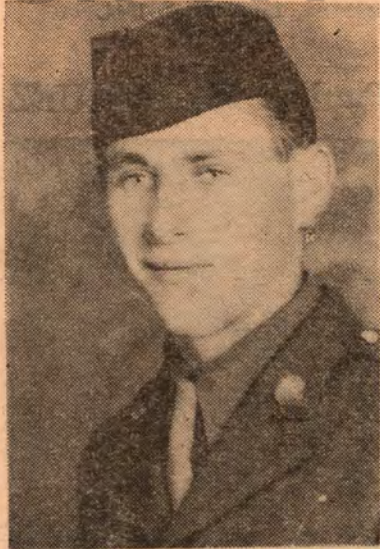
## Fortunata RIVAS



FORTUNATA RIVAS, brother of Eleanor Rivas 508 W. Tulare St. Dinuba, and Henry Ernest

Rivas of the U. S. Army, entered the Army in March, 1941. He received training in various camps and in June, 1943, was sent to Attu Island. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Santos Rivas of 508 W. Tulare St., Dinuba. In August, 1944, he was still stationed in the Aleutians, with the rank of private first class.

## Arthur J. ROLLER



ARTHUR J. ROLLER, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Roller, P. O. Box 392, Oroquieta, entered the Army on November 5, 1943. He attended Oroquieta schools. Juanita, his wife, is living with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper of Oroquieta. Pvt. Roller was trained at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, in the Engineer's Combat Battalion.

## Robert J. ROSE



ROBERT J. ROSE, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rose of 280 Franklin Way, Dinuba, enlisted in the

Navy V-12 program while a student at Dinuba High School. He was called to active duty on July 1, 1944, following his graduation from high school. Rose was sent to the University of California at Berkeley for V-12 training, where he is still located.

## Buster RUSSELL



BUSTER RUSSELL, of Buckeye, Arizona, a grandson of Mrs. C. F. Skelton, of Cutler, entered the Coast Artillery in 1941. He completed his training on land and in February, 1943, was sent overseas. His wife and 2-year-old daughter Marva, reside in Watsonville.

## Thomas W. ROGERS



THOMAS W. ROGERS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H.

Rogers of 912 W. El Monte Way, Dinuba, and is a graduate of the Dinuba High School. He was employed by the Dinuba Sentinel and later by Ramon's Grocery before he entered the service. He signed on in June, 1944, and three days later was on a boat headed through the Golden Gate. His ship sailed through the Panama Canal and was in the Atlantic when she sprung a leak and had to put back to an Atlantic port. The vessel had been scheduled to bring back wounded from the battle fields of Normandy. Rogers is in the steward's department and wears campaign ribbons for the Pacific and American theaters.

## Jack J. RUSSELL



JACK J. RUSSELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Russell of E. El Monte Way Dinuba, enlisted in the heavy Coast Artillery of the United States Army, Jan. 1, 1941. He was stationed at the Presidio at San Francisco for 3 months. From there he was assigned to the Canal zone in April of the same year. He was promoted to Sergeant, and was in telephone communications until he returned to the States in April, 1944. He had been gone three years, to the day. Russell was stationed at Camp Fannin, Texas, in August, 1944. He was transferred to the infantry and served as a wire instructor at the school in Camp Fannin at that time.



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## Darlene ROBISON



DARLENE ROBISON, R. N. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Robison, formerly of Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy Reserve Nurse Corps on August 28, 1943. She is a niece of Lt. Melba B. Buckland of the Army Nurse Corps. A graduate of the Dinuba High School, Miss Robison completed training at the Franklin Hospital of Nursing in San Francisco, and following her graduation, nursed at the Alta District Hospital in Dinuba. After enlisting as a Navy Nurse, she impatiently awaited her call to active duty for seven months. In some way her application had been misplaced at headquarters in Washington, D. C. and through Dr. Seligman, the mistake was brought to attention. In March, 1944, her call came, but at that time, Miss Robison's mother was seriously ill and she was deferred for an indefinite period. At the present time, she is assistant superintendent and surgery nurse of the Reedley hospital.

## Nellis Stirling (Bill) ROBISON



NELLIS STIRLING (BILL) ROBISON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sexton Robison, 100 El Monte Way, Dinuba, volunteered for enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps on August 26, 1943. Robison was manager of the Smokehouse Restaurant for two years. He is a graduate of Dinuba High School and attended Reedley Jr. College and Fresno State. He is a member of the Dinuba Young Business Men's Club and the Sultana Baseball Club. Mrs. Robison and young daughter are residing here at their home at 471 N. K St. He received his

basic training at the San Diego base, and from there was transferred to Camp Mathews Rifle Range of the Marine Corps, where he was a coach for some time. Robison then went to cooks and bakers school at San Diego, and graduated with the rating of corporal. In September, 1944, he was stationed at Camp Joseph Pendleton, Ocean-side, Calif., with the rating of acting mess sergeant. Sergeant Bill Robison is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. George Robison.

## Donald M. ROBISON



DONALD M. ROBISON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sexton Robison of 100 W. El Monte Way, Dinuba, has been in the Army since the fall of 1942. He is a graduate of Dinuba High School, and a member of the Sultana Baseball Club. In November, 1943, he was serving as a Private in the Military Police Corps on duty at Lubbock, Texas. Robison was still stationed with the Military Police at Lubbock in August, 1944, and held the rank of Corporal. In a letter to his mother, he said that he received the Rotary letters, and read them thoroughly; and that he preferred snow to the cold winds of Texas. In September, 1944, Robison was reported to be corporal of the guard on Military Police duty with the Army Air Forces, still stationed at Lubbock. Donald is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. George Robison.

## Paul R. ROCKWITZ



PAUL R. ROCKWITZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rockwitz of 1415 Fourth Ave., San Francisco, entered the armed forces in November, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Phyllis Geen Rockwitz of Ghost

Ranch, Arizona, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Geen of Box 382, Orange Cove. Rockwitz is in the Dental Corps. He received basic training at Santa Ana Army Air Base, where he also attended officers training school, graduating with the rank of first lieutenant. He was promoted to captain in January, 1944. Rockwitz had been stationed since December, 1942 at the Marana Army Air Field, Marana, Arizona, in August, 1944.

## Paul S. RODRIGUEZ



PAUL RODRIGUEZ, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Rodriguez, of Cutler, entered the Army April 8, 1941. In Oct. 1943, he held the rank of Sergeant and was with the medical department at Camp Roberts, where he had been stationed for some time. He is a graduate of Orosi high. Paul S. Rodriguez was born at El Paso Texas and when he first came from Texas to this district he was one year old, he attended both schools at Orosi. He holds the rank of Sergeant and has been at Camp Roberts with the Medical department.

## Edwin RODIE



EDWIN RODIE, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Rodie of Rt. 1, Box 85, Reedley, joined the National Guard in February, 1940, and then the regular Army. Two other brothers, Henry and Elmer, are

in the Army infantry. Rodie was one of nine who volunteered for the first convoy trip from San Francisco to Hawaii. At that time he was in the infantry. He transferred to the Army Air Forces, receiving his training at Buckingham Field, Ga., and graduated with the rank of Sergeant. Rodie was in England on D Day, and participated in raids over France at that time. Now stationed in France, he holds the rank of staff sergeant.

## Elmer RODIE



ELMER RODIE, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Rodie of Rt. 1, Box 85, Reedley, entered the Army on November 5, 1942. He graduated from Reedley High School in 1937. Rodie was first stationed in Hawaii, and next in Australia. In August, 1944, he was reported to be fighting somewhere in the front lines in New Guinea with an engineer battalion. His rank at that time was that of a private first class. Rodie has one brother, Edwin, with the Army Air Forces, and another brother in the infantry.

## Henry W. RODIE



HENRY W. RODIE, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Rodie of Rt. 1, Box 85, Reedley, entered the armed forces in July, 1941. He is a graduate of Reedley High School; and is a brother of Edwin Rodie of the Army Air Forces, and Elmer Rodie of the Army. Rodie completed basic training in the Army infantry at Camp Roberts in November, 1941. Rodie spent 27 months in the Aleutian Islands, and in September, 1944, was stationed at Camp Roberts again, this time training others. His rank is private 1/c.



**Willard E. DOUGHERTY**



**WILLARD E. DOUGHERTY**, husband of the former Miss Barbara Kerner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Kerner of P. O. Box 114, Dinuba, was stationed with the armored corps at Fort Knox, Kentucky when they were married in October, 1942. Sergeant Dougherty was sent to Camp Campbell, Ky. from Fort Knox. In March, 1943, he was transferred to Camp Polk, La., where in October, 1943, he was attached to the mechanized cavalry. Dougherty left Fort Meade, Md., on May 26, 1944. Sent to North Africa and then to Italy by September, 1944, he was in France. Dougherty is a staff sergeant with the 7th Army in Southern France. He is the son of J. B. Dougherty of Paso Robles.

**Earl Joseph DOUGHERTY**



**EARL JOSEPH DOUGHERTY**, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Dougherty of Cutler, graduated from Orosi high school in 1940, and entered the armed forces on June 6, 1941. He was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, for training in the Combat Army Engineers, receiving eight weeks of basic training. In August, 1941, he was attending a carpenter and bridge engineering school there. His wife, Mrs. Helen Dougherty of San Fernando, is residing in Tacoma, Washington, where she is employed in a large drug store. Pvt. Dougherty is still at Fort Lewis, according to latest reports.

**Dock DONHAM**



**DOCK DONHAM**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Donham of Rt. 1, Box 518 Dinuba, entered the Army on March 17, 1941. He attended school in Texas. Donham received training at Camp Callan in the coast artillery. In September, 1941, he held the rank of corporal.

**Fay R. DRAKE**



**FAY R. DRAKE**, brother of Guy Shelton, P.O. Box 272, Cutler, entered the armed forces in March, 1942. He attended Plano High School in Plano, Texas. Drake received basic training at Camp Roberts. He then trained in the Tank Destroyer Battalion at Camp Hood, Texas. Drake sailed for overseas in June, 1943, and was stationed in England until D Day. In September, 1944, he was a private and stationed somewhere in France.

**R. H. DORMANDY**



**R. H. DORMANDY**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dormandy, formerly of Dinuba and now of

Campbell, Calif., entered the Marine Corps in 1942. He is the nephew of Mrs. Don Schofield of Dinuba. Dormandy graduated from Delano High School. He received basic training at St. Mary's College, and further training in Pasco, Washington. A second lieutenant, he is a photo reconnaissance pilot in the Marine Air Force, and was stationed at San Diego in September, 1944.

**Leslie V. DOBSON**



**LESLIE V. DOBSON**, nephew of Mrs. Claude Osborn of Cutler, entered the Army on January 12, 1943. He is the son of Frank Dobson of Sultana. Dobson received his basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas; and was granted his first furlough in July, 1943. He underwent final training at Orlando, Florida, where he spent three months. After two months in Mt. Dorn, Florida, Dobson was shipped out in January, 1944. In September, 1944, Pfc. Dobson was reported to be somewhere in New Guinea.

**Ford Riley DOBSON**



**FORD RILEY DOBSON**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dobson of

Sultana, has been in the Seabees since October 1, 1943. He is now stationed at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Before joining the Navy, Dobson worked at Sky Acres Ranch.

**Donald D. DOYLE**



**DONALD D. DOYLE**, whose sister, Mrs. Pearl Ingle, resides at Rt. 1, Box 98, Orosi, enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1940. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Doyle, formerly of Dinuba and now of Sanger. Doyle was called to duty in May, 1944. After completing boot training at San Diego, he was reported in September to be standing by for foreign service.

**Bert DOYLE**



**BERT DOYLE**, brother of Mrs. Pearl Ingle of Orosi, entered the Army Medical Corps on September 20, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Doyle, formerly of Dinuba and now of Sanger. Doyle graduated from Sanger High School in 1941.

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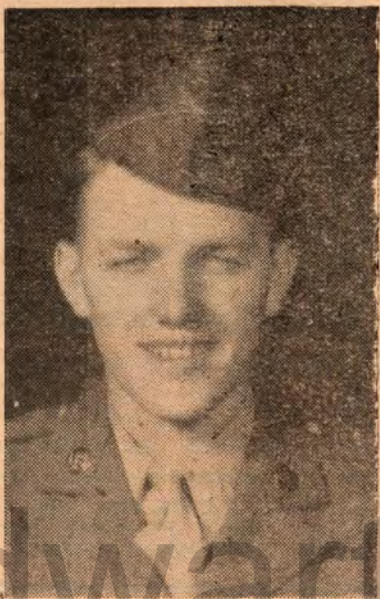


## Michael "Micky" DOTSON



**MICHAEL "Micky" DOTSON**, son of Mrs. May Vaughn, 380 W. El Monte Way, entered the Army in February, 1942. He graduated from the Army Air Force Armament School at Lowry Field, Denver, in June, 1942. Shortly afterwards, he was sent overseas. A former professional boxer, Dotson is a veteran member of the second P-38 group to go overseas. After flying its first missions from England, his group covered the North African invasion in November, 1942, and in September, 1944, was operating from its base in Italy. At that time Dotson was an assistant crew chief of 25 months' experience overseas. He had recently been authorized to wear the gold bordered blue ribbon, indicative of the Distinguished Unit Citation awarded to the P-38 lightning fighter group of which he is a member. The citation was given for aerial combat over Steyr, Austria, in April, 1944. The group on that date beat off numerically superior enemy aircraft which attempted to attack the bomber formation. Twenty of 70 Nazi planes were destroyed without the loss of a single P-38. Dotson holds the rank of sergeant.

## George L. DUERKSEN



**GEORGE L. DUERKSEN**, husband of Mrs. Clara Duerksen, Rt. 1, Box 83, Dinuba, entered the Armored School at Ft. Knox, Ky., for a course in tank mechanics in August of this year. In October, Pvt. Duerksen graduated and is now a skilled tank mechanic, trained to keep the big General Shermans and the light tanks roaring into combat.

## Elmer DOTSON



**ELMER DOTSON**, son of Mrs. May Vaughn of 380 West El Monte Way Dinuba, entered the Army in November, 1942. He attended Dinuba High School. Dotson received preliminary training at the induction center in Monterey. In October, 1943, he was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he has since been serving with the Army postal service. He holds the rank of private first class.

## Dave DURKSEN, JR.,



**DAVE DURKSEN, JR.**, a nephew of Mrs. P. D. Isaak of Rt. 1 Box 76, Dinuba, visited his aunt in July, 1944. At that time he held the rank of Corporal in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in which he had served for three years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Durksen, Sr., Winnipeg, Manitoba. On completion of his furlough, he returned to his station at Vancouver, British Columbia, and was advanced to A/Sgt. A few days later, he was sent to Royal Military College at Kingston, Ontario. On September 8, 1944, he visited his parents in Winnipeg, Manitoba, for a few days. At that time he expected to be sent overseas within a short time.

## Jack M. DEAN

**JACK M. DEAN**, son of Mrs. Adeline Dean of Monson, entered the service in October, 1941. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1939, and was employed by the Alta Packing Company for a time. Dean then went to Glendale, where he studied airplane mechanics, graduating

from his course there a short time before his induction. He was sent to Fort Francis G. Warren in Wyoming for his initial training, and from there to Seattle, Wash. Dean was then shipped to Fort Richardson, Alaska, where he served with the Quartermaster Corps, which later changed to Ordnance Service Company. From there, he was sent to a base in the Aleutian Islands, serving there for 31 months, part of which was in actual combat on Attu and Kiska. Dean was granted a 21-day delay enroute to the United States, spending it with his mother and brothers in Monson. He reported back for duty at Camp White, Oregon, on August 14, 1944. He was rated private first class at that time. He is now stationed at Camp Lockett, California as a mechanic.

## Ernest DOTSON



**ERNEST DOTSON**, son of Mrs. May Vaughn of 380 West El Monte, Dinuba, joined the Sea Bees in November, 1942, and was sent to Norfolk, Va., for training. From Norfolk he was sent to Newfoundland, where he was stationed for several months before returning to the States. Rated SC 2/c, Dotson transferred to the Navy on his return from overseas duty in November, 1943, and in September, 1944, was located in Newport, R. I. as a "captain of the galley."

## Dick DOTSON



**DICK DOTSON**, son of Mrs. May Vaughn, 380 West El Monte Way, Dinuba, enlisted in the Army in October, 1940. He received his first training with the Signal Corps at March Field. From there he was sent to the

San Francisco headquarters of the aircraft warning service. Dotson was promoted to staff sergeant in January, 1941, while stationed in San Francisco. In December, 1942, he visited Dinuba as a field representative of the aircraft warning service. At that time he spoke at a high school assembly. In October, 1943, he was at Redding, Calif. He was married to Miss Margaret Lee, daughter of Mrs. Bessie Lee of Redding, in April, 1944. Dotson was transferred to Camp Pinedale in June, 1944.

## Elmer DUNCAN



**ELMER DUNCAN**, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Duncan of Rt. 2, Box 655, Reedley, entered the service in 1942. In September, 1944, he was reported to be serving somewhere in England.

## Elliott DOTSON



**ELLIOTT DOTSON**, son of Clifton Dotson of Visalia, entered the Merchant Marine in October, 1942, and completed his basic training at Brooklyn, N. Y., in January, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Myrtle Dotson, resides at 618 Beacon street, Oakland. A graduate of the Orsi High School, Dotson visited his home recently after an absence of 18 months. Persia, New Guinea, Turkey, and Australia are among the places he has seen since he entered the Merchant Marine. He is now serving on a tanker as 5th engineer.



**Robert L. REYNOLDS**



ROBERT L. REYNOLDS, son of Mrs. C. A. Cannon of Rt. 1 Box 393, Selma and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cannon of Rt. 2 Box 590, Reedley, attended high school in Dinuba in 1941. Marine private Reynolds enlisted in March 1943. He was awarded the Purple Heart for leg injuries received in the Marshall Islands battle and is convalescing in a Pacific Naval hospital.

**Albert RICHARDSON**



ALBERT RICHARDSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Richardson of 171 Olive Way, Dinuba, entered the service on April 9, 1941. He became a Corporal in the Army in 1942, while stationed at Fort Ord. Camp Swift, Texas, proved to be his next assignment. In August, 1943, he visited at his home on a two week furlough. He was next sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and from there to Camp Polk, La., where he was stationed in August, 1944. Richardson was home on a two weeks furlough during the latter part of June, 1944. He was a Staff Sergeant in the Field Artillery at that time.

**Bernhard RUTH**



BERNHARD RUTH, son of B. A. Ruth, of the Cutler Hardware Store, graduated in June, 1943 from the California Maritime Academy at San Francisco. Ensign Ruth is a licensed third mate in the Merchant Marine, his training covering a sixteen month course. He was home on leave in October, 1943. In the latter part of October, 1943, he left for his third trip as a deck officer on a troop carrier to which he was assigned by the Merchant Marine. Ruth was a week-end visitor at his home in Cutler in June, 1944, and at that time had been promoted to licensed Second Mate.

**David RICHARDSON**



DAVID RICHARDSON, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Richardson of Dinuba, was on duty at Buckley Field, Colo., with the ground crew of the Army Air Forces in Aug., 1943. P. F. C. Richardson entered the service in March, 1943, and visited his parents a short time in October, 1943. He returned to Buckley Field, Colorado. In August, 1944, Richardson was

stationed in Italy, where his outfit was a part of the 15th Air Force that was playing a large part in the raids over Europe. He was raised to the rank of Corporal on July 19, 1944.

**Wilbur RIDGEWAY**



WILBUR RIDGEWAY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Ridgeway of Witchita, Kansas, entered the service in January, 1940. He is a brother of Mrs. Elmer Duncan of Dinuba. Ridgeway received his training at Camp Robertson, Little Rock, Arkansas, and at San Francisco and Los Angeles. He was sent overseas as a first cook in the infantry in May, 1944. He held the rank of Sergeant at that time.

**William RICKER**



WILLIAM RICKER, husband of Mrs. Mollie Ricker of Cutler,

entered the Army on April 8, 1943. He is the brother-in-law of Raymond Lawson of Cutler. Ricker received basic training at Camp Roberts. In August, 1943, he came home on furlough, spending it with his wife and son, Ronald, in Cutler. Reporting back to Fort Lewis, Wash., he remained there for three weeks. Ricker was then sent to Fort Ord; and in September, 1943, was sent overseas to the Southwest Pacific, where he was serving as a corporal in September, 1944.

**William Chester (Bill) RIGSBY**



WILLIAM CHESTER (Bill) RIGSBY, son of L. C. Riggsby of P.O. Box 358, Oroquieta, attended grammar school and two years of high school in Dinuba. He was inducted into the Army in July, 1943 and reported at the Presidio in Monterey. He was later transferred to Camp Wallace, Texas. From there Riggsby was sent to Camp Claiborne, La., and came home on furlough in July, 1944. He was married on July 28 to Miss Betty Tracey of Selma. In September, 1944, he was overseas.

**Wayne RUTH**

WAYNE RUTH, son of B. A. Ruth of Cutler, was inducted into the Navy on Sept. 22, 1944. He is taking his Boot Training at Farragut, Idaho.

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**Richard Roy  
RILEY, JR.**



**RICHARD ROY RILEY, JR.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Riley, Sr., of Box 74, Orange Cove, enlisted in the Naval Reserve on October 12, 1942. He attended Reedley High School. Riley received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and from there was sent to the Naval Diesel Training School at Iowa State College. After receiving his diploma from his course there, he came home on leave for a few days, and immediately left for overseas duty in February, 1943. Since that time he has been stationed in Australia as a motor machinist's mate second class.

**Stanford George  
RILEY**



**STANFORD GEORGE RILEY** is the husband of the former Pauline Bray, who is living with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Bray in Traver. Pfc. Riley has been serving in the Army since April 13, 1942, receiving his basic training at Camp Roberts. Next he attended Parachute School at Fort Benning, Ga., then to Louisiana and Nebraska for further training. After being in Ireland a short time, he was moved to England. Pfc. Riley has a baby daughter, Marion Ruth, whom he has never seen. He is one of the paratroopers who spearheaded the Normandy invasion on D Day.

**Harry Newman  
ROBINSON**



**HARRY NEWMAN ROBINSON**, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Robinson, Rural Rte. No. 2, Dinuba, joined the Navy Oct. 26, 1942. After "boot" training at Farragut, Idaho, he graduated from the Navy's trade school for diesel operators at the University of Missouri in March, 1943. Then he was assigned to Treasure Island and volunteered for submarine duty. In Oct. 1943, he was based at Pearl Harbor. Following a year's training there as motor machinist's mate, Robinson went on active duty aboard a submarine.

**Porter ROTH**



**DAVID PORTER ROTH**, son of Mr. and Mrs. David I. Roth, of Oroquieta, enlisted in the Naval Reserve at San Diego in January, 1942. He was sent to Treasure Island for training where he remained until April, 1943. He had gained the rank of Carpenter's Mate, second-class when he was granted a change to the Naval Air Corps and he entered schooling first at Natchitoches, then to Russellville, Arkansas and in October, 1943, was reported to be taking pre-flight training at Athens, Georgia. He retains his rating as Carpenter's Mate, second-class even though in the Naval Reserve air corps. He is now in flight training at Pensacola, Florida, and expects to be moved again soon.

**Fred ROBINSON**



**FELIE FRED ROBINSON**, son of Mrs. Naomi Robinson Klinger of 413 North Williams Ave., Compton, Calif., entered the Army Air Forces in March, 1942. His wife, the former Miss LaVerne Hinkle, and daughter reside at 5372 Village Rd., Long Beach. Robinson graduated from Dinuba High School in 1936, and attended Fresno State College, Los Angeles City College, and the University of California. He completed basic training at Cal-Aero Academy, Ontario, Calif., in August, 1942. He graduated from flight training at Stockton, Calif., on October 31, 1942, with the rank of second lieutenant. In September, 1944, Robinson was stationed with the Army Transport Command at Long Beach. He held the rank of captain at that time. On August 11, a baby daughter was born to Captain and Mrs. Robinson. She is named Judith Lynn.

**Silven J. RIVERA**



**SILVEN J. RIVERA**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kor, 500 West Tulare St., Dinuba, entered the Army in April, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Ann Rivera, and children are living in North Hollywood. Rivera attended Dinuba High School in 1928-29 where he was outstanding in the four major sports. Before entering the Army he was employed by a Los Angeles lumber company. Rivera received his training at Camp Roberts and Fort Ord. He specialized as a cannoneer in a newly-created heavy-weapon battalion. At Fort Ord he went through advanced training and then was sent overseas. In September, 1944, he was reported to be in Hawaii, awaiting assignment to a battle area.

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## Donald A. DOWNING



DONALD A. DOWNING, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Downing, Rt. 2, Box 299, Dinuba. After being graduated with the class of 1942 from the Dinuba High School, he worked seven months in the government shipyards at Vallejo. He was inducted into the Army in March, 1943, and after his basic training at Camp Bowie, Texas, was sent to Camp Hood, Texas. There, Downing served in the Tank Destroyers. After completing an eight weeks radio course, he became assistant radio technician of his battalion. In April, 1944, he was transferred to an ordnance company, heavy maintenance. During the following June, Downing was granted an emergency furlough in order to spend a few days with his brother, Wilfred, who was then on furlough from Alaska. In September, 1944, Downing was reported to be an automotive electrician with the rank of corporal, and had moved to Camp Maxey, Texas, with his company.

## Wilfred E. DOWNING



WILFRED E. DOWNING, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Downing, Rt. 2, Box 299, Dinuba, was stationed for six weeks at Camp Roberts, California, for preliminary training after entering the Army in August, 1942. In November, 1942 he was reported at Fort Lawton, Washington, where he received further training. In December, 1942, Downing began his work as teletype and telephone operator at Kodiak, Alaska, where he served for twenty months. After completing eighteen months foreign service, he was given a furlough, arriving home on D Day. In September, 1944, he was reported to have been sent to the Signal Service Headquarters at Anchorage, Alaska. From there Private Downing expected to be

sent by plane to Adak Island in the Aleutians, where he will continue his work in the Army Signal Corps. He graduated from Dinuba High School and attended Visalia Junior College.

## Garvin DUNN



GARVIN DUNN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Dunn of Sultana, and brother of Guy Dunn of Dinuba, was inducted Aug. 25, 1942 and in September, 1942 was stationed in a military police battalion at Camp Placer, Colfax. He was transferred to the Army Reserve Corps June 5th 1943, being over 38 years of age.

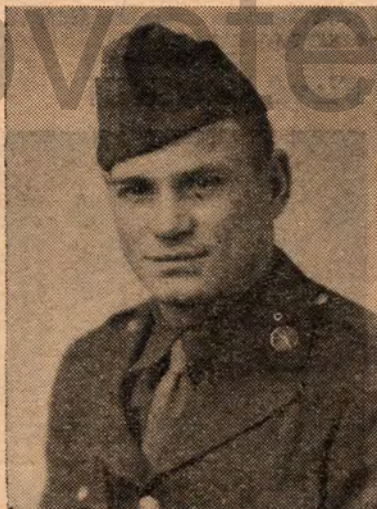
## Bill DUNN



BILL DUNN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Dunn, formerly of Dinuba, was appointed Controller of Air Traffic by the Civil Aeronautics Administration in January, 1942 and reported to Santa Monica for study prior to assignment. He held a civilian pilot license from Reedley Jr. College. He also attended Dinuba High and Fresno State. In August, 1943 he was released for the duration by the C. A. A. He immediately enlisted in the Air Force and took his basic training at Miami Beach, Florida. In October, 1943, Bill moved from Miami Beach to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and soon after leaving there, passed the tests to become a cadet pilot. He was next stationed at Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga., where he attended mechanics school before beginning his pre-flight training as an aviation cadet at Maxwell Field, Ala. Dunn completed his pre-flight training at Maxwell Field, and his primary training at Souther Field, Americus, Ga., where he

received the "Award of Merit" for an above ninety-five per cent average in ground school. In August, 1944, he was receiving basic flight training as an aviation cadet at the Bainbridge Army Air Field, Ga., a unit of the vast Army Air Forces Training Command.

## Lee Norman DUNLAP



LEE NORMAN DUNLAP, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Dunlap of Box 1222 Orosi, entered the Army on December 7, 1942. He received ten months of infantry training at Camp Adair, Oregon. He was next sent to Camp Horn, Arizona, and in March, 1944, to Camp Carson, Colorado. Pfc. Dunlap left for overseas duty on August 15, 1944, and a month later was reported to be serving in France.

## Coy Dean DUNLAP



COY DEAN DUNLAP, of the Orosi district, entered the U. S. Navy on September 28, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L.

Dunlap of Box 1222 Orosi. Dunlap was sent to Farragut, Idaho, for boot training. From there he transferred to San Pablo, Calif., and shipped on a minesweeper in May, 1944. Rating fireman 1/c, Dunlap was reported to be serving in the Pacific in September, 1944.

## Carl DELAP



CARL DELAP, former Dinuban who performed over Tulare county radio stations, is now strumming his guitar for the boys in New Guinea. He is with the armed forces in that area.

## Clarence ESQUE



CLARENCE ESQUE, son of W. O. Esque, Box 414 Orange Cove, Calif. entered the service in Oct. 1942, and was sent to San Diego for basic training. He was assigned to sea duty.

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## Claude DOTSON



CLAUDE DOTSON, whose wife, the former Gladys Hood, is living in Orange Cove, enjoyed a 15 day furlough in March, 1943. He entered the Army on December 15, 1942 and reported to Monterey. From there, he went to Florence, Arizona. In October, 1943, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and was part of the Military Police Escort Guard. He was sent to Safford, Arizona for duty where a prison camp for Italian soldiers has been established. Late in October, 1943, it was reported he had been promoted to the rank of Technician, fifth-grade. On May 12, 1944, he was transferred from Arizona to Camp White, Oregon, and from there was sent to Camp Ellis, Illinois. After graduating from a carpenter's course there, he came home on furlough, arriving in September. He is at work as a carpenter in the Field Hospital at Camp Ellis at this time.

## Alfred DUARTE

ALFRED DUARTE, formerly employed at Marcell's Cafe, Dinuba, was stationed at Santa Ana shortly after his induction and in July, 1942, visited in Dinuba while recuperating from a fractured elbow. He at that time had gained the rank of Corporal in the Air Corps. In August, 1942 he had Sergeant's stripes.

## Richard DUNN



RICHARD DUNN, son of Mrs. Mary Dunn of 1034 C St., Reedley, entered the armed forces on November 14, 1942. He grad-

uated from Reedley High School in 1938. Dunn received his basic infantry training at Camp White, Oregon; and completed advanced training at Camp Adair, Oregon, in March, 1944, with the rank of private first class. He was in Italy for three weeks before being hit by a mortar shell. Dunn was awarded the Purple Heart and the Infantryman's Medal for the wounds received in action in Italy. He was in the hospital back of the lines in Italy for over two months.

## Floyd L. DUNN



FLOYD L. DUNN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dean of Rt. 1, Box 6A, Orange Cove, joined the Navy on March 19, 1942. He attended Reedley High School. Dunn took his boot training at the San Diego Naval Training Station, completing it in April, 1943. From there he was sent overseas to the South Pacific, where he was in August, 1944. His rating then was Cook third class.

## Orval Ray DUNCAN



-ORVAL RAY "Duke" DUNCAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Duncan formerly of Dinuba, now of 148 Inez St. Fresno, enlisted in the Navy Sept. 1942. Completed his boot camp and was in Dinuba in June 1943, headed for San Francisco Calif., to ship out. Before his enlistment, Duncan was employed at the Tesman Garage

on K Street in Dinuba. He has been on several Pacific islands, and in August, 1944, was an Aviation Machinist's Mate second class stationed somewhere in the New Hebrides Islands. His letters said that living conditions there were good, and that he liked his work better than any other around there. In fact, he went on to say, his job was practically a civilian's job. He worked long hours taking care of the laundry equipment and boiler pressure. His hardest job was keeping parts and equipment, but he said he would gladly take a gun and go after the Japs if given a chance. At that time he thought he might get to come home in a few months, but his family was not to count on it until they saw him.

## Carl F. ELLIOT



CARL F. ELLIOT, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Elliot of Richmond who resided in Dinuba until the first of 1943, enlisted in the Navy in July, 1942. He attended Orosi High School. He was sent to Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

## Verle DUNNEGAN



VERLE DUNNEGAN, son of Mrs. Clara Dunnegan, formerly of Dinuba now of 243 Blackstone Apt. 4, Fresno, is in the Army. He graduated from Dinuba High School and Reedley Junior College, and in Nov., 1942, was

in the Hawaiian Islands. In April 1943, reported he had met Bob Wilson of Dinuba and Max Harrison of Reedley, and in May, 1943, he had arrived at a new destination, a fisherman's paradise with plenty of sand and coconuts. He is a Private 1/c with the Task Force. Mrs. Roosevelt visited the island on her Pacific trip, first woman on the island for over a year. A fellow worker dropped a sixty pound box of ammunition on his foot soon after Dunnegan was sent to the Island of Malakal. Since that time, he has been on crutches with his foot in a cast for the past two months. In September, 1944, his foot was reported to be nearly back to normal. At that time he had flown to Honolulu, and phoned his mother on her birthday.

## Jess ESQUE



JESS ESQUE, son of W. O. Esque, Box 414, Orange Cove, Calif. entered the service in Oct. 1940. He had his basic training in Monterey. He was promoted to a sergeant and stationed in Australia, having been overseas for 2 and a half years with the Medical Corps.

## Ted EICKERMAN



TED EICKERMAN, son of Mrs. Ellen Eickerman, P. O. Box 263, Dinuba, was employed at Hoskins Hardware for several years before becoming pre-flight inspector at Sequoia Field. He entered the U. S. Army in September, 1942, and reported to San Diego for training. Cpl. Eickerman was stationed at Santa Ana Army Air Field in March, 1944. He is now at Santa Maria and a member of the ground crew of a P-38.



## Eldor REIMER



ELDOR REIMER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Reimer, of Rt. 2, Box 224, Reedley, entered the Navy on December 28, 1943. His wife is the former Alice Friesen of Rt. 1, Box 53, Dinuba. They were married on November 5, 1943. Leaving for San Diego on January 5, 1944, Reimer received medical corps training. He left there in August 1944, for Norfolk, Va., where he remained a month. During the following September, he was sent to Trinidad on a special mission.

## Sarah Louise RHODES



SARAH LOUISE RHODES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rhodes of Sierra Way joined the WAVES in Oct., 1942. Miss Rhodes was a member of the first class of radio operators

graduated from the U. S. Naval Training school at University of Wisconsin, at Madison, Wisconsin. In June, 1943, Miss Rhodes enjoyed a short visit at the home of her parents. At that time, she was stationed at the naval base at Corpus Christi, Texas. Next she went to Massachusetts to school. Miss Rhodes was sent to San Francisco, California in January, 1944, where she was stationed as a telegrapher in the federal office building, in the district communications office. In September, 1944, she was rated Telegrapher 2/c. She graduated from Dinuba High School, attended Mills College for two years, and Fresno State College.

## Charles RHODES



CHARLES RHODES, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rhodes, 214 Sierra Way, Dinuba, is a veteran of several years experience in the Navy and a graduate of Annapolis. Lieutenant Commander Rhodes was on duty at Pearl Harbor when it was attacked. Mrs. Rhodes and son, John, arrived from Honolulu in June, 1942, to reside in the Bay Area for the duration. He remained in Pearl Harbor until the end of November, 1942, assisting in raising and reconstructing the sunken and damaged Navy vessels. He was then given sea duty and shipped out on one of the ships of the Pacific Fleet. Commander Rhodes remained on duty in the Southwest Pacific for two years. He returned to San Francisco in September, 1944,

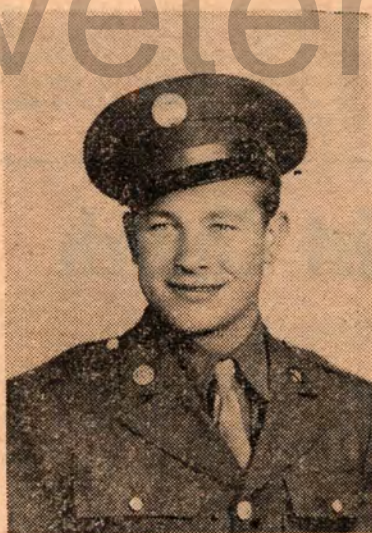
and visited in Dinuba while his ship was being repaired. His son is in the ground crew of the Army Air Forces.

## Marvin "Dick" REIMER



MARVIN "DICK" REIMER, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Reimer of El Monte Way, Dinuba, reported for duty in the Navy on May 22, 1944, at San Diego. He completed boot training by July and went to Basic Engineering school, graduating Sept. 29th, 1944 as Fireman 2/c. The first week in Oct., he spent his five day leave at home and now has been transferred to N. T. and D. C., Camp Elliott, San Diego.

## Irvin REIMER



IRVIN REIMER, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Reimer, El Monte Way, Dinuba, reported for duty with the Army at Monterey in July, 1943, and was immediately sent to Camp Barkeley, in Texas. He entered training to become a cook and expected to complete the course in the

middle of Nov., 1943, Reimer was home on furlough in November, 1943. He sailed from New York for overseas, spending Christmas on the Pacific. He landed on the Fiji Islands sometime in January, 1944. Reimer expected to become a cook, but in February, 1944, had taken up electrician and radio work, which he said he liked much better. He was a private then. In Sept. 1944, he was sent to an undisclosed destination.

