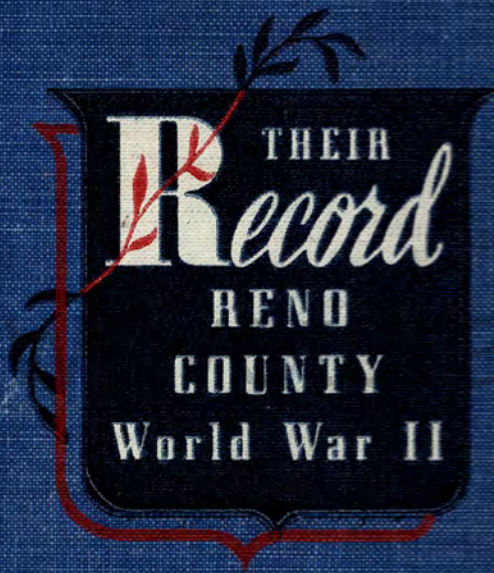


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# GOLD STAR ROSTER



**Orval L. Algrim**, Ensign, Navy Air Corps, fatally injured in crash landing at De Land, Fla., naval air station, July 29, 1943, died of burns the following day. He had received his commission only about a month before the accident. Was serving as navigator at time of the crash. He had been in the service a little over a year, since May 1942. Previously stationed at St. Mary's, Calif., and Hollywood, Fla., and since June 23, 1943, at the De Land NAS. He had been employed in the Reno County oil fields when he enlisted in the naval service. Son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Algrim, of Sylvia township.



**Harold R. Anderson**, 2nd Lt. 379th Field Artillery Bn., 102nd Div., killed in action near Aachen, Germany, by machine gun fire, Nov. 22, 1944. He had been in service about 2½ years, since July 14, 1942. Previously at Ft. Leavenworth, Camp Carson, Colo., Ft. Sill, Okla., Ft. Clark, and Camp Swift, Tex. Overseas August 1944, landing at Brest, France. In battles near Beech and Immenndorf, Germany, and action around Aachen. Was awarded Silver Star for "gallantry in action" and Presidential citation. With the Ninth Army in operations in northern France, Belgium, Hol-

land and Germany. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Anderson, Sylvia, Kans., his father Santa Fe agent there. Was married to a Dallas, Tex., girl Jan. 30, 1944, ten months before his death. He was a native of Reno County, born in Plevna.

**Lynn S. Arbogast**, Sgt. Army Air Force, waist gunner on a B-29, based in England. Killed in action Dec. 17, 1944, on a mission over Odertal oil field, Germany. Shot down over Krappitz, Germany. First reported missing in action. A year later, Dec. 18, 1945, officially reported as killed. Formerly employed by McVay Taxi Co., Hutchinson. His wife, Norma Jean, daughter of Mrs. Carl Tracey, 415 West A. Son of Mrs. Clate Arbogast, formerly of Hutchinson.



**William E. Archer, Jr.**, 2nd Lt. Army Air Force, 5th Group, 15th Photo Rec. Squadron, with 15th Air Force, in Italy. Was pilot of a P-38 photo plane, shot down over southern Yugoslavia, Oct. 31, 1944, while on photo reconnaissance mission. Failed to return, and reported missing in action. A year later officially reported as dead. Had been in service two years, since Nov. 13, 1942. Previously at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Omaha, Neb., Santa Ana, Calif., Visalia, Calif., Marianna, Ariz., Williams Field, Ariz., and Coffeyville, Kans. Overseas Oct. 1944, to Barra, Italy, being killed less

than a month after arriving at that base. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Archer, 1508 East Sixth. Widow lives at 128 Park street. Born in Hutchinson.



**John Dean Armstrong**, Lt. (JG) Navy Air Force, killed in mid-air plane crash at Rangoon, Burma, Sept. 8, 1941. At the time he was officiating as an instructor, training Chinese pilots, as a member of the American Volunteer Group (AVG), later known as Chenault's "Flying Tigers." He had been released from the Navy June 27, 1941, for this service with the Chinese forces, then engaged in the war against Japan. Dean Armstrong was the first Reno County man to die in the war against the Japanese in World War II. He had been an ensign in the naval air force for nearly

three years, having enlisted in the navy Oct. 31, 1938. He served one year at the Pensacola, Fla. naval air station, and over 1½ years at Norfolk, Va. He went to Burma in the summer of 1941, from Norfolk, to help train Chinese pilots for service in the Chinese army. In order to do so it was necessary for him to resign from the navy, to serve as a civilian instructor. In effect he became an officer in the Chinese army air force. However, he kept his status as with the navy reserve. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Armstrong, 715 East B.

**Nathaniel V. Bachelder**, Sgt. field artillery, with Gen. Patch's army on western German front, killed in action in Luxembourg, Jan. 17, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart and Bronze Star for heroism in action. Had been in the service 1½ years. Formerly employed in the Cessna aircraft plant, Hutchinson; member of the Cessna basketball team. Went overseas Aug. 1944.

**Everett T. Baker**, Pfc. Ordnance unit, in army, killed in European theater, Feb. 7, 1943. On ship which was sunk by German submarine off the European coast in North Atlantic, shortly after midnight, many of the soldiers aboard being killed. Son of the late Mrs. Emma Baker, 1709 Carey.



**Robert Benton Ball**, MMM 1/c, Navy submarine service, killed on the submarine USS Trigger which failed to return from its 13th war patrol operation in the Asiatic area. Reported missing in action April 20, 1945. He had been in the naval service nearly six years, since Sept. 1939. He graduated from submarine school Dec. 28, 1942. On duty on the USS Warrington for two years, prior to attending the submarine school in Connecticut. Was chief motor machinist on the Trigger on submarine duty in Pacific. Was in Pearl Harbor just before Japs attacked it. Awarded two

commendations, on the 8th and 9th war patrols of the Trigger. The last battle flag of the Trigger, now in the Naval Academy museum at Annapolis, has embroidered on it 44 Japanese flags, indicating that many known ships sunk by the Trigger, known results on twelve patrols. The Trigger never returned from No. 13, being lost with its crew of 95, somewhere in the west Pacific. The Trigger had left Guam on the patrol March 11, 1945. March 27 the submarine signaled its position in the vicinity of Nausei Shoto. It was never heard from again. Members of the crew were officially declared dead in April 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Benton Ball, 710 West Ninth.





**John M. Banks, M/Sgt., Infantry,** with cannon company at army headquarters near Kunming, China, fatally burned in gasoline explosion in China April 29, 1945, dying on May 23, 1945, at an army hospital. He had been in the army service nearly five years. He was in the field artillery battalion mobilizing in Hutchinson Dec. 1940 as Pvt. Battery B, 130th F. A. Went to Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941 with the 130th F. A., serving at Camp Robinson a year with the 35th Div., going to California with that division in 1942. Appointed staff sergeant while at San Diego.

Overseas Sept. 1944 to China. Son of Mrs. Orpha Banks, 229 East Tenth, and J. T. Banks, 19½ East First. A brother, V. L. Banks, machinist mate in the navy.



**Byron H. "Pete" Batchelor, Pfc.,** 36th Div., Seventh army, killed in action Sept. 21, 1944 near Belfort, France. He went overseas March 1944 to Italy, participating in the action at Anzio beachhead and invasion of Italy, fighting for 240 miles up the Italian peninsula, and capture of Rome. Then participated in a second invasion, landing in southern France Aug. 15, 1944, and in campaign up the Rhone, in which he was killed. Son of Mrs. Ethel Batchelor, 540 East Sherman, and brother of Mrs. Charles Bacon, Hutchinson RFD 4. Was active in Boy Scout work in Hutchinson, as junior assistant scoutmaster of Troop 16.



**Clarence A. Barnes, Jr., Pvt.,** 32nd "Red Arrow" Div., killed in action on Luzon, Philippine islands, May 11, 1945. In service one year, since May 22, 1944. Entered service in Hutchinson. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Oct. 1944. Overseas Feb. 1945, arriving in Philippine islands March 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnes, formerly of South Hutchinson, now in Stockton, Calif. Widow, Mrs. Erma Lee Gilley, living in South Hutchinson, 322 East D St.

**Ronald E. Barnett, Pfc.,** Marines, died of wounds in Southwest Pacific Aug. 1944. Had been overseas since March 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Barnett, 301 East Ninth. His father, former manager of War Manpower Commission office in Hutchinson, later transferred to Salina office. A brother, Cpl. Geo. L. Barnett, in army air force at Sioux City, Ia., air field.

**John H. Barnhart, T/Sgt.,** 354th Inf., Third army, killed in action east of the Rhine, in Germany, April 10, 1945. In army three years; overseas Jan. 1945. Home, 201 East Eighth.

**Robert A. Barr, Pvt.,** 188th Coast artillery, Pendleton Field, Ore., died at the field station hospital Dec. 16, 1941, only five months after he had enlisted in the army July 1941. He first had been on duty at Camp Roberts, Calif. He was a graduate of Hutchinson high school, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Barr, 29 West Bigger.

**J. Ray Barton, 2nd Lt.,** Army Air force, killed in action over Germany March 24, 1945. Went overseas from Bear Field, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barton, formerly of Pretty Prairie, now in Wichita. Widow, Ruby, in Pretty Prairie. Lt. and Mrs. Barton both graduated from Pretty Prairie high school, in class of 1938.

**Harold Bates, Seaman, Navy,** on USS Oklahoma. Killed when that battleship was sunk in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941. Had been in the navy three years, enlisting in 1938. Enlisted from Reno county, living in Hutchinson at the time. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed C. Bates. Father, later manager of Stafford Grain & Supply Co., Stafford, now of Furley, Kans. He was a cousin of Leo Bates, 300 East A.

**Louis M. Baumgartner, M/Sgt.,** Army Air force, engineer-instructor, with heavy bombing group based at Pocatello, Idaho. Killed in crash of a bomber in Apache county, Ariz., May 8, 1943. In the air force about two years, enlisting Oct. 1941. He was stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla., Sheppard Field, Tex., Tucson, Ariz., Wendover, Utah, Pueblo, Colo., and Pocatello, Ida. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Baumgartner, formerly of Reno county, now of Kingman county.



**Leo Homer Beach, AMM 3/c,** Naval Air force, killed in crash of a naval plane Aug. 10, 1942, near Carlsbad, Calif. Had been in service one year, having enlisted Aug. 12, 1941, in Hutchinson. Was stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., Chicago Navy Pier, and in San Diego. Son of Mrs. Francis Beach, 720 East Fifth. Formerly resided on farm north of Four Corners, in Valley township, attending school in Burrton.



**Rex I. Beach, Ensign, Navy Air** corps, navigator on a naval bomber, killed in plane crash while on patrol duty in the North Atlantic, Aug. 7, 1943. Had left New York on a patrol mission July 17, 1943. Had been in navy about two years, enlisting Nov. 1941. Served first aboard ship as storekeeper 3/c, on the USS Medusa, for a year on the Pacific, in Hawaiian area. Then transferred to navy air force, stationed at St. Marys, Calif., Hollywood, Fla., and on duty in Newfoundland and on North Atlantic. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beach, formerly 324 West Ninth, Hutchinson, now of San Bernardino, Calif. Formerly an employee at Fox theater.



**M. T. Benedict, Jr., Lt.,** Naval Air force, fighter pilot, reported missing in action in Southwest Pacific Nov. 1944. Had served for a year aboard a carrier in the Pacific war zone. Former Hutchinson schoolboy, grandson of Mrs. Edgar B. Boren, 115 East 17th.



**Leo Berkey, Lt.,** Tank Destroyer unit, killed in action on Okinawa, May 12, 1945. Had been in the army three years. Overseas in March 1945. Previously was instructor of infantry units at Camp Ord, Calif., Camp Cooke, Calif., and Ft. Benning, Ga. Born in Hutchinson, son of Ed Berkey, 313 East B and Mrs. Minnie Berkey, now of Long Beach, Calif. Was employed in technicolor studio at Hollywood, Calif., when he entered the army in 1942. Brother of Sgt. John E. Berkey and Sgt. Willard L. Berkey, both with army air force in the Asiatic theater.

**Max Biggerstaff, Lt.,** Infantry, died of wounds received in battle March 20, 1945. Son of A. R. Biggerstaff, former Hutchinson insurance agent, now of Monett, Mo. A former student in Liberty junior high school. Widow at Monett, Mo.



**Glenn H. Boes, Lt.,** Army Air corps, killed in action Feb. 3, 1942, at Soerabaia, Java, while assisting in repulsing Japanese invaders. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air medal and Purple Heart. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boes, formerly of Pretty Prairie, now of Milton, Kans. Father was formerly manager of Ulch Lumber Co. in Pretty Prairie. Graduate of Pretty Prairie high school, class of 1935. Honor student at Hutchinson Junior college, 1936. Was married while stationed at Albuquerque, N. M. Talked to his wife from Java, by cable-telephone only three days

before he was killed. Widow now at Manhattan, Kans.



**Pete Boese, S/Sgt.,** 219th Field artillery, 35th Div., killed in action in Germany Feb. 24, 1945. Was Pvt. Battery A, 130th F. A., when the battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with the battalion Jan. 1941. With 35th Div., at Camp Robinson, in California, Alabama and North Carolina. Overseas May 1944 to England. Served with Third army in Normandy and campaigns in France, Belgium and Germany, including the "battle of the Bulge." Awarded Bronze Star "for personal bravery and devotion to duty in exposing himself to con-

centrations of enemy fire to establish and maintain forward observation posts." Injured in truck accident in France Jan. 1945, but left hospital to return to duty in battle, although with crippled leg. Killed five weeks later. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Boese, 219 West 24th. Widow at 120 West 24th.

**Darrell Boswell, Pvt.,** Infantry, killed in action in Germany. Parents lived near Nickerson when he entered service. His death officially reported May 1945.



land campaign. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brack, 113 North Chemical St., Hutchinson.

**Alvia Elmer Brack, Pvt.,** Ordnance detachment, 8th Armored Div., 88th Div., fatally injured near Dorsten, Germany, near the Rhine river in Germany, March 28, 1945, dying the following day. Buried in U. S. Military cemetery at Margrates, Holland. In the army two years, entering the service in Hutchinson May 22, 1943. He went overseas from Aberdeen, Md., to England, where he was located at an army base for several months. Then moved across the channel to join the Eighth army in operations in Holland, and later with the Ninth army in Germany, in the Rhine-



He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brack, 225 West 25th, Hutchinson.

**Ray L. Brack, Pfc.,** Machine Gun company, Infantry, fatally wounded in battle on Okinawa May 13, 1945, dying of wounds on hospital ship, May 20. Buried in the army cemetery on Saipan. His machine gun unit was engaged in attacking the enemy on Okinawa when he was severely wounded by a grenade. He was in the service only seven months, having entered the army Oct. 15, 1944, in Hutchinson. He was in service for five months at Camp Robinson, Ark., and Fort Ord, Calif., then leaving for overseas in March 1945, first to Hawaii and then to battle in Okinawa.



**Marvin L. Britain, Pvt.,** Headquarters Co., 346th Inf., Camp McCain, Miss., fatally injured in collision of army motorcycle with truck near Wilson, Ark., Aug. 23, 1943. Died at Blytheville, Ark., army air field hospital a few hours later. Was mechanic at the A. D. Rayl Motor Co. garage. Graduate of Hutchinson high school, 1941. In service only six months, from Feb. 21, 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson C. Britain, 1629 North Hendricks, Hutchinson. Two brothers, Cpl. Gann B. Britain and Pfc. Earl Britain, also in army.



**Dorsey Lee Britton, 2nd Lt.,** Army Air force, instructor at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M., killed in crash of B-24 bomber at that field March 22, 1944, all six members of the crew being killed. In the service over three years, since Dec. 23, 1940. Was Pvt. Battery C, 130th Field artillery, when that battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941; to California with that division. Transferred to army air corps in Nov. 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Britton, Hutchinson RFD 4.





**Howard C. Broaddus, Sgt., Army Air corps,** gunner on B-17 bomber based in England, killed while trying to rescue a member of his crew, when plane exploded, following forced landing near Reims, France, Jan. 10, 1945. Were returning from a mission to Autograham, Germany, and were forced down by flak. Made the landing, but Sgt. Broaddus was killed when the plane exploded while he was trying to rescue one of the crewmen who had been pinned down in the crash landing. Awarded Presidential Citation for his valor, and Purple Heart. He was in the service 1½ years,

having enlisted July 27, 1943. He went overseas to England, landing there Dec. 2, 1944, only five weeks before he was killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Broaddus, 821 East Fourth.



**Wesley T. Burns, T/Sgt.,** with Third army, killed in action in Germany Feb. 6, 1945. Served with Patton's army in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and the Rhineland campaign in Germany. Was born and reared in Hutchinson. Son of Mrs. Olive Edith Burns, Hutchinson, now of Wichita.

**Ray W. Brown, Lt. Cdr.,** Naval Air force, killed in crash of a navy Privateer bomber at Camp Miramie air field, near San Diego, Calif., Aug. 1, 1946. Formerly with naval air ferrying unit at Norfolk, Va., Grand Prairie, Tex., and Ft. Worth, Tex. Later for two years in the Southwest Pacific with naval air force. After return from overseas was put in charge of repair unit at San Diego base. Served in World War I as 2nd Lt., army air force. Helped organize machine gun company in Hutchinson in 1916, going to Camp Doniphan, Okla., with that company as sergeant, 137th Inf., 35th Div., in 1917. A son, Maj. Jack M. Brown, 11th Inf., now with army headquarters at Frankfurt, Germany. Home, 123 West Seventh.



**Frank M. Burson, M/Sgt.,** serving as sergeant-major of 202nd Field artillery group of Ninth army, killed in action near Klotze, Germany, April 13, 1945, by German paratroopers, while engaged in reconnaissance. As the Ninth army approached the Elb river, the 202nd F. A. group had the mission of supporting the Fifth Armored Div. which was spearheading the Ninth army. Early on the morning of April 13 the Fifth Armored drove into Klotze with the 202nd group following. Sgt. Burson was riding in the leading vehicle of the 202nd group with the group commander. They

were fired on by enemy paratroopers who had landed in a forest only an hour before. The first few rounds of heavy caliber machine gun fire shattered the windshield of the reconnaissance car in which Sgt. Burson was riding, and he was killed. Sgt. Burson enlisted as a Pvt. Battery C, 130th F. A., Jan. 18, 1929. He was a staff sergeant when the battery was mustered into federal service Dec. 23, 1940, in Hutchinson. Promoted to T/Sgt. March 1942, and became sergeant-major of 161st F. A. Bn. on the west coast. Went overseas with the 35th Div. in spring of 1944. Served in campaigns in northern France and battle of the Bulge. Son of Mrs. W. M. Burson, 408 West Tenth. His father, a Santa Fe switchman in Hutchinson died while Sgt. Burson was overseas, in Oct. 1944.



**Roy P. Brown, Pvt.,** 141st Inf., killed in action in the invasion of southern France Oct. 18, 1944. In service one year, since Oct. 29, 1943. Served at Camp Wolters, Tex., Camp Howze, Tex., and Fort Meade, N. Y. Overseas from there, landing in Italy July 17, 1944. Participated in campaigns in Italy and southern France. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Brown, King's Gardens, and grandson of Mrs. Ida Brown, 807 North Walnut. Was student in Buhler high school.

**Archie C. Burton, Pvt.,** Inf., with Seventh army, killed in action on the western German front Feb. 22, 1945, in his first combat duty. He had registered with his draft board on his 18th birthday, Aug. 8, 1944, volunteered for immediate induction, and left for Ft. Leavenworth, Aug. 9, after waiving the usual 21-days furlough. A little more than six months later died on a battlefield in Germany. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Burton, 312 East Bigger, Hutchinson. A brother, T/Sgt. Kenneth Burton, with 15th Air force in Italy.



**Herbert Lyle Bruce, S 1/c, Navy,** killed on USS Houston, sunk off the coast of Java March 1, 1942. Was first reported missing in action, but finally, Dec. 28, 1945, navy department officially announced he was regarded as dead. The Houston was sunk, with all on board during an engagement in Soenda Straits, while en route from Batavia, Java, to Tjilatjap, Java. Three enemy torpedoes hit the ship. The British warship, HMS Perth, with the Houston, also was sunk. Seaman Bruce had been in the navy 2½ years, since Sept. 1, 1939. Went overseas from San Diego. In service for a



**Harlan Edward Byrd, A/S, Navy,** Farragut, Ida., naval station, died at the naval hospital there Jan. 14, 1944, of spinal meningitis. Senior in Hutchinson high school, he quit school in fall of 1943 to enlist in navy Nov. 1943. Became ill at the naval station in Dec. 1943, dying a month later. In service a little over two months, Nov. 1943 to Jan. 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Byrd, 318 North Plum. Was employed by state grain inspection department in Hutchinson.

time off China. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bruce, Arlington.



**Lewis A. Campbell**, Pfc., Third Marines, killed in action in Guadalcanal Oct. 1943. Citation for "outstanding performance" in the battle of Guadalcanal. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Campbell, formerly of Hutchinson.

**Gerald A. Carpenter**, AMM, Navy, killed in action May 1945, while serving on an aircraft carrier in Southwest Pacific. Enlisted in navy April 1943, serving first in the Atlantic area. Then to the Pacific Sept. 1944, participating in strikes on Japanese installations in Philippines on the Indo-China coast and Japan. Survived by widow, the former Jeanne Whitlock, 309 West 16th.

**Francis Cary**, a former Hutchinson boy, serving in the navy in Philippines when the war broke out. Was one of the defenders of Corregidor. First reported prisoner of war, and officially announced as missing in action. A nephew of Dr. F. C. Cary, 18 West 11th.

**Fred Casad**, S/Sgt., Army Air force, shot down while on bombing mission over Hamburg, Germany, Dec. 30, 1944. He was an engineer-gunner on a bomber based in England. Had previously served at Santa Ana, Calif., Las Vegas, N. M., and Ft. Briggs, Tex. Overseas Oct. 1944 to England. He was a graduate of Arlington high school, class of 1938. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Casad, of Arlington RFD 1.



**Robert G. Chambers**, Pvt., Quartermaster corps, killed on ship sunk by German torpedo boat in Cherbourg Bay, off the coast of France April 28, 1944. Ship was carrying supplies to France. Over 480 men on board were lost when the ship was sunk. Wm. E. King of Hutchinson perished on the same boat. Chambers had been in service one year, previously at Camp Young, Calif., Ft. Pierce, Fla., and Camp Pickett, Va. Overseas Feb. 1944 to England, stationed at a base 30 miles southwest of London. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Chambers, South Hutchinson.

**Frank Cheney**, Radioman in Navy. Reported missing in action, somewhere at sea, Jan. 1945. Formerly of Nickerson.

**Robert Eugene Clarke**, Gunner, with Anti-aircraft unit, Navy, at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, killed when the Japanese bombed that base Dec. 7, 1941, one of the first Reno county men to die in the war. A former Hutchinson schoolboy, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Clarke, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McCoy, 326 East C.



**Henry Carl Coburn**, Pharm. Mate 1/c, Marines, killed in invasion of Tarawa, in Gilbert islands, when vehicle struck a land mine, on Nov. 21, 1943. Had been in service over four years, since Sept. 1939. Served for two years in Iceland before going to the Southwest Pacific. Son of Mrs. Daisy Coburn, 512 West B, now of Anderson, Mo. A brother, Eldridge Coburn, in navy.



**James Hendrix Cochran**, S 2/c, Navy, radarman on destroyer USS Monahan, killed when the vessel was lost at sea in a typhoon in the Western Pacific Dec. 18, 1944. In the navy eight months, having enlisted April 27, 1944. In training at Farragut, Ida., and San Diego. Left for overseas Aug. 26, 1944, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. Son of Mrs. Frank E. Cochran, 721 West 11th. His father died Feb. 1945. Brother of Capt. Paul R. Cochran, fighter pilot, army air corps, in North Africa, Italy and Southwest Pacific.



**William R. Coleman**, S/Sgt., Army Air corps, flight engineer on B-17 bomber, killed in France July 14, 1943, shot down on a bombing mission over Amiens, France, crashing in vicinity of Bois-jean, France. In service 16 months, since March 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Coleman, Hutchinson RFD 3. Brother of S/Sgt. Max E. Coleman, also of army air corps, who also was shot down on a bombing raid over Germany a year later, in July 1944, escaping with his life, but held a prisoner of war for nearly a year until May 1945.



**Marvin Gerald Compton**, Pfc., 137th Inf., 35th Div., drowned at Camp Rucker, Ala., May 21, 1943. Had been in service more than two years, since Feb. 17, 1941. Was with 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark., for a year, and later at Fort Ord, Calif., Presidio, San Francisco, Sacramento, Calif., air depot, Los Angeles, Englewood, Calif., El Sagundo, Calif., and San Luis Obispo, Calif. Served as a truck driver with the 137th Inf. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Compton, Turon. Graduate of Langdon high school.



**Joseph D. Conwill, Jr.**, 1st Lt., Army Air force, died of wounds in German war prison, April 2, 1945. Was pilot of lead ship in a B-17 Flying Fortress group based in England, 487th Bomber group, 8th Air force. Had made several heavy bombing attacks on industrial targets in Germany. Was shot down by anti-aircraft fire near Neuruppin, Germany, the plane coming down in flames, from direct hit in the gasoline tank. All the crew except Lt. Conwill and two others killed. Conwill bailed out, sustaining a fractured hip when he landed. Was taken prisoner, the Germans

refusing him medical aid in the prison camp, where it was found necessary to amputate his mangled leg. A Russian doctor, also a prisoner in the camp, cared for him as best



he could, but the Germans refused to allow him to use surgical instruments or medical supplies.

The Russian doctor managed to steal some medicines at risk of his own life, but despite his efforts Lt. Conwill died about three weeks later on Easter Sunday. In a letter, after the end of the war, the Russian, Dr. Vladimir Agnaev, now of Moscow, wrote Lt. Conwill's mother:

"If I had had a chance to perform an operation Joseph undoubtedly would have lived. All my begging and arguments that a man was dying because of lack of trifles were not convincing enough for the Fascists. They told me: 'German instruments and medicines are for German soldiers, not for enemies. We did not want him here. Let him die,' they said. Until the last two days Joseph was conscious. He was a hero and a patriot."

Lt. Conwill was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Conwill, 306 Crescent Blvd.

**Louis Cordes, Lt.,** Army Air force, fighter pilot, shot down in Italy, near Rome, about Aug. 25, 1943. Was taken prisoner and held with 20 army air officers in a prison camp near Rome. One of them, Lt. Edward J. Hyland, related later that they all made escape from the prison camp and took refuge in hills, in a cave. Last Lt. Hyland saw of Lt. Cordes he was still in the hills, not yet recaptured. Nothing further heard from him. Officially reported Oct. 5, 1943, as missing in action, and presumably killed. Lt. Cordes had shot down eight enemy planes. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross. Haven.



**Melvin Lee Corley, Pfc.,** 77th Inf. Div., killed in action on Leyte, Philippine islands, Dec. 20, 1944. Buried at Valencia, Leyte. In service a little over a year. Entered service at Ft. Leavenworth Nov. 24, 1943. Basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif. Sailed in May 1944 for New Caledonia, remaining there until Oct. 1944 when he joined the 77th Div. on Guam. Moved with that division to the Philippines, participating in the invasion of Leyte, landing there Dec. 7, 1944, at Aromoc. Took part in the capture of Leyte, being killed near Valencia, two weeks later. Awards of

Purple Heart and Presidential Citation. Son of Mrs. J. F. Kelly, 228 West 8th.

**Troy W. Counterman, Pfc.,** Infantry, killed in action in European theater. Home, Hutchinson RFD 2.

**John Craven, Lt.,** in Navy, on USS Houston, killed when the Houston was sunk off Java March 1, 1942. Had been in the naval service over twenty years. Formerly of Haven. A brother of Mrs. Oscar VanCampen of Haven. Widow and son in California.



**William Warren Crippen, Pfc.,** Infantry, wounded in combat in France July 31, 1944. Returned to army regional hospital at Mitchell Field, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1944, where he died of wounds Sept. 3, 1944. Had been in the service about a year, since Nov. 3, 1943. For four months at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Overseas from Ft. Meade, Md., to England in May 1944. To France in July 1944, being wounded shortly after arriving there. Was graduate of Nickerson high school and attended Hutchinson Junior college. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Crippen, Nickerson.



**Stanley J. Cross, Pfc.,** 349th Inf., 88th Div., with Fifth army in Italy, killed in action at Mt. Grande, Italy, in north Apennines, Oct. 22, 1944, while serving with a machine gun patrol. Killed by shell fragment. In service a little over a year, since Sept. 16, 1943. Trained at Camp Blanding, Fla. Overseas March 1944, landing at Naples March 12. Served in Rome-Arno campaign and the Apennines. Was in hospital three weeks from an infection, and was back at the front only a short time when he was killed. In Italy seven months. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cross, 200 W. Seventh.

**Frank Crumley, Pfc.,** killed in action while serving with the Seventh army on the western German front. First reported missing in action, but later officially announced as killed. Home, 409 North Town St., Hutchinson.



**Johnny A. Dale, Pvt.,** Marines, killed in action on Iwo Jima island March 2, 1945, by mortar fire. Had been in service eight months, enlisting July 13, 1944. At Parris Island, S. C., four months; then to Camp LeJuene, N. C., and Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Overseas to Hilo, Hawaii, and then to West Pacific, for invasion of Iwo Jima, where he was killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dale, 1505 North Forest, Hutchinson.



**Cleo Stanley Danford, Cpl.,** 26th Reg., 5th Div., Marines, killed by Japanese sniper on Iwo Jima March 7, 1945. Single-handed Cpl. Danford wiped out a Japanese machine gun nest only a few hours before he was killed. Leading his squad he assaulted the machine gun nest alone, wiping out all the enemy with three hand grenades and his rifle, and then ran up the steep rocky hill, tossing grenades into a cave and entered the cave, disarming and killing the Jap officer in command. That evening, after digging in for the night he was sitting in his foxhole when he

was shot in the chest by a Jap sniper, with a Nambu machine gun, being instantly killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Danford, 815 Buchanan St.



**Dawn Worth Darlington, Pvt.,** Fifth Marines Reg., First Div., machine gunner, killed in action on Peleliu Sept. 26, 1944. His group was moving up to reinforce the line when they met heavy enemy fire. Darlington was carrying boxes of ammunition when shot by rifle fire through his chest. Had been in service about 1½ years, enlisting in marines May 20, 1943. Stationed at San Diego about a year. Overseas from Camp Elliott, Calif., May 2, 1944, arriving in Guadalcanal May 30. On Guadalcanal about three months; Pavuvum Russell islands about a month, and then landed on Peleliu in the Palau islands Sept. 15, 1944. Killed eleven days later. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Darlington, 405 East 13th.





**Gilbert "Jimmy" Davis, Lt., Co. B, 1st Bn., Seventh Marines,** fatally wounded on Saipan island Sept. 1944. Was taken on board the USS Fayette, dying aboard ship Sept. 17, 1944, and was buried at sea. Entered marine corps at Burbank, Calif., June 1942. In service over two years. Was assigned to malaria control work in Southwest Pacific. Served in Guadalcanal, at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, New Guinea and Saipan. Formerly employed by Coca Cola company in Hutchinson. Son of Mrs. Ruby Davis, 306 East B.



**Kenneth P. Davis, S/Sgt., Army Air force,** engineer-gunner on B-24 bomber, killed in air raid over Budapest, Hungary, April 13, 1944. Previously reported missing in action. Official notice that he was dead received Feb. 1945. Sgt. Davis was killed on the bomber while bandaging the wounds of one of the gunners. All members of the crew managed to bail out, except Davis and another crewman. All were wounded, but reached land in parachutes, but were all taken prisoner. The bodies of the two dead were recovered from bomber wreckage and buried in a cemetery near Budapest. He had been in the service 1½ years, since Oct. 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. L. Davis, 407 East 11th.

**Robert C. Davis, Sgt., Army Air force,** radioman on bomber, missing in action since July 30, 1944, failing to return from a bombing raid over Germany. Formerly of Hutchinson, a son of Lish Davis, now in Salt Lake City. Brother of Mrs. Nellie D. Ellis, 204 West B.



**Ray James Day, T/Sgt., 965th Field artillery Bn.,** in First army, killed in action in battle of Hurtgen Forest, Germany, Feb. 14, 1945. Instantly killed by contact with a personnel mine while going to the aid of a wounded comrade. In service nearly four years, since July 7, 1941. Stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., Ft. Lewis, Wash., Camp Forrest, Tenn., Camp Gordon, Ala., and Camp Polk, La. Overseas to England, April 1944. In England eleven months. Landed in France June 20, 1945, participating in battle of St. Lo, in Normandy, the battle at Brest, France, battle

of the "Bulge" at Bastogne, Belgium, and in Hurtgen Forest, Germany. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Day, Haven.

**Merlyn DeArmond, Pvt., Medical corps detachment,** killed in action in Luzon, Philippine islands Jan. 19, 1945. Entered service Feb. 1943; overseas March 1944. Was employed by J. I. Case Co., Hutchinson, when he entered service. Son of O. L. DeArmond, formerly with Kansas Power & Light Co., Hutchinson, now line foreman for that company in Lyons.

**Norman DeFreese, Lt., Army Air force,** navigator on army bomber plane, killed in action in Southwest Pacific Jan. 12, 1943. Shortly before he was killed he was decorated by Gen. MacArthur after participating in the sinking of eight Japanese cargo ships off New Guinea and also in the rescue of two American airmen. Son of Mrs. Ida DeFreese and grandson of Mrs. Anna Kimble of Turon. Was born on a farm six miles southeast of Turon.

**Francis DeMand, Lt., Army Air force,** pilot of an A-20 Havoc plane based in England. Missing in action over France, failing to return from bombing mission Sept. 29, 1944. Formerly of Haven.



**Wayne B. Denton, Ensign, Naval Air corps,** instructor, killed in crash of a naval plane at Lake City, Fla., in Oct. 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Denton, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Los Angeles. Grandson of Mrs. J. L. Stanton, 220 East First.



**Calvin L. Dimitt, Pvt., Infantry,** killed in action in Okinawa May 3, 1945, by artillery shell. Overseas from Ft. Ord, Calif. Formerly with the 90th Infantry at Camp Carson, Colo. Had been on the front line in Okinawa only three days when killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dimitt of Turon.

**Albert J. Dillon, with Army Air corps,** killed in crash of army plane in Greenland July 3, 1943. Was foreman with Lockheed Aircraft Corp. Formerly with army air corps at Philadelphia. Widow, the former Ida Skelton of Nickerson, now in Downey, Calif. Son of J. S. Dillon, head of J. S. Dillon & Sons; and brother of Ray and John Dillon of that company.

**Floyd M. Dillon, S 1/c, Naval Air force,** at Hutchinson naval air station, died at the naval base hospital, Hutchinson, March 6, 1944, from heart ailment and embolism. Was office manager of Coca Cola Bottling Co. when he enlisted in the navy Sept. 1942. Formerly with the county treasurer's office, Hutchinson. At the naval air station was bookkeeper in Ship's Service. Widow survives, at home, 1107 Orchard St. Son of F. E. Dillon, 721 East A.



**William H. Downing, Pfc., 35th Inf.,** killed in action on Luzon, in Philippine islands Feb. 6, 1945. Enlisted in April 1941 and was at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, when the Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941. Served with the 35th Inf. in Guadalcanal and was awarded Bronze Star for exceptional bravery. Later served in campaign in Solomon islands and elsewhere in the Southwest Pacific area. Was killed in outskirts of Lupia, in invasion of Luzon, in campaign for liberation of Philippines. Son of E. L. Downing, 321 East E.



**Clyde S. Drake, Pvt., Paratroopers,** killed in the invasion of Sicily July 10, 1943, in the initial airborne phase of the landing operation. Had been in the service a year, enlisting in the paratroops July 14, 1942. Overseas March 1943 to North Africa. Was wounded in action in Tunisia, but returned to duty in time for the Sicilian invasion four months later. Attended Hutchinson high school before entering service. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde O. Drake, 600 West Eighth.



**John Allen Dunn**, Capt., Army Air force, pilot of Superfortress B-29 with 20th Bomber command, based in India, killed in crash of the bomber in China, returning from a bombing mission against Omura, Japan, Nov. 21, 1944. Dunn's plane was seriously damaged by enemy fighters and crashed in attempt to reach its home base in India. Dunn and three others of the crew were killed. Posthumous award of Distinguished Service Cross. Capt. Dunn went overseas from the Great Bend army air field. In one of his last letters to his wife, the former Virginia Fishback of Hutchinson, he mentioned he had just made the longest combat flight in the war, from India to Singapore. He was in the pilot's seat for 17½ hours. Home, 429 East 14th.

**Marcus P. Dyer**, T/5, Infantry, killed in action in Holland Oct. 1944. Formerly of Cities Service Oil Co. camp near Burrton, making home there with his sister, Mrs. Dewey Thoes. Widow, Mrs. Corine Dyer, now in Arkansas City.



**Carrol G. Eales**, Pvt., Co. C, 328th Inf., killed in action during an advance by his regiment near Kruiller, France, Nov. 29, 1944. In the service only seven months, having enlisted as a volunteer May 9, 1944. Was at Camp Hood, Tex., four months, going overseas from that camp with a battalion which went into battle only a month after landing in France. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Eales, Hutchinson RFD 4, southeast of Hutchinson. Brother of Robt. C. Eales, Valley township, and Mrs. O. J. DeWater, 309 East 11th.

**Robert C. Eastin**, Pvt., Inf., missing in action on western German front since Jan. 23, 1945. Entered service July 1944 and went overseas six months later, Dec. 30, 1944. Born in Hutchinson. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Eastin, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Johnson, Kans.

**Harry Clyde Echols**, Lt., Army Air force, killed in crash of army plane at Colorado Springs, Colo., March 24, 1943. Widow, the former Joan Fortier, of Hutchinson. Formerly of Hutchinson.



**Norvin Ediger**, S 1/c, Navy, on aircraft carrier USS Suwanee, killed in action near Leyte Oct. 25, 1944, when a bomb hit his department of the ship, killing and injuring over 1,000 men. He was in the South Pacific area for over two years. Widow, the former Jean Jones, 716 East C, Hutchinson. Two brothers also in the service, BM 2/c Clarence Ediger, also in the navy on the Pacific, and Pvt. Kurt Ediger, in the army, Langley Field, Va. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ediger, Inman RFD.



**Robert Hobart Edwards**, Lt., Army Air corps, photographic section, combat motion picture cameraman, killed in crash of disabled bomber in English channel. Loss reported Oct. 4, 1943. Was on his second mission over enemy targets when the B-17 received a direct hit over France. In trying to get back to England the bomber went into a spin over the channel and plunged into the sea, all on board being lost. Lt. Edwards was in service since May 1942. Was with army air force at Lowry Field, Denver, and Bowling Field, Washington, D. C. Then was assigned to a motion picture unit organized at Hollywood, Calif., going overseas from there

to England. He was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Edwards of near Plevna. His father, Nelson Edwards, formerly of Plevna is with Paramount News Reel studio, Washington, D. C.



**Guy J. Eldridge**, Pfc., 357th Inf., 90th Div., with machine gun company, fatally wounded in action in France June 24, 1944, dying in hospital in England Jan. 9, 1945. He was wounded in the Normandy campaign. His machine gun crew had run out of ammunition and he volunteered to return for some, and was shot while getting the ammunition. Entered army service March 22, 1942. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Tex. Overseas April 1944 to England, crossing to France in the invasion of Normandy. Home, 505 East G, Hutchinson. Brother of Roy O. Eldridge, Hutchinson RFD 4.



**Wilbur D. Ellis**, RM 3/c, Navy, radioman on USS Arizona, killed when that battleship was sunk at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese bombed that base. Had been in service nearly four years, enlisting in the navy in 1937. Previous service was at Great Lakes naval training station, Ill., and San Diego. Then assigned to the battleship USS Mississippi on the Pacific, later transferring to the Arizona. He was a student in Hutchinson high school and a Western Union messenger in Hutchinson. Son of W. S. Ellis, 204 West B. His widow, a daughter of Mrs. Ed J. Doherty, 10 East Tenth, now lives in San Diego.



**John L. Strauss of Buhler**. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ensz, Inman.



**Clinton Robert Ewing**, Pfc., 409th Inf., 103rd Div., killed in action in valley of Tantrua, west of St. Die, France, Nov. 16, 1944. Was acting as company runner, carrying a portable radio when hit by a sniper's bullet and instantly killed. Buried in military cemetery at Epilan, France. In service over two years, since Sept. 3, 1942. Assigned to 507th Coast artillery (anti-aircraft), at Camp Haan, Calif., Sept. 10, 1942, serving there nine months. Then to ASTP at Stillwater, Okla., for nine months. Assigned to 103rd Div. at Camp Howze, Tex., March 1944, going overseas with that division in Oct. 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ewing, Arlington.



**Benny Enns**, Pilot Officer, Canadian Air force, in England. Killed in action over France. Formerly of Hutchinson. A sister, Mrs. Rodney Helstrom, in Newton, Kans.

**Douglas Fairbanks**, in the Navy, on the USS Pillsbury in Southwest Pacific. Killed when that vessel was sunk off Java in battle with Japanese March 1, 1942. Formerly of Hutchinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fairbanks, now of Emmett, Kans. Nephew of Mrs. R. C. Williams, 1215 North Washington.

**Jos. P. Farley, Jr.**, T/Sgt., killed in action at Courcelles, Belgium, Feb. 3, 1945. Overseas in March 1944. Had been hospitalized for a foot injury, returning to active duty only a short time before he was killed. Son of the late Jos. P. Farley, veteran Hutchinson post office employee.



**Harold Chester Feese**, Chief Electrician's Mate, USS Asheville, killed when that cruiser was sunk in the Java sea, south of the island of Java early in March 1942. The Asheville went down with 185 men aboard, all lost. He had been in the navy for 17 years, enlisting in Aug. 1925, including 14 years on the battleship USS New Mexico. Was serving as first electrician on the Asheville, with that vessel in the Asiatic fleet since 1940. Was at Cavite base, in Philippines Dec. 7, 1941, when the war with Japan started. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Feese of Abbyville.



**Wm. H. Ferguson**, ARM 3/c, radioman on a PB4 plane in the 116th Patrol Bombing squadron, based at Tinian, Marianas islands, missing in action. Took off from Tinian on May 18, 1945, on a patrol mission over Japan, and failed to return. He had been in the service about two years, since July 29, 1943. Previously served at Hutchinson naval air station, Jacksonville, Fla., and Camp Kearney, San Diego, Calif. Posthumous award of Air medal for completion of six "extremely difficult" missions over enemy-held territory. Participated in action in the Marianas and Iwo

Jima. Widow, Mrs. Dorothy Ferguson (the former Dorothy Lloyd), 529 East Tenth.



**\*Herbert W. Field**, 2nd Lt., Army Air corps, navigator on a B-24 Liberator bomber, killed in action on a bombing mission in the Southwest Pacific theater June 15, 1943, in New Guinea area. Entered the service June 15, 1941, commissioned at Mather Field, Calif. Overseas from Lowry Field, Colo., to Australia and New Guinea. Graduate of Hutchinson high school and former Junior college student.



**\*Wayne Field**, 1st Lt., Army Air corps, pilot on a bomber based in the Middle East, killed in action on a bombing mission over Sicily July 24, 1943, only five weeks after his brother, Lt. Herbert W. Field, was killed in a similar bombing mission on the other side of the world, in the New Guinea area. Plane came down in flames over Sicily, some of the crewmen bailing out and parachuting down to safety, but Lt. Field, the pilot, remained at the controls and perished. In service two years, since July 8, 1941. Overseas in March 1943. In the Middle East area five months.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Field, 300 West Seventh. A third brother, Cpl. Eugene H. Field, also in army air corps, in Georgia.*



**Jack V. Fletcher**, MM 3/c, Navy, machinist mate on the destroyer USS Reid, sunk off Leyte, Philippine islands, Dec. 11, 1944, in action. At first reported missing in action, but later officially reported as killed. Had been in service only nine months enlisting in the navy March 27, 1944. After training duty at Farragut, Ida., and Shoemaker, Calif., left for sea duty Aug. 10, 1944, over Pacific. Awarded Navy Cross "for extraordinary heroism." Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three bronze battle stars and Philippine Liberation medal with silver star.

Widow, Patricia, and son, at 406 East A.



**Leslie A. Fornwalt**, Pfc., 108th Inf., killed in action on Leyte, in the Philippines, April 22, 1945. Had been in service only seven months, since Sept. 20, 1944. Previous service at Camp Hood, Tex., and in California, and overseas to the Philippines to participate in the invasion of Leyte. Awarded Purple Heart. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Fornwalt of Partridge. Graduate of Penalosa high school. Formerly employed by the Howard Oil Co., Mt. Hope. A brother, T/Sgt. John Fornwalt, in the army in the India-Burma theater.

**Elden G. Forster**, T/Sgt., Army Air force, turret gunner on B-24 Liberator bomber with Eighth Air force based in England, killed in action on bombing mission over Germany Nov. 21, 1944. Had participated in nine combat missions. Served as engineer on the Liberator "Old Glory." Awarded Air medal for "meritorious achievement while participating on bombing missions." Formerly with Coberly Drug Co., Hutchinson. Entered army air force while a student in Hutchinson Junior college.

**Kenneth S. Foubert**, Cpl., 164th Inf., killed in action in Guadalcanal Oct. 18, 1942, the first man in his regiment killed in that battle. Rest camp later established on the island named Camp Foubert in his honor. Son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Foubert, 531 East Third.





**Glee M. Fox**, 2nd Lt., Army Air corps, pilot of B-24 Liberator bomber, with 15th Air force, based in Italy, killed in plane crash in Italy Aug. 15, 1944. Was awarded Air medal only a week before he was killed "for meritorious achievement." Was with heavy bombardment group which had been bombing German-held targets in Austria, Rumania and France. Joined the air corps in Sept. 1942. Overseas June 9, 1944. His widow and little daughter living at 215 East Sherman St. Formerly with Security Elevator Co.

**Clyde D. Fread**, CPO, Naval Construction Bn. (Seabees), in Southwest Pacific, died in New Guinea of acute poisoning May 30, 1944. Had been there three months. Formerly employed in oil field in Reno county, home in Hutchinson. Formerly in the merchant marine for a year. Widow, Mrs. Martha Fread, was employed at Walker army air field. Son of C. O. Fread, former oil worker in Reno county, residing in Hutchinson.

**Stanley Friedline**, 1st Lt., Coast artillery, killed in action at Corregidor, Philippines, April 29, 1942. Was with force defending that post in the siege by the Japanese at the outbreak of the war. A former Hutchinson boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Friedline, his father formerly on faculty of Sherman junior high school, now of Grand Saline, Tex.

**J. B. Furstenberg, Jr.**, Lt., Naval Air force, pilot of a dive bomber, killed in action in Southwest Pacific, when the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown was sunk by Japanese in 1943. Son of J. B. Furstenberg and grandson of B. C. Furstenberg, former broomcorn brokers in Hutchinson, 223 East First. Widow now in Denver.



**Bill G. Garner**, A/c, Army Air corps, at Chico, Calif., army air base, killed in crash of army plane near Chico Jan. 7, 1944. Had been in service almost a year, enlisting Feb. 24, 1943. Had been stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Superior, Wis., Santa Ana, Calif., and Visalia, Calif., and at the Chico base about three weeks before he was killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Garner, 815 North Madison, Hutchinson. Graduate of Hutchinson high school, 1941; and in Junior college, 1942. Employed at the Cessna plant when he entered service.

**Eldred B. "Bill" George**, Pfc., Army Air corps, Hondo, Tex., killed in crash of plane near Hondo air field March 21, 1944. Twin-engined training plane crashed while landing on return from combat training mission. Four other fliers also killed. Entered the air corps Feb. 1, 1943. Son of Mrs. Laura George, Nickerson.

**Loy F. Gerth, Jr.**, Sgt., Army Air corps, Strother Field, Kans., killed Sept. 24, 1943, when a control ship in which he was on duty was hit by a plane near Cassoday, Butler county. Was dispatcher clerk for the air squadron at the field near Winfield, Kans. Formerly of Hutchinson, attending business college here.

**John A. Gillies**, Col., serving with military mission in Near East, killed in crash of plane in Iran Feb. 28, 1942. Was formerly Santa Fe trainmaster in Hutchinson and later superintendent at Amarillo, Tex. Camp Gillies at Doroud, Iran, an American army camp on the Persian Gulf-Teheran military railway line was named after him, the fatal crash occurring near that point.



**Everett W. Gilliland**, Pvt., Paratroopers, killed in action in Holland Sept. 23, 1944. He had been in the service about 2½ years, since April 1942. Landed in North Africa with the 505th Inf. paratroopers March 1943. Participated in invasion of Sicily, his company being the first to land. Next participated in invasion of Italy in Oct. 1943. He was wounded in action in the fighting near Rome, and was later moved to England. He next took part in a third invasion, the landing in Normandy with the First army. In the D-Day landing in France he was again wounded, in the thigh, and an ankle fractured. Was one of the first paratroopers to land in France. To hospital in England, returning to duty again June 27, 1944. Participated in the operations on western German front, in Holland, where he was killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben E. Gilliland, 1628 East Fourth.

**Harry Arnum Goddard**, Seaman in Navy, on the Pacific. Was taken sick while at sea, and returned to the United States in Feb. 1945 for treatment at the naval hospital in Farragut, Ida. He died there July 26, 1945. Had been in the navy four years, since 1941. Son of Mrs. B. Berry, 302 East Bigger.

**Paul A. Golden**, S/Sgt., with photo topography unit, Army, killed in action in the invasion of Leyte, Philippine islands, Nov. 18, 1944. He had been overseas a year, stationed most of the time in New Guinea. Formerly connected with the naval air station in Hutchinson before going overseas with the army. Home, 1309 East B.



**\*Glenn C. Gorges**, Pvt., Army Air corps, Coffeyville army air field, Coffeyville, Kans., died at that base Nov. 14, 1942, from a throat infection, only two weeks after he had entered the service, Nov. 1, 1942. Was a mechanic in the air corps.



**\*Wilbur E. Gorges**, S 2/c, Navy, Great Lakes naval training station, died at that base Sept. 30, 1943, of kidney trouble and rheumatic fever, nine months after enlisting in the navy in Dec. 1942 in Hutchinson.

*\*Pvt. Gorges and S 2/c Gorges, enlisted about the same time, one in the army, the other in the navy, both dying soon after reaching their first stations. Sons of Mrs. Anna Gorges, 827 East B.*

**Peter G. Graber**, Pfc., Infantry, killed in action on Iwo Jima, Feb. 12, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. "Happy" Graber, of Pretty Prairie. He was one of a family of six, five brothers and a sister, all serving in the armed forces.





**Alvin Graber, Pfc.**, 321st Station hospital unit, in East Africa, killed in crash of an army transport plane en route from Gura, Eritria, to Cairo, Egypt, in Feb. 1943. The Medical corps unit had landed in East Africa Nov. 1942. A number of men in the unit were to be transferred to Cairo. Volunteers were called for and Graber volunteered. They were loaded on the transport plane at Gura Feb. 23. The plane never reached Cairo. A searching party found the wreckage of the plane on a mountain near Massawa, near the Red Sea. All on board, including the crew of 14 were

killed, cremated in the burned plane. Pfc. Graber entered the Medical corps May 22, 1942, having been in the service nine months when he was killed. Son of John D. Graber, Pretty Prairie, and brother of Mrs. John Graber and Delphia Graber, 305 East 12th.



**Robert Lee Gray, Pvt.**, Fifth Marines, First Marine Div., killed in action at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Jan. 9, 1944, while engaged in clearing out a machine gun nest of Japs. Had been in the service two years, enlisting Jan. 4, 1942. Was stationed at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif., nine months; going overseas Oct. 1942 with the Fifth Marines. In a posthumous award of the Navy Cross, the citation says: "Pvt. Gray's company had been attacking a strongly defended jungle ridge for two days. His platoon was pinned down by heavy rifle, machine gun and mortar fire.

The platoon was ordered to assault in an effort to secure the ridge before darkness. Pvt. Gray, unhesitating, and without regard for his own safety charged up the hill, killed at least two of the enemy, and knocked out a machine gun, in front of which he was found dead. He gave his life in the heroic act." Was born in Hutchinson. Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Wainner, 205 East Eighth.

**William H. Green, Cadet**, Army Air force, Williams Field, Phoenix, Ariz., killed in accident at that field Nov. 9, 1943. Was formerly with the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Hutchinson.



**Edward F. Grizzell, Pfc.**, 75th Inf. Div., with Ninth army, killed in action by artillery fire, near Dorsten, Germany, March 29, 1945, in the battle of the Ruhr. Had been in service nine months, since June 30, 1944. Previously at Camp Fannin, Tex., Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. Meade, Md. Overseas Jan. 1945 to England. Served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Grizzell, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Macksville, Kans. Brother of Mrs. Lee Hill, 208 Hyde Park. A brother, Eugene Grizzell, in the navy as gunner's mate on a ship on the Pacific.

**Rolland M. Haines, 1st Lt.**, 463rd Bombing squadron, Army Air corps, based in England. Failed to return from bombing mission on Wilhelmshaven, Germany, on a B-17 bomber. Reported missing in action, and later officially reported killed. Previously was awarded Air medal and oak leaf cluster. Formerly with Hilton Electric Co., Hutchinson. Was active in Hutchinson Boy Scouts, an Eagle Scout in Presbyterian Troop 1. Son of Mrs. Sarah Haines, 304 East Fifth.



Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harmon, 303 Crescent Blvd.

**Russell C. Harmon, Pvt.**, with headquarters of Infantry Glider unit, killed in action at Carentan, France, June 8, 1944. Had been in service since Oct. 17, 1943, eight months. Went overseas from Camp Wolters, Tex., March 1944, landing in Ireland April 1st. After a few weeks in Scotland and England, landed in France in Normandy invasion, participating in the battle of Cherbourg. Graduate of Hutchinson high school, and left Junior college to enlist in the army. Two brothers, Harold and Richard, also in the service. He is buried at the cemetery in LaCambe, France.



**Cleo L. Hartley, Pfc.**, 137th Inf., 35th Div., machine gunner, killed in action in Normandy battle, France, July 11, 1944. Was engaged in carrying ammunition when killed by a sniper bullet. Had been in service over 3½ years, since Dec. 23, 1940. Mobilized with the National guard, as member of the Kingman infantry company. At Camp Robinson, Ark., for a year with 35th Div., then to California, and Camp Rucker, Ala. Overseas April 1944. A brother, Cecil Hartley, in the navy in Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hartley, 407 W. First.



**Eugene Hatch, Sgt.**, technician with Army Engineers unit, died in Algiers, North Africa, March 29, 1944, of pneumonia. Had been in the service over 1½ years, enlisting in the engineers Aug. 1942 in California. Overseas in fall of 1943, participating in invasion of North Africa, landing at Oran, Morocco, moving later to Algeria. Son of Mrs. F. E. Hatch, 510 East Third. A sister, Thelma Hatch, with the Reno county welfare office.



in the service nearly three years, since Sept. 18, 1942. Overseas from Camp Butner, N. C., to Hawaii, Australia, and combat in New Guinea, Leyte and Mindanao. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis W. Havercroft, near Partridge.

**Kenneth Verl Havercroft, Pfc.**, Co. A, 21st Inf. Div., killed in action May 1, 1945, near Dali-an, Mindanao island, Philippines, when a land mine exploded as his company was advancing against the enemy. Previously he was in a critical, bloody operation for 13 days. The company had attacked and knocked out one road block on a mountain slope at edge of an abyss, the commanding officer and many of the company being killed. Later assaulted and captured "Bloody Knob," his company being spearhead of the assault. Two-thirds of the members of the company being casualties.

**Owen A. Hawver, Lt.**, Army Air force, with B-17 Flying Fortress crew, killed in action in New Guinea in 1943. Former Hutchinson Junior college student. Cousin of Nash Hawver, 127 West 11th, Hutchinson police officer, who served in the naval air force.





**Clarkson B. "Barney" Hereford**, 1st Lt., armament officer, Seventh Air Corps ordnance department, fatally injured on Saipan Jan. 19, 1945, while trying to rescue injured soldiers during fire after explosion, after P-38 type plane had crashed. Posthumous award of Soldier's medal and Bronze Star for the act of heroism. The citation explains that Lt. Hereford "with complete disregard for his own personal safety voluntarily entered a bomb dispersal area after a severe explosion, joining in an heroic attempt to rescue injured personnel and attempting to extinguish the rapidly spreading fire and was fatally injured at his post." In the service nearly three years, enlisting April 1942. Overseas March 1943. In Hawaii one year until June 1944, then to Saipan, participating in the invasion battle there. Son of Clark B. Hereford, formerly of Hutchinson; grandson of J. B. Talbott, 308 East Fifth.



**Howard A. Heyman**, Lt. (jg), Naval Air force, pilot of fighter plane on aircraft carrier USS Franklin, killed on board the Franklin in a Japanese suicide "Kamikaze" attack off the coast of Japan March 19, 1945; struck by a Japanese suicide dive-bomber, sixty miles from Japanese coast. Heyman was about to take off in his fighter plane when the Kamikaze attack occurred and he was instantly killed. In service about 3 years, since April 1942. Stationed in the Atlantic area about two months, then to the Pacific on the aircraft carrier Yorktown for a year.

Participated in 16 raids in the Marshall and Caroline groups in 1944. Returned to Santa Rosa, Calif., to train a new crew, and took them back to the Pacific theater in Jan. 1945 on the "Fighting Lady," the carrier Franklin, on which he perished. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Heyman, Hutchinson.



**John A. Hettinger**, Col., 32nd Div., commanding an infantry regiment, killed in action at Balete Pass in Leyte, Philippines, March 27, 1945. Commanding regiment that smashed the Japanese Yamashita line in Leyte. Awarded Distinguished Service Cross (posthumous) "for extraordinary heroism." The citation said: "Charged with capturing an enemy-controlled hill, Col. Hettinger moved among the men of his forward elements, encouraging them and supervising their preparations for a planned assault when the enemy attacked with withering fire from machine guns which caused many casualties. With no thought of his own safety, Col. Hettinger proceeded immediately to a strategic observation point, established radio contact with the commander of an adjoining battalion and effectively directed fire which neutralized the hostile machine gun emplacements. Meanwhile the enemy put down a sustained artillery barrage. Col. Hettinger then directed his driver and radio operator to take shelter, and in spite of suggestions that he also take cover, he remained in his exposed position in order to maintain radio contact with the regimental command post. While directing operations a direct hit instantly killed him."

Col. Hettinger, born in Hutchinson and a graduate of Hutchinson high school, began soldiering as a sergeant in Hutchinson's National guard company, Co. E. He served in World War I, going to France in 1918 as second lieutenant 76th Field artillery, Third division. Promoted to captain,

commanding battery in battles of the Marne, St. Mihiel and Argonne. Wounded in action at Montfaucon in the Argonne. Awarded citation for gallantry as battery commander in action at Bois de Remoiville, Nov. 10, 1918. Remained in Germany after Armistice Day, as commander of cavalry detachment at Coblenz. Returned from World War I with three medals and citations, and the rank of major.

When World War II broke out, was colonel and chief of staff of 89th Div. at Camp Carson, Colo. Went overseas to Southwest Pacific as chief of staff of 32nd division. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Hettinger; and a cousin of Judge Franklin Hettinger, judge of the district court, Hutchinson.



**Ernest E. Higgins**, Sgt., Co. L, 71st Inf., 44th Div., Seventh army, killed in action near Halbeck, France, Dec. 20, 1944. Five volunteers had been called for to locate a machine gun nest that was holding up the company's advance. Sgt. Higgins volunteered and was killed on the duty. Previously on Dec. 1, he had also volunteered for hazardous duty, as one of a detail of ten volunteers to make a dangerous patrol into the enemy lines. Entered service Feb. 26, 1943. Overseas from Camp Phillips, Kans., Sept. 1, 1944, to southern France. Was in action there middle of October,

in campaign in which he was killed near Metz. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Higgins of Nickerson.



**William H. Hill**, A/C, Army Air corps, killed in crash of trainer plane near Bainbridge, Ga., army air field July 12, 1944. Was 1st Sgt. 219th Field artillery battalion at Camp Rucker, Ala., when transferred to the air corps six months before, being stationed first in Florida and then at Bainbridge only a week before he was killed. Was Cpl. Battery C, 130th F. A., when mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941 with 35th Div. At Camp Robinson one year; then to California with 35th Div., and later to Alabama. In service over 3½ years, since Dec. 1940.

Was pressman on News-Herald. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hill, 934 East Third.

**James Hiller**, A/C, Army Air corps, killed in crash of training plane, army air field, Hondo, Tex., Dec. 24, 1942, lost with crew of four men on the plane. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Hiller of Hutchinson.

**Otto Hinds, Jr.**, Lt., Army Air force, fatally injured when he parachuted from a B-17 Flying Fortress over Yugoslavia May 29, 1944, dying from the injuries about two months later, July 20, 1944. The plane developed engine trouble over Austria, finally coming down in Yugoslavia. He was found, badly injured, and was taken to a hospital by Yugoslav "underground," concealed from the Nazis and cared for. Before he died he wrote farewell messages to his wife and parents on leaves torn from his Bible. He had been in the service four years, enlisting in the infantry. Later transferred to air force. Was co-pilot on a B-17 bomber based in Italy. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hinds of Turon.

**Harry Hobbs**, Pvt., Field Artillery, killed in a vehicle accident in Wolverhampton, England, August 1944. Had been overseas six weeks, going to England from Camp Polk, La. Formerly of Hutchinson. A nephew of Mrs. Jessie Patterson, 12 East Fifth.





**William N. Hirst, Pfc.**, 383rd Bn., 96th Div., Tenth army, fatally wounded in battle on Okinawa May 27, 1945, dying the following day. His company was being held up by a machine gun nest in a tomb. Hirst and two comrades worked their way forward 150 yards through enemy fire assaulting the position with hand grenades and rifle fire, making possible a break-through by their company. In the assault, however, Hirst was mortally wounded, dying in a few hours. In service ten months, since July 1944. Overseas Jan. 1945 to Hawaii, Saipan and Okinawa. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hirst of Partridge. Widow at 208 West Eighth.

**Robert M. Hodgson**, Armored Force, killed in Normandy invasion, France, June 1944. Overseas from Ft. Knox, Ky. Home, Hutchinson. Widow, Mrs. Alice L. Hodgson, 321 East Sherman.

**William Hoffman, Jr.**, 1st Sgt., Army Engineers, killed in action at Anzio beachhead, Italy. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoffman, Burrton RFD.



**Boyd E. Holcom, Pfc.**, Army Air force, as ground crewman, at Nichols Field, Philippines, killed in action when the Japanese attacked the Philippines Jan. 26, 1942. He formerly was a member of Battery A, 130th Field Artillery, with the National Guard battalion in Hutchinson. Transferred to army air corps at Hamilton Field, Calif. in Jan. 1940. Overseas from Moffet Field, Calif. to the Philippines. Student in Nickerson high school when he enlisted. One of five brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holcom, 400 East C, in the armed forces.



**James F. Holdren**, 2nd Lt., 92nd Bomber group, Army Air force, based in England, killed in action returning from a bombing mission over Frankfurt, Germany, Jan. 29, 1944. He was pilot on a B-17 bomber, returning from his sixth mission, a heavy raid over Frankfurt. The plane was shot down, crashing at Gurech, France, only two of the crewmen escaping, parachuting out, and they were taken prisoners. All the others, including Lt. Holdren, perished.

A French woman, Mme. Cambrier, residing near Gurech, wrote, after the war, to Lt. Holdren's parents: "It happened at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon on a Saturday. The Fortress passed over our house on the road between Lille and Valenciennes at an altitude of 200 or 300 meters. She was in trouble and was pursued by a German fighter which did not abandon the chase until the crash seven kilometers (about five miles) from here. Two crewmen named Anderson and Galloway jumped in a parachute and fell on our street but there were 50 or 60 people there and it was impossible to think of hiding them. Anderson was shot in the arm.

"The men in the plane defended themselves with heroic courage to the very last. The Jerrys continued to shoot until the plane went down. I saw the remains of the Fortress two days later. An eyeglass case marked 'J. F. Holdren' was found on the scene and I am holding it for disposition of his family. The bodies were placed in coffins and brought

to Lille where they are buried. I shall be going soon to look over the tombs and leave some flowers and add a prayer for the families of these heroes."

A monument was erected on the spot where the bomber crashed, by the people of the village of Gurech, dedicated with a ceremony Nov. 11, 1945 with a plaque engraved with the names of the victims.

Lt. Holdren had been overseas only two months, going to England from Grand Island, Neb. Nov. 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Holdren, 114 North Plum. Widow, Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Berry, 312 Crescent Blvd.



**Henry William Hoover, Pfc.**, 21st Bn., Third Div., Marines, killed in action on Iwo Jima, March 1, 1945. Was serving as gunner, using "bazooka" gun. Had been in service a little over a year, since Feb. 22, 1944. Enlisted in Marines in Hutchinson, where he was living then. Stationed at San Diego and Camp Pendleton, Calif. To Guam June 15, 1944, and from there to Iwo Jima. Formerly with Healer Cartage Co. in Hutchinson. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Price Hoover, 227 West Second.

**Lowell Hopper, Lt.**, Naval Air force, killed in plane crash in Okinawa, June 13, 1945. Home formerly in Hutchinson. Was formerly at Hutchinson naval air station.

**Dudley T. Horton**, officially reported as dead by War department. Listed by War department as a Reno county soldier.



**Roy D. Huffman, T/Sgt.**, Inf., killed in Germany, accidentally shot Nov. 18, 1944. Buried in Holland. Had been in service two years, since Nov. 23, 1942. Was at Camp Maxey, Tex. one year; at Camp Swift, Tex. six months. Overseas from Ft. Dix, N. J. September 1944, and was killed two months later. Was with division invading Germany. Formerly employed at Larabee mill, Hutchinson for ten years.

**Leonard Hughes, Lt.**, Army Air force, co-pilot on B-29 bomber in West Pacific. Was shot down in bombing raid over Tokyo, May 26, 1945. Listed as missing since. Officially reported in Sept. 1946 as presumed to have been killed. Was overseas several months. Wife, the former Donna Elder, daughter of Mrs. G. R. Kollhoff, 109 East Sherman.



**Connie Lorman Hukle, T/4**, Army Engineers, pumper on gasoline pipeline in Tunisia, killed in air-plane crash near Djedeida, Tunisia, Jan. 19, 1944. Was technician with petroleum distribution division, Corps of Engineers. In service about a year, since Feb. 1943. Stationed at Camp Claiborne, La. about six months. Overseas Sept. 1943 to North Africa. At Oran, Algeria, then to Ferryville, Tunisia, Sept. 26, 1943. Had been there four months when killed. Wife, Mrs. Lillian Hukle, of Haven.



**George A. Huser, Lt.,** Army Air force, flight engineer on B-29 bomber, based in west China. Killed in action in the first bombing raid over Japan, June 15, 1944. Formerly of Hutchinson, nephew of W. L. Biehn, 16 West Tenth.

**Stuart Hutcherson, T/5,** Armored Reconnaissance Bn., killed in action in Luxembourg, Dec. 17, 1944. Overseas, Sept. 1944 to France. Had been in the army seven years. Widow residing at 1202 North Main, Hutchinson.

**Charles R. Jameson, Lt.,** Marine Corps, pilot of marine fighter bomber, missing in action in Southwest Pacific. Overseas in May 1944. Failed to return from a bombing mission May 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jameson, 105 West 14th.



**J. Velber Johannes, Metalsmith** 1/c, Navy, killed in action at Salerno, Italy, Jan. 31, 1944. Was on the destroyer USS Plunkett, sunk in direct bomb attack in the harbor at Salerno. Is buried in Italy. He had been in the navy six years, enlisting Nov. 3, 1938, after leaving high school here. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Johannes, formerly of Hutchinson, now at Kanopolis, Kans. Brother, Everett Johannes, 425 Justice St.



**Hartzell Jones, T/Sgt.,** Army Air corps, engineer-gunner on B-17 bomber based in England, missing in action in France, failing to return from a bombing mission near Paris, Sept. 6, 1943. Six of the crew on his plane were later accounted for, four of them as prisoners, two others escaping back to England, but the others including Sgt. Jones were officially pronounced as dead. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones, of Partridge, both of whom had died shortly before; the father in 1940 and mother in 1941.

**Rolland Jones, Pvt.,** killed in action in Bataan, Philippines, one of the defenders of Luzon in attack by Japanese in Jan. 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Jones, Sterling RFD.



**Wilbur Fred Jones, 1st Lt.,** 21st Armored Inf. Bn., 11th Armored Div., killed in action in Belgium, Jan. 1, 1945, shortly after arriving at the Belgian front, in the battle of Ardennes salient. Overseas from Camp Cooke, Calif. Sept. 1944. Awarded Bronze Star medal posthumously. The citation reads: "Lt. Jones led his platoon in an attack against a fortified position. He directed the advance of his platoon with such outstanding leadership and disregard for his own safety that the position was taken with minimum losses, although Lt. Jones sacrificed his own life in the attack."

Survived by his widow, Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Delano, 420 East 14th.

**Willis A. Jones, Pfc.,** Armored division, Third Army, killed in action in Germany, April 4, 1945. Formerly a student at Hutchinson Junior college. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones, north of Hutchinson.

**Ralph R. Juarez, Pfc.,** Co. M, 264th Inf., 66th Div., Camp Robinson, Ark., drowned in amphibious maneuver on lake near Little Rock, Ark., March 16, 1944. Assault boat engaged in the maneuver was swamped and eleven soldiers on the boat, all of Co. M, were drowned. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Juarez, 308 South Monroe.



**Harold Lee Kagarice, SK 1/c,** Navy, chief storekeeper on battleship USS Arizona, at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, killed on his ship when it was destroyed by Japanese in Pearl Harbor bombing attack, Dec. 7, 1941. Had been in navy 17 years, since Dec. 14, 1924. Transferred from shore duty at Long Beach, Calif. to China, June 1936, serving in Orient 2½ years in China and the Philippines. Served on USS Altair, USS Chicago and later on the USS Arizona. Son of Mrs. Grace Kagarice, of Darlow community. Nephew of Dr. Elizabeth Kagarice, 301 West Fifth.



**Marion Keever, Pvt.,** 112th Mechanized Cavalry, killed in action in New Guinea, July 27, 1944. Had been in service less than a year, since enlisting August 1943. Served at Ft. Riley, Kans. 17 weeks, Fort Ord, Calif. four weeks and then overseas. Served at various points in the Southwest Pacific combat area. Widow, Mrs. Opal Keever, 912 North Hayes. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Keever, 324 Park St.

**James A. Kelley,** killed in action in Bataan, Philippine islands, March 27, 1942. Son of Mrs. Lillian Eckman, 411 East Third.



**Charles Norton Kelly, 2nd Lt.,** pilot of P-51 fighter plane, Army air corps, killed in crash of his plane near Foggia, Italy, Aug. 20, 1944. Buried in a military cemetery at Barra, Italy. Had been in service nearly two years, since Dec. 7, 1942. Served at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., St. Louis, San Antonio, Tex., Cuero, Tex., Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Tex., and Foster Field, Victoria, Tex. Commissioned March 12, 1943 at Victoria, Tex. Overseas from Norfolk, Va. July 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis N. Kelly, 2201 North Madison St.

**John B. Kelly,** killed in action on the western German front, April 16, 1945. He was with troops that had fought through the Normandy battle, and northern France campaign, and were pushing across the Rhine, after the Rhineland battle. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kelly, formerly of Hutchinson. His widow at 826 East Sixth.

**Dale Kennedy, Pvt.,** 21st Marines Regt., Fourth Marines Div., killed in action on Saipan, July 1944. He had gone overseas with Marines from the base at Oceanside, Calif. in 1943, stationed first in Hawaii. He was killed in landing operations in the invasion of Saipan. He was born and reared in Hutchinson, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kennedy of Hutchinson RFD. Nephew of Mrs. Jas. Williams, of South Hutchinson and Mrs. Jesse Stoffer, of Haven.





**Robert Raymond Kent**, S/Sgt., Bombardment group, B-17s, waist gunner and armorer, based in England. Killed in bombing raid over Berlin, March 6, 1944. Wing shot off his plane, a mid-air collision followed and wrecked plane exploded in mid-air. Remains of crewmen buried at Brackwirtz, Germany. Had been in service over a year, since Feb. 20, 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kent, formerly of Hutchinson. Nephew of Arthur Tiedtke, 817 North Buchanan; Walter Tiedtke, 1219 North Orchard; and Earl Eckert, 1110 East Tenth.



**Kennard W. Keys**, 2nd Lt., Army Air force, bombardier, member of B-24 bomber crew in Southwest Pacific, missing in action since Feb. 19, 1943. Failed to return from mission over New Britain. When last heard from was over Cape Ward Hunt, New Guinea. Was credited with making direct hit on a Japanese ship near New Guinea Jan. 19, 1943. Formerly a carrier on Hutchinson News-Herald. Graduate of Hutchinson high school in 1933. Enlisted in army signal corps in 1933 and had been in service since, ten years. Re-enlisted in army air force after Pearl Harbor was

bombed, Dec. 1941. Left for overseas Dec. 26, 1942 to Southwest Pacific. Son of Mrs. Blanche Feagins, now of Halstead. Brother of Mrs. Leo Stewart, Hutchinson RFD 2. His father, C. E. Keys, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Monrovia, Calif.



**George H. Kienzle, Jr.**, S 2/c, Navy, killed in action aboard the USS Juneau, in battle off Guadalcanal Nov. 13, 1942. Only seven months after enlisting in the navy he went overseas Jan. 29, 1942. In the few months he was in the combat area of the Western Pacific he took part in fifteen engagements on board the Juneau. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Kienzle, 1107 North Orchard.



**Marion R. King**, T/Sgt., 83rd Div., killed in action in battle of Hurtgen Forest, near Strauss, Germany, Dec. 11, 1944. Overseas April 1944, based in England for two months. Participated in the invasion of France, landing in Normandy, June 1944. Wounded in Normandy July 10, 1944. Returned from hospital in England to rejoin his company in Luxembourg in August 1944. In the army nearly six years. Enlisted March 9, 1939 in Second cavalry at Fort Riley. Transferred to infantry in Aug. 1942. Overseas from Camp Breckenridge, Ky. Son of George A. King, 321 East

D. Brother of Mrs. Ruby Roberts, Morningside Acres, Hutchinson RFD 1.

**Walter Willis King, Jr.**, Pfc., Marine corps, killed in action on Iwo Jima, March 1, 1945. "Buddy" King, as he was known, was a senior in Nickerson high school when he left school to enlist in the Marines in March 1944. He went overseas from San Diego only shortly before he went into his first battle, the landing and assault on Iwo Jima, in which he was killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter King, of Nickerson.

**Warner Archie King**, Pfc., 200th Coast Artillery, Ft. Stotsenberg, Philippine Islands, killed while a prisoner of war, dying when a Jap prison ship on which he was being moved from the Philippines to a Jap prison camp was sunk in the China Sea, Oct. 24, 1944, by an American submarine. All on board were lost, excepting nine prisoners who were later rescued and who related what had happened.

The prison ship, without identification marks to indicate that it was transporting prisoners of war, was sunk as an enemy vessel without warning, 200 miles off the China coast. He was taken prisoner at the fall of Bataan, Dec. 13, 1942. Was held prisoner in Jap concentration camps in Luzon for nearly two years. In service since March 1941, going overseas from Ft. Bliss, Tex. to the Philippines, in Sept. 1941. Son of Mrs. Mary E. King of Enterprise township. His father, Phil M. King, former custodian of Nickerson school, died in June 1943 while his son was in a Jap prison.

**William Ebert King**, Pfc., Quartermaster battalion, killed in action off the coast of France April 28, 1944 when the boat on which he was serving as a cook was sunk in an unexpected attack by fast German destroyers in Cherbourg bay. The attack occurred during a pre-invasion rehearsal preparing for the Normandy invasion landing. He had been in England since October 1943. Was employed at the Barton salt works, Hutchinson. Son of Mrs. Nellie Carmichael, 819 East Ninth.



**Theodore W. "Ted" Kircher**, Pfc., 378th Inf., 95th Div., killed in action in battle of Metz, France, Nov. 16, 1944. He went overseas in July 1944, landing first in England and then to France Oct. 1944. Had been in the army over two years, since Aug. 1, 1942. Previous service at Camp Swift, Tex., Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., Camp Polk, La., Desert Center, Calif. and Indiantown Gap, Pa. Awarded Purple Heart and Presidential citation. Son of Mrs. Clara Louise Kircher, 206 East A.



**Wilber Paul Kroeker**, Sgt., Paratroopers, 11th Airborne Div., killed in vehicle accident near Manila, Philippine islands, April 21, 1946, his skull fractured. He had been in army about two years, since June 22, 1944. Served at Ft. MacArthur, Los Angeles, Calif., Camp Robinson, Ark., Ft. Benning, Ga., Fort Ord, Calif. Overseas Aug. 1945 to the Philippines participating in the campaign in north Luzon and reconquest of the Philippines. In Luzon nine months. Served as construction engineer with utilities office of the 5th Replacement Depot at Manila. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Kroeker, 5 West 19th.

**Roy J. Kruger**, Lt., Infantry, missing in action in Germany since Dec. 1944, and officially reported as presumed killed in action. He was with troops that had fought in the Normandy battle, carried through the campaign of northern France, and were invading Germany. He was formerly employed in Hutchinson. Nephew of Mrs. C. S. Tracy, Hutchinson RFD.





**Victor L. Kuhns**, Sgt., Army Air force, radio-gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, with 15th Air Force, based in Italy, lost when forced to bail out over the Adriatic sea, when returning from bombing mission over Poland, Sept. 13, 1944. Their plane was badly shot up on the raid and they were unable to get back to the base in Italy. All came down into the water and were in the water for several hours before an Italian fishing boat picked them up. All were found except two, Sgt. Kuhns and another. In service over two years, enlisting in Oct. 1942. Overseas to Italy,

July 1944. Operating from a base in southern Italy he completed 22 combat missions over southern France, Italy, Austria and Poland. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kuhns, of Arlington.

**Kenneth Kunkle**, Pvt., Marine corps, killed in action in the Solomon islands, in the Southwest Pacific. Home, 309½ West Second. In the service only a short time, going overseas from the Marine base at Oceanside, Calif.

**Edwin Howard Lawrence**, with commando unit, Inf., killed in action near Rome, Italy, May 30, 1944. Previously was wounded in landing in Italy Dec. 8, 1943. Was in hospital in North Africa for three months. Following release from hospital, March 1944, returned to his regiment in Italy at the front. Home in Nickerson. Son of Wm. Lawrence and grandson of George Lawrence, of Nickerson.



**Lester P. Lawrence**, Pfc., 506th Parachute Infantry, killed in action in the Battle of the Bulge near Bastogne, Belgium, Jan. 10, 1945 by enemy artillery fire. Had been in service about two years, since Feb. 20, 1943. Previously at Camp Roberts, Calif. and Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas Sept. 1943. In England nine months, then to France, in the Normandy invasion. Participated in battles of Normandy beachhead, on "Hell's Highway" in Holland, and in the Bulge battle in Belgium. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Job Lawrence, 1627 East Second. Widow at 511 South Maple. Former employee of the Gano elevator.

**Ralph Lemert**, Lt. Cdr., Navy, in charge of detection defenses, Los Angeles harbor, at San Pedro, died from sudden heart attack in Los Angeles hospital, Sept. 1944. A former Hutchinson boy, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lemert, Sr.



**James A. Lewis, Jr.**, Pvt., 318th Inf., 80th "Blue Ridge" Div., killed in action on the Moselle river, south of Metz, France, Sept. 13, 1944. Overseas July 1944, participating in Normandy invasion, landing in France, at Utah Beach, Aug. 3, 1944. Lewis was injured in battle of Argentin-Falaise gap, two weeks later, and was transferred later to guard duty at 318th Inf. headquarters. Early on Sept. 13 the Germans launched a high-powered counterattack. In resisting this attack Lewis and many others of the 318th headquarters guard were killed. In service a little over a year. Son

of Mrs. J. A. Lewis, 312 East Sherman. He was advertising manager at Wiley store when entering service, enlisting July 13, 1943.

**Ernest Lepp**, S/Sgt., Infantry, killed in action in Germany, Oct. 15, 1944. Was in the army for several years before the Pearl Harbor attack. Son of G. P. Lepp, of Buhler.



**James Leonard Lewis**, Capt., Army Air force, pilot of a Liberator bomber, killed in action May 19, 1944 over Hanover, Germany. He was pilot of the lead ship in a raid briefed as "vital to the invasion of France." Eighty Nazi fighter planes dove out of the noonday sun in an attempt to break up the formation. Capt. Lewis' bomber, the "Uninvited," received the full force of the attack. Only three of the 12 aboard escaped. Capt. Lewis and two group officers directing the vital mission, were instantly killed. In service four years, enlisting in Royal Canadian air force in 1940,

a year before Pearl Harbor was bombed. After the U. S. entered the war he transferred to U. S. air force May 1942. Overseas to England in April 1944. Son of C. M. Lewis, 123 West Tenth.

**Charles F. Linder**, MMM 1/c, Navy, died in Fukuoka prison camp, Honshu, Japan, Feb. 10, 1944. He was taken prisoner in the South Pacific, in May 1943 when the submarine USS Grenadier was sunk by the Japs, the survivors being taken prisoners. He had been reported missing in action when the Grenadier was unheard from in May 1943. Seven months later the official announcement was made, Dec. 2, 1943 that he was alive, but a prisoner of war. In August 1944, six months after his death, his wife received a card mailed from the Japanese internment camp in which he said simply, "Well; working." He was not permitted to say more. Nothing more was heard of him until in October 1945 the War department announced he had died in the prison camp a year and eight months previously, from pneumonia. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Linder, of Inman. Widow, a daughter of Mrs. Bertha Wheeler, 221 West 8th. Formerly employee of the Gas Service Co. in Hutchinson.



**Ralph William Long**, Chief Com-misary Steward, Navy, on destroyer USS Boric, officially reported missing in action by Navy department, Nov. 10, 1943, in a battle with a submarine on the Atlantic. The crew of the Boric fought a German submarine to the death. The destroyer was badly damaged in ramming the submarine, but succeeded in sinking the enemy underwater craft. The Boric however was so badly damaged it was sunk later. Many of the crew, including Long, were lost. He was a son of Mrs. Rhoda Long, 208 East Ninth.

**Charles W. Loucks**, Capt., Air Transport Command, killed in crash of plane at Ledo, India, March 4, 1945. "Chod" Loucks, as he was known was pilot of an ATC plane based in India. He had been overseas more than a year. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Loucks, Hutchinson.



**Victor A. Lowen**, Sgt., Second Inf. Div., killed in action in Germany April 1, 1945. Participated in the Normandy invasion, the northern France campaign and was with the first American troops to enter Germany. He had been overseas almost a year. Graduate of Hutchinson high school, 1939. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lowen, formerly Hutchinson. Widow, the former Mildred Rae Miller, 328 East Third.





**Luther L. Manke, Cpl., 22nd Marines, Sixth Div.,** killed in action May 14, 1945, in Okinawa. He had been in service nearly two years. Overseas from Camp Elliott, Calif., in Jan. 1944, serving in Guadalcanal, Guam, Saipan and Okinawa. He was killed when serving as a fire team leader of a Browning automatic rifle squad, in an assault on an enemy-held hill. Given commendation for "outstanding bravery in leading his men against Jap machine gun fire with the enemy entrenched in tombs and caves." Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Manke, 1019 North Hendricks. Grandson

of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Manke, 308 East 14th.

**Richard Mann, 2nd Lt., Army Air force,** killed, as a prisoner of war, when a Japanese prison ship was sunk in the China sea, Nov. 1944. He had gone to the Philippines in October 1941 for duty as an army air pilot at Clark Field, near Manila, arriving there only shortly before the Japanese struck. After Clark Field was taken fought with the defenders of the Philippines at Corregidor and was taken prisoner there. In Nov. 1944 when the Japanese were moving the prisoners from the Philippines as American forces were recovering the islands a prison ship on which he was being moved toward China was sunk at sea by American bombers who were unaware it was a prison ship. Student at Hutchinson Junior college when he enlisted in 1939. Nephew of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Detter, 1900 North Jefferson, with whom he lived while attending school here.



**Luther E. Massey, T/Sgt., Army Air corps,** engineer on B-24 bomber based in North Africa, killed in airplane crash March 12, 1944, in Africa. Last letter from him was dated March 9, three days before his death, mailed from Brazil, indicating he had been killed shortly after arriving across the Atlantic. He had been in service about 1½ years, since Nov. 9, 1942. Previously at Gulfport, Miss., Harlingen, Tex., Gowen Field, Idaho, and Wendover Field, Utah. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe C. Massey, 725 East Third.



**Joseph F. Mathein, Sgt., Headquarters Co., 31st Inf.,** died as prisoner of war in Philippines. Was radioman, field radio operator with army. When last heard from was with a radio unit in the "walled city" of Manila, Nov. 23, 1941. Nothing further heard from him and was reported missing in action since May 22, 1942. On May 8, 1944, officially listed as having died in Japanese prison. Went overseas to Philippines in March 1940. Enlisted in 84th Field artillery at Ft. Riley. Graduated from Hutchinson high school in 1938. Son of Frank Mathein, formerly of 229 West Ninth.

**Charles Matlack, Cpl., Army Air force,** aviation engineers, died a prisoner of war in Japanese prison camp in Philippines, July 13, 1942. Was stationed at Nichols Field, P. I., when the Japanese invaded the islands. Last heard from at Corregidor March 16, 1942. Taken prisoner when Corregidor fell. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matlack, Valley township.

**Tom H. Matlock, Naval air pilot,** killed in action on the USS Hornet, aircraft carrier, sunk in air-naval battle off Guadalcanal, Oct. 26, 1942. He enlisted in the navy in Hutchinson, 1941. Was assigned to duty as pilot of naval plane on the carrier USS Ranger. Later transferred to the Hornet. Brother of Mrs. Peter Thomas of Nickerson.

**Winfield G. Maurer, Lt., Naval Air force,** missing in action somewhere at sea since 1942. The last heard from him he was at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in the summer of 1940, then on the aircraft carrier USS Lexington. Navy department records show he was on duty in the South Atlantic in 1942, several months after Pearl Harbor was bombed. The Lexington was lost in battle in the Southwest Pacific in 1942. Enlisted in navy in 1929. Was stationed at Pensacola, Fla., in 1936. Son of Godfrey Maurer, 808 East Ninth.



**James D. McAtee, Sgt., 32nd Inf., 7th Div.,** killed in action in Leyte, Philippines, Oct. 22, 1944. In the service nearly three years, enlisting Jan. 28, 1942. Overseas 1½ years. Stationed at Camp Wolters, Tex., San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Ft. Ord, Calif. To the Aleutians in April 1943, taking part in the battles at Attu and Kiska. From there to the Kwajalein island, in the Marshalls and later to the Philippines, killed in battle for possession of a beachhead near Dulag, in Leyte, shot through the head while leading his squad against the enemy, instantly killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. McAtee, Sylvia.



**Gilbert A. McColm, S 1/c, Navy,** gunner on the destroyer, USS Savannah, killed in action in harbor at Salerno, Italy, Sept. 11, 1943. The last letter received from him, dated Aug. 22, said he was with the invasion force in Sicily, at that time. In the service about 2½ years, since June 15, 1941. Shortly after leaving Great Lakes naval station, Ill., went to sea. Had made two trips to England before Pearl Harbor was bombed in Dec. 1941 as part of armed escort of convoys. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McColm, 100 North Waldron.

**Morgan S. McCowan, 2nd Lt., Army Air force,** with 20th Pursuit squadron, killed at Clark Field, Philippine islands, when the Japs made bombing attack at that field Dec. 10, 1941, three days after the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Enlisted in the air force in spring of 1937. Commissioned at Kelly Field, Tex., December 1940, going to Philippines soon after. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McCowan, Pretty Prairie.

**Troy McCubbin, Lt., Army Air force,** killed in action over Chungking, China, August 1944. Formerly lived in Pretty Prairie. Nephew of C. W. McCubbin, Pretty Prairie.

**Lowell Elvis McCutcheon, Pvt., Inf.,** killed in action on Leyte, Philippines, Dec. 21, 1944. Formerly of Pretty Prairie.

**George McGuire, Pvt., 137th Inf., 35th Div.,** killed in action in Normandy, France, in the assault on St. Lo, July 15, 1944. Mobilized with 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark. With that division to Alabama and then overseas to England, taking part in the Normandy invasion. Son of Geo. McGuire, Sr., Hutchinson.





**David W. McMahan**



**Garland L. McMahan**

**\*David W. McMahan**, Cpl., Army Air force, fatally injured in crash of a C-47 cargo plane at Brighton, England, Oct. 17, 1944, dying shortly after in a hospital there. Had been in the air force two years, enlisting Sept. 1, 1942. Overseas from Camp Briggs, N. C. Was serving as crew chief on the cargo plane. Previously at Miami, Fla., and at air fields in Mississippi, California, Alabama and Missouri.

**\*Garland Leroy McMahan**, Pvt., Field Artillery, serving as cannoneer, accidentally killed on maneuvers near Camp Sealey, Calif., May 23, 1942, when an army truck in which he was riding went over a 50-foot embankment. Had been in service only seven months, since Oct. 15, 1941. Stationed at Camp Roberts and Camp Sealey, Calif.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. McMahan, Burrton RFD 1. Both attended Fairview district school, Reno county, and the Burrton high school.*



**Meredith Morton McMillan**, S/Sgt., Army Air corps, radioman-waist gunner on a Liberator bomber in 13th Air Force, killed in action off the coast of Bougainville in the Southwest Pacific Nov. 3, 1943. He was on a long range bombing mission with a force of Liberators that attacked a six-ship convoy of Japanese ships, 135 miles northeast of Kavieng, New Ireland, the convoy escorted by 20 Jap fighter planes. Seven of the enemy planes were shot down, one of the cargo ships left sinking, and another afire.

Only one Liberator failed to return from the mission, the one on which Sgt. McMillan was radioman-gunner. Badly damaged, the plane was kept in the air 2½ hours before it crashed in the sea. Six of the crew, including Sgt. McMillan, were killed. Lt. Robert Pandzic, one of the four survivors, explained that the others were all killed instantly by the impact with the water. "Sgt. McMillan did a wonderful job readying the ship for the water landing we knew was inevitable," Lt. Pandzic wrote the sergeant's parents. "He was the calmest and most collected member of the crew. It was he who invariably spotted the Zeros first. Mac had more Zeros to his credit than anyone else in the crew."

He had been in the service nearly 1½ years, since August 1942. He took part in the Bougainville-Rabaul aerial campaigns, and had been on several heavy bombardment missions in the 21 days he was in the Bougainville area, before he was killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McMillan, 724 East A.

**Marvin Meade**, Lt., Naval Air force, missing in action in the Southwest Pacific, since Sept. 9, 1944. He was a former instructor at the Hutchinson naval air station. His wife, the former Lela Brown, being manager of the True Value shop in Hutchinson. He served as a fighter pilot against the Japanese for about a year.



**George A. Milburn**, 2nd Lt., Army Air force, killed in action over Germany, Feb. 22, 1944. He was bombardier on a bomber attacked by fighter planes while returning from a mission to Bernburg, Germany, his sixth. Son of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Milburn, 1105 North Hendricks.



**Jack C. Miller**, Pfc., 142nd Inf., 36th Div., killed in action in Italy, south of Florence, July 31, 1944. Had been in the service four years, mobilizing with the National Guard in 1940. Overseas with 142nd Inf. to North Africa, later participating in the invasion of Italy, with the 36th Division, landing at Salerno, participating in the Salerno beach campaign and bitter fighting north of there, in the Fifth Army. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy P. Miller, 907 West Fourth.



**John C. Miller**, 2nd Lt., Army Air corps, killed in crash landing at Camp Springs, Md., Nov. 7, 1944, in last training before being sent overseas as pilot of a P-47 plane. Enlisted June 1, 1943. In service at Sheppard Field, Tex., Cincinnati, O., San Antonio, Tex., Corsicana, Tex., Percin Field, Sherman, Tex., and Foster Field, Tex. Received wings and commissioned lieutenant at Victoria, Tex., Aug. 4, 1944. Son of Mrs. Leah E. Miller, 503 East Sixth.



**William Leroy Moore**, Pfc., Medical detachment, 276th Inf., 70th Div., in Seventh Army, fatally wounded in action Jan. 5, 1945, in Alsace-Lorraine, France. He died two days later, Jan. 7. He was shot while administering first aid to a wounded soldier on the battlefield, a Sgt. Bark, from Chanute, Kans. Previously had served 16 months in the Aleutians with the medical detachment of the 154th F. A., serving in the battles of Adak and Kiska. Returning from the Aleutians in Nov. 1943 he again went overseas, in Dec. 1944, this time to Europe, joining the Seventh Army in the invasion of southern France. He was killed only a few days after reaching the front. In the service since Dec. 1940 when he mobilized in Hutchinson with the



130th F.A. medical detachment. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with the 35th Div. in Jan. 1941. With the 154th F. A. in California, transferring later to the Army Air corps at Buckley Field, Colo., and also with the army engineers at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. for a time. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore, 528 East First.

**Bernard V. Moline**, Ensign, Naval Air force, killed in plane accident at Pasco, Wash., Feb. 16, 1944. Previously at Hutchinson naval air station, Corpus Christi, Tex., Miami, Fla., San Diego, and Seattle, Wash. Reported at Pasco, Wash. air field Jan. 30, and had been there two weeks when he was killed. Widow, the former Ora May Heck, with the Kansas Power & Light Co. offices, Hutchinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heck, 201 West 13th.



**Carroll Eugene Morris**, S 1/c, Navy, on battleship USS South Dakota, serving as radarman and gunner, killed in action off Saipan June 19, 1944, when a bomb from a Jap plane struck the ship, killing the entire gun crew in which he was serving. He had served in the navy about 2½ years, since January 1942, in both the Atlantic and Pacific areas. In the Atlantic theater he saw service off Iceland, Newfoundland, England and North Africa. In the Pacific he participated in the first naval engagement with the Japs, in the Coral Sea battle, in action off Saipan, and in the Solomons. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Morris, formerly of Hutchinson and a brother of Mrs. Elmo Washburn, 23 East F.



**Gideon L. Moser**, Pvt., 52nd Inf., killed in air raid at Halle, Germany while in a German war prison, March 31, 1945. He was serving as a truck driver with the 9th Armored division, in the Ninth Army when he was taken prisoner Dec. 18, 1944. He had been reported missing in action since then, until it finally was learned he had been killed while a prisoner. He had been in the service 4½ years, serving at Fort Riley, Kans., in desert training maneuvers in California, and at Camp Polk, La., before going overseas in August 1944 with the 9th Armored division. Son of

Mr. and Mrs. G. Moser, Hutchinson. Widow, Betty L., of 523½ South Main.



