

Lt. Col. JAMES H. ALLEN, JR.

Lt. Col. J. H. Allen, born Dec. 2, 1919, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allen, 1007 Harriot St., Beaumont, and husband of Mary L. Allen, 2530 Liberty St., Beaumont. He received his education at Ogden Grammar, and Beaumont High School, and Texas A & M College, College Sta. Volunteered for service on June 18, 1941, at Fort Crockett, Galveston, and was assigned to the Army Q.M.C. School, Phila., Pa. Trained at Schuylkill Arsenal, Phila., Pa. Served in the United States 26 months; overseas 37 months, in Sicilian, Rome-Arno, and N. Apennines campaigns. His medals and battle credits were: Amer. Def., ATO, EAME, with Battle Stars for Sicilian, Rome-Arno, and N. Apennines campaigns, and Crown of Italy. Lt. Col. Allenwas honorably discharged on September 27, 1946.



1st Lt. ORGENE V. COLVIN

1st Lt. Orgene V. Colvin, born September 26, 1920, husband of Zella S. Colvin, Port Arthur, Texas, attended Texas A & M, and volunteered July 27, 1942, for the Army Air Force. He was commissioned on March 12, 1944, and served overseas from Oct., 1944, to June, 1945, in Europe, where he participated in the air combat of Balkans, and Rhineland, Northern Apennines. Lt. Colvin was reported "Missing", butwas wounded and captured by Germans, imprisoned at Nuremburg and Moosburg, Germany, until returning to Allied Control April 29, 1945. The Air Medal and two Clusters were awarded with

Purple Heart and Battle Stars. Currently at

Boca Raton Air Field, Fla.



Capt. BERTIS A. CONNER, JR.

Capt. Bertis A. Conner, Jr., husband of Charley Faye Conner, Groves, Texas, entered service April 21, 1943, with the Army Air Corps. He graduated as 2nd Lt. in February, 1944, at Eagle Pass, Texas, and began overseas duty August, 1944. Was stationed with 8th Air Force at Cambridge, England, and on his 49th mission as pilot of P-51 fighter plane was shot down in Germany and held prisoner by Germans for two months. When evacuated May 2, 1945, he was sent to a hospital in Paris, returning to the States June 7, 1945. He has been in Brooks Gen. Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, still under treatment for leg injury. Various awards were received.







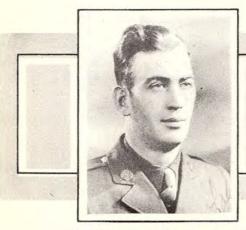


Pfc KELTON L. CLARK

1st Lt. Forrest Watson Chafin, birthdate April 5, 1910, is the husband of Durelle Chafin, Port Arthur, Texas. He entered service March 9, 1943, at San Antonio, and was assigned to the Army Infantry, training at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas, and serving at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas, and Camp Livingston, Louisiana. Lt. Chafin was commissioned on January 20, 1945, and began overseas duty October, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, with the Occupation Forces in Korea. He received promotion to 1st Lt. September, 1945. He received the Good Conduct Medal among Campaign Ribbons and other awards. He is currently on his way home for discharge.

Pfc Kelton Levert Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clark, Beaumont, Texas, was born February 26,1926, in Texas. He attended the Beaumont Schools. Is the husband of Bertie Clark of Beaumont. He entered service April 26, 1944, and was assigned to the Army Infantry 69th Division. Trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas. Pfc Clark served overseas from November, 1944, to May, 1945, in the European Theater of Operations in Germany; was wounded and hospitalized due to frozen feet. The Purple Heart was awarded with European-African-Middle Eastern Med al. Discharge was received August 22, 1945.

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S/Sgt. JOSEPH R. CLAY



1st Lt. HARRY T. CLIFFE

S/Sgt. Joseph Ray Clay, husband of Juanita Helen Clay, 3601 7th Ave., Port Arthur, Texas, was born March 24, 1921, son of Sidney Clay, also of Port Arthur. He attended St. Mary's Elementary and High School in Port Arthur, also business college. Volunteered September 11, 1940, for the Army Prov. Det. 3-B, training at Brooks Field, San Antonio. Sgt. Clay began overseas duty September, 1942, in the European Theater of Operations where he served until July, 1945, when he returned to the States. His awards include the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, ETO Medal and Good Conduct Award. Discharged September 29, 1945.

1st Lt. Harry T. Cliffe, born July 14, 1921, is the husband of Norma Jean Cliffe, Port Arthur, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cliffe, of the same city. He attended Texas A & M, and volunteered January 19,1942, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas, and received his commission June 3, 1943, at Hondo, Texas. Lt. Cliffe served from September, 1943, to June, 1945, in England, from where he participated in the air offensive of Europe. Was wounded and imprisoned at Sagan, Germany, and Moosburg, Germany, October 22, 1943, to April 29, 1945. He is rated as Aerial Observer-Aircraft Navigator and Aerial Gunner. Currently with Air Trans, Command.





F. O. Rosen, was born on the 10th day of December, 1921, in Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rosen of 2149 Lakeshore Drive in Port Arthur, Texas. He attended Texas A & M College, College Station, Texas. On the 10th day of February in 1942 he volunteered for the service and was assigned to the United States Army Air Forces. He was sent to the following places for his training: Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas; Barker Field, and at Lubbock. Flight Officer Benjamin Nathan Rosen was killed in a crash on December 31st in 1944 at Houston, Texas. He received the American Theater Campaign Ribbon.

B.M. 2/c Rosen, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rosen of 2149 Lakeshore Drive in Port Arthur, Texas. Before entering the service he attended Texas A & M College at College Station, Texas, and on June 7th, 1944, at Port Arthur, Texas, he volunteered for the Navy. Was assigned to the Gunnery Branch, sent to Treasure Island, San Francisco. California. He was shipped overseas on November 15, 1944, and served in the European and Pacific areas, returning to the U.S. on October 30, 1945. His awards are European Theater Campaign, Asiatic Pacific, and American Theater Ribbons. Boatswains Mate 2/c Freddy Alvin Rosen received his discharge from the U.S. Navy on May 9th in 1946.

1. —S/SGT. ALVIN DAVIS RAMEY, born May 23,1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ramey of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 1, 1940, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Brooks Field, and Kelly Field, Texas, and Mitchel Field, N. Y. Served overseas from Dec. 23, 1941, to Oct. 7, 1944, in Australia, Solomon Islands, Netherland East Indies, New Guinea, New Britain, and New Caledonia. Awarded 1 Battle Star, Bronze Star Med al, Asiatic Pacific, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Sept., 1945.

2. —CHIEF MACHINIST MATE J. W. ROBERTS, JR., born Feb. 11, 1921. Husband of Mary Louise Roberts of Groves, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 6, 1939, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from April 2, 1940, to Dec. 7, 1945, in Asiatic Pacific, aboard U.S.S. Cassino and Nelson at Pearl Harbor; European Pacific, Normandy, and Sicily invasions aboard U.S.S. Tucker. Awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor, Asiatic-Pacific European, 6 years Good Conduct, and Victory. Discharged Dec. 13, 1945. Survived the sinking of two ships and torpedoing of one.

3. —RADIOMAN 3/c(T) GEORGE RICHARD SALZAR, born April 21, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Salzar of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 28, 1942, in the Navy Radio Branch. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from April 22, 1945, to Oct. 23, 1946, in South Pacific, and Atlantic. He received the American Theater, Asiatic Pacific, European Theater, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Ianuary 6, 1946.

4. —S/SGT. JOSEPH DAVIS SALZAR, born Jan. 22,1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Salzar of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Nov. 2, 1943, assigned to 8th Army, 27-165th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas June 7, 1944, to Jan. 3, 1946, in Marshalls, Carolines, Sajpan, and Okinawa in Japan. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Renlisted. Currently with Co.I,27th Infantry Bn., at Camp Polk. La.

5. —SGT. CECIL ALBERT SANDS, born Jan. 31, 1905. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sands of Port Arthur. Entered service Oct. 27, 1942; assigned to Army M.R.T.C. Trained at Camps Barkeley, and Carson, Colo. Served overseas April, 1944, to Aug. 28, 1945, in England, Scotland, and invasion of Normandy. Received the American Defense, ETO 1 Battle Star, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Sept., 1945. Unit adopted by Council and inhabitants of Cirencister of Gloucestershire, England, and presented parchments.

6. —SGT. JACK HENRY SINGLETON, born June 21,1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Singleton of Nederland, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 27,1941. Assigned to Army 36th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from April 2, 1943, to April 9, 1945, in Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. Wounded on Aug. 29, 1944; reported "Missing", but was POW until Jan., 1945. Awarded Purple Heart, Pre-Pearl Harbor, ETO 4 Battle Stars, and Good Conduct. Discharged July, 1945.

7. —C.S.A.O. WARREN RUSSEL SINGLETON, born Oct. 25, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Singleton of Nederland, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 13, 1935, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas for nearly 3 years in Africa, Sicily, Honolulu, and Pearl Harbor. Hereceived the European Theater, Asiatic Pacific, Pre-Pearl Harbor, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. He is still in the Navy. Chief Specialist Optical.

8. —ENSIGN ROLAND MULLINS SINGLETON, born May 10, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Singleton of Nederland, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 2, 1942, in the Navy. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Served in the United States, and he is still in the service: Was awarded American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Attended Nederland High School. He had two brothers in the service. Entered the service at Dallas, Texas.

9. —PVT.LLOYD GORDON STANLEY, born Jan. 29, 1918. Husband of Lillie Monso Stanley of Port Neches. Entered service March 21, 1942, a ssigned to Army 90th Division. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas. Served overseas April, 1944, to July 28, 1945, in Normandy, Central Europe, Northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes campaigns. Was wounded 4 times. Was awarded Purple Heart with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Presidential Citation, 5 Battle Stars. Discharged Aug., 1945.

10.—S.F. 3/c JOSEPH CLIFFORD MONSO, JR., born Jan. 13, 1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Monso, Sr., of Orange. Entered service April 7, 1944, assigned to Navy Ship Repair Unit. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from June 20, 1944, to Nov. 28, 1945, in New Guinea, Hollandia, Milne Bay, and Philippines. He received Commendation for duty performed on U.S.S. Jenkins, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 12, 1945. He is the brother of Mrs. Lloyd G. Stanley of Port Neches.

11.—1ST LT. CHARLES RONALD STEELE, born May 1 1920. Son of Mrs. and the late Mr. C. A. Steele of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service March 9, 1943, in the Army Infantry. Trained at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. Served overseas from June 4, 1945, to July, 1946, on Leyte, and Luzon, Philippine Islands. He received the Asiatic Pacific, Philippine Liberation, American Theater, American Defense, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged September 6, 1946. Holds Res. Inf. Com. Resumed his studies at Texas University.

12.—CPL. JAMES PATRICK STEELE, born March 17, 1926. Son of Mrs. and the late Mr. C. A. Steele of Port Arthur. Volunteered April 29, 1944, for the Army Air Force; was cadet when program discontinued. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served in the United States at South Plains Army Air Field where he worked on gliders; later as physical training instructor at San Angelo, and also at Ellington Field. Awarded American Theater, Good Conduct, Carbine Expert, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov., 1945. Entered S.M.U.

13.—S/SGT. JOHN CARL STANDLEY, born April 24,1921. Husband of Mrs. Dorothy Standley of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service June 28, 1943, assigned to 8th Army Air Force. Trained at Jefferson, Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., Amarillo, Texas, and Las Vegas, Nev. Served overseas from Aug., 1944, to April, 1945, in European Theater. Made 14 missions over Germany, and was shot down. POW Oct. 6, 1944 to Apr. 5, 1945; liberated by Patton's 3rd Army, Awarded Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, 2 Bronze Stars, and EAME Air Skipper Medal. Discharged Oct., 1945.

14.—M/SGT. JAMES FRENCH HYDE, SR., born March 12, 1915. Husband of Mrs. Lillian Mae Hyde of PortArthur, Texas. Volunteered for service July 29, 1935, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas: Served overseas from June 24, 1936, to Nov. 5, 1945, on Luzon, and in Western Pacific. He received 1 Overseas Service Bar, American Theater, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, 1 Service Stripe, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Re-enlisted Nov., 1945; now at Luke Field, Ariz.

15.—T/CPL. JOHN PATRICK THOMPSON, born Aprill4, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Sr., of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Sept. 17, 1940, assigned to Army 36th Division Engrs. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Served overseas from June 17, 1942, to June 25, 1945, in Alaskan area of Asiatic Pacific transferring to 1596th AAF Base Unit. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged September 23, 1945.

16.—PVT. ERNEST JOHN THOMPSON, JR., born Oct.7, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Sr., of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 17, 1940, assigned to Army 36th Engrs. Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Served overseas from Feb. 26, 1942, to Aug. 2, 1945, in East Indies, Southern Philippines, and New Guinea. Was awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Philippines Liberation, 2 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge. Discharged Aug., 1945.

17.—T/SGT, EMMETT JOSEPH USEY, born Nov. 14,1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Usey, Sr., of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 12, 1940, in the Army Air Forces. Trained at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., and Chanute Field, Ill. Served overseas from July 15, 1944, to Sept. 30, 1945, in battles of New Guinea, Halmahera, Philippines, Ryukyu Islands. Awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with 2 Bronze Stars.

18.—LT. (JG) J. T. USEY, JR., born July 7, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Usey, Sr., of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 7, 1942, in the Navy Air Corps. Trained at Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo., Corpus Christi, Texas, and Great Lakes, Ill. Served overseas from May, 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Pacific, Southwest Pacific, and Philippine area. Awarded American Theater, Asiatic Pacific with 1 Star, Philippine Liberation, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Aug. 20, 1946.

19.—PFC JOSEPH L. USEY, was born February 12, 1927.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Usey, Sr., of Port Arthur, Texas.
Attended St. James Elementary and Thomas Jefferson High
School, Port Arthur. Volunteered for service June 14, 1945,
at Houston, Texas; assigned to Army Quartermaster. Received his training at Camp Lee, and Aberdeen Proving
Grounds. Served in the United States, and still in the service
at Camp Lee, with 54th QM 2 M G. Bat. 9. Was awarded the
American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon.

20,—LT. (JG) VIDMAN VICKERS, born Sept. 28, 1918. Husband of Mrs. Doris Marie Vickers of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 10, 1939, in the Merchant Marine, and received his training in New Orleans, Louisiana Officers' Upgrade School. Served in Atlantic and Caribbean, He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged September 1, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Vickers of Quitman, Texas. Attended Enterprise High School.





Capt. JULES F. NAQUIN, JR.

Capt. J. F. Naquin, born on October 27, 1923, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jules F. Naquin, Port Arthur, Texas, hus band of Hilda Jo Naquin, 5249 9th Street, Port Arthur. He attended Lamar Junior College, Beaumont; volunteered for service Oct. 9, 1941, at Tucson, Arizona, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. Served in the United States for 3 years and 3 months, and overseas 14 1/2 months, in the European Theater of Operations. He was commissioned Flight Officer, promoted to 2nd Lieutenant, then to 1st Lieutenant, then to Captain. Capt. Naquin was a student prior to his enlistment. He was honorably discharged March 4, 1946.



Pfc CHARLES N. CAPPS, SR.



PhM 2/c AUBREY L. CARTER, JR.

Pfc Charles Norvin Capps, Sr., born November 21, 1922, at Alto, Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Capps, Alto, and husband of Thelma Capps, Port Arthur, Texas. He entered the Army Air Force January 29, 1943; trained at Keesler Field, Mississippi and served in the Pacific Theater March, 1944, to August, 1945, where he participated in the battles of New Guinea, Luzon, Leyte. Was hospitalized for thirteen months with tropical disease. The Pres. Unit Citation was awarded with Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and three Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, Good Conduct and other medals. Discharged February 17, 1946.

PhM2/c Aubrey Lee Carter, Jr., born August 8, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs.A. L. Carter, 2812 8th St., Port Arthur, Texas, volunteered May 18, 1943, for the Navy Hospital Corps. Also serving with Marine 2nd Div. Corps. He attended Hospital Corps School, San Diego, and Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California, and served overseas June, 1944, to December, 1945, in the Southwest Pacific Theater in Japan, Saipan, and on Okinawa. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbonwith World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. After returning to the States. He received discharge February 11, 1946.





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Comdr. ROY L. JENKINS

Capt. HYMAN R. NORSWORTHY

Capt. Norsworthy, was born on Aug. 8, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Norsworthy, Sr., of Groveton, and husband of Evelyn Camille Grayson of Orange, Texas. He attended Sam Houston State Teachers' College at Huntsville, and volunteered for the service July 20, 1942, at Houston, assigned to the Army Air Corps, Army Airways Communications System, training at Technical School at Yale Univ. Overseas from Nov., 1944, until Aug., 1946, in Admiralty Is., New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies, Philippine Islands, Mariana Islands, and Japan. Capt. Norsworthy received his honorable discharge on Aug. 14, 1946, remaining in O.R.C.

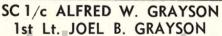
Comdr. Jenkins, was born on December 9, 1903, in Louisiana, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jenkins of Elton, La., and husband of Irma Jenkins of Groves, Texas. He received his education in Elton, La.; volunteered for the Merchant Marines, and trained on board ship. Served overseas three times, 35 mos. in all, serving in Persian Gulf, Mediterranean, Atlantic, and Pacific; carried supplies in all theaters of war. Promoted to Commander in June, 1943; was Chief Eng. on S.S. California, Texas Co. Tanker. Comdr. Jenkins has been in the Merchant Marines for 20 years, with Texas Co. 17 yrs. Received Chief's license in 1940, and is still in service.

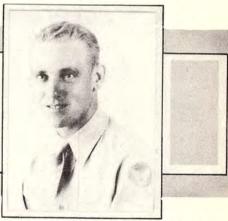
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Discharged Oct., 1945.







S/Sgt. HIRAM NORSWORTHY, JR.

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Grayson of Graves.

S.C.1/c ALFRED W. GRAYSON, born Aug. 4, 1921, volunteered for Navy Aug., 1940, assigned to Destroyer Div.; trained at San Diego; overseas 4 yrs. 9 mos. in battles of Pearl Harbor, Gilberts, Guadalcanal, Bougainville. Medals: Asiatic-Pacific, 4 Stars, ATO, Amer. Def. 1 Star, Good Conduct, Victory. Released Aug., 1946.

1st Lt, JOEL B, GRAYSON, born July 14, 1915, volunteered for the AAC May 27, 1942. Flew 430 combat hrs., 77 combat missions over Africa, Asia, and India, assigned to 14th Air Force; served in China. Awarded D.F.C., 1 Cluster, Air Medal, 1 Cluster, 2 Campaign Stars.

S/Sgt. Norsworthy was born on March 10, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hir am Norsworthy, Sr., of Box 161, Groveton, Texas. He attended Groveton High School, and volunteered for service April 9, 1943, assigned to the Army, 312 T.C.S., 349 T.C.G.; trained at Army Air Base, Gulf Port, Miss. He served overseas from March 18, 1945, until Septembér 19, 1945, in the European Theater, serving in the Troop Transport Command. S/Sgt. Hiram Norsworthy, Jr., was stationed at Alliance, Nebraska; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Sedalia, Mo., before going overseas. S/Sgt. Norsworthy was given an honorable discharge on Feb. 16, 1946; enlisted in Res.



Lt. Comdr. JOSEPH M. JOHNSTON

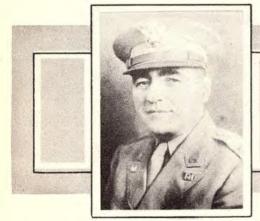


1st Lt. BAXTER R. BIXLER

Lt. Comdr. J. McH. Johnston, born Aug. 20, 1911, in Indiana, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnston (deceased), husband of Alice Lee Johnston, 1717 Procter St., Port Arthur, was educated at Hillman Grammar and Tupelo Military Ins., Birmingham, and Tupelo, Ala., and Miss., also Howard College, Birmingham, Ala. Volunteered March, 1941, and was assigned to the Navy, Pac. Fleet. Served in the U.S. 10 months, overseas 4 years, in A. & P., S. China Sea, in Battles of Pac. Entitled to 21 Bronze Stars. Awarded: Amer. Def. 1 Star, Asiatic and Pacific 21 Stars, Philippines Lib. 2 Stars, Navy Comm., and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan., 1946.

lst Lt. B. R. Bixler, born March 20, 1923, in Ala., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston, 1717 Procter St., Port Arthur, husband of Gloria J. Bixler, 623 N. Henderson St., Rusk. He received his education at Franklin Grammar and Thos. Jefferson High Schools, Port Arthur. Volunteered Aug. 4, 1941, at Ellington Field, and was assigned to the Air Corps; trained at Moore Field, Mission. Served in the United States 31 months, and overseas 23 months, in ETO, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley. His awards and battle credits were: ATO, Pre-P. Harbor, Amer. Camp. Medal, EAME Medal 3 Stars, Good Conduct, Victory. Discharged Mar. 20, 1946.

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Maj. JOHN J. BESHARA



1st Lt. REUBEN W. BLACKBURN

Maj. John Joseph Beshara, husband of Pauline Marie Beshara, was born July 17, 1898; attended Rice Institute at Houston, and volunteered from Reserve Corps July 1, 1943, for the Army Engineer Board. Maj. Beshara served at Ft. Belvoir, Va., Camp Claiborne, La., and Tulsa University, and overseas December, 1943, to November, 1945, in North Africa and India, constructing and operating pipelines out of Calcutta to air fields in Bengal and Ledo. He was Safety, Security and Chief Laboratory Officer, operating three laboratories scattered over India. After returning to the States, he was discharged March 19, 1946. Now in Reserve Component.

1st Lt. Reuben Wayne Blackburn, was born August 3, 1920, husband of Ima Grace Blackburn, Port Arthur, Texas. He volunteered June 30, 1942, for the Army Air Force; was commissioned November 3, 1943, at Ellington Field, Texas, and served overseas May, 1944, to May, 1945, in the Southwest Pacific. Lt. Blackburn participated in Air Combatover Solomon Islands, Marianas Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines on Luzon Island, receiving the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with six Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with two Stars. Discharge was granted September 9, 1945.



M/Sgt. LLOYD W. BABB

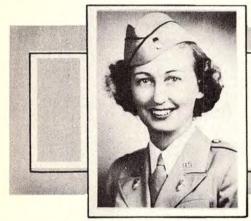


T/4 CLAYTON F. BALDWIN

M/Sgt. Lloyd Warner Babb, husband of Christine E. Babb, Port Arthur, Texas, was born December 20, 1917; attended San Antonio Tech. School, and volunteered May 25, 1942, for the Army Air Force. He attended school at Sheppard Field, and trained at Santa Ana, California; served overseas April, 1944, to September, 1945, with the 479th Fighter Group near Ipswich, England, during his entire overseas duty. His Group received the Presidential Citation for outstanding service in furnishing fighter escorts to the bombers in their missions over Germany and occupied areas. Sgt. Babb was discharged October 4, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston.

T/4 Clayton Franklin Baldwin, husband of Lalah Maudell Baldwin, Port Arthur, Texas, born June 19, 1918, entered the Army Engineers May 12, 1943, and trained at Camp Abbot, Oregon. He began overseas duty December, 1943, in North Africa, India enroute to the China-Burma-India Theater where he began service April 21, 1944, and remained until January 10, 1946; he participated in the constructing of airfields of Southern and Eastern China. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. Discharge was January 18, 1946.

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1st Lt. SUSAN E. BASTION

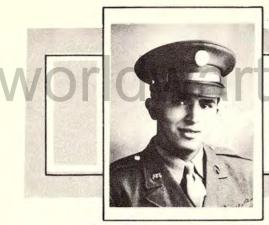


Capt. JOHN M. BASTION

1st Lt. Susan Ellen Bastion, birthdate October 2, 1917, in Texas, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bastion, Port Arthur, Texas; attended Port Arthur College, and volunteered January 15, 1943, for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. Lt. Bastion served at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, as Personnel Officer in the Station Hospital, and Camp Carson, Colorado, Hospital Center; also O'Reilly General Hospital at Springfield, Missouri. Her awards include the Unit Meritorious Service Medal, W.A.A.C. Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon; she is currently with 8th Army Hdq., Yokohama. Japan.

Capt. John McCauley Bastion, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bastion, 1230 Procter St., Port Arthur, Texas, attended school in Puerto Rico, Dallas, and Texas A & M. He entered the Army Air Corps June 14, 1941, training in Puerto Rico, serving overseas June, 1941, to February, 1943, and May to November, 1944. Capt. Bastion participated in the air offensive of Europe, No. France, Normandy and Rhineland as Lead Pilot on B-17 transporting supplies over Warsaw. He twice landed his crippled plane without injury to any of the crew. The Air Medal with four Clusters was awarded with D.F.C. He was in Reserves 1938 to 1941; inactivated April, 1946.





Pfc THOMAS S. THOMAS

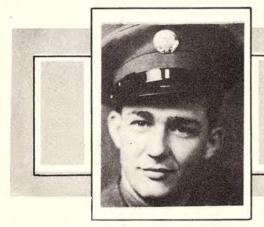


Pfc JIMMIE S. THOMAS

Pfc T. S. Thomas, born April 18, 1925, Texas, son of Mrs. L. S. Thomas, 515 6th Street, Port Arthur. He received his education at Franklin Grammar and Thomas Jefferson High Schools, Port Arthur, Texas. Entered the service June 29, 1943, at Houston, and was assigned to the 45th Inf. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas; served in the United States 11 months, overseas 16 months in Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland, C. Europe (in campaigns). Served in Africa, Italy, France, Germany, and England. Awards: EAME T., Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Bronze Arrowhead, and Combat Inf. Badge. Wounded in France. He was discharged on Aug. 20, 1945.

Pfc J. S. Thomas, born Aug. 25, 1926, son of Mrs. S. Thomas, 3635 8th St., Port Arthur; he was educated at Franklin Grammar and Thomas Jefferson High Schools, Port Arthur, Texas; volunteered for service July 31, 1944, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Keesler Field, Miss., and Buckingham Field, Fort Myers, Fla.; served in the United States 19 months. Prior to his enlistment into the United States Army Pfc J. S. Thomas was a student. His brother Thomas S. also was in the service, in the 45th Inf., and has returned to civilian life. Was honorably discharged Sept. 25, 1946.

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Cpl. NORMAN D. BEACH, JR.



FO JOSEPH R. BENFIELD, JR.

Cpl. Norman Dail Beach, Jr., husband of Evelyn Lurlene Beach, Port Arthur, Texas, was born June 19, 1924; entered the Army 894th Chemical Co. January 4, 1943, and trained at Camp Sibert, Alabama. He served July, 1945, to November, 1945, in the South Pacific Theater where he was stationed at Australia, New Guinea, Netherland East Indies, Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Japan. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars for Combatengagements. The Good Conduct Medal was also awarded with Philippine Liberation and other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was discharged November 13, 1945.

Flight Officer Joseph Ralph Benfield, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Benfield, Sr., Port Arthur, Texas, was born February 27, 1920, and attended Lamar College at Beaumont, Texas. He volunteered June 29, 1940, for the Army Air Corps at Houston, Texas, training at Dalhart Army Air Base, also in Texas, and serving overseas May, 1943, to July, 1945. Flight Officer Benfield participated in the Campaigns of Central Europe, No. France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Normandy, Sicily, Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno, receiving the EAME Campaign Medal with eight Bronze Stars, Arrowhead, Air Medal and Distinguished Unit Citation with Cluster. Discharged December 25, 1945.





*Pfc CHARLES H. ROWLAND

Pfc C. H. Rowland, born Sept. 30, 1925, at Ardmore, Okla., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rowland, Box 525, Nederland; he received his education at Nederland High School, Texas, and entered the service Jan. 28, 1944, assigned to the Army 411th Inf., Co. "A"; trained at Camp Croft, S.C., and Camp Howze, Texas. Overseas in the battles of S. France, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice, having been killed in action Dec. 10, 1944. His awards were: Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Pres. Citation-Excerpt: "As the result of Pfc Rowland's magnificent valor in face of withering fire, the life of a wounded comrade was saved. Heeding his cries, he, with utter disregard of himself dashed forth from his place of safety to aid the injured man; placing him in a blanket, he cautiously dragged him to safety. Subsequently he was killed in action."





GM 2/c STEVE R. THOMPSON, JR.

1st Lt. WALTER W. TRAWEEK

1st Lt. Traweek, was born on Oct. 22, 1911, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Traweek, and husband of Barbara M. Traweek, 3035 Las Palmas, Port Arthur, Texas. He attended Port Arthur High School, and volunteered for the Army, assigned to the Armored Corps, in Sept., 1942; he was then sent to Fort Knox, Ky., for his training. Serving in the European Theater of Operations from March 1, 1944, until Oct. 5, 1944, Lt. Traweek was wounded in action on Aug. 5, 1944. His decorations include the ETO Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars and the Purple Heart. He is now at home with his wife, having been discharged on the 18th day of March in 1946.

GM2/c Steve Roger Thompson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve R. Thompson, Sr., Houston, Texas, was born February 12, 1921; attended Southwestern U. at Georgetown, Texas, and volunteered July 1, 1942, for the Navy Reserve Branch, training at San Diego, California. He served overseas November, 1942, to December, 1943, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and at Hawaii. His awards include the World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon. After his return to the States, discharge was granted October 9, 1945. In civilian occupation he is laboratory worker for Sinclair.



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Cpl. PORFIRIO Z. DIAZ

Cpl. Porfirio Zermeno Diaz, the son of Estanislao and Santos Diaz, of 3220 Erastus St., Houston, was born on September 13, 1921. Before he entered the Army, he was a shoemaker. It was on the 10th of October, 1942, that he was inducted at Houston. He was assigned to the 296th Quartermasters, and trained at Quartermaster Training Center, Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. During the next year, 1943, Cpl. Diaz was sent to the European Theater of Operations. He served in England, France, and Belgium, and is authorized to wear the European Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Medal. Sometimes during the later part of 1945, he returned to the United States, and was given an honorable discharge on December 31, 1945.

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Capt. WILLIAM T. DOYAL, JR.

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Capt. William Thomas Doyal, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Doyal, Sr., was born on Mar. 10, 1918. He attended school in Houston, and later at Texas A & M College. From here he volunteered for the Army Air Corps on Sept. 15, 1941. He received his training at Corsicana, Perrin and Foster Fields. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in Oct., 1942, promoted to 1st Lt., in Nov., 1943, and was made Capt. in Nov., 1945. He went to the Southwest Pacific Area in April, 1943, as a fighter pilot with the 341st Fighter Squadron of the 5th Air Force. He participated in three campaigns, including the one in New Guinea. He has completed 85 combat missions in New Guinea, for which he holds the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. At present he is on duty at Hdqs. of the Air Material Command at Wright Field. He is a Technical Assistant to the Chief of Aeronautical Equipment Section.



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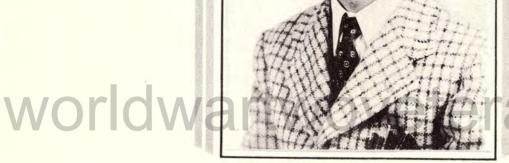


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1st Lt. JOHN R. FERNANDEZ

1st Lt. John Robert Fernandez, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fernandez of 805 71st St., Houston, was born on March 2, 1920. After attending Milby High School, he was employed in the Houston shipyards before volunteering for the Army Air Corps in Mar., 1943. The following Army Airfields are the ones at which Lt. Fernandez was trained before going overseas: Thunderbird, Minter, Stockton, Laughlin, and Barksdale Fields. He served in the European Theater of Operations from Oct., 1944, until Nov., 1945. He had received his commission as a 2nd Lt. on Dec. 5, 1943, and promotion to 1st Lt. Dec. 15, 1944. He is authorized to wear the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters for action in the battles of the Rhineland, Central Germany, and Ardennes. He was relieved from active duty on Nov. 23, 1945.

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*Pfc FLOYD A. BYNUM

Pfc Floyd Alfred Bynum, the son of Mrs. Ellen Delamar of Houston, was born on June 14, 1924, at Altus, Oklahoma. He entered the Army on June 11, 1943, assigned to the Air Corps. From the date of his entering the service until Dec., 1944, he was a member of an Army Air Corps Band. He was sent to the European Theater of Operations on the 10th of Feb., 1945, after receiving 6 weeks of Infantry training at Camp Maxey, Texas. He went overseas as a replacement, to serve with the 47th Division of the First Army in Germany. On April 18, 1945, he lost his life while fighting for his country in Germany. The Purple Heart was awarded his mother for the sacrifice which he made. Prior to his death he had received citations for being a sharpshooter with the Rifle, Carbine, and Sub-machine Gun.



*Capt. JAMES E. GLENN, JR.



Cpl. GEORGE E. SULLINS

Capt. James Emory Glenn, Jr., birthdate June 26, 1913, son of Jas. E. Glenn, Sr., Houston, and friend of Mrs. Angie Taylor, San Benito, Texas, attended Texas A & M, and entered the Army Infantry May, 1937, training with National Guard at San Benito, and various other camps in the States. He began overseas duty April, 1943, in North Africa, and participated in combat from Salerno through all battles into Rapido River Crossing; was wounded twice in Italy, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice January 22, 1944, at the Rapido River Crossing. The Silver Star was awarded posthumously for gallant and heroic action with disregard of his own safety.

Cpl. George Earl Sullins, born August 21, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sullins, Houston, Texas, volunteered June 8, 1942, for the Marine Corps, 3rd Div., and served overseas in the South and Central Pacific areas from February, 1943, to April, 1945. Cpl. Sullins participated in the Battles of Bougainville, Guam, and was wounded in action at Iwo Jima, receiving the Purple Heart. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded for heroic achievement as radio operator on Iwo Jima; also a Unit Letter of Commendation, Pres. Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with four Battle Stars and other medals. Discharged October 5, 1945.

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Pfc ANDREWS S. TAMAYO



Sgt. FLORENCE N. TERRY

Pfc Andrew S. Tamayo, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tamayo, Houston, Texas, was born June 13, 1921, in San Antonio. He volunteered December, 1941, for the Army 3rd Division, Field Artillery, training at Fort Ord, California, and began overseas duty November, 1942, in the North African-European Theater where he participated in Battles in Algeria, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Sicily, Rome-Arno, France and Germany. Pfc Tamayo was wounded January 2, 1945, at Bining, France; received the Purple Heart Medal, also Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement as forward observer in Italy, and ETO Ribbon with 8 Battle Stars. Returned; discharged May, 1945.

Sgt. Florence Nina Terry was born March 23, 1901, sister of Frank H. Terry, 1129 Cortland Street, Houston, Texas, attended Sinclair Business College in Houston, and volunteered February 22, 1942, for the Army W.A.C., 5th Army Headquarters. She trained at Daytona Beach, Florida, and Camp Polk, Louisiana, and served overseas July, 1942, to September, 1944, in Northern Africa, Italy, from Naples to Florence, where Sgt. Terry was strickenill and hospitalized in Rome, Italy, for an operation in September, 1944. She was returned to Harman General Hospital, and later discharged March, 1945, from Corpus Christi, after faithful service.

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MM 1/c JESSE R. BARTLETT

MM1/c Jesse Ray Bartlett was born February 10, 1921, in Fort Worth, uncle of Karlyne Gentry, 2518 Mason Street, Houston, and husband of Marie Lucille Bartlett, Long Beach, Calif. He received his education in the Buckner Academy of Dallas, and volunteered October 10, 1940, at Marshall with the U.S. Navy, General Service, training at San Diego, later serving January, 1941, to January, 1945, in the Pacific Theater. Machinist Mate Bartlett was aboard the USS Kanawha, oil tanker, when the ship was sunk at Tulagi Island during the Solomon Island Campaign. After resting at New Caledonia, he transferred to USS Indiana, battleship, and participated in second Solomon Campaign; returned to Houston to commission USS Shelton on which he served until it was sunk by enemy torpedo off island of Morotal during invasion. After returning to the States, he was instructor in Engineering School. His awards include commendations for action during sinkings of USS Kanawha and Shelton, five Battle Stars, and other awards. Currently remaining in Navy.



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*2nd Lt. ELTON C. COOK

2nd Lt. Elton Coy Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cook of Navasota, was born on Feb. 13, 1909. He entered the Army on Mar. 20, 1942, and was trained in the Infantry at Camp Barkeley. On March 23, 1944, he left for England with the 90th Division, as a Pfc. During the stay in England, before the invasion of France, he rose to the rank of Technical Sergeant. He landed on Omaha Beach one day after D-Day, helped cut the Cherbourg Peninsula and destroyed the German 7th Army at Falaise Gap. On Nov. 16, he was wounded by shrapnel while crossing the Rhine into Germany. The Purple Heart was awarded for this, and 6 weeks later he was back in action. On Jan. 20, 1945, he was commissioned in battle, for outstanding leadership. He was the C.O. for the 3rd Platoon, Co. A, 357th Regt. On Feb. 7, 1945, he was killed in action by mortar fire, and is buried in the U.S. Military Cemetery in Belgium.

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*S/Sgt. JACK L. CALLAWAY

S/Sgt. Jack L. Callaway, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Callaway of 4921 McKinney Ave., Houston, was born on September 27, 1920, in the state of Louisiana. His wife's name is Mrs. Rosalie Callaway. He graduated from Milby High School, and was an employee of the Hughes Tool Company before he volunteered for the Army Air Corps on October 20, 1942. He received his training at Ellington Field near Houston, and was sent to the European Theater of Operations in June, 1944. Here he served as a Flight Engineer on a B-26 bomber with the 451st Bombing Squadron of the 9th Air Force. On his 57th mission over the continent of Europe he was killed in action. This was on the 18th of March, 1945. He had been awarded the Air Medal with 9 Oak Leaf Clusters.

*2nd Lt. JAMES D. MASON

2nd Lt. J. D. Mason, born June 20, 1921, son of Mrs. Dovie Locke, 2614 Lincoln St., Houston; he was educated at University of Texas, Austin; volunteered for service Jan. 11, 1942; was assigned to the United States Air Forces; trained at Randolph and Brooks Fields, Texas. Served in the U.S. 18 months, and overseas 1 year, in England and France, with invasion forces that took the coast of Normandy. While participating in aerial combat in the battle for France, he was lost. Carried as "missing in action" I year, later declared officially dead. He was awarded | Battle Star, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and Purple Heart. He was attached to 354 Bomber Fighter Group, 355 Bomb. Fighter Sqdn., U.S. 8th Air Corps, and was flying a P-51 "Mustang" fighter plane on a fighter sweep mission to Evreux, France, when lost.



Cpl. ANDY TRUJILLO, JR.



Pfc FRANK L. WEBB

Cpl. Andy Trujillo, Jr., was born January 26, 1917, son of A. Trujillo, Sr., Houston, Texas, husband of Angelina Trujillo and father of two children, of the same city, attended Sam Houston High School, and volunteered for service September 17, 1942. Cpl. Trujillo was assigned to the Army Paratrooper Division, training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and later serving as Military Policeman in Ogden, Utah, with 42nd Division in Oklahoma City and with the 541st Parcht. Infantry at Camp Mackall, South Carolina. While in the line of duty, he was wounded. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal. Discharged October, 1945.

Pfc Frank LeRoy Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Webb, Pelly, Texas, was born October 9, 1920; attended Goose Creek, Texas, High School, and volunteered July 10, 1941, for the Army Infantry, 30th Division. Pfc Webb served overseas February to December, 1944, in the European Theater where he participated in combat at Normandy and St. Lo.; was wounded in action July 26, 1944, receiving the Purple Heart, also Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, ETO Ribbon with two Battle Stars and other ribbons and awards. After returning to the States, he was hospitalized where he has remained for the last two years.

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Capt. WILLIAM F. CELY

Capt. William Franklin Cely, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Cely of Houston, was born on Feb. 24, 1916. He spent 2 years at Lamar Junior College in Beaumont, and was employed by the Beaumont Enterprise Newspaper before entering the Army on Sept. 29, 1941. Until July 1, 1942, he served with Co. H, of 186th Regt. of 41st Inf. Div. He then trained as an Air Corps Cadet, and won his wings and commission at the Air Base at Yuma, Ariz., on April 12, 1943. He went to an air base in England in Oct. of the same year, as the pilot of the flying fortress, "Frenesi II." On Christmas day of 1943 he was promoted to 1st Lt. While on a heavy raid over the Messerschmitt plant at Brunswick, Germany, his plane was nearly shot out from under him, but by skillful piloting he returned to his base. Capt. Cely holds the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Clusters, and Pres. Unit Citation. He was released from active duty on Dec. 8, 1945.

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Pfc ORIE B. CLARK, JR.

Pfc Orie Bolmore Clark, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Clark, Sr., was born on June 11, 1926. He attended the University of Houston, and volunteered for the Marine Corps on Aug. 19, 1943. After training at Camp Elliott, San Diego, he was sent to the South Pacific to serve with the 22nd Regiment of the 6th Marine Division. During his time of service in the Pacific Theater of Operations he saw duty at Hawaii, the Solomon, Mariana, Marshall, and Ryukyus Islands. The battles in which he participated were for the capture of Guam and for Okinawa. The Purple Heart was awarded him for wounds which he received while in action on Sugar Loaf Ridge on Okinawa, May 16, 1945. At Guam he won the Admiral's Unit Commendation, and received the Presidential Unit Citation at Okinawa. He was discharged from the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, Nov. 17, 1945.

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*1st Lt. ALBERT G. BURGER, JR.

lst Lt. Albert George Burger, Jr., the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Burger, Sr., was born on Feb. 20, 1921. He attended schools in Houston, including Rice Institute, taking flying lessons on the side. On Feb. 25, 1942, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps. Training took him through preliminary training at Kelly Field, primary at Victory Field, basic at Goodfellow Field, and advanced at Ellington Field. He was

commissioned Dec. 10, 1942. After transition training at Barksdale Field, he flew his B-26 Marauder to his new base in England. He had the same crew on 54 hazardous but successful missions over Europe. In May, 1944, his crew was given furloughs to the U.S., and Lt. Burger married Nilda Naylor of England. He flew with a new crew on the invasion of France, and on the 3rd mission the B-26 was shot down. Lt. Burger parachuted out, though burned, was captured and hospitalized by the Germans, but died of his burns and from neglect when the Germans left Paris before the U.S. Army.

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Lt. Comdr. ARTHUR T. LEWIS

Lt. Comdr. A. T. Lewis, born Aug. 2, 1902, son of Mr. T. L. Lewis, 730 Bayland St., Houston, husband of Margaret H. Lewis, 13 Peking St., McAllen; he received his education at Bay City Grammar, J. Davis High Schools, and Rice Inst., Houston; volunteered for service Nov. 28, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to Navy, Civil Engineer Corps.; trained at Camp Allen, Va. Served in the U.S. 8 months, overseas 25 months, in Gilbert Islands Campaign, Marshalls, Hawaiian area, Iwo Jima, and Volcano Islands. Commissioned Lt. Nov., 1942; promoted to Lt. Commander in Aug., 1943. He was released to inactive duty Dec. 7, 1945. Previous to his enlistment into the United States Navy, Lt. Comdr. Lewis was a civil engineer.



AMM 1/c WILLIAM W. TULL



Maj. SAM J. WILLIS

AMMI/c William Wilson Tull, son of Mrs. L. G. Werner, Houston, Texas, was born January 31, 1924, a native of Texas, and volunteered July 7, 1941, for the Navy, Aviation Branch, training at San Diego. He served January, 1942, to November, 1943, in the South Pacific participating in the battles of Munda, Bougainville, Guadalcanal and Midway, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with the Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Ribbon, American Defense and World War II Victory Award. After returning to the States, he was assigned to Ellison Field, Pensacola, Florida, as engineer.

Maj. Sam John Willis, birthdate June 18, 1911, husband of Elsie Emma Willis, Dallas, Texas, is the son of Mrs. Parker Haight, Houston. He volunteered March, 1942, for the Air Transport Command, and participated in the ferrying of U.S. Army planes to Canada, North Africa, England, India, China and other points. Maj. Willis served as pilot of 4-engine aircraft transporting cargo over the "Hump"; later became personal pilot for Lt. Gen. R. A. Wheeler, Deputy Supreme Commander for India-Burma-China Theater. The Pres. Citation was awarded with Air Medaltwo Bronze Stars. April 19, 1946, he transferred to Reserve Air Corps.

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*Sgt. BILL M. BROWN

Sgt. Bill McDonald Brown, the son of Mrs. June E. Burdick of Laporte, and the husband of Marie Eloise Brown of Houston, was born on Jan. 23, 1912. He entered the Army on Oct. 13, 1943, and was trained at Camp Wolters. He was assigned to the 84th Infantry Division, leaving for the European Theater of Operations on Oct. 31, 1944. He served in the countries of Holland, Germany, and Belgium. Prior to his going to Europe he had received two promotions, to Cpl. in May, 1944, and to Sergeant in June, 1944. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge, and it was in this action that Sgt. Brown gave his life for his country on the 23rd of Dec., 1944. His commanding officer had commended him for patrol duty he had performed beyond the call of duty. The Purple Heart was awarded to him posthumously.

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S/Sgt. CLIFTON H. LEE

S/Sgt. C. H. Lee, born Dec. 16, 1917, son of Mr. Hugh Lee, Apple Springs, husband of Betty S. Lee, 3810 Wiley St., Houston; he was educated at Apple Springs Grammar and Groveton High Schools. Volunteered for service on Oct. 3, 1936, and was assigned to the Army, 2nd, 9th Inf., Co. B.; trained at San Antonio, Texas. Over seas for 10 months, in Ireland, England, France, in action at Brest, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice, having been killed in action at Vire, France. Awarded Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife and daughter, 3 1/2 years old Margaret Rose Lee. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant on December 26, 1943. Served in the United States for 6 years and 6 months.



*Pvt. HERBERT STRAUSS



Sgt. ALBERT E. WOLKARTE

Pvt. Herbert Strauss, born December 5, 1912, husband of Cleo Kathleen Strauss, East Bernard, Texas, and son of Mrs. Adelline Strauss, volunteered March 2, 1943, at San Antonio for the Army Combat Engineers Division, training at Camp White, Oregon, and later, December, 1943, serving in the European Theater, stationed in London, England. Pvt. Strauss was reported "Missing" from June, 1944, to February 27, 1945, when he was confirmed to have lost his life June 14, 1944, when the ship he was on was sunk when it struck a German mine just before landing in France. Pvt. Strauss had faithfully served his country for over one year.

Sgt. Albert Edward Wolkarte, son of Mrs. Virgie Wolkarte, Houston, and the late Edward G. Wolkarte, was born September 22, 1913; volunteered October 29, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training at Ellington Field, Texas. He transferred to the Army Ordnance Division attached to the Air Force, serving as tire inspector and automotives supply clerk at Eagle Pass, Texas. Sgt. Wolkarte was selected to work on a ninety day industrial pass for the Aluminum Co. of America at Alcoa, Tennessee, after which he returned and was stationed at Pampa, Texas. After discharge October 29, 1945, he re-enlisted the same day for Army service.

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Cpl. AUBREY L. STAPLETON

Cpl. Aubrey Lee Stapleton was born on November 28, 1918. He is the son of Mrs. Myrtie Lee Brown of Houston, and the husband of Lela Stapleton, of Pensacola, Fla. Prior to his entering the Marine Corps on September 18, 1942, he was employed by the Irving-Bishop Grain Co. in Houston. He received his training at the Marine Base, San Diego, Calif., and was later assigned to the 3rd Marine Division. On January 24, 1943, he was sent to the South Pacific Area where he participated in engagements against the Japanese at Bougainville, B.S.I., in the initial landings and occupation of Guam in the Mariana Islands, and lastly in the invasion and securing of the island of Iwo Jima. He was wounded in this action. He received his discharge on September 24, 1945, at Pensacola N.A.T. Base.

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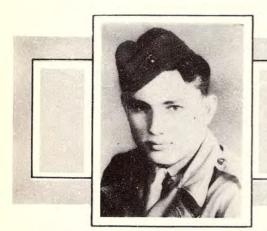
S/Sgt. ALEX E. AVILA



Pfc ISAAC M. RENTERIA

S/Sgt. Alex E. Avila, son of Mrs. Anna E. Samarron, Houston, Texas, and Miguel Avila, Tampico, Mexico, was born November 1, 1914, in Texas; was a member of the National Guard prior to his voluntary entry into the Army 36th Division Infantry. He trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass., and began overseas duty April, 1943, in Oran, Africa. Sgt. Avila participated in combat in the invasion of Salerno, on through Italy, and in the invasion of Southern France; was wounded September 11, 1944, near Villa de Chatel, France, while directing mortar, fire. His awards include Pres. Citation, stars and ribbons. Discharged August, 1945.

Pfc Isaac M. Renteria, brother of Mrs. Minnie Sanchez, Houston, Texas, was born October 25, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Renteria, also of Houston. He entered the Army Air Corps August 19, 1942, training at Camp Kearns, Utah, and began overseas duty December, 1943, in the European-African-Middle-East Theater where he participated in combat of five campaigns. His awards include the EAME Ribbon with five Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, three Overseas Service Bars with American Theater, Defense and World War II Victory Ribbons. After returning to the States September, 1945, Pfc Renteria was discharged one month later.



PhM 2/c FRED SCHELLHOUSE, JR.



