



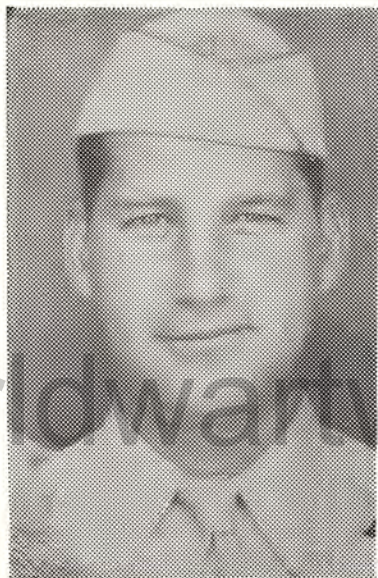
SGT. RALPH KILLEN, JR.

This soldier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Killen, has been in the service since Aug. 3, 1938. He trained at Camp Bowie, and several other camps, and went overseas with the 36th Division, taking part in much of the Italian Campaign. He has been decorated, and received the Presidential Citation. He spent fifteen months overseas. After a period of strenuous action, he became ill and was hospitalized for four months in North Africa. He was a student of the Luling School. He has had three promotions in the service.



**SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER
LUTHER WELTON LAMON**

This sailor is the son of Mrs. Mary Lamon, serving with the Naval Construction Battalion, the Seabees. He has been in the service since April 23, 1942, and has seen plenty of action. He was at Guadalcanal, and other "hot spots" in the Pacific Arena of Action. He wears the Asiatic and Pacific and has received the Presidential citation. He is married, is a graduate of San Marcos School, and before joining up was employed as engineer by the Magnolia Pipe Line Company.



CORP. WALTER E. LANGSTON

This Luling man is a graduate of the Somerset High School, and before joining up on Nov. 1, 1943, was employed in the Sales Department of the Magnolia Oil Company. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Langston, San Antonio, and is married to the former Miss Nell Gregg. He is a member of the Air Corps, 86th Depot Supply Squadron, and is overseas, his current station being Oahu Island, Hawaii. He has two brothers in service: Pat Ross Langston and S/Sgt. H. D. Langston.



CPL. GEO. "PEAVINE" LAWRENCE

This Paratrooper has just been promoted to the rating of Corporal. He is 19 years old, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lawrence, Sr. He received his basic training at Camp Fannin, and then transferred to the Paratroopers, receiving special training at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. Meade, Md. This youth grew up in Luling, and attended the Luling High School. At this report, he has received an APO number, and it is presumed that he is overseas.



STAFF SGT. GEO. T. LOWTHER

Sgt. Lowther is attached to the medical department. He attended Draughan's Business College, and before joining up on May 21, 1942, was employed by the Humble Oil & Refining Co. This soldier trained in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Washington. He served as liaison officer at Ft. Mason, Calif. He is married, and Mrs. Lowther is residing in Luling. Sgt. Lowther has served in Australia and other stations in the South Pacific, as Sergeant of Supplies.



STAFF SGT. GORDON R. LAWSON

Sgt. Lawson was born on March 24 1911. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawson; attended Luling School, and before joining up was an oil field worker. He went into the service April, 1941, and was attached to an anti-aircraft unit. He trained in various camps throughout the country, and was formerly stationed at Camp Claiborne, La. This soldier is now a half truck turret gunner. His station is at Camp Stewart, Savannah, Ga.



**TECHNICAL SERGEANT
EDWARD OLIVER LAWSON**

Sgt. Lawson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawson. He entered the service on Sept. 4, 1940. When it was thought that Iceland was a "hot spot," Oliver was sent to that Island, and experienced several bombings from German aircraft. After 22 months in Iceland, he returned to the states, and came home for a visit, then reported at Camp Lee, Va. After 8 month's service here, he was sent, with a crew of 48 boys, to New Caledonia, and is in charge of the Post Laundry at the overseas station.



FLOYD E. LAWSON SP. 1/C (P.S.)

This Coast Guardsman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Lawson. He is married. He attended the Prairie Lea School, and extended his education at Tyler Commercial College. He went into the service on June 5, 1942. He has had several promotions in the service. He attended a Police and Fire School at Baton Rouge, La., and then Police and Fire School at Baltimore, Md., in 1943. He is stationed at Pt. Aransas, Texas.



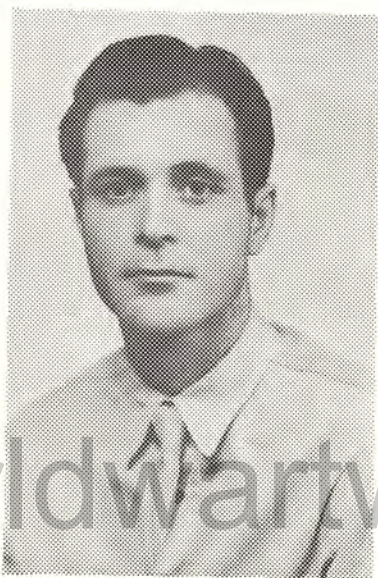
CAPTAIN VIRGIL R. LIGHTSEY

Captain Lightsey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lightsey. He is married, and is the father of one child. He graduated at Luling High School, and later attended A. & M. College, going into the Army as 2nd lieutenant on Feb. 1, 1942. He received his training at Camp Dix, N. J. and has had two promotions within the interval. He is stationed in Washington, D. C.



SGT. R. R. LAY

This soldier is serving in the Signal Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lay; attended the Luling School, and was employed by the Magnolia Oil Company when he went into the service in Sept., 1942. He received his training at Camp Young, Calif., Camp Crowder, Mo., and was then sent to England. As this is written, it is presumed that he is somewhere in France. His parents reside in Lockhart.



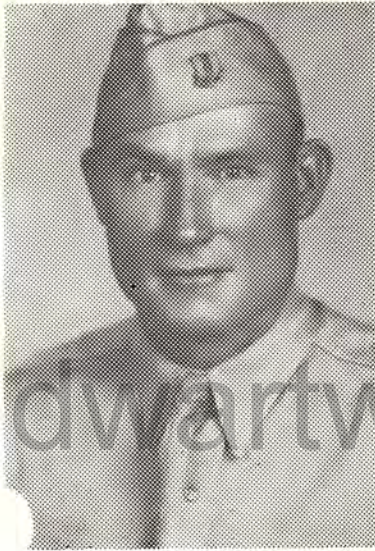
SGT. BERTIE V. LIGHTSEY

Sgt. Lightsey attended the Luling Schools. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lightsey, is married, and has two sons. He has been in the Quartermaster's Division of the Air Corps since he joined up on June 11, 1942. He received six week's basic training at Camp Wolters, and was transferred to a camp in New Mexico. He went overseas in August, 1943, first to North Africa, and later to Italy, and has taken part in much of the action throughout the Italian Campaign. Mrs. Lightsey and the boys are residing in Luling.



**CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
PAUL RAY LOTT**

This sailor was born at Weatherford, Texas, on May 27, 1917. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Lott. He is married, and is the father of one son, Paul Lott, Jr. He is a graduate of the Weatherford High School, and extended his education at North Texas Agricultural College. He joined the Seabees on Oct. 29, 1943, with the rating of Chief Petty Officer in an Underwater Demolition unit. He was trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Ft. Pierce, Fla. He has been overseas since April 16, 1944. He was present during the landings on Saipan, Guam, and Tinian.



CORP. MARVIN LANGLEY

Corporal Marvin Langley is a Prairie Lea boy, born there on April 29, 1912. His mother, Mrs. W. A. Langley, is a resident of that community. He graduated at Fentress High in 1931, and joined up in the Air Corps on April 3, 1941. Marvin is an expert mechanic, and is stationed at Foster Field. He is one of the fellows who "keep 'em flying."



PVT. JAMES R. LANE

This Marine is a former Luling resident, and when reported on June 16, 1944, was taking his boot training at San Diego, Cal. He is married to the former Miss Lila Lois Ray, and is the father of two children, Erwin and Betty Jo.



STAFF SERGEANT REUEL LEBOW

Sgt. Lebow was 23 years old January 7th. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lebow. He attended grade and high school here. He joined the Air Corps in Sept. 1941, and has moved up through all the non-commissioned grades from Private to Staff Sergeant. He has served in many camps, but his station is somewhere overseas.



STAFF. SGT. ROBERT KENNETH LEE

Sgt. Lee attended the Luling Schools, and was a member of Luling's Home Company "I," when that outfit was mustered into Federal Service. He is a veteran soldier, and has seen service in China, North Africa, and Italy. He rushed the beach with the 36th Division at Salerno, and was in action for a long period during the Italian Campaign, and because of illness, was hospitalized, and later returned to the States. He is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Sgt. Lee is married. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lee.



LT. JULIUS RAY McDONNELL

Lt. McDonnell has been in the Air Corps since February 19, 1934. He has worked himself up through the ranks to the commission of 1st Lt., which he received in October of 1943. He saw action at Pearl Harbor and Midway as he served in the Pacific for three years. He is married and has one son, Norman Ray. He was a high school student before his enlistment, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonnell. Lt. McDonnell was stationed at Hickman Field when the Japanese made the attack on Pearl Harbor. His wife and son were among the first evacuees to be sent home.



**LOUIS FRANCOIS McDONALD,
MoMM 2/C**

"Mac" was the foreman of The Luling Newsboy when he entered service Sept. 13, 1942. He has advanced from Apprentice Seaman to his current rating, Motor Machinist's Mate, Second Class. For several months he was stationed at Norfolk, Va., and saw action in the South Pacific. At present he is stationed at Portland, Oregon. Mac is a native of Victoria, Texas. Graduate of Victoria High School, attended Texas A. & M. and Southwest Vocational School, Dallas. Employed as operator and printer at Arlington, Texas. His mother resides at Victoria and a brother, Leslie, with the army, is stationed at Portland.



T/SGT. FRED A. MCGLOTHLIN, JR.

Technical Sgt. McGlothlin served seven months in combat from Sept. 9, 1943, to April 23, 1944, with Co. I, 141st Infantry in Italy. He is back in the states for a rest and is stationed at San Antonio. He is married to the former Joyce Reed, and has one young daughter, Glenda Kay, whom he had never seen until he returned from Italy. Fred was in the Army two years before the attack upon Pearl Harbor; he joined up October 29, 1939, and has been with our own Company "I" during the interval. He is a native of Luling, the son of Mrs. F. A. McGlothlin. He has two brothers in the service, "Ellie" and "Cotton," both in the Navy.



T/SGT. HANS ARTHUR MCCARTNEY

Sgt. McCartney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McCartney of Dowdy, and his wife will be remembered as Josephine Rodenberg of Luling. He enlisted in the Air Corps March 10th, 1941. Throughout his service he has been stationed mostly in his home state, Texas, although he has spent some time in Enid, Oklahoma, and Liberal, Kansas. He is now stationed at Laredo, Texas, and has attained the rating of Technical Sgt. He is twenty-two years old, and before entering the service was a student at San Marcos.



EDDIT A. McGLOTHLIN Mm. 2/C

Ellie is the son of the late Sgt. Fred McGlothlin and Mrs. McGlothlin; he is married and has a son, Ellie, Jr. He has seen plenty of action since he joined the Navy in February, 1942. When the scrapping was worst in 1942 in the South Pacific, Ellie was right there, and went through four major battles, including the battle of Midway and the Solomon Islands; he was also aboard the "Wasp" when it was sunk by the Japanese. He is a native of Luling and is 24 years old; worked as a rough neck in the oil field before joining the Navy. He is somewhere in the South West Pacific.



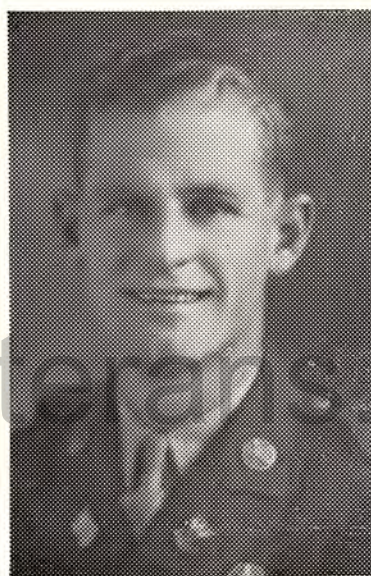
LT. HARRY NILES McDOW

Lt. McDow is the son of Mt. and Mrs. H. T. McDow of Luling. This young man is 21 years old and was born on June 28th in Brownwood, Texas. He was a graduate of Prairie Lea High School. He later attended Texas A. and M. College until he enlisted in March, 1943, and was called for active duty May 22nd. He entered the Chemical Warfare branch of the Army and attended Officer's Candidate School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, where he received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant October 30, 1943. His station is at Camp Carson, Colorado, where he holds the position of Assistant Executive Officer of his Platoon and Platoon Assistant Trial Judge Advocate.



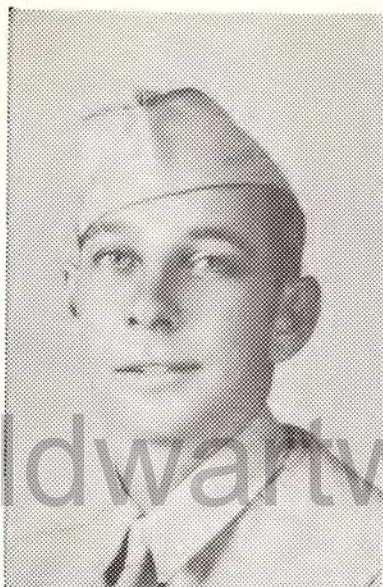
**GEORGE CLIFTON McGLOTHLIN
AOM 3/C**

"Cotton," as he is affectionately known, was a football player back in 1941, his punting, kicking and running is still remembered, by Luling Eagle fans. It was no surprise when "Cotton" won the trophy for the best-all-around player of the year. He graduated in May, 1942, and enlisted in the Navy in June. He has made at least twelve trips across and has had one ship, the "Barie," sunk under him in battle. At the present time, he is aboard a ship on the Atlantic. He was 20 years old November 9th. He is the son of Mrs. Fred McGlothlin, Sr., and has two brothers in the service.



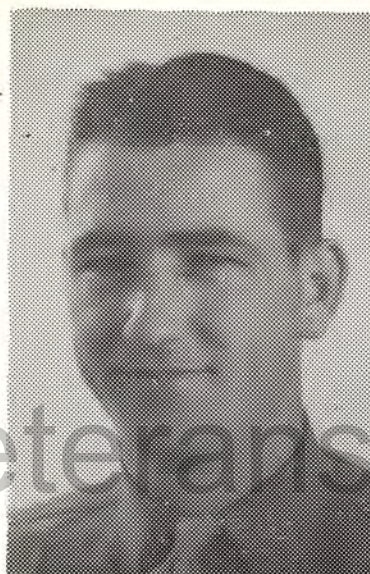
SGT. OTHO CLIFFORD McDONALD

Sgt. McDonald has lived in Luling most of his life, and attended the Luling Schools; he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDonald. He is married, and has one child. Before he entered the service in October of 1942, he was a civilian manager of canteens at Camp Bowie. He received his training in Kearns, Utah, and has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He is in the Army Air Corps.



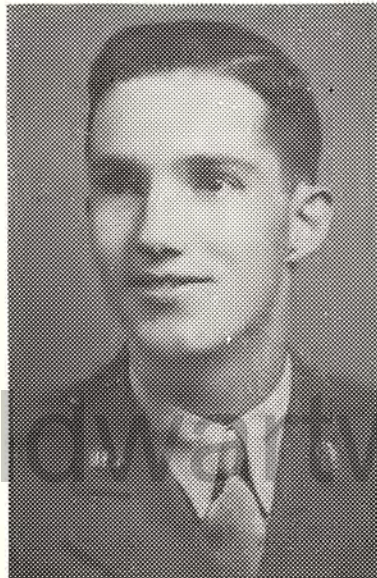
PVT. CHARLES "BITSY" McDONALD

Pvt. McDonald entered the Army December 9, 1943, at Ft. Sam Houston and received his training at Camp Fannin, Texas. He is married and is the son of Mrs. Hattie McDonald. He attended Luling Schools and his previous occupation was roughnecking for an oil company. In June, 1944, he was sent overseas and landed in England, but he is now in France. Pvt. McDonald is serving with the Infantry branch of the Army and has seen plenty of action. At one time, "Bitsy" had the experience of having his foxhole cave in on him, and it took two of his buddies to dig him out.



**TECHNICAL SERGEANT
ROBERT B. MAXEY**

Sergeant Maxey was a member of Luling's National Guard for five years and two months, having enlisted with that group at the age of fourteen. He was discharged Dec., 1939, and re-enlisted in the Air Corps at Randolph Field. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Maxey. He attended both Luling grade and high school, and was a student when he went into the service. Sgt. Maxey has received several promotions.



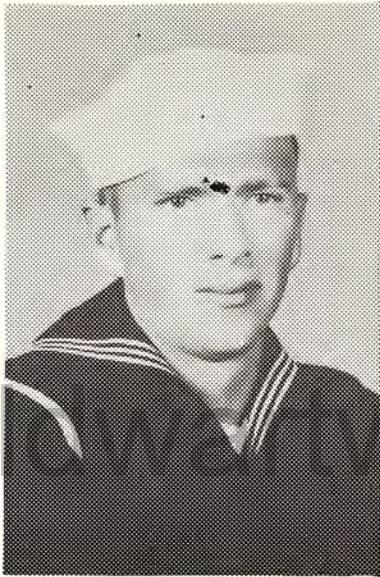
CPL. R. M. MAXEY

Cpl. Maxey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Maxey of Bastrop, Texas. He attended school in Luling, and worked at Duke's Service Station until he entered the Army Air Corps, August 14, 1941, at Randolph Field. He was sent to radio school at Scott Field, Ill., and then to Enid, Okla., to Pendleton Oregon, to Sioux City, Iowa, and to his last station before he sailed in New Jersey. Cpl. Maxey has seen much of this United States as well as Italy where he has been stationed since August 1943. He has one brother who is also in the service.



CAPT. WARREN DALE MURPHY

Captain Murphy graduated at Luling High School, and went to work as Parts Manager for the Ford Motor Company. When the National Guard was mobilized in November 25, 1940, he was with them and trained with this unit until he entered Officer's Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, Aug. 10, 1942, and was commissioned as second Lt. November 5, 1942. He was stationed at Gainesville, Texas, and received a promotion to 1st Lt. April 7, 1943, and was promoted to the rank of Captain July 27th, 1944. He is stationed at Camp Livingston, La., a member of Co. I, Black Hawk Division. He fired "expert" in all weapons assigned to an infantry company. Captain Murphy volunteered in the National Guard Sept. 23, 1940. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Murphy, and is married to the former Miss Hazel Locklier.



RAY W. MILLICAN S 2/C

Seaman 2nd Class Millican is a native of Luling and his wife is the former Gertrude Linscomb. They have one small daughter, Judy Kay. He attended the Luling Schools, graduated from High School and was employed as Sr. Aircraft Mechanic at Kelly Field in San Antonio before he enlisted in the Navy June 28, 1944. He received his "boot" training at San Diego, Calif., qualified for marksman, and is now receiving training at Camp Decatur, California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Millican.



T/SGT. WAYNE D. MERCER

Sgt. Mercer is a gunner on a bomber, and has been doing a fine job. He is stationed somewhere in England and was awarded the air medal on July 4, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mercer of Kingsbury. He attended school in Luling, and entered the Army Air Corps December 26, 1942, at San Antonio, receiving his training at Kessler Field, Mississippi.



LT. GILBERT J. MENELEY

Lt. Meneley is the husband of the former Miss Virginia Humphrey. He graduated from Prairie Lea High School in 1936, and before enlistment, held the position of Civil Service Airplane Mechanic at Duncan Field, San Antonio. He entered the Air Corps as a private in November, 1942, transferred to cadet training, and received his wings at Pecos Field, Texas, April 15, 1944. He is in Tampa, Florida, to complete bomber training as pilot. He has one child Estelle Ilene, who is 18 months old.



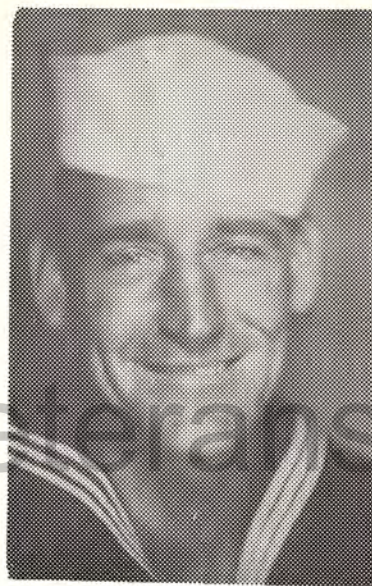
SGT. WELDON MONTGOMERY

Sgt. Montgomery is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Montgomery. He served with Co. I, but later transferred to the Coast Artillery. He received his training in New York and was sent to the Panama Canal Zone where he served for 26 months. He returned to the United States, and is serving in the Coast Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion at Camp Haan, Calif.



WILLIAM MONROE MAYTON MM 3/C

This sailor joined the Seabees October 25, 1943, and trained at Camp Peary, Va. Previous to joining the service, he was employed as a salesman for the Guadalupe Valley Creamery Co., and resided in Seguin. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mayton and is married to the former Miss Ambra Hester. He is stationed in Hawaii.



JAMES MALAER S 2/C

Seaman Malaer attended the Prairie Lea School and was employed in the oil field before he entered the Navy, May 12, 1944. He trained in San Diego. His mother, Mrs. Gertrude Menking, resides in Washington. His wife and children live at 215 Bowie St., Luling. He spent some time at Balboa Park, California, but was waiting for an assignment to a ship at this report.



BYRON V. MATTHEWS F 2/C

Byron is just 18, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Matthews of Luling. He was a student of Prairie Lea High School and before his enlistment was an employee of the Greyhound Bus Company. He entered the service November 18, 1943, at San Antonio, and received his "boot" training at San Diego, California. He is somewhere in the Pacific.



ROBERT L. MALAER T/4

This soldier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Malaer. He attended school in Luling and was a filling station attendant prior to his entrance in the Signal Corps September 11, 1942. He trained at Kansas City, Missouri, and was then sent to Barne's Airport in Massachusetts. He has spent nine months overseas; first in Australia, in November of 1943, and then somewhere in the South Pacific.



