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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS
IN
WORLD WAR II

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PREFACE

This record of our Boys and Girls in World War II, is by no means complete. The information contained herein, of over 700 service men and women from this area, was furnished us by relatives and friends. However, some of the stories do not represent the latest information, and by the time the book comes off the press, the status of a great many of these will be changed.

No one was omitted from this book by our own inclination, but only because we did not have definite data concerning them.

The staff of The Luling Newsboy has worked several months compiling this information, and if we have made errors, we are very sorry. A task of this magnitude is almost impossible to complete without some mistakes.

We hope the men and women represented in this book, will keep in touch with us throughout the years to come, for we are personally interested in every one of them.

R. E. BAILEY, SR.

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D E D I C A T I O N

This volume is dedicated to Service Men and Women from Luling, and vicinity, who have made the Supreme Sacrifice for their Country, and to those who are yet to give their lives for the America we love, for the benefit of all mankind. Their last full measure of devotion should be a criterion for all posterity.

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Synopsis of World War II

NAZIS REELING ON ALL FRONTS

As this is written, Sept. 15, 1944, the most destructive World War in history has been in eruption for over five years. At 5:30 a. m. on Sept. 1, 1939, Hitler sent his Huns across the Polish frontier, with the thought that Germany was supreme, and would eventually conquer the world.

Today the Allies have invaded the German homeland in the West, and four armies are poised to strike the Fatherland from Poland, from the Balkans, from Italy and from France, through Belgium and Holland. Allied war planes, thousands of them, scourge Germany every day, and the population of that country would welcome almost any kind of peace terms, perhaps, with the exception of "unconditional surrender." German spokesmen have sent out peace feelers in every direction, but the allied countries, remembering the futility of World War No. 1, haven't been interested in giving the Huns a "soft peace—and the terms remain unconditional surrender.

On September 1, 1939, the "goose stepping supermen" with their Luftwaffe bombed Warsaw and other Polish cities. That is when hell broke loose—the cast of that die doomed millions of lives and billions of dollars.

The lights of the world were turned out one by one. France and England sent ultimatums to Hitler. He replied that "Germany was ready to wage a 10 year's war." He forbade all Germans to listen to "foreign radio lies."

ENGLAND AND FRANCE DECLARE WAR

On Sept. 3, England and France declared war on Germany, and Hitler flew to Poland to take personal command of his troops. The president of the United States told the world that America would remain neutral, but stated: "when peace has been broken anywhere, peace of all countries everywhere is in danger." Italy declared her neutrality but, she was whetting her knife to stab France in the back.

The U-Boats began their campaign of sinking ships immediately, disregarding any

ethics. The Germans were over confident, and imagined in their conceit that no power on earth was strong enough to oppose their armed might. England called Winston Churchill out of retirement and made him first lord of the admiralty, under Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

Warsaw was the first allied capital to fall in World War II, three weeks after Germany had moved her mechanical might, and over one million soldiers into Poland. In his triumph of the moment, Hitler offered France and England an ironical peace—telling them to "take it or leave it." These countries rejected the generosity of the Germans.

The day of appeasement was over. England sent an army of 150,000 men across the channel into France during September, and within the interval, their great battleship, Battle Oak was sunk at Scapa Flow.

ENGLAND BOMBED

Almost immediately the Nazis began to bomb British soil, the beginning of the terrible air blitz, which the English have endured with stoicism, and which has continued throughout the war, with the last demonical gesture, the robot bomb. Within the interval, Churchill replaced Chamberlain as prime minister, and under his direction, the British have endured just what he promised, blood, sweat, and tears, but neither he, or his fellow countrymen have wavered under the punishment they have endured for five years.

At this critical phase of the war for the Allies, Germany made a pact with Russia, and Poland was divided between them. France awaited attack on her Maginot Line. England sent fresh troops into France, and Holland, Norway, and Belgium, shuddered at their predicament.

During the winter of 1939-40. Hitler strutted and boasted, and both sides geared themselves further for the coming struggle. On April 9, 1940, German hordes invaded Norway and Denmark. Denmark succumbed at once, but Norway, assisted by British troops, fought savagely for a time, until betrayed by Vidkun Quisling—whose name has become a synonym for traitors.

After the Norwegians and British had been

overcome in Norway, the Nazi forces rolled into Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg on May 10th. Their military machine was a steam roller, and these small countries were swiftly subdued. The Germans then broke through General Gamelin's so-called invincible French armies at Sedan. When the Hollanders and Belgians surrendered, this exposed the Franco-British left flank, and their armies fell back toward Dunkerque.

The German ground forces were hot in pursuit of the demoralized British and French troops, and the air forces won a brief control of the skies over the Dunkerque beaches. It was then that the English Navy, and a fleet of hundreds of small craft evacuated nearly 400,000 British, French and Belgian troops from the beaches on June 3, and 4, 1940.

ITALY ENTERS WAR

At this time, when it looked as if France was doomed, on June 10, 1940, Italy came into the war, making her famous stab in the back attack against the French, occupying parts of the French Riviera. At the same time her air forces made the first of more than 1200 attacks on Malta.

The Germans almost immediately captured the open city of Paris, and a week later the Nazi Supermen signed the humiliating Franco-German Armistice in the Compiègne Forrest, in the same historic railway car in which Germnay signed the Armistice in 1918. Churchill, then told the world that England—last great nation facing the Axis—would fight on.

Italy invaded British Somaliland on Aug. 4, 1940, and four days later the battle of Britain began when swarms of German planes hit English cities. English airmen gave a good account of themselves, and in one day's battle shot down 182 German planes, but the air war continued, and London, especially suffered great damage and loss of life. The English people demanded revenge, and on Aug. 20, 1940, a small English air force bombed Berlin. On Sept. 2nd, the United States turned over 50 over-age destroyers to the British, to protect their harrassed sealanes, receiving in exchange certain British bases in the North Atlantic and Caribbean area.

LONDON BOMBED

Hitler had continually threatened invasion of the British Isles, and on Sept. 15, more than 800 German planes bombed London alone, almost burning the city to the ground, and nearly wiping out the R. A. F. However, the Luftwaffe lost 185 planes on that day. It was rumored that Hitler even attempted an invasion of the English homeland on that day—and for weeks thereafter German bodies, and burned landing craft, washed up on the beaches from Plymouth to Scotland. This attempt has never been officially announced, but it has been hinted that on that day the British Navy intercepted the Hun invasion fleet, and put the Nazis to route. Aided by RAF planes, who dropped oil on the water, and ignited it.

The British were losing ground. The Italians were occupying important positions in Africa, and the U-Boats were sinking British shipping like "sitting ducks"—and the entire world shuddered when Coventry was destroyed by the German Luftwaffe.

In January, 1941, the fortunes of war turned in favor of the British in Africa, and General Wavell's forces made steady advance. It was at this point that America passed its Lend-Lease bill, putting great resources from our country in the hands of the British.

The Germans continued their successes, invading Greece and Yugoslavia on April 2, 1941. On May 10, Rudolph Hess parachuted into Scotland, on a strange mission, the intention of which has never been made known.

About the middle of June, Hitler made the greatest military blunder in history, when he attacked Russia. It was implied that Russia was a giant with feet of clay, and the German military machine must have had that idea. The vermouth, rolled steadily toward Moscow, and the whole world was perturbed.

JAPS BOMB PEARL HARBOR

The Japanese, who had for some time been making certain threats in the Far East, must have considered that the time was ripe, for them to make a military steal. On Dec. 7, 1941, while their peace missions were in Washington, these dirty little opportunists, with a carrier force, and several hundred

planes, attacked the American outpost at Pearl Harbor. The perfectly executed Japanese attack wiped out about half of our battleships, and laid waste to our military installations at Hickman and Scofield Barracks.

Almost immediately, the Nippons assaulted the Philippines. The British declared war on the Japs, and on Christmas day, 1941, Hong Kong fell, and the Americans pulled out of Manila for their historic stand on Bataan peninsula and Corrigedor—the latter holding out until April after one of the most glorious stands against impossible odds in American history. During April, also, Gen. Doolittle, and his American airmen, hit Tokio with a fleet of B-25's.

Now, America went to war in earnest. Our great production plants were turned almost overnight into war production units, and material for the combat began to roll out in every section of the country.

A huge convoy of our troops, originally headed for the Philippine Islands, was directed to Australia, and from that base began a tedious trek to the north, after Japan had overran most of the Pacific Island world.

The Germans, under their General Rommel were winning victories in Africa, driving to the gates of Cairo and El Alamein. On August 19, 1940, 10,000 British and Canadian Commandos struck at Dieppe, found it impregnable, and were thrown back with heavy losses.

During this same month, American Marines, landed on Guadalcanal. Two months later, General Montgomery's Eighth Army, loaded with American equipment, began its historic march across Northern Africa, after beating Rommel at El Alamein. On Nov. 8, of the same year the Americans landed in North Africa. By May 12, 1943, the Germans had been beaten in Africa, and the Americans had an army that had been forged in the fire of action. The aerial war against Germany was stepped up, as American and English planes plastered the continent of Europe with round-the-clock bombings of the industrial units that sustained the German war machine.

JAPS VACATE ALEUTIANS

The American fleet met the Japs at Midway, and scored many other naval victories in the Coral Sea, off Savo Islands, and continued to pulverize Japanese island bases. Then the Americans threw the Nippons out of the Aleutian Islands with heavy losses.

Within the interval the Russians had found themselves, with their great armies, aided by great masses of American mechanical war material, they retook Stalingrad, with the loss of three hundred thousand Germans and forged forward continuously until now they are poised on the German frontier in Poland, and have almost completely overrun the Balkans, compelling Finland, Rumania and Bulgaria to capitulate.

LANDING AT SALERNO

Italy was thrown out of the war on Sept. 3, 1943, when the Eighth Army landed in Italy. A month later General Clark's Fifth Army attacked at Salerno, and forced Naples, defended by the Germans, to capitulate shortly afterward. Then this Army marched on Rome, and is now in action against the Nazis in Northern Italy, assaulted their much vaunted Gothic line, and it appears that this must capitulate at an early date.

The U-Boat menace has been completely controlled, the German Luftwaffe is beaten, and Herr Hitler's great Siegfried Line has been penetrated on German soil at several points. France and Belgium has been almost completely liberated, and Holland is in the process of being freed.

Recently huge B-29 Superfortresses have opened the battle for Japan itself. General Mac Arthur is on his way back to the Philippines, and the strategic Japanese inner defense has been breached in many places, and American units are poised within striking distance of the Japanese Mainland, the Philippines, and the mainland of China.

The Nazis have their back to the wall, and they should realize that they are doomed. Here in America, it has been prophesied that the war in Europe will be won, even before this book is published—and when Germany capitulates, the whole military strength of the allies will be thrown against the Japanese.



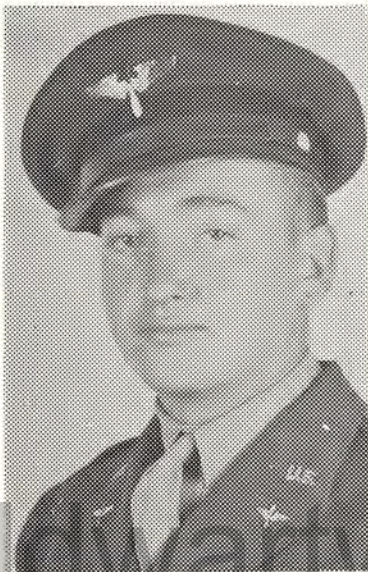
MAJOR AUBREY RAY BIGGS

Major Biggs was a native of Luling, and High School graduate, later attended A. & M. College, and when our country got into World War 2, he had an important position with a large oil company as petroleum engineer. He entered the service on June 4, 1941, at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and since that time had moved up to rating of Major, serving in the Infantry. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Q. D. Biggs, and was married. He received his officer's training at Ft. Benning, Ga., and had stationed at several army posts. He was killed in action in Italy. Sept. 4, 1944.



S/SGT. LAVAL D. BROWN, JR.

S/Sgt. Laval D. Brown, Jr., was instantly killed November 21, 1943, in a plane crash at Laughlin Field, Del Rio, Texas, while on a routine training flight. Three other members of the crew also lost their lives. Sgt. Brown was serving as crew chief and Engineer on the B-26 plane. A month following his graduation at Dowdy High School, May, 1941, he enlisted in the Air Corps. Stationed at Kelly field 6 months, and transferred to Laughlin field. Survivors include his wife and little daughter, Joy Gail; parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Brown, Sr., and three brothers.



LIEUT. JOHN V. BROWN

Lieutenant John Brown was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus T. Brown, Sr. He was born here on Dec. 18, 1920, and left with the National Guard Company "I." and trained at Camp Bowie, and Blanding, Florida. While stationed at Blanding, he transferred to the Air Corps. Several months later, Lieut. Brown received his silver wings and commission as Lieutenant Pilot at Luke Field, Ariz. He was assigned to fly one of the fast combat and pursuit planes, a P-39, and within the interval, served at Paine Field, Wash., and March Field, Calif. He had just transferred to Tonopah, Nevada, when the accident occurred on Jan. 28, 1943, that cost his life. John was a graduate of Luling High School, and attended A. & I. at Kingsville, Texas, for two years.



PFC. SILAS BARNETT

Pfc. Silas Barnett was the 23-year-old son of James R. Barnett (deceased) and Mrs. D. B. Grant. He attended Luling schools, and was a member of Luling's National Guard when it was mobilized Nov. 1940; training all the way with this unit and remaining in action until Jan. 5, 1944, when he became ill, and was sent to a base hospital. Early in September, 1944, a wire was received by his family from the War Department, stating that he had died, August 31, 1944, in Algeria, North Africa. He is survived by his mother, three brothers and four sisters.



S/SGT. MORRIS ALLEN CARTER

Sergeant Carter was the first Luling boy, as far as we know, who was killed in the Italian campaign, under General Clark with the 5th Army. He was a member of Company "I," Luling's home guard. He went all the way with the Luling boys, and to the rating of staff sergeant. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross M. Carter, reside at 207 Magnolia Street. He has a brother in the service, Corporal Edward Carter. In addition, he is survived by a brother, Marion Carter, Luling.



TECH. SGT. DOYLE CONE

Sgt. Cone was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cone. He was a native of Luling, and graduated at Luling High School, class of '34. He went into the service in 1942, and was ground crew chief in the Air Forces before going over. After taking a special gunnery course, he went overseas, and for a time was stationed in Hawaii. Later he moved on to the arena of action, serving as flight engineer on his plane. He had been awarded a medal for gallantry in action, and special citations for many missions against the Japanese, when he was killed in a plane accident in the Marshall Islands on March 6, 1943.



1st LIEUT. DUKE M. CUMMINGS

The War Department has declared Lt. Cummings, missing in action for over one year, officially dead. He was the son of N. S. and Elva Duke Cummings. He was a graduate of Luling High School, and Eagle Scout, outstanding football player and athlete. He graduated at Texas Lutheran College 1941, entered the Air Corps on May 13, 1941, and was given his wings and commission as 2nd lieutenant on May 21, 1942. Went overseas July, 1942, made many missions over France and Germany, and when the Invasion of North Africa began, was assigned to that arena, serving under General Doolittle. He was awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters. Was reported Missing in Action over Sicily on April 13, 1943.



LIEUT. JAMES Q. CROCKER

Lieut. Crocker was killed in a plane crash near Preque, Maine, September 21, 1942. He was substituting as coach for the Prairie Lea High School when he entered the service. He attended Hardin-Simmons College at Abilene, Texas, for three years, and during the tenure of that course had volunteered in the U. S. Army Air Force reserve in 1941. His father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Crocker, and Miss Nelva Smith, had attended his graduation when he was commissioned as second lieutenant July 26th. He was waiting for orders to go overseas when the accident occurred that took his life.



**AVIATION CADET
WILFORD RAYFORD DAVIS**

Cadet Davis was killed in a plane crash at Oxnard Field, Calif., July 17, 1943. He would have finished his training soon, and received his wings, and his mother received these as posthumous honors. He was born in Mexia, Texas, Dec. 26, 1923, and moved to Luling when he was five years old. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis, Sr., and has two sisters, Mrs. H. L. Watts of Franklin, La., and Mary Ruth Davis; two brothers, Harold Davis and Tech. Sergeant W. T. Davis, Jr. He graduated from the Luling High School in 1942. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps, Oct. 23, 1942.



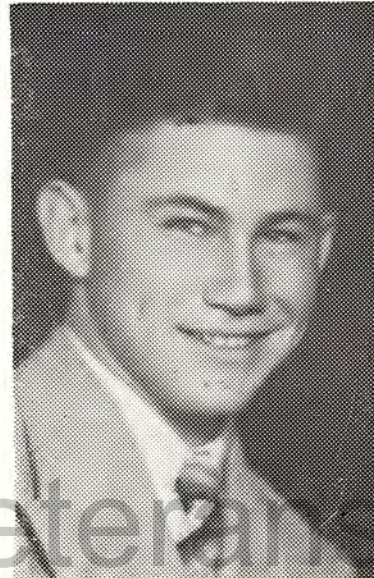
PFC. SAM FAIRCHILD

Pfc. Fairchild was a member of the Air Corps, and had been in the service since Dec. 1940. He attended Dowdy School, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fairchild. He was on ship, headed for the Philippines, when the Japs made their sneak attack at Pearl Harbor. Later he lost his life in the Guadalcanal Campaign. His family has received the Medal of the Purple Heart, commemorating the supreme sacrifice he has made for his country.



PVT. FORREST T. FOEH

Pvt. Foeh was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Foeh. He was 19 years old when he went into the service on Sept. 8, 1943. He was attached to the 313th Infantry, and after several months training at Camp Gruber, Okla., where he qualified as expert in marksmanship, hand grenade and bayonet efficiency, was sent to England, and was among the first groups of American soldiers to hit the Normandy Beachhead. After several days continuous action in the Battle of France he was killed in line of duty, July 7, 1944.



S/SGT. BYRON SAPER GIBSON

Sergeant Gibson was known affectionately, to his friends, as "Shorty." He joined up on August 26, 1938, was with General MacArthur in the Philippines, and went through that campaign without injury. When we surrendered to the Nippons, he was among the Prisoners of War. The War Department advised his wife, the former Miss Mildred Stutts that he had died a prisoner. A son Gerald survives. His father, C. J. Gibson, is serving the war effort in the Panama Canal Zone, one brother, H. O. Gibson, is serving in the Navy, and another brother, Capt. C. F. Gibson, is in the Air Forces, and is Commander of the 319th Air Squadron.

IN MEMORIAM



PVT. REX GLOVER

Pvt. Glover was born in Waelder, Texas, on July 14, 1916. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Glover. He attended Waelder School, and before going into the service, was employed as a farmer. He mobilized with the Waelder National Guard, and trained with that outfit all the way, hitting the beach at Salerno with the Texas boys, and was in continuous action in Italy until he was killed on Dec. 16, 1943. He has two brothers, Bob and Lewis, in the service.



S/SGT. HERMAN JONES

Sgt. Jones was the foster son of the late W. B. and Mrs. Stewart. He was serving with the American Army in the Philippines when the war began, and took part in the Philippine Campaign under General MacArthur, and retreated into Corregidor with General Wainwright—surrendering with the Americans after they were forced to capitulate when their food and ammunition had been exhausted. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese, and died in one of their prison camps.



AUDLEY FRANKLIN JOHNSON

This sailor was known to his friends as "Frank." He was born in Deweyville, on Aug. 4, 1925. He graduated at Dilley High School. The family moved to Luling in March, 1927, and Frank was employed by the Luling Foundation Farm. He enlisted in the Navy Feb. 7, 1943, and was given a short furlough home on completion of his "boot training." He reported back to his assignment on April 13th, was assigned to a ship, and on June 1st, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Audley (Jack) Johnson, received a letter from him, telling them of his wonderful ship, and his fine shipmates. On June 2nd, they received a wire from the Navy, saying that he was injured, and in a critical condition. He died in the Puget Sound Naval Hospital, at Bremerton, Wash. His body was sent home and interred in the family cemetery, near Nixon.



PFC. WARNER A. KELLEY

Private Kelley was born in the Rock Water Hole Community, and attended school there. He was employed by the Humble Company. Warner became a member of the armed forces on Sept. 24, 1940, and served with Company C, 23rd Infantry. He was stationed at Interment, Ariz., in August, 1942. He received a furlough and came home to visit his family. It was while visiting here, that he was killed in an accident. He had started home after midnight, and while crossing the S. P. right of way, was ran over by one of the passenger trains that pass thru here at that time of night. There were no witnesses to the accident. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kelley.



PVT. HERMAN E. KIRCHMAN

This 41-year-old-soldier was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kirchman. He attended Belmont School, and before going into the service on Nov. 11, 1942, was employed in civilian life as a carpenter. He served until April 2, 1943, when, because of his age, he was given an honorable discharge at Camp Blanding, Fla. He returned to civil life, and went to work at Kenedy, Texas. On May 29, 1944, he was fatally injured in an automobile accident.



PFC. BAKER THOMAS McCARLEY

This nineteen-year-old Marine was the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. McCarley, and attended the Mathis High School. His Uncle, for whom Luling's American Legion Post was named, lost his life in World War No. 1. Pfc. McCarley joined the Marines on Jan. 15, 1943, received his boot training at San Diego, Cal., and went overseas in May, 1943. He saw action at Tarawa, and was killed in the Marianas June, 1944. Baker had been a Christian since the age of nine, and was a member of the Baptist Church.



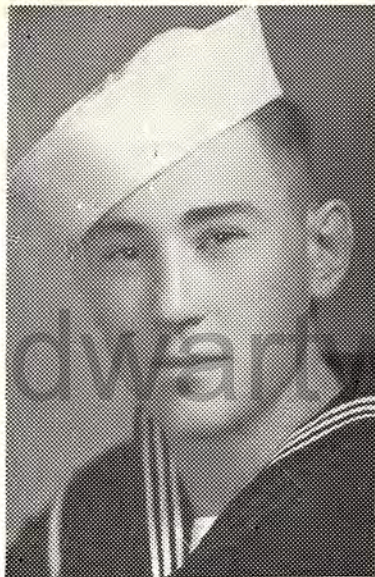
SGT. FRED A. McGLOTHLIN, SR.

This soldier had three sons in the service. He mobilized with Luling's Home Guard Company "I," and trained with them for many months until he was transferred to a special assignment. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burl McGlothlin, deceased. At the time of his death from a heart attack, he was attached to a special unit guarding prisoners of war at Percy, N. H., and it was thought by his friends, that worry over his sons, all of them on the battle line, was partly responsible for his untimely death. His body was brought home to Luling, and interred with special military honors in City Cemetery. His wife, three sons and two daughters survive.



AVIATION CADET
ROBERT J. McWILLIAMS

Cadet McWilliams was born in Hope, Ark., on Jan. 5, 1917. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McWilliams, are long time Luling residents. "Bobby," as he was affectionately known to his friends, graduated at Luling High School, and later attended Tyler Commercial College. Before joining the Air Corps on Aug. 18, 1942, he was employed by the Humble Oil Company. He received his preflight training at Cadet Center, San Antonio, Texas; his primary training at Parks Air College, East St. Louis, Ill., and was receiving his basic course at Coffeyville, Kansas, when the accident occurred that cost his life, on Feb. 2, 1943.



**CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
DUDLEY ENGINE REDMOND**

Petty Officer Redmond was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Redmond, Sr. He attended Luling High School, and joined the Navy on Jan. 5, 1940. He moved up to the highest non commissioned rating, and was serving on the U. S. S. Jarvis, when he was reported Missing in Action, on Sept. 22, 1942. No word has been heard from his ship, nor any of its crew within the interval. However, a letter received sometime ago from the Navy, indicated that they had not given up complete hope, and this was encouraging to his family. Eugene saw action at Pearl Harbor, and in several major engagements against the Japanese, including the "Battle of Guadalcanal."



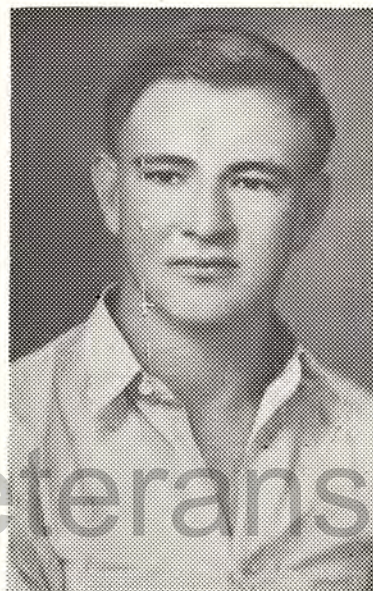
2nd LT. RAY BROOKS REINHARDT

This Luling lad was 21 years old April 25th, and had been in the service since Oct. 17, 1942. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Reinhardt. He graduated at Luling High School, and attended Texas University for two sessions. Took a special course in Aeronautics, and before joining up, was employed as assistant to a Government Engineering crew. His military record was as follows: Sikeston, Mo., March, 1942; Enid, Okla., May, 1942, and commissioned Pilot 2nd Lieutenant, Aloe Field, Victoria, Texas, July 29, 1943. He was assigned to Sarasota Army Air Field, Sarasota, Fla., for final training, and was flying one of the fast pursuit and combat planes when he was killed in an accident on Aug. 21, 1943.