## Ben REIMER



BEN REIMER, resident of this district for many years, enlisted in the Army Air Forces as a mechanic in Sept., 1942. He was assigned to Minter Field. In recent years, Reimer has been foreman for Frank Elliott's ranch interests in the Orosi district. In September 1943 he was sent to Mather Field, Sacramento and in the latter part of October, 1943 was transferred to Ellington Field, Texas, where he has served since. His wife is with him. They were here on a visit in July, 1944.

## Rosalie RUSSELL

MISS ROSALIE RUSSELL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Russell of El Monte Way, is a member of the Women's Army Corps. She was inducted in San Francisco and began her training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. In September she was sent to East Base, Great Falls, Montana for further training with the Air Transport Command.

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## Alfred I. REMY



ALFRED I. REMY, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Remy of P.O. Box 157, Cutler, enlisted in the Army Air Forces in January, 1941. He entered high school at Reedley and graduated from Tranquillity High School in 1938. Upon enlisting in the Air Forces, Remy was first sent to March Field for basic training, and from there he transferred to Tucson, Arizona. He received advanced training in radio at Scott Field, Ill., completing it in November, 1941. On December 7, 1941, he was transferred to Hamilton Field, Calif., where he remained until March 28, 1944, when he was returned to March Field. From there Remy was sent to Tonopah, Nevada, and then on to Selfridge Field, Michigan, where, in August, 1944, he

held the rank of Staff Sergeant, and was awaiting overseas orders. Remy has been receiving instruction in secret work before going overseas; and in the latter part of September, 1944, wrote that his instruction was nearly completed.

## Emmet L. REMY



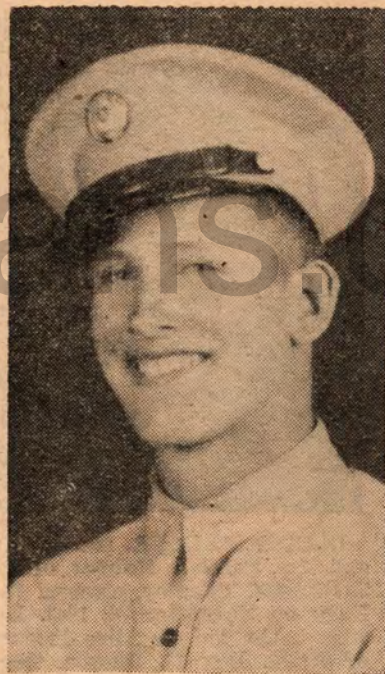
EMMET L. REMY, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Remy of P.O. Box 157, Cutler, was Chief of Police at Reedley, prior to his enlistment in the Navy. His wife, the former Phyllis Hughes, and young daughter reside in Reedley. In August, 1944, Remy was about to finish his boot training at the Farragut, Idaho, Naval Training Station. His brother, Alfred, is a member of the Army Air Forces. In September, 1944, Remy was stationed at Farragut as seaman guard; and hoped to be transferred soon where there is more action.

## Herbet Norton RICHARDSON



HERBERT NORTON RICHARDSON, of the Three-Rivers, Woodlake district is the husband of the former Frances Ensign, who with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Ensign were long time residents of Dinuba before moving to San Francisco. Richardson entered the AAF in March 1943 and trained as an aerial gunner at Columbus, Ohio. He then was stationed in Italy as a tail gunner on a B-17 bomber. He served his post well and was awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster. He was on a mission over Budapest, Hungary when Richardson's crew were on their ill-fated 35th trip. Mrs. Richardson's first telegram "Missing in Action" was received on July 11, 1944. This was followed later by a more hopeful message from the War Department stating that the International Red Cross had informed them that Staff Sgt. Richardson was a prisoner of war of the Germans. The Richardsons have a baby son, Bruce Norton, whom the father has never seen.

## Herman REMPEL



HERMAN REMPEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aron A. Rempel, Rt. 2, Box 177, Dinuba entered the Army in 1943 and was sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas. In Oct. 1943 he was taking a civil engineering course at the A. & M. College at Stillwater, Oklahoma. From there, he was transferred to Columbus. After finishing a course at Ohio University, he was assigned to a medical battalion at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, with the rank of private first class.

## Willard L. RITCHIE, Jr.



WILLARD L. RITCHIE, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard L. Ritchie, Sr., formerly of Cutler, and now of P. O. Box 492, Dos Palos, entered the Navy on January 25, 1944. He attended school in Cutler, two years at Orosi High School, and graduated from Dos Palos High School in 1944. Ritchie received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, completing it on March 12, 1944. He finished advanced training at Treasure Island as a seaman 1/c on the following June 10. After being sent to San Pedro, Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash., he was assigned to a troop transport. In September, 1944, he had made one trip in the Pacific to Guam, Pearl Harbor and Honolulu. Returning to port at that time, he was home on a leave. He left on September 28th for another voyage.

## Charles RADER

CHARLES RADER, of Dinuba, was inducted into the Army in August, 1943.

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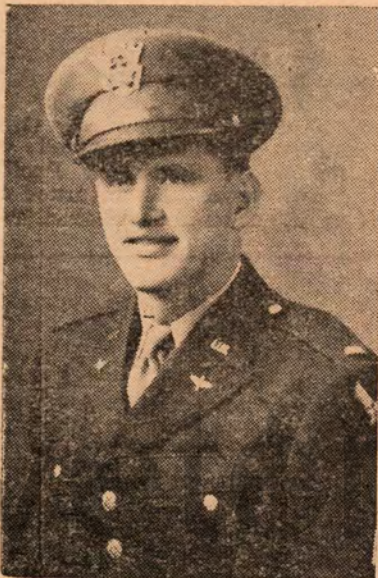
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## Aaron REMPEL



AARON REMPEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Rempel of Dinuba, is now a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army stationed at Chico. He is a physical training director having received his commission in the Air Forces Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida. He is a Physical Training Director in charge of the Officer P. T. section.



**Verner E.  
ELSTON, JR.**



VERNER E. ELSTON, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Verner E. Elston of 559 El Monte Way, Orosi, attended the Orosi and Dinuba schools, and enlisted in the Navy on March 9, 1944. He went to boot camp in San Diego, completing his training there in three weeks, and from there was sent to Aviation Gunnery School. Elston received his diploma from Gunnery School on May 27, 1944, with the rating of Seaman, first class. In August, 1944, he had shipped out as an Aviation Ordnance man in the Navy Air Fleet.

**Edwin A.  
POEHLMANN**

EDWIN POEHLMANN, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Poehlmann, formerly of Dinuba, now residents of Los Angeles, enlisted in the Army Air Force in March, 1943. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rhodes of Sierra Way, Dinuba. Poehlmann graduated from Dinuba High School in 1941; attended Visalia Junior College, and UCLA for a year before entering the service. He received his basic training in the ground crew of the Army Air Forces in Fresno. In May, 1943, he was sent to Eugene, Ore., where he attended school for a year, graduating as a direction

finding evaluator in May, 1944. He was then sent to Selfridge Field, near Detroit, Mich., to complete his training in radar direction. He left the east coast for overseas duty during the first of September, 1944. He is now in India.

**Virgil W. EAGAN**



VIRGIL W. EAGAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eagan of Sultana, entered the Army in July, 1943, reporting at the Presidio of Monterey. He was assigned to Arizona State Teachers College for a course of instruction. He is taking pre-flight training prior to his appointment as an aviation cadet.

**Sam PETINAK**

SAM PETINAK, husband of Mrs. Beth Petinak of Reedley, enlisted on Oct. 6, 1942. He lived in this district all his life and played on the Dinuba soft ball teams. His wife received a telegram in Aug. 1944 from the War Department, informing her that her husband Sgt. Sam Petinak, had died on February 13, while a prisoner of the Germans. On January 29th she had been informed he was missing in action, and later she received news he was a prisoner. Sgt. Petinak was

27 years old. Besides his wife he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Bertha Ragen, of Texas, five brothers, Dan Petinak, with the 91st division, somewhere in Italy, John and Pete of Reedley, Robert Petinak of the Navy in the Hawaiian Islands, and William, also in the service stationed in North Carolina. Mrs. Petinak is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCreary of Reedley and a great niece of Mrs. W. A. Gregory of Dinuba. The Petinaks were married on December 30, 1940.

**Taylor Don EDDIE**



TAYLOR DON EDDIE, a former member of the Dinuba High School faculty, entered the U. S. Navy on September 28th, 1943. He was stationed at Farragut, Idaho, for his "boot" training. In April, 1944, Eddie wrote from Bainbridge, Maryland, where he was attending physical instructor's school, that he was up at 5 a. m. every morning and going every minute with rugged activities of every type until 9:30 p. m. He was rated a Special Petty Officer second class in August, 1944, and was stationed at Seaside, Oregon, doing physical education work.

**Milton Kenneth  
EDWARDS**



MILTON KENNETH EDWARDS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Edwards of Rt. 1, Box 139, Reedley, entered the Army on November 24, 1943. He was a student at Reedley High School when he entered the service. Edwards received anti-aircraft training at Camp Callan, San Diego, and was next in the infantry at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He came home on furlough during the latter part of June, 1944, and was sent over-

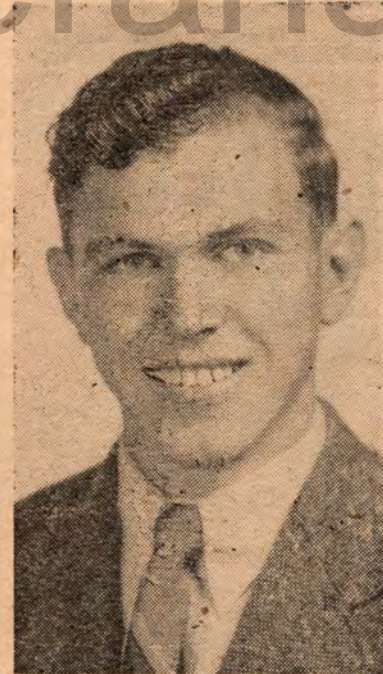
seas in the following August. Remaining in England for several days, he was sent on to France, where he was stationed in September, 1944.

**Raymond EVANS**



RAYMOND EVANS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Evans of Box 395, Orange Cove, entered the Army in August, 1943. He attended Reedley High School. Evans received basic training in the tank division of the Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After completing his training there, he came home on a ten-day furlough, reporting back to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, on August 4, 1944. In September, 1944, he was stationed there with the rating of private first class.

**James EAGAN**



JAMES EAGAN, whose wife resides in Sultana, is in the Army Air Force, entering the service in June, 1943. He took his basic training at the Fresno Fairgrounds. He is a graduate of Dinuba High.

**Harold R. RICKER**

HAROLD R. RICKER, of Dinuba district, has been transferred from the Radio School Atlantic City to 12th District Coast Guard Naval District at San Francisco. He is a Seaman Second Class.

**William RUNJAVAC**

WILLIAM RUNJAVAC, is a private in the U. S. Army. In a letter home, he wrote from the Pacific area saying that he had plenty of adventure and expects some more.

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## Raymond ELROD



RAYMOND ELROD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Elrod of Oroshi, entered the Army April 8, 1941, and in Dec. 1941, was on duty at March Field. On March 15, 1943, he took as his bride, Miss Elinor Hart of Seattle, Washington. They were married in Riverside. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant in the Signal Corps, and went to school at Fort Monmouth N. J. In June, 1943, he arrived in England and in Oct. 1943, had completed more schooling there and was on duty. He finished a specialized training course at Oxford. In September, 1944, he was reported to be still on duty in England.

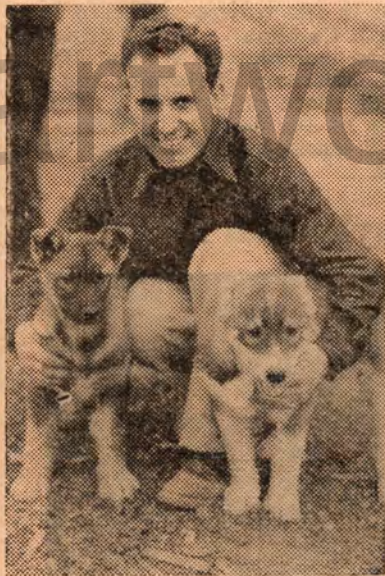
## Laurence A. ELROD



LAURENCE A. ELROD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Elrod of Oroshi, entered the service June 1943, and was sent to Columbia University, in New York City, where he attended midshipman's school. He graduated as an Ensign in the Naval Reserve, Oct. 1943, and reported to Solomons, Maryland for duty in Nov. 1943. Elrod received six weeks additional training there, and arrived home on December 27. He reported to Louisville, Ky., on January 17, 1944, where he was assigned his ship. He wrote that he was sailing down the Mississippi River, going to get supplies at New Orleans before going to sea. In April, 1944, he arrived in Ireland and later went to England. Elrod was in the "thick of things" on D Day, when he wrote that he was on an

LST, landing supplies on the shores of Normandy and taking off wounded.

## John Frederick ENDERS



JOHN FREDERICK ENDERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Enders of Rt. 1, Box 336, Dinuba, is with an Army contractor in the Aleutian Islands. His wife, Mrs. Genevieve Enders, is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Moore of Rt. 1, Box 324, Kingsburg. Enders was in the Yukon Territory, Canada, a year previously, working with the Public Roads Administration on the Alcan. Highway. For his work there as heavy duty equipment inspector he received the certificate of merit, awarded to only the most conscientious workers. At present he is the operator of two 40 ton cranes, clearing runways for the bombers that land in the Aleutian chain of islands. When President Roosevelt visited the Aleutians, he inspected the air field where Enders was at work.

## Irwin W. ENTZ



IRWIN W. ENTZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Entz, formerly of Dinuba and now residing at 1405 F street, Reedley, entered the Army in Feb., 1943. He is a graduate of Dinuba High. He was sent for basic training to Camp Swift, Texas. He was home on furlough in July, 1943, to visit his parents and his wife, Mary, and daughter. Following this, his unit went on maneuvers at Camp Bowie, Texas. Next he went to Fort Sill, Okla., and from there to Camp Polk, Louisiana, for further training with a medical detachment of the Field Artillery. By this time, he had

advanced to private first class. Entz left for a port of embarkation in September, 1944.

## Gaylord L. ELLISON



GAYLORD L. ELLISON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam G. Ellison of 249 Magnolia Way, Dinuba, reported for duty in the Merchant Marine in San Francisco on July 10, 1944. He had just completed his junior year in Dinuba High School. Ellison received three weeks of training at Avalon, Calif., and then was shipped out. In September, 1944, he was at sea, somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, and rated ordinary seaman.

## LaVerne EBBESON



LAVERNE EBBESON, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jorgensen of Dinuba, is in the Army. Ebbeson arrived at Fort Ord on December 3, 1940, with a field artillery company. He was ready to sail with his company, but was taken ill and remained until February 28, 1942, at Fort Ord. At that time he was sent to Fort Sill, Okla., to attend field artillery school. He was appointed chief clerk of transportation for an O. C. S. casual detachment on February 1, 1943; and promoted to staff sergeant in January, 1944. In September, 1944, he was reported to be handling arrangements for outgoing students from the student regiment F. A. S. Ebbeson has visited Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen in Dinuba many times.

## Rodger PIERCY

RODGER PIERCY, of Hayward, brother of Robert Piercy and a nephew of Mrs. Sarah Betts of Oroshi, is one of ten

who survived a battle in which a merchant vessel sunk a Nazi raider. The ten survivors were rescued after drifting for 26 days in a life raft. Piercy of the Merchant Marine has lived in Oroshi for many years and attending the Oroshi schools.

## Walter S. EBERLEIN



WALTER S. EBERLEIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Eberlein of Dinuba, entered the Army on March 9, 1941. In 1942 he was transferred from Camp Roberts to the Desert Training Center at Indio, California, his commanding officer being General Patton "Old Blood and Guts." On February 10, 1943 he was a technician 4th grade at Camp Young. In August, 1943 he attended a Dental Technicians School at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colo. Walt was promoted to a Staff Sergeant on April 28, 1944, and in July he received his good conduct medal. He was transferred to Camp Swift, Texas. His wife, the former Barbara Jeanne Perrine, of Mt. View, and baby daughter reside in the southern part of the state. He was shipped overseas in October, 1944.

## Alfred H. ELLIS



ALFRED H. ELLIS, whose wife resides at P. O. Box 312 Orange Cove, was inducted into the Army in October, 1943. Prior to his induction, he was employed by G. W. Humason, proprietor of the Orange Cove Trading Post. Ellis left for the Presidio of Monterey in November, 1943. In December of that year, he was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss., for his basic training in the infantry. From Camp Shelby, Ellis was transferred to Fort George G. Meade, Md., leaving from there in July, 1944, for overseas duty. Pvt. Ellis was sent to Italy.

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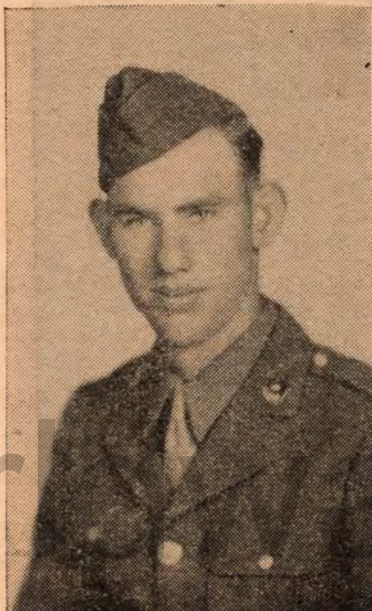
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**Jackson B. REED**



JACKSON B. REED, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas I. Reed of Cutler, enlisted in the Marine Corps and was sent to San Diego to begin his basic training in January, 1943. His next move was to Texas A. & M. College, College Station, Texas, where he studied radio and code communications. After completing the course there, he was transferred to San Diego and then to Camp Kearney, where, in Oct. 1943, Corporal Reed was taking more advanced training to become an aviation radioman. "Jack" had his first fifteen-day furlough since enlistment in December, 1943, spending it with his parents in Cutler. He reported back to his base at Camp Kearney, San Diego, expecting overseas duty soon. He shipped out some time in February or March, 1944, and in August, 1944, was stationed somewhere in the Central Pacific with radio and communication duty. He held the rank of Sergeant at that time.

**William Victor RICKMAN**



WILLIAM VICTOR RICKMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Rickman of Rt. 1, Box 426 Dinuba, entered the Army in Feb., 1944. His wife, Mrs. William Rickman, resides in Cutler. Rickman went from Monterey to Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, to Camp Beale, and then to Camp Polk, La. In late September, 1944, he was serving there with the rank of private.

**Cedric RIANO**



CEDRIC J. RIANO, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Riano of Dinuba, graduated from Dinuba High School in 1944, and entered the Naval Air Corps in April of that year. In September, 1944, Riano was training as an ordnanceman at Jacksonville, Florida.

**Blaine Hernando RIANO**



BLAINE HERNANDO RIANO, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. S. Riano of Dinuba was transferred to the Army Air Forces after resigning his commission in the infantry. Lt. Riano graduated from San Rafael Military Academy and attended Stanford

University before beginning active service. He holds several medals for sharp shooting which he won while in the infantry in competition with men from other parts of the country. Riano was sent to Washington State College with the Army Air Forces in 1943, where he was captain of cadets. He transferred eight months later to Las Vegas, Nevada. In August, 1944, he held the rank of Second Lieutenant, and was at the Victorville, Calif. Bomber Base.

**William C. RHODES**

WILLIAM C. RHODES, son of the S. W. Rhodes of this district, is reported to be a prisoner in Germany. Rhodes had been a bombardier on a Flying Fortress in North Africa.

**W. H. RALEY**

W. H. RALEY, is a son in law of Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Prout, Captain Raley and Mrs. Raley enroute from Colorado to his new station; he visited here last year. He is a medical administrative officer in the U. S. Army.

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**Jack L. RIGGS**



JACK L. RIGGS, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Riggs of Dinuba, trained at the Army Air Forces navigators' school at Monroe, Louisiana. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1936, and was employed at Hammond Aircraft Co. in San Francisco, before enlisting in Sept., 1942. He reported for duty at Nashville, Tenn. in Oct. 1943. Lt. and Mrs. Jack L. Riggs were in Dinuba visiting his parents. He was stationed in Florida. They made the trip across the continent by train. She had been with him the previous 6 months in Florida but did not return with him. He flew back. She is the former Elaine Tripp of San Francisco and they were married April 11, 1942. He was commissioned June 5th, 1943 at Coral Gables, Florida, after completing a four months advance course in navigation at Pan American Airways School. He was then assigned as navigator on cargo planes of the Air Transport Command, and made numerous trips to undisclosed places. Riggs returned to the United States on D Day, when he arrived in New York from England after ferrying a plane to the invasion base. He received his 1st Lt. rating just after his 9th trip overseas. Based at Memphis, Tenn., he had flown 150,000 miles and had 800 hours flying time. He has seen practically all of the West Indies, three South American countries, and has been in North Africa, West Africa, and Iceland, as well as England. By September, 1944, Lt. Riggs had flown to England seven times; to Africa three times; and was on his tenth trip over, on his way to Africa.

**Mary Anne RIGGS**



MARY ANNE RIGGS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Riggs, 162 Whitney Ave., Dinuba, entered the Cadet Nurse Corps on Sept. 1, 1943. A graduate of Dinuba High with one semester of college at Reedley J. C., she is now training at Fresno County General Hospital.

**Winston REED**



WINSTON REED, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Reed of 175 Olive Way, Dinuba joined the Army in January, 1943, and was assigned to the Coast Artillery. He was sent to Camp Wallace, Texas, then to Camp Shearden, Illinois. He was promoted to Private First Class. In Oct., 1943, he was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. Reed was sent overseas

to England in the spring of 1944, where he was stationed in England with the Signal Corps. At that time he had written that he had seen the robot bombs and the damage they did, terming them a "dangerous looking outfit."

**Bert E. REED**



BERT E. REED, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Reed, 175 Olive Way in Dinuba, has been in the Army since September, 1942. Corporal Reed was transferred from Camp Haan, Riverside, to Long Beach and then Santa Anita. He is with the coast artillery. In October 1943 he was stationed at Alhambra. He is a brother of Winston and Raymond Reed. Reed returned to Camp Haan; and in September, 1944, was stationed at Camp Howze, Texas, with a T/5 rating. He was transferred from the coast artillery to the infantry.

**Raymond M. REED**



RAYMOND M. REED, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Reed of 175 Olive Way, Dinuba, entered the Army Air Force in Nov. 1942. He took ground crew training at Sheppard Field, Texas. From there he went to Indiana, and in Oct. 1943, was stationed in India. In September, 1944, Reed was still in India, and was a private first class. By that time, he had been stationed there for fourteen months

**Ercil RHODES**



ERCIL RHODES, son of Mrs. Neva Rhodes of Rt. 1, Box 210, Dinuba, first entered the Navy in June, 1942. Later that year he was transferred to the Armed Guard of the Merchant Marine. He attended Orosi High School. In July, 1943, he returned to his home on leave after a seven months' trip around the world. During his trip, his ship was attacked in the Persian Gulf by enemy aircraft; and near the island of Madagascar he witnessed the sinking of part of an Allied convoy. Since July, 1943, he has made a number of short trips, and after each trip has had a few days at home from his base in Treasure Island. In September, 1944, Rhodes was rated a petty officer, GM 3/c. He wrote his mother from Honolulu that his ship was again suddenly sent on another sight-seeing trip and he expected to be gone 7 months.

**Willard Maitlyn RHODES**



WILLARD MAITLYN RHODES, son of Mrs. Neva Rhodes of Rt. 1, Box 210, Dinuba, entered the armed forces on May 11, 1944. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1941. Rhodes received basic training in the infantry at Camp Roberts, completing it in September, 1944. He has been sent to Camp Benning, Georgia, for further training.

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## Simon SIMONIAN



SIMON SIMONIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Simonian of Rt. 1, Box 80, Orosi, entered the Army on January 22, 1942. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1935. Simonian trained at Camp Roberts, leaving for over-

seas in 1942. He was sent to Australia, where he said he had seen a lot of it, but it was not like home. In August, 1944, he was still stationed in Australia, and was in the Harbor Craft Detachment. He was a Corporal at that time.

## Wilburn SHEPPARD



WILBURN SHEPPARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sheppard of Bossier City, La., entered the armed forces in July, 1940. He is the husband of Mrs. Dorothy Sheppard, who, with their young daughter, resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Godfrey, at 904 K Street Reedley. Sheppard graduated from the Plain Dealing High School in Louisiana in 1940, and shortly thereafter joined the Army. He received basic and advanced training in the fire department and post bakery at Fort Ord, Calif., completing his work there in June, 1941, with the rank of Private First class. In December, 1942, he was transferred to Camp Claiborne, La., and there he joined the Infantry. He remained at Camp Claiborne until November, 1943; meanwhile receiving the promotions required to reach the rank of Staff Sergeant. At that time he was transferred to Camp Howze, Tex., and was promoted to Technical Sergeant. In August, 1944,

Sheppard was reported to be still stationed at Camp Howze. When he was last heard from, he was in New York, expecting to ship out soon for overseas duty.

## O. D. SCARBOROUGH



O. D. SCARBOROUGH, whose wife and small son are residing at 251 North I street, was promoted in November, 1943, to Ensign, after having served in the Navy for twenty years. His home was originally in Georgia before his wife moved to Dinuba. He left on a battle ship from San Francisco in July, 1942, and his son, Danny, was born in September, 1942. Ensign Scarborough arrived in Dinuba in December, 1943, to visit his wife, and to see his small son, Danny, for the first time. He reported that he had participated in the battles of Tarawa and Kwojalein. Scarborough came home once more in March, 1944, and then was assigned to a new battleship, commissioned on the Atlantic coast.

## Orvel SKAGGS



ORVEL SKAGGS, a former business man in Dinuba and a brother of Mrs. Clyde Boone of Dinuba has been on active duty for over two years. Capt. Skaggs is on a troop carrier with Seattle, Wash., as his home port.

## Carl E. SHIFLET



CARL E. SHIFLET, son of Mrs. Rose Shiflet, 174 Whitney Avenue, Dinuba, enlisted in the Coast Guard in January, 1943 and came out of "boot" camp with a rating of Seaman first-class. Carl has seen active duty since April 1943. In October 1943, he had just returned to Portland after a 45 day cruise around the Alaskan region. He was on submarine patrol duty. Carl has been studying for a higher rating.

## Orie D. SINNER



ORIE D. SINNER, oldest son of John R. Sinner of Dinuba, enlisted in the Army in January, 1941. His father and sisters reside at 228 North H Street in Dinuba. Sinner attended Delano

High School and moved to Dinuba with his family in 1933. He was assigned to a medical battalion and received his basic training at Fort Ord. He was made corporal in March, 1941, and became a sergeant during the following June. In June, 1942, he became staff sergeant, and completed his training at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., and at Camp Maxey, Texas. In September, 1944, he was reported to be somewhere on the European front.

## Orton SELLS



ORTON L. SELLS, former Dinuba business man and parts man, enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps in November, 1942. He was sent to Phoenix, Arizona for six months' training and schooling for an aviation mechanic. Later Sells was transferred to Luke Field at Yuma, Arizona, where he graduated third highest in a large Army class, being trained on the famous P-38 and Thunderbolt. After graduating he was transferred to Las Vegas, Army Gunnery School for gunnery practice on B-17's and range gunnery. After completing his training here he was transferred back to Luke Field at Yuma in October, 1943, which has been made a gunnery field. Sells is an instructor of gunnery on B-17's and range targets.

## Kenji SAKAMOTO



KENJI SAKAMOTO, formerly of Reedley, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Sakamoto. He was assigned to Hdq. Co. 42nd Inf. at Camp Shelby, Miss.

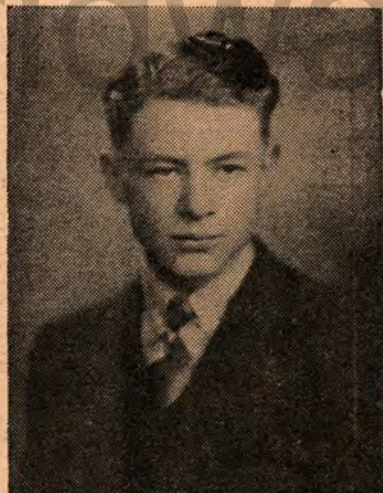


## Henry Dean WITTWER



HENRY DEAN WITTWER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Wittwer of P. O. Box 147, Cutler, entered the Army Air Forces on November 4, 1940. He graduated from the Honey Creek Union High School at Salem, Nebraska, in 1940. Wittwer received basic training at Deming, N. M., and on May 10, 1943, was sent to airplane mechanics school at Gulfport Field, Miss. On September 10, 1943, he returned to Deming Army Air Field, where in August, 1944, he was still stationed. A Private first class at that time, he was an engine inspector in production line maintenance.

## Victor Drew WITTWER



VICTOR DREW WITTWER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wittwer of Cutler, entered the armed forces on June 6, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Mildred Wittwer, and daughter, Kay Lynn, reside in Cutler. His four brothers are Fred C. Wittwer of the Navy, Henry Wittwer of the Army Air Forces, Chester Wittwer of Salem, Nebraska; and Oren Wittwer of Bellevue, Nebraska; two sisters, Mrs. Paul Bestwick and Bonnie Wittwer, reside in Cutler. Wittwer graduated from Honey Creek Union High School at Salem, Nebraska. He received his basic training in the infantry at Camp Pickett, Va., and at Camp Blanding, Fla. He was sent overseas to England, Tennessee and Arizona. In April, 1943, he was sent overseas to England. A Technical Sergeant, Wittwer died of wounds received in action in France on July 18, 1944.

## Allen WAIT

ALLEN WAIT, son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Traber. In October 1943, he was stationed at the Army air force basic training center at Kearns Field, Utah.

## Fred WITTWER



FRED WITTWER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wittwer of brother of Mrs. Paul Bestwick of Cutler, enlisted in the Navy on December 26, 1940. He received boot training at San Diego, after which he went to aviation machinist school at the Alameda Air Base. In February, 1942, he was sent to Alaska and the Aleutian Islands area, where he spent seventeen months. Wittwer came home on leave once during his stay there, to visit his parents. He was returned to the States in June, 1943, and stationed at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was in August, 1944.

## Thixton L. WOMACK



THIXTON L. WOMACK, eldest son of Mrs. Nellie Cassidy of Park Way, Dinuba, and of D. E. Womack of Dinuba, entered the service on November 25, 1942. He trained at Camp Beale near Marysville, Calif., and from there went to Fort Knox, Kentucky. At Fort Knox, he took first place in his class in the course in tank mechanics at the Armored Force School there. On August 8, he was promoted from technical sergeant to staff sergeant. He was stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas, with an armored division in September, 1944. He has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

## Chester Dale WELLS

CHESTER DALE WELLS, of

Dinuba entered the U. S. Army on September 28th, 1943.

## William Thurston WOMACK



WILLIAM THURSTON WOMACK, son of Mrs. Nellie Cassidy of 201 Park Way, Dinuba, and of D. E. Womack, also of Dinuba, is with the famous leap frogging amphibious engineers, who played an important role in the MacArthur "tactical and strategic" conquest of New Guinea. He has been overseas since January, 1943. By September, 1944, Sergeant Womack had spent thirteen of his twenty months to date overseas with the SWPA in New Guinea. The remainder of the time, he spent in Australia.

## T. A. WESTMORELAND



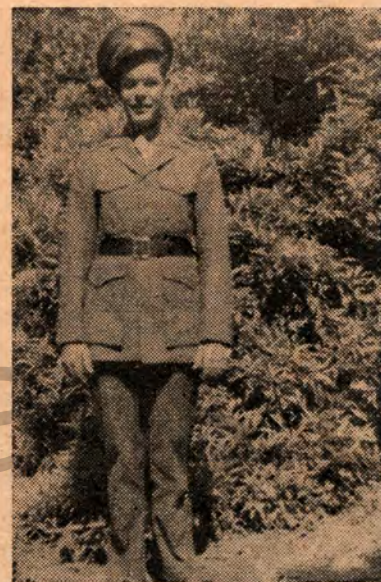
T. A. WESTMORELAND, son of Mrs. Lela Westmoreland, 149 Park Way Dinuba, is a graduate of Dinuba schools and now with the U. S. Army. He enlisted in August, 1941, and received basic training at Fort Monmouth, N. J. and Fort Lewis, Washington where he was prepared to sail to the Philippine Islands, but before he got to San Francisco Pearl Harbor was attacked. He was returned to Fort Lewis, Washington, but the company he was assigned to was reported captured by the Japs and published by the papers in the United States and the boys read of it while in camp at Fort Lewis, Wash. In July, 1942 he was sent with the Signal A. W. Company to Alaska and spent the winter near Nome, Alaska. In the Summer of 1943 he was sent to the Aleutian Islands. He was advanced to Corporal, and in September, 1943, to T/5. In October, 1943, he was near Dutch Harbor and stated he wished to be sent back to the States because he had met only one Dinuban, Gene Balentine, since

leaving Dinuba in August, 1941. He was moved into battle zone when the Army prepared to take Kiska, but because there was no battle, he had seen no action up to August, 1944. During the first of February, 1944, he was transferred from the Aleutians to Tampa, Florida, after spending a thirty-day furlough in Dinuba with his mother. It was his first visit home in two and one half years, the time since his induction. At Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, he was changed to a Radar operator in a Signal Air Warning Company, and received additional training. He had a fifteen-day furlough in June, 1944, and in August, was still stationed at Drew Field with the rank of Corporal.

## James B. WESTMORELAND

JAMES B. WESTMORELAND, was inducted into the army Oct. 26, 1944. He is the son of Mrs. Lela Westmoreland, 149 Park Way and brother of Cpl. Thomas A. Westmoreland of Florida.

## Robert WILSON



ROBERT WILSON, son of Mrs. Leora Philipps of Sultana, enlisted in the Marines December, 17, 1941, and was stationed at Camp Elliott near San Diego. He was the first youth to be reported in action in the Solomon Islands. In December, 1942, his mother received word that he had been wounded in action. In Feb. 1943, she received a letter from him informing her that he was recovering successfully from his wounds. He has been awarded the Purple Heart for his part on the Guadalcanal sector. Since he recovered from his wounds he has been serving as a military police. Robert attended grammar school in Sultana and high school in Dinuba. PFC. Wilson arrived recently in San Francisco after twenty seven months in the South Pacific. He saw service on Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Saipan. He is spending a thirty day furlough at the home of his foster mother, Mrs. E. S. Philipps.

## Douglas YOUNG

DOUGLAS YOUNG, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Young of Dinuba, entered the service in October, 1942. He was a senior in Dinuba High School when he enlisted in the Coast Guard, and left on Christmas Day for Atlantic City, New Jersey to attend the Coast Guard radio school. Serving aboard a troop transport, Young came home in September, 1944, on twenty days leave. At the conclusion of his leave, he sailed again for places unknown.



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## Warren WILLIAMS



WARREN WILLIAMS, son of Mac Williams of Orosi, entered the Navy on July 21, 1942. He received basic training at San Diego and was sent to Alaska in January, 1943. Williams arrived in San Pedro on June 18, 1944. He was married to Miss Winona Cowley, daughter of Mrs. Della Cowley of Woodlake, on the following August 28 in the Orosi Methodist Church. Mrs. Williams resides at Rt. 3, Box 185, Visalia. In September, 1944, Williams was located in San Pedro, awaiting orders. At that time he was rated machinist mate 3/c.

## Walter Scott WILLIAMS



WALTER SCOTT WILLIAMS, son of Mrs. Park Williams of Dinuba, entered the Army on January 23, 1941 at Sacramento, and was assigned to Fort Ord for his basic training. He was attached to the Field Medical Department. In April 1941 he was promoted to Private First Class; Walter was cited by Brig. Gen. A. V. Arnold for "meritorious conduct over and above his assigned duty in action against the Japanese forces." The general's commendation stated, "The conduct of First Sergeant Williams exemplifies aggressiveness and determination essential to success in battle, which brought victory to our forces over a stubborn and tenacious enemy." 1st Lt. Horace Worley, the company commander was "very proud and grateful for a job well done." The citation was received for action in the Aleutian campaign. In August, 1942, he was promoted to a Master

Sergeant, and in October, 1943, he was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands and held the rank of Sergeant. Williams received a Citation for serving in the Aleutians, and in the Hawaiian and Marshall Islands. He also received a Presidential Citation for battle honors on Attu Island on February 11, 1944. On May 12, 1944, an impressive ceremony for the Attu veterans was held in Honolulu; and the Seventh Army passed on parade for the President in August, 1944. At that time he was stationed as a First Sergeant at the Hospital Base on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands.

## Jim WILLIAMS, Jr.



JIM WILLIAMS, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams Sr., of 175 Franklin Way, Dinuba, entered the Navy on June 1, 1944. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1943, completing his studies there in three years. He was married to Miss Betty Barnes on October 4, 1943. Mrs. Williams makes her home with her father, C. W. Barnes, at 703 College Ave., Dinuba. Williams was sent to San Diego for his boot training. He was then sent to Farragut, Idaho, during the first part of August, 1944, where he received gunner's mate training. Still there in September, 1944, he was rated a seaman 2/c at that time.

## Donald WILLIAMS



DONALD WILLIAMS, son of the late J. T. Williams of this district, joined the Navy in 1936. His two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Marshall and Mrs. Robert Nuil, live in this district. Williams was at Pearl Harbor on December 7,

and has participated in four major battles in the Pacific. He was selected to attend Naval Mine School at Yorktown, Va., in May, 1943. Before he began his training there, he had a month's furlough, which he spent with his sisters here. He also attended Advance Naval Mine Disposal School in Washington, D. C., completing his course in April, 1944. At that time he married Miss Ethel Grimes of Philadelphia, Penn., who makes her home there. In August, 1944, Williams was a deep sea diver, stationed at Porto Rico, where he was in charge of ten divers. His rating at that time was Gunner's Mate first class.