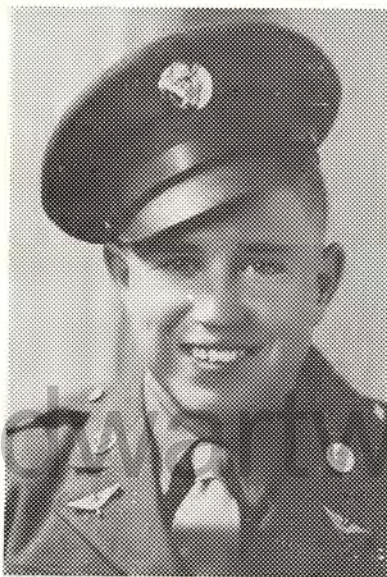
PFC. MELBA RAY MALAER

Pfc. Malaer was born in the Bethany Community, August 19, 1921, and is the son of Mrs. Lula Malaer. He attended Gonzales High School and graduated with the class of 1938. He mustered out with our local Company "I" in 1941—has trained with them right along, and is with that outfit in action; a veteran of the Italian Campaign.



1ST LIEUT. THOMAS W. MATTHEWS

First Lieutenant Matthews has made 40 missions over enemy Europe, has received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action, the DSC, and other special citations. He is 22 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Matthews. Before joining up in June, 1942, was employed as salesman for a Packing Company. He received training at Kelly, Randolph and Ellington Fields, and at Sikeston, Mo. He was wounded on May 31, 1944, over Germany.



PVT. BRUCE HARRIS MALAER

Bruce is the son of Mrs. Lula Malaer. He was born in Ottine on February 22, 1924, and attended the Gonzales and Dowdy High Schools, graduating at Dowdy in 1941. He is stationed somewhere in Alaska, and has received a medal for marksmanship. He joined up in the fall of 1941. His brother, Pfc. Melba Ray Malaer, is serving with the 36th Division in Italy.



SGT. WILL MOONEY

Sgt. Mooney was one of the original members of Luling's Home Guard Company "I," and mustered into Federal Service with the boys at Camp Bowie, and trained with them in Florida and Massachusetts. He went overseas to North Africa, taking an active part in the Italian campaign, until he was wounded in action, and sent to a base hospital. Later he returned to the States. He is the son of Mrs. Dean Mooney, attended the Prairie Lea and Luling Schools, and before going into the service in 1940, was employed by the Magnolia Oil Company. He has had three promotions in the service.



MERCHANT SEAMAN VIVIAN MOONEY

Sailor Mooney was a prominent young Luling business man when he joined the Merchant Marines on August 10, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mooney, and is married to the former Miss Ima Gene Allen. He took his "boot training" at St. Petersburg, Fla., and qualified as cook and baker. Immediately afterward, Vivian went overseas, and his vessel was one of the supply ships at Anzio Beachhead. Vivian saw much action, dodged bombs, and expected the worse every day while in the Italian Arena of action. He has made port in Africa, Italy, Sicily and Puerto Rico.



PFC. JACK R. MANFORD

Pfc. Manford is the son of the late M. L. Manford and Mrs. Marshall Manford. He graduated at Luling High School in 1941, attended Baylor University, and was a student at Southwest Texas Teacher's College when he went into the Army Air Forces on March 11, 1943. He received his primary training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas; then took a three month's course in Army Administration at the University of South Dakota, and was then selected for Army Specialized training, taking a six month's course as Cadet of Army Engineers at the University of North Dakota. Transferred to the Army Air Forces, and placed in a Signal Radio Intelligence Group. He is training at Fresno, Calif., awaiting overseas service.



S/SGT. THEODORE JACK MITCHELL

This soldier has seen much action with the 36th Division, was wounded in Italy, November 16, 1943, and sent back to the states to re-cuperate. He received the Purple Heart, and the bronze star for gallantry in action, and was commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct during the invasion of Italy. He was promoted from Private to Staff Sgt. in the Infantry and is 24 years of age. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mitchell of Hearne. He was an oilfield worker before he was mustered in the service November 25, 1940. He received an honorable discharge from the Army, and is employed in Baton Rouge, La.



A/C CLARENCE MERCER, JR.

"Pete," as he is affectionately known to his friends, graduated at Luling High School in 1941. He starred for the Luling Eagles, and was a baseball player of ability. He went into the Air Corps in March, 1943, and after training as an enlisted man, was selected for Cadet to train for Commissioned Officer, and is in basic at Minter Field, Calif. He is a native of this community, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mercer.



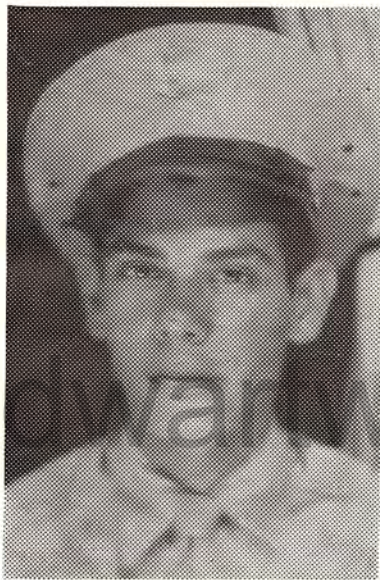
EUGENE F. MORALES S 1/C

Seaman Morales is nineteen years old and was previously employed as a waiter at the Ft. Sam Houston Officer's Mess Hall before he entered the Navy September 22, 1943, in San Antonio. He attended the Luling Schools and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Serapio Morales. He received his "boot" training at San Diego, California, and has been promoted to the rank of S 1/c.



LT. HENRY MITTERMAYER

Lieutenant Mittermayer was the former Eagle assistant coach and teacher in the Luling High School. He left here in 1941, and was engaged in the same capacity in the Carrizzo Springs High School when he went into the service, and has later attained the rank of lieutenant.



PVT. JESUS E. MORALES

This 18-year-old Latin American youth attended the Luling Schools, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Serapio Morales. Before going into the service he was employed on an irrigated farm at Avondale, Arizona. He joined the United States Army at Phoenix, Arizona, on June 13, 1944, and is receiving training at Camp Wolters, Texas.



ROBERT VICTOR MANNING

Pfc. Victor Manning is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Manning. He was born in Prairie Lea, on April 12, 1908. He graduated at Luling High, Class of '25, and attended San Marcos Teachers College for two terms. He discontinued his business on Nov. 11, 1942, and joined up with the Medical Corps stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, and has, after an extended period of service, been discharged.



CPL. JAMES BENTON MANFORD

Cpl. Manford is 21 years old, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Manford. He graduated from Luling High School May, 1941, and attended college. He entered the Air Corps August 16, 1943, and since that time has been trained in Texas and Arizona. He is stationed in Pyote, Texas, and expects to complete his training as a gunner on a bomber.



JAMES D. MOORE, S 1/C

Sailor Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moore, Sr., of Kingsbury. He went into the service on Oct. 7, 1942, and for a time was stationed at San Juan, Puerto Rico. He is a graduate of Prairie Lea School, class of '41.



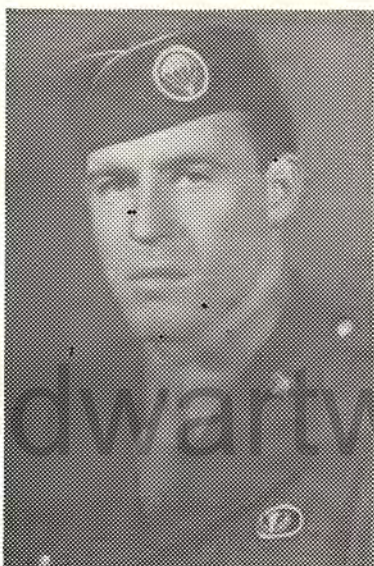
1ST. LIEUT. JOHN R. MOONEY

Lieut. Mooney was born in El Paso in 1919, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mooney of Luling. He attended elementary school in New Mexico, is a graduate of Luling High School. Later he attended Rice Institute, and received his B. A. Degree in 1941. Lieut. Mooney went into the Air Corps on Nov 5, 1941, and after completing a course in Radio Communications, was commissioned on March 10, 1942; in November, 1942, he was promoted to the rating of First Lieutenant. He received most of his training in Illinois. His station is Chatham Field, Ga.



STAFF SGT. MARLIN MOORE

Sgt. Moore saw much service in the Italian Campaign, and was wounded on Jan. 18, 1944, while serving with the 141st Infantry, 36th Division. He was sent to a hospital in North Africa, and later returned to the States, arriving at Woodrow Wilson Hospital, Staunton, Va., June 15th. Sgt. Moore has visited home folks within the interval.



S/SGT. WORSTER MILES MORGAN

Sergeant Morgan, brother of Jimmy Morgan of The Luling Newsboy, volunteered as a paratrooper Oct. 26, 1942. Basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and jump training at Fort Benning, Ga., where he received his wings March 7, 1943. Stationed at Camp Mackall, N. C., for several months until he went overseas early January, 1944. Invaded Northern France on eve of D-Day, landed at Ste. Mere Eglise, with the 82nd Airborne Division. Awarded the Bronze Star for "heroic conduct for the period June 6 to July 10." Received Infantry Combat Badge. At present, he is stationed in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan, Dallas, and was born in New York. Attended Rice Institute and before entering the service was employed by the Magnolia Petroleum Company.



SGT. ROBERT CHARLES MORGAN

The youngest brother of Jimmy Morgan, of The Luling Newsboy, Sergeant Morgan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan of Dallas, Texas, is a native of Philadelphia, Pa. He was educated at Wertz School and Baylor Military Academy, Chattanooga, Tenn., and graduated from Highland Park High School, Dallas, 1938. Was employed for several years by Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan, Dallas. Bobby enlisted Jan. 21, 1942, and was stationed for several months at Camp Wolters, and Sherman, Texas. Attended Adjutant's General's School at Fort Washington, Maryland, and graduated January, 1944. He was stationed at Camp Young and Camp Beale, Calif., before going overseas in 1944. His present station is in New Guinea.



CAM JACKSON MACE A.R.M. 3/C

Sailor Mace is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mace, who reside in Overton, Texas. He calls Luling home. Before joining up, Cam was an employee of the Humble Pipe Line Company. He has been in the Navy since Sept., 1942, and was 24 years old Feb. 9th.



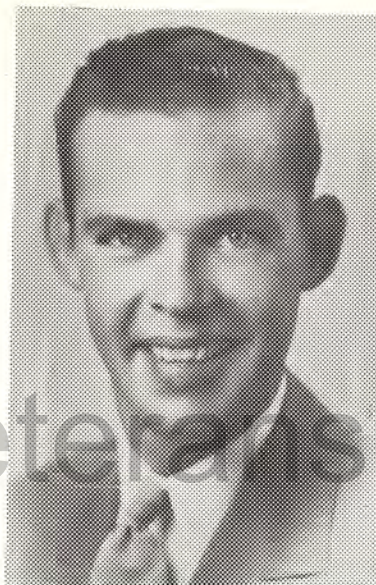
**PETTY OFFICER 3/C
CECIL EARL McCUTCHAN, JR.**

Sailor McCutchan enlisted in the U. S. Navy Reserve February 14, 1943, was called to duty July 1, 1943. Reported to Tulane University, New Orleans, was transferred from there to San Diego, California. Completed course at U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, and was assigned to U. S. Naval Base Hospital and promoted to Pharmacist Mate 3/c in June of 1944, graduated as a Medical Technician at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California, August 1, 1944, and assigned to Fleet Marine Force.



2ND LT. JOHN RUSH MAY

Lieutenant May joined the Army Air Forces on August 14, 1941, as an enlisted man, and after advancing to the rating of Sergeant, he was selected for officer's training, graduated as Flight Officer, and was promoted to Second Lieutenant. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and is married to the former Miss Antoinette Ryan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. May. Lt. May is Flying Instructor in the Troop Carrier Command, and stationed at Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas. He received his training in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma and Arkansas.



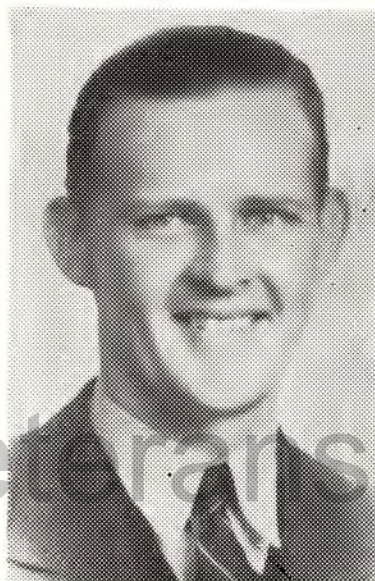
PFC. ALBERT C. NEID

Pfc. Neid is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Neid. He attended the Luling Schools, and was an oil field worker before going into the Signal Corps in June, 1942. He was trained at Camp Crowder, Mo., Abilene, Texas, and in San Antonio. He went overseas May, 1944, and his latest official station was in India.



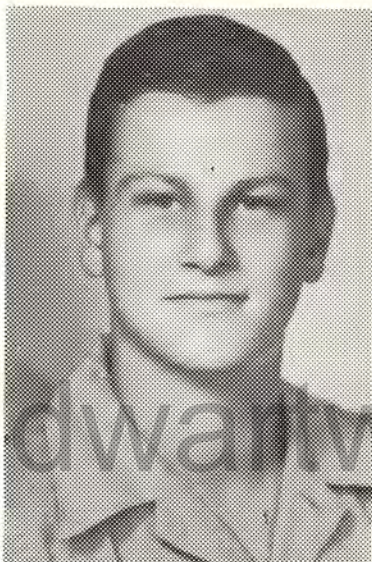
ALBERT REED NUGENT T 3/C

Petty Officer Nugent is 20 years old, and has been in the service since Jan. 27, 1943. He received his training at San Diego, and Key Port, Wash., and then went into the South Pacific battle zone, in Sept., 1943. He was engaged in action, and was wounded, and confined to a Navy Hospital for five months recovering from his injuries. He has been decorated with the Purple Heart. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nugent, former Luling residents. He attended A. & M. College.



1ST LT. OTTO E. NEID

Lt. Neid is serving in the infantry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Neid, is married and has one son. He attended the Luling Schools, and before joining the service, was employed as an express agent. He joined the service in May, 1942, and because of special education and aptitude was selected as officer material and sent to Ft. Benning, Ga., graduating as second lieutenant. A short time later, he became ill, and was confined in a New Jersey Army Hospital. Upon his recovery, he reported back into the service, and is stationed at Little Rock, Ark.



F. A. NEWMAN—Marines

Pvt. Newman is the son of Mrs. Frank Newman. He volunteered for service with the "Leathernecks," and mustered into the service Sept. 19, 1944. His first training station, Parris Island, S. C. This soldier grew up in Luling, attended Luling schools, and was employed in Houston just before he was called to San Antonio to report for training.



T/SGT. CALLIE DONALD NORTHCUTT

This 23-year-old native son left Luling Oct., 1940, as an original member of Company "I," and he went all the way with the boys in that outfit, hitting the beach with them at Salerno, Italy, and remaining in continuous action until wounded on June 16, 1944. He has been mentioned in special dispatches, and holds the Third Battalion Medal, as well as the Purple Heart, and has received several citations. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Northcutt, attended Luling schools, and before joining the service was employed in the oil fields. He is married, and has one daughter, La Rue.



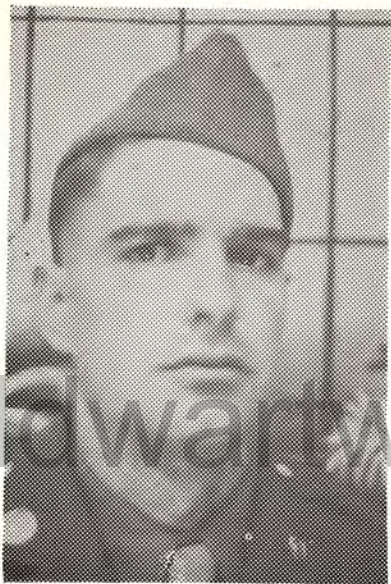
CADET VERNON NEWMAN

Cadet Newman is a "Firstie" at West Point Military Academy. He is a graduate of Luling High School, 1941, and was a student at Texas University when he received his appointment to West Point. He was an honor student in high school and attained the highest rating in Scouting. He is the son of Mrs. F. A. Newman. He will graduate in June, 1945, and receive his commission as second lieutenant, and his initiation into the service as a professional soldier of the United States Army.



CORP. TROY LEONARD NANCE

This 27-year-old soldier is a member of the Transport Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Nance. He attended the Luling High Schools, and received his military training at Brownwood, Texas. He has been given a special medal for having driven a motor vehicle for a year without an accident. Before joining up, he was employed as service station attendant.



PVT. RICHARD ALBERT ODOM

Pvt. Odom is the 23-year-old son of R. A. Odom. He is married, and is the father of one daughter, Gloria Gale. He attended the Lockhart School, and before going into the service was employed as a mechanic. He joined the Army at Lockhart on Jan. 2, 1943, and received his training at Ft. Sill, Okla., where he is stationed at this time.



**CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
HUBERT E. NORTH**

Hubert joined the Merchant Marines before he was out of High School, and has made a splendid record since that time. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. North. He went into the service immediately following the Pearl Harbor attack, and completed his training at St. Petersburg, Fla.



PFC. THURMAN PAYNE

Pfc. Payne was born at Roganville, Texas, on April 17, 1907, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Payne. Before joining up in April 28, 1944, he was employed as carpenter and contractor. He is married, and is the father of two children, Walter Raymond and Thurman Weston. He is attached to the Combat Engineers, at Camp Bowie, Texas, and was promoted to Private First Class on Aug. 2nd. Pfc. Payne is one of the older men serving in this war, and is a special technician.



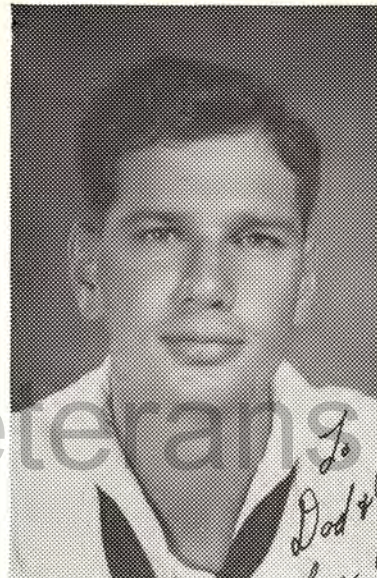
SGT. STANLEY W. NELSON

Sgt. Nelson is the son of Mrs. E. S. Moore, and is the grandson of Mrs. J. N. Echols. He went into the Air Corps Jan. 1941. During his service the Sergeant has covered a lot of territory on Bomber Patrol duty, and his battle station is Radio Operator-Gunner.



SGT. THOMAS PAIR

Sgt. Pair joined up with the Infantry in San Antonio, on April 14, 1943, and received his initial training at Camp Wolters, Texas. Later he took special training at Camp Ord, Calif., and from there was sent to Ft. Richardson, Alaska. He is 20 years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Pair, and is a graduate of Luling High School, extending his education at John Tarleton College. At his station in Alaska, he carries on as special instructor.



MASTON PIERCE, JR., S 1/C

This sailor was born in Luling on Nov. 1, 1923. He is the son of Maston Peirce, Sr., and Mrs. Patricia Peirce. He attended the Luling Schools and San Marcos Academy, and joined up with the Naval Construction unit, the Seabees, in June, 1943. After his initial training in the States, he was sent to Hawaii, and then to the South Pacific. He has had two promotions in the service.



WILLIAM ALTON PAUL E.M. 3/C

This 21-year-old sailor has been in the Navy since Aug. 1, 1942. He joined up in Houston, and received "boot training" in California, and then was sent to sea, serving "Somewhere in the South Pacific." His last leave home occurred just before Easter, 1944. He is the son of Mrs. Bessie Paul, attended Prairie Lea High School, and before going into the service was engaged as cafe employee.



JOHN R. PIERCE, S 1/C

Seaman Pierce of the Seabees branch of the Navy, left for overseas March 17, 1944, and is somewhere in the South Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pierce, Sr., of San Antonio, is married, and his wife and son, Nathan Thomas Pierce, reside in Luling. He is a native of Yoakum, Texas, and received his education in the Luling High School. He later attended college. He was employed by the Southwestern Lumber Co. and the Greyburg Oil Co. before entering the service October 9, 1943.



PFC. JAMES MORLAN PROBST

Pfc. Probst is the son of J. F. and Mrs. Alva Probst. He is 27 years old, and is married. He attended the McNeil school, and was engaged in civilian life as tank builder. He went into the service on Nov. 25, 1940, as a member of Luling's National Guard unit, Company "I," and trained in Texas, Florida and Massachusetts, going overseas and into action with them at Salerno, Italy. He was in continuous action with the 5th Army until Jan. 21, 1944, when he was taken prisoner by the Germans. The last letter from him said that he was employed on a farm by the enemy, and was doing fine.



JOHNNIE S. PYLE

This lad was born in Luling on July 26 1925, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Pyle, who reside at 420 Locust Street. He attended the Prairie Lea and Luling Schools. He joined the Infantry on Dec. 17, 1943, at San Antonio, and has been attached to the 89th Division. He is stationed at Camp Butner, N. C.



CPL. THOMAS I. POE, JR.

Cpl. Poe, a soldier of the Air Forces, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Poe, Sr. and is married to the former Miss Ruth Allen, and is the father of one son T. I. Poe, III. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and was employed by the Humble Oil Company before joining up, on Oct. 3, 1942. He was trained at Randolph Field. He has the Good Conduct Medal the Specialist Medal (Instrument Flying Instructor), the Marksman Medal (pistol), and the Sharpshooter's Medal (carbine).



PFC. GEORGE E. POUNDS

Pfc. Pounds was born at Boerne, Texas, on Feb. 5, 1922. He is the son of Mrs. Flora Schneider, and attended Boerne and Luling Schools, extending his education with 1 year of commercial art in college. In civilian life he carried on as a mechanic at the Houston Ship Yard. He joined the Army Air Corps in Houston on Sept. 30, 1942, and received training at Ellington Field. He is classified as an expert mechanic, and his special assignment is working on trainer type airplanes "Keeping them Flying."



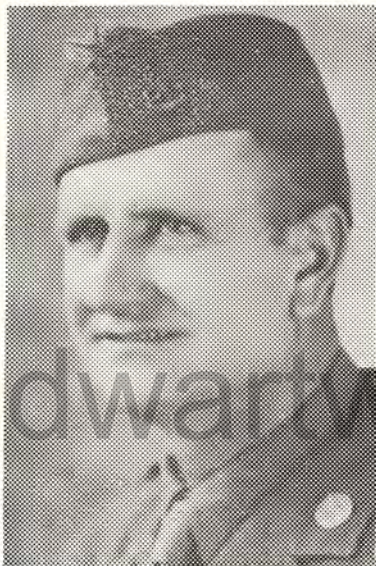
PVT. R. H. PATTERSON

Pvt. Patterson is the 27-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Patterson of Luling. He was born in Mexia, attended the Mexia Schools, and before going into the service was employed in the theater as showman. He joined the service in June, 1943. He received his training at Camp Lee, Va., and from that station went to North Africa, and then to India. He is driving a supply truck in that Theatre of Action.