S/SGT. BOB M. REED

Sgt. Reed was born in Luling July 19, 1921. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Reed. He attended Luling School, and had been in the service since Sept. 12, 1940, moving up from private to Staff Sgt. within the interval. He was attached to Co. M, 38th Infantry, and received his training at Ft. Sam Houston and Camp McCoy, Wis. He was sent overseas to Ireland, then to England, and took part in the Battle of France, being in almost continuous action from June 6th, until he was killed in action on July 30, 1944.



1/C SEAMAN HORACE DELL WEST

Horace Dell West has been Missing in Action since May, 20, 1943. He has been in the Navy since Aug. 29, 1942. Seaman West graduated at Gunnery School on Nov. 26, 1942. His buddies made this report:

"Horace's plane was last seen on May 20th, at 8:45 p. m., Somewhere in the Pacific. No information has been received of him since—and neither the plane, or any of the crew, have been found."

He was born here on March 14, 1924, and his mother, Mrs. J. R. Pickerill, is a Luling resident.

IN MEMORIAM



LIEUT. J. C. WALLACE

Lieutenant Wallace left Luling with Company "I," 141st Infantry, and trained at Camp Bowie, and Blanding, Fla. He was rated as sergeant, and was the company clerk of that outfit, when he went into the Air Corps. He grew up in Luling and graduated at Luling High School. Before entering the service, he was employed by Buchanan Lumber Company. He received his Wings at Lubbock Air Field on March 20, 1943, and the fatal accident that took his life occurred on May 20, 1943, when he was a passenger on a B-24 Liberator Bomber near Chicago when it collided with a giant gas storage tank, while on routine flight. Lt. Wallace was the son of Mrs. J. C. Wallace.

1st LT. FRANK CARTER BRAWNER

Frank Carter Brawner, First Lieutenant of the Ferry Command, was born during World War 1, 1918, in Guadalupe County. He attended school in Luling, Seguin, and S. W. T. T. C. in San Marcos. Before entering the service June, 1942, he was a flying instructor. After many trips overseas, he was killed in a plane crash in India, March 15, 1944. His survivors include his wife and son, Frank Patrick, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Brawner.

THOMAS BARBER

This Prairie Lea soldier was reported "Missing in Action" after the attack on Hickman Field, Hawaii. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Barber. Up until this date, his family has had no further word of his status. He was reported killed in the Southwest Pacific area, Sept., 1944.

S/SGT. FRANK COOPWOOD

Sgt. Frank Coopwood was killed in the Italian Campaign on Dec. 26, 1943. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coopwood, Sr., and was one of the original soldiers in Luling's Home Guard Company, "I." He mustered into Federal service with these boys, trained with them all the way, and was with them when they rushed the beaches at Salerno, fighting continuously until he was killed in action. He was born at Lytton Springs, Texas, in 1918. His family moved to Luling when he was just a little lad. He grew up here, and attended the Luling schools. Sgt. Coopwood was married to the former Miss Smith, of Lockhart. He was the father of one little daughter.



S/SGT. CLIFTON H. WILLIAMS

Sgt. Williams was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, of Dale, Texas. He attended Luling Elementary School, and graduated at Lockhart High School. He served with the 5th Army in Italy; saw action at Anzio Beachhead, and throughout the Italian Campaign, and was killed in action on Feb. 13, 1944. His remains are interred in the Anzio Cemetery. This soldier was rated as a real fighting man by his buddies, and was affectionately known as "Tex." His father is a veteran of World War No. 1, 36th division.

PVT. CALVIN U. MILLER

Private Miller was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Miller, who reside at 404 Fannin Street. He joined the service in 1941, and was a member of the Coast Guard, stationed in the Philippine Islands when this war began. He was born on October 12, 1924, and attended school in Luling. He fought through the entire Philippine campaign from the beginning of the war, and was taken prisoner by the Nippons when Corregidor fell. He died in a Japanese prison camp on June 29, 1943.

SGT. EARL DANIELS

Sgt. Earl Daniels was killed in action in Southern France, Aug. 26.

WILLIE JAMES (Colored)

Willie James served in the Navy. He grew up around Luling, and his parents live just East of town. Willie was better known as "Plum Creek," and for a long time was employed by the Princess Theatre. He was a boxer before joining the navy.

ISAAC ALLEN, JR. (Colored)

Isaac Allen was a colored boy, who grew up just across the San Marcos River in Guadalupe County. He went over to North Africa with his outfit, and during embarkation before land attack on the mainland, his ship was torpedoed, and he was drowned. Isaac had been home a short time previously.

STATE OF TEXAS
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN

21 July 1944

GENERAL ORDERS
T. N. G. No. 21

AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR
TO Sergeant JAMES M. LOGAN

For the information of all concerned, Section II, WD General Orders No. 54, dated 5 July 1944, is hereby published and made of record:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), a Medal of Honor was awarded by the War Department, in the name of Congress, to Sergeant JAMES M. LOGAN (Army Serial Number 20803103) (then Private), Company I, * * * Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in action involving actual conflict on 9 September 1943, in the vicinity of Salerno, Italy. As rifleman of Company I, * * * Infantry, Sergeant Logan landed with the first wave of the assault echelon on the beaches of the Gulf of Salerno, and after Company I had advanced 800 yards inland and taken positions along the forward bank of an irrigation canal, the enemy began a serious counterattack from positions along a rock wall which ran parallel with the canal about 200 yards further inland. Voluntarily exposing himself to the fire of a machine gun located along the rock wall, which sprayed the ground so close to him that he was splattered with dirt and rock splinters from the impact of the bullets, Sergeant Logan killed the first three Germans as they came through a gap in the wall. He then attacked the machine gun. As he dashed across the 200 yards of exposed terrain a withering stream of fire followed his advance. Reaching the wall, he crawled along the base, within easy reach of the enemy crouched along the opposite side, until he reached the gun. Jumping up, he shot the two gunners down, hurdled the wall, and seized the gun. Swinging it around, he immediately opened fire on the enemy with the remaining ammunition, raking their flight and inflicting further casualties on them as they fled. After smashing the machine gun over the rocks, Sergeant Logan captured an enemy officer and private who were attempting to sneak away. Later in the morning, Sergeant Logan went after a sniper hidden in a house about 150 yards from the company. Again the intrepid Sergeant ran a gauntlet of fire to reach his objective. Shooting the lock off the door, Sergeant Logan kicked it in and shot the sniper who had just reached the bottom of the stairs. The conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity which characterized Sergeant Logan's exploits proved a constant inspiration to all the men of his company, and aided materially in insuring the success of the beachhead at Salerno.

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(Signed) ARTHUR B. KNICKERBOCKER
BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR:

(S E A L)

Brigadier General
The Adjutant General

(Signed) NEILL H. BANISTER
Colonel, A. G. D.
Asst. Adj. General



SGT. JAMES MARION LOGAN



Sgt. James Marion Logan, winner of the Nation's highest award, was born near Luling, December 19, 1920. He attended school in Rising Star and Lockhart, Texas. The family moved to Luling when James was in his early teens, and when he became 17 he enlisted in Company I, Luling Guard, remaining with this unit until it was mustered into Federal service, November, 1940. He went all the way with this group, training at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass., leaving with the 36th division. When this outfit stormed the beach at Salerno, just before dawn on September 9, 1943, Sgt. Logan was the first soldier from his boat to step ashore. His actions from then on, has won for him the title of "Hero of Salerno."

He has been recommended for the second Congressional Honor, held only by General Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

He was awarded the Presidential Citation, the Purple Heart and many other honors for meritorious service.

He is the son of Mrs. Maggie Logan, Luling, and C. M. Logan, Austin.





COL. JOHN A. OTTO

Col. John August Otto has been in the Army since 1917. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in May, 1942. He is a native of Ottine, and is the son of J. A. Otto, Sr., pioneer resident and founder of Ottine. He graduated at A. & M. College, and joined the 37th Infantry, stationed at Laredo, and served with that outfit in 1930. As a professional soldier, he has served at many stations, in foreign service, and has attended all the specialized schools for the enhancement of his military ability. The last report, he was finance officer of the 2nd Army, stationed at Memphis, Tenn.



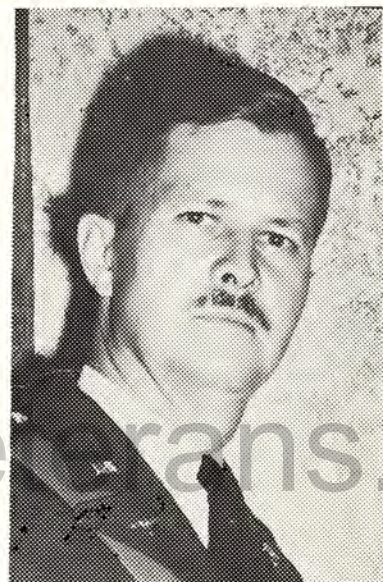
LT. COL. H. MILLER AINSWORTH

Col. Ainsworth served overseas in World War No. 1, as 2nd lieutenant in two major engagements. He retained his commission as first lieutenant in the officer's Reserve Corps. Upon reorganization of the 36th Division, 1922, he accepted a commission as Captain of Infantry. He was originally Commanding Officer of Company "I," Luling's Home Guard Company, was later elevated to the rank of Major, and was promoted to Lt. Col. of Infantry when mobilized into Federal Service in November, 1940, and has served on many staff assignments. He hit the beach with a combat unit at Salerno, on Sept. 9, 1943, and was engaged for some months in the Italian campaign. He was among the few surviving officers of his unit. He returned to the States on Jan. 6, 1944, and is Executive Officer of the Southern Personnel Reassignment Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.



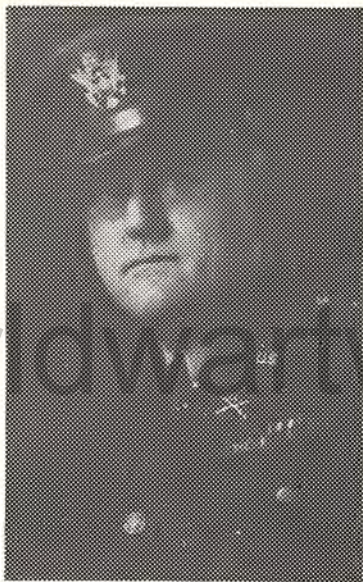
COL. EDWARD LOUIS WILSON

Col. Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson. He arrived in this community on January 6, 1903, and grew up hereabouts. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and later received his degree at Texas A. & M. College in 1926. His profession in civil life was that of architectural engineer. He entered active service in 1941, at Camp Lee, Va., although he had been active in the R. O. T. C. for many years. His promotions as active officer have been from Captain to Major, to Lieut. Colonel, to full Colonel.



LT. COL. BEN W. BARCLAY

Col. Barclay was born in Kingsbury, on May 1, 1900. He joined up in September, 1940, and before going into the service, was employed as Chief Clerk for the Central Power & Light Company, at Laredo, Texas. He had been a reserve officer since 1923. Prior to that time he had served in the Air Corps, and so had retained his commission in the officer's reserve. He is a graduate of Southern California University and West Point. He is stationed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



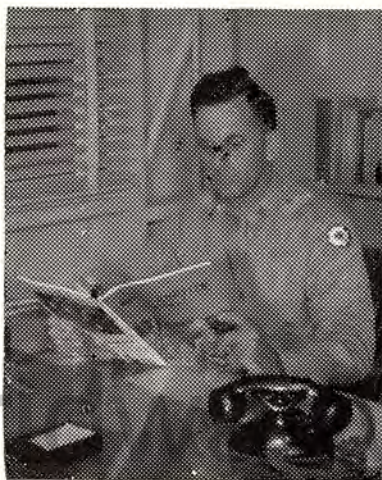
LT. COL. H. G. STEIN

Col. Stein is a veteran soldier. He served in World War One as the "Top Kick" in his outfit, was gassed, and was decorated with the Silver Star for gallantry in action. He was Company Commander of Luling's Home Guard outfit when they were mustered into service, and went with the boys to Camp Bowie, where he transferred to other service. He has had many important assignments within the interval, including commanding officer of the Harlingen Gunnery School. At this time, he is chief of special service in the Central Training Command. In civil life he was mayor of Luling, secretary of Chamber of Commerce, and civic leader.



LT. COL. MARSHALL A. LANGLEY

Lt. Col. Langley is a graduate of A. & M. College and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree; he was formerly employed with the Union Producing Company. He entered the service with Luling's National Guard, November 25, 1940, as 1st Lt., received a promotion to Captain in 1941, to Major, July 7, 1942, and to Lt. Col. March 5, 1943. He is serving with the Field Artillery in France. Col. Langley is a native of Fentress, graduated from the Prairie Lea High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Langley. He is married to the former Miss Elnora Coovert and has one son, Larry Wilson, who lives in San Marcos.



LT. COL. H. G. PIERCE

Colonel Pierce, when last heard from, was "Somewhere in England." This long time Luling resident was employed in the postoffice here, and was an officer in World War No. 1. He retained a commission in the Army Reserve, and when this struggle began, was summoned to active service, as Captain. He has served in the quartermaster's division in many army supply depots, and was sent overseas the early part of 1944. He has had two promotions in the service.



MAJOR DONALD M. BLACKMAR

Major Blackmar is the husband of the former Marge Manford, and they are the parents of one little girl. He went into the service on June 1, 1941, and trained at Randolph Field, Kelly Field, and Corsicana Field. He has moved up from the rating of second lieutenant, since receiving his wings and commission, to the high rank of Major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Blackmar. is 29 years old, and a graduate of the University of Texas. Before joining up, he was engaged in the oil business.



MAJOR TILLER E. CARTER

Major Carter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carter. He is a Native son, graduating at Luling Hi and A. & M. College. He was a teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the Luling Public Schools for many years, and officer in Luling's Home Guard outfit, Co. "I," when they mustered into the service, having the rank of Second Lieutenant. He has moved up from that rating within the interval. The Major is married, and has two children. Marilyn Kay and John Michael.



MAJOR FRANCIS M. WILSON

Major Francis M. Wilson is a native of this community, a graduate at Luling High School and Baylor Medical College. His occupation in civilian life was Physician and Surgeon. He went into the service on June 15, 1941, at Ft. Sam Houston, training at Ft. Sam and at the Desert Training Center near the West Coast; he was then sent to Ireland and England—returning to the States later because of illness. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson, is married, and is the father of two children. Major Wilson received his promotion to Captain in May, 1942, and was promoted to the rank of Major in December 1942.



MAJOR FRED A. PIERCE, JR.

This soldier, one of Luling's native sons, has the distinction of being a major of Infantry at the early age of 24—an unusual accomplishment in that branch of the service. He is the son of Mrs. Corine Mackey Pierce, graduate Luling High School, and A. & M. College. He entered the service as 2nd lieutenant of Infantry on July 3, 1940, and within the interval, has had three promotions in the service. His wife is the former Miss Hallie Beth Willingham, and he is the father of one daughter, Hallie Beth. Major Pierce is somewhere in England. His training stations were Ft. Sam Houston, Ft. Benning, Ga., Camp Maxey and Camp Swift, Texas, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and Ft. Dix, N. J.



GUNNER'S MATE JAMES GERVIS ADAIR

Sailor Adair, of the Merchant Marine was 18 years old March 14, and has been in the service since Dec. 8, 1943. He has made several trips overseas, and the most interesting one, was to Liverpool, England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. James Adair, and attended Luling Schools. Before joining up, he was employed in Defense Work at the Ingall's Shipyard. At this report his home station is New York.



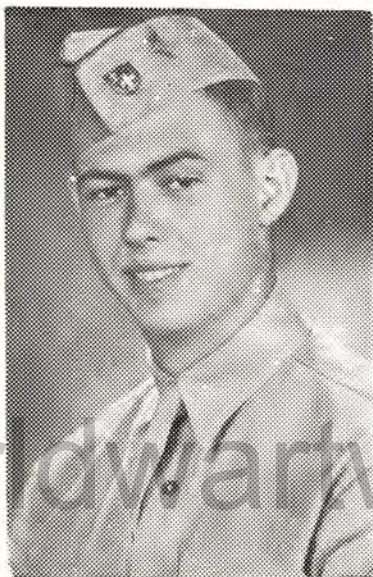
1ST. LT. SHUFORD M. ALEXANDER, JR.

1st. Lt. Alexander is twenty years old, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Alexander of Lockhart. The family are former residents of Luling and it was here that "Alex," started to school, completing his High School education in the Lockhart High School in 1941. He entered the Air Corps on his 18th birthday, May, 1942. He received his wings and commission at Foster Field, Victoria, October 1st, 1943, and was sent overseas in February, 1944, to Sicily and later to Italy. "Alex" has an unusual talent for drawing and is known as the artist of his Squadron.



PETTY OFFICER HOLLIE ALLEN

Petty Officer Hollie Allen, QM3C, is the son of Mrs. Lexia Linderman, who lives in Hollywood, Calif. He attended the Luling Schools, and later the Pacific Military College in California. He joined the Navy on Dec. 14, 1942, and has had three promotions within the interval. In February, 1944, he was sent to the South Pacific, and has doubtless seen much action against the enemy since that time.



CORP. ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Corp. Armstrong is married to the former Margaret Fullilove. He is 22 years old, and has been in the service since seventeen days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He received his first training at Ft. Sill, Okla., but was later attached to the 12th Artillery Battalion of the Second Division, Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio. He was ill when his outfit went overseas, and could not accompany them. He is stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri, as instructor in C. S. C. S. wire construction.



PVT. HULEN T. ALLEN

Pvt. Hulen T. Allen joined the Air Corps on July 5, 1943. He is the son of Mrs. C. C. Allen, and is just 19 year old. After his initial training, he was sent overseas in December, 1943, and has been in the arena of action since that time. He attended Luling High School. He is stationed "Somewhere in Italy."



STAFF SGT. LYNN W. ADAMS

Sgt. Adams entered service Jan. 30, 1941. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Adams. He was born at Onolaska, Polk County, Texas, on Aug. 16, 1917, and graduated at the Brackenridge High school, San Antonio, Texas. Before joining up, he was an employee of the Magnolia Pipe Line Company. He is serving overseas with the 111th Ord. (M. M.) Co.



**FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER
RAYMOND C. APPLING**

Raymond C. Appling, SK 1/c, is the son of Carl W. Appling, and is well known to the people in this section. He attended the Dowdy High School, and before joining the Navy on Dec. 13, 1940, a year before the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad. He received his "boot training" at San Diego, Calif., and carried on at many naval bases. Just at this time he is serving overseas. We have no report on his actual naval record, but the fact that Raymond is overseas, is significant in itself.



CAPTAIN R. E. ALLEN, JR.

Captain "Bob" Allen, as he is known to his friends, left Luling with Company "I," and before transferring to the Air Corps, had attained the rating of Sergeant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Allen, Sr., and is a graduate of Luling High School, and later attended the University of Texas. After receiving his wings and commission in the Air Corps, Captain Allen was assigned to anti-submarine patrol in the North Atlantic, Mar. 14, 1943, and later served in Iceland and England. His squadron had many encounters with German submarines, and Bob was decorated for gallantry beyond the call of duty with the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal, and additional citations. His latest assignment has been as instructor in Combat School Operations, at the USAAF Station.



2ND LIEUT. CARL APPLING

Lt. Carl D. Appling went into the service in Nov., 1940, and took his various courses for pilot in the Air Corps at many training schools throughout the country. After getting his wings, he went overseas and carried out many missions against the enemy. He seemed to have a charmed life, and went through every experience intact. Before joining up, Carl was employed as truck driver. He is the son of Carl W. Appling, and the nephew of Mrs. Harvey Appling, Kingsbury, Texas.



FIRST LIEUT. HARRY D. APPLING

Lieut. Harry D. Appling left here with Luling's Company I, in 1940, but later transferred to the Air Corps, after training at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Blanding, Fla. He is the son of Arthur Appling. He is married, and Mrs. Appling and their two daughters are living in Luling for the Duration. Lt. Appling went overseas on June 15, 1943, and saw service in the Fiji Islands and New Hebrides, and is now "Somewhere in the Arena of action." He attended the Dowdy School, and before joining up was employed as an electrician.



STAFF SGT. GUS APPLING, JR.

Before joining up, Sgt. Appling was employed by the Texas Company. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Appling, of Kingsbury, and attended the Prairie Lea School. He has been in the service since March 18, 1941. He received his initial training at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, and has had five promotions in the service. Now he is somewhere overseas, and is probably in action as this is written. He is attached to an Ordnance outfit.



STAFF SGT. A. J. APPLING

Staff Sgt. A. J. Appling has seen plenty of action with the 36th Division in Italy. He holds the Medal of the Purple Heart, for wounds received on Jan. 16, 1944. He has had five promotions in the service, moving up from private to Staff Sergeant. A. J. attended Prairie Lea School, and before joining up, was employed as a farmer. He is married to Mrs. Ethel Appling, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Appling, who reside at Kingsbury. He has been in the service since Nov., 1940, and is a real veteran of this war.



FLIGHT OFFICER BILL APPLING

This twenty-year-old officer is the only son of Mrs. W. A. Appling. He received his education in the Luling Schools and is a graduate of the 1941 class. He formerly attended A. & M. College. He entered the air corps in Feb. 28, 1943 and, received his wings and commission at the Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, Texas, in August, 1944. His last station known was Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas.



SGT. ROMON ALEX

Sgt. Romon Alex is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alex. He joined the Air Corps at Ft. Sam Houston, on Oct. 31, 1942. He is married to the former Miss Maxine Miles, and has one daughter, Christi Elaine. He attended Luling High School, and before joining up, was employed as a carpenter. Sgt. Alex trained at nine stations, and attended Aerial Gunnery Instructor's School Buckingham Army Air Base, Ft. Meyers, Fla., and after graduating there, qualified as instructor in Aerial Engineering and Aerial Gunnery. He has had three promotions in the service. At this report his station is at Columbia, S. C.



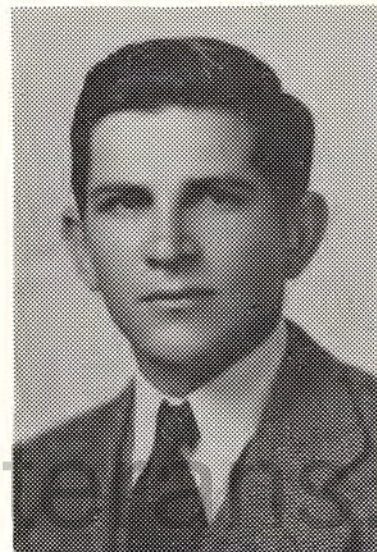
**2ND CLASS PETTY OFFICER
OSCAR L. BIGGS**

In civil life Petty Officer Biggs was an electric welder, and so his skill fitted into the need of the "Seabees," which branch of the service he joined on Jan. 3, 1943, at Baton Rouge, La. He is 26 years old, and is the son of Mrs. Pearl Biggs; is married to Mrs. Mary Biggs. He is a graduate of Luling High School. He received his initial "boot training" at Sun Valley Rifle Range, R. I., and we were unable to ascertain his station at this writing, but presume he has either gone, or is on his way, overseas.



PVT. CHARLES C. ALEX

Pvt. Charles C. Alex is somewhere in France. He is nineteen years old and the son of Mrs. Charlie Alex. Before joining up on July 23, 1943, he was employed by the Express Company. He received his initial training at Camp Wolters, and is serving overseas as cook. He said his outfit had fed many famous personalities, including, Winston Churchill, President Roosevelt, General Eisenhower, Patton, Montgomery, Bradley and many others. He was formerly stationed near London.



SGT. ROY F. BEVILLE, JR.

Sergeant Beville has been in the Air Corps since 1939, and is fighting in New Guinea. He is twenty-three years old, and a graduate of the Wyandotte, Okla., High School, class of 1938. Before going into the service, he was engaged in farming.



**MASTER SERGEANT
JAMES W. BREWER**

Sergeant Brewer is a native son. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brewer reside at McNeil. He graduated at Luling High School in 1938, and before going into the service was engaged in farming. He joined up in 1938, selecting the Air Corps as his preference. He is stationed at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas.



**LIEUT. ROY B. BRONSON
Prisoner**

Lieutenant Bronson is a prisoner of the Germans, shot down in a raid over Hanover, Germany, on July 26th, 1943. He has written his mother, Mrs. Roy Bronson, Sr., that he is well, uninjured, and is being treated well by the Germans. Roy grew up in Luling, graduated at Luling High, and received his B.A. degree at Rice Institute. He joined the Army Air Corps on August 18, 1942, and after the various training courses, received his commission as second lieutenant, and was sent to England with the 8th Air Force. His prison is at Stalag Luft 3, Germany.