T/A ALLEN N. SHAW II

PhM2/c Fred Schellhouse, Jr., birthdate December 22, 1922, in Texas, husband of Ora Myrle Schellhouse, Houston, was professional baseball player with Beaumont, Texas, Club prior to his voluntary entry March 4, 1942, with the Navy, Medical Corps, attached to the 3rd Marine Div. He trained at San Diego, Calif., New River, N.C., and Corpus Christi, Texas, and served February, 1943, to August, 1944, in the Pacific Theater on New Zealand, Guadalcanal, Marshall Islands, Pearl Harbor, and participated in the Battle of Bougainville, also of Guam, where he was wounded July 21, 1944. A Letter of Commendation and Purple Heart were awarded. Discharged June 9, 1945.

T/A Allen Noel Shaw II, son of Mrs. Elsie Shaw, Goose Creek, Texas, was born May 10, 1906, a native of Texas. He graduated from University of Oklahoma at Norman, and entered the Army Medical Corps October 9, 1942, at San Antonio, training at Camp Barkeley, Texas. June, 1943, to November, 1945, he served in the European Theater at the 121st Station Hospital, Braintree England, also participating in the Battle of the Bulge, German campaign to Rhine River onto the Elbe River. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal with Meritorious Service Plaque. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge November 12, 1945.

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Capt. FELIX F. MORAN

Capt. Moran was born on Feb. 24, 1916, son of Mrs. Grace Moran, and husband of Eunice Moran of 7248 Sherman in Houston, attended Navasota High School; volunteering for the service on July 16, 1942, at Houston, assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Army Air Force Cadet Schools in San Antonio, Ballinger, San Angelo, Lubbock, transition at Austin. Texas, Grenada, Miss., and Alliance, Nebr. In the European Theater of Operation, and American Theater for 15 mos. serving in Normandy Campaign, Western France, airborne invasion of Holland, Ardennes, and Rhineland. Served as a pilot in the 9th Tp. Carrier Comd. while in the ETO; at end of war in Europe was transferred to Puerto Rico, and took part in returning veterans to the U.S.A. by air. Decorations include ETO Ribbon with 5 Campaign Stars, Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and ATO Medals. Honorably discharged Jan. 6, 1947.

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Capt. JAMES H. LEACH

Capt. James H. Leach, born April 7, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Watts Leach, 1920 Vaughn St., Houston; educated at Lamar Grammar and Jefferson Davis Sr. High School, Houston; volunteered on Jan. 6, 1941, and was assigned to the Army 4th Armored Div.; trained at Pine Camp, N.Y. Overseas 20 months, in Hawaiian Is. 4 mos., and in Europe, 16 mos. In battles: Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, Ardennes. Served in England, France, Germany, Belgium, and Luxembourg. He was 5 times wounded, and received the Dist. Service Cross (Battle of Bulge), Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart 4 Clusters, Pres. Citation with Cluster. He was commissioned at Ft. Knox, Ky.; promoted to Capt. in N. France. Honorably discharged Dec. 1, 1945.



1st Lt. TOM H. ROBB, JR.



Pfc JOE SALAZAR

lst Lt. Tom Hall Robb, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom H. Robb, Sr., Houston, Texas, was born April 4, 1924; graduated from Texas A & M, and volunteered June 11, 1943, for the Army Air Corps. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. at Yale University, and began overseas duty August, 1945, in the Pacific Theater of Operations where he served on Guam as Supply Officer of the 1943rd Engineering Utilities Detachment, participating in work of generator maintenance, electric shop, field distribution, refrigeration, mechanized maintenance and field lighting. In August, 1946, Lt. Robb returned to the States, and was discharged October 11, 1946, at Ft. Sam Houston.

Pfc Joe Salazar, born March 20, 1921, in Texas, son of Margarito Sapopana Salazar, and brother of Guadalupe Salazar of Mexico and Fairbanks, Texas, respectively. He entered the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and began overseas duty January, 1944, in North African-European Theater. Pfc Salazar served in Corsica, Italy, Elba, Germany, and North Africa before returning to the States one year later in January of 1945. His awards include various Ribbons including the EAME Campaign Ribbon World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Discharge from the Army Air Corps was received October 29, 1945.

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*1st Lt. BILLY B. COMBS

1st Lt. Combs was born on Aug. 22, 1918, at Sherman, Texas, son of Mrs. Dennis Morrison of 502 Rosalie St., Houston, husband of Barbara L. Combs, Hollywood, Calif. Graduated from Central High School, Tulsa, Okla., in 1936, and volunteered for the Marines after he graduated from the Univ. of Michigan; upon enlistment in Feb., 1942, was ordered to M.C.B., San Diego, for boot (basic) training; assigned to Co. A., 1st Bn., 4th Div.; he was made drill instructor, transferred to USS Wharton, for duty with Marine Det. aboard that vessel in Oct., 1942. Completed courses of instruction, 34th Res. Officers' Class, M.C.S., Quantico, Va., and Transport Q.M.S., Camp Elliott, Calif. Went overseas in 1942; served on Guadalcanal, Guam, and Bougainville; wounded in Battle of Guam, July, 1944. In Nov. he joined the 23rd Marines, 4th M. Div., and while in action with the Div., on Iwo Jima, Volcano Is., Feb. 19, 1945, he was killed. Awarded Purple Heart and Gold Star, and Citation from Pres. F. D. Roosevelt.



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*Sgt. LESTER L. WADDELL

Sgt. Waddell, was born on Sept. 3, 1922, son of Mrs. Bertie Moss, and stepson of Mr. Edward Moss of 4806 Leffingwell, Houston, Texas; attended Jefferson Davis High School, volunteering for the Army on 21st of June, 1939, assigned to the 1st Cav. Div., going to Ft. Riley, Kan., for his training. He went overseas on July 23, 1943, and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater; participated in the New Guinea and Bismarck Archipelago Campaigns. Sgt. Lester Lewis Waddell was killed in action March 17, 1944, on Los Negros Islands. His decorations include all Sharp Shooting Medals, Purple Heart, and the Silver Star for gallantry in action. On March 17, 1944, while leading the point sqdn. of a platoon on a reconnaissance mission, in his gallant effort to insure maximum effect of the fire of his sqdn., he himself paid the Supreme Sacrifice.

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Pfc BERTRAN T. BADER, JR.

Pfc Bader, son of Mrs. Marguerite Murphy, 315 Cody, Houston, Texas, attended Univ. of Houston and Univ. of Texas, and on Sept. 21, 1943, he entered the service at Houston, assigned to the Army 29th Infantry Div., leaving for Camp Fannin, Texas, for his training; went overseas in April, 1944, serving in the European Theater of Operations until Nov. 19, 1945, fighting in Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, and Rhineland campaigns. Wounded July 31, 1944, in France, and Nov. 22 and 23, 1944, in Germany. His decorations include Purple Heart, with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, with 4 Campaign Stars, Good Conduct, Combat Infantry Badge, and the World War II Victory Medals. Honorably discharged from Fort Dix in New Jersey on Nov. 24, 1945.

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T/Sgt. FLOIS HOWARD

T/Sgt. F. Howard, born April 20, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Howard (deceased), husband of Dorothy L. Howard, 2120 Danville, Houston; he attended Booneville High School, Ark., volunteered Oct. 14, 1940, at San Francisco, Calif.; assigned to the Army Air Force, trained at Fort Douglas, Utah; overseas 4 years, in air offensive of Japan, Philippines, (Defense) Del Monte Air Field, Mindanao; in Philippine Is. 5 months. Captured May 10, 1942, by Japanese. POW 40 months in Davao Penal Colony, Naygoya, Japan. Awarded medals and battle credits, Amer. Def., 1 Star; Asiatic-Pac., 2 Stars; Phil. Def., 1 Star; Dist. Unit Citation, 2 O.L.C.; ATO Medal. Discharged Feb. 7, 1946; re-enlisted 39th AAF Bn., Army A. Field, Fort Worth, Texas.



S 1/c WILLIAM L. RECKLESS, JR.



S 1/c CLARENCE H. J. REQUARDT

S1/c William Louis Reckless, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Reckless, Sr., Houston, Texas, was born May 18, 1921, in Mexico. He volunteered October 3, 1942, for the Navy, training at Great Lakes, Ill., and later serving thirty-four months overseas assigned to the USS Charles Ausburne. Seaman Reckless was in duty at Casa Blanca and Gibraltar January, 1943, and then in the Pacific area where he participated in combat at Rabaul, New Britain, New Ireland, Bougainville and Bonin Islands, also landings on Saipan, Tinian, Guam plus Leyte landing, Philippine Liberation. The Pres. Unit Citation was awarded. Discharged October 25, 1945.

S1/c Clarence Henry J. Requardt, birthdate May 8, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Requardt, Houston, Texas, volunteered April 5, 1944, for the Navy Armed Guard, training at San Diego, Calif. August, 1944, to January, 1945, he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater; participated in the Campaign of the Philippines, and was wounded at Leyte Bay. Seaman Requardt was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Medal with one Star, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Victory and Defense Medals with a Commendation by Secretary of Navy for invaluable service of Marcus Daly. After returning home, he was discharged April 25, 1946.

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Maj. RALPH L. MARTIN, JR.

Maj. Martin was born on Aug. 4, 1918, in Colorado, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Martin, and husband of Alice Todd Martin of 511 W. 33 St., Houston, attended Baylor Univ. at Waco; entered the Army on Jan. 21, 1941, assigned to 36th Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, La. Maneuvers, and Camp Blanding, Fla. Entered O.C.S. in 1942; later served with 79th Inf. Div. He went over seas in April, 1944, stationed near Mobberly, Cheshire, England; in Normandy; Battle of Clerburg; La Haye du Puits; through France to Paris; into Belgium; Foret de Parroy; campaign in Alsace; Holland; invasion of Ruhr; after V-E Day, served in Czechoslovakia and in Germany for occupational duties. Wounded in July, Sept., and Nov., of 1944. Awarded Bronze Star with Cluster, Purple Heart with 2 Clusters, Pre-Pearl Harbor, ATO, Occupation, ETO with 4 Stars, Combat Inf. Badge, and Victory Medals. At present he is serving in Munich, Germany, with the Hq. 3rd Military Govt. Regt., Information Control Div.



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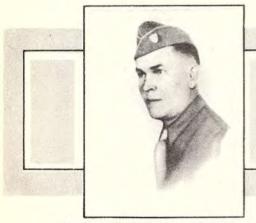
*2nd Lt. ANTHONY R. TRACY

*2nd Lt. JAMES BRENARD KELTNER, JR.

2nd Lt. Tracy was born on September 15, 1918, son of Mrs. Pauline Ann Tracy of 1215 E. Jackson, Pasadena, Texas; educated in Austin; volunteered for the U.S. Army on Oct 16, 1940, at Austin, assigned to the 56th Cav. Brig., training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, San Antonio, Houston, and Big Springs, Texas. He went overseas on April 27, 1943, serving on the No. African Coast; he was a crew member of a B-24 which took part in an operational mission over the N. African Coast on July 3, 1943; they were over the No. Atlantic Ocean, West of Portugal, when last contacted by radio; the plane was never found. Awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

2nd Lt. Keltner was born on July 10, 1921, son of Mr. J. B. Keltner and Mrs. Minnie Keltner Mathis of Austin, nephew of Mrs. Henry D. Tracy of Pasadena, Texas. Attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, entering the Army in Nov., 1940, assigned to the 56th Cav. Brigade, training at Ft. Bliss and McIntosh. Overseas from Feb., 1943, until Nov. 7, 1943, serving in North Africa, Kasserine Pass, Gafsa, El Guettar, Medjes, El Bab, and Cap Bon Sectors. 2nd Lt. James Brenard Keltner died in Algiers in Nov., 1943. He served in the U.S. at Kelly Fld.; Foster Fld.; Waco; and Victoria, Texas; Cimmaron, Oklahoma, and at Tallahassee in Florida, before going overseas.

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T/3 VINCENT J. ZOWADA



Pvt. LEO H. ZOWADA

T/3 Zowada, was born on April 5, 1905, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bloss P. Zowada, and brother of Mrs. Henry D. Tracy of Pasadena, Texas. He attended Austin High School, and volunteered for the service on Oct. 16, 1940, assigned to the Army Cav., Sig. Corps, and Amph. Engs., and was sent to Ft. Bliss, Texas, for training. Overseas from Dec. 22, 1943, until Aug. 13, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area with service in New Britain, Goodenough Islands, and New Guinea. Awards include Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star, and Commendation from "AFRS." On Aug. 23, 1945, Tech. 3 Grade Vincent J. Zowada received an honorable discharge.

Pvt. Zowada was born on the 6th day of November, 1902, in Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bloss P. Zowada of Austin, Texas, brother of Mrs. Henry D. Tracy of 1215 E. Jackson, Pasadena, Texas. Here-ceived his education in Austin, entering the service on the 12th of August, 1942, at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, going to Oregon and California for his training. Private Leo Henry Zowada was given his discharge from the United States Army Air Corps in March, 1943, after eight months of service, and is now living at 604 Lamar Boulevard in Austin, Texas.

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Maj. AUSTINN F. LANGSTON

Maj. Langston was born Oct. 2, 1913, in Louisiana, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Langston of 7734 Baltimore, and husband of Mary Deloris Langston of 8122 Bonner Dr., Houston; educated in Houston Public Schools, volunteering for service Feb. 18, 1933, assigned to the Army 23rd Inf. Div., training at Ft. Sam Houston, Camp Bowie with 111th Engrs., and Camp Swift with 206th Engrs. Serving overseas from Oct. 18, 1943, until Feb. 3, 1945, in United Kingdom for 8 months, and in Europe for 6 months; he participated in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, and Germany; wounded at Wallen Fangen, Germany, by enemy artillery shell fragments. Awarded Good Conduct, American Defense, Victory, European Theater, with 3 Stars, Pre-Pearl Harbor, and Purple Heart Medals. He is at present with Engr. Board, Yuma Test Branch, at Yuma, Arizona, and is awaiting action of an Army retiring board due to injuries received.

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S 2/c ABRAHAM ZERMENO



Sgt. FLORENCIO ZERMENO

S2/c Zermeno, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Zermeno of 5305 Jewell Street, Houston, Texas, was born on November 21, 1926. He attended John Marshall High School at Houston, entering the service on the 9th of March in 1945, as signed to the U.S. Navy, and was sent to United States Naval Training Center at San Diego, California, with service at the U.S. Naval Repair Base, also in San Diego, California, He received the following decorations: the American Theater Campaign Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. On the 29th day of November, 1946, Seaman Second Class Abraham Zermeno was given an honorable discharge.

Sgt. Zermeno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Zermeno of 5305 Jewell, Houston, was born on March 27, 1921, in Texas; attended Elliot Grammar and John Marshall High Schools. He entered the service on October 9, 1942, at Houston, assigned to the Army Anti-aircraft Artillery Division, and was sent to Camp Callan, Camp Howze, and Fort Meade, going overseas on August 6, 1945, with service in the Philippine Islands and Japan. Returned to the States on the 19th of January, 1946. His decorations include Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Good Conduct, Victory, Rifle Sharpshooter, and ATO Medals. Was honorably discharged Feb. 12, 1946.



ROSENDO ZERMENO



T/Sqt. ROY ZERMENO

Rosendo Zermeno was born on Aug. 30, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Zermeno of Houston; educated in Houston, entering the Army on Aug. 13, 1941, assigned to 12th Gr.; trained at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Serving overseas 29 months in Europe, Canada, and Alaska in Battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. His awards include American Defense, EAME Campaign with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, Victory, and American Theater Campaign Medals, also 1 Service Stripe and 4 Overseas Bars. He received his honorable discharge on the 9th day of November, 1945, after serving in the U.S. Army for 4 yrs., 3 mos.

T/Sgt. Zermeno, was born on November 11, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Zermeno of Houston; attended Jefferson Davis High, entering the 15th Army Air Force on June 1, 1943, training at Amarillo A.A.F., overseas from Aug. 20, 1944, to May 22, 1945, participating in Battles of Rome, So. France, Greece, Rhineland, and Central Germany. A prisoner for 2 mos.; liberated April 29, 1945, by American 45th Div. Troops at Moosburg, German POW Camp. Awarded Air Medal 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME with 6 Stars, Gp. Presidential Citation, and Good Conduct Medals. Technical Sgt. Roy Zermeno received an honorable discharge on October 21, 1945.

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S/Sgt. WALLACE R. ROMERO, SR.

S/Sgt. Romero was born on April 11, 1913, son of Mrs. Fannie C. Romero, brother of Miss Beatrice Romero, 2009 Union St., Houston, Texas; attended Dow Junior High School in Houston, entering the service on February 9, 1944, assigned to the Army Infantry Division; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, going overseas in July, 1944, and serving in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany; participated in these battles: Aachen, Battle of the Roer, Siegfried Line. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice on February 25, 1945, in Germany. While training, he received Sharpshooting Medals for Bar, Carbine, and Rifle. While fighting he received the Infantryman's Combat Badge, Purple Heart awarded posthumously, the Bronze Star Medal presented to him posthumously at military ceremonies at Ft. Crockett, Galveston, Texas, on October 30, 1945. His wife, Mrs. Janice R. Romero, resides at 2009 Union, Houston, Texas.

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1st Lt. JULIUS E. HOLLUB

1st Lt. J. E. Hollub, born Jan. 25, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. G. Hollub, R.R. 5, Hallettsville, Texas, husband of Mrs. Willie Vee Hollub, 4909 Sherman St., Houston; he was educated at Boethel Grammar and Hallettsville High School, and Texas A & I, Kingsville; entered the service March 22, 1937, and Fed. Service Nov. 25, 1940; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas 27 months, in Italian Campaign, French Campaign, Rhineland, C. Europe. He received Campaign Medal, 5 Br. Stars, Bronze Star Medal with 1 O.L.C., Air Medal, 1 O.L.C. Promoted from Sgt. to S/Sgt., to 2nd Lt., then to 1st Lt. He is a member of the O.R.C., 1st Lt. F.A. 1st Lt. Hollub was honorably discharged on October 10, 1945.



1st Lt. BILLY RAY



1st Lt. GEORGE E. RAY

lst Lt. Billy Ray, husband of Marjorie Ray, Santa Maria, Calif., formerly of Houston, Texas, was born June 28, 1920, and volunteered November 22, 1940, for the Army Engineers, 36th Div., transferring to Army Air Corps in 1942. He was commissioned at Kirtland Field, N. M., later serving March to December, 1944, in Europe where he participated in the air offensive of Europe, Normandy, No. and So. France, Germany in sixty-five combat missions in B-26 Martin Marauder. His group, the "Silver Streaks," led the entire 9th Air Force in D-Day bombings. The Air Medal with 12 Clusters was awarded with other ribbons. Lt. Ray transferred to inactive status June, 1945.

lst Lt. George Edward Ray, born August 18, 1921, husband of Melba Ferne Ray, Pasadena, Texas, volunteered May 26, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, 8th Air Force, training at San Marcos, Texas. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. December 24, 1943, and served overseas March to October, 1944, in the European Theater where he participated in thirty combat missions over Germany, France, and Normandy from a base in England. His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross with Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. After returning to the States, Lt. Ray again transferred overseas July 5, 1946, and is currently stationed on Guam in the Pacific Theater.

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*Sgt. JOE RAMIREZ

Sgt. Ramirez was born on the 22nd day of February, 1918, in Texas, husband of Mrs. Lizzie Ramirez of 309 McKinney Ave., Houston, Texas, attended Dow Jr. High School at Houston, entering the service on December 11, 1942, assigned to the Army 2nd Division, 23rd Infantry, and was sent to Camp McCoy, Wis. for his training. In September, 1943, he was shipped overseas; he left Camp McCoy, Wis., for New York, and from New York he went to Ireland, then to England, participating in action on D-Day in France. Sergeant Joe Ramirez was reported missing, then later reported killed in action on the 15th of August, 1944, in France. His decorations include the Sharp Shooter Medal, Purple Heart, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, and the European Theater Campaign Ribbon.

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Pfc CAMERON J. BARNES

Pfc Barnes was born on May 30, 1921, in Mississippi, husband of Winona Marie Barnes of 912 Melbourne St., Houston, Texas. Heattended Jefferson Davis High School in Houston; volunteered for the service on August 14, 1944, assigned to the Marine Det. on the U.S.S. New Orleans, training at Parris Island in South Carolina. He was shipped overseas on the 14th of March, 1945, serving until December 8, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, with service in the Philippines and on Okinawa. Awarded ATO, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbons. Pfc Cameron Jack Barnes received an honorable discharge in April, 1946.

T/Sqt. SHELBY BARNES

T/Sgt. Barnes was born on Dec. 24, 1917, in Miss., husband of Helen Margaret Barnes of 4366 Rosewood, Houston; educated in Houston Grammar and High Schools; attended Massey Business College; entered the Army 3rd Armored Div. on June 13, 1941, and trained at Camp Polk, La., Desert Training Center, Rice, Calif., and Indiantown Gap, Penn. Overseas from Sept. 5, 1943, to Nov. 25, 1945, in England, France, Belgium, and Germany; participated in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany. Awarded the Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medals. Technical Sergeant Shelby Barnes was given an honorable discharge Dec. 2, 1945.







Ens. WILLIAM B. LUTON

Ens. WAYNE L. HOLLOWAY

Y 1/c RICHARD R. LUTON

Ens. WAYNE L. HOLLOWAY, born Jan. 13, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Holloway, and husband of Jacquelyn La Rue Holloway of 3816 Rosedale, Houston, attended Texas A&M College; volunteered for Naval Aviation V-5; trained at Pensacola, Fla., with pre-flight at Athens, Ga.; primary at Bunker Hill, Ind. He also served at Austin, Texas; Jacksonville, Fla.; Norfolk, Va.; Grosselle, Mich.; and Quonset Pt., R.I. Discharged November 15, 1945.

Ens. WILLIAM B. LUTON, born March 31, 1924, son of Mrs. J. W. Luton, and husband of Kathryn Hope Luton of 4366 Rosewood, Houston, attended Univ. of Texas; enlisted in N.A.C. June 8, 1943; trained at Pensacola, Fla. In Hawaii, Marianas with Task Force 38; in Okinawa and Japanese homeland campaigns. Awarded Gold Star in lieu of 2nd Air Medal. He was honorably discharged Nov. 10, 1945.

Y l/c RICHARD RAY LUTON, born on Feb. 17, 1925, son of Mrs. J. W. Luton of Houston, attended John H. Reagan High; volunteered for the U.S. Navy Dec. 26, 1942; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from June, 1943, to Oct., 1944, in Noumea, New Caledonia, at the Naval Advanced Base there. Decorations include American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign, and Good Conduct Medals. Served at F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif. Discharged July, 1946; resides with his wife, Rita Marie, in Houston.







Pfc ROBERT M. HERRERA

Pfc Servando Molino Herrera, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Herrera, Houston, Texas, was born September 10, 1917, in Texas; attended school in Edgar, Texas, and began service with the Army Infantry, November 27, 1942. He trained at Camp Adair, Oregon, and served September, 1944, to September, 1945, in the European Theater where he participated in the campaigns of Central Europe and the Rhineland. The Purple Heart was awarded for wounds received in combat while in Germany; also the EAME Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons. Discharged November 4, 1945.

Pfc Robert M. Herrera, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Herrera, Houston, Texas, was born September 19, 1917, a native of Texas. He volunteered November 26, 1940, for the Army Infantry, and was assigned to Ft. Sam Houston for training. Pfc Herrera served October, 1943, to July, 1945, in the European Theater where he participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe; was wounded in combat December 17, 1944, and awarded the Purple Heart. The EAME Campaign Medal with five Stars was received with Good Conduct Medal and various other ribbons and awards. Discharged August 5, 1945.



Sgt. ROY M. HERRERA



Cpl. MANUEL M. HERRERA Sgt. SAMUEL M. HERRERA

Cpl. MANUEL MOLINO HERRERA, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Herrera, Houston, was born February 23, 1922. He entered the Army 122nd Cavalry Div. November 23, 1942; trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas, and served his total duty in the States. His awards include the World War II Victory, American Theater and Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Ribbon. Discharged February 13, 1946.

Sgt. ROY M. HERRERA, birthdate January 11, 1920, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Herrera of Houston, Texas. He entered the Army Infantry November 28, 1942; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and later served September, 1944, to February, 1946, in the European Theater. Sgt. Herrera served as Platoon Sergeant in the Campaigns of the Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the EAME Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal and other ribbons. Discharged Feb., 1946.

Sgt. SAMUEL MOLINO HERRERA, born December 21, 1919, in Texas, volunteered November 23, 1940, for the Army 1st Cavalry Div.; trained at Ft. Clark and Ft. Bliss, Texas. Sgt. Herrera served June, 1943, to August, 1945, in the Pacific; participated in the battles of New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Luzon, and Southern Philippines. The Dis. Unit Badge was awarded. Discharged August 12, 1945.

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*2nd Lt. IVEY REES, JR.

2nd Lt. Rees, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Rees, Sr., of Webster, Texas, and husband of Ida Marie Rees of 3808 Dover St., Houston, was born May 21, 1915; attended Univ. of Houston; volunteered for service April 1, 1942, assigned to the A.A.C.; trained at Santa Ana, Calif.; Thunderbird Air Field, Phoenix, Ariz.; Pecos, Texas; and then at Marfa, Texas. He went overseas in November, 1943, stationed in various areas; he was first in Africa, then sent to Sicily; was sent with detached service to Sardinia, then back to Sicily. 2nd Lt. Ivey Rees, Jr., was killed on February 24, 1944, in Sicily, while flying a hospital ship filled with wounded personnel. He flew a C-47 hospital ship, and at the time of his death was acting as co-pilot for he hadn't had sufficient time overseas to act as a pilot. Awarded Citation from the President of the United States.

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Cpl. BROWNE B. RICE

Cpl. Rice, son of Mrs. Browne Botts Rice of 3502 Burlington, Houston, was born on Oct. 14, 1922; educated in Houston and Woodberry Forest, Va.; attended Schreiner Military Institute at Kerrville, Texas. On July 20, 1942, he volunteered for the service at Houston, assigned to the Marines 1st Div., serving overseas from Nov. 1, 1942, until Nov. 27, 1945, in the Pacific Area, participating in the battles for Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester, New Guinea, and Peleliu; he was wounded twice, both times at Peleliu; he was offered "spot promotion" to Lieutenant after Peleliu but did not accept. His decorations include the Presidential Citation, Letter of Commendation, and two Purple Hearts. Cpl. Rice received his discharge in Nov., 1945, and is now at home in Houston at 304 Crestwood Drive, with his wife, Anne Townes Rice.



Pfc RAUL R. ROSALES

Pfc R. R. Rosales, born Sept. 20, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Rosales, 1507 Freeman St., Houston. He received his education at Jones Grammar and Jefferson Davis High Schools, Houston; entered the service July 20, 1943, assigned to the Army 29th Inf., Div.; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas; served in the United States 5 1/2 months, and overseas 22 months, in Cornwall, England. Participated in D-Day operations, Normandy, Brest Peninsula, Holland, Belgium, Germany. Received 4 Battle Stars. He was wounded in 1944 by a tank shell while he worked on radio in France. Awards and credits: Bronze Star and Cluster, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Citation with Bronze Star Cluster for the crossing of the Roer River. He was honorably discharged on October 18, 1945.





*1st Lt. RAYMOND PASCUAL

1st Lt. LESLIE A. RATLIFF, JR.

lst Lt. Raymond Pascual, born Nov. 16, 1915, husband of Enid Lee Pascual, Houston, Texas, entered the Army Air Corps Jan. 16, 1942. He received his commission at Midland, Texas, Dec. 17, 1943, and while stationed at Langley Field, Va., participated in Anti-Sub Patrol Duty, receiving the Air Medal and later one Oak Leaf Cluster. Lt. Pascual began overseas duty April, 1944, in the European Theater where he served in air combat and was reported "missing" when his plane was shot down over Bernburg, Germany, July 7, 1944. Later he was presumed to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice while faithfully serving his country. The Purple Heart was awarded.

1st Lt. Leslie Alfred Ratliff, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ratliff, Sr., Houston, Texas, was born February 13, 1920, in Mexico; attended Texas A & M, and volunteered January 25, 1943, for the Army Air Forces. He graduated from training school; was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant May 29, 1943, later serving as aircraft engineering officer with the 30th and 27th Service Groups until June, 1945, when he was assigned to the Headquarters First Air Force. In March, 1946, Lt. Ratliff transferred to AAF Repl. Depot as Military Personnel Officer, and plans to attend Pilot School at Randolph Field. His awards include various ribbons.



*Cpl. ELDRIDGE L. COLEMAN

Sgt. RUTH W. COLEMAN

Cpl. Eldridge Laverne Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Coleman of Houston, and the husband of Ruth Ellen Coleman, was born on May 21, 1924. He volunteered for the Marine Corps on Dec. 13, 1942, and was trained at the Marine Training Base, Camp Elliott, Calif. In April, 1943, he was sent to Australia. He soon went from there to meet the enemy at Cape Gloucester, Borgen Bay, New Britain, and Peleliu Island in the Palau group. He had also seen action on Russell Island. It was on the Island of Peleliu that Cpl. Coleman lost his life while participating in an engagement against the enemy on Sept. 29, 1944. The Purple Heart was awarded to him. Had his enlistment been terminated by discharge, his service record would have shown a character marked "Very Good,"

Sgt. Ruth Williams Coleman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Williams of Waco, was born on Jan. 31, 1922. She is the wife of the late Cpl. Eldridge L. Coleman of Houston. Ruth volunteered for the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corps on December 12, 1944, at Dallas. She was sent to Camp Lejeune North Carolina for her training. After serving her country in this capacity for ten months here in the United States, she was given an honorable discharge on the 12th of October, 1945. She is a graduate of the high school in Waco. She entered the service just a little over two months after her husband had volunteered for the Marine Corps.

1. —1ST LT. FLOYD CECIL FORD, born Feb. 13, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ford, 310 Goldenrod St., Houston, husband of Mary L. Ford, 613 Coronado St., attended the University of Houston, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to Army, 36th Div.; trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards. Overseas from Apr. 2, 1943, to Sept. 27, 1945. In Africa, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. Battles: Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland, C. Germany. Rec'd Silver Star, 5 B. Stars. Discharged, 1945.

*2. —PFC ROBERT ELWYN FORD, born May 6, 1921, at Clovis, N. Mexico, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ford, husband of Evelyn J., 9823 Westfield Rd., Houston, attended J. Davis High, and volunteered July 24, 1942. Was assigned to Army 36th Div., with training at Camps Robinson and Edwards. Overseas from April 1 to Nov. 21, 1943, in Africa, Italy, and in the Battles Naples and Foggia. Awarded: 1 Battle Star. Pfc Robert Ford lost his life in action at Cassino, Italy, on November 21, 1943.

3. —E.M.2/c (SS) FRANK ZAMARRON FRAGA, born Dec. 31, 1926, son of Felix Fraga, 49 McAlpine St., Houston. Attended J. Davis High, and volumteered May 29, 1942; he was assigned to the Navy, U.S. Submarine Service, with training at San Diego, Calif. He was overseas for 18 months. In S. Pacific, A merican area, and European area, Awarded: Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, American Area, and Victory Ribbons, and Good Conduct Medal. EM 2/c (SS) Frank Fraga was honorably discharged Dec. 29, 1946.

4. —SGT. JOSE ZAMARRON FRAGA, born Aug. 6, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Fraga, Houston, attended Marshall High Houston; entered service Feb. 12, 1943, assigned to Army Air Forces; trained at Keesler Field, Miss. Overseas from Dec. 23, 1943, to Nov. 1, 1945, in European M.T.O., Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines, Po Valley, S. France, N. France, Rhineland, C. Europe, air combat of Balkans. Awards: EAME Med al 9 Stars, Dist. Unit Badge Oak Leaf Cluster, Amer. T. and Victory Ribbons. Discharged, 1945.

*5. —SGT. ELMER DELNO SPEELMAN, born March 18, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Flake, husband of Audrey E. Speelman, 2302 Ruth St., Houston, attended Main Ave. Technical and Vocational, San Antonio; volunteered Jan. 29, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Keesler Field, Miss. Served in U.S. 14 mos., and overseas from April to May, 1944. In Mediterranean area, battles for Ploesti Oil Fields, at Compani, Rumania. Awarded Purple Heart. Shot down over Ploesti Oil Fields, 1944.

6.—CPL. OCY G. FRANKLIN, born Nov. 23, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Franklin, Houston, Texas, husband of Kathleen E. Franklin, attended Dow High; volunteered September 30, 1942, assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Ellington Field, Texas. Overseas from Oct. 21, 1943, to Oct. 18, 1945. In England, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland. In battles: Normandy, N. France and Rhineland. Awards: Unit Citation, American T., EAME Medal 3 Stars, 1 Ser. Stripe, 4 Overseas Bars. Discharged, 1945.

7. — S/SGT. DONALD CARL FROEHLICH, born Oct. 26, 1925, son of C. E., Froehlich, 3914 Floyd, Houston, attended Sam Houston High; volunteered June 11, 1943, assigned to Army Air Force. Overseas from Sept. 12, 1944, to May 15, 1945. Served in Italy; participated in 6 battles: Rome-Arno, Rhineland, C. Europe, N. Apennines, Po Valley, and air combat, Balkans. Awards: Air Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon w/6 Battle Stars. Discharged Oct. 15, 1946.

8. —GM 3/c ORVILLE DUANE GAITHER, born April 13, 1927, son of Mr, and Mrs. E. B. Gaither, Ft. Worth, attended Rice Institute, Houston; volunteered April 9, 1945, at Houston, Texas, assigned to Navy, and trained at U.S.N.T.C., San Diego, Calif. Served in the U.S. from June 2 to Sept., 1945. and overseas from Sept., 1945, to July, 1946. Stationed at Pearl Harbor in the receiving Sta., Armory. GM.3/c Gaither expected to receive an honorable discharge about August 1, 1946.

9. —PVT. JOE GARCIA GUZMAN, born Feb. 27, 1915, at Gonzales, Texas, son of Mrs. Juanita G. Garcia, 72 Spruce, Houston, attended Alice Grammar School; entered the service July 10, 1942, at Houston, Texas, assigned to the Army Detach. Med. Dept. A.F.S.C.; trained at 2nd Ind. Dr. Hdqtrs., 2nd A.F., Colorado; served in the United States from July 10, 1942, to June 25, 1943. Awarded American Campaign Medal. Pvt. Joe Guzman was given an honorable discharge on June 19, 1943.

10.—SGT. JULIAN G. GARCIA, born March 17, 1917, son of Mrs. Juanita Garcia, Houston, husband of Elvira M. Garcia, 503 Lester Street, Houston, attended Alice Grammar School; entered the service April 7, 1942, assigned to the Army Air Corps, Mech. Engineer; trained at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, Dodge City Airfield, Kansas, Inglewood, Calif., Ft. Worth Air Field, Camp Riverdale, Calif. Awards: American T., Crew Member Wings, Victory and Good Conduct Ribbons, Discharged Dec., 1945.

11.—PVT. DANIEL GUZMAN GARCIA, born March 31, 1922, son of Mrs. Juanita Garcia, Houston, was educated at Houston; entered the service Oct. 24, 1942, assigned to the Army 71st Div., and trained at Fort Sam Houston. Overseas July 1, 1943, to Oct. 18, 1945. In Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, GO. 33 WD. 45. Awarded: Victory Medal, 4 Overseas Service Bars, EAME Medal w/3 Bronze Stars, Goods Conduct Medal, and 1 Service Stripe. Pvt. Garcia was honorably discharged Nov. 4, 1945.

12.—PVT. JOE V. GARCIA, born July 24, 1923, son of Mrs. Rosa Garcia, Houston, husband of Amparo A. Garcia, McAlpine St., attended J. Marshall Jr. High, Houston; volunteered Feb. 19, 1943, at Ft. Sam Houston, assigned to Army Med. Corps; trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson. Overseas April 18, 1944, to Aug. 21, 1945. In S. France, Italy, Rhineland, and N. Africa. Awards: 2 Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct, Amer. Theater, Victory, EAME Medal w/2 Stars. Honorably discharged Nov., 1945.

13.—SGT. FRANK R. GONZALEZ, born Sept. 16, 1920, son of Mrs. Marie R. Gonzalez, 2109 Fletcher, Houston, attended Richmond High School and the University of Nevada; volunteered July 17, 1942, assigned to Army 322 Bomb. Grp., with training at Barksdale Field, La. Overseas from October, 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Medal w/3 Stars, Air Medal w/5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, and Pres, Citation. Discharged Oct., 1945,

14.—C.M.1/c PHILLIP J. GOUDEAU, born Dec. 27, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Goudeau, Baton Rouge, La., husband of Marie Goudeau, Pasadena, Texas, attended Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; entered the service Feb. 26, 1943; was assigned to the Navy C.B. 71st Batt.; trained at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island; overseas from Sept., 1943, to Oct. 3, 1946. In S. Pacific, Bougainville, Admiralty Is. and Okinawa. Awards: Pres. Citation 3 Stars. Asiatic-Pac., Okinawa, Amer. T. Discharged Oct. 3, 1946.

15.—PFC ERNEST GUERRA, born Feb. 17, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jovita Guerra, Houston, Texas. Husband of Evangelina Guerra, attended J. Marshall Jr. High; volunteered Oct. 20, 1942, as signed to Army Air Forces; trained at Ellington Field, Texas; from Sept. 27, 1944, to Dec. 30, 1945, overseas in China, C. Burma, India-Burma, CBI Theater. Awards: 1 Service Stripe, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Amer. T., Asiatic-Pac. w/3 Stars, Good Con., Victory, Distd. U. Badge. Djscharged Feb. 3, 1946.

16.—AB.S, OSCAR GUERRA, born July 14, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jovita Guerra, Houston, husband of Doris Guerra, 3409 Chapman St., Houston, Texas, attended J. Davis Sr. High, and volunteered Feb. 1, 1943, assigned to the United States Maritime Service, with training at St. Petersburg, Fla. Overseas June 3, 1943, to Aug. 20, 1945, in the Atlantic War Zone and the British West Indies. He was awarded the Atlantic War Zone Bar, and received an honorable discharge on August 20, 1945, 1945.

17.—PVT. FLOYD JOSEPH YOUNG, born March 29, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hilton, Channel View, Texas, was educated at Robert E. Lee High, Goose Creek; volunteered Sept. 4, 1940, assigned to the 101st Airborne Div.; trained at Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas Jan. 18, 1944, to Aug. 2, 1945. In Battle of Normandy, Holland Campaign, and Battle of Bastogne, Rhineland, C. Europe. Awards: P. Heart, with OLC, Unit Cit. with OLC, Good Conduct, American Defense and ETO Medal. Discharged Sept. 12, 1945.

18.—T/4 AUBREY YOUNG, born June 13, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton, husband of Mrs. Aubrey Young, attended Deer Park High School, Texas. Entered the service April 23, 1943, assigned to Army, 37th Div.; trained at Ft. Francis E. Warren. Overseas from Jan. 16, 1944, to Jan. 7, 1946. In Dutch New Guinea, N. New Guinea, Luzon, and Philippines. Awards: Good Conduct and Victory Medals, Asiatic-Pacific Medal w/2 Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon w/1 Star. Honorably discharged in Jan., 1946.

19.—S/SGT. JAMES DAVID HARRISON, JR., born April 2, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harrison, 2125 Margaret St., Houston, husband of Josephine M. Harrison, attended J. Davis Sr. High; volunteered Aug. 16, 1942, and was assigned to the Marines, Mag. 42, 43, and 35; trained at MCB., San Diego, Calif., NATTC, Memphis, Tenn.; served in the U.S. from Aug. 16, 1942, to April 22, 1946. Awarded: Good Con., Amer. T., and Victory Medals. Was Inst. in Air Gunners School, Calif., 3 yrs., and 2 mos. Discharged, 1946.

20.—GM 2/c GEORGE WILLIAM HARRISON, born Sept. 5, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harrison, Houston, attended J. Davis High, volunteered Dec. 7, 1942, assigned to Navy Salvage and Repair Branch; trained at N.T.B., San Diego, Calif.; overseas from May 12, 1944, to March 14, 1946. In N. Atlantic (Greenland and Newfoundland Waters), North Pacific (Aleutian and Alaskan Waters). Awards: Good Con., Amer. Theater, European T., Amer. Defense, Asiatic-Pac. Still on Active Duty, aboard USS Curb ARS 21.





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*Pvt. ROLLEN L. RIDDLE

Pvt. Riddle was bornon November 16, 1915, in South Dakota, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henri H. Riddle, and brother of Mrs. Mary Frances Thompson, all of 1931 N. Blvd., Houston, Texas. Educated in Houston Public Schools; attended Texas Military Institute in San Antonio; volunteered for the Army on Oct. 19, 1943, assigned to Co. A., 89th Inf. Trn. Bn., going to Camp Roberts, Calif., for training. In May, 1944, he was shipped overseas, serving in Hawaii; while there he was assigned to Headquarters XXIV Army. Pvt. Rollen L. Riddle received a high score in test for combat loading and unloading of ships; as a result, he was recommended for O.C.S. examination, passed with high grade, and was 7th on list for return to U.S.A. for training. While waiting for this call, assigned to Q.M. Det., 7th Div., made the original landing at Leyte, and gave up his life on the 5th day of the invasion as a result of enemy bombing raid.

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S/Sgt. EARNEST K. NEWMAN

S/Sgt. Newman, born on Nov. 27, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newman of Jasper, and husband of Josephine Newman of 1414 Airline Dr., Houston, Texas, attended Jasper High School at Jasper, Texas; volunteered for service on Oct. 31, 1942, at Houston, assigned to the Army Air Force, and was sent to Ellington Field, Texas; he spent 8 months based in England, assigned to 8th Air Force, 389th Bomb Group, Engineer Gunner; he flew in 32 combat missions over France and Germany. His awards are Good Conduct, Air Medal, with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, D.F.C., Presidential Unit Citation, and ETO Ribbon, with 3 Battle Stars. S/Sgt. Newman also trained at Keesler Fld., Miss.; Harlingen, Texas; Mountain Home, Idaho; Wendover, Utah; and Casper, Wyoming. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 16, 1945.

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Maj. GARRETT F. MELTON

Major Garret Fonville Melton, husband of Alice Powell Melton, 1806 Banks St., Houston, Texas, was born August 7, 1913. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Melton, also of Houston, and acquired his education there and at Texas A&M College. Volunteered for service in the Air Corps (5th Air Force) on April 9, 1941, and received basic training at Brooks Field, Texas, later being transferred to Harvard University where he was commissioned 2nd Lt., July 11, 1942. Major Melton served overseas from January 29, 1944, to November 3, 1945, participating in the campaigns of New Guinea, Bismarck-Archipelago, Leyte and Luzon. He was awarded Letter of Commendation from Commanding Officer for outstanding service, and was honorably discharged February 9, 1946.



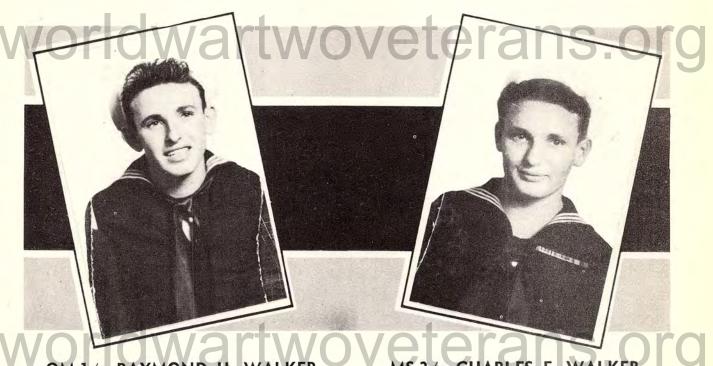


ARM 3/c VERNER L. POFFINBARGER

ARM3/c Verner Louis Poffinbarger, birthdate February 11, 1922, son of Mrs. Sophie Poffinbarger, Houston, Texas, volunteered February 13, 1942, for the Navy Aviation Branch; received radio training at Madison, Wisconsin, and air gunnery in Hollywood, Florida. He served overseas March, 1943, to May, 1945, in the Pacific Theater where he participated in the invasions of the Gilbert, Marshall, Mariana, Hollandia, Iwo Jima, Philippine and Okinawa Islands, and in the bombardment of Truk, Palau Islands, Formosa and Japanese mainland, also in encounters with the Japanese Fleet and patrol of South China Sea. Discharge granted December, 1945.

Cpl. ELEAZAR A. POLANCO

Cpl. Eleazar Alex Polánco, husband of Consuelo Polanco, Houston, Texas, was born February 23, 1914, in Texas. He attended the Austin, Texas, Schools, and entered service October 14, 1942, at Houston in the Army Quartermaster Corps, training at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. Cpl. Polanco served April, 1942, to August, 1945, in the Pacific Theater in the Hawaiian Islands, Gilbert and Marshall Islands, also on Saipan and in the Marianas; was wounded in combat for which he received the Purple Heart. His awards also include the Good Conduct Medal and Infantryman Combat Ribbons. Discharge was granted October 26, 1946.



QM 1/c RAYMOND H.

MS 3/c CHARLES F.

Q.M.1/c Walker, was born on July 20, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis Walker of 1525 West 25th Street, Houston, Texas. He attended John Reagan Senior High School, and enlisted in the service on December 11, 1942, at Houston, assigned to the U.S. Navy Fleet Branch, and was sent to the Naval Training Station at San Diego, California. On the 18th day of January, 1942, he was shipped overseas serving until the 15th of December, 1945. Quartermaster_1/c_Charles Francis Walker was in all major Naval engagements in the Pacific Ocean from Guadalcanal through second Battle of the Philippines. He was given an honorable discharge on July 31, 1945.

M.S.3/c Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis Walker of 1525 West 25th Street, Houston, Texas, was born on the 22nd day of June, 1926, in Texas. He received his education in Houston at John H. Reagan Senior High School, volunteering for the service on the 20th of June, 1944, at Houston, assigned to the United States Navy; was sent to San Diego, California, for his training. Sailed for overseas duty on the 10th of December, 1945, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific Area and participating in the invasion of Okinawa in action with the 3rd Fleet; returned to the States on May 22, 1946. Metal Smith 3/c Raymond Hugh Walker received an honorable discharge on 7th of June, 1946.





Capt. GEORGE P. MARTIN

Capt. G. P. Martin, born Aug. 4, 1920, in New Mexico, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Martin, 308 Gresham St., Goose Creek, received his education at Fort Smith High Schools, Arkansas; volunteered for service Feb. 2, 1942, at Houston, Texas, assigned to the Army, Air Cadet Div.; trained at Kelly Field; served in the United States 15 months, and from Sept. 17, 1944, until present time. Overseas 15 months, in ETO, with 8th Air Force, Ploesti raid Aug., 1943. Also in Sicilian, Italian, and Normandy invasions. Awards and Battle Credits: Certificate of Valor; D.F.C., 2 O.L. Clusters; Air Medal, 4 O.L. Clusters; ETO, 4 Stars; Pres. Unit Citation. Promotions: 2nd Lt., 1942, 1st Lt., 1943, and Capt., Feb., 1944. He is at present with 1504th A.A.F., Base Unit, A.T.C., Fairfield AAB, Cal.



*Pfc CHARLES W. LANE T/5 HENRY C. LANE

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Lane, Houston. Pfc CHARLES WILLIAM LANE, born July 11, 1918, entered the Army 36th Infantry Div. Jan. 17, 1941, and landed in North Africa April 13, 1943. He participated in combat of Italy at Salerno, on through Rome, Rapido River, Anzio Beachhead, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice Dec. 12, 1944, in Eastern France. Pfc Lane faithfully performed his duty until the end.

T/5 HENRY CARROLL LANE, born June 29, 1926, entered the Army 10th Constabulation Regt. Dec. 15, 1944; served August to Dec., 1945, on Luzon, and March to Sept., 1946, in Germany. His awards include Victory and Defense Awards. Discharged October 24, 1946.



2nd Lt. ROBERT L. DEAN

2nd Lt. Robert Louis Dean, son of Mrs. Ethel Mink Prather, Houston, Texas, was born October 2, 1923; received his B.S. Degree in Mech. Engineering at University of Houston, and volunteered December 3, 1942, for the Marine 4th Div., Co. E, 23rd Marines. He trained at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and served overseas November, 1944, to November, 1945, with a division based in Hawaiian Area. Lt. Dean landed with assault company on Iwo Jima, and was twice wounded by enemy fire. His awards include two Purple Hearts and Bronze Star Medal for heroism in service for his country. After returning to the States he was discharged February 14, 1946.



Maj. JAMES G. WELLS, JR.

Lt. JOHN H. HARTWELL

Maj. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wells, Sr., of 7145 Myrtle St., Houston, and husband of Bette Wells of Austin, was born on June 7, 1920. Attended San Jacinto High, volunteering for the service on Sept. 25, 1940, assigned to the 9th Army Air Force; trained at Dover, Del., serving at Houston, Brownwood, Texas; Augusta, Ga.; Montgomery, Courtland, Selma, Ala.; Jackson, Miss.; Richmond, and Langley Fld., Va. Overseas from Dec. 24, 1943, to Sept.11, 1945, in 103 combat missions in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. Awarded Silver Star; D.F.C.; Air Medal with 20 Clusters; Amer. Def.; ATO; ETO with 6 Stars; Victory Ribbons; Unit Citation with Cluster; and Fourragere of the Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940. He is now with the Pacific Overseas Air Materiel District.