**Beuford R. Mosher**, Sgt., 130th Field Artillery Bn., 35th Div., died at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. station hospital from encephalitis, May 6, 1942, after an illness of only one week. He mobilized with the 130th Field Artillery Bn. in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940 as a corporal in Battery C. He went to Camp Robinson, Ark. with the battalion in January 1941, and was there with the 35th Division for nine months until October 1941 when he was discharged from the army because of being over-age. He was reinstated four months later, in Feb. 1942, when the regulations

were changed, and rejoined the 35th Div. at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. Only three months later he was suddenly stricken and died within a few days. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Mosher, 217 East 15th.

**Chester L. Nelson**, 1st Lt., Army Air force, killed in crash of C-47 plane over the Mediterranean sea, Feb. 5, 1945. He was making a routine flight in the transport plane, of which he was navigator from Naples to Tarquinia, Italy when the crash occurred. He had been overseas two years, serving as a squadron commander in Italy, over the Balkans and in southern France, engaged in towing gliders and transporting troops and supplies. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels M. Nelson, formerly of Clay township, later, 419 East Eighth.



**George Nesbitt, Jr.**, Pfc., machine gunner, 31st Inf., died in Japanese prison camp at Cabanatuan, Philippines, Aug. 8, 1942. Enlisted June 16, 1941 and was sent to the Philippines in August, only four months before the outbreak of war with Japan. Fought with the defenders of the Philippines in the Bataan battle, and at Corregidor, and was taken prisoner when Corregidor fell. Died at Camp No. 1, Cabanatuan, death being due to cerebral malaria. He had been in the Philippines one year and four months. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Nesbitt, Sr., Hutchinson RFD 4.



**Ralph H. Nett**



**Claude N. Newlin**

**Ralph H. Nett**, Pvt., Inf., killed in action near Mignano, Italy, Nov. 11, 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nett of Sumner township, in St. Joe community. Mt. Hope RFD.

**Claude Noel Newlin**, 2nd Lt., Field Artillery, 35th Div., killed in action near St. Lo, France, July 30, 1944. He and a brother, Morris Newlin, had enlisted together in Battery A, 130th F. A. in Hutchinson, Claude serving as a sergeant and Morris as a corporal in that battery when the battalion of the 130th F. A. mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. They left together for Camp Robinson, Ark., were with the 35th Div. at Camp Robinson for a year, then going with the 35th to California. There the 130th F. A. was broken up. Claude was transferred going overseas May 19, 1944 with the 373rd F. A. Bn. When the invasion of Normandy occurred he was transferred back to the 35th Div. and was serving with the 216th F. A. when he was killed. The two brothers were in the Normandy battle together with the 35th division and had a visit together only two days before Lt. Newlin was killed. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Newlin, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Paso Robles, Calif. A sister, Mrs. Eldon Fast, lives at 834 East Fourth. Morris Newlin, returning safely from the ETO is now with the Shell Oil Co. in California.

**Harry C. Nickel**, Mo.MM 1/c, Navy, on the submarine USS Gudgeon in the 9th War patrol in the Marianas area, West Pacific. Reported missing in action June 6, 1944. Awarded Bronze Star medal posthumously for "heroic conduct" and "rendering invaluable assistance" in landing a series of deadly torpedo attacks against Japanese shipping, sinking two ships and damaging two others in a patrol of the Marianas between Sept. 1 and Oct. 6, 1943. Son of the late Mrs. Ed Nickel, Hutchinson. Brother of Mrs. Inez VanNatten, 118 East 11th.





**Homer L. Nicklin**, Cpl., Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 378th Inf., killed in action in the battle of Saar river, Germany, Dec. 5, 1944, serving with Patton's Third army. In the service about 2½ years, since July 22, 1942. Overseas August 1944 to England and then into France with the Third army, in the campaign through France and into Germany. Had been overseas four months. Son of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Nicklin, 201 West 11th. Widow, the former Jean Lockyear, 303 East A.



**Eric R. Outhwaite**, Pvt., 50th Armored Div., Third army, killed in action in Battle of the Bulge, Luxembourg, Feb. 21, 1945. A shell exploded close to his position and fragments struck and killed him. He had been in the service six months, entering service at Ft. Leavenworth Aug. 22, 1944. After four months at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Tex., he went overseas arriving in Luxembourg Jan. 15, 1945, and five weeks later was killed. A son of Mr. and Mrs. John Outhwaite, Pretty Prairie.



**Edward Joseph Nieto**, Pvt., Army Air corps, lost off the coast of Florida, March 29, 1943, when a cabin cruiser sank, all on board being lost. No trace ever found, and he was officially reported as dead. Coast guard made search but whether the boat struck a floating mine, or was sunk by enemy submarine or what had happened, never was cleared. In the service about three months, entering the air force Jan. 1943. Was member of 270th Flying squadron at St. Petersburg, Fla. Owner of R. & S. Cafe, Hutchinson. Widow, Mrs. Pearl G. Nieto, 311 North Main.

**Glen C. Overton**, Pvt., Army, officially reported by War department as dead, non-battle, in the service. Hutchinson RFD.



**Harold C. Ozbun**, Pfc., 290th Inf., 75th Div., Ninth army, killed in action March 28, 1945, at Dorsten, Germany. Had been in service only six months, since Sept. 11, 1944. At Camp Robinson, Ark., 3½ months and then overseas from Ft. Meade, Md., Jan. 1945. Within two months was in England, France, Belgium and Holland and rushed to the front to take part in the battle of the Ruhr pocket in Germany, where he was killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie F. Ozbun, Hutchinson RFD 4.

**William L. Nisbett**, T/Sgt., Army Air corps, missing in action since Dec. 30, 1942. Was last seen bailing out of a crippled Flying Fortress over Nazi-occupied France. He was radioman on a bomber based in England, which failed to return from a mission over France. Only one member of the crew escaped, the bombardier, who came down close to the channel, and was taken prisoner by the Germans. It is believed the others were lost in the English channel. No trace of them found. Son of Mrs. Alma Nisbett, 416 East Campbell.

**John Pack**, AMM, Naval Air force, killed in motor car-truck crash near Jefferson City, Mo., while being transferred from Hutchinson naval air station to the east coast, Oct. 28, 1943. Home, 123 East A.

**Kenneth Vernon Noll**, Pvt., Infantry, died at Ft. Leavenworth, in army hospital August 1942, shortly after being inducted into the service. Formerly an employee of the Brown Derby tavern, and later with McVay Taxi Co., Hutchinson. Nephew of Mrs. Pearl Winner, 107 West A.



**Frederick W. O'Donnell**, 1st Lt., 388th Fighter Sq., 365th Fighter Grp., Ninth Air corps, killed in action May 1, 1944, near St. Omer, France, by anti-aircraft fire. Pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt. Failed to return from a dive-bombing mission over St. Pierre, Belgium. Comrades reported seeing him bail out, and some thought they saw him walking away from his chute after landing. Later it was ascertained through the International Red Cross, from the German government, that he had been killed. In service nearly two years, since Aug. 1942. Overseas to England Dec. 1943. Awarded

Air medal and three Oak Leaf clusters. Son of J. C. O'Donnell, 21 West 20th.

**Camillus Michael O'Grady**, S 1/c, Navy, yeoman on a battleship sunk at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese bombed that base Dec. 7, 1941; killed when his ship was sunk. Had been in the navy since July 1940. Went to Hawaii Nov. 1940. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. O'Grady, formerly of Hutchinson.



**Walter Lloyd Palmatier**, Pfc., Co. G, 137th Inf., 35th Div., killed in action at St. Lo, France, in the Normandy battle, July 17, 1944. In service nearly 3½ years, since Feb. 17, 1941. Was at Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. for over a year; then to Los Angeles, Calif., May 1942; Nashville, Tenn., Camp Buckner, Ala., and Camp Butner, N. C. Overseas April 23, 1944, to England. Then to France in the Normandy landing. Son of Mrs. Alice Palmatier, 211 West Second, formerly with the Busy Bee cafe. A brother of Mrs. Earl Whitney, Hutchinson RFD 4. Formerly made his home with an uncle, Chas. Palmatier, Abbyville.

**Melvin V. Park**, Pvt., Inf., killed in action in France, July 12, 1944. Had been in service four years, enlisting in the regulars, in a cavalry regiment at Fort Riley May 14, 1940. Was member of the Black Dragoons troop, a cavalry show troop at Ft. Riley that had made appearances at American Royal stock show, Texas centennial and other horse shows over the country. At outbreak of the war he was sent to the Texas-Mexican border for patrol duty until June 1942. Later overseas with infantry division. Home, Hutchinson. Widow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wray, 714½ East Eighth.



**Vaughn Parker**, Sgt., Field Artillery, 35th Div. with Third army, killed in action in Germany, Feb. 24, 1945. Member of Battery A, 130th F. A., mobilizing in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. for a year; then to California with that division. Overseas May 1944, wounded in action in France Sept. 26, 1944, returning to active duty only shortly before he was killed in Germany. Son of H. T. Parker, Valley township.

**Kenneth Partridge**, Pvt., Paratroopers, 17th Airborne troop, missing in action in Belgium, since his troop dropped eight miles east of Bastogne on Jan. 8, 1945. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Partridge; grandson of Mrs. Maude Fease, 1919 North Walnut, and of G. M. Partridge, 205 West Sixth. His father, formerly a clerk in Santa Fe offices here, now yard clerk for Santa Fe at Dodge City.

**Ranford R. Patterson**, S/Sgt., Army Air corps, killed in action in the Aleutians, Liberator bomber on which he served being reported missing Jan. 18, 1943. Officially announced June 1943 as killed. Was graduate of Hutchinson Junior college. Son of Mrs. H. P. McGlachlin of Valley township.



**Robert L. Patterson, Jr.**, Pvt., Army Air corps, gunner on a B-17 bomber which was destroyed in mid-air collision at Las Vegas, Nev., army air field, Feb. 25, 1944. The accident occurred during a maneuver in which an AT-6 training plane was simulating an attack on the bomber. They collided in the air and the bomber exploded and crashed in flames, before the crewmen could bail out. Twelve of the crewmen perished, only one surviving. He enlisted in Oct. 1942. Went to the aerial gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nev., in Jan. 1944, where six weeks later he met death. He

was scheduled to become an instructor at that field two weeks later. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Patterson, 1114 North Washington. Was associated with his father in the Patterson Laboratories, Hutchinson. His widow, Virginia, now at Fort Scott, Kans.



**Elliott (John E.) Penner**, Lt. (jg) Navy, air combat intelligence officer, killed in action on the carrier USS Franklin, when it was bombed in the Inland sea, 66 miles off the coast of Japan, March 19, 1945. The Franklin at the time was in the task force making a strike against the Japanese mainland. On the second day of combat a Jap suicide bomber dropped a single bomb on the carrier that badly damaged the ship and caused the death or injury of 1,000 of the men aboard. Lt. Penner, formerly a member of the Hutchinson News-Herald editorial staff enlisted in the navy

Jan. 1, 1944. He was appointed to the highly specialized air combat intelligence school, from which he graduated among the top ten percent in the class. He was assigned to duty with a naval bomber squadron doing communications and personnel work in addition to duties of air combat intelligence. He left overseas on the USS Franklin in February 1945 and was aboard the carrier only a little over a month when he was killed on duty. His widow, the former Charlotte Richardson, also formerly a member of the News-Herald editorial staff, and son, Jon, live at 303 East 11th.

**Warren Perkins**, S/Sgt., Infantry, killed in action on Okinawa, May 11, 1945. A platoon leader, he was shot by a Japanese sniper, and killed while leading his detail on a mission. Survived by his widow, Mrs. Betty Ann Perkins, home in Hutchinson.



**Gilbert H. Peterson**, Pvt., Co. B, 329th Inf., killed in action in the "Battle of the Bulge" in Belgium, Jan. 15, 1945. Previously had been reported as missing in action. Overseas from Camp Wheeler, Ga., in April 1944. Was in European theater, France, Luxembourg and Belgium, nine months before being killed. In service 1½ years, since Nov. 1, 1943. Son of Mrs. Bessie Peterson, 720 East Eighth. Formerly butcher at the Greenwood grocery, Hutchinson.



**Robert K. Pieplow**, S 2/c, Navy, killed in action at Iwo Jima, Feb. 17, 1945. He was at his battle station, as a phone operator in the pilot house on an LCI boat in the battle when he was killed. In the service eight months, enlisting in the navy in June 1944. Went overseas in December 1944, killed only two months later. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Pieplow of Plevna. In a letter home written in February, only a few days before he was killed, he mentioned meeting his uncle, Frank Pieplow, of Hutchinson, in the Caroline islands, where the latter was with the naval force.



**Darrell (Robert D.) Piner**, S/Sgt., Army Air corps, tail gunner on a B-17 bomber, killed in a plane crash near Rouen, France, July 8, 1944. He was with a bomber in the Eighth Air force based in England, and was returning from a mission over enemy targets when the plane crashed, brought down from effect of enemy fire. He had made ten missions over France and Germany. Had been in the service about a year, since July 29, 1943. Overseas in May 1944 to England, from Kearney, Neb., air field. Previously at Amarillo, Tex., Harlingen, Tex., Salt Lake City, and Sioux City,

Ia., air fields. Son of Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Piner of Arlington.

**James Postlewait**, 35th Div., killed by shrapnel at Camp Rucker, Ala., while in training, Nov. 5, 1943. Home in Hutchinson. A brother of John M. Postlewait of Hutchinson.



**Raymond C. Poteet**, AMM, Naval Air force, chief machinist mate on a navy blimp, killed in a collision of naval airships over the Atlantic, off Manasquan Inlet, New Jersey, June 8, 1942. The collision of navy blimps occurred four miles off the coast. He was stationed at the time at the Lakehurst, N. J., naval station. In the navy about eleven years, since Sept. 8, 1931. Previous service at San Diego, Puget Sound, Wash., 2½ years; Lakehurst, N. J., nearly four years; on the USS Nashville two years, and Quonset Point, Conn. He was a native of Reno county, born near Lerado;

son of Mrs. Rosa May Powell of Langdon.



**Howard Otis Pownall**, S/Sgt., Army Air force, tail gunner on bomber based in England, missing in action over Germany May 1944. Was Pvt. Battery B, 130th F. A. Bn., when it mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940; to Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. To California with the 35th Div. in 1942. Transferred there to the army air corps at Salt Lake City; later sergeant, bombardier at the Topeka army air field. Overseas in 1944. Formerly with the Welders Supply Co., Hutchinson.

**Don Powers**, S/Sgt., Army Air force, missing in action since a bombing raid on the Rumanian oil fields, July 15, 1944. He was a turret gunner on a Liberator bomber, based in Italy. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Powers, Arlington.



**Thomas Eugene Preisser**, S 2/c, Navy, on the destroyer USS Hull, lost in South China sea when the Hull was sunk in a typhoon with all aboard, Dec. 18, 1944. Had been in the navy ten months, enlisting Feb. 16, 1944. After two months at Farragut, Ida. naval station was assigned to duty on the Hull and went overseas April 1944. Participated, in the next few months in action at Saipan, Tinian, Guam and Rota. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Preisser, 1131 East A. Widow, Mrs. Madalyn Preisser, lives in Andale, Kans. Home formerly at 203 South Ford.



**Paul H. Pricer**, T/Sgt., 302nd Bomb Group (H), 420th Bomb Sqdn. Killed in airplane crash near Clovis, N. M., April 1, 1943. He was an aerial engineer instructor at the Alamogordo, N. M. field. Had been in air force about 1½ years, since Nov. 21, 1941. Previously stationed at Sheppard Field, Tex., Harlingen, Tex., Davis-Monthon field, Tucson, Ariz., Wendover, Utah, Pueblo, Colo., and last station at Clovis, N. M. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pricer, 120 W. Eighth.



**Clyde A. Pulse, Jr.**, Lt., Armored Cavalry, killed in action near Massa Marianna, Italy by explosion of a land mine, June 25, 1944. Was commanding a platoon of light armored cavalry. In service about 3½ years, since Feb. 1941. Overseas May 1942 to the European theater, landing in North Africa, then crossing to Sicily. Participated in North Africa, Sicily and Italian campaigns including the battle of Cassino, Italy. On a single reconnaissance mission in Italy the fast-moving light armored cavalry unit captured 116 German prisoners. The platoon met with machine gun

and small cannon fire from a German armored vehicle poised in a high mountain position. The platoon raced up the long winding road in a fast hill assault and cut off a detachment of Germans who promptly surrendered and turned over three 81 MM mortars wholly intact and ready to fire. Lt. Pulse was awarded the Bronze battle star with three clusters. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pulse, 105 West 23rd.



**John F. Purvis**, S 1/c, Navy, with air patrol squadron, as rear gunner, lost on patrol duty near Dutch Harbor, Aleutians. Reported missing since May 9, 1942. Failed to return to base at Dutch Harbor after a patrol mission. Had been in service a little over a year, enlisting April 23, 1941. Had been stationed at San Diego three months; Chicago, three months; Tongue Point, Ore., four months. Then to Dutch Harbor in Feb. 1942., three months before he was lost. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Purvis, Hutchinson RFD 3.

**John K. Rankin, Jr.**, Lt., Army Air corps, bombardier on Liberator B-24 bomber with 15th Air Force based in Italy, missing in action since May 25, 1944, failing to return from a mission over enemy targets in southern France. Enlisted in May 1942. Overseas Feb. 1944. Awarded Air Medal which was sent to his widow, living at 111 West 11th, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Taylor.



**Robt. C. Ravens**



**Cleo W. Reid**

**Robert C. Ravens**, Pfc., Army. Lost when transport he was on, crossing the Atlantic, was sunk in Feb. 1943. Officially reported dead. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Ravens, Arlington RFD 1.

**Cleo William Reid**, Pvt., Cavalry Reconnaissance troop, 106th Div. Killed in action near Tuddern, Germany, Oct. 3, 1944. In service about 1½ years, enlisting Feb. 28, 1943. Served at Ft. Jackson, S. C. about a year; later at Nashville, Tenn., Camp Atterbury, Ind., and Ft. Meade, Md. Overseas from Camp Shank, N. Y. in July 1944 to Europe. Son of Mrs. Lulu Calbert, 720 East First.

**Louis Rice, Jr.**, Pfc., killed in action in France, Nov. 19, 1944. Formerly of Hutchinson, attending college here. Brother, John Rice, living at Hudson, Kans.

**James E. Richards**, Pfc., Inf., died at Fitzsimmons General hospital, Denver, Jan. 31, 1946 from shrapnel wounds received in battle in Germany Nov. 1945. Enlisted as a volunteer in 1941. Son of Artie Richards, 900 East Ninth.





**John J. Riffel, Pfc., 9th Armored Div.,** driver of a half-track in armored infantry, killed in action at Oresburg, Germany, March 8, 1945, struck by fragment of a mortar shell. On the night of March 7 his company with others of the famed Ninth Armored dashed across the Remagen bridge in the first crossing of the Rhine by a German enemy since the days of Napoleon. The following day Riffel was killed near Remagen as the Ninth was being shelled. He had been in the service less than a year, enlisting June 22, 1944. After 16 weeks at Ft. McClellan, Ala., the division

went overseas, arriving in Belgium in Dec. 1944. Participated in battles of Bastogne, in Belgium, and the Ludendorff bridge on the Rhine. Widow and three children, 318 East Seventh St., Hutchinson. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Riffel, of Buhler.



**Marvin D. Riggs**

**\*Marvin Dean Riggs, S/Sgt.,** turret gunner on Flying Fortress with army air force based in England, killed in action over France Nov. 25, 1944. His brother fatally wounded three months to the day later, in Germany.



**Wenzel C. Riggs**

**\*Wenzel C. Riggs, S/Sgt., 744th Light Tank Bn., Armored Div.,** died in a hospital in Holland March 4, 1945 from wounds received in action in Germany a week before on Feb. 25. He had been awarded the Silver Star previously for gallantry in action Oct. 2 to 4, 1944. The citation noted "he displayed great coolness under fire while guarding a bridge and when his unit was ordered to withdraw, he voluntarily covered their withdrawal, during which time the enemy rained heavy artillery and mortar fire upon the area and around the bridge. Despite this he maintained his position until all vehicles were across the bridge." In the service four years, enlisting March 14, 1941.

*\*The Riggs brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Riggs, formerly of Hutchinson, now Limon, Colo., attended Hutchinson high school. Nephews of Mrs. W. T. Polley, 123 West 23rd, Ed Riggs, 604 East 9th, and A. P. Riggs, 319 West 6th.*



**George Thomas Roach, S/Sgt., 21st Pursuit Squadron, Army Air corps,** died in Japanese prison camp in the Philippine islands, May 12, 1942. He went to the Philippines in Nov. 1941 and was at Nichols Field when the Japs bombed it. Participated in battle of Bataan and defense of Corregidor, being taken prisoner when Corregidor fell, May 7, 1942. Presumably was wounded, as he died five days later in Camp O'Donnell, a prisoner of war. In the service nearly 2½ years, enlisting at Ft. Riley Jan. 5, 1940. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Roach, 325 Howard St.

**Joseph E. Roach, Sgt., Army Air force,** Williams Field, Ariz., killed in automobile accident near that field, September 1944. Son of P. J. Roach, former division agent of Railway Express Co. in Hutchinson; now Emporia, Kans.



**Delos V. Roberts, Pfc., First Inf. Div.,** accidentally killed by gunshot wound at redeployment center at Kitzingen, Germany, Sept. 22, 1945. Had been in service two years, since Aug. 13, 1943. Overseas March 1944 from Camp Adair, Ore., to Ireland; in England a month, then participating in invasion of France, landing in Normandy on Omaha Beach on D-Day. In St. Lo battle, breaking of the Siegfried line, battle of the Bulge in Belgium, and then into Germany. Was at Cheb, Czechoslovakia when the war ended. Overseas 1½ years. After VE-Day was with occupation force at Ausback, Germany. Serving with 79th Div., having transferred to that division only a few days before he was killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester I. Roberts, 907 East Seventh.



**Gilbert Roberts, 1st Lt., Army Air corps, 846th Bomb Squadron, Eighth Air Force,** based in England, killed in action by enemy antiaircraft over St. Lo, France, July 24, 1944. Was serving as navigator on a Liberator bomber which was shot down, exploding in mid-air. He had been in the army 5½ years, since Jan. 1939. First enlistment with National Guard field artillery in Hutchinson, with 130th F. A., Oct. 1937. Enlisted in regular army cavalry at Ft. Riley Jan. 1939. Transferred to field artillery in Dec. 1939, going to Hawaii as corporal with 52nd F. A., at Ft. Shafter, Hawaii. Was at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii when the Japs bombed that post and Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. Operated an antiaircraft gun against the Japs in that action. From Hawaii to Christmas Island, in the Pacific, helping repulse four enemy raids there. Overseas May 1944 to England, to join the Eighth Air Force in ETO. Was killed on his 18th mission against the Nazis. Son of Mrs. I. C. Flora, 1514 E. 23rd.



**Russell Edwin Roberts, AOM 1/c, Naval Air force,** killed in crash of a bomber plane, a mid-air collision of two Liberator bombers, 8 miles southeast of the Hutchinson naval air station, May 28, 1945, 13 crewmen of the two ships being killed. He had been in the service 4½ years, enlisting Dec. 27, 1940. He served four years on the Pacific; in action in the Southwest Pacific area on the aircraft carrier USS Hornet, a survivor when that ship was sunk and also on the USS Halford and battleship USS New Mexico. He participated in twelve major battles, and was shot down three times, escaping each battle experience only to be killed later in an accident only a few miles from his home. After service in the Pacific theater he returned to the states Sept. 1944 and in February 1945 transferred to Hutchinson naval air station. Son of Mrs. Pearl R. Roberts, 1128 East B.





**Edmund Rohr**

**Edmund Rohr**, Pvt., Army Air force, 315th Bomb squadron, MacDill Field, Fla., killed in crash of army bomber at Tampa, Fla., Nov. 1, 1942. In service about a year, enlisting in 1940, serving in California eight months, and in Florida two months before he was killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rohr, 718 East Third St.



**Oscar F. Rohrer**

**Oscar F. Rohrer**, Pvt., 71st Inf., 44th Div., in Seventh army, killed in action at Obergailbach, France, Jan. 1, 1945, during severe counter-attack by enemy. While manning his post as a telephone man, relaying information, he was struck by artillery fire. In service since Nov. 1943, going overseas in May 1944. Widow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Schrader, 827 East Tenth. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rohrer, 603 West Sixth.



**Herbert Leroy Rollins**, 2nd Lt., Marines, naval aviator, killed in crash of naval plane in Mobile Bay, March 8, 1943. Was based at the Pensacola, Fla., base, and was engaged in making a night flight bombing run over the bay when the crash occurred. In the service only eight months, since July 1942. Previously stationed at Fairfax Field, Kansas City, and Olathe naval air base. Graduate of Hutchinson Junior college. Awarded Presidential citation for outstanding work, and special commendation from Secretary of the Navy. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rollins, 324 West Sixth.



**Kenneth G. Rollins**, S/Sgt., 26th Inf., First Div., First army, killed in action in Germany April 17, 1945. Overseas in March 1943. Served in North Africa, Tunisia, invasion of Sicily, and on western German front. Awarded Bronze star for heroism while leading his patrol in capture of Aachen, Germany, Oct. 11, 1944. Former employee of Western Beverage Co., Hutchinson. Widow, Alberta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Amrine, 526 East Fifth.

**Ralph L. Ross**, T/5, Army Air force, died in a Japanese prison in the Philippines Aug. 16, 1942. Was serving with 19th Army Air squadron at Nichols Field, Philippines, when the Japanese attacked. Served with the defenders of Bataan, and was taken prisoner when Corregidor fell. Son of Mrs. Ophelia Ross, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Huntington Park, Calif.

**Glenn A. Ryel**, Sgt., Army Air force, waist gunner on Marauder bomber, Ninth Air force, in France, missing in action since April 18, 1945. Overseas October 1944. Had completed twenty missions over Germany. Formerly with

Reed Roller Bit Co. in Hutchinson. Home at 329 East Eighth. Wife at 115½ West Eighth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Darnell of Nickerson.

**James R. Sage**, 1st Sgt., 318th Inf., killed in action in European theater November 1944. Overseas from Fort Dix, N. J. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Sage, Hutchinson RFD 3.

**Verne R. Sallee, Jr.**, Pvt., Army Air force, member of ground crew at Nichols Field, near Manila, taken prisoner May 1942 when Corregidor fell, killed when a Japanese prison ship was torpedoed and sunk in Takao harbor, Formosa, Dec. 13, 1944. He had been held a prisoner at Baguio, P. I., nearly 2½ years. The Japanese were moving the prisoners from the Philippines, as American forces were retaking the islands. The prison ship was mistaken apparently as a troop transport, and was bombed and sunk by American airmen, and 942 prisoners of war aboard perished. Overseas to Philippines in November 1941. Son of Verne R. Sallee, 1305 North Forest.



**Harold Henry Santee**, 1st Lt., Army Air corps, meteorologist and code man, in Italy, killed in wreck of an army jeep near Rome, April 16, 1945. He had been in service nearly four years, enlisting June 27, 1941. Was at Camp Polk, La., 14 months; Sheppard Field, Tex., two months and Lowery Field, Colo., four months. Overseas April 1944 to Italy, based first at Naples and later at Rome. Was wounded accidentally while in Italy, Sept. 6, 1944, shot in back by an army pistol, but not seriously hurt. Son of Mrs. Margaret Santee, Pretty Prairie.

**Christian Schaefer**, Cpl., Army Air force, waist gunner on B-26 bomber based in the Philippines, killed in action there May 9, 1945. He had been overseas since 1942. Formerly of Hutchinson. His wife, the former Lucille Cole of Hutchinson.



**Raymond N. Schmidt**, S/Sgt., 21st Inf., fatally wounded in the battle of Ormoc corridor, in Leyte, Philippine islands, Nov. 11, 1944; dying of wounds Nov. 14. Was serving as first gunner on a mortar. He had been in the service about three years. Entered the service Feb. 8, 1942, and after three months at Camp Wolters, Tex., was sent overseas, first to Hawaii, then to Australia. Participated in the battle of New Guinea and invasion of Leyte. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fedale Schmidt, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Colwich.



**Gene A. Schmitt**, Pfc., 291st Inf., 75th Div., killed in action at Grand Halleaux, Belgium, Jan. 16, 1945, while serving as a scout. He was serving at the time with the First army in the Ardennes battle, near St. Vith, Belgium. He was killed in his first battle. He was in the service about two years, since March 3, 1943. Enlisted first in army air corps, later transferring to infantry. Overseas Oct. 1944 to England, France and Belgium. Son of Mrs. Bert Schmitt, 305 West 15th.



**Frank J. Schoen**, officially reported by War department as dead, listed as resident of Reno county when he entered service.

**Karl William Schroeder**, Capt., Headquarters Battery, 200th Coast artillery, killed when Japanese prison boat was sunk Dec. 16, 1944. He was stationed at Fort Stotsenburg, Pampanga province, Philippines, when the war broke out. Was taken prisoner when Bataan fell, participated in the tragic "Death March" in Bataan, and was then interned in Cabanatuan prison camp No. 1 for two years and eight months. He was being moved with prisoners of war from the Philippines when the prison ship was sunk in the China sea with all on board. Entered army Jan. 6, 1941. Overseas Aug. 1941 to Philippines from Ft. Bliss, Tex. With radio station KWBG in Hutchinson. Wife, Geraldine, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Jones, 300 East A.

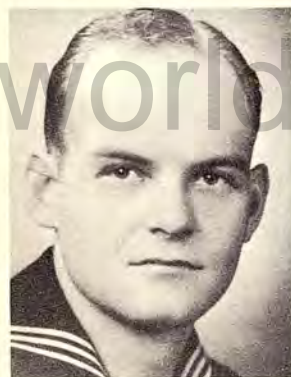
**Lawrence Seward**, Seaman 1/c, Navy, serving on a mine sweeper in the Pacific. Killed in action May 1945. Home in Haven.



**Herbert L. Seyfrit**, Cadet, Naval Air corps, flyer pilot, killed in collision of naval planes near Olathe, Kans., naval air base, Oct. 31, 1942. He had just passed all work for appointment as an ensign in naval reserve air corps, when killed. Son of Lewis M. Seyfrit, 423 East A. Had enlisted in naval air corps Jan. 20, 1942; served at St. Mary's, Calif., three months and at the Gardner field, Olathe, 1½ months.

**Albert Schwartz**, in service overseas, officially reported missing in action overseas Dec. 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Stucky, Pretty Prairie, now in Colorado. Relative of Mrs. Henry S. Stucky and Mrs. Geo. Schroeder, Pretty Prairie.

**Richard O. Scott**, Cpl., Army Air force, killed in mid-air crash of two Flying Fortress bombers at Alexandria, La., May 6, 1945. Was in combat training as turret gunner at that field, soon to leave for duty overseas. Had been in the service two years. Stationed at Alexandria field since the fall of 1944. Formerly with Leon hotel, Hutchinson. Wife, Maxine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bentley, 126 W. 13th.



**Wesley Clay Shackelford**, Signalman 2/c, Navy, submarine division, on the submarine USS Lagarto which failed to return from a patrol operation in the Gulf of Siam May 3, 1945, following an action in which the Lagarto and another submarine, the USS Baya contacted an escorted enemy convoy. The Baya reported later, but the Lagarto failed to return to base at Fremantle, Australia, and was not again heard from. Officially announced as lost in action with all aboard May 24, 1946. The Silver Submarine and Purple Heart awards, received by his

widow. In service over 2½ years since Oct. 1942. Formerly market manager for J. S. Dillon & Sons. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shackelford, 706 North Adams.

**Floyd R. Shaffer**, Sgt., Marines, killed in action in Southwest Pacific Dec. 26, 1943. Had been in marines four years, since 1939. In the Pacific area since May 1942. Son of Forrest R. Shaffer, 523½ North Star St.



**Kenneth Ellon Shaffer**, Lt. (jg), Naval Air force, co-pilot of Liberator B-24 bomber, killed in action off coast of China June 24, 1945. Was stationed at Clark Field, Philippine islands. Overseas Dec. 1944. Formerly at Hutchinson naval air station. Stationed for a time in Hawaii. Wife, the former Virginia Wyman, daughter of Mrs. B. D. Wyman, 301 East 16th.



**Richard Eugene Shannon**, S 1/c, Navy, in Southwest Pacific, fatally wounded in action on the USS Helena, in New Georgia area, while serving as gunner on a 40 MM gun. The gun jammed and a dud shell exploded as he threw it overboard, severely wounding him in the chest. He died from the wound June 9, 1943. He had been in the service about 1½ years, since Jan. 2, 1942. Served on the USS Helena in twelve major engagements, including actions at Midway, Coral Sea, Munda, Guadalcanal, Cape Esperance, Solomon islands, and New Georgia. Formerly operated the S. & C. Transport Co. in Hutchinson. Son of Mrs. May M. Reed, 1701 East Second.



**Purdy A. Sharp**, Pharmacist Mate 2/c in Navy hospital corps, killed on the carrier USS Langley when it was sunk by the enemy in the battle of Java Sea, south of Java Feb. 27, 1942. He had been in the service 14 years, enlisting in the navy in 1929. Served at San Diego, Calif., Mare Island, Calif., navy hospital; and naval hospital at Philadelphia. Overseas in 1933, serving about a year in the Pearl Harbor naval hospital in Hawaii, being transferred from there to Manila in 1935. Transferred to the USS Langley, July 1941. Was specialist in electro-cardiograph work. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sharp, 823 East Sherman.



**Marion L. Shepherd**, S 1/c, Navy, radioman on the USS Spence, lost at sea in the South China Sea, in a typhoon Dec. 18, 1944, one of three destroyers sunk in the storm in that area. He had been in the navy about a year, enlisting Jan. 11, 1944. He was at Farragut, Ida., navy station, Madison, Wis., and then assigned to sea duty on the Pacific. Had been on the destroyer Spence since Sept. 1944. Graduated from Sylvia high school in 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Shepherd of Langdon RFD 2.





**Max Shirik, Pfc., Infantry**, fatally wounded in action at St. Lo, France, in the Normandy invasion on July 29, 1944, dying the following day. He was wounded by an 88 MM shell. He went overseas Jan. 1944 with an infantry division from Camp Howze, Tex., to England. Landed in France on D-Day in Normandy. Entered service Dec. 5, 1942. Was at Camp Claiborne, La., six months and Camp Howze, Tex., ten months. Widow, the former Peggy Harsh of 129 East Tenth. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Shirik, 411 East 15th.



**Edward E. Shuff, Pvt., 142nd Inf., 36th Div.**, died a prisoner of war in Germany March 16, 1945. He was taken prisoner while serving as an infantry scout in the battle of Salerno, Italy, Sept. 9, 1943. He was taken to Stalag 2-B prison, Stammlager, in Germany, held a prisoner there for 18 months. He became ill while the prisoners were on march and was taken to a prison hospital, about 50 miles from Berlin where he died. Entered service Aug. 12, 1942. Overseas from Camp Wolters, Tex., to North Africa, arriving in Algiers April 13, 1943. In Algeria until Sept. 3, boarding

ship at Mers El Kebir for invasion of Italy. Landed at Salerno, where he was taken prisoner. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin L. Shuff, 1101 East Eighth. Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bowman, 705 North Plum, and Mrs. Mollie Shuff, 323 E. Eighth. Former employee at McArthur Packing Co. plant.



**Zack Sigler, Jr., T/Sgt., 409th Inf., 103rd Div.**, killed in action at Selestat, France, Dec. 2, 1944. Entered service Dec. 4, 1942, serving at Camp Claiborne, La., and Camp Howze, Tex. Overseas from Camp Shanks, N. Y. Landed at Marseilles, France, Feb. 24, 1944. Served with Seventh army in invasion of southern France. On Nov. 2, 1944, received letter of commendation from his commanding officer "for the efficient and calm manner" in which he discharged his duties "in the recent tragedy that had struck the organization," during their first staging area in southern

France. He was killed in battle just a month later. Employed by the Kiewit-Condon Construction Co. in Hutchinson. Home, 304 West Second.



**William A. Silver, 2nd Lt., 16th Inf., First Div.**, killed in action at Heistern, Germany, Nov. 23, 1944. Posthumous citation relates that "undaunted by an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Lt. Silver fearlessly led an attack and captured his company's objective with minimum losses to our forces." Five months previously he received another citation "for heroic achievement" near Collesville-sur-Mer, Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944, in the invasion landing. For this gallantry on the D-Day landing he was awarded the Bronze Star medal, and the Silver Star award

followed his heroic action in Germany later in which he was killed. In service two years since enlistment Nov. 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Silver, 203 East 19th.



**Arthur C. Smiley, Jr., T/5, 13th Field artillery, 24th Div.**, fatally wounded on the last day of the war, Aug. 14, 1945, in Mindanao, Philippine islands, dying a week later, Aug. 22, 1945, in a field hospital on Leyte. He was shot by Jap machine gun fire while setting up a radio receiver while on observation duty, as a radio-man in the field artillery. He was Pvt. Battery B, 130th F. A., when that battery mobilized with the 130th F. A. Bn. in Hutchinson Dec. 1940; to Camp Robinson, Ark., with the 35th Div. Jan. 1941. To California with the 35th Div. Overseas April 1944 with 24th Div. Served in battles in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, Okinawa and Mindanao. Previously was wounded in action in Leyte. In service four years, two years overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Smiley, Partridge.



**Chester L. Spence, Jr., Cpl., 33rd Regt., Third Armored Div.**, with First army, killed in action near Hastenwuarth, Germany, Nov. 16, 1944, when the Sherman medium tank he was driving struck a land mine. As he evacuated the stalled tank, he was struck by an enemy shell and killed. His regiment was the first of the American army to enter Germany. He had been in the service about two years, since Feb. 1943. He was at Camp Campbell, Ky., 15 months, then overseas in June 1944 to England, and then in France, Belgium and Germany. Wounded in action in Belgium July 13, 1944, but returned to duty from the hospital after one week, and was killed four months later. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Spence, 422 Justice St. Widow, Doris, at 225 East Tenth.



**Wesley Ancil Spikes**, flying instructor, Army Air corps, at Chickasha, Okla., army air field, killed in collision of two army trainer planes, in mid-air, near Chickasha, Oct. 29, 1942. In the crash two cadets also were killed. He had been an instructor at that field only two months, since Aug. 12, 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spikes, 523 West B, a partner in the Hutchinson Feed & Seed Co. Home, 525 N. Monroe.

**Roy D. Spurlock, Lt. (jg), Naval Air force**, killed in crash of a civilian plane near Mt. Vernon, Ill., Jan. 14, 1944, while on leave. Was senior flight instructor at Hutchinson naval air station. Home in Hutchinson at 129 East A. Survived by widow and daughter.

**William J. Srna, Lt., Army Air force**, killed in crash of army plane near Muroc, Calif., Jan. 1944. Home, Hutchinson.





**Walter C. Stelter, Cpl., Army Air corps,** co-pilot in Air Commando force, Eastern Air command, based in India, killed in an air raid over Japanese base in Burma March 5, 1944. Air medal previously for "meritorious achievement" in "performing extremely hazardous double-tow operations without benefit of guide lights in crossing 7,000 foot range of mountains and landing in territory patrolled by the enemy" in operation of transport planes. Cpl. Stelter previously served in the navy for 1½ years before the war. Later joined the army air force. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl

W. Stelter of Haven. Wife at 219 East Sherman.



**Carlos Craig Stevenson, Pfc., Ninth Regt., Third Div., Marines,** killed in action in Marianas islands, in Western Pacific, July 29, 1944. Had been overseas two years. Was killed taking part in the Guam campaign. He had been in the service 2½ years, since Jan. 28, 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stevenson, 1410 West Second St. Wife, Mrs. Thelma Stevenson, 312 Osborn St.

**Jos. B. Stoddard, Pfc., Infantry,** killed in action in Germany, Nov. 22, 1944. In the service two years, since 1942. Overseas in the spring of 1944. Former student in Hutchinson Junior college, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Stoddard of Hutchinson.



**W. B. Story, Jr., S/Sgt., 32nd Inf. Div.,** killed in action by Japanese snipers on Leyte in Philippines, Nov. 22, 1944. He had been in service 2½ years, since April 9, 1942. Was in Co. B, 89th Inf. Bn., at Camp Roberts, Calif., for three months; then for five months at Angel Island, Calif. Overseas Jan. 1943 to Australia, where he was stationed for five months assigned to duty as a training sergeant at a camp in Australia. From there with the 32nd Div. to combat areas in New Guinea and Dutch East Indies, and participating in the invasion of Leyte where he was killed. He was

sergeant in charge of supply for his regiment. Formerly with the National Refinery Co., Hutchinson.

**Philip (Jas. P.) Stratton, Capt., Army Air corps,** pilot and operations officer with heavy bombardment group based in England. Failed to return from a bombing mission over France June 11, 1944. He had been in the air force about 2½ years, since Feb. 1942. Overseas to England in 1943. Was shot down on a raid over Hamburg, Germany, July 29, 1943, his bomber coming down in flames in the North sea, but he escaped injury. Five of the crew were killed, but five others, including Lt. Stratton escaped and were rescued. Stratton was afloat for 48 hours in the sea, clinging to a rubber boat, but was finally found and rescued, unharmed excepting from exposure. In May 1944, death struck a second time at Stratton and again missed. This time, now a captain, he was formation commander and co-pilot of the lead plane on a raid on Nazi targets in France, near Paris, when his B-17 was hit by heavy flak while over the German Luftwaffe airdrome at Chateaudun. With two of the Fort's engines shot out and

the hydraulic fluid leaking Stratton nursed the battered bomber over the English channel and back to a safe landing at an air field in southern England.

Three weeks later, June 11, while flying in an aerial assault on a German military installation in northern France, Capt. Stratton failed to return. He was officially listed as missing in action and presumed dead. His body never was found. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Stratton, 102 West 17th.



**Leonard A. Strong, S/Sgt., 773rd Bomber Sq., 463rd Bomber Grp., 15th Air force,** waist gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, based in Italy, missing in action, presumably killed in an air raid while a prisoner of war at Bruchsal, Austria, March 1, 1945. He was shot down while returning from a bombing mission over Linz, Austria, Feb. 25, 1945. They ran into a storm of flak, knocking out their engines, and they were forced to bail out, coming down only a few miles from the Swiss border. They were taken prisoners by the Nazis. While en route to a prison camp in Germany, while waiting at a Red Cross canteen at Bruchsal, Austria, a wave of American bombers came over at 1:30 a.m. and bombed the town. Sgt. Strong was never seen again. A direct hit was made by a bomb at the spot where he was last seen, and it was believed he was buried under large rocks by the force of the blast. His body was never found. He had been in the service 1½ years, since Aug. 1943. Overseas Aug. 1944 to England, and then moving to North Africa, France, and then to 15th Air force base at Foggia, Italy. He had completed 50 missions over Yugoslavia, Hungary, Austria, Greece, Italy and Germany. Son of Mrs. Lottie Saunders, 209 East Seventh; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Robbins, 207 East Seventh.

**George J. Struble, Pfc., Co. L, 19th Inf.,** killed in action in the invasion of Leyte, Philippine islands, Oct. 26, 1944. Formerly in action in the campaign in New Guinea. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Struble of Pretty Prairie.

**Lovell S. Stuber, Capt., Army Air force,** killed in crash of an army airplane at sea in the West Indies April 9, 1942. He had left the U. S. April 7 to fly to Trinidad, British West Indies, on a secret mission for the War department. The plane reached Puerto Rico and left the next morning to continue to Trinidad, but never arrived there, presumably coming down in the Caribbean sea. Formerly of Reno county, his wife, Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Moore of Centennial community, Burrton RFD.

**\*Stephen Lester Stucky, Water Tender 1/c, Navy,** stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Killed when the Japanese bombed that base Dec. 7, 1941. Had been in the navy 14 years, since 1927.

**\*James Harvey Stucky, Fireman 2/c, Navy,** stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, killed when the Japanese bombed that base Dec. 7, 1941. Had enlisted in 1940.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Fred Stucky of Huntsville township, and nephews of John Stucky, 318 East 7th.*

**Oscar Morris Swepston, Pfc., 31st Inf.,** lost at sea when a Japanese prison ship was sunk in Nov. 1944 near the Philippines. He was taken prisoner after the fall of Corregidor. Interned in Prison Camp No. 2, in Luzon. Later was being moved from the islands when the prison ship was sunk with all aboard. He was in Manila with infantry unit when the Japanese attacked. Participated in the tragic battle of Bataan. His last letter home, in April 1942, was written while he was in the hills near Manila with a force trying to hold the Japs back. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swepston, 424 Osborn St.



**Murl Taylor**, Pfc., Inf., cook with armed force in New Guinea, missing in action since April 23, 1944. Went overseas in Feb. 1944. Son of Mrs. Ray Correll, Hutchinson RFD.



**Edward E. Tews**, Sgt., 304th Tank unit, First Prov. Brigade, Marine corps, killed in action on Guam July 21, 1944, shot in the head by a Jap sniper as he was crawling out of a tank. Had been in the Marines for five years, enlisting in Jan. 1940. He served two years at the Marine base at San Diego. Overseas nearly two years, first in Iceland, then to Hawaii and Panama canal zone. In combat in the Marianas islands. Formerly of Hutchinson, a brother of Mrs. Fred LeValley, 311 East D.



**Hillard B. Thomas**, 1st Lt., 517th Parachute Inf., killed in action in the invasion of southern France, near Belfort, France, Sept. 18, 1944. He went overseas in June 1944, landing first in Italy and then participated with the paratroopers in the battle against the Siegfried line, on the German front in eastern France. In service about 2½ years since May 1942. Commissioned at Ft. Benning, Ga. Stationed at Camp Mackall, S. C. before going overseas. Son of Mrs. Pearl Thomas, 1718 North Poplar St. Formerly with editorial department, Hutchinson News-Herald. His wife, Mary, also in the service, a WAC in a signal service battalion, Arlington, Va.



**Vernon Eugene Thomas**, S 1/c, Navy, lost at sea on the destroyer USS Warrington, sunk in the North Atlantic in a hurricane Sept. 17, 1944 off the coast of Maine. In navy two years, since Oct. 1942, most of that period in the Southwest Pacific. In three major naval battles off New Guinea, Bougainville and near Philippines, while serving on the Warrington. After two years in the Pacific combat area was moved to the North Atlantic. Was employed at the Hutchinson naval air station when he enlisted in the navy Oct. 26, 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Thomas, 1500 Carey Blvd.

**Dennis E. Thomi**, S/Sgt., Inf., died in an army hospital in England after a spell of illness, July 6, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomi, of Nickerson.

**Guy (Edw. G.) Thrasher**, AMM 2/c, Naval Air force, killed in combat in the Southwest Pacific area, November 1944. He had been overseas for a year. In service three years, enlisting in navy in 1941. Formerly of Arlington.

**George Joseph Tiemeyer**, Pvt., 361st Inf., killed in action in Italy, July 17, 1944. Went overseas from Camp Adair, Ore. Home, Pretty Prairie RFD 2.



**Roger V. Trego**



**Morgan Trent**

**Roger Vance Trego**, F 1/c, Navy, fireman on the submarine USS Grampus, missing since March 1943, the crewmen officially listed as dead by the Navy department in April 1944, after not being heard of for over a year. Supposedly sunk at sea. Son of Mrs. Marie Trego, 313 West Second.

**Morgan Trent**, Flight Officer, in Air Transport command, Army Air corps, killed in crash of a C-47 cargo plane of which he was co-pilot, off the coast of Arabia, Masirah island, April 15, 1945. He was engaged in flying cargo planes and delivering army planes to the Middle East. Enlisted in Aug. 1944. Former student in Hutchinson Junior college, known here as "Jamie" Trent. Son of Mrs. W. P. Mildren, formerly of Hutchinson, now Kingman.



**Clifford G. Troyer**, Sgt., 1190th Engineers Co., 88th Engineers Bn., died of pneumonia in army hospital near Dinant, Belgium, Sept. 13, 1944. Was with invasion force in Normandy invasion, landing in France on D-Day plus 3. Through Normandy battle and northern France campaign. Was ill only a few days before his death. In service over two years, since July 15, 1942. Was at Camp Beauregard, La., Yuma, Ariz., and Camp Young, Calif., going overseas to England Dec. 1943. Foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Troyer, 1100 North Plum. Graduate of Abbyville high school and student at Hutchinson Junior college. Wife, the former Frances Ehling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ehling, Abbyville, teacher in Midland district school, Valley township.

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**Don W. Truax**, Lt., Army Air force, bombardier on Liberator bomber based in England, killed in action Feb. 20, 1944 on a bombing mission over Germany. He had participated in heavy bombing raids in February on fighter aircraft plants deep in Germany. He had been in England since Nov. 1943 and had taken part in a number of missions over occupied Europe. Formerly with Montgomery Ward store in Hutchinson. Son of Mrs. Louise Truax, 313 East Fourth.

**Lloyd M. Tubbs**, Sgt., Infantry, missing in action, troop ship on which he was being transported being sunk Nov. 26, 1943 while en route to North Africa. Formerly was with 35th Div. as sergeant in Co. M, 137th Inf., mobilizing with the 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941. Overseas from Camp Rucker, Ala., in Oct. 1943. Son of Mrs. Etna Scribner, Turon.





**Harold O. Tucker**, Pvt., 323rd Inf., 81st "Wildcat" Div. killed in action on Peleliu island in Southwest Pacific, Nov. 13, 1944. Pvt. Tucker volunteered to scale a high pinnacle on the island to neutralize enemy fire on his platoon. With the assistance of a comrade who held him in place on the high ridge, he was able to deliver effective fire, but was killed while attempting to rejoin his company. In service 15 months since Aug. 1943. Overseas July 1944 to Hawaii, stationed at Ft. Hays, T. H., then to Palau islands Sept. 1944, participating in action in Ulithi islands and Palau group.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Tucker, 217 North Chemical.



**Frank B. VanGundy**, Sgt., Field Artillery, 35th Div., killed in action at St. Lo, France, July 11, 1944, in Normandy invasion. Had been in service four years, enlisting in field artillery battalion in Hutchinson Oct. 14, 1940. Mobilized with 130th F. A. Bn. in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Overseas May 1944 to Bodwin, Cornwall, in England. In Normandy invasion, landing on Omaha Beach July 3. He was killed eight days later. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Blair VanGundy, of Hutchinson, his father being a printer on the News-Herald.



**Dwight VanHoozen**



**Melbourne Volkland**

**Dwight (Benj. D.) VanHoozen**, Sgt., 351st Bomber group, Army Air force, based in England, overseas 1½ years, contracted tuberculosis in England, and died after return to U. S. at Fitzsimmons General hospital, Denver, Aug. 2, 1945. In service three years. Overseas May 1943. In England almost two years with ground crew of bomber group. Returned from England March 1945, dying about five months later. Son of Mrs. Maude VanHoozen, Castleton.

**Melbourne Otto Volkland**, Pvt., Co. B, 5th Battalion, Armored force, Ft. Knox, Ky., died at that base in post hospital May 15, 1942. Entered service March 22, 1942. He arrived at Ft. Knox March 29 and died there six weeks later. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Volkland, 528 North Main St.

**Wesley A. Waldron**, Lt., Army Air force, based at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M., killed in crash of a B-29 bomber, near Denton, Kentucky, July 1, 1945. Son of Wesley F. Waldron, and grandson of Mrs. Walter Mills, Hutchinson.



**Harold Dumont (Monty) Waldecker**, Pfc., Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., Second Marines, Second Marine Div., with intelligence section, killed in action on Saipan, West Pacific, June 19, 1944. A talented artist, he was detailed to duty at division headquarters as a map maker and draftsman, and on duty at headquarters of the Second Marines making sketches of enemy pillboxes and emplacements as well as combat maps. In action in battle of Tarawa in the Gilbert islands, where the marine division in which he served was almost wiped out.

Was with the marine detachment that hit Betio Tarawa atoll and then cleaned out the enemy and captured the island. Moved to a rest camp in Hawaii, returning later to the big attack on Saipan, where he was killed. In service 1½ years, enlisting Dec. 1942. Overseas from Camp Elliott, San Diego, in May 1943 to Wellington, New Zealand. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waldecker, 226 East 13th.

**Walter D. Walker**, Sgt., Army Air force, engineer-gunner in a Liberator bomber in the Pacific theater, killed in action April 9, 1945, on a bombing mission. Son of H. M. "Jack" Walker, superintendent of the Hipple Oil Co. Home, 420 East 18th.



**Lawrence A. Wallar**, Ensign, Navy, serving on landing craft, USS LCI-(L) 219, on the Atlantic, drowned Feb. 27, 1943, when a motor launch was swamped and sunk, while on patrol duty in the north Atlantic. In the service about a year, May 16, 1942; appointed midshipman Aug. 27, 1942; ensign Dec. 2, 1942. Served on USS Ann Arundel, and later, in Jan. 1943 to landing craft group, Amphibious force, at Norfolk, Va. Son of Mrs. Matilda E. Wallar, 207 East 13th and of Leo Wallar, formerly with the News-Herald advertising department, now of Tulsa, Okla. Grandson of Mrs. Sarah Wallar, 322 East Fifth, and of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hern of Hutchinson. He was advertising manager of the Pegues-Wright store when he enlisted.



**Leo Glen Ward**, 1st Lt., Army Air force, pilot of a C-47 transport plane, killed in crash of plane on a hillside southeast of Stuttgart, Germany, in edge of the Black Forest, Oct. 1, 1945. He was transporting army personnel from France to Germany. All on board were killed. Was student in college in Hutchinson when he enlisted in the National Guard here Nov. 1938. He was corporal of Battery B, 130th F. A., when the battalion mobilized here Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with the 35th Div. Jan. 1941, and accompanied that division to California. Transferred to army air corps June 1942. Commissioned at Luke Field, Ariz., Aug. 30, 1943. Overseas Oct. 1944 as pilot in Army Transport command at St. Dizier and later at Lille, France. Transported munitions and supplies via air to Italy, France and Germany. Was married in June 1945 at Arlon, Belgium, to Lt. Gail Blackford, army nurse with 238th Hospital unit. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ward, formerly of Hutchinson, later of Copeland, Kans.





**Charles A. Warren, Sgt., Army Air force, waist gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, based in England, killed in action on a bombing raid over Germany Nov. 2, 1944. He had been overseas only four months, reaching England in July 1944, stationed near London, but in that short time had completed over thirty bombing missions. In service fourteen months, enlisting Sept. 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Warren, Hutchinson RFD 3. Widow at 15 East Sixth St.**

**William Claude Warren, GM 2/c, Navy, gunner's mate, killed in explosion of an ammunition-laden ship at Port Chicago, Calif., July 17, 1944. Home, Hutchinson. Wife, Mrs. Janetta Warren, residing here.**



**Robert Earl Watkins, Cpl., Marine corps, First Marines Air Wing, with ground crew, at air field on Bougainville, in Southwest Pacific, killed during a tropical storm on that island, Oct. 8, 1944. In the service about a year, enlisting Sept. 22, 1943. Served at San Diego marine base four months; at Norman, Okla., six months; then left San Diego for overseas Aug. 16, 1944, to duty at Bougainville as an aviation metalsmith. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Watkins, 628 East C.**



**Charles E. Watson, Pfc., with machine gun unit, serving in Southwest Pacific contracted illness while serving in New Guinea, was returned an invalid to the U. S., and died in Bushnell general hospital at Brigham, Utah, March 23, 1945. He had been in the service 4½ years. He was a private in Battery C, 130th F. A. when the battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with the 35th Div. Jan. 1941. At Camp Robinson one year; then to California with the 35th Div. Was on the west coast for 1½ years, transferring there to a machine gun unit going to**

**New Guinea. Overseas ten months. Made home with his grandmother, Mrs. Sylvia T. Young, 324 East 11th St. Widow, Julia, at Arlington.**



**Howard Maurice Watson, Jr., 2nd Lt., Army Air forces, fighter pilot, 81st Fighter Grp., 93rd Fighter squadron, in North Africa, killed near Tunis, Tunisia, in midair collision of army planes, Feb. 2, 1944, while Lt. Watson was on a routine administrative mission. His P-39 plane crashed following the collision. His skull was crushed. Overseas April 1943, landing at Casablanca, Morocco. After a month at Bar Rechio, North Africa, he was assigned to the 93rd Fighter Sqdn. at Bone. Took part in North African and Sicilian campaigns. Located at Vetrano, Sicily, in Oct. 1943; then**

**back to base at Bizerte, North Africa. In service two years, enlisting Feb. 1, 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Watson, Hutchinson RFD 3, Island Park, his father owner of Watson's clothing store.**



**William Louis "Bill" Weber, Sgt., Army Air force, radio-gunner on a Liberator, based in England, killed in crash of a bomber in England Feb. 13, 1945. He had been overseas since Oct. 1944. Posthumous award of Air medal, for "meritorious achievement" as a radio-gunner on bombing missions against enemy targets. In service more than two years, enlisting Dec. 7, 1942, on the first anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Weber, 107 West 20th St. His father manager of the Investors Syndicate Co.**

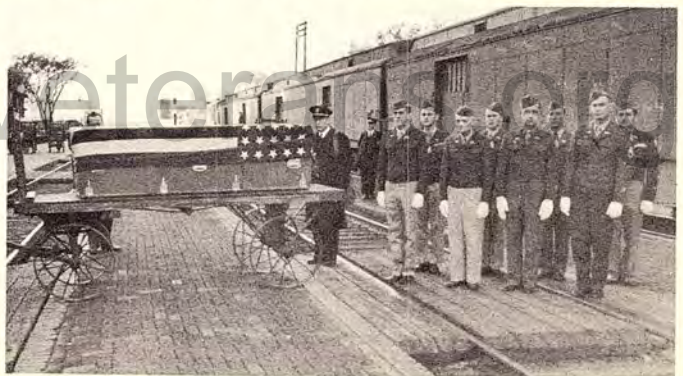


**Fred Earl Weiss, AOM 2/c, Naval Air force, ordnanceman with naval air unit on the aircraft carrier USS Gambier Bay in the Pacific area. Killed in action when the Gambier Bay was sunk in battle off Samar, Philippines, Oct. 23, 1944. He had been on that carrier seven months in the Pacific area, from March to October, participating in invasion of a number of islands. Awarded citation for "extraordinary heroism against powerful units of the Japanese fleet during the battle off Samar." In service nearly three years, enlisting Nov. 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weiss, 113 West Fifth.**



**Charles E. Wells, T/Sgt., 411th Inf., serving with Seventh army, killed in action in France March 15, 1945. He previously had been wounded, a month before, on Feb. 14 but returned to action shortly before he was killed in March. Two months before he was awarded a citation and Bronze Star for heroic conduct. The citation relates: "Strong enemy pressure forced Sgt. Wells' platoon to withdraw over a kilometer of open ground. Disregarding enemy machine gun and 20 MM automatic weapon fire, Sgt. Wells remained alone in an exposed position, covering their**

**withdrawal with his rifle. When all of his men reached safety he moved slowly back protecting the rear of his platoon from any possible enemy infiltration." In service about 1½ years, entering army in Dec. 1943. Overseas to France Oct. 1944. Former custodian at Roosevelt and Lincoln schools. Son of Mrs. H. M. Carter, 308 West E. Widow lives at 228 East Park.**



**The first Gold Star remains to be returned home from overseas. The body of Ensign Lawrence A. Wallar, arriving in Hutchinson from Bermuda, Nov. 15, 1947, met at the station by guard of honor from Bob Campbell post, V. F. W.**





**Harry R. White, Jr.,** Pvt., 23rd Inf., Second Div., killed in action near St. Lo, France, in the Normandy invasion, July 24, 1944, when hit by an .88 calibre shell. He had been in the service only nine months, entering the army Oct. 3, 1943. After four months at Camp Wolters, Tex., with the 63rd Inf., he was transferred to the 23rd Inf. and went overseas from Camp White, Md., two weeks later, landing in England April 24, 1944. Six weeks later he was fighting in France, landing on Omaha Beach in the Normandy invasion June 6 and fighting for over a month in Normandy. Son

of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. White, 430 East 15th.

**Frank J. Wiegel, Jr.,** 2nd Lt., Infantry, killed in action on Okinawa April 7, 1945. He had been in the army about four years, since June 28, 1941. Served first at Camp Polk, La. Later stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., going overseas May 1944 from Ft. Ord, Calif. He was first based in New Caledonia, then moving to Leyte in the invasion of southern Philippines, and from there to Okinawa where he was killed. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wiegel of Nickerson.



**Earl (Robt. E.) Williams,** Sgt., Army Engineers, killed in vehicle accident at Marseilles, France, Dec. 12, 1944, three days after he had landed there. He had enlisted Sept. 12, 1942, serving at Toccoa, Ga., Ft. Meade, Md., Camp Butler, N. C., for over a year, Miami Beach, Fla., Greenwood, Miss., and Camp VanDorn, Miss. Left Camp VanDorn Nov. 1944 for France, arriving at Marseilles Dec. 9, being accidentally killed there three days later. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Williams, 226 East B.



**Fred Williams,** member of the crew of the USS Pillsbury, perished when that navy vessel was sunk by enemy action off the coast of Java March 1, 1942, in the battle of the Java sea. He had been in the navy nine years, enlisting in 1933. He had lived in Hutchinson most of his life, formerly attending school at Fourth Ave. and Sherman schools. He was a brother of R. C. Williams, 1215 North Washington St.



**Ralph P. Williams,** S/Sgt., Army Air corps, with 8th Air force, based in England, killed in action March 24, 1945, when bomber on which he served was shot down over Essen, Germany. He was serving as gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber. He had been in service 15 months, enlisting Dec. 28, 1943, serving at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Lerado, Tex., Lemoore, Calif., and Walla Walla, Wash. Overseas Nov. 1944 to England. Was awarded Air medal with two Oak Leaf clusters and the Flying cross. Participating in battles of the Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhineland. Son

of Mrs. A. L. Orr, 410 East Fourth. Widow lives at 614 East B.



**Elmer L. Wilson,** T/5, Tank corps unit, killed in action in France Aug. 16, 1944, when his entire unit was wiped out. He previously had been wounded in action in the Normandy invasion in April 1944, but was able to return to duty July 10. Five weeks later he was killed. He had been in the service four years, enlisting Aug. 16, 1940, exactly four years before his death. Stationed at Camp Polk, La., Desert Center, Calif., Camp Pickett, Va., Indian-town Gap, Pa., and Camp Beauregard, La. Overseas with a tank division in 1943, being based at Codford, Wiltshire, England. Son

of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson, 801 West A.

**Everett Windle,** in the Navy on the battleship USS Oklahoma, sunk at Pearl Harbor in the Japanese attack Dec. 7, 1941. He was killed in the boiler room of the Oklahoma, during the bombing. Was connected with the NYA Center in Hutchinson in 1940 when he enlisted in the navy.



**Donald E. Wisby,** S/Sgt., Third Armored Inf., killed in action in the battle of St. Lo, France, in the Normandy invasion, July 10, 1944. He was squad leader of a 57 MM gun. He had been in the army nearly three years, enlisting Oct. 17, 1941. He served at Ft. Leavenworth, Camp Polk, La., Camp Rice, Calif., Camp Pickett, Va., and Indiantown Gap, Pa. Overseas to England Aug. 1943. In England almost a year. Awarded Presidential citation and Purple Heart. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Wisby, 629 North Monroe. Was born in Reno county in Walnut township.



**Merrill G. Woods,** Technician, Army Air force, Sheppard Field, Tex. Died of pneumonia in army hospital at Springfield, Mo., March 24, 1942. Entered service Dec. 31, 1941, leaving Hutchinson for army camp at Wichita Falls, Tex. Became ill at Sheppard Field, with scarlet fever, which developed later into lung trouble. Moved to the army hospital at Springfield where he died about three months after his induction into service. Foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Eales of Plevna. Brother of Harold R. Woods, Plevna. Employed at Baize jewelry store, Hutchinson when entered service.

**John Harper Work,** Lt., Army Air force, killed in crash of an army bomber at Muroc Dry Lake, Calif., Dec. 19, 1941. He previously had been stationed at Randolph Field, Tex. Graduate of Hutchinson high school, 1940. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Work, Hutchinson.

**Clarence J. Zoglman,** S/Sgt., Army Air force, engineer-gunner on B-26 Marauder, killed in action Aug. 24, 1944, when shot down off coast of France, in the Mediterranean sea. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zoglman of Sumner township in Ost community, southeast Reno county.

**Orval E. Zongker,** T/5, Quartermaster corps, killed in Nuernburg, Germany, July 16, 1945. Was truck driver with the Fourth Chemical company. Had been overseas nearly two years, in European theater, with Quartermaster corps, landing in England Oct. 27, 1943. Served in the campaigns in France, Rhineland and Central Europe, in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered service Dec. 31, 1941. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Zongker of Langdon.



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# The HOME FRONT

ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON, soon after dinner, Dec. 7, 1941, Reno County people, casually listening in on the radio programs, were startled to hear emergency bulletins broadcast announcing the shocking news that enemy planes, presumably Japanese, had bombed Pearl Harbor.

They realized then what all had been fearing had come, for a global war really had started. But what they did not realize, and could not comprehend in full at the time, was what a terrible price Reno County homes would have to pay in the war ahead.

In the next four years, after that fateful Dec. 7, a total of 325 Reno County men were to die in the war. Their bones lie scattered in five continents, from Normandy Beach to Guadalcanal; from the Aleutians to Arabia, and beneath the waters of the North Atlantic and the South Pacific.

But the war really started, so far as Reno County is concerned, nearly a year before that for on Dec. 23, 1940, "M-Day" for the National Guard, the 130th Field Artillery battalion composed of three batteries and medical unit, some 400 men in all, mobilized at the state fair ground, and a few days later entrained for Camp Robinson, Ark., where the 35th Division was assembling.

They were really going off to war then, although many perhaps did not realize it, and it was not until Dec. 10, 1945, four years later, that the 130th Field Artillery returned to the home land from Germany.

## The First Gold Star

It was three months before the enemy blast at Pearl Harbor that Reno County's first gold star was placed on the service flag. Lt. John D. Armstrong gave his life in far-away Burma as the first from Reno to be killed in the war. He was engaged in training Chinese soldiers in Burma when training planes collided in mid-air and Lt. Armstrong crashed to death, Sept. 9, 1941, at Toungee, Burma.

But it was at Pearl Harbor, the great naval base in Hawaii, that the first blow of the war was struck, on Dec. 7, 1941 and there among the hundreds of others slain were eight Reno County men — Harold Kagarice, petty officer, and Wilbur D. Ellis, radioman, both on the USS Arizona; Harold Bates and Everett Windle, on the USS Oklahoma; Robert E. Clarke, gunner with an anti-aircraft unit and S 1/c Camillus O'Grady, on a battleship, and two brothers, WT 1/c Stephen L. Stucky and F 2/c James H. Stucky, navy men, both of Huntsville township.

Within a few days came the reports of death in battle, of Lt. Morgan S. McCowan of Pretty Prairie, in the Philippines Dec. 10; Ensign Robert Schubert of Hutchinson, on a ship on the Pacific Dec. 13; and Pfc. Boyd Holcom of Nickerson, at Nichols Field in the Philippines early in January.

From then on the casualty lists continued to bring the tragic news, and the little gold star emblems began to show up in the windows of scores of homes in Hutchinson and Reno County.

## Crosses Around the World

In all a total of 325 men from Reno County died in the war, in all parts of the world — 135 in the European theater; 104 in the Pacific theater; 14 in Asia; 8 in Africa; 13 in the North American area outside of the United States; and 51 died from accidents on duty, mostly in training casualties, or from wounds or disease in hospitals in the United States.

The wooden crosses with names of men from Hutchinson and Reno County appeared in every part of the world, deaths being officially reported as follows:

Europe — Germany, 51; France, 44; Italy, 15; Sicily, 2; Yugoslavia, 2; Luxembourg, 3; Belgium, 7; Hungary, 1; England, 6; Rumania, 1; Holland 3. Total, European theater, 135.

Pacific theater — Hawaii, 8; Philippines, 29; Saipan, 5; Iwo Jima, 7; Guadalcanal, 1; Bougainville, 1; Java, 1; Tarawa, 1; Peleliu, 2; Solomons, 1; Marianas, 1; New Guinea, 4; Guam, 1; at sea in Pacific, 16; in China sea, 6; elsewhere in west Pacific, 20. Total, Pacific theater, 104.

Africa — Tunisia, 3; elsewhere in North Africa, 4; East Africa, 1. Total in Africa, 8.

Asia — Burma, 2; Japan, 4; India, 1; Arabia, 1; China, 4; Iran, 1; Gulf of Siam, 1. Total in Asiatic theater, 14.

North America — In North Atlantic, 9; Aleutians, 2; West Indies, 1; Greenland, 1; in United States, 51. Total in North America, 64.

Already hundreds of men were leaving for induction centers to join the National Guard and regular army in the armed forces. More than a year before the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor, America began raising a great force for defense of the country. On Oct. 16, 1940 all men of the nation between the ages of 21 and 36 gathered for the selective service registration in what was known as the "peace draft," and over 8,000 men in Reno County that day registered for service.

## Enrolling for Service

Three draft boards were organized in Reno County, Board No. 1 composed of Bert S. Berry, chairman; J. P. O'Sullivan and Clarence E. Kerns, with Ethel Atkinson, chief clerk; Board No. 2, J. C. Bigger, chairman; Will S. Thompson and I. Gottlieb, with Juanita Gallup, chief clerk; and Board No. 3, H. D. Fossey of Nickerson, chairman; A. Lewis Oswald, Hutchinson, and W. J. Halloran, Pretty Prairie, with Mrs. Kate Carter, chief clerk.

Mrs. Carter, incidentally, had served in a similar capacity in World War I. During the ten years she served in both wars as a draft board clerk she estimates she saw more than 25,000 men inducted into the armed forces. Mrs. Carter was the only draft board clerk in the state of Kansas to serve in both wars.

On Nov. 2, 1940 the first draft order was issued in Reno County, Order No. 1 going to Frank Mason Tennant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tennant, 510 East Ninth. Incidentally Mason Tennant had already tried to enlist in the navy; failed to pass the physical; tried again to get into the army, again failed, and even now when ordered to report by the selective service, was not accepted. But he finally made it, and went overseas as a soldier, serving in Europe with the First Army, later going to the army air force, and was still in the service after war's end, with the air corps at Smoky Hill Air Base, Salina.

The first Reno County men to leave for service as draftees were Charles Francis Erker of Sumner township, and Clare Ray Conover and Nathaniel Lockett, both of Hutchinson, who went to Fort Leavenworth for induction Nov. 22, 1940.

The three draft boards continued their services throughout the war as first organized with the exception of Board No. 3, which resigned July 30, 1944, a new board being appointed composed of T. Roy Campbell, Louis D. White and Howard Dukelow. The only other change in personnel was on Board No. 2, when I. Gottlieb resigned and Henry S. Pegues was appointed in his place.

## More Than 8,000 in Uniform

From November 1940, when the first men selected for service left for induction, and January 1941, when the National Guardsmen entrained for Camp Robinson, Ark., until V-J Day, Aug. 14, 1945, more than 8,000 men left Reno County to serve in defense of their country. And during the four years following the bombing of Pearl Harbor 324 men from Reno had died and hundreds of others had gone to hospitals, many of them maimed and blinded for life.

Most pitiful of all was the plight of scores of Reno County soldiers and sailors who became prisoners of war, and were held in vile Japanese prison pens or in German concentration camps for years.

Eleven men from Reno County died while prisoners of war, four of these being killed when Japanese prison ships were torpedoed or bombed and sunk. Capt. Carl W. Schroeder and Pvt. Vern A. Sallee were killed on a Jap prison ship sunk off the Philippines by a torpedo in December 1944; Pfc. Oscar M. Swepston on a prison boat sunk in the China sea in November 1944; and Pfc. Archie King met a similar fate in the China sea in October of that year. They were among hundreds of prisoners crowded into the hulls of Japanese vessels, as they were being moved from prisons in the Philippines to Japan. American torpedo gunners and bombers did not, of course, know the Jap ships they sank contained American soldiers held as prisoners, when they bombed them.

Others who died as Japanese prisoners included Mo. MM



1/c Charles F. Linder, in a prison in Honshu, Japan; Pvt. Geo. Nesbitt, Jr., also in Japan, and T/5 Ralph L. Ross and T/Sgt. Geo. T. Roach in Jap prisons in the Philippines.

Three others died in Nazi prisons in Germany, Lt. Jos. D. Conwill, Pfc. Elvin F. Shuff and Pfc. Gideon Moser.

## A TOTAL WAR

It was a total war, so far as the home front in Reno county and Hutchinson was concerned. Every home was affected, for the 8,000 men and women in uniform represented members of every family. Not a home but sent sons, daughters, brothers, sons-in-law or close relatives.

The service flags hung in every door and window, and before long, the Gold Star was in evidence in too many homes.

Everybody was helping back the boys at the front, helping win the war. Women were making surgical dressings and Red Cross supplies; men were digging up money, gathering scrap iron, serving as air raid wardens, auxiliary policemen, on the Civilian Defense force, on salvage crews, or as bond salesmen; school children were gathering waste paper, iron, rubber, or busy buying war stamps.

The digging up of nearly 24 million dollars in purchase of war bonds, besides many thousands more given to the Red Cross and other war funds was a notable contribution on the home front in Reno County.

As soon as Hutchinson boys left for the various training camps, Hutchinson women began finding ways to make life in these camps a little more pleasant.

### The 35th Mothers Club

Among the first of the groups to organize for this purpose, was the Thirty-fifth division Mothers Club, composed of women whose sons were members of the National Guard, and had been sent to Camp Robinson, Ark. These mothers sent boxes of cookies to the camps, and collected and shipped furniture and other equipment for the recreation rooms. All boys leaving for camp were presented with Testaments, candy bars, gum, etc., as long as these articles could be obtained.

The soldiers from Hutchinson in the 130th FA Bn. which had left for war a year before Pearl Harbor, and were serving with the 35th division were given special attention by the 35th Division Mothers Club, which was organized soon after the National Guardsmen left for Camp Robinson, Arkansas, in January, 1941.

Mrs. Howard Hoadley and Mrs. C. L. Veatch, whose sons were in the 35th Div. were active in organizing the Mothers Club. Mrs. Veatch served as its first president and Mrs. Hoadley was its second president.

Many other organizations were active in helping make life more pleasant for the men in the camps and overseas. The American Legion put on one drive for old phonograph records, gathering large quantities, and they were made over into new records to be sent to the men overseas.

The Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts raised funds for purchase of hundreds of cartons of cigarettes sent to the service men overseas during the war.

Many individuals did outstanding service, one of special note being C. L. Leonida, Greek-born restaurant operator and World War I veteran, who personally sent 800 two-pound fruit cakes, nearly a ton in all, to that many Hutchinson service men overseas for Christmas, 1944. In addition he gave all proceeds at his restaurant at Red Cross dinners each year during the war to the Red Cross, aggregating hundreds of dollars. In one fish dinner, in February, 1943, Leonida raised \$425.29 for the Red Cross.

In November, 1942, the Mothers of World War II organized a Unit in Hutchinson, and nearly all eligible members of the Thirty-fifth Division Mothers Club joined the organization, and continued working with that unit.

### Troop Train Service

In the Spring of 1944, several of the women conceived the idea of having a center, located in the business district, where supplies could be kept and all groups come to prepare the food, etc., to serve the trains. The use of the first floor of the building at 322 N. Main was donated by the owner. Stoves, icebox, tables and other furniture and equipment were loaned, donated or bought, until enough had been gathered

together to carry on the work. Here different groups came each morning to bake cookies, make sandwiches, sort fruit and select the magazines, cards, matches, pencils, etc., that went into the white Troop Train Service baskets to be taken to the depots in the afternoon. Accounts were kept and supplies were bought from a common fund, and all groups had equal rights to all provisions.

### At the Service Centers

Some of the women did not service trains, but put in many hours working at the Center and several prominent men of the city were never too busy to give assistance when called upon. Troop Train Service received dozens of wonderful letters from men and women of nearly every rank in all branches of the service, all praising the work, and assuring the women that their kindness was more deeply appreciated than they could ever realize. Every day, in summer heat or driving rain, in winter's freezing cold or blinding snow, the women met the trains, wearing their bright arm bands and carrying the white baskets filled with offerings of good cheer and a touch of home and mother.

Most of these groups served until the Center was closed in December, 1945, Sylvia and community was very efficiently organized with fifteen or more groups who drove to Hutchinson and worked several days a week. The Haven churches also took turns in coming once a week.

The groups serving troop trains included: Sylvia Community, Haven group, including four Haven churches; American Legion auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary; Letter Carriers' Union auxiliary; Strawboard Workers auxiliary; B'Nai B'rith auxiliary; First Christian church, Emanuel Lutheran church, United Presbyterian church; Redeemer Lutheran church, Baptist Missionary circles; First Methodist Sunday school; Mothers' Prayer league; Mitchell church; WCTU Women's Relief Corps, Sterling WRC, Silver Leaf Order of Eastern Star; Martin ladies; Marine Mothers; Arms and Service club; Reno township Farm Bureau; Walnut township Farm Bureau; Partridge farm bureau; Stitch & Chatter Club, Mothers of World War II club; Amiga Club; Merry Quilters club; J. D. Club; Red Wing Pocahontas lodge and Optimist club auxiliary.

### Making Surgical Dressings

One of the largest and most faithful groups was that of the Red Cross. Hundreds of women gathered almost daily in the basement of the First Presbyterian church and elsewhere to sew for the boys. Thousands of surgical dressings were made and shipped by the Red Cross for use in army and navy hospitals; thousands of helmets, gloves, jackets, and socks were knitted to be sent to the men in the trenches and jungles and camps.

The knitting needles, long idle since World War I, again began their work of love and service in February, 1942, when the Red Cross chapter received a large shipment of yarn. From then until the end of the war the Red Cross knitters were busy, making garments and things, not only for soldiers and sailors, but for families of refugees in the war stricken lands.

### The Hutchinson U. S. O.

Only a few months after Pearl Harbor, in May, 1942, the increasing number of transient soldiers and sailors passing through Hutchinson stressed the need of some sort of loafing place down town where they would find hospitality.

Mrs. C. L. Veatch took the lead in establishment of a local U. S. O. The Kiwanis club promptly took up the idea and at a meeting called by the Kiwanians a U. S. O. group was organized headed by Henry Thiessen as general chairman, with Mrs. Veatch as secretary. A few days later, early in April, 1942, the U. S. O. was opened in a room on East Second, just around the corner from the Santa Fe Station. A fund was raised by public subscription to finance the operation of the U. S. O.

Before long, when it was found a naval air base was to be located in Hutchinson, bringing several thousand sailors to Hutchinson, it was realized the small room on East Second would be inadequate, and that a large U. S. O. center would have to be established.

A campaign was made for funds to finance it. In April, 1942, \$14,000 was raised in a preliminary drive. V. R. Jennings,



of South Hutchinson, with two sons in the service, had the distinction of being the first to subscribe. Later, the local OCD through a scrap iron drive, raised \$10,000 for the U. S. O. At a U. S. O. festival held in Sylvan park July 24, thousands of dollars more were contributed.

On December 1, 1942, the United Service Organizations – the YMCA, Knights of Columbus, and Jewish welfare – Protestants, Catholics, and Jews uniting in the common cause, opened the Hutchinson U. S. O., in the former Chamber of Commerce rooms, the entire second floor of the Lewis building at First and Adams.

Here, for nearly four years, until after the end of the war, was operated one of the finest recreational centers for service men in the entire middle west. Herbert L. Graber was chairman of the U. S. O. board of directors when the center was established and continued as such through the years. Mrs. Wesley Ramer headed the Red Cross canteen corps; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Clevenger were active in the canteen work; Mrs. O. H. McNaull was service hostess; Mrs. Henry Mohr, director of Sunday afternoon teas and "supperettes" and Jim Boyer-smith, program director.

But these were only a few of the hundreds who served in one way or another in operating this popular center for soldiers and sailors. Mrs. F. G. Algeo, Mrs. O. W. Ferguson, Mrs. Guy Holt, and Mrs. Walter Pace each served more than 5,000 hours as hostesses.

Groups of young women were organized to help entertain the service men. Hundreds of Hutchinson women made thousands, perhaps millions of doughnuts and cookies. This work being divided around among the women of the various churches.

Four different men served as directors, all of them professionals, employed by the national U. S. O. George Robb was the first, taking charge in January, 1943. He was followed by Thomas Arnett, L. J. France, and Frank Banyard, who was in charge when the U. S. O. officially closed in 1946. He remained in Hutchinson as music director of the First Presbyterian church.

During the four years the U. S. O., a "home away from home" for the 4,000 sailors at the Hutchinson naval air station was in operation. Official records show more than 400,000 service men were guests at the center. Volunteer workers rendered more than 200,000 hours of service.

For several months after the end of the war the U. S. O. was continued in operation until the gradual release of men at the naval air base reduced the necessity of maintaining the center. It officially was closed September 15, 1946.

## ORGANIZE FOR DEFENSE

With the outbreak of the war, in the perilous days following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, when an unprepared America lay open to attacks by the enemy, Mayor Willis Kelly, in response to a call from the war department, took steps to organize Hutchinson for defense.

The Civilian Defense council was established on December 16, 1941, a week after the war started. Mayor Kelly became the ex-officio chairman and City Engineer, H. P. Hertz, deputy chairman. The others on the council when it was launched were: Capt. E. G. Hamilton, commanding the State Guard company; Steve B. Horrell, local representative of the National Safety Council; Carl Winner of the Central Labor Union, Wade Patton head of the Inter-club Council; Dr. Geo. E. Paine and Harold Gresens.

Albert S. Teed, then police judge, a World War I Veteran, and later district commander of the American Legion, was appointed coordinator for civilian defense.

### Air Wardens and Blackouts

On January 26, 1942, citizens of Hutchinson were called on to volunteer for service as air raid wardens and in other branches of civilian defense, and 1,200 volunteers signed the rolls. The city was districted, and organized in a block-by-block defense set-up.

Don McCamant, an executive of the water and light company was appointed air raid warden chairman, and he worked out a system of air raid signals. In December, 1942, the first city-wide black out test was held, with the air raid wardens, auxiliary police and civilian defense forces participating.

Marion Scott, chief of police, later to go overseas as a captain in the army, succeeded Albert Teed as Civilian

Defense coordinator for Hutchinson, and he in turn was succeeded by H. H. Heaps, and in May, 1943, by Mayor Albert D. Bell, who served as such until the end of the war.

The auxiliary police force, a large and well organized group of volunteers was headed first by Chief of Police, H. J. Sloan and later during most of the war period by Clyde Truesdell, a Hutchinson grain man.

The Civil Air Patrol, another volunteer group organized to cooperate in air defense was headed first by Vern Hinkle, who later was promoted to chief of CAP courier operations for the state of Kansas, being succeeded as head of the local CAP by Arthur H. Snyder.

### "Scrap for the Jap"

It took iron, copper, aluminum, paper, rubber, even waste fat to provide the munitions and implements of war, and while Reno county was busy raising men and money to win victory, the men, women, and children of Reno were also gathering millions of pounds of scrap metal, rubber, and paper – "scrap for the Jap."

A war monument that long will be remembered was the heap of scrap iron two blocks long, extending along the north side of the Santa Fe tracks, from Main to Poplar, gathered in a dramatic drive in September, 1942, in Hutchinson.

There was nearly 500 tons of scrap iron in that pile, 500 men with 150 trucks hauling the iron there on Sunday, Sept. 27. In that pile were a million pounds of metal, implements, old stoves, junked machinery, and cast off tools. There were many souvenirs of another war there, old German helmets, even two old French .75 cannon, that had been used by the 35th Div. in France in 1918, and which had been mounted at the Harding memorial on the West Fourth road, and now were donated by the American Legion to be made into new cannon to help hurl shells once more at the enemy.

At the state fair in the fall of 1942 scrap iron to hurl at the Nazis and Japs was accepted as admission to the fair, 50 pounds of iron good for a ticket at the state fair gate. A huge pile of scrap iron was one of the exhibits at the 1942 fair.

The school children over Reno county were enlisted in a county wide scrap iron drive in October, 1942, prizes being offered to the schools gathering the most on a per-pupil basis. In that drive, headed by Hi Heaps, as county chairman, 5,273,825 pounds of iron was gathered, an average of 101.1 pounds per capita.

The Hutchinson *News-Herald* had offered \$570 in war stamps and bonds as prizes to the schools bringing in the most scrap iron, on the average per pupil. The Langdon rural high school with 142,700 pounds of iron gathered, won the first prize in the high school class; and Victor school, north of Haven, took first in the rural school class, with 118,366 pounds of old iron. Liberty junior high school placed first among the city schools in Hutchinson, with 63,360 pounds.

During the iron drive Hutchinson school children turned in more than 18,000 keys. Many Hutchinson fathers and mothers found the house keys missing.

Not only iron, but other metals, rubber and paper were needed in the war effort, and Hutchinson and Reno county produced these too in various drives.

### "Rubber and Paper Drives"

In one rubber drive, in June, 1942, in two weeks 242 tons of old rubber tires and other rubber were gathered. The first day of that drive, June 16, 1942, fifty tons of tires were turned in. On another day, later on November 21, 1942, 50,000 old automobile tires were collected in Hutchinson for the government.

The first salvage drive was held July 31, 1941, four months before the war actually started. This was an aluminum drive sponsored in Hutchinson by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Aluminum pots, pans, kettles and such were gathered by 425 Boy Scouts and piled on Main street. Three truck loads were gathered. C. O. Hitchcock was county chairman of that drive.

Literally carloads of waste paper were gathered, also in various paper drives. In one day, July 23, 1944, more than 85 tons of waste paper was collected in Hutchinson, one-third more than the quota set. A crew of 150 volunteer workers were engaged in the collection, of which Clyde Truesdell was general chairman.

In another drive, in which the school children did the collecting, bales of waste paper were piled high on the school



grounds, many tons being hauled in trucks to the salvage centers.

Waste fats was another important item, and Hutchinson retail grocers and markets averaged taking in about fifty pounds of waste fats weekly, for use in making explosives.

## THE RED CROSS

During the years of the war more than \$300,000 was raised in Reno county for the support of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. V. M. Wiley and W. J. Shellenberger were the war time chairmen of the chapter. Howard Carey volunteered his services as chairman for the fund campaigns during the war. Under his leadership, with the cooperation of hundreds of volunteer men and women, quotas for the war funds were not only met but also exceeded every year by thousands of dollars. Their record of work for the years follows:

1941 .....	\$ 4,426.13
1942 .....	17,725.17
1943 .....	54,811.54
1944 .....	90,737.02
1945 .....	91,527.21
1946 .....	55,506.47
Total .....	\$314,733.54

Including the funds raised for the Red Cross and the United War Fund, a total of more than half a million dollars was given by Reno county people during the four years of war.

A drive in March, 1943, brought in \$53,370 for the war fund, exceeding the quota by \$1,500. In November, 1943, another united drive raised more than \$100,000, exceeding the quota by \$20,000. The following April another drive raised \$87,118 more, and six months later, in October, 1944, another brought in \$85,204 more, over the quota by \$4,000. The last war fund drive, in October, 1945, also oversubscribed the quota set, raising \$78,809.

These drives were not for sale of bonds for investment, but outright donations of funds. Heading the war fund drives were Howard J. Carey as Red Cross fund chairman in 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946; and H. L. Graber, as United War fund chairman in 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945.

## THE WAR BONDS

It took huge sums of money to back up the boys in the war, and people of Reno county dug up millions of dollars in purchase of the war bonds and stamps to help carry on the war.

At least \$23,000,000 worth of war bonds were sold in Reno county, recorded in the drives. And millions more were bought of which no local record was made.

During the seven bond drives the following totals were announced:

First, 1942 .....	\$ 1,880,299
Second, April, 1943 .....	2,171,994
Third, October, 1943 .....	4,353,930
Fourth, February, 1944 ....	3,993,440
Fifth, June, 1944 .....	5,087,338
Sixth, November, 1944 ....	2,533,690
Seventh, June, 1945 .....	3,253,000
Total .....	\$23,273,891

Army shows, air spectacles by the naval airmen, the glamor of movie stars, colorful parades and enthusiastic rallies marked the bond sales.

The first year, 1942, was a month by month contest, different groups putting on the drives. In one month the retail merchants sponsored the drives, and the mercantile marts became a financial market, when the sales forces in the stores devoting their time to sale of war bonds.

Most spectacular was the sale in September when the moving picture industry pushed the bond drive. In one evening at the war bond party and barbecue, September 8, at the state fair ground, about \$150,000 worth of bonds were sold, with Lynn Bari and Ronald Coleman from Hollywood officiating as salesmen.

On American Heroes Day, July 17, a total of \$138,000 worth of bonds were disposed of and during July, Reno

county bought over \$250,000 worth. The goal set for the day was \$50,000. Howard Watson, clothing merchant headed the drive.

Outstanding work was done from the very start of the war, until the end, VJ-Day, by a group of young women bond sellers, the Co-Ed Volunteers corps. The corps was organized by Charles R. Mayer, who continued as advisor of the group until he was appointed state director of the retail stores division of the bond campaign in Kansas in April, 1942. Hi Heaps then became advisor of the CEV corps. In February, 1942, the girls sold over \$50,000 worth of bonds and stamps; and their sales to April, 1942, amounted to \$98,000. By September, the co-ed girls had disposed of \$211,790 worth of bonds. By the following February, they had sold \$429,769 worth.

News-Herald carriers sold \$11,035 worth of war stamps in one week in April, 1942. The local Minute Women of the war placed \$150,000 worth of bonds in one week in November, 1942.

During the bond campaigns in 1942, F. E. Goodenough, of Pretty Prairie, was county chairman; and John Fontron was city bond and stamp chairman. When the drives first started, the Hutchinson Association of Life Underwriters did much of the work, with John Rickard heading the campaign for the insurance men.

In the Second war loan drive in April, 1943, the quota set was over-subscribed more than half a million dollars, with a total of nearly 2½ million dollars being sold, \$1,784,000 of this in Hutchinson.

Six months later, the Third war bond drive was staged, John Rickard being county chairman, and in October, 1943, \$4,353,000 more of bonds were sold, \$150,000 over the goal, more than three million dollars of it in Hutchinson.

In February, 1944, came the fourth major call, Reno county this time being asked for three million dollars. The campaign was headed by Fred Anshutz, as county chairman and Frank Bixby, city chairman. It was oversubscribed, a total of almost four million dollars being raised in the county, \$2,903,000 of it in Hutchinson.

In the Fifth war loan drive, in June, 1944, more than five million dollars worth of bonds were bought, topping all the seven drives during the war. The whistles of Hutchinson sounded on June 28, when it was announced the drive had "gone over the top," exceeding the quota by more than a million dollars. Of the \$5,087,338, Hutchinson dug up more than four million dollars.

Earl Pearce, a Nickerson businessman, headed that record-breaking bond sales campaign, with Frank Bixby, Hutchinson, as city chairman.

Outstanding work in this bond drive was done by C. L. Leonida, Hutchinson cafe owner, native of Greece, a veteran of World War I, and with two sons in the service in this war. He personally sold \$1,140,000 worth of bonds in June, 1944, making a total of \$1,891,000 sold by him up to that time, since the start of the war.

Before the end of the war, Leonida had made the remarkable record of personally booking orders for \$10,017,450 worth of war bonds. He made a practice of serving a free meal at his cafe with every bond sale, and spent over \$15,000 of his personal funds in this sales bonus.

## THE NAVY AIR BASE

With the establishment a few miles southeast of Hutchinson, of the naval air base, to be known as the Hutchinson Naval Air Station, in 1942, Hutchinson, although in the very center of the United States, 2,000 miles from both oceans, became a naval center.

It was on July 12, 1942, that announcement was made officially that the naval air installation would be located here and that the four-square mile site, 2,560 acres, in Yoder township, had been approved for the base.

The Navy took over the Convention Hall for offices July 29, 1942; later moving to the top floor of the First National Bank Building and still later taking over the old post office building.

On August 10, 1942, the new naval air base was commissioned, two months ahead of schedule and November 5, 1942, the first naval air cadets arrived to start training.

The first class of cadets graduated from the NAS on June 26, 1943. By two years later, in July, 1943, there were more than 4,000 men stationed at the base, including 3,700 enlisted personnel, 900 officers, and 625 civilian workers.

In 1944 the base was enlarged at an additional cost of \$4,543,950 and changed from primary training to operational



training. The first Liberators, PB 4Y1, arrived at the base March 12, 1944, for the operational training. A year later a further change was made, the first Privateers, PB4Y, arriving at the base.

Cdr. W. C. King was in command at the base from August, 1942, to May, 1945, being succeeded then by Capt. L. L. Hunt.

As the war came to an end another change was made in the base operation, the training of men for the "ready air reserve" starting July 1, 1946, this being one of seven naval air stations designated for this training.

With 4,000 navy men at a base a few miles from the city, and hundreds of men in navy uniforms on the streets, it was not surprising that Hutchinson should be navy-minded.

But months before the navy base was started, the naval recruiting station in Hutchinson had enrolled hundreds of men for the navy.

On December 22, 1941, two weeks after the Japs had

bombed Pearl Harbor, T. C. Holleman, naval recruiter in Hutchinson announced 101 men had been enlisted for the navy in two weeks. On August 12, 1942, the 600th man since Pearl Harbor had been enlisted here, Sept. 2, the 700th man was sworn in; and Oct. 6, the 1,000th naval recruit in Hutchinson since Pearl Harbor in ten months, was reported, Melvin Zumalt being No. 1,000.

By November, Holleman announced he had enough recruits in Hutchinson to man a battleship.

Three months before the war started, on September 4, 1941, a Navy club was organized in Hutchinson, with Ed Humiston, a former "gob" as the first skipper. Also very soon a city-wide organization of the Navy League was formed with Roy Davis, a naval officer in World War I as the head, to back up the navy in every possible way, and later cooperated closely with the establishment and operation of the naval base here.

The U.S.S. Hutchinson, named after the city of Hutchinson, as it was being launched

Mrs. Arthur T. Cole, mother of five sailor sons of Hutchinson, christened the U.S.S. Hutchinson



### The U. S. S. Hutchinson

With such an interest here in the navy, it is not surprising that a navy vessel was named after Hutchinson, the USS Hutchinson, a coast guard unit, later on duty with a destroyer flotilla on the Pacific.

The USS Hutchinson was officially christened, when launched on the California coast by Mrs. Arthur T. Cole, 1726 East Fourth, mother of five sons in the navy.