THOMAS FREDERICK PATTON

Marine Patton was born May 10, 1925, at Seawillow, near Lockhart, Texas. He attended the Lockhart Schools, and before joining up was employed as an oil field worker. He went into the Marine Corps at Corpus Christi, in September, 1943, and received his "boot training" at San Diego, Calif. He was immediately moved overseas.



S/SGT. LEON A. (SMOKEY) PACE

Sgt. Pace attended the Woodrow Center School, and before going into the Air Corps, in Dec., 1941, was employed as an oil field worker. He is the son of Mrs. Francis Murphy, of Simonton, Texas. This soldier trained at Sheppard Field, and at Elgin Field, Fla., and is now stationed at Huntsville Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala. He has moved up from Private to Staff Sergeant within the interval. He is married.



WILLIAM JAMES PERKINS, S 1/C

Sailor Perkins is the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins. He attended the Luling Schools, and was employed as oil field worker before joining up on April 13, 1944. He took "boot training" at San Diego, and was given the Swimming Medal for swimming 150 meters in record time. Seaman Perkins was immediately sent overseas, and is a Parachute Rigger "Somewhere in the Pacific."



S/SGT. JOHN F. PATTERSON

Staff Sgt. Patterson is the nineteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Patterson. He attended the Lockhart School, and went into the air service on March 4, 1943. He was trained at Miami, Florida, and went to England in June. He immediately went into action against enemy Europe. He was reported "Missing in Action" since July 17th, and his family was later notified that he was being held as a prisoner of war by the Germans. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Smith, of Luling.



PVT. BRYAN C. PERRYMAN

This 24-year-old soldier of the Air Forces is the son of Mrs. Kate Perryman, and last attended college at Baytown. His occupation in civilian life was timekeeper. He went into the Air Corps at Ft. Sam Houston on Nov. 24, 1943, and has trained at Wichita Falls, Aberdeen, Md., and Robbins Field Ga. He has qualified as a special Deisel engineer and gasoline mechanic and is now stationed at Tampa, Fla. He is a graduate of Luling High School.



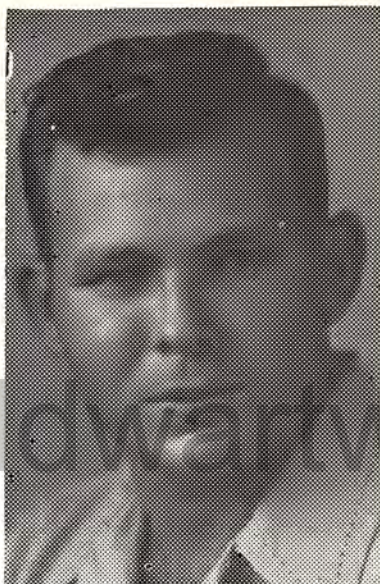
CAPTAIN WAYLAND C. PHILLEY

Captain Philly was the manager of the Oil Well Supply Company in Luling when he went into the service. He is married to the former Miss Corinne Peirce. He entered the service in May, 1942, as a volunteer officer candidate, enlisting as a private, and was attached to the Field Artillery. He attained the rank of Corporal in July, 1942; received his commission as 2nd lieutenant in December, 1942; 1st lieutenant in May, 1943, and Captain in May, 1944. He has carried on at Ft. Sill, Okla., Camp Swift, Texas; Camp Bowie Texas, and Camp Chaffee, Ark. He is somewhere in England.



2ND LT. DANIEL POWELL, JR.

Lt. Powell was attached to a night fighting group, stationed "Somewhere in Italy." He has made many missions over enemy Europe and has personal credit for downing two Axis planes, and was a member of the Ace Team of his squadron. He has received several citations, and has been given the Air Medal for gallantry in action. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Powell, Sr. The last school he attended was S. W. T. T. C., San Marcos. Before joining up, he was employed as a clerk. He went into the Air Corps on July 28, 1942, as an enlisted man, and a few months later won his wings and commission as Flight Officer. Almost immediately, he went overseas. He returned to the States September 1, 1944.



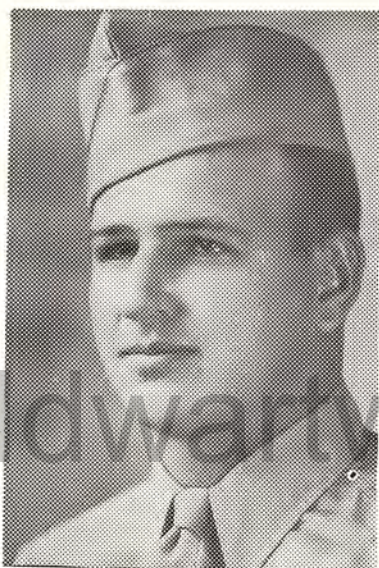
STAFF SGT. WILLIS L. PATTON

Sgt. Patton is 25 years old, and is the son of Mrs. Cornelia Patton. He is married to the former Miss Marjorie Pipkin. He attended the Gonzales Schools, and went into the Air Corps on June 29, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas. He trained in Salt Lake City, Utah, in Las Vegas, N. M., and was then sent to England. After several missions over enemy Europe, his plane was shot down on June 23, 1943; he was wounded, and made a prisoner of war by the Germans. He arrived in New York on September 25, 1944, on the Gripsholm.



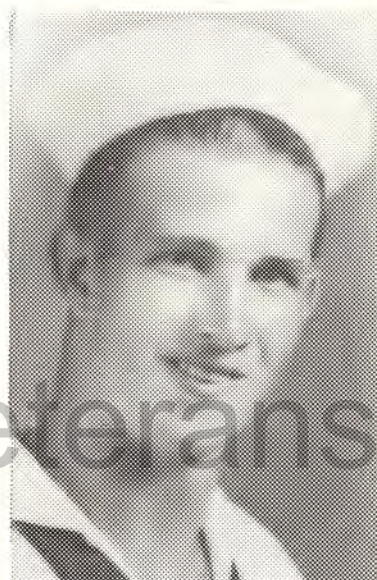
1ST SGT. JIMMY REEDY, JR.

1st Sgt. Reedy is a native of Elmo, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reedy, Sr., and has one younger brother in the service. He is a graduate of Prairie Lea High School. He left here with Company I, 141st Infantry, and trained with this outfit at Camp Bowie, but was transferred and is serving at Camp Gruber, Okla.



PVT. A. M. PAGEL

Pvt. Pagel is a native of Dallas, graduate of Gonzales High School, and Texas Lutheran College. Before entering the Army, June 27, 1944, he was employed at the San Marcos Navigation school as a statistician, and also served as Coach of the Luling Eagles in 1943. After a two month period of training at Sheppard Field, he was transferred to his present station, Randolph Field, where he served in the statistical office. His wife is the former Allene Carter, and they have two daughters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pagel.



**JACK LEE REEDY ABS
U. S. Merchant Marines**

This sailor is just 16 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reedy of Prairie Lea. He attended the Prairie Lea High School and entered the Merchant Marines at Houston. He received "boot" training at St. Petersburg, Florida, and is stationed in New Orleans, Louisiana. His ship took him around Puerto Rico in August of 1944.



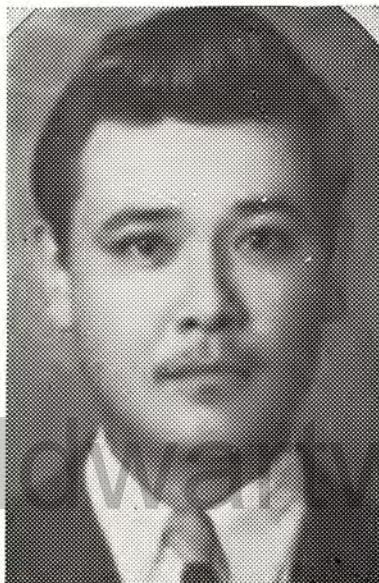
JAMES E. REYNOLDS S 1/C

Sailor Reynolds is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Reynolds. He has been overseas for a year and has seen action in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands. In Jan. he went on an L. S. T. and took part in the landings at Tarawa and Kwajalein. He's been in New Zealand, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Pearl Harbor, and according to James—"All parts South." He entered the Navy April 15, 1943, and was previously employed in the oil field. He is nineteen years old.



PVT. JAMES M. RODRIGUEZ

Pvt. Rodriguez spent 18 months overseas, and fought in the Buna Campaign. He was wounded in action by a bomb fragment and spent nine months in the hospital now is in McCloskey General Hospital in Temple. He is the son of Sabino and Lupe Mendoza Rodriguez and was born in Hays County. He received his education in the Luling Schools, and entered the Army on Feb. 13, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston in the Signal Aviation branch. He has one brother, Juan, who is a prisoner of the Japanese.



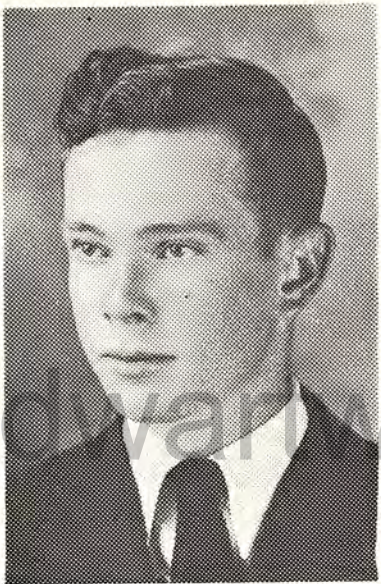
PVT. JUAN JESUS RODRIGUEZ

Pvt. Rodriguez was one of the first Luling boys in action. He fought on the Phillipine Islands, Bataan and Corregidor; he was wounded December 14, 1941, reported missing shortly afterwards, and later his family was notified that he was taken a prisoner of the Japanese on April 9, 1942. His family have received several messages from him, and he writes that he is all right. He was born in Martindale and attended the Luling Schools. He is the son of Sabino and Lupe Mendoza Rodriguez and he entered the Army April 3, 1941, with the Coast Artillery.



SGT. WELDON CLIFFORD RANDALL

Sgt. Randall is stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and has been in the Army since August 18, 1943. He was born in Mexia, Texas, nineteen years ago. He attended school in Luling and was employed with the Mid-Continent Oil Refining Company. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Randall, live in Dickinson, Texas. He is in the 42nd Rainbow Division and has been promoted from Private to Sergeant.



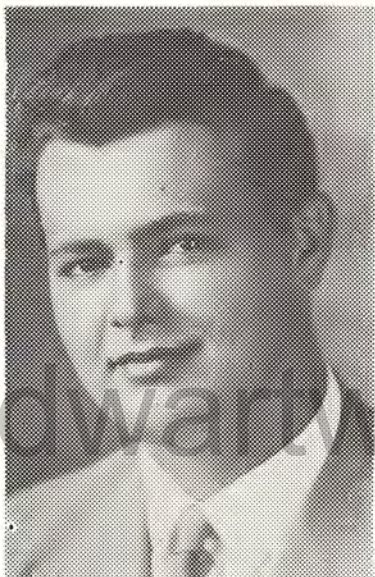
LLOYD OSCAR RAY S 2/C

Lloyd is the son of Mrs. Viola Ray and was born in Mexia, Texas, Feb. 20, 1926. He attended elementary and high school in Luling and entered the Navy May 9, 1944, at San Antonio. He received his "boot" training in San Diego, California, and was sent to A. and M. College, Texas, for a course in radio; this is his present station. He has one brother, Lenton, employed at the Luling Locker Plant.



SGT. GILBERT H. ROBERTS

Sgt. Roberts is the 24-year-old son of H. L. Roberts; he is married and is the father of one child. Before going into the service, his occupation in civil life was service station attendant. He mustered into the Federal Service with Luling's own Company "I," and trained with that outfit until transferred to a headquarters company. He has served throughout the entire Italian Campaign, and is in Italy with the 36th Division.



A. B. REED, JR.

A. B. Reed, Jr., is a native of Luling, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Reed, Sr., and is a graduate of Luling High School, Class of '42. Before going into the service, he was employed as an oil field worker. He joined the Merchant Marine on Sept. 23, 1943. After his training in Florida, on Jan. 10, he left on his first trip and during his travels has visited Australia, Italy, Egypt, Africa, crossing the Indian Ocean twice and numerous other ports, including South America. His second trip started Aug. 14, 1944, from Houston.



1ST SGT. ROBERT K. RUTHERFORD

Sgt. Rutherford mobilized with Luling's Home Guard, Company "I," and went all the way with that outfit, serving for a long time as "top kick" of the Company. He hit the beach with them at Salerno, and fought for several months through the Italian Campaign. Bob joined the National Guard as a youth, and was the cook for a long time, later moving up to combat officer. He has returned to the States, and is stationed at Camp Butner, N. C.



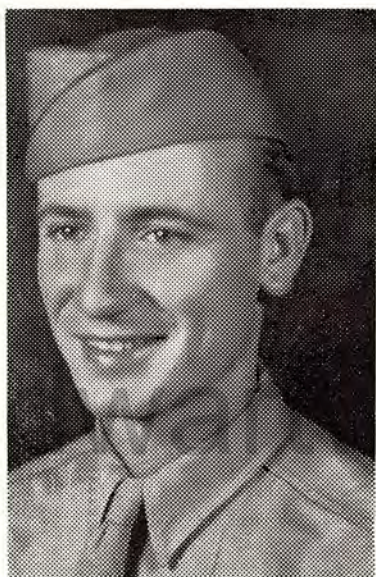
STANLEY HOWARD REASON S 1/C

This 22-year-old member of the Merchant Marines is the son of Mrs. J. H. Gooch. He is married to the former Miss Evelyn Cone. He attended the Luling School, and was employed here by the Mehner Drug Company. He went into the service at Beaumont, Texas, May, 1943, and received his training at St. Petersburg, Fla. He has gone to sea many times, was wounded in the arm, and because of this injury is now in New Orleans, and will probably be restrained to that point for the "Duration."



PFC. ALFRED CECIL ROUGEAU

Pfc. Rougeau is reported to be in action "Somewhere in France." He was born at Lacompte, La., on Oct. 5, 1923. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rougeau, attended the Luling Schools, and before joining up was an employee of the Princess Theatre. He joined the Medical Corps at Ft. Sam Houston on March 11, 1943, and is a member of the 102nd Evac. Hospital Group. Before going overseas, he was stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.



A/C WARREN WAYNE RABB

Cadet Rabb is the son of Mrs. T. W. Rabb. He is married, and is the father of one son. He grew up in Luling, graduated at Luling High School, and later extended his education at A. & M. College. Before going into the service, he was employed as an electrician. He joined the service on April 3, 1943, at Camp Douglas, Utah, and within the interval, has trained at several stations. He is taking his advanced training at Stuttgart Army Air Field, Stuttgart, Ark.



PFC. ALTON T. RODENBERG

Here is a Marine who seems to bear a charmed life. He has seen much combat action, and is a veteran of Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian and Guam. He has never been wounded, and we consider him a very lucky soldier. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rodenberg, and has been with the "Leathernecks" since Nov. 9, 1942. Alton is a natural cowboy, and not long ago carried off first honors in a rodeo, staged at a rest camp in one of the Islands of the Pacific. He is a graduate of Luling High.



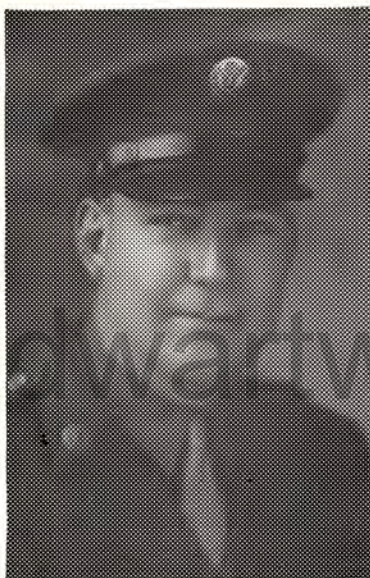
CAPTAIN J. T. RIGGINS

Captain Riggins is 25 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Riggins. He attended A. & M. College, and entered the service on Aug. 20, 1940. He went overseas in October, 1942, and has made many missions against the enemy. He has the Air Medal, with three oak leaf clusters, and has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was reported "Missing in Action" on June 29th, but his friends are of the opinion that he is a Prisoner of War, as his plane crashed in a French apple orchard, and he radioed his buddies that he was uninjured and would be a prisoner. He was given official credit for shooting down a German plane on D-Day.



SGT. EVELYN LORENE REDMOND

Sgt. Redmond is the first Luling girl to enter the Marine Corps—Women's Reserve, and was among the first ten women from Texas to join up. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Redmond, Sr., and is a graduate of Luling High School. She entered the service on May 16, 1943, and received here initial training at Hunter College, N. Y. She is stationed at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Barbara, Calif. She was employed as secretary for the department of Public Safety in Austin, before entering the Marines. She has three brothers in service, the youngest C. P. O. Eugene Redmond, was reported "Missing in Action" at the beginning of the war in the Pacific.



SGT. EUGENE FINLEY RODGERS

Sgt. Rodgers is serving as a military policeman in the Air Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rodgers. He is a Texas boy, and a graduate of Texas University. Before joining up, he was employed by the Sun Oil Company. He went into the service on April 6, 1942, and received his training at Foster Field, Victoria. He has had three promotions. His wife is a native of Luling.



CAPT. HAROLD EDWIN REDMOND

This soldier is serving in the U. S. Army Veterinary Medical Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Redmond, Sr., and is married. He is a graduate of Luling High School and A. & M. College. Before going into the service he was an instructor in the Department of Veterinary Science at A. & M. College. He entered the service as first lieutenant, and was promoted to the grade of Captain in December, 1943.



PVT. JOHN WILKEY REDMOND, JR.

This soldier is attached to the U. S. Army engineers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Redmond, Sr., and attended Luling High School. He went into the service on Oct. 14, 1943, and before joining up was employed as an engineer at the Kaiser Shipyards in Portland, Ore. He entered the service at Ft. Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., and within the interval has served as many Western Posts. His scholastic record at Ft. Crook, Neb., was the highest in his class. He is stationed at Camp Beale, Calif.



PVT. MAGDALENO RAMIREZ

Private Ramirez was born in Columbus, Texas, and is the son of Mrs. Anita Ramirez of Luling, and attended school here. On Dec. 26, 1942, he joined the Army, and is stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla. Pvt. Ramirez has two brothers in the service.



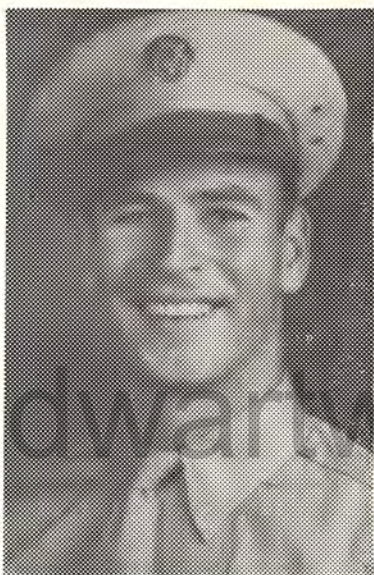
PVT. BALTAZAR RAMIREZ

Mrs. Anita Ramirez is very proud of her three fighting sons in the Army of the United States. This Latin-American boy is 23 years old, and has been in the Army since Oct. 5, 1942, and stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.



PVT. BLAS RAMIREZ

Private Blas Ramirez is the son of Mrs. Anita Ramirez. He is 21 years old, and was born in Columbus, Texas. He has been in the army since May 26, 1940. He has seen much actual fighting against the Japs with General MacArthur in New Guinea.



SGT. JACK H. RAGSDALE

Jack was a member of Luling's Original National Guard. he later transferred to the Air Corps, and is stationed in San Antonio. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ragsdale, are Luling residents. He was 24 years old on Aug. 10th, and completed his education at Quay High School, Quay, Okla.



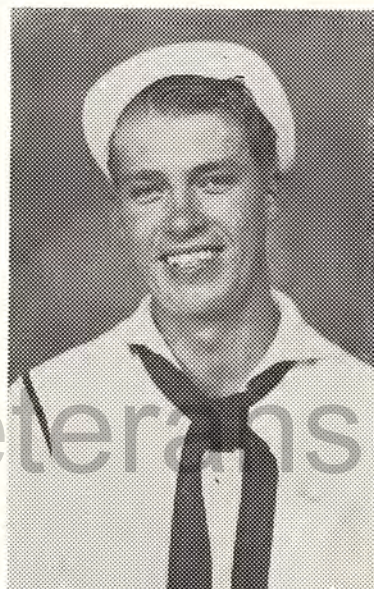
**T/SGT. GASTON DOUGLAS
(Pete) RAMZINSKY**

Sergeant Ramzinsky was born in Gonzales in 1922. He is the son of Mrs. H. H. Butler of Luling, and Ed Ramzinsky, Sr., of Yorktown, Texas. He attended Luling schools, and graduated at Luling High, and became a part of the Army on Sept. 18, 1940. His station is Camp Crowder, Mo.



CORP. JOE RAGSDALE

Corporal Ragsdale is serving with the Air Corps, and has been in the service since May, 1942. He was 22 years old January 8th, and was a resident of Luling for some time before joining up. He was born in Oklahoma, and completed his high school education at the Quay, Oklahoma High School, later attending Oklahoma University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ragsdale, and he is stationed in India.



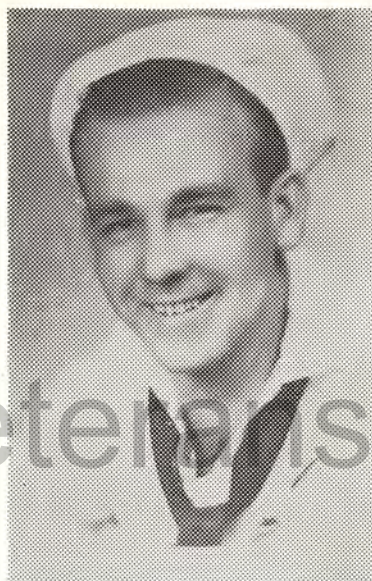
**FIRST CLASS SEAMAN
FRANK W. RAMZINSKY**

Seaman Ramzinsky was born in Gonzales, Texas, twenty-two years ago. He attended school here, and entered the Navy on Sept. 1, 1942, joining up in Austin, Texas. His parents are Ed Ramzinsky, of Yorktown, Texas, and Mrs. H. H. Butler, of Luling. He has served in the Solomon Islands and Italy, and has seen much overseas service since his enlistment.