Lt. Hartwell was born on July 31, 1912, in Texas, son of Mr. Arthur Hartwell of 2510 Wichita Street, Houston, Texas, and husband of the former Iantha Wells of 3232 Tampa Street, Houston, Texas. He attended Longfellow Grammar, San Jacinto Senior High Schools, and Rice Institute in Houston, volunteering for the U.S. Navy on 22nd of June, 1943, assigned to the Aviation Ordnance Branch, training at Fort Schuyler, New York, with service at the Naval Air Base, Jacksonville, Florida; Naval Air Station, Armament Test, at Patuxent River, Maryland; and at the U.S. Naval Gun Factory in Washington, D. C. Lt. Hartwell has been in inactive duty since March 4, 1946.





Sons of Mrs. J. W. Ward of Houston.

Lt. Col. THOMAS A. WARD, was born Nov. 24, 1905; attended Texas A&M College; volunteered for the Army on Nov. 18, 1940, assigned to the 124th Cav. Regt., training at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Served 1942-1944 as instructor at Med. Fld. Service School, assigned to 15th U. S. Army with veterinarian, going overseas with that unit Nov. 15, 1944, with service in England, France, Belgium, Germany, and battle of Rhineland. Served as Army Veterinarian, 3rd Army, in 1946. Awarded American Defense, ATO, ETO, and Army of Occupation Ribbons.

Capt. JOHN W. WARD, was born May 24, 1918, husband of Patrica M. Ward of Orlando. He attended Texas A&M College, entering the Army on June 19, 1941, at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., assigned to the 25th Inf. Div. Overseas from Nov. 22, 1941, to March 22, 1945, in Australia, New Guinea, and Philippines. He was wounded at Darwin, Australia, on Feb. 3, 1942. Stationed at Pinecastle A.A.B. with Sqd. A, 621st A.A.F., Base Unit, at present.

1st Lt. RALPH D. WARD, was born on May 10, 1920, husband of the former Vaneta Moore of 4009 Mt. Vernon, Houston. He attended Texas A&M College; enlisted in the Army on Jan. 19, 1943, assigned to the Cav., training at Ft. Riley, Kan., with service overseas from Nov. 15, 1943, until July 28, 1944, in European Theater. Wounded in action on June 26, 1944. Awarded the Purple Heart Medal. 1st Lt. Ralph Deveir Ward has been on inactive status since Nov., 1944.



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Cpl. BERNAY K. MARTIN

Cpl. B. K. Martin, born Aug. 30, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin, Brownwood, Texas, husband of Jean Davis, 3100 4th St., Brownwood, educated at Indian Creek High School; volunteered on Nov. 25, 1941, at Brownwood, assigned to the Army 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie; served in the United States 28 months, overseas 28 months in N. Africa, Italy, France, Austria, Germany, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland, C. Europe. He was awarded the following Medals and Battle Credits: EAME, 5 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Combat Inf. Badge, American Def., and Good Conduct Medal. Cpl. B. K. Martin was given an honorable discharge on July 30, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.







S/Sgt. DAVID S. RIMMER Cpl. ELDON G. RIMMER T/4 LELAND E. RIMMER

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rimmer, Houston, Texas.

S/Sgt. DAVID S. RIMMER, birthdate Jan. 17, 1915, volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, for the Army 36th Div., 155 F.A. Bn. He began overseas duty April, 1943, in North Africa; was severely wounded in an accident, returning to the States Sept., 1943, where he was hospitalized for two years at Ashburn General Hospital, McKinney, Texas. The Good Conduct and other medals were received with discharge Oct. 10, 1945, from New Orleans, La.

Cpl. ELDON G. RIMMER, born Dec. 18, 1922, volunteered Sept. 25, 1941, for the Army Air Corps, Mechanic Div., training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Cpl. Rimmer served Sept., 1942, to Dec., 1945, with the 8th AAF in England; later was attached to the 69th Infantry Div. participating in combat of Germany. His awards include the EAME Ribbon with one Bronze Star and various other ribbons. Discharged Dec. 10, 1945, at Camp Fannin.

T/4 LELAND E. RIMMER, born March 23, 1918, volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, for the Army 36th Div., training at Camps Bowie, Tex., Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. He served April, 1943, to July, 1945, in North Africa and invasions of Salerno, Italy, and So. France, campaigns of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, Central Europe and So. France. Battle Stars and ribbons were awarded. Discharged July, 1945.





Lt. Toulmé, son of Mrs. Iowa Toulme of Gulfport, Miss., and husband of Edna Mae Toulmé of 6942 Ave. F., Houston, Texas, attended Univ. of Tampa, volunteering for service April, 1943, at Washington, D. C., assigned to U. S. Navy, and was sent to Princeton, N.J. and N. Repair Base, New Orleans, La. He went overseas in Dec., 1943, serving in European, American, and Pacific Areas and in Murmansk, Russia, run in 1944 with "E" boat attacks in English Channel, England, France, Italy, Azores, Russia, Eniwetok, Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa, and the Philippine Islands. Awarded Philippine Liberation Ribbon. After returning to the U.S.A., Lt. Jay E. Toulmé was given an honorable discharge on Feb. 9, 1946.

T/Sgt. McChesney, born on Nov. 21, 1921, in Fla., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. McChesney, Sr., of 6942 Ave. F., Houston, and husband of Doris Lee McChesney, was educated in Tampa, Fla.; volunteered for the service Oct. 7, 1942, assigned to the 15th A.A.F., training at Chatham Fld., Ga. Serving in S. America, N. Africa, and Italy for 9 1/2 mos., he participated in Ploesti Oil Flds., Vienna, Munich, Budapest, Bucharest, Zagrab, and targets in France, Germany and the Balkans. Awarded D.F.C., with 1 Cluster; Purple Heart; Air Medal, with 3 Clusters, Good Conduct; ETO with 5 Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, and Victory Medals. Served as 1st engineer and gunner on B-24 Liberators. Discharged Sept. 2, 1945.





*1st Lt. JAMES W. MARTIN

1st Lt. J. W. Martin, born March 1, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Martin, 4016 Tennyson St., Houston, husband of the former Mary J. Pressley, 1824 Colquitt, Houston, received his education at LaFeria Jr. and Sr. High Schools and Rice Inst., Houston, Volunteered for service on Nov. 10, 1941, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. Served in the United States 25 months, in various fields in Glendale, Arizona; Taft, Calif; Sacramento, Calif; Ajo, Arizona. He was killed Dec. 5, 1943, in airplane crash "AT-6." Of a class of 110, he was among the first 6 highest. Sent to Ajo Army Air Base to be gunnery instructor because of high record of his cadets when graduated from advanced training. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. (Pilot) June 23, 1943, and 1st Lt. March 5, 1943.



FO BEVERLY W. STUBBS



Pfc LUIS L. ASTORGA

Flight Officer Beverly Wayne Stubbs, son of J.L. Stubbs, Baytown, Texas, entered the Army Air Corps February 1, 1943, training at Las Vegas, Nevada, for gunnery instructions, and was later appointed Flight Officer at Carlsbad, N.M. Flight Officer Stubbs participated in the air offensive of Europe, and while on his fifteenth mission was shot down over Germany August 2, 1944, imprisoned at Stalag Luft III and XVII until liberated April 29, 1945, by the American 3rd Armies. His awards include two Air Medals with Oak Leaf Clusters and other ribbons. Discharge was granted October, 1945. Attending Texas A&M.

Pfc Astorga, born on Dec. 13, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Astorga, and husband of Margarita P. Astorga, 5119 Wylie St., Houston, Texas, was educated in Austin, entering Army Oct. 13, 1944, at 13 Repl. Depot (Hawaii), T.H., assigned to Co. B, 145th Inf. Div., and sent to Camp Hood, Texas, for Inf. training. From Oct., 1944, until May, 1945, he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area on Luzon. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific with 1 Star, Philippine Liberation with 1 Star, Good Conduct, 1 Overseas Service Bar, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, Feb. 24, 1946. Prior to entering service, he was employed by U.S. Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor, T.H.





S/Sgt. ERNEST L. JOHNSTON

S/Sgt. Ernest Lee Johnston, born July 7, 1922, husband of Mrs. Mary Lee Johnston, Los Angeles, Calif., and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnston, Houston, Texas, attended Baylor University, and volunteered June 29, 1942, for the Army Airways Communication System; served July, 1943, to October, 1945, overseas. Sgt. Johnston was reporter on U.S.S. Hermitage, also Sgt. Major Clerk on British Ship; participated in the China and Burma campaigns, and was radio operator and mechanic in China Area. He graduated from Chinese Glider

School, studied Chinese language and Classical Art. His awards in-

clude ribbons and Battle Stars. Discharged Nov. 6, 1945.



Capt. VERNAL W. PREWETT

Capt. Vernal William Prewett, born October 10, 1919, is the husband of Dorothy D. Prewett, Longview, Texas, and son of F. E. Prewett, Sr., of Houston. He attended the South Texas School of Law in Houston, and volunteered April 20, 1942, for the Army 3rd Armored Division, training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Camp Davis, North Carolina. Capt. Prewett served December, 1943, to September, 1945, in England, and participated in the Battles of Normandy, North France, Ardennes, Rhineland and of Central Europe. His awards include the Bronze Star, Presidential Citation and Belgian Fourragere for meritorious service. Discharged December 2, 1945.

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*S/Sgt. DONALD H. APFFEL *T/Sgt. MITCHEL R. WOODS

S/Sgt. DONALD HAMPTON APFFEL, born Aug. 14, 1921, husband of Nan H. Apffel, Houston, volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, for the Army 36th Div.; began duty in No. Africa April, 1943, later serving in various battles of Italy, and he paid the Supreme Sacrifice Aug. 26, 1944, at Draguignan, France, faithfully serving his country.

T/Sgt. MITCHEL RAY WOODS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woods, Houston, was born Aug. 4, 1922; volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, for the Army 36th Div., and began duty in No. Africa April, 1943, later serving in combatin various battles of Italy; was wounded and passed away June 4, 1944, near Rome. The Silver Star was awarded for gallantry in action at San Pietro, Italy.



AC JAMES D. PRESSLY

Aviation Cadet James David Pressly was born December 1, 1923, a native of Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Pressly, 3428 University Blvd., Houston, Texas. He attended the University of Houston and Texas A & M, and is the husband of Virginia Ann Pressly, also of Houston. Cadet Pressly volunteered September 7, 1943, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Iowa State Teachers' College; advanced bombardiering, Deming, N.M., and Childress, Texas; receiving his Gunnery School instruction in Las Vegas, Nevada; and later served as P.T. Instructor and Cadet Colonel at Santa Ana. Discharge was November 1, 1945, from Ellington Field.

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Cpl. GARLEN L. GILLEN

Cpl. Garlen Leonard Gillen, husband of Jewell H. Gillen, 415 East Jack Street, Goose Creek, Texas, was born November 25, 1923, a native of Texas, son of Earl B. Gillen, Dayton, Texas. He attended high school in Dayton, and entered service January 8, 1943, at Baytown, Texas, with the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas, Truax Field, Wisconsin, and various other fields in the States. Cpl. Gillen was transferred overseas June, 1945, to the Pacific Theater of Operations where he served in Hawaii, Mariana Islands and Japan proper with the 2nd, 3rd, 20th and 5th Air Forces. While stationed in Tokyo, Japan, Cpl. Gillen resided in the Kaijo Bld. two blocks from Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters and the Imperial Palace Ground. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars, World War II Victory Medal, American Theater and Defense Ribbons. After returning to the States, he was discharged March 3, 1946, and is now a member of the Air Force Enlisted Reserve Corps.

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1. -T/5 ALLEN GEORGE NICHOLES, born July 10, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Nicholes of Houston, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 17, 1940, in the Army 36th Division, 155 F.A. Bn. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas from April, 1943, to June, 1945, in Naples - Foggia. Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Austria. Was wounded. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged in 1945.

2. —C.M. 2/c CARL HENRY OHRNBERGER, born Aug. 8, 1904. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ohrnberger of Houston, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 20, 1942, in the Navy Construction Bn. Trained at Davis ville, R.I., and Camp Parks, Calif. Overseas from Dec., 1942, to Oct., 1945, in Noumea, Espiritu Santo, Finschhaven, and Los Negros. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, 4 Bronze Stars, and Victory Medal. He was with the 40th C.B. Bn. Discharged August 4, 1946. Attended South End High School of Houston.

3. —Mo.M.M.3/c JOHN HENRY ALEXANDER, born Feb. 21, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alexander of Houston, Texas. Entered the Navy June 5, 1944. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Gulfport, Miss. Overseas from Dec., 1944. to May, 1946, in Marshalls, Gilberts, Wake Islands, Carolines, Ulithi, and Guam. Awarded American Theater, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged May 20, 1946. Attended Groesbeck High School.

4. —IST/SGT. JOHN W. PARKER, born Aug. 13, 1921. Husband of Mrs. Mozelle Alexander Parker of Houston, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 12. 1939, at Mexia, Texas, in the Army 36th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas April, 1942, to Feb., 1945, in North Africa, Italy, France, Alaska, Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, and Rhineland. Awarded Purple Heart with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, EAME Medal with 4 Battle Stars, 1 Silver Star. Discharged 1945.

5. -S. 1/c RICHARD ELMO PETTY, born July 15,1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Petty of Houston, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 21,1941, for service in the Navy. Trained in the United States. Served overseas from June, 1945, to Jan., 1945, in South Pacific. Was in the invasion of Bougainville; spent 14 mos. on this Island. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged May 20, 1946. Attended Jefferson Davis High School, Houston, Texas.

6. —A.M.M. Z/c NORMAN GIDEON PETTY, Jr., born Nov. 17, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. N.G. Petty of Houston, Texas. Volunteered June 15, 1942, in the Navy Air Corps. Trained at Chicago, Ill., Lake City, Fla., and Alameda, Calif. Overseas from Feb., 1944, to Dec., 1944, Bombing Squadron 148 V.P.B. 148 in South Pacific. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 24, 1945. Attended Taylor Vocational College at Houston, Texas.

7. —COXWAIN 3/c A. C. RANDLE, III (BUSTER), born June 17, 1927. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Randle, Jr., of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 3, 1944, for the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Dec., 1944; to Feb., 1946, served aboard T.C.I. (M) 808 in South Pacific, Okinawa, Saipan, and Iheya Shima. Was on seas 14 months, and a board ship 8 months before going ashore. Awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged June 3, 1946

*8. —A.M. 3/cRICHARD MABRY (DICK) RANDLE, born Nov. 16, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Randle, Jr., of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 15, 1943, for the Navy Air Station. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas, Norman, Okla., and Jacksonville, Fla. Served in the United States. Discharged in April, 1946, and reenlisted the same day. Was in the metal. shops at 3 different Fla. bases. Was killed in motorcycle accident in Jackson ville, Fla., July 14, 1946.

9. —SEAMAN 1/c HOWARD DRAPER POOL, born Jan. 13, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Pool of New Waverly, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 13, 1943, for the Navy Air Corps, Hospital Corps, and Amphibious Corps. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Overseas from June, 1945, to May, 1946, in American Theater, Pacific Theater, and Battle of Okinawa. Awarded 2 Unit Commendations for action above and beyond the call of duty during the typhoons on Okinawa; Victory Medal. Was discharged June 15, 1946.

10.—IST LT. CARL LYNCH REEVES, born Nov. 14, 1912. Husband of Mrs. Cora E. Reeves of Houston, Texas. Volunteered July 23, 1942, at Wichita Falls for the Army Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Growder, Mo., Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and Harvard Univ. Cambridge, Mass. Overseas in England, France, Netherlands, Germany, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded European Theater Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and 1 Bronze Star for Meritorious Service. Discharged 1945.

11.—S/c JOHN THOMAS ROBINSON, born May 26,1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robinson of Houston, Texas. Entered March 9, 1944, for service in the Navy Aircraft Carrier Received his training at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from July 3,1944, to Jan. 7, 1946; participated in all Philippines operations. He received 5 Battle Stars, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged Jan. 7, 1946. Attended Hogg High School, Houston, Texas.

12.—S 1/c WAYNE HARVELL ROBINSON, born Nov.30, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robinson of Houston, Texas. Volunteered for service January 10, 1944, for the Navy Ground Crew. Received his training at San Diego, California. Served overseas from April 24, 1944, to November 18, 1946, in American Theater, on Tinian Island. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January 16, 1946. Attended Hogg High School, Houston, Texas.

13.—PFC JIMMIE W.GROCE, born at Galdwell, Texas. Husband of Mrs. Bernice Groce of Caldwell, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, for the Army, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Blanding, and Camp Edwards. Served overseas April, 1943, to June, 1945, in Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. He received the Combat Medal, 5 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged June 26, 1945.

14.—S1/c JULIUS RODGERS, born March 12, 1912. Husband of Mrs. Jennie Rodgers of Caldwell, Texas. Entered Dec. 3, 1943, at Houston, Texas, in the Navy Air Corps. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Oct., 1944, to Nov., 1945, aboard the Aircraft Carrier Lunga Point (C.V.E. 94). Participated in battles of Leyte, Luzon, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Awarded 4 Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 22, 1945.

15.—S/SGT. EMMETT DAVIS SEALE, born June 4, 1912. Husband of Mrs. Robbie A. Seale of Houston, Texas. Entered service April 7, 1943, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Scott Field. Harlingen, and Peterson Field. Overseas from July, 1944, to May, 1945, in Central Europe, Rhineland, air offensive Europe, Northern France, and air combat over Balkans. Awarded Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, 5 Bronze Stars, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged July 8, 1945.

*16.—CAPT. JACK WILSON SEALE, born Aug. 6, 1917. Son of Mrs. Winnie E. Seale, Houston, Texas. Volunteered in the Royal Canadian Air Force, in 1941; later transferred to U.S. Air Corps in 1942. Trained at Canada, Randolph Field, Ellington Field, and Barksdale Field. Overseas from May. 1943, to May 28, 1944. Wounded, and later paid the Supreme Sacrifice on his 60th mission over France. Distinguished Flying Citation, Air Medal. Purple Heart, 1 Silver Oak Leaf, and 8 Bronze Stars.

17.—T/5 BERNARD A. THOMPSON, born April 6,1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson of Houston, Texas. Entered the Army 591st Engineer Combat Group, July 10,1941. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Overseas from Aug., 1942, to Sept., 1945, in Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 6 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Sept. 12, 1945.

18.—PFC ALBERT JAMES ROGERS, born Aug. 8, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rogers of El Campo, Texas. Volunteered May 25, 1944, in the 5th Marines Division. Trained at San Diego, and Camp Pendleton, Calif. Overseas from Sept., 1944, to March, 1946, in Hawiian area, Iwo Jima, and Japan. Served 120 days at sea aboard 5 differentships. Awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged April 25, 1946. Attended North Side High School, El Campo, Texas.

19.—SGT. ERON EUSTICE THOMPSON, born Oct. 3,1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson of Houston, Texas. Entered the Army 102nd Division on Oct. 27, 1942. Trained at Camp Adair, Oregon. Overseas Sept., 1944, to March, 1945, in EAME Campaign, Rhineland, England, Holland, and Germany. Wounded on head, lost right leg, powder burns on face, left foot broken, and other wounds. Purple Heart, EAME Medal with 1 Star, and 1 Overseas Service Bar, Discharged Feb. 5, 1946.

20.—T/4 CLEMENT C. SZYMANSKI, born Aug. 12, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Virginia Szymanski of Houston, Texas. Entered the Army 86th Black Hawks Division Jan. 26, 1943. Trained at Camp Howze, Texas, Camp Livingston, La., and San Luis Obispo, Calif. Overseas in Philippines, Central Europe, Rhine, and Ruhr Pocket. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, 1 Silver Star Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 22, 1946.









Pvt. JACK LITTLE

FCO 3/c Harold La Roche, Jr., birthdate July 15, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold La Roche, Sr., 1024 Wakefield, Houston, Texas, entered service October 28, 1943, with the U. S. Navy, Carrier Aircraft Service Unit. He trained at San Diego and Treasure Island, Calif., serving on the seas from May, 1944, to March, 1946, in the Pacific area where he participated in the invasions of Morotai, Halamahera, Okinawa, and invasion and battle of Leyte Gulf off Samar Coast. His ships were the U.S.S. Fanshaw Bay and U.S.S. Puget Sound, which made various trips to Japan, Alaska, and remote parts of the Pacific. Discharge was granted March 30, 1946.

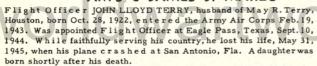
Pvt. Jack Little, born September 2, 1923, son of William Mack and Minnie Little, 1607 Arlington Street, Houston, Texas, attended high school at Corpus Christi, Texas, and Texas A & M at College Station. He won the A merican Legion Award for Citizenship, Lowry Post, American Legion, Oklahoma, and entered service April 5, 1943, at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. Pvt. Little was assigned to the Army 97th Infantry, training and serving at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Camp San Luis Obispo, California, until discharged from service on October 2, 1944. In civilian occupation he is draftsman for Roberts & Co., Corpus Christi, Texas.

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*FO JOHN L. TERRY AM 3/c JAMES J. MARLO



AM 3/c JAMES JOSEPH MARLO, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Marlo, Houston, volunteered Oct. 26, 1942, for the Navy Reserve Branch. He served from Oct., 1943, to May, 1945, at Natal, Brazil, Assencion Islands, regained a secret submarine base from Germans. Was ill February, 1945, with a tropical fever. Discharged Feb., 1946, with medals.



Pfc CHARLES E. KANAK

Pfc Charles Edwin Kanak, born October 15, 1906, in Texas, is the husband of Johnnie Hanna Kanak, 13 Stiles Street, Houston, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kanak, Rosenberg, Texas. He attended the Wallis, Texas, Public Schools, and entered service August 9, 1943, at Houston; was assigned to the Army Infantry Division, and trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Pfc Kanak began overseas duty April, 1944, in the European Theater of Operations; was assigned to the Adjutant General Department in France, December, 1944; also served in England. Returned to the States November, 1945, received his discharge the same month.

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MoMM 1/c JAMES R. TYNES

Mo.M.M. 1/c Tynes, was born on the 23rd day of January, 1914, in Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tynes of 2214 Stanford Street in Houston, Texas. He received his education in Franklin and Waco, Texas, High Schools; later attended the University of Houston, and volunteered for the service on April 25, 1942, at Houston, Texas. He was assigned to the United States Navy Amphibious Branch, and was sent to the Destroyer Base at San Diego, California, for his training. He was shipped overseas in March of 1943 and served in the European Theater of Operation, participating in the Invasion of France; also served in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. He returned to the United States in July of 1945. Mo. M.M. 1/c James Ross Tynes received an honorable discharge from the U S Navy on the 12th of September in 1945.

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*L+ CHARLES C. LACY

Lt. Charles Cecil Lacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lacy, Houston, Texas, was born December 7, 1919, in Texas. Attended Brownwood, Texas, High School, and entered the Army 36th Div., November 11, 1941, training at Camp Bowie, Texas. He began overseas duty July, 1944, in England from where he participated in combat. Was injured in St. Malo, France. Returned and was hospitalized in England. Lt. Lacy recovered from his injuries and returned to combat in the Battle of the Bulge where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country January 14, 1945, after having faithfully served for over three years. The Purple Heart was awarded.



RM 2/c CHARLES J. MARTIN

RM 2/c Charles Jack Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Martin, 420 Woodland Ave., Houston, Texas, born March 21, 1923, attended the Houston Schools and John Brown University at Siloam Springs, Arkansas. He volunteered January 4, 1943, for the Navy Armed Guard, training at San Diego and Los Angeles, California, laterserving from October, 1943, to September, 1945, in the European-African Middle Eastern Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Theater in the Philippine Liberation. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with Campaign Ribbons. After returning to the States, he was discharged Dec. 24, 1945.

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*EM 2/c LOUIS MESSA *S/Sqt. PEDRO S. MESSA

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. P. Messa, Houston, Texas. EM 2/c LOUIS MESSA, born July 21, 1924, volunteered Jan. 5, 1942, for the Navy, and began duty in the Pacific July, 1942, in the Battle of Guadalcanal, Alaska, Gilbert Islands and others. He was a member of U.S.S. Monaghan, and lost his life during at typhoon near Leyte Dec. 18, 1944, in duty in the Armed Forces.

S/Sgt. PEDRO S. MESSA, born June 25, 1922, volunteered June, 1944, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Brooks Field, Texas; later attending Tech. School in Chanute Field, Ill., and various other fields. While on a routine flight Sgt. Messa crashed and lost his life March 26, 1944, at Floydada, Texas.



Pfc JOE H. MARTINEZ

Pfc Joe Hernandez Martinez, birthdate March 19, 1917, a native of Texas, is the husband of Sarah Perez Martinez, Houston, Texas. He entered service March 9, 1942, with the Army Air Corps; trained at Drew Field, Florida. Later served from May, 1943, to December, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater where he participated in combat and received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Award, five Overseas Service Bars, and other ribbons. After returning to the States, Pfc Martinez was discharged from the Army Air Corps December 20, 1945.



T/Sgt. Maddox, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Maddox, and husband of the former Veta Rogers of 9002 Ramin Dr., Houston was born March 21, 1920. Attended Groesbeck High School; volunteered for the Army on Oct. 7, 1940, assigned to the 36th Div. 143rd Inf.; sent to Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass., for training. In Africa, Sicily, Italy, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno for 141/2 mos., wounded Dec. 8, 1943, and again on Jan. 28, 1944. His decorations include the Silver Star, Good Conduct, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, American Defense, and EAME Campaign Medals. He volunteered into the National Guard which mobilized into the 36th Div. in Nov., 1940. On July 1, 1945, he was honorably discharged.

Pfc Maddox, was born at Wharton, Texas, on Feb. 3, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Maddoxof 8710 Hilton, Houston, married Ophelia Councel of Kilgore, on Aug. 27, 1945. Attended Groesbeck High School; volunteered for the Army on Oct. 7, 1940; assigned to 36th Div., 143rd Inf.; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas; Blanding, Fla.; and Edwards, Mass. Overseas 27 mos.serving in Africa, Italy, and France. Wounded in Nov., 1944, and again on Jan. 20, 1945, when a bullet lodged in the muscle of his leg. Awarded EAME, 4 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, and Purple Heart Medals, with Oak Leaf Cluster, also Inf. Combat Badge. Enlisted in the National Guard which mobilized into the 36th Div. in Nov., 1940. Honorably discharged Sept. 21, 1945.



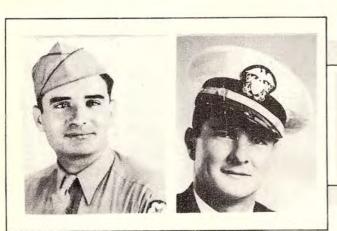
1st Lt. MARTIN C. MATHIS



S/Sgt. GORDONN H. McCOY

1st Lt. Martin Clifford Mathis, born January 26, 1924, son of C. W. and Geneva Mathis, Houston, Texas, attended Texas A & M, and volunteered December 15, 1942, for the Army Infantry 63rd Div. Trained at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. received his commission to 2nd Lt. October 3, 1944. Lt. Mathis served overseas from November, 1944, to May, 1945, in the European Theater where he participated in combat in the Saar Basin and Rhineland Campaign, receiving wounds in combat February 18, 1945. A few days earlier he had been commended for leading and capturing with outstanding leadership and ability, a German garrison in a daylight raid. Discharged May 16, 1946.

S/Sgt. Gordonn H. McCoy, husband of Mary Jane McCoy, Houston, was born March 26, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. McCoy of the same city. He attended University of Houston; volunteered November 16, 1942, for the Army 501st Prcht. Inf. Reg., serving overseas from June, 1944, to June, 1945, in England. He participated with the 82nd Airborne Division in the invasion of Holland, where he was wounded September 25, 1944, captured, and imprisoned by the Germans at Fallinhostle, Furstinburg and Luckenwald, Germany. His awards include the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Glider Wings, Pres. Citation, and other medals for service. Discharged November 5, 1945.



Cpl. CARL D. SMITH Ens. AL EARL C. SMITH

Sons of Mr, and Mrs. John Moffett, Houston.

Cpl. CARL DEWEY SMITH, born May 16, 1918, husband of Edna Smith, Houston, entered the Army Medical Corps, May 8, 1944, training at Camp Plauche, New Orleans. He served from Jan., 1945, to Feb., 1946, in India. Discharged after returning to the States, Feb. 13, 1946.

Ensign A. I. EARL C. SMITH, birthdate Sept. 6, 1924, in Texas. Attended Hempstead, Texas, High School, and volunteered Jan. 1, 1943, for the Navy Aviation Branch, training at Corpus Christi, Texas. Ensign Smith served from August, 1945, to January, 1946, overseas, receiving the World War II Victory and Defense Ribbons. Discharged February 18, 1946.



S 1/c DIXIE McELVEEN

SI/c Dixie McElveen was born February 26, 1922, a native of Texas, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude McElveen, 6401 Hillsboro, Houston, Texas. She attended Jefferson Davis High School in Texas, and was a pharmacist prior to her voluntary entry into the Armed Force on July 13, 1943. Seaman McElveen was assigned to the U.S. Navy at Corpus Christi, Texas, later training and serving at Hunter College, Bronx, New York. Her awards in clude the World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons with the American Theater Medal. After faithfully serving her country for over two years, she was granted discharge November 10, 1945.

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*Sgt. BETHEL E. STRAWN

Sgt. Strawn, was born on September 10, 1913, in Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Strawn of Howe, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Ethel A. Strawn of 205 1/2 Wisconsin Street, Baytown, Texas. He received his education at Dorchester High School and North Texas State Teachers College at Denton, Texas. He entered the service as a private on November the 24th in 1943, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the United States Army, 90th Division. Trained at I.R.T.C. at Camp Blanding, Florida. He was shipped overseas on June 12, 1944, and served in France, Belgium, and Germany, participating in battles for St. Sauveur, Montsurs, Le Mans, Foret d'Ecouves, Le Bourg, St. Leonard sector, Foret de Gouffern Ste. Eugenie-Bon Menil, Chambois, Reims, Metz, and the Belgium Bulge Battle. Sgt. Bethel E. Strawn paid the Supreme Sacrifice on the 30th day of January in 1945.

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PhM 1/c JAMES G. MAYFIELD

Ph M 1/c J. G. Mayfield, son of Mrs. Hazel E. Mayfield, 2213 McKee St., Houston 9, Texas, was born April 30, 1924. Volunteered for service on Dec. 22, 1941, and was assigned to the Navy Hosp. Corps and Marine Corps 6th Div.; trained at Great Lakes, Ill.; served in the United States in various sta. and fields, and overseas in South Pacific. In battles: Marines - New Hebrides: Guadalcanal; New Georgia; New Zealandand Guam; Awards: Silver Star, Navy Unit Citation for action at Guam. Excerpt: "for Gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Is., in exposing himself to heavy enemy fire evacuating 4 litter patients who would otherwise have remained on battlefield following withdrawal of Batt'n to defensive position." Now in Naval Barracks, Houston.





Pfc CLIFFORD R. NOACK

S/Sgt. JAMES W. NORTON, JR.

Pfc Clifford Robert Noack, birthdate February 23, 1924, in Texas, is the son of Mrs. Minnie Rose Noack, 945 W. 24th Street, Houston, Texas. He entered service August 26, 1943, at Fort Sam Houston with the Army Infantry 4th Div., training at Camp Hood, Texas. Began overseas duty March, 1944, in the European Theater. Pfc Noack participated in the Battle of Normandy; also served in England, France, Belgium and Germany. The Purple Heart was awarded for wounds received in France July 7, 1944; also received European Theater Ribbon with Battle Star and Good Conduct Medal. After returning to the States July, 1945, he was discharged November, 1945.

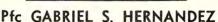
S/Sgt. James Wesley Norton, Jr., husband of June Anne Norton, Houston, was born October 14, 1921, in Texas. Entered the Army 90th Ground Division October 20, 1943, training at Camp Blanding, Florida. Sgt. Norton served from June, 1944, to October, 1945, in the European area where he participated in the battles of Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes, Northern France and Central Europe and was listed as "Missing" August 17, 1944; was later located as prisoner of war. One week later he escaped into France, was sheltered there by F.F.F. and rejoined his unit November 13, 1944. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded with Unit Citation. Discharged October 23, 1945.











*Sgt. BENNY S. HERNANDEZ

Sgt. Benny S. Hernandez was born June 15, 1920, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hernandez, Houston, Texas. He entered the Army, April, 1942; was assigned to the Infantry, and began overseas duty in the European Theater of Operations. Sgt. Hernandez served in England and participated in combat of France; was wounded January 1, 1945, and later paid the Supreme Sacrifice February 26, 1945. The Purple Heart was awarded in recognition of his life given in the service of his country. His survivors include his wife, one son, five brothers, a sister, aunts and uncles among hosts of friends, also mother and father.

Pfc Gabriel S. Hernandez, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hernandez, Houston, Texas, was born February 8, 1923, in Texas. He entered the Army Infantry February 11, 1943; trained at a base in Mississippi, and served overseas in the European Theater of Operations twenty months. Pfc Hernandez participated in combat in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and was awarded the European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. After returning to the States he was granted discharge from the Army February 11, 1946.



S 1/c BEN S. HERNANDEZ, JR.



S 1/c DAVE S. HERNANDEZ



PO 3/c HARRIS S. HERNANDEZ

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hernandez, Sr., Houston.

S 1/c BEN SUAREZ HERNANDEZ, Jr., birthdate July 2, 1926, in Texas, volunteered March 13, 1944, for the U.S. Navy, training at San Diego, Calif. He served from January, 1945, to January, 1946, in the South and Central Pacific Theater, where he participated in various engagements. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge May 23, 1946.

S 1/c DAVE SUAREZ HERNANDEZ born August 3, 1921, a native of Texas, attended the Houston schools and volunteered May 30, 1942, for the U.S. Navy. After training at San Diego Naval Station he served thirty five months in action of the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans, Tasman, Coral and Arabian Seas, also Bay of Bengal, and on the Marshall and Ryukyus Islands. Various ribbons were awarded. Discharged Oct. 14, 1945.

Petty Officer 3/c HARRIS SUAREZ HERNANDEZ, birthdate July 8,1924, volunteered May 18, 1943, for the U.S. Navy; trained at San Diego, and served from December, 1943, to July, 1945, in the Pacific Theater. He participated in combat of the Marianas, Ryukyu and Okinawa Islands, serving in the South, North and Central Pacific Areas. The World War II Victory Medal was awarded with American Defense Ribbon, plus Campaign Theater Awards. Discharged December 10, 1946.





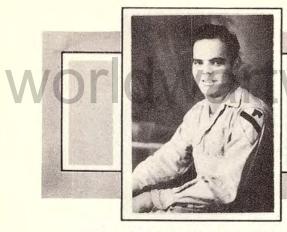
Capt. RICHARD A. MARSHALL

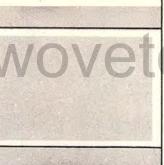
Capt. Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Marshall, and husband of Ermal Vance Marshall of 1919 Huldy St., Houston, attended School of Foreign Service, Georgetown Univ. at Washington, D.C. He volunteered for the service on Aug. 8, 1941, at New York City, was assigned to the Army Counter Intelligence Corps, training at Ft. Eustis, Va., and Camp Blanding, Fla. In service overseas from July 26, 1943, to October 8, 1945, in European Theater in campaigns for Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Wounded in combat 5 times. Awarded Silver Star, Purple Heart with Clusters, ETO, Expert Combat Inf., American Defense, ATO, Victory, and German Occupation Medals. He is at present with U.S. Army, Counter Intelligence Corps.

2nd Lt. JOHN C. MARSHALL, JR.

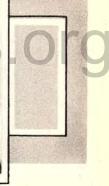
2nd Lt. Marshall, was born Oct. 10, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Marshall of 1919 Huldy St., Houston, and husband of Dorothy S. Marshall. Attended Juilliard Institute at New York City; volunteered for the Army on April 29, 1942, assigned to 41st Inf. Div., 163rd Reg.; trained at Camp Croft, S. C., and Ft. Lewis, Wash. Served in Australia, British, and Dutch New Guinea, Netherlands E. Indies, participating in battles of New Guinea and Biak Is. Credited with Asiatic Pacific, Combat Inf. Badge, Distinguished Unit Citation, Victory, and American Theater Ribbons. Sustained grave injury during battle when he helped lift a Jap out of the mud; he was sent to hospital for an operation. Released to inactive status Jan., 1946.











Sgt. KENNETH H. WOMACK

Cpl. HERBERT M. SMITH

Sgt. Womack, was born on Jan. 6, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Womack of Diboll, and brother of Mrs. H. M. Smith of Houston, Texas. He attended Diboll High School; volunteered for service on Sept. 6, 1943, at Tyler, entering the Army 1st Cav. Div. He received his training at Camp Gruber; Okla. Overseas from June 8, 1944, until Jan. 4, 1946, in New Guinea, Admiralty Is., Philippines, Solomon Is., Japan, battles of New Guinea, Admiraltys, Leyte and Luzon P. I. Received the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific, with 4 Stars, 2 Liberation Stars, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Arrowhead. His wife, Mildred Womack, resides at University Village, Houston.

Cpl. Smith, born on Oct. 13, 1909, husband of Reba Smith of 4401 Center St., Houston, attended Port Arthur High School, and volunteered for the service on Sept. 23, 1942, at Houston. Was assigned to the 7th Army Air Corps, training at Ellington Air Field, Houston, Texas. Overseas for 19 months in Oahu, Saipan, Ie Shima, Okinawa, in the battles of Saipan, Ie Shima, and Okinawa. He received the following awards: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 3 Bronze Battle Stars, and the Presidental Meritorious Service Unit Medal. Cpl. Herbert Melvin Smith was given his discharge on the 8th of December in 1945.





AMM 3/c HERMAN E. WOMACK

S/Sgt. JOHN H. WOMACK

A.M.M. 3/c Womack, was born on April 17th in 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Womack of Diboll, and husband of Mildred Opal Womack of 7220 Homestead Rd., Houston, and brother of Mrs. H. M. Smith, also of Houston. He received his education in Diboll, Texas, Grammar and High Schools and entered the service on the 6th of December 1943 at Houston, Texas. Was assigned to the U.S. Navy, and was sent to the United States Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas, for his training. A.M.M. 3/c Herman Elbert Womack was given an honorable discharge on the 6th of December in 1945. Resides with his wife in Houston, Texas.

S/Sgt. Womack, was born on Sept. 9, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Womack of Diboll, Texas. He attended Diboll High School, and enlisted in the Army on Jan. 2, 1940, at Houston. Was assigned to the 1st and 8th Div., training at Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas from Dec. 5, 1943, until April 17, 1945, in N. Ireland, England, Normandy, Brittany, N. France, Rhineland, and Germany. German prisoner from Oct. 31, 1944, until he escaped on Nov. 9, 1944. His awards are: Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, ETO with 4 Bronze Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Croix de Guerre (French). S/Sgt. John Henry Womack was discharged on the 31st of May in 1945.





FC 3/c JOSEPH R. LINDLEY 1st Lt. WILLIAM SPENCE LINDLEY

F. C. 3/c Lindley, born on March 29, 1918, son of Mr. Glea D. Lindley and Mrs. Rennyson Lindley of Houston, Texas, attended John H. Reagan High School in Houston. He volunteered for the service on June 24, 1942, assigned to the U.S. Navy in Seaman and Gunnery Branch. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Oct., 1943, to May, 1944, at Pearl Harbor serving in patroland escort duty. Participated in the Occupation of Tarawa Is., Gilbert Is., Kwajalein, Eniwetok Is., and Marshall Gp. Completed course of Fire Control at San Diego; went aboard the U.S.S. Le Hardy for commissioning at Calif .: returned for advance F.C.T. at Wash., D.C. Discharged on Sept. 25, 1945, at the U.S.N. Personnel Separation Center, Camp Wallace, Texas.

1st Lt. Lindley, born on March 29, 1918, son of Mr. Glea D. Lindley, and Mrs. Rennyson Lindley of Houston, attended John H. Reagan High at Houston. Volunteered for the Army on Nov. 2, 1940, assigned to 111th OBSN Sq., Tex. Nat. Guard. Trained on the Gulf Coast, with service in the S. and S. W. Pacific area. Battles of N. Solomons, Central Pacific, W. Pacific, Eastern Mandated Is., Bismarck Archipelago, and New Guinea. Awards include Air Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific with 6 Stars. Overseas with 13th A.F. as pilot, flying 46 combat missions; expert aerial gunner. Discharged on the 16th July, 1945, now Res. Officer.









*T/4 GILBERT C. RODRIGUEZ



T/4 ABEL CHAPA

Sgt. ADOLF C. RODRIGUEZ, was born March 4, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leandro Rodriguez of Houston. He entered the service on Dec. 4, 1941, assigned to the Army 741st Tank Bn., training at Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas 20 1/2 mos. in Normandy, N. France, and Rhineland. Awards are: Amer. Def., Good Conduct Medal, EAME, with 3 Stars, Purple Heart, and Unit Citation. Honorably discharged July 16, 1945.

T/4 GILBERT C. RODRIGUEZ, was born Oct. 19, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Rodriguez of Houston, and husband of Josephine G. Rodriguez of San Antonio. He volunteered for the Army on Oct. 19, 1940; assigned to 2nd Div. Co. C, 23rd Inf. Med. Detachment; trained at Ft. Sam Houston and Dodd Fld. Served in S. and N. France in invasion of France. One June 19, he was hit by machine gun fire and died on July 11, 1944. Awards are: EAME 3 Stars, Unit Citation, Good Conduct, Bronze Star, and American Defense Service Medals.

Citation, Good Conduct, Bronze Star, and American Defense Service Medals.

T/4 ABEL CHAPA, was born Nov. 5, 1920, son of Mrs. Brigida Chapa of Houston. Volunteered for the Army on Oct. 19, 1940, assigned to 2nd Div.; trained at Dodd Fld., and Ft. Sam Houston; served 35 mos. in Southern and Northern France. Awarded Merit Certificate, Unit Citation, EAME, with 2 Stars, Good Conduct, and American

Defense Service Medals. On Sept. 16, 1945, he was given his discharge.









Pfc DAVID E. CHAPA Pfc ALVARO C. RODRIGUEZ

Pfc JESSE M. CHAPA

Pfc THOMAS CHAPA

Pfc DAVID E. CHAPA, was born Oct. 24, 1910, son of Mrs. Brigida Chapa, and husband of Anita Chapa of Houston, entered 5th Army, 90th Q.M., Jan. 24, 1944; trained at Camp Blanding, Fla. In N. Africa and Italy 10 mos. Awarded A TO, EAME, Good Conduct, Meritorius Unit, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb., 1946. Pfc ALVARO C. RODRIGUEZ, was born June 23, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leandro Rodriguez, and husband of Josephine G. Rodriguez of Houston. He entered the A.T.C. Air Corps, on May 11, 1943; trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Overseas 19 mos. in N. Africa. Awarded American Theater, EAME, Good Conduct, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged February, 1946.

Sons of Mrs. Brigida Chapa of Houston, Tex.

Pfc JESSE M. CHAPA, was born May 4; 1907; entered
the Army 23rd Armored Inf. Bat., 7th Arm. Div., on
Dec. 6, 1943; trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. In Normandy,
Rhineland, and N. France for 15 mos. Medals: Purple
Heart, Good Conduct, EAME, 3 Stars. Discharged Oct.
22, 1945.

Pfc THOMAS CHAPA, born March 11, 1913, husband of Clara P. Chapa of Houston, entered Army 27th Div., Co. E, 165th Inf.; trained at Camp Wolters. Overseas 18 mos. in Gilberts, Ryukyus, Saipan, Okinawa, and Marshalls. Awards: Amer. Def., ATO, Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific, 4 Stars, and Good Conduct Medals. Honorably discharged October 3, 1945.





CCM MELVIN BAUM



SK 1/c EDWARD R. BENNETT

CCM Melvin Baum, husband of Bebe Baum, 8324 Lockheed, Houston, Texas, was born November 15,1905, son of B. T. Baum, Borger, Texas. He volunteered December 9,1942, for the Navy Seabees, Construction Battalion, training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia. Served overseas from February, 1944, to October, 1945, in the Pacific Theater where he was stationed in New Guinea at Finschhaven and Hollandia, Saipan and Mindoro, Philippines. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons, and other Campaign Ribbons and Medals. After returning to the States he was granted discharge October 24, 1945, at Camp Wallace, Texas.

SK I/c Edward Ross Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bennett, Houston, Texas, attended Houston University, and volunteered July 22, 1942, for the Navy Construction Battalion #48. After training in the States, he served overseas February, 1945, to March, 1946, in the Pacific Theater. He participated in the campaigns of Iwo Jima, Okinawa, 1st and 2nd Japanese aboard the U.S.S. San Jacinto serving with the 3rd and 5th Fleets, making trips in transport duty to Guam, Saipan and Manila after cessation of hostilities. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon 3 Stars was awarded and Pres. Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged March, 1946.

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Lt. FRANK B. BENTON



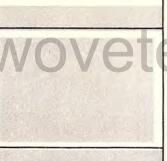
Cpl. DAVID R. BRACEWELL

Lt. Frank Bedford Benton, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Benton, 2711 Cochran, Houston, was born September 24, 1923, and volunteered November 17, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. Lt. Benton served overseas from April, 1944, to June, 1945, in the European Theater, and while on his 16th combat mission was shot down over Germany and imprisoned at Sagan, Germany, July 7, 1944, to April 29, 1945. His awards include the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and European Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars. He served as bombardier on B-24 plane. Currently with AAF Training Center, San Antonio.

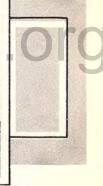
Cpl. David Reid Bracewell, born October 27, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bracewell, Houston, Texas, attended University of Houston and entered the Army 777th Engineers Pet. Co. March 7, 1943. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. Cpl. Bracewell served from January, 1944, to January, 1946, in the China-Burma-India-Theater at Assam, India, and other points in the area, and received the campaign Ribbons, two Bronze Stars, two Citations from Area Commanders, and other awards. He was topographical draftsman for pipeline company. After returning to the States, he was discharged January 17, 1946.











Lt. Comdr. VIRGIL C. BRANAN

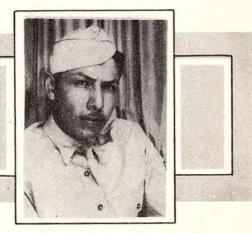
Pfc THOMAS A. NOWLIN

Lt. Comdr. Virgil Calvin Branan, husband of Ellen G. Branan, Houston, was born Dec. 9, 1902, and attended West Point Preparatory, Ft. Amador, Balboa, Canal Zone. He volunteered for active duty June 4, 1942, for the Navy Line Branch, after nineteen years in the Merchant Marine Corps, and served overseas from August, 1942, to September, 1945, in the campaigns on the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Tinian, Guam in the Marianas, So. Palau Islands and on Okinawa, as Electrical Officer on U.S.S. Frederick Funston and as Chief Engr. Officer on U.S.S. Cygnus and Vega. A commendation was awarded, and he also holds medals from Merchant Marines. Inactivated December, 1946.

Pfc Thomas A. Nowlin, born March 6, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louie A. Nowlin, Houston, attended A bilene, Texas, Christian Academy, and entered the Army Infantry August 10, 1943. He served from March, 1943, to December, 1945, in the European area where he participated in combat at various battles in France, Siegfried Line, Luxembourg, Hurtgen Forest. Was wounded November 10, 1945, at Smitz, Germany. Returned to England where he served in the General Hospital after his recovery. It is Pfc Nowlin's wish "that highest hond rs be paid those who paid the Supreme Sacrifice, and his greatest sympathy to their loved ones". Discharged May, 1946.



Sgt. JOHN W. ODELL



Sgt. PEDRO C. ONTIVEROS

Sgt. John William Odell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Odell, Houston, volunteered January 20, 1941, for the Army 36th Div., training at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Florida, and Edwards at Boston, Mass. He began overseas duty April, 1943, at Casablanca North Africa; later participated in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, also the invasion of Salerno, and at Anzio. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars and one Arrowhead, Good Conduct Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, and other medals. After retunring to the States, he was discharged August, 1945.

Sgt. Pete Campos Ontiveros, birthdate May 3, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ontiveros, Houston, Texas, volunteered August 8, 1941, for the Army 2nd Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Sgt. Ontiveros served September, 1944, to October, 1945, in the European Theater at the battles of the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Was wounded in action February 7, 1945, on the Siegfried Line. The Purple Heart was awarded with ETO Ribbon-three Battles Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Pre-Pearl Harbor Awards, and other ribbons. Was discharged October, 1945, after returning to the States.



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*Lt. (jg) JAMES A. SHIELDS, JR.

Lt. Sheilds, was born on Oct. 31, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Shields, Sr., 1628 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas. He attended Texas A & I College at Kingsville, and volunteered for the service on Nov. 1, 1941, at Houston, assigned to the U.S. Naval Air Corps, V-B, 16, Was sent to Corpus Christi N.A.S. for his training. On Aug. 9, 1943, he was shipped overseas and served in the Pacific Ocean area, in battles of Tarawa, Wake, Mille, Gilbert invasion, Kwajalein, Palau, Woleai, Hollandia, Truk, Marianas, Caroline Is., Marshall Is., and 1st Battle of the Philippines. He was shot down by a Jap Zeke, Fighter plane, in the 1st Battle of the Philippines on June 20, 1944. Awards are: U.S. Navy Air Medal, D.F.C. and Purple Heart. Reported dead on June 20, 1945.