School children of Hutchinson raised a fund of \$2,200 in pennies for gifts for the Hutchinson. A radio-phonograph and set of records was purchased for the vessel, costing \$500. It was intended to buy a silver service for the frigate with the balance, but it could not be purchased in time of war, and the balance was invested in \$1,700 in war bonds to be used later in getting the gift.

The Hutchinson, known by the navy as PF-45, patrol frigate, was christened August 27, 1943, at the launching at Mare Island, California.

The frigate joined a destroyer flotilla that was sent over the Pacific to meet the enemy. The Hutchinson participated in the invasion attack in the Philippines at San Pedro Bay and in Leyte Gulf, and was in operations at Wewak and Aitape, in eastern Guinea, Noenpoor Island and Cape Sansabar, western New Guinea, and Morotai, Halmabera Islands.

The Hutchinson was with Task Force 70, engaged in anti-submarine warfare operations, and on patrol work in the New Guinea area. Later the Hutchinson served on escort duty

for aircraft carriers then based at Hollandia, and on convoy escort duty to Leyte Gulf, in the Philippines.

In one running battle with a Jap plane patrol, the Hutchinson's gun crew was credited with bringing down two enemy planes and assisting in bagging two more. The Hutchinson was on an important war-cruise watch at Morotai, and was off the coast of Australia on scouting duty when V-J Day came.

The crew of the vessel bearing Hutchinson's name was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with two battle stars, and Philippine campaign ribbon with one battle star, having participated in three major sea battles.

One Hutchinson boy was in the crew on the USS Hutchinson, Seaman 1/c J. Nelson Curry, whose home was at 1100 East 17th. In a letter to Secretary Bert Snyder, of the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce Seaman Curry wrote after the naval battle off Leyte:

"The USS Hutchinson is a great ship and you may feel assured we will be in the game every minute. The crew of the Hutchinson was first to detect and open fire on attacking Jap aircraft in the Leyte engagement. Thirteen planes were downed and the Hutchinson was credited with downing three.

"Since we left the United States we have plowed through nearly 35,000 miles of brine and have crossed the equator more than 100 times. The USS Hutchinson played an important role in the Philippines invasion and the naval battle off Leyte. I feel that you will be happy to know of the Hutchinson's part in this operation."



## THE NATIONAL GUARD

"M-Day" for the Hutchinson National Guard battalion, the 1st Bn., 130th Field Artillery, was two days before Christmas, December 23, 1940, when the 400 men comprising the battalion mobilized at the brick and concrete 4-H Club encampment building at the State Fair ground, Hutchinson.

The men knew they were to go to Camp Robinson, Ark., for a period of intensive training with the 35th Division, but they little realized when they left for the camp in Arkansas, less than two weeks later, that it would be four years before they returned to the home station.

They could not foresee that before the battalion would return to Kansas they would be fighting in Normandy, France, Germany, the Aleutians, and across the Pacific. They little knew that men of the Hutchinson battalion would be in Europe, and across the Pacific before the 130th FA would return home.

In a chapel service held on the Sunday before the battalion departed Capt. J. H. Chillington, regimental chaplain, who left his pulpit as rector of Grace Episcopal Church to go to war with the 130th, uttered prophetic words:

"We are about to depart in the service of our Country. Before we return we may be called on to make the extreme sacrifice. Some may not return, but I am sure the men of this battalion will carry on in a way that will bring honor to our regiment, and to our home city and state. We go in defense of the freedom of people and the rights of man. We know that our cause is right and righteousness will prevail."

More than 2,000 people gathered in the bitter cold Sunday afternoon, December 29, to witness the farewell review of the Hutchinson battalion.

Mayor Willis Kelly in greeting the Artillerymen said: "This is the fourth time that National Guard units from Hutchinson have left for defense of our Country. In 1898 two units, an infantry company, Co. E, and the regimental band left for service in the Spanish-American War. In 1916 an infantry company went to the Mexican border for National defense. In 1917 a battalion of the 137th Inf., four units went from Hutchinson to serve in France in World War I, and now for the fourth time National Guardsmen again are going from Hutchinson to answer our Country's call."

"Each unit in the past has established records of efficient service," the mayor continued. "I know you, too, will serve well, and will carry on in the same spirit."

Ten days later, on Jan. 3, 1941, a special train of ten cars pulled out over the Santa Fe, from the State Fair Ground spur, to carry all but 47 of the men of the battalion to the camp near Little Rock, Arkansas. A detail of 47 went overland with a motor column, taking the guns, trucks, and other equipment.

### *The 130th F. A.*

Camp Lemmon as the mobilization camp at the state fair ground was known, named after the late Maj. Fred L. Lemmon, who commanded the infantry battalion that went from Hutchinson in World War I, mobilizing at this same state fair ground, was commanded by Maj. Harvey R. Rankin, as commander of the 1st battalion.

Other Hutchinson men were regimental officers of the 130th FA, Col. Guy Rexroad as regimental commander; Lt. Col. D. J. Wilson, former mayor and postmaster was executive officer of the 60th Field Artillery brigade; Capt. J. Clyde Rauh was regimental adjutant and Capt. J. H. Chillington, regimental chaplain. They all mobilized with the headquarters units at Topeka, going from there to the Arkansas base.

On the battalion staff at Camp Lemmon with Maj. Rankin were Maj. Elmer L. Lentz, as executive officer; Capt. L. M. Howell, 1st Lt. Konard Beck and 1st Lt. Laverne Fenn.

Officers commanding the four units of the battalion and non-coms were:

Battery A—Capt. Wm. N. Pearce, (who returned from overseas as a colonel); 1st Lt. Desmond P. Wilson, (later to become a major in China); 2nd Lt. Ralph B. Coffin, (serving as a lieutenant colonel in Germany); 2nd Lt. Harold Williams (a major in the army air force in England); and 1st Sgt. Alfred H. Battin (who later was master sergeant in military police in California.)

Battery B—Capt. Floyd Abbott, commanding (released for disability while at Camp Robinson, Ark.); 1st Lt. E. R. Lord (who became a lieutenant colonel, in Okinawa); 2nd Lt. John K. Houston (who served as a major in Germany); 2nd Lt. John W. Bennett (later a captain in the Aleutians); 2nd Lt. Lawrence C. Schubert (later with a field artillery

unit in Australia) and 1st/Sgt. Ralph K. Thompson, who accompanied the battery through the battling in Europe.

Battery C—Capt. Alva L. Fenn, commanding (later a colonel with Patton's army in the ETO); 1st Lt. Denzil R. Lowe (later a lieutenant colonel commanding a POW camp in Germany); 2nd Lt. Russell Hughes (later in the Aleutians); 2nd Lt. Norman Abbott (to the Aleutians and across the Pacific as a captain); 2nd Lt. Harold Abbott (later a captain in Germany); 2nd Lt. John H. Rooney (who became a captain in Alaska); and 1st/Sgt. Lawrence B. Dicus (who became a master sergeant in California.)

Medical Detachment—Major E. K. Lawrence, commanding; Capt. I. J. Jones, Capt. J. A. Pinkser, and T/Sgt. Arch T. Elliott (who later became a first lieutenant in New Guinea and the Philippines.)

Of the staff officers, Maj. Harvey Rankin became a lieutenant colonel on duty in Nevada; Maj. Elmer L. Lentz a lieutenant colonel in Germany; Lt. Konard Beck a lieutenant colonel in Europe, and Lt. Laverne Fenn a major in Japan.

Col. Guy Rexroad, who took the 130th FA from Kansas to Camp Robinson, had been with the National Guard since 1915 when he organized the machine gun company in Hutchinson, which went to France in World War I, as a unit of the 137th Inf., 35th Div. In France, in 1918-1919 Rexroad, then a captain commanded an infantry company in the 140th Inf., 35th Div., and was badly wounded in the Argonne battle. After the return from overseas, Rexroad was largely instrumental in the organization of the National Guard Field Artillery Battalion in Hutchinson, and became Colonel, commanding the 130th FA Regiment.

But the 130th ceased to be a regiment when it mobilized with the 35th Division at Camp Robinson, Ark., for World War II. The regiment was broken into three separate units. The old 1st battalion, comprising the Hutchinson batteries, became the 130th FA Battalion. The second battalion which had mobilized at Hiawatha, became the 154 FA Bn. and was sent to Alaska where it remained about a year, and then was split two more ways forming two more battalions which were sent across the Pacific.

It was on March 1, 1942 that the 1st Bn., 130th FA ceased to be part of the 130th regiment, but was redesignated as the 130th FA Battalion (105 mm. How.) of the 35th Division Artillery.

After taking the AGF tests at Fort Ord, Calif., the 35th Division became tactically employed in defense of the west coast. The 130th occupied the coastal defense positions in the Santa Barbara area. While there it cadred the 219 FA Bn. unit and remained in the Western Defense Command as the 35th Division service. The 130th was assigned to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla., in February, 1944, where it featured as a crack demonstration unit.

On December 2, 1944, the 130th sailed from Boston for Europe, passing through Camp Miles Standish, the Boston staging area commanded by the 130th's former regimental commander, Col. Rexroad.

Col. Rexroad who had served as Camp commander at Camp Robinson was later appointed regulating officer to move the 35th Division to the Pacific Coast, and after serving as commanding officer of the Bay Shore staging area at San Francisco, was transferred to the Boston port of embarkation.

The 130th arrived in England December 10, 1944, and served in France and Germany nearly a year. The battalion returned to America Dec. 10, 1945, returning through the port at Boston where their former Commander, Col. Rexroad was still in charge.

Lt. Col. Wm. N. Pearce, of Hutchinson commanded the battalion overseas, being commander from Dec. 16, 1941, to Dec. 11, 1945, when it was released from active duty.

The 130th when it was mobilized as a regiment in December, 1940, consisted of approximately 100 officers and 1,200 enlisted men. More than 400 enlisted men of the old regiment became officers.

Nineteen officers of the 130th FA who were captains or lieutenants when they went overseas, returned with the rank of "colonel"—16 as lieutenant colonels and three with the rating of full colonel.

When the 130th went into federal service in 1941 approximately 300 men and 33 officers were from Reno County. When it was mustered out only 31 of the original members of the battalion were with it. The others had been transferred to other units in Germany and Japan when the war ended, and some were under little white crosses on the hill sides of France or Germany or on the beaches of Western Pacific Isles, never to return.



## SERVICE FAMILIES

A 100 per cent service family — Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kelly, 517 West First and their five sons, all in the army, while the father and mother both served in the navy, both as civilian employees at the Hutchinson naval air field.

A mother-son team in the service — Mrs. Grace Moore, 1128 North Main, and her son, Earl, Jr. She was a WAC; he in the Marines.

Reno county parents with from four to six stars in their service flags:

### *Six in Service*

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Cole, 1726 East Fourth, six sons, all in navy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Graber, Pretty Prairie, five sons and a daughter in the service, one son, a soldier, killed in action.

Mrs. John H. Burdick, 211 East Park, six sons, four in navy, two in army.

### *Five in Service*

Mr. and Mrs. John Banz, Sylvia, five sons, all in navy and all overseas, in Pacific area.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carpenter, 418 Walker St., three in army; one navy; one marine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Harrison, 317 West F, four sons in army; one in navy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holcom, 400 East C, two sons in marines; two in army and one in navy. One son killed in action.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kelly, 517 West 1st; five sons in army.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Martin, Hutchinson RFD 1, five sons in navy; all overseas.

Mrs. Kate Megli, 201 East 20th, four sons in army; one in navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mezger, Langdon, four sons in army; one in navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fedale Schmidt, Hutchinson RFD, four sons in army; one in navy. One killed in battle.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stelter, Haven, three sons and two daughters, all in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tubbs, Turon, three sons in navy; two in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rohr, 718 East Third, four sons and a daughter, all in the army.

Mr. E. F. Hinkle, 302 West 2nd, and Mrs. Blanche Hinkle, 103 West 6th, four sons and a daughter, all in the army.

### *Four in Service*

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Alexander, 412 East 10th, three sons in army; one in navy.

Mrs. Ralph Baker, Medora, two in marines; one in army; one in navy.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Camp, 809 East 5th, two sons and two daughters in service; the sons in navy; daughters in army.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Cunday, Nickerson RFD, three sons in navy; one in army.

Mrs. Mauro Garcia, 1030 East B, four soldier sons.

Mrs. Mary Gould, of Haven, three sons in army; one in navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Holford, 102 Crescent Blvd., three sons in army; one in navy.

Mrs. J. J. Hildebrand, Buhler, four sons, all in army.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lemen, 116 North Severance, three sons in army; one in navy.

Rev. and Mrs. V. D. Love, 306 West 6th, four sons, two army; two navy.

Mrs. Raymond S. Lyman, Valley township, three sons in army; one in navy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Millsbaugh, Turon, three in army; one marine.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson W. Moll, 609 East Fifth, two in army; two navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil G. Parkhurst, Castleton, four sons, all in army.

Rev. and Mrs. John Payne, 725 East First, four sons, two in army; one marine; one navy.

Mrs. Hattie McDonald, 215 East Fourth, four sons, the Percy brothers, all in the army; all overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Pitts, Valley township, four sons, all soldiers.

Mrs. Francis Overby, 1325 East 6th, four sons, the Powers brothers, two in army; one navy; one marine.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shackelford, 406 West 23rd, two sons in army; two in the navy; all overseas. One killed in action.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Fred Stucky, Huntsville township, three sons in navy; one in army. Two of the navy sons killed at Pearl Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Williams, 415 Howard, three sons in army; one in the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams, 105 South Ford, three sons and a daughter, all serving overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Welch, Turon, four sons, all soldiers; all overseas.



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# ROSTER of those RETURNING



**\*Allan L. "Lawrence" Abbott**, Sgt. 241st Signal Operations Co., with communications unit, 8th and 6th Army Hdqrs. in Okinawa Shima. Later on similar duty in Korea. In Pacific area one year. In combat area, Okinawa, April to Sept. 1945. Previously Pvt. Btry. B, 130th F.A. when bn.

mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. With 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark. and in California. Sgt. Military police, guarding Japanese prisoners in California nine mos. In service six years, Sept. 1939 to Dec. 1945.



**\*Freddie L. Abbott**, T/5 270th Engineers Bn. Army Engineers, in Alaska; at Ft. Richardson, Aug. 1943 to March 1945. Later to Korea, with army signal unit. Served as truck driver and fire fighter in engineers' bn. Previously at Camp Adair, Ore. about a year. In army 2½ years, Aug. 1943

to March 1946. Hutchinson RFD 1.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Abbott, 310 West 25th.*

**Eugene W. Abbott**, Seaman, Navy, on USS Trothor, on Pacific. Home, 406 West Sherman.



**Floyd R. Abbott**, Capt. commanding Btry. B 130th F.A. when field artillery bn. mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. Jan. 1941 with 35th Div. Discharged there for disability, returning to Hutchinson to become chief of police. Capt. Abbott and his two sons, Harold and Nor-

man, all officers in 130th F.A. when regiment mobilized at Camp Robinson, the two sons lieutenants in Btry. C, later becoming captains. Home, 322 East 8th. Head of Abbott Auto Clinic.



**\*Harold S. Abbott**, Capt. 74th F.A. Bn. in European theater, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, Feb. to July 1945. Previously in the Aleutians about two years as 1st Lt. Field Artillery. Was 2nd Lt. Btry. C, 130th F.A. when bn. mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp

Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Later at Ft. Ord, Calif., Ft. Sill, Okla. and Camp Polk, La. After discharge from army in 1946 re-enlisted with S/Sgt. rating and is now in Japan with occupation force at Tokyo. Wife and children left Feb. 5, 1948 to join him there. In military service since 1935, in National Guard field artillery five years, and since Dec. 1940 in army. 322 East 8th.



**\*Norman F. Abbott**, Capt. 130th F.A. 154th F.A. Bn. 35th Div., and with 430th F.A. Grp. and 37th Div. artillery, serving in Aleutians and southwest Pacific campaigns. Was 2nd Lt. Btry. C, 130th F.A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. At Camp

Robinson, Ark., Ft. Ord and Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., with 35th Div. In Aleutians area Aug. 1942 to July 1945. In Philippines, based at Manila, Aug. 1945 to March 1946. In army about 5½ years, Dec. 1940 to March 1946.

*\*Sons of Capt. and Mrs. Floyd Abbott, 322 East 8th.*



**Jesse Benj. Abbott**, Signalman 3/c Navy, serving on LST in southwest Pacific about 2½ years. Overseas April 1943. Served in New Guinea, at Roosevelt Ridge, Nassau Bay, Tambu Bay, Salamaua, Ley and on around the coast to Hollandia July to Dec. 26, 1943. To

Alexhafen, Jan. 1, 1944; with landing operations in Sansapor, Morotai, Blak Island, and Leyte. Landing at Mindanao April 19, 1945. In New Guinea and Philippines 27 months. Awarded flotilla citation for service in New Guinea. In navy 3½ years, May 1942 to Nov. 1945. Home, Hutchinson RFD 3.

**James W. Abbott, Jr.**, Painter 2/c Navy. In Hawaii two years. Served as carpenter's mate at naval station, Bishop's Point, Hawaii. Later on duty at naval stations at Oberlin, O., and in Pennsylvania. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Abbott, 314 West Fifth.

**Lester Levi Abbott**, 2nd Lt. Army air force, pilot on B-29 bomber. In service at Gardner Field, Calif., Luke Field and Kingman, Ariz., Hobb and Roswell, N. Mex., and Lowry Field, Colo. In service Nov. 1944 to Jan. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Abbott, 517 West Sherman.

**Richard B. Abbott**, Pvt. 833rd Anti-aircraft Bn. Camp Haan, Calif. 525½ South Main.

**Stanley Abbott**, with Coast artillery, San Francisco. Son of Mrs. S. Abbott, Sylvia.



**Lewis B. Abernathy**, Pfc. 34th Div. in Italy, serving as rifle grenadier and with .81 MM mortar. Overseas April 1944 from Camp Patrick Henry, Va., landing in North Africa. After two weeks at Camp Conistel, Africa, proceeded to Italy. In action in Rome-Arno campaign and in Apennine

mountains. Casualty in the mountains Nov. 4, 1944, from overexposure. Awarded

regimental citation for service, breaking Gothic line in Italy. In service two years, Sept. 1943 to 1945. Overseas 1½ years. Home, 736 Cole Ave.

**Wilmer F. Achilles**, Cpl. 331st Service group, in European theater. In army three years, two years overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Achilles, Hutchinson RFD 4.



**Sylvester L. Ackley**, T/Sgt. 15th Air Force, based in Italy, serving air battles over Germany, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Rumania. Awarded Air medal and three Oak Leaf clusters. Twice failed to get back to base; crash landing once. In service over two years, July 1943 to

Oct. 1945. Overseas Oct. 1944. In Italy about a year. Served as radio operator and waist gunner on a Liberator B-24. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ackley of Nickerson.

**Charles J. Adair**, M/Sgt. Army Air Force, Ellington Field, Tex. Hutchinson RFD 3.



**Harold R. "Pete" Adams**, 1st Sgt. 359th Inf., 90th Div., in European theater in Normandy invasion, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Wounded by shrapnel in Normandy, in D-Day landing June 12, 1944. Returned to duty later, and was again

wounded, also by shrapnel, in the battle for Metz, Sept. 26, 1944. In service over three years, March 1942 to Oct. 1945. Overseas 2½ years. Home, Pretty Prairie.

**Howard Adams**, Avn. chief electrician's mate, Hutchinson Naval Air station. Wife with Reno County Farm Bureau office. Home, 108 West 5th.

**James C. Adams**, F/O Army air corps, photo reconnaissance unit, Chandler Field, Ariz., Oklahoma City and in Georgia. 221 West 8th.

**Luther D. Adams**, air force depot, Oklahoma City. 21 East Sixth.

**Robert J. Adams**, Pfc. 130th Field Artillery, 35th Div. Camp Robinson, Ark. Was private in Battery C when mobilized in Hutchinson, Oct. 1940; to Camp Robinson, Jan. 1941. Discharged for disability seven months later. 225 East A.

**W. L. Adams**, Pvt. Paratroopers, in Italy. With First Special Service Force. In action at Anzio Beachhead, Italy. Tripped on booby trap wire, setting off two mines but escaped serious injury. Home, 111 East 11th.

**Edgar M. Adrian**, T/Sgt. 90th Ferrying squadron, over Atlantic, from Gore Field, Great Falls, Mont. Buhler.





connected with engineers' post as a dispatcher, in civilian service.



mos., Ft. Meade, Md. 8½ mos. and Ft. Jackson, S.C. ten mos.

*\*Sons of Mrs. P. H. Adrian, of Buhler.*



two months. In service over 3½ years, May 1942 to Dec. 19, 1945. Overseas eleven months, Aug. to Dec. 1943 and July to Dec. 1945. Home, 1000 West First.



Kansas City, July 1942. Then to army service at Ft. Leavenworth, Aug. 28, 1943. Discharged Feb. 20, 1946. Home, 101 East 13th.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Frankie C. Babbitt, 403 East 14th.*

**Jack Clinton Agee**, radio-gunner with a Navy Helldiver squadron in the famous navy dive bombing unit, "Bombing 17," over the Pacific, spotlighted by Robert Olds in his book, "Helldiver Squadron." Agee is named in the book as one of the outstanding rear-seat gunners in this hard-hitting, carrier-based squadron as it roared across the Pacific hunting down the enemy. "Bombing 17," based on the aircraft carrier USS Bunker Hill hit targets at Rabaul, Nauru, Kavieng, Gilberts, Marshalls, Truk and Marianas. In service three years, Oct. 1942 to Oct. 1945. On Pacific 18 months. Forced down in sea once, but crew rescued. After return from active service was on

duty with naval transport command based at Pearl Harbor. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith F. Agee, 411 East Sixth. Now at Santa Monica, Calif.



until discharge. Home, 1418 East Third.



*\*Sons of Mrs. M. Ahrens, 422 East C.*

**Fay L. Ahrens**, Sgt. Anti-aircraft unit, in Pacific area, at Bougainville and in Philippines. Overseas over two years, returning Jan. 1945. 18½ East Third.



**Phil Aerdelmann**

**Phil C. Aerdelmann**, Pvt. Coast artillery, Anti-aircraft, Long Beach, Calif. Formerly at Camp Haan, Calif. In service Aug. 1942 to Sept. 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Aerdelmann, 901 East Fourth.



**Malcolm Akins**

**Malcolm L. Akins**, AMM 1/c Naval Air corps in Southwest Pacific. Overseas April 1943 to Guadalcanal. In action in southern Solomons, battle of Munda, Bougainville, and New Guinea. Injured in crash in Coral sea. In service six years, Oct. 1939 to 1945. At San Diego three years; Hutchinson naval air station about a year. Home 124½ East A.



**JoAnn E. Airington**, Sgt. WAC, in Air Transport command, with 20th Ferrying group, at White Horse air base, Yukon Territory, Canada, for a year. In service two years, Dec. 1943 to Nov. 1945. Also at Des Moines, Ia., Berry Field, Nashville, Tenn., Great Falls, Mont., and Ft. Sheridan, Ill. At Nashville base was chosen as "Most Typical WAC" in Ferrying Division by personnel at that base. (Now Mrs. Walter J. Ralph of 525 West Sherman.) Daughter of Mrs. G. M. Taylor, 827 West Seventh.

**\*Glendon Ahrens**, Cpl. Army air force, in France and Germany. On duty as welder with ground force. In service 3½ years, July 1942 to Dec. 1945. Participated in the campaign of northern France. Awarded EAME campaign medal with Bronze star and American theater campaign medal. Home, 312 East Bigger.

**\*Leo L. Ahrens**, Pfc. Inf. in Southwest Pacific. Served on Bougainville and later with occupational force in Japan. Home, Second and Elm.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ahrens, 320 East C.*



**William H. Alban**, T/Sgt. Armored force, with Tenth Armored Div. as air liaison mechanic and observer. Participated in battle of Bulge, and other action in Belgium, France, Luxembourg and Germany, serving as air liaison observer with 2nd, 13th Canadian, 1st, 4th, 8th and 10th Armored divisions. Made 74 air missions over enemy lines, as liaison. Awarded Air medal and cluster; also Bronze Star award. In the army over ten years, since Feb. 1936. Re-enlisted Oct. 1946. Overseas one year in France and Germany. Son of Mrs. Ruth Darst, 305 North Waldron.



**Benjamin H. "Bud" Albertson**, Major, Army air corps, pilot of P-47 Thunderbolt based in England, was shot down over France, on his 85th mission as pilot of a P-47 fighter, on March 18, 1944. He was flight leader in an escort mission in his eight-gunned fighter, "Miss Chevious," when he was brought down by flak over Abbeville, in northeast France. He was badly wounded in a hip and his right arm, but notwithstanding this the Nazis, taking him prisoner, tossed him behind a barbed wire fence in a pen, doing nothing toward giving him medical assistance. He was left with a badly bent arm as a result.

He was held a prisoner in Germany about a year, until Jan. 1945, when he was released on exchange, and returned to the United States. He was awarded the Air medal, three Oak Leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. In the service since July 1941. In European theater 2½ years, in England and Germany, July 1942 to Jan. 1945. To Japan, Dec. 1946 for duty as flying officer at army air field in Yokohama. His wife, Barbare Lee, 815 East Sixth, employed at U.S. employment office, Hutchinson, while he was a prisoner of war in Germany. She went to Japan 1947 to join him at Yokohama. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Albertson, Sylvia.

**\*Alva A. Albright**, CPO Navy, Chief Yeoman, stationed in Puerto Rico for two years. In navy four years, Sept. 1942 to 1946.

**\*Hobart N. Albright**, MoMM 2/c Navy, on submarine chaser USS SC-1334 based at Plymouth, England, on duty in English channel for over a year. Now located on a farm in Colorado.

**\*James Albright**, Sgt. 897th Signal company depot, aviation, in Southwest Pacific. Based in New Guinea. Overseas two years. In service three years.

*\*Sons of E. A. Albright, 420 East Third.*





**Donald E. Albright**, T/5 104th "Timberwolf" Div., with First Army, European theater, northern France. In action near Antwerp, Belgium, Aachen, Eschweiler and Cologne, Germany; the Roer district, and at Remagen bridgehead on Rhine. Awarded Bronze Star. In army three years. July 1943 to Nov. 1945. Overseas one year in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, Aug. 1944 to July 1945. Son of Mrs. Bertha Albright, Pretty Prairie, RFD 2.

**Everett Gene Albright**, Pfc. Co. L 397th Inf., overseas from Fort Bragg, N. C. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Albright, Pretty Prairie.



**Raymond H. Albright**, T/5 77th Inf. Div. in Southwest Pacific. Participated in campaigns on Guam and Leyte, in Philippines. Overseas two years, including three months at Camp Pali, Oahu, Hawaii. Awarded presidential unit citation for service in liberation of Philippines. In service about 2½ years, Sept. 1943 to Jan. 1946. Home, Pretty Prairie. Clerk in Pretty Prairie post office.

**Joyce Erville Aldahl**, Lt. Col. Marine corps. 29 West 18th.



**John R. Alden**, Lt. Navy, communications officer, executive officer and commander aboard various subchasers, serving both on the Atlantic and Pacific. In navy three years, Nov. 1942 to Dec. 1945. Commander of patrol craft, PC-1238 on Atlantic for 1½ years; in the Caribbean sea Oct. 1943 to June 1945 on patrol duty. In Aleutians, at Attu, June to Dec. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alden, 308 West 17th. Attorney in Hutchinson.

**Jack Aldred**, in navy for three years, serving overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Val Aldred, Hutchinson; grandson of Mrs. Emma Potter, 530 West Sixth.

**Byron A. Aldrich**, Pvt. Infantry in Italy. Wounded in action. 44 East B.

**Chas. Aleman**, Pfc. in Americal Div. scouts unit, in Southwest Pacific. In action in desperate battle for Hill 260 in Bougainville. Former janitor at St. Elizabeth hospital. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arcadia Aleman, 414 West E.



**Charles Franklin Alexander**, Radioman 2/c Navy, with radio communications in West Indies. Stationed in the Caribbean area for over two years, at San Juan, Puerto Rico and Trinidad, British West Indies. In service 3½ years, from July 1942, to Dec. 1945 with naval radio station, Imperial Beach, Calif., after returning from West Indies. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Alexander, 219 South Reformatory. Now with Rohleder Hide & Fur Co.

**Glenn Alexander**, Sgt. Army air force, in England. Returned from overseas to Sioux Falls, S. D., July 1945. Then to Panama Canal Zone. Returned from there March 1947, for discharge. In service about four years. Nickerson.

**Harry Alexander, Jr.**, 1st Lt. Army air force, with radar unit in England. Son of Mrs. Harry W. Alexander, Hutchinson.



**Howard Glenn Alexander**, S/Sgt. Eighth Air Force, based in England, serving in action in France and Germany, as tail gunner on bomber. Overseas April to July 1945. On duty at Howard Field, Canal Zone since May 1946, with Army air force. In service since Dec. 1943, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Bruning, Neb., Kingman, Ariz., Dyersburg, Tenn. and Las Vegas, Nev. Army air fields. Home, Nickerson.



**Ken Alexander**



**LeRoy Alexander**

**\*Kenneth L. Alexander**, T/5 Army Signal corps, radio repairman at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. for 1½ years. Previously at Lincoln, Neb. Army air base. In signal corps about three years, June 1943 to Oct. 1944.

**\*Leroy I. Alexander**, S 2/c Navy, Norfolk, Va. Previously at Great Lakes, Ill. naval station, and aviation ordnance school, Norman, Okla. In navy two years, June 1944 to July 1946. Home, 412 East Tenth.

**\*Oren W. Alexander**, Pvt. Army Medical corps, as medical technician at Schick General hospital, Fitzsimmons General hospital, Denver, and Madigan General hospital, St. Louis. Previously at Camp Dodge, Ia. In service about two years.

**\*Paul W. Alexander**, S/Sgt. Army air corps, clerk-typist and radar instructor at Boca Raton, Fla. Army air field, St. Petersburg, Fla., Keesler Field, Miss., Truax Field, Wis., and Chanute Field, Ill. In service three years, Feb. 1943 to 1946. Home, 121 West F. With Kinney shoe store.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Alexander, 412 East Tenth.*

**Merle Freeman Alexander**, Pharmacist mate 2/c, Second Marines, over Pacific. Home, Haven.



**Stewart Alexander**, AMMH 1/c, Naval air force, aviation machinist mate at Pearl Harbor naval air station, in Hawaii for about 2½ years, Sept. 1942 to Dec. 1944. In navy 3½ years, March 1942 to Sept. 1945. Previous to going overseas was stationed at Jacksonville, Fla. for six months. After return from Hawaii, at Chicago and Camp Wolters, Tex. Son of Mrs. R. M. Alexander, 17½ South Poplar.

**Edward Alfaro**, Fireman 1/c Navy, submarine base, New London, Conn. Son of Pablo Alfaro, 714 West B.



**Lawrence P. Algeo**, T/Sgt., flight chief and ground station maintenance chief, Army Airways Communications, Ft. Ladd Field, Fairbanks, Alaska, April to Oct. 1945, engaged in maintaining Arctic communications between Point Barrow, Nome, Alaska and Russia. Previously at Edmonton, Canada, Atlanta, Ga., Sheppard Field, Tex., Great Falls, Mont. and Lincoln, Neb. air fields. In army 2½ years May 1943 to Oct. 1946. Now with Civil Aeronautics Administration, as radio maintenance technician, at Mandeville, La. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Algeo, 541 East First.

**Orval L. Algrim**, Ensign, Naval air corps, fatally injured at DeLand, Fla. naval air station July 29, 1943. (See Gold Star roster.) Son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Algrim near Sylvia.

**Cecil F. Allain**, M/Sgt. Army air force, Anchorage, Alaska. Returned Jan. 1947. Hutchinson RFD 1.

**John Allaire**, Capt., with American military mission (Y-Force) in China, engaged in instruction of Chinese armies in modern warfare. Actively cooperated with Chinese forces in offensive against Japs in the Salween river area. 15 West 20th.

**Bedford F. Allam, Jr.**, in Navy for 2½ years; in South Pacific. Home, 515 North Walnut.



**\*Richard Max Allan**, T/Sgt. Railway Transportation service, Antwerp, Belgium. Overseas from Camp Hood, Tex. to England. Took part in invasion of France from base in England, in Normandy invasion. Was wounded in the Normandy landing. To hospital in England, returning to duty in France after recovery. With railway transportation corps staff at headquarters in Antwerp, Belgium.



**\*Robert C. Allan**, 1st Lt. Army air force, bombardier, B-24 Liberators, in European theater with Eighth Air Force, based in England. Participated in air offensives on Normandy, northern France and Germany. Completed 35 missions bombing enemy targets; later assigned to duty as instructor in England. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air medal and three clusters. Served with 801st and 492nd Bomber groups supplying underground organizations in occupied countries with munitions, agents, etc. In service four years, Dec. 1941 to Oct. 8, 1945.

*\*Sons of Clint R. Allan, 105 East A., office manager of Barton Salt Co.*

**Clifford Allbritten**, Pvt. Infantry, Camp Bowie, Tex. Son of Mrs. Florence Allbritten, 100 East Third.



**Barton Allen**, Pfc. Camp Claibourne, La. Hutchinson RFD 4.

**Burton H. Allen**, S 2/c Navy, Farragut, Ida. and Camp Shoemaker, Calif. naval stations. Langdon.

**Carl W. Allen**, Pvt. 274th Inf. Camp Adair, Ore. Stricken with rheumatic fever while on army maneuvers in Oregon; spent months in general hospital at Vancouver, Wash. and Winter General hospital, Topeka. Son of Mrs. Stella Allen, 108 East A; wife, Pauline, 319½ West Sixth.



**\*Clarence E. Allen, Jr.**, radio technician 1/c on the cruiser, USS Astoria, helped his fellow crewmen on the new Astoria avenge the loss of the old Astoria which had been burned and sunk in the battle of Savo Island in August 1942. While in action in the West Pacific the new Astoria's radar antenna was damaged, leaving the vessel without radar. Although operating in combat, Radarman Allen repaired the radar antenna at sea. The commendation he received relates that Allen "worked against time to complete in eight hours what normally would have been a three-day job. You won the battle against wind, darkness and danger."



**\*William "Bill" Allen**, AOM 2/c, Naval air force, armorer and ordnanceman, with navy bomber crew based on Okinawa. With bombing unit participating in missions on Japanese mainland. Later from Okinawa to Japan. Returned Nov. 1946 to U.S. after over three years service.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Allen, 1605 North Main.*

**David L. Allen**, Pvt. Parachute troops, Ft. Benning, Ga. Hutchinson RFD.

**Gale (Fletcher G.) Allen**, Lt. Cdr. Navy, Dental corps. On USS Point Cruz (CVE-119) on Pacific, five months. Previously at naval air station, Alameda, Calif., seven months; and Farragut, Ida. naval station, 15 mos. In navy about 2½ years, Oct. 1943 to March 1946. Home, 1515 North Poplar. A Hutchinson dentist.

**Glen Allen**, Navy, in Southwest Pacific, enlisting the day after Pearl Harbor was bombed, Dec. 1941. In service four years, discharged Sept. 1945. In action at battle of Okinawa. Was killed in motorcycle-car collision in Los Angeles, Sept. 14, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen, Hutchinson RFD.

**John Allen**, Sgt. artillery unit, Camp Ibis, Calif. 429 East Bigger.

**Leland E. "Gene" Allen**, Army air corps. 821 West Seventh.

**Leland J. Allen**, Lt. Naval air force, pilot on VF-75 on carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt on the Atlantic for over a year, May 1945 to June 1946. Participated in naval air show in Brazil, Jan. 1946, in

connection with inauguration of president of Brazil. In service over four years, April 1942 to June 1946. Home, 117 West 17th.

**Marvin G. Allen**, Seaman, Navy. Great Lakes Naval station, Ill. 2219 North Monroe.



**Marlyn G. Allen**, T/Sgt. 158th R.C.T., as machine gun section sergeant in Southwest Pacific. Saw action in New Britain, New Guinea and Luzon, Philippines. Awarded Bronze Star medal "for heroic achievement." Overseas two years, Jan. 1944 to Jan. 1946. Previously at Camp Roberts, Calif. In Army 2½ years, June 1943 to Jan. 1946. Home, 501 East 15th. With J. S. Dillon & Sons.



**Melvin C. Allen**, Cpl., Marine corps, signal company, in Western Pacific. At Nagasaki, Japan for seven months as radio operator. Overseas May 1945 from Camp Pendleton, Calif. In Hawaii for three months and in Japan, Aug. 1945 to March 1946. Since discharge from Marines March 1946 at Hutchinson naval air station as civilian employee. Son of Mrs. E. C. Allen, 314 North Woodard.

**Newton J. Allen**, Shipfitter 3/c, Naval Construction Bn. 325 East Third.

**Paul Allen**, Fireman 1/c, Navy, on battleship USS Indiana. Home, 319 West 10th.

**Richard V. Allen**, Carpenter's Mate 1/c, Naval Construction Bn., on MU-612, Subic Bay, Philippines. Overseas 14 months. 902 East Fourth.



**Robert L. Allen**, ART 2/c, Navy, radio technician at naval base, San Diego, Calif. for over a year. In service about 2½ years. Previously at Farragut, Ida. three mos.; Chicago naval base one mo.; Stillwater, Okla., three mos.; Corpus Christi, Tex., seven mos. Enlisted Aug. 1943. Discharged Dec. 15, 1945. Home, 306 West 13th.

**\*Rex Allen**, T/5 Quartermaster corps, New Caledonia and Japan. In Southwest Pacific over 2½ years. Drove truck carrying hundreds of rescued prisoners from Japanese prison camps near Tokyo to planes for transportation home. Engaged in liberation work for a month, Sept. 1945.

**\*Vernon Lee Allen**, S 2/c Navy, on USS Boise in Southwest Pacific. In action off Cape Esperance and Guadalcanal. Was in two-day battle, Oct. 11 and 12, 1942 in which the Boise sunk six Jap war vessels.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allen, 1523 East Third, Hutchinson.*

**Samuel N. Allen**, S/Sgt. Ft. Riley. Hutchinson RFD.

**Wm. G. Allen**, S 2/c Coast Guard, at sea. 1527 East G.



**\*James J. Allender**, Pfc. 361st Inf., in North Africa and Italy. Participated in combat in Rome-Arno and North Apennines campaigns in Italy. Wounded in action at Florence, Italy, June 27, 1943, shot in a leg. Overseas from Camp Adair, Ore., landing in North Africa May 1, 1943. To Italy in June 1943. Overseas 15 months, returning Aug. 1945. Previously at Camp White, Ore., about a year. In army over three years, Oct. 1942 to Nov. 1945. Employee of Central Fibre Products Co.



**\*John D. Allender**, T/4 91st "Powder River" Inf. Div., serving with Fifth Army in Italy. In the Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns, in some of the toughest fighting of the war. Awarded Combat Infantry badge and Good Conduct medal. Overseas from Camp Adair, Ore., landing in North Africa May 1, 1943. To Italy a month later. In Italy 15 months. Was in service over three years, Oct. 1942 to Nov. 1945. Stationed at Camp White, Ore., about a year before going overseas. Employed by Dondlinger Food Lockers, Hutchinson. Home, 123 West Tenth.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Allender, 417 North Walnut, were inducted together, went to the same camps for training; went overseas together to North Africa; served in the same battles in Italy. Only a bullet wound brought Jim home two months sooner, but he and John were discharged from the service only two weeks apart.*

**Alvin Aller**, Lt. (jg) Navy. Peru, Ind. Sylvia.

**Bert A. Alley**, Lt. 795th Bombing squadron, over Pacific; navigator on B-17 bomber, "Alley Oop," participating in 40 flying missions, Guadalcanal, New Georgia and Rabaul, helping to shoot down 13 Jap planes. Recommended for Distinguished Service Cross, at Guadalcanal. To Smoky Hill air base, Salina, on return from overseas. Son of Clay Alley, 29 West Bigger.

**Jack Allison**, Sgt. Army Medical corps, on duty at Fitzsimmons General hospital, Denver. Formerly assistant chaplain at state reformatory, Hutchinson.



**Otis A. Allison**, SK 2/c Navy, storekeeper with naval supply corps, at Armed Guard center, Treasure Island, Calif. for about two years. Previously at the San Diego naval station and repair base at San Diego. In service two years, enlisting in navy at Guthrie, Okla. May 21, 1944, and serving until 1946. Home, 629½ West Sherman.





**Lorne L. Allmon**, 1st Lt. 547th Bomb. Sqdn., 384th Bomb Grp. (H), radar navigator and bomber. In European theater about a year, based at Grafton-Underwood and Alcombury, England. In heavy bombing operations against enemy in northern France, Ardennes and Rhineland battles and central Germany. In army air force five years, Oct. 1941 to Oct. 1946. Awarded Air Medal. Previously stationed at Meeks Field, Iceland, BW-1 base in Greenland, and at Goose Bay, Labrador and Gander Field, Newfoundland. Home, 115 West Seventh.



**Guy M. Allphin**, 1st Lt. Army Air Corps, pilot of P-47 Thunderbolt fighter plane with 79th Fighter group, Twelfth Air Force, based in Italy. Overseas Feb. 1945, in Italy six months, then with the occupational force in Austria for about a year. Participated in Po Valley and North Apennines campaigns in Italy. With army of occupation in Austria, Aug. 1945 to Sept. 1946. In service over 3½ years, from Feb. 1943 to Sept. 5, 1946. Flew more than twenty combat missions over Italy, Austria and Germany. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Allphin, Arlington.



**Jesse Almanza**, T/5 Army Airborne Engineers, electrician and lineman, in southwest Pacific. Served in campaigns in New Guinea and Philippines. Overseas Dec. 1943. In Australia one month; New Guinea over a year; in Philippines nine months. In service over three years, Oct. 1942 to Dec. 1945; overseas two years. Previously at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. and in Louisiana. Awarded Philippine Liberation ribbon; Asiatic-Pacific medal. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Almanza, 1012 East Second. Employed as railroad mechanic.

**\*Donato J. Alonzo**, S/Sgt. with Army Air Force, over Pacific, based in Australia.

**\*Fred Alonzo**, Pvt. Infantry, in European theater.

**\*Michael Alonzo**, S 1/c Navy, Catalina Island, Calif.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Dario Alonzo, 306 West E.*

**\*Harry D. Alspaugh**, chief pharmacist mate, Navy, in Pacific, stationed on Samoa. Later at naval hospital, San Diego.

**\*Horace K. Alspaugh**, instructor, Army Air Force, Randolph Field, Tex. Now located at Salina, Kans.

*\*Sons of Harry C. Alspaugh, with Carey Salt Co., Hutchinson, who died Oct. 11, 1947.*



**Vincent E. Alstatt**, Sgt. Army Air Corps, with ordnance, 5th Air Force over Pacific theater. In action in New Guinea, southern Philippines, Luzon and China-Borneo area; in air offensive against Japan. Overseas in March 1944; based at Milne Bay, New Guinea two weeks; Darwin, Australia, 8 mos; Mindero, Philippines, 7 mos., and on Okinawa, 5 mos. In army 3 years. In Pacific theater 22 mos. Son of Eben V. Alstatt, 710 East Second, Hutchinson.

**E. L. Alter**, Ensign, Naval Air Force, Jacksonville, Fla. Formerly with Hutchinson News-Herald advertising department.

**Robert Alter**, Petty Officer 1/c naval air station, Hutchinson. Home in Hutchinson.

**Emil L. Alterman**, Pfc. Army Air Force in England. Returned for medical treatment to army hospital, Longview, Tex. Son of Mrs. Marie McMakin, 330½ West First.

**Floyd Althaus**, Radarman 2/c Navy, on the USS Goodhue (APA-107) in western Pacific, had experience of undergoing 82 air raids within 32 days at Okinawa. But his most narrow escape from death came on the second day he was at Okinawa, April 2, 1945 when three Jap suicide planes attacked his ship. "Our gunners shot down three of them," Althaus explained later, "But one of them suicided into our ship. The material damage was slight, but casualties, both killed and wounded were many. I was just lucky." In the navy nearly two years, from March 1944 to Dec. 1945. He participated in the re-occupation and liberation of the Philippines, assaults on Kerama, Retto, Okinawa and Ie Shima, and the occupation of Japan. Home, Turon. Now with Equity elevator at Sawyer.

**Howard Althaus**, 32nd Engineers Bn. Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Turon.

**Geo. E. Altherr**, Pfc. Infantry, Belgium. 600 West Sixth.

**Orvan L. Alton**, Sgt. Army Air Force, ground crew, England. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Alton, 1602 East Third.

**Darrel C. Alumbaugh**, Pfc. Infantry. European theater. Wounded in action. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Alumbaugh, Hutchinson, RFD 3.

**Paul C. Amick**, Sgt. Army Air Force, Miami Beach, Fla. Former manager of Midland theater, Hutchinson.



**Charles M. Amrine**, T/4, Army Medical corps, in Asiatic-Pacific theater, serving in China offensive and Central Burma campaign. Overseas about 1½ years, April 1945 to July 1946, in India a month; Burma three months, and in Luzon nearly a year. Previously at Camp Barkley, Texas, and Camp Beale, Calif. In army over two years, July 1944 to Aug. 1946. Home, 314 Osborn.

**\*Omar Andereck**, Pvt., Field Artillery, cannoneer on .105 mm howitzer gun. Camp Roberts, Calif. In service Oct. 1943 to March 1944.



**\*Orval H. Andereck**, T/Sgt., 345th Engineers service regt. in Italy, with base at Naples. Overseas 1943, landing at Casablanca, North Africa. In North Africa seven months, then moved to Italy. In action in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno and North Apennines campaigns. In Italy nearly 2½ years.

Awarded three Bronze battle stars. In service 3½ years, April 1942 to Nov. 1945. Was personnel sergeant major of his regiment. Home, 617 West 13th. Employed as patternmaker.

*\*Sons of Mrs. H. A. Andereck, 617 West 13th.*

**\*E. J. Anders**, Pvt., Infantry, Ft. Leavenworth.

**\*Wayne M. Anders**, Seaman 1/c, Navy. Great Lakes Naval Station, Ill.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Dorothy E. Anders, 216 Park St.*

**\*Albert Anderson, Jr.**, WT 2/c, Navy, water tender on USS Saratoga, on the Pacific. In six major battles on the Pacific. On the aircraft carrier Saratoga for four years; transferred then to the destroyer escort USS Frybarger, and then to the occupational force in China. Participated in battles from Bougainville to New Guinea.



**\*Robert William Anderson**, S 1/c, Navy, serving as guard in the Pacific theater in Hawaii and elsewhere. In service since Aug. 1, 1945. Previously at Great Lakes naval station, Ill., and San Diego. Employee of Collingwood elevator.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson, 225 East Second.*

**Bernard M. Anderson**, Captain in European theater for two years. In army four years. Formerly instructor at Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson. Now with Veterans Administration, Kansas City.



**C. J. Anderson**, S/Sgt. Army Medical Corps, 120th Station hospital, on duty as pharmacist in England about 2½ years, June 1943 to Nov. 1945. Previously at Camp Grant, Ill., Fitzsimmons General hospital, Denver, and Camp Berkeley, Texas. In army 3½ years, May 1942 to Nov. 1945. Son of Mrs. F. M. Anderson, Nickerson. His father, a Nickerson physician, died while he was overseas. Now located as pharmacist at South Haven, Kans.





**Curtis M. Anderson**, Colonel 12th Air Force Command, in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, southern France, and Rhineland campaigns. Awarded Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in operations at Anzio, Rome and Leghorn, Italy, in June and July, 1944. Entered Rome with the Fifth Army. Also was awarded nine battle stars for combat service in Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy and France, as well as Legion of Merit and Oak Leaf for that medal. Overseas three years. After return from ETO appointed chief of Base Services division, Air Technical Service Command, at San Antonio, Texas. Later instructor at Maxwell Field, Ala. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, 328 East 16th.



**George Clifford Anderson**, 1st Lt. 17th Cavalry Recon. Sqdn. serving with mechanized cavalry unit in Ninth army in France, Holland and Germany. Awarded Bronze Star medal for outstanding achievement in smashing enemy gun positions, leading his "iron horse" troop against enemy barricades and sniper strongholds in a four-day raid, Nov. 9 to 13, 1944, in Holland. In army since Sept. 1938, commissioned at Ft. Riley, Kans., Aug. 1941. Overseas since July 1943. Son of Mrs. W. H. Stucky, formerly of Hutchinson, and grandson of a former Hutchinson furniture merchant, G. H. Anderson, now in California.

**George Anderson**, 1st Lt. army veterinary corps, on duty at Kansas City. Son of Mrs. Pearl Anderson, 1927 North Ash.

**Howard R. Anderson**, Ensign, Navy, Raleigh, N. C. Formerly as midshipman at South Bend, Ind. Son of Mrs. Ella Anderson, 1601 West Fourth.

**Irvin M. Anderson**, SK 2/c, Navy. Store-keeper at naval stations at Samson, N. Y., and Mechanicsburg, Pa. In service Jan. 1945 to Oct. 22, 1945. Home, 543 East C.



**Ira E. Anderson, Jr.**, S/Sgt. Air Transport Command, Army Air Force, as air traffic control operator based in England. With the European wing of the USAAF Air Transport Command for nine months and later with operations section. One of the major missions of this Wing was delivery of thousands of

bomber and fighter planes participating in the European theater; the aerial trans-Atlantic supply line. Overseas 2½ years. In service almost three years, Feb. 1943 to Dec. 4, 1945.



**Robert J. Anderson**, S/Sgt. Army Air Force, with Eighth Air Force based in England, participating in campaigns of northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe in air combat. Was a tail gunner on a B-17 bomber on combat missions over Germany for three months. In service about 2½ years, Dec. 1943 to April 1946.

Awarded ETO Ribbon with four battle stars.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Anderson, 303 East 16th.*



**Jack P. Anderson**, Lt. Col., Army Air Corps, commanding the 527th Aircraft Warning Control group at McKinley Field, Manila, in the Philippines. In service since May 1940, seven years. Was formerly an instructor and director of gunnery. Stationed at Randolph Field, Tex., Victoria, Tex., and Eagle Pass, Tex., three years, 1941 to 1944. To Southwest Pacific Dec. 1945 and in Philippines since then until Oct. 1947 when he returned for discharge. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Anderson, 624 South Plum. Wife, 327 East 12th.



**John W. Anderson**



**Lesley Anderson**

**John Wendell Anderson**, MMM 3/c, Navy, on the USS Screven (AK-210) in Southwest Pacific. In charge of refrigeration on ship. In Navy about two years, March 1944 to Jan. 1946. In Pacific area six months. Home, Nickerson. Industrial arts instructor in Nickerson high school.

**Lesley M. Anderson**, RDM 3/c, Navy, radarman on USS Hanover, in naval amphibious force in Okinawa, Marshall Islands, Carolines, at Pearl Harbor, Ie Shima, Korea and Philippines. Later engaged in transporting Chinese Nationalist troops between Hong Kong and northern China. Previously on Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea and Panama Canal Zone. In service Aug. 1944 to Jan. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anderson, 1301 North McKinley.

**Leroy E. Anderson**, Lt. Inf. Was awarded a Silver Star medal for "gallant action" when he single-handedly wiped out a machine gun nest in France. On Sept. 20, 1944, Anderson, then a T/Sgt., and his men were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Sgt. Anderson advanced 400 yards across an open field under fire, crawling to advantageous position overlooking enemy emplacement, opening fire, killing one and capturing six others, wiping out the nest. Son of W. N. Anderson, 108 East Park.



**Leroy W. Anderson**, T/5, Btry. B, 130th F. A. Bn., 35th Div. in European theater, serving in England, France and Germany. In campaigns in northern France and Germany. Was Pvt. Battery B, 130th F. A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. At Camp Robinson about a year. On West Coast approximately two years, later at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Camp Gruber, Okla. Overseas Dec. 1944. In European theater a year, returning to Boston Dec. 10, 1945. Home, Medora.

**Marvin E. Anderson**, Seaman 1/c, Navy. Great Lakes, Ill. 109 East 11th.

**Niles C. Anderson**, Hutchinson Naval Air Station. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Anderson, 104 North Poplar.



**\*Phillip J. Anderson**, Pvt., Marines, with "sea-going marines" on cruiser USS New Orleans in the Pacific theater, based on Guam. In the service 3½ years, April 1942 to Nov. 1945, nearly all of the time at sea. Stationed at Monticello, Ark., after return from sea duty.



**\*Robert Arthur "Bob" Anderson**, Sgt., Ft. Leavenworth, with personnel office at that induction center for 3½ years from July 1942 to Jan. 1946. Aided in handling the induction papers of thousands of mid-western soldiers as they were received at that post during the progress of the war.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Addie Anderson, 114 North Plum.*



**Robert Arthur Anderson**, 1st Lt., 423rd Inf., 106th Div., is one of the survivors of the 106th Inf. Div. which was virtually wiped out in the Battle of the Bulge near St. Vith, Belgium, in the vicious Nazi counter-attack of December 16, 1944. Lt. Anderson, wounded, was taken prisoner in the onrush

from which only 30 percent of the division escaped. He was first reported missing in action, and possibly among the dead.

Anderson, wounded by shrapnel in the legs, was taken prisoner on Dec. 18, the third day of the desperate battle in the Ardennes. He was held a prisoner in concentration camps at Bad Orb, Hammelburg, Nuernburg and Moosburg, Germany, until liberation April 29, 1945. The wounds did not seem serious at the time, but became infected while he was in the prison camps, and did not heal because of his undernourished condition while a prisoner. He suffered from frozen feet also, from exposure in the severe cold that prevailed during the Ardennes campaign.

Lt. Anderson, who had reached the battlefield only eleven days before he was taken prisoner, remained a prisoner of war in Germany for about 4½ months, being finally liberated on April 29, 1945, by advancing American forces. He was returned to the U. S. as soon as he was able to travel, underwent medical care at Hot Springs, Ark., and then was on duty at Camp Robinson, Ark., until he received discharge from the service Nov. 30.

He had been in the army about 2½ years, July 1943 to Nov. 1945, enlisting after having taken two years of ROTC training while at Kansas State College, 1941 and 1942. He was a graduate of Partridge High School and Kansas State College, and is now located at Manhattan, operating a dairy business as distributor for the college dairy. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Lyle Anderson, Partridge RFD 1.





**Robert D. "Bob" Anderson**, 1st Lt., 343rd Inf., 87th Div., intelligence officer in Alaska and Aleutians, June 1941 to Feb. 1943, at Seward and Dutch Harbor when Japs bombed latter port. Overseas to ETO Oct. 1944, serving in England, France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. In Ardennes and Rhineland battles. Previously at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. McClellan, Ala. In army about five years, Jan. 1941 to Nov. 1945. Associated with father, Dave Anderson, in restaurant business in Hutchinson. Home, 524 East Fifth.

**Tyson V. Anderson**, T/4 with army unit in control at ports of Leghorn, Italy, and Palermo, Sicily. Overseas two years. In European theater since May 1943. Son of Mrs. Ella R. Anderson, 1601 West Fourth.

**William C. Anderson**, Avn. Storekeeper 3/c, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. Wife at 2 Crescent Blvd.

**William R. Anderson**, T/4, radar operator, army, in service 2½ years, 18 months over Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Anderson, 110 East 19th.



**Alden A. Andrews**, Sgt. Marines, serving as gun captain in artillery. Also in quartermaster department. Served in Samoan Islands at Tutuila and in British Samoa, Feb. 1941 to April 1943. In service over five years, Aug. 1940 to Oct. 1945. Overseas Feb. 1941 to Samoa. Was at Tutuila when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Remained in the Samoan Islands until May 1943 when he was transferred to Camp LeJeune, N. C., where he remained on duty about 2½ years as a platoon sergeant. Home, 516 East Second.

**Clare Andrews**, Sgt. Military Police, St. Joseph, Mo. Son of John Thomas, 940 East A.

**Harvey E. Andrews**, Aviation Radio Technician, Naval Air Service, San Diego, Calif. Previously at Norfolk, Va. Son of A. D. Andrews, 208 West 6th. Home, 115 South Maple.



**Jack Andrews**



**Robt. F. Andrews**

**\*Jack H. Andrews**, Cpl. Army Air Corps, in western Pacific, mechanic on Liberator B-24 bombers. Overseas Feb. 1945. In Japan and Korea for a year, with occupation force. In army since Dec. 1943.

**\*Robt. Franklin Andrews**, Pfc., 34th "Red Bull" Div., with Fifth Army in Italy. In action near Rome, at Anzio Beach, Salerno, Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley.

Overseas from Camp Blanding, Fla., to North Africa, Feb. 1944. Two months later to Italy. In Italy about two years.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Zula Andrews, 128 East F.*



**\*Ervin B. Androes**, Pfc., 81st Armored Medical Bn., serving as a medical aid man in southwest Pacific. In New Guinea for nine months, and in southern Philippines campaign ten months. Previously at Camp Polk, La., Camp Berkeley, Texas, Needles, Calif., Camp Cook, Calif., Camp White, Ore., Camp Beale, Calif., and Camp Stoneman, Calif. Overseas nearly two years. Returned to Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Dec. 1945. Home, Buhler.



**\*Herbert J. Androes**, Sgt. Army Air Force, Fair Field, Suisan, Calif., nearly three years, as clerk-typist. In service Feb. 1943 to 1946. Previously at Ft. Leavenworth, St. Petersburg, Fla., and Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. Home, 708 West 14th. Auto machinist, Chas. Ragland service station.

*\*Sons of Mrs. B. J. Androes of Buhler.*



**Paul Androes**, Pfc., Army Medical Corps, 200th Station Hospital, in southern Brazil, nearly two years, Aug. 1943 to May 1945. Later with 19th Armored Div. medical corps, Ft. Lewis, Wash. Also at Ft. Leavenworth, Camp Robinson, Ark., Camp Shavano, Pa., and New Orleans. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Androes, 512 West B.



June 19, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Andsager, Plevna.

**Forrest R. Andsager**, AMM 2/c, Naval Air Force, on the aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge on the Atlantic as aviation machinist mate for six months. Previously at Farragut, Idaho, Norman, Okla., and naval air stations at Miami, Fla., Quonset Point, R. I., and Boca Chica, Fla. In service March 1944 to

**Joseph Angyal, Jr.**, 1st Lt., Marine Corps air wing, over Pacific. Fighter pilot, leading division of his squadron on 96 missions against Japs in northern Solomons and Bismarck Archipelago, operating from Bougainville and Green Island. On one mission over Rabaul his squadron shot down 15 Zeros in Feb. 1944. With Corsair fighters equipped as bombers, pounded Jap ground defenses. Home, 121 East 11th.

**LeeRoy Ankerholz**, Seaman, Navy. Great Lakes Naval Station, Ill. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ankerholz, Sylvia.



**Alfred W. "Jack" Anshutz**, Cpl. Army Air Corps, motion picture operator, with Special Services. At Douglas, Ariz., Army Air Field nearly three years. Also at Geiger Field, near Spokane, Wash., and Victorville, Calif., Army Air Field. In army three years, Sept. 1942 to Oct. 1945. Home, 107 South Main.

Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Anshutz, 108 East Tenth. Was in shoe repair business, 107 South Main.



March 1943 to Feb. 1946.

**\*H. Howard Anthony**, Sgt. Air Base Security Bn. and Quartermaster Corps, in southwest Pacific. Participated in battle of Marianas Islands. Overseas Nov. 1944. At Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, for a month; then to the Marianas. Stationed on Saipan over a year. In service about three years.



1942 to Nov. 1945. Was messman and commissary steward on submarines in Pacific area.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Anthony, 729 East Second.*



**Pretty Prairie.**

**Lewis O. Anthony**, Sgt. 80th Engineers Bn. in European theater, overseas over a year, wounded in Germany, sustained leg amputation. Returned to U. S. to General Hospital at Brigham City, Utah. Discharged July 1946. Previously at Camp Butner, Durham, N. C., and Nashville, Tenn. Home near

**Andrew A. Anzo**, S/Sgt. Army Air Force, based in Italy. Overseas seven months. On 50 missions against the enemy as a gunner. Awarded Air Medal with six Oak Leaf clusters and Purple Heart. Wounded in bombing Ploesti oil plants in Rumania. On a mission over Verona, Italy, his face was frozen, 55 below zero; in hospital two weeks. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anzo, 205 West F.

**Charles J. Applegate, Jr.**, Coast Guard, Sabine Pass, Texas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Applegate, 524 West Sixth.





charge, was with Boeing aircraft plant, Wichita.

**\*Donald A. Applegate**, Cpl. 20th Air Force, in west Pacific, based on Tinian Nov. 1945 to March 1946, as airplane mechanic. Previously at Buckley Field, Colo., and Alamogordo, N. M., Army Air Field, going overseas from the latter field. In army two years, April 1944 to April 1946. After discharge, worked at Boeing aircraft plant, Wichita.



three years, Sept. 1942 to Oct. 1945. Overseas two years. Now with State Bank of Plevna.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Applegate, Langdon.*

**Laurel Applegate**, A/S, Navy. San Francisco. Home, Haven.



Formosa. In service over seven years, 1939 to 1946, most of time on USS Yancey. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Applegate, Langdon.

**\*Harold Glenn Applegate**, T/4, 602nd Field Artillery Bn. in Italy, France and Germany. Previously in Aleutians, on Adak and Kiska. In action in the Aleutians and in the ETO in Rome-Arno campaign, Italy; invasion of southern France and Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. In service

**Leo Elvan Applegate**, Shipfitter 1/c, Navy. At Pearl Harbor when the Japs bombed that base Dec. 7, 1941, and in Tokyo Bay when the Japs surrendered. Served in Hawaii, at Efate, New Hebrides; Iwo Jima, Okinawa and in Philippines. Helped transport Chinese troops from French Indo-China to

**Marvin Lenza Applegate**, S/Sgt. Army Air Force, gunner in Eighth Air Force based in England, completing 25 missions over Germany and France. In AAF 27 months, eight months in England. Overseas from Santa Ana, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenza Applegate, Haven.

**Lynn S. Arbogast**, S/Sgt. Army Air Force. 415 West A. Killed in action in Germany. (See Gold Star Roster.)



the Gilbert Island operations in Oct. and Nov.; and the operations in the Marshall Islands covering the period Nov. 26, 1943, to March 1944.

Lt. Arbuckle's log notes, with emphasis, three outstanding events: 1. Collision of the Indiana and USS Washington the night of Jan. 31, 1944; 2. Typhoon off Okinawa the night of June 5, 1945; and 3. Coming in under the Golden Gate bridge, Sept. 30, 1945 - homeward bound.

**Thos. E. Arbuckle, Jr.**, Lt. (jg) Navy, who for 2½ years was almost continuously in the Pacific war zone on the battleship USS Indiana, kept a memorandum of the battle engagements. It started off with the New Georgia campaign from June to Oct. 1943; the Marcus Island raid Aug. 31;

He was in the navy three years, Oct. 1942 to Nov. 1945. He went aboard the USS Indiana as an engineering officer May 15, 1943, at Noumea, New Caledonia, serving on board for 30 months in the west Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Arbuckle, 401 West 11th, Home, 1200 West 17th. In grain business with the Southwest Grain Co.



Thos. G. Armour

**Thomas G. Armour**, 1st Lt. Infantry, with armored unit in west Pacific. Overseas Sept. 1945. Stationed in Okinawa about a year. Previously at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Ft. Knox, Ky. In service 2½ years, Jan. 1944 to July 1946. Home, 1529 West Fourth.

**\*Donald E. Archer**, T/5, Headquarters Co., 1067th Engineers, construction unit, in Japan. Formerly at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Overseas April 1946 to Kyoto, Japan, where he is now located.

**\*William E. Archer, Jr.**, 2nd Lt., 15th Air Force in Italy. Killed in action over Yugoslavia. (See Gold Star roster.)

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Archer, 1508 East Sixth St.*

**\*Gilbert Archer**, Field Artillery, Ft. Sill, Okla., enlisting in 1941.

**\*Jack Archer**, Field Artillery, Ft. Sill, Okla. Enlisted in 1941.

*\*Sons of Earl Archer of Medora.*

**Paul W. Archer**, Pvt., Medical Battalion, Ft. Lewis, Wash. Clerk-typist. Was an FSA supervisor when he entered army in spring of 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Archer, 2625 North Adams.

**Robert Lee Arheart**, Pvt., Army, St. Petersburg, Fla. 104 North Walnut.



Pvt. in Battery B, 130th F. A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. Home, 319 North Ford.

**Albert C. Armitage**, Capt. Medical Corps, Army Air Force, in service three years, seven months, at Chanute Field, Ill., one year; Las Vegas, N. M., Air Field, two years, and at Lincoln, Neb., Army Air Field. Now a physician in Hutchinson. Hutchinson RFD 3.

**George Armitage**, Capt. Army Medical Corps, 234th General Hospital at Chavna, India, in the India-Burma theater. Overseas 13 months. Also with medical corps in Panama Canal Zone for two months.



Donald Archer

In service two years, three months. Now a physician in Hutchinson. Home, 307 West 24th.



Antonio. Was pilot of a bomber plane in Europe. To Army Transport Command in Texas shortly before he was killed. Mrs. Urlick a Hutchinson teacher, living at 715 East B.

**\*John Dean Armstrong**, Lt., instructor in Chinese army air corps, killed in army plane crash in Burma, Sept. 1941. (See Gold Star roster.)



with combat troops." Previously on hospital ships evacuating wounded from Normandy beachhead. After return from ETO on duty at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Station.

*\*Daughters and son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Armstrong, 715 East B.*

**John Armstrong, Jr.**, AMM 3/c, Navy. In military service three years and three months, last stationed at Naval Air Station, Wildwood, N. J. Discharged at Bainbridge, Md., Oct. 1945. Home, 702 North Lincoln.



Idaho, and Duncan, Ariz. In army about five years, Jan. 1941 to Nov. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Armstrong, 1200 North Main. Home, 722 North Walnut.

**\*Isabelle Armstrong**, 2nd Lt. Army Medical Corps, physical therapist, Brooke General Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Was married to Capt. John Urlick, of Army Air Force, at Kelly Field, Texas, Sept. 11, 1944. Capt. Urlick was killed five months later, Feb. 1945, in crash of an army plane near San

Antonio. Was pilot of a bomber plane in Europe. To Army Transport Command in Texas shortly before he was killed. Mrs. Urlick a Hutchinson teacher, living at 715 East B.

**\*Ruth A. Armstrong**, staff assistant, Red Cross, in England, France, Belgium, Austria and Germany. Overseas two years. With Third Army in France, serving with 95th Inf. in front line in battle, Dec. 17 to 25, 1944. Awarded citation "for outstanding performance of duty in front line

**Norvell J. Armstrong**, Cpl. Inf., with Command and General Staff School band at Ft. Leavenworth for two years; later with army bands at Camp Robinson, Ark., Camp Fannin, Texas, and San Bernardino, Calif. On guard duty at prisoner of war camp, Florence, Ariz., and later at Camp Rupert, Idaho, and Duncan, Ariz. In army about five years, Jan. 1941 to Nov. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Armstrong, 1200 North Main. Home, 722 North Walnut.



In service April 1942 to Oct. 1945. Son of Mrs. Bertha Karns, 604 North Star, Home, 318 West First.

**Robert O. Arndt**, Chief Shipfitter on the oil tanker USS Neosho in Pacific for three years. In action in Aleutians, Kwajalein, Majuro Atoll, Marshall Islands, Hollandia, Saipan, Bonins, Guam, Tinian, Palau, southern Philippines, Luzon, attacks on Formosa and Nansai Shoto, and operations off Japan.



**Clifford M. Arnett**, S/Sgt. 75th Bombing Squadron, 42nd Bomb. Group, Army Air Corps, over Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Arnett, 918 North Elm.



**Lawrence Arnett**



**Geo. Arnholt**

**Lawrence L. Arnett**, Pfc. 814th Tank Destroyer Bn., 7th Armored Div., in European theater two years, Overseas Feb. 1944. In England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. In Ardennes battle; Rhineland and northern France campaigns and Central Europe operations. In service three years, Dec. 1942 to 1945. Home, 903 Harrison St.

**\*George W. Arnholt**, Pfc. Army Air Corps, in England, serving as airplane machinist at army air bases. In service three years; overseas Oct. 1943 to Dec. 1945. Home, 3211 North Walnut.

**\*Harold L. Arnholt**, S/Sgt. 137th Inf., 35th Div., with Third Army in England, France, Luxembourg, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Overseas 17 months. Served in Normandy battle, Rhineland campaign, battle of Metz, Ardennes battle, northern France and Central Europe campaigns. In service about five years, Feb. 1941 to Oct. 1945. Home, 611 North Monroe.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Ruby Winkler of Farmington addition.*

**Bob Leon Arnold**, Pfc. 330th Ordnance Motor Transport Co., Oran, North Africa, and in Sicily. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Arnold, Nickerson.



**Jasper E. Arnold**, Pfc. Army Air Corps, Medical Detachment, radio mechanic, in service about a year, Oct. 1942 to Sept. 1943. Stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kearns Field, Utah, Chicago, Truax Field, Madison, Wis., and Danial Field, Augusta, Ga. Discharged Sept. 29, 1943. Home at Langdon, employed as a truck driver there.

**Willard V. Arnold**, Pfc. 86th "Blackhawk" Div., Camp Howze, Texas. 324½ North Main.

**Thos. W. Arthur**, Sgt. 13th Army Air Force, supply and maintenance company, over Pacific. In Netherlands East Indies and campaigns in northern Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago and New Guinea. Overseas nearly three years. Three battle stars. Home, 535 East C.

**Judson H. Arwood**, Pfc. 1st Provisional Tanks Bn. in Alaska, since 1942. Hutchinson RFD.

**\*Arnold R. Ashburn**, Pvt. Combat Engineers, Ft. Pierce, Fla.

**\*Roy Max Ashburn**, Pvt. Inf., Ft. Dix, N. J. Disability discharge.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Ashburn, 318 Justice.*

**\*Darrell T. Ashcraft**, Sgt. Army Railway Operating Battalion in England, Belgium and Germany. Overseas nearly three years. Formerly with 383rd Field Artillery at Camp Howze, Texas. With railway battalion, Clovis, N. M. In service until discharge in spring of 1946.

**\*Jack D. Ashcraft**, Lt. Marine Air Corps, Camp Kearny, San Diego, Calif. Over Pacific for 13 months. Formerly for nine months flight instructor at Marine air base, El Toro, Calif., previously at Pensacola, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., and San Diego. Discharged Nov. 1946.

**\*William Vernon Ashcraft**, Sgt. 103rd Div., Seventh Army, in Germany. In European theater nine months, returning in Aug. 1945 to Camp Campbell, Ky. Discharged Nov. 1945. Home, 208 East Eighth.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Emma Ashcraft, 315 West 14th St.*

**Enos N. Ashford**, S 1/c Navy. On aircraft carrier USS Corregidor, on Pacific. On USS West Point nearly two years, on Atlantic and Pacific. To Naval Hospital at Bremerton, Wash., in July 1943. 215 East Sherman.



**Paul Vernon Ashley**, Pfc. Field Artillery, 86th Inf. Div. In Ruhr Valley battle, Germany; campaign on the Rhine; action on the Danube, at Munich, Cologne, Germany, and Lough, Austria. Was powder charge man on a .155 howitzer. Was lost for four days behind enemy lines in combat zone in Germany, while driving a jeep, but managed to avoid being captured. In service since Sept. 1943. Previously at Camp Callen, Calif., and Camp Adair, Ore. Re-enlisted after return from ETO, stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Son of Mrs. Georgia Galbraith, 1320 East Second.

**Eugene J. Ast**, Sgt. Regimental Supply, 13th Inf., Camp Fannin, Texas. Son of Andy Ast, Haven.

**Victor M. Ast**, S/Sgt. Military Police, serving in France. Overseas from Camp Custer, Mich. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ast, Sumner township.



**Charles Kenneth Astle**, T/5, with Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Manila, moving with that headquarters to Yokohama, Japan. Was attached to Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Manila, living in the Nizal Memorial Stadium, where the 1934 Far East Olympics were held. Previously with Eighth Army headquarters in New Guinea, with machine records unit. Before that with quartermaster service company. Overseas in West Pacific about two years. At Leai, and Ora Bay, New Guinea, Manila, then to Japan. In service 2½ years, Aug. 1943 to Dec. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Astle, 105 Hyde Park. Home, 201 West 25th.

**Curtis W. Astle**, Yeoman 1/c Navy, on Pacific. Son of late Mrs. C. W. Astle, Haven.

**Dean Astle**, with Army in Puerto Rico. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ercell Astle, Haven.

**Guy W. Astle**, Storekeeper 1/c Navy, with Commandos. San Bruno, Calif. Son of Mrs. Eva Astle, Haven.



**Joe C. Astle**, Cpl. Army service forces, with Army postal service, at Camp Haan, Calif., for seven months. Entered service Nov. 1942 at Los Angeles. To Camp Haan Nov. 12, 1942. In the army until June 15, 1943. Since discharge, located at Los Angeles, with district office of Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Astle, 100 East 14th.



**William H. Astle**, Coxswain, Navy, on USS Tazewell (APA-209), on the Pacific. Was in Southwest Pacific area nearly two years, in Philippines, Okinawa, and Ie Shima landing operations, assisting in landing troops in invasions. In service over two years, April 1944 to June 1946. Awarded Philippine Liberation and Asiatic Pacific ribbons and two battle stars. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Astle, Haven. With Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co., Haven.



**Joseph O. Aten**, S/Sgt. Army air force, radio operator-gunner on Flying Fortress bomber with 15th air force in Italy. Made 69 missions over enemy targets. Awarded Air medal with five Oak Leaf clusters. In service about five years, Aug. 1940 to June 1945. Overseas from Sept. 1944 to May 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Aten, of Walnut township; brother of Mrs. Arthur Miller, 1605 East Sixth and Mrs. Albert Mathes, Sterling RFD.



**George W. Atkinson**, Capt. Veterinary corps, in India-Burma theater nearly a year. In service March 1943 to April 1946. Stationed at Kansas City and Camp Hood, Tex. Overseas July 1945 serving ten months in India and Burma. Former Hutchinson veterinarian. Son of Mrs. Pearl Atkinson, 1227 North Ash. Wife (Esther Warkentin) a former nurse at Grace hospital.

**\*Harry Atkinson**, with Army air force, 469th Service squadron, Harding Field, La.

**\*Walter S. Atkinson**, Chief Boatswains Mate, Navy on USS Camp (DE-251) based at New York. Athletic instructor, football coach, at naval air base at Miami, Fla.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Mary Atkinson, Haven.*





**Jesse O. Atkinson**, Pvt. Signal corps, Army Service force, serving as an army cook. At Camp Wolters, Tex., and Camp Crowder, Mo. In the service nine months, March 1945 to Dec. 15, 1945. Home, 765 East F, Hutchinson. Employed by Morton Salt Co.

**Loren H. Atkinson**, Sgt. T/4 with Army unit in Egypt. Returned from overseas Aug. 1945. Now employed at state reformatory, Hutchinson. 111 West Tenth.

**\*Lloyd E. Atkinson**, Chief Signalman, assistant navigator of a submarine that made the lucky strikes of sinking two Japanese aircraft carriers, 15,000 tons each, in one attack in the Pacific. Chief Atkinson was assistant navigator on submarines USS R-1 for about 1½ years; USS Tunny one year and two months and USS Manta two years. Participated in battle of Midway; also on nine successful patrol runs in which 117,000 tons of enemy shipping were sunk and 56,000 tons damaged. He previously was in submarine service on the North Atlantic, making five war patrols there. On one his submarine sank a German U-boat. He served on the USS Bushnell, and previously for about 2½ years on the battleship USS New Mexico, Dec. 1938 to Jan. 1941. In submarine service 4½ years. In navy seven years, Oct. 11, 1938, to Oct. 18, 1945.

**\*Rodney E. Atkinson**, S/Sgt. 130th Field artillery, 35th Div., France and Germany. Was corporal Battery C, 130th FA when battalion mobilized for war Oct. 1940, going to Camp Robinson, Ark., and then to California. Promoted to staff sergeant at Camp Cooke, Calif. Overseas with 35th division, in battles in Normandy, France and Germany. Five years in service, one year overseas.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Allie J. Atkinson, 701 East First.*

**Roy Atkinson**, Sgt. Field artillery, in Pacific theater. 726 East Third.



in Admiralties for 15 months. Home, 428½ East Tenth.

**William Mitchell Atkinson**, CM 2/c, Navy, with ship repair unit in Admiralty Islands, Western Pacific. In service about two years, July 1943 to Sept. 1945. Previously at Farragut, Ida., San Diego, and San Bruno, Calif. With landing craft repair unit from San Bruno to Western Pacific. At same base



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**John Kenneth Attwood**, Capt. Army medical dept., dental officer at station hospital, Biggs Field, Tex., Harlingen, Tex., two years; Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C., one year; Maxwell Field, Ala., and Randolph Field, Tex. In service about 3½ years, Oct. 1942 to Jan. 1946. 14 East



**Roy L. Augustine**, Pfc. Army Medical corps, with 155th Station hospital, at Morotai, Netherland East Indies, and on Luzon, in Philippines. In service 2½ years, Sept. 1943 to April 1946. Overseas, six months. Previously at Camp Berkeley, Tex., O'Reilly General hospital, Springfield, Mo., Ft. Snelling, Minn., and Ft. Riley, Kans. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Augustine, 717 North Monroe. Home, 617 West 8th.



**\*Kay C. Aupperle**, S/Sgt. 21st Troop Carrier sq. in East Indies, Papua, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, and Philippines. Overseas April 1942 to Australia. Based at Camp Darley and Archer Field, Australia, over two years, at "Seven Mile," in New Guinea, 9 mos., Nabzad, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, southern Philippines and Luzon. In service nearly four years, Jan. 1942 to Sept. 1945. Home, 15 West Seventh. Sheet metal worker for M. M. Stevens Co.



**\*Keith P. Aupperle**, T/5 49th Army Signal corps, on Guam for one year. Previously at Ft. Leavenworth, Camp Wallace, Tex., Camp Davies, N. C., with balloon barrage battalion at Seattle, Wash., about 1½ years; and with 316th Anti-aircraft Bn. at Camp Tyson, Tenn., over a year. Overseas Dec. 1944 to the Western Pacific. Participated in battle of Guam. In service over four years, Oct. 1941 to Nov. 1945. Home, 806 North Walnut. Truck mechanic for Hugh Buster Truck Sales Co.



**\*Leonard P. Aupperle**, Cpl. Army Quartermaster corps; in Pacific theater two years. With 545th Quartermaster supply depot at Ft. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo., and with supply depots at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., Ogden, Utah, and Camp Stoneman, Calif. In service 3½ years, Sept. 1942 to Dec. 1945. Home, 423 East Eighth. With Meriden Creamery.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Aupperle, 820 North Washington. Kay and Keith Aupperle are twins.*

**Paul Aupperle**, Cpl. Quartermaster corps, in Hawaii for eight months; then transferred to air corps, stationed at Kwajaline islands. Overseas a little over two years. Previously in service at Leavenworth, Ft.

Warren, Wyo., Ogden, Utah, and Camp Stoneman, Calif. In service about 3½ years, Sept. 1942 to Dec. 1945. Hutchinson RFD 4.

**Paul Aurell**, Major, Army Intelligence service in Western Pacific, intelligence officer with United States and Australian troops. In action in New Guinea, Mindoro and Mindanao. After Japanese surrender served with occupation forces in Japan for five months with special unit studying war damage in the "home islands." Served as Japanese language officer in the army intelligence service.

Maj. Aurell, who formerly lived near Arlington and whose wife is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Tibbitts, 325 East Seventh, was born and reared in Japan. After four years in the army, including five months in Japan with the army of occupation, he returned to Japan to become general manager of the American International Underwriters association, with headquarters in Tokyo, covering Japan and Korea, in the insurance business.



**Ralph A. Austermillier**, Lt. Navy, with Educational services, Bureau of Personnel; member of Vice Admiral Murray's staff based on Guam. Previously instructor in Naval Reserve Midshipmen school, Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., for three years and with Educational services, Bureau of Personnel, Washington, D. C. Overseas Aug. 1945 as member of staff of Educational services, Commarianas, for ten weeks, at Guam. In service 3½ years, May 1943 to Dec. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Austermillier, 600 West Tenth. Now with University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia.

**David Samuel Austin**, Seaman, Navy, Farragut, Ida., naval station. Sylvia.

**Donald B. Austin**, Pharm. Mate 2/c Navy, stationed at Great Lakes naval station; San Diego, Corona, Calif., and Port Hueneme, Calif. In service 1½ years, discharged March, 1946. Hutchinson RFD 3.

**E. F. Austin**, 1st Lt. Army Chaplain, Cambridge, Mass. Former pastor of First Baptist church, Hutchinson, and chaplain of Hutchinson post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Served as soldier in World War I and later became national chaplain of the VFW.

**Frank Austin**, Capt. Marines, in Southwest Pacific, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, and New Zealand. Casualty in Guadalcanal, nose injury, during enemy air raid. To hospital in New Zealand. Son of Frank G. Austin, former Sylvia businessman; nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Austin, Sylvia. Returned from overseas Aug. 1945.

**\*Frederick Henry Austin**, 1st Sgt. Army air force, Gardner Field, Taft, Calif.

**\*Robert C. Austin**, AMM 2/c Naval air force, Hutchinson naval air station; Norman Okla., naval station. 903 East Fourth.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Austin, Partridge. Both of Plevna community; graduates of Plevna high school.*





**Whitley Austin**, 1st Lt. Army Signal corps, did a lot of shooting in the war, in the campaigns in Burma and China, but it was mostly with an army camera. He was commander of a photographic detachment stationed first at Kandy, Ceylon, with headquarters of the supreme Allied commander, Southeast Asia Command, later with the northern combat area command, in Burma, in the China theater at Kunming and Chungking, China, and at Camp Kanchrapara, India.

He was in the army over three years, Nov. 1942 to Feb. 1946. He was with the armored force at Camp Polk, La., with signal corps unit at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., and signal corps photo center at Long Island City, N. Y. Overseas 1½ years, in India, Burma and China, arriving in India Aug. 1944. With bomber photography unit with British and Indian troops in Burma, and on detached service with British forces north of Mandalay on the Burma road. Later on duty in China, at headquarters in Kunming and Chungking. Overseas Aug. 1944 to Dec. 1945. Picture and Sunday editor of *Hutchinson News-Herald*. Home, 1418 North Main.



**Luther Avery**

**\*Luther V. Avery**, Seaman, Navy, on USS Wake Island, on the Pacific. In service about two years, in transport duty in Western Pacific combat areas. Previously at Farragut, Ida., naval station and on Pacific coast.

**\*William Herbert Avery**, Seaman 1/c Ship Service department, Navy. On submarine USS "Salerno Bay." On duty at submarine base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In service about two years.



**\*Emmett S. Avery**, Seaman 2/c Navy, in Pacific area on USS Steamer Bay USS Matanikan and USS Bougainville. In Philippine liberation campaign, in action off Luzon. Previously at Farragut, Ida., naval station, and at Seattle, Wash. Awarded Philippine Liberation ribbon and one star.

Wife, daughter of Mrs. Maria Zumwalt, 228 East Carpenter. Overseas about two years. Since return from overseas on duty in Washington state.

**\*Sons of Mrs. Anna Avery, 1726 East First.**

**Silas Avery**, Pfc. 1277th Engineers Bn. Seventh army, in France. Helped move Patton's Third army in the drive from Normandy beaches to junction with Patch's Third army near Dijon, France. After that was in support of French 2nd Armored Div. and the 79th, 90th, 100th and 103rd Inf. Divs. and 5th Armored Div. In service over three years, Sept. 1942 to

Dec. 1945. Overseas one year. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Avery, 2 North Star. Home, 319 West First.

**Stuart (David S.) Awbrey**, 1st. Lt. 29th Inf., in service in Iceland, France, Belgium, and Germany. Overseas three years. Was awarded Bronze Star. On duty in Paris and Antwerp, while in ETO. Returned from overseas Nov. 1945. With *Hutchinson News-Herald* editorial staff. Home, 510 East 14th.



**Verne Morrison Ayers**, Specialist 3/c athletic department, Navy, as physical instructor, in service with naval training units at Great Lakes, Ill., in Maryland, and at Berea, Ky. In service about a year, Nov. 1944 to Oct. 1945. Home, 724 East Sherman. In insurance business.

**Albert F. Ayres**, Cpl. Ft. Monmouth, Red Banks, N. J. Former teacher in Partridge high school.

**Alva V. Ayres**, Pvt. Army air force, Sheppard Field, Tex. Son of Mrs. Adah Ayres, 628 Brookside. Wife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Blaslar, 617 West Sixth. Home, 408 West Fifth.

**Raymond N. Ayres**, with Armored division in France. Wounded in Normandy beach landing, in invasion of France. To hospital in England. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nate W. Ayres, Minnescah township.

**Oscar W. Aytes**, in the Navy five years, and with Second Div. Marines in Southwest Pacific over three years. Disability discharge. Employed at Arkansas Valley alfalfa mills, Hutchinson.

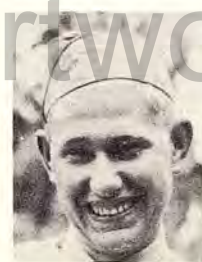
**Edward L. Baar**, Seaman, Navy. Farragut, Ida. Turon.

**B. F. Babb**, Marines, over Pacific, in Japan, Okinawa, Tinian and with occupation force in Japan. In service two years. 540 East A.

**Lester C. Babb**, Cpl. 136th Radio detachment. Army air force. Ft. Worth, Tex. Formerly accountant, Cessna Aircraft plant, Hutchinson. Son of Mrs. Ida Babb, 201½ West Tenth.

**Mark J. Babb**, Capt. Army air force, in Caribbean sea area. To West Indies July, 1942. Formerly advertising manager, International Harvester Co., Hutchinson.

**Leo Babcock**, Pvt. 537th Engineers, Camp Howze, Tex. 115 South Maple.



**Norval S. Babcock**, S/Sgt. Army air force, in India-Burma theater, based at Calcutta, three weeks; and Tezpor, India, four months. Participated in Central Burma campaign. Overseas June 1945 with 7th Bomber group, B-24 bombers. Returned from Assam province, India by air to Miami, Fla., Nov. 1945, completing trip around world, by sea and air, touching five of the six continents. In service about four years, Jan. 1942 to Nov. 1945. Previously at Sheppard Field, Tex., Amarillo, Tex. (about 2½ years) and Kearns, Utah. Home, 805 East Fifth. With A. D. Rayl

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Motor Co. Wife, Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clemments, 629 East Eighth.

**Oliver W. Baber**, AMM 3/c, Naval air force, Alameda, Calif. Formerly at Hutchinson Naval air station. 513 West First.

**Nathaniel V. Bachelder**, Sgt. Field artillery, killed in action in Luxembourg. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Leroy Bachman**, Seaman, Navy, in Aleutians area. Later at Puget Sound, Wash. Navy yard, 1419 East Second.

**\*Elvin L. Baer**, Ensign, Navy, Vero Beach, Miami, Fla. Wife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Crawford, Hutchinson RFD.

**\*Herbert L. Baer**, Lt. Army air force, radar officer, Boco Raton Field, Fla. Made three trips to North Africa and two to England. Graduate of Hutchinson high school. As Eagle Scout in Baptist troop was winner of Jack Malloy award in 1938.

**\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. D. Baer**, formerly 628 East 8th, now Greensburg. Their father, former sales manager of Knorr-Schlaudt Mercantile Co., veteran of World War I, serving with 137th Inf., 35th Div. in France.

**William Baer**, Pvt. Army air force, San Antonio, Tex., later at Bowling Field, Washington, D.C., member of 626th Army Air Force band. Formerly with Hutchinson municipal band and Hutchinson high school band. 608 East B.

**John P. Baggett**, Sgt. 130th Field Artillery Bn. Pvt. Battery C when mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940; to Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Jan. 1941; later to Camp Cooke, Calif. 20 West Ninth. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Baggett, Sterling RFD. Brother of Mrs. Alta Bourell, 20 West 9th.

**Samuel R. Baggett**, 1st Sgt. Coast artillery in Southwest Pacific, on Bora-Bora island, New Caledonia, for a year; later in Leyte, Philippines. In service five years. Was Pvt. Battery C, 130th Field artillery when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. Jan. 1941 with 130th F.A. To California in 1942 with 35th Div. Home, 1417½ North Monroe. Son of S. G. Baggett, 311 East Third.



**Geo. Baergen**



**Donald Bailey**

**George P. Baergen**, Pvt. Army air corps, Sheppard Field, Tex. for four months. Previously at Ft. Bliss, Tex. In service, Nov. 1942 to March 1943. Home at Buhler when entered service. Now at 723 East A.

**Donald M. Bailey**, 2nd Lt. Army signal corps, Camp Atterbury, Ind., formerly at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., Camp Crowder, Mo. and Lexington, Ky. Was injured on duty while serving with signal corps unit in Kentucky in Nov. 1943. To hospital at Ft. Benj. Harrison, Ind. with knee injury. Disability discharge, March 1944. In service 4½ years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cloyed H. Bailey, 621 East A.



**\*Claude Lee Bailey, T/Sgt.** Eighth Air force, based in England. Completed 32 missions as gunner on a B-17 on raids over continental Europe. Awarded Air medal, three Oak Leaf clusters and Distinguished Flying Cross. In service three years; formerly with the Wade Patton Insurance Co. Wife, Doris Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hegarty, 310 North Star. Graduated from Hutchinson high school, 1943. Returned to Miami Beach, Fla. after six months overseas. Discharged Oct. 1945.



for Stamey-Tidd Construction Co., Hutchinson. The three enlisted together in the navy, all serving in the Pacific, but in different units. All were wounded in action, and in July 1943 all three turned up in the same ward, Ward O, at the naval hospital in Bremerton, Wash. Bailey served as fireman on a cruiser on the Pacific. In service 3½ years, Nov. 1941 to March 1945. Now at Port Angeles, Wash. in railroad work.



**\*Lawrence E. Bailey, S 1/c** on troop carrier, USS St. Mihiel, in the North Pacific; later on a destroyer in the Atlantic. Was on the St. Mihiel in Aleutians area when the ship was attacked by Jap bombers at Amchitka. It was there he shot down an enemy plane—quite by accident, he insists.

Anyway, it brought him a citation and medal, the Navy Cross.

He was in five engagements in the Aleutians area, three at Amchitka, one at Kiska and another at Adak. Later he was transferred to duty on a destroyer in the Atlantic. It was at midnight August 22, 1944 while the destroyer was on patrol duty off the coast of France that a German U-boat surfaced and opened up on the destroyer. Bailey was seriously wounded in the ensuing battle.

He was shot in the hand and leg, the hand being badly mangled and a finger shot off. He was at the naval hospital in Norfolk, Va., for three months. He served in the Navy three years, Oct. 1942 to Oct. 10, 1945. Home, 1428 East Fifth.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey, 1428 East Fifth.*

**Claude A. Bailey, T/Sgt.** Army Air Corps, European theater, engineer-gunner on B-17. Participated in D-Day landing in Normandy as aerial gunner. Awarded Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross and three Oak Leaf clusters. Overseas six mos., based in England. In service nearly three years, Feb. 1943 to Oct. 1945. Stationed at St. Petersburg, Fla., Gulfport, Miss., Kingman, Ariz., Rapid City, S. D., and for a year at Amarillo, Tex. 1600 N. Severance. With Richards-Scheble Candy Company.

**Clifford A. Bailey, AMMH 1/c,** Navy, in Pacific. With Headquarters Squadron, FAU No. 2, Hawaii. In Pacific area five mos. Discharged at Norman, Okla., Dec. 1945. 413 West A.

**Clyde E. Bailey, Cpl.,** at Mayo general hospital, Galesburg, Ill. Home, 1628 North Severance.



**Donald R. Bailey, Lt (jg)** Navy Air Corps, pilot of JM (B-26) bomber in Southwest Pacific. Participated in campaign of consolidation of the Solomon Islands. Stationed in Guadalcanal and Solomons for a year. In service over three years, Aug. 1942 to Nov. 26, 1945. Stationed at San Diego nine months before going overseas. Since return from Pacific area, stationed at Hollywood, Fla., Pensacola, Fla., Hutchinson Naval Air Station (four months), and Del Monte, Calif. 328 West B.

**Floyd Bailey, S 1/c** Navy, on battleship USS Indiana, in the Pacific. Was in Tokyo Bay on that battleship at end of the war. Enlisted in Navy 1942. Overseas nearly three years in Pacific. Wounded in action in left shoulder. Purple Heart award. Discharged at Norman, Okla. Home 725 East First.



**Robert L. Bailey, Cpl.** Army Air Corps, armor and painter, in aircraft serving in India, at Camp Malin and air bases at Agra and Sookerating. Participated in India-Burma and Central Burma campaigns. Awarded three Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit badge, Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon.

In service three years, Jan. 1943 to Jan. 1946. Home, Hutchinson RFD 2, in Darlow community.

**\*Clarence O. Bainum, Chief Electricians Mate,** Navy, on battleship USS Alabama. Was in the Gilbert Islands battle.

**\*Fred L. Bainum, Lt. (sg)** Navy, chief engineer on USS Crockett, based at Yorktown, Va. Formerly in submarine service on Pacific; stationed at Naval Base at Seaside, Ore. In Navy 20 years. Formerly on naval recruiting duty in Hutchinson.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Chas. Bainum, 1515 East Fourth. Their father, veteran of World War I, lieutenant in 137th Inf. 35th Div. and for 17 years in National Guard in Co. E in Hutchinson, was fatally injured Oct. 15, 1946, struck by a motor car on a Hutchinson street.*

**Robert Laverne Bair, Army Air Force.** Son of Leslie Bair, Burrton, RFD 1.



Stanley Bain



John G. Baird

**Stanley R. Bain, T/Sgt.** Engineers Corps, serving as battalion supply technician in Italy and France. Participated in Rome-Arno and northern Apennines campaigns in Italy and southern France invasion. Overseas 1½ years. Previously stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., Jefferson Barracks, Mo. and Sheppard Field, Tex. In service nearly 5 years, Jan. 1941 to Oct. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bain, 434 West Sherman.

**\*John G. Baird, S/Sgt.** Air Transport Command, operations dispatcher in Pacific

theater. At Hickam Field, Hawaii four mos. On Guam about a year. On Okinawa, Atsugim, Japan and in Tokyo with Air Force. In action at Ryukyus Islands. In service 3½ years, April 1942 to Nov. 1945.

**\*Lola Baird, 1st Lt.** Army Nurse Corps, supervisor at Army hospital, Camp Howze, Tex. and Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. In service over two years.