## Bill G. WILLIAMS



BILL G. WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams of P. O. Box 434, Cutler, graduated from Orosi High School in 1943, and entered the armed forces on July 16 of that year. He received basic training in the Army Air forces at Sheppard Field, Texas, and advanced training at Lubbock, Texas. He attended technical school in Texas and armor school at Lowery Field, Denver, Colo. In February, 1944, he was sent to Tyndol Field, Fla., to gunnery school. From there, Williams went to Tucson, Ariz., where he was assigned to a ship and took combat training on a B-24 as a belly gunner. By September, 1944, he had flown as far west as Bakersfield in his training, and stopped over for three hours. He was a corporal then.

## Marvin WILLIAMS



MARVIN WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams, P. O. Box 434, Cutler, entered the armed forces on January 22, 1942. He graduated from Orosi High

School in 1939, and from Visalia Junior College in 1941. Williams received basic training in the ground crew of the Army Air Forces at Ogden, Utah. In March, 1942, he transferred to Akron, Ohio, where he specialized in rubber gas tanks in a six weeks course at the school there. He was sent from there to Los Angeles, where he took training in sheet metal. He sailed from New York in May, 1943, to North Africa, where he was stationed for two months, and then received advanced training in rubber. After the invasion of Italy, Williams unloaded supplies with Italian prisoners. As the Army advanced, he moved up and repaired planes and gas tanks. In September, 1944, he was a staff sergeant and still in Italy.

## James R. "Tex" WAYNE



JAMES R. "TEX" WAYNE, son of A. H. Pitman of 102 Holden Way, Dinuba, attended the Dinuba High School in 1929. He entered the Army in November, 1943, and received basic training at Camp Roberts, completing it in February, 1944. Immediately after completing his training there, Wayne was sent overseas. In August, 1944, he was stationed in New Guinea; at that time he held the rank of private in the Infantry.

## Allan WEAVER



ALLAN WEAVER, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Weaver of Sultana, entered the Navy on August 28, 1944. He attended Dinuba High School for three years. Weaver was sent to Farragut, Idaho, where he received his boot training, expecting to complete it in December, 1944.



## Jesse L. WILLIAMS



JESSE L. WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Williams, Box 263, Cutler, attended Orosi High School. He entered the Infantry on April 8, 1943, receiving his basic training at Fort Wood, Mo., and had three months maneuvers in Shreveport, La. After two weeks at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., he went to Ft. Meade, Maryland, for replacement, and then to the Embarkation Center at New York. On June 30, 1944, Pvt. Williams was in England and then somewhere in France. His wife, Nina Williams, and young child, reside in Cutler.

## Francis W. WILLIAMS



FRANCIS W. WILLIAMS, son of Mrs. Rhoda Allen of Rt. 1, Box 13, Orosi, graduated from Orosi High School in 1924 and Santa Barbara State Teachers College in 1930. His wife, Mrs. Irene Williams, and daughter, Diana, reside in Miami, Florida. Williams first entered the U. S. Air Force in February of 1931, receiving basic training at March Field, Riverside, Calif. He was stationed at Kelley Field, San Antonio, Texas, until March, 1932, completing his training there with the rank of second lieutenant. He served two years in Hawaii, entering the Army Air Corp Reserve in 1933. He is chief pilot of a wing of the Air Transport Command on the African Continent, having charge of nearly one thousand pilots. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel on June 23, 1944.

## Donald WIMER



DONALD WIMER, the second son of the late Albert E. Wimer of Dinuba and of Mrs. Myrtella Price Metzel of Oakland, enlisted in the Navy. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Perry of Rt. 2 Box 30 Dinuba. Wimer was born in Dinuba and attended school in Modesto and Fresno. He first enlisted in the Navy when under age, and went through boot camp at San Diego. He received special training in navigation at Coddington Point, R. I. When his true age was discovered, Wimer was discharged, but he re-enlisted on his eighteenth birthday. Sent to Farragut, Idaho, for boot training, he was platoon leader there because of his previous training. From Farragut, he was transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training School at Norman, Okla., where he trained for second class machinist's mate in preparation for overseas duty. In September, 1944, he was reported to have transferred to the U. S. Naval Repair Base at Algiers, La., where he was placed in the "Flee Marines" or "Raiders," expecting sea duty.

## Robert WIMER



ROBERT WIMER is a son of the late Albert E. Wimer of Dinuba, and of Mrs. Myrtella Price Metzel of Oakland. He is a nephew of Mrs. Melvin Perry of Dinuba. Wimer was born in Dinuba. He graduated from high school in Oakland in June, 1941, and worked in the shipyards until March, 1943, when he entered the Army. He received his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in an anti-tank division of

the infantry. He was sent from there to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for specialized training. Next he went to Camp Robinson, Ark., where he was promoted to the rank of corporal while serving in an engineering combat division. He was in Dinuba on a visit in June, 1944.

## Frank J. WILLEMS



FRANK J. WILLEMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Willems, of 135 Academy Way, Dinuba, and husband of Velma E. Willems of Rt. 2, Box 224, Reedley, entered the Army in November 1942. He first went to Pittsburg, Calif. From there he was transferred to the Hawaiian Islands where he was stationed with an anti-tank company as a private first class. Early in the summer of 1944, Willem's outfit left Hawaii to participate in the invasion of Saipan. On August 12, 1944, his wife received a telegram from the war department informing her that her husband, Pfc. Frank J. Willems, had been seriously wounded in action July 7 on Saipan. A letter received from her husband in September stated that he had recovered and was in action again somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

## Edwin Jacob WILLEMS



EDWIN JACOB WILLEMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Willems, 135 Academy Way, Dinuba joined the navy Feb. 13, 1942, and was sent to San Diego for indoctrination training before being transferred to Jackson-

ville, Fla. He was assigned as aircraft mechanic of the naval air unit, and is rated as Aviation Machinist Mate second class. In October 1943, he was stationed at Pensacola, Fla. Rated A. M. M. 2/c, in September, 1944, Willems was still located there.

## Ed WIPF



ED WIPF, son of Mrs. Anna Wipf and brother of Mrs. Carl Steele of Dinuba, was first stationed at Fort Ord, where he was raised in rank to a Sergeant. In September, 1941, he was transferred to Minter Field, Bakersfield, Calif., where he worked as an airplane mechanic and crew chief. A Staff Sergeant, and still stationed at Minter Field, in August, 1944, Wipf was line chief of the Transient Aircraft Engineering Section there. His crew serviced all transient aircraft and took care of eight planes assigned to the field for administrative use.

## Alonzo WILCOX



ALONZO WILCOX, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Wilcox of Pine City, Minnesota, enlisted in the Army at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, in September, 1940. His wife is the former Georgia Levan of Dinuba. Wilcox was stationed at Vancouver Barracks and Fort Lewis, Washington; San Diego and Fort Ord, California; and Camp Pickett, Virginia. Going overseas in November, 1942, he saw action in Italy and Africa, where he was in Casablanca, French Morocco and Tunisia. He returned to the United States in June, 1944, and in August, 1944, was a Sergeant in the Military Police at Oakland and Richmond.



## Harold WEAVER



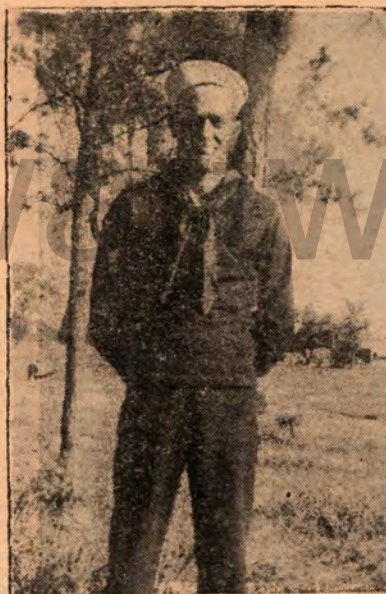
HAROLD WEAVER, whose wife resides at 100 California Ave., Dinuba with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Weaver, entered the service on January 13, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp Bowie, Texas. From there he went to Camp Hood, Texas, and then to Camp Claiborne, La. A member of the Army's Tank Destroyer unit, Weaver was stationed in Louisiana on maneuvers for a time. In the fall of 1943, he spent a fourteen-day furlough visiting his family and friends in Dinuba. He was a Private first class at that time. He was sent overseas to England in March, 1944, and participated in the invasion of Normandy. In August, 1944, he was somewhere near Paris, and had achieved his Corporal's rating while in France.

## Donald WEAVER



DONALD WEAVER, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Weaver, 100 California Avenue, entered the U. S. Army Tank Destroyer Battalion in March, 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Bowie, Texas. From there he went to Camp Hood, Texas and in October, 1943 was assigned to automobile school there. Upon graduation from his course, Weaver was made a Private first class, and then went on maneuvers in Shreveport, La. On June 1, 1944, he was made a Corporal, and in July, 1944, came home on a 21-day furlough. When the Tank Destroyer unit was discontinued in June, 1944, he was placed in the infantry at Camp Howze, Texas.

## Paul WEAVER



PAUL EMERY WEAVER, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Weaver, 100 California Avenue, enlisted in the Seabees in August, 1943. He finished boot camp at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia, and in October, 1943 was at Camp LeJeune, New River, North Carolina for rifle range work. He had advanced to the rating of G. M. second class. In February, 1944, Weaver received a Medical Discharge from the Seabees, and is making his home with his wife in Santa Cruz.

## Raymond WEAVER



RAYMOND WEAVER, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Weaver, 100 California Ave. Dinuba, joined the Air Force as a mechanic in March, 1943. He was two months at Fresno for Basic Training and in June, 1943 was sent to Kelly Field, Texas, testing carburetors. He was home on furlough in July. He worked for Consolidated Aircraft before entering the service. His wife Della Mae and son Raymond Wayne are living at Napa, California. A private first class in August, 1944, Weaver was attending school with the Det. Medic. Dept. at Kelly Field, Texas.

## Daniel WIEBE

DANIEL WIEBE, who is Seaman Second Class in the Navy, received his boot training in Idaho, then at Moffit Field and was stationed at Tanforan Race Track, San Bruno.

## William WILSON

WILLIAM WILSON, whose parents live in Oroquieta, is stationed at Camp Swift, Texas. Sergeant Wilson was home on a furlough in August, 1943.

## Jesse Winfred WEAVER



JESSE WINFRED WEAVER, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Weaver of Sultana, enlisted in the Air Force, Jan. 20, 1941. Going to March Field. From there he was sent to Chanute Field, Illinois, to an airplane mechanic school, graduating in September of that year, and was sent to Hamilton Field as a mechanic. At that place he decided he wanted to be a flying cadet, was sent to Santa Ana, from where he was sent to Sequoia Field Visalia for his primary training, to Merced for his basic and to Stockton for advanced, where he received his silver wings and commission of 2nd Lt. in Oct. 1942. Next he went to Sacramento to Instructor school, and became an Army Flying Instructor in Basic and B-25 twin engine bombers, until he was taken to India in June 1943, to enter the Air Transport Command. He was married in March, 1942, to Mabel Shaw of Olympia, Washington. On April 1, 1944, Weaver received his promotion to first lieutenant. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation of the Air Transport Command for ex-

ceptional work in transporting supplies to China during the month of December, 1943. This was the first time in history that the Presidential Citation was given a non-combatant unit. On August 15, 1944, he received the Air Medal; and by that time had 150 missions to his credit, flying a C-46 over the Hump from India to China. Weaver arrived at his home in Sacramento on September 23, 1944, on furlough. He has been assigned to Long Beach.

## Lewis WEAVER



LEWIS WEAVER, son of Mrs. Chas. Tout and Sam Weaver, Sultana, attended and graduated from local schools. He chose the navy as his branch of the service and enlisted in March 1942. Louis was home on leave on October 15, 1942, and again on May 6, 1943. He is a member of a navy gun crew assigned to service with the Merchant Marine in the Pacific. He was rated a Seaman First Class. He has spent the past five months in the Pacific, and South American waters, and landed at Savannah, Ga., from where he proceeded to Dinuba. He reported back for duty on Oct. 3rd at Treasure Island for medical care.

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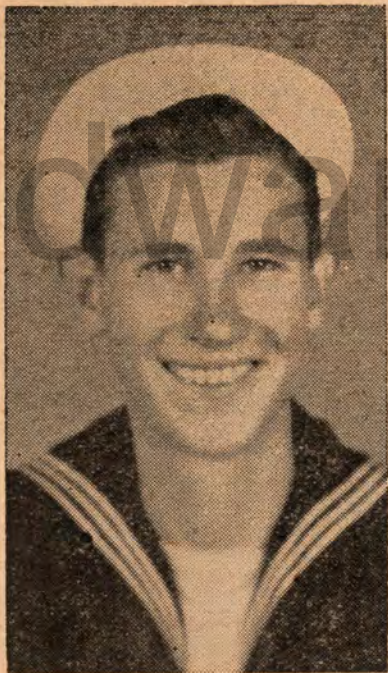
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## William Curtis WHEAT



WILLIAM CURTIS WHEAT, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wheat, entered the Navy April 1st, 1943. He received his boot camp training at Farragut, Idaho, also attended hospital Corps school there. Transferred to Oak Knoll Hospital, Oakland as Hospital Aide 1st Rate. Next he was transferred to Navy hospital at Pleasanton as wing commander. From Pleasanton, Wheat was sent to Bethesda, Md., where he took a special course in epidemiology and malariaology at the National Naval Medical Center. After completing his course, he was transferred back to Pleasanton, where he remained four days before going to the South Pacific. He was first sent to the New Hebrides, where he remained for nearly two months. In September, 1944, Wheat was stationed somewhere north of those islands as a member of a malaria control unit. He was rated a pharmacist's mate 3/c at that time.

## Betty Ruth WHEAT



BETTY RUTH WHEAT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack D. Wheat, 171 South I Street, Dinuba, who is a member of the Women's Army Corps, took her training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. She was called to active duty June 1st, 1943, and received specialist training in motor transport. In August 1943 she was transferred to Ft. Riley Kansas, where she was mail

clerk on October 1, 1943. She was still stationed at Fort Riley in September, 1944, and was serving as a P. E. and class instructor. She held the rank of barracks sergeant at that time.

## M. D. (Buck) WHEAT, Jr.



M. D. (Buck) WHEAT, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wheat of Dinuba joined the armed forces in September 1942. He was home on furlough May 15th to May 30th 1943. In October 1943 he was stationed at Fort MacArthur, and was a Corporal in the Military Police. Wheat was stationed at Fort MacArthur for twenty months, and was then sent to Camp Stoneman where he remained for ten days. After spending two months at Camp Abbot, he transferred to Fort Lewis for six weeks. Wheat was stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., in September, 1944.

## Fred WATANABE



FRED WATANABE, son of Mrs. Masaji G. Watanabe, is a Private First Class in the Army. He was inducted in the army just three days prior to Pearl Harbor. He was first at Camp Roberts, then to Camp Robinson, Ark. In Sept. 1943, he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Fred visited his family at the Colorado River Relocation Center twice in 1943. P. F. C. Watanabe was transferred to the Military Intelligence Language school in Feb. 1944 at Camp Savage, Minnesota and then to Fort Custer, Michigan. On May 12, 1944, Fred was married to Gertrude Nagata. He is now in New Guinea.

## Kozo WATANABE



KOZO WATANABE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe, formerly of the Smith Mountain District and now of 309-5-A, Poston, Arizona, was with the Headquarters Detachment at Fort Riley, Kansas, in October, 1943. He was transferred to Fort McClellan, Ala., in March, 1944, for seventeen weeks of training for overseas duty. In the latter part of July, 1944, he was transferred to Camp Shelby, Miss., and immediately to Fort George Meade, Md., before shipping overseas in August, 1944.

## Louis WALKER



LOUIS WALKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walker of Rt. 2, Box 73 Dinuba, entered the Navy on May 1, 1944. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1944. Completing his boot training at Farragut, Idaho in June, he was sent to Shoemaker, where he waited for further orders. He came home several times during this time. In August, 1944, Walker was shipped to Hawaii, where

he was to be assigned to a ship. When last heard from in September, 1944, he was still there, and at that time was rated seaman 2/c.

## Harold WATT



HAROLD WATT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watt of the Cutler-Orosi district, enlisted in the Navy and received his boot training at Farragut, Idaho, in February and March of 1944. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Watt, resides in Woodlake. After a short leave, Watt returned to Farragut and entered a gunnery school. He finished his training in the latter part of July, 1944, and spent a week at his home before reporting to Treasure Island on August 10, 1944. A Seaman first class, Watt was stationed there awaiting transfer to Pearl Harbor.

## Robert G. WESTLUND



ROBERT G. WESTLUND, son of Mrs. Caroline Westlund of Rt. 1, Box 84, Kingsburg, entered the Army Air Forces at Santa Ana in September, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Leona Westlund, resides at Rt. 1, Box 85, Reedley. In February, 1943, Westlund was in O. T. C. U. at Ellensburg, Washington. He completed primary training at Wickenburg, Arizona, in December, 1943; and basic at Marana, Arizona, in February, 1944. He received his wings and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant at Williams Field, Arizona, in April, 1944. He was stationed at Victorville, Calif., in May, 1944, and from there was sent to Salinas and Lemoore in June, 1944. In August, 1944, Westlund was stationed at Ephrata, Washington, where he was flying P-63's.

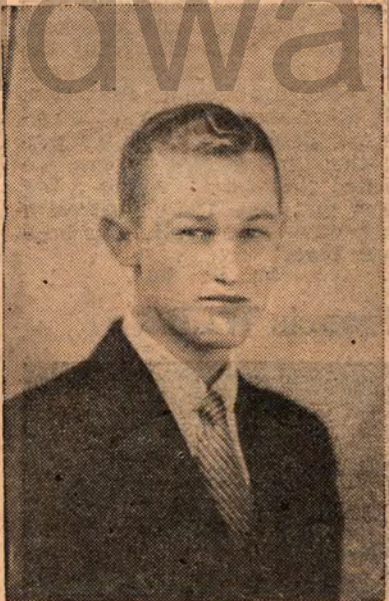


## Melvin Walls



MELVIN WALLS, is the grandson of Mrs. Bertha Young of 119 Myrtle Ave., Dinuba. She raised him and he attended local schools. He was going to Dinuba High when he enlisted July 5, 1943, before he was 18. He received his recruit training at San Diego; and advanced training in Radar at Port Hueneme. In August, 1944, Walls was stationed in the Marshall Islands with the rating of R. D. 3/c.

## LeRoy WALLS



LEROY WALLS, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Walls of Rt. 1, Box 178, Oroshi, graduated from Oroshi High School, and is a brother of Earl Walls of the U. S. Army. LeRoy entered the Army on March 4, 1943, and first served in the Medical Corps stationed at Camp Swift, Texas. He came home on furlough in June, 1944, and re-

turned to his station at Fort Benning, Ga., where he was in the Paratroops. On his return to camp, Walls volunteered for overseas duty, but in August, 1944, had not yet been sent across.

## Earl W. WALLS



EARL W. WALLS, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Walls of Rt. 1, Box 178, Oroshi, graduated from Oroshi High School and entered the Army in 1941. He is a brother of LeRoy Walls. Walls transferred from Fort Lewis, Washington, to Alaska. After spending three years in the Aleutian Islands, he came home on furlough in July, 1944, and was married to Miss Bessie Lee Christy of Fresno on July 28 in the First Baptist Church in Fresno. In August, 1944, he was stationed at Santa Barbara.

## Elsa VOYLES

ELSA VOYLES, brother of L. L. Voyles and a partner with him in the Voyles blacksmith and welding works on East Kern st. is a petty officer 3rd class in the navy at present in New Guinea. He enlisted in Feb., 1941 and having had 11 years in the national guard and a special trade he has been rapidly advanced. Just recently he was given another promotion, so his present rank is not known here. He went to boot camp at Farragut and to Tanforan for training and went overseas last April. In Dinuba his home was on No. J street. Now his wife Elsie and two children are with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Williams in Visalia.

## Robert Menius WARD



ROBERT MENIUS WARD, son of Mrs. Agnes Ward of Rt. 2, Box 252, Salisbury, N. C., was inducted into the Army Air Force in January, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Pearl Ward, and son Danny live at 228 North K St., Dinuba. Ward was a student in college at Raleigh, N. C., when he entered the service. He received basic training in Georgia and was stationed at Camp Pinedale for nearly a year. Ward left for overseas on May 3, 1944, and first landed in Africa. In September 1944, he was a private first class serving as a radio technician in India.

## Dwight D. WARD



DWIGHT D. WARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Ward of Dinuba, enlisted in army in March,

1941. He was one of the first to be inducted into the Army from Dinuba. He was first stationed at Camp Roberts, then sent to Camp San Luis Obispo for most of his training. While there he was raised to Private First Class. After Dec. 7, he went on Coast Patrol duty working out of Fort Rosencran, San Diego. Later he went on Border Control duty guarding the Mexican border. Ward was then transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he took his jungle training. In October, 1943 he was stationed somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands. Sgt. Ward is now in New Britain. He has been overseas 2 years.

## Milferd R. WALL



MILFERD R. WALL, son of P. J. Wall of Rt. 1, Box 197, Reedley, was inducted into the Army on May 25, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Glenabelle Wall, makes her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Groening of Rt. 1, Box 229, Dinuba. He graduated from Reedley High School in 1935, and was formerly employed at the Alta Chevrolet. At the time of his induction, he was manager of the Tulare Auto Supply Co. Wall completed basic training in the Medical Corps at Camp Berkeley, Texas, on August 12, 1943. He finished advanced training at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colo., on October 5, 1943, as a surgical technician. From there, Wall was sent to Camp White, Oregon, where his field hospital unit was organized. He was sent overseas to England in February, 1944, where he was stationed as a corporal in September, 1944, caring for the invasion wounded. Dr. P. D. Miller of Dinuba was a captain in Wall's group at that time. Cpl. Wall arrived in France during the middle of Sept.

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## Joel WARKENTIN



JOEL WARKENTIN, son of Henry M. Warkentin, Rt. 1, Box 236, Dinuba graduated from Dinuba High in 1940. He entered the medical corps of the army in November 25, 1942. His basic training was completed on Dec. 7, 1942 at Camp McQuaide, Monterey from where he was transferred to Letterman General Hospital at San Francisco. He was stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill. for four months before going overseas. Since July 21, 1944, Private first class Warkentin has been in England.

## Harold WARKENTIN



HAROLD H. WARKENTIN, son of Mrs. P. P. Hiebert and a brother of Lucille Warkentin of this district, and a grandson of J. J. Thiesen, enlisted in the Navy in March, 1942. He took his boot training at San Diego Naval Training Center and at Mare Island. H. A. First Class Warkentin was with the Medical Corps and in September 1943, was stationed at New Caledonia. He is a graduate of the Reedley High School and Junior College. In October, 1943, he had been in the South Pacific for over a year and raised from H. A. First Class to Pharmacist's Mate second class. After spending 25 months in the South Pacific, Warkentin arrived home on September 16. A pharmacist's mate 1/e at that time, he said that California looked good to him, and that he was glad to be back. Following the conclusion of his 30-day leave, he expected to return to active duty. During his period of overseas duty,

Warkentin went through several bombing raids, and had been to Guadalcanal, Tarawa, the Solomons, and New Hebrides. He was on an island base for a time, and during his last ten months overseas was on a sub chaser.

## Leo WARKENTIN



LEO WARKENTIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Warkentin of Rt. 2, Box 349, Reedley, graduated from the Reedley Bible School in 1940 and entered the Army Medical Corps December 7, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Blondina Wiens Warkentin, resides at 72 North 14th St., San Jose. Warkentin received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, completing it in March, 1943. He next took cadet training and attended motor school there for two months, and was given a life driver's license. He then transferred to the Pittsburgh Replacement Camp at Pittsburgh, Calif., for three months. Warkentin left for overseas duty July 7, 1943, reaching Guadalcanal in August, where he has been stationed since as an ambulance and truck driver in the station hospital. He is president of the Christian Servicemen's League in the camp there. In August, 1944, his rank was that of a private first class.

## Robert C. WARKENTIN



ROBERT C. WARKENTIN, son of George B. Warkentin of 96 August St., Reedley, entered the Army Air Forces on November 28, 1942. His wife, Juanita, and son, Robert Rodney, also reside at 96 August Ave. Warkentin graduated from Reedley High School, and was employed in ranch work before he entered the service. He completed basic training at Fresno on July 10, 1943, and advanced training at Chanute Field, Ill., Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., and at Fort Meyers, Fla. A waist gunner on

a B-17 Flying Fortress, Staff Sergeant Warkentin was stationed in three other camps before being assigned to England. Shortly before being sent overseas, he was visited for two months by Mrs. Warkentin and their eleven months old son. He arrived in Europe in time to participate in the invasion. Staff Sergeant Warkentin was killed in action over Munich, Germany, on July 16, 1944. He previously had been reported missing in action. While still declared missing, he was awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in sustained combat operations over enemy occupied continental Europe. The citation accompanying the award from the commanding general of the 8th Air Force read in part, "The courage, coolness, and skill displayed by this enlisted man upon these great occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States." He has also been awarded the Purple Heart, the Citation of Honor by General H. H. Arnold, and a certificate from President Roosevelt.

## Addison C. WASHBURN



ADDISON C. WASHBURN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Falk, of Dinuba is with an anti-aircraft division of the Coast Artillery and is stationed at Dutch Harbor, Alaska. He is in same division having been stationed in Alaska for two years in February 1943.

## John L. WALSH



JOHN L. WALSH, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Walsh of Reedley, graduated from Reedley High School in 1925, and entered the Army on July 21, 1942, as a radio operator. He received

his commission as first lieutenant at Hammer Field before he entered the Signal Corps. He was promoted to captain in April, 1943 while on the staff of the School of Applied Tactics in Orlando, Florida. Walsh attended six weeks of officer's training at Miami, Florida.

## Frank WAIDE



FRANK WAIDE, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Waide of Rt. 1, Box 14A, Orosi entered the service in January 1942. He attended school in Texas. After receiving training in the motorized cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, he was transferred to the Medical Corps, in March, 1942. Waide received medical training at Fort Custer, Michigan, and was sent overseas to Australia during the following May. His parents have not seen him since his induction. By September, 1944, he rated sergeant, having received his promotion since going overseas. He writes that he is having a big time, and that "these Australian people are sure swell to us boys over here."

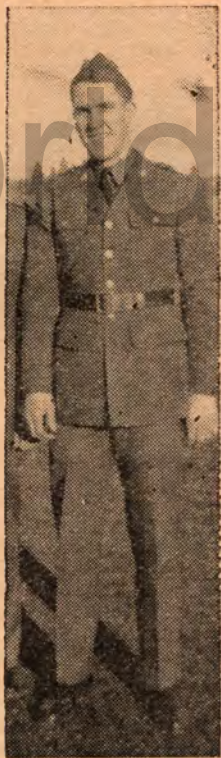
## Francis WEBB



FRANCIS WEBB, son of John Webb of Cutler and brother of Mrs. W. R. Halstead, also of Cutler entered the U. S. Army in September 1942, and was stationed at Camp Haan and was in the Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft. Although Pfc. Webb was given an honorable discharge from the Army because he was overage, he is now working harder than ever for victory as a mechanic at the local Sequoia Field training base. In September, 1944, Webb was still employed at Sequoia Field; and when the field closed on October 16, 1944, had a choice of three airfields to transfer to: Long Beach, Lemoore, or Los Banos.



## Raymond Charles UTTERBACK



RAYMOND CHARLES UTTERBACK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Utterback, of Dinuba, graduated from Dinuba High, had a year at Fresno State and a year at Chapman College, Los Angeles, after which he enlisted in the Army in June, 1941. He was sent with the Fourth Infantry Band to Fort George Wright, Washington until December, 1941 when he sailed with his infantry on the St. Michel, to Anchorage, Alaska. He had a lifetime of experiences in Alaska and in September, 1942 was returned to the states and entered the Flying Cadet School at Camp Haan, Riverside. In March 1943, he was advanced from the pre-flight training center at San Antonio, Texas to various primary flying fields. At present, he is stationed at Fort Worth, Texas.

## Gerald John VETTER



GERALD JOHN VETTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph John Vetter, of Rt. 2, Box 500, Reedley, graduated from Dinuba High School and Reedley Junior College. He enlisted as an aviation cadet in August 1942, and trained for his primary flight at St. Mary's Naval Air School near Berkeley. Later he was sent to Livermore for flight training, and from there to Corpus Christi,

Texas. Vetter later was sent to Kingsville, where he transferred from the Navy to the Marine Air Corps. He returned to Corpus Christi, where he received his wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant in June, 1943. He then was sent to Santa Ana Marine Air Station and from there to the Marine Air Station at Mojave, Calif. In September, 1944, 1st Lt. Vetter was still stationed there.

## Louis VETTER



LOUIS VETTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Vetter, Rt. 2 Box 500 Reedley enlisted in the Army Air Force in Feb., 1943. He was sent to Pullman, Wash. in college 5 months, he was sent from there to Amarillo, Texas, and then to Lowery Field in Denver, Colo. Vetter was next transferred to Lincoln, Nebraska, and then to Dalhart, Texas. There his squadron was formed and he was sent to McCook, Neb., where, in September, 1944, Pfc. Vetter was still located.

## Francis J. VETTER



FRANCIS J. VETTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Vetter, 404 North Villa, Dinuba, enlisted in the service in October, 1941. In the Anti-Aircraft unit of the Coast Artillery, he spent two months at Camp Callan, San Diego and spent nearly five months in the desert on war maneuvers near Barstow, Calif. After 10 mo. at Honolulu he was placed in charge of a war dog. Later he was sent to a South Pacific Island for active service. In Oct. 1943 he was back near Honolulu. Vetter was sent to the Gilbert Islands for five months, and when he returned to Honolulu, he found that his dog, Lani,

whom he had cared for eighteen months, had been killed in action on Saipan. Cpl. Vetter and his dog were publicized in the Honolulu papers later.

## Carl VARTANIAN



CARL VARTANIAN, former Dinuba shoe repairman, entered the Army in October, 1942 and was sent to Camp Adair, Oregon, from Monterey. He was in the Quartermaster Corps and had charge of the shoe repair shop at that Army base. He was rated a Technical Sergeant and was the first soldier to work in the shoe shop at that camp. In April, 1943 he was given an honorable discharge from the Army on account of his age. He left Oregon and went to Burbank, Calif., where he enlisted in the Lockheed-Vega airplane factory school and was later employed in that company's plant in Fresno. In October, 1943 he opened his shoe repair shop in Dinuba at a new location, 135 East Tulare Street, formerly Smallin's Dairy Lunch room.

## Joe VAN NOY



JOE VAN NOY, son of Mrs. Pauline Van Noy, graduated from Dinuba High School, and entered the Army in October, 1942. He reported to Fort MacArthur near Los Angeles, later being transferred to Camp Roberts. In December, 1942 he entered the parachute corps and was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia. In February, 1943 he

was in the paratroop training at Fort Benning. Van Noy left for overseas in April, 1943, and by May of that year had made his way to Casa Blanca, North Africa. He was in the paratroop division that invaded Sicily, and later was in the invasion of Italy and the heavy fighting in the Naples area. Van Noy was in the battle of Salerno, and spent two months in a Naples hospital with malaria. Six weeks of commando work at Anzio Beach Head taking German prisoners and going into the German lines followed his discharge from the hospital. He received a broken arm while enroute to England from Italy to participate in the "D" Day invasion, and spent three months in an English hospital. In August, 1944, he had just returned to active duty with his company, and was ready to be sent to France or parts unknown. He was promoted to Pfc. at that time.

## William Harold VAN DAGRIFF



WILLIAM HAROLD VAN DAGRIFF, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. VanDagriff of Santa Monica, formerly of Dinuba, graduated from Dinuba High School and attended Fresno State and the California College of Embalming at Los Angeles. He enlisted in the aviation cadets, trained at Stockton Field, California, after 18 weeks at Tucson, Arizona.

## Clinton VOGEL



CLINTON VOGEL, son of Fred Vogel of P. O. Box 373 Dinuba, entered the Sea Bees on November 2, 1942. His wife, the former Lila Lee Rhodes, resides at Rt. 1, Box 210, Dinuba. Vogel graduated from Dinuba High School in 1938. He completed basic training at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I., in January, 1943. He received advanced training at Camp Thomas at Davisville, finishing with the rating of sea cook 3/c in June, 1944. After completing his advanced training, Vogel was transferred to Port Hueneme, Calif., where, in September, 1944, he was awaiting overseas duty.



## Richard VAN DUYNE



RICHARD VAN DUYNE, brother of Mrs. Robert Heisner, 151 McKinley Ave. Dinuba, graduated from parachute school in August, 1942, and earned "Parachute Wings and Boots" of the Paratroopers. He was then sent to North Africa and was with our advanced group of allied armies invading the Italian island of Sicily. For this perilous campaign his airborne group received a Unit Citation. He was hospitalized for several weeks after the Sicily jump, then was at the Anzio beach head for two months of fierce battle. Here Van Duyne was injured again, and hospitalized for a month near Naples. His division was then transferred to England. Last word received from him was July 2, 1944, when he was located "somewhere north of London."

## Melvin VAN SLYKE



Melvin Van Slyke, whose wife resides at 146 South J. Street, Dinuba, entered the service on November 25, 1942, and reported at Monterey. In Oct., 1943, Pvt. First Class Van Slyke was stationed with the Army Infantry at Camp White, Oregon. From there he was sent to Camp Adair, Oregon, remaining there until March, 1944. Van Slyke left New York for overseas duty in April, 1944, and arrived in North Africa around May 1, 1944. He remained in North Africa until June, when he was sent to Italy. In August, 1944, the latest news from him indicated that he was somewhere in Italy. Van Slyke returned to the United States

on September 1, 1944, and after a 23-day furlough at his home, he reported to the redistribution center in Santa Barbara.

## Dorothy E. VOSE



DOROTHY E. VOSE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Vose, Rt. 2, Box 227, Dinuba, enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in February, 1943. She was sent to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, to the Wac's Training Center. She was sent to a receiving center for four weeks and then in April, 1943 selected for a specialist in the Motor Transport School. In June, 1943, she completed her Motor Transport Training and was assigned to duty at Fort Adams at Newport, Rhode Island. In September, 1943, she was home with the rating of a Corporal in the Dispatchers division, making the trip by airplane. She returned to Fort Adams, where she is the dispatcher. She received her second furlough in June, 1944, and visited her home for fifteen days. On her return trip to Fort Adams, R. I., she visited her brother, Willard, in San Fernando, who entered the service the following week. Her rank at that time was T/5.

## William H. VOSE



WILLIAM H. VOSE, son of Mrs. Mittie Vose, Rt. 2, Box 332 Dinuba, entered the service in October, 1941. In October, 1943, he was stationed in the ordnance division of the Army at Camp Callan, near San Diego. On June 31, 1944, he was transferred to the combat engineers at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, where he was reported to be sta-

tioned during the following September. On Oct. 5, 1944, Vose was promoted to Sergeant. His wife, the former Miss Doreen Eleanor Morrish, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel N. Morrish of San Diego.

## Willard G. VOSE



WILLARD G. VOSE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Vose of Rt. 2, Box 227, Dinuba, entered the Army on July 13, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Vose, resides at 966 Harding, San Fernando. Vose is a graduate of Dinuba High School. He was sent to Camp Roberts for basic training, expecting to complete it on November 18, 1944. His young son's name is Jimmy.

## Benny F. VEGA



BENNY F. VEGA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vega of El Monte Way, Cutler, entered the Navy on May 11, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Jessie Curiel Vega, and three children reside at P. O. Box 545 Dinuba. Vega completed boot training at Camp Ward, Farragut, Idaho, on July 4, 1944. He was then transferred to Camp Scott and given a license to drive Navy trucks. Vega was given a 15-day leave, which he spent visiting his wife and children, who reside with her parents at 252 Q St., Dinuba. He next transferred to Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va., where he trained with the Amphibian Forces. On September 12, 1944, he was sent to Chicago and from there to Indiana where he boarded an L. S. T. as a seaman 2/c.

## Clemmie VERNON

CLEMMIE VERNON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vernon of Cutler, entered the Army in April, 1943, and was stationed at Camp Roberts.

## LaVaughn WAGONER



MRS. LaVAUGHN WAGONER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Schaaf of P. O. Box 482, Dinuba, was sworn into the WAVES on July 15, 1944. Her husband is S/Sgt. Eddie Wagoner of the Army, stationed in the South Pacific. She has a brother, Donald Schaaf, who is serving in the Navy. She attended Dinuba High School for three years. Mrs. Wagoner left for Hunter College, N. Y., on August 20, 1944. Completing her training there, she left on the following October 1 for Stillwater, Okla., to attend Oklahoma A&M College. She is now a seaman 2-c.

## Eddie WAGONER



EDDIE WAGONER, son of Mrs. Ed Forest of North Dinuba, entered the Army in July, 1942, and was sent to Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas. He studied diesel engines in Bloomington, Illinois, then to Camp Swift, Texas, and was next stationed in Louisiana and later sent back to Camp Swift, Texas. Wagoner was sent overseas in August, 1943, to the South Pacific, serving as a staff sergeant, he was located on New Britain Island when heard from in July, 1944. In the following September, he was reported to still be serving in the South Pacific. His wife is the former LaVaughn Schaaf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Schaaf of Dinuba, of the WAVES.