BILLY RAY ROAMELL. U. S. N.

Billy Ray was 18 years old on July 3, 1944. He is the son of Mrs. Addie Roamell. He grew up in Luling, and attended school here, and joined the Naval Air Forces at Corpus Christi in July, 1942. In civil life, he was employed by the Nehi Bottling Company.



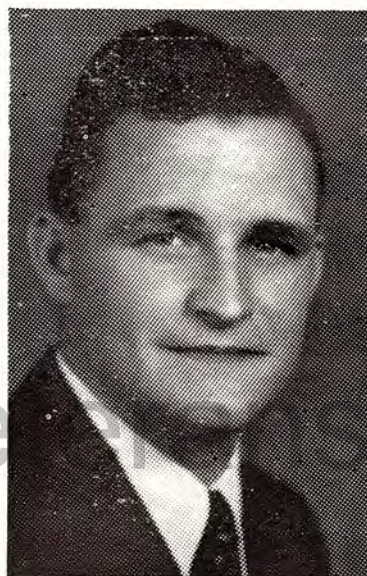
LAMAR RYAN AM 2/C

Petty Officer Ryan is the son of Mrs. T. D. Ryan, and is married to the former Miss Norris Nelle Probst. Before going into the service he was employed as aviation metalsmith at Kelly Field. He joined the Navy on March 5, 1943, and received his boot training at San Diego. He has had several promotions in the service, is twenty-three years old, and at this report is somewhere overseas. He is a graduate of Gonzales High School.



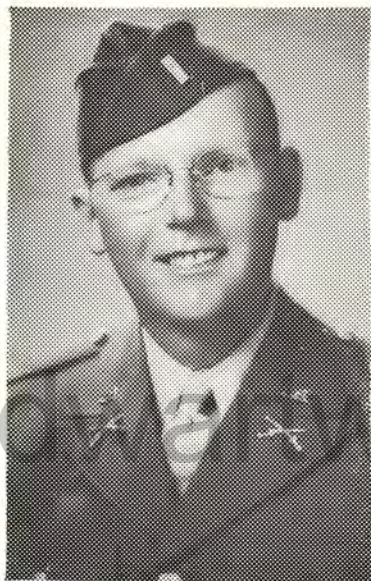
**LT. WILLIAM JAMES ROBERTS
(Senior Grade)**

Lt. Roberts was born in Brady, Texas, on July 6, 1921. His mother, Mrs. W. F. Roberts, is a native of Luling. He is a graduate of Luling High, 1939, and attended S. W. T. T. C. in San Marcos. Enlisted on August 13, 1942, as a cadet in the Naval Air Corps. Was commissioned Ensign, April 7, 1943, and while stationed at Whitby Island, Wash., received his promotion to Lieutenant senior grade on February, 1944. He served as a senior Landing Deck Signal Officer on his first voyage. He is serving on a carrier somewhere in the Pacific.



J. M. RABON. U. S. NAVY

Sailor Rabon is a long-time resident of Luling. He is the son of Mrs. S. H. Rabon, and was a successful young Luling business man, proprietor of the Longhorn Oil Company. He went into the service April, 1944, and received his boot training at San Diego, Cal. He is attending a specialist's school at this report.



1ST LT. LEE. J. ROBERTSON

1st Lt. Lee J. Robertson left for overseas duty the early part of August, 1944, and is in France. He is the son of Mrs. Ruby Robertson, and a native of Luling. He attended Hawthorne Elementary School and is a graduate of Main Avenue High School, San Antonio, where he served as captain of R.O.T.C. and was a Sergeant in the National Guard 6 years. Entered the service May 7, 1943, in Houston, as Pvt. Trained at Camp Wolters, Camp Roberts, Calif., Maneuvers in Louisiana, Camp Butner, N. C., Camp Carson, Colo., and Ft. Meade, Md. Completed O. C. S. at Ft. Benning, Ga., Nov 15, 1942, and promoted to 1st Lt. in Aug., 1944. Wounded in action in France a few weeks later.



A/C MARSHALL J. SHANKLIN

Cadet Marshall J. Shanklin graduated at Prairie Lea High School, class of '41, and for two years attended the University of Texas. He enlisted in the Air Corps in April, 1943; received his C. T. D. training at Oklahoma A. & M. College, and was classified as pilot. He received his pre-flight, primary and basic training in California, and at this report is in his advanced training at Marfa, Texas. He will receive his wings and commission in early Sept., 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Shanklin.



S/SGT. LEON JACK SUTTON

Sgt. Sutton received the Purple Heart for wounds received in the invasion of France on June 14, 1944. He left the states in March, 1944, and was stationed in England until the invasion. He is married, and has a daughter, Wanda Jean. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sutton. He attended Luling High School and worked as a driller before he entered the Infantry, Feb. 10, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He is twenty-five years of age.



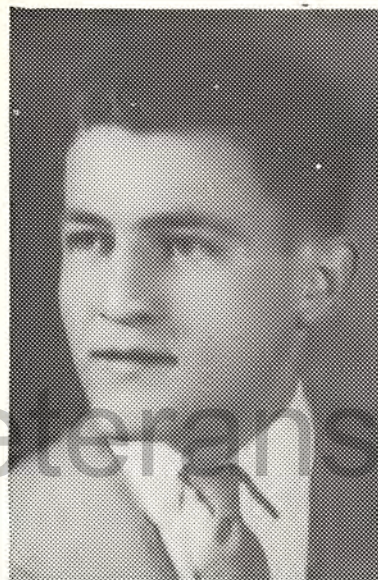
CAPT. JESSE W. SCARBOROUGH

Capt. Scarborough is a graduate of Texas University and holds a B. S. degree in engineering. He entered the Army Air Corps, July 11, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, and graduated from the Technical Engineers School at Chanute Field, Ill., Nov. 28, 1942, as 2nd Lt. He holds the position of Chief Engineering Officer of his Squadron and Assistant Group Engineer at Harvard Army Air Base in Harvard, Neb. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scarborough, Sr., and is 25 years old. He is a graduate of Luling High School.



TECH. SGT. SLEDGE SCRUGGS

This soldier is a native of Thorndale, Texas, and is a graduate of the Georgetown High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scruggs, who reside at Manor, Texas. He joined up in Aug., 1938, and is a member of the Air Transport Command. He has been overseas for over a year, took part in several battles, including the bombing of Cassino. He is stationed on the Sahara Desert. He is married, and is the father of two sons, but has not seen the younger son, Billy, at this report.



**SAILOR
DOUGLAS EUGENE SCHUMANN**

Douglas Schumann is a graduate of the Luling High School, class of 1944. He was a Captain of the Luling High Football Squad, and possessed many personal qualities that endeared him to his friends. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schumann, and before going into the Navy was employed by the Nehi Bottling Company here. He entered the service on Aug. 25, 1944, and as this is written is in the process of getting his "boot training."



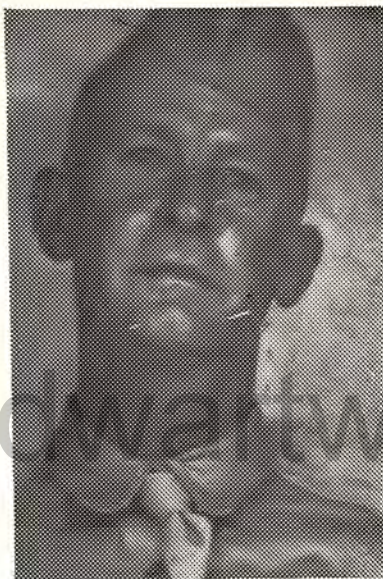
COXSWAIN VERNON SHERRY

Coxswain Sherry, 23 years of age, is in the United States Coast Guard. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sherry, attended Luling High School, and before joining up was employed in the oil fields. He was born and reared in Caldwell County. He went into the service in May, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, and received much of his training at Charleston, S. C.



S/SGT. BILLY E. STANLEY

Sgt. Stanley was born in Manford, Oklahoma, and came to Texas at the age of 12. He is a graduate of the Kilgore High School, class of 1938. He was married in Gonzales, Texas, in 1941, to Miss Winona Montgomery of Luling, and is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Montgomery. He enlisted in the Air Corps in 1940, and was stationed at Brooks Field in San Antonio. He has been stationed in various fields in Texas, and is stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah, at this report.



PVT. JIM R. STONE

This soldier was a former driller in the oil fields, and he joined the service on Nov. 11, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas. He was attached to an engineering outfit, and trained at Camp Claiborne, La. After serving until April 26, 1943, Pvt. Stone was given an honorable discharge from the service because he was over age.



LIEUT. DURWOOD K. STUTTS

Lt. Stutts is the 29-year-old son of Mrs. J. E. Nobles. He is married, and is the father of one daughter. He attended A. & M. College, and before joining the Army in August, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston, was employed by the Humble Company. He first served as an enlisted man, and then was sent to the Officer's Training School at Ft. Benning, Ga., and received his commission after graduating at the infantry school at that point. He went overseas, and served from Anzio Beachhead throughout the Italian Campaign, until he was given a special assignment with the Military Police, and transferred to North Africa. He holds the Purple Heart.



CHARLES L. SKAGGS, JR., S 1/C

This sailor was born in Missoula, Mont. He is the son of Mrs. Ethel Anderson. He graduated at the Luling High School and was employed in a Diesel Engineering plant at Odessa, Texas. Later he entered Texas Tech College, and extended his studies for two years; accepted a position in the assay department of Palaris Silver Mining Company, Idaho. Later employed with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Calif. Returned to Luling to enlist on Aug. 27, 1943. He received basic training at Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, and has since been transferred to Cuddihy Field, serving in the Personnel office.



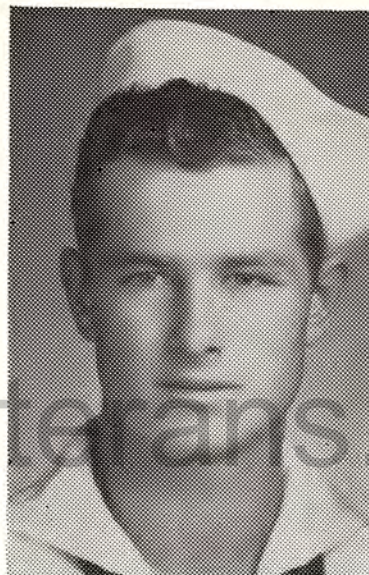
**SAILOR RALPH
WAYMAN SHEFFIELD F 2/C**

Sailor Sheffield is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sheffield. He was born at Saratoga, Texas, on July 19, 1920, and attended the Dowdy High School, extending his education at Texas Lutheran College. Before joining up he was an oil field worker, at Houston, Texas, and received his "boot training" at San Diego, Calif., and as this is written, is taking a special course in the Basic Engineer's School at that station.



**ENSIGN
OLIVER DOYLE SHEFFIELD**

Ensign Sheffield has been in the Navy since April, 1938, and moved up through all the non-commissioned ratings to receive his commission. He has seen plenty of action against the Japanese—Pearl Harbor, the Solomons, Savo Islands, and elsewhere, and is a real veteran of this war. This sailor attended the Prairie Lea and Luling Schools, and the University of Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sheffield, of Sweeney, Texas.



JOE STANWOOD, SEAMAN

This sailor of the Merchant Marine is the son of Mrs. J. F. Walker. He is 18 years old, and attended Luling High School. He joined the service at San Antonio, Texas, in August, 1943, and received special training as a sailor at St. Petersburg, Fla. Within the intervals he has seen service in the North Atlantic and in the Gulf of Mexico.



SGT. HERMAN GLENN SHEFFIELD

Sgt. Sheffield is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sheffield, of Sweeney, Texas. He attended the Luling and Dowdy Schools, and was occupied as oil field worker before joining up. He went into the service in October, 1942, and was attached to 313th Battalion, 88th Division, an Engineering outfit. He went to North Africa in Nov., 1943, and has seen action in that area, and later in the Italian Campaign.



CLARENCE S. SHADE S 2/C

Sailor Shade is serving with the Seabees, and has been in the service since Jan. 29, 1944. He received his "boot training" at San Diego, Cal. Clarence is a native of this section, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Shade, Sr. He attended the Luling High School, and in civilian life carried on as a salesman. He is married to the former Miss Joyce Fuller, and is the father of one son. He has been home once since his enlistment, and is stationed at a base in Rhode Island.



PVT. VIRON DOYLE STEWART

This 21-year-old soldier is attached to the 81st General Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Stewart, and last attended the Corpus Christi Schools. He was engaged as an electrician in civil life. He joined up on Feb. 23, 1942, and received training at Palm Springs, Cal., and Camp White, Wash. He was sent to England on Feb. 14, 1944, and in a letter home, from England, he advised the family that he found the English Countryside beautiful, and that he had many good stories to tell, but would have to defer the details until the end of the war.



**SECOND LIEUTENANT
JOE PERRY SCHUHARDT**

Lt. Schuhardt is 20 years old, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Schuhardt. He is married, is a graduate of Luling High School, and was employed as a clerk before going into the service on April 1, 1942. He was selected for training in the Air Corps, and received his final training at the San Angelo Army Air Field, where he received his wings, and commission as second lieutenant. He was receiving special training as a Bombardier-Navigator on a B-26, when he was in a plane crash on May 10, 1943, and injured. Because of these injuries he was given an honorable discharge from the Air Corps on Jan. 14, 1944.



**MASTER SERGEANT
CIRCY LEE SMITH**

Sgt. Smith of the Air Corps is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gains Smith. He went into the service on Jan. 14, 1941, and received his initial training at Sheppard Field. He had many stations in the States, and was sent to England in May, 1943. With the interval he has carried on in Egypt, Persia, and has the distinction of being among the first American units to be stationed in Russia. He is a former student of S. W. T. T. C., San Marcos.



PFC. JULIUS LESTON STEPHENS

Pfc. Stephens is 22 years old, and is serving with the Marines. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stephens, and is married. He attended the Luling School, and before going into the service was employed as a steel worker. He joined up on Nov. 10, 1943, and received his "boot training" at San Diego, California, qualifying for the expert rifleman's medal. He is a graduate of Luling High School.



PVT. KENNETH E. SUTTON

Pvt. Sutton owned and operated a garage in Luling before he entered the Army, Dec. 11, 1943. He is married, and his wife, Frances Marion Sutton and daughter, Darryl, are residing in New Braunfels until his return. He trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, and was sent to England, where he is stationed. He attended Luling Schools and San Marcos Baptist Academy. He is serving in the Infantry.



PFC. RAYMOND A. SHORT

Pfc. Short is a native of this section, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Short. He attended Luling High School, and went into the service on June 20, 1942. He joined up at Ft. Sam Houston, and trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. This 23-year-old soldier has been overseas since Feb., 1943, first in North Africa, and later in Italy, and has served in both the North African and Italian Campaigns.



1ST LT. EMMETT S. SUTTON

Lt. Sutton was a B-17 pilot over Germany and had completed 20 missions when his plane went down a few miles from Berlin; he was reported "missing in action," four months before his wife, Mrs. Joyce Sutton, of San Marcos, was notified that he was a prisoner of war. He was awarded the Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster. He is a graduate of Luling High School, class of 1940, and enrolled in the Southwest Teacher's College in San Marcos and had completed a three years' course when he enlisted in the Air Corps. He received his wings and commission at Foster Field, Victoria, June 26, 1943, and was sent to England five months later.



S/SGT. JAMES K. STANFIELD

This 21-year-old Sgt. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stanfield of Luling. He was a student at the S. W. T. T. C., San Marcos, before entering the Air Corps in June, 1943. In his short time of service he has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sgt. He is serving somewhere in England. He received his training at Ellington Field, Texas.



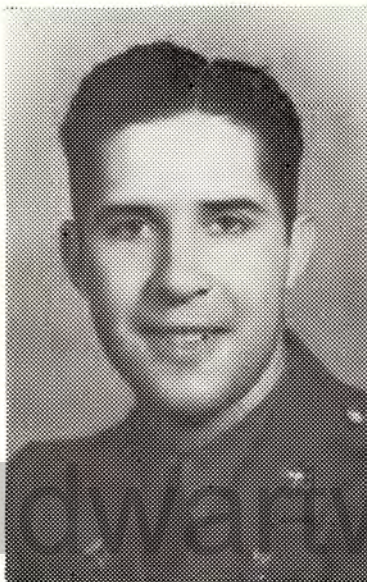
2ND LT. GORDON LAVERNE SMITH

Lt. Smith received his wings in July of 1944, and was rated pilot of a single engine pursuit plane. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Smith of Prairie Lea. Gordon is twenty years old and was a student at Southwest Teacher's College before his enlistment as cadet in the Army Air Corps, Feb. 23, 1943. He is a graduate of Prairie Lea High School.



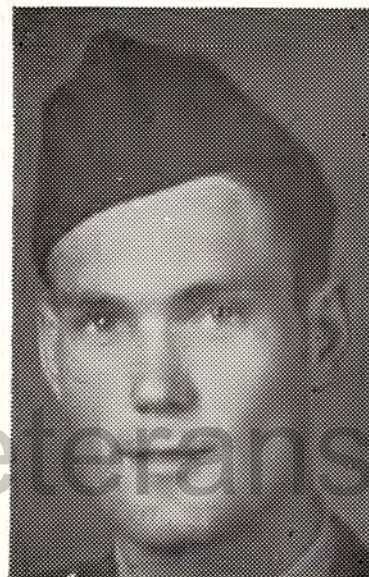
MARVIN E. SEMMLER, S. P (M) 3/C

Petty Officer Semmler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Semmler, and before going into the service was employed by Michna's Service Station in Seguin. He joined the Navy on April 28, 1943, in San Antonio, and has had four promotions in the service. His last station was reported as New Caledonia. A brother S/Sgt. W. W. Semmler is serving in Italy.



**STAFF SERGEANT
WOODROW W. SEMMLER**

Sgt. Semmler was born in Seguin, Texas, on Jan. 20, 1917. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Semmler, of Kingsbury, attended the Kingsbury and Dowdy Schools, and later extended his education at Texas University. In civil life he was employed as an oil field worker. He went into the service on Jan. 18, 1942, and is attached to the 316th Fighter Squadron, 324th Fighter Group. He has seen action in Tunis, Sicily and Italy, and was burned in line of duty. He has the Good Conduct Medal, several campaign ribbons, and three bronze stars for three major engagements. He was awarded the Group Citation for the Squadron. This group is flying the P-40 Warhawks and has made over 1500 missions.



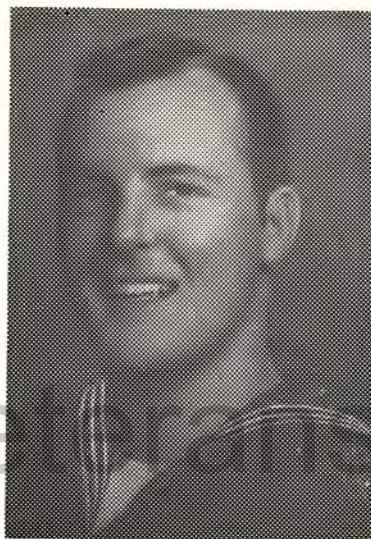
T/SGT. COY WILSON STREETMAN

Sgt. Streetman is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Benner, Sr., and is the husband of the former Carretta Benner. He has one son, Coy Wilson, Jr. This soldier has been in the Air Corps since Jan. 5, 1942, and is attached to the Headquarters 466th Bombing Group, stationed "Somewhere in England." He was born at Grape-land, Texas, is 25 years old, and attended Baylor University. Before joining up, he was employed as an oil field worker. Coy could be rated the "traveling man of this man's army," for he has served in 24 different army camps in fourteen states.



A. F. SODERBERG
PETTY OFFICER, 3/C

Petty Officer Soderberg was born in Sweden in 1900, and worked as a pumper in the oil field before his enlistment in the Seabees in January of this year. He is stationed at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and his wife, Mrs. Alice D. Soderberg, lives in Luling.



PETTY OFFICER
LEWIS CLAYTON SHAW

Petty Officer Shaw has seen much action. He was at Pearl Harbor, on the U. S. S. Oglala, when the Japs attacked, and his ship was sunk. He transferred to the U. S. S. Helena and was in the battle of Guadalcanal, the Savo Islands, and his ship made trips on raids to the Munda Air Base. On May 10, 1943, Clayton was the only man on his ship to come back from the Solomon territory to the United States to go to Medical School. He is stationed at T. C. U., in Ft. Worth, Texas, in the Navy V-12 unit. Clayton is twenty-one years old. He attended school here and graduated in 1939, later attending Baylor University. He enlisted in the Navy on Sept. 4, 1940. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Shaw.



MASTER SGT. RAY SCOTT

Sergeant Scott has been in the service since September 1940, and is stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, where he is an expert mechanic in the air corps. He is 21 years old. His mother, Mrs. Mattie Scott, lives in Luling. Sgt. Scott graduated at Luling High School with the class of 1941.



CORP. GEO. R. STEIN

Corporal Stein is the son of Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. H. G. Stein. George has spent most of his life in Luling, graduating at John Tarleton College, and extending his education at A. & I., Kingsville. He is serving with the 36th Division Headquarters, in action in Italy. His outfit is an anti-tank group, and he is a veteran of Salerno, and the Italian Campaign. Still overseas at this report.

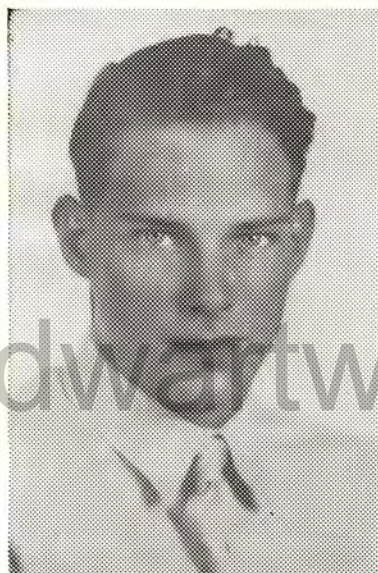


DARWIN BOYCE STUART
SEAMAN SECOND CLASS

Boyce is a native of Sealy, Texas, but has lived most of his life in Luling. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stuart, Sr. He attended grade school here and finished two years of high school. Boyce is only 18 and was working in the Houston shipyards as a shipfitter when he was released to join the Naval Reserve, in August, 1943. He is stationed at Cabiness Field, and was selected to attend a radio school.