*\*Son and daughter of Mrs. Julia Baird, 123 East Ninth.*

**Archie Lee Baird, Army Air Force,** Albuquerque, N. M., and San Diego, Calif. Hutchinson, RFD.

**Marvin D. Baird, T/Sgt.** Army Air Force, ball turret gunner on Flying Fortress, "Worry Bird," based in England. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross for outstanding achievements during heavy bombardment attacks on enemy targets including Erkner ball-bearing plant at Berlin, Focke-Wulf fighter plane plant near Regensburg, Germany; tank plants at Leipzig and military targets along the French coast. Also awarded Air Medal and two Oak Leaf clusters. Returned from ETO Nov. 1944. Formerly construction foreman at Hutchinson Naval Air Base for Keywest Construction Co. Home, 403 East Seventh.

**Ralph Baird, Sgt.** Inf. Camp Polk, La. Haven community.



**Richard Eugene Baird, Pvt.** Marine Corps in Pacific area over 3 years with First Marines Div. in New Caledonia, New Zealand, Guadalcanal and on Guam. Wounded in action on Guadalcanal. To Naval hospital at Oceanside, Calif. Medical discharge Nov. 17 1945. In service about 4 years, Feb. 1942 to Nov. 1945. Previous to going overseas was at North Island, San Diego. Stationed in New Caledonia 1½ mos.; New Zealand, 1 mo.; Guadalcanal, 5 mos. and on Guam almost a year. Returned to Camp Pendleton, Calif. from Guam. Son of Mrs. Olive Lynch, 505 East C. With Deep Rock Oil Corp. at Stafford.

**Richard Lee Baird, A/C** Naval Air Force, Albuquerque, N. M. (V-5 course). Son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell M. Baird, 123 East 11th.



Edd Baize



Eddie Baker

**Edd J. Baize, AMM 1/c,** Navy, on duty as instrument man at the Hutchinson Naval Air Station 2½ years; then to naval hospital at Norman, Okla. In service Nov. 1942 to June 1945. Home, 801 East Third. Manager of Baize & Son Jewelry Store.

**Eddie Baker, Pfc.,** Army Air Force, Langley Field, Va., and Scott Field, Ill. In service over a year. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Baker, 910 Ford St.

**Albert Baker, Aviation Machinist Mate,** Naval Air Force, Pensacola, Fla. Home, Abbyville.





**Burl D. Baker**, T/Sgt. 219th Field Artillery Bn., 35th Div. in ETO. Hit Omaha Beach, July 7, 1944, in Normandy invasion; in battle at St. Lo and Mortain, sweeping through northern France, cracking into Saar Valley, Germany, through Belgium and Luxembourg, in Ardennes battle, Holland, crossing Roer and Rhine, and crushing Siegfried line. Covered more than 1,600 combat miles in the ETO. Was Pvt. medical detachment 130th F. A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 130th F. A. Jan. 1941. At Camp Robinson a year; then to California with 35th Div. in 1942. Overseas from Camp Rucker, Ala. Awarded five campaign stars. In Normandy, northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns. In service over five years, Dec. 1940 to Oct. 31, 1945. Home, Arlington.

**Calvin Baker**, Seaman, Navy, San Diego. Buhler.

**Carle E. Baker**, Pfc. 977th Anti-aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion, in European theater. 428 East First.

**Chester Vernon Baker**, Cpl. Infantry, in North Africa.

**Shirley Louise Baker**, Seaman 1/c, WAVES, Terminal Island, Long Beach, Calif.

*Son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Baker, 607 East 10th. Their father also in the service as a CPO in the Navy, a baker at Hutchinson Naval Air Station; also a veteran of World War I, serving with machine gun company, 137th Inf. from Hutchinson, with 35th Div. in France.*



**Clayton H. Baker**, T/4 Quartermaster Corps, Service and Supply, with 13th Bakery Platoon in southwest Pacific. With bakery unit on Emiue Island one year, and maintenance man in quartermaster department in Luzon, Philippines, eight months. In action in Bismarck Archipelago and Luzon.

Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific service medal, Philippine Liberation medal, Victory medal and Good Conduct award. In service two years, May 1944 to June 1946 including a year and nine months overseas service.



**Lawrence C. Baker**, Cpl. Military Police, with 747th M.P. Bn. in North Africa. Overseas June 1943. Guard at POW camps in Oran area, Algeria. Returned Feb. 1944, as guard with German prisoners enroute to internment camps in U. S. Was Pvt. Battery B, 130th F.A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. Jan. 1941 with 35th Div. To California with 35th Div. 1942. On MP duty at Santa Ana, Calif. guarding Jap prisoners. In service five years.

*Brothers of Mrs. Esther B. Cunningham, 1318 North Monroe. Both formerly of Hutchinson.*

**Dean C. Baker**, M/Sgt. Marine Corps, in New Hebrides, Southwest Pacific for one year. Later with Marine Corps supply depot, Santa Barbara, Calif. In service 3½ years. Re-enlisted, now stationed at El Toro, Calif. Marine base.

**Howard N. Baker**, GM 2/c, Navy, serving as gunner's mate on LCI, landing craft, in the Pacific; participated in invasion of Peleliu. Returned from Southwest Pacific July 1945 for duty as instructor at Camp Perry, Va. Was injured aboard ship off San Diego. Knee cap broken.

**Lawrence E. Baker**, Pvt. Fifth Marine Div., in Hawaii and Japan. Formerly at New River, N. C., Parris Island, S. C., and San Diego.

**Ralph C. Baker**, Sgt., 830th Signal Corps, in West Africa nearly three years. Returned to U. S. June 1945 to duty at Lincoln, Neb. In service 3½ years including 31 months in Africa.

*Sons of Mrs. Ralph Baker of Medora.*



**Earl F. Baker, Jr.**, MoMM 1/c, Navy, in Pacific theater, serving as a mechanic at Naval base on Guam for one year and at Pearl Harbor for a short time. Previously at Great Lakes, Ill., Naval station, Shoemaker, Calif. base. In service over a year, May 1945 to July 1946. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific ribbon. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker, 127 East Eleventh.

**Everett T. Baker**, Pfc. Ordnance Corps, Army, killed in action when transport was sunk in North Atlantic by enemy submarine, Feb. 7, 1943. Son of Mrs. Emma Baker, 1709 Carey. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Ewing H. Baker**, CMM, Navy, chief motor machinist on USS sub-chaser 723 in the Pacific for three years. In action in Solomon Islands, Treasury Islands, Bougainville, Finchhaven and Hollandia, New Guinea. Previously at sub-chaser center, Miami, Fla., Philadelphia and Great Lakes. In service over three years, May 1942 to July 1945. Now a captain in Hutchinson fire department. Home, 1125 East A.

**Howard E. Baker**, Cpl. Signal Corps. In European theater 19 mos. Overseas from Ft. Monmouth, N. J. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker, Valley township.

**Leon Baker**, Sgt. Ordnance unit in New Guinea. In Southwest Pacific two years. Returned Dec. 1944. Formerly with Gas Service Co. Home, 313 East Sherman.



**Merle L. Baker, Jr.**, T/3, with 3608th Ordnance Tank Maintenance Co. in Southwest Pacific. Overseas Nov. 1942. In Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, Philippines. To Japan, Oct. 1945. In action in New Guinea, south Philippines and Luzon. In the service over 3½ years, April 1942 to Nov. 1945. Overseas more than three years. Previously in North Carolina and at Aberdeen, Md. Home on Nickerson boulevard. Mechanic with Hugh Buster Truck Co., Hutchinson.



**Morris Ken Baker**, CMoMM, Navy, motor machinist on patrol craft, the USS PC-1121, on the Pacific. In action in New Guinea, New Britain and Bismarck sea. Nearly two years combat service in the Southwest Pacific. Previously on duty for five months at the submarine base at New London, Conn., and after returning from overseas was for eight months at the destroyer base at San Diego, Calif. In service about four years, Dec. 1941 to Sept. 1945. Home, 501 East 15th.

*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Baker, 821 East Seventh.*

**Norman B. Baker**, Pvt. Paratroopers, Ft. Benning, Ga. Son of Mrs. M. B. Pulse, 318 East Third.



**Robert G. Baker**, Capt. Army air corps, pilot of a Marauder bomber in the 12th Air force, based at Oran, North Africa, sank a large freighter in an enemy convoy on his second combat mission, in the Bay of Tunis, off North Africa, Jan. 26, 1943, by hazardous skip-bombing, but it almost cost him his life. His plane, a B-26 Marauder, badly damaged by enemy fire crash-landed on returning to the base, crashing at Bone, Algeria, flipping over a cliff into the sea. His skull was fractured. He was rescued, almost drowned, while strapped unconscious in his submerged plane.

He was on duty in the ETO for 14 months, in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross medal, Air medal with Silver Oak Leaf cluster and Purple Heart. He has been in the service as a military pilot and later, air inspector since Jan. 1942. He went overseas in Oct. 1942. Based at Norwich and Bouington, British Isles, for two months; Tezergima and Tunis, North Africa, nine months; and Cagalaria, Sardinia, one month. Returning in March 1944, he was engaged for the next two years, until July 1946, in the Army Transport corps ferrying division. Transferred to Air Transport Command Dec. 1943, engaged in ferrying bombers to bases overseas. In July 1946 appointed assistant air inspector, supply and maintenance, at Continental division headquarters of ATC at Topeka. In November 1946 transferred to duty at Ft. Totten, Long Island, at Atlantic division headquarters, Air Transport Command. In Army air force since Jan. 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Baker, Valley township.

**Samuel A. Baker**, AMM Naval air force, Barin Field, Pensacola, Fla. Hutchinson RFD.



**Anne E. Baldrige**, 2nd Lt. Army Nurse corps, on duty at Ft. Lawton, Seattle, Wash., July 1945 to March 1946. Previously at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Baxter General hospital, Spokane, Wash. In army one year, March 1945 to March 28, 1946. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dukelow, Hutchinson RFD 3. Now located at Manhattan, Kans.





**Clyde E. Baldwin, Pfc.** 319th Medical Bn., 301st Inf. 94th Div. Lost his lower right leg and foot when trying to render first aid to wounded men on the battlefield near Trier, Germany, Feb. 18, 1945. He stepped on a German mine in a heavily mined field and was maimed in the explosion. His right heel and foot were blown off and the leg so badly mangled it had to be amputated. He was in hospitals in Luxembourg, Paris, England, New York, Walla Walla, Wash., and Bushnell General hospital, Brigham City, Utah, for nearly a year, from Feb. 1945 to Jan. 31, 1946, when he received his discharge.

He was in service four years, Jan. 1942 to Jan. 1946. He was stationed at Camp Grant, Ill., three months; Ft. Riley and Camp Phillips, Kans., almost two years; and camps in Tennessee and Mississippi. Overseas Aug. 1944 with 319th Medical Bn. to Scotland and England. Landed on Utah Beach in the Normandy invasion with the 94th Div. Served with the 301st Inf. in the campaign through northern France from Normandy to Germany. In action, attacking pillboxes in Luxembourg, the Saar basin, breaking through the Siegfried line and battles of Linz, and Trier. Son of Mrs. Laura V. Baldwin, Hutchinson RFD 1, in the Mitchell community.

**Harry Francis Balker, Seaman, Navy.** Langdon.



Grand Island, Neb., April 1943 to March 1944. Home, 1320 North Orchard.

**Albert L. Ball, Pvt.** Army Air corps, in quartermaster department. In service about 1½ years, Dec. 1942 to March 1944. Entered service at Joplin, Mo.; Keesler Field, Miss., January and February 1943; at Ft. Warren, Wyo., February to April 1943; at Salt Lake City, and then to army air base at



**Charles W. Ball, S 2/c,** Navy, serving as seaman on the USS Miami on the Pacific, based at Pearl Harbor, Okinawa, Truk, Guam, and in the Solomon islands. At Tokyo following the surrender. In service over a year, March 7, 1945, to May 15, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ball of Langdon.



**\*Clifford W. Ball, T/5** Headquarters battery, 735th Field artillery. In service at Camp Roberts, Ft. McArthur, Pacific Palisades, Huntington Beach and Ventura, Calif., Yakima and Ft. Lewis, Wash., Camp Gruber, Okla., and Camp Maxey, Tex. In service about two years, Oct. 1941 to Sept. 1943. Discharged for disability.



**\*Earl N. Ball, Pfc.** Infantry, Seventh army, in North Africa, Italy, and southern France. In battles of Rapido river crossing, Cassino, Veletri, Anzio and near Rome, in Italy, and invasion of Rhone valley in southern France. Wounded in action by shellfire at Montivello, France, Nov. 7, 1944. Overseas about 1½ years. In landing at Casablanca, Morocco. In North Africa about two months. In Italy, seven months; France, seven months. Returned to USA April 1945 to Winter General hospital, Topeka.

*\*Sons of Mrs. C. W. Breeland, 200 East F.*



**Franklin Edwin Ball,** A/C Army Air corps cadet trainee, San Antonio, Tex. at Randolph and Brooks fields. Previously Lubbock, Tex. AAF. St. Louis, Mo. and Frederick, Okla. AAF. In service since Jan. 21, 1944. Discharged Nov. 2, 1945 at San Antonio. Home, 907 East A. Employed by the Cessna Aircraft Company.



**Kenneth E. Ball, Cpl.** Army Air corps, serving in European theater. Overseas Nov. 1942, serving in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes battle, Rhineland campaign and Central European campaign and the air offensive on Europe. In service three years, eight months. Home, 130 West Twelfth.

**Robert Benton Ball, Mo.MM1/c, Navy.** Lost at sea on submarine USS Trigger, on Pacific March 11, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Ball, 710 West Ninth. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Ted A. Ball, Cpl.** 53rd Troop Carrier squadron, Army Air force, in North Africa. Son of Mrs. Hazel Ball, Castleton.

**John R. Ballard, S 1/c Navy,** yeoman on USS Leary (DD-8p) in the Atlantic area six months, May to Nov. 1945; then to Pacific serving in Japan area two months and China one month. Over Pacific Dec. 1945 to May 1946. In service two years. Son of Mrs. Helen Ballard, 428 East 16th.

**Willard Merle Ballard, Seaman, Navy,** wiper in crew of SS Oulahan, wrecked in typhoon at Okinawa Oct. 9, 1945. One of the survivors of three vessels that went down in the storm. Was on shore, with other survivors on Brown beach at station area No. 6, Okinawa, when a fire built on shore to dry clothing of survivors of the storm, set fire to abandoned Jap ammunition dump, causing terrific explosion, killing about 100 Seabees and sailors. "The explosion blew many high into the air," Ballard said. "I started running when we saw the fire starting on the dynamite dump. Knocked down by the explosion when about 350 yards away. The dump was pretty wet after the storm and survivors from the wrecked ships thought it would be all right to build a fire there." Survivors were taken from Okinawa to

Manila, and later returned to San Pedro, Calif. Home, Hutchinson RFD.

**Carl Balzer, Pfc.** Army in Germany eight months, returning Aug. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Balzer, Buhler.



**Ernest John Balzer, T/4,** Army Medical corps, surgical technician, in Southwest Pacific, overseas nearly two years, at Camp Ascot, Brisbane, Australia, on Goodenough island, and in New Guinea. Returned to Angel Island, Calif. March 1945, disabled from tropical exhaustion and malaria. In hospital for weeks. Disability discharge, March 26, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Balzer, Buhler.

**Richard L. Balzer, Pvt.** First Paratroopers. To European theater from Ft. Benning, Ga. Buhler RFD.



**\*Evans E. Banbury, T/Sgt.** Army Medical corps, laboratory technician, in Southwest Pacific, with 105th General hospital on New Guinea during the battle on that island. In Australia from June 1942 to Oct. 1944; at Biak, Netherlands East Indies, Oct. 1944 to Aug. 1945; on Luzon, in Philippines, August to December 1945. Awarded Unit citation for service in New Guinea. In army nearly four years, March 1942 to Dec. 30, 1945. Overseas from Ft. Lewis, Wash. Is now located at Goodland, Kans., county farm agent of Thomas county.



**\*John C. Banbury,** Coxswain, Navy, Pacific area on USS Saugus. In service nearly two years. Enlisted in Hutchinson, Aug. 22, 1944. At Great Lakes Naval station three months; Ft. Pierce, Fla., two months; Newport, R. I. and then aboard ship at Tampa, Fla., serving at sea Feb. 1945 to May 1946. Now on farm near Plevna.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Banbury of Plevna.*

**Jack Michael Baney, Capt.** Army quartermaster corps, Kansas City. Hutchinson RFD.

**Lowell W. Bank, T/5** 105th Inf., 27th Div. in Western Pacific. With "Tokyo Express" division in battle of Okinawa. Awarded Bronze Star for "heroic achievement" on Okinawa, April 19, 1945. Key personnel, officers and non-coms had gathered at the company command post for a conference. Bank, noticing three Jap soldiers armed with rifles and grenades approaching the group, voluntarily stepped into the path in full sight of the Japs and killed all three with calmly-aimed rifle shots. In service three years, Nov. 1942 to October 1945; overseas 32 months. Son of Mrs. Jessye Emma Bank, 522 East Second.

**Chas. R. Bankey, Pvt.** 161st Field Artillery Bn., Camp Rucker, Ala. Son of Mrs. W. E. Bankey, Sterling, RFD 2.



**John M. Banks, M/Sgt.** with artillery unit in China; fatally burned in explosion near Kunming, China, dying May 23, 1945. Son of Mrs. Orpha M. Banks, 229 East Tenth. (See Gold Star roster.)

**John William Banks, Navy,** special assignment. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Banks, King's Garden add.



**Vertis Lee Banks, Machinist Mate 3/c Navy,** in Southwest Pacific. In Russell Islands Aug. 1944 to May 1945, and on Guam, June to Nov. 1945. In service about 2 years, enlisting in Navy at Oklahoma City Feb. 13, 1944. Discharged Nov. 28, 1945. Son of Mrs. Orpha Banks, 229 East Tenth.

**\*Derrald Lyon Banz, Torpedoman 3/c,** Navy, on submarine duty in Pacific for 21 months, based at Pearl Harbor. In Navy July 1942 to Nov. 1945. Employee of Morton Salt Co. when he enlisted. Killed in accident March 5, 1946, in fall into a lime tank at Longview, Wash.

**\*Melvin G. Banz, Pfc.** 148th Field Artillery over Pacific. Overseas in Nov. 1941 before Pearl Harbor bombing. In Australia nearly two years and in Southwest Pacific 28 months. In Army since July 7, 1941. Home, 911 North Pershing.

**\*Vincent Lee Banz, Pharmacist Mate 1/c,** Navy, in the Pacific. In Navy since May 1941.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Alta Banz, 123½ South Main, Hutchinson.*



**Edwin C. Banz, Cpl.** Marines, signal battalion, serving as radioman, Peiping, China. Overseas eight months, Sept. 1945 to May 1946. In service four years, May 1942 to May 1946. Was an instructor at Long Beach, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Banz, 615 East Sherman.



**\*Eldon D. Banz, Y 3/c** Navy, yeoman on USS APA-19 in the west Pacific. In Philippines, China and Japan since Oct. 25, 1945. Previously at Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Station and based at Portland, Ore., for three months. Enlisted in Navy May 10, 1945. In service until fall of 1946.



**\*Floyd R. Banz, Y 1/c** Navy, in southwest Pacific. Yeoman on Navy craft in Pacific war zone 16 months. At Milne Bay, New Guinea, two months; Manus Island, Admiralty group, for six months; Leyte, in Philippines, six months; and at Manila two months. Participated in Philippine Archipelago campaign. In service over three years, Sept. 11, 1942, to Nov. 20, 1945.



**\*Leonard A. Banz, ARM 1/c,** Naval Air Corps, radioman in southwest Pacific, stationed at Milne Bay, New Guinea, seven months; Los Negros, Admiralty Islands, nine months; and on Samar, in the Philippines, two months. In service three years, Oct. 21, 1942, to Oct. 29, 1945. Overseas 18 months. To New Guinea in Nov. 1943. Now manager of Sylvia Grain Co. at Sylvia.



**\*Orville Lee Banz, GM 2/c** Navy, gunner's mate on battleship USS New Mexico in southwest Pacific, serving in battles of Coral Sea, Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, Marianas group, New Britain and Philippines. Also in the Aleutians. Was on the New Mexico three years in the Pacific area. In service 3½ years, from Jan. 2, 1942, to June 26, 1945.



**\*Weldon K. Banz, Ensign,** Navy Amphibious Corps, commanding an LCT (landing craft, tanks) in southwest Pacific. Served in the Philippine campaign. Overseas 16 months, at Pearl Harbor, Majuro Island, Eniwetok Island, Guam, Ulith Island, Leyte and Samar, in Philippine group. In service nearly three years, July 1943 to May 1946.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Banz of Sylvia; brothers of H. E. Banz, 225 East Fourth, and Mrs. Rhea Stevenson, 214 North Plum, Hutchinson. All five brothers in the naval service in the southwest Pacific.*



**\*David P. Barb, S 1/c** Naval construction battalion (Seabees) in 28th Special Battalion in west Pacific. Engaged in building camp "from scratch" on Samar, Philippines, officially cited as "one of the best camps made." In Hawaii nine months; Samar, Philippines, 16 months; at Kyokosuke, Japan, from V-J Day until discharge, April 1, 1946. In service 1½ years, from Nov. 1944 to April 1, 1946.



**\*Henry A. Barb, Sgt.** 130th Field Artillery Bn., 35th Div., in England, France and Germany. Overseas Dec. 1944. Based at Tarporey, England, Fontainebleau, France, and Stolburg, Germany. Was Pvt. Battery C, 130th F. A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. To California 1942 with 35th Div. as Sgt. Battery C. Home, 508 East Seventh.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Barb, 17 East Eighth.*

**\*Gene N. Barb, Seaman 1/c** Navy, Purcell, Okla., and Norman, Okla.

**\*Wilma L. Barb, Pfc.** Marine Corps Women's Auxiliary, El Toro, Calif.

*\*Son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Barb, Haven.*

**Charles F. "Chick" Barber, Lt.** Army Air Force, pilot on a B-17 bomber based in England, crashed in enemy territory in France, Aug. 11, 1944, and was taken prisoner by the Germans. He later escaped and for some time was in hiding in France, protected as a refugee by the French "underground."

He was first officially reported as missing in action but a letter finally came through from French sources showing he was alive but a refugee, hiding from the Nazis. "Went to church Sept. 3," he wrote. "I'm all right. Don't worry. Can't tell you about it but hope to get in touch with you soon."

Three months after he crashed and was taken prisoner he arrived back in the U. S. in November 1944. Was appointed instructor at Luke Field, Phoenix, Ariz. Before entering the Air Force he was with the Army Ordnance Corps, with an ordnance detachment in Bermuda for eight months. Commissioned second lieutenant in Army Air Force at Marfa, Texas. Formerly with the Star Clothiers, Hutchinson. Son of Mrs. Lloyd Parks, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Abilene.

**Earl Barber, Seaman, Navy,** Great Lakes, Ill. Son of Mrs. Violet M. Barber, 505 East A.

**\*Hubert E. Barber, AMM 3/c,** Naval Air Force, Purcell, Okla.

**\*Richard Barber, Pvt.,** Field Artillery, Ft. Sill, Okla.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Barber, Sterling RFD (northern Reno County).*

**Louis E. Barber, Major, Inf.** in southwest Pacific area. Formerly assistant adjutant at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Son of H. L. Barber, 912 West First.



**Willard O. "Bill" Bardwell, F/O** Army Air Corps, service pilot, flight officer, Air Transport Command, ferrying cargo, supply, passenger and hospital ships; also instructor. In service in North Africa, Europe and the China-Burma-India theater. In service in combat areas, France, Germany and Italy.

In service about four years, Sept. 1942 to June 1946. Formerly with 21st Ferrying Group, Palm Springs, Calif. With ATC, Dallas, Texas, and instructor, Chickasha, Okla. Formerly with Field Artillery Battalion, Hutchinson, 1930 to 1933. Home, 115 East Tenth.



**\*Donald C. Bargdill, S/Sgt.** Army Air Corps photographic div. in the southwest Pacific. Awarded Air Medal for achievement on photographic mission over Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, Sept. 11, 1942. The single plane was attacked by a Japanese formation of 30 bombers and 20 fighters. The photographic plane downed at least four enemy craft before slipping into a cloudbank and



escaping unharmed. Later, in June 1942, during the battle of Midway, the "Yankee Doodle" bomber on which Sgt. Bargdill was serving fought off an attack of Jap planes, hit a big transport and two heavy cruisers, and damaged a carrier. Bargdill shot down a Zero fighter, cutting it in two. Awarded Silver Star and Bronze Oak Leaf cluster to Air Medal. In army air service since 1939. Was at Hickam Field, Hawaii, with 431st Bombing Squadron. Since return from Pacific area on duty at army air field in Mississippi.



**\*Donald E. Bargdill,** Sgt. Anti-aircraft Artillery, radar section chief, 326th Searchlight Bn., on duty at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas, 2 1/2 years. In service since Dec. 15, 1942. At Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe, N. M., since May 1946. Previously at Camp Callan, San Diego, Camp Davis,

Wilmington, N. C., Orlando, Fla., Ft. Bliss, Texas, and Moore General Hospital, Swannano, N. C. Home in Sylvia.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bargdill, Turon.*

**Edward M. Barger,** Bombardier, Army Air Force, Santa Ana, Calif. South Hutchinson.

**Stanley J. Barger,** Sgt., turret gunner on Flying Fortress bomber, based in England. Awarded Air Medal. Turon.

**Charles E. Barhydt,** Lt. (jg) Navy, pilot of naval air transport, Doylestown, Pa. Formerly chief pilot of Mahon Flying Service, Dodge City. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Barhydt, formerly of Hutchinson.

**Ernest H. Barker,** MoMM 1/c, Navy, in Pacific theater for 16 months, based at Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. Previously at San Bruno, Calif., and Ft. Pierce, Fla. 1001 West 13th.



**\*Herbert Wm. Barker,** Sgt. Army Air Corps, radio operator in Eighth Air Force with 316th Bomber Wing, B-29 Superforts, based on Okinawa. Overseas from Pratt Army Air Field. In Okinawa eight months. In service over three years, Dec. 1942 to March 1946. Was on Okinawa in disastrous typhoon of Oct. 1945. Formerly with Cessna Aircraft plant in Hutchinson. After return from overseas, radioman with Federal Communications Commission, Hutchinson.

**\*Harry Barker,** Seaman 1/c, Navy, Hutchinson Naval Air Station. Home, 515 North Plum.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Edith Barker, 708 North Walnut.*

**James C. Barker,** Seaman, Hutchinson Naval Air Station. Wife, Esther, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Calvin H. Knight (former pastor of Irwin Memorial Presbyterian Church).

**\*Kendall M. Barker,** Sgt. with port battalion in New Guinea. Wounded in neck by bomb fragment.

**\*Milton R. Barker,** Pvt., Marines, Camp Elliott, Calif.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Walter Gerbrand, Buhler.*

**Leon Barker,** Technician, Ordnance Company, in southwest Pacific. Overseas two years to Feb. 1945. 313 East Sherman.

**Russell Barker,** Pvt., Inf., in Luzon, Philippines. Son of Mrs. A. F. Lehman, 309 East F.

**Floyd Barkley,** Lt., Naval Air Force, executive officer with VRU3 detachment on Guam. Formerly at Hutchinson Naval Air Station. Wife with Rock Island freight office; later with Santa Fe freight office, Hutchinson. Home, 301 West 17th.

**Elmer Barkman,** MM 1/c, Navy, over Pacific. Hutchinson RFD 4.



**Neale R. Barnard,** T/5 Ordnance Corps, bomb disposal technician, stationed at Camp Haan, Calif., nearly 3 1/2 years. In service March 23, 1942, to Oct. 2, 1945. Previously at Aberdeen, Md., Ordnance Base for two months, then to California with 65th Bomb Disposal Squadron, Riverside, Calif. Stationed at Camp Haan from May 26, 1942, until Oct. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Barnard, Hutchinson RFD 3. Home, 16 West Eighth. Employed at Morton Salt Works.



**Billy L. Barnes,** T/5, Sixth Division with division headquarters mess, over Pacific, serving in Luzon, New Guinea, Philippines, and then in Korea, with occupational force. In service 29 months; overseas 20 months. Formerly at Camp Adair, Ore. Son of Mrs. Marie Barnes, 113 West B.



**Carl M. Barnes,** S 1/c Navy, firefighter on the fire department at Farragut, Idaho, naval center for nearly two years, March 1944 to Jan. 12, 1946. Member of the Hutchinson fire department. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Barnes, 925 East A. Home, 108 South Severance.



**Chester D. Barnes,** T/5, Infantry, serving as army cook at Camp Wolters, Texas, nearly a year, and at Camp Roberts, Calif., three months. In the army a year and two months, Jan. 1945 to March 1946. Home, 529 Grandview, Hutchinson. Now employed by Central Fibre Products Co., Hutchinson.

**Clarence A. Barnes, Jr.,** Pvt., 32nd Div., killed in action on Luzon May 11, 1945. Widow, Mrs. Erma Barnes, South Hutchinson. (See Gold Star roster.)



**Donald A. Barnes,** S 2/c Navy, on USS Yosemite (AD-19) on Atlantic. In navy three years. Formerly at Kansas University, in navy V-12 program; Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 19 months; at Great Lakes Naval Station, Ill.; and at Brooklyn Navy Base, N. Y. In service June 1943 to May 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barnes, Hutchinson RFD 3. Now with wholesale concern, Hutchinson.



**Dorothea A. Barnes** (Mrs. Dorothea Drebenstedt), 1st Lt. Army Nurse Corps, 35th General hospital, southwest Pacific. Overseas March, 1944. At Milne Bay and Lae, New Guinea; Blak, Netherlands East Indies; Leyte and Luzon. Previously at Camp Phillips, Kans., Ft. Sill, Okla., and Camp Stoneman, Calif. In service over three years. Overseas 20 months. Formerly nurse at Grace Hospital, Hutchinson. Was married to Geo. H. Drebenstedt in southwest Pacific. Home, 406 East Ninth.

**Floyd W. Barnes,** S/Sgt. and assistant battalion surgeon of medical detachment, Field Artillery, in the European theater. Served in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Alsace-Lorraine. Participated in Normandy battle, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Southern France campaigns. In service about six years. With Patton's Third Army in the ETO. In service Dec. 1940 to Sept. 1946. Was with medical detachment, 130th F. A., when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. With 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark., in California, and Camp Rucker, Ala. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Barnes, 1504 East Third. With Safeway Packing Co.



**Harold Irvin Barnes,** T/5, with Army in the southwest Pacific, serving as mail clerk in Army Postal Service, and with Military Police. Overseas about three years. In action in New Guinea, Leyte and Philippines. Stationed at Milne Bay, New Guinea, and at Melbourne and Sydney, Australia. Landed in Leyte three days after initial invasion landing, operating postal unit depot on the beachhead, under fire. On transport when vessel was sunk in South Pacific, but rescued. Home, 1328 East Sixth. Son of Walter R. Barnes, 115 East F.



**Howard C. Barnes,** S 1/c Navy, in western Pacific. Participated in Okinawa battle and in occupation of Japan. On the Pacific ten months, going overseas Jan. 1945. Previously at Hutchinson Naval Air Station over two years. In service Sept. 1942 to Nov. 1945. Son of Clarence C. Barnes, 809 North Adams. Home, 312 West Sixth. Assistant manager of Barnes Auto Parts Co.



**H. R. Barnes**, Capt. Army Medical Corps, Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver. Hutchinson physician. Home, 408 East 15th.

**John Barnes**, Hospital Apprentice 1/c Navy, with naval hospital at Seattle, Wash. Hutchinson RFD.



**James Grant Barnes**, Sgt. Army Air Corps, radio and radar mechanic, at Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz., July 1945 to March 26, 1946. Previously at Grand Forks, N. D., Oct. 1943 to Feb. 1944; Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., Feb. to June 1944; Truax Field, Madison, Wis., July to Dec. 1944; Boca Raton, Fla., Army Air Field, Dec. 1944 to July 1945. In service over 2½ years. Son of Mrs. Sarah E. Barnes, 925 East A. Home, 128 South Reformatory. Santa Fe Railway employee, Hutchinson.

**J. R. Barnes**, Pvt. 33rd Ambulance Battalion, Army Medical Corps, in England. Hutchinson RFD.

**John W. Barnes**, S 1/c Navy. Farragut, Idaho, Naval Station. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barnes, 513 North Carey.

**J. W. Barnes**, Pvt. Marines, California. Home, Nickerson.

**\*Joe A. Barnes**, AMM 3/c, Naval Air Force. Overseas, St. Simons Island. Formerly at Hutchinson Naval Air Station. Home, 502 West B.

**\*Marvin A. Barnes**, Pfc. 91st Inf. Div. with Fifth Army in Italy. Wounded in action Feb. 17, 1945. Formerly with 274th Inf., 70th Div. at Camp Adair, Ore. Overseas to Oran, North Africa; later in invasion of Italy.

**\*Sons of Mrs. Ruth Mead, 502 West B.**

**Lee E. Barnes**, Cpl. Army Air Force, refueling operator with "Black Death" Marauder group in France. Citation for "outstanding performance of duty in action with enemy" Dec. 23 to Dec. 26, 1944. Home, 124 East Seventh. He was killed Jan. 1, 1946, while on duty at a service station in Tulsa, Okla., slain by a bandit. His widow, Mrs. Ruby M. Barnes, 124 East Seventh.



**Lester E. Barnes**, F 1/c, Electrician's Mate, Navy, on USS Kadashan Bay, aircraft carrier, on Pacific. In battles of Linguyan Gulf, Luzon and Mindoro, Philippines. Also on USS General R. L. Bowze for two months. At Manus, Admiralty Islands, three months. Wounded Jan. 8, 1945.

when his ship was hit by Jap suicide plane in Linguyan Gulf. For next six months in naval hospitals at Oakland and San Diego, Calif., and Glenwood Springs, Colo. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Barnes, 507 East Tenth. City mail carrier, Hutchinson.



**Paul N. Barnes, Jr.**, EM 3/c, Navy, Electrician, serving with naval force in west Pacific, on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, with occupational force for 1½ years, and in Okinawa five months. Overseas Nov. 1943 to Dec. 1945. To duty at Philadelphia on return from Pacific. In Navy nearly three years. Son of Mrs. Paul Barnes, Hutchinson RFD 2. Home, 938 East Fourth.



**Ralph A. Barnes**, Cpl. Service Battery, 123rd Field Artillery, serving over Pacific. Participated in the New Guinea-Morotai campaign and the campaign in Luzon, Philippines. Was awarded Bronze Star medal "for meritorious service." Overseas over two years, based at Hosai, Hawaii, ten months; Finchhaven, New Guinea, seven months; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, 1½ months; Luzon, Philippines, 2½ months; and at Honshu, Japan, two months. In service almost four years, Feb. 1942 to Nov. 1945. Son of Mrs. Ruby Barnes, 1204 North Prairie. Home, Hutchinson RFD 4.

**Frank M. Barnett, Jr.**, Pvt. with artillery unit in Germany. Formerly with 34th Coast Artillery at Camp Pendleton, Va. Formerly with Cessna Aircraft plant. Son of Mrs. Frank Barnett, 721 East Fourth. His wife, Mrs. Letha C. Barnett, also in the service, Pvt. in WAC, Ft. Des Moines, Iowa., with motor transport corps. Their home, 5 South Jefferson.

**\*George Louis Barnett**, Cpl. Army Air Force, bombing squadron, Sioux Falls, Iowa.

**\*Ronald E. Barnett**, Pfc. Marines, died of wounds in southwest Pacific, Sept. 1944. (See Gold Star roster.)

**\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Barnett, 301 East Ninth St.**

**Hugo Sidney Barnett**, Sgt. Inf. in France. In the European theater two years and in service over five years. Was first man inducted in service by Draft Board No. 2 in 1940 but he had already enlisted as a volunteer just 20 days before Nov. 9, 1940. Served 62 months, discharged Jan. 1946 at Ft. Worth, Tex. Was cook at Anderson cafe. Home, 213 West E.

**Jay O. Barnett**, Pfc. Army Air Force, Amarillo, Tex. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Barnett, Arlington.

**Otis E. Barnett**, Pfc. Army Air Force in European theater. Stationed at Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, 1946. Hutchinson RFD 3.

**Floyd E. Barngrover**, Lt. (jg) Navy, instructor at naval school, San Diego, Calif. Former coach in Buhler high school.



**\*Cyril C. Barnhart**, TM 2/c, Navy, torpedoman on submarines USS S-20, USS Chub and USS Capitaine on submarine patrols in Atlantic and Pacific, and in the battle of Philippines. In service three years, Nov. 1942 to Oct. 1945. Previously at San Diego, Norfolk, Va., and submarine base, New London, Conn. Awarded Submarine Combat Insignia with gold star for successful patrols, also Philippine Liberation ribbon with battle stars. Was on the submarine S-20 for 15 mos.; the USS Chub 9 mos., and the Capitaine for 7 weeks.



**\*Kenneth Barnhart**, T/Sgt., 8th Air Force, based in England, participating in air offensive over Europe, in Normandy, northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns. In Army 3½ years. Overseas over two years, returning July 1945. Was technician on automatic flight control equipment and specialist in bomb-sight maintenance with Flying Fortress squadron. Previously at Kearns, Utah, Yakima, Wash., Minneapolis, Minn., Wenden, Utah and Sioux City, Ia. army air bases. Now assistant city electrical superintendent, Hutchinson.



**\*Vernon G. Barnhart**, Pvt. Army Air Force at Scott Field, Ill., with 3505th AAF Base Unit for 7 mos. Previously at Sheppard Field, Tex. In service May 1945 to Feb. 2, 1946. Now at Trinidad, Colo., connected with printing concern.

**\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Barnhart, Hutchinson RFD.**

**John H. Barnhart**, T/Sgt. 354th Inf. Third Army, killed in action in Germany, April 10, 1945. 201 East Sixth. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Harvey R. Barnholt**, Lt. Naval Air Force, veteran of combat action in Southwest Pacific. Flight instructor, Hutchinson Naval Air Station. Awarded Air Medal. Home, 125 West 14th.

**Clarence Barr**, Cpl. with army of occupation in Korea. Returned June 1947. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barr, Turon.

**Robert A. Barr**, Pvt. 188th Coast Artillery, died at Pendleton Field, Ore., Dec. 16, 1941. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Roy Barr**, T/Sgt. in European theater nine months. Returned to United States August 1945. Home, Nickerson.





**Vernon L. Barr, 1st Lt., Coast Artillery Corps,** platoon commander in a halftrack battalion in European theater. Served in Ardennes battle and Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Overseas with 574th Anti-aircraft AW Bn. Awarded citation for work at Remagen bridge, Germany. Overseas Dec. 1944. In France, Belgium and Germany one year. In army four years, Jan. 1942 to Jan. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Barr, Turon. Now at Bartlesville, Okla., with U. S. Bureau of Mines.



**Eddie E. Barrett, T/4, Field Artillery, 86th Div.,** in both the European theater and the Southwest Pacific. Overseas to Europe, March 1945, serving in action in Belgium and Germany in the Rhineland and central Germany campaigns. Was awarded Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement against the enemy" at Ingolstadt, Germany. From ETO sent over the Pacific, Aug. 1945 to the Philippines, serving there 6 mos. In service over three years, Jan. 28, 1943 to Feb. 18, 1946. Home 1113 East Fourth.



**\*Blaine H. Barritt, 1st Lt., 446th Bomber Grp.,** based in England, bailed out of a burning plane over northern France, June 12, 1944, coming down in a flaming parachute. To his horror he discovered just as the chute opened that it was on fire. He landed but his face and legs were burned and he also was wounded five times by flak.

The injured lieutenant came down in enemy territory, but the French civilians were friendly and he was hidden from the Nazis and for 10 weeks was concealed by the French underground until he had recovered sufficiently from his wounds to be smuggled through enemy territory to the coast and escape across the channel to England.

Only three others of the crew besides Lt. Barritt escaped alive. Two were killed in the plane. Four others were shot to death while coming down in their parachutes.

He returned to the USA from England Sept. 1944 to a rest camp at Santa Monica, Calif. reporting for duty later at Carlsbad, N. M., and Midland, Tex., army air bases.



**\*Dene C. Barritt, F 1/c Navy,** fireman on USS APL-24, in the Pacific for 2½ months. Also pressman in the Navy tailor shop. In the Navy 3 years, from Oct. 1942 to Sept. 1945. At Hutchinson Naval Air Station over two years; then at San Diego two months, Treasure Island, San Francisco, three mos., Mare Island, Calif., three months. Home, 400 East 15th. Engaged in dry cleaning business.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Barritt, 709 East First.*

**Bernard S. Bartchet, Pvt., Army Air Force,** aircraft mechanic. Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. Home, 206 West 19th.

**Bernard Barragree, Sgt., Paratroopers,** in European theater. Sustained injury in service overseas, foot injured; to hospital in France. Home, 1601 East Fourth.

**Joe Bartcher, with Army Air Corps** in Italy. Overseas two years. Home, 410 East A. Employee of C. R. Anthony store, Hutchinson.

**Alvin Bartel, Pfc., Infantry,** Camp Ruper, Ida. Son of the late Mrs. Cornelius Bartel, Buhler RFD.

**Albert W. Bartel, Pvt., 17th Inf.** Camp Ord, Calif. Buhler.

**Lyall L. Bartholomew, Cpl., 33rd Cavalry** Reconnaissance squadron, 20th Armored Div., Camp Campbell, Ky. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bartholomew. Turon.



**William Eugene Bartholomew, Sgt., 219th F.A., 35th Div.,** at Camp Robinson, Ark., in California, and at Camp Rucker, Ala. Was Pvt. Btry A, 130th F.A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div., Jan. 1941. To West Coast with the 130th F.A., transferring in California to the 219th F.A. Step-son of Mrs. R. F. Bartholomew, Nickerson RFD 1. Home, Nickerson.



**\*Donald M. Bartlett, T/4 Ordnance Corps,** as supply clerk with Army in North Africa and Italy. Overseas May 1943 landing at Casablanca, Morocco; there 5 mos. To Italy Oct. 1943, landing at Naples. Participated in Naples-Foggia and Rome and Arno campaigns. In Italy over two years. In Army, July 1942 to Dec. 1945, 3½ years. Home, 612½ East C. With City Transfer and Storage Co.



**\*Wesley C. Bartlett, Sgt., 738th Tank Battalion,** engaged in reconnaissance, serving in European theater, in Ardennes battle, Rhineland and Central European campaigns, France and Germany. In service about three years, Feb. 26, 1943 to Nov. 1945. Overseas May 1944 to Sept. 1945. Home, 203 West A. Fireman on Santa Fe railway.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bartlett, 228 East Bigger.*



**Frank M. Bartley, Lt., Naval Air Corps** as pilot, in service over 4½ years, April 1942 to Nov. 26, 1945. In West Pacific 6 mos., on Guam April to Oct. 1944. Also stationed at New Orleans, Pensacola, Fla., Norfolk, Va., Hutchinson Naval Air Station, March to Oct. 1944, Memphis, Tenn., Atlanta Ga., Ft. Worth, Tex., San Diego and Chicago. Home, 201 East Twelfth. Employed as sales manager for radio station KWHK Hutchinson.



**Ernest E. "Gene" Barton, S/Sgt., Quartermaster Corps,** as personnel clerk with battalion headquarters. Stationed at Camp Beale, Calif., over a year. Previously at Ft. Warren, Wyo., six months; and Camp Lee, Va., three months. In service two years, May 1944 to May 1946. Son of Mrs. L. E. Barton, Home, 619 East Third. Truck foreman at Fleming Wholesale Grocery.

**Ellis Frank Barton, Pvt., Inf.,** Ft. Leavenworth. Discharged because of defective eyes. Pretty Prairie.



**\*Forrest W. Barton, Pfc., Seventh Marines** Regt. in First Marines Div. over Pacific, in China six months and with occupation force in Japan six months. Overseas Jan. 1946. Based for a month at Sasebo, Japan. To China June 1946. Underwent attack by Chinese Communist forces in North China. Enlisted in Marines June 19, 1945. Before going overseas was stationed at Parris Island, N. C., three months and at Camp Pendleton, Calif., near San Diego, over a year. Was at a base hospital in China for some time with yellow jaundice. Returned from overseas Jan. 1947. Since return to U. S. stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., with amphibious force.



**\*Glenn E. Barton, Sgt., 558th Ordnance Co.** serving in both Pacific and European theaters. In New Guinea and Philippine campaigns with First Cavalry Div. In New Guinea Aug. to Oct. 1944; in Leyte, P. I., over a year, Oct. 1944 to Nov. 1945. Moved to European theater from Philippines. In France May and June 1946 and in Germany since June with light truck troop convoy squadron. In army since May 1943. Was at Camp Beale, Calif., over a year.

*\*Sons of Mrs. J. A. Barton, Pretty Prairie.*

**\*J. Ray Barton, 2nd Lt., Army Air Force,** killed in action in Germany March 24, 1945. Pretty Prairie. (See Gold Star roster.)

**\*L. A. Barton, A/C Naval Air Force,** Glenview, Ill.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barton, Pretty Prairie.*



**Leslie W. Barton, AMM 1/c, Navy,** aviation ground crew, in south Pacific. Overseas April 1943 to Sept. 1944, based at Kaneche Bay, Hawaii, nine months; Ondonga Island, three months; Emiraui Island one month; and Green Island two months, in south Pacific area. Awarded unit citation for work serving planes driven from Bougainville. In service 3½ years. Before going to the south Pacific was at Great Lakes Station,



Navy Pier, Chicago, and Hollywood, Fla., Naval Air Base. After returning from overseas was at Hutchinson Naval Air Station nearly a year, Dec. 1944 to Nov. 1945. Home, 728 East B. With Berry & McGuire insurance agency.

**Oliver Malcolm Barton**, Col., Field Artillery, with army of occupation in Japan. Formerly in Philippines. Was graduated from West Point Military Academy 1924. Stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Ft. Leavenworth. With field artillery units in Hawaii. Formerly at Tenth Army Corps headquarters, Camp Maxey, Texas. In regular army since 1924. Native of Hutchinson, graduate of Hutchinson high school. Son of Mrs. Margaret H. Barton, 221 East First.

**Jules Barvais**, Seaman, at navy base, Camp Parks, Pleasanton, Calif. Son of Mrs. J. Barvais, 430 East Campbell.

**Jos. Bascom, Jr.**, S/Sgt. Quartermaster Corps, in southwest Pacific. On Saipan 15 months. Formerly with army unit, Fresno, Calif. Discharged Nov. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bascom, formerly of Hutchinson; now of Ellis, Kans.

**Edward N. Bascue**, Sgt. Infantry, Denver. Formerly 317½ North Main.

**Galen Bascue**, Pfc. ground troops, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bascue, 614 East B.

**Norman Base**, Seaman, Navy. On USS Sampson, on Pacific. 202 North Hoagland.



**Duane M. Basnett**, Cpl. Army Air Corps, as airplane mechanic, at Luke Field, Ariz., seven months. Previously at Ft. Leavenworth, Kerns, Utah, Lincoln, Neb., over a year, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Victorville, Ariz. In service three years, Oct. 1942 to Oct. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Basnett of Plevna.

**General Bass**, Sgt. Army Air Force, over Pacific. Formerly with 302nd TG, 5th Squadron, Sheppard Field, Texas. 216 East Harvey.

**\*Harold B. Bass**, T/Sgt. 8th Air Force, mess sergeant with 418th Air Service group, with 8th Air Force in England. Overseas Aug. 1943, serving in ETO for two years. Returned to Drew Field, Fla., Aug. 1945. In service over four years, Oct. 1941 to Nov. 1945.

**\*Howard E. Bass**, Chief Water Tender in Navy, serving on the USS Wainwright for five years, on both the Atlantic and Pacific. Was in North African invasion and in the Pacific theater. Was in occupation forces in Japan. Witnessed the two atomic bomb tests in Bikini Islands.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Clifford Bass, 1428 East Sixth.*

**John N. Bass**, S 1/c Navy. On landing ship in Pacific theater, LSM-389. Overseas one year. Home, 114 West Bigger.

**William W. Bass**, Pfc. Infantry, in European theater. Wounded in action in France. Awarded Bronze Star. Son of Noble A. Bass, Burrton RFD.

**Daniel J. Bassett**, Lt. (jg) Naval Air Corps, in central Pacific one year, six months in Marshall Islands and six months in the Gilbert Islands. Enlisted Feb. 1942. Previously at Great Lakes, Ill. Home, 221 East 15th.

**Alfred T. Basye**, Pvt. 783rd Engineers, petroleum distributing company, Camp Claibourne, La. Son of Mrs. David Basye, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Coats, Kans.

**Byron H. "Pete" Batchelor**, Pfc. Inf., Seventh Army, killed in action in France, Sept. 21, 1944. (See Gold Star roster.)

**James C. Bateman**, Sgt. Inf., Camp Livingston, La. Previously stationed at San Diego. 322 West Sixth.

**Gerald R. Bates**, B 3/c Navy, in west Pacific, stationed at naval air base in Marianas. Son of Mrs. Dessie Negley, Hutchinson RFD.

**Harold Bates**, Seaman, Navy. Killed in action at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Marion L. Bates**, Sgt. Army Medical Corps, with 18th General Hospital in Burma, stationed "over the hump" in the India-Burma theater. Overseas about a year, returning Jan. 1946. Son of Mrs. E. B. Bates, 614 East Seventh.

**Warren H. Bates**, RM 3/c Navy, radioman on USS Currituck (AV-7) on Pacific, in Philippines and Guam. Overseas one year, returning Dec. 1945. Discharged at Norman, Okla., Jan. 1946. Home, Haven.

**Raymond Battershell**, Pvt. with army unit stationed in Peru, South America. Later at Aberdeen, Md. Hutchinson RFD.

**Dale R. Battey**, Pvt. Infantry, in communications unit, at Camp Fannin, Texas, and Camp Van Dorn, Miss. In army a year, Nov. 1943 to Oct. 1944. Stricken with paralysis while on maneuvers in Mississippi, only three days before he was scheduled to report at Ft. Benning, Ga., for officers training school June 1944. In hospital for four months, and discharged Oct. 14, 1944, for disability. Son of C. U. Battey, near Nickerson. Home, 7 South Pershing. Now department manager at Sears Roebuck store, Hutchinson.

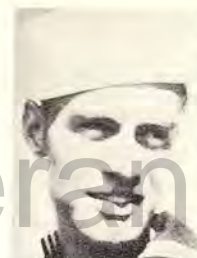


**Alfred H. Battin**, M/Sgt. 35th Div. Artillery headquarters, Ft. Mason, Calif., in Western Defense Command. Was 1st Sgt. Btry. A, 130th F. A., when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 130th F. A. in 35th Div. To California with the 35th Div. in 1942. At ScS headquarters, Pasadena, Calif. Was port provost Sgt. at Oakland, Calif. With military police at Camp Knight, Calif., about three years. In service in both wars. In World War II served 4½ years, Dec. 1940 to May 1945. In World War I about two years, with 35th Div. in France as Cpl., 128th F. A. Wounded in Argonne battle. Home, 212 East Seventh. Captain in Hutchinson police department.



**John E. "Jack" Battin**, Radioman 1/c, Navy aviation department, serving in south Pacific, at advance base on Wallis Island, over a year and at Pago Pago, Samoa. Overseas 15 months, April 1942 to June 1943. Returning from overseas was in naval hospital, San Diego, almost a year. From May 1944 to discharge Oct. 1945, stationed at Hutchinson Naval Air Station, about 1½ years.

Formerly in the Navy, 1922-1926, in submarine service. Home, 15 West Seventh. Manager of recreation and billiard hall.



**John H. Battin**, RM 3/c, Navy. Radioman on USS Talladega, on the Pacific. Overseas about 1½ years. In New Caledonia one year, Oct. 1944 to Oct. 1945; on Guadalcanal two months, Feb. to April 1946. At sea on the Talladega April to May 1946. Discharged May 24, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Battin, 901 East Sixth.

**Carl Bauer**, Pvt. Inf., Camp Dix, N. J. Home, South Hutchinson.

**Milton E. Bauer**, Lt. Army Air Corps, Pampa, Texas. Home, Haven.



**\*Donald E. Baugh**, Cook 1/c, Navy, on the USS Holland, on the Pacific and at naval stations in the Pacific theater. Was in Australia eight months; Suva, Fiji Islands, Pearl Harbor, one year; Midway Island, Saipan, seven months; Guam, seven months. Participated in the battle of Tinian. Awarded gold battle star. In the Navy over 3½ years, May 1942 to Dec. 1945. Home, 305 South Monroe. Employed by A. D. Rayl Motor Co., Hutchinson.



**\*Harold E. Baugh**, Cpl. 530th Quartermaster battalion, in European theater, serving in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany. Was overseas over two years. In service three years. Home, 923 East Second.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Baugh, 925 East Second.*



**Thomas A. Baugh**, Cpl. photographic technician, 437th Army Air Force. In service over two years, May 1944 to June 1946. Was stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas, Lowry Field, Colo., Lincoln, Neb., Air Base, McCook, Neb., Fairmont, Neb., at Bourgainville Field, Puerto Rico, April to June 1945, Abilene, Texas, Orlando, Fla., and Roswell, N. M. Home, 1408 North Main. Operates photographic studio, Hutchinson.

**Ray Baughman**, Pfc. Inf., Camp Chaffee, Ark. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baughman, Burrton RFD.

**Boyce A. Bauman**, SK 3/c, Navy, storekeeper at naval base in Bainbridge, Md. Home, Turon.

**Clyde E. Bauman**, Yeoman 1/c Navy, on USS Gato, on the Pacific. Previously on the Atlantic, on USS Liberty Bell. In navy since Dec., 1941. Home, Turon RFD.





**Kenneth L. Bauman**, T/5, Army Service force in West Pacific. Overseas July 1945 as Cpl. 147th Inf., in Saipan campaign, serving in Saipan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Later as recreational NCO with occupation force in Okinawa. Also with 379th Quartermaster Corps and 3088th Q.M. unit. Returned from overseas Oct. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauman, Haven.

**Marion R. Bauman**, SF 2/c Navy, shipfitter, naval construction battalion over Pacific. Returned to Norfolk, Va. Nov. 1945. Home, Turon.



**Richard J. Baumer**, Pfc. Engineers corps, serving with 351st Engineers in European theater. Overseas about 2½ years, serving in the Ardennes battle, northern France campaign and the battle in Brittany. In England 13 months; in France, Germany and Luxembourg 14 months. Awarded four battle stars. In army three years, previously Sept. 1942 to Oct. 1945. Previously to going overseas was at Camp Roberts, Calif., Camp White, Medford, Ore., Ft. Lewis, Wash. and Camp Kilmore, N. J. Served as company mail clerk. Son of Mrs. C. A. Baumer, 406 East 11th.

**Louis M. Baumgartner**, M/Sgt. Army Air force, killed in crash of Army bomber in Apache county, Ariz., May 8, 1943. (See Gold Star roster.)



**\*Donald C. Baumhart, Jr.**, T/5 54th Medical Bn., in European theater, with Fifth and Seventh armies. Overseas 29 months, in North Africa, Sicily and in Italy. Participated in Tunisian campaign, invasion of Sicily and operations in Italy. In Italy about two years, in Naples-Foggia, Rome-

Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns. Home, 1100 East Fourth. Pharmacist with Stamey Drug Co.



**\*Edward Earl Baumhart**, Capt. Army Medical corps, with 96th Field hospital, in the China-Burma-India theater, and 2nd Station hospital at Chungking, China. In the Burma campaign; convoyed over Burma road from India to China. In active service 2½ years. Before going overseas was

with Marine hospital, New Orleans, Fort Bragg, N. C. base hospital, Beaumont general hospital, Lawson general hospital. Since discharge with Winter hospital, Topeka.

\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Don G. Baumhart, 1100 East Fourth.



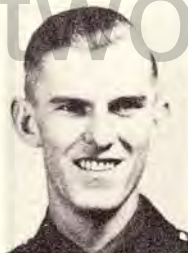
**Berwyn N. Baxter**, Pfc. 80th Div., with Third army in European theater, participating in Ardennes breakthrough and battles in Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Wounded in Ardennes battle, Dec. 1944, back injury. Transferred to Air corps with ground force, Eighth Air

Force, helping get the planes ready to bomb Germany at the war's finish. Overseas one year, Aug. 1944 to Aug. 1945. In service over two years, Oct. 1943 to Nov. 20, 1945. Previously at Camp Wolters, Tex., Camp Hood, Tex. and after return from Germany, at McCord Field, Wash. for four months. Home, 903 East Fifth. With Barton Salt Co.

**Carl Baxter**, Pvt. Army Medical corps, European theater. In service 38 months; 19 months overseas. Returned to Camp Crowder, Mo., from Europe. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baxter, Nickerson.

**Everette M. Baxter**, Capt. 25th Div. Sixth army, in Southwest Pacific campaign; then to Japan with occupational force. In service four years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baxter, Hutchinson.

**Francis J. Baxter**, T/5 Army Signal corps, radio technician, at Camp Crowder, Mo. for two years. In service about three years, Oct. 1942 to Sept. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Baxter, 120 North Elm. Partner in Golden Rule Press, Hutchinson.



**Delmar "Bud" Bay, Jr.**, S/Sgt. 15th Air force, radio operator and waist gunner on B-24 Liberator bombers, based in Italy. On 50 bombing missions over enemy targets in France, Germany, Balkans and Italy. Shot down on third mission, April 6, 1944, but escaped, bailing out. Made a daring rescue mission in Italy on a B-24, the pilot and himself, as radioman, being the sole crew on the mission. Awarded Air medal and Distinguished Service badge. In service nearly three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar E. Bay, Pretty Prairie. Home, 115½ East A, Hutchinson.

**Vernon E. Bay**, T/Cpl. Medical detachment Army Air base station hospital, Lake Charles, La. In service 30 months. Discharged July, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bay, Pretty Prairie.

**Clinton Baybe**, Fireman 1/c Navy. On Pacific. 1428 East Fifth.

**Jay C. Bayha**, Sgt. Army Air force, Laredo, Tex.; Drew Field, Fla. 1119 West 11th.

**Richard B. Bayless**, S 1/c Navy. On SS "Gulf Caribbean" in Pacific, member of gun crew. In Pacific one year. Later to armed guard center, Treasure Island, Calif. 1707 North Madison.

**Leo H. Beach**, AMM 3/c Naval Air Force, killed in crash of navy plane near Carlsbad, Calif., Aug. 1942. Burrton RFD, Valley township. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Rex I. Beach**, Ensign, Naval Air Force, lost at sea in plane crash in North Atlantic, July 17, 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beach, 324 West Ninth. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Roy E. Beach, Lt.**, Army in England and Ireland, July 1942 to Oct. 1943. Injured overseas, returned to Winter General hospital, Topeka, for treatment. Ankle injury. Home, Haven.

**Farrell D. Beagley**, MMM 3/c Navy, on landing craft in Pacific. With LST in operations in West Pacific. Later on repair ship, USS Bellerphen in "Operation Duck," joint Army-Navy amphibious training on southern coast of California involving 500 planes and 60 ships. In Navy since Sept. 1944. Returned from over Pacific Aug. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd F. Beagley, Turon.

**Robert E. Beal**, Sgt., Medical Corps, Ninth Army, Germany. Returned from ETO Aug. 1945. Son of Mrs. Thos. Beal, Nickerson. Home, 123 East Seventh.



**Charles Eugene Bean**, Cpl. T/4, Infantry, Army intelligence department, Fort Sill, Okla. In service 3 years, 1943 to Nov. 1946. Previously at Camp Fannin, Tex. Enlisted April 1943 at Hutchinson. Was discharged Nov. 1946 at Ft. Sill. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bean, 5 South Jefferson St.

**James B. Bean**, Cpl. Infantry in France. Son of Luther A. Bean, Hutchinson, RFD.

**Claude Beard**, Sgt. 16th Armored Inf. Bn. 13th Div., Camp Bowie, Tex. Formerly a pressman, Hutchinson News-Herald.

**Clyde Edwin Beard**, AMM 3/c Navy. Over Pacific. At seaplane base, Katchen Hanto, Okinawa. Overseas 7 mos. 601 West First.

**Darold E. "Danny" Beard**, Lt. (jg) Navy, on duty at San Diego. Formerly Naval air pilot; later after release was chosen president of Navy Reserve squadron, Hutchinson. Recalled to service June 1947. With Central Fibre Products Co., Hutchinson. Home, 406 West 17th.

**Eugene E. Beard**, Cpl. 44th Hdq. Sqdr., Marine Air Force, Memphis, Tenn. Arlington RFD.



**Otis Wayne Bearden**, FC 2/c Navy, fire controlman on an LST landing ship in Southwest Pacific, Guadalcanal, Rennell island, Munda, New Georgia, Treasury Islands, Bougainville, Empress Augusta Bay, Bismarck Archipelago, Palau Island, Leyte and battle of Santiago strait. Underwent 72 hours of continuous bombardment at Buka, ship-to-shore engagement at Faisi Island, surface engagement off Buka with Jap naval craft and a 69-plane air raid. Previously in Atlantic theater on a cruiser. In Navy 3½ years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bearden, Buhler RFD 1. Home, 924½ East Second.

**Eugene Beardslee, Jr.**, Pvt. Camp Atterbury, Ind. Son of R. E. Beardslee, Island Park, Hutchinson RFD.



**Arnold Beasley**, Sgt. 154th Field Artillery in Aleutians on Andreaboff Islands. Underwent two raids by enemy planes. Sustained foot injury; to army hospital at Vancouver, Wash., and later to Winter general hospital, Topeka. Served as baker with field artillery unit. With 130th F.A. Bn. when it mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940 going to Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Son of Mrs. J. J. Parker, 212 East Seventh.

**John L. Beasley**, Coast Guard, Ft. McHenry, Baltimore, Md. Hutchinson RFD.

**Luther C. Beasley**, Cpl. Inf. Camp Blanding, Fla. Formerly of Medford township. Formerly with International Harvester Co. 325½ West Sixth.

**Fred A. Beaty**, Marines, in South Carolina. Son of Jack Beaty, Hutchinson RFD.

**Henry Clyde Beatty**, Chief Radioman, Coast Guard, on sea duty in Pacific. In service since 1924. Home, Hutchinson RFD.



**Edwin F. Beck**, Pfc. 124th Inf. in Southwest Pacific in the Aitape campaign, New Guinea and Mindanao campaign in Philippines. Overseas March 1944 from Camp Patrick Henry, Va., arriving in Oral Bay, New Guinea March 1944. To Morotai, East Indies, Sept. 1944. In Mindanao April to Nov. 29, 1945. In service over three years, Nov. 1942 to Dec. 1945. Previously at Camp Shelby, Miss., and Camp Pickett, Va. Son of A. D. Beck, 721 East Third.



**\*Kenneth Dale Beck**, M/Sgt. Corps of Engineers, 130th Field Artillery, 35th Div., artillery mechanic and motor sergeant. In the European theater, serving in France 6 months. In service 5 years, Oct. 1940 to Oct. 1945. Was Pvt. Battery A 130th FA when mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940.

With 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark., and in California. Nearly a year at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., and almost another year at Camp Pickett, Va. Overseas from Ft. Jackson, S. C. Home, 428 East Tenth.

**\*Robert Lee Beck**, Pvt. Btry. B 883rd Field Artillery Bn. Camp Adair, Ore.

**\*Warren Dean Beck**, Fireman 2/c Navy, with boat repair unit, in Pacific for 16 mos., returning March 1945. 827 East First.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Beck, 1611 West Fourth.*



**Konard C. Beck, Jr.**, Lt. Col. commanding 302nd Field Artillery Bn., 76th Division, with Patton's Third Army in battle of the "Bulge"; also in Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns. Was in 110 days of continuous action. In service since 1940. Was 1st Lt., 130th F.A. Bn. as intelligence officer, when the battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. With 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark. for a year, 1941; to California, 1942 for Western Coast defense duty. Later with 76th and 79th

Divisions. Overseas Nov. 1945. Awarded two Bronze Star awards for heroic action in battle. Was with occupational force at Remsburg, Germany, 1946 and 1947. Son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Beck, 409 East Fifth.

**Merrill R. Beck**, 2nd Lt. Army Air Force, Laredo, Tex. Liberal, Kans., army air field about three years. Son of H. H. Beck, 307 East 15th.

**Tommy Beck**, Seaman, Naval Air Force, Hutchinson Naval Air station. Home, 104 West 15th St.

**Warren Beck**, Sgt. Ordnance Corps, Germany and Holland. In European theater 1½ years. Hutchinson RFD.



**Albert J. Becker**, Pvt., 54th Infantry, stationed at Camp Wolters, Tex. Later on duty at Camp Shanks, N. Y., Ft. Hamilton, N. Y., Brooklyn, N. Y. army base and Jefferson Barracks, Mo. In service about a year, Jan. 5, 1944 to Dec. 23, 1944. Home, 1107 East A.



**\*Barbara Beebe**, 1st Lt., Army Nurse Corps serving as a nurse in southwest Pacific for almost a year and a half. At Hollandia, New Guinea, with 116th Station Hospital. Overseas June, 1943. At Port Morsby, New Guinea for one year, and Hollandia, New Guinea four months. Also served at Fort

Leonard Wood, Mo., one year and eight months. In service over 3½ years, April 1942 to Nov. 11, 1945. Now a nurse at Veterans hospital, Ft. Bayard, N. M.



**\*George C. Beebe**, Lt. Cdr., Naval Reserves, in service over 2½ years, 1943 to July 1946, including one year at Maryville, Mo., and about two years at Swarthmore, Pa. Received commission of Lt. (jg) after discharge. Now at Trenton, N. J., with civil engineering corps, draftsman in bridge

construction.



**\*Lamott H. Beebe**, S/Sgt., Army Signal corps, serving in Aleutians campaign. In service three years, three months, July, 1942, to Oct., 1945. In Alaska and Aleutians for nearly three years, since Feb., 1943. Previously at Camp Crowder, Mo., Memphis, Tenn., Camp Murphy, Fla., and Ft. Lawton,

Washington.

*\*Daughter and sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Beebe, 1312 North Monroe.*

**Eugene H. Beebe**, Brig. Gen. Army Air Force, on staff of Lord Mountbatten, in Asiatic theater. Was colonel commanding squadron of Liberator bombers in China. A former Hutchinson boy, nephew of H. D. Beebe, 222 West Tenth.

**Jay M. Beebe**, Photographers Mate 2/c, Navy, with naval intelligence division Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Previously at San Diego, Pensacola, Fla., and Washington, D. C. At Pearl Harbor 15 months, returning Nov. 1945. Son of H. D. Beebe, 222 West Tenth.



**Lyle Duane Beedy**, Quartermaster, 2/c, Navy, on submarine USS-161 in Pacific, making five war patrols, in which 15 enemy ships were sunk and 14 others damaged; mostly troop transports and tankers. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation for sinking 100,000 tons of enemy vessels

in four runs. Based in Australia ten months; Guam four months; off Japan two months. In patrol runs along the Japanese coast and through the China sea for 17 months. His most exciting experience, he said, was when a Japanese transport was sunk one morning close to the coast of Japan.

"About every time we came into port we brought a Jap prisoner or two along with us. They were picked up from the water." In service three years, Dec., 1942 to Dec., 1945. Son of Mrs. Anthony Beedy, 912 East Fifth.

**Alvin O. Beery**, Sgt., 48th Field artillery, Seventh Div. in Aleutians, at Attu and Kiska, and later over Pacific, in Marshall Islands, Philippines, Okinawa, and with occupation forces in Korea. In army over 3½ years. Over Pacific three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Beery, 1508 East Second. Employee of Carey Salt Co.



**Donald R. Beeson**, Lt. (SG) pilot in naval air corps, over Pacific, flying 32 missions against the Japanese. Awarded Navy Cross for torpedo hit, sinking the 45,000 ton Yamato, largest Jap battleship. Also two Distinguished Flying Crosses for sinking a Jap cruiser in Kure Harbor, Japan, and a destroyer in the Inland Sea. Six Air Medals for destroying ordnance plants in Tokyo. Participated in action at Okinawa, and bombing of Kyushu, Honshu, and Hokido, Japan, and bombing runs on Tokyo. Served on USS Essex with Air Group 83.

Following the surrender Squadron 83, with which Lt. Beeson was a torpedo plane pilot, made their objectives huge yellow letters "PW" marking the prisoner of war camps. On these reconnaissance missions the plane carried in its bomb bay, instead of bombs, six packages, each about a foot square, containing cigarets, hard candy and newspapers, dropped at the PW camps for the Americans just liberated from the prisons. Previously at Maui, Hawaii, five months. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Beeson, 914 East Third.

**Howard Beggs**, T/Sgt., army air corps. In European theater, Sylvia.

**\*Glenn E. Beineke**, Pvt., 404 Combat Engineers, in southwest Pacific for 2½ years. Contracted disease there, and returned to hospital in San Francisco, Jan., 1944. Participated in capture of Woodlark Island, and action in New Guinea. In Australia, and for 1½ years in Fiji Islands. Transferred to Camp Phillips, Kans., April, 1944; and later to duty as guard at Prisoner of War Camp, at Camp Carson, Colo.





**\*Hillis M. Beineke, Sgt.** Headquarters Company, ground force Infantry, in occupation of Okinawa. Returned from overseas Sept., 1946; discharged Oct. 18, 1946. Previously at Camp Fannin, Tex., and Ft. Riley, Kans. Formerly printer at Hutchinson News-Herald. Home, 220 West 12th St. Now publisher of Nickerson Argosy.

**\*Marvin Beineke, Pvt.,** 154th Field artillery, at Atka, in Aleutians; later at Camp Van Doran, Miss., and Ft. Bragg, N.C. Was Pvt. Battery B, 130th F.A. when mobilized at Hutchinson, Dec., 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div., Jan. 1941; then to California with that division.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Beineke, 429 West A, Hutchinson.*



**Thalbert Vaughn Beitler, MM1/c,** Coast Guard, machinist's mate and acting chief on coast guard cutter, USS Sebago, on Atlantic. Was on USS Grand Rapids on North Atlantic coast guard patrol hunting submarines, during the invasion of ETO for two years. On guard duty in Virginia,

guarding prisoners of war. In service since Dec., 1941. Previously at lifeboat stations on the Carolina coast; on duty at Brooklyn, Portsmouth, Va., and Norfolk, Va. Plevna.

**Earl N. Belden, Ensign,** Naval air force, torpedo bomber pilot, Quonset Point, R.I., Corpus Christi, Tex., Chadron, Neb. Son of Nelson T. Belden, Abbyville.

**Harvey Belden, Cpl.,** Military police, Romulus, Mich. 707 East Eighth.

**Wm. "Bill" Belden, GM3/c,** Navy, gunner's mate on vessel on the Pacific. Discharged Nov. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Belden, of Peace Creek community, near Sylvia.



**Richard L. Belitzer, Jr., Cpl.,** 20th Armored Inf. Bn., Tenth Armored Div. in action in France, Belgium, and Germany. Overseas from Camp Fannin, Tex., Jan., 1945. With Patton's Third army in action at the Rhine crossing, at Ulm, Hamburg and Mannheim, Germany, on Mosel and Saar

rivers and was in Austria on the Danube when the war ended. Awarded Fourragere decorations by both Belgian and French governments. Remained in occupational force in southern Germany and Czechoslovakia, with the 80th Div. Returned to U.S. June, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Belitzer, 201 East 15th.



**\*Arvid L. Bell, Pfc.,** 229th Field Artillery Bn., 28th Div. in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. In battle of St. Lo, Normandy campaign, smashing of Siegfried line, battles of Hurtgen Forest, Ardennes, Colmar, and on the Rhine, near Coblenz, Germany. Overseas from Camp

Pickett, Va. to England, Oct. 1943. In

combat theater June 1944 to July 1945. A casualty, Feb. 7, 1945, his feet frozen while in combat duty. To hospital at Paris. Awarded Purple Heart. In Germany until July 1945. In service three years.



**\*Clyde H. Bell, Pfc.,** Armored force, tank corps, at Ft. Knox, Ky., for seven months, Camp Campbell, Ky., five months. In hospital at Camp Campbell for disability. Received medical discharge from service. In army one year, Dec., 1942 to Nov., 1943. Served as mechanic with arm-

ored force. Employee of Reno county highway department.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bell, Hutchinson RFD 1.*



**\*Carroll L. Bell, Major,** Army Air Force in Air Service Command, as aircraft maintenance engineering officer. Organized and set up aircraft repair depot at Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico, in 1942; organized air depot group, Kelly Field, Tex., in 1944; then to India,

setting up an Air force depot at Calcutta, in 1945, supplying planes and parts flown to China. In service 4½ years, Oct. 1941 to April, 1946. Stationed in Puerto Rico, 18 months, and in India ten months.



**\*Eldon R. Bell, F/O,** Army Air Force, pilot on B-29, B-17 and B-25 bombers in service two years, Sept., 1943 to October, 1945. At Keesler Field, Miss., Houghton, Mich., Santa Ana, Calif., Tucson, Ariz., Bakersfield, Calif., La Junta, Colo., and El Paso, Tex. Graduated as pilot at La Junta army air

field, March, 1945. Now with Great American Life Insurance Co., Hutchinson.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bell, 110 West 14th.*



**\*Charles L. Bell, EM 3/c,** Navy, electrician in Naval Construction Bn. in southwest Pacific. Stationed on Peleliu Island, three months; with 301st NCB on Guam, four months, and with 109th NCB on Guam for a month. In service about two years, Sept., 1944 to June 21, 1946. Previous to going overseas stationed at Farragut, Ida. and St. Louis.



**\*Walter W. Bell, Cpl.,** army air force, stationed at Alamogordo, N. Mex., air field about 1½ years. In service 2½ years, Oct. 1943 to March, 1946. Also stationed at Sherman Field, Tex., Sheppard Field, Tex., Lincoln, Neb., Tucson, Ariz., Lubbock, Tex., Pyote, Tex., and Kelly Field, Tex.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Minnie W. Bell, Langdon.*



**\*Claude H. Bell, Cpl.,** signal battalion, 69th Div., radio and telephone unit in European theater. In action in France, Belgium and Germany. In contact with Russian forces in Germany when war ended. Overseas from Camp Shelby, Miss., Nov., 1942. In service over two years. Dis-

charged January, 1946.

**\*Henry O. Bell, T/5** with tank battalion in European theater in action in France, Belgium and Germany. Overseas more than a year. In service April 1943 to Oct. 1945, over two years.

**\*Leroy Bell, Cpl.,** with "Black Panthers" Div. in European theater, serving in England, France, Germany and Austria. Overseas April, 1943. Served with military police in France. His division suffered heavy loss when a transport, taking them across the English channel, in the Normandy invasion, struck a mine and was sunk in the channel. Detachment he was with was on a nearby transport and escaped. In army over two year; previously in Florida, Georgia and Alabama. After return from ETO stationed at Camp Kilmer, N.J.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Henry O. Bell, 1005 East Second.*

**Darrel A. Bell, S2/c,** Navy, Fourth naval construction Bn., Camp Hueneme, Calif. Son of Mrs. Dallace Tharp, 109 West 10th.

**Gertrude Brown Bell (Mrs.)** WAVES, Oakland, Calif. Daughter of Mrs. Lucora Phelps. 112 South Adams.

**Glenn L. Bell, AMM2/c,** Naval air force. Pretty Prairie.

**Jack Bell,** Army air force, in England. Arlington.

**James Franklin Bell, Inf.,** enlisted in 1940. 318 Park St.

**Lloyd E. Bell, S1/c,** Naval air, Hutchinson NAS, now at Whiting Field, Milton, Fla., in service three years. Overseas on USS Britain 14 months. Wife, Elizabeth Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boyd, Plevna.

**Walter Wendell Bell, Pvt.,** Army air force. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Bell, Langdon. Wife, Virginia Lee (McAtee), Arlington.



**James Arthur Belote, Jr., MoMM 2/c,** Navy, in both European and Asiatic theaters. On navy vessel participating in Normandy invasion across English channel; in European area about a year. Then to the west Pacific, March, 1944, serving in the Asiatic theater for 18 months, including the Okinawa campaign; liberation of Philippines, and then with occupational force, Japan, from Sept. 1945 to March 1946. Still in the service. In service since Nov. 5, 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Belote, Raymond RFD 2, (Reno county).



**Verne R. Belton**, T/Sgt., supply sergeant with medical unit, 75th Inf. Div. in European theater. Overseas eight months. Returned to Wm. Beumont General hospital, El Paso, Tex., for treatment, injured in accident. 128 West 18th. Two brothers also in service, Duane W., in army, and Garold, in coast guard. Nephews of Wm. T. Bond, 128 West 18th.

**Golda Beltz**, Lt., England. Haven.

**Guy Beltz**, with Naval construction battalion, in Hawaii. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beltz, Haven.

**Javen Omer Beltz**, Pfc., Inf., Ft. Riley, Buhler.



**Quinlin D. Beltz**, Cpl., Army Air Force, radio operator, in service over a year, Dec. 1942 to Jan. 28, 1944. At Sheppard Field, Tex., Chicago, and Boca Raton, Fla. Son of Mrs. Elsie Beltz, 1023 East B.

**Byron B. Bemis**, T/5, Veterinary corps, Ft. Lewis, Wash. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bemis, 610 East F.



**John Daniel Bender**, Capt., Army Air Corps, operations director and staff officer in operations on Bougainville, New Georgia, and Guadalcanal. Overseas Dec. 1942 to May, 1944, flying 105 combat missions. Awarded Air Medal and five Oak Leaf clusters, also two battle stars. In service about four years. After returning to U.S. appointed test pilot on P-47's at Farmingdale, N.Y. Home 8 West 21st. Wife, Mary Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wick, 8 West 21st.

**Benedict, M. T., Jr.**, Lt., Naval air, fighter pilot, missing in action in south Pacific. Former Hutchinson schoolboy, grandson of Mrs. Edgar Boren, 115 East 17th. Served for year aboard carrier in south Pacific war zone. Reported missing Nov., 1944.

**Ervin Beneke**, Pvt., Infantry. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beneke, Nickerson.

**Albert S. Benignus**, Technician, 353rd Engineers, in Southwest Pacific. Was corporal, Battery B, 130th Field artillery when it mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940; to Camp Robinson, Ark. Jan. 1941 with 35th division; later to California with that division. 423 East C.



**Mary A. Benignus** (Mrs. Mary A. Schaffer), Pvt., WAC's, in administrative dept., Ft. Benning, Ga., eight months. Previously at Alpine, Tex., and Des Moines, Ia. In service Oct. 1944 to Aug. 1945. Married to S/Sgt. Robt Schaffer, Ft. Benning, Ga., while in service. Daughter of Mrs. Anna Benignus, 411 East

First.

**Clayton R. "Benny" Bennett**, Pharmacist mate, Navy, on the Pacific. Stricken with rheumatic fever; returned to naval hospital in California by air from across Pacific. Discharged, 1945 and returned home. Died at a Hutchinson hospital, April 24, 1946. Home, 119 West 16th.

**Donald Bennett**, Pvt., Army air force, Greensboro, N. C., and Keesler Field, Miss. Home near Turon.



**Ernest D. Bennett**, Pfc., 778th Tank Bn., crewman on medium tank, serving in European theater, in Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Wounded in action at Saarlautern, Germany, Feb. 22, 1945. To 106th Evacuation hospital. Awarded Purple Heart and two Bronze service stars with ETO

ribbon. In service two years. Nov. 1943 to Nov. 1945. Overseas 14 months. Home, Arlington.

**\*Glenn E. Bennett**, S/Sgt., Army air force, bombardier on Marauder "Skeeter," based in England, shot down over Germany Feb. 7, 1943, all crewmen being taken prisoners. Held prisoner in Germany for 15 months until liberated after VE Day. Had been reported missing in action. Returned to U.S.A. June 1945. Bennett was wounded, but recovered. The "Skeeter" had completed 61 combat missions with 530 hours in air before being shot down. Overseas from Carlsbad, N. Mex., former student in Hutchinson high school, class of 1940. After receiving discharge engaged in farming with uncle, Glen A. Bennett, Huntsville township.

**\*Wendell Bennett**, Seaman, Navy, on USS Cumberland in Pacific area. Was with fleet in Tokyo bay after surrender of Japan.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bennett, and grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Steele, Huntsville township.*

**James K. Bennett**, Navy, Pacific area. 314 East 16th.



**John W. Bennett**, Capt., 154th Field artillery Bn., Aleutians, and later with 37th Div. Field artillery in Southwest Pacific. In service 5½ years, Dec. 1940 to May 27, 1946. Was 2nd Lt. Battery B, 130th F. A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. At Camp Robin-

son, Ark., with 35th Div., going from there to Aleutians as commander of Battery B, 154th F. A. In Alaska and Aleutians 20 months. In action at Kiska and Attu. To Southwest Pacific Sept. 1945, in Marshall islands one month; in Philippines, three months. After return to Hutchinson elected secretary of Reno County Reserve Officers association, 1947. Appointed major in National guard, with reactivated 130th F. A. Bn. Home, 422 West Sherman. With Hutch-Line Inc., Hutchinson.



**Michael B. Bennett**, Chief Machinist Mate, Navy, serving on both Atlantic and Pacific. Participated in North African invasion; and landings in Sicily, and at Salerno and Anzio Beach, Italy. Then to Southwest Pacific, in Philippines liberation campaign and invasion of Okinawa. At end of the war in Yokohama, Japan. Awarded five

battle stars. Also citation for four invasions, back of enemy lines, in northern Sicily. In service about four years. Son of Mrs. Joe Bennett, 113 South Adams. His father, former fire chief, soldier in Philippines in 1899, with 13th Inf.

**Raymond Bennett**, Capt., in England. Son of Mrs. John T. Bennett, 812 East B.



**Rodney O. Bennett**, Pvt., 46th Armored Inf., in service over a year, at Fort Knox, Ky., four months; Camp Cooke, Calif., eight months; Camp Forrest, Tenn., five months. Discharged for disability Sept. 1943. At Veterans hospital, Wadsworth, Kans., since then. Son of Mr. and Mrs.

George Bennett, Arlington.



**\*Edward E. Benson**, S/Sgt., Army air force, 7th Materiel squadron, at Clark Field, Philippines. Overseas in 1940 from Albuquerque, N. Mex., with 4th A. B. Was taken prisoner in Bataan April 10, 1941, a survivor of Bataan "Death March." Held prisoner nearly 3½ years at Hoten prison

camp, Mukden, Manchuria. Liberated Sept. 7, 1945. Returned to U. S. for discharge Nov. 9, 1945. Awarded Air medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, and four Bronze stars for gallant service in Philippines. After return worked a few weeks for Davis-Child Motor Co., Hutchinson. Suffered breakdown from effects of experience in Jap prison. While on holiday visit at Santa Fe, N. Mex. Dec. 29, 1945, shot and killed himself. Was graduate of Hutchinson high school, 1937.



**\*George Arthur Benson**, Rdm 2/c, Navy, radarman on USS ATR-39 in West Pacific. Overseas from Camp Elliott, San Diego, Jan. 1945; at Pearl Harbor three months; at Eniwetok, four months. In service nearly two years, May 1944 to Jan. 1946. Formerly stationed at Farragut, Idaho, San Diego, San Pedro, and Camp Elliott, Calif. Returned from overseas to Omaha, Neb., Dec. 1945. Home, 1109 North Hendricks.



**\*William Roy Benson**, S 1/c, Naval air force, over Pacific. Stationed on Guam, on duty as brake mechanic and crane operator. In service over four years, July 1941 to Sept. 1945. Served at Great Lakes, Ill., Corpus Christi, Tex., Dallas, Tex., and Hutchinson naval air station, going overseas from Hutchinson NAS. Over Pacific 17 months, returning Sept. 1945.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Benson, Hutchinson RFD 3.*



**\*Billy Beryle Bentley**, Cadet, Naval air corps, Pensacola, Fla.

**\*Donald R. Bentley**, Seaman, Navy, Kansas City.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bentley, 123 West 13th, Hutchinson.*

**Abram E. Bentlinger**, AMM 2/c Naval air force, Kingsville, Tex. Son of Mrs. H. T. Parker, Burtron RFD.

**Alfred J. Benton**, T/Sgt., Army air force, in Aleutians. Warhawk mechanic with 18th Fighter squadron, on P-40 planes, for nearly 2½ years, in Aleutians. Returned to states Sept. 1944; to Miami Beach, Fla. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Benton, 204 West B.

**\*Cecil F. Benton**, Coxswain, Navy, on Pacific. Master-at-arms on naval landing craft. Participated in invasion of Philippines, on the beach at Leyte, one of the first boats landing troops. Also in landing at Tarawa where his boat was riddled by machine gun fire. Also took part in invasion at Kiska in Aleutians, and at Saipan and Palau.

**\*Lloyd F. Benton**, Cpl., Army air force, airplane mechanic with 15th air force, in Italy. With heavy bomber group that had flown more than 190 bombing missions against Nazi targets in ten countries within one year. To Italy in April 1944. Served also in World War I, going to France in Dec. 1917 as an ambulance driver. Overseas with medical units until July 1919. Re-enlisted in infantry, 1919, serving one year in the Philippines.

*\*Father and son, Cpl. Benton, the father, serving his third "hitch" in the army, each time overseas, World War I, in France; after World War I, in Philippines and World War II, in Italy. His son, Coxswain Benton, in navy in World War II. Home, 523 East C.*

**Farren A. Benton**, T/Sgt., 121st Anti-aircraft Bn., Coast artillery, over Pacific. Previously at Burbank, Calif. Overseas six months. Discharged Feb. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Benton, Hutchinson RFD 1.

**Floyd W. Benton**, Naval air force, ship's cook, Hutchinson naval air station. 610 South Maple.

**Chas. K. Bentson**, Lt., Army air transport, pilot in Army air corps for three years. Pretty Prairie.



**James Henry Berends**, GM 2/c, Navy, gunner on USS Amador (AK-158), in West Pacific Oct. 1944 to May 1946. In Eniwetok, Marshall Islands; Ulithi, in Carolines, Philippine islands, Leyte gulf. Underwent bombing attack by Jap suicide planes at Ulithi the night of March 11, 1945. In Leyte gulf when news of Japanese surrender came, Aug. 10, 1945. Later on USS Kermit Roosevelt, at Hong Kong, China. In service since Dec. 15, 1943. Son of Mrs. Clarence Terry, Hutchinson RFD 4.

**Ernest W. Berg**, Cpl., Inf. Camp Polk, La. Nickerson.

**Chas. A. Bergen**, Boatswains Mate 1/c, Navy. 37th Special naval battalion, on Pacific. Formerly, Port Hueneme, Calif. Buhler RFD.

**Jerry Berger**, S/Sgt., Battery A, 130th Field artillery, Escondido, Calif. Hutchinson.

**Alfred Bergkamp**, Sgt., Army air corps, in European theater. Completed 25 missions as an engineer on B-17 bomber, St. Joe community, Sumner township.

**Anthony B. Bergkamp**, Sgt., 68th Ordnance battalion, Camp Young, Calif. Pretty Prairie RFD.

**\*Gerald Bergkamp**, Radioman, Navy. Gallops Island, Boston.

**\*Norbert Bergkamp**, T/Sgt., 122nd Cavalry reconnaissance troop, Presidio, Calif.

**\*Wilfred B. Bergkamp**, S 1/c, Navy, with armed guard, on Pacific. Overseas 16 months. Discharged May 1946.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Bergkamp, Ninnescah township, Pretty Prairie RFD 2.*

**Jerome J. Bergkamp**, A/C, Naval air force, pilot, Del Monte, Calif. Pretty Prairie RFD 2.

**Leo W. Bergkamp**, Pvt., Supply Bn., 11th Armored Div., European theater. Overseas from Camp Barkeley, Tex. Son of Henry J. Bergkamp, Ninnescah township.

**\*John E. Berkey**, Sgt., Bombardier 13th Bomber Sq., 20th Bomber command, based in West China. With group of Superfortress B-29's bombing Japan, including raid in June 1944 in which steel works at Yawata, Japan, were destroyed. Moved to base on Tinian, July 1945. Formerly with squadron in North Africa; later to India and China. Overseas from Smoky Hill air base near Salina, Kans. Awarded citation for making the first raid over Tokyo since Doolittle's visit.

**\*Leo Berkey**, Lt., Tank Destroyer unit, killed in action in Okinawa, May 12, 1945. (See Gold Star roster)



**\*Willard L. Berkey**, Sgt., Third Photographic Reconnaissance squadron, Army air force, based on Saipan. Engaged in reconnaissance work over Japan. On one of the first planes to fly over Tokyo since the Doolittle raid. Made 35 missions over Japan. Later moved to Guam. Scheduled to return to United States Jan. 1947. Overseas in 1942. Formerly at Smoky Hill army air base, near Salina, Kans., and Miami, Fla. While Sgt. Berkey was engaged in "shooting" at Tokyo with camera from B-29 plane flown from Saipan, his brother, Sgt. John Berkey, was shooting at Tokyo with bombs, as bombardier on another B-29, flown from a base in China.

*\*Sons of Edward J. Berkey, 313 East B.*

**\*Leonard "Bomber" Bernard**, Steward 2/c, Navy, on USS South Dakota, Admiral Halsey's flagship, for 15 months, on Pacific, including Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Honshu and Kamaishi, Japan, Formosa and Luzon. Was in Tokyo bay, Japan, for

the surrender. (Kansas Golden Gloves heavyweight champion, 1942 and 1943.) Home 526 West E.

**\*Samuel R. Bernard**, Sgt., Quartermaster corps, in Germany.

**\*Wilbert Warren Bernard**, 1st Lt., Engineers corps, in Germany. In European theater three years, returning to U. S. A., Sept. 1945.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bernard, 700 South Whiteside.*

**\*Bernard Berndsen**, MoMM 2/c, Navy, on Pacific. Was machinist mate on USS Hornet when it was sunk in enemy action on Pacific. Later on seaplane tender which was bombed eleven times. He and his brother, Simon Berndsen, both enlisted in navy before war was declared.

**\*Simon Berndsen**, MoMM 1/c, Navy, machinist mate on USS Oklahoma when it was sunk at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, in Japanese sneak attack. In service with navy on both Atlantic and Pacific. In European theater two years. Returned to U. S. A. Oct. 1945. Home, Castleton.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Berndsen, Castleton community.*



**Dennis Samuel Berridge**, S/Sgt., 690th Quartermaster base depot in European theater. Serving as quartermaster supply clerk in Oran, North Africa, June 1943; Sicily, July 1943 to June 1944; in Italy, June to Oct. 1944; France, Oct. 1944. In Sicily, Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Rhineland campaigns. Overseas 2½ years. In service about three years, Dec. 1942 to Oct. 1945. Home, 718 East Seventh. Owns grocery store at Nickerson. For ten years traveling salesman for Fleming Coffee Co.

**Ellis G. Berry**, S/Sgt., Camp Barkeley, Tex. Hutchinson RFD.

**Everett Berry**, Sgt., Army air force, in European theater. Overseas about 2½ years. Returned from ETO Oct. 1945. Home, 1313 East B.



**Gale L. Berry**, Sgt., 385th Inf., 76th Div., France and Germany. Overseas from Camp McCoy, Wis. Served as machine gunner. Previously with Army air corps at St. Paul, Minn., then transferring to Inf. Overseas about a year. In service three years. Awarded three battle stars. Home, 603 West Tenth. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Berry, 712 West First.

**Leonard F. Berry**, Army engineers, in European theater three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Berry, 1508 East Second.

**Fred Berss**, Cpl., Army, Ft. Riley. 521 East First.

**Richard Bertram**, Pfc., Infantry. Overseas from Ft. Lewis, Wash. Feb. 1944, serving in France. In army three years. Son of Mrs. Hattie Bertram, 215 South Monroe.





**Loyal Eugene Betts**, Sgt., Army air force. With 1st Ordnance Sqdn., 509th Composite Grp., 313th Wing, 20th Air Force, on Tinian, in the Marianas, southwest Pacific, bomb handler in bomb delivery unit. Previously with 2052nd Ordnance, at Midland, Tex., and later with 1st Ordnance Sqdn. at Wendover, Utah. In service over three years, Sept. 1942 to Nov. 1945. Home, 307 Williams St., Careyville Addition.



**Dave M. Betz**, Y1/c, Coast guard, yeoman in personnel department at Coast guard headquarters in Honolulu, with command units of coast guard construction detachments, and advance base staging detachment. In Hawaii 18 months. Previously at Alameda, Calif., and Eureka, Calif., about two years, with coastal patrol. In service July 17, 1942 to Nov. 16, 1945. Home, 211 East First.

**Jacob Betz**, S/Sgt., Marine corps, in southwest Pacific six months; in Guadalcanal. In Marines 3½ years. Later T/Sgt., aircraft engineer, with air force at Mojave, Calif. Nickerson.

**Benj. B. Beuhler**, Lt., 12th Army air force, with fighter-bomber group. European theater. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross. More than 100 combat missions. Also holds Air Medal with four Oak Leaf clusters. Wife, 1007 East A.



**Charles R. Bevan**, Capt., Field artillery, XX Corps, Third army, in European theater. Serving with Patton's army in the battles of Saar Valley, Ruhr Valley, and the Rhine River crossing. Later commander of 995th Field artillery battalion at Munich, Germany. In service four years, July, 1942 to June, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bevan, 20 East 12th, Hutchinson. With automobile concern here.

**J. T. Bibby**, Ensign, Naval air force, Hutchinson naval air station. 219 East Fourth.



**Edward E. "Gene" Biddle**, T/5, 508th Parachute Inf. in European theater. Overseas from Camp Ord, Calif. Has been stationed at Frankfort, Germany, since Feb. 1, 1945. In service since June, 1944. Re-enlisted after discharge Nov. 6, 1945 at Camp Ord and went to Germany with occupational force. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Biddle, 430 East Twelfth.

**Pascal Charles Bidstrup**, A/C, army air corps, Miami Beach Fla. Injured on duty, perforated eardrum. Discharged for disability. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bidstrup, 401 West 15th.

**\*Eugene L. Bieber**, chief commissary steward, Navy, baker on USS LST-651, in Pacific for one year in Philippines and Okinawa. In service April 1942 to Oct. 1945. Previously at Great Lakes, Ill., Grosse Isle, Mich., nearly two years and Camp Bradford, Va. Overseas Oct. 1944. Now with Hutchinson bakery concern. Home, 204 East 13th.

**\*Hilmar A. Bieber**, Sgt., Army engineers. Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Served as interpreter at Prisoner of War camp. Home 116 South Bonebrake.

*\*Sons of Mrs. O. E. Bieber, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Bison, Kans.*

**Ray Richard Biege, Jr.**, Ensign, Navy, in Western Pacific. Stationed on Okinawa about one year. Formerly at Camp Perry, Va., New York, East Grange, R.I., and Port Hueneme, Calif. Discharged May, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Biege, 108 West 13th.