**LEROY A. BRYANT
SEAMAN SECOND CLASS**

Leroy joined the Navy on March 28, 1943. He is 17 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Soderberg. He attended High School here, and was generally admired by all of his associates and friends because of his ardent patriotism. He is stationed in California.



**FIRST SERGEANT
BILLY BRASHEARS**

Billy is the son of Mrs. Jessie Brashears, and was a student in the Luling High School for a number of years. In 1937, he moved to Kilgore, Texas, where he finished high school in 1941. A short time later he enlisted in the Army at Randolph Field. He left for Foreign Service in August, 1943. He is "Somewhere in Alaska."



PFC. ANDREW T. BOST

Pfc. Bost is nineteen years old, and is a graduate of Luling High School, where he was rated as a very popular lad. Before joining up, he was employed by the A. & P. Store here as a clerk. He entered the Army Air Corps on April 22, 1943, at Ft. Sam Houston, and within the interval, has trained in various fields in different sections of the country, including Sheppard Field, Sioux Falls, S. D., Truax Field, Wis., and Selfridge Field, Mich. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bost.



CAPT. ARCHIE GROVER BIRKNER

Captain Birkner is a Paratrooper, and is 26 years old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Birkner, and the grandson of one of Luling's former grand old men, now resident of San Antonio, Gus Birkner. He went overseas early in the war, and took part in the North African and Italian campaign. For conspicuous gallantry in action, he was promoted on the battlefield to the rank of Captain. Later he was taken prisoner, and is now confined to a German Prison camp. Captain Birkner has received many citations.



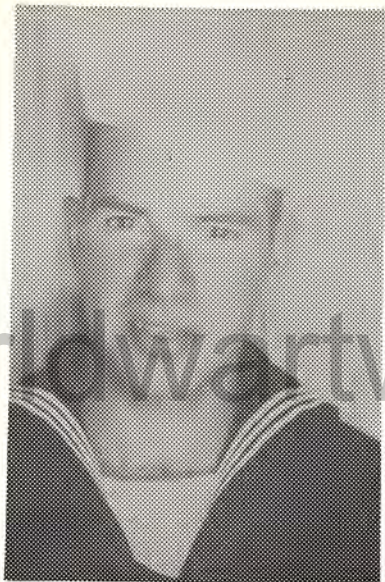
SGT. WILLIAM B. BRISCOE

Sgt. Briscoe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Briscoe. He is a native son and is 22 years old. He attended the Luling School, and before joining Army Air Corps in Oct. 1942, he was employed as a welder. He has trained in Texas, Kansas and Mississippi camps, and before going overseas in May, 1944, completed a special course in Aviation Mechanics and Welding to equip him for special ability to "keep 'em flying." He is now "Somewhere in New Guinea," serving with the 3rd Emergency Rescue Squadron.



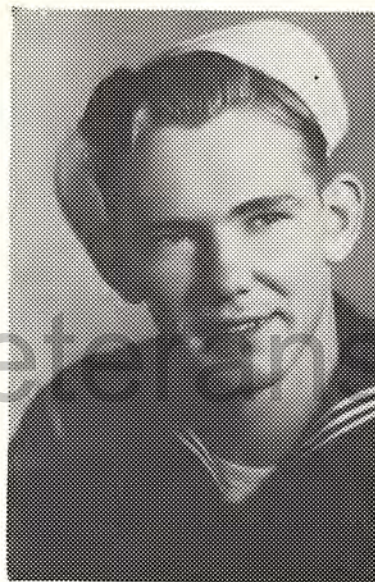
2ND LIEUT. KENNETH R. BRIDGES

Lt. Kenneth R. Bridges has had the distinction of serving with General Chennault, with the 14th Air Force in China, and the feats of these men have rung 'round the world. His itinerary of service against the enemy includes Africa, China and India, and he is a real veteran of this war. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bridges. He was trained on the West Coast as pilot, but received his combat training at Columbia S. C. as pilot of a B-25 Mitchell Bomber. He has been overseas since Feb. 5, 1944.



ROY LEWIS BROWN A/S

Sailor Roy Lewis Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Brown, of Prairie Lea. He is 22 years old, and is a graduate of Draughan's Business College. Before going into the service he was assistant manager of the Goodyear Company San Antonio branch store. He was inducted into the Navy on June 20, 1944, received his "boot training" at San Diego, California, after this period of training he is taking a specialized course at one of the Navy training schools.



FLOYD BISHOP JR. S 1/c

Floyd Bishop, Jr., is a native of Atascosa County, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd P. Bishop. He is a graduate of Prairie Lea School, and was an oil field worker in civilian life. He entered the service July 17, 1943, in San Antonio, and is in the Gunnery department of the Navy. He is stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas.



RAY E. BAILEY JR. SK 1/c

Petty Officer Bailey is a graduate of Luling High (1938) and Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, 1940. Joined V-7 Reserve August, 1940, and left Norfolk, Va., on U. S. S. Quincy for training cruise returning to North River, N. Y., Nov. 1940. Employed as assistant manager of warehouse Camp Bowie, Texas, and went with National Guard soldiers to Louisiana maneuvers, in charge of camp supplies. Joined U. S. Naval Reserve in Houston, Jan. 25, 1942 trained at San Diego, Cal., and Bremerton. Stationed at Seattle, Wash., Naval Air Station 5 months, transferred to N. A. S. in Kodiak, Alaska, where he served 19 months in supplies. Present station, Supply Dept., Naval Station, Astoria, Oregon.



SGT. W. S. BINGHAM

Sgt. Bingham has seen much service with the 36th Division in the Italian campaign, and received many citations and combat ribbons. He was with the boys at Salerno, and has remained with them continuously. His wife, Mrs. Ruby Mae Bingham, resides in Luling. This man is a real veteran of World War 2. He is 27 years old, attended the Cross Plains School, and before joining up, was an employee of the Railroad Company. He entered the Service October, 1941, and trained at Camp Bowie, Edwards, Mass., and Blanding, Fla. He returned home September 7, 1944, and reported to Miami, Florida after a furlough.



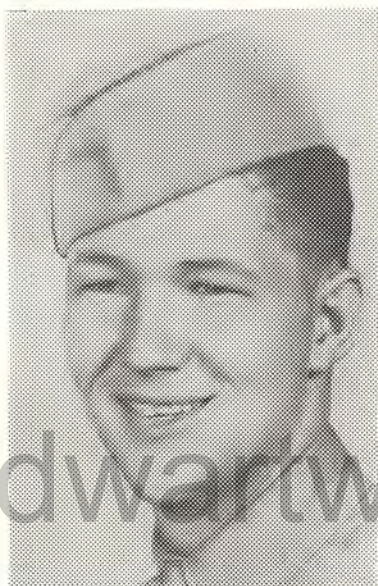
SGT. JACK M. BERGER

T/5 Berger completed his education in Luling High School in 1941. Before entering the service on Dec. 7, 1942, he was employed by the Magnolia Pipe Line Company. He was a member of the U. S. Army Signal Corps stationed at Bend, Oregon, and Fort Lewis, Washington, and has been overseas since Nov. 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith. At this report he is with the 1st Army in Germany.



JAMES ENGLAND BURRIS, U. S. N.

Petty Officer Burris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Burris. He attended the Luling Schools. He has one brother, Charles Burris, in the service. He is married to the former Miss Mary Wiley, and has one small daughter. Before entering the Navy, he was employed by the Dow Chemical Co. He received his "boot" training in Corpus Christi and is stationed at that base. He was an airplane mechanic before entering Radio School where he is serving as instructor. He joined the Navy November 22, 1943, and has received promotions from S 2/c, to his present rating of Petty Officer 3rd Class.



T/S CHARLES L. BURRIS

"Fundy," as he is affectionately known to his friends, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Burris, and a native of this section. He is a graduate of the Luling High School, and was engaged with his father in the dairy business, before he joined up with the infantry, medical division, on November 18, 1943. He has had two promotions in the service. He is married to the former Mary Jane Millican. His station, at the present, is Camp Livingston, La.



CAPTAIN JACK T. BROWN

Captain Brown is serving with the 5th Army in Italy. He left Luling as an enlisted man with Company "I," 141st Infantry, and was later given his commission and transferred to another unit—now serving with the Ordnance Division. He is a veteran of the Italian Campaign, and was still in action at this report. He is a graduate of Luling High School and Texas A. & M. College, and when the war began, was entitled to an automatic commission, but preferred to move up from the ranks.



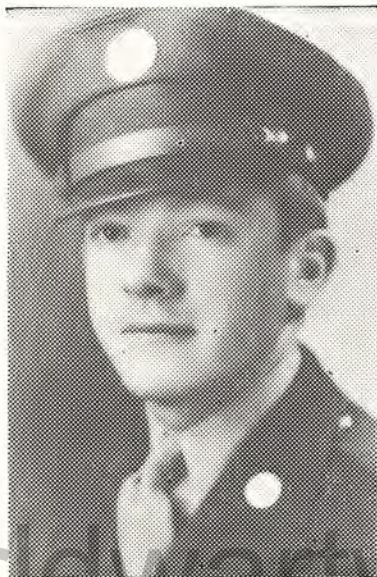
ENSIGN JOE W. BROWN

Ensign Brown was in the service when the war began, stationed at Pearl Harbor when the Japs made their attack. Later he campaigned all over the South Pacific and Far East, and was in several major engagements. Joe was injured in action, and after a period of hospitalization, was returned to the States and honorably discharged from the service as a casualty. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus T. Brown.



BILLY BURKE BROWN
PETTY OFFICER 1/c

This sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Brown and is a native of Luling. He is a graduate of Luling High School and later attended Seguin Lutheran College. He was employed with the Gulf Oil Company before his enlistment in the United States Coast Guard May 20, 1942. He trained in New Orleans, La., and has been stationed in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and Florida.



STAFF SGT. GUS. T. "PINKEY" BROWN

Sgt. Brown, Engineer and aerial Gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, returned home in August, 1944, from his station in Italy, after having taken part in many combat missions over enemy Europe. His most adventurous exploit was when his plane "Madam Lily" was shot down over territory partly held by the soldiers of General Mihailovich, leader of the Slav insurrectionists. His crew was rescued after a pitched battle with the Germans, and Sgt. Brown for a time was the special protege of the General; after this experience, made his way afoot through seven hundred miles of hostile country to the American lines. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus T. Brown, Sr., a graduate of Luling High School, and was an early volunteer in the Air Corps.



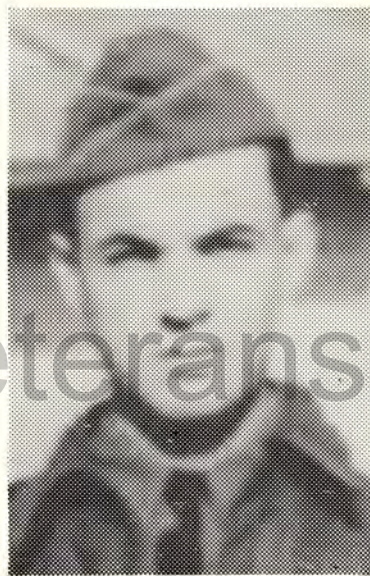
PFC. FRANK CORDRAY BROWN

Marine Pfc. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Brown, of Belmont, and is a descendant of the old Pioneer Brown family, so closely associated with the history of this section. He joined the Leathernecks on Sept. 6, 1943, and received his "boot training" at San Diego. He quickly qualified as an expert marksman, and because of this special aptitude was assigned as Coach on the Marine Rifle Range at Camp Matthews, Cal.



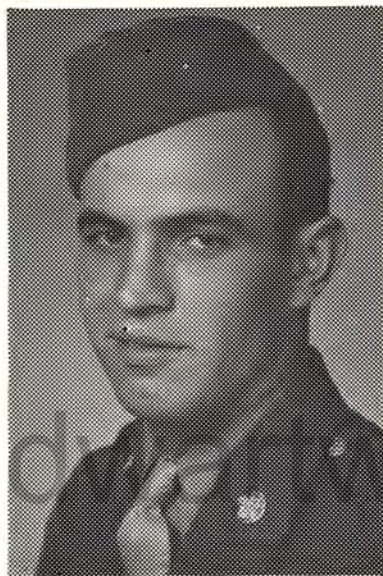
A/C TOM W. BROWN, JR.

Cadet Tom W. Brown, Jr., has been in the service since May 14, 1941. He received his Silver Wings from the Harlingen Gunnery School, and soon afterward, as an aerial gunner, went by clipper to the Caribbean arena of action, where he did patrol duty and where his plane was credited with helping to sink several German submarines. Returning to the states in July, 1943, he signed up for pilot training. After taking this course at several training schools, he was reassigned to train for Bombardier, and is at the Albuquerque, N. M., Training School. He will receive his commission in December. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown, Sr.



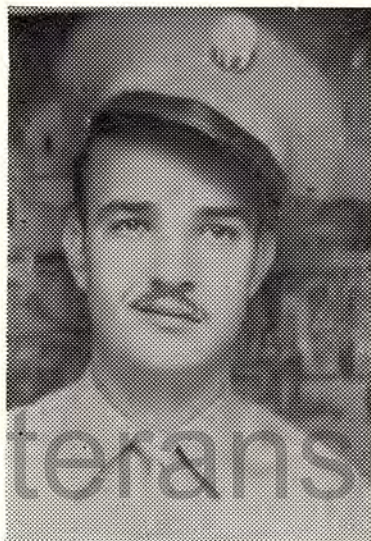
TECH. SGT. AGER P. BARRETT, JR.

Sgt. Barrett is one of the three Barrett Brothers who have served their country in this war. He was born at Liberty, Texas, on August 16, 1919, and attended the Prairie Lea and Luling Schools. He is married, and has one son, Ager P. Barrett, III. Before joining the Air Forces on July 1, 1940, he was employed by the Humble Oil Company. He is now stationed at Randolph Field and is attached to the Medical Corps as assistant to the Flight Surgeon. Within the interval he has moved up from Private to the high non-commissioned rating of Technical Sergeant—and that is quite an accomplishment.



CPL. CLYDE M. BARRETT

Corporal Barrett, as this is written, is "Somewhere in India." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ager P. Barrett, Sr., and attended Luling and Prairie Lea Schools, and was a student when he enlisted in the Air Corps on May 26, 1941. He is a member of the 584th Material Squadron. He was twenty years old Feb. 7th. Clyde is a typical American youth, who could not be restrained from doing his bit for his country, and went out to do battle against our enemies when just seventeen years of age.



PVT. MILTON W. BARRETT

Pvt. Barrett will be 19 years old Nov. 12, 1944. He joined up at Ft. Sam Houston in Feb., 1944, and after only a short service, was stricken with spinal meningitis, which left him in such condition physically that he received an honorable discharge on April 10, 1944. He attended the Prairie Lea and Luling Schools. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Barrett, Sr., and is married. Before joining up, he was employed as an electrician by the Consolidated Steel Corporation.



**MASTER SERGEANT CHARLES A.
(ARTIE) BELL**

Sgt. Bell, "Artie" to his friends, is a graduate of Dowdy High School, where he was an outstanding athlete. He attended Texas Lutheran College, and when he entered the service was a student at George Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bell, and has been in the service since July, 1941, serving in the Air Corps. He was rated as crew chief before leaving the states for overseas duty.



CAPTAIN W. G. (WILSON) BELL

Captain Bell joined Luling's Home Guard, and served with the outfit for 13 years, and had attained the rank Sgt., when he was commissioned 2nd lieutenant on July 26, 1941, by direct appointment from the President. He was transferred to the Air Corps on Dec. 18, 1941. He was the Commanding Officer of the Army Air Force Bombardier School at Midland, Texas, and was promoted to Captain on Nov. 7, 1942; served at Salt Lake City, Gt. Falls, Montana, Rapid City, S. D., from where he was sent to England July 10, 1943, and in that country organized and supervised the first voluntary agricultural groups to help harvest English crops. He became seriously ill in England, and was sent home on sick leave Nov. 20, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bell, and is up for further promotion at an early date.



LIEUT. (j.g.) CALVIN O. BELL, JR.

Lieut. Bell is a graduate of Dowdy School, and attended Rice Institute, Houston. He joined the Navy at Dallas in Feb. 1942, and is now serving overseas. The Bell Brothers, Calvin and Charles, were both Star athletes, participating in many events throughout the country—on one occasion his team broke a world's record. As a Navy man, Calvin has moved up to his present rating from that of Chief Petty Officer. As a civilian he carried on as an athletic coach. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bell, Sr., and is married to Mrs. Billie (Chipman) Bell.



PVT. JESSE M. BELL

Pvt. Jesse M. Bell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bell. He is married to Mrs. Lena Mae (Pearson) Bell, and has one child. He is 33 years old, and has been in the service since April, 1944. He was inducted at Lockhart, and is receiving his initial training at Camp Bowie, Texas. Before joining up, Pvt. Bell was engaged in civilian life as an oil driller, and he is well known to the oil fraternity of this section.



STAFF SGT. REUBEN T. BELL

Staff Sgt. Reuben T. Bell, is somewhere in action in France. He is an expert airplane mechanic, and is one of the boys "who keeps 'em flying." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bell, is 22 years old, and has been in the service since 1940. He has moved through all the non commissioned grades to his present high rating, and much of his military training occurred in a Mississippi camp. This soldier is a veteran of overseas service, having been in England over a year when he took part in the Invasion of Normandy.



FIRST LIEUT. ROY J. BENEFIEL

Lt. Roy Benefiel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Benefiel. When the war began, he was a member of Luling's Company "I," and trained with those boys until he reached Camp Blanding, Fla. He made most of the non commissioned grades, and was rated such a fine soldier by his superiors, that he was selected for commissioned officer's training, and was sent to Ft. Benning, Ga., receiving his commission on Nov. 5, 1942. He has seen service in England, and combat in France. He was wounded in action and has been decorated with the Purple Heart.



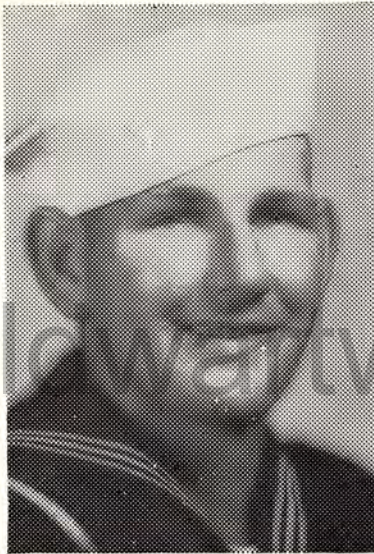
FIRST LT. MAX BENEFIEL

First Lt. Max Benefiel was a member of Luling's National Guard Company "I" when that outfit mustered into Federal Service, and he trained with those fellows until he transferred to the Air Corps from Camp Blanding, Fla., getting his commission and wings from Yale University in June, 1943. Lt. Benefiel is now in action from an Italian base. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Benefiel, a graduate of Luling High School, and was 28 years old, August 16. Max is married to Mary Elaine Benefiel, a former Lockhart Girl.



PVT. BEN F. BOWLES

Pvt. Bowles is engaged in the Army Engineer's branch of service and has seen action in Italy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bowles and his wife, Elizabeth, lives in San Marcos. He attended Luling High School and was employed by the Magnolia Company. He entered the Army Sept. 8, 1943, at San Antonio, and trained at Camp Abbott, Oregon, and Fort Belvoir, Alexandria, Virginia before going overseas.



WILLIAM RAY BOWLES S 1/c

This sailor is a native of Luling, twenty years old. He received his education in the Luling Schools, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bowles. He entered the Navy on May 19, 1943, at Houston, Texas, and is stationed at Alameda, California. He was married in April, 1944, to Miss Denzil Marcum of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He has one brother, Pvt. Ben F. Bowles, in the service.



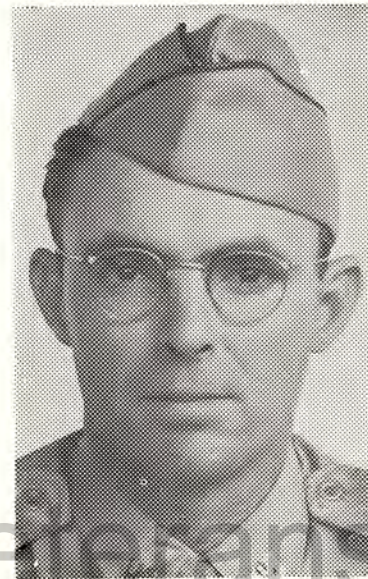
T/SGT. LANCE A. BEVERSDORFF

Sgt. Beversdorff is a native son, and graduate of Luling High School. He attended Texas University, and before entering the service, was employed by the Lower Colorado River Authority. He joined the Field Artillery at Ft. Sill, Okla., in 1941, and later served at Camp Bowie as instructor in the surveying school. He is stationed in Italy as operations Officer. He is the son of Mrs. H. J. Beversdorff.



**TECHNICAL SERGEANT
HENRY J. BEVERSDORFF**

Before going into the Service in Aug. 1940, this soldier was employed by the City as an electrician and fireman. He joined up with the Air Corps, and was sent to the Aeronautical Institute in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is now an inspector in the Mechanical Department of the Air Corps, in Dodge City, Kansas. He is the son of Mrs. H. J. Beversdorff, and is a graduate of Luling High School and Draughan's Business College.



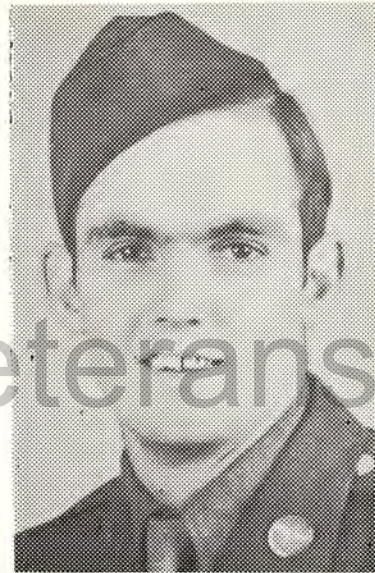
**WARRANT OFFICER
HERBERT BENNER, JR.**

Warrant Officer Herbert Benner, Jr., has been in the Air Corps since July 14, 1937, and has moved through all the non commissioned ratings to the semi-commission of Warrant Officer. Herbert grew up in Luling; is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Benner, Sr., and before joining up, was employed by the Citizens Oil Company, as chemist. He is an expert in photography, and is serving with the 4th Photo Lab. Sec., stationed "Somewhere in India." Herbert, Jr., is a real veteran, having been in uniform now for over seven years.



PVT. AUGUST W. BENNER

August W. Benner is a graduate of Luling High School, and Southwest Teacher's College, San Marcos. Before joining up, he was a Boy Scout executive, in charge of that work in Dothan, Alabama, and was head of the Southeast Alabama Council. He is married, and has three children, Virginia, Billy and Betty. Pvt. Benner went into the service on May 23, 1944, and is a member of Co. D, 82nd Bn., an Intelligence and Reconnaissance outfit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Benner, Sr. He is now taking a special course as an overseas replacement unit.



SGT. PERCY MAURICE BENNER

Sgt. Benner is now in action in France, after serving in England for ten months. He has been in the service since Sept. 1942, and has received three promotions. He is married to the former Clell Wallace. Before joining up, he was employed by the Postoffice Grocery & Market. Percy has an agreeable personality, and is a native of Luling. He is one of the five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Benner, Sr. Serving in the Air Corps, Sgt. Benner has graduated at many service schools, his most important course having been taken in engineering and operation at Oklahoma A. & M. College.



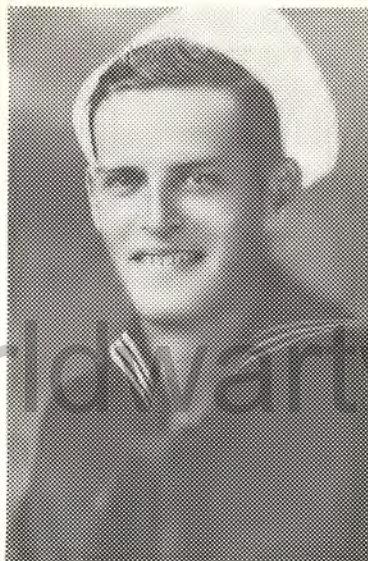
STAFF SGT. LESLIE E. BENNER

Sgt. Benner has one of the finest military records of any soldier from this section. He joined up in the Air Corps on Feb. 9, 1942, and went over early as gunner on a Big Bomber, and saw plenty of action in the North African campaign; is a veteran of Algeria, Tunisia, Pantaleria and Sicily. He made many Sorties against the Axis, was wounded in action over Biserte, has been decorated many times. He was awarded the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, African Theater Medal and American Defense Medal and the Purple Heart. His station is in Louisiana.