PFC. JOHN C. STUART, JR.

Pft. Stuart was born in Hull, Texas, in 1924. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stuart, Sr., of Luling. He attended both the Luling grade and high school, graduating in 1942. He was working in Portland, Oregon, when he was drafted into the service, March 5, 1943. He received his training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and Augusta, Georgia, transferring to the Chemical Division at Camp Sibert. He arrived in Italy on June 2. Served 3 years in National Guard and 4 years in regular army from 1935-1939.



S/SGT. WILLIAM D. SHEPPARD

This 24-year-old soldier of the Air Corps is married to a Luling girl, the former Miss Inez Thompson. He has never seen his daughter, born in August, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sheppard, and a native of Illinois. He went into the service on Feb. 10, 1942, and has been overseas since June, 1943. He has served in the Gilbert Islands, and his official station is designated as "Somewhere in the South Pacific."



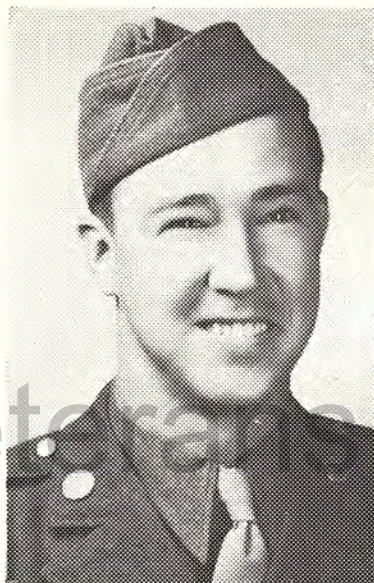
KYLE STUART T/5

Corp. Stuart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stuart, Sr. He entered the service March 9, 1944, in San Antonio, and received his training in West Virginia, completing a three months' course in chemical analysis. Before joining the army he was a member of Luling's National Guard for three years, and served in the regular army at Fort McIntosh, from 1935 to 1939. He was employed as a ship fitter in civilian life.



VIRGIL A. SMITH, Q. M. SGT.

Since entering the service December 3, 1935, Virgil has had quite a few experiences. In 1936 he accompanied President Roosevelt and party on a good will tour through South America. He has been in Hawaii for the past year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith and is married to Miss Lucile Peal. The last school he attended was in Belmont, Texas, and his previous occupation was that of a clerk in a grocery. He has received five promotions and serves now as Quartermaster Sergeant. His brother, Ray Smith, has recently returned from Hawaii where he spent several years as a civilian service worker.



CPL. WILBURN ERNEST SEAY

Cpl. W. Ernest Seay, is a member of the Air Corps, joining this branch of service on April 20, 1943, in San Antonio. He received his training at Kelly Field, and is stationed somewhere in Italy. He is the son of Mrs. Jim Seay, is married, and the father of one son. Cpl. Seay attended the Luling schools.



PVT. MELVIN R. SEMMLER

This 22-year-old soldier is attached to Army Combat Engineers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Semmler, is married, and is the father of two children. He attended the Luling Schools, and before going into the service was employed as a machinist. He joined up in San Antonio, on May 17, 1944, and received his preliminary training at Ft. Lewis, Wash., his present station.



F/O ALBERT L. SEALE, JR.

This 19-year-old officer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Seale. He attended Luling schools and was employed as mechanic before joining the Air Corps in San Antonio on April 30, 1943. He received his training at Shepard Field, Texas, Santa Ana, Blythe, Calif. He received his wings and commission as Flight Officer on Sept. 8 1944.



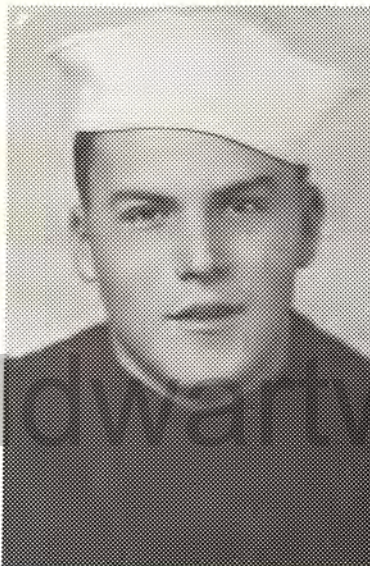
CORPORAL J. D. SEAY

"J. D." as he is known to all of his friends, was an original member of Company "I," and has stayed with that gang all of the way. Along with the others boys, Corporal Seay is making it hot for the Germans "somewhere in Italy," and he is a veteran of Salerno. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Seay, are Luling residents. J. D. was born in Seguin, but attended Luling Grade and High School. Before joining up for regular duty in Oct., 1940, was a service station attendant in civil life.



PVT. HARRELL GENE TILLEY

Pvt. Tilley is the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Tilley. He was a student at A. & M. College when he went into the service, on Feb. 14, 1944, and had finished his Freshman year in Veterinary Medicine. He enlisted at Camp Fannin, Texas, and is stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. He chose the Infantry as his branch of service.



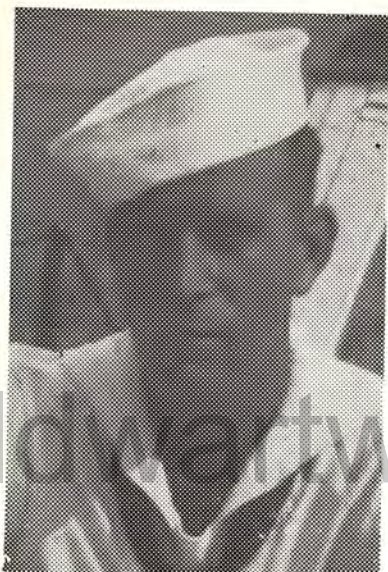
JAMES RHEA TILLER, C. T. P. O.

James Rhea Tiller is the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Tiller, Sr., attended the Luling Schools, and extended his education at T. M. I., San Antonio, Texas. Before going into the service he occupied his time in farming and stockraising. Marine Tiller joined up on Feb. 2, 1944, and received his initial training at St. Petersburg, Fla. He has made two round trips within the interval, and as this is written is "Somewhere at sea" on his third mission. He is a Merchant Marine.



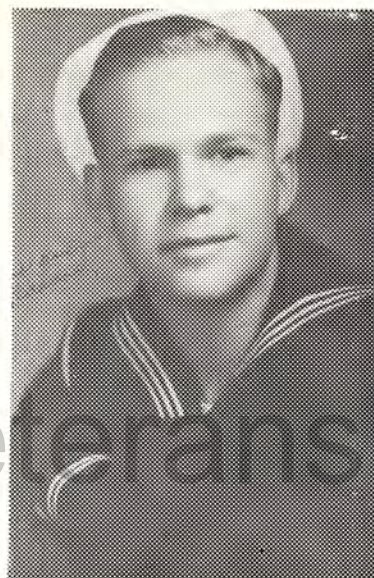
SGT. JOE RAYMOND TAYLOR

This soldier started out with Luling's National Guard, Co. "I," mobilized with them into Federal Service, and trained with them all the way to Camp Edwards, Mass. He served overseas with the 36th Division in Italy, and was wounded near Cassino on Nov. 30, 1943. He holds the Medal of the Purple Heart. Sgt. Taylor is the son of Mrs. J. E. Taylor, is married, and is the father of one daughter. The last school he attended was the San Antonio Business College, and he was employed as a salesman in civilian life.



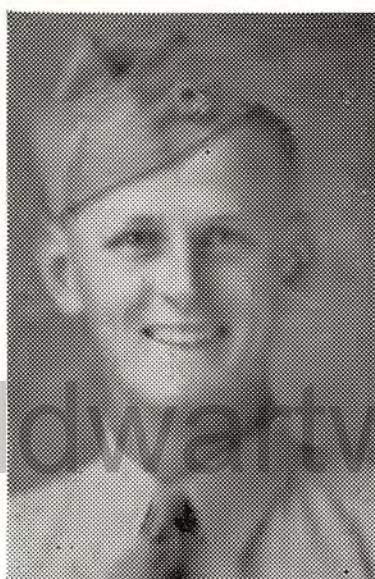
ALVA L. (BUDDY) TAYLOR, CTPO

This sailor in the Merchant Marines is the son of Mrs. J. E. Taylor. He is married, and is a graduate of the Prairie Lea High School, class of '33. He was occupied as shipfitter before going into the Merchant Marine on Feb. 16, 1944. He received his training at St. Petersburg, Fla., and as this is written carries on as Division Petty Officer.



**RICHARD MAYFIELD THOMPSON
RM 1/C**

This sailor is the son of Mr. Hattie Thompson, and is a graduate of Graham High School. He went into the Navy at Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1940, trained at San Diego, Calif. He has served in Tunisia, Africa, and is now overseas, "Somewhere in England." He has been wounded in action, suffering injuries when his ship was sunk in the Atlantic. He is a Radio Mechanic First Class.



CPL. DAVE G. TILLER, JR.

Cpl. Tiller is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tiller, Sr., and is nineteen years old. He is in the cavalry division of the Army, and is an expert horesman. He graduated from Luling High School in 1942, and attended Texas A. & M. College until he entered service, November 1, 1943, at Dodd Field, Texas. He is stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and fired "expert" M' Rifle at his camp.



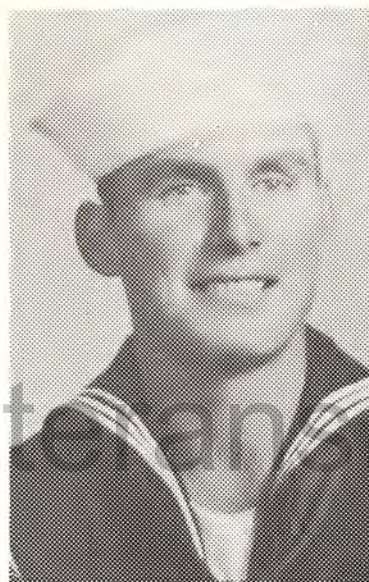
STAFF SGT. DONALD D. THOMPSON

Pvt. Thompson, of the Air Corps, is the 23-year-old son of Mrs. Hattie Thompson. He graduated at Prairie Lea High School, and was an athlete of prominence, winning "All American" for his position on his 6-man football team. He was a student when he went into the service in 1939 and trained in Texas, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. He was sent to England, and is reported "Somewhere Over There."



**PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS
HORACE C. THOMPSON**

This sailor is attached to the Naval Construction unit, the Seabees. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Thompson, and is married. He attended Prairie Lea High School, and was an oil field worker when he joined up on Sept. 27, 1943. He trained at Virginia, Rhode Island, Mississippi, and California before going overseas. He is stationed "Somewhere in the South Pacific."



GUY W. THOMPSON, S 3/C

Sailor Thompson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thompson, of Kingsbury. He attended the Kingsbury School, and joined the Navy in May, 1943. He received his "boot training" at San Diego, and then went to sea, taking part in several engagements "Somewhere in the Pacific." He has not been home since his enlistment, and as this is written, has served in the arena of action, for eight months.



GABRIEL E. TREVINO

This Latin American boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus C. Trevino. He attended the Luling School, and later extended his education at the Tex-Mex. Institute. Before going into the service, he was employed by the postoffice here, and was a radio technician. He joined the service on April 13, 1944, and it is presumed, as this is written, is in "boot training" at San Diego, Cal.



SERGEANT JACK THOMPSON

When Sgt. Thompson was last heard from he was "Somewhere in England." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thompson, attended the Kingsbury School, and was an oil field worker before going into the Air Corps in April, 1943. He trained at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Lincoln, Nebraska, and from that station went overseas. He has had three promotions in the service. He is married.



STAFF SGT. W. M. TILLER

Sgt. Tiller has been in almost continuous action since he hit the beach with Company "I," and the 36th Division at Salerno. He has been wounded in action, holds the Medal of the Purple Heart, two oak leaf clusters, and has been awarded six other citations. He has been mentioned in many dispatches for conspicuous gallantry in action. This soldier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tiller; attended Luling High School, and was employed in the oil field before joining up. He is rated by his outfit as one of its best soldiers.



PVT. LAWSON R. TILLER

Marine Tiller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tiller. He attended the Luling schools, and was employed as welder in the Houston Shipyards, when he joined the Marines on April 14, 1944. He will be 19 years old Dec. 27, 1944. He received his "boot training" at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Cal., and is stationed at that base. He has completed amphibious training with a splendid record, and has received a medal for expert markmanship.



**SECOND CLASS SEAMAN
LONNIE TERRELL**

This 19-year-old sailor, son of Mrs. A. G. Probst, is serving somewhere in the South Pacific, with his official station designated as New Guinea. He has seen plenty of action, but has not written his family any of his personal experiences. He is a graduate of Luling High School, class of 1940, and has been in the Navy since April 22, 1942. He received his "boot training" at San Diego, California, and from that station was sent to foreign duty.



**RAYMOND STEVE TERRELL
C. Mo. M. M.**

Chief Petty Officer Terrell has been in the service since Aug. 14, 1934, and has seen service in the Mediterranean, Caribbean and Atlantic waters. His official station is North Africa. He is married, and is the son of Mrs. A. G. Probst. He attended the Luling High Schools, and in civilian life was a drug clerk, and later an employee of the Luling Foundation Farm. He has received several citations; including commendation by his task force commander for convoy duty against submarines, and a special commendation for work in bringing his ship through the Great Lakes, when they were closed to navigation by ice accumulations. He also has the Good Conduct Award. This sailor has rendered so many vital services that we can not enumerate them in this limited space.



**FIRST CLASS SEAMAN
DELMA TIPPING**

Sailor Tipping is just nineteen years old, and has been in the service since June 30, 1943. He is a native of Darst Creek, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loys M. Tipping, live there now. He graduated from Dowdy High School, where he was active in football and basketball. Before going into service, Delma was employed as an oil field worker. He is a Naval Gunner, and is stationed at San Francisco, Calif.



**FIRST LIEUTENANT
JAMES P. TOWNS, III.**

Lieutenant Towns is a native of Luling, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Towns, Jr., of El Campo. He attended school in Waelder and finished High School in Gonzales. Later, he became a student at A. & M. College, receiving his degree as a Petroleum Engineer in June, 1941. Following his graduation, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Army, and on Aug. 17, 1942, was promoted to the rating of First Lieutenant. He later transferred to the Air Corps, and received his Wings as Pilot on Aug. 30, 1943, at Waco.



WAYNE A. TILLER

Seaman Tiller is the son of Mrs. M. L. Tiller, and is a native of Luling. He graduated from Luling High School in 1932—a winner of the American Legion Award, and an outstanding football player on the Eagle team. Before entering the U. S. Coast Guard on Aug. 24, 1943, he served as Fireman, Captain of Station No. 2, Ft. Sam Houston. He is married, and his wife, Mrs. Blanche Tiller, was a member of the Luling School Faculty. He is stationed at the U. S. G. C. Training Station at San Augustine, Fla.



WILSON TUMLINSON

Wilson Tumlinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Tumlinson of Harwood, has been stationed overseas for over two years. He is somewhere in New Guinea.



SGT. JIMMIE D. TUMLINSON

Sgt. Jimmie D. Tumlinson returned to the States in July, 1944, after spending over two years in foreign service in New Guinea and Australia. During that time he saw much combat action. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Tumlinson, and is stationed at Robins Field, Ga.



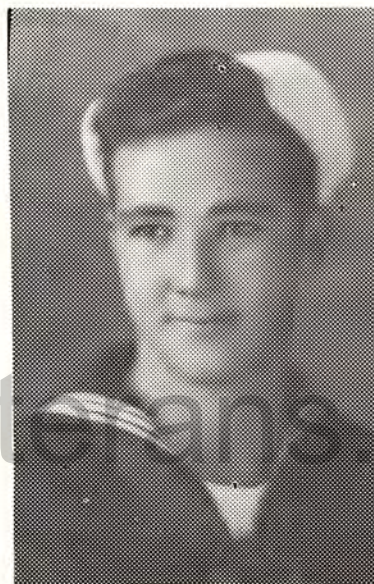
CORP. WILFORD THEODORE TATE

Corporal Tate was born in 1922, in Guadalupe, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Tate, deceased. He attended school in Prairie Lea, and graduated there in 1940. Wilford was employed in farm and oil field work before entering the Army Air Forces as a mechanic in 1942. Cpl. Tate was formerly stationed at Boeing Factory, Seattle Wash. He is in England with Bomber Maintenance Squadron.



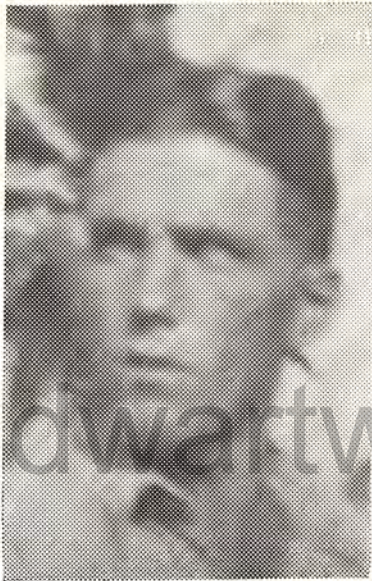
SGT. CHARLIE LEE TATE

Sergeant Tate was born in Thrall, Texas, Oct. 1918. He is the son of Wilford F. Tate and Stella Russel Tate, deceased. He attended grade school in Prairie Lea, and was engaged in oil field work before entering the service. Sgt. Tate was with the National Guard in Luling, and was stationed with Airforce Troops in Boston, Mass. He is stationed at Mitchell Field, New York.



GARRETT EDWIN THURMAN, S 1/C

First Class Seaman Thurman is stationed on Treasure Island, Navy Base near San Francisco, California. He has been a sailor since June 2, 1942, and in civilian life was employed as a grocery clerk. He was born in Wilson, Okla., on November 26, 1926. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thurman, live near Luling, on Route 3. He attended both Luling grade and High School.



PFC. CLIFTON N. THURMAN

Clifton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thurman, who reside on Route 3. He was born in Ada, Oklahoma, on December 28, 1916, and has been in the service since 1940. He served in the National Guard here for four years, and worked in the oil field as a civilian occupation. He was stationed in Puerto Rico, but has returned to the States, his station at this report is Camp Van Dorn, Miss.



1ST LIEUT. VAN E. USSERY

This 23-year-old pilot officer of the Air Corps, is a graduate of Luling High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Van M. Ussery. He is married, and the father of one child. Before joining up, was engaged in civilian life as a stock farmer. Lt. Ussery went into the Air Corps on April 21, 1941, enlisting as a private. Later he was chosen as cadet, and graduated at Ellington Field, receiving his wings and commission as second lieutenant. Just at this time he is stationed at Big Springs, Texas, attached to the Bombardier School at that station.



LEON TOUNGATE A/S

Leon is a 1943 graduate of Luling High School, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Toungeate of Luling. He was born in Lorraine, Texas, November 27, 1925. He entered the Navy in San Antonio, August 15, 1944, and was sent to San Diego for "boot training."



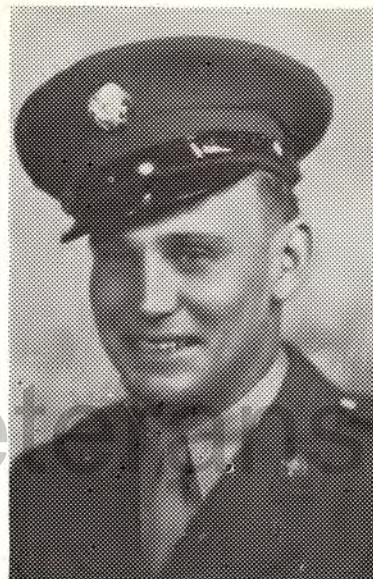
CAPTAIN LLOYD D. UPSHAW

Captain Upshaw is now "Somewhere Overseas" serving with the U. S. Army Field Artillery. His station is in the South Pacific battle area. He went into the service on Jan. 16, 1942, at Buffalo, N. Y., and has had two promotions within the interval. He attended the Prairie Lea School, and later A. & M. College. Before joining up was employed as junior engineer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Upshaw. He received his training at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and Ft. Sill, Okla. He took part in the invasion of Guam, and with his outfit is now poised for further action.



1ST CLASS PETTY OFFICER
W. G. VIA

W. G. attended school and graduated here. He volunteered in the Navy in September, 1940, and has seen plenty of action since then. He was on the spot when the U. S. S. Houston was sunk and assisted in picking up the survivors. He was in the Battle of Java, and has been in many Pacific and Atlantic battles. He was 23 years old in July and is married to the former Miss Wanda Dale Holmes.



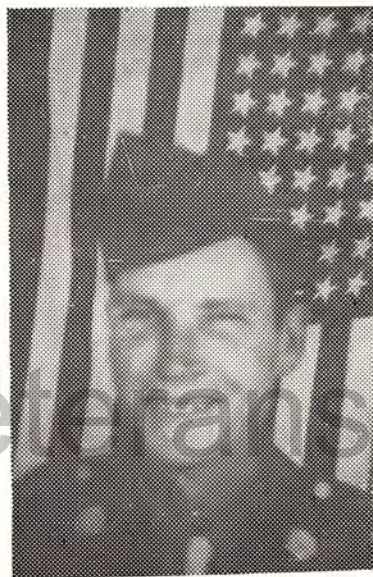
SGT. HERMAN H. VOGT

This 25-year-old soldier, member of the Air Forces, was in the Philippine Islands when the war began, and was one of the first Luling boys wounded in action. He was sent by plane to Australia, and later returned to the States. He is stationed at Hobbs, N. M. Herman is the son of Mrs. Cora Vogt, and attended the Sabinal Schools. He was employed in Luling by the Humble Service Station, before joining up. He has been given the Purple Heart.



T/5 DAVID R. VARNUM

This soldier went into the service on March 26, 1942, and was trained at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyo. He has several campaign ribbons and the good conduct medal. He attended the Luling High School, and before joining up was employed as fireman. He is married. This soldier spent much of his enlistment period in the Aleutian Islands. Because he was slightly over age, this soldier was discharged from the service at Walla Walla, Wash., on Oct. 23, 1943. He is now a resident of Monohans, Texas.