**Allen M. Bigelow**, Capt., Field artillery, European theater, stationed at army headquarters at Coblenz, Germany for six months. Overseas Feb. 1945. In service 14 years, Aug. 1932 to Jan. 16, 1946. Was with National Guard Field artillery battalion in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941. With 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark., for a year. Transferred to field artillery unit going to Alaska in May, 1942. Stationed at Cold Bay and Amchitka, Alaska 1½ years. To ETO Feb. 1945. Son of Col. Albert S. Bigelow of Hutchinson.

**Albert S. Bigelow**, Lt. Col., Army air force, Mercedes, Calif. Former special assistant to Brig. Gen. M. R. McLean, adjutant general of Kansas, 1933 to 1940. With 35th Div. when it mobilized at Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941. Officer in the Field artillery battalion, National Guard, in Hutchinson. Formerly superintendent of State Reformatory, Hutchinson. Veteran of World War I, serving as lieutenant in 137th Inf., 35th Div. in France in 1918-1919.



**Ernest Bigger**, T/Sgt., 68th Armored Inf. Bn. in European theater, serving in campaigns in France and Germany. Overseas Dec. 1943 to Oct. 1945. Discharged Nov. 1945. Son of E. J. Bigger, 317 West Second.



**Paul L. Bigger**, Maj., Army air force located in Tokyo, Japan since Sept. 18, 1946. Technical engineer credited with development of robot, or "push button" airplane. Formerly at Columbus, O., transferred to duty in Japan. Formerly captain at army air base, Homestead, Fla. Son of W. S. Bigger, 418 East Fourth St.

**\*Pleasant L. Bigger**, Cpl., 342nd Fighter squadron, Army air force, Richmond, Va.

**\*Joseph Bigger** with Naval air force, over Atlantic, on patrol duty.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Bigger, Sylvia.*

**Ray Biggerstaff, Jr.**, Army air force, Taft, Calif. Son of the late Ray Biggerstaff, formerly with L. J. White Lumber Co.

**Max Biggerstaff**, Lt., died of wounds received in battle, March 20, 1945. Son of A. R. Biggerstaff, Hutchinson insurance agent. (See Gold Star roster.)



**James Eldon Bilbro**, T/5 Army Engineers corps, truck driver and bulldozer operator in European theater. Participated in battle of Ardennes and Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. He was in the ETO one year. Previously stationed at Camp Swift, Tex., Camp Polk, La., Imperial Dam, Calif., Camp Chaffee, Ark., and Camp Shanks, N.Y. In service nearly three years, Jan. 1943 to 1945. Home, 423½ East Eighth. With a Hutchinson dairy products concern.



**Eli Billings**, T/5, 176th Engineers, serving as a field line man in Alaska and the Aleutians for 2½ years. Stationed at Bethel, Alaska, 15 months; and on Adak Island, in Aleutians, 15 months. Previously at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. and Ft. Belvoir, Md. for about a year. In service March 14, 1942 to Oct. 16, 1945, over 3½ years. Home, Hutchinson RFD.



**Robert Lee Billington**, SC 3/c, Navy, ship's cook and baker, serving in North Africa and on Mediterranean, participating in action in landings for invasion of Sicily and Italy. Based at Oran, North Africa, five months, Jan. to May, 1944. In naval service since Sept. 1943, re-enlisting in 1945, and based at San Diego. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Billington, Arlington.



**Billy L. Billups**, AOM 2/c, Naval air corps, servicing planes on seaborne carriers in Southwest Pacific, in air operations, based at Munda, Solomon Islands. In navy three years; overseas two years. In service Aug. 1942 to Sept. 1945. With Winchester Packing Co. President of Butchers and Meatcutters Union. Home, 408 West Fifth.

**Jack Binford**, 1st Lt., Army air force, instructor pilot, Paris, France. Overseas from Dallas, Tex. In service six years. Son of Mrs. Harry C. Gabbert, 605 North Plum.

**Burley V. Bird, Jr.**, with army in England. 400 Osborn. Son of the late B. V. Bird.



**Harold M. Birket**, Chief Signalman, Navy, on Guam. Was on USS Newcomb, destroyer, damaged by Jap suicide planes April 6, 1945. In navy five years, since 1940. Formerly in Iceland; then to Pacific. Later to Europe, participating in landing operations in invasion of Sicily and Italy. Then to the Southwest Pacific for 1½ years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Birket, 924 East Fifth.

**Kenneth Eugene Birket**, S 2/c, Navy. Chincoteague, Va. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Birket, Abbyville.



**Scoville D. Birket**, Sgt., Army air force, 97th Bomber group, serving as dispatch-clerk, motor vehicles, in North Africa and Italy; participating in Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns in Italy; air combat in Balkans, anti-submarine service and air offensive, Europe. In service in Algeria and French Morocco. In army nearly four years, Dec. 1941 to Sept. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Birket, Arlington. Home, South Hutchinson.



**Henry Clifford Birt**, Sgt. Air Transportation Technician, with Second Ferrying group, Air Transport command. In service about 3½ years, at St. Petersburg, Fla., Memphis, Tenn., Miami, Fla., Homestead, Fla., Wilmington, Del., San Bernardino, Calif., Englewood, Calif., and West Palm Beach, Fla. Son of Mrs. Ella Birt, 1726 East Fourth. Home, 823 East First.

**\*Donald Quentin Birtciel**, Army air corps, flight chief, Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz. Supervisor of ground work on P-38's.

**\*Frank E. Birtciel**, Capt., Army air force, serving in Aleutians and Europe. Pilot of Mustang fighter based in England. Credited with helping bag one of the first German jet planes, shot down over Giebelstadt, Germany. Formerly pilot of P-38 in Aleutians area. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross and four Oak Leaf clusters.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Birtciel, Sylvia.*

**Charles G. Bishop**, Army air corps, enlisted in Hutchinson, Nov. 1945. Home, 427 North Grandview.

**\*Jess A. Bishop**, Cpl/Tech., Field Signal battalion, in the Philippines. Later to California. In service since 1941, over five years.

**\*Wesley V. Bishop**, S 2/c, Navy, with naval construction battalion, Davisville, R. I.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Bishop, 318 East Osborne.*

**Verl Leroy Bishop**, in Navy, over Pacific, Okinawa and Japan. In service three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bishop, Hutchinson RFD 4.

**\*Adrian Bissell**, SK 3/c, Navy, storekeeper on cruiser USS Raleigh, in the Southwest Pacific. In service since Dec. 1942.

**\*John L. Bissell**, S/Sgt., Army air force, in Southwest Pacific. In service over four years; discharged Oct. 1945.

**\*Noel Bissell**, Pvt., Marines, Camp LeJeune, N. C. Wife living at 1522 North Forest St., Hutchinson.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Bissell, 620 West 12th St., Hutchinson, both of whom died while they were away in service, the father being killed in an accident, Dec. 27, 1945, and the mother dying August 1945.*

**\*Irvan Bivins**, Cpl., Medical department, Camp White, Ore. In service about two years, in California, North Dakota and Oregon. Discharged because of age in 1943.



**\*Lawrence R. Bivins**, AMM 2/c, Naval air force, machinist mate, with Fleet Air Wing 15 based at Hedron, Africa for nearly a year. After returning from overseas, flight instructor at Hutchinson Naval air station for 13½ months until discharged Jan. 15, 1946. Awarded citation for rescue of comrade from steam burns after breaking of steam pipe in barracks.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bivins, 1128 East 10th.*

**Gale Bixler**, S 1/c Navy, on Atlantic. Pretty Prairie.

**Harlen B. Blachly**, Pfc., Infantry, in Army courier service, in Southwest Pacific. With 6th Replacement Depot in New Caledonia from April to August 1944; with Fourth Island command on Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides nearly a year. In the service from August 14, 1943 to August 14, 1945, exactly two years. Previously stationed at Corvallis, Ore., and Ft. Lewis, Wash. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Blachly, Haven.

**Frank Black**, Sgt., Inf., Southern Pines, N. C. Hutchinson RFD.



**Johnson A. "Junior" Black**, Cpl., Army air transport ferrying squadron, based in Brazil. Previously at Miami, Fla., and Long Beach, Calif. Formerly with infantry at Fort Ord, Calif. Transferred to air corps at Cuero, Tex., and then to the Army Transport corps. In service over 4½ years, April 1941 to Nov. 1945. Son of Mrs. J. A. Black, 312 West 20th.



**Kenneth G. Black**, Pfc., 80th Div., in European theater. Overseas Jan. 1945, from Camp Hood, Tex., serving in Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria. Wounded in action in Germany, Feb. 15, 1945, by shrapnel from an exploding mine. In an army hospital in Wales for three months. In service July 1944 to March 1946. Employee at Larabee flour mill, Hutchinson. Home, Hutchinson RFD 2.



**Lewil K. Black**, T/3, Army Signal corps, radio operator, in the Southwest Pacific area. He participated in the campaign in New Guinea, the liberation of the Philippines, and action on Luzon. He went overseas from Camp Crowder, Mo., April 1945. He was in the Asiatic-Pacific theater for more than a year. Home, Hutchinson RFD 4.

**Marion H. Black**, MoM 2/c, Navy on the USS Windham Bay, on the Pacific, serving in campaigns of Marshall Islands, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. In service Dec. 1943 to Jan. 1946. On the Pacific nearly a year. Served as navy mail clerk. Home, Hutchinson RFD 3. Postal clerk, Hutchinson post office.

**Orville Blackburn**, with 76th General hospital, Vancouver, Wash. Son of Mrs. Anna Blackburn, Sylvia.



**Kenneth (Leonard K.) Blackford**, Cpl., Ordnance Depot Co., supply clerk and technician, in England, France and Germany. Overseas about two years. In Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. In Army over three years, Aug. 1942 to Nov. 1945. Home, 207 West 16th. Physical director, Hutchinson YMCA.

**Robert H. Blackford**, AMM 3/c, Naval air force. 401 West 12th.



**Albert L. Blaine**, MAM 3/c, Navy, mail clerk aboard USS Barrier on the Pacific. He was based at Adah, Alaska nine months, Sept. 1944 to June 1945. Previously on duty at fleet post office, San Francisco Aug. 1945 to Feb. 1946. He was in the naval service for two years, Jan. 1944 to Feb. 1946. Son of Mrs. Bert Blanchfield, of Sylvia. Home, Turon.

**Liland Blaine**, Navy, in service two years. Son of Mrs. J. A. Blanchfield, Sylvia. Now employed as a guard at state reformatory, Hutchinson.

**John A. Blair**, Naval air force, Hutchinson N.A.S. In Navy four years. Since discharge with Hutchinson News-Herald advertising dept. Home, 1505 North Jackson.

**Keith Blair**, Lt. with Armed forces in England, Germany. Home, Valley township.

**Lloyd Blair**, T/4 Army, Hot Springs, Ark., in charge of Special Services orchestra. Joined Army in San Diego, while director of band there. Previously member of Freddie Martin's band as pianist. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blair, formerly of Hutchinson; grandson of Mrs. Hulda Lewis, 300 East Carpenter.





**\*Robert M. Blair, 1st Lt., Army Signal Corps, with 3177th Signal Base Maintenance Co., in charge of telephone, telegraph and teletype repairs at various bases in the Pacific. Overseas Dec. 1944 for 16 months. Previously in Canada 16 months as sergeant in charge of wire detail in Alaskan area. In service nearly four years, Aug. 1942 to May 1946. Now with Western Electric Co. in charge of telephone equipment installations.**



**\*Ronald E. Blair, Sgt. 35th and 97th Divisions as liaison sergeant and forward observer. With Third Army in European theater in battles of Ruhr and Rhineland and campaign in Germany. In the service about five years, Nov. 1940 to Nov. 1945. Was Pvt. Battery C, 130th FA when mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. To Asiatic-Pacific theater Aug. 1944 and then to Europe, Feb. 1945.**

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blair, 200 West Sixth St.*



**\*Arthur E. Blake, Cpl. Army Air Corps, serving in West Indies in 1944; at San Juan, Puerto Rico, three months; Kingston Jamaica, two months. In service about three years, March 16, 1943 to Feb. 8, 1946. Home, 909 North Ford. With Safeway Stores.**



**\*Harold L. Blake, S/Sgt. Hdq. Co., Quartermaster Corps, with Sixth Army in Southwest Pacific, serving as a mess sergeant. Overseas about three years, in Australia ten months; New Guinea a year, and in the Philippines almost a year. Participated in campaigns in New Guinea and southern Philippines. In service April 9, 1942 to Oct. 31, 1945, 3½ years. Home, 122 North Elm.**



**\*Max A. Blake, Cpl. Army Air Corps, cryptograph operator, stationed at Cairo, Egypt and Benghazi, Libya for a year, April 1945 to April 1946. In service two years, April 23, 1944 to April 13, 1946. Previously at Buckley Field, Colo., Chanute Field, Ill., Sheppard Field, Tex., Greensboro, N. C. Discharged at El Paso, Tex.**

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blake, 611 West 12th.*

**Floyd A. Blake, S/Sgt. Inf., Camp Claibourne, La., with medical detachment. In service about three years, Dec. 1942 to Sept. 1945, all the time at Camp Claibourne. Home, 211 West Seventh.**



**James E. Blake, T/4 Army medical corps, with 24th General Hospital in North Africa and Italy. Overseas to Tunisia from Ft. Benning, Ga., in Sept. 1943. In North Africa nine months. To Italy, June 1944, and stationed there nearly 1½ years. In service 3½ years. Formerly at Camp Robinson, Ark., in 1942. Home, 921 North Monroe. Optician with Quinton-Duffens Optical Co., Hutchinson.**

**\*Archie Orien Blakeley, Pvt., Engineers, with Third Army in France and Germany. Discharged March 1946. Returned to Hutchinson, making home here at 826 East Third. Was employed on an oil test in Sheridan County, near Hoxie, when he was burned to death, Nov. 30, 1946, when fire destroyed his trailer house.**

**\*Olie Lee Blakeley, Pvt., Infantry. Tacoma, Wash. Patient in army hospital.**

*\*Sons of Mrs. Evalde Berg, Burrton RFD 1, in Valley township.*

**Gale Boyd Blanchard, Navy, with radio unit, Madison, Wis. Son of Mrs. R. A. Blanchard, Hutchinson.**

**Richard Bland, Pfc., Army Engineers, in China-Burma-India theater for more than a year. Returned to Camp Carson, Colo., hospital center for treatment. Medical discharge, August 1945. Home, 503 East Sixth.**



**John N. Blank, Major, Army Medical Corps, division surgeon, field artillery in southwest Pacific. Served in New Guinea for a year; in actions at Wake Island, Sarmi, Maffin Bay, Sansador, invasion of Philippines at Lingayen Gulf and Luzon campaign. In service four years, July 1941 to July 1945. Formerly at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Carlisle, Pa., the desert training center in southern California, Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., and about five months on Oahu, Hawaii. Physician in Hutchinson, and formerly in Buhler. Home, 2003 North Jefferson St. Post surgeon of Veterans of Foreign Wars post, Hutchinson.**

**Richard A. Blasdel, Cpl., 112th Mechanized Cavalry, with occupational force in Japan, stationed at Tateyama. On board the USS Lawara in Tokyo Bay at the time of surrender of Japan. Overseas May 1945 from Camp Livingston, La., to Philippines, participating in campaign in Luzon for liberation of the Philippines. In service about three years, July 1943 to March 1946. Enlisted first in Army Air Corps, serving 1½ years at Biloxi, Miss., Salt Lake City and Savannah, Ga., then transferred to infantry at Alexandria, La. Son of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Blasdel, 10 West 18th.**

**Chas. J. Blasiar, Sgt., Infantry, in Australia and New Guinea. In service three years, including 27 months overseas. Formerly at Camp Roberts, Calif. Returned May 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blasiar, 524 East Fourth.**

**Paul H. Blea, Pfc., Infantry, with Fifth Army in Italy. Overseas 15 months. Two battle stars award. Returned Sept. 1945 to Miami, Fla. Home, 414 West E.**

**J. D. "Jack" Bleger, Lt. (jg) Navy, serving on a destroyer in the Pacific, USS Dewey-349, two years, April 1944 to April 1946. In the Navy nearly three years, July 1943 to May 17, 1946. Discharged at Norman, Okla. Manager of Hutchinson Soft Water service, 1010 South Main.**

**\*Byron Leslie Blew, Pfc., Third Armored Div., medics and driver, in European theater, driving an ambulance for the 45th Armored Medical Bn. through the entire drive from Normandy beach to Germany. Participated in Normandy, Northern France and Ardennes campaigns without a relief driver. Lost one ambulance in action but escaped injury. Overseas over two years. In the service more than four years, from Nov. 1941 to Dec. 1945. Previously at Camp Polk, La., Camp Rice, and Indiantown Gap, Pa. Now living on farm near Castleton.**

**\*Charles L. Blew, Pvt., Tank Corps, Ft. Ord, Calif. Formerly with the IRTC, armored force, at Camp Hood, Texas.**

**\*Leon Blew, Inf. Returned from overseas service, Oct. 1946, to Shoemaker, Calif. Formerly at Ft. Riley, Kans. Home, Castleton.**



**\*Lyle E. Blew, T/Sgt., 36th Repl. Depot, foreman of gasoline supply unit, in San Fernando, northern Luzon, Philippines. In Luzon from Oct. 1945 to Jan. 1946. Previously at Ft. Raymond, Alaska, with the 153rd Inf., serving as platoon sergeant. In Alaska 14 months, stationed at Ft. Raymond, returning from Alaska June 1944 to Camp Blanding, Fla., where he was sergeant in a parachutist demolitions platoon for nearly a year, going from there to Ft. Ord, Calif., and then to the Philippines. In service 3½ years, Aug. 1942 to Jan. 1946. Home, Pretty Prairie.**

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Blew of Castleton.*

**Frank Blew, Seaman 2/c, Navy, in western Pacific. Based on Okinawa. In service Jan. 1945 to July 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blew, Castleton.**

**John W. Blick, S 1/c, Navy, in service one year. Discharged at Norman, Okla., July 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Blick, 417 East Fourth. With Hayes Cleaners.**

**Harold Blocher, in Navy, in Pacific. Was at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese bombed that naval base. Formerly of Hutchinson. Brother of Mrs. C. W. Kelley, 1600 North Plum.**



**Herman M. Blocker, Pfc., 510th and 925th Anti-aircraft units, serving as AA gunner in southwest Pacific. On Samar about three months; Leyte, two months; and Saipan, four months. Since July 1946 on Guam as mechanic in 20th Air Force. Formerly in infantry at Camp Roberts, Calif., Camp Stoneman, Calif., and Camp Adair, Ore. In army since Feb. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blocker, 1100 East C.**



**Kenneth Blocker**, Pvt., Inf., in European theater. Served with "Old Hickory" division in battle in France and Belgium. In action in the Belgian "bulge" battle Dec. 1944. Disabled there and sent to hospital in England for treatment. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Blocker, near Sylvia.



Blocker of Haven.

**Milton O. Blocker**, Pfc., Army Service Force (Engineers), on duty with military police in Germany. He has been in service since Aug. 13, 1945. He formerly was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and at Camp Beale, Calif. He went overseas direct to Germany, May 1946. Son of Mrs. Emil



also with the VA at Chicago.

**Betty May Bloom**, Specialist 2/c WAVES, Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Training Station and Memphis, Tenn. In service 2½ years. Daughter of Mrs. E. E. Bloom, 317 East 17th. Now with Veterans Administration insurance department, Chicago. Was married Sept. 28, 1947, to John A. Mizzacano,



1946. Previously at Camp Bowie, Texas. Son of Mrs. Jewell Bloomer, 412 South Lorraine.

**Wilson Bloomer**, Sgt., 1264th Engineers Combat Bn., motor mechanic sgt., in European theater, serving in Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns in France, Belgium and Germany. Awarded citation for gallantry at Remagen bridge and Rhine crossing. In service March 1944 to Feb.



Camp Carson, Colo. Home, 914 East Fourth St.

**Vivian V. Bloss**, S/Sgt. 71st Div. in European theater for a year, participating in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns in Belgium and Germany. In the service 4½ years, May 1942 to Dec. 1946. Served at Camp Shelby, Miss., Ft. Benning, Ga., Camp Wheeler, Ga., and



Dec. 1945, nearly four years. On the Nevada three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blubaugh, Valley township.

**James Delmar Blubaugh**, MM 1/c, Navy, electrician on battleship USS Nevada, on Atlantic and Pacific. In action at Attu, in Aleutians; the invasion of Normandy; Marseilles harbor, southern France invasion, at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Jaluit and in the east China sea. In Navy Feb. 1942 to



unit. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Blue, 731 East F.

**Byron M. Blue, Jr.**, Sgt., Signal Service Company, in Japan. Enlisted April 27, 1945. Served at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Ft. Ord, Calif., six months, then overseas. At Nagoya, Japan, seven months. At Kobe, Japan, since Aug. 1946, serving as switchboard operator with signal service unit. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Blue, 731 East F.

**Vernon T. Blue**, Petty Officer 3/c, Coast Guard, Portsmouth, Va. Son of Wm. Blue, 123 West Fifth.

**Francis F. Blundon**, Sgt., Army Signal Corps, message center clerk with 813th Signal Port Service Co. at Oran, North Africa, Nov. 1942 to March 1944. Formerly at Camp Crowder, Mo., and Camp Gordon, Ga. Was on the Queen Mary, on the Atlantic, when it collided with a British cruiser, cutting the war vessel in two, sinking it. In army 3½ years, April 1942 to Sept. 1945. Son of Mrs. Edith Blundon, formerly of Hutchinson. With Kansas Power & Light Co., manager at Marysville, Kans.

**Hershal W. Blythe**, Cpl., Army Air Force, Pratt AAF, orderly room clerk. Formerly with post engineers, Ft. Riley. Home, Hutchinson.

**David L. Boack**, Sgt., 635th Tank Destroyer Bn., Camp Hood, Texas. Son of John Boack, Nickerson.



Crowder, Mo. Home, 207 East Second.

**Ivan Fred Board**, Pvt., Army Signal Corps, Ft. Monmouth, N. J., as signalman since May 1, 1946, scheduled for overseas service from there. Formerly in Navy as apprentice seaman at Great Lakes Naval Station. Left Navy June 1945 to re-enlist in Army Signal Corps. Stationed at Camp



ETO Jan. 1947. Discharged Feb. 1947. In service about 2½ years. Previously at Buckley Field, Denver, Colo., and Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Mo. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bobb, 1128 North Main.

**Frank H. Bobb, Jr.**, 1st Sgt., Air Transport Service, in European theater. With 9th Air Force Airborne Service Command in England, France and Germany for about two years. Stationed at Troyes, France, 1946; and at Frankfurt, Germany, with the occupational force. Returned from

**Wilbert K. Bodwell**, Lt., Navy, with naval medical supply depot, Mare Island, Calif. Was chief pharmacist's mate, naval hospital corps at Pearl Harbor, T. H. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bodwell, Arlington.

**\*John V. Boehm**, 1st Lt., Army Air Corps, Eighth Air Force, based in England, pilot of bomber. Was shot down over Amiens, France, Feb. 14, 1944, while returning from long range bombing mission over Schweinfurt, Germany. Parachuted from flaming plane, ankle broken in landing. Taken prisoner and held prisoner in Germany for 14½ months; liberated by American forces April 29, 1945. Returned to USA June 1945 to army hospital, Van Nuys, Calif. Reported back to duty at Hobbs, N. M., Oct. 1945, re-enlisting as army pilot. In service since 1942. Before going overseas stationed at Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash. Overseas Nov. 1943.

**\*Walter M. Boehm**, Pvt., Army Air Force, Scott Field, Ill., as radioman and direction finder operator. Discharged Oct. 1946.

*\*Sons of Walter Boehm, 17 North Poplar St.*

**Benj. F. Boese**, Army. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Boese, 219 West 24th.

**Glenn H. Boes**, Lt., Army Air Corps, killed in action Feb. 3, 1942, in Java. Formerly of Pretty Prairie. (See Gold Star roster.)



Mindanao Island, and air raids on Morotai and Landy, most often-bombed island in the Dutch Indies. Awarded two bronze battle stars. Home, 129 East Carpenter. With Morton salt works.

**Jacob Boese**, T/5, 31st Div., machine gunner, serving with Eighth Army in southwest Pacific, in New Guinea Jan. 1945; Dutch East Indies Jan. to March 1945; and in Philippines one year to April 1946. In battle in Dutch East Indies and southern Philippines. In a "Banzai" charge by Japs on



Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941. At Camp Robinson with 35th Div. one year; and in California over two years. In service Oct. 1940 to Dec. 1945, more than five years. Home, Pretty Prairie.

**\*John K. Boese**, M/Sgt., 130th Field Artillery, in European theater. Overseas from Ft. Sill, Okla., Dec. 1944. In England two months; France and Germany about a year until Dec. 1945. Was sgt. Battery B, 130th Field Artillery, when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp

**\*Pete Boese**, S/Sgt., 219th Field Artillery, 35th Div., killed in action in Germany, Feb. 24, 1945. (See Gold Star roster.)

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Boese, 219 West 24th.*

**Charles R. Bogar**, Pfc., Quartermaster Corps. Was en route from Angel Island, San Francisco, to Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was bombed Dec. 7, 1941. Ship turned back, escaping enemy. Formerly at Ft. Douglas, Utah. Served through the war with Quartermaster Corps in Pacific area. Son of Mrs. Minnie Bogar, 512 North Adams.





**\*Clair (Wesley C.) Bogart, 2nd Lt., Army Air Force, navigator, with bombing squadron based at Ratteladen, England, participating in air offensive over central Europe. Awarded Air Medal. In service Feb. 1943 to Oct. 1945. Overseas May 1945. Previously stationed at St. Petersburg, Fla., Buckley Field, Colo., Texas, Stillwater, Okla., Ellington Field, Laredo, Texas, Hondo, Texas, and Lincoln, Neb. Since return from ETO stationed at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. Home, 1517 West Fourth.**

**\*Richard C. Bogart, Inf., Ft. Leavenworth. Enlisted Feb. 12, 1943, same time as his brother, Clair, the two enlisting as volunteers.**

*\*Sons of Mrs. Charles Bogart, 521 West Fifth.*

**Frank J. Bogdanovecz, Pharmacist Mate 1/c, Navy, on USS Stokes in Pacific theater, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Overseas a year, Dec. 1944 to Dec. 1945. In Navy two years. Son of Mrs. T. Bogdanovecz, 1434 East Fourth.**



**Lee H. Boggs, T/4, Armored Field Artillery, European theater. In North Africa, in Tunisian campaign, and Sicily for over a year. After Sicilian campaign to England, and participated in Normandy invasion, and the campaigns in Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe.**

**In France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Austria. In service Oct. 10, 1941, to Sept. 8, 1945, four years. Previously with 56th Field Artillery at Camp Roberts and Camp Cooke, Calif., Camp A. P. Hill, Va., and Camp Kilmer, N. J. Home, 911 East B.**



**Leon J. Bogner, S/Sgt., Engineers, Aviation Battalion, Army Air Force, in western Pacific. Pearl Harbor, Okinawa, Korea. In battle on Ryukyus. In service April 12, 1944, to May 31, 1946, over two years. Previously at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., and Spokane, Wash. Home, 1131 North Prairie.**

**Jack Bohall, S/Sgt., 15th Air Force, in Italy, gunner on Liberator B-24 based near Naples. Participated in five major battles, and 28 missions over Ploesti oil fields in Romania, Munich, Vienna, Linz, Biechammer and Winer-Neustadt, in Germany and Austria, as well as southern France. Took part in tactical operations in support of Fifth Army in Italy, strangling German communication and supply lines. His group flew pre-invasion raids blasting gun installations in southern France. In Air Force since Dec. 1942. Formerly with Cessna Aircraft Co. Son of Mrs. Dorothy M. Bohall, 136 West 10th.**

**Arthur B. Boldt, Pvt., 58th Military Police, Ft. Custer, Mich. Home, Buhler.**

**Ben Boldt, Sgt., Army Air Force, Roswell, N. M. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Boldt, 518 West A. Wife at 5½ East A.**

**Virgil A. Boley, T/4, 998th Treadway Bridge Company, England, France and Germany. With unit that bridged Rhine at Remagen, Germany, under fire, and later bridged the Danube in southern Germany. Constructed over 9,000 feet of bridge in the European theater. In service since Dec. 1942. Overseas March 1944. Awarded Silver Star for work in bridging the Rhine, also battle stars for Normandy, Northern France and Germany campaigns. Home, Sylvia.**

**Ernest J. Bolyard, Army Air Force, based at Santa Ana, Calif. Hutchinson RFD.**



**Howard R. Bolyard, T/5, 213th Bakery Company, Quartermaster Corps, in western Pacific on Marianas Islands, Hawaii and Guam. In service overseas two years. Formerly at Camp Ellis, Ill. In service July 12, 1943, to Jan. 19, 1946. Son of Mrs. Mabel E. Bolyard, 409 East B. With Central Fiber Products Co.**

**Chris Bomberger, Pfc., Military Police, 857th Guard Squadron, Barksdale Field, La. Home, Buhler.**

**James D. Bond, T/Sgt., Army Air Force, inspector in repair squadron, southwest Pacific, New Guinea, later at Brisbane, Australia. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bond, Partridge.**



**\*Emery F. Bonnesen, MM 1/c, Navy, machinist mate on USS Trinity in southwest Pacific for about 3½ years. Also on USS Turanday, USS Sheridan and USS Hector. In service six years, Sept. 1939 to Oct. 1945, most of the time at sea on Navy tankers and repair ships. Participated in Philippine liberation campaign.**



**\*George D. Bonnesen, Coxswain, Navy, on battleship USS Arkansas for nearly 3½ years, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific areas. Participated in naval action at the landing on Normandy beach and invasion at Cherbourg, France; also in action in southern France invasion. Then to the Pacific theater, participating in action at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two battle stars and Philippine Liberation medal with star. In Navy July 1942 to Oct. 1945. Home, 410 East Fourth.**

**\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bonnesen, Hutchinson RFD 2.**

**Willard W. Bonniwell, Naval Air Force, Hutchinson Naval Air Station. Son of Walter Bonniwell, Hutchinson RFD 3.**

**\*David Bontrager, Pfc., Infantry, Ft. Bragg, N. C.**

**\*Ira D. Bontrager, Parachute Rigger 2/c, Naval Air Force. Overseas duty for one year. Formerly with Hutchinson Naval Air Station.**

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Bontrager, Partridge.*

**Eli D. Bontrager, Seaman, Navy, Great Lakes Naval Station, Ill. Home, Partridge.**

**David Leroy Boock, Sgt., 635th Tank Bn., gun commander of a tank destroyer in the Normandy invasion, remarked that part of his day's work on D-Day was "knocking out churches."**

**"The Germans had hidden their observation posts in the church steeples," he explained. "Our orders were to hunt out and knock out these observation posts. Most of them were in high buildings, the church steeples being their favorite posts. We had to knock out the churches to get them."**

**Sgt. Boock was wounded in action during the Normandy battle. "A Piper Cub flying around doing observation made so much noise we didn't hear the mortar shell coming in time," he explained. "We started to hit the dirt but weren't quick enough." He was taken to a hospital in England. He returned from overseas Sept. 1945 to Camp Carson, Colo. Son of John D. Boock, Nickerson.**

**David S. "Smith" Book, S/Sgt., Quartermaster Corps, with mobile headquarters company, France and Belgium. Overseas to England; then to Normandy, and through France to port of Antwerp, Belgium. Overseas two years, returning Nov. 1945. Son of Mrs. N. M. Book, Sylvia.**



**Clifford V. Bookless, Cpl. 653rd Engineers in India. Typographical engineer and lithographer. Overseas from Camp Anza, Calif., in fall of 1943. Stationed with British RAF transit camp in India Oct. 1943 to Feb. 1944, and at Camp Sundarwala, Dabra Dun, India, March 1944 to May 1945. In service nearly three years, Nov. 1942 to July 1945. Overseas about two years. Son of Mrs. Pearl Bookless, 304 West Sixth. Home, 411 Cloverdale Drive. With Mutual Press.**



**Edward "Gene" Bookless, T/5, 292nd Combat Engineers in European theater, serving in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France. Overseas from Camp Livingston, La. Feb., 1945. In European theater about 1½ years. In the service Aug. 1944 to June 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bookless, Nickerson.**

**Frank Booth, Navy. Formerly with Nash-Finch Co., Hutchinson.**

**Gordon Booth, Naval Air Force. At Olathe, Kans., station. Formerly with Kansas Power & Light Co., Hutchinson.**

**John E. "Jack" Boren, S/Sgt. Inf. in Italy. Formerly at Camp Howze, Tex., and Fort Worth, Tex. Overseas 10 mos. Wounded in action in Italy, Jan. 28, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart. Returned from overseas Sept. 1944 to Shreveport, La. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boren, Jr., and grandson of Mrs. Edgar Boren, 115 East 17th.**



**\*Edward M. Borger**, 2nd Lt. Bombardier on B-17 Flying Fortress with Eighth Air Force, 486th Bomber group in England. Engaged in heavy bombardment missions over Germany with Third Bombardment division in historic shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt plant at Regensburg, Germany. Awarded Air Medal and Oak Leaf cluster. Home, 602 West Seventh.

**\*Wilmer F. Borger**, Lt. Transportation Corps. For more than a year was in charge of a gun crew assigned to a Dutch merchant ship engaged in inter-island runs in the Southwest Pacific. He took the first crew under "Ship and Gun Crew command" from Sydney, Australia. During the 13 months he was in the "S & GC" command on this vessel he traveled about 60,000 miles, chiefly between Australia and New Guinea. They underwent as many as four air raids a day.

Lt. Borger was in combat duty in the Southwest Pacific more than two years, since March 1942. In May 1943 he was assigned to duty in Australia as gunnery instructor. Was formerly Pvt. Btry. C, 130th F.A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Overseas with Transportation Corps, from Norfolk, Va., 1942.

*\*Sons of M. H. Borger, 730 East Sixth.*



**William Dwight Bornholdt**, 2nd Lt. Inf., in the Philippines. In the army since January 26, 1944. He was stationed at Camp Hood, Tex., 6 mos., Ft. Benning, Ga., 6 mos., and also at Camp Robinson, Ark., and Ft. Ord, Calif. Went overseas Feb. 1945 to the Philippines, stationed in Luzon. Home, 907 North Monroe.

**Eugene John Borth**, Soundman 3/c, Navy. On both Atlantic and Pacific. In action in European theater, and in west Pacific. Last duty at naval station on Samar, Philippine Islands. Overseas 27 months. 428 East Tenth.

**Arthur (Wm. A.) Boruff**, Pvt. 413th Inf. 104th Div. Camp Adair, Ore. In service Nov. 1942 to Aug. 1943. Now on duty as postal clerk Hutchinson post office. Son of Mrs. W. H. Boruff, 124 East 12th.

**Darrell Boswell**, Pvt. Inf. Killed in action in European theater. Home, Nickerson. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Bernard J. Botello**, Cpl. 27th "Bisons" Div., with artillery battalion. On Okinawa. Entered service 1941. Overseas since July, 1942. Home, 212 West C.

**Larry D. Bottoms**, S 2/c Navy, with armed guard. San Diego. Home, 1100 East Third.

**Robert Bowden**, Cpl. Armored Unit, First and Third armies in European theater, serving as radio operator. Overseas from Camp Bowie, Tex., landing in France D-Day in Normandy invasion. Was wounded in action and taken prisoner on third day after landing on Normandy beach. Held prisoner in Germany until liberation after V-E Day. In European theater 17 months. Returned from European theater August 1945. In the service 2½ years. Son of Mrs. Geo. R. Knostman, 28 West Ninth.

**Bernard W. Bower**, Lt. 4th Armored Div., liaison pilot, Camp Bowie, Tex. Home, Hutchinson.



**Howard Bourell**

**\*Howard J. Bourell**, Major, Air Transport Command in China and India. In service since 1940. Overseas March 1943 to China, later moving to a post in India. Overseas two years. Still in service, 1947, on duty in Los Angeles.

**\*Kenneth Bourell**, Pvt. 337th Inf. 85th Div., stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. Entered army May 1942. Was discharged due to disability in July 1942 after two months' service.



**\*Marion G. Bourell**, Pfc. Marines, radar operator and maintenance mechanic at land-based radar stations over Pacific. On duty at Ewa, Hawaii, six months; on Guadalcanal, two months; on Guam, 8 months. Overseas from Nov. 1943 to March 1946. Previously at San Diego and Camp Lejeune, N. C. In service two years, July 1943 to July 1945.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bourell, 507 East Fifth.*

**Clarence W. Bowen**, S/Sgt. 15th Army Air Force in Italy. Waist gunner with the B-24 bombardment group, blasting targets in Germany, Austria, France, Rumania and northern Italy. In 25 combat missions. Entered service Feb. 20, 1941. Formerly Sgt. 137th Inf. 35th Div. at Camp Rucker, Ala., transferring to air force at Salt Lake City. Home near Sylvia.

**Emil E. Bowers**, Pvt. 967th Quartermaster Service Co., Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyo. Home, Reno county.



**Glenn F. Bowers**, Pfc. 81st Div. over Pacific serving in Leyte, Philippines, July to Sept. 1945, and then to Japan, in Honshu and Hokkaido with army of occupation, Sept. 1945 to Aug. 1946. In service about two years, Jan. 1945 to Oct. 1946. Before going overseas was stationed at Camp Hood, Tex., Ft. Ord and Camp Stoneman, Calif. Home, Nickerson. Missouri Pacific railway employee.

**Orville Bowers**, Seaman, Naval construction battalion, in Southwest Pacific. In service 31 months. Graduate of Nickerson high school, class of 1934, Home, Nickerson. Returned Nov., 1945.

**Clarence Bowles**, T/4, with army four years, serving as cook. Now with filling station, Seventh and Main. Home, 518 East 8th.



**Kenneth Bowles**

**\*Jerry Bowles**, S 2/c, Coast Guard, on USS "General Howze," on the Atlantic and Pacific, serving in France, and later in the Philippines and New Guinea. In service 14 months, discharged May, 1946.

**\*Joe Bowles**, S/Sgt., 9th Armored Inf. with 6th Armored Div. with Patton's Third army, in France, Belgium and Germany. Went overseas from Camp Cooke, Calif. In army over three years.

**\*Robert P. Bowles**, Cpl., 32nd Armored regt., 3rd Armored Div. with First army in European theater. In action at Normandy Beach, and in campaigns through France, Belgium and Germany. Participated in 15 major battles. Overseas two years. In army four years, Nov. 1941 to Nov. 1945.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bowles, 1107 North Main.*

**Harold Bowling**, Naval air service, Hutchinson naval air station. Home, Hutchinson.

**\*Elvin Eugene Bowlinger**, S/Sgt., Army air force, Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La. Home, 208 East B.



**\*Fred W. Bowlinger**, Pvt., 143rd Inf., 36th Div. in North Africa and Italy. Wounded in action at Cistenna, Italy, July 23, 1944, by shellfire; back broken. Overseas Feb., 1944, landing in Oran, North Africa. In North African and Italian campaigns. In battle near Naples, Foggia, Anzio, and Rome. In Italy six months. In service about two years, Sept. 1943 to June 1945. Previously at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and Ft. Geo. Meade, Md. After being wounded, was in Halloran general hospital, New York; Winters general hospital, Topeka; and Camp Carson, Colo. convalescent hospital. Discharged June 7, 1945. Home, 427 Justice St.

*\*Sons of Wm. F. Bowlinger, Arlington. A third son, Kenneth F. Bowlinger, Seaman 2/c in merchant marine, over the Pacific, in India, Ceylon and Australia. A step-son, Sgt. Forrest Ball, with motorized infantry in the Southwest Pacific.*



**Buddy Lee Bowman**, Cpl., Marine air force with First Air Wing, over the Pacific, serving as aircraft mechanic. Participated in campaign for liberation of Philippines, and also served on Okinawa, Admiralty Islands, at Peiping, China and in Hawaii. In service three years, Sept. 1943 to Aug. 1946. Previously at San Diego, Miramar, Calif., Cherry Point, N. C., Newport, Ark., Norman, Okla., and Kingston, N. C. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bowman, 1511 East 26th.

**Emory Bowman**, Petty officer 1/c, 75th Naval construction Bn. in Southwest Pacific. With combat troops on New Caledonia and Guadalcanal. Overseas over two years; in service about three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bowman, 630 East Sixth.





**Hugh D. Bowman, S 1/c, Navy,** mail clerk in naval postal service. On duty at Camp Peary, Va., Washington, D.C., Fleet P.O., New York City, and Great Lakes naval station. In service Feb. 1945 to Jan. 1946. Now clerk in Hutchinson postoffice. Home, 620 East Third.

**\*Jay W. Bowman, Pfc., Military Police, Ft. Riley, Kans.**

**\*Max Bowman, Sgt., 8th Supply Sqdn., 8th A.D.G., in North Africa.**

*\*Sons of H. F. Bowman, 17½ West Second.*

**Keith W. Bowman, Pvt., Inf., Camp Wolters Tex. Son of Loren K. Bowman, 705 North Plum.**

**Louis N. Bowman, Cpl., Inf., Camp Adair, Ore. 913 East Fourth.**

**R. Donald Bowman** with army in Pacific area. Stepson of Clyde Grandon, 113 West B. With American Railway Express Co., Hutchinson.

**Robert Hal Bowman, radioman, Naval air force,** attached to Squadron 44, Catalina "Black Cats," in southwest Pacific. Bombed Japanese installations in Pacific for 15 months. The flying boats rolled up more than 1,250,000 miles of flying. On tour of duty over Pacific nearly two years. Previously for 18 months with flying patrol based at Pearl Harbor. Later, flying instructor at San Jose, Calif. In service four years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bowman, 734 West First.

**\*Carl Bowser, S/Sgt., Seventh Div.,** with machine gun company in Aleutians. Was at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor. Later in action at Attu, Adak and Kiska in the Aleutians. Participated in 21-day battle for Attu, as a machine gunner. At Adak until Aug., 1943; then to Kiska with task force. Later transferred to Paratroopers and served in Southwest Pacific until July 1945. Was in Co. D, 137th Inf. when mobilized in Oct. 1940 going to Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Transferred to machine gun unit going to Alaska in Oct. 1941.



**\*Clarence G. Bowser, Pvt., 80th Div.** with Third army in France and Germany. Only two weeks after reaching the battle front, in the Saar valley, Germany, he was wounded in action, Nov. 26, 1944, in a leg by a mortar shell. Was in hospital in England for two months, then returned to the U. S., and a patient at the Camp Carson, Colo. general hospital until medical discharge June 30, 1945. In service about a year, April 1944 to June 1945. Previously at Camp Robinson, Ark., Ft. Meade, Md. and Camp Shanks, N. Y.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowser, Hutchinson RFD 3.*

**Lloyd Carl Boyce, Navy,** commissary department. Kodiak, Alaska. Hutchinson RFD 4.

**Alfred J. Boyd, Pfc., 137th Inf., 35th Div.** in European theater, landing on Normandy beach, D-Day, in Normandy and northern France. Wounded in action in France, Sept. 28, 1944; in hospital in France for

a month. Then to duty as truck driver on detached service in Holland. Previously driver of ammunition truck in the Northern France area. Awarded Purple Heart. Formerly Hutchinson, 1600 East Seventh.

**Klein (Arthur K.) Boyd, Lt. (jg) Navy,** Chemical warfare div., serving as chemist and bacteriologist. Camp McDonough, Plattsburg, N. Y., Edgewood arsenal, Baltimore, Md., and for 1½ years at clothing depot, Brooklyn navy yard. In service Aug. 1944 to June, 1946. Son of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Boyd, 1815 North Ash.

**Bertha Boyer, Lt., Army Nurse Corps,** 16th Evacuation hospital, in Italy. Was on a ship which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Escaped uninjured, but most of her clothing and personal belongings went down in the ship. Formerly a nurse at Grace hospital, Hutchinson.



**Paul A. Boyer, AM1/c, Naval air force,** Metal-smith at naval air station, St. Louis, six months; previously at San Diego, Calif., Alameda, Calif., about a year; Norman, Okla., San Clemente Island, Calif., three months. In service four years, from Sept. 23, 1941 to Sept. 11, 1945. Home, 317 Town St. Hutchinson. In radiator repair business.



**\*Fred Boyersmith, AMM 1/c, Navy,** machinist mate on escort carrier USS Block Island when it was sunk by enemy action in the Atlantic May 29, 1944, the first American aircraft carrier lost in the Atlantic in the war. Also served on escort carrier USS Card, in action in the North African invasion. In navy about 3½ years. Was turret gunner on TBS plane engaged in submarine patrol near the Azores. On patrol duty for 45 months. A Hutchinson musician, director of "Freddie Boyersmith's dance band."



**\*Joe H. Boyersmith, T/Sgt., Army Engineers,** in New Guinea and Philippine campaigns. Overseas from Camp Abbott, Ore., landing at Milne Bay, New Guinea, Jan. 2, 1944. Stationed at Finschhafen, New Guinea nearly two years. To Manila, P. I., Oct. 21, 1945. In Philippines a month; then to Yokohama, Japan. In Japan Nov. 1945 to Feb. 1946.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boyersmith, 7 West 23rd.*



**\*Ellery E. Boyle, T/5, Army Quartermaster corps,** supply corporal in Southwest Pacific. Overseas about three years, in New Caledonia and at Batagus, Luzon. In service Aug. 1943 to March 1946. Previously with infantry at Camp Fannin, Tex., and Ft. Ord, Calif. Home, 726 East A. Employed at Morton salt works.



**\*Valentine Boyle, T/4, Armored force,** supply sergeant at Ft. Knox, Ky., four months; Camp Campbell, Ky., three months; and Camp Kilmer, N. J., 3½ years. Served as troop train escort, prisoner escort, scout, and supply sergeant. Injured in motorcycle accident, while on duty. With hospital detachment at New Brunswick, N. J. In service Dec. 11, 1942 to Feb. 6, 1946.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Pearl Shirk, 15 West Fifth.*

**Earl G. Bozeman, Pfc., Inf.,** with personnel escort guarding Nazi "SS" prisoners at Hallern, Austria, Nov. 1945. To Vienna, Austria, Dec. 1945. Home, Nickerson.

**Alvia Brack, Pvt., Ordnance unit,** Eighth army, died of wounds received in action in Germany March 29, 1945. (See Gold Star roster.) Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brack, 113 North Chemical.

**Ray L. Brack, Pfc., Inf.,** died in hospital on Okinawa May 20, 1945, from wounds received in action. (See Gold Star roster.) Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brack, 225 West 25th.



**Joseph Duane Brada, yeoman 1/c, Navy,** communications department, stationed on Manus, Admiralty Islands nearly two years. Previously on duty at Farragut, Idaho navy station and San Bruno, Calif. naval air station. He was in the service over two years, January 14, 1944 to February 1, 1946. Awarded commendation by Admiral Halsey for communication work in the Philippine campaign. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brada, 516 East B. Now assistant manager of grain elevator at Alva, Okla.

**Leroy Bradley, Navy,** attached to aircraft carrier USS Hornet when it was torpedoed and sunk in the Pacific. Sustained fractured leg and other injuries. To hospitals in U.S. for treatment. Returned home, Feb. 1944. Son of Mrs. Clarence E. Lowe, Nickerson.



**Charles Edward Bradley, Lt., Coast Guard,** signal department, communications officer, in Puerto Rico 14 months, based at San Juan. In service two years, Aug. 1943 to 1945. Previously at New York, and Philadelphia. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bradley, 25 East 15th.

**Edmond C. Bradley, Sgt., army engineers,** on pipeline construction, Burma to China, and also on Ledo road. In service two years; overseas one year. Son of Mrs. G. O. Lewellyn, 215 East 8th.

**Thomas Bradley, army air corps.** Jefferson Barracks, Mo. 417 East First.

**\*Patrick M. Brady, Sgt., 394th Signal company, avn.,** with Ninth Air corps, in France. In Normandy invasion. Wounded in action, Dec. 21, 1944, leg broken. In hospital in France. Formerly at Camp Pine Dale, Fresno, Calif.



\*William R. Brady, Seaman 1/c, Navy, radarman on USS Huntington in European waters. Based in Italy over a year. Later to Cuba. Now based in Philadelphia.

\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brady, 607 East Seventh.

**Ralph W. "Ike" Brady**, Sgt., Army air force, physical education dept. Lincoln, Neb., and San Antonio, Tex., aviation cadet center. Former Hutchinson high school football star; captain of Hutchinson high school team, 1935. Later a star at Washburn college, Topeka, and while at Lincoln army air field, played fullback on Lincoln Wings. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brady, 404 West A.

**Loren F. Braend**, Musician 1/c, Navy. At sea four months, 219 East Second.

**Robert N. Brancart**, Cpl., Army medical corps, at Recife, Brazil, for about a year; ward master at army hospital. In service June 1943 to March 1946. Home, 316 West Tenth.

**Charles Branch**, Capt., Army air force, with B-29 bomber wing, 20th Air Force, on Guam. Serving as assistant adjutant general of 315th Bomb Wing. Commissioned April, 1943. Before going overseas at Stockton Field, Calif., Moses Lake, Wash., Mountain Home, Ida., and Colorado Springs. His wife, Harriet, daughter of Mrs. H. M. Stewart, 110 West 12th, also in service, with quartermaster depot at Stockton Field, Calif. Son of Mrs. Eva M. Branch, 116 East 12th.



**Jene Allen Brandel**, F 1/c, Navy, on Pacific, fireman on navy vessels in western Pacific, including Philippines and Okinawa campaigns; action at Iwo Jima, and landing in Japan. Was in Tokyo Bay when peace treaty was signed. In service since July 1, 1944. Son of Mrs. Abe Cob-

lantz, Hutchinson RFD 1, at Morton Salt Co. cottages.



\***Cecil E. Brandon**, T/ Sgt., Army air force, engineer and mechanic. European theater, in England 2½ years; in France a year and three months. Overseas April 1942 to June 1945. In service June 1941 to Sept. 1945. Participated in invasion of France and Rhineland and Central Germany cam-



\***Leonard A. Brandon**, Cpl., Field artillery, gunner, in European theater. Overseas Feb. 1945. Served in France three months; Germany, over a year. Participated in Northern France and Central Europe campaigns. Previously at Ft. Sill, Okla., Ft. Riley, Kans., and Ft. Benning, Ala. In service 2½ years. Jan. 1944 to May 1946.

\*Sons of Mrs. Lola Brandon, 310 West Fifth.



**Forrest W. Brandon**, Shipfitter 2/c, Navy, was on one of the first ships to anchor in Japanese home waters, the cruiser USS Boston, which pulled into Tokyo Bay and anchored at Sagami Wan on V-J Day.

"We anchored almost at the foot of Mt. Fujiyama," he said. "There was no trouble, even though we had no troops in Japan then. We just came in, dropped anchor and made ourselves at home. The people seemed to pay very little attention to us and kept right on swimming and playing on the beach."

Brandon was on the USS Northampton, as a member of an anti-aircraft gun crew, when that vessel was sunk near Guadalcanal the night of Nov. 30, 1942. More than a month before that he was injured in the battle of Santa Cruz, Oct. 26, both ear drums being perforated by shellblast.

He participated in the occupation of the Solomons, Marshalls, Mariannas, Admiralties, Palaus, Iwo Jima, Philippines and New Guinea. He was in the navy 3½ years, May 1942 to Nov. 1945. On the Northampton five months until it was sunk, and then on the Boston two years and nine months, except for time out under treatment at the naval hospital at Chelsea, Mass. Home, 1111 West 11th.

**Earl E. Brandt**, AMM 2/c, Naval air force, aviation machinist at Pensacola, Fla., for three years. In service from Jan. 1942 to August 1945. Son of Mrs. Margaret Brandt, 821 East Sherman.



**Harold H. Branine**, 2nd Lt., Army air corps, aerial navigator and radar observer. In service about three years, Feb. 1943 to Dec. 1945. Stationed at St. Petersburg, Fla., Drew Field, Fla., with 573rd S. A. W. Bn., Peterson Field, Colo. with 949th Engineers Topographical Co. as photographer; Lubbock, Tex., Santa Ana, Calif., Santa Maria, Calif., Stockton, Calif., La Junta Colo., San Marcos, Tex., Victorville, Calif., Herington, Kans., Pyote, Tex., and Chanute Field, Ill. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Branine, 204 West 19th.



**Hilton L. Brann**, S/ Sgt., 749th Tank Bn., Armored corps, in European theater over three years, June 1942 to Sept. 1945. In England four months; North Africa, ten months; Italy, five months; France and Germany 20 months. Participated in North African invasion; Tunisian campaign; landing at Salerno, Italy; Naples and Cassino battles; Rhineland campaign and Central Germany operations. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brann, 711 East Seventh.

**Robert M. Brannon**, Lt., Army air force, flight engineer on Superfort, based in India. Awarded Air medal and Bronze Oak Leaf cluster for combat missions against enemy in Jap-held Asia. 212 East Sherman.



**Thos. L. Branscom**, Pfc., Co. L, 137th Inf., 35th Div., badly wounded in the battle of St. Lo, France, July 11, 1944. Co. L, the Kingman National Guard company, was made up partly of men from southern Reno county, among them "Tommy" Branscom, of Turon. They plunged into some of

the hottest and toughest fighting of the war in Normandy. A shell from a German 88-mm gun mangled Branscom's legs and killed Cpl. Frank McBurney, who was near him. Four others in Co. L, S/Sgt. Ed Bett, S/Sgt. Elmer Orth, T/Sgt. Bill Price and S/Sgt. Paul Shelley were casualties in the action near St. Lo.

Branscom was riddled by shrapnel in both legs, his left side and in the face. His helmet, billfold and watchband stopped shrapnel. One piece went through his canteen cover and cup. About 75 pieces were removed from his right leg, and 35 from his left. He was taken by airplane to a hospital in England. Later brought to the U.S. to hospital in California. He had been in the army six years, in the ETO ten months. He mobilized with the 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Branscom, of Turon.

**Donald Branson**, Cadet, Naval air force, Pasco, Wash., Oakland, Calif. Sylvia.

**Richard Branson**, Lt. (jg) naval air force, Corpus Christi, Tex. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Branson, Sylvia.

**Carl W. Branum**, Pvt., Battery B, 130th Field artillery, when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. Hutchinson RFD.



**William C. Brashear**, Pfc., Military police, 89th Div., in European theater. Overseas Feb. 1945, serving in Scotland, England, France, Luxemburg, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland and Austria. Participated in Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns. In army over three years, Feb. 1943 to April 1946.

As member of the military police accompanied Gen. Patton's staff on tour of Switzerland. Home, 5 Atwood Apartments.



**Myngoe C. Brashears**, T/Sgt., Army signal corps, line and wire chief in European theater, serving in France, Luxemburg, Belgium, Germany and England. Landed at St. Mere Eglise, Omaha Beach, in Normandy. Participated in Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns.

Awarded citations for outstanding service in construction of communications for the 9th Air Force, 19th Tac. and Third and First armies, as well as British and French armies. Personal compliment from Gen. Geo. S. Patton for communications work during the battle of the Bulge. In service over three years, Aug. 1942 to Oct. 1945. Home, 523 South Jefferson. With Midwest Iron & Metal Co.

**Rupert C. Brashears**, Cpl., Marine corps., Fifth Amphibious Division. In action at Iwo Jima, and in Philippines. Later with occupation force in Japan. Returned to Washington, D. C., 1946. Was Golden Gloves bantamweight champion, 1943. Home, 300 West F.



**Donald W. Bratcher**, with Naval construction regiment, "Seabees." Home 228 West 14th.



**\*Clemens P. Brauer**, 2nd Lt., Army air corps, pilot with 61st Troop Carrier group, in England and France, participating in central Europe and Rhineland campaigns. In the ETO seven months Nov. 1944 to May 1945. Later with the 1152nd AAFBU in Brazil from May to Sept. 1945. Formerly stationed at Sherman Field, Ft. Leavenworth, Tullahoma, Tenn., Moorhead, Minn., Santa Ana, Oxnard and Gardner Field, Calif., Luke Field, Ariz., and Maxton, N. C. In service about 4½ years, July 1941 to Nov. 1945.



**\*Milton E. Brauer**, 1st Lt., Army air corps, first pilot of B-29 bomber. Stationed at Harlingen, Tex., Sherman Field, Ft. Leavenworth, Tullahoma, Tenn., San Antonio, Tex., Chickasha and Enid, Okla., Pampa and Randolph Field, Tex., Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., and Lincoln, Neb. In service four years, Oct. 1941 to Nov. 1945. Now on farm near Haven.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Brauer, Haven RFD 1.*



**Edgar W. Brauer**, RDM 2/c, Navy, radioman on landing crafts in the Pacific theater on LCI 561 and LCI 442. Overseas a year. Previously at naval station at Farragut, Idaho. In the service from Sept. 1944 to June 1946. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with one battle star and American campaign medal. Home, Haven.

**Leo B. Brawner**, Navy, serving as blacksmith 2/c with naval ship repair unit. Home, 3714 East Fourth.

**Orville Braymer**, Pfc., 356th Inf. regimental band, Ft. Belvoir, Va. Formerly with Hutchinson Municipal band. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville O. Braymer, 819 East 7th.

**Harold E. Breeze**, T/5, 122nd Field artillery Bn., in Hawaii. Home, Turon.



**Carl H. Breidenstein**, Sgt., Army engineers, supply sergeant at ETO headquarters, Cheltenham, England, 20 months; Remens, France, one month; and in Paris, 15 months. Served in Northern France campaign. Overseas Dec. 1942. Awarded two Presidential citations for topographic work and citation from the Navy for maps for D-Day on Omaha and Utah beaches. In service 3½ years, June, 1942 to Dec. 1945. Home, Arlington.



**\*Robert T. Breitenbach**, Pfc., 25th Mechanized Cavalry, in Fourth Armored Div. in penetrating into Germany in the spring of 1945, had first hand experience of the way the Nazis killed prisoners in concentration camps, by the thousands. "We saw one concentration camp where Poles and Czechs were put to death," he said. "In the yard of this camp there were 30 starved and emaciated bodies, shot through the head. They lay just as they fell. In a nearby shed we found 40 dead men, also piled up dead-naked, like cordwood, with lime thrown on them to help dry up their wasted bodies. A mile down the road was one large grave and a crematory. The Germans had time only to burn 2,000 bodies before the Yanks came. A thousand bodies still remained in the large lime-pit grave. Breitenbach went over seas Jan. 1944. He was at Trowbridge, England six months, then to France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. He participated in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. In service 3½ years, March 1942 to Oct. 1945. Previously at Pine Camp, N. Y., in Tennessee, Camp Ibis, Calif., and Camp Bowie, Tex. Now a farmer near Pretty Prairie.



**\*Roman H. Breitenbach**, Pfc., 505th Parachute Inf., with the 82nd Airborne Div. had one thrilling adventure in battle probably experienced by no other soldier. He became caught, in the door by the strap of his gas mask when he leaped from a speeding plane, and clung there helpless on the outside of the plane, unable to release himself.

His plight was discovered by the jumpmaster, who kicked the mask loose and he plunged on toward earth, the parachute opening, so he landed safely. He had a full combat load at the time.

In the action in Belgium, Breitenbach was wounded, Jan. 11, 1945, by a mortar shell, his left leg and ankle being hurt by shrapnel. He participated in the battle of the Bulge, Rhineland campaign and the Central Germany operations. He was awarded the Bronze Star for "heroic achievement beyond the call of duty," Presidential citation with Oak Leaf cluster, the Belgian Fourragere, French Croix de guerre and Dutch "Order of William." In service about two years, March 1944 to Feb. 1946. Previously at Camp Fannin, Tex., and Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas to England Nov. 1944. In ETO 16 months. Farmer near Pretty Prairie.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breitenbach, of Ninnescah township.*



**Everett A. Brenn**, T/5 85th Inf., Tenth Mountain Div., in Italy, serving in North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns. Overseas ten months, from Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md. In service March 24, 1944 to Sept. 21, 1945. Previously at Ft. Logan, Colo., and Camp Roberts, Calif. Home, 205 West 8th. Mechanic with A. D. Rayl Motor Co.

**Richard W. Brennan**, Pvt., Battery B, 130th Field artillery when it mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Division Jan. 1941. Home Hutchinson RFD.



**Frederic A. W. Brent**, Pvt., 848th Signal Bn. Army signal corps, Camp Crowder, Mo., clerk-typist. In service Nov. 1942 to April 1946. Home, 526 West A. Carpenter-contractor. Helped build hangars at Great Bend and Pratt B-29 air bases.

**Abram Ellis Brentlinger**, AMM 3/c, Naval air force, Kingsville, Tex. Home, 315 West Third. Son of Mrs. H. T. Parker, Burrton.



**Leonard F. Brentlinger**, Pfc., 32nd Inf., Seventh Div., in western Pacific area. Overseas June 1945. In Hawaii and Okinawa, then to occupation force in Korea for five months, Sept. 1945 to Feb. 1946, and in Philippines six months, Feb. to Oct. 1946. Formerly at Camp Hood, Tex., and Fort Ord, Calif. In service two years, Nov. 1944 to Oct. 1946. Home, 120 West Fourth.

**Howard K. Bressler**, Cpl., army in Hawaii, for two years. In service over three years, returning Nov. 1945. Home, Nickerson.

**Wendell Bressler**, Seaman, Great Lakes, Ill., Naval station. Home, Nickerson.

**Fred Leroy Brewer**, Pfc., Infantry in European theater from Camp McCain, Miss. Returned from overseas to Camp Carson, Colo. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brewer, Turon. Wife at 226 West Fourth.



**William B. Brewster**, Ensign, Naval air corps, across Pacific, in Japan, at Tokyo for a month, Sept. to Oct. 1945. In service about three years. Feb. 1943 to Nov. 1945. Previous to going overseas, stationed at St. Mary's and Livermore, Calif., Corpus Christi, Tex., De Land, Fla., Wildwood, N. J., Falmouth, Mass., and San Francisco. Home, 402 East 14th.

**Robert B. "Bob" Briant**, 1st Lt., Signal corps, with 293rd Joint Assault Signal company, in action in both European and Asiatic-Pacific theaters. In Normandy battle and Northern France campaign, Feb. 1944 to Sept. 1944. Then to Pacific area, in New Guinea, Biak, and Luzon, Nov. 1944 to Dec. 1945. Son of Mrs. B. O. Briant, 611½ East B.

**Melvin Brice-Nash**, Pfc., radioman, 79th Div. in European theater serving with armored battalion. Twice wounded in action. First time in back, in France Jan. 17, 1945. Wounded again March 27, 1945, in action in Germany, this time by mortar shrapnel, in face and hand. Overseas Oct. 1944 with armored division from Camp Campbell, Ky. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelvie Brice-Nash, 734 East Fifth St.





**Robert Brice-nash**, M M 2/c, Navy, on the USS Houston on both the Pacific and Atlantic, declares that light cruiser was "the luckiest ship in the navy." For two years the Houston rode the Pacific combat area, operating even in the dangerous "Torpedo Junction," a submarine-infested area near Guadalcanal but it never received a hit, nor was a man aboard ever hurt through enemy action, Brice-nash said.

Brice-nash was in the navy six years, March, 1941, to March, 1947. He served on the destroyer USS Jarvis in the Aleutians, and was on the USS San Diego in convoy duty. But most of his combat service was on the lucky Houston, including the battles of Solomon Islands, Esperanto Santos, Santa Cruz, Munda, New Georgia, Bougainville, Buka airfield, Rabaul, Nauri Island, assault and occupation of Makin and Tarawa, and the action at Kwajalein and Wotje, in the Marshalls Islands. He was with the task force that launched the first carrier-based air attack on the Jap base of Rabaul, New Britain, Nov. 5, 1943.

Brice-nash received a Silver Star and two Bronze Star awards, and a Presidential citation for the action at Rabaul. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brice-nash, of Medora. Home, 545 East A.

**Jos. Bricker**, Pvt., Marines, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Transferred there to Naval Construction Bn. and sent overseas with unit to build base at Okinawa. From there to Korea for guard duty. Hutchinson RFD.



**Howard B. Brickey**, Pfc. Army Air Corps, parachute rigger, serving in England, France and Germany. Overseas, Jan. 1944. With Air Service Command in Europe two years. In service 4½ years, Sept. 1941 to Dec. 1945. 429 West 15th.



**Leo Ervin Bridgeman**, S 1/c Navy, on USS Feland, convoy duty on the Pacific for 16 mos. In action in the Marianas, Leyte, Luzon and Iwo Jima. Overseas from San Diego May 1944. Was stationed at Saipan, Guam, Leyte, Luzon and Iwo Jima. In service about 2 years, March 1944 to Nov. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bridgeman, Abbyville. Home, 418 East 14th. Manager of a Mammel food store.

**Howard Bridges**, Capt. Army Signal Corps in India in 1945. Previously in England with Eighth Air Force, as instructor on maintenance of equipment used in over-cast bombing. In Europe Feb. to Dec. 1944. Then to India, serving in the Far East over a year. Before going overseas stationed at Hastings, Neb., and in Georgia. Formerly with Kansas Power & Light power plant.

**John Bridges**, Cpl. Army Air Force, Strother Field, Winfield, Kans. Son of Mrs. Anna Stockham, 129 North Poplar.



Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bridgess, 614 West Seventeenth.

**Walter Eugene Bridgess**, RDM 3/c Navy, radar operator on transport USS Frederick Funston on the Pacific for 8 months, at Manila, Marianas, and Guam, Saipan and Tinian. Was radarman on the USS LST-539 in the Pacific area July 1945 to March 1946. In service Feb. 1945 to July 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bridgess, 614 West Seventeenth.



erator of a service station.

**Homer E. Bright**, S/Sgt. Army Air Corps, athletic instructor and supply sergeant at Coffeyville, Kans. Army Air Field for about 3 years, Nov. 2, 1942 to Sept. 15, 1945. Son of Mrs. Sadie Bright, 432 East 17th St., Hutchinson. He is now located at Los Angeles, Calif., owner and operator of a service station.

**Mark Bright**, Ensign, Naval Air Force in Southwest Pacific. Brought down two Jap planes and helped down two more in air battle in the Solomon islands. Son of C. E. Bright, formerly of Hutchinson, and nephew of Mrs. John Parker, 212 East 7th.



feet from him. Both legs mangled, one broken. After discharge from army served as captain of the State Guard company in Hutchinson. Home, 424 West Sherman. With Wm. Kelly Milling Co.

**Frank W. Brightenburgh**, S/Sgt., instructor at cavalry school, Ft. Riley, Aug. 1943 to Oct. 1945. A casualty there, receiving eight shrapnel wounds from an .81 MM mortar, Nov. 9, 1943 while officiating as an observer of shellfire at a target on the artillery range, the shell exploding only five

**Horatio Brightfield**, Sgt. Signal Corps, in European theater, mostly in England. In action in Germany. Awarded battle star. Overseas 15 months. In service about 4 years, Feb. 1942 to Jan. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brightfield, 203 East 16th.

**Ray Briles**, Sgt. Army Medical Corps, serving in European theater for 32 months. To Wakeman General hospital, Atterbury, Ind., Jan. 1946. Son of Mrs. Hulda Briles, 920 East Ninth.



**Ben F. Briley**, Cpl. Inf., guard at Prisoner of War camp, Weingarten, Mo., later with military police in Hawaii. Previously on duty at Ft. Leavenworth. In service over 3 years, Dec. 1942 to Feb. 1946. Son of Mrs. Homer Dunn, Sylvia, RFD 2. Home is in the Peace Creek community.



standing service on Okinawa. In service 1½ years, June 1944 to Dec. 1945. Home, 709 North Pierce.

**Jimmie P. Briscoe**, Pfc., Marines, Tank Battalion, 6th Marine Div. in western Pacific. In action in Okinawa and in the liberation of Tsingtao, China. Overseas a year. On Guadalcanal 4 mos.; Okinawa 3 mos.; Guam 3½ mos., and in China one mo. Awarded Presidential unit citation for outstanding service on Okinawa. In service 1½ years, June 1944 to Dec. 1945. Home, 709 North Pierce.



In service over two years, Nov. 1943 to Jan. 1946. Home, 1209 North Prairie.

**\*Earl D. Britain**, S/Sgt. Army Air Corps, in west Pacific with P-47 Thunderbolts based on Ie-Shima for 7 mos. Took part in air offensive against the enemy targets in China and Japan and in occupation of Ryukyus. Overseas from Dalhart, Tex. air base in June 1945. Previously at Amarillo, Tex., Bruning, Neb., and Dalhart air bases.

**\*Marvin L. Britain**, Pvt., Army, Camp McCain, Miss., killed in collision of army motorcycle and truck near Wilson, Ark., Aug. 23, 1943. (See Gold Star roster.)

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson C. Britain, 1629 North Hendricks St.*



pital to combat duty in Germany. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Britain of Nickerson.

**Gann B. Britain**, T/5, 137th Inf., 35th Div., serving with Third Army in European theater. In the battles of Normandy, Northern France campaign, Rhineland and Ardennes battles and Germany. Wounded in the Normandy battle, July 18, 1943; hospitalized 5½ months, returning from hospital to combat duty in Germany. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Britain of Nickerson.

**Robert W. Britt**, Cpl., Army Air Force, inspector at sub-depot, Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. for 18 mos., transferred from there to Las Vegas, N. M., for assignment from there to duty in the South Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Britt, 1107 North Monroe.



years, Nov. 1943 to Feb. 1945. Home, 1115 East Fifth. Truck driver for Central Fibre Products Co.

**Earl O. Brittain**, Pvt., Military Police, on guard duty at prisoner of war camp, Concordia, Kans., for 3 mos. Formerly with armored division at Ft. Knox, Ky., but was transferred to military police duty with in United States because of being over age for overseas duty. In service about 1½





**\*Glenn Brittingham**, Pfc., Army Air Corps, over Pacific. Enlisted Oct. 2, 1945. Was stationed at Harlingen, Tex., 3 mos., and at San Antonio, Tex., 5 mos. Left there June 1946 for overseas. With ground force of army air corps.



**\*Walter M. Brittingham**, Cpl., Army signal section in Australia four years. Formerly at Camp Grant, Ill., for 3 mos. Overseas Dec. 1941 to Melbourne, Australia. After three weeks at Melbourne was moved to Brisbane, Australia, New Year's Day, 1942, remaining on duty there until Dec. 1945, 47 months. Was with medical corps part of the time over Pacific. Remained overseas after discharge, Nov. 29, 1945, and now engaged in farming at Palm Woods, Australia. Formerly lived at 216 North Plum.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Laura A. Brittingham, 225 West Fourth.*



**\*Junior M. Britton**, serving in both the army and the navy. Was Pfc. in 130th Field Artillery when the war broke out with 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark., in 1940. Overseas to England, Dec. 1944. Stationed at Stenay, France and Staiberg, Germany in 1945. After discharge from Army, Dec. 1945, enlisted in the Navy, March 1946 at San Diego, stationed at Camp Elliott, Calif.

**\*Dorsey Lee Britton**, 2nd Lt., Army Air Force, killed in crash of army plane at Kirtland Field, N. M., March 22, 1944. (See Gold Star roster.)

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Britton, 701 East C.*

**\*Howard C. Broaddus**, Sgt., Army Air Force, killed in action in France, Jan. 10, 1945. (See Gold Star roster.)



**\*Wm. B. Broaddus, Jr.**, B 3/c, Navy, baker on cruiser USS Fargo (CL-106), in the Mediterranean sea area, and standing guard in the Adriatic over the Trieste area (1946). In the navy since Jan. 4, 1945. Formerly stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., Bainbridge, Md., Boston and Newport, R. I. Was employed at Hutchinson Naval Air Station before enlistment in navy.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Broaddus, 821 East Fourth St., Hutchinson.*



**Ormund Clyde Broadus**, Coxswain, Navy, with 22nd special battalion in the Southwest Pacific. Overseas 20 months, April 1, 1944 to Dec. 1945. In action in Admiralty islands. In navy about 2½ years, Sept. 1943 to Dec. 1945. Home, 1413 East Second. Now with the Cessna Aircraft Co.

**Richard Brock**, Pvt., Inf., wounded in action in Germany, Dec. 8, 1944; to hospital in England. Formerly of Hutchinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Brock, his father a former Hutchinson banker, now of Goodland, Kans. His mother, the former Gladys Switzer, daughter of A. M. Switzer, former Yoder merchant, pioneer of Reno county



**Wilbur H. Brokar**, Cpl., Army Air Force, with 420th AAFBU at March Field, Calif. Stationed at Lincoln, Neb., Burbank, Calif., and March Field. In service 2½ years, May 1943 to Oct. 1945. Formerly of Sumner township. Is brother of Mrs. Will Weve, Haven.

**\*Henry W. Broker**, S/Sgt., Army Air Corps, instructor in B-24 mobile training unit, as instrument specialist in South America, Puerto Rico, North Africa, England, Scotland and Wales. At 22 different points around the world, giving instruction on use of instruments on Liberators. Formerly an instructor at Lowry Field, Colo., Sheppard Field, Tex., and Chanute Field, Ill. Home, 529 East 10th.

**\*Rex L. Broker**, Cpl., Army Air Corps, with radio unit over Pacific, based on Guam. Overseas two years, since April 1944. Formerly at Robins Field, Macon, Ga. Home, 2910 North Pershing St., Hutchinson.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Broker, South Hutchinson, formerly of Sylvia.*

**Willis F. Broker**, Sgt., Inf., Jackson, Miss. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Broker of Sylvia.

**William Robert Brook**, Seaman, Navy, Faragut, Ida., station. Son of Joe Brook, 1501 East Third.

**Chester Brooke**, S/Sgt., Army. Formerly of Nickerson. Grandson of O. P. Brooke, Nickerson.

**Farrell M. Brooks**, T/3 Signal Corps, Camp Stoneman, Calif. Formerly at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Brooks.

**George H. Brooks**, Lt. (jg) Navy, on a torpedo boat in the Solomons islands, Southwest Pacific for a year. Later on duty at Miami Beach, Fla. Hutchinson RFD 3.

**Gerald A. Brooks**, Musician 2/c, Navy. Great Lakes, Ill., naval station, 620 East Second St.

**Joseph E. Brooks**, SK 2/c, Navy, with amphibious units in western Pacific. Storekeeper on LCI flotilla 16 staff, on Okinawa. On landing crafts LCI 762 and 370, participating in invasion operations in Okinawa and Philippines, and later in China. Was stationed on LCI staff ship at Okinawa. In Pacific area 1½ years. In navy March 1944 to Nov. 1945. Home, 416 East 15th. Was manager of National Cash Register Co., Hutchinson.

**Roger K. Brooks**, ART 1/c, Naval Air Force, radio technician on USS Lake Champlain for three months. Stationed at Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla., for 2½ years, at Corpus Christi, Tex., Ward Island for 6 mos., and at Chincoteague, Va., naval air station 3 mos. In service March 1942 to Dec. 1945. Son of Mrs. R. G. Brooks, 604 East Sherman.

**Robert Brosius**, with navy on the Pacific. Son of the late Bob Brosius, former superintendent of the Hutchinson Gas Co., who died in 1945.

**Gerald L. Brough**, Sgt. at army post, Ft. Riley. Formerly of Sylvia. His wife, the former Ulavee Shuff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Shuff, Sylvia, also at Ft. Riley, on duty in post insurance office.

**Ernest W. Broughton**, T/5, Army Signal Corps, with Seventh Air Force based on Saipan in west Pacific. Formerly at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. Overseas nearly 3 years, returning Aug. 1945. Home, 115 South Maple St., Hutchinson. Wife an employee at C. R. Anthony store. Cpl. Broughton is a brother of Mrs. Roger Shannon, Nickerson.

**John Brower**, Lt. Army Air Force. Luke Field, Ariz. Home, Haven.



**\*Robert D. Brower**, AM 2/c, Navy Air Force stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, naval air station for 19 months. Formerly at Hutchinson Naval Air Station, Sept. 1942 to Feb. 1944; then to Hawaii. Discharged Oct. 18, 1945 after 3 years' service. Home, 1403 East Second.



**\*Roy A. Brower**, Sgt. Army Air Corps, in radio maintenance, Army Airways Communications system, stationed in northern Brazil for 1½ years. Stationed formerly at Ft. Riley, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., Ft. Custer, Mich., Smyrna, Tenn., and with communications squadron, Nashville, Tenn. In service 3½ years until Sept. 1945. Formerly transmitter operator, radio station KFBI, Wichita.

*\*Sons of J. E. Brower, South Hutchinson. The brothers now engaged in body and fender repair work, Hutchinson.*





Chas. L. Brown

**Charles Leon Brown**, T/Sgt., 361st Engineers in France. Overseas from Camp Claibourne, La. In service about two years, from September 1943 to June 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Brown, 21 East Twelfth.

**Charles Napoleon Brown**, Pfc., Marines, quartermaster clerk, 23rd Regt. Fourth Div. On Maui in the Hawaiian Islands from March to Nov. 1945; and with Marine supply detachment on Peleliu from Nov. 1945 to Feb. 1, 1946. In the service about two years, April 1944 to Feb. 1946, including about a year overseas. Home, 309 West 19th. Son of Mrs. C. E. Brown, 417 West Ninth. Manager of the Hutchinson Supply Co.

**Amos (C. A.) Brown**, Lt. (jg) Navy, serving both on the Atlantic and Pacific. Formerly of Hutchinson, son of H. M. Brown, now of Stafford. Graduate of Bresee college, 1934.

**Arthur L. Brown**, Cpl., Quartermaster truck company, Transportation Corps, serving in France, with headquarters at Paris. Served in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Commended for keeping truck going without repairs for 37,040 miles. He never missed a run on the famous "Red Ball Express" through France. Home, 309 West A.

**Bernard K. Brown**, T/Sgt., 311th Signal service group, attached to Supreme Allied headquarters, Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany. He served in European theater 18 months. Previously in the Aleutians for 9 months. Awarded Bronze Star for outstanding service in Normandy invasion, while attached to Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters. Formerly with Kansas Power & Light Co., Hutchinson.



**Bernard W. "Bernie" Brown**, T/3, with mobile army radar unit that took him within two years from Rome to Tokyo, radar technician, army air force signal corps, serving in both the European and the Asiatic-Pacific theaters. Participated in the Rome-Arno and North Apennines campaigns in Italy. Overseas to North Africa. From there in the invasion of Italy. Later to Panama canal zone, and then across the Pacific, on Okinawa and in occupation of Japan. In service three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Brown, 28 East 14th.

**Billy Elmer Brown**, RM 2/c, Navy, radioman on the USS Elusive (AM 225) on the Pacific and at Okinawa. In Pacific area over two years, stationed part of the time on an island in the Solomons operating with the army air force. Overseas from Port Hueneme, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Brown, 117 South Adams St., Hutchinson.



Chas. N. Brown

**Charles Brown**, Pvt., Inf., serving in North Carolina. Home, Pretty Prairie.

**Charles Brown**, Pvt., armed force in Alaska. Formerly of Sylvia.

**\*Charles L. Brown**, Pvt., Second Tank Bn., in European theater. Overseas from Camp Polk, La.

**\*Woodrow W. Brown**, Pfc., 58th Armored Field Artillery Bn., in North Africa.

*\*Sons of C. R. Brown, of near Turon.*

**Clarence R. Brown**, Navy, engineering. Great Lakes, Ill., naval station. Son of Mrs. Ida Brown, 807 North Walnut.

**Dale (W. D.) Brown**, ARM 2/c, Naval Air Force, radioman at naval air stations in Admiralty islands and Philippines. Overseas about two years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown, 608 West 7th. Home, 131 West Sherman.

**Delbert Brown**, Cpl., 137th Inf., 35th Div., in European theater, serving in France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany. In Normandy invasion, and battles of St. Lo, Northern France campaign, and Ardennes. Home in Hutchinson.

**Earl Brown**, T/Sgt. with 38th Div. in Fifth Army, in the campaigns in Italy. In service 3½ years, June 1942 to Dec. 1945. Overseas 1½ years. Home, 526 East C.

**Ellsworth E. Brown**, Seaman, Navy, based at San Francisco. With Safeway grocery company, Hutchinson.

**Fred T. Brown**, Pfc., Ninth Air Force service command in England, motor equipment operator, hauling supplies for medium fighters and bombers. Graduate Hutchinson high school 1941. Son of Mrs. Ada L. Brown, South Hutchinson.



**Gerald W. Brown**, Y 1/c, Navy, in Southwest Pacific. Chief yeoman on the USS Trinity which was in Manila harbor when the Japs attacked the Philippines at outbreak of war. The Trinity escaped from Manila bay, but was torpedoed later, July 1942, and sunk off Darwin, Australia.

Brown was rescued. Was stationed at Perth, Australia for the next three years. Participated in battles of Java Sea and Philippine campaign. Later on duty at submarine base, New London, Conn. In navy six years, 1940 to 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown of Sylvia.

**George William Brown**, S 1/c, Navy, on the Pacific. Overseas nearly two years. In the service 2½ years. Based at Bruno, Calif., when discharged. Son of Mrs. U. L. Hood, of Nickerson.

**Gilbert Brown**, Lt., Army Medical Corps, Camp McCoy, Wis. Wife, the former Frances Dean, daughter of Mrs. C. S. Dean, 311 West B. Brother of Virginia Brown, 14 West 14th St., Hutchinson.

**\*Gordon Charles Brown**, Pfc., Infantry, in western Pacific. Overseas from Camp Roberts, Calif. With army of occupation in Japan, stationed at Kuri, Japan. Wife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Stucky, Pretty Prairie.



**\*Lee P. Brown**, S/Sgt. Co. L, 137th Inf., 35th Div. in European theater. Served in the battle of Normandy beachhead at Cherbourg, and in "battle of the hedgerows" near St. Lo, France. Seriously wounded in action in Normandy, Aug. 11, 1944 by shrapnel from an enemy tank destroyer.

stomach and intestinal injuries. Moved to hospital in England; later to general hospital at Vancouver, Wash. Discharged for disability in Sept. 1945. In army nearly six years; eight months overseas. Was member of Co. L, Kingman National Guard company when the Guard mobilized Dec. 1940. Enlisted in 1939.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, Pretty Prairie.*

**Harley E. Brown**, Pvt., 37th Inf., serving in Alaska. 800 East 11th, Hutchinson.

**Harvey Brown**, T/5, Infantry, in European theater. Haven RFD. Son of Mrs. Rosa C. Brown of Pleasant Grove community, Valley township.

**Harold "Buddy" Brown**, T/Sgt., Medical Corps, Ft. Ord, Calif. Medical detachment with Engineers Corps. Former manager of Fox theater in Hutchinson.

**\*Herbert K. Brown**, Pfc., Inf., Jefferson Barracks, Mo.



**\*Lewis (John L.) Brown**, Coxswain, Navy, fire fighter instructor, at Farragut, Idaho, Hawthorne, Nev. and Mare Island, Calif., naval stations. In service about two years, April 1944 to Feb. 1946. Fireman in Hutchinson fire department. Home, 429 East Seventh St.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Nora Brown, 116 West Seventh.*



**Jack M. Brown**, Major, 11th Inf., Fifth Div., in European theater. As a captain commanded a company in the Normandy battle, and served in Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns. Was wounded in action by artillery fire at Dornot, near Metz, France, Sept. 8, 1944.

Serious wounds in back and right leg. Major Brown was awarded Bronze Star for valor in combat and the Purple Heart. In the army since August 1941. Son of Lt. Cmdr. Ray W. Brown of the Navy, who was killed in service, Aug. 1946., and of Mrs. Dale R. Crippen, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Denver. Graduate of Hutchinson high school. Grandson of A. B. Mathias, 1210 North Main. Made his home in Hutchinson with uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Peachey, 1218 North Walnut.



\***Jack Lee Brown**, military police, Ft. Custer, Battle Creek, Mich.

\***Ray Brown**, SC 1/c, ship's cook with Coast Guard, Norfolk, Va.

\***Wilbur D. Brown**, radarman, naval air force, Seattle, Wash. Graduate from Hutchinson high school, 1942. Formerly on Pirates' baseball team, Hutchinson.

\**Sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown, 608 West Seventh St.*

**James S. Brown**, Sgt., Ordnance unit with Ninth Air Force based in England. Served with 1925th Ordnance ammunition company in England and France, and with 81st Chemical mortar battalion in France and Germany, supervising crews handling and storing bombs and other ammunition for supplying air fields. In army almost five years, about two years overseas. Was Cpl., Battery C, 130th F.A. when the field artillery battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941 with 35th Div. Served with the 35th in California until transferred to air corps. Son of Mrs. Lloyd Brown, 534 East First.

**James Walter Brown**, Carpenter's Mate, 2/c, Navy, in Atlantic area. Participated in North African and Italian invasions. In service since 1942. Awarded five service ribbons. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd K. Brown, 527 East Tenth.

**Joe O. Brown**, Fireman, 2/c, Navy, on the USS Missouri in Pacific area. Was on that battleship in Tokyo harbor when the peace treaty was signed on the deck of the Missouri. Home, 114 East Fourth.

**Maurice Marcel Brown**, Fireman, 2/c, Navy, Farragut, Idaho naval station. Home, 303 West A.

**Melvin Brown**, Naval Air Force, Hutchinson Naval Air Station. Home, Haven.

\***Max J. Brown**, Sgt., 527th Armored Infantry, Camp Roberts, Calif. Formerly radio electrician, communications, Ft Knox, Ky.

\***Wm. A. Brown**, Pvt., Signal Corps, Camp Crowder, Mo.

\**Sons of Samuel L. Brown, Nickerson. Brothers of Ben Brown, 1509 East Third St., Hutchinson.*

**Ray W. Brown**, Lt. Cmdr., Naval Air Force, killed in crash of Navy bomber near San Diego, Aug. 1, 1946. (See Gold Star roster.)



**Robert Irving Brown**, Pfc., Army Air Corps, in ground maintenance division. Was stationed at Wheeler Field, Hawaii, when Pearl Harbor was bombed. In Hawaii about a year. Later to the European theater in Aug. 1943, serving with 23rd Station camp squadron in England. Wounded in England by shrapnel from hand grenade. In European theater 16 mos. In army 3½ years, June 1941 to Jan. 1945. Home, 1416 North Plum.

\***Robert V. Brown**, Sgt., Marines, in battle of Okinawa. Home, 20 East Tenth.

\***Winton C. Brown**, Capt., Army Air Force, weather observer, B-29 bomber group on Tinian island in west Pacific. Formerly

Pvt., Battery C, 130th Field Artillery when the National Guard artillery battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941 with 35th Div. Later transferred to army air force. Became Lt. AAF at Ardmore, Okla.

\**Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas I. Brown, formerly of north of Hutchinson, now Riverside, Calif. Brothers of Ralph I. Brown, Nickerson RFD.*

**Roy Brown**, S 3/c, Navy, Farragut, Idaho Naval Station. Son of Mrs. Ida Brown, 807 North Walnut St., Hutchinson.

**Roy P. Brown**, Pvt., Infantry, killed in action in Italy, Oct. 18, 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Brown, King's Garden. (See Gold Star Roster.)



township, Burrton RFD 1. Oil field pumper for the Shell Oil Co.

**Sherman A. Brown**, F 1/c, Navy, fireman on the USS Burleigh (APA 95), in the Pacific theater for 13 mos. Participated in the Okinawa invasion. In service two years, Nov. 1943 to Nov. 5, 1945. Overseas from Newport, R. I. Previously at Farragut, Idaho and Ft. Pierce, Fla. Home in Valley



**Wesley E. Brown**, Lt., Navy, in Southwest Pacific theater, serving as watch officer, welfare officer, legal assistance officer and executive. In service two years, March 1944 to Feb. 1946. In Philippines 4 mos.; 30 days in Leyte and 90 days at Manila. A Hutchinson attorney; former county attorney of Reno county. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Brown, 103 South Ford. Home, 551 East B.

**William R. Brown**, ARM 2/c, Naval Air Force, serving on USS Privateer in Southwest Pacific. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, two air medals, navy unit citation, Philippine Liberation ribbon and three battle stars. Discharged at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 1945. Home, 1114 North Washington.

**Leo Browner**, Seaman, Navy, Sun Valley, Idaho; Bremerton, Wash. Home, Valley township. Wife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bacon, Hutchinson RFD.

**Charles R. Browning**, of Hutchinson, Pvt. 81st Inf., in the Southwest Pacific, had a hot job, that of spraying fiery death with a flame-thrower against the enemy, literally burning them out of their machine gun nests and dugouts.

But there came a night when the enemy got him and left him wounded and helpless on a ledge on a mountain side. It happened on Anguar island, in Palau group, central Pacific, Sept. 26, 1944. He was with a crew operating a flame-thrower against Jap "pillboxes" in the landing operation. On the night of Sept. 26 as the platoon was moving up on a troublesome machine gun nest, Browning was on a ledge above a canyon when a Jap hurled a hand grenade at him. It exploded only a few inches from his feet, shattering his legs.

The firing was so intense that it was almost 7 o'clock next morning before med-

ical aid men were able to reach Browning. Three days later he was aboard a hospital ship en route to the U.S.A. He was under treatment for months at Letterman general hospital, San Francisco, and Winter general hospital, Topeka. Formerly with 275th Inf. at Camp Adair, Ore. Son of Earl W. Browning, 11½ West Fourth St.



**Donald J. Brownlee**, Cpl., Army Air Corps, radio mechanic and radar instructor, in the Southwest Pacific, Overseas Feb. 1945 to Kahuku, Oahu, Hawaii, for six weeks, then to New Caledonia, Dec. 1945, stationed there 3 mos. In service about 3 years, June 1943 to March 1946. Son of Hugh L. Brownlee, Sylvia.

\***Lynn Brownlee**, Army Air Force, Thunderbird Field, Glendale, Ariz.

\***May Helen Brownlee**, Lt. (jg) WAVES, Northampton, Mass., later with Navy department, Washington, communications duty. In service over two years, Oct. 1943 to Dec. 1945.

\**Son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brownlee, Pretty Prairie.*

**Marjorie Ruth Brownlee**, Cpl. WACs, Camp Butner, N. C. Pretty Prairie.

**Robert R. Brownlee**, 2nd Lt., Army Air Corps, Hondo, Tex. Instructor in navigation. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brownlee, near Sylvia.

**Thomas W. Brownlee**, Lt., Army Air Corps, pilot in glider force in European theater. To North Africa in May 1943 as flight officer in glider crew. Was forced down on desert in Africa, in Aug. 1943, the crew being without water for 11 days, but all survived the harrowing experience. Participated in landing operation in Sicily, and in invasions in Italy and France. Was pilot in 47th squadron, based in England later. Son of Mrs. Chas. Brownlee of Sylvia.



**William Edward Brownlee**, 1st Lt., Medical Unit, Kansas City. Entered service Sept. 1942. Was an interne in a Kansas City hospital. Later on duty at San Antonio, Tex. Overseas to Germany, 1947 for active service in army medical corps. Son of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Brownlee, 120 West

18th. Is now with 98th General hospital, Munich, Germany.

**Hollis L. Brownson**, Sgt., Inf., in European theater. Hutchinson RFD.

\***Floyd J. Brubaker**, Pvt., Army Air Force, Wichita Falls and Amarillo, Tex. air fields. Formerly Pvt. 57th Bn., Infantry, Camp Wolters, Tex. 204 Hoagland St.

\***Lloyd E. Brubaker**, SC 3/c, Naval Air Force, ship's cook, on Okinawa 9 mos. Previously at Hutchinson Naval Air Station and Minneapolis, Minn., NAS. In service about four years.

\**Sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Brubaker, 315 East Seventh.*



**Donald Bruce**, Pvt., Signal Corps, with occupational force at Seoul, capital city of Korea, he and another signalman in charge of signal operations there since Oct. 1946. Formerly at Camp Stoneman, Calif. and Ft. Monmouth, N. J. In service since Feb. 1945. Son of Mrs. Madge Bruce, 700 West 13th.

**Herbert Lyle Bruce**, S 1/c, Navy, killed when USS Houston was sunk off Java, March 1, 1942, Arlington. (See Gold Star roster.)

**James Saunders Bruce, III**, Seaman, Naval Air Force, radio-gunner, in North Pacific. At Attu, in Aleutians for 16 mos. Returned on C-54 air transport plane to naval hospital at Seattle, Wash., for treatment for ear infection. Later to naval hospital, Norman, Okla. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bruce, Jr., 3107 Farmington Rd.

**Glenn Bruer**, with army specialist unit, Denton, Tex. Son of Mrs. Evelyn Bruer, 125 West A.

**Josephine Ann Bruer**, Pvt., Marine corps women's reserve, Marine base depot, Norfolk, Va. Home, Plevna.

**Jos. H. Bruer**, Sgt. 21st Bomber command, army air corps, armorer in combat unit, B-29s, based on Guam. With service unit at superfortress base in Marianas. Formerly with Rural Electric association in Hutchinson. Entered army Nov. 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Bruer, Plevna, RFD 1.

**John Bruer**, Pvt., Army Air Force, Scott Field, Ill., and Roswell, N. M. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bruer, Plevna.

**Ralph Bruggeman**, Cpl., Army, Jefferson City, Mo. Home, 1801 North Jefferson St., Hutchinson.

**\*Clarence L. Brumbach**, Lt., Navy medical corps, naval base hospital, San Francisco.

**\*Harold Brumbach**, T/Cpl., Army engineers, North Africa. Home, 116 West 17th St., Hutchinson.

*\*Sons of C. A. Brumbach, 800 North Main St., Hutchinson.*

**Daniel W. Brummett, Jr.**, Sgt., Battery D, 555th Antiaircraft artillery, AW Bn. (MBL), Camp Hulen, Tex. Son of D. W. Brummett, 108 West Sixth St., Hutchinson.



**Allie Albert Brundage**, Sgt., Army air force, with 339th Bombing squadron, 96th Bombing group in European theater, based in England. Engaged in aircraft welding, repairing broken braces and structures on the bomber planes. In service over 3½ years, April 1942 to Nov. 1945. Overseas eight months. Home, 615 North Carey. Maintenance of way welder, Missouri Pacific Railway.

**James J. Brundage**, Sgt., personnel section chief, 11th Air Force air base, in western Aleutians. Served in the Aleutians 17 months, Sept. 1943 to Feb. 1945. Re-enlisted Dec. 1945. Home, 305 West 18th St.

**George DeWitt Brundige**, Lt., Naval air force, pilot of naval bomber in West Pacific. Awarded two air medals for work as gunner in shooting down enemy plane and as a pilot in bombing Wake island. Was at Pearl Harbor during the bombing attack Dec. 7, 1941, receiving citation in Hawaii from Secretary of War Knox personally. One of the few enlisted men to command a heavy bomber. Received promotion and commission after Wake island raid. Participated on 140 missions. In battles of Midway, Cape Esperance, Santa Cruz, Guadalcanal, Wake island, Bougainville, Bismarck archipelago and New Guinea. In service since Sept. 18, 1935. On USS West Virginia four years. In Pacific theater three years. At Hutchinson Naval air station two years. Home, 214 East Fourth.