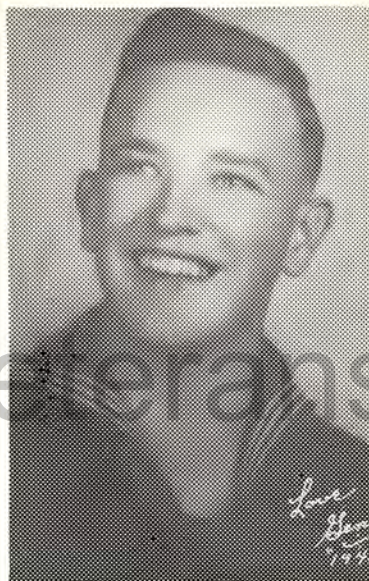
CORP. ROBERT L. BENNER

Robert will be 21 years old Dec. 17th, and has been in the service since Dec. 17, 1941 — being one of those intrepid and gallant lads who enlisted right after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He has served in the Infantry, and when it looked like the Japanese would attempt an attack on Alaska, he was sent to that region, and was stationed in that area for approximately two years. He is a native of this section, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Benner.



EDWIN BARBOUR CROWE AMM H 3/C

Petty Officer Crowe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Crowe. He is married, has one child, and his family reside in this community. He attended Luling High School, and before joining the Navy on April 14, 1944, at San Antonio, was employed as a mechanic at Kelly Field. He received his "boot training" at San Diego, Calif., and as this is written, is stationed at that base, awaiting further assignment.



WILLIAM EUGENE CROWE, EM 3/C

This sailor has been in the Navy since July, 1942, and is stationed at the Naval Receiving Barracks, Tacoma, Wash. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Crowe, are Luling residents. Eugene was selected, and has completed a six month's course at Purdue University, and later at the Gyro Compass School, at San Diego, Calif. He was 22 years old May 5th. He is well known in Luling, having graduated at the Luling High School a few years ago.



**JAMES LLOYD CROWE
SEAMAN FIRST CLASS**

James Lloyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Crowe, and attended Luling High School. He joined the Navy in Chicago, Ill., on July 15, 1942, and is rated as first class gunner. He has seen plenty of action in Australia, Africa and in the waters around South America. A narrow escape occurred when his ship was torpedoed on July 4, 1943. On this occasion, he had been home on leave after a long session at sea, and was only here for an hour or so when he received a wire to report back to duty. Within a few days he was back again, his ship having been torpedoed just after it left port.



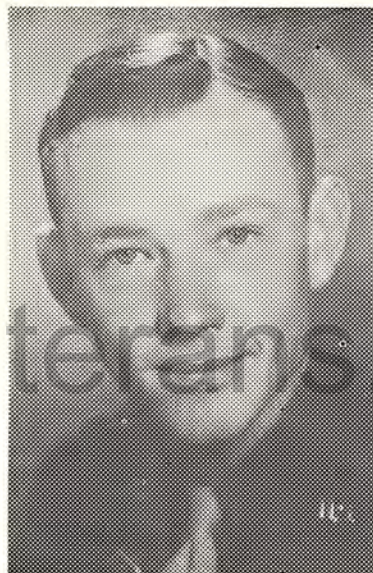
PVT. D. G. CROWELL

Pvt. Crowell attended Luling High School, and is the son of Mrs. Dollie Crowell. He is married to the former Miss Bessie Merle McGlothlin. Before joining up, was employed in the oil fields. He went into the service in March, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, and is stationed at Bastrop, Texas. D. G. is a well known Luling man.



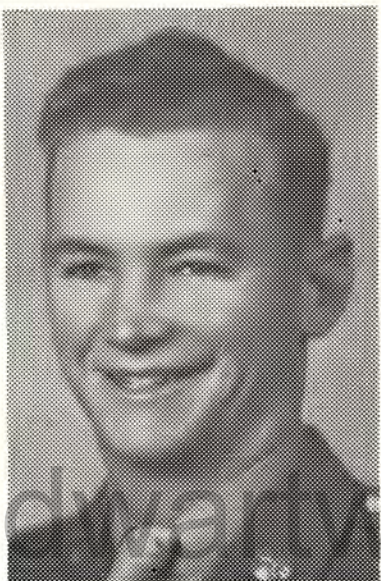
T/4 MARION H. CROWELL

Marion will be 22 years old Nov. 18, 1944. He is the son of Mrs. Dollie Crowell, and attended the Luling schools. He was an oil field worker before going into the service. He is serving in an Ordnance Company, and is stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark. His wife, the former Miss Opal Colwell, is with him at his station. He entered the Service March 4, 1943 at San Antonio.



1ST LIEUT. JACK E. CARTER

First Lieutenant Jack Carter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Carter, and is a graduate of Luling High School, and A. & M. College, Class of '43. He attended Officer's Training School at Ft. Benning, Ga., following his graduation, and was commissioned in the Infantry Division upon the completion of this course. He is stationed at Camp Cook, Calif.



**STAFF SERGEANT
ALFRED A. CROMWELL, Paratrooper**

Sergeant Crowell was born in Luling in 1917, and graduated from Luling High school. He is the son of Mrs. Dollie Crowell. He was engaged in oil field work for the Magnolia Petroleum Company before entering the service. In April, 1941, he joined up with the Parachute Infantry and was stationed at Camp Mackall, North Carolina; now is in New Guinea.



LT. DANIEL S. CHESSHER

Lieutenant Chessher is a graduate of Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, in the High School and College Departments, serving as Captain of his military unit in his senior year. He extended his education at Texas University and S. W. T. T. C., in San Marcos. Lt. Chessher entered the Army Air Corps June 1, 1942, and received his Wings and commission at Aloe Army Air Field, Victoria, April 22, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Chessher, of Darst Creek, and is stationed at A. A. F., Lincoln, Neb.



CHARLES JAMES CARTER, CMM

(left)

Chief Machinist Mate Carter has been in the Navy since Dec. 12, 1935, and has received nine promotions in the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Carter, and attended the Prairie Lea Schools. He was among that first thin line to oppose the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941. He has taken part in 16 major battles, Pearl Harbor, Marshall, Gilbert, Marianas and Solomon Islands. He was a member of the crew of the U.S.S. Maury, and at one time served with two of his brothers on this ship. He returned to the States July, 1942 and is serving as an instructor at a Naval Base.

C. L. CARTER, MM2/C

(center)

Sailor Carter was 21 years old July 29, and he went into the service on April 21, 1941. He was the third brother to serve aboard the USS Maury, and has eight promotions to his credit, and has a fighting record of 16 major engagements and many skirmishes. He is still on active duty with his outfit "Somewhere in the Pacific." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Carter, who reside at 317 Myrtle Avenue, Luling, and was a student at Prairie Lea School.



**PETTY OFFICER
THOMAS G. CARTER
MM 2/C**

(above right)

This sailor has been in the navy since March 14, 1940, and was one of three brothers on the USS Maury No. 401. He engaged in sixteen major battles, and was sent back to the States in June, 1943, because of a back injury received in action, and has been convalescing in various Navy Hospitals. Thomas G. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Carter. He has received nine promotions in the service.

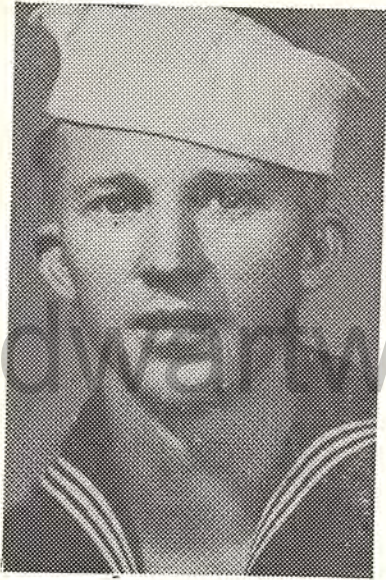


CHARLES P. CARTER, JR., S 2/C

Charles P. Carter, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Carter, and will be nineteen years old on Dec. 18th. He graduated at Prairie Lea High School, Class of '43, and before going into service in August of the same year, was employed as a clerk at Stair's Store. Shortly after "boot camp," he requested foreign duty, and was sent to the South Pacific. He has made New Caledonia, the Solomons and Guam, and has qualified as an expert radio technician. He has not been home since his enlistment, he is now in the combat area, in pursuit of the Japanese enemy.

SGT. KENYAN D. CARTER

Sgt. Carter is another son of the fighting Carter family, who chose the army as his preference. He started out with the Luling's Home Guard Company "I," 36th division, 1941, and has remained with that outfit continually, and has taken part in all action this group engaged in up until Dec. 9th, when he was wounded. He was reported missing in action, but later correction of this report located him in an Italian hospital. No further news has been received from him since Feb. 28, 1944. This soldier, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Carter—is one of five brothers, all in the service.



ROBERT ELBRIDGE COUSER, U.S.N.

Robert Elbridge Couser was the first Luling boy to be reported "Missing in Action." When the war began, he was stationed at Pearl Harbor, and his mother, Mrs. Hallie Couser, received the official news just after the Japs made their attack. Later another message came through that he had been located, but was wounded. After this incident, Elbridge saw much service in the South Pacific arena of action. He was sent to the States because of injuries, and spent several months in Naval hospitals. He was discharged from the service because of these injuries.



**AVIATION CADET
ROBT. JENNINGS CARTER**

Cadet Carter is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Carter, and is a native boy, born Dec. 17, 1923. After completing his education in the Luling schools, he attended Southwestern University at Georgetown, and A. & M. College. Robert entered the service on Dec. 9, 1942, and was assigned to Glider Maintenance at Sheppard Field, receiving a diploma for the completion of this course, and a promotion to the rating of Sergeant. He was then transferred to Spokane, Wash., where he spent two months, and from there, went to Tinker Field, Oklahoma City. It was here that he gave up his stripes to enter the Air Corps, and at this report, is in training at Santa Ana, Calif.



1ST. LIEUT. LYNN W. COUSER

Lt. Couser is the son of Mrs. Hallie Couser, and is married to Mrs. Gladys Tiller Couser. He is 24 years old. Lynn left Luling with Company "I," as a private and trained with them until selected for Commissioned Officer's training. He was sent into the Central Pacific combat arena against the Japanese, and has taken part in many battles, the most conspicuous of which were in the Marshall Islands. He has received the combat Infantryman Badge for duty against the enemy at Kwajalein Atoll. He is a native of Luling and a graduate of Luling High School.



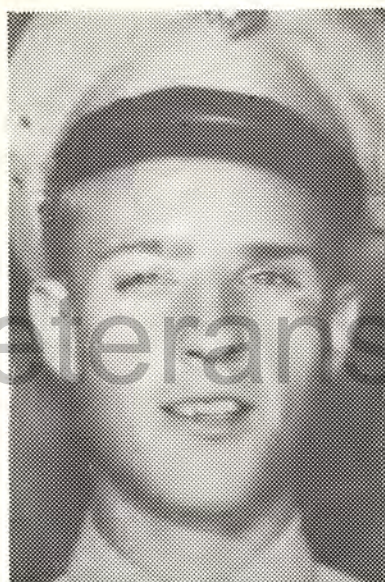
SGT. IRWIN S. COBB

Sgt. Cobb is a member of the Army Air forces, stationed at Santa Monica, Calif. He received his training at Puerto Rico, after joining up in Nov. 1940. He is the son of L. L. Cobb, attended school in San Marcos, and was employed as an electrician in civilian life.



SGT. HAVIS M. CLARK

Sgt. Havis M. Clark is a graduate of Luling High School, and later extended his education at the San Marcos Teacher's College. He was 23 years old on July 8th, and before going into the service Sept. 14, 1942, was employed in the ship yards. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Clark, and has had three promotions in the service. His last training station was Ellington Field. He is overseas.



PVT. CHARLES E. CONE

Charles is serving in the Ordnance Department at Camp Hood, transferred from the Medical Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cone. He joined the service at Ft. Sam Houston in May, 1943, and in civilian life was employed as a mechanic at Houston. He is a graduate of Luling High School. Our last report from this soldier indicated that he was guarding prisoners of war at his new station.



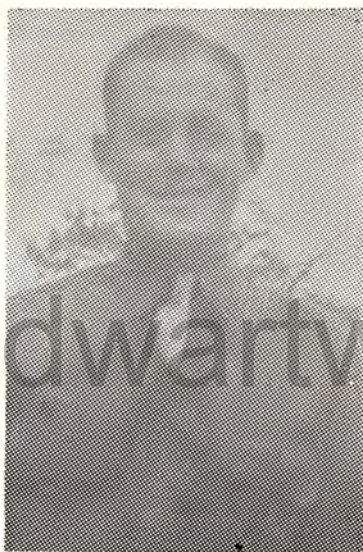
STAFF SGT. CLYDE CONE, JR., U.S.M.C.

Sgt. Cone, when last reported, was serving somewhere in the South Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cone. Following his graduation from Luling High School, he attended R. O. T. C. at Stephenville for two terms. He entered service Feb. 14, 1942, and received his training in California. He has been overseas eleven months. Before joining the Marines, he was employed in defense work.



CORP. BRACK WINERT CURRY

Corporal Curry moved to Luling in 1924, and joined our National Guard Company "I" when he was seventeen years old, and has been with them ever since—now serving with the Fifth Army in Italy, and a veteran of all the battles that have taken place within the interval. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Curry, live on Route 1. Corp. Curry is affectionately known as "Buck" by his associates. He was 24 years old January, 1944, and is a graduate of the Prairie Lea School.



SGT. JOE D. CLARY

Sergeant Clary is a native of McNeil, and was born in 1920. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clary, of Luling. He attended grade school in McNeil, and is a graduate of Luling High School. In civilian life, Joe was a farmer. He is now with the Fifth Army Somewhere in Italy. Sgt. Clary was a member of the Luling National Guard when he entered the service.



PFC. GORDON COMACHO

Private Comacho was working at Thos. Wilson's Grocery Store when he went into the service, in May of last year. He was 20 years old July 22nd. Gordon was born in Gonzales, Texas, but has been a resident of this city for the past two years. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Isaias Comancho, are Luling residents. This lad is in the regular army, and is stationed somewhere in New Mexico.



LEE ALEC CLARY

Lee Alec Clary is a McNeil boy. He left here with Luling's National Guard, and served somewhere in the North African War Theater with the Military Police. He is a graduate of Luling High School.

While serving in London, several months ago, he had the good fortune to find a diamond brooch, and received a reward of \$2,000.00 for returning it to the owners. This episode put him in the National Headlines. Lee Alec experienced many air raids in London. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clary, of the McNeil Community, and is stationed in New Orleans, La.



SGT. CHARLES O. CAIN

Sergeant Charles O. Cain is the son of Mrs. Sam Lee-hin and is a native of Coleman County. He entered the service in 1942, when Luling's National Guard was mobilized, and trained with Company "I," 141st Infantry, all the way. While serving in North Africa, he was sent to the hospital, and in Oct. 1943, was sent back to the States to recuperate, was discharged because of illness, and is now living in Dallas.



TECH. SGT. J. CALVIN COCHRAN

Sgt. Cochran has been in the Air Corps since the Fall of 1939; at Randolph Field. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cochran, attended Luling High School, and worked in the Dairy Division of the Luling Foundation Farm before going into the service. He is 27 years old. He is attending the Army Air School at Lowery Field, Denver, Colo., after training at Moffett Field, Calif., Las Vegas, New Mex., Brooks Field, Texas, Illinois and Seattle, Wash.



TECH. SGT. JOHN T. COCHRAN

Sgt. Cochran left Luling with the National Guard, and stayed with that unit all the way. He has moved up from "Buck" Private to the High Non Commissioned rating of Technical Sergeant. He was with the outfit when it hit the beach at Salerno, and remained in constant action Sept. 9th, until wounded on Dec. 20th. Sgt. Cochran is a native of this section, the son of J. A. Cochran, of Gonzales.



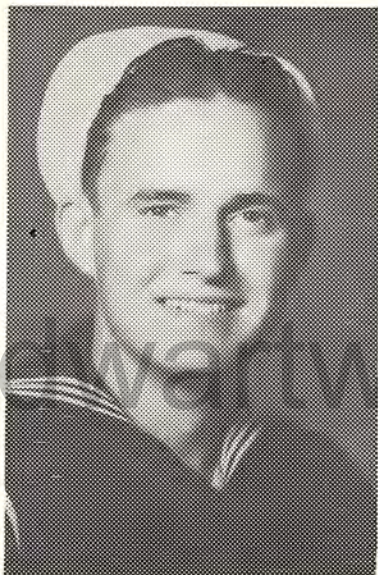
PVT. THOS. E. (JACK) COCHRAN

Jack, as he is familiarly known to his friends, is nineteen years old. He has been in the service since Dec. 1943, and received his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cochran, Smiley, Texas. Before joining up he was employed by the Luling Foundation Farm. He is stationed at Ft. Ord, Calif.; is serving with an infantry outfit, and expecting an overseas assignment.



MIDSHIPMAN DAVID M. COCHRAN

David is a native Luling boy, 19 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Cochran, and has been training in the Naval Officer's Reserve since March, 1943. He is a graduate of Luling High School. Midshipman Cochran attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute, at Lafayette, La., for one year as an A.S., and made the grade of M.S. and was sent to Columbia University on Aug. 1, 1944. He belongs to that group of potential commissioned officers that Uncle Sam has been giving special training throughout the country—younger men who will take over their service assignments as officers when their courses have been completed.



**FIRST CLASS SEAMAN
PAT LEE COLWELL**

This sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Colwell, of Harwood. He attended Harwood and Waelder Schools, and entered the service on May 25, 1943. Before joining up, he was employed as Welder. He is aboard ship, somewhere at sea. He is nineteen years of age, but already qualifies as a veteran of this war. He has many friends and relatives in this section.



CPL. JAMES E. CONLEY

The last letter received from Cpl. Conley came from England, and intimated that his outfit "was on the move," and it is presumed that he has seen his share of combat action in the Invasion in France. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Conley; and before joining up was employed as a machinist. He went into the service on Dec. 1, 1942, and is a member of Company H, 29th Infantry. He was inducted at Ft. Sam Houston, but received most of his training at Ft. Benning, Ga.



1ST LT. ALFRED B. COLWELL

Lt. Colwell was among the first fliers who carried on so magnificently in the South Pacific arena of action. As a bombardier, he has completed over sixty missions against the Japanese, and has endured the hazards of jungle existence in New Guinea. He was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious service, and the bronze oak leaf cluster to the air medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Colwell of Harwood; and is a graduate of Harwood school. He returned to the states in August, 1944.



PFC. ALBERT M. CARTWRIGHT

This 24-year-old soldier of the Army Engineers is serving in the Southern Pacific arena of action, and has received commendation for bravery under the most difficult conditions of battle action. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cartwright, attended Prairie Lea High School, and was engaged in ranching as a civilian occupation.



1ST. LT. WALTER W. CARDWELL, JR.

Lt. Caldwell is 23 years old, and is attached to a tank destroyer unit, training at Camp Hood, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Cardwell, Sr., and is a graduate of Luling High School and A. & M. College. During his college career, young Caldwell was appointed Cadet Colonel, and was rated as one of that school's outstanding students. Senior Caldwell, in charge of the Luling Foundation Farm, was an officer in World War No. 1.



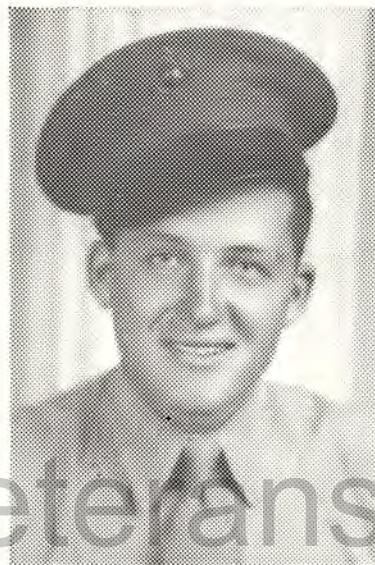
PFC. WILLIAM ARTHUR CAYLOR

Pfc. Caylor was 21 years old May 19. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Caylor, of Luling. He belongs to an Infantry outfit, who completed their training at Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal. He has been overseas on combat duty for the past 5 months in New Guinea. He attended Luling High School, and has been in the service since Feb. 23, 1943, joining up at Ft. Sam Houston. Before going to New Guinea he was stationed 7 months in Hawaii.



CORP. BRYANT L. CHILDERS

Corporal Childers has been overseas for 22 months with the Army Signal Corps, and has taken part in the African and Italian campaigns. He was 24 years old Oct. 2, 1944, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Childers. This soldier has been in the service since Oct., 1939, and has not been home for over two and one-half years. He attended school in Luling, and before going into the service was employed by the Crouch Oil Company. At this report his present station is unknown.



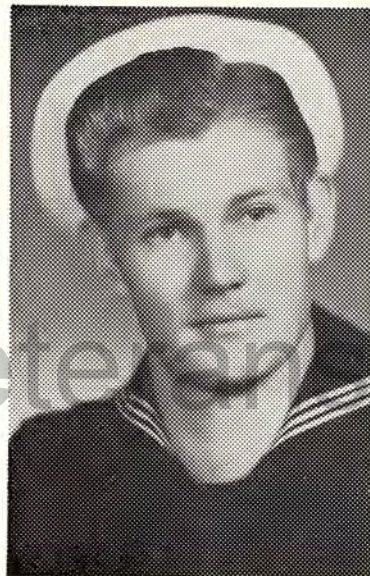
PFC. CARROL C. CARTER, JR.

Marine Pfc. Carrol C. Carter is nineteen years old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol C. Carter, Sr., who reside at Corpus Christi. This "Leatherneck" sailed overseas on Oct. 27, 1943, and at last reports, was stationed in the Solomon Islands, as an Engineer. He has been in the service since May 12, 1943, joining up at Corpus Christi, and receiving his "boot training" at San Diego, Calif. He is a graduate of Corpus Christi High School.



**CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
EDGAR LOIS CARTER**

Sailor Carter has been in the Navy since Nov., 1942, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Carter. He is a graduate of SWSTC, San Marcos, and before joining up was employed as a teacher and athletic coach. Because of his wide experience as an instructor, the Navy has utilized his service at the Great Lakes Naval Training School, until just recently, as special recruit instructor, and his latest assignment has been Company Adjutant.



**2ND CLASS PETTY OFFICER
ROBERT E. CARTER, JR.**

This sailor is 21 years old, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carter of Kingsbury. After graduating from High School he attended A. & M. College, and went into the Navy on Feb. 16, 1943, receiving his boot training at San Diego. After a special course, he went to sea, and now carries on "Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific." It has not been ascertained by his family whether he has experienced any action, but it may be assumed that he has, for he is in the combat area.



CAPTAIN JAMES PEARSON CARTER

Captain Carter has rendered yeoman service in the Air Transport Command, and has seen much active combat service in the Southwest Pacific area. He has been in the service since March, 1941, and began his military career with the infantry. Before joining up, he was employed by the American Air Lines, and so it was natural that he would be transferred to the Air Transport Command, where his experience was deemed invaluable. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Carter, who live near Kingsbury. He is married, and has one child. Captain Carter is a graduate of Westmoreland College.



FIRST CLASS SEAMAN A. J. CARTER

Sailor Carter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carter, of Kingsbury. He attended Luling Schools, and went into the service on April 16, 1943. He is 19 years old, but he is a veteran of this war, for he has been engaged in many hot actions in the Pacific, including Tarawa and Saipan, and, according to the records, these two fights alone were very representative scrimmages.



PFC. OTHO TRAVIS CAGLE

Pfc. Travis Cagle, who is 34 years old, is serving in the Army Air Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cagle, and before joining up was employed in the Magnolia Refining Department. He attended Luling High School. He went into the service Oct. 3, 1942, trained at Brooks Field, and later took a special course at the Flying Fortress School in Columbus, Ohio. He is stationed at Bryan Field, Texas.



**FIRT CLASS PETTY OFFICER
JALETT Y. CONNER**

This sailor is the son of Mrs. Maude Conner, and is married, and has two children. He attended Prairie Lea High School, and before joining up on May 5, 1942, was employed by the Magnolia Company. He has qualified as an expert radar technician, and is at sea aboard an aircraft carrier. He received his training in Houston and Corpus Christi.



**SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER
CLIFFORD L. CONNER**

Clifford is one of three sons of Mrs. Maude Conner serving in the Navy, and is rated as Pharmacist Mate Second Class, stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Cal. He has seen much overseas service. Before joining up, he had been a student of medicine in college, and during his naval service has completed a course in x-ray. He attended Prairie Lea High School, and before joining up, was employed by Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, San Diego, Calif. He has had two promotions during his period of enlistment.



CARLOS CONNER, S 2/C

Sailor Carlos is attached to a landing craft outfit, and has been overseas for over six months. He is the son of Mrs. Maude Conner, attended Prairie Lea High School, and was a member of both the Prairie Lea and Luling Bands. He also was an Eagle Scout. He has been in the service since August, 1943, joining up in San Antonio, and receiving his "boot training" in San Diego, California. Within the interval, he has had two promotions.