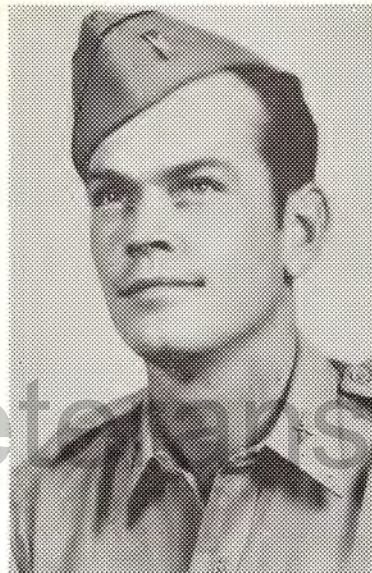
SGT. EWELL GRAY WRIGHT

Sgt. Wright was last heard from "Somewhere in England." He is the 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Wright. He attended the Luling School, and before going into the service on July 11, 1942, was engaged as a farmer. He is attached to Co. "L," 318th Infantry. He received his training at Camp Forest, Tenn., Camp Philip, Calif., and Ft. Dix, N. J.



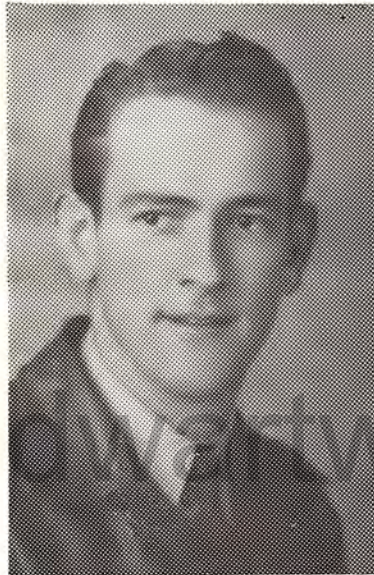
PFC. WILLIAM CLAUD WOOD

Pfc. Wood entered the Army December 10, 1942, at San Antonio, and was trained in California. He is 23 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood, and is with the Field Artillery branch. He attended school in Luling. Claud fought on Saipan and has been on that island since D-Day, and has no doubt seen plenty of action. He was employed in Brownwood at Camp Bowie as a civilian, worked in the warehouse before he entered the service.



1ST LIEUT. JOHN M. WOODARD

Lt. Woodard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Woodard. He graduated at Luling High School, and extended his education at A. & I. Kingsville, and A. & M. College. He early volunteered for service in the Air Corps, and after regulation training, was given his wings and commission, and immediately sent to the Southwest Pacific battle zone, as pilot on a Flying Fortress. He was in almost continuous action against the Japanese, and had completed most of his assigned missions, when his plane was shot down in action, on June 13, 1943. He has been "missing in action" since that date, but the War Department has not declared him officially dead; still retaining hope that he is alive—and perhaps a prisoner of the Japanese.



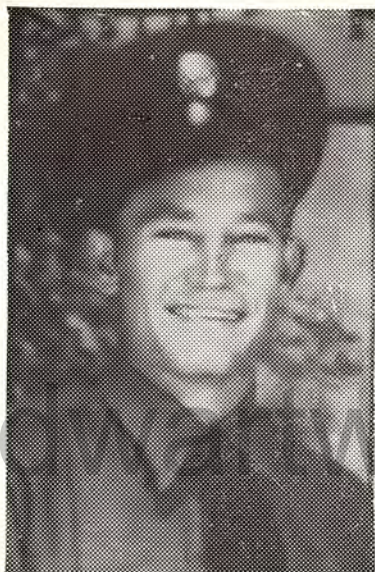
**SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER
BERNARD WOODARD**

This sailor, born in Crowell, Texas, in 1922, has lived in Luling most of his life. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward are residents of Luling, and he attended elementary and high school here. After his graduation, he attended Schreiner Institute. In 1942, he joined the U. S. Maritime Service and during his service has seen action on many missions in the Southwest Pacific. He has a brother, 1st Lieut. John W. Woodard, missing in action. At this report Petty Officer Woodard is "somewhere at sea."



SERGEANT MARTIN L. WRIGHT

Sergeant Wright is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wright, of Luling. He is 24 years of age. Martin attended grade school in Lytton Springs, and graduated from Luling High School in 1937. From 1938 to 1940, he attended Draughan's Business College in San Antonio. Before entering the Army he was employed by the Humble Oil Company. Sgt. Wright is now serving "Somewhere in North Africa" or in Italy.



T/SGT. SIDNEY F. WRIGHT

T/Sgt. Sidney Wright is a member of the Air Force. He entered the service December 1, 1939, and is the son of Mrs. Lucinda Wright. He attended the Luling Schools and was an oil field employee. He received training at Randolph Field, San Antonio, and Foster Field, Victoria. He served two years in Vera Cruz, Mexico, and in the Panama Canal Zone on special duty, returning to the states June 19, 1944. He is attached to the 68th Aircraft Engineering Squadron at Brownsville, Texas, and has received the Good Conduct Medal.



1ST. LT. JOHN BLAIN WISE

Lt. Wise entered the service in 1941, and has moved up through the ranks to his commissioned rating. He was born in Greenville, Texas, Jan. 6, 1918, and as a lad attended grade school in Luling, later going to Gainesville High, and graduating at Dallas High—extending his education at A. & M. College. His father, C. J. Wise, now resides in Luling. He is serving "Somewhere Overseas."



S/SGT. JAMES W. WRIGHT

Sgt. Wright is 24 years old, and the son of Mrs. Bob Wright. He attended the Luling High School and worked in the oil field before he entered the service in 1941, at Kelly Field, Texas. He trained at Ellington Field, Houston, and has been promoted to the rating of Staff Sergeant. He was somewhere in England at this report.



**STAFF SGT. DAVID A. WISE
AND LITTLE DAUGHTER**

Staff Sgt. David A. Wise formerly served in the Luling National Guard Company, but joined up with the regular army in 1936. He is a graduate of high school in Dallas, and later attended A. & M. College. His father, C. J. Wise, is a resident of Luling. Sgt. Wise is married, and has one small daughter, Catherine Ann.



VEARL ALFRED WINEGEART

Sailor Winegeart is a native of Luling, born May 16, 1926. He attended grade school in Joilet and high school in Luling. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Winegeart and has one other brother in the service. On May 6, 1944, he enlisted in the Navy in San Antonio, and was sent immediately to San Diego, California, for "boot training"; he received a Seaman Second Class rating, and is stationed in San Diego.



LT. JOE D. WILSON

Lt. Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson. He is a native son, graduate of Luling High School, and the University of Texas Law School. He is stationed at the San Marcos Navigation School.



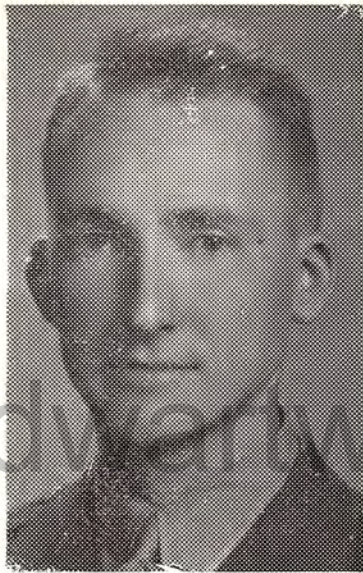
PFC. ARCHIE P. WINEGEART

Archie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Winegeart. He is married to the former Miss Billie Blanch New. He entered the Air Corps November 3, 1942, in San Antonio and has been promoted to the rating of Private First Class. He is a native of Luling, was born February 26, 1924. He attended school in Joilet and Luling, and was previously employed by the MKT Railroad. He is stationed at Madison Truax Field, Wisconsin.



THOS. WILSON, JR.. Merchant Marine

Thomas Wilson, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Sr. He enlisted in the Merchant Marines on Jan. 4, 1943, and after completing his preliminary three months of training, shipped out for active service, and within the interval, has made many trips to foreign ports. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and extended his education at the University of Texas for two years. In civilian life he was employed in defense work at Solo Aircraft Corporation in California.



CAPT. CLARENCE A. (Buddy) WILSON

Captain Wilson is serving in the Signal Corps, and has been overseas since Feb. 8, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson, is a graduate of Luling High School, and extended his education at Texas University and is a graduate of A. & M. College. He entered the service on March 4, 1942, at Ft. Dix, N. J., and has moved up to the rating of captain within the interval. Before entering the service he was employed as an aero engineer.



PVT. HOMER WILLMS

Pvt. Willms has been in the Army since October 30, 1943, and is a former manager of the Western Auto Store here; although prior to entering the service he was employed in defense work at the San Marcos Navigation School. Pvt. Willms is 24 years old and is the son of H. E. Willms. He is married, and his wife resides in Lockhart. He received the marksmanship medal and is now seeing action with our forces in France. He received his training at Ft. Sill, Okla.



CAPTAIN JOHN MORRIS WILSON

Captain Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson. He is a graduate of Luling High School, in 1930, later getting a degree from Texas A. & M. College in 1935. As a civilian he was employed as petroleum engineer. When this war began he held a reserve commission as second lieutenant, and went into active service in 1942, at Fort Benning, Ga. Since then he has received two promotions.



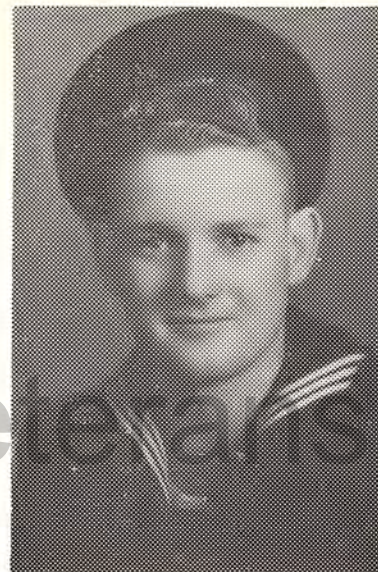
PVT. REDFORD MORGAN WARD

Private Ward is attached to the anti-aircraft artillery, and is now taking part in the invasion of France. He was last heard from on July 16, 1944, and at that time was uninjured, although he advised that he was in action, and had spent many nights in a fox hole. This 22-year-old soldier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Ward of Normandy, Texas. He attended the Utopia High School, and was employed in civilian life as truck driver. He went into the service on Nov. 28, 1942, and trained at Camp Hulen, Texas, and Camp Polk, La.



PVT. FRANK WILLIAMS

Private Franklin R. Williams is a native of Gonzales. He is the son of Mrs. Annie Stahl, and was employed in the oil field before entering the service on June 29, 1942. Private Williams received a medal for marksmanship and efficiency in his early training. He was formerly stationed at Ft. Francis Warren, Wyo., Pikesville, Mo., and is serving with an M. P. battalion now at New Orleans, La.



MARVIN ERNEST WILKE MMS 2/C

Petty Officer Wilke joined the Navy August 3, 1942, when he was just eighteen. He attended school in Luling, and was employed as machinist before his enlistment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilke and received his "boot training" in San Diego, California. He has been promoted from Seaman 2/c to Petty Officer MMS 2/c. Marvin is on duty aboard a Submarine Tender and has seen foreign service in almost every part of the globe.



CORP. ELMER WILLIAMS

Corporal Williams is a native of Oklahoma, but has lived in Luling many years, completing High School here. His mother is Mrs. Annie Stahl. He entered the service Jan. 25, 1941, at Brooks Field, and has been stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, Sheppard Field, Amarillo Field, and Laredo Army Field. He is in the medical department.



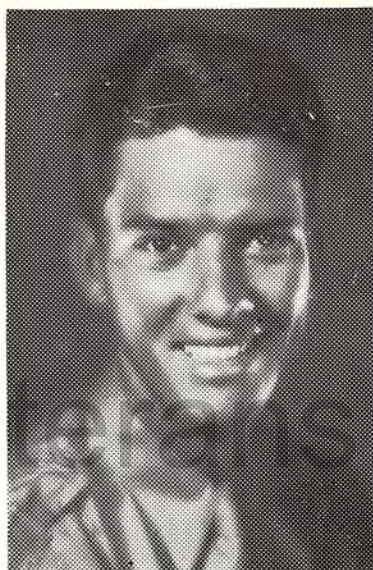
PVT. ALTON A. (Dock) WILLIAMS

Pvt. A. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams. He joined the army on Feb. 18, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and received his training at Camp Roberts, California. He attended the McNeil School, and before entering the service was employed as an oil field worker.



STAFF SGT. JESSE K. WILLIAMS

Sgt. Williams was overseas for sixteen months serving in the African and Italian Campaigns. He rushed the beach with the 36th at Salerno, and was wounded in that action. He repeatedly returned to the front, and took part in several engagements. He was given the Presidential Citation for the battalion, and the Medal of the Purple Heart. This 24-year-old soldier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Williams. He was an original member of Luling's original Company "I," trained all the way with these boys, and left here on Nov. 25, 1940 for Camp Bowie. He attended the Tillman School, and was employed as carpenter before joining up and being mustered into the Federal service.



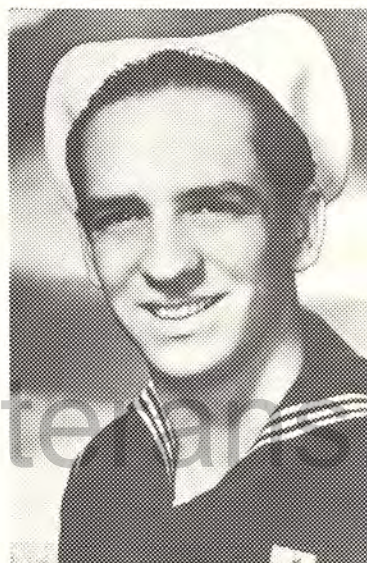
T/SGT. WILLIAM GREGORY WILEY

T/Sgt. Wiley left Luling with the National Guard in 1940, and has stayed with them all the way. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wiley, and the grandson of Mrs. W. S. Wiley; he is 24 years old, and attended school in Luling. He was formerly a service station attendant. He has seen action on five fronts, helped establish the Salerno beachhead and saw action from Salerno to Cassino. He has received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, the Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Presidential Citation. He was somewhere in Italy on detached service, before leaving for the U. S. A. He returned home early in September, 1944.



S/SGT. CALVIN WILLIAMS

S/Sgt. Williams landed with the 36th Division at Salerno Beach and fought all the way until the first crossing of the Rapido River, and due to the heavy shelling, was sent to the hospital for "shell-shock" treatment. He spent 15 months in North Africa and Italy and was wounded twice, by flying shrapnel. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Oak Leaf Cluster, the Presidential Citation for the Battalion, and the Silver Star. He is back in the states at Ft. Sam Houston. Sgt. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Williams and is married. He left Luling with the National Guard, Nov. 25, 1940.



**JAMES WONSLEY WILEY
SEAMAN 2/C**

Sailor Wiley is 21 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wiley, and the grandson of Mrs. W. S. Wiley. He attended the Brackenridge High School in San Antonio, and was employed at the DeRidder Aircraft Depot before he entered the Navy, Dec. 2, 1942. He has seen action in the Solomon Islands and took part in the raid of Bougainville. While in the tropics he contracted an illness, and received an honorable discharge on March 24, 1944. He holds the Presidential Citation, two silver stars, Good Conduct Medal and Asiatic and American Theater of War ribbons.



1ST LT. ROBT. SCRUTCHIN WHITTEN

Lt. Whitten is a native of Staples, Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Whitten, Rosenberg. He attended high school in San Marcos and extended his education at S. W. T. T. C. He entered the service Jan., 1942, in San Antonio, and has been on 60 or more bombing missions. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air medal with four oak leaf clusters to the medal, for meritorious service with the 319th Bombing Group, stationed in Sardinia. He was expected home at this report.



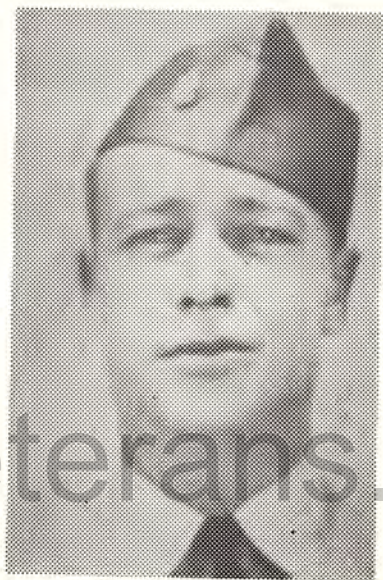
LT. GILFORD WRAY WHITE

Lieutenant White is a home-town boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. White. He is a graduate of Luling High School. When he went into the service, he had a job with the Fehr Baking Company of San Antonio. He is a member of a Tank Destroyer Group and was stationed at Camp Hood before going overseas to France.



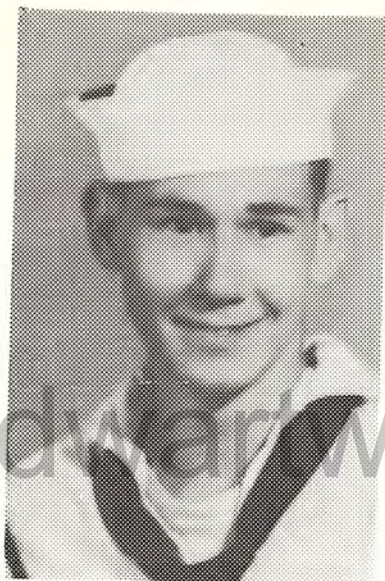
PFC. LESLIE RAY WHITEHEAD

This soldier is a native of Jeddo, Texas, and was 23 years old August 19, 1944. He attended Waelder High School. He joined the Army Quartermaster's Corps July 10, 1942. Dec. 26, 1943, marked the first anniversary of his arrival in North Africa. Pfc. Whitehead is a former employee of the Luling Locker Plant.



ROBERT LEE WHITE CMoMM

Petty Officer White is one of the older men who answered the call of his county in Nov., 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William White and has one small son, Bobby, who is living in Italy, Texas. He trained at Great Lakes, Illinois, and has been across twice, was stationed at Pearl Harbor for several months and is now in the Marianas. Before joining the Naval Reserve, he was employed by the Magnolia Oil Co. He has a brother, Lt. J. G. White, who is also in the Navy.



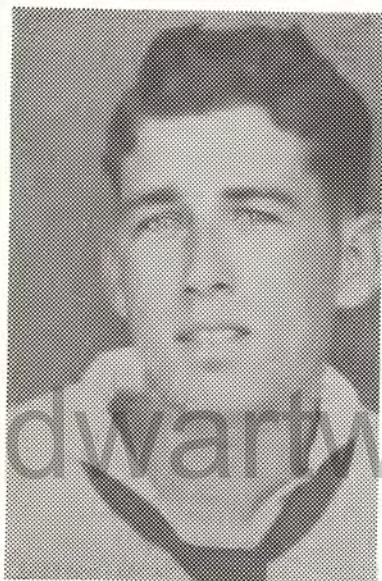
LERROY W. WHITE AMM 3/C

Petty Officer White was born at Temple, Texas, on Aug. 9, 1924. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. White, and attended Luling High School. He joined the U. S. Navy in Dec., 1942, and trained at various stations, including Great Lakes, Navy Pier, Chicago, Nashville, Tenn., Jacksonville, and Miami, Fla., Seattle and Pasco, Washington. His official assignment is gunner.



PVT. ALFRED TALMADGE WHITE

Private White is a native of Norwood, Louisiana. He was born in 1923, and is the son of John S. White, deceased, and Mrs. W. F. Tate of Prairie Lea, Texas. He attended grade and high school in Prairie Lea and Hebbroville. Before entering the Air Force, he was a truck driver for a construction company on defense plants. He entered the Air Force in February, 1943, and is stationed overseas.



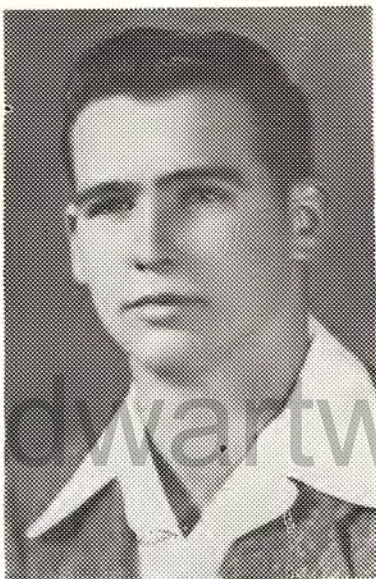
DONALD E. WHITE, S 2/C

Sailor White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. White. He was born at Temple, Texas, on Dec. 19, 1926, and attended Luling High School. He joined the Navy at San Antonio, Texas, on Feb. 15, 1944, and after his official boot camp and other training period, was assigned to an Aircraft Carrier, and is serving "Somewhere in the South Pacific." He took part in the Saipan invasion, and many other engagements in that battle zone.



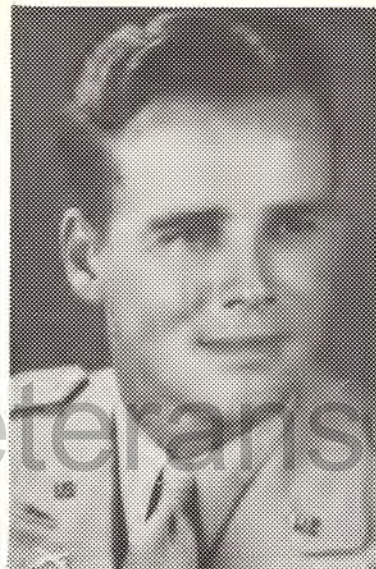
**PFC. ADRIAN EUGENE WHITAKER
U. S. Marines**

"Gene" as he is known to his friends here, is eighteen years old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Coy. J. Whitaker of Beaumont, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawson of Luling. He grew up in Luling and attended school here, and enlisted in the Marines April 9, 1943; until that time, he was employed in the Beaumont Ship Yards. He was sent to Hawaii in September, 1943, and has been stationed there over a year.



**MARINE PRIVATE
ORIAN CLYDE WESTBROOK, JR.**

"Kutner," as he is known to his friends, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Westbrook, and a native of Luling. He joined the Marine Corps and received his call to report for duty September 19, 1944, just one week before his eighteenth birthday. He was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina, for his "boot" training. He attended school here and graduated with honors May, 1944. He was a star player on the Eagle football team and received the American Legion Award for the best all-around player for the year of 1943.



CAPTAIN WILLIAM WEBB, M. P.

Captain William Webb has been stationed at Ft. Custer, Mich., the past year, 1943-44, after serving in Iceland for 19 months. He is a graduate of Luling High School and extended his education at A. & M. College and Texas University. He is married to the former Miss Jeanne Godde of Battle Creek, Mich., and is the father of a small son, William Webb II. Captain Webb is the son of Mrs. J. M. Pierce.