**Roland Bruneau**, Naval air force, Hutchinson NAS. Now with Krause Plow Co. Home, 208 East B.

**Athol Brunk**, Ensign, Navy, Miami, Fla. Home, north of Hutchinson. Brother of Mrs. H. W. Deane, 212 East 14th.

**Charles Bryan, Jr.**, ARM 3/c, Naval air force, radioman with Avenger torpedo bomber crew in Western Pacific based on Guam. Formerly at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. In service since 1942. Son of Mrs. James D. Rucker, 621 West Sixth.

**Elwyn Bryan**, Capt., Marines, in Pacific theater, liaison officer between ground force and air. Serving in Guadalcanal and New Caledonia; also in China, with one of first air units to be based in China. Previously at Quantico, Va. and Cherry Point, N. C. In service nearly five years, June 1941 to Feb. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bryan, of Hutchinson, now of Anthony, and nephew of Mrs. Harold Casner, 1001 West 17th.

**Gerald "Jerry" Bryan**, S/Sgt., 18th Air force, with motion picture unit at Culver City, Calif. Discharged Jan. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bryan, 1213 North Monroe.

**Roy W. Bryan**, Pfc., Infantry, in European theater. Wounded in action Aug. 1944. Overseas from Camp Berkeley, Tex. Brother of Mrs. Frances Dill, 304 West Second.

**Vernon D. Bryan**, Pfc., Army air force, Ardmore, Okla. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Bryan, 1507 East 26th.

**Lawrence E. Bryant**, in navy for three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bryant, of 1322 North Adams. With Volkland Funeral Home.



**Paul R. Bryant**, Cpl., 40th Div., in western Pacific. Participated in mopping-up operations on Leyte and Panay, in the Philippines. Wounded in action on Leyte, Apr. 19, 1945, shrapnel wounds in right leg. In assault on "Boogie Woogie" Hill. His company staged a parade in front of the general

the day the Japs came out of the hills in Panay and surrendered. Was in Leyte three months and on Panay four months. In Philippines March to Oct. 1945. Moved then to Korea with occupation forces Oct. 1945. In service about 1½ years. Home, Burrton RFD.

**William Bubela**, Sgt., Inf., in Caribbean area for over two years. Later at Santa Monica, Calif. Former manager of Miller-Jones shoe store, Hutchinson.



**\*Glen Elmer Buchanan**, T/4, Quartermaster corps and army engineers in European theater, serving in Rhineland campaign and Germany. In the ETO 6 months, Jan. to July 1945. Then redeployed to Pacific area, serving over Pacific Sept. 1945 to Jan. 1946. Formerly with 361st F.A. Bn. at Camp White, Ore. In army three years, Oct. 1942 to Feb. 1946. Home, 310½ East 8th.



**\*Ray H. Buchanan**, T/5, Medical detachment, 71st Inf., 44th Div., serving as medical aid man in northern France, Rhineland and Germany campaigns. Previously at Camp Grant, Ill., Camp Chaffee, Ark., Ft. Lewis, Wash. and Camp Phillips, Kans. In army about three years, Jan. 1943 to Nov. 1945.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Buchanan, 1230 East 6th.*

**Howard B. Buchanan**, S 1/c, Navy, with radio technician unit, Great Lakes, Ill. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan, 207 East 11th St., Hutchinson.

**Samuel Buchanan**, Pvt., with army in Alaska. Former Hutchinson high school student.

**John W. Buck**, Seaman, Navy. 417 East Fourth.

**Richard H. Buck**, Pvt., Ordnance unit with Patton's Third army in Germany. Employed at Western Food Products Co., Hutchinson. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buck, South Hutchinson.

**Robert Alfred Buck**, Cpl., Army air force, airplane engine mechanic. In service 32 months. Formerly Amarillo, Tex. air field. Discharged at Lincoln, Neb. air base. Home, 1726 East Fourth.

**Kenneth C. Buckles**, Pfc., Infantry, drowned in North Africa, March 3, 1944. Son of H. B. Buckles, 1007 East Sherman. (See Gold Star Roster.)



**Ralph R. Buckman**, S/Sgt., Army air corps, ordnance department, serving on Galapagos islands, off west coast of South America, in Pacific; previously at Howard Field, Panama canal zone. In service about four years, Sept. 1941 to Nov. 1945. Served as chief clerk in ordnance division, Army air corps. Home at 900 East Sherman. Now with state labor department, Topeka.





**Harold W. Buckner**, Cpl., Marines, serving as stretcher bearer with Fifth Marines in battle of Iwo Jima. Overseas from Camp Pendleton, Calif., Nov. 1944. At Hilo, Hawaii for a month. Landed on Iwo Jima with assault battalion of the Fifth Marines. Helped carry over 100 wounded marines under intense mortar and machine gun fire.

Once the mortar shells came so close Buckner and another member of his four-man unit were knocked down while carrying a wounded marine to an aid station. Another time a machine gun opened on him while he was attempting to lift a wounded 200-pound marine onto a stretcher.

"The Jap machine gunner must have seen that we were helping a wounded man," Buckner said. "But that didn't seem to make any difference. He tried to kill us anyway." On Iwo Jima Feb. 19 to March 23, 1945. Later with occupational force, Second Marines on Kyushu island, Japan for nine months. Landed in Japan Sept. 23, 1945. In service two years, July 1944 to July 1946. Home, 405 West First.

**John Buckner**, Sgt., cavalry, Ft. Clark, Tex. Home, 800 East A, Hutchinson.

**Howard Budge**, Lt., Armed force, in England. Hutchinson RFD 4.

**Albert Buehl**, Cpl., Ft. Bliss, Tex. Home, Castleton.

**Benj. B. Buehler**, 1st Lt., pilot of a P-39 Airacobra fighter plane with 12th Air Force in Italy, flew on 110 combat missions, dive-bombing and strafing enemy installations in northern Italy.

He later flew Thunderbolts for high altitude patrols over Corsica, and covering the invasion of Elba and southern France, and later was re-equipped with P-47's to dive-bomb and strafe in support of the Fifth army in Italy.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air medal with twelve Oak Leaf clusters. Home, 1007 East A. Wife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Holland, Hutchinson RFD 4.

**\*Orvan H. Buell**, Pvt., 341st Inf., 86th Div., Camp Livingston, La.

**\*Vernon F. Buell**, T/Sgt., 353rd Fighter squadron, 345th Fighter group, Army air force in European theater.

*\*Brothers, home in Turon. Both former employees of Chalmers & Borton Construction Co., Hutchinson.*



**Frank C. Buettner**, T/Sgt., engineer on B-24 Liberator, with 467th Bombing group, 789th squadron, based in England, was shot down near Aachen, Germany, Oct. 14, 1944, while returning from a bombing raid over Cologne, Germany. The crew members of the Liberator bailed out after the

bomber was disabled by flak. Sgt. Buettner parachuted safely to ground, but was shot by German soldiers in the hip as he landed, and was taken prisoner. He was held a prisoner of war for six months until liberation April 29, 1945, by American troops. He was in a prison hospital for three months, then marched with other prisoners from Nuremberg, Germany, to the prison

at Moosburg. Overseas June 1944 from Westover Field, Mass. In England five months. During 140 days he completed 100 bomber missions. Awarded Air medal and two Oak Leaf clusters, three battle stars and Purple Heart. In service nearly four years, March 1943 to Nov. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Buettner, 819 East Sixth.



**\*Burgess Fred Bugeln**, Cpl., Ordnance corps, Army, tire rebuilder technician, with 499th Ordnance company in Mediterranean theater. Overseas April 1944, to North Africa. There two months. Then to Italy, July 1944. Participated in Rome and Arno campaigns. Awarded citation for

"excellent performance of duty under hazardous conditions." In Italy 19 months. In army 2½ years, June 1943 to Dec. 1945. Employed at Larabee mill. Home, 806 East A.



**\*Charles W. Buggeln**, Cpl., Army Signal corps, radio repairman, with 207th Signal Depot company. In North Africa, France and Germany. Overseas March 1943 from Camp Crowder, Mo. Served in the Tunisian campaign in North Africa; in southern France invasion; Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. In North Africa almost 1½ years, March 1943 to Aug. 1944. In France five months; Germany, seven months. With Morton Salt Co. Home, 807 East Sherman.



**\*Kenneth F. Buggeln**, T/3, Army Signal corps, telephone lineman and carrier man. In European theater. Overseas Dec. 1943, serving in England nearly two years. To France Sept. 1945; then to Germany. In service over three years, Nov. 1942 to Feb. 1946. Overseas two years. Now mechanic in motor car business. Home, 806 East A.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Chas. F. Buggeln, 806 East A.*

**Everett Buhler**, Lt. Naval Air force, with bombing squadron of 116th Air force, across Pacific. After returning from overseas at Hutchinson naval air station. Home, Pretty Prairie.

**Victor B. Buhler**, Lt. Cdr., Navy, with the naval hospital ship, USS Relief in Southwest Pacific, as a medical officer. After returning from overseas stationed at naval hospital at Dublin, Ga. Graduate of Pretty Prairie high school, 1925. Home, Pretty Prairie. Nephew of Harold M. Regier, Buhler.

**Galen Bull**, Lt. (jg), Naval Air force. Pensacola, Fla. Sylvia. Wife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kiemel, Sylvia.

**Robert T. Bullard**, Sgt. T/4, Headquarters Co. with 15th Major Port base, at Normandy base headquarters, during the invasion. Later with Service Supply Co. at Rouen, France. Formerly with Sears

store, Hutchinson. Returned from overseas Sept. 1945. Wife, Mrs. Fae Bullard, assistant to Dr. Guy Walker, city physician. Home, 324 West 11th.

**William H. Bullard**, Major, 57th Bomber Wing, 12th Air force, in Italy, serving as ground liaison officer of B-25 Mitchell bomber force. Took part in campaigns from Corsica and Adriatic bases, hammering enemy objectives in Italy, France, Yugoslavia and Austria. Moved to Italian Adriatic coast in April 1943, launching an intensive aerial campaign ahead of the advancing Fifth and Eighth armies, in the break-through to the Po valley. Participated in three campaigns. Was responsible for plotting lines for close support of the armies and liaison with ground troops. Flew B-25 in nearly 2,000 missions. Former captain of coast artillery stationed at Manchester, Conn. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bullard, 418 East 11th.



**\*Raymond W. Buller**, S/Sgt., Inf., squad leader of 75 MM group, in European theater eight months, participating in Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Wounded in action by artillery fire near Reaute, Austria, April 29, 1945. Home, Buhler RFD 1.



**\*Richard C. Buller**, Ensign, Navy, on Pacific and Atlantic. Was third assistant engineer on SS "American Sailor," in Alaska, Aleutians, New Hebrides, Tulagi, Guadalcanal, Samoa, New Caledonia, Marshalls, New Guinea, Guam, Hawaii, Chile, Peru, Ecuador. Then to the Atlantic, to Italy, France and England. Graduated as ensign from OTS, Alameda, Calif., March 1945. In service about four years, Sept. 1942 to July 1946.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Buller, of near Buhler.*



**Forest E. Bulman**, Capt., Ordnance corps, in European theater, serving in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany. Was with National Guard, mobilizing in Dec. 1940; to Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Transferred to Ordnance corps, going overseas as lieutenant of ordnance unit from Toledo, O. Landed in North Africa. Took part in Tunisian campaign. Home, 419 East Fourth.



**William R. Bunch**, Sgt., Army Air corps, with 8th Air Depot group in North Africa, serving as machinist with repair squadron. Was based in Africa nearly three years, from Nov. 1942 to Aug. 1945. In service 3½ years, discharged Oct. 28, 1945. Formerly of Pretty Prairie, now located at Baxter Springs, Kans. Brother of Mrs. Ralph Walters of Pretty Prairie.



**Reid L. Bundy**, W/O, Army, in European theater, serving in Sicily as an army censor. Formerly Pvt. Battery C, 130th Field artillery when it mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940; to Camp Robinson, Ark., with 130th FA, 35th Div., Jan. 1941; to California with 35th Div. Overseas with army censor unit. Former student, Hutchinson Junior college. Home, 317 West B; nephew of Ray Bundy, Hutchinson RFD 4 and Mrs. C. L. Doan, 706 East 8th.

**Clayton Bunker**, Sgt., Armed force in England. In European theater nearly two years. Home, 1308 East Seventh.

**Ross J. Bunker**, Cpl., Battery A, 130th Field artillery, mobilized with unit in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940, to go to Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Discharged for disability. Home, 214 East F.



**Walter E. Bunte**, AMM 1/c, Navy, shop foreman of naval aircraft pumps and oil cooler repair work, based at Kancho Bay, Hawaii. Formerly with the Hutchinson naval air station for nearly three years, Oct. 1, 1942, to July 1945, being moved then to Hawaii. Returned for discharge Nov. 1946.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bunte, 128 West 11th. Operating Bunte Welders Supply Co. Home, 306 East 10th.

**Charles E. Burch**, F 1/c, Navy, fireman on MRV, in the Pacific theater. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery H. Burch, Nickerson.

**D. H. Burch**, Pfc., 101st Airborne Div. in European theater. Overseas from Camp Mackall, N. C., with 464th Parachute Field artillery battalion. In action in Belgium and Germany. Awarded Distinguished Unit citation for "epic stand" at Bastogne, Belgium, in "Battle of the Bulge." Home, Nickerson.

**Elmer N. Burch**, S 1/c, Navy, with parachute unit at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Previously at San Diego. In Hawaii about 1½ years. In service 20 months. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burch, 208 East Third.



**Frederick L. Burch**, Pfc., Ordnance Engineers, with "dud" searching detachment. In service Feb. 1945 to Sept. 1946. Stationed at Ft. Bliss, Tex., Ft. Riley, Kans., Ft. Ord, Calif., Vancouver, Wash., Camp Roberts, Calif., and Camp Cook, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Burch, 1225 East A.

Home, 109 West Seventh.

**Riley Burch**, AMM 3/c, Navy, stationed at Norfolk, Va. Hutchinson RFD.

**Rex R. Burden**, Pilot, Army Air force, in Europe. Commerce teacher, Castleton high school. Home, 404 East 10th, Hutchinson.



**Walter L. Burden**, Chief Petty Officer, machinist and parachute rigger, with Scouting squadron 54 in South Pacific for 14 months. Previously from Oct. 1940 to April 1942 on the USS St. Louis. Was at Pearl Harbor, on the St. Louis when that base was bombed Dec. 7, 1941. In action in

Marshall islands Feb. 1942 and Guadal-

canal Jan. 1943. In navy six years, Feb. 1940 to Feb. 1946.



**Warren W. Burden**, Petty Officer 2/c, engineer and water tender, in navy, serving in Pacific and Atlantic. On the USS St. Louis at Pearl Harbor when that base was bombed Dec. 7, 1941, later on the USS Sioux City, USS Bennington (over three years), the USS Carlisle and USS ATR-40. Served with the

Third fleet in actions in Marshall islands, in the Aleutians, and also in the Atlantic theater, participating in the North African invasion. In service since June, 1941.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Peggy Burden, 510 East Third.*

**Clark Burdick**, Pfc., Army Air force, in New Guinea. Hutchinson RFD.

**Clifford M. Burdick**, Pfc., Army Engineers, European theater, in France and Germany. Returned Jan. 1946. Formerly at Camp Claiborne, La. Hutchinson RFD 3.



**Earl E. Burdick**, T/5, official army photographer and photographic laboratory technician at army headquarters at Nurnberg and Bamberg, Germany. Overseas March 1945 with Headquarters Co. 17th Reinforcement depot to England; then to France for a month. In Germany over a

year, at Nurnberg six months; Bamberg, seven months. Also at London for 2½ months, Sept. to December 1945. Participated in Rhineland campaign, from Charleville, France, to Mainz, Germany; in Central Europe operations from Mainz to Nurnberg, Germany. Attended Shrivensham American University in England in fall of 1945. In army over two years, May 1944 to June 1946. Previously with Coast artillery, Camp Stewart, Ga., and infantry at Camp Robinson, Ark. Son of Mrs. M. Burdick, 218 West B.



**George Burdick**, S/Sgt., 96th Div., in action on Leyte, Philippines, and Okinawa, a veteran of Mexican Border, World War I and World War II, first enlisting 30 years ago. Although serving with a quartermaster corps unit engaged in graves registration work, the 47-year-old World War I veteran

had his moments of combat duty in the far Pacific. One day, on Iwo he flushed a Jap from a hill cave, and armed with only a shovel disposed of the Jap before he could use a grenade he carried. Later, while on graves registration work near Atanniya, "Pop" Burdick captured three Japs, single-handed. They mistook the small vase he carried at the time, for a hand grenade.

Sgt. Burdick was called to service Sept. 1940 with the 116th Engineers (combat), 41st Div., serving at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and in California. Later to 56th Medical Bn. at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and to Infantry school, Ft. Benning Ga. Overseas with 24th Army corps serving with 7th Div.

in Hawaii and Marshall Islands; and then assigned to 382nd Inf., 96th Div., landing with assault troops of that unit on Blue beach, Leyte. Accompanied this unit across Leyte until Dec. 1 when he was assigned to the 11th Airborne Div. Was at San Pablo air strip when the Jap paratroopers attacked and captured the strip, and helped recapture the airport the next day. Shortly after that was wounded by mortar shell. After recovery assigned to duty with Headquarters Co., 381st Inf., taking part with this unit in the campaign in the south end of Okinawa. The division lost so many men it had to be withdrawn from the lines twice and reorganized. Was with this unit when the Japs surrendered. Was waiting for a boat home when the big typhoon hit Okinawa. Arrived back in states Nov. 1945; discharged Nov. 18, 1945. Former Hutchinson mail carrier. Served in World War I with 52nd Railway artillery, serving with the big railway guns on the Marne, in Toul sector, on Champagne front, and in Argonne near Verdun. Was gassed in the Argonne. Home formerly 601 West First, Hutchinson. Former mail carrier in Hutchinson; now rural letter carrier, Hansen, Idaho. Department senior vice commander Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Idaho, 1946. Served on Mexican border in 1916 with National Guard.



**Phyllis K. Burdick**, 2nd Lt., Army Nurse corps, Birmingham General hospital, VanNuys, Calif., and Hammond Gen. Hosp., Modesto, Calif., assigned to care of battle casualties in Paraplegic and Transverse Myelitis wards. In service two years, 1944 to Feb. 19, 1946.

Daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Geo. Burdick, formerly 601 West First, now living in Hansen, Idaho, a graduate nurse there.

*\*Father and daughter, both in the army; dad a sergeant, daughter a lieutenant. Both formerly of Hutchinson; now in Idaho.*



**Edwin Claude Burdick**, Pfc., Military police, 742nd M.P. Bn., Army Service force, in the Asiatic-Pacific area nearly two years. Stationed in New Guinea and Philippines for 19 months, participating in the Philippine Liberation campaign. In service over four years, Dec. 1942 to Feb. 25, 1946.



**John S. Burdick**, S 1/c, Naval Air force, metalsmith, at naval station, Alameda, Calif., eight months; previously at Great Lakes, Ill., naval station and Shoemaker, Calif. In service May 1945 to April 1946. Since discharge, with Beech Aircraft Corp., Wichita, as layout artist.

**Kenneth P. Burdick**, Seaman, Navy, on Pacific, based at Bremerton, Wash. Enlisted Dec. 1941, a few days after Pearl Harbor was bombed. In navy about two years. One ship he was on was lost in gale on Pacific. Now in merchant marine service, on Atlantic, between Boston and South American ports.



**\*Paul Alfred Burdick**, Seaman, Navy, Great Lakes, Ill. Discharged because of defective hearing.

**\*Ralph F. Burdick**, AMM 3/c, Naval Air force, in service about three years, San Diego, Calif., Minneapolis, Minn., and on east coast. Home, 125 West Fourth.



**\*Robert Harold Burdick**, T/4, Military police, Seventh Army corps in North Africa. Overseas July 1944. Stationed at Oran, Africa, about two months. Returned to U. S. and on duty at Ft. Crook, Neb., for about 1½ years. In service over three years, Oct. 1942 to Nov. 1945. Now with sawmill concern near Rifle, Colo.

*\*Sons of Mrs. John H. Burdick, 211 East Park.*

**E. C. Burgen**, Yeoman 2/c, Navy, Pensacola, Fla. 307 East 11th.



**Hubert E. Burgess**, AM 3/c, Army Air corps, in Hawaii. Stationed at Pearl Harbor, Ford Island aircraft repair base for 1½ years. Previously at Farragut, Ida., Norman, Okla., and Norfolk, Va. In service July 1943 to Feb. 1946. Metalsmith on army airplanes. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Burgess, Nickerson RFD 1.

**Sheldon Gregory Burgess**, with Inf. in North Africa and Italy. Was with guard of honor for President Roosevelt while he was in North Africa. In army six years; discharged 1945. Was married to Joan Magee of Leeds, England, while overseas. She was with Red Cross in Italy. Home, 628 North Monroe. With Betts Bakery.

**Howard Burgett**, Naval Construction battalion in South Pacific for two years. Wife a nurse at Grace hospital, Hutchinson.



**George H. Burgin**, Printer 2/c, Navy, with the naval printing department at San Diego, about two years. First at Camp Mahon, and later at the 11th Naval District print shop, San Diego. Home, 120 West 16th. In service March 1944 to Dec. 21, 1945. Now with advertising department, J. S. Dillon & Sons, Hutchinson.

**Robert Q. Burk**, Sgt., Army Air force, Great Falls, Mont. Previously at Cheyenne, Wyo., army air base. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Burk, 537 West Sherman.

**Wesley H. Burk**, Sgt., Fourth Armored Div., in European theater, radio operator. Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Burk, Hutchinson RFD.

**George F. Burke**, Mo.MM 1/c, Navy, at naval base, Pearl Harbor. Enlisted Dec. 1941, few days after Pearl Harbor was

bombed, and two months later, Feb. 1942, was on duty at that naval base, first in the transportation department, and later as a crane operator. In service almost four years, most of the time in Hawaii. For a time was aboard an LST on Pacific. In service Dec. 1941 to Oct. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Burke, South Hutchinson.

**George N. Burke**, Pfc., 326th Glider Infantry, European theater. Overseas eight months, returning from France Sept. 1945. Formerly at Camp Mackall, N. C. Home, Turon.

**Lawrence C. Burhenn**, S/Sgt., 306th Fighter squadron, Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Fla., airplane mechanic. Home, Turon.

**Forrest Donald Burnett**, AMM 2/c, Naval Air force, across the Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Burnett, Turon.

**\*Harry C. Burnett**, RDM 2/c, Navy, radio-man on the USS Fremont, on the Pacific, later at Pearl Harbor. Credited as leading petty officer of his division. In service since Nov. 1942. On sea duty on Pacific about two years.

**\*Walter C. Burnett**, Pvt., Infantry, Camp Wolters, Tex.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Burnett, Arlington.*



**Norman A. Burnett**, Pfc., Army Medical corps, as ambulance driver and hospital attendant. In service nearly three years, May 1943 to Feb. 1946, serving at Camp Siebert, Ala., Miami Beach, Fla., Lebanon, Tenn., Santa Ana army air base, Calif., Camp Carson, Colo., Ft. Riley, Kans., and St. Cloud, Minn. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burnett, 311 East 12th. Home, 702 East Eighth.

Veterans hospital, St. Cloud, Minn. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burnett, 311 East 12th. Home, 702 East Eighth.



**Preston E. Burnett**, M/Sgt., Army Air force, in Southwest Pacific for 16 months, April 1942 to Aug. 1943. Was chief operator in airport control tower on Guadalcanal when a Jap air armada of 125 planes attacked, the night of June 16, ninety-seven of the enemy planes being brought down.

"I'll always remember that night of June 16," he remarked. "It was the night of what we called the 'main bout' on Guadalcanal. Our reconnaissance planes picked up a Jap air armada far out at sea. We had sufficient time to prepare a warm reception for them."

"Our interceptor planes and anti-aircraft guns picked them off like ducks in a shooting gallery. Of the 125 planes in the enemy formations we brought down 97. It was my duty to direct our planes in after the fight. Breathlessly I checked them off, one by one, as they came in. All but five were accounted for." In air force nearly four years, March 1941 to Feb. 1945. Since discharge with Army Transport corps as civilian employee, at CAA station, Stapleton Field, Denver. Formerly of 515 East 15th.



**Richard R. Burnett**, S/Sgt., Army Air force, in communications department, as cryptographer and teletype operator. Participated in New Guinea campaign Dec. 1944 to March 1945. Had charge of army air communications at Los Negros, Admiralty Islands, for ten months. Later on Saipan for 2½ months. In service three years, March 1943 to Feb. 1946. Son of Judge Wm. H. Burnett of Reno county court and Mrs. Migonette Burnett, 417 East 15th.

**Duane L. Burns**, Sgt., Transportation corps, in northern France. Injured in truck wreck at Paris, Sept. 29, 1944, arm broken, and in hospital in Paris. (His nurse there proved to be a cousin, Florence Volker, of Zenith, army nurse.) Overseas, England, France, Belgium and Germany two years. In service Jan. 1944 to May 1946. Previously at Camp Plauche, New Orleans, La. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Burns, Sylvia.



**Ennis C. Burns**, T/Sgt., radio operator and gunner on a Liberator bomber in the 15th Air corps, in Italy, served as a member of a Chetnik guerilla band in Yugoslavia for six weeks. It was when he was shot down over Yugoslavia April 15, 1944. Although wounded by flak he managed to

escape capture by the Nazis and was hidden by the Chetniks, and joined up with the guerilla band. He was shot down while on his second bombing raid, a mission over Bucharest, capital of Romania.

He was in the service about three years, Dec. 1942 to Oct. 1945. Stationed at Chicago, Harlingen, Tex., and El Paso, Tex., before going overseas March 1944 to Italy. Overseas six months, participating in Rome-Arno campaign, Italy and southern France campaign, as well as air combat over the Balkans. Took part in fourteen bombing missions, including raids on Munich, Vienna, the Ploesti oil fields in Romania and targets near the Polish border. Awarded Air medal, Purple Heart and Service medal with four Bronze battle stars. After return from overseas stationed in Texas until discharge Oct. 30, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burns, 800 North Monroe.

**George M. Burns**, Seaman, Navy, Great Lakes, Ill., naval station. 412 West Fifth.



**Nile L. Burns**, T/5, 492nd Armored Field artillery Bn., as radio operator with tank battalion. Served in the European theater, including the "Bulge" battle, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. In service over three years, Nov. 1942 to Jan. 1946. Formerly of Partridge. Home, 1004 North Ford. With Mammel Food Stores Co.

**Wesley T. Burns**, T/Sgt., Third army, killed in action in Germany Feb. 6, 1945. (See Gold Star roster.)



**Harrison C. Burrall**, T/Sgt., with army in Southwest Pacific; with army bakery on Luzon. Served in New Guinea, Salamaua, New Caledonia, Australia and Philippines. In the Southwest Pacific over three years. Overseas from Camp Sherman, Calif. Unit citation "for meritorious performance under fire." Entered service Oct. 1941. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Burrall, 502 East First.



**Manford N. Burris**, Lt. (jg), Navy, serving as port director at Kure, Japan, and executive officer at naval base in Okinawa. Also in naval service at Pearl Harbor, T. H., Port Hueneme, Calif., Camp Peary, Va., Asbury Park, N. J., and Hollywood, Fla. In service about two years, June 1944 to May 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burris, 1304 West Third. Home, 818 East Seventh. Teacher at Liberty junior high school.

**Marvin W. Burris**, 2nd Lt., Army Air force, Frederick, Okla., air base. Son of Mrs. L. K. Millison, 1707 East Fourth.

**Dewey K. Burrous**, Shipfitter 2/c, Naval Construction battalion, (Seabees), over Pacific. On Saipan for 1½ years. In Southwest Pacific about two years. Home, 111 West B.

**Frank M. Burson**, M/Sgt., Field artillery, with Ninth army, killed in action in Germany April 13, 1945. Son of Mrs. W. M. Burson, 408 West Tenth. (See Gold Star roster.)

**\*Archie C. Burton**, Pvt., Inf., Seventh army, killed in action in France Feb. 22, 1945. (See Gold Star roster.)

**\*Kenneth E. Burton**, T/Sgt., 15th Air force in Italy. Ball turret gunner in B-24 heavy bombardment unit. Overseas March 1944. To Italy August 1944. Participated in the first bombing raid over Budapest, Hungary, Sept. 1944. Awarded Air medal. Formerly at Tyndall Field, Fla.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Burton, 312 East Bigger St., Hutchinson.*



**Eugene F. Burton, Jr.**, GM 2/c, Navy. Participated in invasion of France, as gunner's mate on landing craft, in landing operations. Wounded in action, June 6, 1944, in the Normandy beach landing, on D-Day. Awarded Purple Heart. In service nearly three years, Oct. 1942 to June 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burton, 623 East Ninth. Now with Masters Manufacturing Co., Hutchinson.

**John T. Burton**, Lt. Cdr., Naval Air force, on patrol duty in Atlantic theater. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross for bombing and strafing a German submarine in the South Atlantic, Sept. 28, 1944. Sighting an enemy submarine while on an anti-submarine sweep the citation relates "Lt. Cdr. Burton, despite intense anti-aircraft fire pressed home an extremely accurate attack which resulted in a perfect straddle and damaged the U-boat to such an extent it was unable to submerge." Home, 215 East Sherman.

**Roy K. Burton**, Ensign, Naval Air force, in Southwest Pacific. Pilot on navy Privateer in Philippine islands, ten months; later in Hawaii. In service since Jan. 1943. Home, 501 Grandview.



**Richard L. Burtram**, T/4, Ordnance corps, in European theater, serving one year and eight months overseas, in England, France and Germany. Participated in invasion of France, the Ardennes offensive, battle of the Rhine, and Central German campaign. In service 3½ years. Son of Mrs. Hattie Burtram, 215 South Monroe.

**Roland B. Burwell**, S/Sgt., Marines aviation. In Hawaii as aerographer with Marine Air Wing headquarters squadron, at Ewa three months and at Oahu for over two years. In service four years, Feb. 1942 to Feb. 1946. Son of Mrs. C. A. Burwell, 16 South Poplar.



**Mary Eileen Busey**, Yeoman 2/c, WAVES, at Cedar Falls, Ia., naval station June to Aug. 1944; and at Hutchinson naval air station, Aug. 1944 to Nov. 1945. Previously at New York City. In service one year seven months, April 20, 1944, to Nov. 1945. After discharge continued on duty at Hutchinson naval air station personnel office as civilian employee. Daughter of Mrs. W. A. Humphries, 1511 North Orchard.



**Earl Eugene Bush**, Seaman 1/c, Coast guard, at base in Honolulu for two months, March to May 1946. On the USS Gen. Breckenridge AP-176 on patrol on the Atlantic Oct. 1945 to March 1946. On the USS Racine PF-100 on the Pacific. In service June 1945 until May 23, 1946. Home, Pretty Prairie. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bush, 601 West 19th St., Hutchinson.

**Eldon Bert Bush**, Ensign, Naval Air force, Corpus Christi, Tex. Formerly with Kansas Power & Light Co., Hutchinson.



**Herbert B. Bush**, T/5, Army Service corps, at Fort Sill, Okla., six months, and Fort Riley, Kans., nine months. In service Aug. 11, 1944, to Dec. 17, 1945, as mechanic with Headquarters troop CRTC. Home, 621 East F.



**\*Charles A. Buskirk**, Cpl., Army air force, as equipment operator. With 908th Quartermaster company at Army air field, Altus, Okla., for over two years. At Enid, Okla. Air field six months and Victoria, Tex. Air field seven months. In service July 1942 to Oct. 5, 1945. Home, 311 East Eighth.



**\*William R. Buskirk**, Sgt., Army air force, in Southwest Pacific. To New Caledonia July 1943; later with 13th Air force at Espirito Santo, New Hebrides. To Guadalcanal Jan. 1944 as supervisor of communications network. In Southwest Pacific 1½ years, July 1943 to Dec. 1945. In action in the Solomon Islands. Returned from Guadalcanal to Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. Discharged Dec. 6, 1945. Took part in anti-submarine air-sea rescue operations during battles of Munda, Treasury, Bougainville and Green Islands. Now with Veterans Administration regional office, Kansas City.

*\*Sons of Mrs. L. B. Buskirk, 209 East Fourth.*

**Eldon Buss**, S/Sgt., with army unit in Southwest Pacific. Hutchinson.

**Paul L. Busley**, Pfc. with Army air force in Panama canal zone for 1½ years. Was Pvt. Battery B. 130th Field artillery when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. Jan. 1941 with 35th Div. In service five years. Son of Mrs. Osa Busley, 116 West Fourth.



**Frances N. (Parker) Butcher**, 1st Lt., army nurse, serving in both the European theater and Southwest Pacific. With 229th General hospital at Marseilles, France June to Oct. 1945, and with 360th Station hospital in San Fernando, Philippine islands from October 1945 until Jan. 1946. In service three years, Jan. 1943 to Jan. 1946. Before going overseas was at Ft. Leavenworth Station hospital at Sedalia, Mo. army field, 324th Station hospital, Camp Mackall, N. C. and 48th General hospital, Memphis, Tenn. Was in Normandy battle, in France. Awarded Bronze Star. Former Reno county girl, daughter of Rev. Major W. Parker, former pastor in Reno county Methodist churches, now at Coldwater, Kans.



**Jesse G. Butcher**, MMM 3/c fireman in Navy minesweeper division, serving on minesweeper in South Pacific in 1945, in the Okinawa campaign. In service nearly two years, April 1944 to Jan. 1946. Formerly at Farragut, Ida. and Little Creek, Va. At sea from April 1945 to Dec. 1945. Awarded Victory medal with one battle star. Home, 502½ West B.

**\*Merle Butcher, Jr.**, Pvt. with artillery unit in France. Overseas from Ft. Sill, Okla. 505 Green Garden.

**\*Darleen Butcher**, S 1/c WAVES, stationed at Hutchinson Naval air station; formerly at Atlanta, Ga. station.

*\*Son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle T. Butcher of Kingman. Mrs. Mary Darland Higdon, 309 West Third, Hutchinson, grandmother.*





**Stephen J. Butcher**, 1st Lt. with Army staff and administrative corps, troop movement officer Camp Atterbury, Ind. for 1 1/2 years. Previously at Camp Blanding, Fla. nearly a year; Ft. Benning, Ga., Ft. Bliss, Tex., Camp Davis, N. C. and Ft. Eustis, Va. In service since Sept. 25, 1942. To inactive duty July 27, 1946. Son of Mrs. Stephen Butcher, 424 East 14th.



**Billy C. Butler**, Cpl., Army air force, in European theater and North Africa. In Ardennes battle and Rhineland campaign. In France and Germany over two years; North Africa two months. In service five years, Aug. 1940 to Sept. 1945. At Fort Riley about 2 1/2 years; Ft. Crook, Neb., and Jacksonville, Fla., before going overseas in June 1943. Home, 120 West Eighth.

**Clarence A. Butler**, MM 3/c Navy, machinist mate on USS Helena when that cruiser was sunk in battle in Kula gulf in the Southwest Pacific July 7, 1942. One of a group of 167 survivors rescued from a Jap-held island in the Solomons after being on the island more than a week, suffering from hunger and thirst. Taken to Guadalcanal for treatment. Later assigned to duty on the new USS Houston, at Portsmouth, Va., Nov. 1943, serving on it on the Pacific. Son of Mrs. Viola Smith, 326 North Chemical.

**Eugene Butler**, Pfc., 430th Army service band, with 356th Engineers in England and France. In action in the Normandy campaign and northern France. From Camp Shanks, N. Y. Stationed in England for ten months near London, Eng. In Normandy, France 1944. In service nearly three years. Home, 116 Anderson St.

**Jack D. Butler**, 1st Lt., 830th Coast Artillery, Fort Monroe, Va., instructor. Was lieutenant with 250th Coast Artillery in Alaska from 1941 to Feb. 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Butler, 830 East Sherman.

**James E. Butler**, Pvt., First Marines Div. in Southwest Pacific. Wounded in action on Okinawa and returned to hospital in San Francisco for treatment June 1945. Formerly at Marine base, Roanoke Island, N. C. in supply department. Son of Mrs. H. W. Butler, 417 West First. Home, 317 West Seventh. Wife an officer in Navy Wives club.

**James Hughes Butler**, Capt., Army air force legal department, contracting officer for domestic air lines and handling administrative contracts with foreign courts, at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio for nearly two years. Base claims officer and trial judge-advocate of courts-martial at Pope Field, Ft. Bragg, N. C. In service over three years, Nov. 1942 to Feb. 1946. Son of Mrs. Mary A. Butler, 212 West 19th.

**Leon M. Butler**, with 105th Naval construction battalion (Seabees), on New Guinea. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren J. Butler, 1629 Carey Blvd.



**Luther Clyde Butler, Jr.**, Yeoman 3/c on minesweeper USS YMS-308 when it was shipwrecked Sept. 13, 1945 on a coral reef in Buckner Bay, Okinawa. The ship, tossed in the fury of a typhoon almost capsize on the reef. Left stranded on the rocks, the crew was about to abandon ship.

"We had sent light signals as soon as we hit," said Butler, "but no help had come. Finally, after 11:00 p.m. when we were about to give up a bunch of fellows on an island about eight miles away saw our SOS and came out in 'ducks,' amphibian jeeps, to see what the signals meant. We were plenty glad to see those two ducks."

Butler also served on the USS Chimo and the minesweep YMS-93 in the West Pacific. He was in the Pacific area Aug. 1945 to May 1946, including duty at Eniwetok, Tinian, Guam, Saipan, Pearl Harbor, Johnson islands, Bikar, Okinawa and at Sasebo, Japan. In service 1 1/2 years, March 1945 to July 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Butler, 514 East A.



**Marvin C. Butler**, T/5, military police, with armored division, overseas from Camp Chaffee, Ark., in central Europe campaign, France and Germany. Formerly at Ft. Knox, Ky. In service over three years, Feb. 1943 to March 1946. Home, 107 East Fourth. Now with Krause Manufacturing Co.



**\*Jack Normand Butts**, 1st Lt. Army air force in West Pacific. Overseas from Langley Field, Va. to Okinawa, April 1946. In Leyte, southern Philippines since May 1, 1946. In service since July 1942. Previous to going overseas was stationed at San Antonio, Tex., Yuma, Ariz., for over a year, Marianna, Fla. AAF and Langley Field, Va.

**\*Maxine Butts**, WAVES, New York. (See Mrs. Maxine McFarland.)



**\*Orville R. Butts**, Sgt., Army air corps, radar mechanic in Germany. Overseas Feb. 1, 1946 from Dalhart, Tex. army air field. In charge of a radar shop in Germany. In service since Nov. 21, 1943, at Madison, Wis. nine months; Boca Raton, Fla., three months; Pyote, Tex., eight months and Dalhart, Tex. eight months.

**\*Sons and daughter of Mrs. A. J. Butts**, 816 East A, Hutchinson.



**Mona Lee Butts**, SK 2/c SPARS, storekeeper on duty at Long Island, N. Y. nine months; Washington, D. C. eight months; Palm Beach, Calif. six months. In service in the Coast Guard women's auxiliary about two years from June 1944 to May 1946. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Butts, 400 East Twelfth.



**\*Wilbur L. Bybee**, Cpl., Army air force airplane electrical mechanic. Technical instructor at Walker army air field, Victoria, Kans. for 17 months; formerly at Miami Beach, Fla., Amarillo, Tex. AAF and Chanute Field, Ill. In service three years, March 1943 to Feb. 1946. Home, 622 East Third. Salesman for Sunflower Glass Company.



**\*William P. Bybee**, Pfc., 194th Glider Inf., 17th Airborne Div. and 325th Glider Inf., 82nd Airborne Div., serving in European theater for 17 months. In Battle of the Bulge, Ardennes; Rhineland campaign and central Germany. Overseas from Ft. McClellan, Ala., July 1944. In service about two years, Feb. 1944 to Dec. 1945. Was with Honor Guard of the 82nd Airborne in Berlin. Made the airborne landing over the Rhine into Germany.

**\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bybee**, 321 West Tenth St.



**Norman Byers**



**Rowe Byers**

**\*Norman R. Byers**, Cadet, Naval air corps, Liberty, Mo., and North Platte, Neb. In service Feb. 1943 to July 1945.

**\*Rowe C. Byers**, S/Sgt., 419th Signal Co. (Avn) in Southwest Pacific, serving as wire technician. Overseas from Hamilton Field, Calif. Participated in combat in New Guinea, southern Philippines, and Luzon. Overseas June 1942 to July 1944, including over two years in Australia; two months in New Guinea and about a year in the Philippines. Now construction foreman for Southwest Bell Telephone Co.

**\*Sons of Mrs. Adele Byers**, 608 North Jefferson.





**David P. Byer, T/Sgt.,** Army air force in West Indies, stationed at Batista Field, in Cuba, and at Panama City army air field, Canal Zone. Previously at Boca Raton, Fla., Truax Field, Smoky Hill base, Salina, Kans., and Lowery Field, Denver, Colo. Home, 14 West 14th St. Owner of Foodland Grocery, Hutchinson.

**T. J. Byler, S 1/c,** Navy, with headquarters command, Guam, Marianas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Byler, Sylvia.

**Harlan Edward Byrd, A/S,** Navy, died at the Farragut, Ida., naval hospital, Jan. 14, 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Byrd, 318 North Plum. (See Gold Star Roster.)

**Clifford Cable, Sgt.,** Army air corps, Sheppard Field, Tex. Officer-clerk at State Reformatory.

**Tom Cacas, AMM 3/c,** Naval air force, Minneapolis, Minn. Formerly at Hutchinson Naval air station, 201 West 13th.

**James Edward Cahoon,** Naval repair base, San Diego. Son of Mrs. H. L. Bryan, 121 West Seventh.

**Glen E. Cain, Cpl.,** 125th Ordnance Bn., service company, European theater, Home, Turon.



**John B. Cain, Cpl.,** Army air corps, crew chief on B-25 bomber, in Pacific theater. Overseas from Las Vegas, Nev. air base, Nov. 1945 to Philippines, serving at Nichols Field, near Manila. Returned May 1946. In service two years, May 1944 to May 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cain of Turon.

**Sidney L. Calbert, Pfc.,** First Marines Div. in Southwest Pacific. In combat in Peilul, Okinawa, and Guadalcanal; later to Russell islands and service in China. Overseas two years. Discharged Dec. 1945. Formerly of Medora. A nephew, Cpl. Melvin M. Mitchell, 629 East Fourth, also in Russell islands with him.



**William George Calbert, Pvt.,** 154th Inf., 31st Div. Was located at Camp Shelby, Miss. for two months. In service from Nov. 10, 1942 to Jan. 22, 1943. Home, 501 Howard St. Now an employee of Winchester Packing Co., Hutchinson.



**Ager G. Caldwell, Cook 2/c,** Navy, serving as officers' cook and steward, and baker, with Pacific fleet. On USS Pecsta (No. 128) and USS Wachapreague. Previously at Bainbridge, Md., naval station and at fleet training center, Oahu, Hawaii. In navy over 2½ years from Aug. 1943 to March 1946.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Caldwell, 828 East Ninth.

**Cloise T. Caldwell, Sgt.,** with 8th Air force in European theater, assistant crew chief on B-17 Flying Fortress, with 1st Bombardment Division, based in England. Presidential citation for assault on aircraft factories at Oschersleben, Germany. In European theater three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Caldwell, 1520 West Fourth.

**Clyde D. Caldwell, Pfc.,** Quartermaster corps, in France and Germany. In service two years. Was casualty in service; leg broken. Served overseas 18 months, returning Dec. 1945, 403 North Madison.



**\*Donald E. Caldwell,** Radarman 3/c, Navy, on the minesweeper USS Tercel, on the Atlantic. Previously stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., Gulfport, Miss., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Norfolk, Va. In navy two years, Aug. 1944 to July 1946. On the USS Tercel about a year.



**\*Guy Merl Caldwell,** 2nd Lt., Army air corps in European theater as pilot on C-47 plane with 64th Troop Carrier group, in Italy with 12th Air force. In North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns, and Central Europe campaign in Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria and Czechoslovakia. March to May 1945, six months. Then to Air Transport command in Puerto Rico and Trinidad, British Guinea, May to October 1943. In service 2½ years, July 1943 to Dec. 1945. Was commissioned 2nd Lt. Sept. 8, 1944 at Frederick, Okla. Army air field.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lester M. Caldwell, 1020 East Sixth. Associated with their father in operating greenhouse plant.*



**Harrison T. Caldwell,** AMM 3/c, Navy air corps. In service over two years, Oct. 1942 to Nov. 1944. Stationed at San Diego, Norman, Okla., and Lafayette, La. A native of Reno county. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Caldwell, Hutchinson RFD. Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Harrison, 320 West

Tenth. Now located on ranch near Panhandle, Tex.

**John R. Caley, Sgt.,** 789th Engineers, in India, as pump station operator with Petroleum Distribution company. Was burned in an aviation gasoline explosion in India, Feb. 11, 1945. After return to U. S., under treatment at Wm. Beaumont General hospital, in El Paso, Tex. In service since August 1943. Son of Mrs. John H. Caley, Hutchinson RFD.

**Francis M. Callaway, Sgt.,** Army air force, Lubbock, Tex. Hutchinson RFD.

**Ralph Calvert, Lt.,** Navy, assistant navigator on transport, on the Pacific. In Okinawa for a time. 122 West 15th.

**Walter Richard Calvin, Lt.,** Navy, Air Transport command, pilot, in Pacific area. Formerly instructor at Hutchinson Naval air station. Later at Ft. Worth, Tex. 400 East Twelfth.

**William Oran Calvin, Cpl.,** Armored force, tanks. Camp Tule Lake, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Calvin, Hutchinson RFD 2.

**\*Elizabeth Camp,** cadet, Army nurse corps, at army General hospital, Springfield, Mo.



**\*Janice E. Camp, 1st Lt.,** Army nurse corps, in European theater. At 124th General hospital, Newton Abbott, Devonshire, England, about a year, Aug. 1944 to June 1945; with 193rd General hospital at Verdun, France in July 1945 and Reims, France, July to Dec. 1945. Overseas 16 months.

To duty at Fitzsimmons General hospital, Denver, after returning from ETO. Jan. 1946. Stationed at Ft. Riley, Kans. and Lincoln, Neb. Army air base about two years before going overseas. In service about four years, July 1942 to April 1946.



**\*Robert W. Camp,** AMM, Naval air corps, chief aviation pilot on the USS Lexington, aircraft carrier, on the Pacific at the time Pearl Harbor was bombed. Was on the Lexington two years until it was sunk in the Coral Sea battle, May 1942. He missed that battle, however, having been transferred with a repair party to San Diego shortly before that engagement. Later on the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise for nearly a year in the Pacific area. In action in the Gilbert and Marshall islands, and Marcus island. Was on the Lexington in the occupation of Guadalcanal, and battles of Stewart island, Santa Cruz and Solomon islands. In the naval service since May 1938. With Admiral Richard Byrd's expedition to the Antarctic, leaving Jan. 1947, as a member of the crew on the USS "Philippine Sea."



**\*Thurlow W. Camp,** Pharmacist M., Navy, with a previous force on USS 715 (landing tank) in invasion of Iwo Jima, Feb. and March 1945; invasion of Okinawa in May 1945. On the USS Ingersoll Nov. 1945 to April 1946. In occupation of Japan. In navy five years,

March 1942 until 1947. Graduated from Naval hospital, Portsmouth, Va., June 1947. Wife (Elizabeth Hale Kennedy) in service with WAVES, Washington, D. C. two years. He previously was at Great Lakes Naval station in 1942; and at Newport, R. I. Naval station about two years. Later at Portsmouth, Va. Naval hospital, and now, 1947, on duty at Navy hospital, Oceanside, Calif.

*\*Sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Camp, 809 East Fifth St.*

**Delbert L. Campbell, Lt. (jg),** Navy, with amphibious force, deck officer on landing craft in West Pacific. In action, in landing operations in Gilberts, Marshalls, Hollandia, Guam, Iwo, and Okinawa. In service about 4½ years, from Jan. 1942 to May 1946. Formerly stationed at Navy base, Chicago, and in New Orleans in 1943. In the Pacific 2½ years, Sept. 1943 to March 1946. As ensign was navigator on LST in the battle of Gilbert islands, Dec. 1943 and other actions in Southwest Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Campbell, Hutchinson RFD 3.





**Earle Howard Campbell**, ARM 1/c, Aviation Radioman, Naval Air corps, serving as instructor at the Millington naval air station, near Memphis, Tenn., for nearly three years. Previously at Miami University, Oxford, O., for four months, and at the Great Lakes, Ill., naval training station. Was in the naval service 3½ years, June 1942 to Nov. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Campbell, 928 East Third.

**George B. Campbell**, Chief Pharmacist Mate, Navy, on USS Sheridan, on the Pacific. Formerly with Hutchinson naval air station. Wife, 321 West 12th, took lead in organizing Navy Wives club in Hutchinson.



**Hubert F. Campbell**, Sgt., Army Air corps, aerial gunner with 380th Bombardment group serving in West Pacific, in the China offensive and action in New Guinea, Leyte, Philippines and Okinawa. In service 2½ years, Oct. 1943 to Feb. 1946. Overseas six months, July 1945 to Jan. 1946. 819 North Buchanan.



**Jack M. Campbell**, 1st Lt., Third Marine Div., in Guadalcanal, Guam, Iwo Jima and Bougainville. Served with assault unit in Bougainville. Served overseas as assistant legal officer and division legal advisor to personnel in Third Marine division overseas, and as battalion intelligence officer. In service three years. Overseas Oct. 1943 to 1945. Discharged at San Diego Nov. 1945. Formerly with Federal Bureau of Investigation as special agent at Los Angeles. Now with radio station KFH, Wichita. Son of Mrs. Jack Campbell, 511 West Ninth.

**John W. Campbell**, Lt. (jg), Navy, Ames, Ia. Formerly manager of NYA war production training program in Hutchinson. Home, 129 East 12th. Son of Dr. R. T. Campbell, former president of Sterling college.

**Leslie Morris Campbell**, Shipfitter 1/c, Naval Construction force, Seabees. Discharged, Norman, Okla., Oct. 1945. Home, 711 East Third.

**Lewis A. Campbell**, Pfc., Third Marines, killed in action in battle of Guadalcanal. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick A. Campbell, formerly of Hutchinson, now Wichita. Body among the first fifty bodies of Kansas service men returned from overseas, Oct. 1947. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Lyle Campbell**, Inf., Ft. Lawton, Wash. In service a year. Home, Burrton RFD.

**Paul V. Campbell**, Pvt., Battery C, 130th Field artillery when mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940; to 35th division, Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941. Home, Hutchinson RFD.

**Robert Campbell**, 1st Lt., Army Air force, pilot of Thunderbolt fighter, based in England. Awarded Distinguished Flying cross, Air medal and three Oak Leaf clusters for outstanding service in bombing raids on enemy targets in European theater. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell, his father former advertising manager of Hutchinson Gazette.

**Russell E. Campbell**, Pvt., Infantry, Ft. Leavenworth. Son of Mrs. Clara Campbell, 11½ West Fourth.

**Tom Campbell**, Sgt., Army Air force, supply sergeant, in Southwest Pacific for three years, most of the time on Saipan. Discharged Nov. 1945. Also a veteran of World War I. Employee of Foy Construction Co., Hutchinson.



**Thos. H. Campbell**, Sgt., 19th Fighter squadron, 318th Fighter group, Army Air force, serving in Southwest Pacific, in action in Marianas, Iwo Jima, air offensive against Japan, Okinawa, and Ryukyus. In service three years, Aug. 1942 to Nov. 1945. Overseas over three years. In Hawaii 20 months; on Saipan, 11 months; Okinawa, three months and Philippines, three months. Home, 321 East First. Manager of C. & M. Pump & Supply Co., Hutchinson.

**Willis L. Campbell**, Cpl., Camp Howze, Tex. Son of Mrs. Myrtle Campbell, 127 South Adams.



**Elmer R. Canfield**, Capt., Army Air force, navigator on a B-17 in the European theater, was shot down by Nazi fighters and flak, on a bombing mission over Berlin, April 18, 1944. He bailed out and escaped injury but was taken prisoner of war. He was held a prisoner in Germany over a year, in Sagan prison camp near the Czech border, in the Moosburg prison and in an internment camp near Nurnberg, Germany. He was liberated April 28, 1945, by troops of Patton's Third army. He served with the 447th Bombing group based in England, making 11 missions over enemy targets. In service 4½ years, since April 1942. Awarded Air medal. Returned from Germany Aug. 1945 to Miami Beach, Fla. Since return to U. S. served as communications officer and navigator at Smoky Hill army air base near Salina. Son of Mrs. Anna Canfield, 422 East Third.



**Lynn H. Canfield**, Lt., Navy, serving on both the Atlantic and Pacific, as deck and engineering officer. Diesel engineer on a PCS on the Pacific for 1½ years. Formerly ensign on a sub-chaser on the Atlantic, based at Miami, Fla. In Asiatic-Pacific theater nearly two years, participating in Marianas campaign, invasion of Saipan, battle of Tinian, invasion of Iwo Jima; Philippine liberation and invasion of Okinawa. In navy 3½ years, Aug. 1942 to Jan. 1946. After leaving navy became director of instrumental music in a Cleveland, O., junior high school.

**\*Wilbur C. Canfield**, Specialist 1/c, Navy, athletic director with naval unit on Pacific, based on Saipan. Formerly physical officer in V-12 unit at Duke university, Durham, N. C. Was formerly on faculty of Hutchinson Junior college.

*\*Sons of Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Canfield, 405 East F. His father was pastor of Hadley Methodist church.*

**Wayne E. Canfield**, Pvt., Medical detachment, 130th Field artillery, mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Home, Hutchinson RFD.

**Jerry P. Canniff**, Pvt., 1301st Engineers regiment, Camp Ellis, Ill. Burrton RFD.

**Joe Canning**, S 3/c, Navy, on the USS Appalachian and the USS St. Paul, on the Pacific. Also at Roosevelt Base, San Pedro, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Canning, Plevna.



**William Canning**, Pfc., Military police and Army Medical corps. On duty at Camp Grant, Ill., Camp Carson, Colo., and Camp Hale, Colo. Most of time with Military police. Was with headquarters Co., 821st F. A. Bn. at Camp Carson. In service May 1942 to April 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Canning, Plevna.

Mrs. J. F. Canning, Plevna.

**\*Charles G. Cannon**, GM 3/c, Navy, stationed at Norfolk, Va., on duty as a naval gunner. Previously at Great Lakes, Ill., naval station.

**\*Wiley S. Cannon**, Chief Boatswains Mate, Navy, on a destroyer escort in action in both the Atlantic and Pacific areas. In action off North Africa. Later to the Pacific, based in Hawaii; participating in the Solomon islands action. Seven gold stars for participation in seven major battles.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Cannon, Burrton RFD.*

**\*Clyde H. Cannon**, S/Sgt., Second Inf. Div., in European theater. Wounded in action in Germany. Awarded Bronze Star for gallantry in action. In combat in France and Germany. In service since Jan. 1940.

**\*Russell L. Cannon**, Gunner's Mate, Naval Armed guard, at sea.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Patrick O'Neal, 11½ East First St., Hutchinson.*

**Paul A. Cannon**, Pfc., Paratroopers, in European theater. Was twice wounded in action in France. Was reported officially as missing in action in the D-Day landing in Normandy, June 6, 1944. Two months later, Aug. 18, he cabled his mother from England that he was "Well, making it O.K." He was overseas two years, most of the time in hospitals in England. He received two Purple Heart awards and Bronze Star. He was in the army over three years, Nov. 1942 to Dec. 1945. Returned from England Feb. 1946. Son of Mrs. C. N. Henry, 318 West 14th.

**Chas. Canright**, Pvt., Anti-aircraft battalion, Ft. Bliss, Tex. 30 East 17th.

**Imon Cantrell**, Pvt., Army of Occupation, in Germany. Wife, Hutchinson RFD 4.





**Lavielle L. Cantwell**, Sgt., Engineers corps, in Southwest Pacific. Crew chief, jet plane ground crew in northern Luzon; also served at Clark Field, Manila, and on Palawan. With the 1023rd Engineers at Manila. In service since March 1945. Overseas, to Philippines in Aug. 1945. Still in service in West Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Trent Cantwell, Sterling RFD 1.



**\*Robert D. Cantwell**, Pharmacist Mate 1/c, Coast guard medical department. In service four years, June 1942 to May 1946. First stationed at San Francisco; later at Los Angeles, Brooklyn, N. Y., and with Coast guard detachment at Hoquiam, Wash., for the last two years. Since discharge, located at charge, director and owner of furniture business.



**\*Thomas A. Cantwell**, AOM 3/c, Naval Air force. Aviation ordnance man with naval air stations. Entered service at Hutchinson NAS Aug. 22, 1942. In service three years and three months. Discharged at Norman, Okla., Nov. 11, 1945. Now at Hawthorne, Calif., with the Union Oil Co.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Homer Astle of Haven.*

**Clarence Capers**, in submarine service, Navy, San Diego, Calif. Home, Hutchinson.

**Orlando J. Caprarese**, Machinist Mate 2/c, Naval Air force in the Southwest Pacific for 1½ years; in engagements in Solomon islands and Coral sea. Returned to Hutchinson March 1944 to duty with operational training unit at Hutchinson naval air station. Home, 321 West First.



**\*Claude A. Carder**, Pfc., 25th Tank Bn., 14th Armored Div., medical detachment. Served in France and Germany, in battles on the Rhine, the Siegfried line breakthrough and battle of Weisenburg, Germany. In service over four years, from Aug. 1941 to Oct. 1945, Overseas Oct. 1944. In France and Germany about a year. Home, 327 West B. With Bevins Motor Co.



**\*Henry Earl Carder**, Carpenter's Mate 3/c, Navy in Pacific area. Overseas two years and seven months. Served in Leyte island campaign. On USS Sommelesdike when it was torpedoed by Japs Christmas Day, 1944, and set afire. Served with 44th Naval Construction battalion in the Pacific area. On Hebrides islands March to

June 1943; in New Zealand June to Aug. 1943; in Philippines ten months, Dec. 1944 to Oct. 1945. Contracted malaria fever in the Hebrides islands and was in naval hospital at San Diego seven months. Home, 310 West Sherman. With Rohrer Transfer & Furniture Co.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Ida Carder, 329 West B.*



**Mrs. Ray Cardwell**, 624 West Sherman.

**Raymond Rex Cardwell**, Signalman 2/c, Navy, at naval base in the Aleutians July 1944; later at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In the service since Nov. 1943, formerly at Faragut, Idaho. Shoemaker, Calif., and Seattle, Wash. In service 1946 at naval base at Pearl Harbor, T. H. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cardwell.

**Claude Galen Carey**, Cpl., Army Air force, Dalhart, Tex. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Carey, formerly of Hutchinson, now Long Beach, Calif.

**Earl H. Carey**, Cpl. T/5, 130th Field artillery in European theater. In England, France, Belgium and Germany, in the campaigns of northern France, and the Rhineland. Was Pvt. Battery C, 130th F. A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941 with 35th Div., and with the 35th in California, and later overseas. In service five years, Dec. 1940 to Dec. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Carey, 622 East Ninth. Home, 207 North Cleveland.

**Emerson "June" Carey**, Lt. Col., ATSC, assistant chief, procurement division, Wright Field, Dayton, O. Formerly with Carey Salt Co.



**\*Howard J. Carey, Jr.**, Lt. Cdr., Navy, in Southwest Pacific, participating in landing operation in Gilbert Islands, Nov. 1943, while on the USS Acorn. In the navy over four years, Sept. 1941 to Dec. 1945. Served as supply officer and disbursing officer. Was on the USS Acorn Sept. 1943 to Nov. 1944. Also with 10th Naval Construction Bn. at Norfolk, Va., at Boston, Brooklyn, Port Hueneme, Calif., and at naval ordnance plant, Indianapolis. Home, Willowbrook. With Carey Salt Co.

**\*John M. B. Carey**, 1st. Lt., 38th Inf., in Southwest Pacific. Overseas with 13th Air force fighter command in New Guinea. In Southwest Pacific 29 months, overseas Nov. 1943. Was on special duty in New Guinea in connection with malaria control in army. Returned to San Francisco Dec. 1945. Discharged June 1946. In service three years. With Salt City Building & Loan Co., Hutchinson. Home, Hutchinson RFD.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Carey, Willowbrook, Hutchinson RFD 3.*

**Merle E. Carey**, T/Sgt., Army Air force, top turret operator and engineer on a B-17 bomber based in England, was a participant in the first large bomber strike on Berlin.

After a raid over Bremen they got back

to their base two hours overdue to find they were scratched off the flight board as missing, probably lost in action. Their Flying Fortress was badly battered and barely able to get back.

Sgt. Carey participated in 13 missions over Germany. The 13th, over Oschersleben, has been called one of the greatest air battles in history. He also took part in the raids over Gelsenkirchen and other industrial areas of Germany. He received the Distinguished Flying cross, Air medal and three Oak Leaf clusters. Served in air force three years, Sept. 1942 to Oct. 1945. In North Africa and European theater. Based in England Sept. 1943 to May 1944. Served as instructor on B-17s and bombers at Galveston, Tex., army air base. Son of Mrs. Lottie Carey, of Haven. His wife, the former Elsie Kimball, of Nickerson, a Hutchinson teacher.



**William D. P. Carey**, Lt. Col., Army Air corps, Air Technical Service command, chief of Procurement division, Los Angeles, for three years; previously at Materiel center, Wright Field, Dayton, O., and Miami Beach, Fla. In service Aug. 1942 to Jan. 1946. Supervised negotiation, preparation, execution and administration of Army Air force contracts; renegotiation of contracts and review of sub-contractors pricing policies, and maintaining surveillance over government industrial and termination property accounting. Awarded Legion of Merit Nov. 1946 for "outstanding, meritorious service." A Hutchinson attorney. Hutchinson RFD 3, Willowbrook.

**William D. P. Carey, Jr.**, Pfc., Marine corps, Camp Lejeune, N. C., assistant drill instructor, college training program, four months. Previously at Colorado Springs, and Marine corps base, San Diego. In service two years, Sept. 1943 to Sept. 1945. Son of Lt. Col. W. D. P. Carey. Home, Willowbrook.



**Wayne Harold Carinder**, T/Sgt., Army Air force, aerial engineer on B-19's with 452nd Bomb. group, 731st Sqdn. based at Attleborough, England. In bombing missions in northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Awarded five Air medals and ETO ribbon, four battle stars. In service 2½ years, April 1943 to Oct. 1945. Overseas eight months. Returned March 1945 to Liberal army air base. Home, 515 East Sixth. With John Knightly Motor Co.



**\*Charles C. Carithers**, T/4, Petroleum Distribution company, engineer, helping build pipeline and pumping gasoline from India to Burma and China. Flew to Karachi, India, from Camp Claiborne, La. In the India-Burma-China theater Jan. 1945 to Nov. 1945. Participated in Central Burma campaign. In service Aug. 1943 to Dec. 1945. Home, Buhler RFD 1.



\***Leon J. Carithers**, Sgt., Infantry, with First army in European theater, serving in France, Belgium and the Rhine. Wounded in action twice, the first time, Nov. 1944; and again on Feb. 7, 1945, in Belgium. Awarded Purple Heart. Overseas Oct. 1944. Formerly with anti-aircraft unit at Camp Haan, Calif.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Carithers, formerly of Hutchinson, now of Amarillo, Tex.*

**Calvin J. Carithers, Jr.**, Cpl., Marine corps, with body guard of American embassy, Paris. With occupation force in Europe. Formerly at Parris Island, S. C. Home, Pretty Prairie.

**Don Carithers**, with Naval Construction battalion, in England. Home, Pretty Prairie.

**Richard Kay Carl**, Torpedoman, Navy, on Atlantic. Based in Bermuda; later at Boston. Son of Mrs. Marietta Wells, 116 East Fourth.

**Charles M. Carley**, Pfc., Quartermaster corps, with Third army in Germany. Wounded in action. To North Africa with army of invasion; then into Europe. Entered service Dec. 29, 1941. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Sample, 714 East First.

**Charles Wesley Carley**, Pvt., Camp Wolters, Tex. Formerly a soldier in World War I, serving in France with the 35th Div. Re-enlisted for World War II, Aug. 11, 1942, going to Camp Wolters, Tex. Later honorably discharged, over age. Son of Mrs. Guy Sample, 21 North Palace. His son, Charles, Pfc., in army in European theater.

**C. G. Carlile**, Lt. Cdr., Naval Air force, over the Pacific 18 months, with naval air corps in Australia and the Philippines. In administration department. Returned from overseas Oct. 1945 for duty at Atlanta, Ga. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carlile, formerly Hutchinson, now residing south of Stafford, at Camp Carlile resort. Was student in Hutchinson Junior college.

**Guy S. Carlisle**, Radioman 3/c, in Navy. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy S. Carlisle, Burrton RFD 2.

**Kenneth V. Carlson**, Pfc., 130th Field artillery. Injured in accident while stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla., Aug. 1944; was taken to O'Reilly General hospital, Springfield, Mo., for treatment, and later discharged for disability. Was Pvt., Btry. B, 130th F. A., when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941 and later with the 35th at Camp Cooke, Calif. From there transferred to Camp Gruber. In army Dec. 1940 to Oct. 1945, about five years. Son of Mrs. Alice Carlson, 105 East F.

**Vernon Carlson**, Ensign, Navy. LaJolla, Calif. Formerly of Hutchinson.

**E. L. Carmichael**, Sgt., 16th Service squadron, in European theater. Home, Turon.

**Audie Curry Carpenter**, Navy, Hawaii. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Carpenter, 126 East Carpenter.

**Gerald A. Carpenter**, AMM, Navy, killed in action in Southwest Pacific. Home, 309 West 16th. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Harry Estal Carpenter**, Pvt., Inf., Camp Wolters, Tex. Wife, 17½ West Second.

**Joe Carpenter**, Pfc., Motor Transport corps, Camp Carson, Colo. In service four years, 1941 to 1945. Son of Mrs. Lulu Johnson, 105 West F.



**Everett Carpenter**



**Raymond Carpenter**

\***Everett W. Carpenter**, Pvt., Quartermaster corps, 6th QM Co., Camp Lee, Va. In service three months, Sept. 2, 1942, to Nov. 19, 1942. Now located at Oakland, Calif., as a superintendent of construction.

\***Raymond Carpenter**, S/Sgt., 38th Inf., Second Div., serving in the European theater. Overseas, Sept. 1943 from Camp McCoy, Wis. Participated in Normandy invasion, being wounded in action July 13, 1944, at Hill 192, in the Normandy battle. Served in the northern France, Ardennes and Rhineland campaigns, and in Central Europe. In the European theater two years. After VE-Day with occupational force at Pilsen Czechoslovakia. Formerly a Pfc. in the tank corps. Now located at Richmond, Calif.

\***Charles Carpenter, Jr.**, Navy, with naval station and shipyard. Richmond Heights, Calif.



\***Custer S. Carpenter**, Sgt., Anti-aircraft artillery, veteran of nearly three years service in the Western Pacific combat area. In action in New Britain, Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea and Dutch East Indies. Presidential citation for service at Port Moresby, New Guinea. Four Bronze stars for that many campaigns. In service four years July 1941 to Aug. 1945. Overseas Feb. 1942 to Australia, serving there Feb. to Nov. 1942; in New Guinea Nov. 1942 to Dec. 1944. Returned to U. S. Dec. 1944, to Camp Crowder, Mo. Since discharge connected with the Hutchinson naval air station as a storekeeper. While in Australia was married to Winnie McFarlane of Cairns, Australia. Their home now at 418 Walker St.



**\*R. V. "Buddy" Carpenter**, Pfc., First Marines Div., in Southwest Pacific, participating in campaigns in Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Saipan and Tinian. In service three years, April 1942 to March 1945. Overseas two years, serving in British Samoa one month; Guadalcanal, five months; at Melbourne, Australia, nine months; Hawaii, two months; and Saipan, two months.

While laying wires through the jungle in Guadalcanal, his detachment was waylaid by snipers. One bullet struck only six inches from his feet. Two men in the detachment were killed and 15 others wounded. In the jungle fighting in Guadalcanal, Carpenter killed 14 Japs. He kept one of their pistols as a souvenir. Although he was unharmed in battle, he was shot and dangerously wounded by this souvenir gun. Traveling on a train in Australia, April 8, 1943, he was showing the Jap pistol to a companion, a sailor,

when it accidentally discharged, shooting him in the abdomen. He was in a hospital in Australia two months.

Carpenter said he lived on a diet of rice and fish heads for 28 days on one Jap-infested island. "They tasted all right after we got used to them," he said. He contracted malaria on Saipan and was sent to the U. S. to a naval hospital at Great Lakes, Ill. After four months recuperating he went back to the Southwest Pacific June 1944, returning to the states for discharge March 1945. Home, 606 North Monroe. Now a mail carrier in Hutchinson.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Carpenter, 418 Walker St., their father being superintendent of city parks for a number of years.*



**Jos. L. "Monte" Carpenter**, Cpl., Marines, ammunition technician, in Southwest Pacific. Participated in Mariannas islands campaign and capture of Guam. Overseas April 1944 to Jan. 1946; in Guadalcanal six weeks; Guam, 1½ years. Previously at Camp LeJeune, N. C. In service 2½ years, Aug. 1943 to Feb. 1946. Son of Mrs. Maude Fuller, 125 East E. Home, 123 East E.



**Melvin W. Carpenter**, Cpl., Army Air corps, serving as airplane mechanic in European theater. Overseas Nov. 1943, serving in England, France and Germany. Previously stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Chanute Field, Ill., Salt Lake City and Pyote, Tex. In army about 3½ years, June 1942 to Oct. 1945. Home, 1120 North Prairie.

**Albert Roland Carr**, S/Sgt., 60th Depot repair squadron, on Biak island, near New Guinea, for two years. Overseas about 2½ years, returning Dec. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Carr, Haven.

**Parker Carr**, Lt., Army, in Philippines. Awarded Bronze Star for "heroic achievement" near Mount Mataba, Luzon, for knocking out two gun positions, killing seven Japs, April 17, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Carr, 410 West Fourth.

**Harry E. "Junior" Carrier**, Navy. Nickerson.

**Joe Richard Carrier**, Navy, on USS Prairie, on convoy duty on the Atlantic. Son of Mrs. Grace Carrier, Nickerson.



**Leo Alexander Carroll**, AOM, Coxswain, Navy, on the Pacific. Was at Pearl Harbor on the USS Tracy, when the Japs bombed that base Dec. 7, 1941. Participated later in the battle of Midway, and action in the Central Pacific area. Formerly on the Atlantic, on the USS Tracy. In navy over four years, July 1940 to Oct. 1944. On the Pacific 47 months, most of the time in the Hawaiian area. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Leo Carroll, 23 West 11th.





naval stations. Son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Carroll, 406 Cloverdale Drive.

**James L. Carson, Pvt., Inf.** and later in Signal battalion, Camp Crowder, Mo. In service about two years. Home, 109 Park St.

**Robert T. Carson, T 3/c, Navy,** on USS Shamrock Bay, serving on both the Atlantic and Pacific. Serving as fireman and later water-tender on the Shamrock Bay. First service in Mediterranean sea area; then to the Pacific, at Okinawa and later in Japanese waters. In service about two years, including 19 months at sea. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Carson, 109 Park St.



**John A. Cart, AMM 2/c, Navy Air corps,** airplane mechanic, at Harvey Field, Inyokern, Calif., for nearly two years. In service April 1944 to March 1946. Previously at San Diego naval air station. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cart, 122 East F.



**Albert E. Carter, Cpl., Military police,** 17th Anti-aircraft Bn. and 608th M. P. Bn. in Southwest Pacific. Overseas one year, serving in battles at Hollandia, New Guinea and in Leyte, Philippine islands. Awarded Bronze Star medals for service in New Guinea and Leyte. In service two years, Jan. 25, 1944, to Jan. 16, 1946. Home, 618 East Sixth. Employed at Morton salt works.

**\*Cecil G. Carter, Cpl., 130th F. A., 35th Div.,** in European theater. Was Pvt. Btry. B, 130th F. A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. To California, west coast defense duty; at Camp Cooke, Calif., and Ft. Sill, Okla. Overseas, Oct. 1944, serving in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. Home, 1300 East B.

**\*Kenneth E. Carter, S 1/c, Navy,** in Western Pacific. Served with shore patrol on Guam. Served overseas seven months, Dec. 1944 to July 1945. Student in Hutchinson high school, 1946-1947 after return from navy.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Carter, 720 East First.*

**\*Charles L. Carter, Pfc.,** with a machine gun unit in the First army, moving stealthily from tree to tree, like an Indian fighter, was edging through a sector of the Ardennes forest when he was hit by

mortar shell fragments on Nov. 11, 1944. He served in the battle of Normandy, near St. Lo, the campaigns in northern France and Belgium and the breakthrough of the Siegfried line into Germany in October 1944. After return to U. S. was in convalescent hospitals at Camp Carson, Colo., and Hot Springs, Ark. Home, South Hutchinson.

**\*Elmer M. Carter, Pvt., Marines,** in Pacific theater. Overseas from Camp Pendleton, Calif. Formerly with Jess Liston tire shop.

**\*Garold Carter, Pfc., Marines,** in Pacific. Wounded in action in Guam, July 21, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart. To navy hospital in U. S. A.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Izetta R. Carter, 603 East C, and Logan Carter, 4 1/2 South Main.*

**Colin M. Carter, Jr., Lt., Army Engineers.** Graduated from West Point military academy, 1945. Graduate of Hutchinson Junior college. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carter, formerly of Hutchinson, now Wichita.



**Richard L. Carter, S/Sgt., Anti-aircraft Div., Coast artillery;** later with Army Air corps, in Southwest Pacific. In service five years in Coast artillery; one year in air corps. In Panama canal zone for 2 1/2 years as machine gunner with anti-aircraft unit. From Panama to Lima, Peru, on detached service for air corps. In 1942 to Southwest Pacific with anti-aircraft unit, in action on Guadalcanal, in Solomon Islands and Bougainville. Son of R. S. Carter, 311 West Sixth.

**Ronald M. Carter, Pvt., Inf., Camp Shelby,** Miss. Employee at Masters Manufacturing Co. plant, Hutchinson.

**Wm. S. Carter, Pfc., 580th Signal A. W. Bn.,** over Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Carter, Hutchinson RFD; now of Dodge City.

**Francis Cary,** with naval force in Philippines, killed in action at Corregidor, P. I. Hutchinson. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Richard Cary,** Naval cadet, South Bend, Ind. Son of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Cary, 18 West 11th.

**Fred Casad, S/Sgt., Army Air force,** killed in action in Germany. (See Gold Star roster.) Hutchinson.

**Burton Case, MoMM, Coast guard,** in Pacific theater. New Guinea. Later at coast guard station, Groton, Conn. Valley township.



**Dale William Case, MoMM 3/c, Navy,** motor machinist mate on submarine USS Gato in Pacific over a year. Took part in battles off Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Operated with Third fleet in raid against Japanese mainland. Later on the submarine USS Barb. He served on three submarine war patrols in Pacific. Awarded Submarine

Combat insignia with two battle stars. In service 2 1/2 years, including four months on Saipan with Submarine Division 81 relief crew. In service Oct. 1943 to April 1946. Formerly at Farragut, Ida., naval station. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Case, Hutchinson RFD. Home, Nickerson.

**Laurel Case, Pharmacist Mate 1/c, Navy,** in Aleutians for a year. Returned to duty at Dubuque, Ia. Formerly employed at Hutchinson YMCA; student in Junior college.

**Rex E. Case, WT 3/c, Navy,** on USS Saginaw Bay in Pacific theater for over two years, in action at Palau, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf battle, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with five battle stars and Philippine Liberation medal. In service 2 1/2 years, Oct. 1943 to May 1946. Overseas April 1944 to May 1946. Previously stationed at Farragut, Ida., Great Lakes, Ill., and Shoemaker, Calif. Home, 522 West C.



**Charles C. Casey, F 2/c, Navy, fireman** on the USS Humphreys and USS Manatee in the Pacific theater. In action in South Pacific campaign and later in occupation of Japan. In service one year, May 16, 1945, to May 8, 1946. Previously at Great Lakes naval station. Wife, Elsie, at 130 North Maple while he was overseas. Home now Hutchinson RFD 3.

**\*Edward Casey, Cpl., Technician,** heavy maintenance unit, Southern California.

**\*Gilbert Casey, Sgt., Army Air corps,** Harlingen, Tex., and California.

**\*Merle Casey, S/Sgt., Inf.,** in European theater. Overseas from Camp Campbell, Ky. Returned from ETO Dec. 1945, to California. Previously Sgt. engineers at Dawson, Alaska, on new Alcan military highway.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Casey, Sylvia.*

**Harold R. Casey, S 2/c, Coast guard,** on duty on coast guard cutter on Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Casey, 208 East A. Home, 426 East Park.

**James Casey, Capt., Coast artillery corps,** aide-de-camp to Lt. Gen. Wm. Styer, in Manila. Was 2nd Lt. Battery C, 130th Field artillery, 35th Div., when that division mobilized at Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941. Later returned to Hutchinson as commander of Hutchinson company, Kansas State guard. Then to Camp Wallace, Tex., as 2nd Lt., Coast artillery AAA, 1st Lt., of Coast artillery at Camp Bliss, El Paso, Tex. Overseas to duty in Philippines. Promoted to captain on headquarters staff at Manila. After return to Hutchinson, appointed major with National guard, in reactivated 130th Field artillery Bn. Manager of Mitchner Investment Co. 27 East First.

**Ralph E. Casey, Pvt., Army Air force,** Furstenfeldoruch, Germany. Home, Hutchinson RFD.



**Wm. T. Cash**, Quartermaster Corps, St. Petersburg, Fla. Son of Mrs. Minor Cash, Arlington.



**Harold Oscar Casner**, Cpl., Third Marines Div., quartermaster unit, over Pacific. Stationed on Guam ten months; then to duty in China, based at Tientsin. Helped move wounded American service men from Iwo Jima to Guam. Served as clerk in quartermaster Div. Previously at San Diego and Camp Pendleton, Calif. In service over two years, March 1944 to May 1946. Home, 1001 West 17th. With J. S. Dillon Stores Co.

**N. A. Cassidy, Jr.**, Ensign, Navy, on minesweeper on Pacific. Known as "Junior" Cassidy. Prominent in Reno county 4-H Club circles. Son of N. A. Cassidy, of Partridge, former principal of Partridge high school and music director of Sylvia schools. Reared in Partridge community. Nephew of Mrs. Will Love, Partridge.

**Ralph Cassil**, Sgt., Army Air force, McCook, Neb. Son of Mrs. M. G. Cassil, Lerado community; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cassil, 512 West Sherman.

**Lorenzo L. Castillo**, Cpl., Army Air force, with AAF band at Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, N. C. Home 526 West C.

**Keith S. Casto**, FC 3/c, Navy. Fire controlman on battleship in Pacific fleet. Son of Mrs. Lillie M. Casto, 820 East Sherman.

**Lawrence B. Castor**, Sgt., Inf., with Gen. J. L. Bradley's "Deadeye" division, in the Philippines. One of patrol of 34 soldiers who were cut off, with rapidly-diminishing supply of ammunition, and surrounded by strong force of Japs in Leyte. Although outnumbered more than eight to one, they wiped out the enemy, fighting way through, on what became known as "Suicide Ridge." Home, 621 West A.

**John Castor**, Pfc., Infantry, in Fifth army, in Italy, taking part in Florence-Bologna offensive, 1944. Formerly at Camp Adair, Ore. Home, 20 West C.

**Lorenzo Castor**, Pvt., Infantry, Camp White, Ore. Home, 20 West C.

**Joe F. Castro**, Pvt., Inf., New Orleans. Son of Mrs. Maria Castro, 220 West E. Wife at 413 West E.

**Clarence J. Cates**, Pvt., Medical detachment, 130th Field artillery Bn., with the battalion when it mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940; going to Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div., Jan. 1941. Hutchinson RFD.

**Kenneth Cates**, Ensign, Navy, with underwater combat demolition unit. On Pacific. Was at Tokyo with occupation fleet in Japan at close of war. Returned to U. S. to Coronado, Calif., Dec. 1945. Before going to Pacific was at Ft. Pierce, Fla. Son of Mrs. Irma Cates, 1010 North Washington.

**Leonard W. Cates**, Pvt., Army Air force, England. Son of W. R. Cates, 124 North Main.

**Wm. C. Cates, Jr.**, Capt., Army Air force, in England. Group adjutant with B-24 bombers unit, Eighth Army Air force. Overseas about two years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Cates, formerly Hutchin-son; now Topeka.

**John H. "Jack" Caton**, Cpl., Army Air corps, Kearns Field, Salt Lake City, Utah; Ft. Logan, Colo.; Tucson, Ariz. In service over three years, Nov. 1942 to Jan. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Caton, 1715 North Jefferson.

**J. P. Catte**, Major, Army, stationed at Washington, D. C. In the army thirty years. Appointed to West Point military academy June 1915. Commissioned 2nd Lt. in 1918. Served in World War I as 1st Lt. 16th Cavalry, at Ft. Sill, Okla., and San Benito, Tex. Later an instructor at Reno county high school, Nickerson. Later returned to army for active duty in World War II. Son of Mrs. Jos. Catte, 1005 North Monroe.



**\*Orrel G. Cavanaugh**, S 1/c, Quartermaster, Navy, on the Atlantic, on USS DeLong (destroyer escort). In service over four years, Sept. 1942 to Jan. 1946. At Great Lakes, Ill., Mare Island, Calif., Topeka, with V-12 unit, Chicago; naval station Gulfport, Miss., and Miami, Fla.



**\*Theodore A. Cavanaugh**, S 1/c, Navy, on USS Fanshaw Bay, in service 2 1/2 years, Aug. 1943 to Dec. 1945. Served in the Pacific theater, participating in sea battle on Leyte gulf, at Saipan, in Philippines, Okinawa, and in northern Japan, at the time of surrender. Awarded Philippine Commonwealth ribbon with two battle stars and Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with five combat stars. Home, 116 West Sixth.

Commonwealth ribbon with two battle stars and Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with five combat stars. Home, 116 West Sixth.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Norma Cavanaugh, Nickerson.*

**Clarence Merle Cecil**, Chief Specialist (T), Navy, in Southwest Pacific. Injured while in Sydney, Australia, falling on railway track, head hitting rail knocking him unconscious, as fast train was approaching. Life saved by an Australian civilian. Medical discharge from naval service. Formerly electrician 2/c in navy at Manchester, Wash. Member of Hutchinson fire department. Returned from navy service to duty on fire department May 1945. Home, 1309 East B.

**Paul K. Cecil**, 1st Lt., Army Air force, fighter pilot, P-51 Mustang, 364th group, Eighth Air force, based in England. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross "for extraordinary achievement" while serving as pilot of P-38 and P-41 planes on combat fighter missions over Germany. Also Air medal with three Oak Leaf clusters. In service Nov. 1942. Commissioned at Luke Field, Ariz., Oct. 1, 1943. Graduate of Partridge high school. Son of Mrs. P. M. Cecil, Partridge.

**David Ceideburg**, Pfc., Infantry, San Francisco; formerly at Camp Stoneman, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Ceideburg, 907 North Walnut.



**Lawrence M. Chain**, Pfc., Army Air corps, mechanic and instrument specialist on B-29 bomber. In service 3 1/2 years, Aug. 1942 to Feb. 1946. Camp Wheeler, Ga., Miami Beach, Fla., Norwich, Vt., Nashville, Tenn., Keesler Field, Miss., Ypsilanti, Mich., Maxwell Field, Ala., Greenwood, Miss., and Seattle, Wash. At Maxwell Field one year. Home, Haven.



**Wendell O. Chain**, Pvt., Military police, overseas from Camp Wolters, Tex., to Iran, Oct. 1945, serving for four months with 727th Military police Bn., as a guard, at Khorramshar, Iran, until Feb. 1946. In service about a year, April 1945 to Feb. 24, 1946. At Camp Wolters, Tex., five months. Home, Valley township.



Worden Chain

John W. Chalmers

**Worden W. Chain**, Sgt., Inf., Camp Sibert, Ala.; in amphibious training in Florida; at Camp Tyson, Tenn. and Camp Ruston, La. Served as sergeant of military police unit in Louisiana. In service over three years, Dec. 1942 to Feb. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Chain, Haven. With Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co., Haven.

**John W. Chalmers**, Pfc., Army air force, Buckley Field, Colo., Scott Field, Ill., San Francisco, Muroc, Calif., and Madison, Wis. In service two years, July 1944 to July 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chalmers, 540 East F.



**\*Arthur D. Chamberlain, Jr.**, Ensign, Naval air force, fighter pilot, in Southwest Pacific. On the USS Bennington in the Japanese theater. In service three years, Oct. 1942 to Nov. 1945. On staff of Admiral Sprague in Western Pacific. With Pacific fleet nine months; in Japanese waters two months. Previously on duty at Liberty, Mo., Chadron, Neb., Del Monte, Calif., Hutchinson Naval air station (three months), Corpus Christi, Tex., Melbourne, Fla., and San Francisco. Home, 510 East Third. With Oscar Young Construction Co.





**\*Robert Chamberlain**, cadet pilot, Army air corps at Buckley Field, Colo., Houghton, Mich., Nashville, Tenn., Maxwell Field, Ala., Acola, Fla., Tyn-dall Field, Fla., and Bainbridge, Ga. In service Feb. 1943 to April 1944; medical discharge at Bainbridge following operation in army hos-pital. Now with Central Utility Co., Los Angeles.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Chamber-lain, 209 East Tenth.*

**Bill Chambers, Cpl.**, Infantry, Ft. Bragg, N. C. Son of Frank Chambers, 421 Charles St.



**Darrell Vernon Cham-bers**, ARM 3/c, Naval air corps, radioman-gunner. In service over two years, June 1944 to July 1946, serving at Jackson-ville, Fla., Memphis, Tenn., Purcell, Okla., Cecil Field, Jackson-ville, Fla. (about a year), Jacksonville Naval air station and Hutchinson Naval air station (two months, May and June 1946). Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Chambers, 125 East 12th.



**Ernest Lee Chambers**, T/Sgt., Parachute In-fantry, in combat service in Germany, Belgium and Austria. Made seven parachute jumps in combat. Awarded ETO ribbon with battle star, and Belgian Fourragere with palm. Overseas over a year. In the Ardennes battle and Central Europe cam-

paign. Previously, for two years in Third Field Artillery Bn. at Ft. Riley, 1939 to 1941. Then in Army air corps, 1941 to 1944. Re-enlisted Dec. 1945. Now at Kelly Field, Tex. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chambers, Sylvia.



**Jeanne Fee Chambers**, Cpl., WAC's, on duty as airplane dispatcher at Moore Field, Tex., with Army air force for two years and eight months, May 1, 1943 until discharge Dec. 5, 1945. Previously at Des Moines, Ia. Enlisted Feb. 22, 1943; in service nearly three years. Daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fee, Sylvia.



**Phillip L. Chambers**, Cpl., 784th Armored field artillery bn., as field lineman and car-bine expert. At Camp Robinson, Ark., Camp Howze, Tex., and Fort Bragg, N. C. Formerly with 46th Coast Artil-tery. Camp Pendleton, Va. In service three years, Feb. 1943 to Feb. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cham-

bers, 215 East Bigger. With Carey Salt Co. Home, 212 East Ninth.

**Robert Miles Chambers**, Capt., in Euro-pean theater. Transferred to base in Eng-land from Panama canal zone. Son of Mrs. Hazel Chambers, formerly of Hutch-inson. Graduate from Hutchinson high school. A grandson of the late Joe Niles, former president of Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce.



**\*Thomas Eugene Chambers**, QM 3/c, Coast Guard, quarter-master on buoy tender in Hawaii. In service since Dec. 26, 1941. At Sand Point, Hawaii since Feb. 1946. For-merly at Little Machi-pongo, Willis Wharf, Va., Coast Guard base at Ft. McHenry, Md. about a year, Coast Guard depot at Balti-more, Md. about 2½ years, and Alameda, Calif. From there to Hawaii, Jan. 1946.

**\*Robert G. Chambers**, Pvt., Quartermas-ter corps, killed in action, April 28, 1944, in European theater. (See Gold Star roster.)

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Chambers, of South Hutchinson.*

**Betty L. Chaney**, WAC, on duty at Camp Lee, Va. Home, 115 West 11th.

**Charles Chance**, in Army air corps for five years; overseas 2½ years. Operator of Standard Oil Co. station Fifth and Monroe. Home, 407 North Cochran.

**Dick Chapman**, Lt. (jg), Navy, with patrol bombing squadron on Pacific. To reserve air corps Dec. 1945. Recalled to active service June 1947. Manager of Hutchin-son city airport since April 1946.

**Harry W. Chapman**, Sgt., 788th Field Artillery, in Europe 1½ years, England, France and Germany. Overseas from Ft. Bragg, N. C. In service three years, April 1943 to April 1946. Son of Mrs. Birchie Chapman, 831 East A.



**Garol Chappel**



**Marvin Chappel**

**\*Garol D. Chappel**, S 2/c, Navy, on Pacific. Formerly at Treasure Island, San Fran-cisco. Re-enlisted Dec. 1945.

**\*Marvin E. Chappel**, Y 2/c, Navy, yeoman on warship, serving on Atlantic for a year; then to the Pacific theater, in China a year; then in Japan.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Chappel, Hutchinson RFD 4.*



July 1941 to March 1942. Then over Pa-

**Glenn H. Chapel**, Sgt., Marines, in Southwest Pacific, serving at Pearl Harbor, Russell islands, Pelelue, Oki-nawa, Guam and then with occupation force in Japan. In battles of Pelelue and Oki-nawa. In the Marine corps six years, since Sept. 1940. Previously with marines in Ice-land for about a year,

cific to New Zealand for three months. Returned to California in Jan. 1943, serv-ing then with Naval air force, St. Mary's, Calif.; re-enlisting July 1943 in Marines. Stationed at San Diego base about a year; going overseas again to Western Pacific in June 1944. In Southwest Pacific and Japan two years, returning in July 1946 to Camp LeJeune, N. C. 122 East F.

**Ross E. Chappell**, Sgt., Military police company in Southwest Pacific. In Aus-tralia. Overseas June 1942. Formerly with 21st Inf. Home, 429 East Carpenter.



**Howard R. Charles**, Cpl., Marines, aboard the USS Houston when that vessel was sunk in action in Sunda Strait, off Java, Feb. 28, 1942. Survived the sinking but was taken prisoner and held a prisoner of the Jap-anease in Thailand (Siam) for over 3½ years; liberated after V-J day in Aug. 1945.

Cpl. Charles, who had enlisted in the Marines in June 1941 was with a Marine detachment on the USS Houston in Manila harbor when the Japs struck the Philip-pines. The warship escaped the Japs by only thirty minutes, as the enemy planes started bombing Manila.

Then came a running battle for three days in the Java sea in which the Houston fought the Japs all along the Java coast, until finally in Sunda strait in a midnight battle the Houston was sunk.

The survivors, among them Cpl. Charles, were forced to march across Java without rest or sleep until they reached the north-ern coast, from where they were taken to Thailand and put to work on the Burma road. After that road was finished they were moved to a prison camp at Saigon, French Indo-China where they were liberated Aug. 14, 1945. He was under treatment in army hospitals for nearly four months, being finally dis-charged Dec. 1945 after 4½ years service. He was awarded the Far East Theater ribbon, with six battle stars, a Presiden-tial citation and the Purple Heart. Son of Mrs. James F. Evans of Darlow com-munity.

**Robert M. Charnock**, Seaman 1/c, Navy, in Pacific theater. In action at Okinawa. In service nearly two years, May 1944 to March 1946. Son of Mrs. Sadie Sams, 817 North Lincoln.

**David Charter**, Cpl., Army medical corps with 21st Malaria control unit, in Italy. Son of Hardy Charter, Sterling RFD; for-merly lived in Fairview community, west of Hutchinson.

**Kenneth R. Chase**, Sgt., 250th Ordnance Bn., in England. Hutchinson.

**Adolph Chavez**, Pfc., 66th "Panther" Divi-sion, in France. Son of Mrs. John Mar-quez, 405 West E.

**James Boyd Cheatum**, Petty Officer 2/c, Navy, Newport News, Va. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Cheatum of Lerado community.

**Robert G. Cheatum**, Capt., Army air corps, aeronautical engineer, 58th Bomb. Wing, 20th Air Force, over Pacific. Located at B-29 base on Tinian island in Mariannas eight months; then in the CBI theater, based near Calcutta, India for over a year. In Army air corps since March 1941. Overseas on Pacific almost two years. Returned to U. S. Nov. 1945 to station at Mercedes, Calif. Son of Mrs. Lura Cheatum, 425 North Plum.





**Bert Lee Cheever**, MM 3/c, Navy, on the USS Alshain (AKA-55) serving in the West Pacific. Killed accidentally when he fell through a hatch on the Alshain while the vessel was in dry dock at San Francisco, Sept. 26, 1947. He had been in the navy about 3½ years, since April 1, 1945. He served as fireman on the USS John Archibald Bole (DD-755) and the Alshain in the West Pacific. He was based at Singtao, China for some time. He took boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and San Bruno, Calif. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cheever, 628 East Sixth.

**Frank Cheney**, Radioman, Navy, missing in action, Jan. 1945. Nickerson.



**\*Kendall Eugene Cheney**, Pfc., Army air force, engineers, demolition specialist with 806th Engineers Bn. over Pacific. Engaged in building runways for B-29 bombers on Saipan and Okinawa. Awarded citation and plaque "for building one of the best runways in the South Pacific." In combat on Saipan and Okinawa. In service over two years, Oct. 1943 to Jan. 1946. Was on the Ryukyu islands over 1½ years; Saipan, one year; Okinawa, nine months. With Consolidated Flour Mills Co., Hutchinson.



**\*Kenneth M. Cheney**, Seaman 1/c, Navy, Over Pacific for 1½ years serving as checker in stores department aboard ship. In Australia eight months with amphibious landing unit, Oct. 1944 to June 1, 1945. In the Philippines eight months, June 1945 to Feb. 1946. With commissary service for Seventh fleet on Pacific three months. In service June 1944 to April 1946. Home, 1414 East Fourth. With Flemming Wholesale Grocery.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Cheney, 717 East 11th.*

**Wayne B. Cheney**, Cpl., Army air force, in Central Pacific. In service since Nov. 1942. Overseas May 1943. Awarded Air medal. Former employee at Grace hospital. Student at Salt City Business college when entered service.

**Ned Chestnutt**, Lt. (jg), Naval air force, Ottumwa, Ia. Previously at Hutchinson Naval air station as a flight instructor. Wife (Phyllis Jones) 315 East Sherman.