1ST. LIEUT. NOLAN A. CORBELL

Lt. Corbell is a graduate of Wichita Falls High School, and attended the University of Texas. His wife is the former Miss Joyce Pierce. He entered the Air Corps on Oct. 17, 1939, and moved up through the non commissioned grades to the rating of Master Sgt. He was selected as officer material, and after a special course of training was commissioned 2nd lieutenant in the Air Corps in Nov., 1943, and was promoted to first lieutenant in Aug., 1944. He is stationed at Tinker Field, Okla.



SGT. VICTOR L. CROWELL

Sgt. Crowell is a technician in the Medical Corps, and is now serving with the Fifth Army during the whole Italian Campaign. He is a Luling boy, and will be 24 years old Nov. 11th, Armistice Day. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Crowell, reside on Route 1. Victor graduated at Prairie Lea School with the class of 1937, and was a clerk for McMahan Brothers, at Prairie Lea, before going into the service. He has been in the army since Oct., 1940.



PFC. EVA PEARL CARTER, M.C.W.R.

Pfc. Carter has resided in Luling all of her life. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carter. Before she entered the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in August, 1943, she was employed as a saleslady in the Brigrance Smart Shoppe. She is a graduate of Luling High School and attended Mary Hardin Baylor. She is stationed with the quartermaster depot of supplies in Philadelphia, Penn. She has a sister, Pvt. Alice Merle Carter, also in the Marines, and a brother, Major Tiller Carter, in the Army.



PVT. CARROLL W. CONLEY

Pvt. Conley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Conley. He is 21 years old, and is a graduate of Luling High School. This soldier joined the Infantry on Feb. 23, 1943, and received his training at Camp Roberts, Calif., but on Sept. 3, 1943, for physical reasons, was honorably discharged from the service. Before joining up, he was employed as an oil field worker.



ALFRED BURNS COLWELL, BN1/C

This sailor is the son of Mrs. George Colwell, of Luling, and is a native of this section. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and before joining up, was a member of the Ft. Sam Houston Fire Department. He is married. He was born in Luling on Nov. 9, 1915. Burns joined the Navy in San Antonio on Oct. 4, 1942, and is now stationed at Williamsburg, Va.



CPL. ROY N. CAMERON

Corp. Cameron will be 24 years old on Nov. 28, 1944, and has been in the service since Nov. 25, 1942. He is attached to a Medical battalion; is married, and is the son of Mrs. O. J. Cameron. He attended Luling High School, and before joining up was employed as an oil field worker. He is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He was a member of Texas National Guard for two years before the attack on Pearl Harbor.



PVT. MARK POTTS CAMERON

This soldier was 21 years old Jan. 5, 1944, and has been in the service since Jan. 8, 1943. He is stationed at Barstow, Calif. He has seen service in North Africa, and has two brothers in the service. He is the son of Mrs. O. J. Cameron, and attended school in Luling. Before joining up, he was employed in the oil fields, working for the firm of Bennett & Davenport. He has made two trips overseas to bring back prisoners of war, and these were without incident, although at the time many submarines were lurking in the Atlantic Ocean.



MIKE DAVILA

Sgt. Mike Davila is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davila. He joined the Marines when he was 18, in 1942. He has seen much service in the Marshall Islands and other combat areas. In a letter received by his parents in August, 1944, he said, "Saipan is no bed of roses, but we have the enemy on the run."



S/SGT. JNO. A. DAVENPORT

S/Sgt. Davenport was born in Prairie Lea, Sept. 22, 1918. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davenport. He left Luling with Company "I" in Nov., 1940, and trained with these fellows at Camp Bowie, and in 1941, was given an honorable discharge because of an injured knee. In Nov. 25, 1940, he joined the Air Forces, and was sent to Denver, Colo., where he received a diploma from the Air Force Technical school, and received advanced training at the Harlingen Gunnery School, where he was awarded Wings as an Aerial Gunner. He served as instructor at the Army Air Base, Clovis, N. M., Laredo Air School, and his present station is Chatham Field, Savannah, Ga.



SERGEANT EARL DANIELS

Sgt. Earl Daniels is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Daniels. He went into the service with the Waelder National Guard in Nov., 1940, and has taken part with the 36th Division in the whole Italian Campaign, beginning at Salerno. He is married to the former Miss Hazel Boggus, and has one daughter, Gloria Ann. He has one brother in the service, Staff Sgt. Ervin R. Daniels, and these fellows have served as buddies from the beginning. The last letter written home by them was a joint message, penned in a fox hole. Sgt. Daniels was wounded in action and died the following day in France, Aug. 28, 1944.



SGT. JAMES LESLIE DILWORTH

Sgt. Dilworth is an instructor in the Mechanical Cavalry, C. R. T. C., at Ft. Riley, Kansas. He has been in the service since March 18, 1943, and has had three promotions. Before joining up he was a livestock dealer. He is 29 years old, and is the son of John Dilworth. He attended Luling High School, and is married to the former Miss Lennah Bright.



S/SGT. ERWIN R. DANIELS

This lad is a soldier in Company "L" 141st Infantry, and has been in the service since Nov. 16, 1940 leaving for Brownwood with the National Guard, and going with that unit all the way. He was with them when they hit the beach at Salerno, and has fought throughout the Italian Campaign. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Daniels, of Shiner. He attended Luling schools, and was engaged in farming near Waelder when he entered the service. He and his brother, Ray, have landed in France.



PFC. MANCIL DICKSON

Pfc. Dickson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Dickson, and will be 19 years old on December 8th. He graduated at Luling High School in 1942, and joined the service on May 31, 1943. He is stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas. He was a machinist in civilian life.



**PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS
SHERMAN DEDEKER**

Sherman was born in Gonzales, Texas, July 11, 1923. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dedeker. He went to school here and played football with the Luling Eagles. He graduated in May, 1942, and entered the Navy June 15th, of the same year. He received his initial training in San Diego, Calif., and had since served in several states before being sent back to Texas, at Beeville. He was given a discharge in the Spring of 1944.



CORP. HENRY CLAY DISMUKES, JR.

Corp. Dismukes was 21 years old on April 24th, and he is married to the former Miss Hallie Couser. He joined the Air Corps on Feb. 11, 1943, and trained for seven months at Duncan Field, and for the past ten months has been with the 1st Service Group, 5th Squadron, "Somewhere in England." He is one of the boys who "keep 'em flying." He is a graduate of Luling High School. His brother, William Ira Dismukes, is in the Navy.



1ST/SGT. DOUGLAS C. DuBOSE

1st Sgt. DuBose is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. DuBose. He is a graduate of Luling High School and was 23 years old July 17th. 1944. He attended A. & M. College, and was employed as a Government Auditor in civilian life. He entered the Army in August, 1942, at Dodd Field, and is in the Air Transport Command. He has one brother, Sgt. Joe DuBose, who is stationed in the Aleutians. His wife is the former Miss Nina Sparks of Austin. He is somewhere overseas.



SGT. JOE D. DuBOSE

Sgt. DuBose is a native of Orange, Texas. He attended the Luling Schools and graduated in 1941. He was employed in defense work before he entered the service January 15, 1943, at Dodd Field. He chose the Air Corps as his branch of service and has been promoted to the rank of Sgt. He has spent 14 months in the Aleutians and is on the island of Attu at this report. He is head mechanic of the motor part unit at his station. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. DuBose.



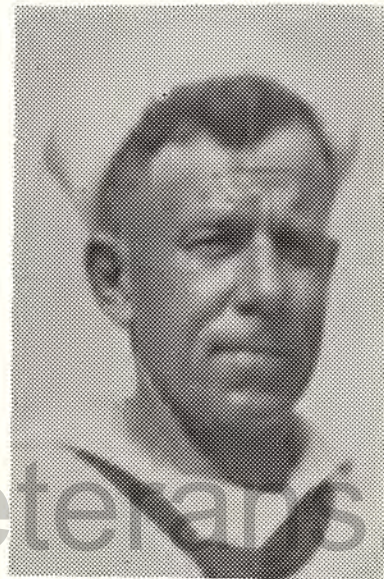
INSTRUCTOR CLIFFORD DAHLBERG

This soldier, who has been assigned as special instructor in the Air Corps, is married, and the father of two children. He is the son of Mrs. J. E. Dahlberg, of Kingsbury, and attended the Prairie Lea School; before joining up was employed as an oil field worker. He went into the Air Corps at Victoria, Texas, on Sept. 17, 1942, and within the interval has been given special training in different camps in Texas, Oklahoma, Nevada. He is assigned as a special instructor in aeronautics.



2ND LT. HAROLD W. DAHLBERG

Lt. Dahlberg went into the service in February, 1943, and received his wings in Columbus, Miss., April, 1944. He is married, and has one son, Paul. He attended school at Prairie Lea, and before going into the service was employed as an aviation mechanic. He is the son of Mrs. J. E. Dahlberg. His training stations were in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and California.



ALBERT DAHLBERG MME 2/C

Petty Officer Albert Dahlberg was married and had three children when this war began, but decided that he could render service to his country, so joined the Seabees on Nov. 21, 1942, at Houston, and was immediately sent to the Aleutian Islands, arriving at Dutch Harbor on May 30, 1943, and since that time has seen service continually in that area. He received his training at Norfolk, Va. His family live in San Antonio. A son, Elmer, is serving in the Air Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Dahlberg.



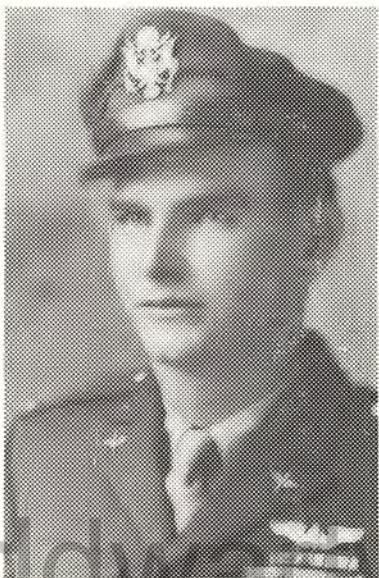
ELMER H. DAHLBERG, AS

This 18-year-old sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dahlberg. He attended the Prairie Lea School, and was employed by Sears Roebuck & Company before he went into the service. He joined up in the Navy on March 1, 1944; trained at Jackson, Miss., and was later sent to the Naval Base at Great Lakes, Ill., his present station. He is attached to the U. S. Navy Training Corps, and has been designated for several special courses of training.



CORP. JOE E. DAVIS

Corporal Davis is the son of Mrs. Jim Davis. Joe entered the service on Sept. 8, 1943, and chose the Army Air Corps. Received basic training at Sheppard Field, Gunnery School at Laredo, and Overseas training at Tonopah, Nev. He now qualifies as tail gunner on a Liberator. Six members of his crew are from Texas, and the rest have been made "Honorary Texans." He is a graduate of Luling High, was engaged with his brother, Weston Davis, here in the grocery and market business.



LT. CLAUDE HIX DOYLE

Lt. Doyle spent eleven months overseas, serving in Africa, Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. He was wounded in action, and has been given the Air Medal with 8 Oak Leaf Cluster, as well as a presidential citation. He is a member of the "Fifty Club," being one of the airmen taking part in fifty or more missions against the enemy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Doyle. This soldier attended the Luling School, and later extended his education at San Marcos Teacher's College. Before joining up he was employed in the oil field. He has been a member of the Luling National Guard since 1936, but transferred to the Air Corps in June, 1942, and was commissioned and given his wings as a bombardier at Big Spring, Texas, May 13, 1943.



EDWIN J. DANIELS, C.W.O.

Warrant Officer Daniels has been in England for several months and received his training in California, Louisiana, Texas and Kentucky before going over. Within the interval he has been promoted from Buck Private to Chief Warrant Officer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Daniels, and before joining up on May 24, 1941, at Ft. San Houston, was employed in civil life as an expert accountant. He is married, and has one child. He has a fine tenor voice, and has sung many times at home and abroad.



TECH. SGT. LUTHER M. DANIELS

Sgt. Daniels, of the Air Corps, returned home to the States, after having performed 25 missions over enemy territory, and after his plane was shot down in the Atlantic Ocean, and he had spent 22 hours in the water, August, 1943. He is the soldier who made the National Headlines with the crack: "As long as I live, I expect to have a 'Mae West' handy every time I take a bath." This soldier has the D. F. C.; the Air Medal, and Three Oak Clusters, together with many other citations and ribbons for gallant performance. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daniels.



1ST. LIEUT. CARL A. DUNLAP

Lieut. Dunlap is serving with the Combat Engineers in France. Before joining up, he was a salesman for the Western Auto Store. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Q. Dunlap, of Kingsbury. He entered the service in May, 1940, and has been overseas several months. He is a graduate of Luling High School. Lt. Dunlap was a member of Luling's National Guard when it became a part of the Army, and trained with this unit at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Blanding, Fla. He received his commission at Ft. Benning, Ga.



WILLIAM PETTY DUNLAP, C.E.M.

William Petty Dunlap is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Q. Dunlap. He is married, and is the father of two children, Mary Lou and Diane. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and before joining the "Seabees" in April, 1943, in Houston, was employed as an electrician. He is stationed "Somewhere in the Pacific."



S/SGT. CLYDE E. DILL

Sgt. Clyde E. Dill is an old Luling boy who was very popular in this community. He is 27 years old, and the father of 3 children. Before joining up, he was a service station operator. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and has been in the Air Corps since May 26, 1941. He received his training at Randolph Field, Mather Field and Victorville, Calif., and at this time is post-mess and supply property sergeant at the Hobbs, N. M. Post. He has moved up from Buck Private to Staff Sgt. in the service. He is the son of J. W. Dill and Mrs. Dovie Sanders.



TECH. SGT. W. T. DAVIS, JR.

Sgt. Davis is 23 years old, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis, Sr., of Kingsville. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and later extended his education at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin. W. T. joined up with the Air Forces on June 29, 1940, and has completed airplane mechanic courses at Chanute Field, Ill., and Keesler Field, Miss. He is stationed at Brooks Field, and his assignment, of course, is "to keep 'em flying." He has had several promotions in the service.



T. SGT. HAROLD A. DUNGAN

Sgt. Dungan was born in Ft. Worth, Texas, on March 26, 1920. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dungan, and before going into the service followed the civil occupation of baker and carpenter. He was an original member of the National Guard, and is serving in the Army at Camp Perry, Ohio. His brother, Wilton B. Dungan, is in the Navy.



JOHN Q. DILL

John Q. Dill is the son of Mrs. J. J. Dill, and was inducted into the army Aug. 1, 1942. Most of his training was received at Camp Roberts, Calif. He was released after several months of service because of his age, and is now employed at Portland, Texas.



WILTON B. DUNCAN AOM 2/C

Petty Officer Dungan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dungan, and was 18 years old on May 13th. He attended Luling High School, and has been in the service since March, 1943. His ship was engaged in the battle at the Tarawa Landing. He has been at sea since boot training. His father was rated among the most outstanding heroes among enlisted men in World War No. 1, and received many citations and medals for conspicuous service. He was a student before entering the service and is a native of Luling.



PFC. JACK M. DeLONG

Pfc. Jack M. DeLong is nineteen years old. He has been in the Air Corps since June 14, 1943. This soldier is an expert in Radio, and qualifies as a radio technician. He was inducted at Ft. Sam Houston, but received most of his training at Camp Kohler, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. DeLong, formerly of Luling, now resident of San Antonio. Pfc. DeLong completed his high school course at Brackenridge High School, after attending Luling schools.



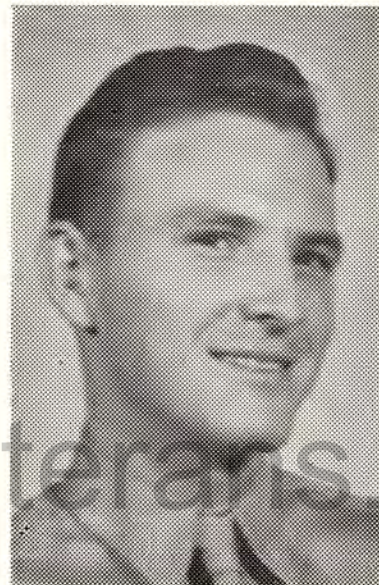
WERNER DUKE, C.C.M.

Chief Petty Officer Duke, of the Seabees, was among the U. S. Task forces who invaded the Gilbert Islands, where he is stationed at this report. He entered the service in 1942 and received his training at Great Lakes, Ill. Was sent to Dutch Harbor and spent one year there, coming back to the States for a brief visit before returning overseas. He is the son of Albert Duke, Houston, and Mrs. Georgia Richardson of Abilene. Before going into the service he was employed in Luling with the Humble Oil Company.



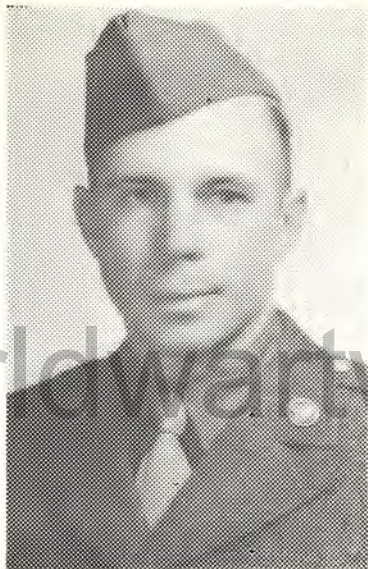
TECH. SGT. FERRELL G. DeLONG

Sgt. Ferrell George DeLong is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. DeLong, and is a graduate of Luling High School. He is a member of the Communication Post Signal Detachment, and has been stationed at Ft. Sam Houston for over three years. He is 23 years old. He has moved up from private to his high non commissioned rating. He entered the service in 1940 at Ft. Sam Houston.



SGT. FLETCHER M. DAUGHTRY

Sgt. Daughtry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Daughtry, and is 21 years old. He is married. He entered the service at Ft. Sam Houston in 1940, and before joining up was a student in school. He is a member of the Signal Corps. Within his interval of service, he has received three promotions.



RAYMOND W. EDMUNDSON

This Airman has been in the service since Nov. 12, 1943. He received his basic training at Amarillo Field, and his advance training at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa. He is married, and is the father of one child, Ronald Ray. He is the son of Mrs. Lula Stutts, and has one brother, Durwood K. Stutts, in the service. He attended the Luling Schools and before joining up, was employed by the Humble Oil & Refining Company. His home address is 344 W. Pecan Street, Lockhart, Texas. At the present time he is stationed at Williams Field, Ariz.



SGT. ALVIE THELTON ETHEREDGE

Sgt. Etheredge is in India, and before leaving the States was recommended to the rating of Staff Sergeant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Colie Etheredge, is married, and attended the McNeil High School. He joined the service on Feb. 20, 1941, at Lockhart, and has trained at many stations. Before joining up he operated the Etheredge Texaco Service Station. He has had three promotions in the service.



PVT. COLEMAN L. ETHEREDGE

Private Etheredge graduated from high school here in 1941, and holds the record for attending school nine years without being absent or tardy a single day. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Colie Etheredge, and has one brother, Thelton Etheredge, also in the service. Coleman finished his training recently, on Oct. 16th, at Camp Roberts, Calif., and received a medal for sharpshooting. He is in the Infantry, and is 21 years old, and is stationed somewhere in France.



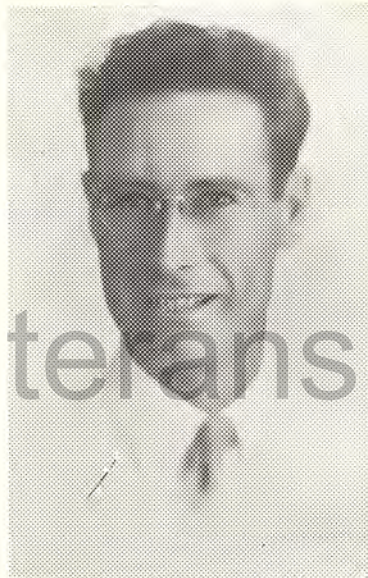
T/SGT. ASA LEE ELLIS

Sgt. Ellis of the Air Corps was among that first thin line who served in China, India, and Burma. He is 24 years old, and his experiences no doubt register an epic in the early history of the war. He has been recommended for the Legion of Merit for performing a surgical operation, cutting a live bomb from a buddies' leg after a crash, and has been given several citations. He was overseas for 2 years, and is married to the former Miss Carrie R. Mathews. He has been in the service since Oct. 31, 1942, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ellis, of South San Antonio.



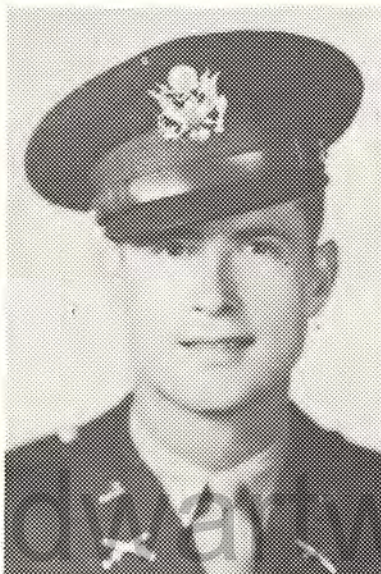
**SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER
MARCUS M. ELAM**

Petty Officer Elam, of the Seabees, spent 30 days in New Zealand, which was his first leave since going into the service on Aug. 9, 1942, at Camp Bradford, Va. He was trained at Port Heuneme, Cal., and has made Guadalcanal, Rendova and New Georgia Islands. He is married to the former Miss Florence Tiller; is a graduate of Prairie Lea High School, and was an oil field worker before joining up. He is 22 years old, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Elam.



THOMAS LEE ELLISON, EM 3/C

Petty Officer Ellison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ellison, of Route 1, Lockhart, and is a graduate of the Lockhart High School. He is well known in Luling, for he is a former member of our own National Guard Company "I," joining up with that outfit in 1933. In civil life he was employed as an electrician. He went into the Navy in Dec. 1943, and after sea duty of several months, is stationed at Corpus Christi. He has one sister in the service, 1st. Lieutenant E. Kiobasso, of the Nurses Corps, who is stationed at Brooks General Hospital.



FIRST LIEUT. GUY W. EARNEST

Lt. Earnest is the husband of the former Ruby Lea Humphrey, and the father of one child, Carrol June. He went into the service as private in the 9th Infantry on Oct. 2, 1938, and made all the non commissioned grades up to Technical Sergeant, was then selected as officer material, graduating with the rating of 2nd Lieutenant at Ft. Benning, Ga., in January, 1943. He was sent to foreign duty in the Caribbean area, and later returned to Ft. Benning for special training, being given his promotion to 1st lieutenant on April 22, 1944. He is attached to the Headquarters Company, 332nd Infantry, at Camp Claiborne, La.



CPL. HORACE EPPERHART

This 23-year-old youth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Epperhart, and is serving in the Air Corps. He attended the Luling Schools, and was employed as a clerk before going into the service on August 9, 1943, at San Antonio, Texas. He received his training at Amarillo Field, and is stationed in Florida.



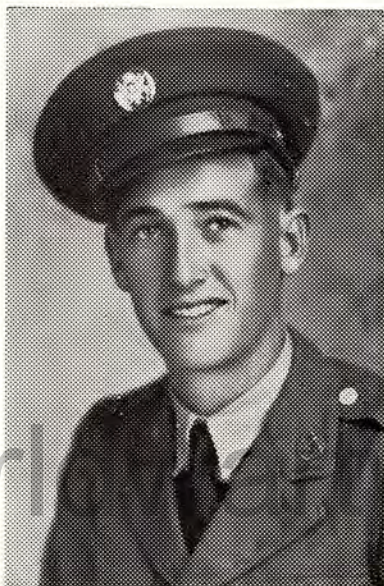
SERGEANT LEO EPPERHART

Sergeant Epperhart joined the Marines on Sept. 16, 1942, and received his "boot training" at San Diego. He is 21 years old, and is married. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Epperhart, and attended the Luling Schools. Before going into the service, he was employed as a clerk. He has had three promotions in the service, and has seen action in the Pacific area against the Japanese.



STAFF SGT. GARLAND W. ETHEREDGE

Sgt. Etheredge served overseas for fifteen months, was in the African and Italian Campaigns, and was wounded in action at Cassino. He has the Presidential Citation for the African and Italian Campaigns, the Expert Combat Infantry Badge, the Good Conduct and American Defense Badges. He went all the way with Company "I," Luling's own outfit, and he hit the beach with the boys at Salerno, and remained in continuous action until wounded. The son of Mr. and Mrs. George Etheredge, is 22 years old, and attended Luling Schools. Before joining up, he was engaged as service station operator.