## Arnold WARKENTIN

ARNOLD WARKENTIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Warkentin of this district, enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and reported for duty as Apprentice Seaman, September 7, 1942.



## Theodore D. TUEY



THEODORE D. TUEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cassie TUEY, 111 Marion Way, Dinuba, entered the Army in November, 1942 and was soon sent to Hawaii for training. He attended Dinuba High School for two years. TUEY reported to Monterey, where he was stationed until November 16, 1942, when he embarked for the Hawaiian Islands. He received advanced training in Pearl Harbor. TUEY was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands until the beginning of August, 1944, when he was sent to an atoll taken from the Japs somewhere in the Pacific. His rank at that time was private. In September, 1944, he was moved from the Marshall Islands to Saipan.

## Murl TUEY



MURL TUEY, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cassie TUEY, of 111 Marion Way, Dinuba, joined the Army on April 1, 1943. He took his training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. In October, 1943, he was reported somewhere in the battle zone of the Pacific and had been raised in rank to a corporal. He left for overseas in September, 1943. TUEY was sent from New Caledonia to the Fiji Islands, where he attended a program on December 3, 1943, at Government House as a guest of His Excellency the Governor, and Lady Mitchell. He returned to New Caledonia, and from

there was sent to a location in the Pacific, where he was in August, 1944.

## James A. TUEY



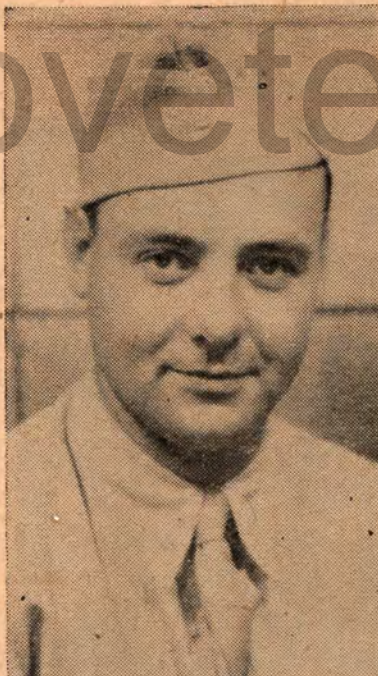
JAMES A. TUEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cassie TUEY of 111 Marion Way, Dinuba, entered the Army on September 29, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Gladys TUEY, and child live in Riverside. TUEY graduated from Dinuba High School in 1938. He was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas, where he is in an anti-aircraft unit.

## Paul Lawrence TURNER



PAUL LAWRENCE TURNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Turner Rt. 1 Box 184, enlisted in the Army Air Forces in September, 1942. Paul is a graduate of the Dinuba High School and a former Sentinel reporter. His wife, is the former Helen Miller of this District. He was called to begin training in March, 1943 at Santa Ana. He was then transferred to Thunderbird Field, Arizona, then to Amarillo Air Field Texas. Word was received late in Oct. 1943 that Paul had been sent to Chanute Field, Illinois about 100 miles from Chicago. In March, 1944, he and his wife visited Dinuba. He had just completed a course in celestial navigation and reported next to MacDill Field, Florida, as an operator and instructor in a celestial navigation tower. When last heard from, he was attending a class in advanced navigation for instructors there.

## Charles L. TURNER



CHARLES L. TURNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Turner of Rt. 1 Bx. 184, entered the Service in Jan. 1943. He was stationed at Camp Polk, Leesville, Louisiana. He was a member of an armored signal battalion. Turner completed his basic training and passed the board for officer's training but became ill and was taken to a hospital where he remained under observation for two months after which he received his honorable discharge from the Army at Camp Polk in Sept. 1943. He visited his parents in Dinuba 2 weeks before leaving for Chicago to join his wife.

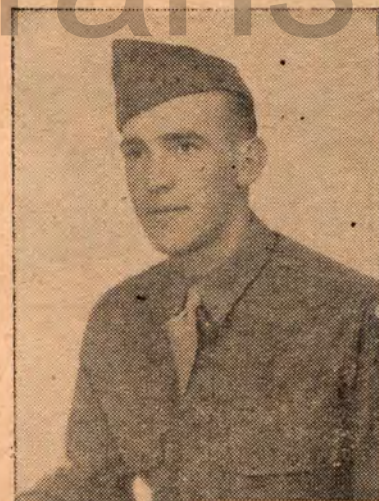
## Hilary Armand TURLEY



ARMAND TURLEY, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Turley of Oroquieta, was stationed at Hammer Field in May, 1943. Later he was sent to Sacramento, and in October, 1943, was at Camp Pine-dale, north of Fresno, for additional Signal Corps training. He is in the Fourth Air Force Command. In November, 1943, he had completed his Aviation Signal Training and was waiting to be sent to an Aerial Gunnery School. Turley graduated from aerial gunnery school and received his wings at Las Vegas, Nevada. He was then sent to Arrow Park, Florida, and graduated from radio school, receiving a Staff Sergeant's rating in the Air Forces. He was sent to England in June, 1944, as

first radioman on a B-17 bomber. By August, 1944, Turley had completed several missions.

## Lawrence TURNER



LAWRENCE TURNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Turner of 106 Umbrella Ave., Dinuba, entered the Army Air Forces July 8, 1943. He reported to the Presidio of Monterey, and was sent to Buckley Field, near Denver, Colorado, for basic training, which he completed in September, 1943. At Pratt, Kansas, he received B-24 Armor instruction until April, 1944, when he reported to Harlingen, Texas, for gunnery school. On August 19, 1944, he was married. His wife, Mrs. Nellie Turner, makes her home at 106 Umbrella Avenue, Dinuba, with his parents. After the wedding, Turner reported to the Lincoln, Nebraska, Replacement Center, where he was assigned to a bomber crew. He is at present stationed at Boise, Idaho.

## Charles J. TRAMMELL



CHARLES J. TRAMMELL, husband of the former Miss Rose Marie Stewart of the Orange Cove district, enlisted in the Regular Army at Los Angeles on August 28, 1940. He was sent to Fort Ord with the infantry, promoted to Corporal and sent to the Presidio of Monterey, where he worked in the reception center. In April, 1941, he was promoted to sergeant and made chief clerk of all supply. On general service, he was next transferred to a Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Swift, Texas. His division was ordered to Louisiana on maneuvers, and Trammell became a Supply Sergeant. He was stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo with his division in August, 1944, after a brief stay at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Mrs. Trammell and their young daughter reside at Live Oak, Calif.



### Edward P. TRIPP



EDWARD P. TRIPP, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tripp, of 709 West El Monte Way, Dinuba, entered the service in February, 1942, and was sent to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. He was next transferred to an Army engineers camp in Arizona and then to Pendleton, Oregon, for final training. In June, 1942 he left from San Francisco for overseas duty. With the aviation engineers, Tripp was stationed eighteen months in the Fiji Islands. He was sent from there to Guadalcanal, and then to the Russell Islands. Tripp went from the Russell Islands to the Admiralty Islands, where he was located in September, 1944. At that time he wrote that he was looking forward to a ten-day furlough in Australia, his first since joining the Army in February, 1942. He was rated T/5 at that time.

### Solomo UHRICH



SOLOMO UHRICH, husband of Mary Uhrich who is living with her parents near East Reedley, joined the Sea Bees in April 1943, and went to Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia for training. He was home August 1943 on a furlough. He reported to Port Hueneme, at Ventura, and departed for an overseas destination. In August, 1944, Uhrich had been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands since October, 1943. Rated a Machinist's Mate third class at that time, he was in charge of a greasing crew, greasing all machin-

ery before it was used. According to his wife, Uhrich was in good health and was getting used to the Navy life.

### Dave UHRICH



DAVE UHRICH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Uhrich, Reedley, who live north of Dinuba, and brother of Sam Uhrich, 152 No. 1 St. Dinuba, entered the service in June, 1942, and was on his first furlough in September, 1943. He has been stationed in Washington. Uhrich came home on furlough in June, 1944, and was reported to be still stationed in Washington in the following September.

### Clifford W. UNRUH



CLIFFORD W. UNRUH, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Unruh, Rt. 1, Box 156, Dinuba, entered the air forces in Santa Ana in April, 1942, after graduating from Dinuba High School and completing two years at Visalia Junior College. While in high school he was employed by the Dinuba Sentinel. After completion of an extensive course at Santa Ana he was sent to the Air Force Advanced Flying School at Mather Field, California, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in January, 1943. Following a six day furlough enroute spent with his parents in April, 1943, Unruh was reassigned to Middlewest air fields. In May, 1943, he left San Francisco for Hawaii and the Southwest Pacific as navigator on a B-24 Liberator bomber. During the 1943 Christ-

mas holiday, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hellbaum of Dinuba announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth to Unruh. It was later discovered that the same day the announcement was made, Unruh was promoted to First Lieutenant. In March 1944, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for courageous service and extraordinary achievement from July 11 to December 19, 1943. In August, 1944, word was received from General George C. Kenney's Southwest Pacific headquarters that he had been awarded the Air Medal.

### Walter R. UNRUH



WALTER R. UNRUH, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Unruh, Rt. 2, Box 460, Reedley, was stationed at McClellan Field at Sacramento, in May, 1942. As a cadet from the Sacramento board he went to classification in Nashville Tenn. Classified as pilot he reported to Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama in August 1941 for pre-flight training where he served as Wing Sgt. Major. Then to Primary at Camden Arkansas (PT-19A Fairchilds) in October and November where he was appointed 1st Sgt. in Cadet rating. To basic in Jan. and February 1942, at Walnut Ridge, Ark., BT-13 Vultee trainers, where he also held 1st Sgt. cadet rating. In March and April he was transferred to Seymour Indiana for advanced flight training, AT-10's Beechcraft 2 engine, where he graduated on Apr. 29th, 1943, and receiving his wings and 2nd Lt's. commission. He was transferred to Air Transport Command at Alpena Michigan. In latter May he was sent to the Airlines at Cheyenne Wyoming and flew DC-3 Douglas Transports under direction of Inland Airlines until Sept. 14, when Lt. Unruh was transferred to St. Joseph Mo., where he began O. T. U. overseas pilot training but was chosen one out of a total of 50 students in the U. S. in A. T. C. to take special Navigation studies and missions to be so-called Pilogators (an entirely new creation). He began in October 1943 on Practice Navigation Missions over the States using B-25 Martin Marauder Bombers for this work. After 9 weeks he took more pilot training, was certificated Celestial Navigating, also got an Instrument rating, and left St. Joseph (Rosecrans Field) as 1st pilot with a practical theoretical and working knowledge of Radio, Dead Reckoning and Celestial Navigation and Blind flying itself especially for transoceanic flights. Unruh was stationed at Long Beach for six weeks, where he continued his course in special navigation and further pilot training. He made three trips from there, crossing the ocean

twice to England and once to Hawaii. He was then assigned as key man to a general in England. In August, 1944, Unruh was reported to be serving somewhere overseas. In his latest letter written to his parents at that time, he stated that he was studying French "for his own good." He has also received his 1st Lt. Commission.

### Masatsugn UYEDA



MASATSUGN UYEDA, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. H. Morishima, formerly of Rt. 1 Box 114 Orange Cove, enlisted in the U. S. Army on March 17, 1942, and was stationed at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, and had been promoted to Private First Class.

### Wesley Robert (Bob) UTTERBACK



WESLEY ROBERT (Bob) UTTERBACK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Utterback, of Dinuba, joined the Army Air Force and left San Pedro, Calif., for Wichita Falls, Texas, in December, 1941. Prior to that time he graduated from Dinuba High School where he was a trumpet player. He was placed in the air force band at Sheppard Field, Texas, in March, 1942. In February, 1943 he reported they had three bands at Sheppard Field and eight inches of snow. In July 1943, he was accepted as an aviator cadet at the Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, Indiana where he entered basic training and five months of college training. He is now stationed in Wisconsin.



## Myron D. TISDEL



MYRON D. TISDEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Tisdel, 172 Sierra Way, Dinuba, enlisted July 4, 1942 in the Army Air Corps under the C. P. T., afterward W. S. T., and had training at fields in Quartzite, Arizona, Fillmore, Utah, and Phoenix, Arizona. In August, 1943 he was inducted into the regular Army Air Corps and stationed at Kearns Field, Utah, for basic training. After finishing his basic training in October, 1943, he was transferred to Pollock Field, La. In the latter part of March, 1944, he was sent overseas as a member of a liaison squadron. In August, 1944, Tisdel held the rank of Sergeant, and was serving as crew chief of a bomber crew some where in England.

## Gerald M. TISDEL



GERALD M. TISDEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron A. Tisdel, 172 Sierra Way, Dinuba, entered the Army in April, 1941, and was assigned to the Medical Detachment and stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo, where he earned the rating of Corporal. In January of 1942 he was sent overseas, and for 8 months was stationed on a small island of the Pacific. In October, 1942 he was transferred to the Tripler General Hospital, in Honolulu, where he has served as a technician in the Blood Laboratory and in October, 1943 had been transferred to the Bacteriology Laboratory. Tisdel and Helen Gold-

man, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Goldman Sr., of Cutler, were married in Honolulu on New Year's, 1944. Mrs. Tisdel is engaged in secretarial work for the government. Their home is established at 1559 B. Pensacola St., in Honolulu. Tisdel held the rank of Technical Sergeant in September, 1944.

## Arnold N. TOEWS



ARNOLD N. TOEWS, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Toews of Orange Cove, entered the armed forces on November 12, 1942. He graduated from Orosi High School and attended Pacific Union College at Angwin. Toews went first to the reception center at Monterey, and was then sent to San Luis Obispo, where he remained. A private in the Medical Corps, Toews received a C.D.D. in April, 1943, and was honorably discharged. He and his wife, Mrs. Helyne Toews, make their home at 880 West El Monte Way in Dinuba.

## Donald TOEWS



DONALD TOEWS, son of Mr. and Mrs. David D. Toews of Rt. 1, Box 62 Orange Cove, entered the service at San Diego in January, 1941. He graduated from Orosi High School and attended Pacific Union College. Toews was sent from San Diego to the Harbor Defenses of Puget Sound, where he was a dental technician in the Medical Corps. His unit was sent from there to Camp Bowie, Texas, located there with the Field Artillery. He held the rank of corporal in September, 1944.

## Elbert H. TOUT



ELBERT H. TOUT, son of Mrs. Bonnie Tout of 2532 E. 58th St., Huntington Park, entered the Army Air Forces in February, 1943. He is the grandson of Benjamin F. Tout of Sultana, and graduated from Porterville High School in 1941. Tout trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and graduated from advanced training in Lubbock, Texas, on August 4, 1944, with the rank of second lieutenant. In September, 1944, he was stationed at Fort Worth, Texas.

## Elvin Louis TOUT



ELVIN LOUIS TOUT, son of Mrs. Margaret May Tout, 289 North H. Street, Dinuba, was a Naval Aviation Cadet training at the Naval Flight Preparatory

School at San Luis Obispo in May, 1943. Tout graduated from Dinuba High School and attended the Visalia Junior College. In Oct., 1943, he was taking pre flight training at Yelland Field, Ely, Nevada. In June, he was critically injured in an airplane crash while training at Norman, Oklahoma. In July, he was reported out of danger and in October was in Dinuba visiting relatives and friends.

## Noboru TOGIOKA



NOBORU TOGIOKA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Togioka formerly of the Reedley district. He was promoted to Sergeant. Sent overseas to Italy with the 5th Army as a battalion wire chief, he was presented the Silver Star for gallantry in action. The presentation was made while convalescing recently in an army base hospital in Italy. Sergeant Togioka kept communication lines between the battalion and regimental headquarters open on the Fifth Army front during a heavy concentration of fire. The Sergeant's citation stated that when the "telephone lines connecting the battalion CP, the regimental CP and the front lines were knocked out," Togioka, "on his own initiative, took his repair kit and made his way . . . in the midst of terrific barrages. Tracing the lines in full view of the enemy, he located the damaged line and repaired it." And "he continued to patrol the lines for more than an hour, making repairs as the lines were blown apart by shells. It was . . . while repairing a line that Togioka was wounded seriously by shrapnel."

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## Allen TOEWS



ALLEN TOEWS, a brother of Alvina Culver and Ethel Carlyle of Dinuba, and Mrs. Alice King of Rt. 9, Box 531 Fresno, attended Dinuba Union High School and entered the Army in April 1941. He completed his basic training at Fort Ord in March, 1943, and was then sent to the Mojave Desert on maneuvers. Toews was sent overseas in June, 1943. He served in the Aleutian Islands and in the South Pacific. In August, 1944, he was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

## Elizabeth M. TOSCAN



ELIZABETH M. TOSCAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sabino Toscan, Rt. 1, Box 301, Dinuba, enlisted in the WAVES in March, 1943, and reported to Hunter College in New York for preliminary training. In May, 1943, she entered radio school at the University of Wisconsin and in September, 1943, as a member of the Women's Reserve, won recognition as a "qualified striker" for an advanced radio rating as she graduated from the Naval Training School, radio, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. She was then qualified to "take over" the earphones of a Navy man at a naval shore station so he may take over radio duties on a fighting Man O'War at sea. Miss Toscan arrived at the Naval Air Station at Livermore, Calif., on September 20, 1943. Her duties there were at first to instruct the naval air cadets in radio, blinker, and Navy procedure. She taught for eight months and was transferred to main communications to learn more specific details of the Navy communications. To deal with all restricted and confidential material to

the east coast, she had to change her rate from a radioman third class to a "telegrapher" third class. Her duties as a telegrapher deal with all restricted and confidential material dealing with movements of drafts and all transfers. Also on her duties as telegrapher, she aids in handling a Western Union printer for the convenience of the personnel on the base. She and another WAVE stand a 24-hour watch on the two machines.

## Jacob TOROSIAN



JACOB TOROSIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Torosian of Rt. 1 Box 100, Dinuba, entered the Army in February 1943. He was sent to Fort Warren, Wyoming. Next he was transferred to Texas. In October 1943 he was sent to the South Pacific. He had been fighting the Japs in South Pacific jungles for almost a year in August, 1944. He writes home often, telling of his and his comrades' experiences. By September, 1944, Torosian had been promoted to corporal. He is a graduate of Dinuba High School with the class of 1930.

## Estes M. TRAMMEL



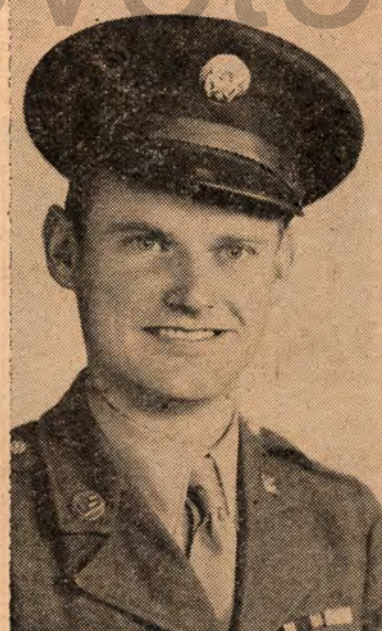
ESTES M. TRAMMEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Trammel of Traver, was inducted into the Army on September 9, 1942. He received his first training at Camp Haan, Riverside, then at Long Beach. He was transferred to Santa Monica; and in September, 1944, was located at Fort Bliss, Texas with the rank of corporal.

## Kevin TOMAJAN



KEVIN TOMAJAN, brother of Don Tomajan, of Dinuba, and formerly employed in Don's Shoe Store, Dinuba, was inducted into service in August, 1941, and first stationed at Camp Roberts for six months. January 1942 he was sent to Fort Douglas at Salt Lake City and there he took and passed an examination for the Air Force. In April 1942 he was ordered to Kelley Field, Texas, to start primary training as a flying cadet. In October, 1942 he was sent to Salt Lake City as a Aerial Gunner and then changed over to Radio Operator. Now Kevin is a Radio operator on a C-47 in the Troop Carrier Command in the Burma-China, theater of war.

## Robert Lewis TOMLINSON



ROBERT LEWIS TOMLINSON, husband of the former Miss Lou Ellen Woolman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Woolman of Taurusa, formerly of Dinuba, and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Tomlinson of Seattle, Washington, was inducted into the Field Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington on September 10, 1941. After four months at Camp Roberts, California he transferred to the Air Force and until April 2 was stationed at Sequoia Field as an aviation cadet. He was then sent to the Santa Ana Army Air Base where he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was in Santa Ana for nineteen months and was Sergeant Major for the Post Chaplain, Major William Clasby. In December, 1943, Tomlinson was promoted to technical sergeant. On February 28, 1944, he was ordered to the Army Air Forces Officers Candidate School

at Miami Beach, Fla. He completed his studies and was commissioned a second lieutenant on June 24, 1944, graduating at the top of his squadron. He was assigned to Esler Field, La., as transportation officer for an Air Tactical Division, with the additional duty of mess officer. In September, 1944, Tomlinson and his wife were living near Alexandria, La., in the vicinity of Esler Field.

## Ray W. TOWNSEND



RAY W. TOWNSEND, Lieutenant Commander (SC) U. S. Naval Reserve, is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. and Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop D. Pattee, of Route No. 1, Oroquieta, California. A veteran of World War I, he returned to active duty shortly after Pearl Harbor and has served many months of sea duty in the Southwest Pacific war zone. Lt. Cmdr. Townsend who recently visited in this area on a holiday, was in action throughout the Solomons Isles campaign including the recent Rendova-Munda-New Georgia occupation. He holds the Victory Medal, Naval Reserve Medal and the two more recent ones for the American Area Campaign and the Asiatic-Pacific, the latter with four bronze stars representing major battles. The commander is the son of the late James H. and Myrtle Pattee Townsend, of Visalia, California.

## Roy TRUESDALE



ROY TRUESDALE, son of Mr. Mrs. and J. C. Truesdale of Shandon, former Dinuba residents, enlisted as a Yeoman in the Naval Reserve on February 10, 1942. In August, 1944, he was a Yeoman first class and was stationed in San Diego in the personnel office. He expected to be sent to sea soon.



## Floyd THOMAS, Jr.



FLOYD THOMAS, JR., second son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thomas, Sr., of Orosi and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Milford 121 California Avenue, Dinuba, graduated from the Orosi schools and volunteered for the paratroopers in March, 1943. He was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, the official paratrooper's school and in September, 1943, received his "wings" as a paratrooper. In October 1943, his parents reported he had left New York for the European Theater of War, later hearing he was somewhere in England. Thomas was among the Paratroopers who made the initial landing in France on "D" Day. Cables on July 4 and July 16, 1944, received by his parents reported that he was well and safe. In August, 1944, the latest reports were that he had been sent to Scotland for a few days' rest, and had been promoted to Corporal. His brother, James, is in the Army. Shortly after D Day, Floyd sent his mother a piece of silk from the parachute in which he had landed. She described the silk as being camouflaged in several tones of green, and she is very proud of the rare souvenir.

## James Philip THOMAS



JAMES PHILIP THOMAS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thomas of Orosi and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Milford 121 Calif., Ave., Dinuba, enlisted

Oct. 18, 1940. He was stationed at March Field, before being sent for a year's duty in the South Pacific. In Jan. 1943 he was attending the army technical Radio school at the University of Hawaii for specialized training. In October 1943 he was a Sgt. in the Signal Corps, and was again on duty in the Pacific. In August, 1944, James had been in the Pacific for thirty months, and had not been home for three years. At that time he was a Staff Sergeant with the Signal Air Warning Corps. In a letter written by him in the summer of 1944, he said, "I am now allowed to tell you I'm in the Marshall Islands. Have been since the business started. Got to witness first hand some expenditure of war bonds and am a firm believer of the old saying, 'War is Hell.' Saw lots of Japs, even got the honor of interring a few." His brother, Floyd is a paratrooper.

## Erven A. THIESEN



ERVEN A. THIESEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Thiesen of Rt. 2, Box 261 Reedley, entered the service in November, 1942. He graduated from Reedley High in 1937, attended Reedley Junior College one semester, and was graduated from the Bible Theological Seminary, affiliated with the Bible Institute of Los Angeles in June 1943. The Degree of Bachelor of Theology was conferred upon him by the Seminary at the time of his graduation. Upon enlistment, Erven went to boot camp in San Diego. Next he was sent to Chicago for preliminary training. He took the first part of his Radar training in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and was graduated from the A. & M. College in May. Erven has a Third Class Radio Technician's rating. In October 1943, he was stationed at the Naval Air Base at Corpus Christi, Texas. Thiesen graduated and received his second class Petty Officer's rating, together with his Navy wings. Upon graduation, he came home for a visit before reporting for duty at the Los Alamitos Air Base. He was stationed there until some time in June, 1944, when he was transferred to San Diego. In August, 1944, he was somewhere overseas, and held the rating of an Aviation Radio Technician 2/c. Thiesen was in Pearl Harbor and in the South Pacific. By September, he had been advanced to aviation radio technician 1/c, and was back on duty aboard an aircraft carrier.

## Roger L. THOMAS, JR.



ROGER L. THOMAS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Thomas, Sr., of P. O. Box 403, Orange Cove, enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve on February 14, 1942. He attended Reedley High School for two years. His wife, Mrs. Lucille Thomas, and daughter, Lynda Louise, reside at P. O. Box 403, Orange Cove. Thomas completed boot training in San Diego on March 26, 1942, and was then shipped to Pearl Harbor, where he served for eleven months before shipping back to the United States. He was stationed at San Pedro, Calif., for fifteen months before going overseas in March, 1944. In August, 1944, Thomas was serving as a coxswain somewhere in the South Pacific.

## Eugene E. THOMAS



EUGENE E. THOMAS, son of Mrs. Oleta Thomas, 1336 O St., Fresno, lived for several years with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wallace of Dinuba, and attended school at the No. Dinuba grammar school. Dinuba was his birthplace, May 29 1920. He is great-grandson of the late Judge and Mrs. M. T. Wallace. He graduated from Fresno High School Jan. 28, 1938 and Feb. 1st enlisted and was sent to Naval training station in San Diego. He was in the U. S. Naval radio communication division and was stationed in Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 when the Japs blasted their installations there. He was only slightly injured in the attack and worked night and day as radio mate,

first class, rebuilding the radio station and equipment. He was a supervisor in the communications office there until the February of 1943 when he was returned to the mainland for a one day leave after which he was assigned to duty on a ship and spent two years in the South Pacific war zones. His ship was in on the invasion of Bogaville and Guam in addition to regular patrol and convoy duty. In Oct. 1944, he was here on a 30 day leave and was awaiting reassignment.

## Fredie A. THOMAS



FREDIE A. THOMAS is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Less Thomas of Perry Ave., and brother of Mrs. Irene Wages of 223 North J St. He received his first training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. On maneuvers in Louisiana, Cpl. Thomas was injured in line of duty and spent six months in the hospital. After refusing an honorable discharge, he was given a year's ski training in Wisconsin. Thomas was sent overseas in October, 1943, with a reconnaissance unit.

## Lester W. THOMAS



LESTER W. THOMAS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Less Thomas of Perry Avenue and a brother of Mrs. Irene Wages, 223 North J St., Dinuba. He volunteered for service in August, 1939. He began training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, transferred to Camp McCord, Wisconsin, where he completed a year of ski training and won his sergeant's stripes.



### Curtis C. TIBBS



CURTIS C. TIBBS, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Tibbs of Box 447, Orosi, entered the Army on July 26, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Gladys L. Tibbs, and baby son, Curtis Lee live at Rt. 1, Box 422, Orosi. Tibbs graduated from Orosi High School in 1943. He received basic training at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, in the transportation branch of the Army. In September, 1944, he was in training there as a private.

### Remus A. TINDEL



REMUS A. TINDEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tindel of 376 North J St., Dinuba, enlisted in the Coast Artillery at the age of eighteen in August, 1940. He transferred to the Paratroops in October, 1942, receiving his training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Tindel was next stationed at Camp McCall, N. C., where he was an instructor. At Camp McCall, he was in a plane crash, in which he rescued one of his buddies from the burning plane. He received a broken arm from the crash which was to be his final jump before going overseas. The crash took place during a special series of maneuvers, in which 300 planes were in the sky at once. Tindel was given a furlough in March, 1944. In August, 1944, he was serving in New Guinea with the rank of Corporal. In a letter written to his mother at that time, he stated, "This place isn't as bad as you seem to think. The natives raise swell gardens, and the soil here is the best I have ever seen. It is black and everything grows a lot faster than it does in the States." He went on to say that "We haven't been doing much lately still marking time. I'm on a job now, working regularly eight hours per day. It isn't much of a job, but it is steady, and at least I know what

I'm going to do the next day, and that means a lot." On Sept. 6, 1944, Tindel was awarded a soldier's medal for heroism near Camp McCall, N. C. on October 29, 1943. His citation read: "On that night, he was a passenger in a C-47 plane which made a crash landing because of motor failure. Although suffering from a painful injury sustained in the crash, Corporal Tindel at the risk of his life, aided in rescuing Pfc. Cuskey from flaming wreckage."

### Edna THIESEN



EDNA THIESEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thiesen of Rt. 1, Box 282, Dinuba, graduated from Reedley High School in 1941, and entered training as a cadet nurse at Los Angeles General Hospital on August 16, 1943. In August, 1944, she was still in training there.

### Harry P. THIESEN



HARRY P. THIESEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thiesen of Rt. 1, Box 282, Dinuba, entered the Medical Corps of the Army on May 11, 1944. He completed his basic training at Camp Barkley, Texas, on August 5, 1944. He was then sent to Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco for further training.

### Edmund SCHNEIDER

EDMUND SCHNEIDER enlisted in the Army Air Corps Band at Lemoore in October, 1942 and has been at that station up to the present time. He was formerly employed by Mathis and Bolinger. His wife is the former Doris Pannell.

### Raymond TOBIN



RAYMOND TOBIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tobin of Cutler, and husband of the former Kathleen Buram of Dinuba, entered the Navy in June, 1944. He graduated from the Orosi schools and attended technical schools in San Francisco and Bakersfield. He was employed by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, where he worked three years in the magnetic inspection department, first as an inspector, and later as an outside contact man for the company. A son was born to Mrs. Tobin on July 6, 1942. Tobin has two younger brothers in the Navy: Keith, who is serving in the South Pacific; and David, who enlisted in August, 1944, receiving his boot training in San Diego. Raymond entered the Navy as a seaman 1/c after passing the Naval radio technician's entrance examination. He received his boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and in September, 1944, was attending radio technician's school at Herzl Jr. College in Chicago. In October he transferred out of radio school and was placed as an assistant instructor in the mechanical laboratory there.

### Keith Lynn TOBIN



KEITH LYNN TOBIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tobin of Cutler, was one of the boys who enlisted in the Navy with the Pearl Harbor Avengers, on June 7, 1942, 6 months after Pearl Harbor. In September, 1942, he completed a course at Hemphill Diesel Institute in Los Angeles and came out with the rating of Machinists Mate Second Class. From there he went to Chicago, Illinois, for further training and completed his course at Miami, Florida at the Submarine Chaser

base and was assigned to a submarine chaser. In October, 1944, he was serving in the waters of the north Pacific as a motor machinist's mate, first class. He was married in May, 1943 to Shirley Vera Cagle of Miami, Florida.

### David TOBIN

DAVID TOBIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tobin of Cutler, enlisted in the Navy in August, 1944 and was sent to San Diego for boot training.

### Ralph TINKHAM



RALPH TINKHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Tinkham, of Hartford, formerly of Cutler, was stationed at St. Petersburg, Florida for some time before being sent to Gardner Field at Taft. His wife, Mrs. Louise Tinkham and baby daughter Judith Ann are living with him. In September, 1944, Tinkham had been promoted to private first class, and was still stationed at Gardner Field.

### Charles E. TOLERTON



CHARLES E. TOLERTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Tolerton, formerly of Dinuba and now of Oakland, entered the Navy on September 1, 1943. His aunt, Ima Webb, lives on Rt. 2, Box 15, Dinuba. He received basic training at Farragut, Idaho, and further training in San Diego. He has been stationed at a Pearl Harbor submarine base since the first of 1944. He is rated Petty Officer 3/c.



## Florence TAKAHASHI



FLORENCE TAKAHASHI, enlisted in the Nurses Cadet Corp. and was sent to Syracuse, New York.

## Toshio TAKAHASHI



TOSHIO TAKAHASHI, son of Mr. and Mrs. Konoichi Takahashi formerly of Orosi, enlisted in July, 1941. He was promoted to a Sergeant and sent to Ireland.

men, his home and to you." Lt. Gen. Kenney went on to state, "Almost every hour of every day your son, and the sons of other American fathers, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific. Theirs is a very real and tangible contribution to victory and to peace. I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations."

## John A. THIESEN



JOHN A. THIESEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil E. Thiesen, Rt. 1, Box 171, Dinuba was inducted into the Army in July, 1943 and reported to Monterey for indoctrination tests. Later he was assigned to Camp Barkeley, Texas where he was in the cooking and baking school of the Medical corps. In October, 1943, he graduated from the Bakers and Cooks School where he was 15th from the top of a group of 130 students. Thiesen came home the week before Thanksgiving, 1943, and returned to Camp Barkeley. During the following December, he transferred to the east coast, shipping from there to Hawaii. Assigned to a motor mechanics pool for a time, he was next given the duty of driving ambulances. In September, 1944, he held the rank of private first class, and was driving 10-wheel, 2½ ton ration trucks. Thiesen graduated from Dinuba High School in 1943. He has since been shipped out from Hawaii to an undisclosed destination.

## Masao TAKAHASHI



MASAO TAKAHASHI, brother of Ed Takahashi, formerly of Orosi. He was assigned to Hdq. Det. S. C. U. Fort Riley, Kansas.

## Edward W. TAVES



EDWARD W. TAVES, son of Mrs. J. D. Taves of 221 Howard Ave., Fresno; and husband of Mrs. E. W. Taves of Rt. 10, Box 19, Fresno, formerly lived in Orange Cove. In October, 1943, he was a Corporal, specializing as a mechanic on P-38s, and stationed at Muroc, California. After being in the Muroc Base Hospital for several weeks, Taves was sent to the Hammond General Hospital in Modesto for further treatment, examination, and to await Medical Discharge in October, 1943. He was released from the Modesto hospital on November 6, 1943, and given a Medical Discharge from the Army with a fractured disk in the right hip, weak back, and nervous condition. Since then he has been employed in different positions, and in August, 1944, was driving a truck route for the National Biscuit Company, and making his home in Fresno.

## Haig TERZIAN



HAIG TERZIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Terzian of Rt. 1, Box 401, Dinuba, entered the Army Air Forces December 26, 1941. A graduate of Dinuba High School in 1939, Terzian was working as a printer in Los Angeles before he entered the armed forces. He was first trained in Arizona and then went to Scott Field, Ill., for six months. From there he was transferred to Arizona, and then to Louisiana. He was next shipped overseas to the South Pacific, where in August, 1944, he had been stationed for nearly two years and held the rank of Technical Sergeant. Terzian was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in line of duty while he was participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from July 21 to December 29, 1943. He took part in sustained operational activity against the enemy during which hostile contact was probable, and expected. These flights included long range bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases, and aided considerably in the successes in this theater. Terzian's father was informed of the citation in a letter written to him by Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commanding the 5th Air Force, who stated that the award was "made in recognition of courageous service to his (Terzian's) combat organizations, his fellow American air-

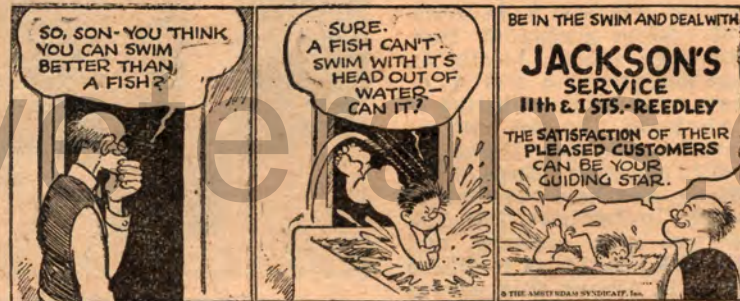
## Arley D. TERRY



ARLEY D. TERRY, son of Mrs. J. L. Terry, Rt. 2, Box 525, Dinuba entered the army on April 15, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Cooke, Calif. After desert maneuvers, Sgt. Terry went to Camp San Luis Obispo, where he was one of fifteen men chosen from his company to be sent to Camp Gordon, Ga., as an instructor in the Engineering Corps. He has now moved to Fort Jackson, N. C.

## Wallace SHUMATE

WALLACE SHUMATE, was a private in the Army in October, 1943, and has been overseas over 2 years. He has quite a number of Jap souvenirs including a flag.



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**Edward E. TELLALIAN**



EDWARD E. TELLALIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tellalian of Yettem, graduated from Visalia high school and attended Visalia Junior College and San Jose State. In Oct. 1943 he was a Corporal in the Air Force and was taking foreign language in Stanford University at Palo Alto. After being sent to Colorado, he was reassigned to Fresno, where he received instruction at a teletype school. In August, 1944, Tellalian was stationed at Camp McCook, Nebraska, working as a teletypist.

**Hrant TELLALIAN**



HRANT TELLALIAN, second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tellalian of Yettem, graduated from Visalia high school, Visalia Jr. College and attended U. C. L. A. for two years before enlisting in the Air Force. In Oct. 1943, he was stationed in New Jersey, attached to the Signal Corps of the Air Force, and held the rank of Corporal. In February, 1944, Tellalian was sent overseas, and served in North Africa for three months. In August, 1944, he was stationed in somewhere in Italy as a radio technician attached to the Signal Corps.

**Pete T. SPAGOPOLIS**

PETE T. SPAGOPOLIS, formerly of the Monson district, is a Sergeant in the Tank Destroyer Battalion of the Army. He was stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas, in June, 1943.