Lt. (sg) George Leonard Briggs, Jr., born January 11, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Briggs, Sr. Houston, Texas, attended college in Los Angeles, Calif., and volunteered October 6, 1941, for U. S. Coast Guard Aviation, training at Pensacola, Fla. He made the first helicopter cross country flight ever made from New York City to Miami, Fla., and served in Anti-Submarine Patrol in the Florida Straits and Caribbean Area, also at Greenland, Labrador, and Newfoundland. His awards include a Commendation for offshore rescue, European Theater Ribbon, American Defense and Victory Medals. Lt. Briggs was released to U. S. Coast Guard Reserve.



Capt. TOMMY L. COBB

Capt. Tommy Lee Cobb, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Cobb, Sr., Houston, Texas, was born May 3,1919, and volunteered March 1941, for Army 191st Tank Bn. He graduated from Ft. Knox, Ky., as 2nd Lt. and served from February, 1943, to June, 1945, in North Africa-European Area, participating in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe; was wounded three times, twice in Italy, 1944, and March, 1945, in Germany. Capt. Cobb was awarded four Citations, Silver Star, Distinguished Unit Badge among other medals and ribbons. He was Tank Commander attached to famous 36th and 45th Divisions. Discharged January 13, 1946.

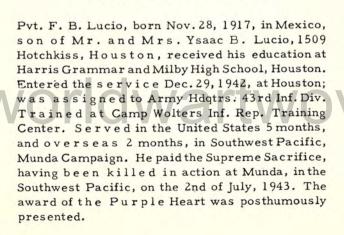




1st Lt. ARTHUR C. WATSON, JR.

1st Lt. Watson, born on Dec. 1, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sherer, and husband of Phyllis Watson of 2206 Dorrington, Houston, Texas, attended Texas A & M and volunteered for the A.A.C. on June 20, 1942. Basic training at Western Flying T.C., Merced, Calif.; Santa Ana, Calif., Pre-flight; Dos Palos, Calif., Primary; and Marfa, Texas, for Advanced in Twin Engine. Served overseas from Jan. 3, to May 20, 1945, in 8th A.F. based in England, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He flew 27 missions. His awards are ETO with 2 Bronze Service Stars, and Air Medals and 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. 1st Lt. Watson served as B-17 first pilot in 398th Bomb. Gp. Discharged Nov. 4, 1945; joined Res. Corps as 1st Lt. in Air Corps.







T/4 A. M. Lucio, born Nov. 30, 1919, in Mexico, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ysaac E. Lucio, 1509 Hotchkiss St., Houston, husband of Elvira D. Lucio, 1510 Nelson St., Houston. Received his education at Milby High Schools, and Houston University; entered the service on June 14th, 1943; was assigned to the Army 19th Corps, Art. Div.; trained at Camp Wallace, A.A.A. Rep. Training Center; served in the United States 6 months, and overseas 21 months, in ETO. Participated in battles at Normandy, N. France, Ardenes, Rhineland, and German campaigns. Awarded: Good Con., ETO Medal, 5 Battle Stars. Hon. discharged Oct. 15, 1945.





Capt. HARRY M. J. SKD 1/c MARGARET V. SAMPLE

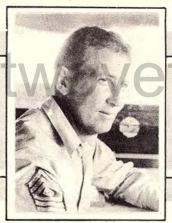
Capt. Sample, born on May 4, 1917, in Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Sample of 519 West Main Street in Houston, Texas, husband of Virginia B. Sample of 527 Granberry St., Houston, Texas. He attended San Jacinto High and Rice Institute in Houston. Volunteered for the service on January 19, 1942, assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Lake Charles Army Flying School, Lake Charles, La. He went overseas in May of 1944, serving in England, Normandy, and France. Participated in D-Day Invasion. Capt. Sample, Jr. was killed on October 29, 1944, in France. He received the Air Medal with 8 Oak Leaf Clusters and received his promotion to Captain overseas.

S.K.D. 1/c Sample, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Sample of 519 West Main Street in Houston, Texas, was born on January 4, 1922, in Oklahoma. She attended Central High School in Kansas City, Missouri. Volunteered for the service on the 8th day of February in 1944 at Houston, Texas. assigned to the W.A.V.E.S., and was sent to U.S.N.T.S. at Brooklyn, New York, and later to U.S.N.T.S., in Milledgeville, Georgia, for her training. She served in New Orleans, Louisiana, and at Houston, Texas. S.K.D. First Class Margaret Virginia Sample received an honorable discharge from the W.A.V.E.S. on the 15th day of March in 1946, and she is now living in Houston.









1st Sgt. CHARLES W. JOHNSON



Sgt. JOHNNIE F. JOHNSON

S 1/c GLENN W. GRIFFIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Griffin of Cuero, husband of Mabel Irine Griffin of Houston, entered the Navy, training at San Diego. Served on troop transport in Pacific and India for 15 mos. Discharged December 28, 1945.

Ist Sgt. CHAS. W. JOHNSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Houston, enlisted in Army 25th Div., Aug., 1935; trained at Ft. Sam Houston. In Guadalcanal, battles of Solomon, Philippines, New Guinea. Medals: Bronze Star, Good Conduct. Re-enlisted in 1946 for 10 yrs. Now in Japan.

Sgt. JOHNNIE F. JOHNSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson, volunteered for Army 36 Div. Nov., 1940; trained at Camp Bowie; 10 mos. W. Pacific in air offensive Japan. Medals: Amer. Def. Dist. Unit, ATO, Victory, Good Conduct, APTO, Re-enlisted A.A.F., 1946.



M/Sgt. FRANK
RUMLEY



Pfc BERTRAND V. WOOD



Sgt. WILLIAM R. ZWICK

M/Sgt. FRANK RUMLEY, husband of Lela Rumley of Grand Prairie, enlisted in A.A.C. Sept., 1929; trained at Camp Bowie; in China-Burma-India for 18 mos. Medals: Battle Star, Bronze Star, 2 Pres. Unit Cit. Now at Hensley Fld., Dallas, with 4122 A.F.B.U. He also served in W.W.I. for 33 1/2 mos., was in battle on Champaigne Front. Pfc BERTRAND V. WOOD, husband of Jessie Francis Wood, entered A.A.C. on July 9, 1942; trained at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Kelly Fld., Texas. Honorably discharged August 10, 1945.

Sgt. WM. R. ZWICK, born March 2, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Zwick of 734 E. 10 1/2, Houston, husband of Maida Lea Johnson Zwick, volunteered for the Army Jan. 29, 1942, at Houston. Honorably discharged Dec. 17, 1945.

1. —1ST LT. WARD DIGBY RUSH, born Jan. 27, 1915. Husband of Mrs. W. D. Rush of Houston, Texas. Enteredservice Feb. 14, 1941, in the Army 2nd Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas Feb., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Rome-Arno, and North Apennines. Wounded July 15, 1944, Terracola, Italy. Awarded Combat Infantry Badge, EAME Campaign Medal, Purple Heart, American Defense, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 31, 1946. Qualified as parachutist.

2. —CPL. ALTON VOX SUMMERS, born March 31,1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Summers of Houston, Texas. Entered service Jan. 28, 1943, in the Army Engrs. Division. Trained at McCorry Field, Wash., and in Fla. Overseas from 1943 to 1946 in New Guinea, Philippines Islands, and Japan. Awarded Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, 3 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 12, 1946, at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

3. —CPL. ELLIS TROY SUMMERS, born May 10, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Summers of Houston, Texas. Entered Army 107 Cav. Recon. Sq. Nov. 20, 1942. Trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark, and in Calif. Overseas from Jan., 1945, to Aug., 1945, in Central Europe, Rhineland, and Northern France. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Ribbon. Discharged Nov. 10, 1945. Acted as a gunner on a 75 mm Howitzer. Used panoramic sight to set deflection for shooting of gun.

4. —M.O.M.M.3/cBILLY JOE STARNES, born May 22, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Starnes of Houston, Texas. Volunteered May 8, 1944, in the Navy. Received his training at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Nov. 28, 1944, to Dec. 11, 1945, in American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, and Battle of Iwo Jima in Japan. He received the American Defense, and World WarlI Victory Medals. Was discharged May 25, 1946. Attended Jefferson High School, Houston, Texas.

5. —A.M.M. 2/c NORMAN FREDERICK STARNES, born Dec. 5, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Starnes of Houston, Texas. Volunteeredfor service January 11, 1943, at Houston, Texas, in the Navy Aviation. Received his training at San Diego, California, Norman, Oklahoma, Jacksonville, and Miami, Florida. Served in the United States from January 11, 1943, to April 22, 1946. Awarded American Defense, and World Warl Victory Medals. Was honorably discharged April 22, 1946.

6. —QUARTERMASTER 1/c VERDELL BYNUM STARNES, born March 31, 1921. Husband of Mrs. D. E. Starnes of Altamont, N. Y. Volunteered Sept. 20, 1939, at Galveston, Texas, in the U.S. Coast Guard. Trained at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., St. Petersburg, San Juan, P. R., Amphib. Base, Va., Wilmington, Calif. On ships: Woodbury, Nemesis, and Unalga LST-787. Overseas from July, 1942, to Dec., 1944, in West Indies Islands. Awarded American Defense, and Victory Medals. Received discharge September 17, 1945.

7. —C.M.M. ODELL DENT STARNES, born Oct. 13, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Starnes of Houston, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 14, 1940, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from March, 1941, to Oct., 1945, at Pearl Harbor, South Pacific, Australia, New Zealand, Alaska. In battles of Marshalls and Wake, Okinawa and Iwo Jima Islands. Awarded Navy Unit Commendation, Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and Good Conduct Medals. Still in service at San Diego, Calif.

8. —1ST LT. HARRIEL D. STARNES, born Jan. 31,1928. Husband of Mrs. Joan S. Starnes of Houston, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 7, 1944, in the Merchant Marines. Trained at St. Petersburg, Fla. Overseas Sept., 1944, in Atlantic, and Mediterranean. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Still serving overseas in Transportation Corps, Water Division. Lt. Starnes attended Jefferson Davis High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Starnes of Houston, Texas.

9. -T/5 SALVADOR VELOZ, born April 16, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Veloz of Houston, Texas. Entered Army 755 Tank Bn. May 14, 1941, at Houston, Texas. Trained at Brownwood, Texas. Served overseas Aug. 6, 1942, to Dec. 26, 1945, in Tunisian, Naples Foggia, and Rome-Arno Campaigns. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January 15, 1946, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Attended Houston, Texas, Public Schools.

10.—R.M. 3/c ALFONSO VELOZ, born Sept.19, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Veloz of Houston, Texas. Entered June 16, 1942, in the Navy Motor Torpedo Sqd. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Melville, Rhode Island. Overseas Feb., 1943, to April, 1945. in Southwest Pacific, South Pacific, New Georgia, Bougainville, and Guadalcanal Islands. Was awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 8, 1945. Attended John Marshall Jr. High, Houston.

11.—S. 1/c FAUSTINO SAMILJEA VELOZ, born Feb. 15, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Veloz of Houston, Texas. Volunteered June 15, 1942, at Houston, for the Navy. Received his training at San Diego, California. Served in the United States from June 15, 1942, to Sept. 1, 1942, at which time he was transferred overseas in the Southwest Pacific. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged Dec. 29, 1945, at Camp Wallace. Texas.

12.-T/5 JOHN WILLIAM VELOZ, born June 24, 1910. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Veloz of Houston, Texas. Entered service in the Army Air Corps, Dec. 8, 1942. Trained at Sheppard Field, in Wichita Falls, Texas. Overseas from Sept., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Assam, India, with the 51-S.U.C. Corps. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 16, 1946, at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas. T/5 Veloz attended public schools of Houston.

13.—CCM RAYMOND G. SIDENBLAD, born Jan. 9, 1914. Husband of Mrs. Mary Jane Sidenblad of Houston, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 24, 1942, for the Navy and was assigned to General Service. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Overseas from Sept., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Plymouth, England, at the Advance Amphibious Base. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 9, 1945. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sidenblad of Houston, Texas, formerly of Morris, Minn.

14.—CAPT. BENJAMIN JOHN SORRELL, born July 3,1920. Husband of Mrs. Mary Evelyn Sorrell of Houston, Texas. He attended Texas University before he volunteered for service March 18, 1942, at Houston, with the Army Air Force. Received his training at Victory, Perrin, Ellington, and Bryan Fields. Served in the United States from March 18, 1942, to Jan. 13, 1946. Awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 13, 1946.

15.—T/5 ROSCOE ALVIN STARLING, born Dec. 19, 1919, Husband of Mrs. Joyce Starling of Lufkin, Texas. Entered the Army Air Corps, May 3, 1944, at Camp Wolters, Texas. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark. Overseas June, 1945, to Feb. 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area; served with 54th Air Service Group, 1086th Signal Co. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 15, 1946, at Alamogordo, New Mexico.

16.—S/SGT. BURTON ALEXANDER WELLS, born Aug. 17, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Maebelle Wells of Houston, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940 in the Army 36th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla. and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas April, 1943, to July, 1945, in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany, Austria, battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal 5 Bronze Stars, and I Bronze Arrowhead. Discharged July, 1945.

17.—S. 1/c WALTER OWEN WICKER, born Aug. 31,1913, in Oklahoma, where he attended school. Husband of Mrs. Leta Wicker formerly of Houston, Texas. Entered Oct. 6, 1943, in the Navy Submarine Force. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Jan., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, at Pearl Harbor, Midway, Guam, and Japan. Served aboard Submarine Tender U.S.S. Proteus (A.S. 19). He received American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 12, 1945.

18.—PFC DARRELL PRESTON YAWN, born June 13, 1925. Husband of Mrs. Doris Yawn of Houston, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 3, 1943, at San Antonio, Texas assigned to the 4th Marine Division. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Jan., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific area, Kwajalein Atoll, Saipan, Tinian, and Marianas Islands. Wounded on Saipan Island, June 22, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart, Commended for excellent service while serving as a rifleman on Saipan & Tinian. Discharged November 9, 1945.

19.—PFC SUSANO PALOMARES, born May 24, 1923. Brother of Eugenia Palomares of Houston, Texas. Entered Feb. 24, 1943, at Los Angeles, in the Army 26th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Haan, Calif. Overseas June, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium. Austria, Czechoslovakia, battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe with 3rd Army. Awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 21, 1946.

20.—PFC OTHAL ELLIS BARKER, born Sept. 10, 1910. Husband of Mrs. June Barker of Corsicana. Volunteered April 6, 1944, in the Army 78th Lightning Division. Trained at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. Overseas Oct., 1944, to Dec., 1945, attached to 1st Army and participated in the battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Combat Infantry Badge, European Theater with 3 Bronze Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, with Cluster, and Special Unit Citation. Discharged Dec., 1945.







Pfc Merritt, was born on Oct. 19, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Merritt of Houston, attended Texas A & M College; volunteered for service in July of 1943, assigned to the Army Inf. 90th Div.; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Overseas in July, 1944, serving in Co. G, 359th Inf., 90th Div., with service in Scotland and France. His platoon was hit by "Screaming Meemies" at Lebourg St. Leonard, France; on the night of Aug. 18, 1944, six shells from a "S.M." hit in their midst, and 21 out of 24 were hit; 3 died and Pfc Merritt was one of them. He died on the same day from wounds received when it hit. Awarded the Purple Heart Medal. Other Medals not yet known.

Sgt. Merritt, was born on Dec. 2, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Merritt, and husband of Elva Ann Merritt of 2916 Travis St., Houston, Texas, attended A & M College. Volunteered for the A.A.C. on Oct. 3, 1942; trained at A.A.B., Alamogordo, N. Mex.; overseas from Nov. 25, 1943, to June 1, 1945, in Italy, serving in Po Valley, bombing of Budapest, Rhineland, Central Europe battle, North Apennines, and battle of Germany. His awards are two Presidential Citations, one for bombing of Budapest; ETO Theater with 3 Combat Stars, Air Medal, Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. He served as Sergeant with the 449th Bombing Group, 719th Bombing Sqd



T/4 Salzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Salzer of 6808 Sherman St., Houston, Texas, attended Univ. of Texas, and Univ. of Houston, entering the service on Jan. 17, 1941. Assigned to the Army 36th Inf. Div.; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. With service in Algeria, Morocco, Africa, Salerno, and Anzio, Italy, from April 1, 1943, until July 10, 1944. Wounded on December 22, 1944. His awards are Purple Heart, Bronze Arrowhead, and Combat Medic Badge. T/4 Joe Alex Salzer received his discharge on the 25th day of November in 1945. With Rehab. Station, 1944, 1945, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Foster General Hosp. in Mississippi.

T/5 Salzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Salzer of 6808 Sherman St., Houston, Texas, attended the Univ. of Houston. Entered the service on March 14th, 1942, at San Antonio; assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Chanute Field, Illinois. He spent from Sept. 9, 1943, to Sept. 29, 1945, serving in England, Wales, Scotland, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and Holland. T/5 John Louis Salzer was given an honorable discharge on the 2nd day of November in 1945, after serving his country for 43 1/2 months. He was with the Quartermaster Section of the Air Depot Group. He is now living in Houston, Texas with his brother, parents, and sister.



S/Sgt. MACK SEXTON, JR.

S/Sgt. Sexton, was born on Dec. 4, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sexton, Sr., of Houston, and husband of Loraine Sexton of 2008 16th St., Galena Park. Attended Aldine Sr. High School. Volunteered for service on Oct. 30, 1942, assigned to the Army 8th Air Force; trained at Dyresburg A.A.B., Tenn., Pyote A.A.B., Texas. Served overseas from Oct. 6, 1942, until June 4, 1945. He flew 10 complete raids over St. Nazaire, France; Bremen, Frankfort, Ludwigshaven, Brunswick, Germany, and Norway. Shot down on 11th raid to Brunswick and was taken prisoner. S/Sgt. Sexton received these decorations: the Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidental Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medals. He is now in the Army Air Force Reserve.







T/4 CLYDE W. LOVELL

Sgt. JIM M. LOVELL T/5 JOHN E. LOVELL, JR.

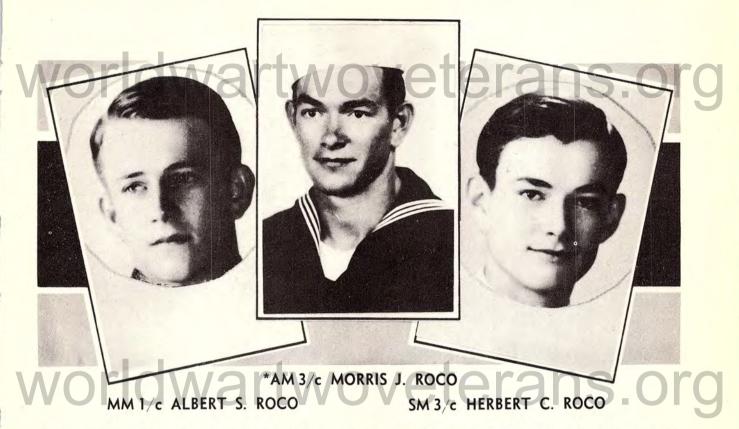
Sons of Mr. John E. Lovell, Sr., Crockett.

CLYDE: born Aug. 18, 1917, educated at Weches Grammar and High Schools, entered the service June 18, 1942, and was assigned to the Army 3594th Qm. Truck Co.; trained at Fort Knox, Ky. Served in the U.S. 23 months, and overseas 18 months, in Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and C. Europe. His Medals and battle credits were: ATO Medal, EAME Medal, 5 Bronze Stars, and Victory. He was how discharged Dec. 5, 1945.

JIM: born Feb. 11, 1913, attended Weches Grammar and High Schools; entered the service May 4th, 1942, and assigned to Army 755th Tank; trained at Ft. Knox, Ky.; served in U. S. 3 months, and overseas 37 months, in Naples-Foggia, N. Apennines, Rome-Arno, and Po Valley. Awards and battle credits: EAME Medal, 4 Bronze Stars, American Def., Croix de Guerre, with Vermillion Star, Good Conduct. Honorably discharged Sept., 1945.

JOHN: born Feb. 11, 1913, educated at Weches Grammar and High Schools; entered the service March 6, 1942, assigned to Army 473rd Inf.; trained at Camp Hulen, Texas. Overseas 33 months, in Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, N. Apenninnes, and Po Valley. Awards: ATO, Victory, Purple Heart, Combat Inf. Badge, Good Con., EAME Medal, 5 Bronze Stars. Hon. discharged Jan. 21, 1946.

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Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Roco, Sr., Rt. 7, Box 233K, in Houston, Texas. M.M. 1/c ALBERT S. ROCO, was born Oct. 24, 1923. Attended San Jacinto High, volunteering for the Navy on Aug. 13, 1942; assigned to Res. Branch; trained at N.T.S., San Diego, Calif. Serving in New Guinea Campaign, (Salamaua, Buna, Gona, Lae, Hollandia, Rabaul, Wewak) (Admiralty Is., Schouten Is.) Morotai, Halmahera, Palau, Letye, Manila, Philippine Campaign. Received Navy Unit Commendation. Motor Machinist 1/c Roco, was discharged Dec., 1945.

A. M. 3/c MORRIS J. ROCO, was born on June 1, 1922; attended San Jacinto High; enlisted in the Navy Res. on Aug. 23, 1942, and was sent to San Diego, Calif. for his training; stationed at Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill., from Oct., 1942, to April, 1943. Drowned at Jacksonville, Fla., July 2, 1943. Attached to Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida.

S. M. 3/c HERBERT C. ROCO, was born on May 16, 1925, educated in Houston, Texas, Public Schools, attending Texas A & M College. On September 16, 1943, he volunteered for service at Houston, assigned to the Navy Reserve going to Naval Training Station at San Diego, Calif. He served overseas twice, from May 17, 1944, to Jan. 28, 1945, and then from 28th June, 1945, until 26th March, 1946, with service in the Aleutian Islands and on Guam, Mariana Islands. Sonarman 3rd Class Herbert Calvin Roco was given an honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy on the 3rd Day of April in 1946, after 30 1/2 months of service for his country.

*Sgt. RAMON R. ZEPEDA

Sgt. Zepeda, was born on August 27, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Zepeda of 201 North Sampson St. in Houston, Texas. He received his education in Houston Public Schools and entered the service on the 23rd of November in 1942. Assigned to the Army 30th Infantry Div., with Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as his training base. He saw service in France, Belgium, and Germany; participated in the battles of Normandy and the Bulge. He was overseas a year with the 120th Inf. Reg., when he was killed in Germany on February 27, 1945. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, 2 Purple Hearts. He received the Star for meritorious service in Holland and Germany between Oct. 4, and Nov. 10, 1944, for maintaining from line communications despite heavy fire.



Pfc JOHN MARTINEZ

Pfc J. Martinez, born June 24, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sabino Martinez, 7632 Canal St., Texas, attended Edison Jr. High School, at Houston. Entered the service May 10, 1943, and was assigned to the Army 29th Inf., Field Art.; trained at Fort Sill, Okla. Served in the United States 7 months, and overseas 23 months, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, C. Europe, (Battles) England, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, and Denmark. (Areas) Medals and battle credits awarded: Bronze Star Medal, 1 Arrowhead; 4 Bronze Stars; Good Conduct; ETO Ribbon, Occupational Ribbon, and Victory. Pfc J. Martinez fought continuously 42 days. Discharged in 1945.

Pfc JULIAN MARTINEZ

Pfc J. Martinez, was born April 12, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sabino Martinez, Houston, Texas. He attended Edison Jr. High School; entered the service on Dec. 23, 1942, and was assigned to the 469th Batt. "C" and Navy Aircraft Br.; trained at Camp Davis, N. C.; served in the United States 8 months, and overseas 27 months, in Bismarck Archipelago, S. Philippines, Luzon. (Battles) Cape Gloucester, New Britian, Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, Leyte, (Areas). Awarded: Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Br. Stars, 1 Br. Arrowhead; Philippine Lib. 2 Br. Stars, Good Con., Victory 1 Service Stripe, 4 Overseas S. Bars. Pfc Martinez had 16 actual combat months. He was honorably discharged Dec. 30, 1945.



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*T/5 CLYDE H. SUREAUX

T/5 Sureaux, was born on July 19,1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Sureaux of 549 Studewood, Houston, Texas. He attended Jefferson Davis High where he played football. Entering the Army, March, 1942, assigned to the Hq. Btry., 432ndA.A.; trained at Camp Hulen, Texas. He went overseas in Aug., 1942, and served in Africa, Italy, Austria, participating in five major battles: Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Apennines, and Asiatic Campaigns. He was killed in a traffic accident in Florence, Italy, on Aug. 1, 1945, a few days before he was to return home. His awards are five Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. He entered the Navy as Apprentice Seaman Feb. 14, 1937, and served in China Area from August, 1937, until September, 1939, and had been out of the U.S. Navy a year before he entered the U.S. Army.

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T/Sgt. ROBERT H. FORE



Cpl. ARTHUR GARCIA

T/Sgt. Robert H. Fore, was born May 8, 1910, husband of Mary L. Pennington Fore, Houston, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fore, Shreveport, La. He volunteered January 10, 1944, for the Army 9th Traffic Regulation Group, Transportation Corps, training at Camp Plauche, New Orleans, La. Began overseas duty April, 1944, in the European Theater where he participated in the battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Sgt. Fore was awarded the ETO Ribbon with four Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifle Award, and various other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was discharged January, 1946.

Cpl. Arthur Garcia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Garcia, Houston, Texas, born January 30, 1919, volunteered for the Army Air Forces July 29, 1941, training at Brooks Field, Texas. Cpl. Garcia served overseas from October, 1943, to June, 1945, in England for one year, and participated in the invasion of Holland, and in combat in Germany and France. His awards include the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Army Air Force Technician Badge for Parachute Rigging, and various other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge September 12, 1945.

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Cpl. LISANDRO M. GOMEZ, JR.



Pfc THOMAS H. GOODALE

Cpl. Lisandro M. Gomez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lisandro V. Gomez, Houston, Texas, graduated from Jeff Davis High School in Houston, and volunteered July, 1943, for the U.S. Marine Corps, 6th Division, ranining at Camp Elliott, San Diego, California. Cpl. Gomez served overseas from January, 1944, to July, 1945, in the Pacific Theater in the campaigns of Marshall, and Marianas Islands and on Okinawa. Was wounded on Guam July, 1944, and on Okinawa May, 1945. Received the Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, and various other ribbons and campaign medals. After returning to the States, he was discharged October 25, 1945.

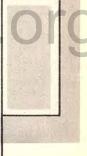
Pfc Thomas Harold Goodale, husband of Hazel Goodale, Houston, Texas, was born January 6, 1908, son of Mrs. Rebecca V. Goodale, Fredericksburg, Texas. He volunteered September 5, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training at Camp Luna, N. M., and Ellington Field, Texas. He began overseas duty June, 1945, in the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations. Pfc Goodale served on Iwo Jima and on Saipan until he returned to the States November, 1945. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. Discharge was received on November 22, 1945.





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Cpl. KENNETH C. HAWKINS

Cpl. Kenneth Clifford Hawkins, birthdate April 2, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. E. Hawkins, 4328 Walker Ave., Houston, Texas, attended University of Houston and volunteered September 8,1942, for the Army 801st Signal, Corps, Radar Regiment. He trained at Sacramento, Calif., and Camp Murphy Radar School, Florida. Served from February, 1943, to November, 1945, in the Galapagos Islands, of the Pacific, Panama, Central America and South America. Cpl. Hawkins received a Commendation from Signal Corps Commandant for the rescue of two soldiers in an overturned boat in the Galapagos Islands. Discharged December 2, 1945.

RM 1/c BILL H. HUCKABY

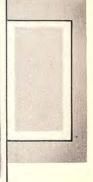
RM 1/c Bill Herbert Huckaby, son of Mrs. Elise Huckaby, 919 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas, was born March 24, 1924, in Dallas, Texas. He attended the Public Schools of Houston and volunteered July 21, 1941, for the U.S. Navy, Radio Branch, and trained at Naval Training Center in San Diego, California. March, 1942, he began overseas duty in the Pacific Theater where he served in the Hawaiian Area on Fort Island, Kaueoke Naval Air Station, Midway Island, and Honolulu. Radioman Huckaby received various ribbons and awards for his service with the Navy, and after returning to the States was discharged March 23, 1947.

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S/Sgt. ARTHUR G. HILL S/Sgt. JOHNNIE L. HILL

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Hill, Houston, Texas. S/Sgt. ARTHUR GORDON HILL, born Sept. 17, 1912, entered the Army 764th RY Shop Bn. June 7, 1943, training at Camp Harahan, La., and served from July, 1944, to April, 1946, in Southern France and Central Germany. Received the ETO Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged April, 1946.

S/Sgt. JOHNNIE LEE HILL, born March 14, 1920, volunteered Jan.20, 1942, for Marine 2nd Sep. Engineer Div. Served from Oct., 1942, to Oct., 1944, on Guam, Guadalcanal and Munda, receiving Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement for voluntarily, devoidof cover, transferring supplies which contributed to success of operations. Discharged January, 1946.

S/Sgt. NICHOLAS T. JIMES

S/Sgt. Nicholas Thomas Jimes was born February 27, 1924, son of Mrs. Jeanette Jimes, Houston, Texas. He entered service January 26, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Airways Communication System, training at Miami, Fla., Sioux Falls, S.D., and Truax Falls, Wisconsin. Sgt. Jimes served from October, 1943, to December, 1945, in Iron Range, Australia, Saidor, New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, and participated in the campaigns of New Guinea and Southern Philippines Liberation. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars was awarded with Meritorious Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal, and other ribbons. Discharged December 25, 1945.





Ist. Sgt. PAUL ADKINS

1st. Sgt. Paul Adkins, born October 17, 1916, in Texas, is the husband of Juanita Adkins, 2516 Ideal St., Houston, Texas, and son of Mrs. Addie Adkins, Dallas. He attended Ranger, Texas, Schools and volunteered November 25, 1940, for the Army 36th Division; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Sgt. Adkins, served from April, 1943, to June, 1945, in North Africa-European Theater; participated in the campaigns of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, So. France, Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the EAME Ribbon with five Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and other awards.



Pfc RICHARD H. BARNES

Pfc Richard Holland Barnes, husband of Lennie M. Barnes, Houston, Texas, was born November 25, 1918, in Texas, son of Harold B. Barnes, also of Houston. He entered service June 19, 1944, forthe Army 87th Division, training at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas. Served from December, 1944, to August, 1945, in the European Theater where he participated in the battles of Northern France, Rhineland, and battles of Northern France, Rhineland, and battles of Northern France, Rhineland, and battle of the Bulge. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Ribbon, and other medals. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from Army service on December 15, 1945.



Returned to States, and was discharged June 28, 1945.

Cpl. JAMES K. BARRON

Cpl. James Kent Barron, birthdate April 25,1924, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel W. Barron, 112 West 4th St., Houston, Texas, attended San Gabriel, Texas, Public Schools, and volunteered January 31, 1942, for the U.S. Marine Corps, 6th Division. Trained at Camp Linda Vista, California. He served from June, 1942, to November, 1944, in British and American Samoas, Maui, Hawaii, and participated in battles at Kwajalein and Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, and Guam, Marianas Islands. Received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with other ribbons. After returning to States, he was discharged February 11, 1946.



M/Sgt. JESSE F. DAVIS

M/Sgt. Jesse Frank Davis, husband of Ruenelle Davis, Houston, was born September 16, 1911, and volunteered April 29, 1943, for the Army Corps of Engineers, training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and Camp McCain, Miss. He served from June, 1944, to November, 1945, in Combat Engineers with the 3rd, 7th and 9th Armies in Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. His awards include the EAME Medal with three Bronze Stars, Bronze Star Medal from 9th Army Hdqtrs., Meritorious Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal, and other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge January 26, 1946.





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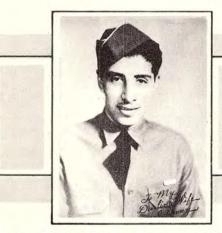
Lt. Col. JOHN E. DINGLE

Sgt. JAMES H. DICKINSON

Sgt. James Howard Dickinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dickinson, was born July 15, 1924, and attended the Tyler, Texas, Schools. He volunteered April 30, 1942, at San Antonio for the U.S. Marine Corps. Trained at San Diego, and served at Marine Barracks, Naval Submarine Base, Key West, Florida. Sgt. Dickinson served twenty-eight months in the Pacific Area on British and American Samoa, Maui, Hawaiian Islands, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, and participated in the capture of Eniwetok, Marshall Islands and Guam, Marianas Islands. The Navy Commendation was awarded, and after discharge April, 1946, he reenlisted, at Key West, Florida.

Lt. Col. John Ewing Dingle, birthdate September 20, 1918, husband of Mary H. Dingle, Brownwood, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dingle, Houston, attended Texas University, and volunteered February 11, 1940, for the Army Air Corps, training in Tulsa, Okla., and San Antonio. Col. Dingle served from February, 1944, to June, 1945, in Anti-Sub Patrol, air offensive of Europe and in six campaigns in Europe, also as Operations Officer of 10th Photo Group in England and as Reconnaissance Staff Officer. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded with Distinguished Unit Citation, EAME Ribbon and seven Stars, with other awards. Discharged January, 1946.

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T/5 JOHNNIE C. DOMINGUEZ, JR.

T/5 Johnnie C. Dominguez, Jr., husband of Mary Dominguez, Houston, Texas, was born November 25, 1920, and entered the Army Engineers Division July 10, 1942, training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He served from November, 1942, to May, 1944, and January to June of 1945, in the European Theater, where he was in the campaigns of Rhineland and Germany, and also in the Aleutian Islands. His awards include the EAME Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Award among other Ribbons for World War II Victory and American Defense. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge October 24, 1945.



Cpl. JOSEPH DOMINO

Cpl. Joseph Domino, born November 15, 1915, husband of Bonnie M. Domino, Houston, Texas, entered service March 4, 1942, with the Army Signal Corps, 25th Div., training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. He served from June, 1942, to August, 1945, in the Pacific Theater on the Hawaiian Islands, Guadalcanal, New Georgia and Philippine Islands. Received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and various other ribbons for service. After returning to the States, Cpl. Domino was discharged from Army duty August 6, 1945, with three years-three months service.





Pfc Pogue, born on Jan. 3, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pogue, Sr., of 8224 Wier Dr., in Houston, Texas, attended Dickinson High School, and volunteered for service on Oct. 6, 1942, at Houston. Assigned to the Marines 1st Marine Raiders Co. D, training at San Diego, California, at Camp Elliott, with service overseas from Feb. 25, 1943, to Nov. 7, 1944, in the Central Pacific in New Georgia, Guam, and Emirau Island. Wounded on New Georgia on July 20, 1943, and on Guam July 21, 1944. His decorations include Purple Heart, with Gold Star, Good Conduct Medal, and Presidental Unit Citation. Private First Class John William Pogue, Jr., was given an honorable discharge on Dec. 25, 1946.

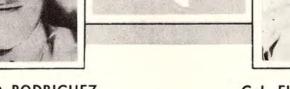
Pvt. Pogue, was born on October 8, 1913, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pogue, and husband of Marie Pogue of 8224 Wier Drive in Houston, Texas. He received his education at Jefferson Davis High School located in Houston, Texas. On the 29th day of May in 1944 at Houston he volunteered for the service, and was assigned to the Causal Detachment of the U.S. Marines. He was sent to San Diego, California, at Camp Pendleton. Private Joe Bailey Pogue received an honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps on the 14th day of December in 1944 after serving for six and half months, in the United States.



Lt. Wilkinson, was born on July 10, 1921, in

Kansas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Wilkinson of Houston, and husband of the former Roslyn Adcock of 4531 Palmetto St., in Bellaire, Texas. He attended Univ. of Houston, and volunteered for the A.A.C. on Nov. 27, 1942, with Air Corps Cadet Training. Served overseas from Dec. 15, 1944, until Sept. 1, 1945, in Air Transport Command as "Hump" pilot with service in China, India, Burma, battles of India, (Imphal Valley), Burma, and South China. His awards are the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, and 3 Bronze Stars for battle participations. Lt. Wilkinson received an honorable discharge on Nov. 6, 1945, and is now in the Army Air Corps Reserve.







Cpl. ELIAS G. RODRIGUEZ

Pfc ALFRED RODRIGUEZ

Pfc Rodriguez, was born on Jan. 12, 1916, son of Mrs. Dominga G. Rodriguez of Houston. He received his education in Houston, Texas, and entered the service in 1942, at Houston, assigned to the Army 45th Division. Was sent to Camp Wallace, Texas, for his training. He served overseas twice from June 29, 1942, until May 1, 1944, and from Jan. 1, 1945, to Nov. 14, 1945, in the European Theater and on the Aleutian Islands. His awards are European Theater, Arctic Area, Victory, and Good Conduct Ribbons. Private First Class Alfred Rodriguez was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army on November 21, 1945.

Cpl. Rodriguez, was born on April 17, 1924, son of Mrs. Dominga Rodriguez of Houston, Texas. He was educated in Houston, and entered the service on February 19, 1943, assigned to the Army Air Force, 381st Division, going to Miami, Florida, for histraining. He sailed overseas on the 19th of February in 1945 and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area in the China Offensive and in Central Burma. His decorations include the following: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals. Corporal Elais G. Rodriguez received his discharge on April 7, 1946, after 38 mos. of service.

*T/Sgt. DONALD WELLS

T/Sgt. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wells of 6729 Ave. E., Houston, Texas, was born in Kirbyville, Texas, on July 8, 1917, and received his education at Milby High School in Houston. He entered the Army 2nd Armored Div. on Feb. 17, 1941, training at Ft. Benning, Ga. and Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas in Dec. of 1942 serving in Africa, Sicily, England, and France, participating in the campaigns for Tunisia, Sicily, and Normandy. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in the North African Campaign of April 22, 1943, and the Combat Infantry Medal for Meritorious Service in France. He lost his life in action July 6, 1944.





*Pfc WILLIAM S. MIDDLEBROOK, JR.

Pfc W. S. Middlebrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Middlebrook, 4922 Lavender St., Houston, was born July 30, 1926, and received his education at Breckenridge Grammar and Jeff. Davis High Schools, Houston. Volunteered for service on Oct. 26, 1943, and was assigned to the 1st Marines; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States 7 months, and overseas 4 months, in New Caledonia, Russell Islands, and Peleliu Islands. He was killed in action Sept. 25, 1944, at Peleliu Island, is buried in Grave 190, Sec. 3, United States Armed Forces Cemetery #1, Peleliu, Palau Islands. Purple Heart awarded posthumously.

Sgt. ROBERT E. MIDDLEBROOK

Sgt. R. E. Middlebrook, born Nov. 18, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Middlebrook, 4922 Lavender Street, Houston, received his education at Breckenridge Grammar and Jeff. Davis High Schools, Houston. Volunteered for service on May 18, 1942, and was assigned to the 1st Marines; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States 2 years, and overseas 20 months, in South Pacific and Marianas areas. Participated in defense of Guadalcanal, from Oct. 13, until Dec. 13, 1942. He was promoted to rank of Sergeant Feb. 22, in 1944. Sgt. Middlebrook was honorably discharged on May the 17th, 1946.



2nd Lt. JOHN W. VEGA 2nd Lt. Vega, was born on April 12, 1922, in Havana, Cuba, son of Mrs. Zoila G. Tarrida,

Havana, Cuba, son of Mrs. Zoila G. Tarrida, and husband of Hilda Louise Vega of 6830 Ave. I in Houston, Texas. Received his education in Cathedral Grammar in Havana, Fisburne Military High School in Waynesboro, Va., and Rice Institue at Houston, Texas. Volunteered for the service on Sept. 25, 1942; assigned to the Army Air Corps, with training at Los Vegas Gunnery School, San Marcos Navigation School, and Victorville Radar School. He served as an instructor in a erial gunnery, and in navigation later. He had finished a course in radar and was waiting to be assigned to a B-29 and service over Japan, when the war ended. 2nd Lt. Vega was discharged Nov. 5, 1945, and is now a 2nd Lt. in Reserve.







T/Sqt. WYATT W. GIVENS

Maj. Smith, was born on Dec. 19, 1913, husband of Roberta Smith of 1118 Smallwood Lane in Houston, Texas. He entered service as M/Sgt. with the 124th Cav. in Nov. of 1940, commissioned in the Quartermaster Corps, Class 4, Q.M. Officer's Candidate School, at Camp Lee, Va. Served some 18 mos. with 8th Q.M. Training Reg. at Camp Lee, following which he activated the 4224 Q.M. Car Co. and commanded it as a separate company in the European Theater of Operations, participating in the Central Europe campaign. Returned to inactive duty in February of 1946. At the present time he is a Major in the Officer's Reserve Corps.

T/Sgt. Givens, was born on November 21,1921, son of Mrs. W. W. Givens of 1118 Smallwood Lane in Houston, Texas, and brother of Mrs. William H. Smith, also of Houston. Mobilized on November 18, 1940, at Houston, with Special Weapons Troop, 124th Cavalry. He went overseas with the Canadian American First Special Service Force, and served in the se battles and campaigns: Aleutian Is.; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; S. France; Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. His decorations include Purple Heart, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific 1 Star, EAME, 6 Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, 1 Cluster, and Amer. Def. Medals. Discharged in 1945.

1. — S. 1/c JAY WILBURN INGHAM, born Feb. 1, 1926, son of C.T. Ingham, 7319 Harris burg Blvd., Houston, Texas, attended Hamilton High School. Volunteered for service Jan. 1, 1943, assigned to Navy, U.S.N. Reserve; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from April 10, 1943, to Jan. 9, 1946. In Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii, Majuro, Marshall Islands, and Midway. S. 1/c Ingham served over 3 years and all sea duty on USS Bushnell, a Sub-Tender. Member of Ship Orchestra. Discharged Jan. 9, 1946.

2. -T/SGT. ALTON BARNETT KEESE, born July 4, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Keese, Lyons, husband of Esther Keese, 2615 Metcalf St., Houston, attended University of Texas, Austin. Volunteered Sept. 12, 1942; assigned to Army Anti-Aircraft; transferred to Air Corps, 9th Air Force; trained at Camp Callan, Calif., and Kearns, Utah. Overseas from Feb. 2, 1944, to Nov. 15, 1945, in England, France, and Belgium. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. T/Sgt. Keese received an honorable discharge on Nov. 27, 1945.

3. —SGT. EDWIN C. KEITH, born June 19, 1918, son of C. Keith, Omaha, Texas, husband of Veda C. Keith, Goosecreek, Texas. Attended Omaha High. Volunteered April 10, 1941, assigned to Army, 90th Div., 3rd Army; trained at Camp Shelby, Miss. Overseas from Jan. 29, 1944, to Sept. 13, 1945. In ETO, Argentina, Falaise Gap, 3rd crossing Saar and Dillingen Rivers, Ardennes, Ziegfreid, Rhine, Prague, Germany, Czechoslovakia. Awards: Bronze Star, Pres. U. Cit., Amer. Def., ETO w/4 Stars. Discharged Sept., 1945.

4. —PVT. ROBERT EARL KELSO, born Sept. 23, 1930, son of Fred E. Kelso, Houston, Texas, volunteered July 28, 1944, assigned to Army 7th Training Reg. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Overseas from Jan. to July, 1945. In combat service with 342nd Arm. Fld. Art., in France, Austria, and Germany. Had shrapnel and bayonet wounds. Awarded 2 Purple Heart Medals, and 2 Bat. Stars. Pvt. Kelso got a minority discharge Aug., 1945; reinlisted and is now overseas, ETO, APO. #205 % G.P.O. New York.

5. —S. I/c ROY WALTER KRUFT, born Oct. 30, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Kruft, Houston, husband of Opal Kruft, 3210 Marigold St. Houston, Texas, attended Waller High, and entered the service April 8, 1943. Assigned to Navy, Amphibious Force; trained at Destroyer Base, San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Nov. 23, 1944, to Dec. 3, 1945. In Pearl Harbor, Marshall Islands, Guam, Chici Jima. Participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima. S. I/c Roy Kruft received honorable discharge Dec. 11, 1945.

6. —CPL. TOBIE N. BARBER, born Dec. 21, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Barber, Benwheeler, Texas, attended Martin's Mill High. Volunteered Jan. 1, 1941, assigned to 1st Cav. Div., trained at Fort Bliss, Texas. Oversess Jan. 3, 1943, to Sept. 6, 1945. In Australia, New Guinea, Admiralty's, Leyte, Samar, Luzon, Honshu, in combat. Awards: A siatic - Pac.. Amer. Defense, Good Con., Phil. Lib. w/2 Stars, and Dist. Unit Badge. He probably saved the troops; fixed radio under heavy fire. Discharged, 1945.

7. —S.C. 3/c MILLARD EARNEST LANDES, born Jan. 22, 1920, son of C. E. Landes, Houston, Hosband of Naomi L. Landes, 417 Harbor Dr., Houston, Texas. Attended Eustace High School; entered the service on Nov. 27, 1943, assigned to Navy V-P.B. 98 Fleet Air Wing, 14. Trained at Naval Training Base, San Diego, California. Served in the United States from Nov. 27, 1943, to Feb. 26, 1944, and overseas from Feb. 26, 1944, to Nov. 1, 1945. In Pacific Area. Honorably discharged Feb., 1946.

*8. —E. M. 3/c CHARLIE OLLEN LANDES, born Nov. 30, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Landes, Houston, attended Eustace High; volunteered Jan. 19, 1943, assigned to Navy, Seaman Guard (Submarine Duty); trained at NTB, Great Lakes, Ill. Overseas I year, in S. Pacific. Awarded diploma for crossing the Equator, Submarine Combat Badge with 3 Gold Stars. Spent most of his time o'seas on patrolduty. On U.S.S. Scamp when reported missing in action Dec. 21, 1944. Death confirmed Dec. 6, 1945.

9. —PFC CRUZ LOPEZ, born May 3, 1918, son of Juanita Lopez, Houston, Texas, husband of Margaret G. Lopez, 2721 Engleke St., Houston. Attended Grammar School, Sugarland. Entered the service on Jan. 15, 1943, assigned to Army 79th Div. Trained at Camp Haan (Coast Art. Basic Training). Overseas Feb. 22, 1944, to Dec. 2, 1945. In Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded: American Theater Campaign Medal. EAME Campaign Medal. w/4 Stars, Victory Medal. Discharged, 1945.

10.—PFC CHARLIE DURON LOPEZ, born Sept. 6, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lopez, Houston, Texas. Attended Sugarland Grammar School. Entered service June 9, 1943, assigned to Army 9th Div. Trained at Camp Wallace. Overseas from Aug. 12, 1944, to Feb. 18, 1946, in the Battle of the Bulge, the Crossing to the Rhine River, and in Central Germany. Awarded: Combat Inf. Badge, American Theater Campaign, EAME Camp. Medal w/3 Stars, Good Con. and Victory Medals. Discharged March, 1946.

11.—S.S.M. 3/c GABRIEL DURON LOPEZ, born March 18, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lopez, attended Grammar School, Sugarland, Texas. Entered service May 8, 1944, assigned to the Navy 9th Fleet. Trained at N.T.C., San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Dec. 6, 1944, to May 10, 1946, Participated in battles of Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Occupation of Japan. Awarded: A merican Area Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation Medals, w/2 Bronze Stars. He was honorably discharged May 23, 1946.

12.—CPL. MAXIMINO DURON LOPEZ, born June 1,1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lopez, attended school at Sartatia, near Sugarland, Texas. Entered the service one Aug. 1,1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, and was assigned to the Army, 3rd Field Com. with training at Camp Robinson. Served in the United States from Aug. 1,1945, to Feb., 1946. He has 3 brothers who have seen overseas service and have made splendid records, and are now at home. He is now serving in Austria.

*13.—PVT. 1/c EDWIN RICHIE, born Dec. 17, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Richie, Bryan, Texas, husband of Martha B. Richie, Teague, Texas. Attended C. H. Milby High. Houston, Entered the service June 23, 1943, assigned to Army, Co. E., 60th Inf., 9th Div. Trained at Camp Callan, Calif., Ft. Bliss, Texas, and Camp Chaffee, Ark. Overseas from Aug. 8, to Oct. 8, 1944, in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. He was killed in Western Germany on October 8, 1944; battles and awards unknown.

14.—TECH/5 ELGIN RICHIE, born Sept. 20, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Richie, husband of J. Ruth Richie, 7202 Gonzales St., Houston, attended C. Milby High; vlounteered April 13, 1943, assigned to Army Co. B., 11th Bn., A.R.T.C. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas from July 9, 1944, to Dec. 1, 1945. He served in Italy and France, participating in the S. France and Rhineland campaigns. Awards: Good Con., Combat Inf. Badge, Purple H., Amer. T., EAME Medal w/2 Stars, Victory. Discharged Dec., 1945.

* 15.—A.O.M. 2/c JOHNNIE EUGENE McLAUGHLIN, born Feb. 10, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McLaughlin, 215 Burr St., Houston, Texas. He attended S. F. Austin High, Houston; volunteered Jan. 18, 1943, and was assigned to Navy Aviation; trained at San Diego, Okla., Florida, and Calif. Overseas in the Pacific, Luzon, Mindoro, and Iwo Jima. He was reported missing Feb. 22, 1945, and officially dead, February 22, 1946. A.O.M. 2/c was in the Pacific Area when he was reported missing.

16,—1ST SGT. JOHN ARIS BRADLEY, born April 18, 1918. son of Mrs. Lena Bradley, Huntsville, husband of N. M. Bradley, 616 W. 10th St., Houston, attended Huntsville High; volunteered Sept. 25, 1940, assigned to Army 2nd Div.; trained at Ft. Sam Houston; overseas from Oct. 8, 1943, to April 12, 1945. In England, Ireland, France, Belgium and Germany. Battles: Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, Bulge. Awards: EAME w/4 Stars, Bronze Star w/Cluster, Amer. D., Com. Inf. Badge, Good Con. Discharged, 1945.