PVT. SAMUEL WEST

Pvt. West is the son of Mrs. Sam West. He attended school in Luling, and was employed as a service station operator before entering the service August 1, 1942, at Fort Sam Houston. He received his training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Pittsburg, California. Was then sent overseas, Jan. 13, 1943, on the luxury liner, "Mauretania." His route to his permanent station Iran, was via Pearl Harbor, Wellington, New Zealand, Perth, Australia and Bombay, India. At this report, he has been in Iran almost two years, and is serving in the Medical Corps. He is known to family and friends as "Sambo."



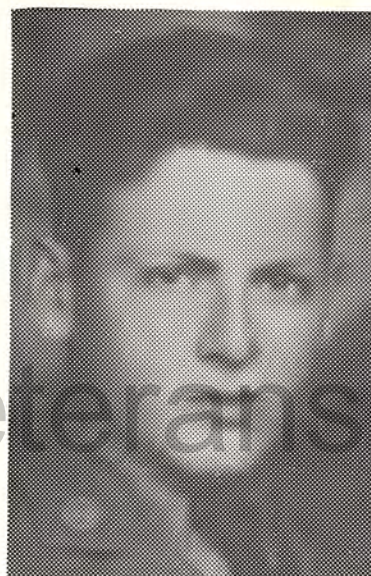
**JAMES FRANK WEBB, JR.
Merchant Marines**

This sailor has lived in Luling all of his life, finishing High School here in 1936, then attending San Marcos State Teacher's College. Before going into the Merchant Marines, on Sept. 15, 1943, he was an employee of the First National Bank. He has been on active duty over a year, and has sailed the seven seas in the interval.



CPL. MARTIN C. WEST

Cpl. West has spent 31 months overseas and at the present time is stationed in New Guinea. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. West, is single, and 27 years old. The last school Cpl. West attended was Luling High School. He entered the service at Dodd Field, San Antonio, January 12, 1942, and has received two promotions since that time. He is in the Army Air Corps. He received his training overseas.



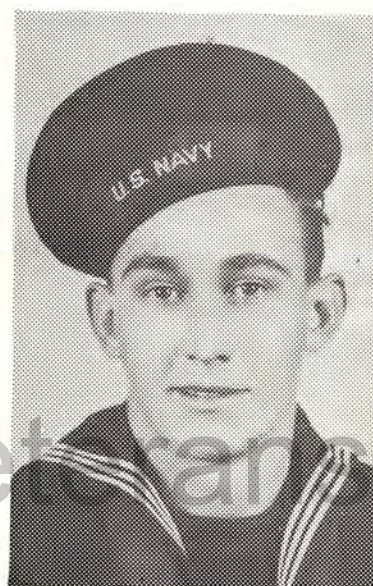
**PRIVATE GEORGE
ARNOLD (Buck) WELCH**

Private Welch is the son of George R. Welch. He attended grade and high school in Luling. "Buck" is now 23 years old, and has been serving in the Army since March, 1940. His occupation before entering the service was that of a mechanic. His wife, Mrs. Wanda Logan Welch, lives in Luling. Buck has seen his share of action, as he is overseas.



FIRST LIEUTENANT BILL WELLS

Lieutenant Bill Wells is "somewhere in England." He went into the service in 1939, serving with Luling's Home Company "I," and mustered into the Federal service with this outfit, training with them until 1941, having attained the rank of sergeant. He was selected for officers' training, and received his commission as second lieutenant in 1943, and in the latter part of that year was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He is a graduate of the Fairview, Texas, School, and attended the A. & M. College of Colorado. He is married to the former Miss Marion Dugan, and lists his home address as Prairie Lea.



**COXSWAIN ANDREW
VARDELL (Jack) WATTS**

This 22-year-old sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts. He attended the Harwood School, and before going into the service, was employed in the shipyards. He joined the Navy, at Houston, Texas, on Sept. 1, 1942, and received his "boot" training at Great Lakes, Ill. He was sent to the South Pacific in Nov., 1943, and within the interval has taken part in many battles, and feels that he has been very fortunate never to have been injured in any way. He has been in the Southwest Pacific since Nov., 1943.



PFC. RANDALL WEBER

Pfc. Weber was born at Burnet, Texas, on May 15, 1924, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weber. He attended the Luling Schools, and joined an engineering Aviation Battalion on May 31, 1943, at San Antonio. He trained at many stations, and was sent overseas, his present status is "Somewhere in New Guinea."



ALLIE WATTS, S 2/C

Seaman Second Class Allie Watts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Watts of Harwood. He was aboard the U. S. S. Chester when it was crippled by the enemy in the South Pacific and he wears three service stripes and two stars. He joined the Navy in June, 1943, at San Antonio; until that time he had been engaged in farming. He attended school in Harwood.



T/SGT. CRAWFORD W. WATTS

Sgt. Watts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Watts. He attended school in Harwood and worked as a farmer before he went into the Army Air Corps in October, 1941. He trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio; has been promoted from Private to Tech. Sgt. He is in China and serves as a mechanic, with the famous "Flying Tigers."



PVT. VARNARD LEE WATTS

Pvt. Watts has been overseas for ten months. He has been stationed in Burma, India, and China is his present station; he is with the 14th Air Force. He has received several citations and the good conduct medal. He was engaged in farming before entering the service. He is the son of Harvey V. Watts and is 21 years old. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on April 15, 1943, at San Antonio and was trained in Texas and New Mexico.



JAMES DELBERT WATTS
Aviation Machinist Mate 3/c

Petty Officer Watts is the son of Harvey V. Watts. He is a graduate of Harwood High School and worked as a service station attendant before joining the Naval Air Corps. He went into the service June 1, 1943, and received his training at San Diego, California. He is stationed in Seattle, Washington, and has been promoted to the rank of Aviation Machinist Mate 3/c.



S/SGT. CHESTER ARTHUR WATTS

S/Sgt. Watts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Watts, and attended the McNeil School. He was employed as an oil field worker before he entered the service on November 52, 1940, with Co. I, 36th Division. He has spent 16 months in North Africa and Italy and has fought with this unit all the way through the Italian Campaign. He was awarded the Silver Star and the Group Presidential Citation. Due to illness, he left his old company and was at a Replacement Center somewhere in Italy, before embarking for the States. He returned home Sept. 8, 1944.



LT. LEWIS WEAVER

Lt. Weaver joined the Army Air Corps on Feb. 4, 1942. After several months at Sheppard Field, he received training in New Mexico, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, New Jersey, and Vermont. On August 1943 was chosen for pilot school and started training at Maxwell Field, Ala. Received his wings and commission as second lieutenant on June 27, 1944. His present station is at Hendricks Field, Fla. He is the nephew of Miss Nona Weaver, and a native of Luling. Following his graduation at Luling High, he extended his education in San Marcos and A. & I. in Kingsville.



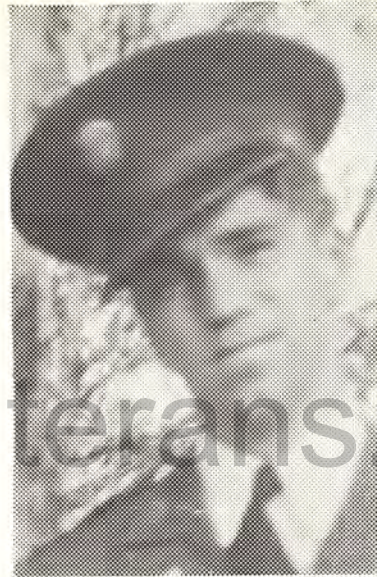
CAPT. WALTER PRUETT WATKINS

Captain Watkins is serving in France with the 127th Hospital unit, completely composed of Texans. He is a native son, a graduate of Luling High School, received his degree in medicine at the University of Texas Medical School in 1938, where he was a member of the Pi Beta Pi Medical Fraternity. Following his graduation he practices his profession as physician in this community until he entered the service on September 30, 1942. His wife is the former Miss Maxine Moses, and he is the father of two daughters, Madeline and Linda. He is the son of Mrs. J. M. Watkins and the late Dr. Watkins.



**PETTY OFFICER
JOHN WATKINS, PM 3/C**

Petty Officer Watkins is a native son. He went into the Navy on April 29, 1944, graduating from "boot training" as 3rd Class Petty Officer. John is a graduate of Luling High School, and is the son of the late Dr. J. M. Watkins, and Mrs. Watkins. He was a successful young Luling business man, one of the proprietors of the Watkins Drug Store, and his profession in civil life was that of a druggist. He attended Pharmacist's School in San Diego, but at this report was recovering from an illness in the Naval Hospital at that station.



PVT. GUY C. WALKER

Pvt. Walker was born in Dale, Texas, June 11, 1920; he is a graduate of Luling High School, and attended the Southwest State Teacher's College in San Marcos. In civilian life he was employed with the International Mineral Chemical Co., Austin. He is married to the former Miss Margie Smith and has one small son, Clyde Curtis. He entered the Air Service at Sheppard Field, Texas, May 9, 1944, and is stationed at Buckingham Field, Florida. He is the son of Mr. and Clench Walker.



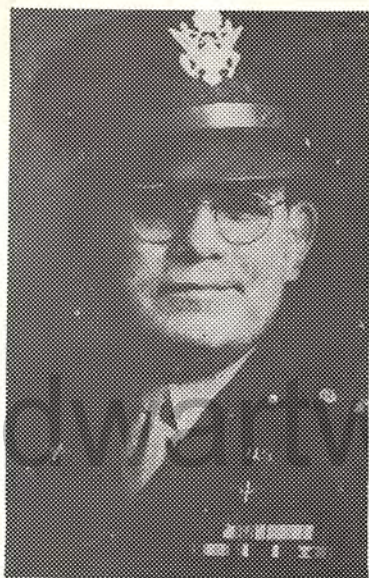
ENSIGN CHARLES LEE WATERS

Ensign Waters is a graduate of Luling High School, class of 1940. He attended Baylor University for three years before entering the Naval Air Corps in Oct., 1942. His mother, Mrs. Luther Waters, resides in Lendale, Texas, where he was born Aug. 17, 1923. He received his training in California, Oklahoma, and was commissioned Ensign Sept. 8, 1944. He is stationed in Florida.



PFC. DAVID N. WALKER

Pfc. Walker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Walker. He is 24 years old, and attended the Luling School. He was a member of Luling's home Company "I," and has gone all the way with the boys in this outfit. He hit the beach with the 36th Division at Salerno, and fought through the Italian Campaign until he was hospitalized in October, 1943. His condition did not improve, and so he was sent home in March, 1944, assigned to the McCloskey Hospital, at Temple, Texas.



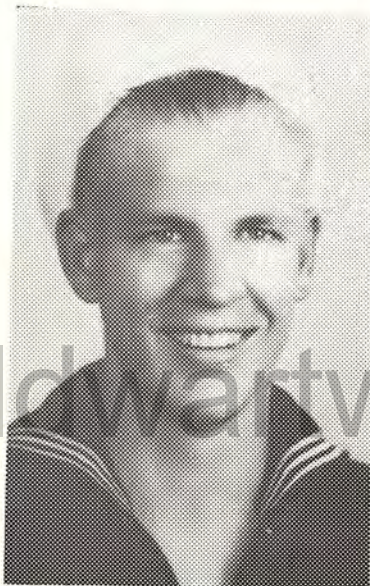
CAPTAIN D. H. WARD

Captain Ward was an officer in Luling's Home Guard, Company "I," when that outfit mustered into the Federal service. He is a veteran of World War 1. He trained with the home unit at Camp Bowie, and was later transferred and promoted. For some time he was in charge of Anderson's Training School in Los Angeles, Calif., then transferred to Wichita Falls, and has now been honorably discharged from the service, because he was over age. He is married to the former Miss Helen Keith, and is the father of three children.



PFC. ALTON B. WALLACE

Pfc. Wallace is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wallace. He received his education in the Luling Schools. His previous occupation was that of teletype operator. He entered the Army Signal Corps at Brooks Field, Texas, in 1942, and has since been promoted to Private First Class. He served at the Ft. Sam Houston Signal Center for a year and was transferred to the Signal Office at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.



ROY LEE WALKER, JR. S 1/C

This 19-year-old sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Walker, Sr. He attended the Luling schools as a youth, but graduated at the Dickinson High School. Sailor Walker joined the Navy on Feb. 4, 1943, and received his "boot training" at San Diego, Calif. He has been overseas now for fifteen months, and his designation is "Somewhere in the South Pacific."



LLOYD WALKER, JR., A.S.

Seaman Walker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Walker, and is a native of Luling. He graduated at Luling High School, class of '43, and immediately joined the U. S. Naval Training Reserves unit at the University of Texas. Later he transferred to the Naval Training Unit at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., his station at this report.



LT. PETE YOUNG

Lieut. Young is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Young of Houston. He joined the Army Air Corps, May 1, 1942, and was selected for Cadet training on Nov. 9, 1942. He trained on the West Coast, and received his wings and commission at Luke Field, Ariz., on Sept. 3, 1943. After further instruction, he was sent to Mercedes, Cal., as special instructor in basic training. His latest assignment was instructor in the Air Forces Instrument School at Bryan, Texas. Before going into the service, he was employed by the Frick-Reid Supply Company in Luling. His wife is the former Miss Dorothy Lee Colwell.



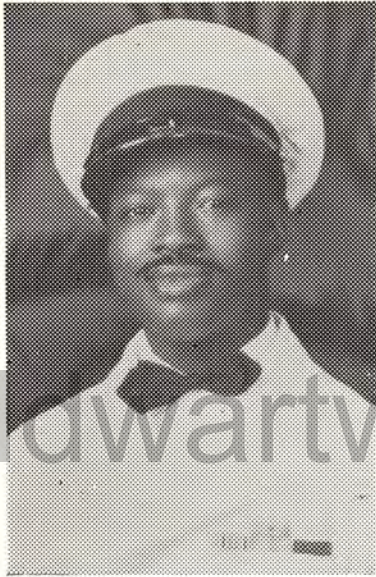
TECH. SGT. EVERETT R. ZIES

This 25-year-old soldier of the Air Corps is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Zies. He is married, and is the father of one child, Frederick Clark, and before joining the service on July 15, 1940, he was a railroad employee. He trained at Randolph Field, West Palm Beach, Fla., and at the Laredo Gunnery School. He is "Somewhere overseas." His wife and son are Luling residents.



PFC. ELWOOD E. ZANDER

This 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zander is with General Stilwell, "Somewhere in India." He has been overseas for over one year, and is a soldier in the Air Forces. He has received one special citation, for going "over the hump" in Burma and China. Pfc. Zander attended the Prairie Lea School, and was an oil field worker before he joined the service on Feb. 11, 1943, in San Antonio. He trained in Florida and New Mexico.



SAILOR ELLIS BARNETT (Colored)

Ellis Barnett is a colored sailor, who grew up around Luling. He went into the Naval service early in the war, and was a mess attendant on one of the big airplane carriers. His battle position, was alternative operator of a machine gun, and during a heavy engagement against Japanest airplanes in the South Pacific, the gun crew at his station was killed or wounded, and it was then that Sailor Barnett took over, and before the battle had ended, he had knocked down officially two Japanese planes.



T/5 L. D. CHASE (Colored)

T/5 Chase is stationed somewhere in Arizona. He is a graduate of the Luling Colored High School, and the son of Johnnie Chase. He was one of the first Luling colored boys to go into the service, and is now a veteran. He has completed a denistry school in Springfield, Mo., and is now overseas.



CORP. MCKINLEY RATCLIFF (Colored)

Corp. Ratcliff is the 25-year-old son of John E. Kelsoe. He has been in the service since Aug., 1940, and has spent two years overseas. He attended the Luling Schools, and extended his education at the Prairie View College. He has had four promotions in the service. This colored soldier is a veteran of this war, having seen much action "Somewhere in the South Pacific."

GEORGE AGAN. SS 2/C

George Agan, of the Seabees, has been in the service since April 15, 1943. His family lives in Luling. He is serving "Somewhere in the South Pacific area." Before joining the service, he was employed by the Humble Oil & Refining Company. (Reported Nov., 1943.)

HERBERT F. BAKER

Franklin was born in Ardmore, Okla., and before his induction into the service, was employed by the Frick Reid Supply Company, in San Antonio. He has been in the service since Sept., 1943, and is stationed at Waldron Field, Corpus Christi, Texas. (Reported Nov., 1943.)

MARINE CORPORAL JOE BARNES

Corporal Barnes is the son of W. E. Barnes, and the grandson of Mrs. J. D. Barnes. He is a native of Luling, attended elementary school in San Antonio and graduated at Luling High. Before going into the service in May, 1941, he was employed at the A. & P. and Western Auto Associate stores. Corp. Barnes was stationed in California for 16 months after his enlistment; served overseas, and is stationed back in the States at Ft. Sam Houston.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER WILLIAM JENNINGS BIGGS

Chief William Jennings Biggs was an oil driller, and when this war came along, he looked around for some branch of the service where his experience would be of benefit to his country, and so, selected the "Seabees." He joined up on Nov. 24, 1942, and was sent to the South Pacific almost immediately. He has been stationed on one island for over a year now, and says a rest is overdue, but it "won't be a rest outside the good old U. S. A. He is married to Mrs. Delores Biggs, and is the son of Mrs. Lillie T. Wisey Biggs.

T/SGT. HERMAN W. BOOTHE

Technical Sergeant Boothe was employed at the Luling Foundation Farm as bookkeeper when he entered the service on January 16, 1942, as a private first class, receiving three promotions since that time. His first service was at Camp Hulen, Texas, but he was later transferred to Camp Maxey, and was assigned to duty with the Army Service Forces, 8th Service Command. He served as Chief Clerk of Camp Publications. He attended Eagle Lake Schools and is a graduate of Baylor University.

J. B. BRAWNER. P 2/C

J. B. Brawner is a native of Guadalupe County, attended school in Seguin and graduated at the San Marcos Academy in 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Brawner, Seguin, but has lived near Luling all his life. He entered the service on June 24, 1943, and chose the Navy for his branch of work. At present he is stationed at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Base.

CORP. A. A. BROWNING

Corp. Browning was the coach of the Luling Eagles for several seasons, and was responsible for many fine teams within the interval. He is a very modest man, and we have no definite report on his military career, but we feel that this book would not be complete without a mention of this soldier. As this is written Corp. Browning is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas.

PVT. ALICE MERLE CARTER

Pvt. Alice Merle Carter is a member of the Marine Corp Women's Reserve. She is a native of this community, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carter. She has one brother, Major Tillir Carter, and one sister, Pfc. Eva Pearl Carter in the service. Pvt. Carter graduated at Luling High, and received a BS degree from Southwest Texas State Teacher's College, at San Marcos. She reported for duty on Sept. 3, 1944, and received her "boot training" at Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C.

FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER JAMES WOODROW CAMERON

Before going into the Navy, James was a special technician at the Corpus Christi Naval Base, and so when he put on the uniform of a sailor on April 13, 1944, he didn't feel a bit out of order. He is married, and has three children, and is the son of Mrs. O. J. Cameron. Petty Officer Cameron received his "boot" training at San Diego, Calif., and in May, 1944, came home on leave, and has not been home since. As a youth attended Luling High School, and his home port is in San Francisco, Calif.

FRED MATTHEWS CLARK. MM 2/C

Sailor Clark is the son of Mrs. M. H. Clark of Prairie Lea. He was born on September 18, 1914, and is a graduate of Prairie Lea High School. Before going into the service, was employed by the Grayburg Oil Company. He joined up on June 20, 1942, and is serving somewhere at sea.

2ND LT. CLAUDE A. CLARK

Lt. Clark is a native of Temple, Texas. He is the son of Mrs. J. L. Douglas, of Temple, and Scott D. Clark, of Beaumont, Texas. Claude attended grade school in Ft. Worth, Texas, and graduated from Temple High School in 1940, later attending A. & M. College. He went into the Army Air Corps in April, 1943. He is overseas. His wife, Mrs. Avis Clark, is a resident of Luling.

PRIVATE BILL CONLEY

Bill is the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Conley. He is a native of Luling, and graduated from High School here in 1942. He entered the Army March 4, 1943, in the infantry branch and was stationed at Camp Roberts, California. On July 5, 1943, he was discharged because of a leg injury sustained in civilian life. He is now employed at the San Marcos Navigation School.

A. S. WILBURN COLWELL

This sailor has been in the Navy since Oct. 18, 1943, and received his "boot training" at Corpus Christi. He is a native son, and a graduate of Luling High. When he went into the service he was manager of the grocery department of Schultz Grocery & Market. He is the son of Mrs. J. B. Colwell and his wife is the former Miss Radell Bright.

S/SGT. SAMMIE CRAWFORD

Sergeant Crawford was born in Gonzales County, Feb. 16, 1910. He attended the Union High School, and was employed in defense work at Corpus Christi, before he entered the Army, July 1, 1942. Sergeant Crawford is stationed "Somewhere in North Africa." He is the brother of Mary E. Satterwhite, of Luling.

2ND LT. ORAN L. CULBERSON

Lieutenant Culbertson is 22 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Culbertson, Sr. He graduated at Luling High in 1939, and at A. & M. College in Jan., 1943. He is serving in the Infantry, and is stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. Lt. Culbertson is married, and has one small daughter, Suzzane. He has been in the service since Jan., 1943.

LT. J. E. (Stoop) DICKSON

"Stoop" Dickson is a graduate of Luling High School, where he showed up as a star football player and all around athlete. Later he attended Rice Institute in Houston, starred with the Varsity football team, and graduated with an A. B. degree. He went to an Officer's Training School at Quantico, Va. and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marines on Oct. 20th. He was wounded in action at Saipan and is in a hospital recovering at this report.

PVT. HAROLD BRUCE DAVIS

"Leatherneck" Harold Bruce Davis enlisted in the Marines on June 20th. He is 18 years old, and as this is written has not yet completed his "boot training." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis, is a recent graduate of Luling High School. Harold was evidently looking for action when he joined up with the Marine Corps, for the record of the Marines in World War 2 is one of the proudest in history.

L. J. EASTWOOD, U. S. N.

Sailor Eastwood was employed by the City of Luling, electrical division, when he went into the service on April 29, 1944. He had been a resident of this community for several years, and had formerly been operator of the Eastwood-Smith Furniture Company here. He is married, and is the father of two daughters. L. J. received his "boot training" at San Diego, Cal.

PVT. MELVIN C. EDISON, JR.

Private Melvin C. Eidson, Jr., is the son of Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Eidson and is a native of Decatur, Texas. He attended grade school in St Paul, Minn. Following his graduation from the Corpus Christi High School, he attended Howard College in Birmingham, Alabama. He enlisted in the service on Sept. 13, 1943, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Before joining up, Pvt. Eidson was employed by the Brown Express Company, Laredo, Texas. He is married to the former Miss Ernesteen Stanfield, and has a small son, Melvin C., III. He left for overseas duty early in September, 1944.