**Tom TERASAKI**



TOM TERASAKI, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Terasaki, formerly of Dinuba and now of P. O. Box 1, Lt Jara, Colo., entered the Army in February, 1942, at Exeter, and was sent to the Presidio of Monterey. His brother, Harry, is also in the Army. Tom completed his basic training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he was placed in a medical unit. He was then transferred to an infantry division at Fort McClellan, Ala., where seventeen weeks of strenuous combat training ensued. After transferring to Camp Shelby, Miss., he was sent to Fort Meade, Md., prior to going overseas. In September, 1944, he was reported to be serving in Italy, and was located in the same tent as his brother Harry.

**Harry TERASAKI**



HARRY TERASAKI, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Terasaki, formerly of Dinuba and now of P. O. Box 1, La Jara, Colo., entered the Army on November 16, 1941 at Exeter. He was stationed at Camp Roberts for basic training. Upon completing his training there, Terasaki was shipped to Camp Robinson, Ark., and placed in an infantry division. He was next transferred to

Fort McClellan, Ala., for seventeen weeks of special infantry training. He was also in Camp Shelby, Miss., and Fort Meade, Md., before being sent overseas. In September, 1944, he was reported to be serving somewhere in Italy.

**Frank TESMAN**



FRANK TESMAN, a graduate of Dinuba High School, a former trucking operator and son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tesman, 389 North J Street, Dinuba, entered the Army on July 24, 1941, and was stationed at Camp Roberts in August, 1942, where he was an Army truck driver and mechanic. In September, 1943, he was still stationed at Camp Roberts but held the rating of Corporal. Tesman became an instructor at Camp Roberts, where new men are sent to learn the fundamentals of Army discipline. In August, 1944, he had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant, and was serving as Senior Technical instructor in a service company at Camp Roberts.

**Frank THOMPSON**



FRANK THOMPSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson of Traver, entered the service in the Marine Corps and after earning a sharpshooter's medal was sent into the Southwest Pacific battle zone in March, 1942. In May, 1943 he returned to the states after 14 months of active duty.

**Wesley A. SERLES**

WESLEY A. SERLES, was at Boise, Idaho, in November, 1942, in the Army air corps. In February he was a Corporal and in the middle east. He had seen much of Egypt.

**Raymond E. THIEL**



RAYMOND E. THIEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thiel of 1902 Stanley Ave., Long Beach, 4, Calif., entered the Army on January 27, 1942. He and his brother Arthur, who is also in the Army, are the nephews of Albert Bruce of Sultana. Thiel was sent to Camp Walters, Texas, for training, and was later sent to Fort Benning Georgia for training in the paratroops. From there, he was transferred to Fort Bragg, N. C., on maneuvers, stationed there until receiving overseas duty. Thiel had one eighteen day furlough, on which he visited his parents in January, 1943. He was sent overseas on April 15, 1943, participating in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. In September, 1944, Corporal Bruce was reported to be stationed in England.

**Arthur L. THIEL**



ARTHUR L. THIEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thiel of 1902 Stanley Ave., Long Beach (4) Calif., entered the service at Tulare on July 23, 1942. He was sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas, for his six week's training. From there, he was sent to Bloomington, Ill., for a special course in diesel engineering. At the end of eight weeks he graduated, receiving a diploma. From there Thiel was transferred to Louisiana on maneuvers for a four month period, then back to Camp Barkeley, Texas, where he was stationed from March, 1943, until the following June 9. He was then sent to San Francisco, where after awaiting overseas duty, he was sent to the Pacific. He has been on New Caledonia.

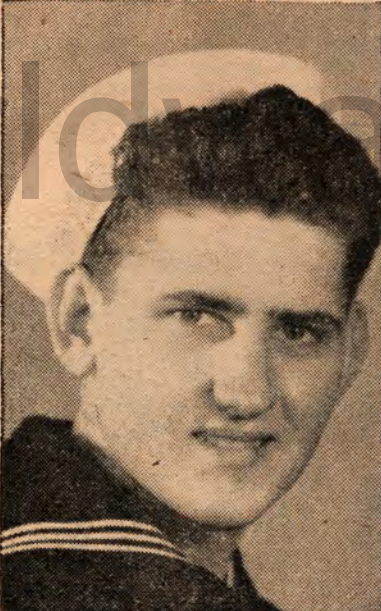


## Stanley STRAW



STANLEY STRAW, son of Mr. Duane Straw of Los Angeles and Mrs. Laura Straw of Tulare, formerly of Orosi, is a nephew of Mrs. Floyd H. Clapp of Box 425, Orosi. He enlisted in the Army Air Force in October, 1942, and was stationed at the Lemoore Air Base until July, 1943. Pfc. Straw was then sent to Santa Maria and assigned to the Officers' Post Exchange. His wife, the former Virginia Evans, resides in Tulare.

## Carleton SNAVELY



CARLETON SNAVELY, son of Mrs. L. S. Snavely of Reedley, is Chief Petty Officer 3rd Class in the United States Navy. He married Miss Willomae Chumley daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Chumley of Dinuba, on April 25, 1942.

## Verne STUCKY



VERNE STUCKY, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stucky of Rt. 1, Box 118, Dinuba, entered the ser-

vice on January 28, 1942. He is a graduate of the Monroe High School at Monroe, Wash., and attended Reedley Junior College. Stucky was a medic in Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, and then went to Torney General Hospital at Palm Springs, Calif. He later transferred to mechanical engineer school at Corvallis, Oregon, and then to Camp Adair, Oregon. In September, 1944, he was stationed in a medical detachment at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He is a surgical technician.

## James R. STOVALL



JAMES R. STOVALL, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stovall, of Rt. 2, Box 203, Dinuba, entered the Maritime Service on August 14, 1944. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1943. Stovall completed basic training at Avalon during the following September. He was then stationed as an able seaman in the personnel office at Avalon, tentatively for the following six months.

## Mike Lee STRAUB, JR.



MIKE LEE STRAUB, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike L. Straub, formerly of Dinuba and now residing at 346 N. Vista Bonita, Glendora, California graduated from Dinuba High School and entered service in the Army Air Force in September, 1942. In December, 1942, he graduated from a course in glider mechanics at Sheppard Field, Texas, later taking a course in North Carolina, and also at Fort Benning, Georgia, and became proficient as an airplane and glider mechanic with the 62nd troop carrier squadron.

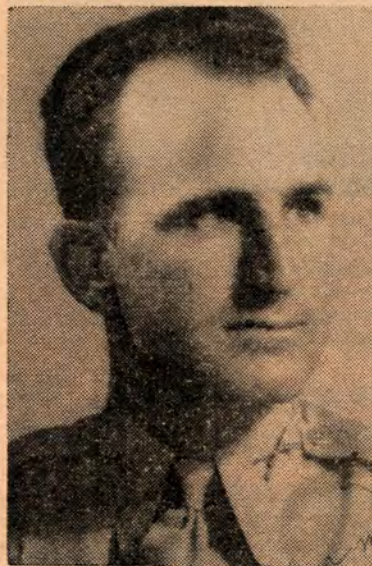
He went to North Africa in May, 1943, and his squadron landed troops by air in the invasion of Sicily. He was rated a corporal. In Oct. 1943 he was reported in Sicily. Since that time, Straub has participated in the invasions of Italy and the "D" Day invasion of western France. In August, 1944, he held the rank of Sergeant, and had been stationed in England since March, 1944, with his troop carrier squadron.

## Pete TAPLAC



PETE TAPLAC, of the Dinuba-Reedley district, entered the Army and was placed in the infantry. He has not heard from his father, sister, and two brothers, who were living in the battle area in the Philippines, since the fall of Corregidor. Taplac was first stationed at San Luis Obispo, and from there was sent to Camp Roberts. He was transferred to Camp Beale, Monterey, and then overseas to New Guinea. In September, 1944, he held the rank of private first class, and was still stationed in New Guinea.

## Buford B. SALTER



BUFORD B. SALTER graduated from Dinuba High School, and was a member of the 1929 Valley Basketball Championship team. His mother and sister reside in Fresno, and his wife and son live at 1511 E. 18th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming. Salter joined the Army shortly after he graduated from high school in 1929. He was stationed at Wheeler Field, Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and fought on Guadalcanal in the final stages of the battles there. He was in the Arundel Island campaigns; saw service on New Georgia and New Caledonia; and spent a rest period in New Zealand, near Auckland. He returned to the United States after his long tour of the Pacific area as a captain in the infantry, arriving at the infantry

replacement training center at Camp Roberts on May 29, 1944. Salter, his wife and young son, Robert, visited his family at 2303 Merced St., Fresno, and relatives and friends in the valley in June, 1944.

## Albert STRAUB



ALBERT STRAUB, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Straub of Dinuba, entered the Navy on June 29, 1944. His wife resides at P. O. Box 144, Dinuba. Straub received his boot training at San Diego. He came home on an eight-day leave on September 7, returning to San Diego. Albert is going to armed guard school at the Naval Repair Base there. He will have five weeks training and then will be assigned to his ship.

## Charles Holmes STRAUB



CHARLES HOLMES STRAUB, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike L. Straub, formerly of Dinuba and now residing at 346 N. Vista Bonita, Glendora, Calif., entered training at the Naval Training Station at San Diego in April, '43. On completion of his "boot" camp he was rated a Seaman 2/c and placed on a Liberty Ship at San Pedro. Charles left San Pedro and arrived safely in Hawaii in Oct. 1943 where he was assigned to a battleship. In August, 1944, he was still on a battleship in the Pacific, and had participated in several major battles. His wife, Mrs. Pearl Straub, and baby son, Charles, Jr., were living in Richmond, Calif., at that time.



## Frank TAKAYAMA



FRANK TAKAYAMA, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Takayama formerly of East Reedley was stationed at Fort Leonard Woods, in Missouri. He was promoted to Staff Sgt. and transferred to Camp Shelby, Miss.

## Joe TAKAYAMA



JOE TAKAYAMA, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Takayama formerly of the Reedley district. He was promoted to Pfc.

## Shigiru TAKAHASHI



SHIGIRU TAKAHASHI, formerly of Oroshi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Konoichi Takahashi, enlisted in December, 1941, and was a Sergeant in the Inf. stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

## William "Bill" TATUM



WILLIAM "BILL" TATUM, son of Mrs. Laura Gramstad, 115 Holden Way, Dinuba, enlisted in the Flying Cadets in February,

1942. His wife, the former Kathryn Kraus, of Dinuba, was employed in Oakland at that time. In April, 1942 he was stationed at King City and taking flight training and in November, 1942 was stationed at a flying field in New Mexico prior to enrollment in officer's training at Miami Fla., where he was graduated a 2nd Lieutenant. In Feb. 1943, his mother received a message that he was overseas and had arrived at his destination with the Army Air Force. In September, 1943, he was reported to be near London, Eng. where he is Senior Tower Control officer. In January, 1944, Bill was made a first lieutenant and last reports say he is still in England where he "provides the essential link between the ground and air." He is now a Captain.

## Merrill TATUM



MERRILL TATUM, son of Mrs. Laura Gramstad, 115 Holden Way, Dinuba, was in the Army and stationed at Camp Swift, Texas in January, 1943. After having served ten months he was honorably discharged in March, 1943, from San Antonio Hospital, Texas. He is now married and lives in Salinas.

## Albert T. TAKAHASHI



ALBERT T. TAKAHASHI, formerly of Dinuba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takahashi, enlisted in January 1942, and was sent to Camp Roberts. He was promot-

ed to a Corporal and sent to Camp Leonard Wood, Missouri at Hdq. Det.

## Harvey Reuben TARBELL



HARVEY REUBEN TARBELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Tarbell, of Cutler, attended the Oroshi high school and was drafted into the Army Air Corps in December, 1942, and was sent to Technical School in Sheppard Field, Texas, and later transferred to the Marana Basic Flying School in Marana, Arizona, where he was stationed as a guard of the ground crew. He visited his parents in Cutler during October, 1943 and celebrated his 21st birthday, and was home again in March, 1944.

## Arthur TARBELL



ARTHUR TARBELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tarbell of Oroshi, entered the service in July, 1943. He graduated from Oroshi High School in 1943. Tarbell reported to Monterey for two weeks and was transferred to March Field, where in September, 1943, he was promoted to Corporal. Completing his training at March Field in November, 1944, Tarbell was sent overseas to England. In August, 1944, he was stationed overseas with a Transport group.

## Audridge Garfield SKAGGS

AUDRIDGE GARFIELD SKAGGS, of Dinuba, entered the U. S. Army on September 28th, 1943.

## Paul TATARIAN



PAUL TATARIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron T. Tatarian, of Route 1, Box 339 Dinuba California, graduated from the Dinuba High School and reported for duty with the Merchant Marine at San Mateo in July, 1943. He completed three month's training at San Mateo, had a week's leave in Dinuba and in October, 1943 was on duty on the high seas. Tatarian returned to Dinuba on two week's leave in August, 1944, after a nine month's trip to New Guinea. He was to report September 5, 1944, to the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy in New York, where he was to receive advanced training as an engineering officer in the Merchant Marine Cadet Corps.

## Rynachi SHINODA

RYNACHI SHINODA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shinoda, formerly of the Cutler district, enlisted in April, 1941, and was assigned to Headquarters and Student Detachment at Camp Savage, Minnesota with the rank of Technical Sergeant.



**Bill SPEARS**



BILL SPEARS, son of Mrs. Lawrence E. Perry, formerly of Dinuba and now of 4852 Madison St., Fresno, enlisted in the Navy on February 2, 1944. He graduated from Washington Junior High School in 1940, and attended Dinuba High School before moving to Fresno. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Fresno in January, 1944, just prior to his enlistment. Spears finished his boot camp training at Farragut, Idaho, on the following March 25. He came home for fifteen days, and was then sent to Treasure Island, where he was assigned to a light cruiser. In September, 1944, he was reported to be serving somewhere in the South Pacific.

**Warren H. SPIVEY, Jr.**



WARREN H. SPIVEY, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Spivey, formerly of Dinuba, whose home is now in San Francisco, enlisted in the United States Navy Organized Reserve, May 1, 1938. His unit was ordered to active duty October 18, 1940. After numerous assignments, he has returned from 14 months in the combat zones of the South Pacific. He has been ordered to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend an advanced electrical and diesel engineering school. Warren's present rating is Electrician's Mate, and he is now a corporal.

**Loren N. STANPHILL**



LOREN N. STANPHILL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanphill of Rt. 1, Box 430, Orosi, entered the Naval Reserve in May, 1942. He attended Orosi High School for one year and a half. Stanphill completed boot training at San Diego on July 7, 1942. Receiving advanced training at Navy Pier in Chicago, he finished there on January 15, 1943, with the rating of A.M.M., third class petty officer. He also completed a naval air gunner's course at Hollywood, Florida, on February 20, 1943. He sailed from San Francisco on October 1, 1943; and after being stationed at unknown points, was reported in the Admiralty Islands in the South Pacific in September, 1944.

**Albert Henry SUTTON**



ALBERT HENRY SUTTON, whose wife, Mrs. Arlene Sutton, and son reside at Rt. 2, Box 37 Dinuba, entered the armed forces on February 17, 1943. He received basic training in the paratroops at Camp Mackall, N. C., and from there went to Camp Polk, La., for further training. He left the United States for overseas duty in May, 1944. In September, 1944, he was reported to be serving as a private first class in New Guinea.

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## Howard L. SWEATT



HOWARD L. SWEATT grandson of Mrs. Martha J. Dial of Dinuba, is the son of the late Arthur L. Sweatt and Mrs. Anna Sweatt. A graduate of the Dinuba elementary and high schools, he attended the University of California at Berkeley for two years. Sweatt received primary training in the Navy at the University of Chicago and Texas A. and M. College. He saw several months of service aboard ship and in South Seas Naval advance bases. A radio technician, Sweatt is specialized in radar. Promoted to chief petty officer, was on leave in San Francisco, Calif., where he was joined by his wife, the former Marian Schultz of Los Angeles, and their infant son. By late September, 1944, he was reported to have returned to duty with the Pacific Fleet as chief radar man of his ship.

## Claude M. SPALDING



CLAUDE M. SPALDING, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Spalding of Rt. 1, Box 129a, Woodlake, entered the Marine Corps on February 24, 1940. His sister, Mrs. Aubrey Truesdale, resides at 151 E. El Monte Way, Dinuba. Spalding graduated from Woodlake High School, and entered the service soon after. He was employed for a short time in Dinuba. He trained at San Diego, and was then sent to Jacksonville, Fla., and from there to Cherry Point, N. C. In September, 1944, he was serving with the Marine Air Corp as a radioman in the South Pacific. He held the rank of corporal at that time.

## Leslie P. STEPHENS



LESLIE P. STEPHENS, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stephens, of Dinuba, is a graduate of the Dinuba High School and attended Visalia Junior College. He enlisted in the service in November, 1942, and spent about a week in Monterey, then was sent to a San Francisco point of embarkation and arrived in Hawaii the first week in December. There he received several months of training as an army engineer. Early in August, he was transferred to Australia where he received further training before being sent to New Guinea, where he and his battalion were given a citation for service in the southwest Pacific area. He was hospitalized in Goodenough Island and Australia for a time and then sent back to the U. S. A. where on June 6, 1944, he received a medical discharge. He is living with his parents on California Ave., in Dinuba.

## Walter E. (Edwin) STEPHENS



WALTER E. (EDWIN) STEPHENS, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stephens of Dinuba, enlisted in the Army Air Forces in October, 1941. He is a graduate of the Dinuba High School. He reported to Monterey and was stationed immediately at Sheppard Field, Texas, where he remained from November, 1941 to September, 1943. While at Sheppard Field he served some time as a baker and later was head cook in one of the Mess Halls. Later

he became a Staff Sergeant and was engaged in clerical work with the department of immunization at the Field. In September, 1943 he was transferred to Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala., to be reclassified. From there he was sent to Blytheville Army Air Field in Arkansas, where in October, 1943, he was confidential secretary to the Assistant Intelligence Officer. In April, 1943 he married Miss Reda Jane Hughey of Wellington, Texas. On December 24, 1943, he received a medical discharge from the service, and is now employed at Vallejo, California, where he and his family have established their home.

## Earl E. SULLIVAN



EARL E. SULLIVAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Snelson of Walnut Creek was married to Miss Eloise Sill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Sill, 240 North I Street, Dinuba, in May, 1943. Sullivan is with the U. S. Maritime Commission, stationed in San Francisco. Mrs. Sullivan spent the summer at the home of her parents in Dinuba, where a son, Patrick Corwin was born. In September, Mrs. Sullivan and son joined Earl in Concord where they have bought a home.

## Richard STARR



RICHARD D. STARR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Starr, formerly of Dinuba and now of Pittsburg, Calif., was inducted into the Army on August 3, 1943, shortly after he graduated from Mt. Diablo Union High School. He is the grandson of Mrs. Etta Weddle of Dinuba. Starr was sent to Fort Benning, Ga., for A.S.T.P. training; and on the following December 29, was sent to "The Citadel," Charleston, S. C. for basic engineering. When the A.S.T.P. was discontinued, Starr was transferred to the infantry

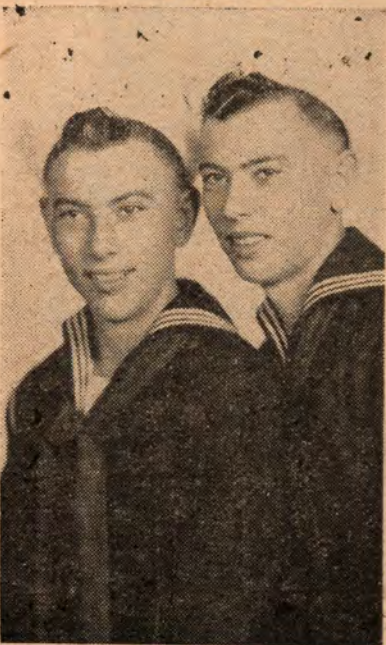
and sent to Fort Bragg, N. C. After one month there, he was transferred to the field artillery and sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He visited his home in August, 1944, on his first furlough. He reported back to Fort Leonard Wood to receive further training in the survey section of the field artillery. He is now a Corporal.

## Arthur SPRADLING



ARTHUR SPRADLING, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spradling of 337 Kern St., Dinuba, joined the Merchant Marine in March, 1943. He attended Dinuba High School while living in Dinuba. Spradling shipped out immediately on a merchant ship after joining the Merchant Marine. In September, 1943, he visited his parents and stated that he had been to Australia, New Zealand, Panama, England, and Ireland. Spradling spent four months of 1944 in the Southwest Pacific. In September, 1944, he was on sick leave at his home in Visalia, with his wife, Mrs. Geneva Spradling. He is rated chief steward.

## Chester Oral STUMP Lester Oren STUMP



CHESTER ORAL STUMP and LESTER OREN STUMP, twin grandsons of Mrs. Lulu P. Daniel and Thomas Daniel of 118 Elizabeth Way, and nephews of Miss Fern Daniel, of Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy in Feb. 1943 and went to the Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho, for regular boot camp. In June, 1943, they were elected to attend Gunners Mate Service School for specialized training. They were in Dinuba in September, 1943, and reported to San Francisco for their sea duty.



## Donald O. STEVENSON



DONALD O. STEVENSON, son of Mrs. Ruth Ray, formerly of Dinuba, now of 236 So. M St. Tulare, enlisted in the Marines on February 2, 1942. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1941, where he was active in football, and had four years of high school cadet work. He had advanced to the rank of Captain in the cadet corps when he graduated in 1941. His wife, Mrs. Mary Stevenson, resides in Norman, Oklahoma. Stevenson received boot training in San Diego, and entered Naval Aviation School at San Diego on May 25, 1942. He was transferred to the Naval Aviation School at Norman, Oklahoma, in September, 1942, and finished his course a month later with a Corporal's rating. Stevenson was promoted to Sergeant in June, 1943. Serving as drill instructor, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant in October, 1943, while stationed in Norman. He was sent to Miramar, San Diego, in November, 1943, where he was promoted to Technical Sergeant. In March, 1944, Stevenson was sent overseas to the South Pacific, where he was serving in August, 1944, in Marine Aviation. Stevenson was promoted to technical sergeant in September, 1944.

## Frank O. STEVENSON



FRANK O. STEVENSON, formerly of Dinuba, brother of Clarence Stevenson, reported to Monterey in March, 1941, where he joined the Army. After four month's training at Camp Rob-

erts, California in the Field Artillery Clerk's School. Sgt. Stevenson was transferred to the 158th F. A. Battalion of the 45th Infantry Division at Camp Berkeley, Texas. He trained with the Division at Ft. Sill, Okla., Ft. Devens, Mass., Pine Camp, N. Y., and Camp Pickett, Va. In June of 1942, Stevenson was transferred to the Division Finance office while stationed in Massachusetts and was later transferred to the Finance office Complement at Camp Pickett, Va. On Oct. 18, 1943, he entered Wake Forest College in North Carolina. Stevenson is the son of M. M. Stevenson of Dinuba. He completed his course at Wake Forest College in January, 1944, and came home on a fifteen-day furlough. He held the rank of T/5 at that time; and reported back for duty at the conclusion of his furlough to Camp Pickett, Va. In September, 1944, Stevenson was given a 22-day furlough, and awarded his sergeant's stripes at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind., before leaving for home. Flying in a J2F, he arrived in Dinuba on Sept. 19. He returned to Fort Benjamin Harrison. Stevenson was employed in the Bank of America at Monterey, California prior to his induction into the service.

## Robert A. STURDIVANT



ROBERT A. STURDIVANT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sturdivant of 2841 Daisy Ave., Long Beach, enlisted in the Army in August, 1936. He is the nephew of Mrs. A. G. Johnson of Oroqui. Sturdivant graduated from Dinuba High School in 1936, enlisting in the Army shortly after. He has served in Hawaii and the Philippines, and at the outbreak of hostilities, was serving as an instructor in the States. Sturdivant remained as an instructor in the United States until he sailed for overseas in October, 1943. His last station in the United States was at Camp Forrest, Tenn. He is a cook. He went to North Ireland, where he was kept until July 1, 1944. Sturdivant was sent to France, and was wounded in action on July 11. He has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. In September, 1944, he wrote to his parents, saying that he was back in action and on his way to Berlin. He held the rank of sergeant, with a T/4 rating.

## Geneva SPEAS

GENEVA SPEAS, who taught Commerce and History in the Reedley high school, was called to active duty with the Marines.

## Howard SMITH



HOWARD SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith of Orange Cove, entered the armed forces in April, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Laverne Smith, resides at 874 West El Monte Way, Dinuba. Smith graduated from Oroqui High School in 1935. He received basic training in the Air Forces at Hammer Field in Fresno, completing it in September, 1943, with the rank of private first class. He transferred to the infantry on September 21, 1943, and was assigned to Headquarters company of the Western Defense Command at the Presidio of San Francisco. In September, 1944, he was rated a technician fifth class.

## Jesse C. SMITH



JESSE C. SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Reedley, entered the Army in January, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Frances Smith, and five children re-

side at Rt. 2, Box 534, Dinuba. Smith completed basic training at San Diego in July, 1943. He was next sent to El Paso, Texas, for further training in a gun battalion. In September, 1944, he was still stationed there, and was rated private first class.

## Donald L. STUBBLEFIELD



DONALD L. STUBBLEFIELD, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stubblefield of 258 Orange St., Montebello, Calif., enlisted in the Marine Corps in February, 1943. A former Oroqui boy, he is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Stubblefield of Oroqui. He graduated from Pomona High School in 1941. Upon enlisting in the Marine Corps at eighteen years of age, Stubblefield received the Golden Certificate from President Roosevelt for passing 100% in health. He received his basic training at Camp Elliott, and was sent overseas to Hawaii, where he received further training and was made a Private first class. Going into action, he first participated in the Marshall Islands battle, and then in the battle for Saipan. He was injured in action with his Marine division there, and evacuated on the same day to Pearl Harbor, where he spent two months in a hospital for injuries to his right hand. He was awarded the Purple Heart, and in August, 1944, had returned to battle somewhere in the Pacific.

## Stewart SHON

STEWART SHON, son of Y. S. Shon, 501 West Kern St., Dinuba, was inducted in to the Army in September, 1941, and was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas.

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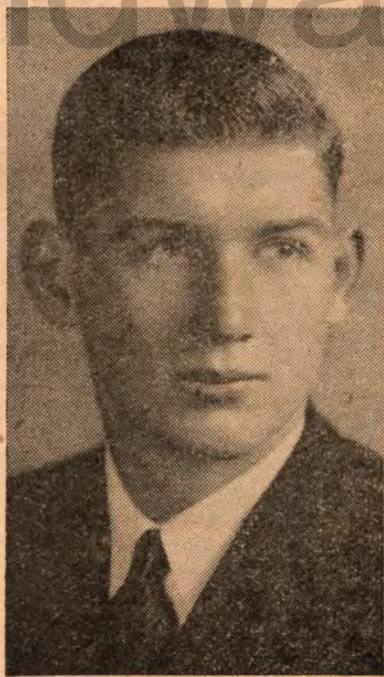
## Rex SPAITH



REX SPAITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Spaith of Dinuba, is a navy flier with the Naval Air Force. Spaith is a graduate of the Dinuba High and attended the Visalia Junior College and Fresno State College. Spaith completed an intensive aviation training course in May, 1942 at Oakland. He took his flight advanced training at the United States Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Rex received his ensign's commission in the Naval Air Corps in October, 1942. He was married to Miss Lois Carleton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carleton of Visalia a few days later. He has been an instrument instructor at Atlanta, Georgia, being stationed at Atlanta for nearly 2 years. He received a promotion to Lieutenant (J. G.) on October 1, 1943. In August, 1944, Spaith was still stationed at Atlanta.

## Robert Keith SPAITH



ROBERT KEITH SPAITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Spaith, is a graduate of Dinuba High School and attended St. Mary's College, near Oakland. He also attended Visalia Junior College before he enlisted in the Navy Air Corps. In December, 1942, he enlisted and was called to begin training in September, 1943. In October he was at San Luis Obispo at the Navy preparatory flight school. He trained as an aviation cadet at Holbrook, Arizona, and graduated from St. Mary's Pre-Flight School. Following his graduation, Spaith arrived in Dinuba on a ten day leave in July, 1944. On August 11, 1944, he entered training at Norman, Oklahoma.

## Vondlee R. STALCUP



VONDLLEE R. STALCUP, was inducted in March, 1943 by the Exeter Board. From Exeter he was sent to the Presidio at Monterey, Calif., and then to Camp Swift, Texas, where he was stationed until October 20, 1943. He was sent to Louisiana on maneuvers and rated a Private first-class. In December, 1943, he came home on furlough to see his new born son, John Riley, and in January, 1944, he was transferred from Louisiana to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Here his wife and son joined him, and spent two months with him before he was sent overseas in April, 1944. On June 5, 1944, Stalcup was seriously wounded in action in North Burma with the infantry division. Mrs. Stalcup was notified by the War Department in June

that her husband was wounded. Almost on the same day she received the message, a letter came from her husband written while he was in the hospital, stating that although he had been wounded, he was "getting on very well." In a letter dated August 14, 1944, he stated that he was still in a hospital in India. He had been seriously wounded in the right shoulder, and had received two flesh wounds in the right leg. At that time his shoulder was still in a cast, and his leg had almost healed.

## Fernando L. SOSA



FERNANDO L. SOSA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Sosa of Dinuba, entered the Army in March, 1943. In October, 1943, Private Sosa was on duty with the Army Air Force at Sheppard Field, Texas. He attended high school in Carlsbad, New Mexico. In the summer of 1944, he came home on furlough at the same time as his brother, Manuel of the Infantry. After returning to his base at Sheppard Field, Sosa was transferred to San Marcos, Texas, with the rank of private.

## Manuel SOSA



MANUEL SOSA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Sosa of Rt. 2, Box 518, Dinuba, attended school in Carlsbad, N. M. His wife, Mrs. Lola Ontiveros Sosa, resides in Dinuba. Sosa completed seventeen weeks of training in heavy weapons at Camp Roberts, graduating in the infantry on July 8, 1944. From Camp Roberts he was sent to Fort George Meade, Maryland, and in the summer of

1944 was sent to France. He held the rank of Private at that time. Before being sent across, Sosa and his brother, Fernando L. Sosa of the Army Air Forces, were both home on furlough. He was reported by the War Department as missing in action in France on October 1, 1944.

## George D. STAPLETON



GEORGE STAPLETON, a Lieutenant in the Army Air Force at Phoenix, Arizona, married Miss Betty Jamison last fall. Mrs. Stapleton is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Jamison formerly of Dinuba, now living in Hanford. He received his commission at Luke Field, near Phoenix. He was stationed at Municipal Air Port, Glendale, Calif. later going to Muroc Air Base near Lancaster before leaving for northwest Pacific. He was advanced to a First Lieutenant and flies a P-38. Frequent letters are received from him.

## Claude SPAITH



CLAUDE SPAITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Spaith of Rt. 3, Box 162 Visalia, entered the armed forces on October 20, 1942. He graduated from Woodlake High School in 1931. A member of the Army Military Escort Guard, he first trained in Arizona, and then guarded German prisoners at Roswell, N. M. Spaith left for overseas on July 20, 1943, going to New Caledonia. He was sent to Guadalcanal in June, 1944, where he was still serving as a corporal in the following September.



**Harold SMITH**



HAROLD SMITH, son of Mrs. Nora Smith of 122 Myrtle St., Dinuba, entered the Navy during the latter part of August, 1944. His wife, Mrs. Bernice Smith, and baby daughter live in Sanger. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1939. Smith was sent to Farragut, Idaho, for boot training, where he was still located in September, 1944.

**L. Dale SMITH**



L. DALE SMITH, son of Mrs. Nora Smith of Dinuba, enlisted in the Army Engineers in July, 1943. He was sent to Ft. Screven, Georgia. His wife accompanied him to Georgia. They were home for a visit with their parents in Oct. 1943. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Canfield. He

was notified while here of his promotion to the rank of Sergeant. Smith stayed at Fort Screven until the latter part of December, 1943, when he left for overseas. On his arrival at his destination, he sent a cablegram stating that he had landed somewhere in the British Isles; later a letter came through to his family to tell them that he was in Wales. Smith stayed there for nearly seven months, and was then transferred to a camp somewhere in southern England; where, in August, 1944, he held rank of staff sergeant. During the latter part of August, he left England, and by late September, was located somewhere in France. His wife, Mrs. Donna Smith, has built a new home, and is residing at 154 Second Ave. Dinuba.

**Le Roy B. STEINBRINK**



LEROY B. STEINBRINK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Steinbrink of Dinuba, reported for service with the Navy on August 2nd, 1943. He entered training at Farragut, Naval Training Station, Idaho, and completed his boot training in October, 1943 with the rating of Seaman second-class. He was home late in October, 1943, on leave awaiting call for his sea duty training. Steinbrink was shipped out, landing at a naval base somewhere in New Guinea, in December, 1943. Two weeks later he entered training for a signal man, and was advanced to Signal Man third class on July 1, 1944. During this time he met one boy, Paul Tatarian, from his home town. After eight months in New Guinea, he was transferred to Australia, continuing his training as a signalman.

**Bruce SMITH**



BRUCE SMITH, son of Mrs. Nora Smith of 122 Myrtle St., Dinuba, entered the Army on January 1, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Mae Smith, lives in Sanger. Smith attended business college in Fresno. After training with the quartermaster corps in Wyoming, he was sent overseas to India in May, 1943. He attended radio school there. A year later he was transferred to China, where he was still serving as a sergeant in September, 1944.

**Benjamin J. SEIBEL**



BENJAMIN J. SEIBEL, brother of Mrs. David C. Reimer of Dinuba, graduated from the Reedley High School in June, 1941. He entered the Merchant Marines in January, 1942. Since that time he had made seven trips to different parts of the South Pacific. One trip was to the Guadalcanal area.

**Robert SKELLENGER**



ROBERT SKELLENGER, who has relatives in the Dinuba district, formerly of San Bruno, California, is with the U. S. Navy.

**Virgil SMITH**



VIRGIL SMITH, son of Mrs. Nora Smith of 122 Myrtle St., Dinuba, entered the Army in August, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Joyce Smith lives in Fresno. He attended Reedley High School. Smith trained with the Army Engineers at Bend, Oregon, and was sent overseas. In September, 1944, he was serving somewhere in the South Pacific as a private in the Army Engineers.

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## Gerald SMITH



GERALD SMITH, son of Mrs. Walt Smith of Dinuba, was sworn into the Navy on March 8, 1944. He was called to duty soon after he graduated from Dinuba High School in June, 1944. While in high school, Smith was a first lieutenant in the California High School Cadet Corps. After school, Saturdays and during vacations, he has been employed as a printer in the plant of the Dinuba Sentinel for the past several years. Following his call for duty, he was sent to Farragut, Idaho, for his boot training. In August, 1944, Smith completed his preliminary training. After awaiting assignment to duty elsewhere, he was sent to Shoemaker, Calif., and then to Treasure Island. At last report, he had arrived in New Guinea.

## Maurice G. SMITH



MAURICE G. SMITH, is the son of Mrs. Susan Smith and brother of Mrs. Ernest Payne of Dinuba and enlisted in the army on February 17, 1941. He was first stationed at Fort Ord, Monterey, then San Francisco and then Utah. Smith was ordered to Camp Elliott from there he went to Officers' Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in March, 1943. Smith is a graduate of the Dinuba High School. In October, 1943, he was stationed at Camp Joseph T. Robinson at Little Rock Ark. where he was instructing in Mortar firing and machine gunnery. Smith was promoted to First Lieutenant in December, 1943. In January, 1944,

while still stationed at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, he asked for a transfer from the machine gun infantry to the paratroops. His orders came to report to the paratrooper school at Fort Benning, Ga., in February, 1944. After finishing paratrooper school, he was ordered to report to Fort Ord, Calif., on April 15, 1944, and then to a point of embarkation for overseas duty. He landed in New Guinea on June 2, 1944, and in August, 1944, was stationed there with a para-glider regiment.

## Leonard F. SMITH



LEONARD SMITH, son of Mrs. Mary E. Smith of 258 South K Street, Dinuba, is with the Army Medical Corps. He attended the Dinuba schools. T/5 Smith received his preliminary training at Camp Cooke, Calif., where he worked in the Postoffice at Station Hospital. Later he was sent to St. Louis, Missouri for a course in repairing hospital equipment (X-ray machines to vacuum cleaners) In Oct. 1943, he was stationed in Seattle, Washington, doing that type of work. He was transferred to Station Hospital, Fort Warden, Washington, and then to Texas. He is now overseas.

## DeOlin SMITH



DEOLIN SMITH, son of Mrs. Eunice Smith of Box 383, Orange Cove, entered the Navy on November 3, 1943. He attended the Reedley and Orosi High Schools. Smith received boot training at San Diego and was then sent to Great Lakes, Ill., to attend gunner's mate school. He transferred to Shoemaker, Calif., for two weeks, before leaving on June 10, 1944, for the South Pacific. In

September, 1944, he was located somewhere in the South Pacific and was rated a seaman second class.

## Elmer T. SMITH



ELMER T. SMITH, son of Mrs. Mary E. Smith, 258 South K St., Dinuba, a graduate of Dinuba High School and well-known operator of an auto parts store in Dinuba enlisted and was sworn into the enlisted reserve of the Army in September, 1942. Pvt. Smith is now a paratrooper and was stationed in North Carolina. He and his wife enjoyed a short furlough here in early October.