17.—CPL. RUTH MORSE, born Nov. 11, 1893, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Brannum, 3021 Vintage St., Houston, attended Kings' Daughter's Nursing School, Temple; volunteered Sept. 27, 1943, assigned to Army Corps (Women's). Trained at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia; served in the United States from Sept. 27, 1943, to July 16, 1945. Awarded Good Conduct and Victory Ribbons. She received diploma for Med. & Surg. Nursing & Ward Management. Cpl. Morsewas honorably discharged July 16, 1946.

18.—ENS. GEORGE FRANK McCLURE, born Aug. 16, 1919, son of Mrs. Ruth Morse, Houston 10, Texas. Attended Pt. Arthur College of Radio, Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered June 5, 1942, assigned to Standard Oil Co. Overseas Sept., 1942, to Aug. 20, 1945, Forgotten Convoy of North Russia, (1 year voyage). 2 years Pacific, England and Scotland 6 months. He was awarded: Atlantic Bar, Pacific, Merchant Marine Combat Medal, and Pre-Pearl Harbor. He is still with Oil Co. as Radio Officer (NJ).

19.—TECH/5 BRUCE MORGAN, born May 9, 1923, attended Texas City High School. Volunteered Dec. 26, 1941; assigned to Army Base Platoon, 56th Med. Depot Co. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas from June 12, 1942, to July 22, 1945. In New Guinea, Luzon, Philippines and New Zealand. Awarded Asiatie-Pacific Campaign Medal w/2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon w/1 Eronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Hewas honorably discharged on July 30, 1945.

20.—CPL. LUCIUS POLPHREY MOORE, JR., born Sept. 23, 1922, son of L. P. Moore, West Columbia St., Brazoria. Attended school at Houston; volunteered Jan. 2, 1942, assigned to Marines, Fleet Forces; trained at 1st Marine, San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States from Jan. 2, to Dec. 22, 1942, and Sept. 15, 1945, to Jan. 9, 1946. Overseas, from Dec. 23, 1942, to Sept. 14, 1945. He was awarded Good Con., Pres. U. Citation, Asiatic-Pac., and American Theater Medals. Discharged Jan., 1946.





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Capt. PAUL R. STALNAKER, M.D.

Capt. Stalnaker, was born Oct. 23, 1880, in Austin, Texas, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Stalnaker of Austin, and husband of Florence D. West Stalnaker of 5401 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas. He attended Univ. of Texas; graduated M.D., May 30, 1904, and entered the U.S. Regular Navy as a Medical Officer on May 3, 1905, at Austin, and was sent to Naval Medical School Wash., D.C., 1906. He served in the Navy continuously from May, 1905, to March, 1931, when he retired for physical disability. Called back to active duty in World War II in March, 1942. He took part in the Mexican Campaign at Vera Cruz, Mexico, in 1914, and made a cruise to Australia and New Zealand in 1925 on Battleship U.S.S. Pennsylvania. He received various medals, notably: Mexican Medal 1914 and World War I Medal in 1918. Retired on Feb. 1944, from Med. Corps., U.S. Navy. Capt. Stalnaker descends from families that took an active part in the Revoluntionary War and early days of the Republic of Texas.

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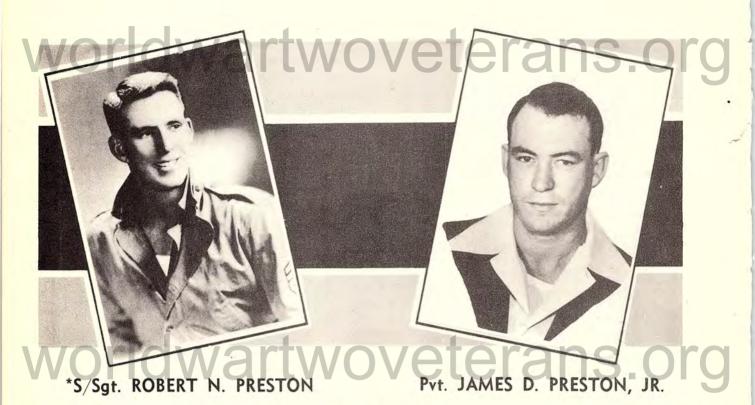
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S 1/c JEROME ALAN TARNOPOL

S. 1/c Tarnopol, was born on March 11,1926, in Illinois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Tarnopol of 2419 Southmore Blvd. in Houston, Texas. He attended Houston Grammar and High Schools and University of Texas in Austin, volunteering for the service in January of 1944 at Houston; was assigned to the U. S. Navy Radar Branch, and sent to San Diego, California, for his training. Seaman First Class Jerome Alan Tarnopol sailed for overseas duty in May of 1944, and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater with service in the Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima, and battles for Leyte, and Okinawa. He was missing in action while serving his country on March 26th in 1945. Seaman 1/c Tarnopol received these decorations: for Merit the Purple Heart Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

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S/Sgt. Preston, son of Mr. James D. Preston, Sr., 7029 Ave. H, Houston, educated in Houston Public Schools, volunteered for service Nov., 1940, and was assigned to Army Eng. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Tex. He went overseas on Jan. 14, 1943, and while serving with 111th Engrs. Co. A, 36th Div., he was injured in action near Venafro, Italy, losing sight of one eye, and serious chest injury. Discharged in April, 1944. In July, 1944, enlisted in the Merchant Marines; trained at Calif. going to Pacific, back to Aruba, and on to Africa in Nov., 1944, on Texas Co. Tanker, S.S. Okla. His vessel met enemy action on March 28, 1945, and he was not one of the 22 known survivors. Awards are Purple Heart, and EAME Campaign Medals.

Pvt. Preston, was born on May 21, 1916, son of Mr. James D. Preston of 7029 Ave. H., Houston, Texas, and husband of Ruby Elder Preston of Fontana, California. He attended Franklin Grammar and Pasadena High Schools, volunteering for service on November 4, 1942, at Houston. Was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Liaison Flying School, Lamesa Flying School, Sioux City, and Madison, Wisc. He served overseas from April 20, 1944, until June 22, 1944, in New Caledonia and Bougainville. Private James Dennie Preston, Jr., received the Asiatic -Pacific Theater Campaign Medal, and on the 4th of July in 1944 he was given an honorable discharge.



T/4 Puckett, son of Mrs. Susie Puckett of 2017 Chapman in Houston, Texas, was born on Nov. 24, 1918. Attended Jefferson Davis High; enlisted in Army on Nov. 18, 1940, assigned to 124th Cav. Hqs. Troop. Came out of service on Dec. 31, 1942; recalled to duty on May 11, 1943; assigned to Army 18th Cav. Recon. Sqd., Mecz.; trained at Ft. Bliss, Ft. Brown, Texas, Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas. Overseas from Aug., 1944, to July, 1945, in battles for Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe, and France. Wounded in Battle of the Bulge Dec. 18, 1944. Received EAME with 4 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Soldiers Medal, ATO American Defense Medals. On Sept. 11, 1945, he was honorably discharged.

Maj. Puckett, was born on April 28, 1915, son of Mrs. Susie Puckett, and husband of Rochelle Puckett, of Houston. Attended Sam Houston State Teachers College; volunteered for Army Nov. 1, 1940, assigned to 36th Inf. Div.; transferred to Air Corps in June, 1942; trained at Camp Bowie, San Angelo, Texas, Santa Ana, Sacramento, Calif., and Williams Fld., Ariz. In Pacific Area for 15 mos., based on Guadalcanal, Munda, Admiralty Is.; in battles of N. Solomons, New Britain, and Truk; served as Gp. Bombardier, 5th Bomb. Gp., 13th A.F. Flew 51 missions. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, and Air Medal, with 9 Clusters, including Silver Cluster. Before discharge in Jan., 1947, served in Training Command as instructor to Amer. and Chinese Cadets.

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*MM 1/c FLOYD E. GAMMON

MM 1/c Floyd Edward Gammonwas born May 15, 1921, in Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Drue Gammon of Houston, and attended Jefferson High prior to entering the U.S. Navy November 9, 1939. From March 15, 1941, to August 24, 1944, he served in the Pacific Theater on the USS Pensacola, USS Hornet, USS Enterprise in the battles of Midway, action of Buinfaisi Area, Santa Cruz, Aola Bay, Guadalcanal and Betio Island (Tarawa). Participated in defense of carriers from torpedo bomberattacks. occupation of Marshall Islands including ten bombardments of enemy held air bases. After returning to the States he passed away Oct. 8, 1944, while attached to Naval Hospital at Long Beach, California.



Lt. JOHN D. GAMMON, JR.

Lt. John Drue Gammon, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gammon, Sr., of Houston, and husband of Mary L. Gammon of Long Beach, Calif. He was born Feb. 13, 1914, and volunteered for Navy Aviation August 18, 1933. He was commissioned on January 7, 1943, and served from July, 1944, to September, 1945, aboard the USS Kenneth Whiting in the Pacific Theater on Saipan, Okinawa, Caroline Islands, Kossal Passage, Palau and Ryukyus Group. He is currently stationed at Naval Air Station Terminal Island, San Pedro, California, completing his fifteenth year of service in the U.S. Navy.



CM MURRAY A. GAMMON

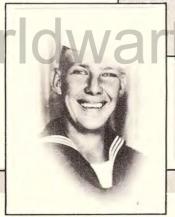
Chief Machinist Murray A. Gammon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gammon, Sr., of Houston, was born Nov. 24, 1915, in Texas. Entered the U. S. Navy February of 1936 and trained at Norfolk, Va. He served from October, 1939, to December, 1945, in the Coral Sea, and on Midway Island, Tarawa, Guadalcanal, Marshall Islands, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and participated in the occupation of Japan. His awards include various ribbons including the World War II Victory, American Theater and American Defense Medals. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge on January 24, 1946, after ten years of faithful service.





Cpl. JAMES S. TURNER

Cpl. Turner, was born on Oct. 14, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Turner of Cleveland, and husband of Gladys Turner 4025 Linder, Houston, Texas. He attended David Crockett High at Conroe, Texas. Entered the service on Nov. 25, 1942, assigned to the T.C. 705th, 725th Ry. Bn., going to Camp Claiborne, La., for his training. Served in the China, Burma, and India Areas and was in Transportation Corps 725th Ry. Oper. Bn. Co. B.; helped to get supplies through. His awards are Good Conduct, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, World War II Victory, and American Theater Campaign Medals. After returning to the States, Cpl. Turner received an honorable discharge on January 23, 1946.



CM 1/c ALVIN W. NORRIS



*2nd Lt. HARLEY W. SHOAT

C. M. 1/c Norris, was born on May 10, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Norris of 3215 Virginia Street in Houston, Texas. He attended Thomas Jefferson Grammar and Jefferson Davis High Schools in Houston, volunteering for the service on May 31, 1942. Assigned to the U.S. Navy, Carpenter Branch, and was sent to San Diego, California, for his training. He was shipped overseas on June 30, 1942, and served aboard U.S.S. Rigel in the South West Pacific Area on the Negros Islands in 3 battles with Mirineo; served on Guam in charge of Maintainence. C.M.1/c Alvin W. Norris received an honorable discharge on Dec. 19, 1945, at Camp Wallace.

2nd Lt. Shoat, was born on January 28, 1916, in Arizona, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Shoat of 3215 Virginia Street, Houston, Texas. He received his education in Houston, Texas, Grammar and High Schools and at Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville. From the National Guards he was merged into the Army in Nov. of 1940, assigned to Co. F, 143rd Inf. Div., and on December 18, 1941, he transferred into A.A.C., training at Thunder Bolt Fld.; Kelly Fld., Ellington Fld.; 1st Mappin Squadron A.A.B.; Bradley Fld., Windsor Locks, Conn. He went overseas in July of 1942, and was killed on Oct. 18, 1942, near St. Charles, Quebec.



Sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baker, Houston, Texas, and brothers of Mrs. Willie Ewart, 1406 Beauregard, Houston.

Pfc EDDIE LEWIS BAKER, born Dec. 12, 1920, entered the Army Infantry, 71st Div., Nov. 14, 1942, and after training in the States began overseas duty July, 1943, in the European Theater, where he participated in Combat of France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart. His medals also include the ETO Ribbon with four Battle Stars and one Spearhead, plus the Good Conduct Award. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge Sept. 24, 1945.

W.O.J.G. LEE ROY BAKER, birthdate July 18, 1908, volunteered Nov. 20, 1929, for the Army 1st Div. Infantry, training at Ft. Bragg, N.C., Ft. Riley, Kansas, Madison Bks., N. Y. and later at the Schofield Bks., Hawaiian Islands. He served from Aug., 1940, to Oct., 1945, overseas; was at Pearl Harbor during Japanese attack Dec. 7, 1941, also on Dutch New Guinea, Hollandia, Philippine Islands at Leyte, Luzon, Mindoro and Mindanao among other areas of the Pacific Islands. The Philippine Liberation Medal with two Bronze Stars was awarded. He is currently with 38th Infantry, Camp Carson in Colorado.

Pfc ROBERT REED BAKER, entered the U.S. Marine Corps Sept. 19, 1943, at Houston, and was assigned to Camp Matthews, San Diego, California, for training. Pfc Baker was awarded medals for Expert Rifle accomplishments, plus the World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons. Discharge was granted from Marine Corps Oct. 19, 1945.





Pfc Bryant L. Mitchell, birthdate October 2, 1924, at Paducah, Texas, graduated from Tomball, Texas, High School where he was member of the band: also was active in basketball and track. He entered the Army Infantry June 11, 1943; trained at Ft. McDowell, Ft. Ord, and Camp Roberts, all in California; later began overseas duty when landing at Milne Bay, New Guinea, January 14, 1944. Pfc Mitchell served on various islands of the Pacific, including the Philippine Group where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice courageous ly in combat near Balibag, Luzon, P.I. Pfc Mitchell was authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Bronze Star. Two brothers, Vernon Mitchell, Dallas, and Lt. Roy R. Mitchell, survive. His father is Supt. of Hudson School District.

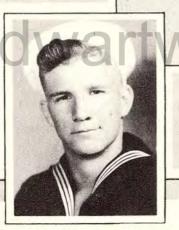
1st Lt. Roy R. Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mitchell, Lufkin, Texas, was born December 1, 1918, in Carthage, Texas; attended John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville, Texas, and entered the Army Infantry September, 1942; After completion of Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, Lt. Mitchell served overseas in the European Theater where he was responsible for the adminstration, billeting, messing and general welfare of the Unit. The EAME Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars was awarded for the campaigns of Central Europe and the Rhineland, also the Combat Infantryman Badge, World War II Victory, American Theater and Defense Medals plus the Bronze Star Medal. April 27, 1946, Lt. Mitchell transferred to the Officer Reserves.

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S/Sgt. PHILO SUGGS

S/Sgt. Suggs, was born on July 23, 1910, son of Mrs. Virginia Elizabeth Suggs, 2248 Marlo Dr., Houston, Texas. Heattended Reagan High School, and volunteered for the service on Sept. 15, 1942, at Houston. Assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Ellington and Kelly Fields, Texas. Served overseas from May, 1945, until December, 1945, in the South Pacific Area on the Island of Okinawa. His decorations include the American Theater Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, good Conduct, and the World War II Victory Medals. Staff Sergeant Philo Suggs was given an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on the 6th day of December in 1945,





B 1/c EDWARD G. THORNAL

B. 1/c Thornal, was born on Oct. 28, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thornal of Silsbee, Texas. He attended Silsbee High School, and volunteered for the service on January 21, 1941, at Beaumont. Assigned to the U. S. Navy, and was sent to the U. S. Naval Training Station at San Diego, California. Served overseas twice, from May 28, 1941, to Jan. 13, 1942, and from Feb. 18, 1942, until Oct., 1944, in European and African campaigns, Normandy and Southern France invasions. Served all the time on the U.S.S. Somers, 381 Destroyer, which is credited with sinking of 5 German ships. B. 1/c Thornal is still serving in the U.S. Navy.

Maj. REUBEN B. THORNAL

Maj. Thornal, was born on Sept. 27, 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs.R.E. Thornal of Silsbee, Texas, and husband of Coralyne L. Thornal of 3334 Utah Ave., Riverside, Calif. He attended Texas A & M College at College Station, and volunteered for the service on March 15, 1942, at Fort Monroe, Virginia; assigned to the Army C.A.C.; trained at Camp Haan, Calif. He served in the Southwest Pacific in the New Guinea and Philippine Campaigns. Awarded the Philippine Liberation, Victory Medal, and 3 Bronze Medals for beach landings under enemy fire. Maj. Thornal is at present with the Government of Allied Areas in Tokyo, Japan.



Sons of Mrs. A. Hernandez, Houston.

S/Sgt. TINO VINCENT HERNANDEZ, birthdate July 19, 1916, in Texas, volunteered Sept., 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training at Ellington Field, Texas. He began overseas duty Dec., 1943, in the North African Theater where he served in Albania and Durazzio. Sgt. Hernandez paid the Supreme Sacrifice Feb. 8, 1944, while in combat for his country. The Purple Heart was awarded in recognition of his life given in service.

PMM 1/c EDMUND HERNANDEZ, was born Sept. 6, 1918, in Texas, and attended the Houston, Texas, Schools. He volunteered Dec. 8, 1941, for the U. S. Navy; trained at Great Lakes Training Station; later served from Feb., 1942, to Sept., 1943, overseas in the Pacific Theater where he participated in the bombing of Tokyo, Midway Island, Coral Sea and on the Solomon Islands. His awards include various ribbons, and after returning to the States, he was granted discharge December 3, 1945.

AMM 3/c ROLAND ANTHONY HERNANDEZ, was born Dec. 11, 1925, in Houston, Texas, and volunteered Dec. 11, 1943, for the Naval Air Corps Division. He trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Was promoted from Seaman first class to Aviation Machinist's Mate third class. His total duty was served in the States. The American Theater Ribbon was awarded with World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Discharge from the U.S. Navy was granted August 30, 1944.





1st Lt. Thomas Sylvester King, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.S. King, Baytown, Texas, was born February 13, 1922. Attended Texas A & M, and is the husband of Wanda King, also of Baytown. He volunteered May 17, 1942, for the Army Armored Engineers; trained at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and Ft. Benning Georgia. Lt. King began overseas duty June, 1944, in the European Theater of Operations and participated with the 7th Army in the drive through France, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice September 19, 1944, during the Battle of Metz. The Purple Heart was awarded with the Silver Star, posthumously, for gallantry beyond the call of duty. His survivors include a cousin, Capt. Bayard Michael Hackedorn, and one son, Thomas Michael King, born one month after Lt. King's passing.

Capt. Bayard Michael Hackedorn, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. King, Baytown, was born April 6, 1918, in Texas. He graduated with the Class of 1939 from Texas A & M, and volunteered January 19, 1942, for the Army Air Corps. Was commissioned 2nd Lt. September 6, 1942, and began overseas duty December, 1942, in the African-European and Middle East Area. Capt. Hackedorn operated from bases at Tobruk, Libya, Tripoli, and various other stations, including Sicily and Foggia in Italy; participated in fifty-one combat missions. The Air Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded with EAME Campaign Ribbon with Silver Star, plus Distinguished Unit Citation, and various other ribbons. After returning to the States he was granted discharge December 1, 1945.



1st Lt. Shryock, was born on June 26, 1923, in La., son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Shryock of 2042 Sul Ross Ave., Houston, Texas. He attended Allen Academy at Bryan, Texas, and volunteered for the service on May 18, 1943, at Houston. Assigned to the Army Inf. Div.; trained at Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas from May 12, 1944, until March 15, 1945, in ETO Area in campaigns for Normandy, Ardennes, and Rhineland. His decorations include Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, EAME, ATO, and Victory Ribbons. Lt. Shryock served overseas with the 8th Infantry Regt. of the 4th Infantry Division. He was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army on the 17th of May in 1946.

1st Lt. Shryock, was born on Aug. 7, 1913, in La., son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Shryock of 2042 Sul Ross, Houston, Texas. Attended McKinley High School at Canton, Ohio. He enlisted in the Army on Nov. 24, 1940, assigned to the Fld. Artillery, training at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Ft. Sill, Okla. Overseas from March 4, until Dec. 25, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater on Okinawa and Korea. With the 24th Army Corps. His decorations include the following: American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, American Theater, Occupation, and World War II Victory Medals. On February 28th in 1946 1st Lt. Herbert Marshall Shryock was given an honorable discharge.





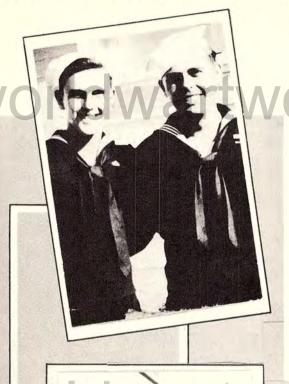
Chief FRANK J. KLIMA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klima of Houston, husband of Filomena Klima of Weimar, was born June 3, 1912, Czechoslovakia. Volunteered for the Navy July 11, 1941, assigned to the Supply Corps; trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. He served overseas from May 14, 1944, to Aug. 20, 1945, aboard U.S.S. Cowie DD-632. Chief Klima received an honorable discharge on Sept. 24, 1945, at Camp Wallace, Texas.

Pvt. JOHN C. SMITH, son of Mrs. John Gibson, and husband of Lillian Irene Smith, 322 W. 26th, Houston, was born Oct. 5, 1920, educated in Goose Creek, Texas. Entered the Army April 12, 1944, assigned to Co. G, 318th Inf., and was sent to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. for training. Served in the European-African-Middle Eastern Areas in Rhineland Campaign for 6 mos. Wounded in Belgium Dec. 26, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart and EAME Medals. Discharged Aug. 21, 1945, from Hoff Gen. Hosp., Santa Barbara, Calif. He has 2 children, John C. and Barbara Anne.

S/Sgt. RICHARD O. DAUBRAVA, was born Nov. 19, 1921, son of Frank Daubrava, and husband of Eva Jeannette Daubrava of Houston, attended Yoakum High, entering the Army on Aug. 20, 1942, as signed to 474th Air Service Gp. Trained at Albuquerque, N.M. Overseas 27 mos. in the European-African-Middle Eastern Area, participating in Rhineland Campaign. Awards include ATO, EAME with Star, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Honorably discharged Jan. 1,1946, from the Separation Center at Camp Fannin, Texas. Is now residing with his wife at 335 W. 26th St., Houston.

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S /2c CLIFFORD M. SWAN SC 2/c LLOYD H. SWAN

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Swan of Houston, Tex. S. 2/c CLIFFORD M. SWAN, born Sept. 20,1920, husband of Erna Swan of Houston, volunteered for Navy Aviation on Dec. 11,1941; trained Great Lakes, Ill. He went overseas on June 15, 1946, where he is serving at the present.

S. C. 2/c LLOYD H. SWAN, born Sept. 30, 1923, enlisted in Navy Ordnance Dec., 1941; trained at San Diego; overseas twice, 421/2 mos. in all. In invasion of Wake, Solomons, Guam, Saipan, Tinian, in Milne Bay night attack, operated with Task Force 58 during battle of Philippines with Maj. Jap Fleet. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, and was honorably discharged on September 26, 1945.

RM 2/c LOUIS P. SWAN AOM 2/c RAY I. SWAN

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Swan, Houston. R.M. 2/c LOUIS P. SWAN, was born on March 26,1926; attended Milby High School; volunteered for the Navy Res. Dec. 26, 1942; trained at San Diego; served on Gilbert Is.; Marshalls; New Guinea; Morotai; Leyte, Philippines; Biak; Bougainville; Kurile Is.; Honshu, Japan; received 8 Battle Stars. Radioman 2/c Swan served 2 yrs., 2 mos., and 2 days on the destroyer U.S.S. Hughes, DD-410, and received an honorable discharge on Nov. 23, 1945.

A.O.M. 2/c RAY I. SWAN, was born Jan. 8, 1916, husband of Mildred P. Swan, 6942 Keller St., Houston, Texas. He attended Hamilton Jr. High; enlisted in the Navy on May 22, 1942, at Houston. Assigned to Aviation Branch; trained at San Diego; overseas 24 1/2 mos. serving on U.S.S. Altamaha in S. W. Pacific and Indian Ocean. Discharged on September 24, 1945.





Cpl. JULIUS E. SWAN Pfc HERBERT E. HITCHCOCK

Son and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Swan. Cpl. JULIUS E. SWAN, was born April 2,1918, husband of the former Mildred Evelyn Hoff of Houston. Enlisted in A.A.C. Sept. 25,1942; trained at Ellington and Sheppard Flds., Texas, and Chanute Fld., Ill. Awarded American Defense, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged from Andrews Fld., Md., Dec. 4,1945. Pfc HERBERT E. HITCHCOCK, son of Mrs. M. F. Moore, and husband of Caroline I. Hitchcock, 1822 Boulder St., Houston, was born July 6,1906. Entered the Army Nov. 6, 1942, at Houston; ordered to Buckley Fld., Denver, Colo. for training. On October 31, 1943, Pfc Hitchcock received his discharge papers.





S.F. 2/c JOSEPH F. JENSEN, was born Dec. 22, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Jensen, and husband of Elaine Jensen of Houston. Attended Jefferson Davis High, volunteering for the Navy on Nov. 23, 1942. Assigned to Fleet Branch on U.S.S. No. Carolina, training at San Diego, Calif. Overseas 2 yrs. in Liberation of Philippines, battles of Makin-Tarawa, Marshalls, Truk, New Guinea, Marianas, French Indo China, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Tokyo, bombardments: Nauru, Roi Namur, Ponape, and Saipan. Discharged on October the 15th in 1945.

Pfc VIRGIL G. STUART, was born Dec. 16, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stuart of Kansas City, Kan., and husband of Catherine Stuart of Houston, volunteered for the Army Jan., 1941; assigned to Anti-Aircraft, and Inf.; trained at Camps Hulen and Maxey. Overseas twice, 28 mos. in all, in Alaska, Kiska, Attu, Luxembourg, and Larh, Germany. Killed in action Feb. 21, 1945. He was a rifleman in Co. I, 318th Inf. Awarded Good Conduct, 2 Battle Stars for Kiska, and Attu, and Purple Heart Medal.

P. 1/c MARTIN C. DeVRIES, Jr., was born on April 17, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. DeVries, Sr., and husband of Wilma Lee DeVries of 7002 Navigation, Houston. He volunteered for the service June 4, 1942, assigned to 31st U.S.N.C.B.; trained at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I. Overseas twice, 2 yrs. in all, serving in Atlantic and Pacific participated in Battle for Iwo Jima. Painter 1/c DeVries received an honorable discharge on Nov. 5, 1945, and resides with his wife in Houston, Texas.

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M 1/c DON M. STROUD

M. 1/c Stroud, was born on January 18, 1922, son of Mrs. Sibyl Stroud of 1310 Mc Kinney in Houston, Texas. He attended Austin High School, entering the service July 15, 1940, at Houston, assigned to the Navy on U.S.S. New Orleans, training at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Oct., 1940, until Oct., 1946, with service in the Southwest Pacific area in Palau, Yap, Ulithi, Woleai Raid, New Guinea Operation (Hollandia), capture and occupation of Saipan, Tinian, Guam, assaults on Philippine Is., battle of Leyte Gulf, N. Luzon, Formosa, Visayas, China Coast, Nansei Shoto attacks, Ormac Bay, Mindoro, Lingayen Gulf, assault and occupation of Iwo Jima, 5th Fleet raids against Honshu, and served aboard U.S.S. Laws DD558 during Okinawa Campaign. Awarded Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars. He has 18 service Stars, serving 17 mos. aboard ship at one time without being ashore. Received a medical discharge on Feb. 14, 1946, due to a bad hip.

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MM 2/c THOMAS H. BULLARD

M.M. 2/c Bullard, was born on November 10, 1913, in Texas, son of the late W. T. and Mrs. Rebecca Bullard of Gilmer, Texas, and husband of Margaret Bullard of Box 603, Velasco, Texas. He received his education at Gilmer High School, and on the 22nd of November in 1942, he volunteered for the service at Houston; assigned to the U.S. Naval C.B's, and was sent to Camp Peary, Virginia, for his training. Machinist Mate Second Class Bullard was shipped overseas in November of 1943 to the Pacific, serving first at Eniwetok in the Marshalls and later at Tinian in the Marianas. On October the 31st in 1945 he was given an honorable discharge from the U.S.N.C.B. upon his return to the States.

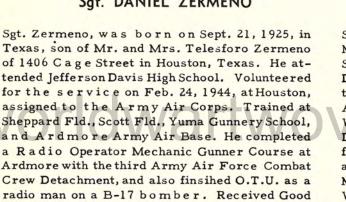


Sgt. DANIEL ZERMENO

Conduct, American Theater, and Victory Rib-

bons. Sgt. Zermeno was discharged on May 11,

1946.





Sgt. HENRY S. ZERMENO

Sgt. Zermeno, was born on Oct. 8, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Telesforo Zermeno of 1406 Cage Street in Houston, Texas. Attended Jefferson Davis High School at Houston; volunteered for the service on Nov. 7, 1942, assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Keesler Fld., Miss.; Willow Run, Mich., Laredo Gunnery School, and Davis Monthan, Tucson, Ariz. Served overseas from Oct. 25, 1945, until April 3, 1946, in France, and Germany. His awards include Air Crew Members Wings, ETO, ATO, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Completed A. M. School at Keesler Fld., Willow Run Flexible Gunnery School at Laredo, Texas. Honorably discharged April 10, 1946.









Pfc CIPRIAN CONTRERAS

Pfc Frank D. Pina, the son of Sam V. Pina of Houston, was born on Oct. 4, 1923. He volunteered for the Army on Sept. 23, 1940, and was assigned to the 95th Division, training at Fort Clark. On Aug. 15, 1944, he was sent to the European Theater of Operations, participating in the battles of Rome-Arno and Northern France. He had been promoted to Pfc in June of 1944. On Dec. 11, 1944, he was wounded in action, and died on the 30th of Mar. of the following year. He had been awarded the Purple Heart, Combat infantry Badge, Good Conduct and American Defense Medals. He had also served in North Africa.

Pfc Ciprian Pina Contreras, son of Florencio Contreras of Houston, was born on Oct. 14, 1924. He attended the University of Houston, and volunteered for the Marine Corps on Aug. 25, 1943. He trained at the Marine Base at San Diego, Camp Pendleton, and was assigned to the 4th Marine Div. On Jan. 13, 1944, he went to the Pacific, and saw action in the battles of Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. He was wounded in the two later battles. He also served at Kwajalein, Hawaii, Eniwetok, and in the capture of Roi-Namur Island. He holds the Purple Heart Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged Oct. 15, 1945.



Cpl. NICOLAS P. CONTRERAS



S/Sgt. CARLOS R. CONTRERAS



Pfc FLORENCIO CONTRERAS

Cpl. NICOLAS PINA CONTRERAS, son of Florencio Contreras of Houston, was born Dec. 6, 1917. He is the husband of Hortense Contreras. On Sept. 14, 1942, he volunteered for the Marine Air Coprs, and was trained at San Diego, and the Air Base at Jacksonville, Florida. From Feb., 1944, until April, 1945, he served at Guadalcanal, Emirau, and Leyte in the Pacific Area, returning to the U.S. to be discharged Sept. 29, 1945.

S/Sgt. CARLOS RICHARD CONTRERAS, the brother of Nicolas, was born Aug. 12, 1926. He attended the University of Houston and entered the Army on Oct. 18, 1944. He was trained in the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Fort McClellan, Ala., and assigned to the 106th Division. From Mar. 23, 1945, until July 26, 1946, he served in France and Germany, and participated in the Central European Campaign. On Aug. 3, 1946, he was given an honorable discharge.

Pfc FLORENCIO CONTRERAS, son of Mr. and Mrs.F. Contreras of Houston, was born on Jan. 19, 1920. He also attended Houston University. On Aug. 6, 1940, he volunteered for the Army. For the next five years and nine days he served with the Field Artillery. Getting his discharge on Aug. 15, 1945.



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*Cpl. KENNETH F. VANCE

Cpl. K. F. Vance, born Aug. 25, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Roberts, 1210 Quitman St., Houston, attended St. Thomas College, Houston. Volunteered March 1, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, 5th Armored Div.; trained at Camp Cook, Calif.; served in the United States for 2 years, and overseas 1 year, in Cornwall, Devonshire, England; invasion of France, Paris, Falaise Gap, Seine, Campiegne Forest, Mezieres, Belgium, Luxembourg, Seigfried Line, Hurtgen Forest. He was wounded in Bergsein on Dec. 5, 1944, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Feb. 5, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart posthumously. Prior to his enlistment, Cpl. Vance was employas sheet metal worker. He died in England.



S HIRAM J. LEMMA



Sqt. ALFRED E. LITTLE

S H.J. Lemma, born May 15, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Lemma, 7316 Harrisburg Blvd., Houston, received his education at Huntsville; volunteered for service April 1, 1944, and was assigned to the United States Merchant Marines; trained at St. Petersburg, Fla.; overseas in the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Panama, S. America, Japan, India, England, France, Belgium, Italy, Egypt, Dutch Guinea, Chile, Canada, Marshalls, Okinawa, and Philippines. He was 6 months in Navy, and honorably discharged because under age. Wounded while in M. Marines. Has been in the service 29 months, and is still there. Served in N. A. Base, Corpus Christi.

Sgt. A. E. Little, born Sept. 23, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Little, Huntsville, Texas; he received his education at New Waverly; voluntered Oct. 21, 1939, and was assigned to the Army 38th Field Art.; trained at Fort D. A. Russell, Marfa, Texas, Canada, Camp McCoy, Wis. Served in U.S. 1 year; trained in Eng. with 2nd Div.; went to Normandy, with 2nd Div. (Hell on Wheels); Wounded in Battle of St. Lo., France. Participated in all battles with 2nd Armored Div. from "D-Day" when invasion forces landed in Normandy until Bat. of St. Lo when he was wounded by Nazi land mine. Awarded Purple Heart, Bronze Star. Hon. discharged Sept., 1945.





Pvt. DOYLE R. PAULK

Pvt. D. R. Paulk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Paulk, Florence, Ala., born March 4, 1911, husband of Urline Paulk, 7944 Baltimore Street, Houston, Texas, received his education at Cloverdale Public Schools; entered the service on Jan. 22, 1943, and was assigned to the Army 83rd Div., 330th Inf., Med. Detachment; trained at Camp McCoy, Wis., and Camp Breckenridge, Ky. Served in the United States 15 months and overseas 14 months, in the Battle of Normandy, France. In POW Camp Stalag 4-B, Germany, 9 1/2 months. Awarded: Good Conduct, EAME Campaign Medal, I Bronze Star. He received an honorable discharge Oct. 17, 1945. Prior to his enlistment into the Army, Pvt. Paulk was employed at Wiengarten's Bakery, Houston.



SK 3/c JOHN T. ROBBERTS



AMMF 1/c THEODORE J. ROBBERTS



CPO THOMAS R. ROBBERTS

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Robberts, Houston.

JOHN, born Sept. 3,1921, in Arkansas, husband of Mary S. Robberts, 508 71 st St., Houston, attend-Edison Grammar and Milby High Schools, Houston; volunteered Dec. 16, 1942, and was assigned to the Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Allen, Va.; overseas 12 1/2 months in New Hebrides; Auckland, New Zealand; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Solomon Islands. He was honorably discharged Sept. 29, 1944.

THEODORE, born Dec. 28, 1919, husband of Purcella J. Robberts, 228 Lenox St., Houston, volunteered for service Feb. 16, 1942, assigned to Naval Air Corps; trained at San Diego, Calif.; served in United States 34 months; overseas 9 months, in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Bahama Islands, Panama, Galapagos, Corinto, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. He received an honorable discharge on Sept. 8, 1945.

THOMAS, born March 20, 1900, in Arkansas, husband of Stella C. Robberts, 808 Maltby St., Houston, was educated at Melrose Grammar and High Schools, Hope, Arkansas; volunteered Aug. 29, 1943, at Houston, assigned to the Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island; overseas 16 months in Solomon Islands, Russelland Mariana Islands, and in the Invasion of Okinawa. Commissioned Chief Petty Officer. Awarded Expert Rifleman and hon. discharged Sept. 9, 1945.

Lt. (jg) CARY L. BURNLEY

Lt. (jg) Cary Lamar Burnley, son of the late Clement Cary Burnley, US Army, and Mrs. Juanita Terrebonne Burnley Bailey, Baytown, Texas, was born July 24, 1916, husband of Paula Rudloff Burnley, Houston. He attended Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., and volunteered Dec. 11, 1941, for the Navy, training at Radar and Fire Control School, San Diego. Lt. Burnley served Sept., 1942, to Oct., 1944, and Jan. to Nov., 1945, in operations of Guadalcanal, Solomons, New Georgia, Bougainville, Luzon, Borneo and other Pacific Islands, also anti-shipping sweeps in East China Sea, aboard the USS Cleveland, light cruiser. His awards include a Navy Unit Commendation for outstanding heroism by crew, eleven Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation with one Star and various other awards. Lt. Burnley was discharged November 26, 1945.





Lt. STERMEN TERREBONNE

Lt. Stermen Anthony Terrebonne, brother of Mrs. Juanita Terrebonne Bailey, Baytown, Texas, was born July 16, 1906, son of Adam and Olivera Terrebonne, New Orleans, La., and husband of Eula Terrebonne, Goose Creek, Texas. He volunteered February, 1923, for the US Navy, and served from 1923 to 1926 in China Civil War, Nicaraguan Campaign and Haitian trouble. Lt. Terrebonne served in the USS Idaho and Cambarra in Atlantic patrol, seven operations and twenty-one engagements in the Pacific in World War II. The Second Nicaraguan Campaign Ribbon was awarded with seven Combat Stars, Philippine Liberation and many other ribbons. Currently on USS Pittsburg.

MM 2/c OGLE L. BAKER, JR.

MM2/c Ogle Laird Baker, Jr., son of Mrs. Ogle Laird Baker, Sr., 1806 Sul Ross St., Houston, Texas, was born September 6, 1919, and volunteered April 23, 1942, for the Navy, Seabees, 24th Naval Construction Battalion. He trained at Camp Bradford, Virginia, and served November, 1942, to September, 1944, in the South and Central Pacific Theater at New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, New Georgia; he participated in the invasions of Rendova and Munda. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Stars, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals and other awards. Discharge was received July 30, 1945, in the States.

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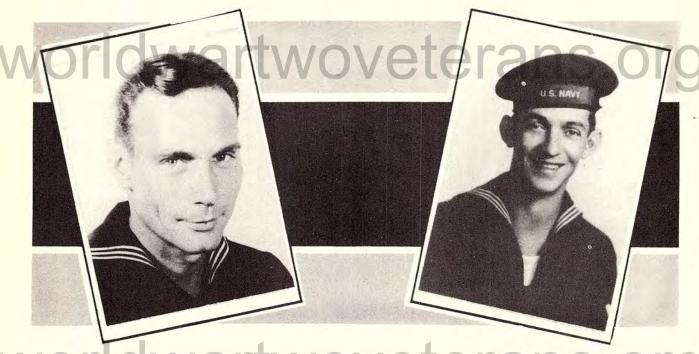
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*Capt. JOHN C. ALSUP, JR.

Capt. John Creg Alsup, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Alsup, Sr., was born on Jan. 27, 1921. He is the husband of Thelma Joyce who resides in Houston. Prior to his volunteering for the Army Air Corps on Oct. 17, 1941, he had attended the University of Houston, and was employed in the accounting department of the Southern Pacific R.R. He was trained in the 4 phases of pilot training at Kelly, Jones, Randolph, and Brooks Fields. He served at Hunter Field and in Louisiana and California before going to the Pacific Area in Nov., 1943. Here he was active from Australia to the Philippines, participating in the reconquest of Bataan and Corregidor. He made the 1st low level attack on Clark Field, flying an A-20 bomber. He was the best loved man in his squadron, and was affectionately called "Big John." Capt. Alsup was the only pilot in his organization to rise from 2nd Lt. to Sqdn. Comm. Promotion to Major came 2 days after he had given his life. This had been on Jan. 14, 1945. He held 6 awards for service.

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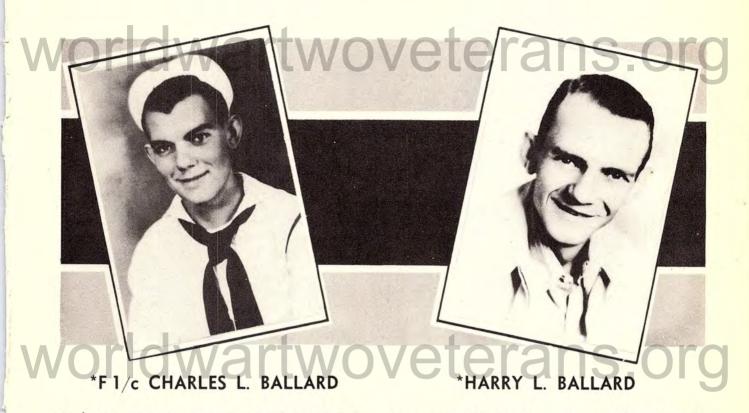


S 1/c J. T. ROBUCK Chief

Sl/c J. T. Robuck, was born on December 18, 1917, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Robuck, 411 So. 25th Street, Temple, Texas, husband of Nadine Robuck, 3214 Caplan Street, Houston, Texas, volunteered for service on April 19, 1944, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy Transport Ron 25; trained at Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif. Servedin the United States 3 months, and overseas 15 months, in Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Campaign. He has two children, Lana Lee aged 3 years, and James Dean aged 2 years. Prior to his enlistment. Sl/c Robuck's occupation was with Brown Shipyards, at Houston, Texas. He was discharged April, 1946.

Chief Radioman CHESTER E. BALLARD

Chief R.M. Chester Ernest Ballard, son of Mrs. Maude Ethel Ballard, Houston, Texas, was born January 15, 1912, husband of Ethelyn M. Ballard, also of Houston. He volunteered September 9, 1940, for the Navy Communications; trained at Noroton Conn., and later served December, 1941, to September, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, where he participated in the Battles of Tulagi, Guadalcanal, and invasions of Makin, Saipan, and Tinian. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and European Theater Ribbons, Battle Stars, World War II Victory and Defense Medals. Radioman Ballard was commended for meritorious communications work during invasion of Makin. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge October 17, 1945.



Fl/c Charles Lester Ballard, birthdate July 15, 1920, is the son of Mrs. Maude Ethel Ballard, Houston, Texas. He volunteered December 8, 1941, for the US Navy, Heavy Cruisers; trained at San Diego, and began overseas duty January, 1942, in the Asiatic - Pacific Theater where he participated in the Battles of Midway, Bougainville, Coral Sea, 1st and 2nd Guadalcanal operations, Savo Islands, and other engagements. Fireman Ballard paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the line of duty November 30, 1942, while in Battle of Tassafaronga. The Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars was awarded plus the Purple Heart in recognition for his life given in the service of his country. His father, Harry J. Ballard, DuQuoin, Illinois, also survives.

Harry L. Ballard, son of Mrs. Maude Ethel Ballard, 1511 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas, was born July 14,1914, and is the husband of Florence Ballard, Gause, Texas. He attended the Public Schools of DuQuoin, Illinois, and served his country during the recent war emergency as an employee of the Dow Chemical Company. As a result of daily contact with magnesium gases in the line of duty at the war plant, Harry Ballard contracted tuberculosis and passed away, an industrial casualty who paid the Supreme Sacrifice in civilian duty. His survivors also include a daughter, Lynnda Ann Ballard, born November 12, 1940, a brother, Chester E. Ballard, who served in the Navy, and father, Harry J. Ballard, Illinois, and hosts of friends.



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Pvt. LEO GOMEZ

Pvt. L. Gomez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ozuna (deceased), husband of Elena E. Gomez, Nance Street, Houston, received his education at San Antonio Grammar and High Schools; entered the service on October 15, 1943, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Army 29th Div.; trained at Camp Grant, Illinois; served in the United States for 8 months and overseas 7 months, in France; served in St. Lo, through to Brest, where he was wounded in action. He received the Purple Heart, and was honorably discharged on Sept. 25, 1945. Prior to his enlistment into the Army, Pvt. Gomez was employed by the Houston Sash and Door Company, Houston, Texas, where he now lives.



E.M. 2/c B.F. Prine, born Dec. 9,1909, in Texas, son of Mrs. Mary Prine, 4406 Sherwood Lane, Houston, attended grammar and high schools in Houston; volunteered for service Oct. 21,1940, at Houston, being assigned to the Navy; trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in Pearl Harbor, Fiji, Samoa, New Caledonia, Hawaii, Saipan; he was once wounded, but only slightly, on left knee. During attack on Pearl Harbor he volunteered on several occasions when needed, and worked under fire; he was informed that he'd receive a medal. He has since been active with U.S. Maritime Service as 2nd Cook and Baker. He was honorably discharged April, 1944.



M/Sgt. ROBERT A. PRINE

M/Sgt. R. A. Prine, born Nov. 17, 1895, son of Mrs. M. J. Prine, 4406 Sherwood Lane, Houston, husband of Sophie M. Prine, 1601 N. Oliver St., San Antonio, was educated at Oak Grove Grammar and Bryan High Schools, Dallas, and entered the service in June, 1918, being assigned to the Army 90th Div.; trained at Camp Travis, San Antonio; overseas 2 years and 7 months, in England, France, Belgium, Germany-served in W. W. I, 1 year, and in W. War II, in China Offensive. His awards were: Victory, 1918 and W. W. II Victory; German Occup'n., 1919; Amer. Def., ATO, Asiatic-Pac., 1 Bronze Star, Good Con. At present with 9940th, T.S.U., (S.G.O.), Med. Det., Brooke Gen. Hosp., Ft. Sam Houston.



*1st Lt. ROBERT A. NEWMAN 1st Lt. R. A. Newman, born Nov. 14, 1921, in

Texas, son of Mr. A. J. Newman, 305 W. Humble, Goose Creek, husband of Louise Newman, also of Goose Creek, received his education at Lee Jr. College, in Goose Creek; volunteered for service on Dec. 26, 1941, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Air Corps (Army); trained at Kelly Field, Texas. Served in the United States 18 months, and overseas 9 months, based in England with 352nd Fighter Sqdrn., 353rd Group, 8th Air Force, Served in European Theater, participating in long range escort and strafing missions. 1st Lt. Newman was killed in action March 16, 1944, over France while returning from long range mission over Germany. Awarded Air Medal with Clusters (3), D.F.C. 1 Cluster. Destroyed 5 1/2 enemy planes.



Pfc LEMUEL E. PORTER

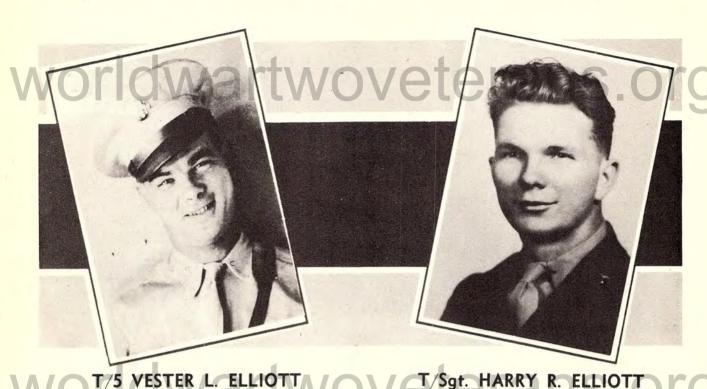
Pfc L. E. Porter, born May 22, 1927, son of Mrs. Rosa L. Porter, 214 W. Main St., Goose Creek, attended Robert E. Lee High School, Goose Creek; entered the service on June 27, 1945, at Houston, and was assigned to the Army 78th Lightning Div.; trained at Camp Hood, Texas; served in the United States for 6 months, and overseas 9 1/2 months. Served in Germany, in the City of Berlin, with the occupation forces. He graduated from high school through the General Education Development Test. His brother Robert, was also in the service in the Naval Air Corps. After returning to the States, he was honorably discharged Nov. 30, 1946.



AOM 3/c ROBERT R. PORTER

AOM 3/c R. R. Porter, born May 3, 1926, in Texas, son of Mrs. Rosa L. Porter, 214 W. Main Street, Goose Creek, attended Robert E. Lee High School. Volunteered for service on May 3, 1943, at Houston, and was assigned to the Naval Air Force; trained at Norman, Okla., Purcell, Oklahoma, and Norfolk, Va.; served in the United States 10 months, and overseas 22 months, in American Area, Mediterranean Area, Atlantic, South Pacific and Philippine Areas. He received personal recognition of service rendered in the Philippine Area. He was wounded over Rabaul, New Britain, and was given his discharge March 19, 1946.





T/5 Vester Lafayette Elliott, the son of Mrs. P.J. Demmer of Houston, was born on November 6, 1915. He attended school in Wichita, Kansas, and entered the Army on August 21, 1942, at Leavenworth, Kansas. After finishing his training at Camp Dodge, Iowa, he served as a Military Policeman in the United States until the date of his discharge. During this time he had received two promotions. On January 21, 1946, he was given his discharge from the Transportation Corps, Advance Motor Pool, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Prior tohis entering the Army, he had resided in Houston with his parents, moving from Kansas in 1939.