**Richard Lee "Dick" Cheshire**, with Coast Guard port detail, Brownsville, Tex. Son of Mrs. Mildred Cheshire, 329 East Sixth.

**Billie Chew**, Cpl., serving in European theater. Wounded in action in Germany, March 11, 1945. To hospital in France. Home, Haven.

**W. E. "Bill" Chew**, Army air force, armorer, Ft. Leavenworth. Formerly manager of Hettinger Wholesale Beverage Co. branch at Great Bend. Home, Hutchinson.

**J. H. Chidester**, Boatswains Mate, Navy, on USS Marblehead, at San Diego base. Still in service, (1947). Home, 800 West Tenth.

**Edward L. Childers**, Pvt., Battery C, 130th Field artillery when that battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940, going to Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Home, 327 East Bigger.



**\*Chalmers M. Childs**, Yeoman 2/c, Navy, in the Aleutians and Pacific theater at Adak in Aleutians for two months in 1944. On the USS Black Hawk on the Pacific nearly a year; at Nagasaki, Japan 6 mos., and in Tokyo 3 mos. In navy over two years; discharged May 1946.



**\*Denver V. Childs**, Pfc., Army medical corps, in North Africa and Italy, serving as medical corpsman, supply clerk and also in the band. In Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily and Italy. One of the first to land at Anzio beach. In foxholes of that Italian beach-head for 3½ months. Wounded in action at Laccia, Sicily July 10, 1943. Overseas from Camp Pickett, Va., Nov. 1942 landing at Casablanca, North Africa with Third Div. Overseas 18 months. Was with 386th ASF band at Hot Springs, Ark. six months. In army 3½ years.



**\*Donald G. Childs**, T/Sgt., acting 1st Sgt. 52nd Engineers, 11th Corps, with Eighth Army in occupation force at Heyoshi, Japan; previously with 27th Inf. division in Saipan and Okinawa. Overseas from Ft. Lawton, Wash., Jan. 1945. In Oahu, Hawaii, Saipan and Okinawa. In hospital on Guam 2½ months. To Japan Nov. 1945. In army since July 1944. Before going overseas was stationed at Camp Wolters, Tex., Ft. Ord, Calif., and Ft. Lawton, Wash.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Childs, Plevna RFD 1.*

**Robert Childs, Jr.**, S 1/c, Navy, on USS Missoula in Pacific, New Caledonia and New Hebrides. Overseas a year, Jan. 1945 to Dec. 1945. While aboard ship served as acting chaplain. In service about two years, since April 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Childs, 720 East Seventh. Now in charge of a Mexican mission in Arizona.



**Robert (James R.) Chiles**, T/5, 277th Engineers (combat) Bn. in 7th Corps, First army, European theater. Participated in invasion of Normandy, northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Awarded ETO ribbon with five battle stars; also Bronze Star medal for work in building a bridge across the Rhor river under fire. In army over two years. Overseas April 1944 from Camp Kilmer, N. J.

In camps in England three months, then over the Channel in invasion of France June 10, 1944. In France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany 1½ years until Dec. 15, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chiles, Abbyville.



**Vernie D. Chiles**, Pfc., Marines, with motor transport, engineers battalion, Camp LeJeune, N. C. In service one year, June 21, 1945 to June 18, 1946. Previously at Parris Island, S. C. for two months; at Camp LeJeune since Aug. 28, 1945 until discharged following June. Home, 925 North Elm. Now employed as electrician at Cessna Aircraft Co. plant.



**J. H. Chillington**, Col., Army chaplain, with troops at Kiska in Aleutians during action there. Was regimental chaplain, 130th Field artillery when that regiment mobilized Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. Jan. 1941 serving with 35th Div. there for a year; then to California in 1942 with 35th Div. Was ranking army chaplain in southern California. From there to Aleutians with field artillery regiment. After release from service following end of war re-enlisted in army, and was appointed adjutant at Camp Whittier, Calif. Was captain when mobilized; later promoted to lt. col. and colonel. Was pastor of Grace Episcopal church, Hutchinson when he entered service. Since release from army, 1947, American Legion veterans' advisor at San Pedro, Calif., Long Beach Navy hospital and General hospital, Sawtelle, Calif.



**Vernon Hansford Chitwood**, SK 3/c, Navy, storekeeper in charge of provisions in commissary department on USS Winged Arrow (AP 170) on Pacific. His ship part of the "Magic Carpet" helping transport troops. Participated in two invasions in Philippines, and also at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. On last trip across Pacific was at Shanghai and Hong Kong, China. Crossed Pacific seven times. In service about two years, May 1944 to April 1946. Son of Mrs. Nettie Snyder, 410 North Chemical.

**Henry H. Choquette**, Sgt., Army Air force, Tinian island, in the Mariannas group, West Pacific. Group intelligence non-com. Formerly with intelligence office, headquarters 505th Bombing group, Harvard, Neb. Overseas Dec. 1944 with C-54 transport across Pacific. In service over three years. While on Tinian devised and installed chimes in army chapel, made from 90 mm shell casing. Formerly organist at Grace Episcopal church, Hutchinson, and director of boys' department of the Hutchinson YMCA. After returning from army resumed duty at the Hutchinson "Y," resigning Sept. 1, 1946, to enter theological seminary at Evanston, Ill.



**Dean (Hersal D.) Chrislip**, Ensign, Navy, on duty at Tokyo, Japan, with occupation force. Overseas Nov. 1945. Was stationed at Norfolk, Va. Formerly refinery construction engineer, El Dorado, Ark. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chrislip, Turon.

**Ellis G. Christensen**, Lt. Col., Inf., Camp Roberts, Calif. Formerly in Alaska for more than a year. Official at State Reformatory, Hutchinson. Was Sgt. Co. L, 137th Inf., in 35th Div., in France in World War I.



**Phil (Roy P.) Christensen**, Pfc., Army Air force, Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif. Serving as armorer, in ground crew; also in military police. In service three years, March 27, 1943, to March 3, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Christensen, 626 East Fifth. Employed at J. S. Dillon & Sons warehouse.

**Minas Christian**, enlisted in army in 1941. In London two years. Now violin artist of prominence, residing in Wichita. Formerly first violinist, Kansas City Philharmonic orchestra. Former Hutchinson boy.

**Virgil (Adolf V.) Christiansen**, Sgt., Army Air force, in New Guinea. Technical supply clerk with photo-mapping squadron. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Christiansen, 320 East A.



**Fred C. Christman**, BM 1/c, Boatswains Mate, 50th Naval Construction Bn., in Central Pacific. Stationed on Oahu, Hawaii, 28½ months. In service three years, Sept. 1942 to Sept. 1945. Overseas March 1943. Previously stationed at Norfolk, Va., and Gulfport, Miss. Home, 1137 East of service station on South Main.



**Roy D. Christman**, CMM, 62nd Naval Construction Bn., in Southwest Pacific. Participated in battle of Iwo Jima. On that island with naval construction crew as chief machinist mate for four months, Feb. to June 1945. In service three years, Oct. 1942 to Sept. 1945. Overseas in March 1943. At Pearl Harbor, T. H., 19 months; on Iwo Jima four months. Home, 729½ South Main. Employed at Winchester Packing Co. plant.

*\*Sons of Dan Christman, 11 North Chemical. The brothers enlisted together in the Seabees, but were sent to different stations, one in Rhode Island, the other in Mississippi. They happened to meet each other three months later at Pearl Harbor, both en route to Pacific island bases.*

**Albert (W. A.) Christy**, MM 1/c, Naval Construction Bn., "Seabees," in France. Overseas with the 97th NCB from Davisville, R. I., to Cherbourg, France, in Normandy. Returned from ETO Nov. 1944. Son of the late John J. Christy, 907 Grant. Wife, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Burke, South Hutchinson.



**James A. Christy, Jr.**, MMM 3/c, Navy, motor machinist mate at naval air base, Espiritu Santa, in New Hebrides for 1½ years. In the service three years, March 1943 to March 1946. After return from over Pacific was at MTB station at Melville, R. I., and naval base at San Diego. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Christy, 938 East Fourth.



**Alva L. Clare**, T/5, with Field artillery, 18th Airborne Div., Third corps, in battle of the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns in France, Belgium and Germany. Was with the first field artillery to cross the Rhine at the Remagen bridge, and also in the historic "Battle of the Bulge." In service about 2½ years, Nov. 1943 to Feb. 1946. Home, 606 East B. Employed at Wm. Kelly mills.

**Elmer Claphan**, Pfc., with army unit in England and France. Returned Sept. 1945. Home, Turon. Brother of Gilbert and Taylor Claphan, Turon.

**Melvin H. Claphan**, Pvt., Eighth Marines, in Second Marine Div., in Southwest Pacific. Home, Turon.

**Marion G. Clapp**, Pfc., 386th Air Service group over Pacific. Received Meritorious Service award for outstanding service in action on Iwo Jima, with army air force ground crew. In service over three years, Aug. 1942 to Nov. 1945. Went overseas Dec. 1943. Formerly at Camp Barkley, Abilene, Tex. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Clapp, 832 East Seventh.



**Billy H. Clark**, AMM 3/c, Naval Air corps, Memphis, Tenn., naval air station. In service since May 14, 1945. Previously at Norman, Okla., and navy air gunners' school, Jacksonville, Fla. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Clark, Hutchinson RFD 1.



**Clarence V. Clark**, Aviation Storekeeper 1/c, Naval Air force, in Southwest Pacific. Overseas Jan. 1945, serving on Guadalcanal, Solomon islands and on Samar, in Philippines. In service over two years, Sept. 1943 to Nov. 1945. Overseas about a year with 3rd and 7th fleets on Pacific. Home, 827 East Eighth.

**Donald Clark**, Pfc., 36th Armored regiment, in European theater. Overseas from Camp Pickett, Va. Returned Oct. 1945. Home, Pretty Prairie.



**\*Earl H. Clark**, SC 3/c, Navy, ship's cook on USS Acorn, on the Pacific. Also served at Port Hueneme, Calif., Corpus Christi, Tex. (for two years), Navy Pier, Chicago, and Great Lakes navy station, Ill. In navy four years, Jan. 1942 to Jan. 1946.



**\*Everts O. Clark**, SSLM 3/c, Navy, serving as laundryman on USS Washington, in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, in service four years, Jan. 1942 to Jan. 1946. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal with 12 battle stars, Philippine Liberation ribbon, two battle stars and EAME campaign medal with battle star for service in Europe.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Clark of Nickerson. Grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Phillips, 309 West Ninth.*

**Gerald D. Clark**, Fireman 1/c, Navy, in Europe, based in Ireland and England nine months. Returned to U. S. A. in fall of 1943, and transferred to duty at Treasure Island, Calif. Son of Mrs. Letha Clark, Burrton RFD, formerly of Hutchinson. Wife, the former Helen Flemming, South Hutchinson.



**James C. Clark, Jr.**, Lt., Naval Air force, serving in the Aleutians and Southwest Pacific, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for the "heroic rescue of army airmen" in the Aleutian combat area on Aug. 13, 1942. Two months previously he won a citation and the Air medal for "heroism and distinguished achievement" while participating in aerial combat with the enemy in attacks on Kiska harbor, June 10 to 20, 1942.

Later he was on duty in the Southwest Pacific. He was overseas about three years, in the Aleutians 1½ years and South Pacific 14 months. In the service nearly five years. Previously stationed at Oak Harbor, Wash., as pilot of a navy PVI bomber. Returned from overseas to Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clark, 204 Curtis.



**Jerry A. Clark**, Cpl., Inf., automatic rifleman, in Southwest Pacific, serving in battles in New Guinea, Luzon, northern Solomons and southern Philippines. Shot through both feet, machine gun bullets, on Luzon, Jan. 22, 1945. Previously in battle against Jap "Imperial Tigers" marines in New Guinea. To general hospitals at Spokane, Wash., and Springfield, Mo., for treatment. Discharged Aug. 1, 1946. Home, 123 West 23rd. Foster son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Polley. Formerly with J. S. Dillon & Sons bakery.





**\*Josephene E. Clark,** Pfc., WACs, Army air force, Des Moines, Ia., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Patterson Field, O., and Wright Field, Dayton, O. In service nearly three years, serving as postal clerk at army air bases.



**\*Marian I. Clark,** Cpl., WACs, serving as postal clerk in army in Southwest Pacific, in Leyte, Philippines and Port Moresby, New Guinea for 14 months. Previously at Camp McCoy, Wis. and Ft. Ogleby, Ga. Formerly with Nickerson telephone exchange as operator.



**\*Paul C. Clark,** T/Sgt., Army air force, with barrage balloon squadron in England. Mess sergeant. Served with 1st Bomb Wing, Eighth Air Force, located at Chelveston air base, in England for about three years; from there to Belgium July, 1945. In service for 19 years, since March 1, 1927. Overseas Aug. 1942; returning from ETO Oct. 1945. Awarded Distinguished Unit citation. Still in service (1946) at McChord Field, Wash. Home, Nickerson.

*\*Son and daughters of Mrs. Estella Clark, Nickerson. Mrs. Paul Alexander of Nickerson, a sister.*

**John Milton Clark,** Pvt., Army signal corps, Camp Crowder, Mo. 329 East Eighth.



**John Miles Clark,** Pvt., Army air corps with 11th Air Force on Adak in the Aleutian islands. He was in service eight months, July 1945 to March 1946. He served as a clerk-typist in the air force headquarters. Previously, at Sheppard Field, Tex., Kearns, Utah and Seattle, Wash. He was in the Aleutians two months. Home, 614 East Ninth. With Nash-Finch Wholesale Co.

**Loren B. Clark,** Pvt., Inf., Ft. Leavenworth. 116 East Fourth.

**Lowren Benton Clark,** Pvt., Camp Thomas Scott, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Son of Mrs. Sarah Clark, 212 South Jefferson.

**Milford E. Clark,** Pfc., Medical corps, photographic squadron, in India. Formerly with Dillon Mercantile Co., Hutchinson.

**Melvin L. Clark,** Pfc., 45th "Thunderbird" Div., European theater. Served in Sicily, Salerno, Anzio beachhead and Rome, Italy in the invasion of southern France, and in Germany at Nuremberg and Munich, Bavaria. Then to Camp St. Louis, Mourmelon, France. Returned from ETO Oct. 1945. Previously at Camp Howze, Tex., and Camp Roberts, Calif. Home, 400 North Monroe St.

**Van Duvall Clark,** Cpl., 652nd Troop Transport Co., Ft. Devens, Mass. Hutchinson RFD.

**Vincent R. Clark,** ACM, Navy, on Pacific. Returned from Hawaii to U. S. Nov. 1945. Hutchinson RFD.

**Walter S. Clark,** S/Sgt., 35th Div., Camp Robinson, Ark. Also served in World War I with division supply train, 35th Div. in France. Home, 621 West 13th St.



**William S. Clark,** S 3/c, Navy, serving as gunner on the USS Cecil (APA-96) on the Pacific. Was wounded while in Southwest Pacific combat area Jan. 26, 1945 when a gun exploded injuring his left hand. To naval hospital at Oakland, Calif. In service about 2½ years, May 1944 to Aug. 1946. Most of time on the Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clark, Arlington. Now located in Hutchinson with M. M. Stevens Plumbing Co.

**Jack Clarke,** Lt., Army air force, was at Clark Field in the Philippines when the Japs struck there, but he escaped, made his way to Mindoro island where he led Filipino guerrillas in combat against the Japs throughout the war. He had been reported missing in action since Corregidor fell early in 1942 but his mother, Mrs. Frances Romine, formerly of Burrton RFD, now of Hollywood, Calif., was advised in January 1945, nearly three years later, that he was alive and still in action against the Japs.

"We took it on the chin; Clark field was bombed to hell," Lt. Clarke said later. "When the Japs came over, I'll admit their formation was pretty. Even as the bombs were coming down, the sun made them glisten, and it looked like it was snowing, for there were so many.

"We got back among the native people, but we had to keep hiding from the Japs for quite awhile.

"We began picking up guns and men and started a revolt against the Japs—guerrilla warfare. It spread like a prairie fire. Finally we saw our naval task force hit at the Jap air base right in front of our eyes. Then again the B-24 Liberators went over us. Our morale was kept as high as a kite."

**Emmet N. Clarkin,** Pvt., Btry. B, 130th Field artillery when mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Home, Hutchinson RFD.

**\*Charles W. Claybaugh,** Lt., Navy, Arlington, Va. Connected with editorial staff of naval air magazine, Washington, D. C. After leaving service located at Brigham, Utah where he is now editor of the Brigham News-Journal.

**\*K. Wayne Claybaugh,** Capt., Army air force, pilot of Marauder bomber serving in Italy. Participated in more than sixty bombing missions from the Italian base. His 100th mission against German position at Firenzeuola, north of Florence, Italy. Awarded Air medal for mission in May 1944 when the Marauders attacked and destroyed a locomotive plant and caused heavy damage to railway yards at Florence. Also served through the Tunisian campaign in North Africa and the Sicilian invasion.

**\*Kelly W. Claybaugh,** with Army engineers in Alberta, Canada, engaged in military construction work. (Father of Capt. K. W. Claybaugh and Lt. Chas. W. Claybaugh, above.)

**\*Laura Evadna Claybaugh,** 1st Lt., WACs, Truax Field, Madison, Wis., later to Manila as secretary in army engineer's office. The former Evadna Young of Pretty Prairie. (Wife of Kelly Claybaugh with army engineers, and mother of Charles and Wayne, with air force, above.)

*\*Son, grandsons and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Claybaugh, Pretty Prairie (editor of Pretty Prairie Times until recently).*

**Clarence Claycamp,** Pvt., Battery C, 130th Field artillery, mobilizing in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To 35th Div., Camp Robinson, Ark. Jan. 1941. Hutchinson RFD.

**Gerheard Claycamp,** Pvt., Battery B, 130th Field artillery when mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. for service with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Hutchinson RFD.

**Betty Clements,** S 3/c, WAVES, communications division Hutchinson NAS. Daughter of Jack Clements, Hutchinson.

**Walter E. Clemson,** Cpl., Quartermaster corps, truck department in Alaska, 1131 North Prairie.

**Fred Clendenin,** in Navy five years. Home, 210 West Eighth. Employee of Chas. Crook Furniture Co.

**Robert C. Clift,** Sgt., Army air force, with First Base air depot, Warrington, England. Enlisted in army Dec. 1942. Overseas Oct. 1943. Formerly employed at Cessna Aircraft plant, Hutchinson. Home, 533 East Third.



**Dale E. Clifford,** Cpl., Army air corps, serving in India over a year, based at Asoul, India from Jan. 1945 to Feb. 1946. Entered service Nov. 1943, serving at Sheppard Field, Tex. and Hammer Field, Calif., then going overseas. After returning from India he was at Camp Logan, Colo., until discharge, Feb. 12, 1946. Home, 629½ West Sherman.



**Dorwin S. Cline,** T/Sgt., 34th Inf., 24th Div. in Western Pacific. Overseas from Camp Roberts, Calif., arriving in Leyte June 2, 1945. Was in the 24th Division's coast-to-coast smash across Mindanao. Based at Davao five months. Led a group of volunteers in daring rescue of three fallen comrades from enemy lines at Tuli, Mindanao. Was wounded by enemy mortar fire in Mindanao. His company, Co. I, 34th Inf. awarded Presidential citation. From Philippines to Japan with occupation force landing at Matsuyama, Shokoku, Oct. 22, 1945. Then located at Hiro, Honshu and Sasebu, Kyushu. Returned from Japan Sept. 1946. Son of Fred D. Cline, Nickerson RFD 1.



**Harry Cline, M/Sgt.,** Army air force, liaison pilot with Tenth Air force, serving in Burma, India and China. Formerly at Hamilton Field, San Francisco and Brownwood, Tex. field. In air force over three years. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross and Air medal with cluster. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Cline, 414 East Bigger.



**Herbert Carl Cline, Pfc.,** Army quartermaster corps. With quartermaster warehouses at Camp Calan, San Diego, Calif. Later at Hoff General hospital for treatment for three months, then medical discharge. In army Dec. 1943 to Sept. 1944. Home, 804 Cole Ave.



**Merle A. Cline, Lt. (jg),** Navy, commanding the LCI (G) 65 in the Southwest Pacific, experienced the battering of his gunboat both by enemy bombs and two typhoons. The LCI was hit by a Jap suicide plane at Leyte and badly damaged; again damaged by bombs at the landing in Luzon, and

was shattered by two severe typhoons, once in the Philippines and again on the way to Korea from Okinawa. As a result of damage in the latter typhoon, the ship had to be towed from Korea to Guam, nearly 2,000 miles, to enter dry dock there for repairs.

He went overseas March 1944. Saw action in the Solomons, Green island, New Ireland and New Guinea, and the Philippine campaign. On patrol missions in the Bismarck Archipelago, Halamahara and Moratai areas. Participated in four invasions, Moratai, Leyte, Lingayen gulf and Bruner Bay, Borneo. Also on duty in Korea and Guam. Overseas two years, returning from Korea to San Diego Jan. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cline, 1202 East Fourth.

**Taylor J. Clough, Pfc., Inf.,** Camp Robinson, Ark., Camp Johnson, Fla., and in Pennsylvania. Injured in training accident in Virginia. In service about two years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Clough, 906 Buchanan St.

**Vernon Clough, 2nd Lt.,** Army, in Arizona. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Clough, Langdon.



**Marvin Clough**



**Arthur Clothier**

**Marvin J. Clough, Pfc.,** with guard company on duty at U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Ft. Leavenworth. In service about two years, Nov. 1942 to Aug. 1944. Hutchinson RFD.

**Arthur M. Clothier, Fireman 1/c,** Navy, on USS Shipley Bay, on the Atlantic, based at Boston. He has been in the navy since May, 1945. Formerly at Great Lakes, Ill.,

Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif., and since Aug. 1945 on sea duty on the Atlantic. Son of Mrs. Lloyd W. Helm, Sylvia.



**\*Dorcie B. Clothier, RT 2/c,** Navy, radio technician on USS Providence, in the Atlantic area for nearly a year, March 1945 to Jan. 1946, including 15 weeks in the West Indies, based at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and eight weeks in the Mediterranean sea. In service Dec. 9, 1943, to Jan. 1, 1946. Home, Sylvia.



don, Conn., and San Diego. Home, 500 East C.

**\*Gale J. Clothier, S 1/c,** Navy, on submarine USS Medregal, on patrols at sea 16 months; later stationed at Panama canal zone and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in service over two years, April 1944 to June 1946. Before assigned to sea duty was stationed at Faragut, Ida., New Lon-



Aug. 1942 to June 1946. At sea nearly two years. Home, Sylvia RFD 2.

**\*Grant M. Clothier, Ensign,** Navy, with auxiliary fleet, on USS Salinas (AO 19) for one year, and on USS Logan (APA 196) three months. Engaged in refueling destroyers and cruisers while at sea off northern coast of Japan, under threat of enemy air attacks. In service four years,



and on the Pacific eight months. His destroyer sank three German E-boats off Cannes, France, Aug. 18, 1944.

**\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Clothier of Sylvia.**

**James M. Clothier, Fireman 2/c,** Navy. Shoemaker, Calif., previously at Gulfport, Miss. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Clothier, 725 East First.

**Willis E. Clothier, Cpl.,** 131st Inf., in Panama canal zone for six months in 1941, on guard duty. Later at Ft. Brady, Mich. Home, Sylvia.

**Willis Clothier, Pvt.,** Army Air corps, Leaderville, Colo. Home, Sylvia.

**William E. Clothier,** with Marines on USS Nevada, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Home, Sylvia RFD. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Clothier, Zenith RFD.



**Willard H. Clothier, M/Sgt.,** Army Air corps, a prisoner of war, with his left leg shot off, would have died in a German prison, probably, because of refusal of the Nazis to care for him, but owes his life to a fellow prisoner, who at risk of his own life smuggled medicine to him. Sgt. Clothier, with the 379th Bomb group, 524th squadron, Eighth Air force, based in England, was shot down over the Ruehr valley, Germany, on his ninth bombing mission, Feb. 22, 1944. The plane on which he was radio operator and gunner was riddled by flak.

Sgt. Clothier remained at the prison camp at Heinsberg, Germany, for nearly a year, until repatriated in Jan. 1945. Returned to U. S. Feb. 1945 to McCloskey General hospital, Temple, Tex., and later, Oct. 1946 was under treatment at Percy James hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Clothier, Howard street, Hutchinson. Home, Sylvia RFD 2.

**Floyd Clouse, Pfc.,** Army Air force, Altus, Okla. Hutchinson RFD.

**\*Jack D. Clouse, 1st Lt.,** Army Postal service, Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla. Formerly clerk in Hutchinson post office. Wife at 412 East 13th.

**\*Richard E. Clouse, Sgt.,** Field artillery, Camp Cooke, Calif. Was Pvt. Battery A, 130th F. A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. There for about a year, then to California with the 35th Div.

**\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Clouse, 412 East 13th St.**



**Richard Leonard Coad, Capt.,** commanding 967th Engineers Maintenance Co. in the India-Burma theater. Arrived at Ledo, Assam, April 1944, established machine shop in the jungle for repairing engineering equipment working on the Stilwell road through the Burmese jungle, and serving engineer units along the route between Ledo, Assam, to Kunming, China. Reclaimed captured equipment, reassembling it under fire. In army over three years, Nov. 1942 to Feb. 1946. Home, 109 East 13th. With Caterpillar tractor concern.



**\*Cloise J. Coats, Pfc.,** 127th Inf., 32nd Div., anti-tank and machine gunner in Southwest Pacific, participating in battles in Papua, New Guinea, Dutch East Indies and Philippines. Awarded Distinguished Unit badge for outstanding service in battle of Buna. Made the bloody march over the Owen Stanley mountain range to Buna. Wounded in action there. Credited with "bagging" 23 Japs in that action. In service 3½ years, Jan. 1942 to July 1945. Overseas three years, in Australia, New Guinea, Goodenough island, Morti, Dutch East Indies, and Leyte.



**\*Tom A. Coats, Pfc.,** 103rd Inf., 43rd Div., in Southwest Pacific in battles in New Guinea, northern Solomons islands, and Luzon. Awarded Bronze Arrowhead for invasion of Luzon, and Philippine Liberation ribbon with Bronze battle star. He was severely wounded in the chest in action in Luzon; taken to army hospital in New Guinea.

He learned that a medic had got him out, under fire. The Japs had counter-attacked just as he was hit. The medic who rescued him was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He was in the army 2½ years, June 1943 to Oct. 1945. He went overseas from Camp Roberts, Calif. Home, Turon.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Coats of Turon. Their father was a soldier in World War I in the 339th Field artillery, 88th Div. in France.*

**Howard M. Cobb, Cpl.,** 424th Signal Co., aviation, in European theater, Hutchinson.

**Glenn O. Cobb, Pfc.,** Army Air force, Kingman, Ariz. Home, 1241 North Monroe.

**\*Eldridge Coburn, Seaman, Navy,** at San Diego, Calif., naval training station.

**\*Henry C. Coburn, Pharmacist Mate 1/c,** Marines, killed in action in the invasion of Tarawa, Nov. 23, 1943. (See Gold Star roster.)

*\*Sons of Mrs. David Coburn, 512 West B.*



**\*Dan A. Coblentz,** Chief Machinist Mate, Navy, serving with landing craft in invasions of Sicily, July 9, 1943, and Salerno beach, Italy, in Sept. 1943. Was with the first wave in the invasion of the southern shore of Sicily. In navy 19 years, since Feb. 24, 1928. With occupation force in North Africa, with AATB at Arzu, Algeria, and Bezerte, Tunisia, for 15 months. From ETO went to South Pacific, on duty on attack transports in the Pacific theater for 1½ years. Awarded commendations for putting out a fuel depot fire after an air attack; and again for picking up and saving survivors from the destroyer USS Maddox, sunk in the invasion of Sicily.

Previous naval service included three years duty on the USS Pittsburgh, stationed in China; nine months at Hampton Roads, Va., naval air station; three years on the USS Utah, about 1½ years on the USS Milwaukee; two years on the USS Craven; 14 months on the USS Yorktown and three years at Newport, R. I., with a naval torpedo testing barge unit. Still in the navy (1947), on the USS Briareus, based at Berkeley, Va. Was reported missing in action for two years, later being heard from in a navy hospital in Virginia. Home, Haven.

**\*Simon A. Coblentz, Army Air corps,** in Washington state. In service four months, then received disability discharge. Haven.

*\*Brothers of Abe Dave Coblentz, 707 West 13th.*

**Harold C. Cochran, Cpl.,** Army air force, Camp Blanding, Fla. Formerly at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. In service about 3½ years. 1208 North Madison.

**\*James H. Cochran, Seaman, Navy,** radarman on destroyer USS Monaghan. Killed when that ship was lost at sea in typhoon in West Pacific Jan. 1945. (See Gold Star roster.)



**\*Paul R. Cochran,** Capt., Army air force, fighter pilot, with a squadron of P-38's in North Africa; later with P-51 fighters in Southwest Pacific. Awarded Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air medal and 14 Oak Leaf clusters, Purple Heart and Victory medal. Said to be Hutchinson's "most decorated soldier."

Only four days after landing with a P-51 fighter group on Iwo Jima was badly wounded, shot in chest by enemy fire, March 26, 1945, during a surprise Japanese infiltration attack. On being awakened in the night by enemy fire, he grabbed his M-1 rifle and ran out to an elevation about 60 feet from the organized attackers. Remaining alone at the exposed position he fought a one-man battle, killing a number of the enemy, helping repulse the attack, but badly wounded. In hospital in Hawaii 73 days.

To North Africa, Jan. 1943. In combat duty in Tunisia and during the Sicilian invasion, during which he shot down four German Messerschmitts. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross "for heroic action" Overseas again in July 1944 to the Pacific theater. In Hawaii eight months and then to Tinian and Iwo Jima in combat again. Discharged Dec. 23, 1945 after four years of service. Formerly with Hutchinson radio station KWBW. Graduate of Hutchinson high school, 1933.

*\*Sons of Mrs. F. E. Cochran, 721 West 11th St.*

**Robert Cochran, chaplain, Army,** Cambridge, Mass. Former assistant corps commander, Salvation Army in Hutchinson; later captain of Salvation Army at Iola and Atchison.

**Wilbur C. Cochran, 1st Sgt.,** Troop carrier command, Pope Field, N. C. Home, Haven.

**\*Alvie Eugene Cody, S 1/c, Navy,** with gun crews on merchant ships in convoys on both the Atlantic and Pacific. In service on Pacific for one year. Formerly at U. S. armed guard center, Brooklyn. Home, Nickerson.



**\*Robert James Cody,** seaman 1/c, Navy, serving as gunner in armed guard on merchant ships SS "Charles Paddock" 6½ mos. and SS "James D. Whelan" five mos. Also at naval bases at Bangor, Wash., nine mos. and later at Bremerton, Wash. Previously on duty at Farragut, Idaho and San Diego. Home, Nickerson.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cody, Nickerson.*

**\*Charles A. Cofer, Capt.,** 224th Field artillery Bn, with 29th Div. in European theater. Participated in Normandy landing D-Day, and battle of St. Lo. Awarded citation from Maj. Gen. Chas. H. Gerhardt, division commander, "a personal salute to

the officers and men who battered their way through flooded areas and the Normandy hedgerows and stormed the key city of St. Lo in a campaign where the taking of every 500 yards was a major battle." Was corporal of Battery B, 130th F.A. when it mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark Jan. 1941; with 35th division.

**\*James F. Cofer, S/Sgt.,** 82nd Repair squadron, Army air force, in China-Burma-India theater, based in India. Was Pvt. Battery B, 130th Field artillery when that battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark Jan. 1941, with 35th Div. for nearly a year, then to California, transferring to army air corps.

**\*Pete W. Cofer, Cpl.,** Army air corps signal AW Bn., in India with the 679th Signal AW Co. In service overseas 2½ years. Returning from India March 1945 to duty at Austin, Tex.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Clara Cofer, 600 East Eighth.*

**Harry H. Cofer, Pvt.,** Battery B, 130th Field artillery, mobilizing in Hutchinson with National Guard battalion Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Hutchinson RFD.



**Dale E. Coffey, Pvt.,** 26th Field artillery, Ninth Div., serving in North Africa, Tunisian campaign, battle of Bizerte and the Sicilian invasion. Was wounded in battle at Licceta, Sicily, Nov. 1943. To hospital at Bizerte, North Africa for a month and then returned to U. S. to hospital at Staunton, Va. for two months. Discharged for disability March 6, 1944. In service 15 months, from Dec. 11, 1942. Overseas April 1943. At Casablanca, Morocco three months; in Sicily four months. Formerly of Pretty Prairie. Home, 612 East Tenth.

**John D. Coffey, Sgt.,** 45th Inf., "Thunderbird" Div. in Sicily and Italy. Awarded Silver Star medal for raiding enemy outpost on the Sele river in Italy, capturing a prisoner. Was taken prisoner himself on Sept. 16, 1943 when ambushed by Germans, but escaped after 24 days, making his way through the German lines back to his own outfit. Awarded Soviet medal, "Order of Patriotic War, First Degree" for "effective guerrilla warfare behind German lines." Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coffey, Partridge.

**Park Coffey, Jr., Cpl.,** Army air corps, serving over the Pacific. Formerly at Kearns, Utah. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Park Coffey, near Partridge. Wife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Elliott, Partridge.



**Roy E. Coffey, S 1/c** RDM, Coast Guard, radar operator, serving both in the North and South Atlantic, and European theater. On duty in Brazil, Trinidad, B.W.I., Bermuda, Azores islands, Newfoundland and on Greenland. In service almost a year, July 1945 to May 27, 1946. Previously stationed at Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, N. Y. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coffey, 1001 North Main.





**James F. Coffin, Pfc.**, Army air force, sheet metal worker and carbine expert with ground force. Stationed for a time at an army air field in Cuba. Also at Buckley Field, Colo., Fairmont, Neb., Wendover Field, Utah; Walker Field, near Hays, Kans. and Grand Island, Neb. In service nearly 2½ years, Dec. 1943 to March 1946. Son of Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Coffin, 324 Crescent Blvd.



**Ralph B. Coffin, Lt. Col.**, Field artillery, 42nd Div., serving as division artillery operations officer during Battle of the Bulge, Hardt mountain sector and breakthrough of Siegfried line in Germany. Participated in defense of Strausberg, capture of Nuremberg, Schweinfurt, Wurzburg and Munich, Germany, and occupation of Salzburg, Austria.

Was 2nd Lt. Battery A, 130th Field artillery when the battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. Jan. 1941 with 35th Div. as staff officer in 60th Field artillery brigade, 35th Div. Overseas Nov. 1944 with the 42nd "Rainbow" division as artillery operations officer. Awarded Bronze Star and Oak Leaf cluster. After V-E Day was on duty in occupation of Austria. Since discharge from army May 26, 1946 has been with Veterans Administration, Wichita, as vocational training officer. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Coffin, 314 West Seventh.

**H. T. Coggins, Pfc.**, First Marines, in Southwest Pacific. Overseas first to Guadalcanal where he was for 3½ months. After 1½ years in the Southwest Pacific contracted malaria in Guadalcanal and was in hospital there and in Naval hospital at San Diego. Later returned to the West Pacific in time to participate in the battle of Okinawa where he was wounded in action. Sent to hospital in the Mariannas. Home, 1615 North Main.

**Glenn D. Cogswell, Lt. (jg)**, Navy, on duty in England. Formerly with ATB at Little Creek, Va. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cogswell, formerly of Pretty Prairie, now Topeka. His father is head of Kansas State Grange. Grandson of Mrs. A. C. Evans, Pretty Prairie.



**Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Colby**, 1205 East Ninth.

**Robert L. Colby**, mail specialist 1/c, Navy, Camp Luce P.O., San Diego, Calif., and also stationed at San Pedro, Calif. In navy April 1942 to Nov. 1945. Previously in the navy Aug. 1940 to Jan. 1941, stationed in Panama canal zone, discharged

then because of trouble with eyes. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Colby, 222 East Eleventh.

**Bill R. Cole**, Ensign, Naval air force, flight instructor at Bronson Field, Pensacola, Fla. In service 2½ years. Son of Mrs. May Cole, 111 East 16th.



**Cleo C. Cole, Pfc.**, Quartermaster detachment, Fourth Inf. Div., in European theater, serving as truck driver in supply train. Overseas from Camp Kilmer, N. J. to England. Based at Exeter, England. To France in Normandy invasion on D-Day, taking part in battle of Normandy and campaign in northern France. Casualty in France, concussion from shellfire. In service two years, Oct. 1942 to Dec. 1944. Home, 1628 McKinley. Driver of Bond bread truck.

**David R. Cole, Sgt.**, Quartermaster company, Camp Young, Calif. Son of Mrs. Jessie Cole, 824 East Fifth.

**Eli Cole, Sgt.**, First Parachute troops, 101st Airborne Div., in European theater. Overseas from Ft. Benning, Ga. In army five years; 2½ years in ETO. Returned to Boston from overseas 1945; transferred to California. Discharged there Nov. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Cole, Pretty Prairie.

**Everett S. Cole, Cpl.**, Infantry, serving over Pacific, in Oahu, Philippines, and in Japan. Formerly stationed at Atlanta, Ga. Now principal of grade school, Turon. Wife, former Nina Buchanan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan, 207 East 11th. Brother of Mrs. Earl Weber, Arlington.

**Fred N. Cole, S 1/c**, Navy, on battleship USS New Jersey on the Pacific. Overseas for 3½ years. Discharged at Norman, Okla. Oct. 1945. Home, 320 North Town.

**George C. Cole, Jr., S 1/c**, Navy amphibious force on USS Leo, serving in both Atlantic and Pacific theaters. Participated in landings on Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Overseas from March 1944 to Dec. 1945. In navy about 3½ years, Oct. 1942 to Jan. 1946. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two battle stars. Also served on Atlantic in European theater. In amphibious corps for 2½ years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cole, 22 West Tenth.



**John D. Cole, S 1/c**, Navy air force, aviation machinist, in Pacific theater. Took part in campaign for liberation of Philippines; stationed at Guilan, on Samar island for a year, Jan. 1945 to Jan. 1946. Previously based at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for three months. Overseas Jan. 1943 for 1½ years. In service three years, seven months, June 1942 to Jan. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Burley Cole of Turon.

**John Cole, Jr., Pvt.**, Marines, Parris Island, S. C. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cole, 606 East Seventh.

**\*George E. Cole, Jr., S/Sgt.**, 89th Ferrying squadron, Newcastle base, Wilmington, Del., helping ferry army planes across the Atlantic and around the world. Sgt. Cole flew over 180,000 miles in a little over a year, taking planes to Arabia, India, North Africa, China, England and Scotland. Later to army air base at Reno, Nevada.

**\*James E. Cole, GM 3/c**, Navy, gunner's mate on USS Lassen, in the Pacific area. Was for three years on an aircraft carrier in Southwest Pacific. In service since 1941. After returning from overseas on duty at San Diego and Norfolk, Va.

**\*Noel Cole, Pvt.**, Inf., Camp Hood, Tex.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Cole, 109 West Bigger St.*

**Leo Frank Cole, Pvt.**, Marines, Parris Island, S. C., marine base, about four months, July to Oct. 20, 1945. 305 East Campbell.

**Loren Cole, Sgt.**, Infantry. Discharged for disability. Later clerk in superintendent's office, State Reformatory, Hutchinson. Home, 119 East A.



**Lynn S. Cole, Pfc.**, 81st Inf. Div., in Pacific theater. Served in New Caledonia, Admiralty Islands, Mahusta Island, Angaur, Palau Islands, on Leyte, in Philippines, and then to Japan, Sept. 1945, stationed at Aomori, Honshu, four months. In army about 2½ years, Nov. 1943 to Feb. 1946. Over Pacific about two years. Returned from Japan Dec. 1945. Home, Sylvia.

**Robert D. Cole, Cpl.**, with 414th Air Service group in France. Later with finance office, Istres, France, army air base, and then to Germany with occupational army air force, at Furstenfeldbruck. In ETO since Jan. 1946. Son of John M. Cole, 202 West 12th.

**Ross F. Cole, Col.**, Army Air force, with headquarters of Sixth Air force in Panama canal zone. Promoted to colonel Jan. 1942. Formerly of Sylvia. Wife, the former Adeline Baer of Hutchinson.



**Roy L. Cole, Sgt.**, 60th Coast artillery (AA), had the tragic experience of being a prisoner of war in Japanese prisons for more than three years. He was on duty at Fort Mills, P. I., when the Japs attacked the Philippines in January 1942. He fought with the defenders of Bataan and Corregidor until Corregidor fell when he was taken prisoner May 6, 1942. Was held a prisoner at the internment camp at Cabantuan, P. I., until July 1943 when he was moved to Omoto, Japan, and held a prisoner there at Camp Fuyoshuyosho, until liberated by American forces Sept. 13, 1945, on the surrender of Japan. Returned to the United States to Letterman General hospital in California Nov. 1, 1945, for



treatment, and later to Camp Carson hospital, Colorado Springs.

He had been in the army nearly six years. He enlisted Feb. 28, 1941, going overseas in March 1941 from Ft. McDowell, Calif. Re-enlisted after expiration of service. Graduate of Hutchinson high school, class of 1933. Son of S. G. Cole, now of Murdock, Kans., and Mrs. Viola Vinzant, 228 West Ninth. Brother of Mrs. Don Greever, 403 East 15th.



Thos. Cole



Wm. Cole

\*Thos. Q. Cole, CMM, Navy, chief machinist mate aboard warships in Pacific area. Based at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In the navy 24 years, enlisted in Nov. 1922.

\*William Cole, Yeoman, Navy, on duty on the Pacific. Based at Mare Island, Calif.



Pvt. in Battery C, 130th Field artillery when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Transferred to navy Aug. 1942. In navy until Dec. 1945. Home, 1726 East Fourth. Employed as truck driver.



surrender, his ship being the first of the escort of the flagship USS Missouri, to enter the bay. In navy since 1941. Still in service (1947).



islands, an ear drum perforated by gunfire. In navy nearly four years, Jan. 1942 to Oct. 22, 1945. Home, 312 North Town. With Hainke Manufacturing Co.



\*George Cole, S 1/c, Navy, with gun crew, as a loader, on the USS Enterprise, in the Pacific area for 3½ years. In combat on that famous aircraft carrier throughout Western Pacific area. In navy since 1943. Still in the service. Received Presidential citation for "outstanding fighting."

\*Six sailor sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Cole, 1726 East Fourth. All overseas in combat service. Mrs. Cole, mother of 13 children, eleven of them living. Her husband for years county bridge foreman of Reno county. Mrs. Cole was chosen as the "Navy Mother" to represent Hutchinson at the launching of the USS "Hutchinson" in California, named after the city of Hutchinson, Kans. She officiated in christening the ship, which later was in active service in the Pacific war zone.

Walter O. Cole, Sgt., First Armored Div., as tank commander, serving with the fifth army in Italy. He was wounded in action in Italy Oct. 19, 1944. In service since May 1939. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Cole, 317 East Seventh.



Chanute, Kans., high school.

Carol E. Coleman, Lt. (sg), Navy, with minesweeper USS YMS-75 in the Atlantic area for a year, Oct. 1943 to Sept. 1944. Served in navy, as a line officer for three years, March 1, 1943, to March 9, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coleman, Sylvia. Now vocational agriculture instructor in

Elden Elliott Coleman, F/O, 20th Air force, in Western Pacific; flight officer on B-29 bomber, based on Guam. On 14 different bombing missions between April 12, 1945, and V-J Day. Overseas nearly two years, March 1945 to Jan. 1946. His bombing missions mostly against the Japanese mainland. Home, 203 South Ford. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coleman, 15 West Eighth.

Edward Claypole Coleman, S 3/c, Navy, Great Lakes, Ill. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coleman, 228 East F.

Herschel Coleman, Inf. Partially disabled in service. Home, Haven. Former chief clerk, and later postmaster, Haven post office.



campaign in Burma. In army about 3½ years, Aug. 1942 to Jan. 1946. Circled the globe, flew over the "hump" twice, traveled the Burma road and went through the Suez canal. Formerly with 97th Signal Bn. at Camp Bowie, Tex. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Coleman, 202 East 15th.



Max E. Coleman, S/Sgt., Army Air force, gunner on B-24 Liberator bomber, based in England. Was shot down on a bombing mission over Germany, July 21, 1944. Was taken prisoner and held a prisoner of war in Germany for ten months, six months in Stalag Luft No. 4 prison, and four months in prison in northern Germany. Was liberated May 7, 1945, by American troops.

He was a brother of S/Sgt. William Robert Coleman, also with the Army Air force, based in England, an engineer on a Flying Fortress bomber. The two brothers, both bomber crew members, were both shot down over Germany, being reported missing on almost the same dates a year apart. William was killed when he was shot down July 14, 1943 (See Gold Star roster). Max was shot down a year later, July 21, 1944, but he fortunately escaped injury. Both were staff sergeants. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Coleman, Hutchinson RFD 3, on the Lorraine street road, north of Hutchinson.

Morris H. Coleman, Warrant Officer (jg), 219th Field artillery Bn., 35th Div., and also with 106th Div. in France and Germany. Assistant adjutant and personnel officer. In European theater 16 months. Awarded Bronze Star. Was staff Sgt. Battery B, 130th Field artillery when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941 with 35th Div. Served with the 35th Div. in California. Promoted to warrant officer at Camp Rucker, Ala. Overseas with 35th Div., but transferred in ETO to 106th Div. Returned to U. S. Sept. 1945. Re-enlisted as a master sergeant. Son of Mrs. Beulah Lentz, 230 East Bigger. Home, 520 North Plum.



Home, 123 West E. Employed as receiving clerk at Greenwald's.



Ray Garner Coleman, T/Sgt., Army air force, engineer-gunner with the 392nd Heavy Bomber group, Eighth Air Force, was on planes shot down twice, wounded both times, and was taken prisoner the second time, held for five months in a German prison.

Based in England, he made bombing raids on enemy targets in Germany, Poland, Belgium, Holland and France. He was wounded the first time in a mission over Cologne, Germany, Oct. 15, 1944. After recovery from that injury returned to duty and was again wounded on Dec. 2, 1944, less than two months later.

This time his bomber was shot down in a raid over Frankfurt, Germany. He was badly wounded, seven or eight wounds, and was taken prisoner. He was



held prisoner of war at Stalag No. 1 prison in Germany for five months, until liberated May 11, 1945 by Russian troops after V-E Day.

Sgt. Coleman had been in the army nearly six years. His first service was over the Pacific. Enlisting Jan. 5, 1940 in the field artillery, he was sent to Hawaii, April 1940 and served in the Hawaiian islands for nearly 2½ years. He was on Oahu with the field artillery unit when Pearl Harbor was bombed Dec. 7, 1941. While in Hawaii he transferred to the army air corps Jan. 1943.

He went to England with a B-24 Liberator bomber group Aug. 1944 and was in the European theater about a year. In all he served 38 months overseas, including 28 months in Hawaii and ten months in the ETO, including five months as a prisoner of war. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coleman, 15 West Eighth St. His home at 733 East Sherman St. Connected with the Coleman Transfer & Storage Co.

**William P. Coleman, Pfc.**, Quartermaster corps, in Southwest Pacific, serving in New Guinea and the Philippines. In service two years, Dec. 1943 to Dec. 1945. Overseas 16 months. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Coleman, 410 East Sherman. Home, 1215 North Washington.

**\*Charles Glover Colladay, Ensign, Navy**, on Pacific, based at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Formerly with naval air force, Tucson, Ariz. Then to MIT, Cambridge, Mass. as naval cadet. Commissioned ensign and assigned to duty at San Francisco, then overseas.



**\*Franklin G. Colladay, Lt. (jg), Navy**, executive officer commanding an LCI (landing craft) with naval amphibious force in Southwest Pacific. In Philippines liberation campaign. In service Jan. 1944 to April 1946. Based in Hawaii and Philippines six mos. Home, 204 East 12th St.

Hutchinson. Plant engineer for Morton Salt Co.

**\*Martin G. Colladay, 2nd Lt., Army air force**. Graduated from West Point Military Academy, June 1946 and commissioned. To duty with air force at Enid, Okla. Later at Smoky Hill Army air base, Salina, Kans.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Glover Colladay, 550 East A.*



**Robert S. Colladay, FC 3/c, Navy**, amphibious force, fire controlman on the USS LSM-476, in the Southwest Pacific. Overseas about a year in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. Was at Okinawa when the big typhoon of Oct. 9, 1945, struck. In the service over 1½ years, May 1944 to Jan. 1946.

Before going overseas was stationed at San Diego and Little Creek, Va., naval stations. Home, Hutchinson RFD 3. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Colladay, 4 West 21st. Senior vice commander of Bob Campbell post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hutchinson, 1947.

**Homer L. Colle, Pfc.**, in Southwest Pacific. Returned from Guam to Los Angeles, Dec. 1945. Home, 614 East B.

**Herman H. Colley, S 1/c, Navy**, with gun crew on merchant ship on the Pacific for a year. Returned from Yokosuka, Japan, to Seattle, Wash. Jan. 1946. Formerly with naval armed guard center, Treasure Island, Calif. Hutchinson RFD.

**\*Clarence Colley**, in Coast guard, stationed in California.

**\*James Eugene Colley, T/Sgt., Army Air corps**, flight engineer on bomber with squadron based in Egypt. Participated in bombing missions over Italy and Ploesti, Rumania, oil fields. Saw his bomber, and crew he had served with for more than a year in the Mediterranean area, shot down on mission over Italy. He had been assigned for that trip to another plane, as instructor of a new crew on their first flight. The "ack-ack" was heavy. He saw his own bomber, which he had left for this one trip, sent crashing down on a mountain, six enemy planes having overpowered it. Returned to U. S. to duty as instructor at Biggs Field, Tex.

**\*Milburn F. Colley, Navy**, on duty at Chicago; Diesel engineer.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Colley, formerly Hutchinson; nephews of Mrs. M. A. Curry, 126 East Carpenter.*



**Clifford Dale Collier, Sgt., 56th Medical Bn.**, Seventh army, serving in North Africa, Sicily, France and Germany. Overseas Oct. 1942 from Ft. Lewis, Wash. The "D-Day Medics," as they were known, participated in the first invasion, north of Casablanca, French Morocco; the landings at Lieata, Sicily, Anzio beachhead, Italy, and in southern France, four different beachhead operations. The first medical unit to be moved by air, carried by transport planes, from one end of Sicily to the other. After discharge, Oct. 6, 1945, re-enlisted, and served in Germany with army of occupation. 616 East Eighth.



**Irvin F. Collier, Pfc., 321st Inf.**, 81st "Wildcat" Div., in Southwest Pacific, serving in battles on Anguar island, Peleliu and Leyte in the Philippines. Overseas June 1944 from Camp Roberts, Calif. In New Caledonia five months, Anguar and Peleliu islands four months, on Leyte four months. Then to Japan with occupation force, stationed at Iorma, in northern Honshu three months. In service about 2½ years, Oct. 1943 to Jan. 1946. Previously in the army before the war started. Home, 403 East Second.



**Kent (Lauren K.) Collier, AMM 2/c**, Naval aviation, at Jacksonville, Fla., naval air station Aug. and Sept. 1944, and at Hutchinson naval air station about 1½ years, Sept. 30, 1944, to Feb. 9, 1946. In service nearly two years, first assignment at Lawrence, for about five months. Home, 1012 South Walnut. Is field representative in the Office of Veterans Affairs, Hutchinson.

**Willis L. Collier, Cpl.**, 1008th Engineers Bn. in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Overseas Feb. 1945. In combat in Rhineland and central Germany campaigns, serving with 1276th Combat Engineers, attached to 13th corps, Ninth army. Crossed Rhine and built bridges at Stendal on the Elbe river, under fire. Later with engineers depot at Marseilles, France. In army since June 1944. Home, Plevna RFD.

**A. B. Collins, Army Medical detachment**, Atlantic City, N. J. Former principal of South Hutchinson schools.

**Everett E. Collins, Pvt.**, Medical detachment, 130th Field artillery. Mobilized in Hutchinson with national guard battalion Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941.



**James E. Collins, S/Sgt., Army Air corps**, also served as a major in the Chinese First army, in China. He was in a paratrooper group acting as intelligence service in the central Burma campaign, and in China, and pilot of an L-5 plane. Served in action on the Imphal plains, India, north Burma, central Burma, west China and southern China. Awarded Silver Star for saving lives of four enlisted men and two officers; Presidential citation for service in central Burma campaign, and Chinese government citation for meritorious service in the Chinese forces.

Was injured twice, once in a plane crash in southern China and again in a parachute jump. In service three years, Nov. 1942 to Nov. 17, 1945. Overseas Dec. 1944, serving in Hawaii, Australia, India, Burma, China and Africa. Discharged Nov. 17, 1945. Now foreman in paint shop at Woodwork Manufacturing Co. plant, Hutchinson.

**Kenneth Collins**, in Navy two years, discharged Dec. 1945. Assistant station agent, Continental Air Line, Hutchinson.

**King Collins, Ship's Clerk 3/c, Navy**, on USS LCI (L) 714, in Southwest Pacific. Overseas nearly a year, serving in Okinawa and then to Japan with occupational force at Tokyo. Returned March 1946 from Japan. Home, 430 East 12th.

**Leonard Collins**, Military police, on special duty riding troop trains, based at Chicago. Home, Valley township.

**Melvin Collins, T/5**, 38th Signal company, 38th Div., in Southwest Pacific. Overseas July 1944. In New Guinea campaign; later to Hawaii. Went overseas from Camp Livingston, La. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy M. Collins, Burrton RFD.

**\*Norman F. Collins, Pfc.**, Infantry, in Pacific theater, serving in Hawaii, Australia, and New Guinea. In service 3½ years, Feb. 1942 to Oct. 1945. Overseas two years and eight months.

**\*Robert E. Collins, S/Sgt.**, Eighth Air force, based in England, ball turret gunner on B-17 Flying Fortress, 95th Bombing group. Awarded Air Medal and three Oak Leaf clusters, two Presidential citations and five battle stars. The Air medal "for meritorious achievement" in bombing



attacks on vital German industrial targets. Participated in historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of the important Messerschmitt fighter plane plant at Regensburg, Germany, August 1943. In service 1½ years, March 1944 to Sept. 1945. Now located in Wichita, a Santa Fe employee.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Collins, Hutchinson RFD 3.*

**Raymond D. Collins, T/5, 302nd Barrage Balloon battalion, Camp Tyson, Tenn. Home, 518 East Second.**



**Robert E. Collins, Pfc.,** jeep driver, serving with the famous XX Armored corps, known as the "Ghost Corps," making the sensational drive through France, Luxembourg and Belgium into Germany, as spearhead of Patton's Third army. Starting from Normandy July 1944, made a 600-mile dash

east, across the Seine, Marne and Meuse, capturing the fortress of Metz, then across the Saar and Moselle into Germany. The corps fought across 18 major rivers, liberated or conquered 600 cities and towns, and more than 31,000 square miles of territory, capturing 540,000 enemy soldiers and killing or wounding 89,000 others.

Pfc. Collins awarded Bronze Star medal for "meritorious service" and battle stars for Normandy, northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. His unit captured the Buechenwald concentration camp at Weimar, Germany, the first large prison to be taken, and the third largest in Germany. In service about 3½ years, July 1942 to Nov. 3, 1945. Overseas Feb. 1944 from Camp Campbell, Tenn. Based at Marlborough, Wiltshire, England, for five months, then into France July 20, 1944. In France, Luxembourg and Belgium eight months, in Germany and Austria eight months. After returning from overseas was employed at Hutchinson naval air base. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collins, 806 North Monroe.

**\*Thomas B. Colvin, Jr., 1st Lt., Engineers company, European theater, motor officer in charge of motor pool, furnishing trucks and equipment for constructing military roads and other engineering work. Also plans and training officer and post exchange officer of the engineer company. In England and France two years. In service five years, Feb. 1941 to March 1946. Now engineer for state highway commission. Home, 827 East A.**

**\*Wilfred A. Colvin, MoMM, Navy, engineer on an LST boat, participated in the landing and capture of Makin island, in the Gilberts Nov. 20, 1943. An entire native town was evacuated and the people saved from harm before the place was shelled. Colvin was at Makin three days, then moved to Tarawa atoll, arriving there just as the bloody battle for Tarawa was nearing an end.**

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Colvin, 301 West 30th.*

**\*Boyd H. Collman, Sgt., 7th Army Air force fighter command, "Black Widows," in Pacific theater. With communications section of the fighter squadron on Oahu, Hawaii. In army air force since 1942. Graduate of Haven high school. In service 39 months, three years on Hawaii. Formerly with Panhandle pipeline booster station near Haven.**

**\*Hersal W. Collman, T/5, Quartermaster corps, Ft. Des Moines, Ia., post baker. Also instructor of WACs there. Later at Ft. Niagara, N. Y. Discharged there Nov. 1945. Left position in Haven post office to go to army.**

*\*Sons of Henry C. Collman, Haven RFD 1.*

**Carl C. Collyer, Pvt., Inf., Compton, Calif. Home, Hutchinson RFD.**

**Theo. R. "Ted" Colvard, Pvt., Infantry. Ft. Leavenworth. Home, Arlington.**

**W. M. Colvin, Cpl., Inf., Camp Polk, La. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Colvin, South Hutchinson.**

**W. R. Colvin, Lt., Naval Air force. Pilot in Air Transport command, in Pacific theater. Formerly instructor at Hutchinson naval air station; later at Fort Worth, Tex. 400 East 12th.**

**Marvin G. Colye, Sgt., Air Service command depot, in England. Formerly with R. & S. cafe, Hutchinson. Home, 124 East Seventh.**

**Adrian Combs, Pvt., Marines. Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Former editor of Journal, Haven.**

**James D. Combs, Seaman, Navy, Charleston, Mass. In navy about a year, Sept. 1944 to Aug. 1945. Formerly of Hutchinson, wife daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Pratz, 304 West 11th St. Hutchinson. He is now with a Diesel concern at Mt. Vernon, O.**

**Marion B. Combs, Pvt., Inf., Camp Wolters, Tex., and Camp Adair, Ore. Was severely burned in explosion of steam turbine at Camp Adair and in hospital there for some time. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Combs, Langdon.**

**Merle F. Combs, Cpl., Infantry, mortar gunner and supply clerk in Western Pacific. Overseas May 1945 from Camp Roberts, Calif. In Mindanao, Philippines, June to Oct. 1945. Then to Japan with occupation force, stationed at Shikoku seven months, and at Kyushu since June 1, 1946. Home, Langdon.**

**Virgil Allen Combs, Radioman 2/c, Navy, on PCS-1465 and PC-1082, on patrol duty on the Pacific for nearly two years. In the Marianas islands, Western Pacific for 14 months. Sank a submarine May 13, 1945. Awarded Bronze Star. In the service four years, Nov. 1941 to Oct. 1945. Formerly at Great Lakes, Ill., San Diego, and Miami, Fla. Overseas over 1½ years, Dec. 1943 to July 1945. Home, 702 East Sherman. Boys' work secretary, Hutchinson YMCA.**

**Jack Comes, Capt., Inf., in Army four years, former 2nd Lt. at Camp Butler, near Durham, N. C., promoted to 1st Lt. at Camp Howze, Tex., and to captain overseas. Served in Germany. Rural mail carrier, Burrton RFD. Son of Mrs. Clyde Comes, Burrton RFD.**

**Joseph Comes, Cpl., Army Air force, stationed at Amarillo, Tex., Kingman, Ariz., Dyersburg, Tenn. In service two years, Jan. 1944 to Feb. 1946. Son of Mrs. Clara Comes, 807 North VanBuren.**



**Dean Commer**



**Don Commer**

**\*Dean Commer, A/C, Army Air force, Sheppard Field, Tex., and Lowry Field, Colo.**

**\*Don Commer, A/C, Army Air force, Sheppard Field, Tex., and Lowry Field, Colo. Now flight instructor, Wells Aircraft Co., Hutchinson municipal airport.**



**\*Phillip H. Commer, Jr., S/Sgt., 314th Inf., 79th Div., heavy machine gunner, in European theater, serving in Normandy battle, northern France, Rhineland and central Germany campaigns. Wounded in action by shrapnel in leg, at Luneville, France, Nov. 13, 1944. In service over two years, England, France, Holland, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Overseas 20 months.**

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Commer, 702 East Fourth. Dean and Don, twins, enlisted together, served together at same air fields and were discharged together.*

**\*Carl L. Compton, Sgt., 233rd Anti-aircraft Bn., over Pacific. Returned Jan. 1944.**

**\*Otis F. Compton, M/Sgt., 43rd Sqdn., Army Air force over Pacific. With occupational force in Japan. Returned to Seattle, Wash., Nov. 5, 1945. Formerly at Lowry Field, Colo.**

**\*Virgil Compton, 1st Lt., 681st Engineers Depot Co., Camp Shelby, Miss.**

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Compton, Turon.*



**1946, after two years service. Now farming near Turon.**

**\*Chester Roy Compton, WT 3/c, Navy, water tender on USS Dyson (DD-572) on the Pacific one year, Oct. 1944 to Oct. 1945. At Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Ulithi island, Philippines, in China Sea, Leyte, Okinawa and then to Japan. Returned from Japan to U. S. Sept. 1945. Discharged June 13, 1946.**



**\*Dewey L. Compton, Pvt., 410th Inf., 103rd Div., serving at Ft. Leavenworth, Camp Fanning, Tex., Camp Howze, Tex., and Ft. Sheridan, Ill. In the service about one year, Dec. 16, 1943, to Oct. 9, 1944. A BAR rifleman in his company.**





**\*James B. Compton, Pfc.,** Infantry, as a BAR rifleman, in European theater. Overseas Jan. 1945 to France, serving in battle at the Moselle river crossing in March 1945. Was in front lines for 33 days. Wounded at Alf, Germany, March 15, 1945. Returned to Winters General hospital, Topeka, and Camp Carson, Colo., hospital for treatment. In army about five years, Jan. 1941 to Dec. 1945.

**\*Marvin Compton, Pfc.,** 137th Inf., 35th Div. Drowned in maneuvers at Camp Rucker, Ala. May 21, 1943. (See Gold Star roster.)

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Compton of Turon, two in the army, the third in the navy. A fourth son, Pfc. Marvin Compton, also in the army, died in the service.*

**Claude C. Comstock, Pvt.,** Inf., Camp Wolters, Tex. Home, 627 East C.

**Jack W. Comstock, Cpl.,** 130th Field artillery, 35th Div., serving in England, one month; France, nine months, and Germany, two months. In service five years, Dec. 1940 to Dec. 1945. Was Pvt. in Battery B when mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941 with 35th Div. At Camp Robinson one year; then to Ft. Ord, Calif., for three years. Home, 318 East Seventh. Employed as service man for Kingsley-Wagner Motor Co. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Comstock, 1700 Carey Blvd.



**Shelby Jesse Comstock, PO 1/c,** Navy, with Ninth Naval district shore patrol, based at Chicago, riding trains as patrol for two years and eight months, Oct. 21, 1942, to June 25, 1945. Now member of Hutchinson police force. Home, 312 North Pershing.



**Russell Conant, 1st Sgt.,** Signal corps unit in European theater, overseas from Camp Gruber, Okla., Nov. 1944. Formerly at Ft. Sill, Okla. Was Sgt. Battery A, 130th Field artillery when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941 with 130th F. A. With 35th Div. at Camp Robinson one year; then to California with the 35th for western coast defense duty. Son of Mrs. Margaret Conant, 329 East Sixth.



**Joseph R. Conard, Jr.,** Electricians Mate 3/c, Navy, in Pacific theater since April 1944. Stationed four weeks in New Hebrides, six months on Guam, and since June 1945 at Cold Bay, Alaska. Participated in invasion of Guam. In navy since Jan. 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. R. Conard, Hutchinson RFD 3.



**John L. Conkling, 1st Lt.,** pilot of B-26 bomber with Ninth Air force based in England. Completed 66 bombing missions. Helped support the first landing waves in Normandy invasion, June 6, 1944. His squadron moved to France Aug. 1, 1944. Participated in four major campaigns. Awarded Air medal with two silver and two bronze Oak Leaf clusters. In service 3½ years, Nov. 1941 to June 1945. Overseas Feb. 1944 to base near Colchester, England. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Conkling, Partridge.

**Jack Conley, Pfc.,** Tank Destroyer division, Camp Loganna, Ariz. 28 East First.

**Paul X. Conn, Navy,** in submarine service, on three submarines, and two submarine tenders. In navy 26 months. Now chief engineer, Krause Plow Corp. 225 East B.

**Arnold Dell Connelly, Sgt.,** Battery C, 130th Field artillery, when the battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940.

**James Lee Conner, Seaman 3/c,** Navy, Great Lakes, Ill. Son of Mrs. Verena E. Hoffman, 317 West 11th.



**Leonard L. Conner, T/5, Inf.,** in European theater, participating in Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. In service about two years, Sept. 1944 to July 1946. Formerly at Camp Robinson, Ark., and Ft. Meade, Md. Overseas from Camp Shanks, N. J., to England. Served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Stationed at Camp Chicago near Reims, France. Home, 1111 East 11th.



**Merwin Frank Conner, SC 1/c,** Navy, ship's cook on naval units in Aleutians and Alaska, at Attu and Kodiak. In navy over three years, Aug. 1942 to Oct. 1945. Stationed at Bremerton, Wash., Norfolk, Va., Bainbridge, Md., Seattle, and San Francisco. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Conner, Arlington.



**Allan F. Conwill, Lt. (jg),** Navy, serving as radar and damage control officer on the destroyer USS Butler in Atlantic and Pacific theaters. Participating in operations off Anzio beach, Italy; and southern France invasion landing. Was at Marseilles, France; Alexandria, Egypt; Oran, North Africa. The Butler was hit twice by Japanese suicide planes in the Okinawa campaign, sustaining such damage that it had to be moved to Seattle, Wash., for repairs. Was awarded Bronze Star medal for meritorious service as damage control officer aboard his ship when it was struck by enemy suicide planes at Okinawa May 25, 1945.

Later he was transferred from Bremerton, Wash., to Bath, Maine, where he was assigned to the USS Perry, a new de-

stroyer. Since Feb. 1946 he was in the West Indies, Cuba and Puerto Rico. He served overseas in the Pacific and Atlantic campaigns about two years. In navy three years, April 1943 to May 1946. Was commissioned at Chicago, Aug. 20, 1943.

**\*Jos. D. Conwill, Jr., 1st Lt.** Army Air Force, died of wounds in German war prison, April 2, 1945. (See Gold Star roster.)

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Conwill, 306 Crescent Blvd.*



**Anna Laura Cook, SK 2/c,** WAVES, with disbursing office, navy, New York; previously with navy yard office, Mare Island, Calif. In service about two years, March 1944 to Dec. 1945, at New York City, Milledgeville, Ga., and Vallejo, Calif. Was at central navy disbursing office, New York, for a year. Formerly cashier Gas Service Co., Hutchinson. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook, 229 West B. (Now Mrs. Anna Ransom, Syracuse, N. Y.)



**\*Charles H. Cook, S/Sgt.** Third Armored Field Artillery Bn. with Ninth Armored Div. in European theater. Participated in Ardennes battle, the Rhineland campaign, and Central Europe operations. Overseas over a year in England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. In army six years, Nov. 1940 to Oct. 1946. Was first man accepted for service by Draft Board No. 1, a volunteer. Home, 400 West Eighth.

**\*Claude (Henry C.) Cook, S/Sgt.** Field Artillery, medical detachment in Aleutians for two years. Later at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. Bragg, Ga. Was Pvt., medical detachment, 130th Field Artillery when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 130th F.A. Jan. 1941. With 35th Div. in California. In army service about five years.

**\*Joseph N. Cook, AMM 1/c** Navy, on USS Enterprise, aircraft carrier, on the Pacific. In 18 different naval engagements in that theater. Was off Okinawa, near the USS Franklin when that carrier was bombed. Overseas about two years, returning to naval station at Whidbey Island, Wash., Oct. 1945. Discharged at Norman, Okla., Dec. 1945. 118 West 24th.



**\*Leonard C. Cook, Cpl.** Field Artillery, with 15th Army in Germany. Was Pvt. Battery B, 130th F.A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., for a year. Then to California with 35th Div. In service 5 years. Home, 118 West 24th.

*\*Sons of Bert Cook, 306 West First St., Hutchinson, himself an old soldier, veteran of three wars, as a soldier in the British army, four years in South Africa, in the Boer war; nine months in China during the Boxer rebellion, and in India for nine months during uprisings there. He was a sergeant in the Coldstream Guards. Now employed by the Master Manufacturing Co., Hutchinson.*





**Corlin W. Cook**, Chief Machinist Mate on naval vessels in Pacific theater. Was fireman 1/c on battleship USS West Virginia when it was bombed and sunk at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941 by Japs. He was officially reported as missing in action Dec. 16 but four days later he was found. He had remained on duty at Pearl Harbor for a year and was in Hawaii two years. He was in the South Pacific area five years, serving on the USS Tern, USS Bushnell, USS Goshen, USS Montauk, sub-chaser 1325 and PC 579. Served in Okinawa campaign. A motor machinist 1/c in the navy for three years. He was later on duty at San Francisco on a submarine tender. In the navy six years, 1940 to Sept. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cook, Haven RFD.

\***Harry G. Cook**, 2nd Lt., Army Air force, navigator on B-24 bomber in Southwest Pacific, based in New Guinea. Overseas about a year.

\***Norman T. Cook**, T/Sgt., Eighth Air Force, European theater, based in England. Overseas 1½ years. Formerly at Carlsbad, N. Mex. Army air station.

\**Sons of Mrs. Minnie J. Cook, 225 East Sixth.*

**Howard H. Cook**, Lt., 60th Depot Repair squadron, 27th Air Depot group, in Southwest Pacific, serving in New Guinea. Student Hutchinson Junior college when enlisted. Before going overseas was at Stinson Field air depot, near San Antonio, Tex.



**Jos. C. Cook**, Cadet, Army Air Corps, in the service a little over a year, April 1943 to May 25, 1944. Stationed at Camp Barkley and Camp Maxey, Tex., Bloomington, Ind., St. Bonaventure, N.Y., Greensboro, N.C. and Seymour, Ind. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook, 229 East B. Home at 1722 North Jefferson.

**Lawrence Cook**, Lt., Navy, on Pacific. Former Hutchinson boy, son of Dr. Fred W. Cook, a former mayor of Hutchinson. Cousin of Harold and Gilbert Shuler, Hutchinson RFD.

**Linard Eugene Cook**, Pvt., Ft. Lewis, Wash. 610 North Star.



**Robert C. Cook**, S 1/c, Navy, on battleship USS Colorado, on Pacific 3½ years, serving in action at Saipan, Guam, Tinian, and in Marshalls and Gilbert islands. In Pacific war zone for 2½ years. In navy four years, 1941 to 1945, all but seven months overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cook, 214 East Eighth. Home 2318 North Monroe.

**Roy J. Cook**, with parachute regiment, Ft. Benning, Ga.; with 8th Field artillery, Ft. Sill, Okla.; with artillery division at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. Home, Turon.

\***Billy "Bud" Coons**, Pfc., Medical unit in Germany. Overseas about a year. Discharged April 1946.

\***Jesse James Coons**, Pfc., Inf. in Germany. Wounded in action. Awarded Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Previously in Nashville, Tenn.

\**Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Coons, South Hutchinson.*

\***Charles E. Coons**, S 2/c, Navy. Shoemaker, Calif. Now in restaurant business at Pretty Prairie.

\***Thaine Coons**, AMM 3/c, Navy, in Southwest Pacific.

\**Sons of Joe Coons, Arlington.*

**Lorin D. Coons**, with army photographic section, Ft. Houston, Tex., Camp A. P. Hill, Va., Camp Sutton, N.C., Camp Robinson, Ark. In service from June 1942 to February 1943. Home, 1711 North Plum. Formerly with News-Herald engraving department.

**Robert A. Coons**, Cpl., 130th Field Artillery Bn., Camp Cooke, Calif. Was Cpl., Battery C, 130th F.A. when National Guard battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coons, Hutchinson RFD.



**Verle E. Coons**, R 3/c, U.S. Coast Guard, radarman on USS Gloucester (PF-22) for two years, in both North Atlantic and Asiatic theaters, engaged in anti-submarine warfare. In service June 1943 to Mar. 1946. Also on duty at Brooklyn, N.Y., Groton, Conn., New Orleans, and Seattle.

Wash. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ezra Coons of Langdon.



**Alvin L. Coop**, Cpl., Army Air Corps, serving as airplane mechanic, at Boise, Ida. Army air field for nearly two years. In service 2½ years, including three months at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., four months at Lincoln, Neb., two months at Hamilton Field, Calif. and later at Camp Beale, Calif.

Discharged Mar. 5, 1946. Home, 421 West First.

**Bryce Salyer Cooper**, 2nd Lt., Army air force, in service nearly two years. At Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Dodge City AAF, Lubbock, Tex., Ada, Okla., San Antonio, Tex., Garner Field, Tex., Mission, Tex., Victoria, Tex., and San Angelo, Tex. Discharged Sept. 29, 1945. 523½ East A.

\***Charles McKinley Cooper**, Pvt., Inf., World War I veteran who volunteered for service as a soldier in World War II, aged 43. Accepted in army, but was later discharged because of age, at San Francisco.

\***Charles M. Cooper, Jr.**, S 1/c, Navy, serving on the USS Monrovia and later the USS Tomahawk, on the Atlantic. Volunteered at age of 19.

\**Father and son, residing near Turon.*

**Clayton W. Cooper**, Pvt., Battery A, 130th Field artillery when the National Guard battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. Medical discharge. Home, Hutchinson RFD.

**Curtis J. Cooper**, Seaman, Navy. Great Lakes, Ill. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Cooper, Hutchinson RFD 4.

\***Eldon L. Cooper**, 2nd Lt., Army air force, Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Mo., as mess officer; assistant mess officer at Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga. Formerly with Fred Harvey system. Manager of American Legion Bisonte clubhouse, Hutchinson after the Legion purchased the Bisonte hotel.

\***Harold Cooper**, Pvt., Coast Artillery, Fort Ord, Calif., San Diego. Graduate of Nickerson high school, 1943.

\***Gerald R. Cooper**, M/Sgt., Army air corps, in England.

\**Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Cooper, of Nickerson.*

\***Frank Cooper**, MM 1/c, Navy. Machinist mate at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii since 1938. Was with ground crew at the naval airport in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was bombed Dec. 7, 1941. In the navy nine years, since 1937.

\***Joe M. Cooper**, AMM 1/c, Navy, on the USS Trenton in the Atlantic area, serving off North Africa and Mediterranean theater. Wounded in action there. Previously with the Pacific fleet in the Philippines. In the navy eight years, since 1938. Formerly in Panama canal zone.

\**Sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Cooper, 1229 East Ninth St.*



**Gene R. Cooper**, SC 2/c, Navy, ship's cook with naval construction battalion, commissary department, stationed at Camp Peary, Va. for 2½ years. Enlisted Oct. 14, 1943. Discharged March 10, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward W. Cooper, Nickerson RFD 2.

**Hobart E. Cooper**, Army air force, serving North Africa, Italy and Germany, in service four years; overseas three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cooper, 611 West 17th St.

**John R. Cooper**, Cpl., Army air force, Keesler Field, Miss., Altus, Okla., Carlsbad, New Mex., and Amarillo, Tex. In service about a year; discharged Nov. 4, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cooper, 107 South Poplar.

**M. M. Cooper**, Pvt., 53th Bn., Camp Callen, Calif. Home, Turon.





**\*Ralph Wayne Cooper, Sgt., 388th Bomb. Group, 562nd Bomb. Squadron, Eighth Air Force, based in England in air offensive over France and Germany for two years. Six battle stars. In Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and Ardennes battle. Awarded Distinguished Unit badge. In service about three years. Worked on pilotless bombers, Station 140-X in England in 1944. Before going overseas served at Ft. McArthur, Calif., Fresno, Calif., Salt Lake City, Wendover, Utah and Sioux City, Ia.**



**\*Roy C. Cooper, Pvt., Army air corps, bomb maintenance and ordnance, in Aleutians and Philippines. In service over 3 years, Feb. 1943 to March 1946. Stationed at San Pedro, Calif., St. Petersburg, Fla., Clearwater, Fla., Hamilton Field, Fresno, Calif., March Field, Calif., Santa Maria, Calif., Kearns, Utah, West Palm Beach, Fla., Ft. Lawton and Ft. McArthur, Philippines.**

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Cooper, 704 North Lincoln St.; grandsons of Mrs. Hannah Durbin, 216 East F.*



**Raymond E. Cooper, CM 2/c, Navy, carpenter's mate on USS Gage (APA 168) in Western Pacific. Overseas 19 months, seeing action in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. In Japan at the time of surrender. In service over two years, Apr. 1944 to June 1946. Previously at Camp Wallace, Tex., Shoemaker, Calif., and Coronado Island, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo D. Cooper, Sylvia.**

**maker, Calif., and Coronado Island, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo D. Cooper, Sylvia.**



**Silas Jess Cooper, Storekeeper 1/c, Navy, in Hawaii, at Section Base, Navy 15, Oahu, for nearly two years. In navy March 1944 to Feb. 3, 1946. Previously at San Diego base. Now division chief clerk, state highway department, Hutchinson. Home 105 East 19th.**

**Theo C. Cooper, Sgt., chemical warfare center, Edgewood Arsenal, Md. Formerly employed by W. L. Oswald, Hutchinson.**

**George E. Cope, S 2/c, Naval air force, Memphis, Tenn. Home, Hutchinson RFD.**

**Leon E. Copeland, Ensign, Naval air force, with navy patrol bombing squadron 3 over Pacific. In action in Borneo, Celebes, Malaya and Indo-China areas. Completed 20 missions in period of Jan. to May 1945. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross "for heroism and extraordinary achievement in action." Wife, the former Mary Barber, Hutchinson RFD.**



**Monte K. Copenhaver, Pvt., Combat Engineers, on duty as a rigger. Served in Sicily, Italy, in Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns, in the Rhineland campaign and Germany. Overseas May 1943, landing in North Africa. Served in Africa, Sicily, Italy, Corsica, France and Germany for 27 months. Previously at Camp Custer, Va. In service four years. Home, 1230 East Third. Employee of J. S. Dillon Sons warehouse.**



**William Perry Copus, ARM 1/c, Naval air corps, radioman on USS VPB-116 in Southwest Pacific. Based at Solomon islands and later on Iwo Jima. In action in the Solomons, Bougainville, Tarawa, Guam, Philippines, Iwo Jima, Tinian, Saipan, Okinawa, Marshall islands and Mauro. Also stationed in China and Japan. Awarded Air Medal with battle medals for nine campaigns. Formerly at Hutchinson Naval Air station. Home, 226 East Fifth. Salesman for Royal Typewriter Co.**



**Charles L. Corbett, Jr., Flight Officer, pilot, Army air corps, in service two years, Oct. 1943 to Nov. 1945. Stationed at Amarillo, Tex., Santa Ana, Visalia and Bakersfield, Calif., Marana, Ariz., Pecos, Tex., and Lincoln, Neb. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Corbett, 612 North Walnut.**

**Jack Corbin, S 1/c, Coast Guard, New Orleans. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Corbin, 804 North Plum St.**

**Marvil Corkery, AMM, Naval air force, Hutchinson Naval Air station. Home, 1115 North Main.**



**\*Herbert Eugene Corley, Sgt., 20th Field Artillery Bn., Fourth Div., in France and Germany. Overseas March 1945. Served as battery clerk with Fourth Div. artillery at Syberg, Germany. Returned to U.S. under orders to move to West Pacific but end of war halted the movement at Camp Butner, N. C. Previously with Second Air Force at Lincoln, Neb., Sheppard Field, Tex., and Salt Lake City. Transferred to Inf. division at Camp Howze, Tex. In service three years, 1943 to Feb. 1946. Home, 305 East Third.**

**\*Melvin Corley, Pvt., 77th Inf., killed in action in Leyte, P.I., Dec. 20, 1944. (See Gold Star roster.)**

*\*Sons of Mrs. J. F. Kelly, 228 West Eighth.*

**Wm. J. Corley, in Army, European theater. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Corley, 416 West A.**



**Wm. B. Corley, Sgt., Military Police at Camp McCall, N.C. Formerly instructor at Ft. Geo. Meade, Md., and air cadet in army air force, Greenville, S.C. Served with infantry at Camp Wolters, Tex., and with military police at Fort Bragg, N.C., Camp Upton, N.Y., Ft. Niagara, N.Y. and Ft. Dix, N.Y. In service 3 1/2 years, June 1942 to Jan. 1946. Home, 121 East 15th. Formerly with Safeway Stores. Son of Mrs. Albin A. Benson, 301 Crescent Blvd.**



**Robert D. Cornish, Pvt., Inf., Camp Phillips and Ft. Leavenworth. In service six months, discharged for disability Sept. 1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cornish, 101 West 13th.**



**George E. Cornwell, Sgt., Combat Engineers in European theater, member of fire-fighting platoon at Ninth Air Force bomber base in Belgium. Awarded Soldiers Medal for "heroism and valor" in rescue of four members of a crew of a B-26 Marauder that crashed in flames in taking off.**

The plane was carrying two 1,000 pound bombs, but risking his life Sgt. Cornwell ran to the rescue of the trapped crewmen. One of the bombs exploded when he was only ten feet from the plane, hurling him some distance, but he went back to the wreck and managed to get out four of the six crewmen. Sgt. Cornwell suffered burns and shrapnel injuries in his legs from the explosion.

Overseas 26 months, landing in Ireland in 1943, then to Scotland, and stationed at Bishop's Standford, England for nine months. To France, June 1944, serving in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Germany and Austria. Participated in the battle of the "Bulge." Was wounded on Jan. 1, 1945 at Corneillies, France, by shrapnel. In service over 2 1/2 years, July 1943 to Feb. 10, 1946. Son of Mrs. Ina Mae Cornwell, 20 East Eleventh St. Member of Hutchinson fire department, on duty at No. 1 fire station. Home, 7 North Elm.

**Clifford M. Corwin, Sgt., Inf., European theater. Returned to Newport News, Va., Jan. 1946. Hutchinson RFD.**

**Glenn Clarence Corwin, Pvt., Inf., Camp Wolters, Tex. 312 North Star.**

**L. A. Cosby, Chief Petty Officer, Navy. Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. 15 East 12th.**



**Robert C. Coshow, Pfc., Infantry, mine deactivator, in European theater, serving in Ardennes battle, Rhineland campaign and Germany. Overseas Oct. 1944 to Winchester Barracks, England, then to Germany, Nov 1944. In Germany 14 months. In service previously at Camp Howze, Tex., in Maryland and at Camp Claiborne, La., with chemical engineers unit. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Coshow, 1106 North Monroe.**



**Fred N. Cossman, Jr.**, FCM 3/c, Navy. Discharged at Norman, Okla., 1708 North Locust.



**Raymond George Costello, Jr.**, S 1/c, Navy, Quartermaster corps, in Southwest Pacific. Served on Samar island, Philippines one month; at Subic Bay, Philippines, six months, on USS LCT at Manila for two months and USS Healy for two months. In service about two years, Nov. 1944 to July 1946. Previously with naval stations at Great Lakes and Gulfport, R. I. Overseas about a year, going to Philippines July 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Costello, 19 East Seventh.

**Earl W. Cottingham**, Pfc., Headquarters Co. signal battalion, Fifth Amphibious corps, Marines, over Pacific. 302 West 12th St.



**Arthur W. Cottle**, Y 1/c, Navy, Chief Yeoman on USS Vega, on the Pacific, serving at Adak, in Aleutians, and in Southwest Pacific. In action in Marshall and Marianas islands. In navy over three years, Sept. 1942 to Dec. 1945. Before going to the Aleutians Sept. 1943 was stationed at Hutchinson naval air station for nine months. Home, 400 East Ninth. With Carey Salt Co. offices.



**Charles Robert "Bob" Cottle**, S/Sgt., 86th Inf. in Italy, serving in the campaign from Rome to the Arno river; and in the campaign from the Arno to the Alps. Wounded in action, in the shoulder, in the combat in Alps. Awarded two Bronze campaign stars, and Italian citation for saving five men under artillery and machine gun fire. In service 2½ years, April 1943 to Aug. 1945. Was stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., Camp Hale, Colo., about a year. Overseas to Italy from Camp Swift, Tex., Dec. 1944. In ETO six months. Postal clerk at Hutchinson P.O. Home, 617 East Fifth.

**Estil L. Cottle**, Baker 2/c, Naval Air force; Hutchinson naval air station. 703 West First.



**Mohler L. Cotton**, S 1/c, Navy, on USS Pittsburgh in Southwest Pacific, Sept. 1944 to Aug. 1945. Rode center of a typhoon, the ship being partly wrecked, losing 108 feet of its bow in the storm. In service at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and in Tokyo Bay. Served with Third and Fifth fleets on the Pacific. Previously on the Atlantic with utility squadron in British West Indies. In navy three years. Was married to Doris Elaine Cotton, Yeoman, in the WAVES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Cotton, 723 East Eighth.



**\*Ronald Lee Cotton**, AMM 3/c, Naval Air force, aerial gunner on aircraft carrier USS Lexington seven months in Pacific combat area, during which he participated in four major attacks on enemy bases, including two raids on Tarawa, a three-day raid on Wake island and an attack on Mille island in the Marshall chain, while serving with the Third fleet. In the four engagements 16 planes from the carrier were lost, and only one fighter pilot. Cotton served as a torpedo bomber captain. Was in the Pacific theater nearly two years. In service 3½ years. Previously with Atlantic fleet, and formerly at Quantum, Mass., and Quonset, R. I. In navy since July 1942. His wife, Glenna Purvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Purvis, 804 East Ninth, employed at Hutchinson naval air station while he was away.



**\*Doris Elaine Cotton**, Y 2/c, WAVES, yeoman with Bureau of Ships, Washington, D. C., in charge of camouflage work in that bureau, serving there 20 months, Feb. 1944 to discharge, Oct. 1945. Previously stationed at Bronx, N. Y., and Stillwater, Okla. In service two years. Graduate of Hutchinson high school, 1939. Enlisted in WAVES Aug. 1943.

*\*Son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Cotton, 723 East Eighth.*

**Felton W. Cotton**, S 1/c, Navy, on aircraft carrier in West Pacific. Participated in strike against Jap naval base at Kanoya, Japan, June 8, 1945. Home, 21 East Sixth St.

**Thos. Cotton, Jr.**, Seaman, in Navy. Son of Thos. E. Cotton, 1319 East Fifth.

**Elbert O. Couch**, Pfc., 40th Inf. Div., in New Guinea, invasion of Southern Philippines, and battle of Luzon; also on New Britain, Mindanao and on Panay, P. I. Transferred to occupation zone in Korea, Oct. 1, 1945, returning to U. S. Dec. 1945. In the army 2½ years. Overseas one year. Seriously wounded in action at Ft. Stotsenberg, Luzon, Feb. 8, 1945, by Jap sniper. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam B. Couch, Hutchinson RFD 2.



**\*Frank H. Cougher**, CPO, Navy, serving for four years in the Panama canal zone and South America, returning to Hutchinson on leave June 1944, then reporting at New York for duty with Atlantic fleet. A veteran of the navy, in service over 25 years.



Appointed 1st Sgt. of Battery B at Camp

**\*Thomas E. Cougher**, S/Sgt., 130th Field artillery, 35th Div., in France, Belgium and Germany. Was Sgt. Battery B, 130th F. A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941. At Camp Robinson with 35th Div. for one year. To California with the 35th.

Cooke, Calif. To Ft. Sill, Okla., and then overseas with 130th F. A. After return from ETO re-enlisted in regular army: stationed at Salina, Kans., as army recruiting officer. In service 12 years, including five years in National Guard and seven years in army. Home, South Hutchinson.

*\*Sons of Wm. F. Cougher, Hutchinson RFD 2.*

**Francis L. Coughenour**, S/Sgt., Army air force, aerial camera operations and installation specialist, at Flying Fortress base in England. Overseas with 54th Bomb squadron, 385th Bomber group, June 1943. Son of Frank Coughenour, 926 East 11th.



**Noble William Coulam**, Petty Officer 1/c, Navy, radarman on USS Washington, in Pacific theater nearly three years. In twelve major engagements. Awarded Philippine Liberation ribbon with two battle stars; Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with twelve stars, for that many engagements. In service nearly four years. Since returning from over Pacific, on duty as instructor in Pacific Fleet school, San Francisco, until discharge from service Oct. 1945. Home, 210 East Fourth.

**Harry Dwight Counselman**, Pfc., Co. L, 337th Inf., in the European theater. Home, Burrton RFD.

**Troy W. Counterman**, Pfc., Infantry, killed in action in European theater. Home, Hutchinson RFD 2.



**Edna L. Countryman**, Pvt., WACS, hospital orderly with Army Air force, on duty at Eglin Field, Fla., for nine months, before that at Ft. Des Moines, Ia. In service Nov. 11, 1944, to Oct. 11, 1945. Mrs. Countryman, mother of Mrs. Marvin Meschke, 210 West 18th.

**Leo W. Courtney**, Lt., Army Air force, Victoria, Tex. Home, Hutchinson.

**Dean Cousins**, Cpl., Inf., El Paso, Tex. Burrton RFD.



**Thomas C. Coutts**, T/4, 259th Combat Engineers, First corps, Sixth army, in West Pacific theater, serving as radio operator. Left for over the Pacific July 1945, serving in Hawaii, on Saipan, and later in Japan with the army of occupation. Overseas eight months. Was in the army over two years, Dec. 1943 to Feb. 1946. Previously to going overseas he was stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., Ft. Monmouth, N. J., Ft. Belvoir, Va., Camp Bowie, Tex., and Vancouver Barracks, Wash. Home, Buhler. Employed as an oil field pumper.





**Dennis W. Cowan, FC 3/c,** Naval Amphibious force, fire controlman on LSM-114 in West Pacific. Overseas about two years, including nine months at sea on the LSM craft. Stationed at Pearl Harbor, Peleliu, Leyte, Manila, Saipan, Guam, Guadalcanal, Beniki, Eniwetok and in the China sea. In service March 1944 to Oct. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Cowan, of Nickerson. After return from service became superintendent of schools at Canton, Kans.

**\*Homer Glen Cowan, MM 1/c,** Navy, on the USS Whipple in Asiatic fleet in Western Pacific. Served on the USS Smith for one year, with his brother Robert P., transferring then to the Whipple. Served four years with Asiatic fleet. In service eight years. Re-enlisted after return from over Pacific, and transferred to duty at naval diesel school, Norfolk, Va. Discharged Nov. 1946.

**\*Raymond L. Cowan, S/Sgt.,** Army Air force, in Aleutians about 1½ years. Previously at Sheppard Field, Tex. In service about three years. Discharged Aug. 1945.

**\*Robert Pressley Cowan, MM 1/c,** Navy, chief machinist mate on destroyer USS Smith in Southwest Pacific. In navy eight years, 1937 to Oct. 1945. He served seven years on the same destroyer and had been in action in several major sea battles. In one action off the Santa Cruz islands, the Smith was badly damaged, and sustained some loss of life, but brought down seven Jap planes. The ship managed to reach port.

*\*Sons of Mrs. R. W. Cowan, 1027 East B.*



**Dale (Thos. D.) Covert, T/Sgt.,** Army air force, radio operator-gunner in 13th Air Force, in Southwest Pacific. Overseas one year, based in Solomon islands 3 mos., and Dutch Indies, 9 mos. In action in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, southern Philippines, Luzon and western mandate islands. Shot down, on Liberator bomber, Nov. 11, 1944 while on bombing mission on Negros island, parachuting from riddled and burning bomber, coming down in sea two miles off coast of Mindanao. The upper turret gunner was killed, and S/Sgt. Lloyd Cunningham, of Wilson, Kans., left waist gunner, badly wounded, rode the flaming ship to death.

Sgt. Covert was badly burned on neck and hands before he jumped. Natives rescued 13 men of the crews of two Liberators shot down, including Sgt. Covert. They were found next day by a Catalina seeking them, and returned to their base.

Sgt. Covert returned from the Dutch Indies in February 1945. He was awarded the Air Medal with three clusters for combat missions on Borneo; the Philippine Liberation ribbon and Presidential citation for gallant action at Woleai. In service 3½ years, previously at Hamilton Field, Calif., for a year, Albuquerque, N. Mex., for a year, and Sioux Falls, S.D. nine months. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Covert, South Hutchinson. Home, 304 West B.



**Ernest F. Cowles, T/5,** Headquarters Co. 313th Inf., 79th Div., in European theater. Switchboard operator with communications unit in Normandy battle; northern France and Rhineland campaigns and operations in Germany. Overseas 1½ years. Awarded Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in battle. Served in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Czechoslovakia. In army 3½ years, June 1942 to Sept. 1945. Son of Mrs. T. F. Amrine, 526 East Fifth. Home, 1507 North Monroe.

**Bill Cox, A/C,** Army air force, Douglas, Ariz. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cox, Hutchinson RFD.

**Chester D. Cox, HA 1/c,** Navy medical department, hospital corpsman in Southwest Pacific, serving in Hawaii and in Asiatic-Pacific theater. At navy base and naval air station in Hawaii. In service in Philippine campaign; awarded Philippine Liberation and Asiatic-Pacific ribbons. In navy about two years, May 1944 to Jan. 1946. Before going overseas stationed at Farragut, Ida., at naval hospital in Washington, and with beach battalion in California. Home, Nickerson. Manager of Fair Lumber Co. in Nickerson and later at Sylvia.



**Eugene E. Cox, Capt.,** 751st Field Artillery Bn., in European theater, serving with that battalion continuously as battery commander or battalion motor officer, although in four different armies, the Third, First, Ninth and Seventh in four different army corps, the 7th, 19th, 5th and 16th. In battle of Ardennes, Ruhr and on the Rhine.

Was. Sgt. Battery B, 130th F.A. when the artillery battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. Overseas July 1944, landing on Normandy beach in the invasion.

In service in Europe three years, returning Sept. 1947. In army seven years. With constabulary squadron on Austrian border, stationed at Heidelberg, Germany for a year. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Cox, 223 Reformatory Ave.

**Leroy Cox, S/Sgt.,** Army medical corps, pharmacist, Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., for three months; and then with station hospital at McChord Field, Wash. for four years. In service from Oct. 1941 to Dec. 1945. After discharge remained at Tacoma, Wash., as pharmacist with a drug company. Son of Mrs. Hattie B. Cox, Nickerson.

**Roy Ernest Cox, ARM 2/c,** Naval air force, radioman, in Pacific area over a year. Formerly at naval station at Farragut, Ida., Memphis, Tenn., and Oakland, Calif. On the USS Hancock on the Pacific. Awarded two Bronze Stars for combat in Asiatic theater, Air Medal and two gold stars. In service three years, Feb. 1943 to Feb. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Cox, 3215 North Walnut.