ALTON (Buddy) ELLISON, A.S., U. S. N.

Alton (Buddy) Ellison, apprentice seaman, has just arrived at his official station for his "boot training," at this report. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ellison and graduate of Luling High School. Before joining the Navy, Sept. 8, 1944, he was employed as clerk at Schultz Grocery.

CARL LAURENCE EXLINE, A. S.

"Larry," as he is known to friends, joined the Navy Aug. 12, 1944, and is seventeen years old. He is in "boot training" at San Diego, California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Exline, and was a student in high school until his enlistment. "Larry" was employed by the Luling Locker Plant and held the rank of a corporal in the home guard, before he entered the service.

ALFRED FIEDLER, M. M. 3/C

Petty Officer was a successful Luling business man when he went into the Navy on April 29, 1943. He received his "boot training" at San Diego, and graduated as third class Petty Officer. He is married, and his family is residing in Luling.

T/SGT. MARSHALL U. FISHER

This soldier is attached to the 333rd Infantry. He is the son of Mrs. Ura Fisher, is married, and is the father of one child. Sgt. Fisher attended the San Marcos Baptist Academy, and was a member of the National Guard for ten years. He went with the boys to Camp Bowie, and was then deferred from the service for one year, serving in the mean time as Special Fireman at Kelly Field. He was called back into the service in Nov., 1942, and because of his previous military experience, was used on several special assignments. He is on duty at Camp Claiborne, La.

A/C M. G. FREDENBURG

This 19-year-old Cadet in the Air Corps is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Fredenburg. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and was employed by Watkins Drug Store here before joining the service in July, 1943, at Randolph Field. "Spike," as he is affectionately known to his friends, is training for a bombardier at the Big Spring Airport, and he is the youngest man in a class of 250. Just recently he made the third highest grade in the group.

RAYMOND F. FUQUA S 1/C

A native of Luling, Raymond was born December 31, 1921. He attended school in Prairie Lea and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Fuqua. Before entering the service he was employed by the Consolidated Aircraft Corp. in California and entered the U. S. Coast Guard in 1942 at Ft. Bragg. He is on duty somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, and has served in Hawaii and New Guinea. He has been promoted to the rank of Seaman First Class, and has two brothers in the service.

CORP. MORRIS K. FUQUA

Cpl. Fuqua has seen plenty of action with Co. I, 141st Inf. in North Africa, Italy, and in Southern France. He is in the medical corps and his duty is to transport the wounded under fire from the front lines to the first aid stations. He is a native of Luling, born on July 18, 1918. He attended School in Luling and Prairie Lea, and spent one year at the Southwestern Junior College, Keene, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Fuqua, is married and has one son, Morris Williams.

A/S PAT LAMAR FUQUA

Cadet Fuqua was born in Luling, Texas, on March 7, 1926, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Fuqua. He attended school at Prairie Lea, and joined the Naval Air Corps Reserve November, 1943, Dallas. He has been attending Mississippi College, at Clinton, Miss., attached to a V-12 unit, is taking special training for a commissioned line officer in the Navy at this report.

CORP. COY W. (Dick) GIDEON

Corp. Gideon passed a birthday on Oct. 21st, and is a native of Prairie Lea, where he attended both grade and High School. Before entering the service on April 3, 1942, he was employed as a tractor driver for Precinct No. 3. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Gideon, Route 2, Luling. Corp. Gideon has been in Africa since May, 1943, and wrote home that he had been very busy. He is serving his country in the Anti-Aircraft Division of the Army.

SERGEANT MAJOR FRANCIS GILLIAM

Sgt. Gilliam is with the United States Marines. He is the son of G. Gilliam of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Sadie Gilliam, of Luling. He graduated from Luling High School, and was a linotype operator before his enlistment in 1939, and a volunteer member of the Luling Fire Department. He was stationed in Hawaii, but arrived back in the States in August, 1944, and visited home.

STAFF SERGEANT HARRY BENNETT GOATS

Sergeant Goats was born in Rosenberg, Texas, in 1921. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Goats, and a brother, Horace Ray Goats, live here. Before entering the Army in August, 1939, he was a farmer. He is stationed with an Engineer's Regiment, "Somewhere in Alaska." He attended school in Prairie Lea.

SEAMAN S 2/C WM. ROSCOE GOATS

This sailor has been in the Navy since March 7, 1943, and is "somewhere at sea." He was born in Kingsbury, and is seventeen years old. He attended school in Prairie Lea, and was employed in a ship yard before his enlistment. Seaman Goats is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer R. Goats of Luling. He has a brother, who is a staff sergeant in the Army, stationed "Somewhere in Alaska."

HURLEY HOPKINS HALSEY, U. S. N.

This sailor enlisted in the Navy early in September, 1944, and was sent to San Diego, California, for "boot training." He is a native of Luling and the eighteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Halsey. He received his education in the Luling Schools where he took an active part in football; he was employed by the Western Auto Store before entering the service.

PVT. CHAS. H. HENDERSHOT

Private Hendershot was born in Harwood on Oct. 9, 1913. Before going into the service, he was engaged as a farmer, and his home address is given as Luling, Route 2. Charles attended the St. James elementary, and Ottime High Schools. He was an original member of Company "I," and is fighting with that group under General Clark, in Italy. He is a veteran of Salerno and of the Italian Campaign.

CORP. WILLIAM ROSS HENDERSHOT

Corporal Hendershot is a Harwood boy. He was 20 years old October 6th. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hendershot are residents of Harwood. He graduated at Harwood High School in 1940, and before going into the service, was employed as a clerk. He joined the Marines September 16, 1942, and is serving somewhere in the South Pacific. He has had previous military experience, being a member of a National Guard Company for three years.

CADET DONALD M. HENSLEE

This soldier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Henslee, and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson. He calls Alice, Texas, home, but is a native of Luling.

T/5 HARVEY B. HENRY, JR.

T/5 Harvey B. Henry is stationed at Camp Koehler, Sacramento, California, with the 986th Signal Service Company. He received his training in San Antonio, Texas, and California. He was an honor graduate of Luling High School, and extended his education in San Antonio, and the University of Texas. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Henry of Luling, and Austin.

PRIVATE B. R. HYMAN

Private Hyman joined the Army in the Fall of 1942. He is a native of Luling; lived here practically all of his life, with the exception of a short time in Freer, where he was employed before going into the service. He is known to his friends as "Bennie." Before joining up, he was with the Magnolia Oil Company.

STAFF. SGT. ELMER HUGHES

Sgt. Hughes attended the Luling schools, and is the son of Mrs. Ether Burger. He was engaged in the Dairy Business before he went into the service in 1942. He joined the Air Forces, and after taking several special courses of instruction, qualified as an aerial gunner. He served in both the North African and Italian Campaigns, and at last reports was stationed "Somewhere in Italy." He is married, the father of one daughter, Marylin Ruth.

LT. (jg) HARVEY JENNINGS

Lt. Harvey Jennings, 23, who attended High School and was a member of the Eagle Football squad here, has an enviable service record. He was in three major battles in the Pacific, and saw ten months of combat service in the Solomons before coming home on leave, serving on the "Wasp" and "Hornet." He has three Zeros to his credit, as well as two bombers. While serving on one of the Air Craft Carriers, he was one of fourteen survivors out of a squadron of thirty-seven, when his ship was torpedoed in the Pacific. He was promoted to Navigation officer, and his station is Naval Air Base, at Barin, Pensacola, Fla.

1ST LT. ELIZABETH KIOLBASSA (Nurse's Corps)

Lieutenant Kiolbassa was born in San Marcos, Texas, but her home address is Lockhart, Texas, as her mother, Mrs. T. L. Ellison, Sr., lives there. She attended the San Marcos grade school and Gonzales High School. She took her nurse's training in Santa Rosa Hospital. Before her enlistment in the Army in 1941, she was a Health Nurse in San Antonio. She is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and has one son, Ed S. Kiolbassa, Jr., who lives in San Antonio.

ROBERT H. KORNEGAY

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kornegay of Luling, and has one brother in the service, Pfc. Marvin J. Kornegay, Jr. He was born in Beaumont May 30, 1925, and attended the Missouri City Schools. He is a student in the Air Corps, which he entered on Aug. 10th, of this year, and is stationed at Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

PFC. MARVIN J. KORNEGAY, JR.

Private Kornegay is a native of Beaumont. At the present, he is serving in North Africa. In civilian life, he was a machinist in a shipyard. He is twenty years old, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kornegay, Sr., of Luling. He has one brother in the service.

S/SGT. WAYLAND B. LIPSCOMB

Sergeant Lipscomb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lipscomb, Corpus Christi. His aunt, Miss Laurette Lipscomb, is a member of the faculty in the Luling Schools. He was 20 years old March 9th, and is a native son. He is an instructor in radio, at Scott Field, Ill. He has a brother in the service, Private First Class Lester Lipscomb, who has served in the Air Corps since August, 1943. Lester is an expert mechanic, and is attending a special school in Peoria, Ill.

PFC. JOE ROY McCARTNEY

Private McCartney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCartney, reside in Austin, but they consider this area their home. He was nineteen years old August 30, and has been in the service since April, 1940—joining up when he was just fifteen and one-half years old. He attended Prairie Lea High School. Roy is "somewhere overseas" with the Army and his present station is unknown to his family.

CPL. JOHN T. McCARVER

Cpl. McCarver has been overseas since April of 1943, and is stationed in New Guinea. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McCarver reside in Lockhart. He attended school in Ottine and will be remembered as a former Luling resident. He chose the Medical Corps of the Army as his branch of service and entered in August, 1942, at Houston, Texas. He received most of his training in the State of California.

JESSE G. MACY, Merchant Marine

This sailor spent his senior year of High School here and graduated in 1943. He joined up in August, 1943, and is stationed at the U. S. Maritime Training School in Florida. He will be nineteen Nov. 14th, 1944.

S/SGT. WILBUR MERCER

Sergeant Mercer is a native of Luling, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mercer. Before joining up, he was employed by the Gulf Oil Company. He attended school here, and has been in the army since March, 1941, stationed at Ft. Sam Houston and then transferred to Warrington, Va., at Vint Hill Farm Station. Sgt. Mercer is in the Signal Corps.

ERNEST L. MILLER

Ernest L. Miller, son of Vinson W. Miller, Prairie Lea, is making normal improvement, after being wounded in action, according to reports from the Adjutant General. Private Miller was recently wounded in action overseas.

PVT. JUAN MENDOZA, JR.

Juan chose the Navy as his preference. He was born in Luling on Feb. 3, 1914, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Mendoza, Sr. His brother, Pfc. Gilbert Mendoza, is in the Coast Artillery. Juan is married, and his wife, Clara Borrego Mendoza, was a Seguin girl. Before entering the service he was employed at Fingel's Store.

LT. AUDREY MILLICAN

Lt. Millican is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Millican, of Freer, former residents of Luling. He is a graduate of Luling High School, and later extended his education at A. & M. College. He completed Officer's Training School at the Pecos Field early in 1944, receiving his wings and commission as second lieutenant, and when last reported was taking a special course at Roswell, N. M. Field.

ELTON B. MOORE S 1/C

Elton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moore, reside at Kingsbury. He was twenty-one years old on Jan. 6th, and is a graduate of the Prairie Lea High School, class of 1940. Before entering the service on Aug. 24, 1942, he was employed by the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, at San Diego, Cal. He is serving in the Coast Guard, and his official station is Burrwood, La.

CORP. MILBURN LEONARD MOORE

Corporal Moore is stationed in Brooks Field, and has been in the service since 1942. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ben Moore, live on Route 1, near Luling. Before going into the service he was engaged in livestock raising and farming.

CAPTAIN ZEB NIXON

Captain Nixon is a direct descendant of the original settlers of Luling. He was a well known lawyer and rancher in this area, and served as City Secretary and City Attorney here before joining up. He served in World War No. 1 as an officer. Captain Nixon is a graduate of Texas University, a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion, and the A. T. O. Fraternity at Texas U. He is serving with the Military Police in Hawaii.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ROBERT PAINE, JR., Prisoner

Chief Petty Officer Robert Paine, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Paine, was reported missing in action May 1942, after the fall of Corregidor. Several months later, the message came through the International Red Cross that he was a prisoner of the Japs. Chief Petty Officer Paine has served in the Navy for many years, and has sailed the Seven Seas. His family has received a personal message from him since his internment, that he was safe and well.

PVT. CLARENCE TRAVIS PATTERSON

Private Patterson is a native of Luling and is twenty-one years old. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Patterson, reside in Corpus Christi, Texas. He attended the Luling High School, and before entering the service in September, 1942, held a civil service job in Corpus Christi. He is stationed in England.

T/SGT. EUNICE EUDELL POWELL

Sgt. Eunice Eudell Powell is the son of Mrs. R. L. Powell. He entered the service November, 1942, in San Antonio, and attended a mechanics school at Sheppard Field, Texas, completing this course and receiving his diploma. He is serving as gunner on a plane in the Pacific, transferred from New Guinea. He has been overseas since the spring of 1944. He has two brothers, Seaman Third Class J. P. Weeks of the Seabees, San Francisco, and Machinist's Mate First Class Simrel Weeks of the U. S. Navy.

LT. (sg) NELSON PRUETT, JR.

Lieutenant Pruett is a graduate of Luling High School, class of 1937, and was a student at the University of Texas for nearly four years, where he played on the varsity football team. In 1940 he entered the Naval Air Corps as Ensign, and has been promoted to Lieutenant (jg) to Lt. Senior Grade. As a Naval Pilot he has seen much action with a North Atlantic convoy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Puett, Sr., of Midland, Texas, and calls Fentress his home. He received his commission before Pearl Harbor, on October 10, 1941.

PVT. WILLIAM A. PERRY

This 18-year-old son of Mrs. C. C. Perry attended the Harwood School. He joined the Field Artillery on June 14, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, and received his initial training at San Antonio. He has been sent to Camp Roberts, Calif., for four months special course, and has been at that station since Aug. 6, 1944.

CADET JACK RABON

Jack is a Naval Cadet, attending a special Dental school in Dallas, and after a specified course of study, will receive a commission as Ensign. He is the son of Mrs. S. H. Rabon—grew up in Luling, and graduated at Luling High, receiving both the Scholastic and American Legion honors. For the past few years he has been taking a course in medicine, later transferring to dentistry, at a Dallas college. He is married, and has one son.

PVT. RUSSELL RICE

Pvt. Rice lived in the vicinity of Luling for many years, and joined up with the Leathernecks the early part of 1944. He received his "boot training" at San Diego, and was especially commended as a marksman and all 'round soldier. He is serving with the 3rd Prov. Marine Detachment somewhere in the Pacific with his home port in San Francisco.

TECH. SGT. GEO. W. RICH

Tech. Sgt. Rich has served over the continental United States, and is attached to the 3rd Opn. Co., of the Signal Corps. He went into the service at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, on Sept. 24, 1940, and has had five promotions. His latest assignment was to a station in California. He is married, and is the father of one daughter, Shirley Ann. He is the son of Mrs. G. W. Rich, and before joining up was employed as mechanic by the Ford Motor Company in Luling.

MAJ. RUDOLPH J. VON ROEDER, JR.

Major Von Roeder is a native son of Yorktown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Von Roeder, Sr. He calls College Station, his present home, as his wife, the former Miss Willo Jackson of Luling, resides there. He is a graduate of A. & M. College, and was employed as Professor of Animal Husbandry at his alma mata before entering the service on May 4, 1941. He served in Oklahoma for some time as Captain of a Transportation Corps, but was ordered overseas the latter part of June, 1942, and since that time has been "somewhere in England." He was promoted to the rating of Major in January, 1943.

CORP. WILLARD SHACKEL

Willard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Shackel, are pioneer residents of this section, residing just across the San Marcos River, on the Old Homestead. Before joining up he was engaged in farming. He has been in the service since April, 1942, and is attached to the Medical Corps, stationed with the 59th Station Hospital at Chaffee, Ark. He attended Luling school, and is a graduate of Luling High.

CORP. NORMAN SHACKEL

Corporal Shackel was a member of Company "I," with the Fifth Army in Italy. He is a home town product, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Shackel, pioneer citizens of this section. He attended school in Luling. He is a veteran of Salerno, was disabled and discharged in Aug., 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK SHELTON

Lt. Shelton is a former Luling boy, and attended school here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shelton, now of Houston, Texas. He is a former student at Allen Academy, Bryan, Texas, and is a graduate of A. & M. College. Lt. Shelton has served in Alaska the past two years, and was recently on leave from the Aleutians where he has seen much active service. He is stationed at Mitchell Field, Long Island.

JOEL WINBURN SMITH C.P.O.

Chief Petty Officer Smith is a native of Miles, Texas, and was born July 24, 1913. He graduated from the Harlandale High School in San Antonio in 1931, and attended Draughans Business College in 1933. Before he entered the Seabees in August of 1943, he was employed by the Scurlock Oil Company, as a pipe line superintendent. He is somewhere overseas.

PFC. ROBERT RAY SPINKS

Robert was born in Harwood, Texas, in 1920, and attended Harwood High School. Before entering the army, he worked as a drug clerk in the Green Cross Pharmacy. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spinks, of Harwood. In 1942 he entered the Air Corps at Hobbs, N. M., and is stationed at Laredo Army Air Field. Robert has one brother Earl Spinks, in the Navy.

C. W. SWANSON C.P.O.

C. P. O. Swanson is a native of Fisher, La. He was born in 1913, and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Swanson. He has seen a lot of action in the Southwest Pacific—having had his ship torpedoed and sunk at Guadalcanal. He has returned to the States. He was in the Navy for ten years prior to this war. His wife, Mrs. Alpha Swanson, and children, Jackie and Bonnie are living in California. He is stationed in Philadelphia, Penn.

PFC. LLOYD TAYLOR

Pfc. Taylor was born in Luling on July 21, 1902. His home address is Tillman. He was engaged in farming before joining up on Sept. 21, 1942. He is now serving in the Medical Corps, and his station is Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky. He had had previous military experience in the Texas National Guard.

ENSIGN MILDRED TILLER

Ensign Mildred Tiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tiller, was commissioned in the Naval Reserve Midshipman's School in Northampton, Mass., on Oct. 19th. Miss Tiller attended S. W. T. T. C., in San Marcos, and received her B. S. degree, and is a graduate of the University of Texas Law School, receiving her L. L. degree in 1943. While attending school there, she was employed as law clerk in the office of the Attorney General in Austin, and was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority, Kappa Beta Pi and Alpha Chi Honor Society.

T/SGT. DOUGLAS B. THOMPSON

Sergeant Thompson was employed in the dairy business, prior to his entrance into the Army, March 8, 1943. He had previously done a stretch of three years in the army, and was stationed at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese made their attack. His parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson, live here. He is twenty-one years old, and is stationed at Camp Cook, Calif.

T/SGT. JAMES DAVID THOMPSON

Sergeant Thompson is a native of Thorndale, Texas, and is 23 years old. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1936, and was in the Army five years before the war started. He has seen action at Pearl Harbor, Midway, and Guadalcanal, and has received several medals for bravery under fire during the Battle of Midway. He went to school in Seguin, and was in the dairy business before his enlistment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson.

GARRETT EDWIN THURMAN S 1/C

This nineteen-year-old sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thurman. He attended Luling Schools, and before entering the service, was employed as a grocery clerk. He joined the Navy on June 2, 1944, and received his "boot training" at San Diego. Then he went to sea, and while in transit to his station, his ship was attacked by Japanese planes, without serious damage. He is now on duty "Somewhere in the Arena of Action."

1ST LIEUT. HARRY M. VERNON

Lt. Vernon was the "Top Kick" of Company "I," Luling's Home Guard outfit, when they entrained for service. He was affectionately known as "Sarge." His wife, and three children, Jerry, Robert and Machael Ray, are residing in Luling for the duration. For several months he was stationed in Asia. Iran was his official headquarters. Before going into the regular service, he was caretaker for the National Guard Armory here. He has arrived back in the States and is in Yuma, Ariz.

SGT. CHESTER JEFFERSON WALKER

Sgt. Walker was a former Luling boy, and is serving somewhere in Ireland. His father, J. F. Walker, lives in El Paso, Texas. He joined up on September 30, 1939, at Randolph Field, and is serving in the Air Corps. He was twenty-one on Sept. 10, 1944.

EUGENE ALVIN WALLSMITH

Eugene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wallsmith. He joined up Sept. 25th, 1942, and is now stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis. He is a native son, born on July 24, 1915. Before enlistment, he was engaged in farm work.

URBAN M. WALLSMITH

This soldier is a native son of Luling, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wallsmith, who reside on Route 3. Before going into the service on April 20th, he was engaged in defense work, and was inducted at Dodd Field, San Antonio. He is stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

LT. JAMES LOUIS WATKINS

2nd Lt. James Louis Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Watkins, Fentress, Texas, completed his flight training at the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School, Luke Field, Arizona, on Sept. 8, 1944; receiving his silver wings and a second lieutenant's commission. He received pre-flight training at Santa Ana, Calif., and pilot training with units at fields in the AAF Western Flying Trg. Command.

SAILOR MELVIN WHITE. U. S. N.

Sailor White is the son of Mrs. R. L. White, a native of this community, and a graduate of the Luling High School. Before joining up, he was an official of C. P. & L. Co., at Beeville. He entered the service on April 29, 1944, and received his "boot training" at San Diego, Cal.

FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER L. H. WILLIAMS, JR.

Petty Officer Buster Williams has been in the Navy since June 1940, and now rates as a veteran in the service. He attended school here, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Williams, Sr., of San Benito, were former Luling residents. His wife was the former Estelle Wilkins, and she and their infant daughter now reside near his station, at Tellemark, Oregon. Buster has trained for service on Lighter Than Air Blimps, and qualifies as an expert in that branch of the service.

S/SGT. ROSS CLINTON WHITESIDE

Before entering the Army Sgt. Whiteside was employed as an oil field worker. He is a native of Gonzales, where he also completed his education. His father, A. C. Whiteside, is a resident of Harwood. His wife and little son, Ross C., Jr., live in San Antonio. Sgt. Whiteside entered the service on Feb. 3, 1941, and is a member of the Army Air Forces, stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio. Prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was a member of the Texas National Guard.

PAUL ZEDLER. U. S. N.

This sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zedler, Sr. He is a native of this community, and a college graduate. He is married, and is the father of one daughter, Miss Gay Zedler. Before going into the service, he was one of the proprietors of the C. Zedler industries here. He joined the Naval Service on April 29, 1944, and received his initial training at San Diego.