T/Sgt. Harry Robert Elliott, son of Mrs. J. P. Demmer of Houston, was born on Jan. 18, 1922, in Kansas. He is the husband of Valerie Elliott. He attended schools in Wichita, Kansas, and was employed at the Brown Ship Yards before he volunteered for the Marine Corps in Napa, Calif., on April 26, 1943. He was trained at San Diego, Wright Jr. College in Chicago for 2 months, 3 months at Logan, Utah, and 6 months of Radar and Electronics at Ward Is., Corpus Christi. Left for the Pacific from Cherry Point in Dec., 1944. He was at Guam, through the Okinawa Campaign, the bombing of the Ryuku Islands, and at Ie Shima. He holds 3 Battle Stars, and after being discharged on Mar. 13, 1946, he re-enlisted on May 11, 1946, retaining the same rank.

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Capt. JOSEPH E. ARMSTRONG

Capt. Joseph Edward Armstrong, the son of Mrs. Susan B. Armstrong of Pelly, Texas, was born on Aug. 30, 1914. He attended schools in Liberty, Texas, and entered the U.S. Army on the 8th of April, 1941. Fort Sam Houston, Camp Wolters, and Fort Monmouth are the posts in which he was trained to serve with the 7th Signal Service Company. In Sept., 1942, he went to the European Theater of Operations, serving in the campaigns of Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, North Apennines, and the Po Valley. He had been commissioned a 2nd Lt. in July, 1942, and all his service as an officer was with the 437th Signal Heavy Construction Battalion. He wears the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Wreath, 7 Battle Stars, Victory and American Defense Medals, and the ETO Ribbon. On Jan. 1, 1946, he was released from active duty to the Reserve.



T/Sgt. DONALD J. MORROW

T/Sgt. D. J. Morrow, was born Oct. 25, 1917, in Illinois, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Morrow, 4938 Oakland Ave., Houston, husband of Evelyn P. Morrow also of Houston. Entered service April 1, 1943, assigned to the Army Signal Corps and Pictorial Service; trained at Camp Kohler, Calif.; Signal Corps Photographic Center, Astoria, Long Island, N.Y. Served in the U.S. 12 months, and overseas 8 months, in Italy and Austria, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines, and Po Valley; awarded: Croix de Guerre, Bronze Star, Good Conduct, ATO, EAME Medal, Victory. Awarded Plaque and Clasp for Merit. Motion Picture Coverage by Gen. Mark W. Clark and Commendation from Maj. Gen. Paul W. Kendall for politically important photography in Balzano, Italy. Hon. discharged Dec., 1945.







S/Sgt. CLARENCE H. NAGORKA

Pfc ROBERT H. NAGORKA

Pfc ROY W.

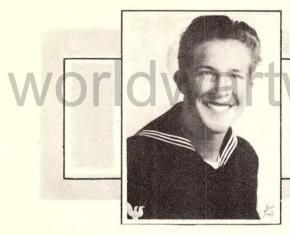
Sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nagorka, Houston.

CLARENCE, born Nov. 26, 1915, volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to Army 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie. Overseas 22 months in N. Ireland, England, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Italy. Battles: Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, C. Germany. Awards: Good Conduct, Bronze Star, 4 Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged Oct. 14, 1945.

ROBERT, born Dec. 7, 1919, entered service Nov. 1, 1941, assigned to Army, trained at Camp Wallace, Texas; overseas 18 months, in England, France, Germany. Medals awarded: EAME, Victory; American Def., ATO and Good Conduct. He served with Searchlight Battery assigned to Air Force while overseas. He was hon, discharged Feb. 20, 1946.

ROY, born Dec. 18, 1917, educated at Lubbock and Jackson Grammar and Sam Houston High Schools; volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to the Army, 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie. Overseas 21 months, in N. Ireland, England, France, Germany. In battles: Normandy, N. France, and Rhineland. He was once wounded. Awards and battle credits: American Def., EAME Campaign Medal, 3 Bronze Stars, 1 Service Stripe, with 4 Service Bars. He was honorably discharged Oct. 21, 1945. Prior to enlistment employed by Kelly's Mfg. Co.





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Cpl. WALTER R. CORNELL

GM 2/c CURTIS B. BENNICK

GM2/c Curtis Bernard Bennick, son of M. and Mrs. Henry Bennick of Houston, was born on Dec. 31, 1923. He attended the University of Houston, and volunteered for the Navy on Nov. 30, 1942. Trained at the N.T.S. at San Diego. He served on the U.S.S. Porterfield, D.D. 682, in the Pacific Ocean, as a gun capt. He had 2 tours of duty in the Pacific, and saw action in the Aleutians, Marshalls, Hollandia landings, raids on Palau, Yap, Ulithi, Truk, Woleai, Satawan, and Ponape; capture of Saipan, Tinian, and Guam, and landings at Leyte, Samar, Mindoro, and 2nd battle of the Philippines. Discharged at Camp Wallace on Jan. 4, 1946.

Cpl. Walter Roland Cornell, was born Jan. 21, 1919. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cornell of Houston, and the husband of Edith Margaret Cornell. He volunteered for the Marine Corps on Sept. 8, 1942, receiving his training at the Marine Base at San Diego. Cpl. Cornell sailed for the Pacific Area in Nov., 1942. Served in the Solomon, Gilbert, and Marshall Islands, participating in the battles on Russell and Eniwetok Islands. Admiral Nimitz presented him with a Letter of Commendation. On the 8th of October, 1945, he was released from the service with an honorable discharge.

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Sgt. ROBERT B. BENNICK



MM 3/c VAN M. CARDEN

Sgt. Robert Burle Bennick, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bennick of Houston, and the husband of Virginia Reeves Bennick, was born on May 25, 1915. He entered the Army on Jan. 17, 1942, at Leesville, La., and was trained at Eglin Field A.A.F. Proving Ground. While serving in the United States he was with the 700th Ordanace Co., (Aviation). He left for the European Theater on July 17, 1944, to serve with the 1st Allied Airborne Army. He saw action in Northern France, Ardennes Bulge, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns. On the 1st of December, 1945, he was given his discharge from the Army, having served overseas for 16 months.

MM3/c Van Milton Carden, the son of Mrs. George Brimner of Birmingham, was born on May 8, 1924. He is the husband of Maxine Bennick Carden of Houston. Attended high school in Birmingham, Alabama, and volunteered for the Navy on July 29, 1942. Following his training at the Naval Training Station at San Diego, he was sent to the Pacific Theater of Operations on Feb. 12, 1943. He served in the Southwest and Central Pacific on the Islands of Tarawa, Eniwetok, Saipan, Guam, and Iwo Jima. His promotions were from A/S through F1/c and to MM3/c. On the 1st of December, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge.





1st Lt. R. W. BAKER, JR.

1st Lt. R. W. Baker, Jr., was born on July 25, 1921, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh W. Baker of Baytown. He attended (High School) in Goose Creek, and Texas A & M College. On Dec. 15, 1942, he volunteered for the Air Corps at College Station. Training followed at the Big Spring Army Air Base and the Muroc Army Air Base. On April 1, 1944, he was sent to Europe to serve with the 579th Bomb. Sqdn. of the 392nd Bomb. Group, in Ireland, England, and North Africa. He completed 30 missions over Europe as a Bombardier of a B-24. On June 20, 1944, he destroyed an ME410 over the Baltic Sea. He holds 6 Battle Stars and 5 Clusters as well as the D.F.C., Air Medal, and Dist. Unit Citat. Was discharged on Nov. 4, 1945.

Pvt. ORVILLE BAKER

Pvt. Orville Baker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh W. Baker, 105 Illinois St., Baytown, was born on February 21, 1924. He attended Goose Creek High School and Texas A & M College. He left college to volunteer for the Army Air Corps on October 30, 1942. His training was at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, and Sheppard Field, at Wichita Falls. After serving herefor eight months, he was given an honorable discharge on the 6th of July, 1943, at the Veterans Administration Facility at Dallas, Texas. Pvt. Baker volunteered for the Army Air Corps 45 days prior to his brother R.W. Baker's enlistment,

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*WT 1/c THOMAS S. ATKINSON

WT1/c Thomas Sidney Atkinson, the husband of Verna Sargent Atkinson of Houston, was born on July 12, 1895. Before joining the Navy in Dallas on Nov. 19, 1941, he was a field 'clerk for the Dallas Power and Light Co. After training at the N.T.S. at San Diego, he went to Pier 92 at 52nd St. in New York. From Feb. 7-9, 1942, he was aboard the Lafayette, formerly the Normandie, and was there when she burned. In April, 1942, Thomas was assigned to the converted Navy troop transport Edward Rutledge. Following a period of training introop handling off the coast of Norfolk, his ship sailed for the invasion of North Africa on Nov. 8, 1942. About sunset of the 12th, the ship was torpedoed 4 miles off the shore at Fadala, 15 miles north of Casablanca, and sank in a little over 1 hour in 123 fathoms of water. Thomas was reported missing in action at this time, and was never found. He had served a 3 year term in the Navy in 1920 to 1923. The Purple Heart was awarded to him posthumously.

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Maj. FELIX A. DAVIS

Maj. Felix Albert Davis, son of Alma Chrysty, Houston, Texas, was born June 21, 1918; attended Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., and volunteered May 8, 1942, for the Army, 331st Engineers, training at Claiborne, La. Maj. Davis served August, 1942, to May, 1944, in Yukon Territory, Canada, Aleutian Islands, Alaska and China-Burma-India Theater. An article upon his promotion to Captain reads "Capt. Davis is a young engineer officer and his services in this command have been outstanding. On two occasions he volunteered beyond the call of duty and organized searching parties, effecting the rescue of Army Personnel and a Canadian Citizen, over frozen wilderness and severe climate. He has been commended on several occasions for his work by high ranking military officials". Trans. to Reserves March, 1946.









S/Sqt. CLYDE R. MOYE

Pfc JOSEPH E. MOYE

Cpl. VICTOR MOYE

Cpl. WILLIAM N. MOYE

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Moye, Houston, Texas. CLYDE, born March 29, 1915, attended Reagan High School. Entered service Jan. 1, 1942, assigned to Army Air Corps, Engr. & Gunr. B-17; served over France, Germany, based in England. Awarded: Air Medal, 4 O.L.C., Dist. Flying Cross, Pres. Citation, 2 Bronze Stars, Good Con. Upon return to U.S. transferred to Troop Transport. Discharged Oct. 15, 1946.

JOSEPH, born Nov. 26, 1910, husband of Eddie I. Moye, of Houston, attended A.H. High School, Houston; volunteered March 4, 1944, assigned to Marines; trained at M.C.B. San Diego, Calif., and Oahu, T.H. Served in U.S. 4 months, overseas 6 months. Pfc Moye was given honorable discharge Dec. 16, 1945.

VICTOR, born May 23, 1913, husband of Avis Lee Moye, attended high school in Houston; entered service Feb. 18, 1942, assigned to 5th Amphibious Div. Marines; trained at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Served in U.S. I year, and overseas 3 years, in Hawaii, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Japan, Marianas. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct and Amer. Defense Ribbons. He was honorably discharged Jan. 15, 1946.

WILLIAM, born Feb. 20, 1907, husband of Ruby L. Moye, 202 Burress St., Houston, attended high school at Houston; volunteered Oct. 31,1942, assigned to A.A. Corps; trained at Ellington; served in U.S. 20 months, overseas 16 months, in C.B.L. Hon. discharged Oct., 1945.





MM 3/c WILLIE L. EVERETT

MM3/c Willie Lee Everett, husband of Helen Everett, 118 E. Norma, Houston, Texas, was born December 23, 1918, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Everett, also of Houston. He volunteered August 23, 1943, for the U.S. Navy, Mine Sweeper Branch; trained at San Diego, California; later serving December, 1944, to November, 1945, in the Pacific Theater on Okinawa and Iwo Jima, also in other areas of the Pacific. His ship was the U.S.S. Harry F. Bauer, Minesweeper, and the crew is credited with the destroying of fourteen Japanese planes, and one submarine. The World War II Victory Medal was awarded with American Defense Ribbon, American Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medals. After returning to the States he was granted discharge from Naval service February 9, 1946, at Camp Wallace, Texas.



*2nd Lt. JOHN R. MORRIS

2nd Lt. J. R. Morris, born June 20, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Morris, 1316 Cleburne St., Houston. Received his education at MacGregor Grammar, San Jacinto High Schools, and the University of Houston, Texas; volunteered for service Jan. 28, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field. Served in the United States for 16 months, and overseas 3 months, in Brazil, S.A., and C.B.I. Theater. 2nd Lt. Morris was killed in action Aug. 9, 1944, at Myitkyina, Burma; although carried as missing 4 1/2 months, determined definitely that entire crew was killed instantly. He was substituting when end came. Awarded Air Medal and Purple Heart.

QM 3/c RICHARD S. MORRIS

QM3/c R.S. Morris, was born on June 27, 1923, in El Paso, Texas, son of Mrs. Ida Hunter Morris, 1316 Cleburne St., Houston, husband of Helen K. Morris; volunteered for service on April 29, 1943, at Houston, and was assigned to the Navy Navigation Branch; trained at Corpus Christi, Texas, Bainbridge, Md., and New London, Conn. Served in the United States for 17 months, and overseas 7 months, in Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Carribean, and South Pacific. He was on duty aboard the U.S.S. Le Hardy (D.E.-20), one of the three ships that recaptured Wake Island, and received an honorable discharge March 4, 1946.

*1. —PLAT.SGT.ROBERT DEAN ALSUP, born Oct. 24,1919, son of the Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Alsup, Houston, Texas, attended N.T.A.C., Arlington; volunteered June 25, 1940, assigned to Marines; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Oct. 1940, to Feb. 24, 1945, in Hawaii, 2 yrs. on USS Chicago, which was in 2 major battles in Coral Sea. Participated in battles: Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. Awards: Purple Heart, Pres. Cit., Amer. Def., Service Medal w/Fleet Clsp., A-Pac. He was killed at Iwo Jima.

2. —S1/c HAROLD WAYNE ALSUP, born Jan. 16, 1921, son of Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Alsup, 1804 Leeland St., Houston, Texas, husband of Ruby N. Alsup, 823 S. Van Buren, Dallas, attended Midlothian High School, Texas. Entered the service Oct. 16, 1944, at Dallas; trained at San Diego, Calif., Norman, Okla., and St. Louis, Mo. Served in the United States for 9 months, and overseas July, 1945, to March, 1946, in Hawaiian Islands, Saipan, Tinian and Guam. He was honorably discharged March, 1946.

3. -S/SGT. E PHR A IM RUSSELL (BOB) ATKINSON, born Oct, 26, 1913, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Atkinson, Pecore St., Houston, husband of Catherine Atkinson, San Jacinto St., Houston, attended Main Ave. High, San Antonio; volunteered Oct. 8, 1942, assigned to the Army Air Forces (Liaison); trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Overseas Feb. 5, to Nov. 1, 1945. In China, Burma, India Theater. Awards: American Theater, Asiatic-Pac.w/l Star, Good Conduct, Air Medal w/l O.L.C., D.F. Cross, Victory. Discharged, 1945.

4. —SGT. ESTHER RUTH ATKINSON, born Mar. 3, 1922, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Atkinson, Houston, attended N. Texas State Teachers' College, Denton, Texas; volunteered Aug. 21, 1944, at Houston, assigned to W.A.C.; trained at W. Lee University, Lexington, Va. Served in the US. from Aug. 21, 1944, to June 22, 1946. Assigned to McCloskey Gen. Hospital, Temple, Tex., as reconditional instructor (Educational). Awarded Good Conduct and Victory. She was honorably discharged on June 22, 1946.

5. -T/SGT. HOWARD LLOYD BOLDT, born Sept. 1, 1920, son of Mr. Hugo C. Boldt, Houston, husband of Dorothy E. Boldt, Houston, attended Sam Houston High. Volunteered Oct. 19, 1942, assigned to Army Air Corps, 8th Air Force, 702nd Squad., 445th Bomb Grp.; trained at Ellington Field, Texas. Overseas 10 months, in Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, and air off. of Europe. POW Camps: Stalag 9 C., Obermasfeld, Germany. Awards: Air Medal, P. Heart, Vic., ATO and ETO. Now in Hosp. in Springfield, Mo.

6. -PVT. JAMES H. HARTNETT, born Feb. 5, 1912, son of Mr. Joe Hartnett (deceased), nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Blackshear, was educated at Lulkin, Texas; entered the service Sept. 25, 1942, at Houston, Texas, assigned to the Army Gen. Service P.B.S.; trained at Camp Atterbury, Ind., Camp Claiborne, La.; served in the United States 7 months, and overseas from April 29, 1943, to July 18, 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, and N. Apennines. Awards: Unit Citation, Port Leghorn, Italy. Discharged, 1945.

7. —S1/c IRA W. LOWE, born April 19, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lowe, Rt. 2, Lufkin, Texas, husband of Grace Lowe, attended Lufkin Public Schools, Volunteered Aug. 25, 1942; was assigned to the U.S. Naval Armed Guard; trained at U.S.N.T.C., San Diego, Calif. Served in the US 5 months, and overseas from Jan. 15, 1943, to March 28, 1945, in Philippines, Italy. Awards: American Area, EAME 2 Stars, Asiatic Pacific Area 2 Stars, Phil. Liberation 2 Stars. Discharged 1945.

8. -Sl/c(A.E.M) JAMES IRA BLACKSHEAR, born April 17, 1927. Attended John Marshall Junior High School, Houston, Texas; volunteered April 17, 1944, at Houston; was assigned to the Navy Air Forces; trained at Jacksonville, Fla.; served in the United States from April 17, 1944, to June 19, 1946, He finished A.E.M. school; transferred to Alameda, Calif.; worked in A. & R. shop, later in Operations Flight Branch; transferred to Communications until discharged June 19, 1946.

9. —PTR. 2/c MARVIN A. ZOCH, born Sept. 16, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Zoch, Giddings, Texas, husband of Sophia Zoch, Box 73, Humble, Texas, was educated at Serbin; volunteered Sept. 14, 1942, at Houston, assigned to the Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Port Hueneme, Calif. Overseas from April 10, 1943, to May 15, 1945. Served on Fiji 1s., Vella LaVella, Okinawa, Admiralty Island, Guadalcanal, and N. Ze'aland. Honorably discharged1945.

10.—CPL. CARL VIRGIL BOLINGER, born July 13, 1923, at Louisiana, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bolinger, Channelview, husband of Anna M. Bolinger, Houston, attended Sam Houston High; volunteered Jan. 16, 1942, at Houston, Texas, assigned to the 1st Maríne Air Wing; trained at Camp Miramar, San Diego, Calif. Served in the U.S. 21 mos. and overseas 26 mos. In Samoa Is., Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Okinawa, and China. Cpl. Bolinger received an honorable discharge on February 15, 1946.

11.—A.O.M.2/c LESTER ANDREW SMITH, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith, born Nov., 1924, husband of Lorraine Y. B. Smith. He attended Sam Houston High School, Tex.; volunteered Jan. 11, 1943, at Houston, assigned to the Navy Air Corps; trained at N.T.F., San Diego, Calif., N.A.T.T.C. Norman, Okla.; served in the U.S. 22 mos. overseas and 13 mos. in North Africa, and in the invasion of Southern France. A.O.M.2/c Smith was given an honorable discharge on November 9. 1945.

12.—SGT.EUGENE EDWARD BOLINGER, born Jan. 16, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bollinger, husband of Patsy R. B. Bollinger, 1310 Hamilton St., Houston, Texas, attended Sam Houston High School. He volunteered on March 20, 1943, at Houston; was assigned to the Marines 3rd Div., with training at Camp Pendelton, California; served 7 months in the United States, overseas 2 months, in Asiatic-Pacific, N. Caledonia, Solomons Ryukyus, Bougainville, Okinawa battles. Discharged, 1945.

*13.—IST LT. ARTHUR A. BUBENDORF, born April 4,1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bubendorf, Humble, attended Bender High School, Humble; volunteered April, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Ellington Field. Overseas 5 months in England and air raids over Germany. He was killed in a raid over Berlin, Oct. 6, 1944, (no complete information). He was awarded 2 Oak L. Clusters, Air Medal, Purple Heart, 1st Lt. A.A. Bubendorf was commissioned on Sept.

* 14.—FLIGHT OFFICER EARL ELIAS BROSIUS, born Jan. 14, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brosius, Glendale, Calif., husband of Ruby B. Brosius, Humble, attended Cuyahoga Falls High, Ohio; volunteered Oct. 6, 1942, at Cleveland, Ohio; was assigned to the Army AirCorps; trained at Carlsbad, New Mexico; served in the U.S. 4 mos. and overseas 2 mos., based in England. He flew missions over Germany, where he lost his life while faithfully serving his country. Awards: Air Medal Oak L. Cluster, and P. Heart.

15.—T/5 JOE BENAVIDES, born March 1, 1918, son of Mrs. C. Benavides, Houston, Texas, was educated at Houston, and entered the service April 2, 1942. Assigned to the Army Antiaircraft Art., with training at Camp Wallace, Texas. Overseas from April, 1942, to Oct. 22, 1945, in Canal Zone; he was awarded: American Theatre Campaign Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Served in the United States from April 2, 1942, to July 6, and from May 5, to June 7, 1944. Discharged Oct. 27, 1945.

16.—CPL. PETE BENAVIDES, born Aug. 11, 1920, son of Mrs. C. Benavides, Houston, Texas, attended Dow Public Schools. Entered the service on Aug. 19, 1942, at Houston, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, with training at Kearns Field, Utah. Served in the United States 30 months and overseas 9 months in M.T.O., and was awarded the following medals: American T. Campaign, EAME Campaign, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory. Honorably discharged Feb. 1, 1946.

17.—S1/c JO JANE BROWN, born Dec. 12, 1918, daughter of Mr. W. M. Brown, Houston, Texas, attended Marymount College, Salina, Kansas; volunteered Sept. 30, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy, W.A.V.E.S.; trained at Radio School, Madison, Wisconsin; served in the United States from Oct. 9, 1942, to Oct. 22, 1945, in Washington, D.C., Naval Communications Annex. Awarded: Naval Communications Annex. A

18.—S.F.2/c EDMOND DICKSON BROWN, born Nov. 24, 1920, son of Mr. W. M. Brown, Sr., 7437 Harrisburg Blvd., Houston, Texas, attended Hays High School, Kansas; volunteered Oct. 13, 1942, at Little Rock, Ark., assigned to 73rd Naval Const. Batt'n. Trained at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Served 13 mos. in the U.S., and from May 12, 1943, to July 29, 1945, overseas. In Solomons, Munda Point, New Georgia, Western Carolines, Peleliu. S.F.2/c Brown received and honorable discharge Jan. 8, 1946.

19.—MERCHANT MARINE WILLIAM MICHEAL BROWN, born Feb. 23, 1923, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, Houston, Texas, husband of Beverly M. Brown, Houston. Attended Atoka High, Atoka, Okla. Volunteered Nov. 23, 1942, Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy Merchant Marines, with training at St. Petersburg, Fla. He served in the United States from Nov. 23, 1942, to Jan. 10, 1945, serving on Merchant Ships from US Eastern ports to European ports. In Atlantic Ocean. Discharged 1945.

20.—CPL. JACK BROWN, born June 18,1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, Houston, attended Atoka High School, Okla.; volunteered Feb. 16,1942, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to Army 41st Div. (Inf.); trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas from June 20, 1942, to July 29, 1945, in Aust., New Guinea, Papua, S. Philippines in battle. Awards: Dist. U. Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Combat Inf. Badge, Phil. Liberation Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal 3 Battle Stars, Good Conduct. Honorably discharged, 1945.



M/Sgt. PHILIP L. BURNAMAN, JR.

M/Sgt. Philip Layfette Burnaman, Jr., husband of Syble Naomi Burnaman, Houston, Texas, was born April 5, 1914, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Burnaman, Sr., Nacogdoches, Texas. He volunteered July 30, 1943, for the Army Engineer Corps; trained at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, later serving April, 1944, to January, 1946, in the Pacific Theater. Sgt. Burnaman was construction for eman of 1307th Engineer Construction Battalion, and participated in campaigns of New Guinea and Philippine Islands. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Award with World War II Victory and Defense Medals. Discharge was granted from the Army Engineers January 28, 1946.



AMM 2/c CHARLES A. DOIRON



RDM 2/c JAMES H. DOIRON



TM 3/c ROSAMOND G. DOIRON

Nephews of John Doiron, 716 Willard, Houston, Texas, and sons of Rosamond Doiron. AMM2/c CHARLES ADRIAN DOIRON, birthdate September 17, 1922, volunteered January 12, 1942, for the Navy Air Corps, training at Navy Pier, Chicago. His Naval duty was served in the States until January, 1946, at which time he was transferred overseas where he is currently stationed. Machinist Doiron was educated in the Houston, Texas, Schools.

RDM2/c JAMES HARRISON DOIRON, was born September 17, 1922, and entered the US Navy, November, 1943, training at San Diego. He was assigned to the USS Hornet, serving January, 1944, to March, 1946, in the Pacific Area. He participated in the first and second battles of the Philippine Sea, and engagements on various islands. The Pres. Unit Citation was awarded among other ribbons. Discharged on March 18, 1946.

TM3/c ROSAMOND GERALD DOIRON, born October 30, 1925, volunteered November 12, 1942, for the Navy, Submarine Branch, training at San Diego. His overseas duty was served June, 1943, to March, 1944, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. The World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons were awarded with Campaign Medals. After returning to the States he was granted discharge December, 1946.

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T/Sgt. JOE BRETT

T/Sgt. Joe Brett, husband of Mamie Brett, 2921 Clementine Street, Houston, Texas, was born August 2, 1913, son of Mrs. Josephine Brett, also of Houston. He volunteered June 15, 1942, for the Army Infantry; trained at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and began overseas duty May, 1944, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations where he participated in the Battle of Anguar Atoll. The Purple Heart Medal was awarded for wounds received in combat on October 4, 1944, also Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Bronze Service Star, American Theater Medal with World War II Victory and Defense Awards. After returning to the States in June, 1945, Sgt. Brett was discharged November 16, 1945.





Cpl. SATURNINO P. DELGADO

CPL PEDRO D. IBARRA

Cpl. Saturnino Peres Delgado, husband of Susie Delgado, Houston, Texas, was born November 29, 1918, in Houston, son of Julio and Esiquia Delgado. He entered service November 20, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, and was assigned to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, for training. Cpl. Delgado served his overseas duty July, 1943, to June, 1945, in the European Theater of Operations based in Norfolk County, England. His unit was awarded the Presidential Citation for outstanding work in the line of duty. The World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbonwere also received. Was discharged October 16, 1945.

Cpl. Pedro de Ibarra, husband of Socorro Ibarra, Houston, Texas, was born October 19, 1919, in Texas, son of Faustino and Refugia de Ibarra, also of Houston. He entered service June 10, 1942, with the Army 167th Engineer Bn.; trained at Camp Polk, Louisiana, later serving October, 1943, to September, 1945, in the European Theater. Cpl. Ibarra participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe. His awards include the World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Award with American Theater, European Theater Ribbons. After returning to the Stateshe was granted discharge October 12, 1945.





Cpl. Fountain Boland Bonneau, son of

1st Lt. JESSE C. BONNEAU

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bonneau of Houston, was born on Oct. 29, 1907. On the 11th of Nov., 1942, he volunteered for the Marine Corps, receiving his training at San Diego. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Air Wing, and served with VMF-213-Hell Hawk Squadron. He was sent to the Pacific Area twice. The first time from Jan. 19, 1943, to Dec. 9, 1943, and the second time from Nov. 19, 1944, to Nov. 4, 1945, seeing duty at Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Munda, Treasury Is., Bougainville, and Pearl Harbor. He was aboard the U.S.S. Essex, an Aircraft Carrier. He is an expert in Judo, knife fighting, bayonet, swimming and rifle and pistol. He holds 4 Battle Stars, and was discharged on November 23, 1945.

1st Lt. Jesse Carroll Bonneau, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bonneau of Houston, and husband of Mary Jane, wasborn Dec. 5, 1920. Attended Texas A&M, and volunteered for the Air Corps on April 22, 1942. Training followed at Santa Ana, Oxnard, and Taft, Calif., and Williams Field, Ariz. After being commissioned, he served in Colo. and Calif. before going to Europe in July, 1944. He was with the 416th Night Fighter Sqdn. flying Mosquitoes; P-51's, and Beaufighters in the campaigns of Rome-Arno, Southern France, North Apennines, and Po Valley. He returned to the U.S. in Sept., 1945, and is now stationed at Olmsted Field, Pa. His great - grandfather was Marton Ellison who fought at the battle of San Jacinto.

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FO EUGENE F. BARNHILL, JR.

F.O. Eugene Flemen Barnhill, Jr., was born on Feb. 27, 1922, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Barnhill, Sr., of Houston. He is the husband of Doris Ann Barnhill. From the University of Houston he entered the Army. Training followed at Camp Robinson, Ellington Field, San Angelo Air Base, Biggs Field, and Alamogordo Army Air Base. Upon graduation from Cadets in Oct., 1943, he was appointed Flight Officer Bombardier. On April 14, 1944, he was sent to England to serve with the 492nd Bomb. Group of the 8th Air Force, and participated in the air war over Europe and the D-day invasion of France. While on his 17th mission over Europe, he was shot down over Madgeburg, Germany, on July 7, 1944, and was taken prisoner the same day. Until April 29, 1945, he was confined at Wetzlar, Stalag Luft 3, and Stalag 7-A as a prisoner of war. He holds the Air Medal with 2 Clusters, and has 2 Battle Stars. On Oct. 18, 1945, he was given his release from active service.



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Pfc HARRY D. ANDERSON

Pfc Harry David Anderson, husband of Marjorie Teichman Anderson, 1910 Hardy Street, Houston, Texas, was born July 23, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Anderson, also of Houston, Pfc Anderson left defense work to enter the U.S. Armed Forces April 25, 1944, with the Army 20th Armored Division; trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and was assigned to Camp Campbell, Kentucky, for advanced training. He began overseas duty February, 1945, in the European Theater where he served in Central Europe until returning to the States, August, 1945. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Ribbon with American Theater and Defense Medals. Discharge was granted Pfc Anderson on December 19, 1945.





Coxswain NEIL L. CARPENTER

Coxswain Neil Leroy Carpenter, son of Mrs. Chas. D. Craighead, 3029 Wroxton Road, Houston, Texas, was born February 3, 1925. He volunteered March 22,1942, for the Navy, Fleet Branch; trained at Norfolk, Va., and served September, 1942, to July, 1943, and November, 1943, to July, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, vicinity of New Caledonia; also in Atlantic, Submarine Patrol, Africa, England, Scotland, Ireland and invasion of Sicily and France. Coxswain Carpenter was wounded and reported missing, and commended June 20, 1944, for rescuing personnel of sinking barge during heavy storm. Various ribbons were awarded. Discharged February 4, 1946.

ART 1/c CHARLES D. CRAIGHEAD

ART1/c Charles Dickinson Craighead, birthdate May 6, 1901, is the husband of Mrs. C.D. Craighead, Houston, Texas. He attended Texas University, and was connected with the Railway Mail Service prior to his voluntary entry into the Navy, Radio-Aircraft, July, 1943. After training at Corpus Christi, Texas, Radio School, he served June, 1943, to March, 1946, in the Pacific Theater on New Guinea, Australia, and various Pacific Islands. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. World War II Victory, American Theater with American Defense Ribbons. After returning to the States he was granted discharged July 6, 1946.

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S/Sgt. GILBERT G. GARZA T/5 LOUIS J. GARZA Cpl. THEODORE GARZA

Sons of Mrs. Dolores Garza, Houston, Texas.

S/Sgt. GILBERT G. GARZA, birthdate March 16, 1922, in Texas, attended Bellaire, Texas, Schools, and entered the Army 104th Infantry Div. November 23, 1942, training at Camp Adair, Oregon. Sgt. Garza served with the Timberwolf Division overseas in France, Belgium and in Holland, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice November 7, 1944, after having gallantly defended his country.

T/5 LOUIS JESSE GARZA, born October 11, 1923, entered service April 26, 1943, with the Army Anti-Aircraft Artillery. His overseas duty was served October, 1943, to December, 1945, in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, Dis. Unit Badge, Good Conduct Award and various other ribbons. Discharged December 25, 1945.

Cpl. THEODORE GARZA, born December 25, 1920, entered the Army 104th Infantry Div. November 23, 1942; trained at Camp Adair, Oregon, and Field Artillery Communications School, Ft. Sill, Okla. Cpl. Garza served January, 1945, to March, 1946, in the battles of Central Europe and the Rhineland, receiving the EAME Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal and other ribbons. Discharged March 23, 1946.







Cpl. PAUL GARZA T 4 TRINEDAD L. CANALES Pfc TRINE L. RIOS

Cpl. PAUL GARZA, birthdate June 29, 1927, in Texas is the son of Mrs. Dolores G. Garza; entered service September 6, 1945, with the Army Air Force, training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Cpl. Garza served overseas on Luzon in the Philippine Group April, 1946, to July, 1946. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded with other ribbons. Discharged November, 1946.

T/4 TRINEDAD LARA CANALES, was born October 13, 1918, in Texas, husband of Magdalena Canales, Houston, Texas, and son of Fidencio Canales. He entered the Army 36th Evacuation Hospital November 24, 1942, later serving March, 1944, to November, 1945, in the battles of Hollandia, Leyte, Luzon and Honshu, Japan. His awards include Theater Ribbon, two Bronze Stars on Philippine Liberation Medal, three Bronze Stars and Arrowhead and other awards. Discharged November 28, 1945.

Pfc TRINE LOZANO RIOS, birthdate July 16, 1916, in Texas is the husband of Margaret G. Rios, Houston, and son of Mauro Rios. He entered the Army Air Force August 6, 1942; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Great Falls, Montana. Pfc Rios served from September, 1945, to January, 1946, with the 1521st Army Air Force in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. His awards include the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with Victory Award. Discharged February 6, 1946.

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T/Sgt. BABE D. BADGLEY

T/Sgt. Babe Debs Badgley, husband of Evelyn Badgley, 406 Wisconsin Street, Baytown, Texas, was born August 27, 1912, in Batson, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert I. Badgley, Pelly, Texas. He attended Texas A & M, College Station, and volunteered September 8, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training at Ellington Field, Texas. Sgt. Badgley later served from August, 1944, to November, 1945, in the China-Burma Theater where he acted in the capacity of Liaison Pilot in the defense and offense of China, and was wounded in a crash of L-l Liaison Plane in Indo-China. The Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded plus Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal and three Battle Stars. Sgt. Badgley returned home, and was discharged January 16, 1946.



S 1/c JOHN LAWSON ALLEN



1st Lt. ROBERT ANDERSON ALLEN, JR.

Sl/c John Lawson Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Allen, Sr., Pasadena, Texas, was born August 15, 1924, in Houston, Texas; attended University of Houston, and is the husband of Jo Nell Allen, also of Pasadena. He volunteered December, 1942, for the U.S. Coast Guard; trained at Manhattan Beach, N.Y., and later served May, 1943, to December, 1945, in the African-

European Theater where he participated in the invasion of Sicily, Anzio Beach in Italy and invasion of France on D-Day. His awards include the EAME Campaign Ribbon with four Battle Stars, and various other medals. Seaman Allen was discharged February, 1946.

1st Lt. Robert Anderson Allen, Jr., birthdate July 29, 1918, in Houston, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. A. Allen, Sr., Pasadena, Texas, and husband of Genevieve Allen, volunteered for the Army Air Corps August, 1942, and was assigned to Ellington and Midland, Texas, Fields for training. Lt. Allen began overseas duty May, 1944, stationed in England as Bombardier and Navigator on a B-24 bomber; participated in sixteen missions over Europe, four of these on D-Day. The Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded plus Pres. Unit Citation, four Battle Stars and other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was discharged October, 1945.

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*Pvt. JOHN C. ANDERSON

Pvt. John Clebern Anderson husband of Frankie Anderson, 1118 Pickney, Houston, Texas, was born August 30, 1910, in Garrison, Texas, son of John and Annie Anderson, Jacksonville, Texas. He entered service March 19, 1942, at Henderson, Texas; was assigned to the Army Infantry, 90th Division, training at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas, and Ft. Dix, New Jersey. Pvt. Anderson began overseas duty March, 1944, in the European Theater of Operations where he participated in the combat of France; was wounded June 12, 1944, and later paid the Supreme Sacrifice while in the duty of his country in September, 1944. Two Purple Hearts were awarded in recognition of his life given in the recent war emergency. His survivors include hosts of friends.





1st Lt. SAMUEL W. HAMMERSMITH

Lt. Comdr. HARRIS HAMMERSMITH, JR.

1st Lt. Samuel Wiley Hammersmith, birthdate October 15, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hammersmith of Houston, Texas, attended the University of Texas, and volunteered August 26, 1942, at Dallas for the Naval Aviation Cadets, later transferring to the Army Cadets. He graduated from Brooks Field, San Antonio, September 8, 1944, and began overseas duty May, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. The Unit Meritorious Service Award was received for building, maintaining and flight testing all Navigational Radio Aids before and during the Occupation of Japan. After returning to the States, he trans. to inactive duty Oct. 5, 1945.

Lt. Comdr. Harris Hammersmith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hammersmith, Sr., Houston, Texas, was born May 7, 1921. He attended University of Houston, and volunteered June 23,1941, for the Naval Aviator (line) training at Grand Prairie and Pensacola, Fla. Comdr. Hammersmith began overseas duty Feb., 1942, assigned to the USS Quincy; participated in the Battle of of Guadalcanal, Invasion and Battle of Savo, six months of convoy duty in Cuba, and aboard USS Arkansas in the invasions of Normandy and So. France. The Air Medal was awarded for meritorious achievement on eighteen missions. He is currently stationed at Naval Air Sta., Jacksonville, Fla.





2nd Lt. Gerald Clayton Thaxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thaxton of Baytown, and the nephew of Mrs. Lydia Bozarth, was born on May 1, 1921. He attended Lee Junior College, and was employed by the Humble Oil Co. before volunteering for the Air Corps on July 23, 1942. He was trained at Ellington Field and at San Marcos, before going to Europe tofly with the 15th Air Force in March, 1944. He was stationed in Italy, and flew on raids over the oil fields and R.R. yards of Roumania. It was on the 18th of May, 1944, that he lost his life on a raid over the Ploesti Oil Fields in Roumania. The Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, American Defense, and ETO Ribbons

were awarded him.

1st/Sgt. Ralph Aubrey Bozarth, son of Mrs. Lydia A. Bozarth, and the husband of Myrteel Bozarth, was born on August 15, 1907. He attended high school in Goose Creek, and volunteered for the Army on August 21, 1940. He was trained at the Normoyle Quartermaster Depot at San Antonio before being sent to serve in Iran in the Persian Gulf Command on Jan. 5, 1943. His promotions were to Corporal, first, and then to First Sergeant. On March 5, 1945, he returned to the United States, and was given a cerificate of disability discharge on the 16th of May of the same year. He is authorized to wear the American Defense, EAME, and Good Conduct Medals.

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*Lt. MAURICE K. HILL

Lt. Maurice Kenneth Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hill, Houston, Texas, was born May 5, 1916, in Texas. He received his B.S. Degree from Rice Institute, Houston University, Texas, and volunteered January 2, 1941, for the U.S. Navy; trained at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Lt. Hill was assigned to the Pacific Fleet, August 15, 1941, stationed at Cavite, Philippine Islands, where he was serving at time of the Japanese attack. Flying PBY's, he participated in the evacuation of key personnel from the doomed Philippines; also engaged in strikes on Jap bases and shipping, and served advanced duty with the Seaplane Tender USS Heron. Lt. Hill returned to the States, and again was assigned to the Pacific, August, 1944, flying Liberators, also participating in the liberation of the Philippines. While carrying out a mission November 11, 1944, he was shot down beyond Cebu Island, P.I. A Letter of Commendation was awarded plus the Air Medal, Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation, all in recognition of his faithful and gallant service for his country.



T/Sgt. ALFRED J. HERNANDEZ, SR.

T/Sgt. Alfred Joe Hernandez, Sr., husband of Minnie C. Hernandez, Houston, Texas, was born August 23, 1917, in Mexico, son of Joe Hernandez, also of Houston. He entered service August 13, 1943, with the Army; trained at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland; later served from May, 1944, to January, 1946, in the North African and European Theater Operations, participating in the Battle of the Rhineland. Sgt. Hernandez served with the 2615th Technical Supervision Regiment as a French, Italian and Spanish Interpreter. The EAME Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star was awarded with Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Ribbon American Defense Ribbon and American Theater Medal. Discharge from Army service was granted February 10, 1946.



Hospital Apprentice 1/c GEORGE L. HALBERT

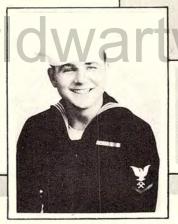
Chaplain Maj. Basil Thompson Halbert, husband of Edna Elizabeth Smith Halbert, Crosby, Texas, was born August 27, 1899; attended Baylor U. in Waco, and Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth. He volunteered Nov. 24, 1942, for the Army VII Corps, 1st Army; trained at Chaplain School, Harvard U., and served overseas in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Battle of Bulge and Central Europe campaigns, and was hospitalized due to burns, later returning to combat duties. Crossing the Atlantic, one ship to the convoy was sunk, and Maj. Halbert kept order by leading the men in singing. Campaign Ribbons were awarded with five Bronze Stars. Trans. to Reserves Dec., 1945.

Hospital Apprentice 1/c George Levi Halbert, son of Rev. and Mrs. Basil T. Halbert, Crosby, Texas, was born March 27, 1927, in Texas; attended Baylor University of Waco. He volunteered March 26, 1945, for the Navy Hospital Corps; trained at San Diego, California, later serving February to July, 1946, at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Oahu near Honolulu, T.H. His duty in the States was served at the New Orleans, Louisiana, Hospital. Discharge from Navy Medical Service was granted August 1, 1946. His father, Rev. Basil Thompson Halbert, is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Crosby, Texas, and also was in the U.S. service.



T/Sgt. JOE GUTIERREZ

T/Sgt.Joe Gutierrez, son of Macedonia Guiterrez, Houston, Texas, was born October 10, 1922, in San Antonio; graduated from Rush Public School in Houston, and volunteered for the CCC organization. August 20, 1940, Sgt. Guiterrez entered the Army 5th Cavalry Division, later participating in combat at New Guinea, Southern Philippices, Luzon, and Bismarck Archipelago, as squad leader, supervising various tasks and field duties of enlisted men. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars was awarded with Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and other awards. Sgt. Gutierrez was discharged at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, September 30, 1945. His one ambition is to make a home for his mother, brothers and sister.





T/Sgt. WILLIAM J. GOOLSBY

SF 3/c ROBERT L. GOOLSBY

SF3/c Robert Leeroy Goolsby, husband of Hazel Goolsby of Houston, Texas, was born July 30, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Goolsby. He volunteered July 30, 1941, for the US Navy, training at San Diego, and later serving September, 1941, to December, 1942, in the Southwest Pacific Areas, in the invasions of the Solomons, Midway Island and Battle of Santa Cruz. He was wounded October 15, 1942, while aboard the USS McFarland off the coast of Guadalcanal. The Purple Heart was awarded with Presidential Unit Citation, Campaign Ribbon with five Battle Stars. Discharge was granted December 17, 1943, from Bethesda, Maryland.

T/Sgt. William Joseph Goolsby, was born June 22, 1918, in Texas, husband of Frances A. Goolsby, 8301 Barkley Drive, Houston, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goolsby, of the same city. He volunteered November 17, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and later served November, 1942, to July, 1945, in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater. Sgt. Goolsby participated in the battles of North Apennines, Po Valley, Tunisia, Sicily, Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, and Southern France. His awards include the EAME Ribbon with seven Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster. Discharged September 19, 1945.





S 1/c JOE GONZALES

S1/c Joe Gonzales, son of Martina and Antonio Gonzales, Houston, Texas, was born November 25, 1926, in Houston, and attended John Marshall High School in the same city. In civilian life he is an artist. He volunteered for service June 2, 1944, for the Navy Amphibious Corps, assigned to San Diego for training, later serving September, 1944, to February, 1946, in the Pacific Theater of Operations in the Hawaiian and Mariana Islands. Seaman Gonzales received the World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Ribbon with American Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations Ribbons. After returning to the States he was granted discharge from Naval service February 19, 1946.



*Pfc CLARENCE T. GARMANY



RM 3/c GATLING C. GARMANY



Pvt. MILTON A. GARMANY

Sons of Katie Garmany, Houston, Texas.

Pfc CLARENCE THOMAS GARMANY, birthdate September 27, 1922, entered service March 5, 1943, at Corsicana, Texas, with the Army Infantry. He trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, Ft. Lewis, Washington, and began overseas duty September, 1944, in Europe where he participated in the combat of France and Germany. Pfc Garmany paid the Supreme Sacrifice November 17, 1944, while in action in Germany, and was laid to rest in Eastern France. The Purple Heartwas awarded with memoriams from the president and governor.

RM3/c GATLING CLAY GARMANY, born Dec. 11, 1926, volunteered Dec. 9, 1944, for the Navy Reserve, training at Radio School, Los Angeles. He served Sept., 1944, to July, 1946, in the Pacific Theater. The World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons were awarded. Discharged July 17, 1946.

Pvt. MILTON ARTHUR GARMANY, Jr., born May 2, 1920, husband of Willie Estelle Garmany, Athens, Texas, entered service November 24, 1943, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Army 716th R.O. Battalion. Pvt. Garmany trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, serving his total duty in the States. Discharge from the Army was granted September 12, 1944. His father is Milton Garmany, Cullendale, Arkansas.



1st Lt. CHARLES E. FORD

lst Lt. Charles Edward Ford, son of Mrs. Frank W. Ford, Houston, Texas, was born February 23, 1920, in Corrigan, Texas. He attended the Trinity, Texas, High School, and is the husband of Annie Ford of Houston. Lt. Ford volunteered August 21, 1940, for the Army 2nd Infantry Division; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant from Staff Sergeant, August, 1943. His overseas duty was served September, 1944, to November, 1945, in the European Theater where he served with the 411th and 103rd Infantry Divisions in the Battles of Vosges Mts., Southern Germany, and east and west of the Rhine River. The Bronze Star was awarded with Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious service performed. After returning to the States, Lt. Ford was discharged January 31, 1946.



Pfc ALFONSO J. GALVAN



Pfc JOSE GALVAN

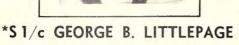
Pfc Alfonso J. Galvan, born January 23,1922, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Galvan of Houston, Texas. He attended the Gonzales, Texas, Schools, and entered service October 14, 1942, with the Army, training at Camp Keenan, Utah, later serving February, 1943, to January, 1946, in the European Theater of Operations. Pfc Galvan was assigned to the Military Police Division his entire service with the Armed Forces, and while overseas was stationed in Warrington, England. The World War II Victory Ribbon was awarded with American Defense and Theater Medals. After returning to the States he was granted discharge January 23, 1946.

Pfc Jose Galvan, son of Luis and Victoria Galvan of Houston, Texas, was born January 13, 1920, in Texas; attended the Gonzales, Texas, Schools, and entered service February 27, 1942, with the Army 40th Infantry Division. He trained at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and began overseas duty August, 1942, in the Pacific Theater where he participated in combat on Luzon, New Britain and Guadalcanal, also serving on the Hawaiian Islands. Pfc Galvan was wounded on Luzon and hospitalized three months, receiving the Purple Heart, plus the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with five Battle Stars. Discharge was granted October 5, 1945.

Pfc MARCELINO S. MORENO

Pfc Marcelino Moreno was born on the 1st day of January, 1910, in Uvalde, Texas, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Moreno, 2414 Canal Street (Rear), Houston, Texas. He received his education at Uvalde Grammar and High Schools, and entered the service on the 23rd day of November 3, 1942, at Uvalde, being assigned to the United States Army. From here on we have been unable to locate anyone from whom we might have gleaned further information, and contacts we have made, could not advise us. We have done all possible in our power. Prior to his enlistment, Pfc M. Moreno was employed as a machine specialist.





S1/c George Bruce Littlepage, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Littlepage, Dallas, Texas, was born December 27,1922, in Dallas, and entered service November 23, 1940, with the Navy, Trade School, training at Jacksonville, Florida, as Metalsmith in Aviation. Seaman Littlepage was assigned to USS Yorktown in June, 1941, and ordered to the South Pacific. August 20, 1942, while working with the bomber squad he lost his life while in the line of duty. The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded plus a Presidential Citation for service, with Bronze Star from his Commanding Officer. A brother, Emery Virgil Littlepage, Jr., also survives.



MM 2/c EMERY V. LITTLEPAGE, JR.

MM2/c Emery Virgil Littlepage, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Littlepage, Dallas, Texas, formerly of Houston, was born March 20, 1921, in Dallas, and entered service February, 1942, with the Navy, Repair Unit, training at San Diego. He began overseas duty September, 1942, in the Pacific Theater where he served in ship repair of Destroyers in New Caledonia during his total South Pacific service. The World War II Victory Medal was awarded with American Defense and Theater Ribbons, and after he returned to the States, discharge from Naval duty was granted December, 1945. Machinist Littlepage is the brother of the late George Bruce Littlepage.