SGT. ARNOLD ETHEREDGE

Sgt. Etheredge has been serving in the Air Corps since Oct. 22, 1942. He wears the good conduct badge, expert mechanic's medal. Before going into the service, he was employed as a welder. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Etheredge, attended the Luling schools, and has many friends and relatives in this community. He is 20 years of age, and has had three promotions in the service. He received his training at Randolph Field, Texas.



PVT. FREDDIE W. ELLIS

This soldier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ellis, of Luling. He was inducted into the Army on Feb. 4, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. From there he went to Camp Wolters, where he completed 17 weeks basic training in the Infantry. After this course, he was given a 15-day furlough home. He is at Ft. Mead, Md., preparing to go overseas. Before joining up, he was employed in Seguin, where he made his home. His wife and small son live in Luling.



CORP. JAMES W. (BUCK) ELLIS

This soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ellis, of Luling, is "Somewhere" in Italy. He has been in the service since Feb. 7, 1941. He trained at Ft. Bliss for a short time, and was transferred to Ft. Knox, Ky., where he was assigned to an Armored Division, and remained 15 months. He then went overseas to Northern Ireland. From there he went to North Africa, where he took part in the North African Campaign. He has taken part in many major battles, including the Tunisian Campaign, the Sicilian Campaign, and all of the fighting in Italy.



PFC. BONIFACIO R. ENRIQUES

Private Enriquez is a native of Seguin, and the son of Luz Enriquez, 518 Austin St. Before entering the Army Air Force, he was employed by the Holland Page Construction Company. He has been in the Army since Sept. 22, 1942, and is stationed at Dalhart, Texas. He attended school in Luling.



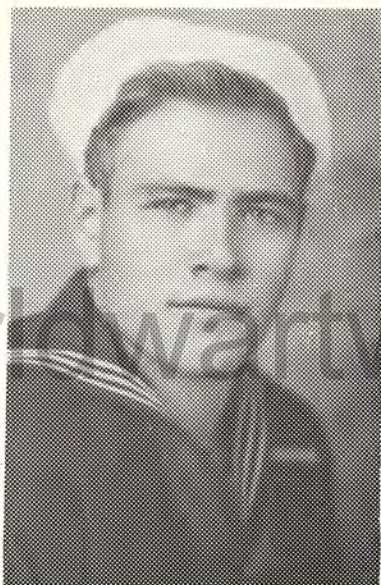
THIRD CLASS PETTY OFFICER JOHN N. ESTES

This sailor is a veteran of the War in the Pacific. He went across on May 1st, 1943, and was wounded when his ship was torpedoed in Mid-Pacific. He was brought back to the States, and after spending seven months in a Naval hospital, reported back to duty, and is again in the Arena of Action "Somewhere in the South Pacific." This youth is nineteen years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lewis. He has been in the service since Nov. 4, 1942, joining up at Houston, Texas. He has been promoted from apprentice seaman to MM3/c.



NORBIN CHRISTIAN EFIRD, BM 2/C

This sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Efird, and his group is the "Seabees." In civilian life he followed the occupation of rig builder. He has been in the service since June, 1943, and the latest information received from him by his family was that he had landed somewhere in the British Isles. His station at this writing is in Scotland.



CHARLES WILLIAM EFIRD, Cox'n

Charles William has been in the Navy since August 7, 1941, and has seen plenty of action, so much, in fact, that he has just been admitted membership in the Order, "The Veteran of Foreign Wars." He joined the army when only 16 years of age, misstating his correct age, and served for eighteen months. He received an honorable discharge in May, and joined the Navy in August. He is serving "somewhere in the Pacific." He is a Prairie Lea boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Efird.



2ND LT. JACK R. ETHERIDGE

Lt. Etheridge was born in Grayson County, Texas, September 3, 1922, and moved to Luling when a small lad. He graduated from Luling High School in 1941, and was employed as a clerk at O. F. Stair's Grocery. He entered the Air Service September, 1942, in San Antonio as a cadet, and received his wings and commission at the Aloe Army Air Field April 15, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Etheridge and is presently stationed at the Waycross Air Field in Georgia. His wife is the former Miss Dolores Ellison.



**AVIATION CADET
RALPH W. ELLIS**

Cadet Ellis calls Prairie Lea home town, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rube B. Ellis, are residents of that community. He will be 28 years old on Armistice Day, Nov. 11th. Cadet Ellis is a graduate of the Prairie Lea High School, is stationed in Santa Ana, California, and has been in the service since May 4, 1943. Before joining up he was working in a defense plant as a mechanic. Ralph is married and has a daughter, Mary Catherine.



CPL. RAYFORD L. ETHEREDGE

Cpl. Etheredge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Etheredge. He has seen plenty of action as part of the 36th Division in the Italian Campaign, hitting the beach with the boys at Salerno, and being fortunate, after months of continuous action, not to have been injured. Early in July, 1944, with his brother, Jesse, he drove his Jeep into Rome and remained there four days, having a great time visiting the sights in that ancient metropolis. He has been in the service since 1941, attended the Lockhart School, and before joining up, was employed by the railroad company.



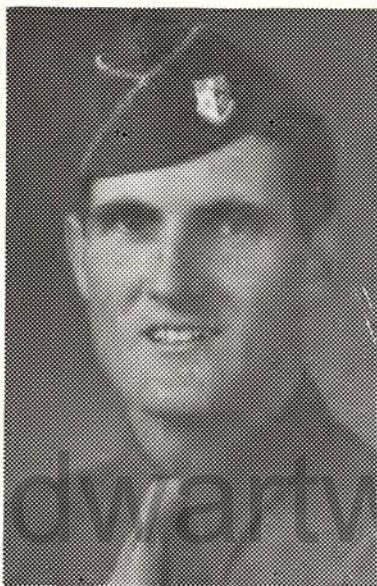
SGT. CLAYTON HARLAN ETHEREDGE

Sgt. Etheredge is 30 years old, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Etheredge. He is married, and has one child, Jackie. He attended Luling School and worked for the Magnolia Company before joining up. He has been in the service since 1942, in San Antonio, and has trained in several states, including California, Texas and Colorado. He is now serving in the infantry, with no special assignment, and has had three promotions in the service.



PVT. ELUTERIO ESTRADA. Missing

Mrs. Carmen Estrada received a wire from the War Department Oct. 28, 1943, informing her that her son, Sergeant Eluterio Estrada had been "Missing in Action" since Sept. 29th, 1943. This Latin American boy is well known in Luling, and is 25 years old. He joined the Army in 1941, and was stationed in Louisiana, but asked for a transfer to Company "I." He received this transfer, and has been serving with them, both in North Africa and in the Italian War Theatre since that time.



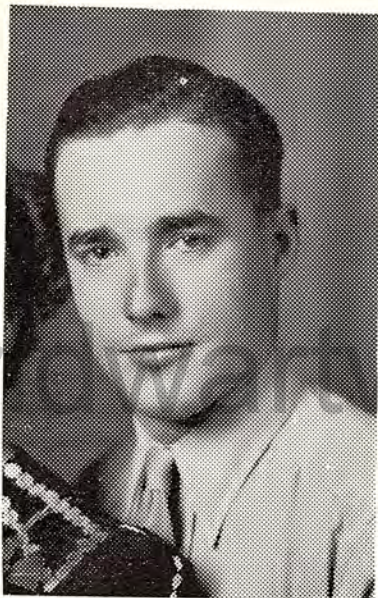
S/SGT. JESSE CLIFFORD ETHEREDGE

This soldier is the 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Etheredge, he is married, and has one daughter, Nell Diane. He attended the Lockhart School, and was a student when he went into the service in 1941. He is serving in the Medical Corps, and has gone all the way with the 36th Division in the Italian Campaign, and is still holding the line "Over There." He trained in Texas, Florida, and Massachusetts, and is a real veteran of this World War No. 2. One of his pleasant experiences overseas, was a visit to Rome.



PVT. ALBERT W. FULKS

Pvt. Fulks is the son of Mrs. J. A. Fulks. He is married and is the father of one child, Robert Bruce Fulks. Albert attended Luling High School, and in civilian life was employed as a warehouse clerk, with a chemical company. He entered the service July 31, 1942, at Camp Wallace, and was attached to the 333rd Infantry, 84th Division. He was stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., but is on his way across at this report.



TECH. SGT. REAFORD W. FULKS

This 23-year Luling boy, member of the Air Forces, has seen much action over enemy Europe as a gunner on a Flying Fortress. He has been awarded the Air Medal, three citations, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is married, the father of one child, and is the son of Mrs. J. A. Fulks. He entered the service on August 21, 1941, at Randolph Field, and was trained in several states. He has had five promotions in the service. He attended Luling High School. His station is "Somewhere in England."



PVT. KING G. FERGUSON

Pvt. Ferguson, of the Air Corps, is the son of Mrs. Lela Ferguson. He attended the Luling Schools, and before joining up, March 8, 1943, he was employed in the oil fields. He had only four months training in the United States when he was sent to Australia and is serving "Somewhere overseas." He received his training at Indiana, Missouri and North Carolina Air Fields.



SGT. ANDREW M. FULLER

Sergeant Fuller designates Luling as home. He was born in Hazelhurst, Miss., on January 7, 1909, and entered the Air Corps on Sept. 28, 1942. He is stationed at Randolph Field. His wife, Mrs. Fuller, lives in Seguin. Before joining up, the sergeant was employed by the Humble Company.



PFC. JAMES ALEX FERGUSON

This soldier has been in the service since Nov., 1940, and is attached to the Signal Corps. He went into action with the 36th Division at Salerno, and has carried on in the Italian Campaign since that date, Sept. 9, 1943. His only respite from the front lines was during a short interval when he was hospitalized because of frozen feet, suffered in action during the winter campaign of '43. He trained in Texas, Florida, North Carolina and Mississippi, before going overseas. He is the son of Mrs. Lela Ferguson, and was 23 years old Sept. 30, 1944. He attended Luling High School.



HOMER H. FLOWERS, C.M.M.

Chief Petty Officer Flowers enlisted in the Navy April 12, 1917, served in the First World War, and remained on active duty in the Navy for 20 years until September 18, 1937, when he transferred to the Naval Reserve on July 13, 1940, he was recalled to active duty, and is stationed in Puerto Rico. He has spent 27 years with the Navy. He attended the Prairie Lea Schools and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy M. Flowers, whose home address is Fentress. He is married and has one son, Kenneth Hardy Flowers; his family live in Belmont, Mass.



WILLIAM O. (Gene) FRANK, S 2/C

This 23-year-old sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Watts. He is married, and is the father of two children. He attended Luling High School, and was employed as an oil field worker before joining the service on May 13, 1944. He received his "boot training" at San Diego, Calif., and carries on at that base as special Athletic Instructor.



NEWBY FISHER, S 2/C

Sailor Fisher was born near Luling, and attended the Luling Schools. He was an oil field worker before going into the Navy in October, 1943. He completed his "boot training" at San Diego, Cal., and was transferred to Pasco, Washington, where he became ill, and was sent to a Navy Hospital in Seattle, and that is his station as this is written. He has one brother T/Sgt. Marshall Fisher in service.



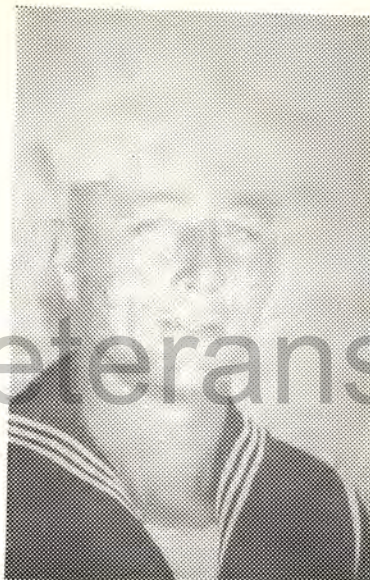
CORP. MILTON J. FOEH

Corp. Foeh went into the service on May 24, 1943, and was inducted at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He was attached to a medical unit, and was trained at Camp Barkley. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Foeh. Before joining up he was employed in pipe line work. He served faithfully until Jan. 14, 1944, at which time he was given an honorable medical discharge. Since leaving the service, Milton has accepted a position with the Humble Oil Company. His brother, Pvt. Forrest T. Foeh, was killed in action in France, July 7, 1944.



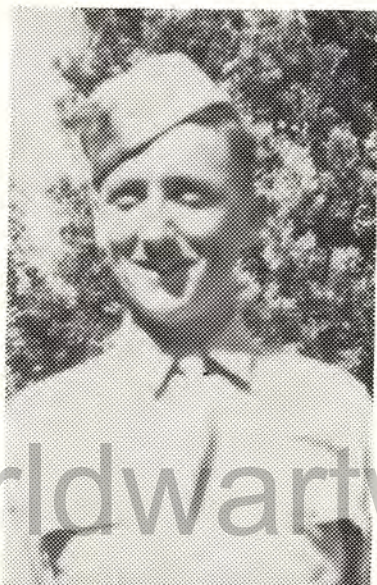
STAFF SGT. SYBIL INEZ FINCH

Sgt. Finch was the first Luling girl to join up as a WAAC, and her enlistment occurred on Nov. 7, 1941. She received her "boot training" at Daytona Beach, Fla. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Anthony, of Pelly, Texas. Sgt. Finch has trained at camps in Ft. Devers, Mass., Newport News, Va., and Ft. Lewis, Wash. and is a veteran in the service. Her latest station is Ft. Winfield Scott, Calif. Before entering the service she was employed as a clerk.



**FIRST CLASS SEAMAN
MONROE FAIRCHILD**

Sailor Fairchild is 23 years old, and has been in the Navy since April 13, 1944. He is married, and is the father of three children. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fairchild, and his wife and family are residing at 1307 Popular Street. He attended the Dowdy School, and before joining up, was engaged in cattle raising. He received his "boot training" at San Diego, Calif.



PFC. LYDA MAC FAIRCHILD

This soldier is the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fairchild, and has been in the Air Corps since July 7, 1943. He attended the Harwood School, and received his military training at Kearns, Utah, and Camp Lee, Va. Then he was sent overseas, and at this report, was stationed "Somewhere in New Guinea."



STAFF SGT. MARVIN A. FULLILOVE

This 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fullilove is serving in the Air Corps, Glider Division, and has been in the service since June 29, 1940. He is married, and attended the Harwood Schools. He was inducted at Kelly Field, and received his training at the San Angelo Air Base. He has two brothers in the service, both in the Navy, but says he prefers the Air Corps, especially his branch of that service.



**SECOND CLASS SEAMAN
CLYDE L. FULLILOVE**

This sailor is only seventeen years old, and he joined up on March 26, 1944. He finished "boot camp" at San Diego, Cal., and after a furlough home, was transferred to Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, San Pedro, Cal., where he attended a special Gunnery School. He is now "Somewhere in the Pacific." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fullilove and attended the Luling School.



SERGEANT CHARLES OTIS FUQUA

Sgt. Fuqua has the distinction of having been selected from a group of 59 soldiers, out of 500, to receive honor for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity to duty and was given the Good Conduct Medal on Oct. 1, 1943. He joined up with the Air Forces on Jan. 6, 1942, and is now stationed at Daniel Field, Ga. He attended the Luling School, and was employed as a cattleman in civilian life. He is married, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Fuqua. He received his training at Fort Clark, Texas.



MILBURN D. FULLILOVE S 1/C

This sailor has been in the service since Jan. 1 1942. He has crossed the Equator fifteen times, has been in many naval engagements, and has had his ship torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. Milburn has been wounded in action, and has served on many different warships. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fullilove, attended the Harwood High School, and is well known in this community. The last report from him in May, 1944, was that he had been given a furlough, and then assigned to a special Gunnery School. After the completion of this course, he went to sea again. He has two brothers in the service.



T/5 JOE FRANK FREUDIGER

This 18-year-old soldier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Freudiger, and is married to the former Miss Joyce Cartwright. He is a graduate of Luling High School. He has been in the service since Sept. 7, 1943, joining up in San Antonio, and received his initial training at Camp Gruber, Okla. He has had two promotions within the interval.



T/SGT. WARREN T. FREUDIGER

Sgt. Freudiger is serving with the Air Forces now "Somewhere Overseas." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Freudiger, and is a graduate of Luling High School. He entered the service on Jan. 7, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, and received most of his training at Ft. George Wright, Washington. He has had five promotions in the service.



CORP. GILBERT A. GUTIERREZ

Corp. Gutierrez, "Anas" to his friends, was an honor student and Newsboy apprentice when he went into the service. He went into the army in December, 1943, and early qualified as Marksman; was trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., and was promoted to the rating of Corporal on July 4, 1944. He is stationed at Camp Howze, Texas. This Latin-American youth considers it an honor and privilege to wear the uniform of his country.



PFC. RUBE GRIGGS

This soldier has been in the service since April 18, 1944. He is serving with a Combat Engineer unit, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Griggs; he is married, and is the father of two children. Before joining up, he was engaged as an oil field worker. He was inducted at San Antonio, Texas, and received his initial training in Mississippi. While undergoing his training period, he was injured in an accident, and as this is written, is confined in the General Hospital at Memphis, Tenn.



PFC. ALFREDO RITCHIE GUTIERREZ

This 23-year-old soldier is a member of the Air Forces, and at last report was attached to the Military Police. He is the son of Mrs. Clemencia R. Gutierrez, and has one brother and one sister in the service. Before joining up he was employed by Bronson's Furniture Company, in Luling.



CRISELDA R. GUTIERREZ, Y3/C

This Luling WAVE is the daughter of Mrs. Clemencia R. Gutierrez. She graduated at Luling High School with the class of 1940. She was the first Luling Girl to enter the Navy, joining up in June, 1943, and was trained at Hunter College, N. Y. She has had two promotions in the service, and says she wouldn't take a million dollars for her pleasant experiences.



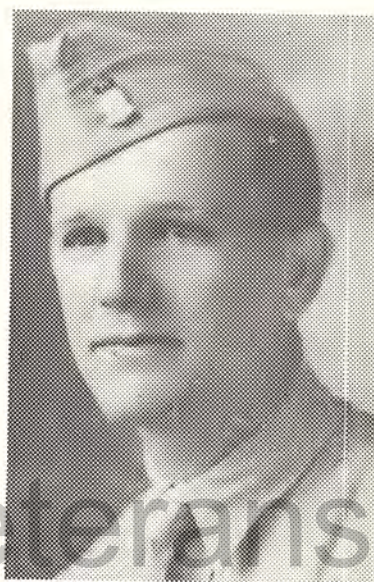
PFC. JOE ALLEN GRAY

This soldier, serving in the Air Corps, attended the Huntsville High School, and is the son of Mrs. Lelia Deason, of Huntsville, Texas. He is married, and is the father of one child, Edward Glenn. He went into the service at Houston, Texas, on April 1, 1943, and received his first training at Ft. Sill, Okla. Later he was transferred to San Diego, Calif. He has had one promotion in service. His family live in Luling.



GENE MIRON GUINN, C.M. 3/C

Petty Officer Guinn is serving with the Seabees, and has been wearing the uniform since August, 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Guinn, and has been overseas for sixteen months, first in Hawaii, and now "Somewhere in the South Pacific." Petty Officer Guinn attended Luling Schools. He received his special training for the Seabees in Virginia. This group of fighting men represent the engineers of the Navy, and their service record in this war is an epic in the annals of warfare.



PVT. LARK GEARY

Lark Geary for a long time was an employee of the Grayburg Oil Company. He joined the Air Corps in San Antonio, Texas, on Nov 11, 1942, and is attached to the 1041st Guard Squadron. He is the son of Mrs. Dean Mooney, and has one brother, Staff Sgt. Will Mooney, in the service. He is now stationed at Tackaburn Army Base, Columbus, Ohio. He attended school at Oakwood, Texas, and his home address is Luling.



ALVIN GANT

Alvin Gant, early in the war, was sent to England as a Special Mechanic and Technician, attached to the Air Corps. He spent eighteen months in that country, and was under bombardment many times, and on several occasions narrowly escaped injury or death from enemy action. He greatly admires the English people for their stamina and strength of character, and says that he found most of them democratic and friendly. As this was written, he is home on leave, and will report to his new station in Salt Lake City, Utah.



CAPTAIN C. F. GIBSON

Captain Fred Gibson graduated from Citizens Military Training Camp in 1934, and he joined the Texas National Guard, serving as First Sergeant when his company was inducted into the regular Army in November, 1940. He received his commission as second lieutenant May 21, 1941, and on Feb. 1, 1942, was promoted to First Lieutenant. In June, 1942, he was transferred to the Air Corps, and received his training at Maxwell Field, Ala., Augusta, Ga., and advanced flying at Spencer Field, Ga.; from there he went to Boca Raton Field, Fla., as a pilot on Feb. 21, 1943; on Aug. 21st, received his promotion to the rank of Captain. He is 27 years old.



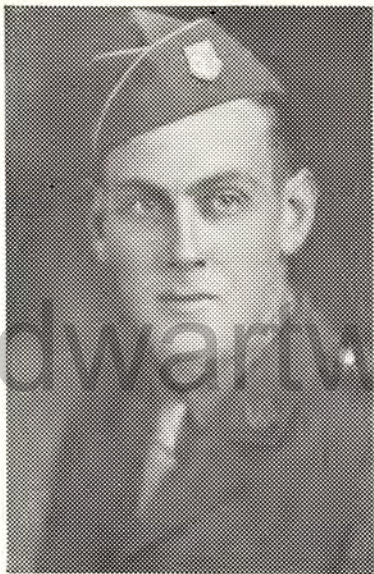
CAPTAIN WILLIAM HERF GIBSON

Captain William Herf Gibson, has been overseas since May, and had completed nineteen missions over enemy territory when last heard from. He has been awarded the air medal and two oak leaf clusters for meritorious service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gibson, a graduate of the University of Texas, and before joining the Air Corps in 1941, was employed as school teacher. Captain Gibson grew up in Prairie Lea, and attended the Prairie Lea School. He is married to the former Miss Peggy Patterson. He left for overseas service in May, 1944.



PVT. VANCE S. GLOVER

Pvt. Vance S. Glover will be twenty years old Nov. 22, 1944. He attended the Lockhart High School, and before joining the Air Corps, on April 25, 1943, was employed as farmer and oil field worker. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glover, of Route 1, Luling. He is married. This youth is now attached to the 13th Air Force Task Force, and is stationed "Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific."



STAFF SGT. LEWIS E. GLOVER

This soldier has been in the service since Nov. 25, 1940, going over with Company "L," Waelder's National Guard outfit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Glover, Luling, and was engaged in farming before joining up. He hit the beach with the 36th Division at Salerno, and fought continuously with his outfit until his hearing was affected by a shell concussion in Nov. 1943. After that injury, he was assigned to the Military Police, and when last heard from was serving with the MP's "Somewhere in Italy." He is married, and has one daughter, Marlin June. He has a brother James R. in Italy, and another brother, Pvt. Rex. Glover, was killed in Italy on Dec. 16, 1943.



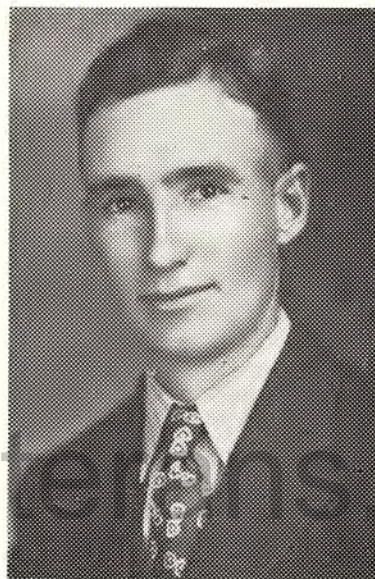
PVT. JAMES R. GLOVER

Pvt. Glover has seen plenty of action in both North Africa and Italy. He was with the Waelder Company of National Guardsmen, hitting the beach at Salerno with the 36th Division and fighting continuously until his nerves were shattered by the explosion of a large shell near him, while in action. He was sent back to a base hospital in North Africa, and is now stationed in that vicinity. This youth was 24 years old Sept. 18, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Glover, and was engaged in farming before going into the service on Nov. 25, 1940.



PVT. LEON R. GRAY

Private Gray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Gray of Harwood, and is 23 years old. Before joining the service, he was employed with the Sweeny Grocery Company in San Antonio. His station was in Reno, Nevada, and he was training in the Supply Detachment at this report.



PFC. JOE GUNKEL

Private Gunkel was engaged in farming when he went into the service on December 26, 1942. He has lived in this section all of his life, and his mother, Mrs. Louise Gunkel, resides near Luling. Joe is serving with the artillery and was stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla. However, he received his basic training in the State of Washington, and had spent sometime training in the California desert. He is now in France.



**PETTY OFFICER
RUDOLPH A. GARCIA**

Petty Officer Garcia has been in the Navy since Oct. 14, 1942, and is serving on the USS Prince William. He has been in at least two major battles, and has been around the world, for his Service record lists North Africa, Alaska, New Zealand, South Pacific, etc. Garcia has moved up from Apprentice Seaman to Second Class Petty Officer. He was 22 years old March 14th. His mother, Mrs. Carolina A. Trevina, is a Luling resident.