## Willis Yaseiji SHIMOZONO



WILLIS YASEIJI SHIMOZONO, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Shimozone of Reedley, entered the Medical Det. 32nd Inf. at Fort Ord and later was connected with Hdq. Co. Service unit at Fort Custer, Mich.

## Richard SLAYTON



RICHARD D. SLAYTON, U. S. N., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.

D. Slayton, P. O. Box 217 Cutler. He attended Orosi High School, leaving last January during his senior year to join the Navy. He underwent boot training at San Diego, and entered Iowa State College last February for diesel training. He was then transferred to the U. S. N. Amphibious School in Washington, D. C. From there he was sent to Fort Pierce, Fla., where he received the rank of Fireman 1st class. He is at present an engineer operator on a landing boat in the South Pacific.

## Louis P. SMITH



LOUIS P. SMITH, son of Mrs. Edna Kulp of Lamar, Colorado, entered the Army in 1941. He is a brother of Mrs. King Ellis of Dinuba, and lived in Dinuba nearly three years with his sister. Smith received his basic training at Murco Air Base, and advanced training at Fort Benning, Ga. He is with a Service Company, parachute infantry, and was sent overseas in December, 1943. When last heard from, he was in England.

## John W. SMYTHE



JOHN W. SMYTHE, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smythe of 679 North Way, Dinuba, entered the Navy last April. He attended the Oakdale schools, and was enrolled in the Modesto Junior College when he joined the Navy. Upon completion of his boot training, in Farragut, Idaho, in June, Smythe spent a ten day leave at his home here. In July he entered the aviation radio department of the naval air technical training center at Memphis, Tenn. His rank at that time was that of Seaman, 2nd class.



## Claude SIDWELL



CLAUDE SIDWELL, nephew of Mrs. L. J. Lisman of Cutler district enlisted in the Navy Seabees in June 1942, was sent to Norfolk Va. and from there he was sent overseas to Samoa and New Zealand, returning to San Diego in August 1943.

## Desmond Lee SMITH



DESMOND LEE SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Smith of 206 Perry Ave., Dinuba, entered the Army on April 20, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Virginia M. Smith, resides at 2203 E. Acacia St., Stockton. His brother, Verland Charles, is with the Army Air Forces. Smith graduated from Dinuba High School in 1930. Before entering the Army Service Command, he was a first lieutenant in the California State Guard. Smith received basic training at Fort Warren, Wyoming, completing it in August, 1943. He finished

advanced training in chemical warfare in New Caledonia in December of that year with the rank of private. In September, 1944, Smith was a staff sergeant with the XIV Army Corps Service Command in the Southwest Pacific. He had recently received a battle star representing his part with a chemical warfare section in the battle for Bougainville, Northern Solomons, where he was subjected to Jap artillery shelling during March, 1944. About Sept 15, he received the rating of T/Sgt.

## Verland Charles SMITH



VERLAND CHARLES SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, 206 Perry, Avenue, Dinuba and husband of the former Jeanne Crutchfield, entered employment as a civilian fireman at McClellan Field in Sacramento, in October, 1942, and in November, 1943 he and Jeanne were married. Immediately thereafter he joined the Army Air Force and in January, 1943 was sent to Miami Beach, Florida, Mrs. Smith remaining in Dinuba at her parents' home. In March, 1943 however he was transferred to Tucson, Arizona, as a fireman in the army air force. Mrs. Jeanne Smith joined him there. In September, he was stationed at the Marana Army Air Field, Arizona, on a trash truck which went to all airplane crashes in that district. His brother, Desmond Lee Smith, is in the Army. Charles left for Panama in June, and his wife is now living with her parents in Dinuba.

## Don SMITH



DON SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith of Orosi, enlisted in the Army Air Forces, reporting to Minter Field on Sept. 29, 1942. He was stationed there until May, 1943, when he transferred to Mather Field, Sacramento. In March, 1944, he was sent to the North American Aviation Company at Inglewood for five weeks of special training; and in September, 1944, went to Douglas, Arizona, where he has been stationed for the duration.

## Billy Joe SMITH



BILLY JOE SMITH, brother of Mrs. Lorene Simpson and ward of Mrs. M. M. Latimer of P. O. Box 34, Yettem, graduated from Orosi High School, enlisting in the Navy in July of that year. He completed basic training at San Diego in August, 1942; and advanced training at Newport, R. I. in December, 1942, with the rating of Seaman first class. He was wounded in the leg by shrapnel while on active duty in North Africa. During the latter part of August, Smith was in Corsica and leaving for Southern France.

## Harvey W. STEPHENS

HARVEY W. STEPHENS, the son of Archie W. Stephens, formerly of Dinuba, enlisted in the Army Air Forces in 1940. Sergeant Stephens was assigned to the aerial photography division

## Gilbert T. SMITH



GILBERT T. SMITH is the son of Leon Smith of Dinuba. Gilbert's mother, Mrs. Muriel Sievers, lives in Dixon, Calif. He attended elementary school in Dixon, and high school and teacher's college in San Jose. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Force March 26, 1942, receiving his primary training at Thunderbird Field in Phoenix, Arizona. While there he participated in the filming of Warner Bros. "Thunderbirds." From there he went to Minter Field, Bakersfield, for his secondary instruction in flying. On the basis of his excellent flying record, Gilbert Smith was assigned to the Victorville bombing base for final flight training in the heavy bombers, and emerged as a qualified bomber pilot and was commissioned a second lieutenant. Lt. Smith was sent to the base at Dyersburg, Tenn., where he was instructing students in the flying of B17's, the Flying Fortresses. He made flights between the Tennessee base and Texas. On May 14, he was promoted to a first lieutenant. On May 17, 1943, Gilbert's B17 crashed about three miles from Dyersburg. According to information received by his father, there were eight aboard and all were killed outright but Lt. Smith, Sergeant Anthony J. Matthei, Staff Sergeant Bernard J. Grieco, and Staff Sergeant Joseph V. Farley. Gilbert died six days after the crash. He is survived by his father Leon Smith of Dinuba, his mother Mrs. Muriel Sievers of Dixon, Calif. He is also survived by an aunt, Mrs. Irwin Vose of Dinuba; and five first cousins, Wilma June Vose, Clarice Vose, Dorothy Vose (now with the WAC's) Robert Vose of Dinuba and Willard Vose of San Fernando. Another aunt, Mrs. J. Alfred Fisher and two more cousins Lucille and Harvey Fisher, live in San Jose. Burial was made in the mausoleum at San Jose, Calif.

## Tommy SAWYER

TOMMY SAWYER, son of Mrs. Grace Sawyer was stationed with the Navy in San Diego.

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**Clyde and Clifton SEABOLT**



CLYDE and CLIFTON SEABOLT, twin grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith of 169 West Mono St., Dinuba, entered the Army in July 1943. They made their home at Seminole, Okla., prior to entering the service. They were sent to camp Callan, San Diego, where they were both placed in the same anti-aircraft unit. From there, the twins were sent to Atlantic City, Georgia, for further training. In March, 1944, they were transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas, where they were still stationed in the following September, both with the rank of private.

**Eugene SMITH**



EUGENE SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Smith of 169 West Mono St., Dinuba, entered the Army on March 17, 1941. He received his training at Fort Knox, Kentucky; and after completing his instruction there, was transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington. In April, 1942, he was transferred to Camp Young, Calif., leaving for overseas in July, 1942. He has seen action in North Africa, Italy and Southern France with the tank corps of the heavy artillery. In September, 1944, his parents received word that Sergeant Smith was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in Southern France. He has two brothers in the Marine Corps, and one in the Navy.

**Mack SMITH**



MACK SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Smith of 169 Mono Street, Dinuba, enlisted in the Marines in November, 1939, at San Diego. In March, 1940, he was sent to Shanghai, China, where he was stationed until the outbreak of war. Pfc. Smith was first reported missing in action in May, 1942. His parents received a message from the Marine Headquarters in Washington, D. C. saying that a partial list of American prisoners of war in the Manila Bay area had been received by the International Red Cross, containing the name of their son, Pfc. Mack Smith, U. S. Marine Corps. The message confirmed the fact that he is alive and a prisoner of war, taken prisoner by the Japanese with the fall of the Philippines. It is still undetermined whether or not he has been killed or captured. Smith has three brothers in the service: one in the Army, one in the Navy, and one in the Marines.

**Clarence E. SPENCER**

CLARENCE E. SPENCER, a former Dinuba elementary school teacher, was commissioned a Lieutenant in the U. S. Naval Reserve in Sept., 1942. He reported for duty at a Midwestern naval air training base.

**Willard SMITH**



WILLARD SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Smith of 169 Mono Ave., Dinuba, is with the Marine Corps somewhere in the Pacific battle zone. He joined the Marines in December, 1941. After receiving his training at San Diego, he left for overseas in February, 1942. Smith has three brothers in the service: one in the Army, one in the Navy, and one in the Marines.

**Billie STEIMAN**



BILLIE STEIMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Steiman of San Francisco and a nephew of A. Govier of Oroquieta, joined the Navy in 1938. His wife is Barbara Palmer Steiman. He served on the Aircraft Carrier Enterprise. When war broke out with Japan he was a gunner on a bomber based on the Aircraft Carrier Lexington. Three times during aerial battles with the enemy, planes in which Steiman was flying were shot down. When the Lexington was sunk during the battle of the Coral Sea, he was in the water for eleven hours before being picked up. Steiman was eager to "get another crack at the Japs" and was assigned to the Escort Aircraft Carrier Liscome Bay when she was commissioned on August 7, 1943, at Vancouver, Washington. By this time he was a First Chief Mate. On November 24, 1943, the Liscome Bay was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine during the invasion of the Gilbert Islands. Steiman is among those who are missing.

**Wren R. SMITH**



WREN R. SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith of 169 West Mono St., Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy at Fresno in November, 1943. He received his recruit training at Farragut, Idaho; and in February, 1944, spent a 15-day leave visiting his parents. Smith was then transferred to Bremerton, Washington. After a trip to Pearl Harbor aboard an aircraft carrier, he was stationed at San Pedro, and was still located there in September, 1944.

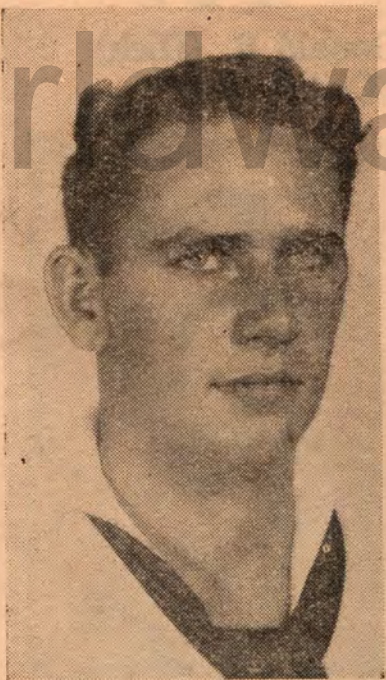
**John H. STONE**



JOHN H. STONE, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Stone, Rt. 1, Box 248, Dinuba, enlisted in the Army Air Force in September, 1942. He was called to service in March, 1943 and reported to Santa Ana for his first preparation to become an Aviation Cadet. He was sent to Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Arizona, for his primary training, and from there to Pecos, Texas, for basic flight training. Stone then was sent to Ft. Sumner, N. M., for advanced training, where he received his wings and commission in January, 1944. He then took an instructor's course at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas; and was sent to Pecos, Texas, as an advanced instructor. Stone received a promotion to senior instructor on May 1, 1944, as one of two in a class of 200 to earn this honor. While in Pecos, he was married to Miss Eleanor Hansen of Kingsburg. Stone is a graduate of Kingsburg High School and Reedley Junior College. He received civilian aeronautics training under Sol Sweet in Visalia.



## Lloyd E. SCOTT



LOYD E. SCOTT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scott of East Reedley, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pattee, Rte. 1 Box 64, Oroquieta, entered the Navy when 17 in the year of 1941. He was at a torpedo school at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. In September, 1943, he held the rank of Torpedoman First Class on a destroyer in the Pacific. He wrote that he was doing duty under Ensign V. J. Warkentin of Reedley. J. C. Scott attended the Dinuba High School and later Reedley High. At last report, he was still at sea.

## Robert B. SCOTT



ROBERT B. SCOTT, son of Mrs. A. Scott, Kingsburg, was stationed at the Army Camp near San Luis Obispo in May, 1942 when he took as his bride Miss Nelma Mantyla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Mantyla, Rt. 1, Box 163, Dinuba. He enlisted in the army Jan. 1941 and received his training at San Francisco, Fort Ord and San Luis Obispo before being transferred to Van Dorn, Miss. He was promoted to Cpl. In October 1943, he was home on a 15-day furlough. In September, 1944, he was with General Patton's Army in France.

## Jess SMITH

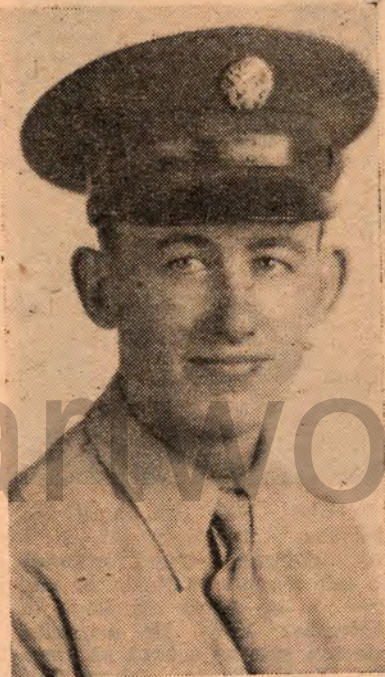
JESS SMITH is in the quartermaster corps of the Army. He received his training in Wyoming and was stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia.

## Elmer Donald SCHWAB



ELMER DONALD SCHWAB, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. L. Schwab, Rt. 1, Box 455, Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy in October, 1942. He entered the Naval Training School at Farragut, Idaho, and upon completion of "boot" camp there was transferred to Norman, Oklahoma. His wife, the former Louise Crawford, joined him there in January, 1943. In May, 1943 he graduated from the Aviation Gunnery School in Purcell, Okla. with a rating of A. O. M. 3/c. He was sent to San Francisco and in June, 1943 went into action with the Navy. In August, 1944, he met his brother-in-law, Bud Crawford in the Pacific area. Schwab has seen combat in both the Southwest and Mid Pacific, and was still overseas in September, 1944. Rated A.O.M. 2/c, he is looking forward to coming home early in 1945.

## Harold SCHREINER



HAROLD SCHREINER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schreiner, of Dinuba left for the Army in March, 1943, and reported for training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He attended Dinuba schools and is a former carrier for the Dinuba Sentinel. In October 1943, Pfc. Schreiner was waiting in California to be sent overseas. At his Missouri

post, Schreiner received his Dinuba High School diploma. He had completed sufficient credits by the middle of his senior year to graduate. He trained with the infantry at Fort Leonard Wood, joining a new division immediately after basic. The division's average age, he said, was the youngest in the states. Schreiner was sent overseas to the South Pacific on October 22, 1943. A letter received by his family in February, 1944, from New Caledonia, stated that everything was swell there, and that he had gained weight, topping the scales at 190. In July, 1944, a communication from the Headquarters of the U. S. South Pacific Army Forces stated that correspondence by which the Army conducts the war, passes through the hands of a Dinuba, California Corporal: 19-year-old Harold Schreiner, a "swing man" in an adjutant general's section at U. S. South Pacific Headquarters. Schreiner's section classifies, registers, and routes Army communications reaching the South Pacific for distribution to various units and services. Outgoing material, handled in the same way, goes to every part of the world. Schreiner joined the Headquarters unit on November 11, 1943, and is familiar with all phases of classification work, including an exacting system of checks and double-checks.

## Bradlee SHEAFE



BRADLEE SHEAFE, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sheafe of Sonoma and husband of the former Betty Jane Howell of Dinuba, enlisted in the United States Navy Reserves in May, 1942. His

first eight weeks of training were received at the Naval Operating Base in Norfolk, Va. Following this he was assigned to the training station in San Diego for six months. Then he returned to Norfolk, Va., for Advanced Gunnery and Fire Control training. Completing this training he was transferred to New York City, where he was assigned to a destroyer. He was first in Africa and then took part in the invasion of Sicily and the Mediterranean area. He reported back to his home port of New York in September, 1944.

## Samuel H. SPOMER



SAMUEL H. SPOMER, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Spomer of Dinuba, was sent to a Cavalry Replacement Training center at Fort Riley, Kansas, upon joining the Army in January, 1942. He is a graduate of Dinuba High and attended Reedley Junior College and Oakland Polytechnic School. Spomer completed his basic training there in September, 1942. He was next stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, for advanced training. He completed his training there in November, 1942, with the rank of Second Lieutenant. After leaving Maryland, Spomer was transferred to Salt Lake City in December, 1942. In January, 1943, he was sent to Spokane, Washington, and from there was transferred to Texas. In March, 1943, he was promoted to First Lieutenant, and sent to England, where in August, 1944, he was still stationed in the ordnance department of a bombing squadron with the Eighth Army.

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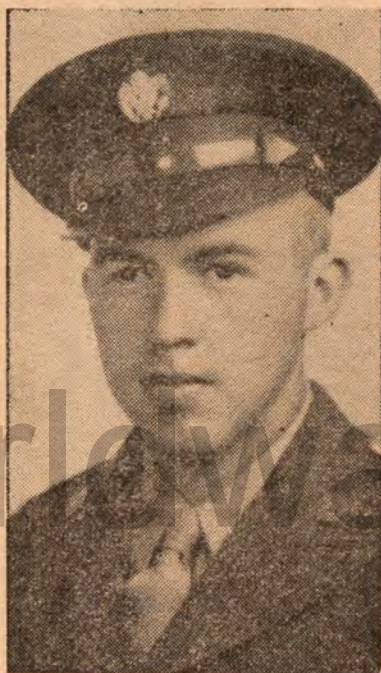


## Charles E. SCRUGGS



CHARLES E. SCRUGGS, son of the late Mrs. Ida M. Scruggs of Sultana, was commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve while a student at the University of California at Berkeley. He is the brother of Mrs. C. R. Stouffer and Margaret Ann Scruggs of Sultana. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1935 and from Visalia Junior College in 1937. Scruggs was called into active service in January, 1942, following his graduation from the university in December, 1941. Upon completion of training at Fort Schuyler, N. Y., in April, 1942, he received advanced training in electronics and radio engineering at Bowdoin College in Maine and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. In January, 1943, he went on duty with the Pacific Fleet, and in March of that year, was advanced to lieutenant (jg). He participated in the Gilbert Island invasion. Scruggs came home on leave in April, 1944, and at that time was married to Miss Christine Heape in the rectory of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Mrs. Scruggs resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Heape at 420 Riverside Drive, New York. He was advanced to lieutenant, senior grade, upon his return to duty with the Pacific Fleet.

## Bill SCRUGGS



BILL SCRUGGS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Scruggs of Sultana, enlisted in the Army May, 1943. He was sent to Monterey for his basic training and then to Camp Roberts for 17 weeks' special training in Field Artillery.

In October, 1943, he had been moved to Camp Laguna, Arizona, where he received additional training in the Survey Section of the Field Artillery. In February, 1944, he was stationed at an Army camp in Kansas, and came home for a few days' visit at his home. Scruggs was sent to England in April, 1944, and was sent to France during the first part of the "D" Day invasion. He is a surveyor in the Field Artillery. His division was one of the first to see action there, having participated in the battle of Cherbourg Peninsula and the capture of the port. In a letter written to his parents in July, 1944, Scruggs stated, "Even if it does rain a lot in France, the climate is better than in England. It isn't so foggy and clammy. It's more like our springs at home. The homes and villages of the French are pretty, and the people are very friendly." In late September, 1944, his division, in the 1st Army, was in action somewhere on the German border.

## Robert A. SEGRUE



ROBERT A. SEGRUE, son of Mr. E. J. Segrue of Route 2, Box 289, Reedley, has been in the China-Burma-India theater since May 10, 1943, serving as an aerial engineer and gunner with the 14th Air Force. His wife, Mrs. Helen Segrue, resides at 1564 15th St., Reedley. Segrue was promoted from corporal to sergeant in August, 1944.

## Donald SCHAAF



DONALD SCHAAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milo L. SchAAF, P. O. Box 482 Dinuba entered the Navy in June 1942. He attended boot camp at San Diego and Radio College at College Station, Texas. He was stationed at the Hawaiian Islands for his first practical duty and training. In October, 1943, he was on active duty in the South Pacific as a Radio Mate second class. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1941. In September, 1944, SchAAF was somewhere in

the Pacific, attending radar school. At that time, he had been overseas for 21 of his 27 months of service, and had not been home since leaving for the service. He was a radio mate first class.

## Crosby SHAHPAZIAN



CROSBY SHAHPAZIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Shahpazian of Dinuba, entered the Army immediately after the Pearl Harbor bombing and in December, 1942 was on duty with a fighter squadron of the air corps in New Orleans Louisiana, as the radio operator. In October, 1943, he was rated as a Sergeant and located in the Panama Canal Zone. At this time, he is in Florida.

## Robert SEVIER



ROBERT SEVIER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor N. Sevier, Rt. 2, Box 71, Dinuba, worked for Douglas and Lockheed in L. A. and entered the Army air force in September, 1942. He attended aviation ground school at Sheppard Field, Texas. After that he was stationed at La Junta, Colorado as a private first class.

## Noel SAY

NOEL SAY, husband of the former Martha Kabel of Dinuba, left for the service from Fresno on September 20, 1944. His wife and two small children reside at 554 West El Monte Way, Dinuba.

Say was sent first to San Francisco.

## Donald R. (Dick) SCHOFIELD



DONALD R. (Dick) Schofield son of Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Schofield of Dinuba, entered the Navy, Air Corps on September 9, 1944. He graduated from the Dinuba High School in 1944. Schofield was sent to Jacksonville, Florida, for training in radio gunnery. He is rated a seaman 2-c.

## Rouvello G. STOUFFER



ROUVELLO G. STOUFFER, son of Mrs. Bessie Stouffer, 159 South I Street, in Dinuba, graduated from the Dinuba Union High School and the College of the Pacific at Stockton. He was inducted into the Army in May, 1942, at Exeter, and was sent to Fort McArthur, San Pedro. He was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for a course in airplane mechanics, and in the following October, was assigned to an Army air base at Santa Monica. There he received his final training and actual experience, working on B-17 bombers. In February, 1943, he was located at Wendover Field, Utah, and during the following March was home for ten days, displaying sergeant's stripes. At that time he returned to a bomber base at Kearney, Neb., and was next sent to Wisconsin. In June, 1943, he was sent overseas, arriving in England early in July. In September, 1944, Stouffer rated a staff sergeant, and had been in England for sixteen months. He is in complete charge of the maintenance of a bomber.



## Clyde WILSON



CLYDE WILSON, son of Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Lloyd A. Wilson, and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson who formerly lived in Dinuba and now reside at Rt. 2, Box 9, Kingsburg, entered the Army in October, 1942. He reported for duty at Ford Ord. He had been employed at Sequoia Field before entering the service. From Ord he was assigned to the Artillery and in 1943 was serving in the Hawaiian Islands. In 1944, he was on Saipan at the same time as his father, who is with the Air Force. Clyde is a sergeant and is now somewhere in the Pacific war theater. His mother has been on duty with the auxiliary military police in Knoxville, Tenn. Their home is in Los Angeles.

## Lloyd A. WILSON



LLOYD A. WILSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson, who formerly lived in the Dinuba district and now reside at Rt. 2, Box 9, Kingsburg, is a veteran of World War I. He entered the armed forces again after Pearl Harbor, serving as a specialist with the Air Forces at Atlanta, Georgia. Next, he was sent to Hawaii and then to Saipan with an Army Air Force service unit. A Staff Sergeant, he was on Saipan at the same time as his son, Sgt. Clyde Wilson, who is in the artillery. Mrs. Lloyd A. Wilson, who has been serving with the auxiliary military police at Knoxville, Tenn., received word in October, 1944, that her husband was in a hospital at Hawaii. He wrote that he hopes to be home soon, so she returned to the west coast and came to visit his parents at Kingsburg. Her home is in Los Angeles.

## Herbert WHITEHOUSE



HERBERT WHITEHOUSE, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitehouse entered the U. S. Coast guard on his 17th birthday, Sept. 22, 1943. He received his boot training at Alameda, and sailed from there in December, 1943, directly to the Hawaiian Islands, where he was made a crew member of an LST. Whitehouse was assigned as an ammunition passer when the ship was in combat. He participated in the invasion of the Marshall Islands on February 1, 1944, and saw service at Kwajalein and Eniwetok. At Kwajalein, Whitehouse picked up a captured Japanese machine gun, which he possesses. From there, he sailed back to Pearl Harbor, and in a few days moved out again for Saipan Island, where on June 15, he took part in the invasion of Saipan, narrowly escaping from being hit by shellfire several times. About a month later, he was in action at Tinian and Guam in the Mariana Islands. In August, 1944, he held the rating of Seaman second class.

## Marion WATKINS



MARION WATKINS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins of Oroquieta, joined the army, Aug. 26, 1942 going to Ft. MacArthur. From there, he was transferred to Camp Haan, Riverside. Sent to Long Beach, Calif., he was promoted to a Corporal. In Oct. 1943, he was at Long Beach, Cal. In January he was sent to Burbank from there he was transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas, where his Coast Artillery unit was made an instructor unit. Cpl. Watkins spent a 15 day furlough in February and has just com-

pleted another 15 day furlough with his parents. In Oroquieta, Oct. 25, 1944.

## William F. WATKINS



WILLIAM F. WATKINS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins, P. O. Box 1244, Oroquieta, entered the armed forces on May 20, 1944. After basic training at San Diego, he completed advanced training in Amphibious Landing Craft at Coronado in Sept. 1944. Seaman 3/c Watkins was assigned to a ship making his first voyage in mid-September. He recently visited his folks on a 48 hour pass before turning to active sea duty.

## Harold WEBB



HAROLD WEBB, son of John Webb and brother of Mrs. W. R. Halstead and Francis Webb of Cutler, is an Oroquieta High School graduate and well known here. He was working as a rancher in Cutler when he was inducted in May 1942. He was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, shortly after his enlistment. Next he went to Dayton, Ohio. He was home once since his enlistment visiting with his father John Webb, and sister Mrs. W. R. Halstead, also his other sisters Mrs. Frank Castino, Mrs. Charles Johnson of Turlock and Mrs. Manuel Caton of Atwater. Webb was advanced to the rank of Sergeant and was a flight master at an army air Force weather reconnaissance squadron base in Trux Field, Wisconsin, for a time. In November, 1943, Webb was transferred from Madison, Wisconsin, to the Orlando Air Base, Orlando, Fla. In September, 1944, he was a staff sergeant, and

still stationed at Orlando, where he maneuvered a B-25.

## Neil K. WHITE



NEIL K. WHITE, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. White of Box 266, Dinuba, reported for duty as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., unit of the Army Air Forces Eastern Technical Training Command. In October, 1943, he was taking flight surgeon training at the Nashville Army Air Center Station Hospital at Nashville, Tenn. His work there was that of assigning air cadets to their respective jobs on the planes. A Captain then, White left Keesler Field early in August, 1944, to report to the Overseas Replacement Depot at Greensboro, N. C. In a letter received in August, 1944, White stated that he was about to leave the United States, and that he expected a long trip.

## Albert H. WINTERS



ALBERT H. WINTERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Winters of 1405 Walnut St., Sanger, entered the Army on June 22, 1944. He is a graduate of Sanger High School. Winters reported to Monterey, and from there was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, in the Armored Tank Division. His wife, the former Wilma Jean Galloway, was with her husband at Fort Knox in August, 1944, where he was stationed with the rank of private.

## Shannon WEBB

SHANNON WEBB of Cutler enlisted with the U. S. Army Sept. 21, 1942. He is a graduate of the Cutler schools and married the former Miss Lillybell Highfield and has a small daughter, who reside at Cutler.



## Joseph J. WEISS



JOSEPH J. WEISS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weiss of Rt. 2, Box 218, Dinuba, entered the Navy in June, 1942. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1939. Weiss completed training at the University of Southern California on October 15, 1943. He received advanced training in New York at Columbia University, finishing there on February 28, 1944, with the rank of ensign. Following completion of his training at Columbia University, he was sent to Fort Pierce, Florida, where he trained as a navigator. In September, 1944, he was reported to be on duty somewhere in the Pacific.

## Donald Ray WEST

DONALD RAY WEST, son of Mrs. Elmer Gustason of the Kingsburg district, formerly of Dinuba district, attended the Dinuba schools and entered the Army Air Force in April, 1943. In August, 1943 he graduated from the armaments department of the air forces technical training command, Lowery Field, at Denver Colorado, and was transferred to Laredo, Texas, as a Tow-Target Specialist. He visited in Dinuba on a 10 day stop-over en route to duty at Salt Lake City, Utah.

## William (Bob) WEST



WILLIAM (Bob) WEST son of Mrs. Elmer Gustason of the Kingsburg district, grew up in Dinuba and graduated from local schools. He is with the U. S. Army Air Force and has attended several different schools in various parts of the country and is now a mechanic stationed at March Field. Friends here were

informed that Bob was married while there. He was reported at the 341st Air Base at Pecos, Texas, and had a rating of Technical Sergeant and was a technical instructor.

## Ernest H. WEINS



ERNEST H. WEINS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weins of Rt. 1, Box 190, Dinuba, California, enlisted in the U. S. Navy on May 11, 1944. He attended Dinuba High School. Weins completed his boot training at Farragut, Idaho, on July 4, 1944. He received further training at Shoemaker, Calif., and at Treasure Island. A Seaman second class at the time, Weins was sent overseas to the South Pacific on August 11, 1944, where he is serving aboard a destroyer.

## Arthur WIEST



ARTHUR WIEST, son of Fred C. Wiest, south of Dinuba, joined the United States Coast Guard in Aug. 1942. He was stationed at Alameda, Calif. He was there six months before being transferred to Norfolk, Virginia. At Norfolk, Wiest was trained for overseas duty. He served in the amphibious Force and participated in the invasions of Italy. When he was in Oran, Africa, he met Virgil Kleinsasser, and during his stay there, learned of the death of his mother. His wife, the former Irene Hofer, and infant son, whom he has never seen, are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hofer of the Grandview district. In June, 1944, it was learned that Wiest was in England; and during the Normandy invasion, he was among the members of the crew of a Coast Guard manned LST to receive letters of commendation of "exceptional performance." While under shell fire, Wiest helped load 256 wounded men, including prisoners, aboard their ship in a fourteen hour period. In September, 1944, he rated E. M. 2/c.

## James WELDON



JAMES WELDON, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Weldon, Rt. 1, Box 529 Oroqui, enlisted in U. S. N. in April, 1943. His basic training was at Farragut, Idaho. He returned home then for a short furlough before reporting to Treasure Island, California. He is a Seaman First Class and in October, 1943, sailed for India, coming home again in January, 1944. He was then stationed at Long Beach, Calif., for a short time; and after visiting his home, Weldon sailed for the second time. He returned to the States on August 8, 1944, and arrived at his home on the following August 28 on a 12-day leave. Returning to Treasure Island on September 11, Weldon was sta-

tioned there. He is a member of the Pentecostal Church of Oroqui.

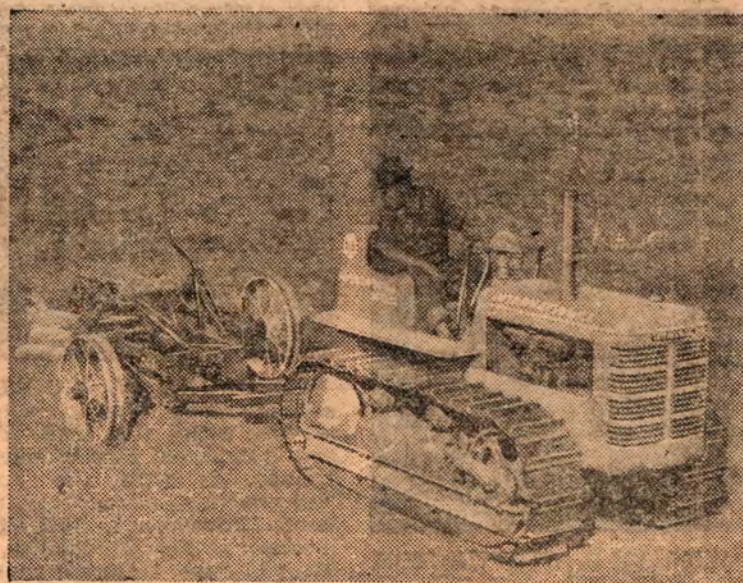
## Bill WILSON



BILL WILSON, of the Dinuba district, reported for army duty in March 1943. He was stationed at Camp Swift where his wife, the former Nellie Schleicher was with him. In Oct. 1943 he was transferred to Louisiana. After training in Louisiana with his anti-tank company, Wilson was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He remained there for approximately seven months. In September, 1944, he was stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo. A Sergeant, Wilson was in the Motor Pool.

## Riney WEIMER

RINEY WEIMER, of Sanger, and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Meyers, of Dinuba, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weimer of Sanger, formerly of Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy.



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## William Denzil WHITE



WILLIAM DENZIL WHITE, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. White of Orange Cove, entered the Navy on August 20, 1942. He is the brother of Mrs. Forrest Gardner of Rt. 1, Box 382, Kingsburg. White received boot training at San Diego; and from there went to Seattle, Wash., where he was assigned to a destroyer. After serving twenty months in the Pacific, he came home in February, 1944. He has been awarded battle stars for Attu and Kiska. In September, 1944, he was reported to be a seaman 1/c.

## William R. WHITTINGTON



WILLIAM R. WHITTINGTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whittington of 580 West El-Monte Way, graduated from Dinuba High school in 1934 and later attended Visalia Junior College, and was working in Dinuba for the Dopkins Chapel when he decided to enlist with the U. S. Army in Oct. 1940. He was stationed at March Field for over a year and was on maneuvers on Mount Tamalpais near San Francisco at the time of Pearl Harbor. After two months there he was assigned to Camp Haan from which place he was sent to advanced radio school at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, in February 1942. He was married before leaving New Jersey to the former Jean Wilderotter and was in Dinuba on furlough with his wife in May 1942. He returned to San Francisco, California for assignment. Bill was with the Signal Reporting com-

pany in San Francisco for some time. He graduated from the Officer Candidate Department of the Eastern Signal Corps School at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. and was commissioned Second Lieutenant on February 19, 1943. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whittington visited with Bill in New York. While there they saw Lynn Greene also of Dinuba. After Bill received his commission he was sent to Warner Robins Field, near Macon, Georgia, and later transferred to Greenville, South Carolina. In September 1943 he was assigned to Columbia Army Air Base at Columbia, South Carolina. In October, 1943 Lt. Whittington was sent overseas. He was assigned as signal officer with headquarters of a troop carrier command, stationed somewhere in England. On June 15, 1944, he was promoted to first lieutenant. His wife, Mrs. Jean Whittington, is making her home in Dinuba with Lt. Whittington's parents.

## Theodore W. WOOLLEY



THEODORE W. WOOLLEY, son of Avery Woolley who is serving with the Sea Bees, and grandson of Tom Woolley of Dinuba, is with the Army. Ted graduated as an expert mechanic November 7, 1941, from a school at Fort McPherson, Ga. Then in June, 1942 he graduated from Rad'o School in Fort Knox, Kentucky. His radio interest started while he was home some time ago and has been added to and put to good use by the Army. Also interested in mineralogy, it was he who discovered the tungsten deposit, current scene of activity in the hills east of Dinuba. In Oct. 1943, he was attached to the radio division in Headquarters Company of an armored division in North Africa with the rank of Corporal. Woolley spent one year in Africa, going then to England, where he spent eight months. In Aug. 1944, he was still in radio and was located in the Headquarters Company of an armored division in France. He has since moved into Belgium.

## Larry VALERO

LARRY VALERO, formerly the owner of Valero's Cafe, in

Cutler entered the Army in March, 1943, and was stationed at Monterey.

## Wm. J. WOOLEY



Wm. J. WOOLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wooley of Rt. 2, Box 259 Dinuba, entered the Army on September 19, 1944. He was a senior at Dinuba High School at the time of his enlistment. He is with the infantry at Camp Roberts.

## Charles Clifford WOOLEY



CHARLES CLIFFORD WOOLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wooley of Sultana, left high school in his junior year to join the Navy. He reported for duty in Jan. 1943, at San Francisco, and was transferred to Farragut, Idaho. He received his three months' boot camp training at Camp Waldron of the U. S. Naval Training Station at Farragut. He was sent to Ship's Company for his ship service at Camp Peterson, at Farragut for six months' duty. In October, 1943, as a Seaman, second class, he entered the Electrician's Mate School at Camp Peterson, at Farragut, for a 16 weeks specialized electrical course. Wooley graduated from E. M. School as a Petty Officer third class, and signed for Submarine school. He reported at New London, Conn., for basic training on February 28, 1944. On April 28, 1944, Wooley was assigned to Advanced Submarine School, and specialized in Battery and Gyro Compass. He graduated on May 29, 1944, and was assigned to a newly commissioned ship, leaving for overseas duty in the Pacific on August 29, 1944.

## Fred WELCH

FRED WELCH, is now an instructor in the army air force.

at Rankin Flying School, Tulare. He formerly operated a laundry here. He received his flight instruction under the Civil Aeronautics program before entering the army.

## Avery L. WOOLLEY



AVERY L. WOOLLEY, of Dinuba, joined the U. S. Navy Sea Bees in December, 1942. His wife resides at 270 North I St., Dinuba. After extensive training at Camp Peary, Va., he spent eight months in Newfoundland on construction work. Then he was stationed in the States for nine months. He was reported to be on his way overseas in September, 1944.