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*1st Lt. ELMER L. BROD

1st Lt. Elmer Lee Brod, the husband of Lucy Brod of 6916 Avenue F., Houston, was born on January 19, 1913, at Lott, Texas. He was the father of 2 children. On the 4th of March, 1936, he volunteered for service with the U.S. Army. Training followed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, and he was assigned to the 23rd Infantry Regiment, Co. "C". In 1938 he was sent to Schoffield Barracks on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, as a Corporal in Co. "F", of the 35th Infantry Regiment. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1939, and returned to the United States three years later. Before leaving for Italy in April, 1944, he had reached the rank of 1st Lieutenant. In Europe he was with Co. "G", 15th Regt. of the 3rd Infantry Division in the 7th Army. He lost his life while fighting somewhere in France on the 19th of August, 1944. The Purple Heart and a Unit Citation were awarded him.

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1. —PFC MELVIN MEYER MARKS, born Sept. 5, 1924, son of Mrs. Anna M. Brown, 1908 Travis St., Houston, Texas. Attended Newman High, New Orleans, La. Volunteered July 29, 1943, assigned to 3rd Marine Div.; trained at San Diego, Calif.; served in the U.S. for 5 mos, and overseas from Dec. 4, 1943, to April 11, 1945. In New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Hebrides, Russell Islands, Marshalls, and Guam. Battles of Guam. Was wounded in action; awarded Purple Heart. Discharged April 11, 1945.

*2. -PFC MARVIN LLOYD MARKS, born Sept. 5, 1924, son of Mrs. A. M. Brown, Houston, Texas, attended Newman High School; volunteered July 29, 1943, assigned to 3rd Marine Div.; trained at San Diego, Calif.; served in the U.S. 5 mos.; overseas from Dec. 4, 1943, to July 29, 1944. In New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Hebrides, Russell Island, Marshalls, and Guam. In battle of Guam. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice, having been killed in action on July 31, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart.

3. —M/SGT.ALFRED OTTO BRUNS, born July 26,1916, son of Mr. John F. Bruns, 534 Threlkeld St., Houston, husband of Effie M. Bruns, attended Reagan High, Houston; entered the service on June 5,1942, assigned to Army Air Forces; trained at Sheppard Field. Overseas from June 3, 1943, to Sept. 25, 1945. In Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, C. Europe, Air Offensive of Europe. Awards: Bronze Star, EAME Ribbon, and Pres. Citation with 1 Oak Leaf. Discharged October 5, 1946.

4. — C.T.M. CHARLES BURTON BYARS, JR., born Sept. 17, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Byars, attended J. Davis High, Houston, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 4, 1940, assigned to Navy; trained at U.S.N.T.S., San Diego, Calif. Overseas Dec. 14, 1941, to Oct., 1945, in Tokyo, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, New Georgia, Solomons, Aleutians, attack and occupation on Kwajalein. C.M.C. Charles Byars was on the C. P. Cecil one of the U.S. Ships that made the 2 Atom Bomb tests; had 6 years Navy service. Discharged, 1946.

5. —S/SGT. ROY E. CARLISLE, born March 22, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle, husband of Martha N. Carlisle, 7703 Linda, Houston, attended J. Davis High. Assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field; overseas from Jan. 17, 1944, to Nov. 1, 1945. In European Theater, Burtonwood, Eng. B.A.D.#1, and Germany. Awarded: American Theatre, EAME, Good Conduct, Victory (W. War II) Medals, and Marksman Rifle. S/Sgt. R. Carlisle was honorably discharged Nov. 15, 1945.

*6. -PVT. CARMELO ANTHONY CEMINO, born Feb. 7,1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Cemino, 3407 Pease St., Houston, attended S.F. Austin High School; entered the service June 12, 1944, assigned to Army Inf. Trained at Camp Hood and Camp Chaffee, Ark.; over seas Feb. 23, 1945, to March 9, 1945; served in are a around Germany, between the Rhoer, and Rhine Rivers. He was killed by enemy shell while standing guard at Military Installation Bldg., Hamburg, Germany, March 9, 1945.

7. -T/SGT. GORDON COCHRAN CUPP, born Sept. 11,1920, son of Mrs. Allie M. Cupp, 3904 1/2 Austin St., Houston. Attended University of Houston; volunteered Nov. 4, 1942, assigned to Army Air Forces; trained at Rapid City Army Air Base, S. Dakota. Overseas 10 mos., in ETO and battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded American Theatre, ETO 3 Bronze Stars, Air Medal 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. T/Sgt. Cupp was honorably discharged on Oct. 26, 1945.

*8. — CPL. RUDOLPH MARQUEZ AGUIRRE, born Dec.3, 1922, grandson of M. T. Aguirre; 330 Main St., Las Cruces, husband of Ruth A. Aguirre; Austin St., Houston, attended Las Cruces High School, New Mexico; volunteered on Nov. 29, 1942, at El Paso, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, with training at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La. Served overseas; and 5 miles from Llanberis, N. Wales the plane, (B-26 Marauder Bomber) crashed into mountains on way overseas killing crew.

9. —SGT. JULIUS MILTON CHRISTOFFEL, born Aug. 1, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Christoffel, 1211 Campbell St., Houston. Attended J. Davis High, and voluntered Feb. 26, 1943; was assigned to the Army 8th Air Force, and trained at Fort Washington, Md. Served in the U.S. for 10 mos. and overseas from Nov., 1943, to Feb., 1946. Served in the European African and Middle Eastern Theatre of Operations. Awarded: ETO Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal.

10.—S1/c FRED COCHRAN, JR., born Feb. 8, 1927, son of Mr. F. Cochran, Sr., 1141 Dorothy St., Houston. Husband of Sylvia Cochran, he attended J. H. Reagan Sr. High; volunteered Feb. 8, 1944, assigned to Navy as Seaman; trained at Naval Training Sta., San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Oct. 19, 1944, to Nov. 9, 1945, and Feb. 19, 1946, to March 22, 1947. Landed reinforcements in the Philippines, and Occupational Forces in Japan. In Okinawa and Alaska. Rec'd. Unit Comm. Still with U.S. Navy.

11.—BKR.1/c LOUIS IRWIN DAVIS, born Feb. 28,1924, son of Mrs. V. T. Davis,8316 Detroit St., Houston, attended Milby High School, Houston; volunteered Oct. 22, 1942; trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Overseas from Jan., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in New Georgia and New Guinea operations, Treasury, Bougainville, Bismarck Archipelago, Asiatic-Pacific, Marianas operations, Phil. Is. operations (Leyte and Luzon), Okinawa. Pres. Unit Citation Ribbon. Honorably discharged Jan., 1946.

12.—SC 1/c ALBERT GALETIN DAVIS, born Feb. 28, 1924, son of Mrs. V. T. Davis, Houston, Texas. Attended Milby High School, Houston; volunteered Oct. 22, 1942; trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Center; overseas from Jan., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in New Georgia and New Guinea Operations, Treasury, Bougainville, Bismarck Archipelago, Asiatic-Pacific Raids, Marianas operations, Phil. Is.Operations (Leyte and Luzon), Okinawa Gunto Campaign. Pres. Unit Citation. Honorably discharged Oct., 1945.

13.—SGT. DONALD ALEXANDER FREEMAN, born Oct. 2 2, 1918, son of Mrs. H. R. Davis, Houston, Texas, husband of Hazel Freeman, attended Dow High School; volunteered March 14, 1941, assigned to 756 Tank Batt'n, 3rd Div. (Army). Trained at Fort Knox, Ky. Overseas from Nov. 8, 1942, to Oct. 6, 1945. In Algeria, Fr. Morocco, Africa, Salerno in Italy, inv. of S. France, Rome-Arno. Awards: American Def., Purple Heart, w/O.L. Cluster, Silver Star, EAME Croix de Guerre. Discharged, 1945.

14.—SGT. ERNEST McCLELLAN DUMOIT, born Dec. 2, 1913, son of Mrs. L. M. Dumoit, Houston, husband of Dolly Dumoit, attended Sam Houston High; volunteered Oct. 11, 1942, assigned to Army 313th Engr's. Batt'n, 88th Inf, Div.; trained at Camp Gruber, Okla. Overseas Dec. 10, 1943, to Aug. 14, 1945. In Africa, Italy; he participated in Rome-Arno, Po Valley and N. Apennines campaigns. He rec'd 3 Battle Stars, Purple Heart, American T., European T., Pre-Pearl Hbr. R. and 2 Ser. Stripes. Discharged, 1945.

15.—SGT. EUGENE BIXLEY DUMOIT, born Aug. 30, 1915, son of Mrs. L. M. Dumoit, husband of Laura F. Dumoit, attended Stonewall Jackson High. Volunteered Sept. 28, 1942, assigned to 504 Bomb. Group, 680 Bomb. Sgd., (Army); trained at Ellington Field, Texas. Overseas from Sept. 23, 1945, to Jan. 18, 1946. In Asiatic-Pacific Theatre. Awarded: American Theatre Campaign Med al, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and I Service Stripe. He was honorably discharged Feb. 9, 1946.

16.—SGT. LOUIS WILLARD DUMOIT, born Jan. 18,1919, son of Mrs. L.M. Dumoit, Houston, husband of Lydia Dumoit, 4008 Texas Ave., Houston, Texas, attended S. Jackson High School; entered the service March 24, 1944, assigned to 7th Army, 63rd Div.; trained at Camp V an Dorn, Miss. Overseas 13 mos. In France, Germany, Belgium, and battle of the Rhineland. Awarded: 2 Bronze Battle Stars, Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, and ETO Theatre Ribbon. Honorably discharged April 1, 1946.

17.—1ST LT. FRANK GREEN DOZIER, born july 28, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Dozier, Houston, Texas, husband of Louise Dozier, 418 Eastern Ave., Baltimore, Md., attended San Jacinto High School. Assigned to Army Air Corps, with training at Keesler Field, and MacDill Field, Fla.; overseas from June 15, 1944, to Jan. 9, 1945. On 35 combat missions, in 8th Air Force. Awarded: Air Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, and 3 ETO Battle Stars. 1st Lt. Dozier was commissioned Jan. 15, 1944. Discharged, 1945.

18.—BOATSWAIN MATE 2/c CARL OWEN DYER, born Jan. 14, 1922, son of Mr. E. C. Dyer, Houston, Texas, husband of Rubye Dyer, 1805 Line St., Houston. Attended J. Davis School; volunteered Dec. 14, 1942, assigned to Navy Seabees, with training at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va. Overseas from April, 1943, to Nov., 1945. In Aleutian Islands, (Attu) Arctic Circle, South Pacific, (Philippines) Leyte. Awards: Admiral Commendation, Asiatic-Pac., American T., Phil. Lib. Discharged, 1945.

19.—C.M.2/c EDWIN R. ELWOOD, born March 11, 1923, son of Mr. H. Landis, Houston, Texas, husband of Dorothy Elwood, Goldonrod St., Houston, was educated at J. H. Reagan High School. Volunteered for service Feb. 4, 1944, Houston, Texas; was assigned to Navy (ship repair branch); trained at Farragut, Idaho. Served in the U.S. from Feb., 1944, to Sept., 1945. Overseas from Sept., 1945, to March, 1946, in Pacific Area on USS Arcadia Destroyer Tender. Honorably discharged 1945.

20.—AMM 2/c A.B. ROY VAN FASLUN, born June 6, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Faslun, 4936 Rusk Ave., Houston, Texas, attended S. F. Austin Sr. High School. Volunteered July 2, 1942, assigned to Navy Aviation; trained at Kaneohe Naval Air Sta., Oahu, T.H. Overseas, Oct. 9, 1942, to March 28, 1944. In Hawaii, New Georgia, Treasury, Bougainville, Gilbert, Bis marck, Guadalcanal.Awards: Pres. U. Cit. 1 Star. Asiatic-Pac. 5 Stars, Air Com. Wings 3 Stars, G. Conduct. Discharged, 1945.



The Liberation of France: First Phase: From the Normandy Beaches to the German Siegfried Line

WHEN the Battle of Flanders was lost, the Nazis were free to swing their forces southward to destroy the French. Only 37 divisions remained on the Weygand Line to defend France, and the Germans needed but 40 to crush them. "The French front consisted," as Weygand later said, "of a line of troops without depth or organization."

Von Bock's armies started the attack on June 5, 1940, in a secondary sweep designed to close the French coast to British aid. An armored division crossed the Somme and quickly struck westward to encircle the French Tenth Army on June 9, 1940. Above Paris the Seventh was forced to retreat southeast to the Oise, which in turn required the Sixth on its right to fall back. The main German attack on June 9, 1940. across the Oise east of Paris was made by infantry which established a bridgehead for tanks to fan out and push the defenders back to the Marne. The rapid development of these attacks disorganized the French armies. With their communications gone they lost all power to resist. The defenses of Paris were abandoned; it was declared an open city to escape bombardment, and was finally occupied by the Nazis on June 12-14, 1940.

The Germans did not halt their swift and thorough pursuit. While von Leeb's armies made holding attacks in front of the Maginot Line, the main German forces attacked it from the rear, pushing forward to Belfort on June 17, 1940. This envelopment, together with a frontal penetration from Colmar, divided the French forces in the east and trapped them in two pockets behind the Maginot Line. Retreating columns in western France were overwhelmed by Nazi armored forces which fanned out to Cherbourg and Brest. French divisions in the center were pursued south of the Loire as their ranks melted away on June 25, 1940.

"Generals are commanding battalions," Premier Reynaud wrote President Roosevelt when Paris fell; many of these battalions fought doggedly to the last. There was no organized rearguard action; for the moment France was stunned by the disaster. Soon, however, bands of patriots began to wage guerrilla war and the Underground movement was born. In the African colonies were many Frenchmen who never admitted defeat and carried on the fight. Such was France from spring 1940 to spring 1945—4 long years of ruthless domination by the Nazi armies.

Battle for Normandy

The great invasion of western Europe, planned to liberate France, Belgium, and Holland, and finally to drive the Nazis back into Germany, came late in the spring of 1944. It was the supreme test of the combined arms of the United States and the British Empire, the largest and most dangerous military operation ever undertaken by their forces. Hitler boasted that all Europe was a Fascist fortress. His engineers claimed that the Atlantic coast was an impregnable wall, the beaches mined, the cliffs girded with artillery, and every landing place

covered by batteries of guns emplaced in concrete fortifications.

In the face of defenses so formidable, millions of people throughout the world held their breath in fear or hope as the time for invasion approached. They remembered the last time an assault was made on this fortified coast, by a force of 5,000 Canadian and British troops raiding Dieppe on August 19, 1942, when a few hours of fighting cost them 3,350 casualties. Since then, nearly 2 years before, British and American troops had made four successful landings in the Mediterranean, on the coasts of North Africa and Sicily, at the beaches of Salerno and Anzio, each assault a perilous one but a triumph of training, supply, command, and courage. Nowhere in the Mediterranean, however, did the Nazis have such strong defenses as they had prepared along the Atlantic Coast of Europe. Behind these defenses, from the Netherlands to the south of France, waited sixty or more enemy divisions, ready to concentrate against the Allied armies, which could land only a few regiments at a time, and drive them back into the sea.

Strong as the Nazis appeared, they proved to be too weak to repulse the great invasion. Their ground forces were divided among three fronts, the largest number fighting against Russia, a smaller group trying to hold Italy and the Balkans, and the rest standing guard over all of western Europe. Everywhere they had lost control of the air and coastal waters. A year of strategic bombing had crippled the war industries of Germany and worn down the Luftwaffe. Two months of tactical bombing destroyed main railroads and bridges in the west of Europe and hindered the concentration of enemy forces against the invading armies.

Massed in the British Isles were 2 million or more troops from the Empire and the United States, all well trained and equipped. To supply them, over 16 million tons of material were shipped from the United States to Britain in the year preceding the invasion, twice the total tonnage received by American forces in France during the First World War. If the Allies could seize a beachhead in western Europe, they would eventually overwhelm the enemy with superior numbers and fire power. The exact date for D-Day no one knew except the Allied High Command, but everybody realized that upon the success of the invasion depended the defeat of Fascism in Europe.

D-Day came on Tuesday, June 6, 1944. Allied battleships and cruisers opened fire on the northern coast of Normandy, at 0630. H-Hour was at 0730. The landing of troops, originally scheduled for Monday, had been postponed at the last moment, because the worst June gales in 40 years swept over the Channel. Thousands of ships loaded with men and guns waited in English ports for General Eisenhower's orders to start the invasion. Before the great armada of landing ships reached the French coast in the early morning darkness of D-Day, the enemy was under furious attack. From midnight the tactical air forces swept down on his defenses with a tornado of bombs, and thousands of air-

borne troops landed behind his line.

Over eleven thousand Allied aircraft of all types covered the invading armies. From D-Day to D-plus-4 they flew 32,500 sorties and dropped 27,000 tons of bombs. Enemy fighter planes offered little resistance, for the prolonged aerial offensive against Germany had almost driven them from the skies. In the first 48 hours of the invasion the Allied air forces shot down 176 enemy planes and lost 289, mostly to antiaircraft fire. Tactical bombing which preceded D-Day undermined the enemy's coastal defenses and destroyed railroads and bridges across the Seine, making it difficult for the Germans to move troops and supplies in northern France. Not until D-Day, however, was the Normandy coast singled out for the heaviest bombing. Consequently, the enemy, unable to guess where or at how many scattered points the Allied forces would land, suffered a tactical surprise.

On the eve of D-Day, at midnight, 1,000 British heavy bombers began to pound the French coast. At daylight an equal force of American bombers took over this mission. Half an hour before the landings, American medium and dive bombers concentrated on the Normandy coast. Because of stormy weather, which reduced the ceiling to 1,000 feet, the Marauders went in "on the deck" and struck their targets from only

The skies were clouded with planes all the way from England to inland France. As the landing boats crossed the Channel in the dark hours of D-Day, swarms of P-38 Lightnings covered them, and P-47 Thunderbolts flew ahead to strafe the beaches. In France medium and light bombers struck at railroads, motor roads, and supply dumps as far east as the Paris-Orleans gap between the rivers Seine and Loire. These aerial operations, intricately contrived and precisely executed, assured the Allied assault forces of good air cover.

The first troops to land in Normandy on June 6, 1944, were airborne. They crossed the enemy coast 6 minutes after midnight and parachuted to earth 10 minutes later. In 4 hours the United States IX Troop Carrier Command, cooperating with the R. A. F., landed three divisions behind the German coastal defenses. Mosquito bombers had first neutralized inland antiaircraft batteries; then Pathfinder planes had marked the drop zones with flares. Paratroopers followed, seizing fields and setting up their own antiaircraft guns. Finally came the transport planes and gliders with airborne infantry. It was the largest and most efficient airborne operation in 5 years of war. The Allied forces landed exactly as planned and plane losses ran to less than 3 percent of those suffered by the Germans in

The primary mission of these airborne units was to disorganize the enemy rear and establish the east and west sides of a perimeter to be formed by ground troops when they landed at the beachheads. In these tasks they were successful and soon made contact with the assault forces driving forward from the beaches to meet them. Landing 9 miles inland near Caen, the British 6th Airborne Division seized the bridges

across the Orne River and became the advance guard of the British Second Army on the eastern flank of the Allied beachheads. The American 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions covered the central (Omaha) and western (Utah) beachheads established by the American First Army. The 82nd, dropped near Sainte-Mere-Eglise to protect the right flank, assisted the landing of the 4th Infantry Division by overwhelming German batteries which enfiladed the causeways over marshes which had to be crossed by these troops. The 101st was dropped farther east and later joined in linking at Carentan the central and western beachheads, divided by the Vire River.

The Allied armies crossed the English Channel in an immense fleet of some four thousand boats. They were convoyed by 800 warships, two-thirds of them British, divided into two task forces. Mine sweepers cleared enemy coastal waters and marked out channels with buoys for the landing craft to follow. Over one hundred German submarines and flotillas of "E" torpedo boats were waiting in the Bay of Biscay, but none penetrated the Allied naval escort which sealed off 100 miles of water across the English Channel. At 0630, while more than one thousand American bombers were hurling down explosives on the Normandy coast, the naval bombardment began. Battleships, the American Texas, Arkansas, and Nevada, the British Warspite, Nelson, and Rodney, added their heavy fire to the barrage laid down for half an hour by cruisers and destroyers running close inshore. From midnight the air forces had dropped over ten thousand tons of bombs, and the warships fired over two thousand tons of shells. Behind this screen of fire the landing craft swarmed toward the beaches. As troops waded and climbed ashore, at 0730 both planes and warships shifted their fire to targets picked out by the assault forces.

The invaders landed on five beaches along a 60-mile stretch of the Cotentin Peninsula, from east of Caen toward Montebourg in the west on June 6, 1944. The British Second Army, landing in the eastern sector of the Allied beachhead, met little opposition at first. On the right the Canadian 3rd Division penetrated 7 miles inland and captured Bayeux on June 7, 1944, to cut the lateral road running east to Caen. On the left the British 6th Airborne Division reinforced by glider-borne tanks, clung to the bridges until the Germans swept them back. Marshal Rommel sent the 21st Panzer Division against them in an effort to roll up the Allied beachhead. Falling back from Caen, which was cut off from the beaches by an enemy roadblock at Douvres, the advance British elements joined the 7th Armored and 50th Infantry Divisions to halt the German tanks between Caen and Bayeux. In the course of 4 days, June 7-11, 1944, with assistance from the Canadians and the support of cruisers offshore and planes overhead, the Second Army drove inland as far as Tilly and joined its beachheads.

The American First Army established the central and western beachheads, June 6, 1944, on either side of the Vire River. To the west, on Utah Beach, VII Corps under Major General J. Lawton Collins, with the 4th Infantry Division in the vanguard, encountered light resistance and pushed inland over the marshes toward Carentan to make contact with the 82nd Airborne Division. The fiercest struggle of the invasion was on the eastern side of the Vire River at the central beachhead. Here on Omaha Beach the V Corps under Major General Leonard T.

Gerow stormed ashore with the 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions in the lead. Mines and underwater obstacles wrecked many landing craft. The troops who got ashore could advance only 100 yards in several hours, for enemy batteries on the cliffs, secure from small naval guns, made a death-trap of the beach until they were wiped out by bombers and a rain of sheels from battleships offshore. The remaining elements of the 1st and 29th Divisions got ashore in the afternon and seized the beachhead from a reinforced enemy division. "Only by guts, valor, and extreme bravery," observed General Bradley, "were we able to make the landings a success."

From their beachheads on either side of the Vire River, the United States V and VII Corps fought inland along the marshes, captured Isigny, and after a battle lasting 4 days, June 8-12, 1944, joined their lines on high ground at Carentan. The 101st Airborne Division entered the town under a smoke screen and with strong artillery support. The capture of Carentan cut one of the two railroads running across Normandy to the port of Cherbourg and provided dry ground on which local air strips were soon established. Although a few fighter planes flying from an emergency field had participated in the battle the third day after invasion, it was not until D-plus-9 that the fighters had enough local strips to operate in large numbers.

The joining of the Allied beachheads for 80 miles along the Normandy coast, and the penetration to a depth of 20 miles at Bayeux, the southernmost point, marked the end of the first two phases of the invasion. The landings were everywhere successful, although bitterly contested, and in the first 5 days of the invasion 16 Allied divisions had stormed ashore to meet the 14 enemy divisions concentrated under General Rommel. Pushing inland and fanning out along the coast, they established a beachhead for the steady flow of men and supplies into the combat area.

Stormy weather twice interrupted the race to build up the Allied forces, even suspending seaborne reinforcements at one time. Not until they won the deepwater port of Cherbourg, first major objective of the invasion, did the Allies hope to get enough troops and supplies ashore to overwhelm the enemy. Yet, when the weather was clear, they continued to land men so rapidly on the beaches, averaging 37,500 a day and reaching a total strength of 1 million by D-plus-20, that the 14 enemy divisions opposing them at first could not long hold their ground. From the Russians came full recognition of the victorious start of the Allied invasion. "The history of wars," said Marshal Stalin on June 13, 1944, "does not know any such undertaking so broad in conception and so grandiose in its scale and so masterly in execution."

The British wore down enemy strength around the Caen hinge, in the fifth phase of the invasion; in the next, the Allied offensive was transferred to the American center. Here the First Army attempted to divide the German forces in Normandy by piercing their lines at Saint-Lo. This offensive developed with the expansion southward of the American corridor across the Cotentin Peninsula. The movement threatened to outflank Saint-Lo by a drive down the coast beyond La Haye-du-Puits.

In the first stage, July 1-3, 1944, following the capture of Cherbourg, the American First Army pivoted south and built up a new front from which to conquer Normandy. The VIII and XIX Corps, landing to hold and reinforce the Cotentin corridor, opened the offensive on a 35-mile

front from east of Carentan to the west coast of the peninsula. The VIII Corps on the right, advancing in heavy rains, drove south on July 3, 1944, against the junction town of La Haye-du-Puits and soon captured the surrounding hills. After a bitter but inconclusive struggle for 36 hours in Haye, the town was enveloped from east and west on July 6, 1944, by columns which had succeeded in getting to the road below it. Three days later all resistance was crushed.

Break-through at Saint-Lo

On the left, southeast of Carentan, the XIX Corps, meanwhile, attacked toward Saint-Lo on July 7, 1944, crossing the Vire River under an artillery barrage, and closing in on the town from the north, where they captured Hill 192 commanding the road from Saint-Lo to Bayeux. While the Americans in the center fought without pause to reduce the enemy defenses around Saint-Lo, the troops on the right moved down the Coutances road on July 16, 1944, from La Haye to Lessay and Periers in an advance which threatened to outflank Saint-Lo. This vital railroad center was finally captured on July 18, 1944, after 2 weeks of bloody fighting, by the 29th Division. The fall of Saint-Lo unhinged the entire western flank of the German line and unlocked the gateway to the south and east through which the Americans, with freedom to maneuver, broke out of Normandy.

Up to this point the battle for Normandy had been a savage fight. The country was broken up into hedgerows, from 3 to 5 feet high, covered by dense thickets which afforded natural protection to enemy snipers, machine gun and mortar posts. At every critical point the enemy had set up a maze of defenses, often extending over four hundred yards in depth. The hedgerows, according to a Virginia infantryman, were "horse-high, bull-strong, and hog-tight." Artillery could not reduce them. The infantry had to outflank each field and work slowly forward, taking hedgerow after hedgerow with heavy casualties.

During this period, June 20 to July 20, 1944, from the assault on Cherbourg to the capture of Saint-Lo, American losses mounted higher than in the earlier phases of the invasion. In 1 month, 7,944 Americans were killed, and 39,549 wounded. But the Allies drove the enemy half-way out of Normandy and won a bridgehead large enough to serve as a springboard for a great p'unge by American tanks.

The battle for Normandy was won, in the seventh phase of the Allied invasion, by armored divisions of the American Third Army which broke through the German left flank at Avranches, burst into Brittany, swung northeast on the Seine, and outflanked Paris from the south. This spectacular demonstration of the speed and power of American armor could be compared only to the German break-through of 1940 in France. The strategic consequences of the two drives were of equal importance, for while the German dash to the Channel divided the British and French forces, the American break-through led to the separation of two German armies, and their withdrawal toward Germany. The Nazi thrust had led to the downfall of France; the Allied success opened the way to her liberation.

The decisive turn of events was not the work of the American Third Army alone. Their break-through was the spark which touched off the explosion; but three other Allied armies turned the initial break-through into complete disaster for the enemy. Two other Allied armies

cooperated with the Third to crush the German Seventh Army in Normandy. The enemy left flank was enveloped by the American First Army, while his right was pinned down by the British Second. The latter, at the Caen hinge, acted as a pivot upon which the Americans wheeled around the enemy rear.

The last phase of the Allied offensive in Normandy opened with assaults on July 25, 1944, on both flanks of the German Seventh Army. After heavy air and artillery preparation, the British attacked the enemy's right flank before dawn on a 4-mile front astride the Caen-Falaise road. Some ground was won, but part of it was soon lost again under a strong enemy counterattack, for on this flank the Germans were reported to have massed six Panzer divisions. To hold them there was the mission of the British.

Against the German left flank, bolstered at the start by only two Panzer divisions, the American First Army mounted the main attack on a 6-mile front from Saint-Lo to Periers. Before the assault, 1,575 heavy bombers of the Eighth Air Force flew in low and during 1 hour unloaded 3,400 tons of bombs; 1,000 medium and light bombers of the Ninth Air Force followed, dropping 1,000 tons of bombs. The hedgerows and ditches of the bocage country were blasted away. Then, under a rolling artillery barrage, the 1st, 4th, 9th, and 30th Infantry Divisions surged forward 2 miles on July 26, 1944, and pressed south toward Coutances against the German flank anchored on the coast.

Inland, American armor suddenly entered the battle from the east. Four divisions of tanks sliced like a knife west and south through the enemy lines. The 4th Armored Division struck west and captured Coutances on July 28, 1944, cutting the enemy coastal line, then swung southeast and joined the 1st Infantry, 2nd Armored, and 4th Infantry Divisions to envelop large numbers of the enemy in retreat on July 29, 1944. Finding the German rear badly disorganized, the 4th Armored broke through its defenses near Saint-Denis-le-Gast and raced 12 miles south to Avranches, where Normandy and Brittany meet, July 30, 1944. The 6th Armored Division swept down the coast as far as Granville and the 1st Infantry Division came up to Brecy on July 31, 1944, east of Avranches, expanding the break-through salient.

The American tanks, striking like forked lightning, first at the enemy flank, then deep into his rear, sent the Germans reeling back. As they patched their lines with reinforcements from the Caen front, the British attacked southward on July 31, 1944, and cut the lateral road to Avranches. The Germans improvised counterattacks on the American salient and recaptured some minor points, but failed to halt the motorized infantry in its onward rush to consolidate the positions staked out by tanks. In 8 days of continuous fighting the Americans had advanced 35 miles, captured 18,587 prisoners, disrupted five enemy divisions, and turned the entire German left flank.

Battle for France

As American armor poured through the funnel at Avranches to exploit its break-through, the Battle of Normandy became the Battle for France. The American Third Army under Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr., whose identity as commander of armored forces the Germans had guessed, did not pause after Normandy was won. Columns of Third Army tanks, moving swiftly and secretly, debouched from

Normandy and headed for three objectives. After capturing Rennes they overran Brittany to secure deepwater ports which the Allies needed, in addition to Cherbourg, for the supply of their immense forces of over a million men. From Le Mans, east of Rennes, tank columns circled north toward the Seine to catch the German Seventh Army withdrawing from Normandy, and still other columns swept east on Paris to cut enemy communications. Spearhead of the Third Army's eastward drive was the XX Corps under Major General Walton H. Walker.

Meanwhile, in southern France the Americans drove rapidly north through the Durance Valley (see Chapter XXVI) and reached the Rhone above Montelimar, 100 miles from the sea. There they trapped one Panzer division and elements of two other German divisions. This enemy force of some fifteen thousand men tried in vain to break through the American roadblocks on August 25-26, 1944, but most of them were killed or captured. Farther east, the Americans advanced along the main railroad to Grenoble, whence they drove northwest to Lyon, the industrial city which commands the railroads and communications of southern France.

By September 1, 1944, the battle for France was rapidly drawing to an end with the German Seventh Army virtually destroyed in Normandy, the First and Nineteenth Armies evacuating the south of France with heavy losses in prisoners, and the Fifteenth Army retreating north into the Netherlands but leaving strong garrisons to hold the English Channel and North Sea Ports. But in Brittany, German garrisons denied the Allies the use of Brest, Lorient, and Saint-Nazaire. Elements of the American Ninth Army under Lieutenant General William H. Simpson were laying siege to the Brittany ports.

In northern France, the Allied Twelfth and Twenty-first Army Groups, commanded respectively by General Omar N. Bradley and Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, with General Dwight D. Eisenhower in supreme command, were advancing north into Belgium and east toward the German frontier. On the left. the Canadian First Army under Lieutenant General H. D. G. Crerar had crossed the Seine River, taken Rouen, and swung north to advance up the Channel coast. On its right, the British Second Army under Lieutenant General Miles C. Dempsey had crossed the Somme River and was sweeping northeast from Amiens toward Belgium. Farther east, on the right of the British Second, the American First Army under Lieutenant General Courtney H. Hodges had crossed the Marne and Aisne, taken Rheims, and was pressing northeast against Sedan toward Belgium. On the right flank of the swiftly moving Allied front, the American Third Army under Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr., had crossed the upper Marne and was striking east at Verdun toward the Moselle River. In the south of France the American Seventh Army under Lieutenant General Alexander M. Patch, with French units, was advancing up both sides of the Rhone to Lyon, while French Forces of the Interior cleared southwestern France of the enemy.

The Liberation of Paris

While the Seventh Army was overrunning the south of France, in the north the Third swept around Paris in a drive to turn the left flank of the German Fifteenth Army. From Le Mans, where American armor concentrated, columns

of tanks raced north and east toward the Seine on an arc of 70 miles on August 14-20, 1944. They reached the river on two sides of Paris, at Mantes 35 miles northwest of the city and at a point the same distance southeast, near Fontainebleau.

Upon the approach of these armored spearheads, the people of Paris rose against their Nazi masters on August 19, 1944. Orders from Underground leaders brought 50,000 armed members of the French Forces of the Interior, together with the unarmed populace, into the streets. They liberated large parts of Paris in 4 days of fighting. The French 2nd Armored Division, veterans of Tunisia commanded by General Jacques-Philippe Leclerc, came to the aid of the patriots, entering Paris from the south and west on August 24, 1944, with American units following them. To these forces the German garrison of 10,000 surrendered on August 25, 1944; but sniping, particularly by Frenchmen who had collaborated with the Nazis continued for several days.

After 4 years in captivity, Paris was free, the first capital of the United Nations to be reconquered from the Nazis. General Charles de Gaulle entered the city on August 26, 1944, to become President 4 days later of the French Provisional Government, which was established in cooperation with leaders of the Underground movement. General Eisenhower reviewed the Allied soldiers, French, American, and British, who marched under the Arc de Triomphe. Then our troops moved out of the city toward the Marne in pursuit of the enemy.

As armored columns of the American Third Army crossed the Seine River at Mantes and near Fontainebleau on August 21, 1944, they enveloped Paris and turned the left flank of the German Fifteenth Army, now in full retreat from the Flanders coast. At the same time the British Second and American First Armies swung northeast toward the Seine and Belgium. On the left of this advance, Canadian units drove some elements of the enemy into a pocket below Le Havre and Rouen on August 22, 1944. The British Second Army crossed the Seine between Rouen and Paris on August 26, 1944, at Vernon and Louviers, and swept forward 34 miles toward the Somme River on August 29, 1944.

On the right, west of Paris, the American First Army cleaned up enemy rear guards on the south bank of the Seine and pushed beyond Laon to a point only 30 miles short of the Belgian border on August 26, 1944. Still farther east, on the extreme right of an Allied front which now stretched nearly two hundred miles across northern France, the American Third Army continued to set the pace of advance for all the armies.

From Paris, armored spearheads of the Third reached the Marne River on August 27-28, 1944, drove through Chateau-Thierry, swept 22 miles beyond to take Soissons, and closed in on Rheims. Smashing through the Argonne Forest, the Third Army captured Verdun on August 31, 1944, and pressed on toward Metz and the German Saar. On the Channel coast, the Canadians took Dieppe on September 1, 1944, and sealed off the Germans in the port of Le Havre, while the British Second Army, after an advance of 60 miles in 2 days, captured Amiens on August 31, 1944, crossed the Somme, took Arras, and pushed toward Lille. On their right, in what was now the center of the Allied line, the American First Army stormed Sedan and reached the Belgian frontier on August 31, 1944.

By the end of August the Allied offensive in

France was 5 days ahead of schedule, General Eisenhower announced. The Germans had lost 400,000 men, of whom half were captured. General Eisenhower reported that 5 Panzer divisions had been destroyed, 6 more badly mauled; 20 infantry divisions had been eliminated, and 12 others disorganized. Total American casualties in France, killed, wounded, and captured, were 112,673. This swift, overpowering offensive in France demonstrated the complete maturity of the American armies.

Americans and Allies, united in command and in purpose to destroy Nazi power, were defeating the greatest military force that the world had ever known. In the east the massive strength of Russia was marshaled from the Baltic and East Prussia to the Balkans; on the west, Allied armies drove toward the Rhine and the Ruhr. As Allied troops crossed the western frontier of Germany, their Supreme Commander, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, issued a proclamation to the German people on September 28, 1944: "We come as conquerors, but not as oppressors . . . We shall overthrow the Nazi rule, dissolve the Nazi party, and abolish the cruel, oppressive, and discriminatory laws and institutions which the party has created. We shall eradicate that German militarism which has so often disrupted the peace of the world."

It is timely at this point to mention a thing that showed the desperateness of the German situation, and the determination of the Nazis to use any and every means to prevent the success of the Allied armies in France.

The Second Battle of London

In the month of April 1943 the British Secret Service agents reported that the Germans were contriving a new long-range bombardment weapon. It was then that Britishers first heard about V-1, the flying bomb. That was the beginning of the second Battle of London.

For the first six months it was a battle of wits, the wits of a handful of British agents against those of the German nation; of RAF reconnaissance and aerial photography against German camouflage.

Aerial photographs taken in May 1943 showed

a large experimental station at Peenemunde, on an island in the Baltic. This establishment was seen to possess some mysterious contrivances that the Intelligence Services were at that time quite unable to explain. From these and later photographs and other evidence, it was concluded that the speck on one of the prints which, on enlargement, was found to be a miniature aeroplane set on a sloping ramp fitted with rails, was a pilotless, jet-propelled aircraft; whether it was to be used as an offensive weapon or merely as a target plane could not then be decided. This was the secret V-1-the Gergeltungswaffe-the "Vengeance Weapon." In August of 1943 a strong force of Lancasters, Halifaxes, and Stirlings of the RAF Bomber Command dropped over 1,500 tons of high explosives on Peenemunde. Thus the battle against the flying bomb began at the very source.

Germany's intentions soon became clear. In November it was found that she was building a chain of concrete launching sites like those at Peenemunde all along the French coast, from Calais to Cherbourg. They were pointed in the direction of London.

The Royal Air Force and the United States Army Air Forces began their vast bombing operations against the V-1 launching sites in December, 1943. The bombing offensive continued intensively all through the winter and spring. Besides the launching sites, it struck supply dumps, bomb plants, and experimental stations. The bomber offensive dropped some 100,000 tons. It cost nearly 450 aircraft and 2,900 pilots and airmen

Three lines of defense were established in London: first, a balloon barrage immediately surrounding the city; next, an antiaircraft gun belt, placed as near London as possible to shorten the length of the front and thus obtain the closest concentration of fire with the fewest guns; then, outside that a fighter zone. But preparations for the invasion of France were going on simultaneously, and every available gun and balloon was needed for the protection of embarkation ports. Since no one knew when the flying-bomb attack would start, these defenses had to be ready to switch, at a moment's notice, from the defense of the ports to the de-

fense of London.

On D-Day plus six the long postponed attack at last began. The defenses were immediately moved into their prepared positions. For the eighty days from June 12 until the end of August, an average of 100 flying bombs a day were launched against England, some 8,000 in all. The bulk of the attack was aimed at London, where ninety-two per cent of the fatal casualties occurred. In the "Bomb Alley" region, comprising Kent, Sussex, and Surrey, the damage was almost as serious. Portsmouth and Southampton were also attacked, but most of the bombs fell into the sea or went wide, proving that this was no precision weapon accurate enough for use against specific military targets.

The flying bomb, owing to its small size, tough construction, and high speed, is reckoned to be eight times as hard to bring down as a German bomber flying a straight course. Fighter pilots found great difficulty in seeing the bomb at all. Defense was reorganized and attacks on the bombs became more successful. At the beginning one person was killed for every bomb launched. At the end of the first eighty days, it took three bombs to kill one person. In 1944 the Germans began to launch the Vergeltungswaffe II, but the courage of the British people remained undaunted and defenses improved.

It is difficult for a person who has not visited England since these battles were fought to visualize the extent of the damage done by these German attacks. Official reports of the British Government reveal that one out of every three houses in Britain was damaged or destroyed by enemy action; that out of 13,000,000 houses, 4,073,000 were damaged, 255,000 rendered uninhabitable, and 203,000 were totally destroyed up to the end of September 1944. One quarter of the 4,500,000 houses in Britain damaged or destroyed by enemy action were damaged in the robot attacks after D-Day.

Britain later was to become a different sort of battlefield—a bridgehead for a great offensive, rather than an island refuge for a desperate defense. The free peoples of the world were assembling their power in England and Scotland and North Ireland for the blow that was to destroy Nazi and Fascist tyranny in Europe.

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S/Sgt. PATRICK O. MURPHY

S/Sgt. Patrick O'Leary Murphy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Murphy of Call, and the nephew of Mrs. Paulie West, was born on April 23, 1921. He volunteered for the Army Air Corps on Dec. 14, 1940. After receiving some of his training at Barksdale Field, he went to Borinquen Field in Puerto Rico in Mar., 1941. He trained as an aerial gunner and mechanic and served on anti-submarine patrol from Panama. On June 25, 1943, he landed in San Francisco, and was sent to Walker Field in Kansas, training with B-29s. He sailed for India on the 27th of Feb., 1944, landing there on April 1st. For 13 months he served in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations as a Chief Armorer. He holds 4 Battle Stars and service medals for the Air Offensive of Japan, Burma Campaign, Central Pacific, and China. He was discharged on the 17th of June of 1945.

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SC 2/c JAMES E. LYNCH, JR.

SC2/c James Elbert Lynch, Jr., the son of Mrs. Cliffie Lynch of Call, Texas, was born on Mar. 18, 1923. On the 6th of Oct., 1942, he volunteered for duty with the U.S. Navy, and was trained at the Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho. He was assigned to the battleship California of the Pacific Fleet. This battleship took part in six amphibious operations against the enemy; sank an enemy battleship in the battle Surigao Straits, near Leyte, in what is known as the "Forty days of Leyte Gulf." After a brief respite and refitting in the Admiralty and Palau Islands, the ship went back into action in the support of landings in the Gulf of Lingayen. A Japanese suicide air attack took the lives of over 40 men aboard. After a short stay at Bremerton, Wash., for repairs, they went back into action at Okinawa, and were on patrol in the China Sea at the time the Japanese surrendered. James Lynch was transferred to Farragut, where he is at the time of this writing.



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Ens. ROBERT P. BLOUNT

SK 2/c LEWIS A. DENNARD

S.K.2/c L. A. Dennard, born May 22, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Dennard, Cushing, Texas, husband of Zuma Dennard, attended Nacogdoches, High School, and Stephen F. Austin State Teachers' College, Nacogdoches, Texas. Volunteered for service March 27, 1943, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy, Const. Batt'n (Stevedore). Trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Davisville, R. I. Served in the United States 6 months, and overseas from Sept. 12, 1943, until Nov. 2, 1945. He was assigned duty as cargo checker, with the 11th Special Const. Batt'n, Russell Is., Guadalcanal, N. Caledonia, Okinawa. Discharged Dec. 7, 1945.

Ens. Robert P. Blount, born March 19, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Blount, 418 Mound St., Nacogdoches, was educated in Nacogdoches Public Schools and Stephen F. Austin S.T.C., Nacogdoches. Volunteered for service Dec. 16, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy, Aviation Cadet Branch, trained Pre-Flight, Athens, Ga.; N.A.S., Ottumwa, Icwa; and N.A.S., Corpus Christi, Texas. Served in the United States from July 1, 1943, until August of 1946. After completing operational training, he joined Carrier Air Group 17, with which he remained until his discharge. Ens. Blount was honorably discharged in Aug., 1946.

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1st Lt. WILLIS F. HARGIS



SC 3/c VERNON HILL, JR.

1st Lt. W. F. Hargis, born Dec. 20,1920, son of Mrs. Geo. F. Hargis, (Father deceased) Nacogdoches, received his education in T. J. Rusk Grammar, and Nacogdoches High School, and S. F. Austin State Teachers' College, Nacogdoches. Volunteered July 21, 1942, at Tyler, assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Santa Ana, Calif., Thunderbird Fld., Phoenix, Ariz., Merced, Calif., and Wm.Fld., Chandler, Ariz. Served in the United States 37 months; overseas from March, 1946, to present time, in Army of Occupation, ETO, Munich, Germany. Commissioned as 2nd Lt. Dec. 5, 1943, and 1st Lt. in Nov. of 1945. He re-enlisted in Army Air Corps in Oct. of 1945.

S.C.3/c V, Hill, born March 23, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hill, Sr., R.R. 4, Box 284, Nacogdoches, attended Nacogdoches High School. Volunteered for service June 17, 1943; assigned to the Navy, Seaman Guard. He trained at Corpus Christi Naval Air Base; served in the United States 11 months, and overseas 6 months, in Asiatic and Pacific, stationed at Hollandia several months. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Battle Stars, Philippine Lib. 1 Battle Star. Helped decommission the Carrier Natonia Bay (6 VE62) in Norfolk, Va. Promoted from Seaman Guard to Ships' Cook. He was honorably discharged on April 29, 1946.



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Maj. LOUIS L. HALTOM

Sgt. Jack C. Albea, born May 21, 1913, son of Mrs. Maud Albea, Carthage, husband of Georgia Hall Albea, 353 Hackberry St., Nacogdoches, attended Carthage High School. He entered the service on Jan. 18, 1943, at Mineral Wells, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field. Served in the United States 13 months, and overseas 20 months, in air offensive, Japan, Eastern Mandates, Central Burma, India Burma, Palembang, Sumatra. Promoted from Pvt. to Sgt. Awarded: Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge. Sgt. Albea was given an honorable discharge Sept. 25, 1945.

Maj. L. L. Haltom, (Billy) born June 14, 1919, son of Mr. H. G. Haltom, Nacogdoches, married Patricia Haun of Wichita, Kansas. Attended S.F.A. School, Nacogdoches; volunteered Sept. 9, 1940; assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Muskogee, Randolph, and Kelly Fields; served in U.S. 31 months, overseas 15 months, in England, S. Pacific, Saipan, on Lorient. Made 29 missions over Jap towns. Hewas wounded in France, and missing 3 months 4 days; escaped. His awards were: Flying Medal, 4 Clusters, D.F.C., 4 Clusters, Purple Heart, 2 Pres. Citations, member of Caterpillar Club and won 5 Battle Stars. Now C. F. Test O., San Bernardino, Calif.

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CM 3/c HAROLD W. SANDEL T/4 Sgt. HEARTLEY E. SANDEL

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Sandel, Ruston, La.
HAROLD: born Sept. 23, 1914, married Myrtis Gentry, Florien, La.
Educated in Florien Grammar and High School. Volunteered Nov.
22, 1942; assigned to Navy, 96th Const. Bn.; trained at Cp. Bradford,
Norfolk, Va. Overseas 20 months, in Pacific, Philippines. Hereceived his discharge Oct. 16, 1945.

HEARTLEY: born Feb. 26, 1920, married Lois Clark, Redlands, Calif.; attended S.F.A. College, Nacogdoches; enlisted July 8, 1942; assigned to Army Hq. Det., 9th Corps; trained at Cp. Barkeley. Served in the United States for 15 months in various camps, and was honorably discharged Sept. 23, 1943.



SF 2/c MARTIN C. WIDNER

S.F. 2/c M. C. Widner, son of H. J. Widner, Zavalla, Texas, husband of Margaret Widner, Route 3, Nacogdoches, attended Zavalla High School; entered the service Feb. 4, 1944, and was assigned to the Navy (Repair Unit). Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States from Feb. 4, 1944, to May 5, 1944, and overseas from May 5, 1944, to Dec. 19, 1945, in Marshall Islands, New Guinea, and Philippine Islands. Was awarded: Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, 2 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation, 1 Battle Star, Victory, and American Theater Ribbons. He was with the Consolidated Steel Ship Bldg. Div. before 1944. Discharged 1945.

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THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE DEDICATED TO NEGROES WHO SERVED FAITHFULLY AND WELL IN MANY BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES

In battle, a bullet, a bomb, a piece of shrapnel knew no color or creed. On almost every front and in every branch of service, the Negro serviceman distinguished himself and won the respect of his fellowmen. He toiled endlessly helping move supplies to the front; he fought fearlessly for the country he loved so strongly; he gave his life along with thousand of his countrymen; he enjoyed the distinction of being referred to always as

A GOOD SOLDIER

So that they will be in the same section and on the same pages with their friends and buddies and for easy reference, we have grouped all Negro servicemen and women on the following pages.

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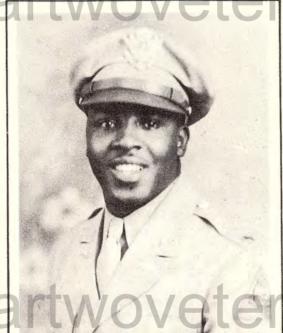
1st Sgt. JULIUS CARTER

lst Sgt. Julius Carter, son of C. Carter, and husband of Carmita Carter of Galena Park, Texas, was born on December 7,1914. He entered the Army at Houston on May 3, 1943, and was assigned to the 3872 QM Trk. Company. He was trained at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. In January, 1944, he was sent to the European Theater of Operations, and participated in five battles. They were the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe battles. He returned to the United States on November 1, 1945, and was honorably discharged on the 21st of the same month. His awards are the EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, and three Overseas Bars. Previous to his enlistment, he attended Yates High School of Houston and Houston College.

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1st Lt. LAWRENCE R. BAGWELL

lst Lt. Lawrence R. Bagwell, husband of Daisy Anderson Bagwell of Palestine, Texas, was born on Nov. 28, 1914. He entered the Army on June 24, 1942, and was assigned to the Armored Force. He received his training at Fort Knox, Ky., and was sent overseas in August, 1944, serving in the European Theater. He participated in the battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe, and commanded a platoon of tanks for the 26th Infantry Div. This was the first Bn. to reach the first objective of the Div. and was also the first Negro Tank Bn. to be committed to combat. He returned to the U.S. in Dec., 1945, and release from service was given him on March 10, 1946. He received his commission in Feb., 1943, and was promoted to 1st Lt. in Dec., 1944. Previous to enlistment, he attended Prairie View College at Hempstead, Texas.