**MASTER SGT.
NOLAN WOODROW GRANTHAM**

Sgt. Grantham has been in the service since Feb. 28, 1940, and is stationed at Moore Field, Texas, on special duty as Base Communications Inspector. Within the interval of his enlistment he has moved from private to the rating of Master Sergeant, and, that is quite an accomplishment. He is 24 years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Grantham, and attended the McNeil School. His occupation in civil life was assistant golf instructor.



LIEUT. BLANTON GRANT

Lieutenant Grant moved up from the rating of Private in Luling's National Guard to the grade of lieutenant. He is the son of Mrs. Mattie Grant. He was 24 years old on Oct. 5th. He attended both Luling Grade and High School. He is married, and has one son, Jimmie Grant.



STAFF SGT. MANSY L. GRANTHAM

Sgt. Grantham has been in the service since Dec. 16, 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Grantham, attended the Navasota High School, and before going into the service, he was employed as a clerk. He went overseas in Feb. 1943, and has taken part in the African, Sicilian and Italian Campaigns, and measures up to a real veteran of this war. He has moved up from private to Staff Sergeant within the interval, and is now stationed "Somewhere Overseas." He trained at Langley Field, Va.



1ST LIEUT. JIMMY L. GREEN

Lieut. Green is the 22-year-old son of Mrs. Amy E. Green, and before going into the service was employed as a drug clerk. He is a graduate of Luling High, and has been a soldier for four years. He joined up as a private, made most of the non commissioned grades, and was selected as commissioned officer material. After completing officer's training, he was graduated as 2nd lieutenant. He is "Somewhere in England," serving with the Army Engineers.



PVT. WM. BOYD GORDON, JR.

Will Boyd is a native son, was an Eagle Scout, and graduated from Luling High School in 1941, with outstanding grades. He attended the University of Texas, where he studied medicine until he was called into active service June 1, 1943. Until that time, he had been a member of the enlisted Reserve. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd Gordon. He was selected for the Army Specialized Training Program, after completing his basic training at Camp Maxey, Texas, and attended East Texas State Teacher's College at Commerce, Texas. He is attending Baylor Medical College in Houston.



PFC. HOWARD T. GRICE

Howard T. Grice graduated at Luling High with the class of '42, and went into the Air Service on Oct. 3, 1942. His latest station was "somewhere in England." His parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Grice, are Luling residents. Howard was born on Aug. 27, 1924, at Haynesville, La., but lived here for many years. He is serving with the 1283rd M. P. Co.



SGT. RAYMOND J. GRAHAM

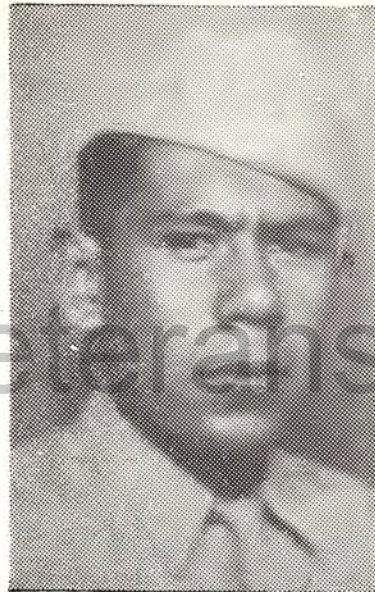
Sgt. Graham was a member of Luling's Original Home Guard Company, and later transferred to the Air Corps, now stationed "Somewhere in England." He is a native son, and was 25 years old Feb. 6th. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and when he went into the service, was employed as clerk. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Graham.



RODRIQO LOPEZ GONZALES, S 3/C

This sailor is serving in the Navy, and his mail is

sent case of the Postmaster, San Francisco, indicating that he is "Somewhere in the Pacific." He has seen plenty of action, but hasn't given his family any details for military reasons. He attended Luling High School for three years, and has been in the service since June, 1942. He was 20 years old last March 13th. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Gonzales, are Luling residents.



GUADALUPE LOPEZ GONZALES

Private Guadalupe Lopez Gonzales was eighteen years old Jan. 12th, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Gonzales. He attended Luling Grade School. He is stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla., and has been in the Army since May, 1943.



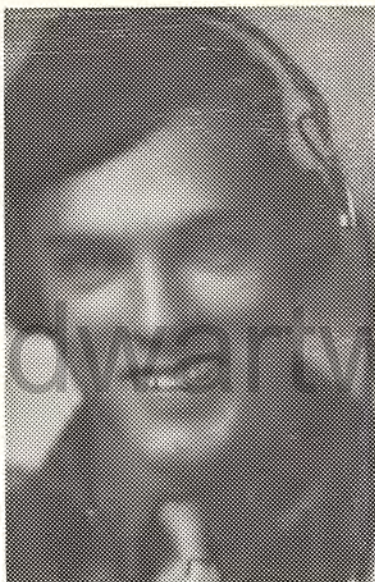
**STAFF SERGEANT
CHAS. F. GREENWOOD**

Sergeant Greenwood grew up in Luling, and attended school here. He is the son of Mrs. Anna Street, and his grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bell. Sgt. Greenwood is a pre-Pearl Harbor soldier of long standing, and is in his second session of service. He has seen much action on several fronts, and was stationed in India the last report we had of him.



CPL. JOHNNIE GILMORE

"Nonnie," as he is affectionately called, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilmore. He graduated from Luling High School in 1940, and later attended the University of Texas. He is married, and his wife, Sunshine Davis Gilmore, and small son, Charles Francis, live in Luling. He entered the Air Corps, October 8, 1942. Corporal Gilmore is a former member of the Texas National Guard and was 22 years old May 17, this year. His station is with the 11th Carrier Group, Alliance, Nebraska.



LT. DANIEL F. GILMORE

1st Lt. Gilmore returned home in July, 1944, after several months in England, and completing 30 missions over enemy Europe. He was awarded the distinguished flying cross, the air medal and three oak leaf clusters to the medal. He is a native of Ft. Worth, and a graduate of Luling High School. He entered the service July, 1940, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilmore. He has returned to service overseas.



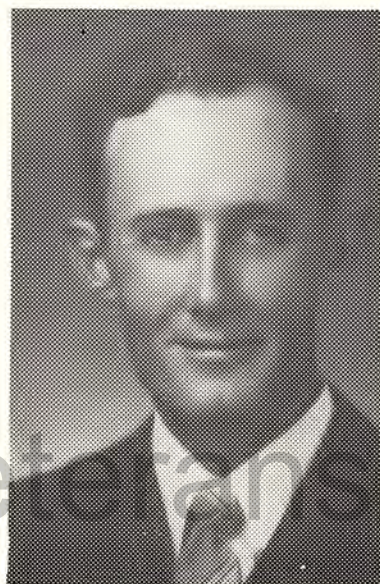
**1ST LIEUTENANT
SEARCY COLLINS GLASS, JR.**

As this is written, Lt. Glass is in England, and has seen much action during the invasion in Europe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Searcy C. Glass, Sr., grew up in this vicinity, is a graduate of Luling High, and later extended his education at Texas University. Lt. Glass went into the Air Corps on September 14, 1942, as an enlisted man. He was later selected as cadet, and upon completion of his training courses in Texas and Oklahoma, was given his wings and commission, soon afterwards being sent to England for Combat. He has been awarded the Air Medal.



2ND LT. CHARLES J. GILMORE

Lieutenant Gilmore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilmore. He attended grade school in Fort Worth, Texas, and high school in Darst Creek, where he graduated in 1936. He then was a student at the University of Texas. He joined the Texas National Guard, October 5, 1939, mobilized Nov. 25, 1940, with Company "I," 141st Infantry, but transferred to the Army Air Corps April, 1942, and graduated from the Pan-American Navigation School, Oct. 9, 1942. He has completed many missions over enemy Europe and has been overseas several months.



PVT. WELDON GLASS

Pvt. Weldon Glass of the U. S. Air Corps is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Glass, Sr. He is married to the former Miss Dorothy Stagner. He attended the Port Isabel High School, and before joining up, was an oil field worker. He went into the Air Corps on Dec. 31, 1943, at Dodd Field, San Antonio, Texas, and took his basic training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Later he attended Airplane Mechanics School at Amarillo Air Field, Texas.



1ST LIEUT. FRED T. HEISE

Lt. Heise of the Air Corps went into the service on Nov. 12, 1941, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and received his training at Kelly, Hicks, Randolph, and Ellington Fields, and is now designated as Special Instructor at Lubbock Field. He grew up in Luling, attended Luling High School, and extended his education at SWTTC. He is 23 years old, is married, and is the father of one child, and is the son of Mrs. F. A. Heise of Luling. Heise has had two promotions in the service, and because of his special aptitude, he was chosen as special instructor, stationed at Lubbock.



PVT. WILLIAM D. HAMILTON

This marine is 18 years old, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hamilton. He attended school at Vanderbilt, Texas, before he joined the Marines on April 26, 1944, at Edna, Texas. He received his "boot training" at San Diego and Riverside, Calif. He is affectionately known to his friends as "Billie Don." His parents are residents of Vanderbilt, Texas, but are former residents of Luling where he attended school.



1ST LT. CLARENCE SHADE HEISE

First Lt. Heise is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Heise. He is married, and is the father of one child. He entered the service at Ft. Monroe, Va., in June, 1942. His original assignment was with the Coast Artillery, stationed on the East Coast, and he carried on with this outfit for two years, but has been transferred to the infantry, and is now stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. He is a graduate of Luling High School and A. & M. College.



2ND LT. W. H. (SONNY) HALL

This 23-year-old officer in the Air Corps, is the son of Mrs. Bamah Hall, and is married. The last school he attended was SWTTC at San Marcos. He joined the Air Corps in Nov. 1942, as Keesler Field, Miss., was sent to Colorado Springs, Colo.; to Lincoln, Nev., then to New Foundland, and is now in Italy. He resided in Luling for several years, before going into the service.



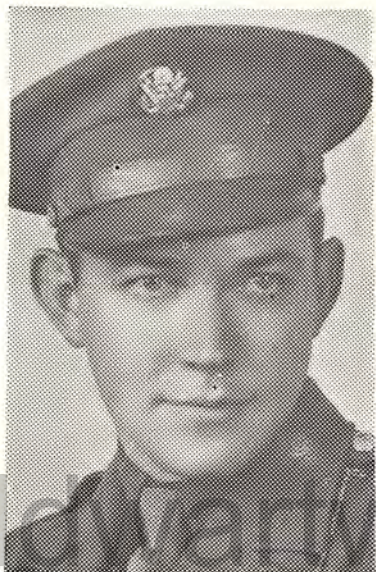
1ST LT. WILLARD D. HOLZHEAUSER

Lt. Holzheuser is a graduate of the Prairie Lea High School, and later attended A. & M. College for four years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Holzheuser, and at one time was a member of Luling's Home Guard Company "I." He joined the Coast Artillery at Seattle, Washington, on May 15, 1942, going into the service as 2nd lieutenant. He was promoted to the grade of 1st lieutenant on February, 1944. In June, 1942, he embarked with the 203rd Brigade for the Defense of Alaska and the Aleutians, and spent two years in that area, being stationed there at this report.



CAPTAIN J. D. HOLZHEAUSER

Captain J. H. Holzheuser is now in action "Somewhere in England." He has been in the service since July 7, 1942, and is attached to the Coast Artillery. He has had three promotions in the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Holzheuser of Kingsbury, and is a graduate of Prairie Lea High School, for four years attended A. & M. College. He is married, and is the father of one son, John David. In the States, he carried on at Camp Wallace, Texas; Camp Davis, N. C.; Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; Westhampton, N. Y., and embarked for overseas duty on March 1, 1944, from Camp Edwards, Mass. He was a member of the Luling National Guard in 1938-39.



STAFF SGT. KENNETH D. HALL

Sgt. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, graduated at Luling High School, and extended his education at Draughan's Business College, and in civilian life was employed as bookkeeper. He was a member of Company "I," and trained with them all the way, hitting the beach with the 36th Division at Salerno on Sept. 9, 1943, and moving through the whole Italian Campaign. He has been overseas 15 months, was wounded in Sept., 1943, has been decorated with the Purple Heart Medal, and received a presidential citation, as well as the Infantry Combat Badge. He carries on as Supply Sergeant in Italy.



S/SGT. JOHN KENNETH HUFF

Staff Sgt. John Kenneth Huff was a member of Luling's original Company "I," and trained with this outfit at Camp Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass., going with them overseas, and hitting the beach at Salerno with the 36th Division remaining in action continuously until stricken ill in December, 1943. He was transferred to a base hospital in North Africa to regain his health. He attended Luling High School, and was employed as merchant before mobilizing into Federal Service with the Home Guard Company. He is the son of Mrs. S. W. Huff.



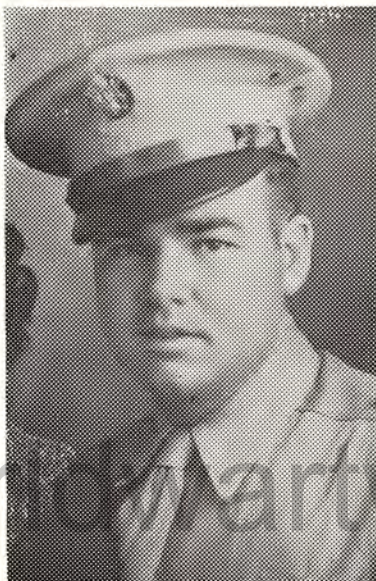
TECH. SGT. WALTER ELMO HALL

Sgt. Hall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall, and has been serving in the Infantry since Oct. 12, 1940. He is 26 years old, attended Seguin High School, and was employed by the Magnolia Company in civilian life. He trained at Camp Bowie and several other stations, and went overseas with the 36th Division. He was among those to invade Italy at Salerno, and took part in much of the Italian Campaign. He was wounded in action, and is the holder of the Purple Heart Medal. He returned home, Sept. 8, 1944.



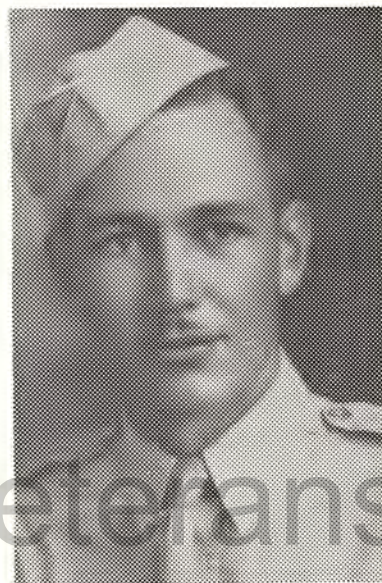
STAFF SGT. LLOYD G. HEURLIN

Sgt. Heurlin is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Heurlin. He attended the Galveston Schools, and was employed by General Motors before joining up in Jan. 1941, at Ft. Ord, Calif. He received his training at Camp Swift, Texas, and is the holder of the Good Conduct Medal. This soldier is now stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Mrs. Heurlin is living near Luling.



PVT. RAY BLACKBURN HALL

Pvt. Hall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Hall. He is 21 years old, and is the father of one son, John Walter. He attended Luling High School, and was employed by the Humble Company before joining up on Jan. 1, 1943. He received his original training in the infantry at Camp Wolters, and was later attached to the Medical Corps. He is now stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill.



PFC. JOSEPH T. HOUSEN

This 24-year-old youth was an original member of Luling's National Guard, trained at Brownwood, in Florida, and in Massachusetts, and went overseas with that unit in 1943. He was among those of the 36th Division to rush the beach at Salerno, and he fought throughout the Italian Campaign until wounded in Sept., 1943. He spent one year in Italy, and holds the Purple Heart Medal, and several special citations. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Housen, attended the Luling School.



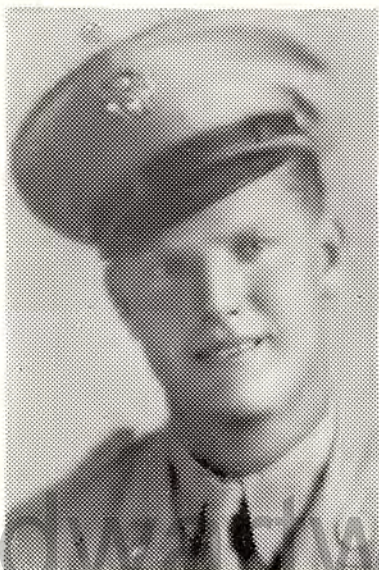
1ST. LIEUT. SIDNEY C. HUGHES

Lt. Hughes is the son of Mrs. John Dyson. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and holds a BS and MA Degree from SWTTC, and before joining up was an official of the National Youth Administration. He went into the service on Aug. 18, 1941, at Ft. Sam Houston, as a private, attached to the Chemical Warfare Service. He trained at this station, and at Edgewood Arsenal, and within the interval has moved up from Buck Private to First Lieutenant. He is married. He is base chemical officer at Chatham Field, Ga.



PFC. RISDON P. HENDRICKS

Pfc. Hendricks is serving as a Military Policeman with the Air Forces, and has been serving since March, 1944, "Somewhere behind the lines" in that capacity in Italy. He is 21 years old, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hendricks. He attended Luling High School, and before joining the Air Forces in March, 1943, was employed by Mackey Drug Company here. He received training in New Jersey, Illinois and Missouri. He has four brothers in the service.



STAFF SGT. MINOR P. HENDRICKS

Staff Sgt. Hendricks has been a member of Luling Home Guard Company "I" National Guard since 1935, and mobilized with the boys when they went into the Federal Service in 1941—training with them all the way, and moving up to the rating of Staff Sgt. He went with the gang overseas, and saw action in North Africa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hendricks, is married, and has one daughter, Dolores Mae. He attended Luling High School, and was employed by the C. P. & L. Company, before going into the service. He was sent home on account of illness and is stationed at Ft. Dix, New Jersey.



HARVEY P. HENDRICKS, S 2/C

With four brothers in the service this 17-year-old sailor joined the Navy on May 14, 1944, receiving his "boot training" in California. He is in Seattle, Wash., awaiting an assignment to sea duty. He is affectionately known to his friends as "Salty." He attended Luling High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hendricks.



**MASTER SERGEANT
ARTHUR J. (JACK) HENDRICKS**

Sgt. Hendricks has been in the service since 1938; was at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1940, serving there 4 years; and later as a gunner on one of our great Flying Fortresses took part in four Major battles in the South Pacific. On one occasion was reported "Missing in Action." He is 25 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hendricks, and one of five brothers in the service. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and has over 300 hours of combat to his credit. He attended Luling High School and was employed in the Princess Theater before entering the service.



STAFF SGT. DOUGLAS W. HENDRICKS

Staff Sgt. Douglas W. (Tinker) Hendricks is now a prisoner of the Germans. He was shot down just recently over enemy territory, after making many missions as tail gunner on a Flying Fortress. He is one of the five Hendricks boys in the service, and was affectionately known to his friends as "Tinker." He is 19 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hendricks, and a graduate of Luling High School. He has been in the service since April, 1943, training at Sheppard Field, Texas, Michigan, and Florida. He went overseas May, 1944, and has been in continuous action since his arrival "Over There."



A/C RAYMOND BARRETT HARMON

Cadet Harmon is 21 years old, and is training in the Army Air Field at Lubbock, Texas. He is the son of Mrs. R. B. Harmon, and last attended Sul Ross College. Before going into the service in Sept. 11, 1942, he was employed by the Magnolia Pipe Line Company as Machinist helper. He transferred to the Air Corps in April, 1944, and received his first training at Sheppard Field, later transferring to his current station. Cadet Harmon expects to graduate as Flight Officer in the Air Corps when his course of instruction is completed.



T/SGT. YOUNG B. HEATHCOCK

Tech. Sgt. Heathcock is "Somewhere Overseas," with his latest official station designated as Corsica. He is serving in the Ordnance Maintenance Division. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. B. Heathcock, and is married. This soldier has been in the service since Oct. 13, 1942, and has moved up from the grade of Buck Private to the rating of Technical Sergeant. He attended the Dowdy School, and in civilian life was employed in the oil field. After a course in a Michigan gunnery school, he came home last July, 1944, and then was sent overseas.



RAYMOND J. HANSON, FIREMAN 1/C

This sailor has had three promotions in the service since he joined up on Dec. 21, 1943. He received his "boot training" at San Diego, Cal., and later attended an electrician's school at that base, and was then assigned to help build a ship, on which he expects to go to sea. He is 26 years old, attended the Luling Schools, and before joining up was employed as an electrician in a Houston Ship Yard. He is married, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hanson.



**CLIFFORD L. HOLLOWAY,
FIREMAN 1/C**

This 17-year-old sailor has been in the Navy since Oct. 28, 1943. He attended Luling Schools, and was employed at San Marcos and in Houston before entering the service. He is the son of Mrs. Alice Holloway. He is attached to the Amphibious Forces, and received his last course of training before going to sea, at Little Creek, Va. Other training stations were San Diego, Cal., Navy Pier and Chicago, Ill.



CORP. ORAN RAYMOND HANSON

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hanson, of the McNeil community, received word that their son Corp. Oran Hanson had gone overseas with an Infantry Division. He grew up in the McNeil Community, attended the McNeil School, and before going into the service on Aug. 1, 1942, he was employed in civilian life as an oil field driller. He trained in many sections of the county, and is now a veteran in the service. At this report it is presumed that Cpl. Hanson is in France.



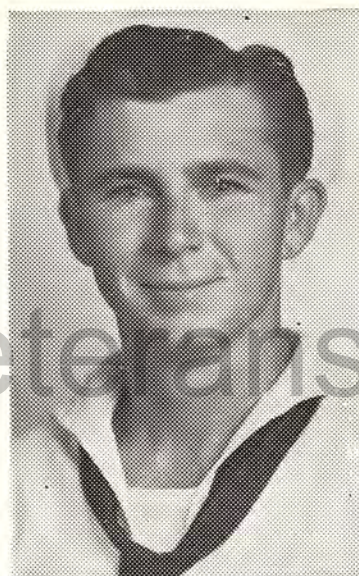
1ST LIEUT WILLIAM A. HILL

Lt. Hill is a Waelder boy, and is serving with Company "B," 362nd Infantry, "Somewhere in Italy." This soldier has attained his commissioned rating the hard way. He has been in the service since Nov. 1940; has taken part in the whole Italian Campaign, and as this is written, is still in action in the Italian arena. He attended school at Thompsonville and Waelder, and later extended his education at San Marcos Teacher's College. He is married to the former Miss Louise West of and is married to the former Miss Louise West of Luling.



PFC. L. C. HERSCHAP

Pfc. Herschap has been in the Air Corps since May 24, 1943. He has seen much action overseas, and is stationed "Somewhere in New Guinea." He attended Prairie Lea Schools, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Herschap. He was a farmer before going into the service. His official designation at this time is Aviation Engineer.



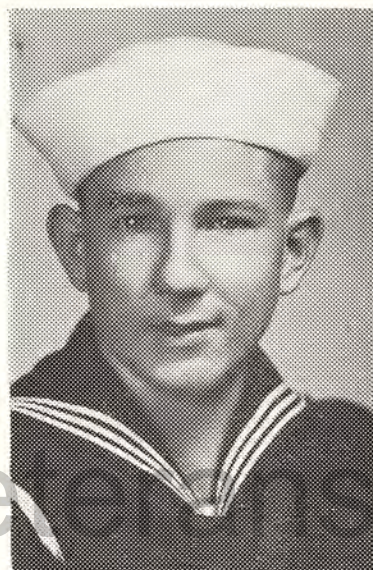
**COXSWAIN ERNEST E.
(COWBOY) HARTLEIB**

Coxswain Hartleib has been in the Coast Guard since May 18, 1942. He received his basic training in New Orleans, La., and attended special school in Jacksonville, Fla., then took a special course in the Engineering School of the Higgins Corporation, New Orleans. This 23 year old sailor, after graduating at Luling High School, extended his education at John Tarleton College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hartlieb, and is affectionately known to his friends as "Cowboy." His station is Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina.



TECH. SGT. HOWARD H. HUDGENS

Sgt. Hudgens attended Fentress and Prairie Lea Schools. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hudgens, but much of his youth was spent in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Hardy M. Flowers. He went into the service on Jan. 2, 1942, and was attached to the First Fighter Control Squadron, as radio technician. He is serving "Somewhere in New Guinea." While serving in the South Pacific, he was aboard ship when the vessel was sunk in a naval action, many of his shipmates were killed or drowned. Howard, himself, spent thirty hours floating in the ocean, with hundreds of sharks about, before he was rescued by an American Destroyer.