## Leslie WRIGHT



LESLIE WRIGHT, formerly employed by the Western Auto Supply Co. of Dinuba left for the army in Aug. 1943. He was stationed at the Presidio of Monterey where he had been assigned to the classification and assignment section of the Reception Center. He was home visiting his family on August 24, 1943. Wright was stationed at Monterey until April, 1944. After coming home on a furlough then, he reported to Vancouver, Washington. His wife is making her home with her brother, Ira Lindgren, near Monson. Leslie Wright reported at Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington, April 25, 1944 and is working in the Medical Detachment office.



## Joe P. WOOD



JOE P. WOOD, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wood of P. O. Box 87, Raisin City, former Sultana residents, entered the service on March 2, 1943. He received an intensive course of study in aviation mechanics at Amarillo Army Air Field. From there he was sent to the Army Air Field at Stockton in Dec. 1943. In Sept. 1944 Wood was transferred to Chanute Field, Ill. where he was chosen one of the outstanding men of the Chanute Field school in the instrument division. He was chosen by the Department of Technical Training, not only for scholastic standing, but also for soldierly qualities.

## Paul A. WOOD



PAUL A. WOOD, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wood, formerly of Sultana and now of P. O. Box 87 Raisin City, entered the Navy on March 1, 1943. He received his boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and was transferred to Treasure Island, where he entered cook's school. Wood was assigned to a small craft in the coast patrol as cook 3/c. In September, 1944, he was reported to still be doing coast patrol duty on the Pacific coast, with the rating of cook 2/c.

## Donald WOOLEY



DONALD WOOLEY, son of H. F. Wooley of Selma, and of Mrs. Eileen Wooley of 266 Franklin Way Dinuba, was first sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, as his first assignment in the Army Air Forces. In September, 1943, he was transferred to Texas Technical College. Wooley received pre-flight instruction as an air cadet at Santa Ana. Completing primary flight training at Twenty-Nine Palms, he went through basic at Lancaster, and advanced at Marfa, Texas. Wooley received his silver wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant there in September, 1944. He was then sent to Hobbs, New Mexico, as pilot on a B-17.

## Leonard WOODS



LEONARD WOODS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Woods of 417 North L St., Dinuba, first entered the Merchant Marines as a cadet midshipman. A graduate of Tranquility High School in 1941, he attended Visalia Junior College. Woods served as a midshipman with the Matson Lines until March, 1944, when he resigned from the Merchant Marine Corps, receiving an honorable discharge. He then enlisted in the Merchant Marine as A/s. In September, 1944, he had been on a five month voyage to the Admiralty Islands and New Guinea. Granted a 30-day leave, he reported back for duty on September 19.

## Bill WAGONER

BILL WAGONER, son of Mrs. Louis E. Forrest, P. O. Box 302,

Dinuba, enlisted in the Navy and reported for duty at Fresno on September 25, 1944. Seventeen years old at the time of his enlistment. Wagoner graduated from Dinuba High School in June, 1944, at present, he is at Camp Bennion, Farragut, Idaho.

## Stanley Alvin WOODS



STANLEY ALVIN WOODS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woods of 417 No. L St., Dinuba, attended the Dinuba High School and joined the Navy on December 7, 1943. He received his basic training at San Diego, completing it during the same month. Woods finished advanced training in Oregon in May, 1944, with the rating of Seaman first class. He shipped out the summer of 1944 as a plane mechanic on an aircraft carrier.

## Kenneth W. WRAY



KENNETH W. WRAY, former managing editor of the Orange Cove News, was inducted into

the Army in September, 1942. He is a member of the California Newspaper Publisher's Association, and has a brother, Robert, formerly employed in Orange Cove, who had been overseas with the U.S. Army in England for a year in August, 1944. Kenneth received his advanced training at Camp Roberts, and from there was sent to Camp Ellis, Illinois, in the personnel department of the Medical Corps. According to word received by his friends in August, 1944, he had arrived safely in England, after leaving for overseas. Later he was reported in France.

## John WIEBE



JOHN WIEBE, son of Mrs. Lindley Reed, Box 257, Orosi, and brother of David, Esther and Leah Wiebe of Dinuba, enlisted in U. S. Navy February 7, 1940. In June 1942, he was transferred from the U. S. Naval Hospital at Corona, Calif., formerly the exclusive Norwegian Club, to New York. Then, in Sept. 1943, was sent to San Pedro, Cal. Pharmacists' Mate Second Class Wiebe is receiving foreign duty in the South Pacific. He arrived in San Francisco in August, 1944, after 22 months of overseas duty. He served first with a Naval hospital, and then aboard an amphibious vessel throughout the Solomon Islands campaign. A pharmacist's mate 1/c, he was granted 30-days leave on August 25, and reported to Pensacola, Fla., at the conclusion of his leave. He was married to Julia Karabelas of New York City during that time.

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## Frank Harlowe WRIGHT



FRANK H. WRIGHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Wright of Orange Cove, and a brother of John H. Wright, attended school at Orosi. He was in World War No. 1, serving in France and when discharged was a Lieutenant. He kept up his reserve training and contacts and when war was declared was in Arabia with the Standard Oil Company. He immediately returned to the States and enlisted, in due time he was promoted to Major. In October, 1943 he was stationed with the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Wright was promoted to Lieutenant colonel on September 2, 1944. He was still stationed at Fort Monmouth, and expected overseas duty soon.

## John H. WRIGHT



JOHN H. WRIGHT, formerly employed by the Shell Oil Company, joined the Navy in January, 1942, and is in the radio department. Wright attended the training school at Treasure Island. He was reported in Sept. 1943, to be in New Guinea. He held the rating of Radio Technician, first-class and trained at Camp LeJeune, New River, No. Carolina and at Point Hueneme, in addition to Treasure Island. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Wright, of Orange Cove and has a brother in the service. Lt. Col. Frank H. Wright of the Army Signal Corps. Wright visited his parents in Orange Cove in June, following his service in the New Guinea area. Shortly after that time, he

left San Francisco for somewhere in the South Pacific area. He is a chief radio technician.

## Phillip WRIGHT



PHILLIP WRIGHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wright of Dinuba, entered the Army Air Forces on December 2, 1942, at Fresno. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 1941. He received basic training at Fort MacArthur, and went to school in Los Angeles; Washington, D. C., New York City; La Guardia Field, N. Y.; and trained in Camp Luna, N. M.; and Sheppard Field, Texas. Wright was sent to Officers Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida, graduating from there on November 13, 1943, and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was then assigned to Hamilton Field, Calif., with the Air Transport Command. His duties were concerned with priorities and traffic. In March, 1944, he came home on a ten-day leave before shipping overseas. Wright left for overseas on March 9, 1944, first going to Hickam Field, Hawaii; then to the Ellice Islands; and from there to the Solomons.

## Joe WRIGHT, Jr.



JOE WRIGHT, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wright of 906 El Monte Way, Dinuba, and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright of Dinuba, entered the Army on March 17, 1942. He attended Dinuba High School. Wright trained in the infantry at Camp Roberts and San Luis Obispo. He was sent overseas to Schofield Barracks in the Hawaiian Islands; and was in the invasion of the Marshall Islands, on Saipan, Tinian, and Guam. In September, 1944, he was in the hospital at Saipan, and at that time had not been home in three years. He was a private first class then.

## Jack WRIGHT



JACK WRIGHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wright of 906 El Monte Way, Dinuba. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright, 211 N. Alta Dinuba. He was shipped out with the Army Transport Service in June of 1944. He later received an honorable medical discharge.

## Bernard WILEMAN



EUGENE BERNARD WILEMAN, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Wileman, of Cutler, enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps in October, 1942. He was attending the University of California at Berkeley when called into active duty. He was also a member of the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity. On March 24, 1943, with one hundred fellow students, escorted by college bands and the waving of flags, boarded buses for the Presidio of Monterey where Bernard was inducted into the Quartermaster Corps, attached to the Army Air Forces. He was sent to the Technical Training School at Keesler Field, Mississippi where he received his basic training. He was then sent to the Army Air Base at New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was assigned to the 50th Service Group. His service group was then sent on detached duty to Lebanon, Tennessee where he

was made a Pfc. His group was bivouaced on the campus of the Cumberland University for nearly three months furnishing supplies and equipment for troops on maneuvers. While on duty there Bernard had the pleasure of broadcasting over WSM at Nashville to his family and friends, being interviewed by Trudy Brown. In October, 1943, he was sent to Dyersburg Army Air Base near Memphis, Tenn., where he was made a Technical Corporal. He worked in the purchasing and contracting of the base quartermaster corps there. Wileman was on furlough for several days in October, 1943, flying home. In January, 1944, he wrote from England that he had an interesting trip over and that he was enjoying it very much. When he had a leave, he was spending it in bicycling over the countryside. At that time, he had spent a recent furlough in Cambridge visiting the campus. In March, 1944, his promotion from the grade of T/5 to T/4 was announced by the Eighth Fighter Command "somewhere in England". In September, 1944, Wileman was reported to be doing administration work all over England. Sgt. Wileman was recently sent to Liverpool in line with his duties and while there he had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Holmes, a fruit broker, with whom his father's firm had done business for many years. He also had the pleasure of being entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bunny, a sister of Mr. George Day of Cutler. Bernard also wrote of going through the Mersey Tunnel which was completed just before the war and is the largest and latest piece of engineering in England.

## Robert Harold WEBB



HAROLD WEBB, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Webb of 347 No. I Street Dinuba, enlisted in the U. S. Marines October 8, 1942, at San Diego. He was honorably discharged, and in October 1943 signed up for the Merchant Marine. Webb was employed in Los Angeles in August, 1944, and had not yet been called into active service with the Merchant Marine.

## Henry S. J. WALTERS

HENRY S. J. WALTERS, son of the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Walters of Reedley, is serving in the United States Coast Guard. Yeoman First Class, Walters was stationed at San Francisco in August, 1944.



### Vernon C. WYLLIE



VERNON C. WYLLIE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Wyllie, Sr., 1600 142nd St., San Leandro, attended Dinuba high school and enlisted in the Navy Air Corps in November, 1942. In October, 1943, he had advanced to Aviation Machinist's Mate second-class and was in the Air Transport Command flying to the Southwest Pacific. Wyllie was helping to keep the Navy's big planes in order as crew chief. He is stationed at Alameda with the rating of Aviation Machinist Mate 1/c.

### Roy W. WYLLIE



ROY W. WYLLIE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Wyllie, Sr., 1600, 142nd St., San Leandro, graduated in 1935 from the Reedley Junior College, reported to the Army Air Base at Sheppard Field for training. He was transferred to Greenwood Mississippi Army Air Base for his basic flight training. He entered the air forces in November 1942. He graduated August 30 from Blytheville, Ark., Army Air Field as a Lieutenant. In October, 1943, he was in the Student Officer's Detachment at Maxwell Field, Ala. His wife is the former Miss Frances Richardson of Parlier, and is making her home with her parents at 380 Merced St. for the duration. Wyllie flew his Liberator Bomber, "The Sun Maid," from Topeka, Kansas, to somewhere in Italy in May, 1944. He flew a number of missions without mishap, but one day while riding in a jeep, a truck ran into it, and

he received a dislocated shoulder, which grounded him for several days. While he was grounded, his crew and plane were lost. On August 2, 1944, he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in a crash landing on an American Air Field in Italy, after his plane had been shot up over enemy territory. He was also presented with the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster. Wyllie was promoted to First Lieutenant on August 1, 1944.

### Melvin WELLS



MELVIN WELLS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wells, 159 No. H St., Dinuba, entered the Army on August 12, 1944 as a private in the infantry at Camp McQuaide, Monterey, Calif.

### Robert WILSON



ROBERT WILSON, former Dinuba youth, was in the Army Field Artillery before Pearl Harbor and was ordered into foreign service in December, 1941. He has been stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo and Camp Roberts. He was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands as a medical clerk in a hospital detachment. Wilson reported in June, 1944, that when Mrs. Roosevelt toured his area somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, he was chosen as one of her guides. He received his first furlough in three years in Aug. 1944, and came home to marry Miss Helene Gratz of Dinuba. He then reported to Seattle, Washington, where he expected to be shipped out again during the first part of September. His rank at that time was S./Sgt.

### Elvin Leroy WILLIAMS

ELVIN LEROY WILLIAMS, of Dinuba enlisted in the navy in October, 1942.

### William E. WILSON



WILLIAM E. WILSON, whose wife, Mrs. Doris Wilson, and infant son, Edwin, reside in Oroquieta, P. O. Box 344, entered the Army in September, 1942. He received his training at Camp Roberts, and at Fort Lewis, Washington. In August, 1943, Wilson was sent overseas with the Signal Corps, first landing in North Africa. He was sent to Italy in November, 1943, where he received his T/5 rating. Wilson has not seen his son, Edwin, who was born in February, 1944.

### Raymond B. WOODCOCK



RAYMOND B. WOODCOCK, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Woodcock of 151 Snyder Avenue, He was employed by the Alta Packing Co for 10 years. Attended the local schools. He enlisted in the army Oct. 20, 1942, going to Camp Hood Texas. Graduated from Tank School in July 1943. He then went to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and was a sergeant in the tank destroyer division as motor inspector.

### Thomas YOUNG

THOMAS YOUNG, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Young of Dinuba, entered the Army in the fall of 1942 and in September, 1943 was transferred from Jackson, Florida to Camp Springs, Washington, D. C. He went overseas in November, 1943. In Army Communications, Sgt. Young was thought to be located in Scotland in September, 1944.

### Robert H. YARYAN



BOB YARYAN, son of Mrs. Hazel Yaryan of 1160 Francisco Street, Berkeley, and the late Bert Yaryan, formerly of Dinuba, joined the Army Air Force in October, 1942. He entered pre-flight training at Santa Ana Air Base, Santa Ana, and took Primary at Ryan Field, Tucson, Ariz. He completed Basic Training at Pecos, Texas and was transferred to Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona for his advanced training. Yaryan was commissioned at Luke Field in December, 1943. He received further training at Tacoma, Wash., and at Concord, Calif., before leaving for overseas. When the invasion began, he was on his way to Algiers, where he remained for a short while. Lt. Yaryan then went to Italy, where he was stationed when his P-38 crashed on a training mission on June 30, 1944, fatally injuring him. He was employed at Lockheed for two years before he joined the Army; and was married on September 6, 1942, to Miss Vera Louise Kelly of Los Angeles. Their baby daughter, Susan Jean, was born on August 26, 1944. Besides his wife and daughter, Lt. Yaryan is survived by his mother, Mrs. Hazel Yaryan of Berkeley; and two sisters, Maxine Yaryan of 1733 No. Alexandria Ave., Hollywood, and Mrs. Richard Demaree of Oroquieta.

### Irwin WOODY



IRWIN WOODY, of Dinuba, enlisted in the Army in Sept., 1942 and received all military training at Camp Haan. Because of being over 38-years of age he was given an honorable discharge in January 1943.



**Harry W. YOUNG**



HARRY W. YOUNG, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young of 1041 J. St., Reedley, joined the Navy in November, 1942. He graduated from Los Angeles High School in 1921. His wife and two children reside in Tejunga, California. Young received basic training in San Diego, and reported for active duty in February, 1943. An Aviation Machinist's Mate first class, he was sent overseas on an aircraft carrier. He became a victim of malaria and was sent back to San Diego, where he was stationed in August, 1944.

**Charles H. YOUNG**



CHARLES H. YOUNG, second oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Young, 1041 J. St., Reedley, entered the armed forces in March, 1942. He graduated from Reedley High School in 1938. Young received boot training at Elysian Park, Los Angeles, and immediately was sent from there to Cuba, where he was stationed for two years. In August, 1944, he transferred to New York City, with the rating of Yeoman second class.

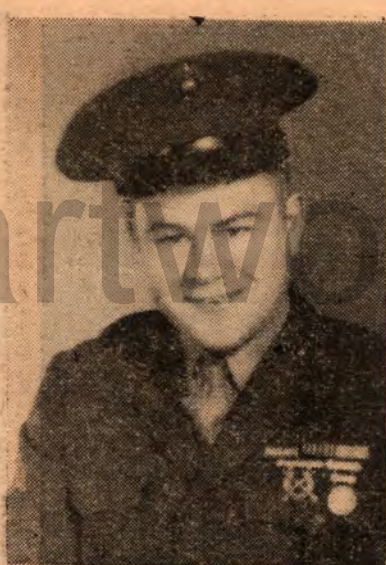
**John L. WOODS**

JOHN L. WOODS, of Cutler, who is a Sergeant in the Army, has been transferred from Lambert Field, Robertson, Mo., to Miami, Florida. His wife and baby are with him.

**Alfred YAMAGUCHI**

ALFRED YAMAGUCHI, a cousin of Ben Yamaguchi, was placed in the Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

**Paul YOUNG**



PAUL YOUNG, third oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young of 1041 J. St., Reedley, entered the U. S. Marine Corps in March, 1942. He graduated from Reedley High School in 1940. Young received his basic training in San Diego, and was in the third barge load of Marines to land on Guadalcanal on August 7, 1942. He fought on Guadalcanal for a year, becoming a victim of malaria, and was sent back to the States to recuperate. He was released from a San Diego hospital in June, 1944, and was sent to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. A Private first class in August, 1944, he was stationed there as a telephone operator.

**Lewis Roy YOUNG**



LEWIS ROY YOUNG, fourth oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young of 1041 J. St., Reedley, enlisted in the Navy in April, 1943. He graduated from Reedley High School in 1942. Young received boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and was assigned to active duty as a member of the Armed Guard, in July, 1943. He made three trips overseas, and in August, 1944, was a gunner on a Standard Oil tanker running from San Diego to Seattle, Washington. He was a Seaman first class at that time.

**Jack YOUNG**

JACK YOUNG, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Young of Dinuba, was stationed at the Navy Pre-Flight School at St. Mary's University in January, 1943. He was transferred from ship service to the academic department in the fall of 1943. In September, 1944, he was reported to be still stationed there.

**William R. YOUNG**



WILLIAM R. YOUNG, fifth and youngest, of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, 1041 J. St., Reedley, enlisted in the Navy in April 1944, when he was a junior in the Reedley High School. After completing basic training at Farragut, Idaho, Young took a course in communications at the University of Idaho. In August, 1944, he was receiving instruction there as a Seaman second class. Young was then assigned to a ship for active duty.

**M. A. YOUNG**



M. A. YOUNG, father of Jimmy and Mary Evelyn Young, enlisted in the Army on September 1, 1942. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mathis of California Ave., Dinuba.

Young was sent to Camp Claiborn, La., for basic training. After six weeks of training there, he was sent to Fort Sam Houston for further instruction. He was stationed in San Antonio, Texas, from November until April, 1943, when he was sent overseas to North Africa, and in September, 1944, was reported to be somewhere in Italy.

**Mary Evelyn YOUNG**



MARY E. YOUNG, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Marshall Young, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mathis, 140 California Avenue, was a worker at Mather Field until she joined the WAVES. She was sworn in in July, 1943 and left for Hunter College, New York, for basic training. She was then sent to Corpus Christi, Texas, for further training. After finishing her course there, she transferred to Memphis, Tenn., to the Naval hospital. By September, 1944, she had been stationed there for a year, and was receiving instruction in physiotherapy. A pharmacist's mate 3/c, at that time, she expected to complete her course soon.

**Lyle C. YOUNG**



LYLE C. YOUNG, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Young of Box 265, Orosi, entered the Naval Air Force in April, 1943. He graduated from Orosi High School in 1941. A Naval air cadet, Young received basic training at San Luis Obispo, completing it in July, 1943. He was then sent to Ogden, Utah, and from there to St. Mary's College. Young was then transferred to Norman, Oklahoma, for further training. In September, 1944, he was reported to be at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he expected to graduate around the first of December.



## Jimmie YOUNG



JIMMY YOUNG, son of Sgt. and Mrs. Marshall Young and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mathis, 140 California Avenue, enlisted in the Marine Corps on May 5, 1942. After completing his boot training in San Diego, he was sent to Kodiak, Alaska, where he served eighteen months. He returned to the States in the latter part of January, 1944. After a 15-day furlough, he was sent to San Diego for replacement and was placed in a guard company. In September, 1944, Pfc. Young was reported to be still stationed there.

## Tom Satoshi YOKOYAMA



TOM SATOSHI YOKOYAMA, son of Mrs. R. Yokoyama and brother of Mrs. Edith Morofuji formerly of Orosi, enlisted Sept. 25, 1941 was sent to Camp Roberts; a camp near Camp Lewis, and Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. In June, 1943, he was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to Camp Shelby, Miss. He is a graduate of Orosi High School, class of 1935, where he was active in all sports and won letters in basketball, tennis, and football. His mother, who is living at the Colorado River Relocation Center, Poston, Ariz., was notified that S/Sgt. Yokoyama was wounded in action in Italy in August, 1944.

## Harold YOUNG

HAROLD YOUNG, son of Mr.

and Mrs. B. B. Young of Orosi, entered the Army in March, 1943.

## Nick ZANINOVICH



NICK ZANINOVICH, son of Mrs. Minnie Zaninovich, formerly of Dinuba, now of Rt. 2, Box 420, Delano, enlisted in the Army in October, 1942. In March, 1943 he had successfully completed the radio technician training course at the Army air force flying school at Minter Field, near Bakersfield. In Oct. 1943, Zaninovich was stationed at Minter Field and was a Private First Class. In September, 1944, he spent a 15-day furlough at his home, helping his brother Andrew harvest their raisins, returning to Minter Field. On his second anniversary of being in the service, Oct. 2, he was moved to Roswell, New Mexico. There he attended radio school. Upon graduation he will be assigned to a B-29 Super Fortress.

## John ZANINOVICH



JOHN ZANINOVICH, son of Mrs. Minnie Zaninovich, formerly of Dinuba, now Rt. 2, Box 420, Delano, enlisted in the Army in January, 1942, and was placed in the quartermaster corps and stationed at Walla Walla Air Base, Walla Walla, Washington.

In February, 1943, he was transferred to a station in New York. At that time he had earned the rating of a Corporal. In March 1943 Johnnie was shipped across, first North Africa, then into Sicily and later into Italy. In September, 1944, Zaninovich was still located in Italy, where he was very close to his parents' homeland. He planned to visit Yugoslavia as soon as possible. Corresponding with his uncle there, he wrote that conditions in Yugoslavia were terrible, and that the Germans and Italians had done some terrible things in destroying human lives and burning their property. Zaninovich's uncle came to California in 1936, remaining here for two years before returning to Yugoslavia. Zaninovich visited Yugoslavia refugee camps and their hospitals in Italy. Most of his relatives from there have been evacuated to Africa. By September, 1944, he had been overseas twenty months.

## Giichi YAMAGATA



GIICHI YAMAGATA, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Yamagata of the Reedley district, volunteered in April 1943, and was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. and is a member of the infantry.

## A. YAMADA



DOUGLAS AKIRA YAMADA, of Dinuba, was inducted in October, 1941, and he reported to Camp Roberts for initial training. In December, 1941 he was sent to Lockett, Calif and in

April, 1942, he was stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri where he was a member of the Headquarters Detachment and was promoted to Corporal.

## Dave ZIGMAN



DAVE ZIGMAN, former Dinuba poultry broker and buyer, entered the Army in August, 1942, and was placed in the Quartermaster's Corps. Much of his time was spent at Camp Shelby. He was granted an honorable discharge in October, 1943. He picked up where he left off in the poultry business in Dinuba with headquarters at 130 East Tulare Street, Dinuba. His modern plant dresses chickens and turkeys exclusively for the U. S. Army.

## George ZEROONIAN



GEORGE ZEROONIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zeroonian, of the Orosi district, attended the Dinuba High School and in October, 1942, enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was stationed at Luke Field, near Phoenix, Ariz. Before entering the Army, he was employed at Sequoia Field as a mechanic. In March, 1943, he had been promoted to Ground Crew Chief and held the rating of Sergeant. In October, 1943, he he enjoyed a three day pass in Dinuba and returned to Luke Field. In August, 1944, Zeroonian was promoted to staff sergeant, and came home on furlough on August 25. He was still stationed at Luke Field at that time.

## Glen Howard YEAGER

GLEN HOWARD YEAGER of Cutler entered the U. S. Army on October 4, 1943.



battle. The Scharnhorst was caught and sunk off the North Cape in December, 1943, 22 months after she escaped up the English Channel with her sister ship the Gneisenau.

#### Allied Air Armadas Knocked In Roof of Nazis' Festung Europa

English skies once more were filled with the roar of planes in the spring of 1941, but now the motors were in British planes, outward bound.

The immediate threat to the island had subsided now, and while the high commands pondered on how to regain the initiative on the ground, the RAF set out to bang in the roof of Adolph Hitler's new European fortress from the air.

Specific objectives were the shipyards, oil plants and war production centers of Germany and Nazi occupied countries. Weapons were the RAF Stirling, Halifax and Lancaster four-motored bombers, capable of carrying eight tons of bombs each. Because the big ships were lightly armed and armored, the attacks were made at night.

The offensive started out modestly in December, 1940, with a series of raid on airdromes, ports and submarine bases along the occupied coast, and on the industrial cities of Rouen, Lille, Liege and Amsterdam. The scale of the attacks gave no hint of the holocaust to come.

#### RAF Hammers Ruhr

Then, as the spring of 1941 wore on and larger pools of planes and pilots became available, the raids took on added punch and scope. Growing fleets of British "heavies" roared out over the channel to batter Hamburg, Hanover, Emden, Bremen, Frankfurt and other German cities up to 400 miles from English fields.

By August the widening area of attack had taken in Lubeck, Stuttgart, Rostock, Schweinfurt, Dresden and even Berlin, 600 miles away. The thud of block-busters also could be heard in Milan, Turin and Genoa, in Italy, but within the same range. But still the devastation of 1941, although impressive then, was just a suggestion of what was in store.

In the spring of 1942, after a series of sharp attacks on Berlin, the RAF launched the battle of the Ruhr, production nerve center of the Reich. It started in May when a force of 1,000 British bombers dropped an unprecedented avalanche of fire and death on Cologne. Returning pilots called the city a "molten hulk." That set the pattern for a succession of city-by-city blasts. Essen, home of the great Krupp armament works, reeled under five staggering assaults. Dusseldorf, Duisberg and Dortmund also were hammered, and then the RAF switched back to Hamburg, Bremen, Rostock and Lubeck.

That summer an event took place which was to mean the worst news of all for Air Marshal Hermann Goering. A fledgling American bomber force swung out to join the attack. The first all-American mission came on Aug. 17, when 12 pioneer Flying Fortresses dropped 18 tons of bombs on Rouen. It was a small beginning, but American bases mushroomed throughout Britain the rest of the year, and by the spring of 1943, the 8th Air Force under Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker was ready for major missions and even multiple raids.

#### U. S. Theories Proved

The British at first sniffed openly at the American's theories of bombing. In the first place, they said, the Fortresses' bomb-

load—four tons—was not heavy enough to be worth while. In addition, British experience showed the American insistence on daylight raiding to be little short of suicidal.

Practice bore the American theory out. The Fortresses' precision bombsights enabled them to pinpoint not only specific factories but specific buildings in those factories, permitting an unprecedented efficiency in damage done per bomb. The new U. S. technique of flying in tight formations and arming their planes with veritable batteries of machine guns enabled them to take care of themselves by daylight and to rack up unheard-of totals of enemy planes destroyed.

Later, when the German fighters mounted rocket guns and 22-mm. cannon to wreak havoc with the close Fortress formations, the Americans introduced long range fighter escort to tip the balance back.

The RAF stepped up its assault, too, in the summer of 1943, carrying out mighty saturation raids on Hamburg, Stuttgart, Hannover and Bremen. Operating on a round the clock basis, the two air commands had become complementary, not competitive, forces. Twenty-one German cities were marked for destruction that autumn, and nine were so thoroughly battered they were believed useless to the war. The remaining 12 were damaged extensively.

#### Berlin Is Blitzed

On Nov. 18, the Allies inaugurated a series of raids designed to obliterate Berlin, where Goering once promised the citizens a block buster would never fall. To all effects and purposes, they succeeded. In the next five months, the German capital rocked and shuddered under 18 devastating raids, each many times heavier than the worst London ever received. Great sections of the city—Swiss reports said 40 per cent—were flattened completely, the death list mounted past 10,000 and 2,000,000 homeless fled to outlying towns. Reconnaissance showed at least 326 factories and public buildings were smashed.

The force of this and concurrent assaults in the fall of 1943 proved more than the Nazi high command could endure. In an effort to stave off the deluge, they changed the entire make-up of their air force, abandoning construction of bombers to concentrate on fighter planes.

But the switch gave them no superiority even in fighters. For, as the Allied high command crystallized its plans for the invasion of Western Europe, it gave its air force a new assignment. Their major target no longer was Germany's industrial economy. Their first and indispensable aim now became the elimination of the Luftwaffe in the air and the factories, replacement depots and repair stations that supported it on the ground.

The Eighth Air Force struck the first blow in the new offensive on Jan. 11, 1944, with simultaneous assaults on Osechersleben, Brunswick, Haberstadt, Bielefeld and Meppen—all connected with aircraft production. Damage was heavy to all targets and 152 German fighters were destroyed in the air.

#### Knockout Plane Plants

That was just the beginning. The next month, the "Forts" and their escorts scored a victory that was to affect materially the whole course of the war thereafter. In five days furious flying beginning Feb. 20, they blasted 16 major Messerschmitt, Junkers and Heinkel plants.

Four were knocked out completely, nine were damaged critically and three suffered moderate harm. At least 381 fighters were destroyed in the air and 167 on the ground.

After this setback the Luftwaffe was reluctant to hit back save under the most favorable conditions. But more often than that, it had no choice. Hitting key German centers almost daily the big U. S. bomber formations again and again imposed air battles of immense proportions on the defenders.

The cost of the battles was high to the Allies, but they broke the Luftwaffe's back. In one week, nearly 600 enemy fighters were destroyed. German plane production, once estimated at 3,000 planes a month, was reported down to one-fourth that figure. The Luftwaffe's strength in the air was reckoned at one-fifth that of four years earlier compared to the Allied strength.

The final stage of the Allied pre-invasion offensive opened early in April, 1944. Festung Europa was to be softened for the coming final blow. Bombs were to become the vanguard of invasion. The targets were Hitler's sprawling outer ring of coastal defenses and the major troop and supply centers within.

#### All Europe Blasted

The entire weight of the four Allied air commands operating from Britain—the U. S. 8th and 9th Air Forces and the RAF bomber command and 2nd tactical air force—were hurled into the assault. The U. S. 15th Air Force winged up from Italian fields to help with strikes on vital targets in the Balkans, Germany and southern France. Early in June the 8th Air Force began shuttle raids from Britain and Italy to bases in Russia to bring all parts of the Nazi empire within easy of Allied planes.

The results beggared statistics. Sirens shrieked night and day from Denmark to the Mediterranean week after week. All Europe shook hour after hour under a crescendo of explosives raining to earth in the fiercest sustained aerial offensive the world has ever seen. During one four week period, the Allied aircraft unloaded almost 85,000 tons of bombs—enough to fill 20 100-car freight trains. Railroads, supply depots, airdromes, bridges, river traffic and radar installations were smashed to bits throughout Hitler's domain. The climax came at the end of May, when within a single day, 6,000 British-based aircraft blasted the continent with 8,000 tons of bombs.

By the time D-day arrived, the Allied purpose was achieved to an extent surpassing the worst

Nazi fear. Enemy communications were a shambles. Transportation was reported virtually at a standstill. Coastal emplacements were seriously breached in many key areas.

Plenty of strategic and tactical objectives still remained ahead, but as the invading armies closed in on the continent, one thing was abundantly clear. The roof and at least one wall of Hitler's Fortress were as near collapse as concentrated air power could ever bring them. From the Alps to the Baltic, from the channel to Berlin, Allied air might soared supreme.

#### Allied Tunisian Campaign Dealt The Axis Vital Strategic Blow

XI

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's offensive west from El Alamein in October, 1942, was only half of the Allied plan to expel the Axis from North Africa and control of the Mediterranean.

The other half had been formulated at the White House five months before. Secret details had been ironed out during the summer by U.S. and British staff officers working "as close as a band of brothers." Final arrangements had been completed by U. S. Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark in a spy-thriller plane and submarine trip to a lonely North African rendezvous.

The general plan of campaign was simple. With new Allied landings in northwest Africa, the crafty Marshal Erwin Rommel was to be squeezed into a giant pincers trap.

The blow was struck on Nov. 8, just two weeks after Montgomery started west from Egypt. An unprecedented armada of 850 vessels landed American and British troops at points near Casablanca on the Atlantic coast of French Morocco and near Oran and Algiers in Algeria on the Mediterranean coast.

#### Race Against Time

Resistance was sharp but brief. Algiers fell in a matter of hours. After four days brisk fighting, Casablanca, the "show city" of glistening white buildings, and Oran, a modern naval base, also capitulated, placing all of Morocco and Algeria in Allied hands.

Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Allied commander, appointed Adm. Jean Francois Darlan "temporary political leader" of the conquered territory, and then without pausing to consolidate, the Allied vanguards moved on. For the job they had to do, time was all-important.

From Algiers, American and Free French units raced eastward through the deep ravines and gorges of the Atlas mountains toward Tunisia. Their goal was Bizerte, the great German-Continued on Next Page

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## John Ned ZANINOVICH



JOHN NED ZANINOVICH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lui Zaninovich, Rt. 2, Box 406, Dinuba, graduated from Dinuba High School in 1941, and enlisted in the Navy in April, 1943. He was a licensed mechanic for 11 months at Sequoia Field before entering the Navy. He was sent to the Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho, for "boot" camp training and in July, 1943 was stationed at the aviation machinist mate school in Norman, Oklahoma. Zaninovich was then transferred to Florida, where he received his aerial gunner's wings, and then to North Carolina. He has had training in aerial gunnery, radio, and mechanics; and is qualified as an air crewman, being able to perform any of several duties aboard a plane in the event that some of the crew are knocked out in action. In June, 1944, he was stationed at Crow's Landing, near Modesto, where he was a plane captain on a PV-1 at the naval auxiliary air station, and a replacement on a naval squadron back from Tarawa. He was stationed at Alameda in August, 1944, when he left for overseas duty. His rating was A. M. M. 3/c.

## Cletus ZUMWALT



CLETUS ZUMWALT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odie Zumwalt, 164 North I Street, Dinuba, was in the Navy disbursing department in San Diego in June, 1942, having joined the Navy in April, 1942. From there, he was transferred to Princeton, N. J. He was sent to North Africa, and

went through the invasion of Sicily, and later returned to Washington, D. C. where in October 1943, he was attached to the Solomon Branch of the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant. In December, 1943, Lt. Zumwalt was sent overseas, and was stationed with the amphibious division of the Navy in the British Isles until D Day. He participated in the landings in Normandy and then was transferred to the Mediterranean area, where he participated in the invasion of Southern France. In September, 1944, he was stationed in Italy. He was in Dinuba on leave visiting his parents in Oct. 1944. He reported to Norfolk, Va., for assignment.

## Gordon L. WILLIAMS

GORDON L. WILLIAMS, of Reedley, was a Captain and was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster and D. F. C.

## Don YOUNGERS

DON YOUNGERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amanda Youngers, of Cutler, entered the Army in April, 1943.

## History of Five Years Of War in Europe

Continued from Front of Book before midnight on Oct. 23 with a mighty, wheel-to-wheel artillery bombardment. At 1 a. m., the order came: "Forward!"

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Rommel, expecting Montgomery to attack in the center, had divided his divisions in the hope of crushing the British in their jaws. Instead, Montgomery struck from the north, aiming to overpower the German flank. For nine days, the Germans managed to hold on in brutal non-quarter fighting. Then, on Nov. 2, the speedy mediumweight Shermans drove a fatal gap in the enemy wall. Before the day was out 350 Axis tanks and 400 big guns lay blackened and smoking among the desert dunes. The Afrika Korps crumpled and fled. Montgomery's planes and tanks struck out in hot pursuit.

The British had won a victory whose importance it was impossible to exaggerate. Not only had they smashed the Rommel myth and lifted for good the Axis threat to their Eastern lifeline. They had placed the initiative in World War II once and for all in the hands of the Allies. The chase that began at El Alamein was not to end until Bizerte and Tunis six months later.

## U-Boats Threaten Disaster Until Allies Found "Answers"

Nazi Adm. Karl Doenitz's U-boats opened the battle of the Atlantic directly after the invasion of Britain failed to come off. The island that would not bow to threats or bombs now was to be starved out of the war.

From the beginning of the underseas war was a grim one, with no quarter given. The newly won French Atlantic ports—Brest, Lorient, St. Nazaire—gave Doenitz an initial advantage by providing ideal U-boat bases

within easy reach of its prey. From these protected ports, the German raiders slipped through the British blockade almost nightly during the summer and fall of 1940 to lurk along allied shipping routes.

Far more deadly than the pig-boats of World War I, they exacted a toll surpassing the worst Allied fear. The British, unable to find immediate reply, suffered severe and steadily mounting losses to their vitally needed imported goods. By the end of August, her shipping losses had reached an average of 70,000 tons each week. Then the Admiralty stopped publishing the figures, forewarning of still worse to come.

## Surface Raiders Assist

Enemy surface raiders also ranged the ocean, attacking merchant vessels and avoiding action with Allied warcraft. They were not always successful in this latter: witness the fate of the pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, run to cover by the British cruisers Exeter and Ajax and scuttled off Montevideo harbor in December, 1940. But still the assault developed month after month, and each month added an estimated 10 brand new U-boats to Adm. Doenitz's fleet.