**Ralph Eugene Cox, Fireman 2/c,** Coast Guard, at New York and Baltimore. In coast guard 14 months. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cox, 604 West 15th St. Associated with father in operating filling station, Fourth and Poplar.

**Marlin Cox, with Army in Southwest Pacific** for four years. Discharged May 1945. Now in floor sanding business in Hutchinson.



**Wilford J. Cox, Pfc.,** Inf., mortar gunner, in European theater. Participated in Normandy battle, Northern France campaign and combat in Belgium and Germany. Wounded by shell fragments in action at Achens, Germany, Sept. 13, 1944, foot and leg injuries. Presidential citation

for meritorious work in break-through in Normandy. In army nearly three years, Feb. 1943 to Nov. 1945. Overseas about 1½ years. Previously at Ft. Jackson, S. C., Ft. Meade, Md., and Camp Kilmer, N. J. Overseas to England, Nov. 1943. Landed in France, on Normandy beach, June 6, 1943. After being wounded in Germany, in hospital in England for three months, then to the U. S. for treatment at Hammond General hospital, Modesto, Calif. Home, 1115 North Main.



**Warren C. Coykendall, Cpl.,** Ordnance corps, ammunition NCO, in European theater for nearly two years. Served in Normandy, Rhineland, Northern France and Central Europe campaigns. Awarded Silver Service star and EAMB Theater ribbon. In service March 1942 to Nov. 1946.

Stationed at Corona, Calif., about two years; then overseas March, 1944. Formerly with county engineers department. Home, 219 East Fourth.

**Marvin C. Coyle, Sgt.,** Air Service command depot in England. Overseas since Dec. 1943. He was former assistant cook at the Leon hotel and later with R & S Cafe. Son of Mrs. Mancil Coyle, 402 West 24th St. Home, 124 East Seventh.



**Frances Coyne, Sp.(S) WAVES,** in Navy, serving as supervisor at navy hospital, San Diego; also in New York City. In service over 2½ years, March 1943 to Oct. 1945. Formerly a teacher at Allen school, Hutchinson. Sister of Roscoe Coyne, school principal in Hutchinson. She is now Mrs. Elmer T. Kemper, residing in New York City.



**Alvin B. Crabbs, F 2/c,** Navy, fireman on battleship USS Iowa, on the Pacific. Made one trip across the Pacific to Japan, Jan. to April 1946. In Tokyo Bay. In service one year, July 1945 to July 31, 1946. Son of Mrs. Gladys Crabbs, 21 East 15th St.





**John M. Crabbs**, S/Sgt., 119th Inf., 30th "Old Hickory" Div., in European theater. Overseas Sept. 1944 from Camp Geo. G. Meade, Md., serving in Ardennes battle, Rhineland campaign and central Germany operations. Awarded Bronze stars. Overseas one year. Was in Berlin on V-Day.

In service almost two years, March 1944 to Nov. 1945. Previously at Camp Hood, Tex. Returned to Ft. Jackson, S. C., from ETO Aug. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crabbs, Arlington.



**\*Delmar D. Crabbs**, BM 2/c, boatswain's mate on USS Navigator, sunk in action off New Guinea, Sept. 5, 1943. Later was on the USS Grapple, which was hit by a suicide plane at Okinawa and badly damaged. Was wounded in action at Peleliu on D-Day, while engaged in laying mooring

buoys 200 yards from the beach in the landing operation there. Was in the battles of New Guinea, Bougainville, Saipan, Guam, Peleliu, Samar, Leyte, Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. In navy four years, Dec. 1941 to Nov. 1945. Formerly at San Diego and San Pedro, Calif. After sinking of the Navigator was taken with other survivors to Brisbane, Australia; there about a month. He had been on the Navigator nearly two years, then on the USS Grapple about two years. After return from Pacific was at naval hospital at Corvallis, Ore., for ten weeks. Awarded Admiral's citation "for meritorious service beyond the call of duty" at Peleliu, Guam and Okinawa. Formerly an employee of Hutchinson News-Herald.



**\*Richard F. Crabbs**, Capt. Ordnance Corps, classification specialist. In Pacific theater two years, at Oahu, Hawaii, and on Tinian, in Marianas Islands. In battle of Marianas, Oct. 1944. In army over four years. Before going overseas was at Aberdeen, Md., proving ground two years.

Graduate of Hutchinson Junior College, 1940.

*\*Sons of Mrs. R. C. Tewksbury, 3112 North Walnut.*



**Robert E. Crackel**, Sgt., Army Air Corps, aerial gunner, on Liberator B-24, in southwest Pacific. In action in New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Borneo, Luzon, southern Philippines, and China offensive. Was awarded Air Medal and citation for the bombing of Balikpapan. Was based at

Nadzab, New Guinea; Morotai, NEI and Clark Field, Luzon. In service over 1½ years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Crackel, Hutchinson RFD 1.



**Harry W. Craddock**, Yeoman 3/c, Navy, in Pacific area about 2½ years, including twenty months on Ebeye Island, in the Marshalls group. Returned to San Diego, Calif., Jan. 26, 1946. Discharged May 18, 1946, at San Pedro, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Craddock, 3108 Farmington Rd.



**Charles Ray Craig**, Corporal, Marines Air Corps, in southwest Pacific, in combat in Solomon Islands, Bougainville, Palau, Mindanao, Philippines and Okinawa. Also stationed in Hawaii, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Marshall Islands, Hollandia, New Guinea, Leyte, Samar, Mindoro and Luzon. Overseas 13 months. In service May 1944 to Nov. 1945. Home, 116 South Jackson. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Craig, 201 East F.



**Wallace E. Craig**, T/Sgt., Army Air Corps, chief clerk in intelligence section, 12th Bomber Group, in North Africa over a year; Sicily and Italy, six months; in India nearly 1½ years. In action in Egypt-Libya, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns, Italy and air combat in Balkans. Later with the Tenth Air Force in India, central Burma and China. In service about six years, Nov. 1939 to Aug. 1945. Overseas three years. Home, 802 North Poplar.

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**S. M. Craig**, Cpl., radioman, Scott Field, Ill. Burrton RFD.

**Verne L. Craig**, naval aviation, Warrensburg, Mo. Formerly of Hutchinson; nephew of Mrs. Irvin Bybee, 321 West Tenth.



**Cecil Duain Crain**, T/5, medical department Army Air Force. In England about two years, at AAF 590. In the service about 3½ years, Dec. 1942 to March 1946. Previous to going overseas stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., Camp Polk, La., Camp Ellis, Ill., Camp Atterbury, Ind., and Camp Kil-

mer, N. J., with medical units. Home, 322 East First. His father, Rev. Frank A. Crain, former pastor of Grandview Evangelical Church, Hutchinson.



**Ray L. Cramer**, MM 2/c, Navy, in Pacific theater, machinist's mate on a naval tanker. Participated in invasion landings of Luzon, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, and the carrier strike on Japan. In Pacific combat area about 2½ years. In Tokyo Bay, Japan, four months. In China, Japan and Philippines, Dec. 1945 to July 1946. Now on the USS Cacapan, on the Pacific. Son of A. H. Cramer, Langdon RFD 2.



**Joseph A. Crandall**, Cpl., Battery C, 130th Field Artillery, 35th Div., mobilizing with 130th Field Artillery Battalion in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940; to Camp Robinson, Ark., for a year; then at Ft. Ord, Calif. Discharged from active duty at Ft. Ord for disability due to injury to a knee. Appointed inspector, Chemical Warfare Service, serving for four years until Nov. 1945. Engineer-draftsman, Kansas Power & Light Co. Son of Mrs. Ida Crandall, 210 Osborne St.

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**James N. Crane**, Pfc., Armored Infantry, serving with occupation force in Germany as armored patrol, stationed at Augsburg, Germany. In service since June 1945. At Camp Hood, Texas, six months; Camp Pickett, Va., two months. Overseas Feb. 1946 for patrol duty in occupied Ger-

many. Son of Mr. 21 South Chemical.



**Donald L. Cranston**, Cpl., 219th Field Artillery, 35th Div., in European theater, in action in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Was wounded in action in Germany, east of the Rhine, March 27, 1945, in left shoulder. Was Pvt., Battery A, 130th Field Artillery, when battalion mobilized in

Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941; with 35th Div. at Camp Robinson one year; then to California, Alabama, and overseas with that division. In service five years, Nov. 1940 to Oct. 1945. Home, 704 West Ninth.

**John Craven**, Lt., Navy, on USS Houston, in Pacific theater. Lost when that vessel was sunk off Java, March 1, 1942. Home, Haven. (See Gold Star roster.)



**Charles David Crawford**, Cpl., 14th Armored Div., in European theater about 1½ years. Awarded Bronze Star and ETO ribbon with two campaign stars. In service over three years, Dec. 1942 to Dec. 1945. Son of Mrs. Chas. Crawford, 100 West G. Home, 220 East Second.

**Eugene O. Crawford**, Pvt., Inf., serving in European theater. Returned from overseas Dec. 1945. Hutchinson RFD.

**\*Charles C. Crawford**, A/C, Army Air Force, Coffeyville Army Air Field. Was S/Sgt., Battery A, 130th Field Artillery, when the National Guard battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940, going to Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Transferred to Army Air Corps.

**\*George O. Crawford**, Sgt., Army Air Force, armorer-gunner with Flying Fortress crew, Alexandria, La., Army Air Field.

*\*Sons of Mrs. A. D. Beck, 716 East Eighth.*





**\*James S. Crawford,** T/3, Army Signal Corps, radio technician, with 193rd Signal Repair Company, in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Served in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Member of signal company which built a communication network covering some 14,000 square miles of central Europe. Signal Corps headquarters called it "the largest FM police network in the world." In service Feb. 1943 to Nov. 1945. Previously at Camp Claiborne, La., Camp Crowder, Mo., and Camp Forrest, Tenn.



**\*Thomas Crawford, Jr.,** Chief Warrant Officer, Quartermaster Corps Supply Dept., in Asiatic-Pacific theater. Overseas Oct. 1942 and across Pacific for nearly three years. Was aboard the "President Coolidge" when that vessel was sunk in the Pacific Oct. 1942. In army five years. Was Sgt., Battery C, 130th Field Artillery, when the battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. At Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. for a year; to California with 35th Div. Transferred there to Quartermaster Corps. Overseas from Ft. Ord, Calif. Served in army Dec. 1940 to Jan. 1946.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Crawford, Hutchinson RFD 2.*

**Robert Crawford,** Major, Medical Corps, surgeon with 886th Engineering Aviation Battalion in southwest Pacific. With Eighth Army in operations against Japs on Leyte and Mindoro, Philippine Islands. Awarded Bronze Star medal and citation for "meritorious achievement." Served on Leyte and Mindoro. Later "flotilla surgeon" with engineering battalion. Now with Gage-Hall Clinic. Home, 1801 North Adams.

**John C. Crawley,** 1st Lt., First Armored Div., amphibious detachment, in southwest Pacific. Participated in invasions of Iwo Jima, Saipan and Tinian. Wounded in action on Iwo Jima. In service four years, from April 1942 to May 1946. Son of Mrs. W. P. Crawley, formerly of Hutchinson. Brother of Mrs. Ralph Wells, 610 East Sixth.

**\*Arthur Creech,** Pvt., Inf., Ft. Geo. Meade, Md., and Camp Fannin, Texas.

**\*Freda Mae Creech,** WAC, Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. Formerly with Star Cafe; home, 617 North Adams.

*\*Son and daughter of Fred Creech, Hutchinson RFD 2.*

**Harold Creech,** S/Sgt., Army Air Corps, in southwest Pacific 2½ years. Participated in New Guinea campaign. Returned from overseas Jan. 1945. In service over four years, Jan. 1941 to May 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Creech, 1103 East Sixth.

**Wilmot O. Creed,** Cpl., Army Medical Corps, technician, medical detachment, station hospital, Ft. Leavenworth. Pharmacist in Forney drug store, Turon.

**J. H. Crews,** Sgt., with military detachment in Middle East. In Palestine for a time. Home, 129 West 11th.

**Wm. W. Crippen,** Pfc., Inf., fatally wounded in action in France, July 31, 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Crippen, Nickerson. (See Gold Star roster.)



Served at Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Station and for five months at Ft. Pierce, Fla. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Crisp, 819 East First.



**Helen L. Crisp,** 1st Lt. Army Nurse Corps, with army air corps in service nearly 3 years, Dec. 1943 to March 1946, on duty at Lowrey Field, Colo. one month; Ft. Logan, Colo., 21½ months; Santa Ana, Calif., 5½ months. Since discharge serving as a nurse in veterans hospital, Fort Logan, Colo. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Crisp, 15 East Sixth.

**Eugene A. Crissman,** T/Sgt. Marines, in Southwest Pacific, participating in five major engagements, including campaign in Guadalcanal. After returning to U. S. located at Marine Corps station, El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif. Son of Mrs. Ethel Crissman, Hutchinson RFD.

**Douglas R. Crittendon,** Cpl. Fifth Ferrying Group, Air Transport Command, Fairfax Airport, Kansas City. Son of Mrs. Wava B. Crittendon, 121 West Sixth.

**\*David N. Crockett,** Lt. Army Air Force, navigator, Selman Field, Monroe, La.

**\*Wm. J. Crockett,** 1st Lt. Ordnance Corps, chief of payroll section, fiscal branch, Philadelphia.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crockett, 424 East Sherman.*

**Elvin D. Crockett,** Radarman 3/c, Navy, in Southwest Pacific. Overseas 1½ years. Home, 1115 East A.

**Robert M. Cromwell,** chief yeoman, 90th Naval Construction Bn., in Southwest Pacific, Hawaii and Iwo Jima. Overseas two years. Discharged Oct. 1945. Formerly office manager, C. E. Eagle & Co. Home, 323 Curtis street.

**Bruce Cronkhite,** T/4, Army, in European theater, overseas seven months. In the army about 1½ years. Returned Aug. 1945 to Camp Carson, Colo. for discharge. Home, Nickerson.



**Richard L. Crook,** Capt. Mountain Infantry, intelligence officer, in Italy, in action in Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns; overseas eight months. In service three years, May 1943 to May 1946. Awarded Bronze Star medal for heroism in battle. Presidential Unit citation and Italian Fouraguerre. Wounded in action in northern Apennines, Italy, April 17, 1945, by shrapnel in tank battle. Before going overseas was stationed at Ft. Riley, Ft. Benning, Ga., Camp Carson, Colo., Camp Swift, Tex., and Ft. Lewis, Wash. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crook, 425 East 13th. Associated with father in furniture business.

**Galen Leroy Crosley,** MMM 2/c, Naval Air Force, in Southwest Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy J. Crosley, 406 West 8th.

**Howard R. Cross,** SC 2/c, Navy, on USS Guam, on Pacific, in action off Okinawa, and in the Japan Inland sea. Previously on the Pacific for nearly two years on a destroyer, seeing action off Kwajalein, Makin, Tarawa, Truk, Wake, and in the Carolines. During 14 months he took part in 13 shore bombardments and landings and three sea engagements. But the highlight of his Pacific warfare was when his destroyer bagged, single-handed, four Jap vessels off Kwajalein.

Although the destroyer was under a 48-hour bombardment in the Carolines, and took part in the first raid on Wake island and invasion of Makin it never sustained a hit. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cross, 1600 East Sixth.

**Stanley J. Cross,** Pfc., with Fifth Army, killed in action in Italy, Oct. 22, 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cross, 200 West Seventh, Hutchinson. (See Gold Star Roster.)



**\*Chester L. Crotts,** Capt. Army Air Corps, navigator in a long-range combat mapping squadron based in India. In the C-I-B theater Feb. 1944 to June 1945 in China, upper Burma and lower Burma campaigns. Awarded Air Medal and cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross and CBI Theater medal. In army air force since Jan. 1942. Since return from overseas at Ellington Field and Sheppard Field, Tex.



**\*Harold E. Crotts,** Yeoman 2/c, Navy, on USS LSM-316, landing ship, in invasion of Guam. Served in communications unit. In navy about 3 years, April 1943 to May 1946. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal with battle star. Before going overseas was stationed at Liberty, Mo., Pella, Great Lakes, Ill., and San Bruno, Calif.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crotts, Turon.*



**Ferne Crotts**, with army engineering office in Brazil; at Recife, in northeast Brazil, April 1943 to Jan. 1944; then to Rio de Janeiro. Formerly with the war department in Washington for ten years. Daughter of Mrs. Henry Hollscher, 125 East 11th.

**Lawrence V. Crotts**, with Paratroopers two years. Now co-owner of Veterans Cab Co. Home, 223 West B. Son of R. L. Crotts, Partridge.

**George F. Crouch**, Pvt. Marine Corps Guard Company, Mare Island navy yard, Vallejo, Calif. Son of Mrs. M. D. Crouch, South Hutchinson.



**Elvyn Martin Crouse**, Pfc. Ninth Inf. Div. in the Cherbourg peninsula campaign, landing on the beaches with early elements in the Normandy invasion, June 1944. Trapped behind German lines for three days and nights without food or water while fighting in drive to cut off Cherbourg peninsula. Wounded in combat June 26, by shrapnel. After returning from hospital, transferred to 698th Field artillery, serving in Rhineland campaign, Belgium, Germany and Austria. Overseas with Ninth Div., landing in North Africa, May 10, 1943. After two months in Africa participated in the invasion of Sicily, landing there July 10, 1943, fought through Sicily, and four months later Nov. 1943 moved to England, remaining there 6½ months until the Normandy invasion and landing in Cherbourg peninsula. Served overseas 29 months until October 1945. In the army three years, 1942 to 1945. Home, 125 West Bigger.

**\*A. G. Crow**, Seaman 2/c, Navy, in Southwest Pacific, based in New Caledonia.

**\*Grant B. Crow**, S/Sgt., construction foreman with Petroleum Dist. Engineers unit, in Bataan, Philippines, during campaign for liberation of the islands. Had gone overseas with a medical corps unit, but due to his civilian experience in oil fields was transferred to the pipeline platoon in the New Guinea campaign. Served in Australia, New Guinea, Morotai and Luzon. Graduate of Nickerson high school. In service until Aug. 1945. Home, 715 East First.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Edna Crow, 403 East Fifth St. Hutchinson. Their father, the late G. F. Crow, formerly of Nickerson, died while the sons were in the service, Jan. 1945.*



**\*Jack D. Crow**, Cpl., 1298th Engrs. Combat Bn. in western Pacific, entering Nagasaki, Japan, attached to Second Marines Div. Sept. 21, 1945, first troops to land on Kyushu. In Japan 5 months, at Nagasaki and Fukuoka. Formerly with army air corps, Buckley Field, Colo., and Cedar City, Utah. Then with army engineers at Camp McCain, Miss., and Camp Shelby, Miss. Overseas, July 1945 to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and from there to Japan in September. In service 2½ years.



**\*Phillip R. Crow**, Capt. Army Air Corps, pilot of A-20 attack-bomber with Fifth Air Force in Southwest Pacific, in the New Guinea and Netherlands East Indies campaigns and bombing of Ceram, Halmahera, Morotai, and the Philippine invasion. In the Southwest Pacific combat area two years, Jan. 1943 to Jan. 1945. Flew home from Mindoro island Jan. 1945.

In the army air corps since March 1942. Before going overseas was stationed at Maxwell Field, Ala., Avon Park, Fla., Shaw Field, S. C., Turner Field, Ga., Will Rogers Field, Okla., and DeRidder Field, La. On return from over Pacific, Jan. 1945, was appointed an advanced flight instructor at Enid, Okla. army air base, and since Jan. 1946, a flight instructor at West Point Military academy, at Stewart Field, Newburgh, N. Y. Awarded Air Medal and Oak Leaf cluster.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip L. Crow, 1300 South Poplar.*



**Kenneth M. Crow**, Pfc. 405th Inf. 102nd Div. Ninth Army, in Europe. Overseas Aug. 1944. Awarded Bronze Star medal "for heroic achievement" in battle in Germany, Nov. 23, 1944. Pvt. Crow, noticing a severely wounded companion was exposed to intense enemy fire, voluntarily left his sheltered position and exposing himself to great personal danger crawled forward over 75 yards of open field to reach the wounded man and rescue him. In the service about 2½ years. In European theater about 1½ years.

A sister, Mrs. Vera Crow Snyder, also was in the service as a WAC at an army station at Charlotte, N. C. Son and daughter of Mrs. Alice Crow, 216 South Reformatory. Their father, Samuel J. Crow, died during the war, drowned in a well near Addielee, Okla., Nov. 18, 1944.

**Robert E. Crow**, Pvt. with army unit, Chicago. Pretty Prairie.

**William G. Crow**, SC 2/c, Navy, in Southwest Pacific, serving as a butcher in a naval hospital on New Caledonia, also with NR-132 and NRS 131, on the Pacific. In the service over three years, Nov. 1942 to Dec. 12, 1945. Son of Mrs. Geo. Crow, 408 West Fifth. Home 413 East F.

**Dee Francis Crowell**, AMM 2/c, Navy, Camp Kearney, San Diego, and with naval air bases in Florida and Hutchinson naval air station. In service Feb. 1942 to Oct. 29, 1945. Home, 729 East Seventh.

**\*Noel L. Croy**, T/Sgt. First Cavalry Div. in Philippines. In battles in Leyte and Luzon. Wounded in action in Luzon. The Japs repulsed four attempts by the troop led by Sgt. Croy to take a difficult Philippine ridge. Then they were literally blasted off the hill by mortar fire. A Jap reinforced company held the ridge with four machine guns and rifle fire.

Four times the troop had assaulted and each time pinned down. The last drive took them to within 25 yards of the Jap guns. Each time the grass quivered as the cavalymen wormed closer and machine gun fire was concentrated on the

spot. Again a withdrawal was forced. During the night 2,400 rounds of mortar fire were laid on the Jap position. Early in the morning Sgt. Croy's troop made a fifth attack. This one succeeded. The cavalymen suffered casualties, but the Japs lost half their reinforced company. Sgt. Croy was an engineer at the Kanopolis dam when he enlisted in the army in 1942 at Ft. Riley. Joined the First cavalry at Ft. Bliss, Tex. Overseas over Pacific in 1943. Was in action in Admiralty Islands, then to Leyte invasion. In service about three years, 30 months overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil V. Croy, Hutchinson RFD 3.

**\*Norman C. Croy**, Lt. Field Artillery, Ft. Bragg, N. C. Formerly Camp Hood, Tex., and Ft. Lewis, Wash. Was Pvt. Battery B, 130th Field Artillery when the National Guard battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div., Jan. 1941, and to California with the 35th Div. field Artillery. Formerly with Young Paint Co., Hutchinson.

**\*William E. Croy**, 1st Lt. Army Air Force, 859th Bomb Group in Italy, as navigator of a B-24 bomber. In Italy 10 months. Awarded Air Medal with three clusters and Distinguished Flying Cross. In service since Dec. 1942. Overseas Aug. 1944. Returned to United States July 1945 for assignment at Tampa, Fla. Formerly with the Cessna Aircraft Co. in Hutchinson. Home, 522 North Grand.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Croy, Hutchinson RFD 4.*

**Harold H. Crum**, Lt. Cmdr. Naval Air Force, air maintenance officer on USS North Sound, in the Arctic region for two months in the summer of 1946 taking weather observations. Pilot of B-24 plane, overseas from San Diego. Formerly at Norfolk, Va., and Hutchinson naval air station. Wife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Metcalf, Plevna. Home formerly Hutchinson.

**Frank Crumley**, Pfc., with Seventh army, killed in action on western German front. 409 North Town St., Hutchinson. (See Gold Star Roster.)

**\*Ernest E. Crupper**, Fireman 1/c, Navy, amphibious force with landing craft in Atlantic theater. Also on destroyer USS Truxton, Atlantic fleet. In service 2½ years. Was stationed at Farragut, Ida., Ft. Pierce, Fla., North Oak, Va., and Charleston, S. C., and then overseas. Former employee of Barton Salt Co. Home, 228 South Bonebrake.

**\*Lee B. Crupper**, Pfc., Infantry, Camp Roberts, Calif., Ft. Ord, Calif. and Camp Beale, Calif. With communications unit. Was stricken with rheumatic fever at Ft. Ord and moved to Bingham General hospital, Van Nuys, Calif. In service 19 months, Nov. 1944 to Aug. 1946. Home, Hutchinson RFD 2.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Crupper, Hutchinson RFD 2.*



**Jack E. Crupper**, Cpl., Army Air Corps, instructor of radar navigation at Biggs Field, Tex., for six months. Previously stationed at Sheppard Field, Tex., Truax Field, Wis., Chanute Field, Ill., and Boca Raton Field, Fla. In service 1½ years, March 1944 to Sept. 15, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Crupper, 2908 North Plum St.



**Robert M. Cruse**, Radioman, Navy. Formerly with Nash-Finch Co., Hutchinson. Home at YMCA.



Returned from Southwest Pacific Jan. 1944 to hospitals in U. S. Assigned to duty with squadron at Camp Pinedale, Fresno, Calif., until discharge for disability. Enlisted in 1941 in cavalry, transferring later to signal corps. Overseas first to Society islands, in Pacific, then to action in invasion of Guadalcanal.

**\*Eldon Crutcher**, S/Sgt. signal aviation unit, with Fourth Air Force in Southwest Pacific. In battle of Guadalcanal, serving there for nine months as transportation NCO and provost sergeant. Stricken with tropical disease while in Guadalcanal, removed to hospital in New Caledonia in Oct. 1943.



**\*John W. Crutcher**, Lt., Navy, in Southwest Pacific, participating in the Solomon islands campaign. In naval service about 4 years. Was commanding officer of USS YP-163. Also served on army transports, USS Bane and USS Van Nostrand on Pacific. Served on western sea frontier over a year, May 1943 to June 1944. On San Clemente island, Calif., six months; overseas in Southwest Pacific one year, Jan. 1945 to Jan. 1946. Awarded battle star for service in Solomon islands. Released from active duty March 1946, returning to duty a few months later at Omaha, Neb., assigned as commanding officer of naval reserve unit in Hutchinson. Ordered back to active duty Nov. 1946 to organize naval reserve unit.

*\*Sons of Mrs. O. W. Crutcher, 830 West Tenth.*

**O. L. Crutcher**, with Naval construction battalion (Seabees), in the Pacific area. Former truck maintenance man at Hutchinson naval air station. Former motor car salesman, Hutchinson.

**John L. Culbert**, SAP, Navy at naval air station in Hawaii. In naval service since Dec. 1940. Stationed for 2½ years at Corpus Christi, Tex., later in Hawaii as AMM 2/c. After six years enlistment, reenlisted Dec. 1946. Son of the late Mrs. Emily Culbert and brother of Mrs. Leo Koestel, 116 West Tenth.



**Donald E. Cully**, S/Sgt., Army Air Force, armorer-gunner on a B-24 bomber with Tenth Air Force in India-Burma theater, serving with Seventh Bomber Group. Overseas 1½ years, Jan. 1944 to July 1945. Awarded Air Medal with Oak Leaf clusters. Also the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In the Burma theater about a year. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cully, 100 East Tenth. Wife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ogren, 703 North Monroe.

**\*Cloyce V. Culver**, Sgt. 233rd Combat Engineers Bn. in Southwest Pacific, serving in the Bismarck Archipelago, Eastern man-

date islands, southern Philippines, and at Ryukus island. Formerly at Camp Pickett, Va. In service almost three years, Feb. 1943 to Dec. 1945. With Reno Consumers Cooperative association elevator at Nickerson.

**\*James Elvin Culver**, AMM 2/c, Naval Air Force, stationed at Crow's Landing, Calif., and Shoemaker Calif.

*\*Sons of Mrs. H. E. Culver, Nickerson.*



**Harold B. Culver**, PR 2/c Naval Air Corps, parachute rigger, Rodd Field, Tex. Previously at Farragut Ida., and at San Diego. Later served for 6 mos. at Kingsville, Tex., and Corpus Christi, Tex. Discharged Jan. 1946. In service over two years, from Nov. 1943. Graduated from naval parachute material school at North Island, Calif. Now employed as upholsterer in Hutchinson.



**Wm. H. Culver**, T/5, 91st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, with Fifth army in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Landed at Casablanca, Morocco, on Christmas eve, 1942. Was on guard duty at Casablanca conference. Among first troops to enter Milan, Italy, April 29, 1944. Saw bodies of Mussolini and his cabinet hanging in the Milan square. In service nearly four years, April 1942 to Dec. 1945. Overseas three years. Previously at Camp Roberts, Calif., Camp Stoneman, Calif., Camp A. P. Hill, Va., and Ft. Dix, N. J. Son of Mrs. Naomi W. Culver, 216 West 17th.

**Chester G. Cummings**, Pfc., Infantry, in Southwest Pacific. Wounded in action on Okinawa. To hospital in Marianas islands. Wounded in hand. Home, 326 West A.



**\*Cecil B. Cunday**, Lt. (jg) Naval Air Force, Southwest Pacific, stationed at Barber's Point naval air station, Hawaii 5 mos.; Agane Field, Guam, 1 mo.; and in aircraft carriers USS Card, USS Saratoga, USS Corregidor, USS Tripoli and USS Bon Homme Richard. In service since Oct. 1942.



**\*Clive N. Cunday**, S 1/c, Navy, gunner on the USS Pittsburgh in action in Marshall islands, Okinawa and Iwo Jima. Wounded by shrapnel in action at Roi island, in the Marshalls Feb. 12, 1944. Was aboard the Pittsburgh when it towed the aircraft carrier, USS Franklin from Japanese waters, after it was bombed. Also on the Pittsburgh when it was struck by bombing and lost 104 feet of its bow. In service nearly three years, Aug. 1943 to March 1946.



**\*Francis F. Cunday**, Sgt. Army Air Corps, electrician, in North Africa. Overseas mate on Geiger Field, Wash., landing in Morocco, Oct. 1942. At Casablanca for 10 months. Wounded in action in the Tunisian campaign, May 10, 1943, by shrapnel. In service almost two years. Previously served at Ft. Warren, Wyo., and Geiger Field, Wash.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Cunday, Nickerson, RFD 1.*



**Dale (Willis D.) Cunday**, EM 3/c, Navy, electricians mate on USS Lloyd E. Acres, destroyer escort, on Pacific. In Asiatic-Pacific and Philippines Liberation campaigns. Overseas about two years in the Philippines and China. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clive J. Cunday, 1103 North Hendricks St.

**Carl Cundiff**, Infantry, with military police at Honolulu. Was soldier in Hawaii for 11 years. There when Pearl Harbor was bombed, Dec. 7, 1941, serving on Honolulu police force. Formerly of Sylvia. A sister, Mrs. Cleo Hawley, also in Honolulu at time of bombing of Pearl Harbor, on duty as an army nurse.

**Irvin Cundith**, T/5, 130th Field Artillery Bn. in European theater, France, Belgium and Germany. Was Pvt. Battery C, 130th FA when the battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. To California with that division and later overseas with the same battalion. Son of Mrs. Margaret Cundith, 221 West B.

**\*Clayton R. Cunningham**, Cpl. Army Air Force, Boca Raton Field, Fla.

**\*Rondal Ray Cunningham**, Navy. Farragut, Ida., Naval Station.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Esther York, 204 East Third. The brothers were inducted together at Ft. Leavenworth same day.*



**Dean B. Cunningham**, T/4, 46th General hospital, head baker in medical corps unit in European theater. Overseas Aug. 1943 to North Africa. There for one year. Participated in the invasion of southern France and in campaign in Germany. In France and Germany Sept. 1944 to Dec. 1945. In army nearly four years, Jan. 1942 to Dec. 1945. With Meadow Gold Creamery, Home, 225 East Seventh.

**\*Don R. Cunningham**, AMM Naval Air Force in Pacific theater. In the naval service since April 1941. Was at Pearl Harbor when that base was bombed, Dec. 7, 1941. Was engaged in loading planes that morning and had just left a hangar when it was struck by a bomb and demolished. To Australia with a reconnaissance patrol, making several flights from Darwin, Australia to the Dutch Indies to rescue Americans as Japs invaded the islands.



On patrol duty off west Australian coast when his PBV, Catalina flying boat, was shot down in the Indian ocean in July, 1942. He and eight men were adrift for 14 days on a life raft before being rescued. Suffered blindness for a time as result of eyes being affected by sun glare while afloat on the raft. To hospital in Australia for a month and then to hospital at Oakland, Calif., for treatment of eyes. After months of treatment was given medical discharge June, 1943, because of the injury to eyes. Previously was on the USS Chicago on the Pacific when it was sunk as result of Jap attack. Home, 410 West Ninth St.

**\*Marvin D. Cunningham**, Yeoman, Navy, based at San Diego. 410 West Ninth St.

*\*Sons of Ed R. Cunningham, former sheriff, now detective, Hutchinson police department.*

**Harold E. Cunningham**, S 2/c, Navy, on USS Anderson on the Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cunningham, Turon.



**Lewis O. Cunningham**, B 2/c, Navy, baker with utility squadron No. 13 on Guadalcanal and in Philippines. Overseas Jan. 1945. In Southwest Pacific area 9 mos. In navy Dec. 1942 to Oct. 1945. Previously stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., and Crane, Ind., naval stations. Home, 510 West Tenth.



**\*Marion G. L. Cunningham**, Pfc., 428th Medical collecting company ambulance driver in European theater, serving in Normandy, Ardennes and Rhineland battles. France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. In the service about 3½ years, Sept. 1942 to Dec. 1945. Overseas two years. Home at 16 North Severance. With Burt & Binford Construction Co.



**\*Roland J. Cunningham**, Sgt. Battery C, 130th Field Artillery, 35th Div. in European theater. In service over five years, Oct. 1940 to Dec. 1945. Was Pvt. in Battery C when the battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 130th F. A. Jan. 1941. With 35th Div. at Camp Robinson one year, and in California in western coast defense until Dec. 1944, going overseas then. In France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Home, 10 North Monroe. With Burt & Binford Construction Co.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Charles H. Sallee, 10 North Monroe St., Hutchinson. (Her husband also in service, with 840th Signal Bn. at Camp Crowder, Mo.)*

**Thos. G. Cunningham**, Pvt., 130th Field Artillery, 35th Div. With Battery C when the National Guard battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940, going to Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941.



**Everett J. Cupps**, Sgt., Army Air Corps, 21st Bomber Command, 20th Air Force, in western Pacific. On Saipan 14 months, and Iwo Jima four months. With ground crew servicing B-29 bombers engaged in raids on Tokyo, at the Saipan base. Made flight on V-J Day on supply mission, taking food to American prisoners released from concentration camp at Osaka, Japan. In army nearly three years, April 1943 to Feb. 1946. Overseas about 1½ years. Previously at Atlantic City, N. J., Ft. Monmouth, N. J., Leesburg Air Base, Fla., and Tinker Field, Oklahoma City. Son of Mrs. L. C. Cupps, 315 East Sixth.

**Louis E. Curdes**, Lt., Army Air Force, killed in action in Italy Oct. 1943. (See Gold Star roster.)



**James L. Curley**, M/Sgt., Marine Air Corps, master technical sergeant. In southwest Pacific 1½ years; participated in battle of Guadalcanal. On Guadalcanal seven months, island of Efate six months and New Caledonia five months. In service six years, June 1940 to June 1946. Awarded commendation by Adjutant General for his design for light tank armor, and also for invention of automatic bomb release. Was stationed at North Island, Calif., Naval Air Station nearly three years and at Marine Corps Air Station, Quantico, Va., about two years. Home, 1416½ East Fourth.



**Leslie E. Current**, Cpl. with pack artillery in Chinese-Burma theater for nearly two years, April 1944 to Dec. 1945. In battle of Takwa, Burma, and campaign in Hosi Valley, Burma. In army nearly four years. Awarded two battle stars for campaigns in Burma. Before going overseas was stationed at Miami, Fla., Camp Crowder, Mo., and Camp Pinedale, Calif. Formerly with 432nd Signal Construction Bn. Returned to New York from Calcutta, India, Dec. 1945. Son of John Current, 17 North Grandview. Home, 1503 North McKinley.

**Raymond S. Currey**, S/Sgt., Ordnance Corps, 301st Ordnance Regt. Over Pacific. Injured overseas and brought to hospital at Salinas, Calif. Formerly at Camp Sutton, N. C. 519 North Poplar.

**Bentley Currier**, S/Sgt., Headquarters of Air Technical Service in France. Overseas 2½ years. Was with Strategic Air Force headquarters in England, then to France. Returned to New York Dec. 1945. Son of Mrs. Ruby Currier, 222 West Seventh.

**Francis Currier**, Pvt., Inf., in North Africa. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Currier, Hutchinson.



**Audie L. R. Curry**, Ensign, Navy, on USS Orion on the Pacific, based in Australia for ten months. Previously on submarine chaser No. 502, on duty on Hawaiian sea frontier, for 16 months, serving as an electrician's mate. Served 40 months as enlisted man, then being commissioned at midshipman's school, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y., April 1945. In navy four years, Sept. 1941 to Sept. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Curry, 126 East Carpenter. Employed as electric meterman for Kansas Power & Light Co.

**J. Nelson Curry**, S 1/c, Coast Guard, on USS Hutchinson, fighting frigate named after the city of Hutchinson, Kans., serving in west Pacific. Participated in action in Philippines invasion and naval battle off Leyte Island. In opening attack on Leyte, 13 Jap planes were downed, three of them by the crew of the Hutchinson. The USS Hutchinson (PF-45) operated with a destroyer flotilla out of Mare Island, Calif. Overseas early in 1944, operating in invasion of the Philippines at San Pedro Bay and in battle of Leyte Gulf. In operations at Wewak and Aitape, east of New Guinea; Noempoor Island, west of New Guinea; Cape Sansabar, Morotai, and Halmahera Islands; operated with Task Force 70 in anti-submarine warfare and patrol work in New Guinea area and on escort duty for aircraft carriers; later based at Hollandia. Was assigned to duty as convoy escort in Leyte Gulf and on cruising watch at Morotai. In Australia port V-J Day. Home at 1100 East 19th.

**Eugene Curtis**, Sgt., Finance Department, Army, in service since 1941. Hospitalized at Tuscaloosa, Ala., since August 1943 until medical discharge Nov. 24, 1943. Home, 2228 North Madison.

**Nelson Curtis**, Pvt., Army Air Corps, Glendale, Calif. Home, Plevna.

**Hugh C. Cuthbertson**, Pharmacist Mate 1/c, Medical Department, Navy. On Atlantic, based in New York. Former pastor of Neola Christian Church, near Turon.

**\*Jack A. Cutter**, Marines, serving on battleship USS West Virginia, at Pearl Harbor at time the vessel was bombed and sunk in Japanese attack Dec. 7, 1941; escaped with life. Served later in west Pacific in battle of Saipan.

**\*Thomas Cutter, Jr.**, Army Air Force, as mechanic in ground force, serving at air base in Kentucky.

**\*Verle Dwight Cutter**, Pfc., Marines, in southwest Pacific, was on the USS West Virginia in Manila Bay when the Japanese seized Manila. He was wounded while helping defend Corregidor. He was taken prisoner when Corregidor fell early in 1942. Held for 2½ years a prisoner in concentration camp in Philippines. Was being moved from there on a Jap prison ship to Jap mainland when the ship was torpedoed.

He escaped, reaching the shore of an island where Filipino guerillas rescued and hid him until a rescue party attached to MacArthur's command found them. He was with group of 83 Americans rescued and taken to hospital in Australia.

*\*The Cutter brothers formerly of Hutchinson and Sylvia. Nephews of Mrs. Ralph Vanek, 406 East A, Hutchinson.*



**Richard A. Dadisman**, Ensign, Navy, on USS Richard B. Anderson. Graduated from naval academy, Annapolis, Md., 1946. One year in naval air corps. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dadisman, 303 East 11th.

**Harold Daggy**, Chief Boatswains Mate, Navy, serving on Atlantic. Home, Nickerson.



**\*Carl V. Dahlberg**, T/Sgt., Army Ordnance corps, tank mechanic. In Egyptian-Lybian campaign, North Africa, based at Cairo for one year. To Middle East a month before American invasion force landed in North Africa. Two weeks after they had reached the British base near Cairo Gen. Montgomery launched the offensive at El Alamein against Rommel's Afrika Korps. As the Germans were forced back Sgt. Dahlberg's unit was moved from Cairo to Tripoli, traveling over the desert battleground in wake of the big battle. In army 3½ years. Home, 633 East Seventh.



**\*Kenneth W. Dahlberg**, Sgt., 337th Inf., 85th Div., serving in Italy with the Fifth army. Took part in Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns. Wounded in action, in leg and arm, in battle near Cipoli, Italy, Aug. 18, 1944. Awarded Silver star, Combat Infantryman's badge and Purple Heart. In service 3½ years, May 1942 to Oct. 1945. Overseas 20 months. Overseas Dec. 1943, landing in Italy New Year's Day, 1944. Home, 539 East A.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Carl O. Dahlberg, 1211 East B.*

**Cole M. Dailey**, Lt., Army Air force, bombardier on Flying Fortress based in England. Shot down over Belgium April 27, 1944, and taken prisoner. Held in Stalag 7-A prison, near Moosburgh, Germany, for a year; liberated April 29, 1945, by American troops. Home, 534 East First.



**\*Albert N. Dale**, Cpl., Army Air corps, serving with ground crew at Stuttgart, Ark., army air field, Blytheville, Ark., and Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla. Previously at Sherman Field, Ft. Leavenworth. In service since Aug. 1942. After 3½ years service and discharge at Shreveport, La., March 1946, re-enlisted in air corps and now at Sebring, Fla.

**\*John A. Dale**, Pvt., Marine corps, killed in action on Iwo Jima March 2, 1945. (See Gold Star roster.)

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dale, 1505 North Forest St.*



**\*Jimmy Martin Dale**, Pfc., 29th Inf., scout and rifleman, serving in battles of Cherbourg and St. Lo, in Normandy invasion. Served in European theater nearly two years, in England, France, Belgium and Germany, April 7, 1944, to Jan. 1946. In Normandy, Ardennes and Rhineland battles and Central Europe campaign. In service 2½ years, Aug. 1943 to Jan. 1946.



**\*Leland Gilbert Dale**, GM 3/c, Navy, serving as gunner's mate on a destroyer, USS Stockham, on the Pacific, for nearly two years. Served with the Third and Fifth fleets on the Pacific. In navy three years, Dec. 1942 to Feb. 1946. Was in Tokyo Bay with occupation force after the surrender. In service until Feb. 1946. With city engineering department.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Dale, 2125 East G.*

**Alvin D. Dalke**, 1st Lt., Army Air force, co-pilot on a B-29 Liberator bomber based in England. Completed fifty bombing missions over Nazi targets. In one raid part of the engine of his plane was shot away, but made a safe landing. To England, June 1944. Home, Valley township.

**\*Charles L. Dalrymple**, with Coast Guard, Townsend Inlet, N. J.

**\*Robert E. Dalrymple**, Lt., Army Air force, Lincoln, Neb., Pecos, Tex., and Merced, Calif.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Dalrymple, Haven.*

**W. J. Dalrymple**, Capt., Signal corps, base signal officer, Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La. Formerly with Bell Telephone Co., Hutchinson.

**Quenton E. Dalton**, T/Sgt., Army Air corps, Richmond, Calif. Son of Mrs. E. S. Eshom, Hutchinson.



**Lester R. Damon**, CM 3/c, Navy, carpenter's mate at naval station on Okinawa for about a year. Participated in the Okinawa campaign. Overseas from San Bruno, Calif. Formerly served at naval air stations at Memphis, Tenn., and Lido Beach, N. Y. In navy about two years, Sept. 1944 to June 1946. Son of Mrs. J. B. Atkinson, 306 East 12th. Home, 137 East 11th.



**\*Richard C. Danford**, T/Sgt., Army Signal corps, as radio repairman in West Pacific, serving with 3181st Signal Bn. in the Okinawa campaign. Overseas Jan. 1945 to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and then to Okinawa, landing there April 1, 1945. On Okinawa nearly a year. Discharged March 1946. Insurance salesman in Hutchinson.

**\*Robert J. Danford**, Sgt., Veterinary corps, food inspector, on duty at Camp Berkeley, Tex. Wm. Beaumont General hospital, Ft. Dix, N. Y., and Buffalo, N. Y. In service about two years, Jan. 25, 1944, to Nov. 3, 1945.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Danford, 830 West Fourth St.*

**Stanley Danford, Jr.**, Cpl., Fifth Marines, killed in action in Iwo Jima, March 7, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Danford, 815 Buchanan St. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Austin Daniel**, Pvt., Headquarters Co., 154th Inf., Camp Pickett, Va. 105 North Star.

**Reuben W. Daniel**, Army Medical detachment, Camp Robinson, Ark. 324½ North Main.

**Robert E. Daniel**, Major, Seattle, Wash., and Fort Benning, Md. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Daniel, 211 West 19th.



**\*Samuel P. Daniel**, Pvt., Army air corps, airplane mechanic, Alamogordo, N. Mex. for 14 months. Previously at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Lincoln, Neb., Amarillo, Tex., Salt Lake City and Dahlhart, Tex. army air fields. In service over two years, June 1943 to Aug. 1945.



**\*William L. Daniel**, Pfc., 137th Inf., 35th Div., rifleman, ammunition bearer and pioneer, serving at European theater with the Third Army, in battles of Normandy, Ardennes and northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. In service five years, enlisting Feb. 20, 1941. Overseas for 17 months in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Daniel, 23 West Fifth.*

**Roy George Daniels**, with armed force at Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii. Home, Haven.



**Walter W. Daniels**, T/5, 9th Armored Div., Second Tank Bn. in European theater. Overseas from Camp Polk, La., Aug. 1944, serving in Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns. In England, Luxembourg and Germany. Overseas over year. In army over 4½ years. With Second Cavalry nearly a year. Home, at Camp Funston Nickerson RFD 1.



**Raymond Danner**, S 1/c, Navy, serving on minesweeper on Pacific for 19 months. Son of Mrs. Sam K. Fuller, 1215 East B.

**Rex O. Darby**, Sgt., 301st Ordnance, serving in European theater. Formerly with McNaghten Loan Co. Home, 7 East 16th.

**\*Clyde R. Darland**, SK 1/c, Navy, in West Pacific. In battle of Okinawa; overseas April to July 1945. Previously storekeeper at naval base, Norfolk, Va.

**\*Lloyd Eugene Darland**, S 1/c, Navy, radio technician, Great Lakes naval station, Norman, Okla. and Camp Perry, O. To West Point, N.Y. naval air station July 1, 1946 as cadet 4/c.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy E. Darland, 408 West 11th.*

**Delmar D. Darland**, Pvt., 31st "Dixie" Div., in Philippines. Made 50-mile water thrust, in shallow-bottomed boats up Agusan river, in Mindanao in summer of 1945, his combat team killing over 100 Japs in two weeks in scattered contacts. Son of Lee Darland, Hutchinson RFD 4.

**Leroy S. Darland**, A/c, Army Air corps, cadet at Amarillo, Tex., army air field for two years. Home, 311 East Third.



airplane sheet metal worker.



**\*Duane L. Darling**, Cpl., Army Air force, over Pacific. Participated in the Ryukyus battle in 1945. On Okinawa nine months, and Oahu, Hawaii, nine months. In service March 19, 1943, to Feb. 11, 1946. At Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Lawton, Wash., Camp Stoneman, Calif., and Ft. Logan, Colo. Was

**\*LaVerne A. Darling**, T/5, Army Engineers, 24th Engineers corps, over Pacific, based at Panay, Philippines, participating in the Luzon campaign in 1945. Was also at Seoul, Korea. In service July 1944 to July 28, 1946. Served as carpenter in engineers unit, tank company.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Darling, 1701 East Third.*

**Lyle J. Darling**, T/Sgt., 20th Army Air force, on Saipan; gunner on a B-29. 43 months in service. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross and Air medal with oak leaf clusters. Home, 1114 North Main.

**Dawn Worth Darlington**, Pvt., Marines, killed in action on Peleliu, Sept. 26, 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Darlington, 405 East 13th. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Cecil R. Darnall**, Pvt., 34th "Red Bull" Div. in Italy, with Fifth army. 925 East Eighth.



**Alfred L. Darnell, Jr.**, 2nd Lt., 378th Inf., 95th Div., with Third army, in Belgium and Germany. During reduction of Metz fortress Sgt. Darnell led a platoon, after the commanding officer was shot, and made the attack on the fortress and across the Saar. Received battlefield promotion to lieutenant. Awarded Silver star for heroism. Also EAME medal with three bronze battle stars. In service 3½ years. Overseas July 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf L. Darnell, Nickerson.



**\*Duford D. Darrow**, T/5, Army Air force, in Western Pacific, serving in Luzon, Philippines and then to Japan with occupational force. Stationed at Kyushu, Japan. Contracted hepatitis, an ailment of the liver, in Japan. In hospital there several months, then returned to U. S. March 1947. Under treatment at army hospital in Camp Beale, Smoky Hill air base station hospital, Salina, Kans., and Letterman General hospital, San Francisco. In service since Oct. 1942. Served as transportation technician in AAF.



**\*Wesley W. Darrow**, Sgt., Army Medical department, in Southwest Pacific, serving in action in the Luzon campaign in Philippines. Overseas to New Caledonia, then to the Philippines. In service 3½ years, from Aug. 1942 to Jan. 25, 1946. Awarded Philippine Liberation medal and Asiatic-Pacific and American Defense ribbons. Previously at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Camp Beale, Calif. Overseas in Pacific theater over a year.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Darrow, 518 West Sherman St.*

**Gail Robert Darrow**, MoMM 3/c, Navy, on USS Charger, on Pacific for 16 months. In service June 1944 to Jan. 1946. Home, 129 East 15th.



**Lloyd Dautrich**, S/Sgt., Eighth Air force, based in England. Made six missions over Germany with 614th Bomb sq., 401st Bomb Grp. Shot down on sixth mission, hit by flak, while bombing Berlin, Aug. 6, 1944. Came down in Baltic sea, picked up by German minesweeper, and taken prisoner. Held prisoner of war for eight months in Germany until liberated by First U. S. army April 26, 1945, at Stalag Luft No. 4 in Pomerania. Made forced marches of 469 miles in Germany as a prisoner. In army air force about three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dautrich, Turon.



**Oren W. Davenport**, T/Sgt., with 81 MM mortar platoon, serving with the Seventh army in France, in the breaking of the Siegfried line in Germany, and on contact patrol in the Brenner pass, north Italy, making contact with the Fifth army there at the end of the war. Was wounded in action at Clembock, Germany, by shell fragment, Dec. 17, 1944. In the service 3½ years. Home, 708 East Tenth. Son of L. A. Davenport, Sterling RFD 2.



**\*Galen F. Davidson**, ART 2/c, Naval Air force, radio technician on cruiser USS Santa Fe, on Pacific. Made scouting trip almost all around main island of Japan. In service 1942 to 1945. Sustained injury to back while on duty at Corpus Christi, Tex., naval air station, necessitating five operations. In Ward Island naval hospital, Corpus Christi, about seven months. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton G. Davidson, Plevna.

**\*Elaine VanVeen Davidson**, Ensign, Naval Nurse corps, in service since Jan. 1944. On duty at Ward Island naval hospital, Corpus Christi, Tex.

*\*Radio Technician Davidson and Ens. Elaine VanVeen were married by the naval chaplain at Corpus Christi, Tex., Jan. 31, 1945. They met while he was a patient at the Ward Island naval hospital, where she was his nurse.*

**John H. Davidson, Jr.**, AMMH 1/c, Naval Air force, in service about 3½ years, at Hutchinson naval air station. At Chicago naval station three months. Home, 621 East Sixth.



**Raymond Cormie Davidson, Jr.**, Lt. Cdr., Navy, on both Atlantic and Pacific. Commanding officer of USS YMS-60 for 15 months; and on USS Inflict (AM-251) for 13 months, on Pacific. Participated in Okinawa campaign, occupation of Korea and Japan, and sweeping of mine barriers in East China sea and Yellow sea. On USS Keokuk six months and USS YMS-60 two years on the Atlantic. In navy 5½ years, Sept. 1940 to Feb. 1946. At sea for four years, most of the time on mine sweeper duty. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Davidson, 100 West 21st. Now associated with father in grain business, Davidson Grain Co. Home, 309 West 18th.

**Roger Gay Davidson**, Pvt., Inf., in Pacific theater. Son of H. P. Davidson, with Hutchinson naval air station. Home, 216 East Fifth.





**Jimmie Joan Davie**, (the former Jimmie Joan Goodbrake), RM 2/c, WAVES, radio-man in navy. At Bronx, New York, Oxford, O., and for more than a year on duty at the naval air base at Corpus Christi, Tex. In service July 1944 to April 11, 1946. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Goodbrake, 722 West First. (Mrs. Davie now residing at Everest, Kans.)



**\*James L. Davies**, Pvt., Machine Gunner, Third Div., in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Wounded three different times, first by shell fragment in back; shortly after, at Anzio beach landing, hit in hand. Later badly wounded in stomach and legs by mortar fire, in action south of Rome. To army hospital in Italy; later to Winter General hospital, Topeka. In service four years. Overseas over a year. Employee at Betts Bakery.



**\*Robert Davies**, Pfc., 276th Inf., with ammunition and pioneer platoon. In European theater, serving in Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, in France and Germany. In service July 30, 1943, to Jan. 24, 1946, including 15 months overseas. Formerly stationed at Camp Adair, Ore., and at Wm. Kelly flour mills.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Davies, 1513 East Fifth.*

**Lee Edward Davies**, S/Sgt., Signal section, Army, in West China, near Chungking since 1942. Home in Prairie Grove community, near Sylvia. Nephew of Mrs. J. B. Hild, 412 West 12th.



**Teddy Gene Davies**, Pfc., 305th Inf., 77th Div., in Southwest Pacific, in action in Okinawa, May 1945. Served on Saipan, in Marianas, on Cebu, in Philippines, and then to Japan. With occupation force, in Hokaido, for five months. Overseas Sept. 1944. In Hawaii for five months. In service Jan. 1944 to April 1946. Son of Mrs. Harry M. Davies, 1217 West 11th. Employee at Carey salt works.

**Anthony F. Davis**, S/Sgt., 15th Air force based in Italy. Aerial gunner on B-24 Liberator, participating in bombing missions on targets in Germany and Rumania. Citations for bombing of aircraft plant at Regensburg, Germany, and Ploesti oil refineries in Rumania, in 1944. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Davis, 116 East Fifth.

**Betty Sue Davis**, with WACS at Ft. Des Moines, Ia. Former official in Hutchinson Business & Professional Women's club.



**Bryce M. Davis**, Coxswain, Navy Shore patrol, serving with the 79th, 539th and 58th naval construction battalions. In Western Pacific theater about 1½ years. Served in battle of Okinawa. Stationed on Okinawa over a year, April 1945 to May 1946. Then to Japan with occupational force, stationed at Yokohama May 17 until return to U. S. for discharge June 10, 1946. Son of Mrs. W. H. Davis, Nickerson RFD 1. Operating dray line in Nickerson.

**Charles Davis**, Pvt., Battery B, 130th F. A., when that battalion mobilized in Hutchinson, Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th division. Discharged for disability. Home, 1309 East 11th.

**Charles M. Davis**, Lt. (jg), Navy. Communications division. In South Pacific. Former teacher Liberty junior high school, Hutchinson.



**\*Donald Lee Davis**, Pfc., clerk-typist, Finance department, Army headquarters, at Wiesbaden, Germany. He entered service Aug. 21, 1945. Stationed at Camp Wolters, Tex., for three months, and at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., for six weeks. He went overseas Jan. 1946, stationed in Germany with occupational force, Returned from ETO 1947.



**\*Lewis E. Davis**, S/Sgt., Army Air force, 46th Bomber group, in North Africa. At Sale air base, Rabat, Morocco, for one year. Injured in crash of plane in Morocco, right elbow badly hurt, Dec. 1945. To army hospital at Cambridge, Ohio, for four months. Returned to duty at Salinas, Calif., army air base; stationed there for two years. In service about 5½ years, June 1940 to Nov. 1945.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis, 503 Cloverdale Drive.*

**\*Donald P. Davis**, Pvt., 341st Engineers, in Germany. Overseas over year, returning Sept. 1945. Formerly at Camp Robinson, Ark.

**\*Gene H. Davis**, with Naval Construction battalion, "Seabees," in California and Washington.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Jennie Davis, 818 East B.*



**Elmer Ralph Davis**, Gunners Mate 3/c, Navy, on detail at naval ammunition depot, Hawthorne, Nev., for 14 months, with Bureau of Ordnance inventory. Previously stationed at Farragut, Ida., naval station and naval supply depot at Clearfield, Utah. He was in the naval service 1½ years, May 1944 to Oct. 1945. Home, 603 East B. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davis, 518 West B.

**Gail E. Davis**, Pfc., Infantry, over Pacific. In assault landing on Guam. In action there for 21 days. Later to Japan with occupation force. Returned from overseas Nov. 1945. Home, Haven. Teacher in Haven schools.

**\*Gilbert "Jimmy" Davis**, Lt., Seventh Marines, fatally wounded in action in Southwest Pacific, Sept. 17, 1944. (See Gold Star roster.)



**\*Maurice (Archie M.) Davis**, Sgt., Marines, in Southwest Pacific, stationed on Engelle island, Marshalls group. Participated in the Marshall islands campaign and occupation of Wake island. In service three years July 1943 to April 1946. Overseas Jan. 1945. Served as assistant navy mail clerk.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Ruby Davis, 306 East B.*



**Granville Chester Davis**, S 1/c, Navy, on USS Johnson, on the Pacific. In six campaigns, from Marshall islands to the Philippines, including one submarine action west of Bougainville. Wounded by shrapnel, left arm fractured and left shoulder mangled. Awarded citation for "extraordinary heroism" in battle of Samar, Philippines, Oct. 25, 1944. In service over two years, May 1943 to July 1945. Home, 106 Chemical St.

**Grady Davis**, Ensign, Navy, on Pacific based at San Diego. 901 East Sherman.

**Guy Davis**, Pvt., Engineers attached to Army Air corps. With 23rd Air Depot group, Oklahoma City. Hutchinson RFD 4.



**Guy V. Davis**, Cpl., Army Air force, at Harmon Field, on Guam from April 1945 to Jan. 28, 1946. Was there when the first atomic bomb left Harmon Field, headed for Japan. In service from April 19, 1944, to Feb. 24, 1946, including service at Buckley Field, Colo., Daniel Field, Ga., Gieger Field, Wash., McCook, Neb., and Tinker Field, Okla. Home, 401 Williams St.

**Harold A. Davis**, Pvt., Army Air force, Sioux Falls, S. D. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Davis of Hutchinson. Graduate Hutchinson high school, 1943.



**Harold Davis**, Pfc., Combat engineers, 12th and 8th divisions, in European theater, serving as demolition specialist. Served in Normandy, northern France and campaign in Rhineland and northern Germany. Wounded by mortar in Germany Jan. 17, 1945. In service March 14, 1941, to Sept. 30, 1945. Overseas from Ft. Jackson, Columbia, N. C., to Enniskillen, Ireland. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Davis, 616 North Grandview.





**Harry W. "Bill" Davis, Jr.**, 1st Lt., Army Air corps, pilot of B-25 with 332nd Air Service group based at Naples, Italy. Entered service Feb. 22, 1943. Overseas from Greensboro, N. C., depot April 1945. In Italy 17 months; at Fano, Siena, Florence, Leghorn and Naples. Formerly instructor at Luke Field, Phoenix, Ariz., and Marfa, Tex., army air fields. In service over three years, Feb. 1943 to July 1946. Son of Harry W. Davis, 404 East 13th. Home, 701 East A.

**Homer (Wesley H.) Davis**, Quartermaster 1/c, Navy, on USS Maurice J. Manuel, destroyer escort, in action near Leyte. Also in escort duty on Atlantic, to North Africa and France. On DE-351 on Chesapeake Bay during hurricane, Sept. 1944. On destroyer escort accompanying invasion force from Manila to Japan. One of the first DE's to enter Tokyo Bay. Son of Mrs. Anna Davis, 102 West Eighth.



**Jack C. Davis**, Lt. (sg), Navy, on carrier USS Hancock on the Pacific about two years. In action off Formosa, and second battle of Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, French Indo-China, Kyushu, Amami, Oshima and Wake island. Later at Honshu, Shikoku, Hokkaido and Tokyo, Japan. Former aide to commanding officer at Hutchinson naval air station. Awarded Bronze Star medal "for meritorious service." In navy over three years. Home, 518 East 14th. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis, 225 East 14th. Partner in Davis Lumber Co.



**James A. Davis**, Pfc., 87th Div., in action in France, Belgium and Germany, in Ardennes and Saar Valley battles and the battle of "the Bulge." Awarded three battle stars. Wounded twice, receiving Purple Heart and cluster. Feet frozen in winter campaign in Belgium, Jan. 1944. Overseas

nine months. Previously at Camp Hood, Tex., Ft. Meade, Md., and Camp Standish, Mass. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Davis, 207 East Fourth. Home, South Hutchinson.

**J. M. Davis**, Coxswain, Navy, on shore patrol duty, Hutchinson naval air station. His wife was also in service as a WAC, in charge of Hutchinson recruiting office for WACS. 211½ West Sixth.

**Leroy Davis**, Pvt., Ft. Benning, Ga. Son of Ed Davis, 1228 East E. Home, 808 East Ninth.



**\*John A. Davis**, Sgt., 10th Armored Div., with Third army, in European theater. Scout sergeant on reconnaissance duty, with 11th Tank Bn., serving in France and Germany. In service 2½ years, Nov. 1942 to May 1945. In action in battles in northern France, Belgium and Germany. Was dis-

abled in action, shell-shocked. Farmer in Darlow community.

**\*Kenneth P. Davis**, S/Sgt., Army Air force. Killed in raid over Budapest, Hungary, April 13, 1944. (See Gold Star roster.)

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. L. Davis, 407 East 11th.*

**Max E. Davis**, Lt., Army Air force, bombardier on B-26 bomber in Mediterranean area for 18 months. Completed 67 missions as bomber-navigator on Marauder. With 12th Army Air force, based in Sardinia. Previously in North Africa with 319th Bomber group. Participated in bombing Nazi stronghold in Mount Cassino abbey, Italy, Feb. 15, 1944. Wounded in bombing raid in north Italy. Home, 405 West 19th. Manager of Midland theater.



**Norman C. Davis**, W/O Chief Pharmacist Mate, Navy. Serving on USS Salt Lake City, USS Cheleb and USS Bancroft, on the Pacific about five years. In actions at Marshall islands, Wake, Marcus, raid off Japan, with covering force in capture of Guadalcanal, Stewart island, eastern

Solomons, Salvo Island, Komandorskie, and Philippine liberation campaign. In navy since May 1938. Now on duty on hospital staff, Great Lakes, Ill., naval station. Son of W. H. Davis, Nickerson.



**Raymond K. Davis**



**Richard H. Davis**

**Raymond K. Davis**, MMM 3/c, Navy, on submarine USS Whale, on the Pacific for two years, 1943 and 1944. Also served on Atlantic, based in Panama and Cuba, in 1945. Seven successful patrol runs, getting four or more enemy ships each run. On five different runs in Southwest Pacific, destroyed 168,000 tons of enemy shipping, a total bag of 20 vessels, including a 15,000 ton seaplane tender. Laid mines inside harbor of Kobe, Japan, in Sept. 1943 and sank four merchant vessels there. In navy three years, 1942 to 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davis, 111 East G.

**Richard H. Davis**, Pfc., Military police, in European theater. Overseas from Camp Rucker, Ala. On duty in France for five months with a military police battalion. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Davis, Hutchinson RFD.

**Robert C. Davis**, Sgt., Army Air force, European theater. Missing in action since raid over Germany July 30, 1944. 204 West B. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Tom L. Davis, Jr.**, Lt. (sg), Naval Air force, pilot in Blimp squadron with the Pacific fleet for three years, 1942 to 1945. In navy nearly four years. Home, 314 East Sixteenth.

**Walter Davis**, Pvt., Army Air force, India. Overseas June 1943. Home, 619 East Second. Grandson of Mrs. Eva Jones, that address.



**William T. "Tom" Davis**, Oiler on hospital ship, USS Chateau Thierry helping move wounded soldiers from North Africa and Italy to the U. S. Trips made from Bizerte and beachhead at Naples. Later served as junior engineer on the SS Taos Victory on the Pacific. Was injured in engine room, struck on head, suffering cerebral hemorrhage. Discharged Aug. 1945. Was serving as assistant manager of Harvey house at Winslow, Ariz., when he was suddenly fatally stricken May 9, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Davis, 207 East Fourth. Widow, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, 304 East Fifth.



**\*William Harold Davis, Jr.**, Radioman 3/c, Navy, on Pacific for 2½ years, on USS Manila Bay, USS Dale (353) and USS Lambertson. Served in Pacific raids and Gilbert Islands operations in 1943; in Marshall islands operations, 1943 and 1944; action in Marianas, Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, 1944. In navy about three years, June 1943 to Feb. 1946. Now lineman for Southwest Bell Telephone Co., Hutchinson.



**\*Helen Louise Davis**, Sp (T) Lt. 1/c, Waves, Link trainer operator, naval air station, Corpus Christi, Tex., for two years and two months. Previously for 10 weeks at Atlanta, Ga., naval air station. In Waves 2½ years, May 1943 to Nov. 1945. Link trainer instruction, 1,500 hours. Flying time around 200 hours. Since discharge from Waves Nov. 1945 served as clerk-typist at Hutchinson naval air station. Home, 114 East Fourth.

*\*Son and daughter of Mrs. Mamie Grant of Partridge.*

**Alfred W. Dawson**, Pfc., with armed force in European theater. Returned Jan. 1946. Home, Hutchinson RFD.



**\*Dale E. Dawson**, Coxswain, Navy, leader of plane handling crew at Hutchinson naval air station for more than two years, Sept. 1942 to Dec. 1944. Since then stationed at Terminal Island, Calif., and Great Lakes, Ill. Discharged Dec. 10, 1945. Graduate Hutchinson high school. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dawson, 126 West B.

**\*Geneva Cutlip Dawson**, SK 3/c, Waves, on duty as storekeeper at Hutchinson Naval Air Station.

*\*A service couple. Married while both were serving at the Hutchinson naval air station. Home 214 West A.*

**Phillip H. Dawson**, Capt. with legal branch of army, assistant to chief of army intelligence branch, Detroit, Mich. In service 3½ years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dawson, 625 East Third.





**Cecil A. Dawson**, AMM 2/c, Navy, stationed at Pacific Beach, Honolulu, Wash., for 6 mos. In armed service 3 years. Previously at Clinton, Okla., 1 1/2 years; Chicago, Durant, Okla., Santa Ana, Calif., and Great Lakes, Ill. Discharged at Norman, Okla. Dec. 16, 1945. Son of Mrs. Bertha Dawson, 314 East Eighth, Hutchinson. Home, 519 West 12th St.



**Aura C. Day, Jr.**, T/Sgt. Army Air Corps in Africa and China. Overseas from April to Dec. 1945, serving with Second Ferrying group based at Akkra, British Gold Coast, west Africa, and Khartoum, Egyptian Sudan. Later at Chengtu and Shanghai, China. Was with American force entering Shanghai after the Japanese surrender. In service about four years, May 1942 to Jan. 1946. Formerly based at Wilmington, Del., with Ferrying group. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Day, Pretty Prairie.

**\*Donald D. Day**, Pvt., Chemical Warfare service, Camp Seibert, Gadsden, Ala.

**\*Merle Day**, Specialist 2/c, Navy, with naval laboratory at Washington, D. C.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Rosa Mae Day, 1907 Ash St.*



**Gene Day**, Cpl., Army Air Corps, in European theater. Special service section, Eighth Fighter Command, with P-38 Fighter group base, as motion picture projectionist. At army air base headquarters, King's Cliff, England for two years, Aug. 1943 to 1945. In France, Belgium and Germany, Dec. 1945 to Jan. 1946. Discharged Feb. 1946 after about 3 1/2 years' service. Son of Frank T. Day, 100 North Pershing. Home, 1429 North Hendricks.



**Lawrence C. Day**, Cmdr. Navy, senior medical officer on cruiser USS Oakland, on Pacific for a year, Dec. 1944 to Dec. 1945. Was on the heavy cruiser USS Chicago in Tokyo Bay at time of the Jap surrender. Previously medical officer on USS Kilauea, ammunition ship, on the Atlantic for two years, participating in the invasion of North Africa. Was in Okinawa and Philippine campaigns and with Third fleet in campaign off Japan. After V-J Day served with occupation force in Japan and for a time on duty at Shanghai, China. In navy over five years, including three years at sea. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Day, Pretty Prairie.

**\*Leo S. Day**, T/5, in Army Medical Corps in European theater in Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. In France and Germany 14 months. Overseas from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Dec. 1944. In service 2 1/2 years. Home, 404 West 11th.

**\*Oris Omer Day**, Capt. Army Air Corps, pilot in Air Transport command in the India-China theater. Completed 300 hours of operational flight over the dangerous India-China air route "over the hump." In service over four years, including 16 months overseas.

*\*Sons of Mrs. O. O. Day, 206 East 11th.*

**Lester E. Day**, Pvt. First Paratroopers regiment in France, Belgium and Germany. Returned from overseas Aug. 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Day, Ninnescah township.

**Ray James Day**, Sgt., 965th F.A. Bn., First army, killed in action in Germany, Feb. 14, 1945. Home, Haven. (See Gold Star Honor Roll.)

**Roger L. Day**, Cadet, Naval air corps, Corpus Christi, Tex. 300 East A.

**William W. Day, Jr.**, Pvt., Army air force, Las Vegas, Nev., and Buckley Field, Denver. Home, Pretty Prairie.

**Paul F. Dealy**, Sgt., with armed force in New Guinea and Dutch East Indies. Son of John A. Dealy, Valley township.

**Bill Dean**, Yeoman, Navy, in Pacific theater. Returned Oct. 1946. Buhler.

**Fred O. Dean**, Cpl., 35th Div., Camp Rucker, Ala. Formerly of Hutchinson. Grandson of Mrs. Alice Dean, 304 East Carpenter St.

**Orville O. Dean**, Cdr., Naval air force, with anti-submarine patrol. Pilot of PB 4Y-1 patrol plane in Bombing squadron 110 in Atlantic area. Awarded citation and Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" on patrols over Bay of Biscay, off France. Home, 407 West 23rd.

**Merlyn DeArmond**, Pvt., Army Medical corps, killed in action in Luzon, Philippines, Jan. 19, 1945. Hutchinson. (See Gold Star roster.)

**James P. Dearth**, Coxswain, Navy, on aircraft carrier in Pacific for three months. Transferred July 1945 to V-7 unit at Philadelphia. For two years at Hutchinson Naval Air station. Son of Mrs. J. I. Dearth, 110 East 13th.

**Francis Deason**, Pvt., Battery C, 130th F.A. when the battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark. with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. Home, Hutchinson.

**Arden M. Deatz**, Fire Controlman 1/c, Navy, on Pacific. Son of Mrs. Fern Deatz, 10 East Seventh.

**Eugene Richard DeBerry**, Coxswain, Navy, in western Pacific, Pelau island. In navy since Jan. 1945. Son of James R. DeBerry, 607 West 8th.



**John H. DeBruler**, 1st Lt., Quartermaster corps, motor officer with truck company, in Southwest Pacific. Based at Finchhafen, New Guinea nearly two years. In service over five years, Dec. 1940 to Feb. 1946. Was pvt. Btry. C, 130th F.A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark. Son of J. R. DeBruler, 308 East Seventh.



**Laurence H. Deck**, T/Sgt., with 15th Air Force in Italy; flew 50 combat missions as waist gunner on Liberator bomber. Was awarded Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf cluster and Air medal. Was reported missing in action after failing to return from raid over Yugoslavia June 15, 1944. Arrived back at base June 25. Had been forced down, but escaped capture. Overseas nine months, in Italy. Son of Mrs. May Deck, 510 East Seventh.

**Alfred Decker**, Coxswain, Navy, on aircraft carrier on Atlantic, based at Norfolk, Va. Home, 614 North Maple.



**Kenneth S. Decker**, Pfc., 37th Field Artillery Bn., fire direction computer serving with 45th Div. in central Europe campaign. Overseas five months, April 3 to Sept. 21, 1945. Previously at Ft. Lewis, Wash. and Camp Howze, Tex. After return from ETO was at Camp Swift, Tex. and later with Second Div. at Ft. Lewis, Wash., parading with that division Army Day, 1946 at San Francisco. Discharged May 6, 1946. Home, Langdon.

**Otis Decker**, in service in Southwest Pacific. 212 East Ninth St.



**Donald D. Deeds**, T/Sgt., Infantry, in China-Burma-India theater serving as mess sergeant. Overseas from Ft. Ord, Calif. Sept. 1945. From CBI theater to Korea in occupational force, in Korea. Later in Hawaii. In service since April 5, 1945. Home, 215 E. Fourth.



**Frank H. Deeds, Jr.**, 2nd Lt., 56th Armored Inf., 12th Armored Div., in Belgium, France and Germany, serving in battles of the "Bulge" and Colmar pocket. Overseas as a Pfc. Won three battlefield promotions within less than three months. Promoted to sergeant when the "Hellcats" were in action on Belgian front. Three weeks later promoted to staff Sgt. Later in action near Herlishim, France, Jan. 1945, Sgt. Deeds, as forward artillery observer repaired defective radio transmission station under heavy fire, during counter-attack by Germans, succeeding in accurately directing fire on enemy, stopping the attack, and reorganized platoon in face of enemy fire. Promoted to lieutenant. Eight days later was wounded in action at Speyer, Germany, March 23, 1945, losing a leg and an eye. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deeds, 815 Pierce St.

**Kirby M. Deeds**, MM 3/c, Navy, with 141st Naval Construction battalion. In Pacific theater about two years. Home, 1004 North Plum.



**Eloise Ruth Deege**, 2nd Lt., Army Nurse corps, Lowry Field, Denver, and Camp Carson, Colo. Formerly nurse at Grace hospital. Home, 103 West Eighth.

**Lute H. DeFrieze**, Cpl., 332nd Quartermaster depot company, Camp Adair, Ore. Home, Sylvia RFD.

**Norman DeFreese**, Lt., Army Air force, killed in action in Southwest Pacific, Jan. 12, 1943. (See Gold Star roster.)



**Byrl J. DeGarmo**, Electricians Mate 3/c, Navy, at amphibious base, Solomons, Md., 1½ years. In service 2½ years, July 1942 to Jan. 25, 1945. Previously stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., Detroit, Mich., and Washington, D. C. Was chosen honor man of his company at Great Lakes naval station, Oct. 1942. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. DeGarmo, 4 South Grandview.

**Albert R. Degner**, Pfc., 203rd Coast artillery, in Aleutians for 27 months. Returned to Ft. Bliss, Tex., Sept. 1944. Home, Haven.



**Charles F. Delano, Jr.**, Ensign, Navy, with civil engineer corps, in Southwest Pacific, in the Marianas. Stationed on Tinian island three months, April to July, 1945; and on Saipan, about a year, July 1945 to June 1946. Previously at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I. In service July 1943 to July 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Delano, Jr., 420 East 14th.



**Marieta J. Delano**, Lt. (jg), WAVES, as communicator. In office of DNC, Naval communications, Washington, D. C., for over two years, Aug. 1943 to Oct. 1945; at Minneapolis, Minn., naval air station Oct. 1945 to Jan. 1946. Previously at Northampton, Mass. In service about three years, June 1943 to March 3, 1946. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Delano, 633 East 4th.

**\*Claude Edward Dellinger**, MoMM 3/c, Navy, on the Atlantic. Home, 510 East Park.

**\*Leland Roy Dellinger**, Pvt., Ft. Lewis, Wash. Formerly with Military police at Ft. Crook, Neb. Home, 501 Park St.



**\*Virgil S. Dellinger**, MoMM 3/c, Navy, at naval air station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for nearly a year, April 1945 to March 1946. Previously at Great Lakes, Ill., and Norfolk, Va. In service 1½ years, Oct. 1944 to March 19, 1946. Home, Langdon RFD 2.

**Jack M. Deline**, Pvt., Tank corps, Ft. Geo. Meade, Md., and Ft. Knox, Ky. Former employee Hutchinson News-Herald.

**Ivan O. Dellenbach**, Cpl., Camp Campbell, Ky. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dellenbach, Partridge.

**Charles Deller**, S 2/c, Navy. Home, 307 West Second.

**Joe DeLong**, with Army Air force, at Pratt army air base. Was general foreman at Cessna aircraft plant, Hutchinson.

**L. A. Delreis**, Cpl., Camp Adair, Ore. Home, Sylvia.

**Sam F. DeLuca, Jr.**, MM 3/c, Navy, in Pacific, based on Guam. In navy 15 months. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam DeLuca, 325 East Ninth.

**\*Delbert D. Delventhal**, Pfc., Infantry, in European theater. Overseas about three years; in England, France and Germany.

**\*Jack E. Delventhal**, Sgt., with Eighth Air force in England, bombardier on B-17 Flying Fortress.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Delventhal, of Arlington, RFD 1.*



**Alfred F. Deming**



**Vern Deming**

**\*Alfred Franklyn Deming**, S/Sgt., Army Air force, photo laboratory technician and ball turret gunner, 452nd Bomber group, 730th squadron, Eighth Air force, based in England. Completed 34 missions on B-17 bombers over Germany. Awarded Air medal and four Oak Leaf clusters for bombing attacks on oil refineries at Bremen and Marseburg, Germany, railway yards at Cologne and Saarbrücken, and aero engine plant at Regensburg, Germany. In service about two years. Returned from ETO May 1945 to Enid, Okla., army air field, serving there as technician in photo laboratory. Married April 1947 to Eileen Carrell, a WAVE, Pharm. Mate 2/c in Navy. Home, 18½ West B. Operates Al-Do Photo Finishers, 116 East B.

**\*Vern (LaVerne G.) Deming**, F 1/c, Navy, fireman on USS Saturn, on both Atlantic and Pacific. Wounded in action. To naval hospital at Chelsea, Mass.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Deming, 427 North Plum.*

**Francis DeMand**, Lt., Army Air force, missing in action over France Sept. 29, 1944. Home, Haven. (See Gold Star roster.)

**Thos. E. Demint**, Lt., Army Air force, Air Service command, England. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Demint, Hutchinson.

**Jack M. Dempsey**, Navy, engineering, Great Lakes, Ill., naval station. Home, 515 South Poplar.



**Thomas J. Dempsey**, S/Sgt., 16th Armored Field artillery Bn., Ninth Armored Div., serving as supply sergeant. Was in Ardennes battle, Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns, Battle of the Bulge, Belgium, and battle for Remagen bridgehead, Germany. In service 6½ years, May 1939 to Oct. 1945. Overseas 14 months, Aug. 1944 to Oct. 3, 1945. Home, 428 East Eighth.

**Wm. Dempsey**, S/Sgt., Inf., desert training center, near Needles, Calif. Home, Hutchinson RFD.

**Ross (Delmar R.) Denison**, Lt. (jg), Navy, torpedo and gunnery officer on destroyer USS Anthony, in Southwest Pacific. Participated in five major battles. Awarded Silver star for "conspicuous gallantry" in action near Okinawa, May 25-27, 1945, when guns under his control met a Jap suicide attack, shooting down five enemy planes and setting a sixth afire. In navy three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Denison, 22 E. 17th. Home, 403 W. 23rd.

**Elbert E. Denney**, Torpedoman 3/c, Navy, on destroyer USS Dyson, in Southwest Pacific, in action at Leyte and Okinawa. 713 East Eighth.



**Henry Pershing Denny**, Sgt., Army Air corps, serving as photographer and technician. Stationed at Lowry Field, Denver, for nearly three years, Jan. 1943 to Oct. 30, 1945. Previously was stationed at army air base at Bellaire, Fla. He was in service Nov. 2, 1942, to Oct. 30, 1945. Son of Mrs. C. F. Denny, 615 East Seventh.

**George E. Dent**, Pvt., Btry B, 130th F. A., when the battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., Jan. 1941, with 35th Div. Hutchinson RFD.

**John L. Denton, Jr.**, AM 2/c, Navy, in Southwest Pacific, based in Saipan. Son of Mrs. J. L. Denton, 220 East First.

**Paul W. Denton**, Cpl., 835th Engineers (Avn), in Egypt, near Cairo. Formerly of Reno county, nephew of Mrs. L. R. Wagler, 408 Crescent Blvd.

**Wayne B. Denton**, Ensign, Naval Air corps, killed in airplane crash, Lake City, Fla., Oct. 1944. Formerly of Hutchinson. Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Denton, 220 East First.

**Robert F. Depperschmidt**, Seaman, Navy. Son of Robert O. Depperschmidt, 116½ South Main.



**Bruce C. Detter, Jr.**, Sgt., Army Air corps, in West Pacific, based in Guam. In army since September 1944. Formerly at Lincoln, Neb., Brookings, S. D., Biloxi, Miss., Amarillo, Tex., and Greensboro, N. C. Then overseas to Guam. Was injured in typhoon in Guam. Son of Bruce Detter, 111 W. Tenth.



**Howard Detter**, Sgt., Army, Olney, Tex. Son of Mrs. M. E. Dillman, 228 East 14th.

**Millard L. Detter**, Lt., Naval Air force, pilot of Helicat dive-bomber with Air Group 12 in Pacific. On aircraft carrier USS Randolph. Took part in attacks on Iwo Jima, Okinawa and strikes on Tokyo. Blasted a hangar on airfield at Tokyo with high explosive rockets, destroying two Jap dive bombers. Awarded citations and Air medals also for direct hit on Jap vessel at Truk, destruction of seven Jap planes in action off Japan and "meritorious and daring tactics" as leader of dive bomber section in combat at Truk atoll. Flew 52 combat missions. In service over three years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. "Jake" Detter, Nickerson RFD.



**William Howard Detter**, S/Sgt., Eighth Service command, ordnance department, Aberdeen, Md. Awarded citation for "voluntarily exposing himself to chemical agents in tests for advancement of research in protection of armed forces." Formerly Pvt. in Battery C, 130th F.A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. At Camp Robinson, Ark. for a year with 35th Div. Then transferred to ordnance corps. Was injured at Aberdeen proving grounds, Md. when hit by an army truck. Since Jan. 1946 in recruiting service. Son of Mrs. M. E. Dillman, 228 East 12th.

**\*Charles W. Deupser**, Cpl., 322nd Bomb Sqdn., 91st Bomber group, Eighth Air Force, based in England.

**\*Thomas Deupser**, Seaman, Navy, Far-ragut, Ida. Naval station.

*\*Sons of George Deupser, Abbyville RFD. Mother died while they were in service, May 1944.*

**Harry Marlos Deupser**, Carpenter's Mate 3/c, Navy, on USS Newberry (APA-158), serving on Pacific. Home, Abbyville.

**Robert DeVaney**, Chief Machinist Mate, Navy, on Pacific. Based at San Francisco. Home, Turon.

**Kenneth A. DeVault**, Signalman 2/c, Navy, making ports in Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji islands, Canada, and Central and South America. In navy over 2½ years. Son of L. T. DeVault, Hutchinson RFD 4.



**Bernard R. Devine**



**Thos. Devine, Jr.**

**\*Bernard Roland Devine**, S 1/c, Navy, gunner with armed guard on merchant marine vessels on Pacific and Atlantic. In service three years. Home, 113 East First. Employee at Central Fibre Products Co. plant.

**\*Thomas Devine, Jr.**, Signalman 2/c, Navy, submarine service. On USS Orion in Asiatic-Pacific area. Based in Australia; at Biak, in Padiado group; Schohten islands; Eniwetok atoll; Guam; and on Saipan. In service three years, two years overseas.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Devine, 931 East A.*



**Jesse Y. Devine, Pfc.**, Marine Air corps, radio gunner on dive bomber in Southwest Pacific. In battles of Munda, New Georgia; Bougainville, Luzon and Bismarck Archipelago. Awarded Air medal. Flew on 47 strikes against Jap installations at Rabaul, Baguio, Manila, Kavieng and Clark Field, in Philippines. In one strike he demolished a group of 25 trucks. In service four years, Nov. 1942 to Nov. 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Devine, 809 East First.

**Carl E. DeVore**, Cpl., medical and dental technician with 317th Troop Carrier Unit, Fifth Air Force. Known as "Jungle Skippers" his unit operated in New Guinea and Philippines for over two years. On duty as assistant to Capt. Robert M. White (a Hutchinson dentist) in operating dental laboratory at advance bases in Leyte. Previously with ambulance crew in New Guinea. Son of Mrs. Lillie Klaus, Hutchinson.

**Meral June DeVoss**, Lt., Army Nurse corps, with U.S. General hospital, Temple, Tex. Daughter of E. L. DeVoss, 126 South Main.



**\*Eldon (Hugh E.) DeWater**, 1st Lt., Army air corps, pilot on P-38 fighter plane, with 15th Air Force, based in Italy, serving in campaigns in Italy, Rhineland, Germany and in Balkans. Flew dive-bombing missions in attacks on bridges, rail yards, junctions, convoys and enemy troops, trains and tanks. In air corps three years, Feb. 1943 to Nov. 1945. Overseas eight months.

**\*Mary Alice DeWater**, Pfc., WAC, with Army Signal Corps unit, in New Guinea. Married in service, in New Guinea, to T/5 Wallace Hunt, also of signal service. (See Mary Alice Hunt.)

*\*Son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. DeWater, 309 East Eleventh.*



**Ray B. DeWater**, S/Sgt., Army air force in European theater. Participated in air offensive in Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Overseas April 1944. Formerly Pvt. in Battery A, 130th F.A. when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson. To 35th Div. at Camp Robinson, Ark. Dec. 1940. With 35th Div. in California. Transferred June 1942 to army air force at Keesler Field, Miss. In army five years. Formerly with American Steam Laundry, Hutchinson.

**Ernest W. Dewey**, Cpl., 376th Inf., 94th Div., in Ardennes battle, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, in action clearing the Saar-Moselle triangle, seizing a bridgehead east of the Saar river, and capture of Trier and Ludwigshafen, Germany. His battalion fought off seven counterattacks within five days, virtually eliminating the 11th Panzer division. Formerly with Chemical Warfare service, at Camp Sibert, Ala. In group volunteering for tests with poisonous gases at Edgewood Arsenal, Md. Awarded citation of honor. Transferred to 94th Div. at Camp McCain, Miss. Overseas 16 months. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Dewey, 917 North Washington.



**Leo V. Dewitt**, EM 1/c, Navy, chief electrician on battleship USS Massachusetts on both Atlantic and Pacific. In patrol duty on Atlantic; in action at landing at Casablanca, North Africa. Later in Southwest Pacific, in action at Bougainville, Hollandia, New Guinea, Marshall and Gilbert islands. Was awarded five bronze stars. In service nearly three years, Jan. 1942 to Nov. 1944. After discharge, electrician foreman at Hutchinson Naval air station. Home, 632 West Sherman.

**Mary E. DeWitte**, Yeoman 2/c, (T) WAVES, at naval station at Milwaukee. Her husband, H. W. DeWitte, with naval air force at Hutchinson NAS. Daughter of Mrs. Wallace A. Humphries, Hutchinson.

**Glenn Jacob Dick**, Ensign, Naval Air corps, flying instructor, Norman, Okla., naval station. Home, Haven.

**Harry P. Dick**, EM 1/c, Navy, chief electrician with PC-472 on patrol duty off North Africa. Home near Buhler.

**Walter L. Dick**, Sgt., Army. Son of Mrs. Jacob M. Dick, Buhler.



**C. A. Dickenson**



**J. D. Dickenson**

**\*Chas. A. Dickenson**, Sgt., Army Signal corps, message center chief and cryptograph technician, in Belgium and Germany. In army over two years, 1944 to 1946. Home, Plevna.

**\*James D. Dickenson**, S/Sgt., Army Air force, 648th Sq., 411th group, instructor at Florence, S. C., army air field for 29 months. Also at Sheppard Field, Tex., MacDill Field, Fla., Westhampton Beach, N. Y., and Camp Grant, Ill. In army 3½ years.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Alice A. Dickenson, Plevna RFD 1.*



**\*Aaron E. Dickerson**, 1st Lt., Army Air force, bombardier on B-24 bomber based in Italy. Made 27 bombing missions over enemy targets in Rumania and Hungary. Now 1st Lt. army reserve corps. Vice president Reno County Reserve Officers association.

**\*Kenneth C. Dickerson**, Pvt., Engineers, Clemson, S. C.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Blanche Dickerson, Haven.*



**C. L. Dickerson**



**R. D. Dickerson**

**\*Charles L. Dickerson**, Pfc., Inf., with occupational force at Kitsensen, Germany, seven months. In army since July 1942. Previously at Camp Fannin, Tex., and Camp Pickett, Va. 1416 North Poplar.

**\*Raymond D. Dickerson**, S/Sgt., Army Air force. Supply Sgt. at Enid, Okla., army air field for 3½ years. Also stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Ft. Logan, Colo., Kelly Field, Tex., Kearns U. and Salt Lake City. In army four years. 312 West 12th.

*\*Sons of Mrs. Laura B. Dickerson, Haven.*



**Harold B. Dickerson**, 1st Lt., 47th Inf., 9th Div., regimental communications officer, in France, Belgium and Germany. In Rhineland campaign. Awarded Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in Germany April 5, 1945. Was in charge of communications at Kaufburen, southern

Germany. In service three years, 1943 to 1946. Overseas 1½ years, returning July 1946. Was with 70th Div. at Camp Adair, Ore. Commissioned at Ft. Benning, Ga., Jan. 1945. Son of Mrs. John M. Dickerson, 319 East 12th.

**Wayne Dickerson**, Army Air force, discharged at Ft. Leavenworth, Feb. 1942, because of leg injury. Home, Haven.

**\*Bob Dicks**, Sgt., Eighth Air force bombardment group, Italy.

**\*Bill Dicks**, Sgt., Eighth Air force bombardment group, Italy.

*\*Twins, enlisting together in Hutchinson; trained at same bases; overseas together in same unit; returned together; discharged at same time. Both Eagle Scouts in Presbyterian Scout Troop No. 1. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dicks, 309 East Sherman.*



**Earl F. Dicus**



**Lawrence B. Dicus**

**\*Earl F. Dicus**, Cpl., Army Engineers, with amphibian engineer force in Southwest Pacific, in combat mission at Lae, New Guinea. Based at Cairns, Australia, and Morobe, New Guinea. In service over 1½ years. Overseas from Ft. Ord, Calif., Feb. 1943.

**\*Lawrence B. Dicus**, M/Sgt., 130th F. A., 35th Div., in Western Defense area, California two years. Was 1st Sgt. Btry C, 130th F. A., when battalion mobilized in Hutchinson Dec. 1940. To Camp Robinson, Ark., with 35th Div. Jan. 1941. With the 35th Div. at Ft. Ord and Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. In army three years.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dicus, 623 East Third.*



**Leo A. Dierksen**, AMM 1/c, Naval Air force, stationed in Bermuda, British West Indies, for six months Feb. to Aug. 1945. Was with the Hutchinson naval air station 2½ years, Sept. 1942 to Feb. 1945. Since discharge has been employed as a welder in Hutchinson. Home, 413 West A.

**Martin W. Dierks**, Sgt., Army Air corps, engineer on a C-47 transport based in the Philippines. Overseas since Dec. 1945 in New Guinea, Australia, Philippines, Marianas islands, and now in Japan, with occupational force. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Dierks, Haven RFD 2.

**Arden M. Dietz**, FC 1/c, Navy, chief fire controlman on naval vessel in Southwest Pacific. Son of Mrs. Fern Johnson, 908 East Sixth.

**Earl T. Digel**, Cpl., Service battery, 76th Field artillery, Ft. Ord, Calif. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Digel, Turon.

**Ralph E. Digel**, Pvt., Army Air force, Buckley Field, Denver. Home, Turon.

**Ellis Wayne Diggs**, Coxswain, Navy, on transport on the Pacific, carrying troops to and from New Guinea and Philippines. In navy two years. 1237 North Forest.



**Emil Dillard**, Lt., Army Air force, with 58th Bombardment Wing, with B-29 bombers flying against Japan, from Mariana islands. Stationed on Guam and Tinian. Returned to states as commanding officer of 338th Signal company wing, to duty at March Field, Calif. In army four years. Was Cpl. 89th Inf. Div. at Camp Carson, Colo. Commissioned as 2nd Lt. Signal corps at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., March 1943. Overseas from Seattle, Wash., spring of 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dillard, Langdon.

**Leland Dillinger**, Pvt., Inf., Ft. Lewis, Wash. 501 Park St.

**\*Albert J. Dillon**, Army Air corps, killed in crash of army plane in Greenland, July 3, 1943. (See Gold Star roster.)

**\*Walter Dillon**, AMM 1/c, Naval Air force, Corpus Christi, Tex.

*\*Sons of J. S. Dillon, head of J. S. Dillon & Sons Co., brothers of Ray and John Dillon, Hutchinson.*

**\*Floyd M. Dillon**, S 1/c, Naval Air force, Hutchinson naval air station, died at Hutchinson NAS hospital, March 6, 1944, from heart ailment. Bookkeeper in ship's service department at the base. Home, 1107 North Orchard St. (See Gold Star roster.)

**\*Willis F. Dillon**, S/Sgt., Army Air corps, intelligence specialist. Stationed in North Africa, at Bengasi, Libya and Enfidville, Tunisia; and later with 15th Air force in Italy, with a B-24 Liberator heavy bombardment unit. Was based at San Pancrazio, Italy, 1½ years. In army June 1941 to Aug. 1945. Overseas over two years. With A. D. Rayl Motor Co., Hutchinson.

*\*Sons of F. E. Dillon, 821 East A.*



**Paul W. Dillon**, MoMM 2/c, Navy, on an LSM, landing ship, in South Pacific, participating in invasion of Borneo, and liberation of the Philippines. In service over two years, Aug. 1944 to June 1946. Overseas 15 months. Son of Mrs. Clyde W. Dillon, 314 East 16th.



**Ray E. Dillon**



**Richard W. Dillon**

**\*Ray E. Dillon, Jr.**, 1st Lt., Ninth Air force, in European theater, pilot of P-47 fighter. Served in Ardennes battle, Rhineland campaign and Central Europe operations. Overseas Aug. 1944. In England, Belgium, and Germany. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross and Air medal with twelve clusters. Completed 92 combat missions during eleven months. In service Feb. 1943 to Sept. 1945. Home, 2215 North Madison.

**\*Richard W. Dillon**, Cpl., Army Air corps, stationed at Harlingen army air field, Harlingen, Tex., From Dec. 10, 1945, to Jan. 15, 1946, and since then located at San Antonio, Tex. Enlisted Nov. 28, 1945.

*\*Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Dillon, 412 Crescent Blvd.*

**Calvin L. Dimitt**, Pvt., Infantry, killed in action on Okinawa, May 3, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dimitt, Turon. (See Gold Star roster.)