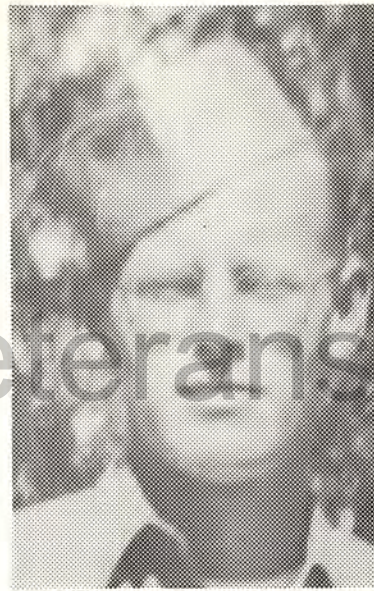
CAM H. HEANER, JR., F 1/C

Sailor Heaner's mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Hoyle, reside in Kingsbury. He was born in Stockdale on Oct. 21, 1924, attended the Prairie Lea Grade, and Burbank High School in San Antonio. He was a machinist before going into the service on July 19, 1942, and his rating in the Navy is Fireman First Class. Cam is attached to the Amphibious Forces, and his official station at this writing is San Francisco, Calif.



LT. JAMES L. HARRIS, JR.

Lieutenant Harris has lived here all of his life. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris, Sr. He graduated at Luling High School with the class of 1937, and extended his education for two years at Texas A. & M. He left Luling with our original Home Guard Company "I," and later transferred to the Air Corps, receiving his wings, and his commission as second lieutenant March 20, 1943. After serving at Coffeyville Army Air Field, Kansas, for over a year, he is stationed at AAF, Eagle Pass, Texas.



SGT. WILLIAM N. HOLCOMB

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holcomb is Sgt. Wm. N. Holcomb, who was born and reared in Luling. Prior to completing his Senior Year at High School, he attended the N. Y. A. Defense School at San Marcos, and the Naval Training School in Corpus Christi. After receiving his diploma, he accepted a civilian job with the Navy, but enlisted in the Army at Randolph Field as an Airplane Mechanic, received a Specialist's rating. He was sent to Sheppard Field for further training. He received his gunnery practice at Kearns, Utah, and was classed as an expert marksman. He is stationed at Mountain Home, Idaho, where he is crew chief on a Liberator Bomber.



CPL. NIXON H. HOLCOMB

Nixon H. is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holcomb, and although a native of San Antonio, was educated in the Luling Schools. Before going into the service on Sept. 29, 1942, he was employed by the Humble Company, and worked at the Naval Air Base in Corpus Christi. He is serving in the Post Garage at the Laredo Air Field and was recently offered a medical discharge on account of a slight eye defect, but asked to remain in the Army with his two brothers. Nixon was a member of the National Guard in Luling seven years.



J.A. HAMMONS, U.S.N.

Petty Officer Hammons is a veteran in the Navy, has served continuously in the Pacific battle area, and has taken part in many naval engagements. He calls Luling his home.



PVT. RAY THOMAS HOLCOMB

Private Holcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holcomb, is a native of Luling, and attended school here, graduating with the 1940 class. He was an employee of the Humble Company in Corpus Christi for two years, and enlisted at Ft. Sam Houston on July 9, 1942. He was selected by Uncle Sam to take a special course at the San Antonio Aircraft Academy and the Engineering school at Texas University, where he received his diploma in radio and pre-radar. He is attending school at Camp Kohler, Calif., and expects to be sent overseas.



THOMAS A. HARRIS, S 2/C

Sailor Harris is on duty "Somewhere in the South Pacific." He is the son of Mrs. Lizzie Harris, and is married. The last school he attended was at Rogers, Texas, and as a civilian his occupation was that of fireman. He joined the Navy on Jan. 1, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas, and received his "boot training" at San Diego, Calif., and he is one of those sailors who has had quick action, going overseas almost immediately after boot training.



SGT. GEORGE HENRY HARRIS

This 20-year-old soldier attended Luling High School, and is the son of Mrs. Lizzie Harris. He was one of the boys with Luling's original Company "I," and trained with them all the way, and was with that outfit when the 36th Division stormed the beach at Salerno. Sgt. Harris remained in almost continuous battle until wounded on Nov. 30, 1943. He was sent to a base hospital in North Africa to recuperate, and was sent back to the States on June 21, 1944. He has moved up from private to sergeant in the service. He is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio.



**WILLIAM ALFRED HARRIS,
SP (F) 2/C**

This sailor on special assignment is the son of Mrs. Lizzie Harris. He is married, and is the father of one child. Before joining up at San Antonio, on Sept. 9, 1943, his occupation in civilian life was that of Fireman. He received his "boot training" at San Diego, Calif., and because of his special aptitude and experience, was immediately chosen as instructor in the Fire Fighter's School at the U. S. Navy Base, San Diego, Calif. His wife is residing in Luling.



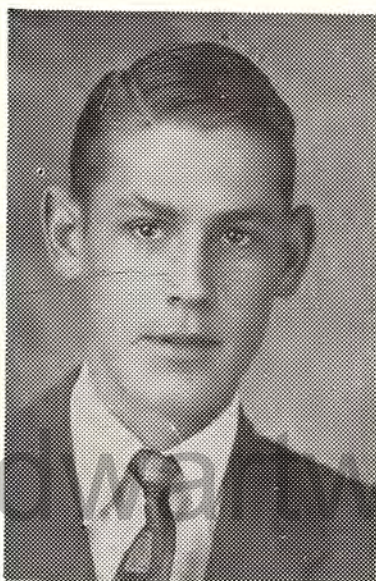
PFC. JAMES G. HIGH, JR.. U.S.M.C.

Pfc. J. G. High, Jr., is a member of the Marine Corps. He attended Breckenridge elementary school and is a graduate of Luling High School. He entered the service July 6, 1943, and received his initial training at San Diego, Calif., and was stationed at Camp Elliott, Calif., before going overseas. He was wounded during the invasion of Siapan, and sent to a naval hospital in Hawaii, where he is recuperating at this report. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. High, Sr.



PVT. JOHNNIE D. INSCORE

Pvt. Johnnie D. Inscore was 22 years old on Jan. 14th. He attended the Luling Schools, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Inscore. He is married to the former Miss La Rue Pair, and was a sheet metal worker before going into the service, joining the Air Corps in Houston, Texas, in November, 1942. He was trained at Cadet Center, North San Antonio, and at Greensboro, N. C. He has been overseas now about four months, serving "Somewhere in Italy," at this report.



BILL J. HIGH AS

Seaman Bill J. High entered the U. S. Navy on August 15, 1944, and at this report, is receiving training in California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. High, Sr., and attended Breckenridge elementary school and is a graduate of Luling High School, class of 1944. Before entering the service he was employed as a pump serviceman. He was born in Breckenridge, Texas, July 8, 1926.



PVT. JOHN EDWIN IVEY (Paratrooper)

Pvt. Ivey, 19-year-old son of Mrs. Edna Ivey, graduated from Paratrooper's School at Ft. Benning, Ga., on May 6, 1944, receiving his "Wings and Boots" on that occasion. If he has not already gone overseas, he expects to soon be on his way. This soldier of the Air went into the service on Oct. 1, 1943, and trained at Camp Fannin and Ft. Benning, Gr. He attended Luling High School, and was employed by the Nehi Bottling Company before going into service.



SGT. FRED E. JOHNSON, JR.

Sgt. Johnson is a native son, and a graduate of Luling High School. He attended Southwestern Teacher's College in San Marcos from 1936 to '38. Before entering the service, Dec. 1942, he was employed by the Camp Southern Pacific Transport Co. After serving at Camp Adair, Oregon, Camp Carson, Colo., and other stations, he was sent across for duty overseas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, Sr.



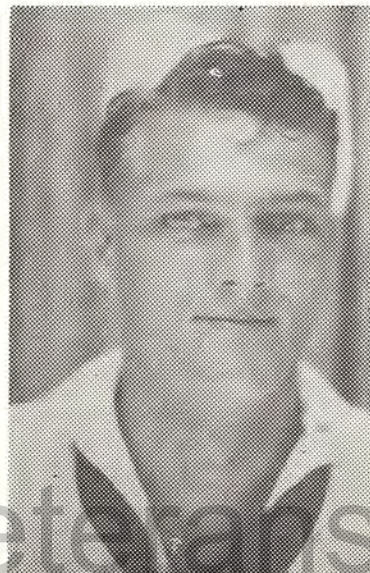
SGT. FRANCIS E. JOHNSON

Sergeant Johnson is a native of Solsberry, Ind., and attended the Solsberry Schools. In civilian life, he was a farmer. He entered the Army in 1941, and has seen much service in North Africa and elsewhere. He is married to the former Miss Lucile Grant, a Luling girl. Sgt. Johnson is 24 years old. He is a member of the M. P's., and is stationed Somewhere in England.



**MASTER SERGEANT
CHARLES B. JOHNSON**

Sergeant Johnson has returned from the African Theatre of War, where he carried on as Aerial Gunner on a Flying Fortress. His record of missions over the enemy lines measures up to over a half hundred, and a number of these were performed voluntarily, after his squadron was slated to return to the States. "Blackie," as he is affectionately known, was given individual credit for bringing down two enemy planes. He joined up in 1942, graduated at Luling High School with the Class of 1940. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, and his station is in Tennessee.



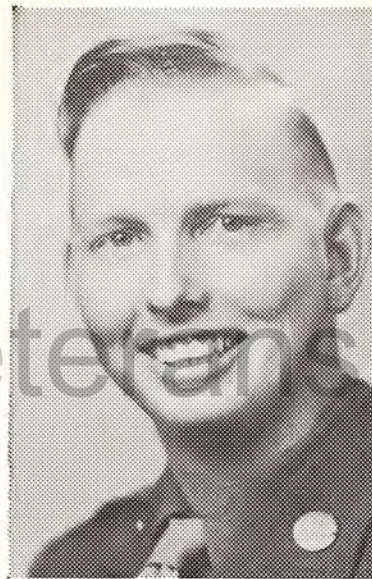
**SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER
WILLIAM G. JOHNSON**

This 23-year-old sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Johnson, is married, and is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Reeger. He last attended school at Freer, Texas, and before joining up was employed by the Gulf Refining Company, at Houston. He went into the Navy on April, 1943, and within the interval has moved up to second class petty officer. He is attached to a submarine repair crew, and has been overseas since March, 1944, and his official station is designated as "Somewhere in the South Pacific."



JOSEPH EDWARD JANCA A.S.

This sailor is the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe. J. Janca. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and served two years with the Texas State Guard, attaining the rank of Technical Sergeant, before he went into the service on Aug. 15, 1944. He is receiving his "boot training" at San Diego, California. Before going into the service, he was employed with his father as a mechanic. His father is a veteran of World War No. 1.



CORP. GEO. A. JONES

This soldier was born at Roseburg, Oregon, and attended the Stockdale, Texas, School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. L. Jones. Before going into the service he was employed by the Brown & Root Construction Company. He entered the Air Forces on March 5, 1943, and was assigned to a ground crew. For a long time he was stationed at Miami Beach, Fla. He is in France with the Ninth Air Force Service Command Depot, and is a sheet iron metal worker in his squadron.



CPL. JACK W. JONES

Cpl. Jones is a graduate of Luling High School, Class of 1941, and a former student of A. and I. College at Kingsville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jones. He worked as a welder in the Houston Ship Yards before he joined the Army March 4, 1943, in San Antonio. After a short period of training at Camp Roberts, Calif., he was sent to Alaska in June, 1943. He has spent 15 months at that outpost, stationed on Kodiak Island.



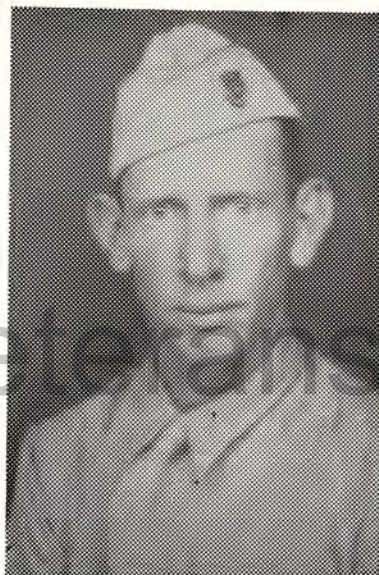
CORP. T. J. JONES

Before going into the service Corp. Jones was engaged in the Service Station business. He was born in Yellville, Ark., on May 9, 1917, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nellie S. Jones. He entered the Air Seervice, at San Antonio, Texas, on Aug. 28, 1942, and was attached to the 2515 Base Unit. He has attained the rank of corporal, and is stationed at the Dodge City Air Field, Kansas.



J. C. JONES, M.M. 1/C

Petty Officer Jones is serving with the Seabees, attached to Company B, Platoon No. 5, of the 136th Naval Construction Battalion. He joined up in San Antonio, and has much service overseas at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He attended the Kingsbury School; is the son of Mrs. Carrie Jones, Kingsbury; is married, and is the father of two children, Katherine and Johnny. He received his training at Camp Peary, Va., Rhode Island, Quoddy Village, Maine and Huenema, Calif.



PVT. ROBERT L. JONES

Pvt. Robert L. Jones is the son of Mrs. R. C. Jones, and has been in the service since June, 1943. Robert trained in many sections of the country, and has always been an exemplary soldier, retaining his religion and high moral conception under every circumstance. Just recently he went overseas, and doubtless is now seeing action "Somewhere in the Pacific Battle zone." He attended school in McNeil, and his last training station in the States was in Arizona.



TOM A. JONES, W.T. 1/C

Petty Officer Tom Jones is the son of W. R. Jones. He has been in the Seabees since Oct., 1942, and before going into the service was employed as an oil field worker. This sailor is "Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific," and when last heard from was stationed in the Admiralty Islands. He received his training in Rhode Island. His wife and child live in Luling.



PVT. JAMES LEE JENKINS

This 19-year-old soldier is serving in the Army Air Corps. He has been in the service since July 29, 1943, and trained at Amarillo, Texas, and Sioux Falls, N. D., and other posts. He is overseas, "Somewhere in England." His official designation is Dining Room Orderly in the Combat Officer's mess, attached to the 67th Bomb Squadron, 44th Bomb Group. He is the son of Mr. T. L. Jeffers, and attended the Vinton, La., High School. He is the son of the late Jack Jenkins, and the grandson of the late R. L. Jenkins. His father served in World War No. 1.



S/SGT. MILES A. JOHNS

S/Sgt. Miles A. Johns is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Johns and the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Conley. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious service over enemy territory. His family are former residents of Luling.



PVT. FRED KIRCHMAN

Pvt. Kirchman is attached to a Signal Battalion. He has been in the service since Sept. 11, 1942; is 22 years old, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kirchman. He last attended St. James School, and was employed as a carpenter in civilian life. This lad received his training in Sacramento, Calif., and then went overseas, at last reports, stationed "Somewhere in England." His family thinks that he may be in action in France as this is written.



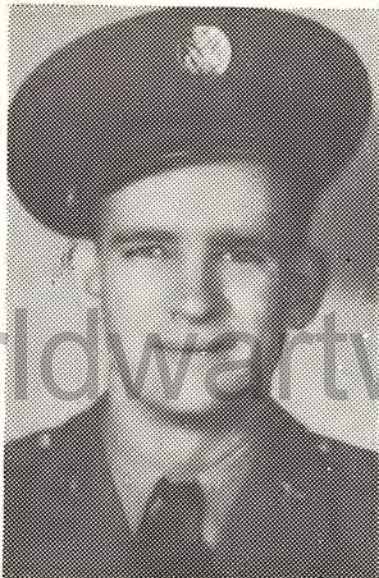
A. G. KOENNING, JR. U.S.N.

"Gopher" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Koenning, and is a graduate of Luling High School, Class of 1944. He received the nickname of "Gopher" while playing football for the Eagle squad where he lettered as guard and tackle for three years. He entered the Navy in San Antonio, September 8, 1944, and was sent to San Diego, California, for "boot" training. This summer he was employed as bookkeeper for the Magnolia Petroleum Co. He will be 18 years old December 23.



JAMES KIRCHMAN, S. F. 1/C

Petty Officer Kirchman of the U. S. Naval Construction Battalion, the Seabees, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kirchman and before joining up on Oct. 25 1942. at Houston, Texas, was employed as welder. He received his "boot training" at Norfolk, Va., and was then sent to Hawaii. After one year's service in this outpost he is waiting for a transfer to another station.



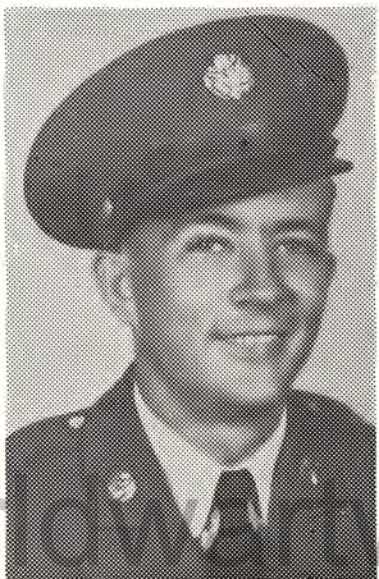
**FIRST SERGEANT
W. W. (BUDDIE) KEETON**

"Buddie" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Keeton, who live on Route 1, near Luling. He is a graduate of Prairie Lea High School, and has been in the Air Corps since Sept., 1940, and is stationed at Riken Air Field, S. C. Sgt. Keeton was 24 years old June 7th. Serving at Ellington Field, he was awarded a medal for excellence Safety of Driving Military Vehicles, and after 18 month's service was sent to Augusta, Ga. He is serving as Motor Sergeant at his present station.



**STAFF SERGEANT
JOHN B. KING, JR.**

Staff. Sgt. King calls Luling home. He has been in the service since 1940, and is serving overseas. He was 25 years old May 16th, 1943. Sgt. King has moved up to the non commissioned rating through the ranks. He is the son of J. B. King and the late Mrs. King.



**FIRST SERGEANT
ERNEST R. KEETON**

Sergeant Keeton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Keeton. He graduated at Prairie Lea High School, and has been in the service since 1934. He is 26 years old. Before joining up, he was employed by the Magnolia Oil Company. He is stationed at Cambridge, Mass. Sgt. Keeton was a member of the National Guard, Co. "I," for six years, but was injured at Camp Blanding, Fla., in an accident, so was transferred to a Medical unit. He served as instructor at the University of Durham, N. H., and is attending a school in Washington State.



SGT. GARLAND C. KIMBALL

Sergeant Kimball was among that group of American boys who whaled the Nippons at Guadalcanal, and his experience in that Campaign is an epic in human endurance. He went through it all, the tropic heat, the deadly swamps, and the millions of parasites as a director of a mortar battery. Eventually, he was wounded, and because of his injuries, was confined to army hospitals for several months, even after returning to the States. He received his discharge from the service because of the wounds he had received in action. He is the son of Mrs. Necie Kimball, Luling resident.



WM. WEBB KIMBALL S. 2/C

This 21-year-old sailor is attached to the U. S. Naval reserve, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kimball. He is married and is the father of one son. Sailor Kimball attended the Luling Schools, and before joining up was employed as an oil field worker. He went into the service on Nov. 11, 1943, at San Antonio, and received his "boot training" at Corpus Christi. He is located at Corpus Christi, attached to the Main Station as Store-keeper.



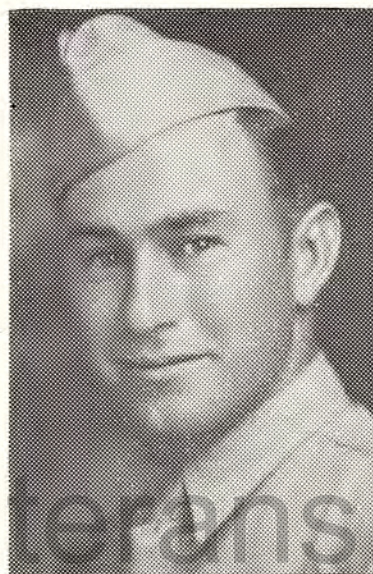
BROOKS ALVIN KERSH. RADAR 3/C

This sailor was born at Sublime, Texas, on Sept. 3, 1924, and graduated at Prairie Lea High School. Before joining up he was an oil field worker, employed by the Rio Bravo Oil Co. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kersh. He has been in the service since Jan. 26, 1942, receiving his "boot training" at Great Lakes Naval Base. He attended several special radio schools, and was assigned to a ship as radioman, and he has been at sea within the interval most of the time. the general route being from New York to Miami, Fla.



PFC. REUBEN M. KIMBALL

This 19-year-old soldier attended the Prairie Lea school, and before joining up on May 24, 1943, was employed by the Central Power and Light Company. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kimball. He was trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and was later transferred to Langley Field, Mo., where he carries on as assistant crew chief on a B-24. He is married.



PFC. JOHN L. KARNSTADT

This soldier was born in Gonzales County on March 27, 1919. He attended the Ottine and Luling Schools, and extended his education at the Hebron School, in Kansas. Before going into the service, he was employed as a farmer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Karnstadt, Sr. Pfc. Karnstadt went into the Medical Corps at Ft. Sam Houston, in Oct. 1941, and was attached to the 675th Medical Battalion. He went overseas with the 36th Division, and has been in action throughout the Italian Campaign.



CPL. EDWARD W. KARNSTADT, JR.

Corporal Karnstadt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Karnstadt, Sr. He attended the Ottine School, and the Hebron School in Kansas, and before joining up, was employed as a farmer. He went into the Medical Corps at Ft. Sam Houston, on Sept., 1942, and was attached to the 8th General Hospital. He is stationed overseas in New Caledonia.



PFC. ROBERT LEE KELSO

Pfc. Kelso attended the Waelder School, and was engaged in farming before going into the service on Sept. 11, 1940. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kelso. He trained all the way with his National Guard outfit, and stormed the beach with the 36th Division at Salerno, and has taken part in all the battles of the Italian Campaign. He is attached to a trucking group "Somewhere in Italy" and is engaged in servicing the boys at the front.



**SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER
JOHNNIE EDWARD KOENIG**

This sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Koenig. He is married, and is the father of one son, Thomas E. He attended the Waelder School, and before going into the service was employed as mechanic. He joined up on Oct. 15, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and received his "boot training" at San Diego, Cal. He was sent to the Alameda Naval Station, Cal., as special supervisor, and is stationed at that base.



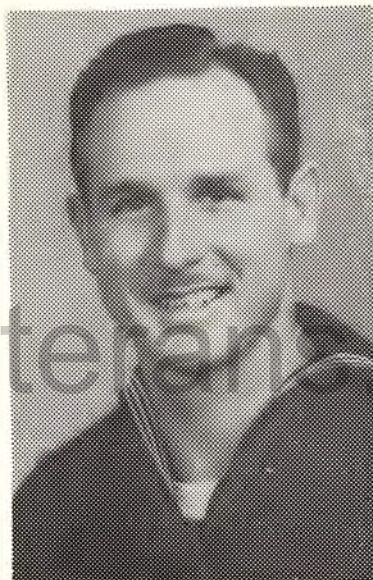
CORP. JOSEPH QUENTON KEY

This Luling soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Key, was an oil field worker before he left Luling with Company "I" in 1941, and trained with the fellows all the way. He was with them when they went ashore at Salerno on Sept. 9, 1943, and saw plenty of action up until the time he was wounded the same month. He was sent to a base hospital to recuperate, and then returned to the States. He has received the Purple Heart and several citations for his exploits.



OSCAR C. KEY S 1/C

This 21-year-old-sailor went into the Navy in 1942 at Houston, and received his "boot training" at San Diego, Calif. His assignment almost at once was to sea, and he has been in action continuously at intervals since. Oscar was wounded in action, and has been given three medals and citations. He served on the U.S.S. Nevada 18 months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Key, attended the Luling Schools, and before joining up was an oil field worker.



EARL KEY, P.T.R. 1/C

Petty Officer Key has made a splendid record in the Navy, from Seaman to First Class Petty Officer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Key, is married, and is the father of one child. He attended the Luling School, and before joining up was employed as contractor. He went into the service on Nov. 11, 1941, and received his training at the Corpus Christi base, where for two years he was athletic instructor at the Naval Air Station. He is serving "Somewhere in Sicily."



JAMES C. KEY, BM 1/C

Petty Officer Key is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Key. The last school he attended was the San Marcos Academy. He joined the Seabees on Aug. 9, 1942, training in Camp Bradford, Va., Camp Peary, Va., Quoddy Village, Maine and Port Heuneme, Calif. He was special instructor in ship fitting and radio mast at Camp Peary, Va., for nine months. He went overseas on June 9, 1944, and is stationed at Island (X) "Somewhere in the Pacific."



T. SGT. CHAS. S. KELLY

Sgt. Kelly was born in the State of Washington, and was employed as logger before he joined up in the Field Artillery, June 6, 1940. He is married to the former Miss Dorothy Smith. This soldier has trained in many camps throughout the country, and has moved up to his rating of Technical Sergeant the hard way. His former stations were at Ft. Sam Houston, and Camp Swift, Texas. He is located at Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal., attached to Company F, 386th Infantry.