In America, a determination took shape to smash the menace and give Britain all help short of war to make it stick. Passage of the Lend Lease Bill in late 1940 and the swapping of 50 overage destroyers for new Atlantic bases gave concrete evidence of this resolve. There was no doubt America actively was taking sides.

This American feeling was stiffened further in May 1941, with the sinking of the U. S. merchantman Robin Moor. To assure better protection for our ships, American troops occupied Greenland the next month and Iceland shortly afterward.

In September, the nation was put only one step away from actual war when President Roosevelt ordered the U. S. Navy to shoot on sight any vessel interfering with American ships. The order was prompted by the sinking of the destroyer Greer off Iceland that month.

## Switch to U. S. Shores

But even this threat had little influence on the Germans. A U-boat torpedoed the U. S. destroyer Kearny on Oct. 15 and another sank the Rubeen James two weeks later.

Surprisingly, when America finally did enter the war in December, 1941, the submarine situation took a drastic turn for the worse. U. S. warships were drawn to the Pacific and the U-boats, seeing their chance, switched their attack to this end of the Atlantic routes. With growing boldness and frightening success, they began to attack the Allied convoys at their ports of origin.

By this time, the U-boat war, started as an offensive tactic, had become more than that for the Germans. The United Nations were organizing now and were marshaling their forces to smash the Axis. The Atlantic had become the main artery for a flood of men and supplies not only for Britain but for her fighting allies there, in Russia, and in the Mediterranean theater. Even the Far Eastern land front was supported via the south Atlantic routes.

Thus Hitler's U-boat assault had turned into a desperate defensive fight for survival. He had to win it to stave off Germany's doom.

## Hunt in 'Wolf-Packs'

By the spring of 1942, he seemed to be doing just that.

His underseas raiders, hunting in "wolf packs" of from 10 to 15, were disrupting convoys and sinking freighters without effective opposition from the foggy coast of Newfoundland to the bulge of Brazil. Armed with the latest lethal torpedoes and able to stay out for six weeks without refueling, an estimated 400 U-boats cruised the Atlantic lanes. All summer and fall they blasted an average of two Allied merchant vessels every day. Often first word of a sinking would come from a pathetic handful of survivors picked up after tossing for two weeks on a lifeboat or raft.

As a counter-measure, Washington dimmed out the U. S. Atlantic coast, including New York City, where night lights had silhouetted coastwise shipping, but the move seemed to have no effect. By November, shipping losses were exceeding the combined replacement capacity of the allies. Then there was a lull for a few months, but by Feb. 1943, America's lines to the war zones were so nearly severed, she was threatened with losing the war without ever opening a fighting front.

In March and April, the situation was no better with hints of darker prospects. The Allies, it appeared, had no effective answer to the submarine.

Then, in May, without fanfare or warning the break came. The balance swung and then tipped altogether in favor of the Allies. Sinkings dropped off sharply and then almost ceased. At the time there was no official explanation. Then the general facts leaked out. What had happened was that the Allied commands, particularly the U. S. Navy, quietly had developed highly - secret, vastly - improved anti - submarine technique.

## Step Up Plane Protection

These techniques, it appeared, comprised a number of closely-synchronized measures. Tightly-knit convoys and dozens of small aircraft carriers were involved, along with the new destroyer escorts, fast enough to catch the subs and heavily enough gunned to destroy them. Radar played a significant role, it was reported, and a newly developed long range aerial patrol from both shores and mid ocean stepping stone bases completed the picture.

In any event, from May to August, 1943, more than 4,000 Allied vessels crossed the Atlantic with a total loss of only one-half of one per cent. The raiders, armed with more and better anti-aircraft guns, made a final brief come back late in August, but from then on their attacks were increasing feeble and more often than not fatal for the underseas craft. As Doenitz's first line crews and commanders were lost, the remainder of the U-boat fleet seemed to lose both its boldness and its skill. By October, 1943, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden felt able to announce that the U-boat menace was not only held, but whipped for good.

The British Home Fleet, meanwhile, had won its battle of constant vigilance to keep the enemy's surface warcraft in port. Its unfailing alertness never permitted the German battleships become a factor in the war. The few who managed to slip out to sea met fates reminiscent of the Graf Spee. The German battleship Bismarck got out in May, 1941, but was surprised off Greenland and sunk off the coast of France after a four day running

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held naval base commanding the narrow waters between Sicily and the knob of Tunis. British 1st army forces, landed at Bone and Philippeville, joined them on the way. Success would mean sealing off German reinforcements and certain and speedy victory for the campaign.

But the German reaction was rapid. From Sicily and Italy, reserve armor poured into Tunisia by plane and ship. The race was close, and for several days the outcome hung in the balance. But Eisenhower lost his daring gamble by a step. First contact was made 35 miles west of Bizerte on Nov. 17. The German veterans held, and the Allied drive slithered to a halt in the autumn North African mud.

Hampered by this mud and lacking fuel and supplies to press an immediate offensive, Eisenhower settled down to spend the winter hanging on to his advance Tunisian position and building up his force for the final clash with Rommel.

#### French Scuttle Fleet

During the breathing spell, events continued to buzz elsewhere in the eastern Mediterranean. Hitler, who had ordered the occupation of the Vichy half of France with the Allied landings on Nov. 27 ordered his troops to seize the hitherto inviolate Mediterranean base of Toulon and grab the French fleet based there. It was a good idea, but it didn't work. Taking matters into their own hands, the French sailors scuttled their vessels even as the German tanks were rambling through the city. The first Nazi to arrive found dock installations in ruins and three battleships, five cruisers and 25 destroyers either smoking wrecks or resting on the bottom.

In Algiers, two days before Christmas, an event occurred which set the already turbulent French political pot to boiling over. Two bullets from the pistol of a 20-year old Frenchman named Bonnier de la Chapelle ended the life of the allegedly pro-Vichy Adm. Darlan. The slayer, later identified as an ardent anti-Vichyite died before a firing squad the next day. Gen. Francois Giraud, still not a member of the Free French group but credited with resolute opposition to Germany, was chosen to replace Darlan.

At the end of January, the Allied Tunisians armies were cheered by the news that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill had completed a dramatic 10-day meeting at nearby Casablanca. The Allied chiefs of staff, plus Giraud and the Free French leader Gen. Charles de Gaulle, were present, it was announced. "Complete harmony" had reigned and a satisfactory accord had been reached on future strategy, it was said.

To the east, meanwhile, Montgomery's main contact with the fleeing Africa Korps, averaging 12 miles daily past the battle-weary villages of Libya, Tobruk and Benghazi had fallen late in November, and the British were back at El Agheila, 500 miles west of Egypt, for the third time in the war, on Dec. 15.

#### British Capture Tripoli

Five weeks later, Montgomery's columns marched into Tripoli, sweeping up the last remnants of Italys tattered colonial empire. The next week, the British tanks rolled across the Tunisian border, and the North African war appeared near the show-down phase. The stage seemed set for the Allied pincers to clasp shut once and for all on Rommel's desert army.

But once, again, the Germans'

battle experience threw the Allied plan out of gear. While the Americans were gathering themselves for a westward smash along a line some 70 miles below Tunis, one German force suddenly faked a thrust at the Opsseltia and Pont du Fahs area about 35 miles to the north. The Allies rushed to plug the gap, and Rommel's crack 21st Panzer division struck swiftly through Faid Pass, 20 miles south of the original Allied positions.

The Americans reeled back. The Germans pressed their advantage hard. In vicious scrambling fighting, the Nazi division drove forward 32 miles past bloody Kasserine Pass and Gafsa. Then it streamed out onto the 4,000 square miles of coastal plain stretching to the Algerian border.

The rest of Rommel's divisions meanwhile, took advantage of the Allied withdrawal to stiffen their positions along the Mareth Line, the southern wall of their Tunis-Bizerte "coffin corner." Montgomery's army came up short against this barrier, a fairly strong row of fortifications erected by the French against the Italians, early in February.

#### Yanks Turn on Nazis

The American retreat toward Algeria continued for 11 days. The Nazi objective was to split the Yanks from the British 1st army in northern Tunisia and to smash them both before the British 8th could come to their rescue. Several times, the Americans launched savage counter attacks, but their inexperience led them into bloody traps and cost them heavy casualties.

It was this greenness, alone, not a lack of courage or fighting ability, that kept hampering the American effort. They finally seized the chance to prove this conclusively at Thala, just short of the Algerian border. There they executed one of the most difficult of military tricks. Throwing up a wall of tanks and artillery, they turned on their pursuers, halted them, and then, drawing on their last reserves of stamina, threw the Nazi drive into reverse.

Once started, the counter-thrust moved quickly. Kasserine Pass was reoccupied late in February, and a week later Gafsa was back in American hands. By the middle of March, U. S., British and French forces were ready to join hands for the final push. The British 1st army was massed in the north. In the center, American and French forces were poised along a 150-mile line centering about 100 miles southwest of Tunis. The mighty British 8th was drawn up in the south. The Tunis-Bizerte trap was set for the snapping.

#### Blows at Island Stepping Stones Shattered Italy's Last Defenses

##### XII

From conquered Tunisia in the summer of 1942, the path lay plain across the Sicilian narrows toward the Italian mainland.

Italy's military might already had been shattered. Her political structure was tottering. A successful blow not only would knock out the junior Axis partner for good but would give the Allies an opening wedge in the wall of Adolf Hitler's European fortress.

The island stepping stones to the Italian boot were Pantelleria, Lampedusa, Malta and Sicily. Malta already was in Allied hands by virtue of an heroic war-long defense. Now the Allied armies rested while the air forces, forged into a devastating weapon in Tunisia, took over.

Stunned by sheer weight of ex-

plosives, Pantelleria surrendered June 10. Lampedusa, even grog-gier, capitulated the next day—to a British sergeant named Cohen whose plane was forced down on the island.

Sicily was hit exactly a month later by the greatest invasion armada ever assembled up to that time. Upward of 3,000 vessels disgorged 150,000 Allied troops on the southeastern corner of the island. Swarms of airborne troops led the way. The U. S. 7th Army under Maj. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., made up the left flank and the tough British 8th the right. They did not outnumber the defenders, but the bulk of the 12 Axis divisions were Italian and of very poor quality.

#### Defenders Surprised

The landings following a heavy storm and surprised the defenders. They were not seriously contested save in the center of the American line, where a strong German tank force struck hard and almost drove through to the beach. Allied tanks landed in time to save the situation, however, and after 48 hours the invaders had seized the initiative and were driving inland.

Their initial progress was rapid, so rapid that within three days after the landing, five airfields were in Allied hands and it was clear that Sicily was doomed. The Germans, realizing this, decided on a delaying action. Abandoning all efforts to hold the western and central portions, they concentrated their forces to cover the northeast corner guarding the Messina strait to Italy.

The Americans, taking prompt advantage of this disposition, sent one force rapidly inland to capture Enna, the communications hub in the islands center. Another raced through to the north coast to take Palermo, the capital, and cut the island in two. Still another drove up the west coast to seize the major port of Marsala.

The British, facing the full strength of the defenders, progressed more slowly up the east coast. They took the port of Syracuse easily but by July 20 were halted on a plain before Catania, Sicily's second city 55 miles below Messina.

#### Both Sides Exhausted

There for nearly two weeks the two armies fought it out in combat so furious that at times both were obliged to pull back and stand exhausted. Nazi guns, entrenched in the foothills of Mt. Etna, poured a withering fire across the open plain. The deadlock was not broken until added pressure by American and Canadian units brought up from the west and center forced the Germans to withdraw.

The British entered Catania on Aug. 5 and the entire Etna line collapsed the next day when the Americans fought their way into strategic Troina, just to the northwest. The Germans, leaving a strong delaying force 25 miles below Messina, began an immediate evacuation. On Aug. 17, Allied armor rumbled into Messina and the conquest of Sicily was complete, after 38 days.

For nearly two weeks the Allied armies regrouped and gathered themselves for the leap to the mainland. The leap was made on Sept. 3, the fourth anniversary of the Allied war declaration. That morning, spearheads of the 8th army stormed across the three-mile strait, quickly established a 10-mile beachhead at Reggio Calabria and struck inland after the Germans.

Five days later, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower informed the world that bankrupt, beaten Italy had surrendered even as the British were landing. While the Nazis

were recovering from this body blow, another sea-borne force struck a quarter of the way up Italy. Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's newly-constituted 5th army swarmed ashore on a 27-mile crescent beach at Salerno below Naples.

#### Germans Were Ready

This was to be the hardest landing of them all. The Germans were there, tough and ready. From high ground commanding the shelving beaches, a plunging gun and mortar fire raked the landing forces. For five days of hellish fighting, it was touch and go whether a foothold could be established at all. Time and again furious German thrusts almost hurled the Allies back into the sea.

But the American lines held firm despite severe losses, and the support of the Allies big naval guns finally turned the tide. By Sept. 15 Montgomery's British were approaching from the south for a junction that would be decisive for the whole situation. The Germans, recognizing defeat, retired.

Other British units, landing at Taranto in the heel of the boot, had joined Montgomery. Meeting west of Salerno, the Allied forces started northward all along an irregular line stretching clear across the peninsula.

On Sept. 17, the British on the right flank captured the first big prize of the Allied drive—Foggia, where the Axis had built up an elaborate network of airfields commanding strategic targets throughout all of southeastern Europe.

After that the German lines seemed to melt away. The 5th army drove rapidly past the shadow of Mt. Vesuvius to enter burning, disease-ridden Naples on Oct. 1. From there, the two Allied armies started confidently northward toward their next objective—Rome.

#### Russian Bear Turned on Hitler As Hunted Became Hunter

##### XIII

In the autumn of 1942, the tide of conquest which had deserted Adolf Hitler at El Alamein turned against him in Soviet Russia too.

It was high time; Russia was in mortal peril. One steel arm of Hitler's second summer offensive had reached far out to the Volga and almost strangled Stalingrad. Another had probed deep into the Caucasus, seized vital oil fields and almost breached the mountain barrier to the even greater riches beyond.

What happened now was totally unexpected, even recalling the magnificent Soviet winter feats of the year before.

Seemingly coming from nowhere, huge Red Armies lashed out to halt the invader in his tracks and then to execute super pincer movements to trap him. Bolstered by vast reserves trained in Siberia and armed by industries built up east of the Urals, the hunted suddenly became the hunter on a truly gigantic scale.

From behind Stalingrad Red columns struck from both north and south to outflank the German 6th Army before and within the embattled city. Then they curled back to clasp a steel ring about 22 divisions of the would-be conquering force.

#### Collapsed German Line

In the Caucasus, resurgent Russian forces turned on invasion armies struggling through the deep snows of the towering Caucasus mountains and slapped them back northward. By January they had collapsed the whole German line. Mobile Cossack cavalry recaptured the Mai-

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spring, correspondents reported.

Then on May 23, the Allied beachhead front at Anzio erupted too. Fifth Army troops trapped on the beachhead struck out in all directions, cutting the Apian Way near the coast and stabbing through the Mussolini Canal and Pontine Marshes below Rome. On May 25, 17 miles southwest of the long-time beachhead line, Allied patrols from the northern and southern fronts met on the narrow coastal road. On June 3, just nine months after the first Allied landings in Italy, they could look across the Roman plain and make out the dome of St. Peter's.

Abandoning Rome, the shattered remnants of the German 14th Army beat a disorderly retreat northward. They stole vehicles from one another in their haste.

#### Broke Nazis' Back

For the back of the Wehrmacht now was broken. The Allied 5th raced through Rome and into Tuscany in less than four days. Their objective was a single one now—smash German power in Italy.

During the next 20 days, the advance swept past Assisi, where St. Francis lived 700 years ago, through the fortress town of Perugia and through the key inland city of Siena, a shrine of Italian art. By mid-July, the Allies had captured the port of Leghorn, the country's third greatest, on the west coast and the good port of Ancona on the Adriatic. Both were 150 miles north of Rome.

It seemed by now that the enemy was staking all on the strength of his "Gothic Line," a formidable string of mountain fortifications running from the resort town of Rimini on the Adriatic through the mountains north of Florence and west to the mouth of the Arno at the ancient town of Pisa.

Advancing north in great ground-eating strides, the Yanks were at Pisa in the first week of August. Inland, the British reached the outskirts of Florence at about the same time.

The Germans had cried loud and long that they wished to preserve the art and cultural treasures of such cities as Florence and Pisa. But when the British entered Florence they found much of the art gone and five historic bridges destroyed. At Pisa, the Nazis were using the famous Leaning Tower as an observation post.

#### Allied Invasion, Long Expected Exceeded Nazis' Worst Fears

##### XV

All Europe was tense and expectant in the spring of 1944.

One word—"invasion"—was on everybody's lips. The great Allied counter-blow launched at El Alamein had reached its climatic moment. The time was now.

On one side of the channel moat lay Britain, transformed into a vast invasion base. Her green fields crawled with huge armies summoned from all the Allied world. Miles of big guns, tanks and armored vehicles jammed her country lanes. From her myriad airstrips, swarms of Allied bombers were raining an average of 20,000 tons of bombs a week on Fortress Europe.

Across the water, from Norway down to Spain, stretched the Nazi Atlantic wall, bristling with forts, tank traps, minefields, and, reportedly, rocket guns. The Germans boasted this barrier was deepening and stiffening daily, and Joseph Goebbels hinted darkly about the unpleasant surprises in store for the Allied troops.

As the H-hour of D-day drew

near, the war of nerves reached new peaks. The Allied Commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower broadcast last-minute instructions to Europe's underground; diplomats were forbidden to send uncensored dispatches from Britain; travel to Elre was stopped. In response, the Berlin and satellite radios stepped up their warnings of fierce reprisals to the captive peoples.

#### Blow Fell June 6

The blow was struck on the morning of June 6. Its punch and scope surpassed the worst Nazi fears. In the greatest amphibious operation the world had ever seen, an armada of 4,000 ships, covered by an air fleet of 11,000 planes, landed armies of the United States, Britain and Canada on the coast of France.

The target was a 40-mile stretch of the rugged Normandy peninsula which has Cherbourg at its tip. The Allied assault forces stormed ashore at 6 a. m. while rows of United Nations warships stood off the beaches and poured 2,000 tons of explosives into the German defenses.

Minesweepers had cleared the sea lanes and underwater obstacles proved less formidable than expected. In most areas the invaders secured beachheads after sharp but brief fighting. But in some, entrenched enemy mortar and machinegun crews put up a bitter and bloody battle and in these the Allies, particularly the Canadians and the Americans, suffered severe losses.

The enemy finally was flattened in all sectors, and by nightfall the invasion forces were fighting their way inland, the British and Canadians under Lt. Gen. Miles C. Dempsey on the left flank and the Americans under Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley on the right. As darkness settled down, a sky train 50 miles long started to arrive from England with additional men and weapons.

#### Tie Points Important

In the days that followed a succession of struggles began for the little country towns which dominate and control an important network of roads across Normandy.

Losing no time, the British struck out to capture the ancient town of Bayeux and cut off the highway between Bayeux and Caen, a five-way road hub at the Atlantic end of the peninsula's base. The Americans took Ste. Mere Eglise, 19 miles from Cherbourg, and then Valognes, only 11 miles from that first major objective of the campaign.

The Germans continued to hold out stoutly at Caen so now the American end of the line began to expand more rapidly than the British. Hard-driving Yank columns occupied Montebourg, nine miles from Cherbourg, after a bitter house-to-house struggle and then pushed on westward along the roads converging on the port itself.

Then, on June 22, an event occurred which almost collapsed the invasion strategy. A great channel gale, the first in 80 years, smashed the Allied lifeline of supply ships with winds reaching 70 miles an hour and waves 14 feet high. Hundreds of the smaller ships were swamped and miles of the Normandy shoreline was piled up with the wreckage. Meanwhile the Allied beachhead force was rapidly using up its stores of food and ammunition. Because of censorship, few back in America knew how near the campaign was to disaster. Just in time, the storm abated and the work of supply resumed.

#### Americans Took Cherbourg

Cherbourg was taken June 27 by the American tanks and infantry, smashing into the city on top of a terrific aerial, naval and artillery bombardment. Engineers hastened to clear the port and restore it for use by Allied shipping.

Then the Allied timetable went haywire among the apple trees and barnyards of Normandy. The Nazis found the crazy patchwork of earthen hedgerows which crisscrossed the whole countryside ideal terrain for defensive battle. They yielded nothing without exacting a price in lives or prolonged artillery bombardment.

During the next four weeks, the Allies were able only to straighten their peninsula line so that it ran from the British anchor before Caen through St. Lo in the center of the Peninsula to a point just above Lessay, 20 miles below Cherbourg on the west coast.

It was not until July 20 that they could launch a determined offensive to burst out of the peninsula. Then the British punched forward in a drive which, although it took Caen, was principally effective in drawing to their front the major share of the German forces.

#### Bradley Struck Hard

Five days later, after a thunderous aerial bombardment in which a stray bomb cost the life of Lt. Gen. Leslie McNair, Bradley's doughboys struck in the western sector. They struck with a force that was not to be resisted by the remaining Nazis.

Shredding the German line, the U. S. 3rd Army took Lessay, Perier, and the road center of Coutances, reached out 25 miles to blast a corridor out of the peninsula at Avranches, and drove armored spearheads through onto the rolling hills of Brittany.

The war suddenly had changed from a battle of position to a battle of lightning maneuver. No one was surprised when it was revealed that the 3rd's commander was fire-eating, pistol-packing Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who emerged from the shadow of a soldier-slapping incident of the previous August.

Fast-rolling American columns thrust westward onto Brittany in multiple drives for the ports of Brest, Lorient and St. Nazaire, vitally needed to meet the increasing supply needs of the Allied armies. With the fate of these sealed, the Yanks struck eastward. Doubling the German lines back at right angles, swift columns cut straight along the main roads without waiting to widen their communications corridor.

Then it became apparent that this drive, apparently aimed at Paris, actually was a well-disguised lesson in entrapment. For branching off from the main American force was a series of developing sweeps aimed at undercutting the German 7th Army facing the British and Canadians.

The first of these was aimed at cutting the German retreat route eastward from Caen between the towns of Falaise and Argentan, thus closing the neck of a big pocket whose other sides were the British and Canadian sectors of the front. When shattered remnants of the German 7th managed to escape from this bag, they only fell into a larger one formed by other U. S. spearheads stabbing north to the Seine river 30 miles northwest of Paris.

Within this second trap thrashed an estimated 50,000 to 100,000 beaten Germans—not only the 7th but part of the 15th army

fleeing southward from Le Havre and the Calais coast. Hopelessly disorganized, their armor and vehicles left behind them, they faced only annihilation or capture.

#### Parisians Revolted

Meantime the main 3rd Army advance was speeding eastward, racing past Lemans, Chartres, St. Arnould and into sight of the Eiffel Tower. As it approached the capital the citizens themselves rose in force against the Nazi garrison and after four days bitter street fighting flashed the word the Germans had surrendered. It turned out to be only a Nazi ruse, but 48 hours later, American and French tanks rumbled into the city to complete the liberation of the first enemy-held Allied capital.

The battle of France now drew rapidly to a close.

Other doughboy columns had branched southward to take Orleans, the historic road center 60 miles below the capital. From there Patton's rough riders smashed on to Troyes on the upper Seine and beyond to Reims, ripping through the Marne and Aisne river barriers and across the famous battlefields of 1918 in a whirlwind drive for Belgium and the German Siegfried line.

North of Paris, the Germans were abandoning their line east of the Seine, from the capital to the sea and their robot bomb bases along the channel coast. By the end of August, the German armies in all of northern France were in headlong flight for the Rhineland.

#### Nazis Reeled From Allied Drives As 5-Year War Entered Fall of 1944.

##### XVI

The question in every mind in the autumn of 1944 was: How long?

The five-year-old European war seemed to be racing toward its conclusion. The battle of France was won, the Siegfried barrier pierced and Nazi lines were crumbling in Poland, the Balkans and Italy. The Wehrmacht had been reduced from its estimated pre-invasion strength of 330 combat divisions to from 220 to 260.

The biggest developing threat now was from the west, where American and British armies had begun the battle of Germany along a 450-mile front stretching from Holland to the Swiss border. Five Allied armies had wheeled into line for a smashing frontal assault on the belt of mountains, rivers, steel and concrete walls, and guns that girdled the Reich's western border.

On the other side of Germany, another wall of steel was compressing the Nazi fortress inexorably. Under the hammer blows of the ruthless Red Armies, the Germans were backing into their citadel along a line running from the Baltic through the Balkans, Romania, Bulgaria and Finland left the sinking Nazi ship in frantic succession. Of Hitler's satellite allies, shaky Hungary alone remained.

In Italy, the battle for the Po valley was beginning. Rimini, the eastern anchor of the Nazis' vaunted Gothic Line, had fallen to Greek troops of the British 8th Army, creating a flanking slot through which Allied troops were beginning to pour around the mountain barrier into the flat country beyond.

In the center of the line, American 5th Army troops had blasted a six-mile breach north of Florence and occupied dominant mountain heights to a point within a mile of Futa Pass, high middle point of the line.



kop oil fields on Jan. 30, and then pushed on to seize the strategic railroad north to Rostov, gateway to the isthmus. The Russian goal was to crush the Germans against the Black Sea coast, but the enemy stiffened just in time along an arc covering the Taman peninsula. Then another Russian force to the north captured Rostov to seal off the last Nazi escape route anyway.

Before Stalingrad by this time, the plight of the pocketed German 6th Army was clearly beyond remedy. Battered mercilessly week after week from all sides and above, it had shrunk from an original 100,000 men to less than a full division. The Russians launched the final assault on Jan. 26, and five days later the hopeless force surrendered, including Field Marshal von Paulus and 16 other Nazi generals. At Berlin, Hitler proclaimed three days of national mourning.

Other Soviet armies, meanwhile, were opening their own offensives. From Voronezh, 400 miles north of Rostov, one great force mounted a full-fledged drive against the enemy lines west of the Don. Thousands of Russian tanks and guns tore a 40-mile gap in the German positions and pushed forward a salient that enveloped the strong point of Kursk and for a brief period held Kharkov, the nerve center of the whole Nazi organization on the southern front.

Up before Moscow, other Red offensives retook Rzhev and Veliki Luki, spearhead and cornerstone of the tenacious Nazi thrust still aimed at the Russian capital.

#### Thaws Halted Campaign

Then, with Germans back on their heels along nearly 1,000 miles of fighting lines, the Russian spring thaws once more called a halt to the campaign. For three months the long front remained in a state of uneasy equilibrium. The Russians were preparing for their first full-dress summer offensive.

The Germans struck first, moving in force against the Soviets' Kursk salient on July 5, but the Russians were ready for them and within a week their famous defense-in-depth tactics brought the attack to a standstill.

Then the Russians cut loose and a 500-mile front blazed into action. That action was to increase in scope and force all summer.

The main assault was hurled from positions within the Kursk salient under cover of an artillery barrage which the Russians said exceeded anything in the history of warfare.

By Aug. 5, speeding Red columns had captured the strong points of Orel and Belgorod, some 50 miles above and below the salient's original limits. From Belgorod, the advance raced another 40 miles farther south to seize Kharkov and then thrust due west across the Ukraine toward the Dnepr and the mighty fortress of Kiev. The Dnepr, which Hitler said must be held at all costs, was forded late in September, returning Kiev to Russian hands.

#### Don Basin Retaken

South of this drive other Red thrusts shattered the German positions along the Don River and led to the recovery of the whole Don basin area. Shock forces of Russian tanks and cavalry captured Taganrog, just west of Rostov, and then swept on to take the steel city of Stalino, the Black Sea port of Mariupol and finally ruined Dnepropetrovsk on the Dnepr.

Below Moscow, the Russians stormed Briansk and other columns pressed on to take Smo-

lensk, a German bastion whose capture was more significant than anything since Stalingrad. Standing on the upper Dnepr and commanding the important junctions of Vitebsk and Mogilev, Smolensk's position made it an anchor on which hung the defense of the entire Baltic plain stretching to the old Polish border.

That ended the summer fighting for 1943. As the freezing blasts again whistled down the steppes, confident Red Armies poised themselves for one more winter campaign. This one was to advance them massively and inexorably along the roads to Berlin.

It began the first week in January with a spectacular Soviet breakthrough west of Kiev. The Red Army unleashed a tremendous power drive that crashed through the Nazi defenses on a front of 185 miles above and below the Ukrainian metropolis.

#### Russians Swept On

Roaring into high gear, the Russian juggernaut drove the wrecks of 22 German divisions before it as it swept into Zhitomir, astride the last north-south rail line linking the German armies in Russia. From there one prong thrust south of the Pripet Marshes, across the pre-1939 Polish border and laid its sights on Rovno, Lublin and Warsaw beyond. Another force veered southward from Zhitomir overran the rail towns of Vinnytsa and Zhmerinka, and crossed the winding Dnepr into Besarabia and pre-war Romania. As this force lunged on toward the lofty Carpathian passes jittery Nazi armies rushed down to occupy Romania and Hungary to insure their staying in the war.

Along the Black Sea, Russian troops slashed through the salt marshes to take Kherson at the mouth of the Dnepr in February, and then, in a smashing climatic push, recaptured Odessa, Russia's second port. Simultaneously, miles behind this force, other Red forces mounted a lightning three-week thrust to retake the Crimea and Sevastopol, scene of an heroic 250-day defense in 1941 and 1942.

Far to the north, meanwhile, other summer drives timed to mesh with these developments were opened.

Striking out from below Moscow, one mighty offensive surrounded Vitebsk, 50 miles from the old Polish border. From this stubborn White Russian stronghold, one Soviet drive slanted along the northern fringes of the Pripet marshes toward the border town of Minsk and Poland beyond. Another swung northward toward Latvia's snow-laden fir forests and Riga on the Baltic 30 miles distant. Its goal was to trap the Wehrmacht's Baltic armies to the north.

#### Relieved Leningrad

Up where those German armies were operating meanwhile, ancient Leningrad, which had stayed off the Nazis for more than 18 anguish-filled months, finally was relieved by rescue armies battering in from the south and east. Below the city other Russian columns opened an offensive westward which in early March captured the important stronghold of Pskov, 10 miles east of the Estonian border and hub of six railroads used by the Germans to serve their northern armies.

By early April, the Russian armies were striking out in at least eight directions with ever-increasing power toward Poland, Germany and the Axis satellites to the south. The whole German position in Russia seemed to be toppling under their swift, smart, incessant hammer blows.

Only about 90,000 square miles

of Russia remained in German hands, less than 17 per cent of the 537,000 the enemy had taken at the peak of his offensive. To escape destruction, it seemed the Germans must get off Russian soil.

And all this was only a prelude to the great drama that promised to unfold in the spring and summer months to come.

#### Allies Found Road to Rome A Series of Bitter Battles XIV

After the Allies' quick conquest of Sicily and the capture of Naples, the prospect seemed bright for a short and decisive campaign which would win most of the Italian peninsula. This prospect was spoiled by an enemy who was both tough and wily.

Despite the defection of his Axis partner, he did not fall back beyond Rome as anticipated. Instead, he served notice he intended to scrap for the peninsula the entire way, holding to each foot of ground until blasted from it.

The Allied plan called for Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's 5th Army to move up the left flank of the peninsula and the British 8th up the right. The 5th was to gain control of and follow the Apennine Way running along the coast 80 miles to Rome, as well as a roundabout inland mountain road which finally turned down the Liri valley to the Eternal City. The British were to move up the Adriatic coast to Pescara, from which a good road runs across the peninsula to Rome.

The Allies soon found that these or any other roads to Rome were not easy pushes.

They had thought the 26-mile, 29-day advance from Salerno to Naples hard. From Naples it was to take four months of discouraging, desperate and costly climbing and fighting even to reach Cassino, 45 miles beyond.

#### Weather Favored Enemy

From the beginning, perverse weather and mountainous terrain were on the enemy's side. The river barriers—Volturno, Garigliano, Sangro, Moro, Rapido—that crossed Italy like the rungs of a ladder defied the bridging efforts of engineers. The high ground commanding the roads and valleys aided the Germans even more. Intermittent rains turned the ground into a slime of clinging mud. Planes were grounded. Supply and transport difficulties multiplied. Winter brought rain, snow and 70-mile gales.

The Nazis, having decided to make Italy a battleground, made targets of the pleasant Italian towns and villages. They quartered troops in the ancient houses and barns and made military headquarters out of village halls. Barnyards and piazzas became gun sites, and church spires observation towers.

These tactics meant ruin to many Italian towns. The massed artillery of the approaching Allies would pour tons of shells into their ancient stone buildings. Often they would change hands two or three times in the course of savage building-to-building fighting. When the Germans finally withdrew, demolitions would add to the ruin. Isernia, Venafrò, Castellforte, Mignano, Ortona, San Pietro Infine, San Vitore were among the many towns obliterated as the battle rolled over them.

By mid-January, the 5th had fought its way to a strategic ring of 2,000-foot mountain peaks lying about Caserta, the German abbey stronghold blocking the Liri valley route to Rome. There the Germans stood fast against all attacks, entrenching them-

selves behind their so-called "Gustav Line" stretching from a point 12 miles below Pescara on the east coast across to the mouth of the Garigliano, 60 miles below Rome. The German commander boasted his winter lines could be considered "intact" at this point.

#### Ended Boast

He could not boast for long. On Jan. 22, General Clark, in a move to break the deadlock, struck by sea around the Wehrmacht's flank. Landing at Anzio, 30 miles below Rome, he quickly achieved a beachhead 10 miles long and some eight miles deep.

But as a threat calculated to draw the Germans up from their Gustav line and perhaps make them abandon Rome as well, the new landings did not work. The Nazis did neither. They held on at Cassino, and they sent seven fresh divisions below Rome to push the new beachhead back into the sea.

At least Adolf Hitler promised they would push it back, and the Wehrmacht lashed out furiously in an effort to make good. For six precarious weeks, the beachhead force sweated under savage counter-attacks and constant shelling. Once, in early March, the enemy pushed a salient a mile into the Allied line before U. S. Artillery, firing with bowling alley precision, knocked him back. At the end of the month, both sides paused from sheer exhaustion. Fighting was confined to patrol action. The beachhead had established itself to stay.

On the southern front, meanwhile, only the struggle for Cassino had produced major fighting. On Feb. 15, American bombers were obliged to demolish Cassino's ancient Benedictine Abbey, used by the Germans to house artillery. A month later, they came back to blast the stone-built city literally to bits in a record-shattering bombardment—only to have the stubborn defenders weather the storm underground and emerge again full of fight. In April, that battle too settled down to a state of restless equilibrium. Further action in Italy seemed to hinge on new decisions by the Allied commanders.

Those decisions were made. The British 8th Army was shifted from the Adriatic to a line facing Cassino. The 5th moved down to the Tyrrhenian coast. Heavy reinforcements, including French and Polish units, were brought up.

#### Allies Attack

On the night of May 11, the attack exploded with a mighty roar that engulfed the entire southern battle line. Fighting flared everywhere, but the concentrated strength of both Allied armies was flung against a 25-mile sector extending from Cassino along the Rapido and Garigliano rivers to the sea.

It became clear almost at once that this was more than a mere diversion to draw German attention from the west. It was a full-fledged strike at Hitler's fortress all on its own. Once started, it rolled on at a steady pace. Towns and mountain peaks which long had been symbols of redoubtable strength were cut off and fell before massed force relentlessly applied. At Cassino, British and French units knifed through the town and then Polish soldiers swept in to seize it. Similar tactics won other towns—Aversa, San Ambrogio, Formia and many more.

The mood of the Allied troops was as different from that of the months before as the difference between winter and

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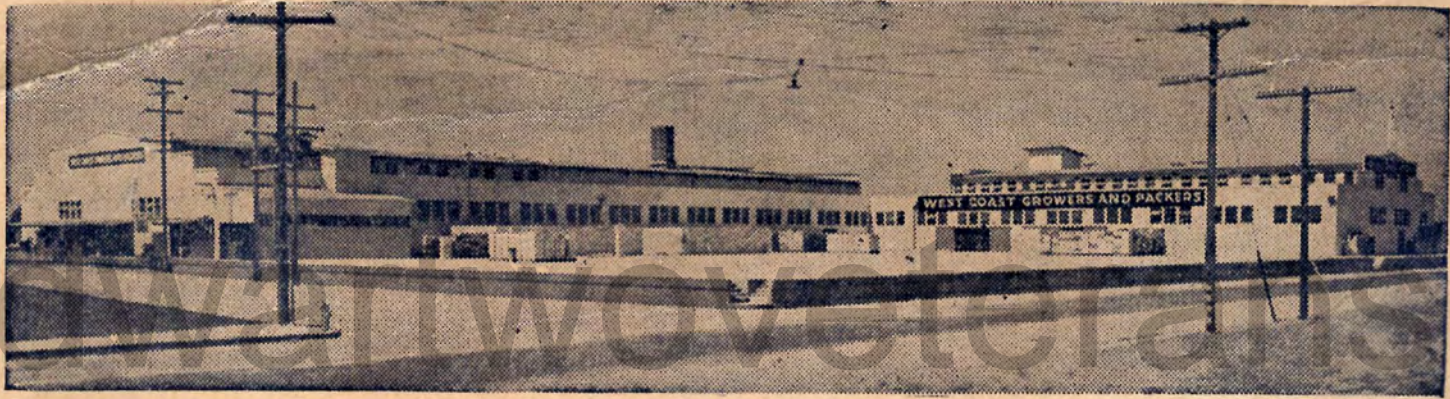
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