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1st Lt. EVA C. BOGGESS HOLLOWAY

1st Lt. Eva Camille Boggess Holloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Boggess of Waco, Texas, and wife of Franklin H. Holloway of New York City, was born on Aug. 26, 1912. She entered the Army Nurse Corps at Waco on July 27, 1942, and was commissioned 2nd Lt. She served at Ft. Huachuca. Arizona, where she worked with eye, ear, and nose diseases. She was in charge of equipment and quarters when first assigned overseas duty in Liberia, Africa, and later in the malaria wards. She recorded and compiled research done on malaria. Later she returned to the U.S. to Camp Livington, La., where she was a surgical nurse. She served in this capacity for 21 months, and was promoted to 1st Lt. in April, 1945. She instructed war nurses and other personnel from the hospital over whom she supervised in all hospital hygiene and sanitary measures. She was released from service at Ft. Sam Houston on April 4, 1946, and at present is employed at the Veterans' Hospital in Waco.

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Pfc ROLAND WILLIAMS

Pfc Roland Williams, son of Booker Williams of Houston, Tex., was born on May 27, 1922. He entered the Army at San Antonio on Nov. 2, 1942, and was assigned to the 659th Port Co. T.C. He was trained at Seattle, Wash., and served in the U.S. until Feb., 1943. He served for 1 year in Alaska and one year and one half in Germany. His duties also took him through the N. Pacific area and France. In the time he was overseas he was never reported wounded or missing. He returned to the United States in November, 1945, and was honorably discharged on the tenth of the same month. Previous to his enlistment, he attended Jack Yates High School in Houston. His wife is Pansy Mae Harris Williams of Houston.



CK 3/c CLAUDE D. JONES



Pfc HENRY D. ALLEN

CK3/c Claude Daniel Jones, son of Elnora Johnston of Los Angeles, Calif., and husband of Annie Belle Jones, of Tyler, Texas, was born on Dec. 1, 1907. He entered the Naval Air Corps at Tyler, on Jan. 7, 1944. He was trained at Bainbridge, Md., and Whitley Is., Wash. He was sent overseas in June, 1945, serving in the Pacific Theater. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the American Area Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. He returned to the United States in Dec., 1945, and was honorably discharged on the 19th of the same month. Previous to enlistment, he attended Butler College at Tyler.

Pfc Henry D. Allen, son of Henry Allen of Tyler, Texas, was born on July 17, 1924. He entered the Army at Tyler on Oct. 20, 1943, and was assigned to the 92nd Infantry Div. He was trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was sent overseas in Oct., 1944. He served in the European Theater, and participated in the battles of the Northern Apennines and the Po Valley. His awards are the Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, and two Bronze Stars. He returned to the United States in March, 1946. He was with Co. "L" of the 365th Infantry Regiment, and was honorably discharged on March 28, 1946, at Ft. McPherson, Ga.



1st Sgt. OTIS L. RUSH

1st/Sgt. Otis Leon Rush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rush, and the husband of Alma F. Rush, all of Waco, was born on May 28, 1917. He entered the Army on Jan. 18, 1943, to serve with the Medical Department. His training was given him at Camps Pickett, Ellis, and Gordon, and he was assigned to the 569th Ambulance Co. From Oct. 26, 1944, to Jan. 1, 1946, he served in the Southwest Pacific at New Guinea and Luzon. While enroute from New Guinea to Luzon in convoy, a Jap suicide plane hit his ship. The only casualty was the pilot of the plane, although a few troops were injured. Sgt. Rush attended Luzon Business College for 3 months, and conducted the company's chapel exercises on Luzon. He holds 3 Battle Stars on his ribbons, and was discharged Jan. 28, 1946.





T/4 JOHN H. HAMILTON

T/4 John Howard Hamilton, the son of Mrs. Jessie L. Hamilton of Tyler, was born on October 16, 1919. He entered the Army on June 3, 1942, and was trained at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Later he was assigned to the Engineer G.S. Regt., and went to the European Theater in Dec., 1943. He landed in Scotland, and served in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. On Dec. 20, 1944, he was wounded in action in Belgium, and received more injuries in Germany on July 7, 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Good Conduct, and European Theater Medals. A discharge was given him at Beaumont General Hospital on Nov. 3, 1945.

ST 3 c REUBEN HAMILTON

ST3/c Reuben Hamilton, the son of Mrs. Jessie Hamilton of Tyler, and the husband of Sussie Mae Hamilton, was born on June 19, 1924. He joined the Seabees on June 9, 1943, and received his training at Camp Peary, Virginia. By February, 1944, he was ready for overseas duty, and was sent to the Pacific Theater of Operations on the 22nd of that month. He saw action in New Guine a at Hollandia, and Finschhaven, and on the island of Mindoro in the Philippines. On the 7th of December, 1945, he was released from service by an honorable discharge. Prior to his going to the Seabees, he worked for the Fuller Rubber Company.





Sgt. Edward Cuny Howard, Jr., son of Mrs. Roy Carter Howard, and the husband of Betty Howard, both of Waco, was born on Oct. 29, 1922. He attended Moore High School in Waco and James Millikin University, Decatur, Ill. Prior to his volunteering for the Army Air Force on Oct. 29, 1942, he was a Civil Engineer. His training took him to Tuskegee Army Air Field, Atlanta University Clerical School, Selfridge Field, and Oscoda Field. From Jan., 1944, to Nov., 1945, he served in Italy at Barti, Montecorvino, Foggia, Montenero-Petacciato, Jesi-Ancona, and Manduria with the 96th and 524th Air Service Group of 15th Air Force as Supply Sgt. Holds 3 Stars for Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley. Discharged at Camp Fannin Dec. 5, 1945.

ST2/c Mark Jones, the son of Mrs. Annie D. Jones of Palestine, was born on February 8, 1911. After attending high school in Palestine, he was employed by the Rio Grande R.R.as a machinist. On the 20th of Nov., 1943, he entered the Navy in S.V. V-6, and took his training at Bainbridge, Maryland, and Pier 92, New York City. Served 18 months in sea duty, and was stationed at Londonderry, N. Ireland with HEDRON - Fleet Air Wing 7. He also was a Dunkswell, Liverpool, London, and Plymouth. Also in Scotland. He had first left the United States early in 1943, and on the 13th of November, 1945, he was released from service at Camp Wallace, Texas.





Cpl. Oliver DeGrate, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver DeGrate, Sr., Waco, was born on Sept. 27, 1918. He attended the Moore High School in Waco, and was a stock clerk for a firm there before entering the Army on Oct. 22, 1942, at Camp Wolters. He received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and was assigned to the 96th Service Group. For the next 13 months he was stationed at Selfridge Field and Oscoda Army Air Field. On June 18, 1943, he was awarded a Certificate of Meritfora course in Armament Training and Aircraft Weapons, at Lansing. He was with the 96th Service Group in Europe for 23 months, participating in the battles of Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley. He was discharged on Nov. 24, 1945.

S/Sgt. George Woodrow Herod, the husband of Ruth E. Herod, formerly of Tyler, Texas, and now of Cheyenne, Wyo., was born on June 3, 1915. He volunteered for the Army on Dec. 17, 1936, at Fort Huachuca. He received training here and at Fort Sill and Camp Swift. After his training, he served with Co. L of the 25th Inf. Regt., and went to the Southwest Pacific in Nov., 1944. While overseas, he saw duty in the Dutch East Indies, and at Hollandia in New Guinea. Sgt. Herod has spent 3 years in the Infantry, 3 years in the Field Artillery, and 3 years in the Quartermaster Corps, and at present he is stationed at Fort Francis E. Warren, near Cheyenne, Wyo., with Q.M. Truck Co. No. 3519.





T 4 ROY C. DAVIS



Cpl. LAWRENCE O. DAVIS

T/4 Roy C. Davis, son of Maggie Davis of Palestine, was born on Oct. 31, 1914. He entered the Army at Palestine on May 28, 1941, and was assigned to the 576th Engr. D.T. Co. He was trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and was sent overseas in March, 1942. He participated in the Papuan, New Guinea, East Indies, and S. Philippines Battles. His awards are: AP with 4 Bronze Stars; Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star; Dist. Unit Citation; Am. Def. Ser. Medal; and Good Conduct Medal. He returned to the U.S. in June, 1945, and was honorably discharged on June 14, 1945. Previous to enlistment, he was a mechanic.

Cpl. Lawrence O. Davis, son of Maggie Davis of Palestine, Texas, was born on Feb. 18, 1922. He entered the Army on Nov. 4, 1942, and was assigned to the 93rd Field Artillery Div. He was trained at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, and went overseas in Feb., 1944. He participated in the battles of the Bismarck Arch., New Guinea, and Northern Solomons. He returned to the U. S. in Dec., 1945. His awards are the Am. Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 19, 1946. Previous to enlistment, he attended Flint Hill High School in Palestine.



S/Sgt. PAUL E. DAVIS



T/4 DANIEL J. DAVIS



STD 3/c VERNON A. DAVIS

S/Sgt. PAUL EDWARD DAVIS, son of Mrs. Maggie Davis, was born Sept. 23, 1913, and entered Army service Oct. 7, 1942, in his home town of Palestine, Texas. He was assigned to the 365th Engrs. (GS) Regt., and trained at Camp Campbell, Ky. Exactly two years after his induction, to the day, he sailed for the Pacific, where he served until Jan. 7, 1946. He was in Honolulu, and on Saipan, and he holds Campaign Ribbons and a Bronze Star for this service. He was honorably discharged, Jan. 13, 1946.

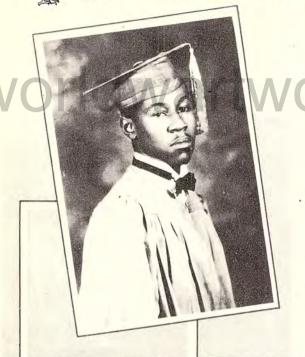
T/4 DANIEL JAMES DAVIS, another of the sons of Mrs. Maggie Davis, was born Sept. 19, 1917, and entered Army service on April 19, 1943. He was assigned to the Qm. Corps, and trained at Ft. Warren, Wyo. From April, 1944, to April, 1945, he served over seas, in the Pacific Theater, seeing action at Ora Bay, New Guinea. On May 10, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge from service.

STD3/c VERNON ALFRED DAVIS, was born Sept. 9, 1923. He entered service in the Navy on April 28, 1943, just eight days after his brother, Daniel, went into the Army, and was given his training at Treasure Island, Calif. He served in the Pacific Theater of War, and was honorably discharged on Nov. 27, 1945. He holds the Asiatic - Pacific, and American Defense Awards.

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Cpl. CLEOPHUS JAMES RANDALL

Cpl. Cleophus James Randall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Randall of Waco, was born on Nov. 28, 1920. He entered the Army on Nov. 6, 1942, and was assigned to the 458th Coast Artillery at Camp Stewart, Ga. He served for a short time at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., before sailing for England. He was stationed in Scotland, also, and participated in the D-Day landings at Omaha Beach, Normandy, on June 6, 1944. He also saw action in the battles of Ardennes, Northern France, and the Rhineland. During Christmas, 1944, Cpl. Randall and the men in the same area with him suffered severe cold, and were engaged in fierce fighting with enemy troops disguised as American soldiers. During this time Cpl. Randall was with the 964th Q.M. Service Co. He has re-enlisted for 3 years, doing so at Reims, France, and is now in Germany with the 3800 Trk. Co.



Cpl. SAMUEL H. BATES, JR.

Cpl. Samuel Harvey Bates, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bates, Sr., of Houston, was born on October 4, 1920. Before entering the Army, he was a student at Booker Washington High School and Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama, and left the latter place to enter the Army on the 2nd of March, 1943. He trained with the 2nd Ordnance Training Regiment at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. On January 2, 1944, he was sent overseas, and participated in the battles of Normandy and Northern France. Following his service in Europe, he was sent to the Pacific Area, and was stationed in the Philippine Islands until January, 1946. On the 17th of this month he was discharged.









Sgt. NED WILLIAMS, JR. S/Sgt. ERNEST WILLIAMS Cpl. ALBERT WILLIAMS Sgt. THOMAS BROWN, JR.

Sgt. NED WILLIAMS, Jr., son of Mrs. Clara Brown, of Houston, was born July 25, 1920. Entered service on Oct. 4, 1941, and was assigned to the 99th A.A. Artillery Gun Batt. Trained at Camp Wallace. His overseas service included duty in Trinidad, B.W.I., England and France. He holds campaign ribbons, and was honorably discharged Dec., 1945.

S/Sgt. ERNEST WILLIAMS, was born Sept. 5, 1922, and volunteered for service with his brother Ned. He was assigned to a different unit, however, being placed in the 93rd Infantry. He served exactly 2 years in the Pacific, on New Guinea, Molucca and Treasury Is., Solomons and Philippines. He was given awards and honorably discharged in Jan., 1946.

Cpl. ALBERT WILLIAMS, was born on New Year's Day, 1923, and entered service on Dec. 20, 1941. He was assigned to the 890th Aviation Eng. Bn.; trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, and served two years in the Fiji and Cook Islands. Discharged honorably in Oct., 1945.

Sgt. THOMAS BROWN, was born March 11, 1923. He entered the service with Albert Williams, and served 3 years in England and France, winning campaign awards. Honorably discharged in December, 1945.

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S 1/c CHARLES W. WIMBLEY

S1/c Charles Wesley Wimbley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wimbley of Dallas, and the husband of Mary Wimbley, 1009 Calhoun St., Palestine, was born on the 9th of June, 1923. He attended grammar school and high school in Jacksonville, Texas. Before he entered the U.S. Navy on May 20, 1943, he was employed by the Bon Ton Cafe. After finishing his training at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, he served in the United States until July 10, 1946. His duty overseas began on the 6th of August and ended on the 26th of December of the same year, at which time he returned to the United States to be given an honorable discharge on the 5th of January, 1946. He served in the Navy as a seaman for the full length of his service.





Pvt. AMOGENE COURTNEY

Pvt. A mogene Courtney, the son of Mrs. Alberta Courtney of Waco, was born on October 11, 1923. He attended the A. J. Moore High School in Waco, and was working as a defense worker when drafted into the Army on April 21, 1943. The first stop in his Army career was at Camp Wolters, Texas. Moving on from here, he went to Seymour Johnson Field in North Carolina, and then to Dale Mabry Field at Tallahassee, Florida. He was with the 1909th Engineer Aviation Battalion, and was sent to the Pacific Area to serve on the islands of Saipan and Okinawa. Upon returning to the United States, he was sent to Brooks General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.







Pfc ULYSSES R. CASTLEBERRY

Pvt. WAYNARD C. CORZINE

Pfc ULYSSES RANDOLPH CASTLEBERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Castleberry of Tyler, Texas, and husband of Canzata Yvonne, of Dallas, was born Oct. 23, 1912. He entered Army service on Dec. 14, 1943, and was assigned to the 9th Service Command, training at Ft. Lawton, and Camp Ross. Received an honorable discharge from service in Dec., 1944.

Pfc ARCHIE LEE CASTLEBERRY, was born Oct. 12, 1918, and entered Army service Sept. 5, 1942, at Tyler, Texas. He was assigned to the 911th Air Base, Sec. Bn. From April, 1943, to Dec., 1945, he served in the South Pacific with the 7th Air Force on Guadalcanal and in the Hawaiian Islands. He holds campaign awards, and was honorably discharged in December, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston.

Pvt. WAYNARD CHARLES CORZINE, was born August 19, 1920. His wife is Ida Dee Corzine, and his home is in Tyler, Texas. He entered the Army in the 9th Service Command on Jan. 2, 1944, in Los Angeles, California, and was given training at Fort Lawton, Seattle, Wash. He remained in Army service until June 14, 1944, when he was given an honorable discharge from further military service. Previously, he had attended barber college, at Tyler, Texas.

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S/Sgt. CLARENCE WASHINGTON

S/Sgt. Clarence Washington, the son of Mrs. Nyzalla Washington, and the husband of Juanita Washington, both of Corsicana, was born on March 12, 1910. He attended school in Corsicana, and was employed as a cook before he entered the Army on the 12th of January, 1943. Following training at Camp Rucker, Ala., he was stationed at the following camps: Camp Sutton, N.C., Camp Forrest, Tenn., Fort Fisher, N.C., Camp Wolters and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Camp Stoneman, Calif., and Fort Lewis, Wash. He was in the campaigns of Dutch New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies, and the Philippine Islands. He was over seas from October, 1944, until December 17,1945. At the time of this writing he is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, with the 70th E.T.Bn. The Bronze Star was awarded him for his part in the New Guinea Campaign.

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Pvt. IRA W. DeCLUETTE

Pvt. Ira Willie DeCluette, husband of Lydia De-Cluette of Palestine, was born on July 7, 1914. His father is Felix DeCluette, also of Palestine. He attended the public schools of Palestine and Prairie View College. On March 8, 1945, he entered the Army and was sent to Fort Mc-Clellan, Alabama, for 17 weeks of basic training in the Infantry Replacement Training Center. On the 16th of October of the same year Pvt. DeCluette was sent to the Pacific Theater of Operations. While there he was stationed in the Philippine Islands with the 869th Aviation Engineer Regiment, later being transferred to the 810th Aviation Engineer Regiment in the city of Manila. He was discharged on Jan. 25, 1946.









Pfc HERBERT WHITMORE Pfc NATHNIEL WHITMORE Cpl. IRVING WHITMORE

Pfc ERIC WHITMORE

Pfc HERBERT WHITMORE, eldest of these four brothers, who are sons of Mr. Ollie Whitmore of 2418 Maple Ave., Texarkana, Texas, was born Sept. 4, 1912. Entered service on June 10, 1944, and served until some time in 1946. His wife's name is Lena Whitmore. He attended the County Training School before going into military service.

Pfc NATHNIEL WHITMORE, second of these boys was born Jan. 10, 1915. He entered Army service on Oct. 5, 1942, and served overseas from April, 1943, to November, 1945. His wife's name is Lois Whitmore. Like his brother, he attended the County Training School.

Cpl. IRVING CHARLIE WHITMORE, third of these four boys who are sons of Mr. and Mrs. O. Whitmore, of Texarkana, was born on October 22, 1918. He entered service in the Army of the United States on September 16, 1942. Previously he had attended the Dunbar High School. He is un-married.

Pfc ERIC LEWIS WHITMORE, is the youngest of the group. He was born March 27, 1923. His Army career began on Feb. 23, 1943, and from April, 1944, to November, 1945, he served overseas. His wife's name is Frances Whitmore.





Cpl. HENRY L. DAVIS, III



Col. JOSEPH H. M. DAVIS

Cpl. Henry L. Davis, the second oldest son of Prof. J.E. Davis, Sr., of Dallas, Texas, was born on Nov. 13, 1915. He entered the Army on May 19, 1941, at Dallas, and was assigned to the engineers. He was trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., Fort Leonard Wood, and Camp Forrest. He was sent overseas in July, 1942, serving in England for several months, and then in North Africa, and participated in the Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines, and Po Valley battles. He returned to the U.S. in Aug., 1945, and was honorably discharged on the 28th of the same month. His awards are the EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Am. Defense

Cpl. Joseph Harry Morris Davis, son of Prof. J. E. Davis, Sr., of Dallas, was born on May 8, 1917. He entered the Army on May 29, 1941, and was assigned to the Engineers. He was first stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., then Ft. Leonard Wood, and then Camp Forrest. From there he went to England for several months and later to North Africa. He also participated in the Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley battles. His service overseas was from July, 1942, to Aug., 1945. His awards are the EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Am. Def. Service Medal, Good Conduct Med., and 5th Army Ser. Plaque. He was honorably discharged on Aug. 28, 1945.

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M/Sgt. JAMES E. DAVIS, JR.



Cpl. MOSES C. DAVIS

M/Sgt. James Edward Davis, Jr., son of Prof. J. E. Davis, Sr. of Dallas, Texas, was born on April, 13, 1918. He entered the Army at Dallas on Aug. 3, 1942, and was assigned to the Amphibian Tng. Force 9. He was first stationed at Camp Wolters, Texas, and then at Fort Ord, California. In July, 1943, he was sent to the Aleutians after being stationed in Seattle for some time, and took part in the occupation of Kiska. His awards are the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pac. Cam. Ribbon, Am. Theater Rib., Victory Rib., 4 Overseas Bars, Letter of Commendation from Post Com., and 1 Bronze Battle Star. He returned to the U.S. in Nov., 1945, and was honorably discharged on Nov. 28, 1945.

Cpl. Moses C. Davis, son of Prof. J. E. Davis, Sr., of Dallas, was born on March 24, 1922. He entered the Army on Dec. 1, 1942, and was assigned to the Transporation Corps. He was trained at Camp Miles Standish, Mass. In Nov., 1943, he was sent to the Hawaiian, Marianas Ryukyu Is., and served with the D Co., 24th Inf., on Tinian, Kuma Shima, and Okinawa. On Kuma-Shima and Okinawa he served in the Intelligence Service and learned to speak the Jap language and several tribal dialects well. He returned to the U.S. in Jan., 1946, and was discharged on Jan. 12, 1946. His awards are Am. Theater Rib., Asiatic-Pac. Rib. with Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Medal.

1. -T/5 GROVERTON BRYANT, born April 17, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Bryant, and husband of Wilha Bryant, all of Dallas, entered service Dec. 28, 1943; trained at Camp Plauche, La.; overseas from June, 1944, to Aug., 1945, in battle of Northern France and Ardennes; awarded the Good Conduct Medal and EAME with 2 Bronze Stars. Was discharged on October 27, 1945, and returned to his civilian job as advertising and film exchanger for the Enterprise Film Co. where he has been for 12 yrs.

2. — CPL. HENRY McNEAL TURNER HAMES, born Nov. 16, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hames, and husband of Dorothy Hames, Dallas, entered service June, 1942, assigned to Army QM; trained at Fort Frances Warren, Wyo.; overseas from March, 1943, to July 8, 1945, in North Africa, Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Northern France where his body was partly frozen, awarded the EAME Medal with 4 Bronze Stars. Cpl. Hames received an honorable discharge from the Army on July 8, 1945.

3. —B.M. 2/c HERMAN WAYNE BURNETT, born Feb. 23, 1912, son of Mrs. Alice Cleveland, and husband of Leola Burnett, Dallas, attended Oakwood, Texas, High School; entered service April 3, 1943, assigned to the Seabees; trained at Camp Peary, Va., served overseas from Dec., 1943, to Oct. 20, 1945, in the Okinawa Campaign. B.M. 2/c Herman Wayne Burnettreceived anhonorable discharge from the Seabees in Nov., 1945. He was with N.A.A. Defense Plant before the Navy.

4. — CPL. JAMES EDDIE MASTERS, born March 3,1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Masters, and brother of Leola Burnett, Dallas, attended high school in Crockett, Texas; volunteered July 27, 1942, for the Marines; trained at Camp Lejuene, New River, N.C.; overseas from April, 1943, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific. He received promotion to Corporal on Sept. 1, 1943. Corporal James Eddie Masters received an honorable discharge from the Marines on December 28, 1945.

5. —CPL. EDGAR GEORGE HENRY, born Sept. 18,1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Henry, husband of Ruth Fleming Henry, all of Houston, attended Prairie View State College in Hempstead; entered the Army March, 1944, assigned to Medical Corps; trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas; served overseas from Dec., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in France, England, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. He was awarded 3 Battle Stars. Corporal Edgar George Henry received an honorable discharge on Nov. 16, 1945.

6. —SGT. DOUGLAS CEDORSE HENRY, born April 14,1905, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Henry, 1917 Worm St., Houston, attended Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., and entered service March 15, 1943. Assigned to Army Cavalry Division he trained at Fort Bliss, and served overseas from December, 1944, to June, 1945, in India. Sgt. Douglas Cedorse Henry received an honorable discharge from the Army on July 27, 1945. He passed away on January 8, 1947.

7. —LLOYD M. HENDLEY, born February 2, 1921, son of Mrs, Annie Mae Hendley, Tyler, and husband of Rosie Lee Hendley, entered service December 9, 1942, assigned to the AA Field Art; trained at Camp Gruber, Btry. C., 969 F.A. Bn.; served overseas for two years in Berlin, Brest, France, and Germany. He received an honoralbe discharge from the Army on December 12, 1945. He was employed with Blackston Hotel before entering the Army.

8. —S.T.M. 3/c THOMAS P. HENDLEY, born March 13, 1919, son of Mrs. Annie Mae Hendley, Tyler, attended school in Whitehouse, Texas; entered service October 28, 1943, assigned to Navy; trained at Cabaniss Field; served overseas in Okinawa, Pearl Harbor and Gentice Beachhead. S.T.M.3/c Thomas P. Hendley received an honorable discharge from the Navy on July 6, 1945. He was employed at Hensley Field prior to the Navy.

9. —SGT. MASE LEAN WRIGHT, born Dec. 18, 1908, son of Mrs. Kittie L. Wright, and husband of Mabel Louise Wright, Dallas, attended O. J. Thomas High School, Cameron; entered service Jan. 1, 1943, assigned to the Army 581st Engr. (Dump Truck); trained at Camp Swift; served overseas from July, 1943, to Nov., 1945, taking an active part in Northern France, Belgium, Germany, and Luxembourg; awarded the EAME with one Bronze Star, Victory and Good Conduct Medal. Sgt. Wright was discharged November 25, 1945.

10.—CPL. OTIS WHITE, born Nov. 13, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, and husband of Gracie Lillie White, Dallas, attended Booker T. Was hing ton High School entered the Army on Oct. 5, 1944; trained at Fort McClellan, Ala; served overseas from April, 1945, to April, 1946, with 6th Army, in New Guinea, Luzon, and Japan; awards were Bronze Star Medal, Philippine Liberation, 1 Battle Star, Japan Occupation. He is now at Brooke General Hospital.

11.—S.M. 1/c WILLIAM JONES, born Sept. 20, 1925, nephew of Mrs. Annie Square, Tyler, attended Emmett Scott High School; entered the Navy December 31, 1943; trained at Bainbridge, Maryland, U. S. Naval Training Station; served overseas from April, 1944, to November, 1945, aboard the U.S.S. Weeks in Aleutian Area from Adak to Attu; awards were Asiatic-Pacific, and American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. Steward's Mate 1/c Jones was honorably discharged February 6, 1946.

12.—SK3/c JOHN JAMES MADISON, born June 22, 1908, s on of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Madison, Sr., Houston, and husband of Cora Madison, Galena Park, attended Colored High School, Houston; entered the Navy October 12, 1943, assigned to the Supply Dept.; served his country from May, 1943, to February, 1946. He was awarded the American, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals, SK3/c John James Madison received an honorable discharge from the Navy on February 18, 1946.

13.—SGT. WILLIAM OLIVER MADISON, JR., born May 24, 1906, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Madison, Sr., Houston, attended Tillotson College, Austin; entered the Army June 26, 1942, assigned Medical Detachment; trained at Fort McClellan Ala; served his country from June, 1942, to Nov., 1944. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Sergeant William Oliver Madison received an honorable discharge from the Army on November 28, 1944. His wife is Mrs. Ora Lee Madison, Houston.

14.—S/SGT.BURNHAM FERRELL MADISON, SR., born Feb. 25, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Madison, Sr., Houston, and husband of Thaddeus Madison, attended Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; entered service Oct. 8, 1942, assigned to the Army Engineers; trained at Fort Belvoir, Va.; served overseas from Oct., 1943, to May, 1945, in Southwest Pacific; awarded the Good Conduct, Asiatic-Pacific one Battle Star. Staff Sergeant Madison was honorably discharged October 13, 1945.

15.—ST. Ml/c HIRLTON HUEY, JR., born August 13,1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hirlton Huey, Sr., attended Houston Public Schools. Entered the Navy March 15, 1942. He spent seventeen months overseas on the U.S.S. Reno which took in 4 major battles. The ship was torpedoed losing forty five men and was only kept afloat by the hard work of those who remained. Received an honorable discharge, A Unit Citation was awarded when his ship went to the rescue of U.S.S. Princenton under fire.

16.—ST. M1/c EDWARD FULLYLOVE, born February 18, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Füllylove, Rosebud, attended Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C.; volunteered June 1, 1940, to Navy; received his training at San Diego Naval Base; overseas from Dec., 1940, to Nov., 1945, on the ships U.S.S. Saratoga and Hancock in the battles of Formosa, Luzon and Philippines. Discharged July 1, 1946. Talent of singing will be remembered by his mates.

17.—SGT. BENNIE DYKES, born June 28, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dykes, Rockdale, and husband of Ethel Dykes, Dallas, attended Rockdale Public Schools; entered the Army Air Corps on Sept. 2, 1942; trained at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo; overseas from June, 1945, to Jan., 1946, in Hawaii and Guam; awards were American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, and Victory Medal. Sergeant Dykes received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on Jan. 24, 1946.

18.—S/SGT. EMEAL MYLES, born Sept. 24,1914, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eli Myles, and husband of Florence Myles, Dallas, attended Montrose, Ark., Public Schools; entered the Army Jan. 1, 1943; trained at Camp Swift; served overseas with 581st Engr. from July, 1943, to Feb., 1946; served in England and the battle of Northern France; awarded the ETO, Good Conduct and Victory Ribbons. Received an honorable discharge from the Army on Feb. 11, 1946, and remains in Reserve Corps.

19.—ST.1/c WILLIE DELL MILLER, born May 20, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, and husband of Bettie Jean Miller, Dallas, attended the Booker T. Washington High School, Dallas; volunteered Aug. 29, 1942, for the Coast Guard. Trained at N.T.S., New Orleans, La., Sea Service for 11 months on Atlantic Coast; also participated in three major battles; awards were Defense Medal and American Theater of War. Received an honorable discharge on Oct. 17, 1945.

20.—CPL. LESLIE JOHNSON, born January 8, 1914, son of John R. Johnson, Overton, where he attended high school; entered service April 21, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, assigned to the Army 29th Div.; trained at Fort Lewis, Washington; served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns. Corporal Leslie Johnson received an honorable discharge from the Army on December 5, 1945.





Sgt. CHARLIE HARRIS

Sgt. Charlie Harris, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harris of Summerville, and the husband of Gertrude R. Harris of 2620 1/2 Thomas Ave., Dallas, was born on May 11, 1912. On the 30th of June, 1943, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, and was sent to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for training. Assigned to the 6th Marine Division, he transferred to the Pacific Area approximately one year after joining the corps. He saw action on the island of Okinawa, and in China at Shanghai, Tangku, Tientsin, and Peking. While serving with the Marines he suffered a broken leg at one time. On January 9,1946, discharge was granted.



Pfc HERMAN J. HUNN

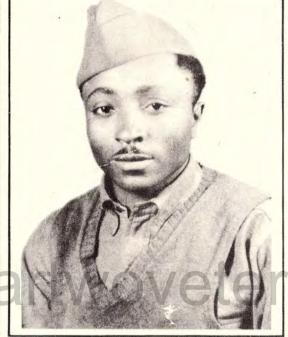


Pfc CLEO R. BROWN

Pfc Herman Jesse Hunn, son of Jesse H. Hunn of Dallas, Texas, was born on August 15, 1925. He volunteered for the Marines at Dallas on Oct. 13, 1943, and was assigned to the 51st Defense Battalion (Hy AA), training at Monford Point, Camp Lejeune, N. C. From February 9, 1944, to December 10, 1945, he served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Area of War, part of which time he spent on Eniwetok Atoll. Three months after his return from overseas, on March 16, 1946, he was given an honorable discharge from further military service in the Army of the United States. His grandmother is Mrs. Carrie Shools, 2414 Lawrence, Dallas.

Pfc Cleo Roosevelt Brown, son of George Brown of Terrell, and husband of Mossie Minor Brown of Dallas, was born March 26, 1915. Entered service in the U.S. Army on Aug. 18, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the 93rd Division. Training was given him at Camp Wolters and Ft. Huachuca. On Feb. 19, 1944, he was sent overseas to the Pacific, where he served until Jan., 1946, and saw action in the battles of Bougainville, Solomon Is.; New Guinea; and the Philippine Is. His awards are: Amer. Theater; Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Bronze Stars; Philippine Liberation; Good Conduct; 3 Overseas Bars; Victory. Discharged Jan. 11, 1946.

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T/5 LUCKIE FRANKLIN

T/5 Luckie Franklin, husband of Evelyn B. Franklin of 819 W. Morris, Tyler, Texas, and son of Rev. A. L. Franklin of Henderson, Texas, was born on Dec. 11, 1914. He entered the Army at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the Infantry on Sept. 18, 1943, and was trained at Ft. Riley, Kan. In Sept., 1944, he was sent overseas with the 92nd Infantry Division. He served in Italy, and participated in the Rome-Arno, Apennines, and Po Valley battles. His awards are the Good Conduct Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal, Victory Medal, and three Bronze Stars. He was honorably discharged on January 6, 1946. He received his promotion to corporal in February, 1944. Previous to enlistment he attended Texas College at Tyler, Texas.

Cpl. CARDEN A. COWENS

Cpl. Carden Agustus Cowens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Cowens of Dallas, and the husband of Marguerite Cowens of 972 Bryant Ave. No., Minneapolis, Minnesota, was born on June 21, 1917. Attended Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas, where he joined the Marine Corps on Dec. 3, 1943, and received his training at Montford Point, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Assigned to the Marine Band, he served as a snare and bass drummer in both the field and concertbands, and also as a drummer in the post's dance orchestra. On the 1st of June, 1946, he was discharged.



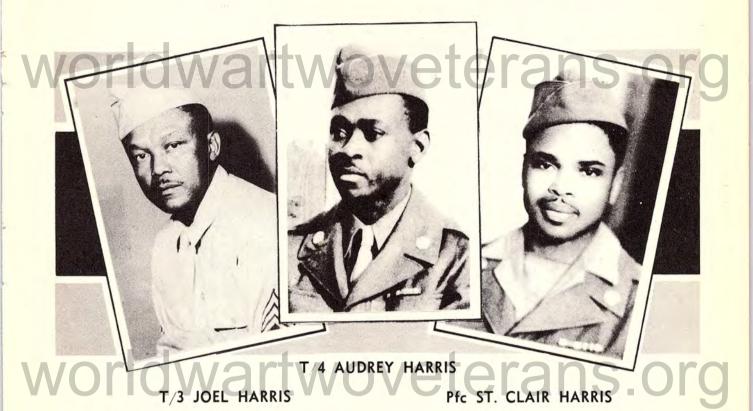
Cpl. ERNEST WARD



*Pfc THOMAS R. ROBINSON

Cpl. Ernest Ward, husband of Mrs. Gertie Ward of Houston, Tex., was born on Feb. 2, 1908. He entered the Army at Houston on Feb. 16, 1943, and was assigned to the 2nd Cavalry. He was stationed at Fort Riley, Kans., Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., and Fort Clark. He was with the 115th QM Co. of the 5th Army. He served in North Africa after Feb., 1944, when he began overseas duty. He was in Sicily and participated in the Battle of the Northern Apennines, the Rome-Arno Battle and the Battle of the Po Valley. He was awarded the Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars. He returned to the U.S. in Sept., 1946, and was discharged on Oct. 3, 1946.

Pfc Thomas Richard Robinson, was born on Sept. 19, 1909. Entered the Army June 9, 1943, and was assigned to the 94th Engineer Div. He was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va. He served in the United States until Nov. 20, 1943, when his overseas service began, in Italy where he received severe injuries in battle, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Sept. 3, 1944, as a result of these injuries. He was born in Reagan, Texas, and attended Ennis High School. Coming to Dallas in 1923, he met Jessie Bell King who later became his wife. He took an active part in his church, serving as steward treas. and choir member; also the Jordon Lane Social Club.



T/3 JOEL HARRIS, eldest of these three sons of Mrs. Pearl Harris, of Waco, was born Sept. 7, 1905. He attended Prairie View University at Hempstead, and entered Army Service on Oct. 7, 1943. He was assigned to the 503rd AA(CA) Gn. Bn., and was trained at Ft. Eustis, Va., and Camp Murphy, Fla. From Aug., 1944, to Nov., 1945, he served in the Pacific Area as a Radar repairman, and was honorably discharged with campaign awards and 1 Bronze Star, in Nov., 1945.

T/4 AUDREY HARRIS, was born April 14,1907. He went into the Army on Jan. 18, 1943, at Camp Wolters, and was given training at Sheppard Field. He was a qualified radio repairman and radio operator, and served 2 years, 2 months, and 20 days over seas in Europe, seeing action in the battles of Northern France and Rhineland, GO 33, WD 45. He has the EAME Medal with 2 Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Award, and was honorably discharged in Nov., 1945.

Pfc ST. CLAIR HARRIS, was born Jan. 11, 1911, and entered Army service on Aug. 7, 1942, at Camp Wolters. He was with the 212th M.P. Co., and was given training at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. He spent 2 years, 3 months and 24 days in service in Europe, seeing action in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, So. France, and Rhineland. He holds campaign. ribbons and battle stars and was honorably discharged on Dec. 22, 1945.

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T/4 HENRY CLAY, JR.

T/4 Henry Clay, Jr., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay of Conroe, the husband of Mattie Mae Clay of Houston, was born on August 27,1916. He attended high school in Beaumont, at the Charleston Pollard High School. On July 28, 1942, he entered the Army, and was assigned to the Quartermaster Corps. Received his training at Randolph Field, Camp Hood, and New Orleans before going to Europe on May 14, 1944. T/4 Clay, Jr., was in action during the invasion of France at Omaha Beach, and in the battles of St. Lo and Mantes. He is authorized to wear 2 Bronze Stars with his European Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged on Nov. 11, 1945.



Cpl. CLARENCE H. HENRY



CPO ERNEST S. MORRISON

Cpl. Clarence H. Henry, husband of Vassie Henry of Dallas, Texas, was born on Aug. 10, 1909. He entered the Army at Dallas on October 15, 1942, and was assigned to the Air Corps. He received his basic training at Tuskegee Army Airfield and his radio training at Scott Field, Ill. He attended Administration School at McDill Field, Fla., and C.N.S. School at Tomah, Wisconsin. He was stationed at Selfridge Field, Mich., where he was unassigned, and at Godman Field, Ky., he was assigned to the 477th Bomber Squadron. He attended Gunnery School at Yuma, Ariz., and was with the 126th AAF Bu. at Walterboro, S.C. He was honorable discharged on Oct. 4, 1945.

C.P.O. Ernest Stonewall Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Morrison of Dallas, Texas., was born on June 30, 1917. He volunteered for the Navy at Dallas on February 3, 1936, and was assigned to the Supply Corps. He was trained at the United States Naval Training Station at Norfolk, Virginia. He served overseas for 14 months in the European Theater, and participated in the invasion of North Africa, and invasions of Salerno and Anzio, Italy. He advanced to C.P.O. through seven pay grades. Previous to his enlistment, he attended Pooker T. Washington High School in Dallas. His service in the U.S. was for nine years.



Pfc Robert L. Paige, son of Mrs. Beatrice Head of Waco, Texas, was bornon May 31, 1912. He entered the Army on Sept. 7, 1942, at Dallas. He was assigned to the 911 ABS Bn., and was trained at Camp Swift, Tex., and Portland Army Air Base, Portland, Ore. He was on overseas duty for 2 yrs. and 4 1/2 mos. in Hawaii, Russell Is. and Guadalcanal. He also participated in the battle of Ryukyus. His awards are the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Victory Ribbon, one Service Stripe, and five Overseas Bars. He was with the 466th Avn. Squadron. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 25, 1945. Previous to enlistment he attended the Public High School in Hamlin, Texas. His wife is Velma Paige of Waco.

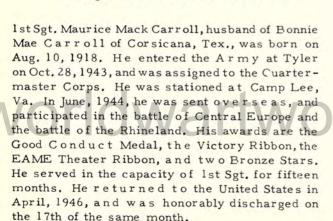
S/Sgt. Arizona Paige, son of Mrs. Beatrice Head of Waco, Texas, was born Jan. 10, 1911. He entered the Army at Abilene, Tex., on June 1, 1942, and was assigned to the Corps of Engineers. He was stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., and Camp Beauregard, La. In Feb., 1945, he was sent overseas to Compeigne. France. He was transferred to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater later, and participated in the battle of Okinawa. He was also in Korea. He served in both Theaters as construction foreman, and supervised 500 German prisoners building double bunks on board ship en route to the South Pacific. His awards are EAME Campaign Ribbon, Victory Medal, Am. Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 12, 1946.



T/5 JACK C. WILLIAMS

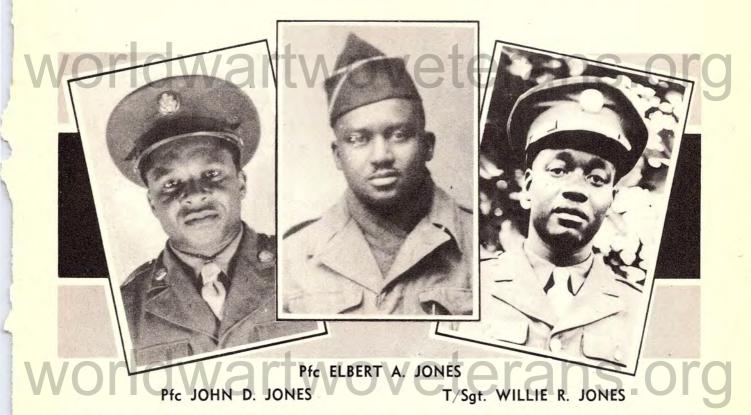
T/5 Jack C. Williams, the husband of Winnie W. Williams, Dallas, was born on June 2, 1909, in Seguin, where he attended public schools. On the 1st of Jan, 1943, he entered the Army and received 6 months basic training at Camp Swift. This training was with the 581st Engineers. After a stay of 8 days at Camp Kilmer, N.J., he sailed for Liverpool, staying in England 13 months until 37 days after D-Day when he embarked for France, serving in that country for 13 months also. One month was spent in Belgium and 2 weeks in Berlin, Germany. This completed his term of service in the Army and he returned to the United States to be discharged at Camp Fannin on Nov. 25,1945. He holds a Truck Driver and Mechanic Badge, I Battle Star, and 5 Overseas Bars besides his various campaign ribbons.







T/5 Robert Dixon, was born November 9, 1915, in Jefferson, Texas. He is the son of Mrs. Emline Dixon, of 1215 West Elm Street, Texarkana, Texas. His wife is Doris Dixon, formerly of California. As a boy, Robert Dixon attended the public schools of Jefferson. He entered service in the United States Army when he was about twenty-eight years of age. Before this, he was employed in an ordnance plant. Part of this time of service in the Army was spent in San Francisco, California. It was in Texarkana that he entered service.



Pfc JOHN DELL JONES, son of Mrs. Luella Jones of Corsicana, was born Oct. 24, 1910, and entered service in the Quartermaster Division of the Army on July 1, 1941, at Dallas. He was trained at Ft. Warren, Wyo., and served overseas in New Guinea and the So. Philippines from July, 1943, to Dec., 1945. He holds campaign awards and 3 Bronze Stars, and was honorably discharged on Dec. 19, 1945. Pfc ELBERT ADAM JONES, son of Mrs. Luella Jones, was born June 16, 1917. He volunteered for Army service on March 7, 1941, and was assigned to the 229th QM Salv. Coll. Co. He, too, was trained at Ft. Warren, Wyo., and went overseas Dec. 16, 1943, to Europe. He saw action in the battles of Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. His awards are: Amer. Def.; EAME 4 Bronze Stars. On Oct. 11, 1945, he was honorably discharged from the service having been a good marksman and a salvage technician during military occupation. T/Sgt. WILLIE R. JONES, youngest of these three brothers, was born Jan. 8, 1919. On Jan. 19, 1943, he entered Army service at Camp Wolters, and was assigned to the 1315th Engr. Const. Bn. He was trained at Camp Rucker and Camp Sutton, and in Nov., 1944, he went to the Pacific where he served in the campaigns of New Guinea and Luzon. He holds campaign awards and 2 Bronze Stars, and was honorably discharged on Dec. 31, 1945.



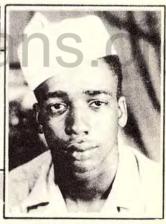
S/Sgt. EDWARD LaVONNE COWENS

S/Sgt. Edward LaVonne Cowens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Cowens, Sr., of Dallas, was born on February 15, 1923. Prior to his entering the Army on February 3, 1943, he attended Booker T. Washington High School. He received his training at Camp Stoneman, Calif., and served in the Army Service Force. From August 25, 1944, until the 27th of January, 1946. S/Sgt. Cowens was in the Pacific Theater of Operations, at Papua, New Guinea and in Liberation of Philippines, later serving in the occupation of the Japanese home islands. Discharged on the 18th of February, 1946, and is now attending Eishop Junior College. Awards: American Theater Asiatic-Pacific 1 Star, Philippine Lib.l Star, Driver's Medal, Good Conduct.









Cpl. BISHOP WATERS, JR.

Pvt. FELIX WATERS

Pvt. TRAVIS L. WATERS Pfc JOHNNIE L. WATERS

Cpl. BISHOP WATERS, Jr., son of Mrs. Cora Waters, of Tyler, Texas, was born Nov. 6,1914. Entered service March 3, 1943, assigned to the Quartermaster Corps. Trained at Camp Rucker, Ala. From Feb., 1944, to Nov., 1945, served overseas and saw action in the battles of Normandy, N. France, and Rhineland. He holds campaign ribbons and stars for these and was discharged, Nov., 1945.

FELIX WATERS, was born Sept. 10, 1917, and in Sept., 1942, he entered service in the Army Air Corps, 951st Div. He was trained at Camp Swift, and went to the Pacific in May, 1943, where he served for 16 months, being in Hawaii, the Philippines, and Saipan. He holds awards and was discharged, Dec., 1944.

Pvt. TRAVIS LEE WATERS, was born July 23, 1923, and went into service in the Army Air Corps on April 10, 1943, at Tyler, Texas. He was trained in Lincoln, Nebr., and Camp Wolters, Texas, but saw no overseas service, because of a physical limitation. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, and was honorably discharged, March 20, 1944.

Pfc JOHNNIE LEE WATERS, was born April 10, 1924. From April 19, 1943, to Jan. 6, 1946, he was in the 2nd Infantry, and of these three years he spent two overseas in Italy, No. Africa, and Germany, leaving the U.S. in Feb., 1944. He was wounded in the fray, and was given battle awards and campaign ribbons.

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Cpl. CHARLES CRAWFORD

Cpl. Charles Crawford, son of Mrs. Effie Parker of Dallas, Texas, was born on August 2,1916. He entered the Army at Dallas on Dec. 5,1942, and was assigned to the 477th A.A.A. Unit. He was trained at Camp Stewart, Georgia. On August 24,1943, he began overseas duty which lasted until December 23, 1945. He served in the Southwest Pacific and participated in the Battle of Buna. Shortly after his return to the United States, he was honorably discharged on January 8,1946. Previous to his enlistment, he attended Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas. He is married to Nora M. Crawford who is from Los Angeles, California. He held the rank of Private First Class before his promotion to Corporal was granted. While he was in the Army he was never reported wounded or missing.

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Cpl. ARTHUR J. MILLER

Cpl. Arthur James Miller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conery Miller of Waco, was born on Aug. 4, 1921. He entered the Army on Feb. 4, 1943, and was sent to Camp Wolters for training in the Q.M. Dept. In Oct., 1943, he was transferred to Camp Rucker, Ala., to serve with the 827th Amptruck Co. as a driver. Cpl. Miller spent 18 months in the European Theater of Operations, serving in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. He hauled food, equipment, and supplies under heavy fire for the Rhine river offensive. While overseas, he made a good record driving for the 1128th Engineer Combat Group. He was discharged at Ft. MacArthur on Oct. 25, 1945.



Cpl. DAVID JONES Sgt. HERMAN L. FIELDS



T/4 GERALD A. BRIGHT

Cpl. DAVID JONES, son of Henry Jones of Denison, and husband of Geraldine Jones of Dallas, was born Oct. 31, 1919. Entered service in the 5th Marines on April 22, 1944. From Nov., 1944, to March, 1946, he served in Hawaii, Guam, Iwo Jima, and Japan. He was in the battle of Iwo Jima and was awarded the Campaign Ribbon and the Silver Star. Honorably discharged April 3, 1946.

Sgt. HERMAN LEROY FIELDS, brother of Mrs. Geraldine Jones, was born Jan. 7, 1921. Entered Army service Oct. 5, 1942. Assigned to the 1st Army, and trained at Camp Butner, N. C. Served in the battles of Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe, and holds awards for same. Honorably discharged on Nov. 6, 1945.

T/4 Gerald Arnette Bright, husband of Geraldine G. Bright of San Antonio, was born on June 24, 1919. He entered the Army at Houston on June 22, 1942, and was assigned to the Air Corps. He was stationed at Camp Swift, Tex., and Will Rogers Army Air Base. His overseas service began in Aug., 1943, extending through Dec., 1945. He served in the British Isles, Belgium, and France where he participated in the battle of Northern France. He was awarded the American Theater Campaign Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged on December 28, 1945. Previous to enlistment, he attended Prairie View State.

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*C3/c DORIS MILLER

C3/c Doris Miller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conery Miller of Waco, was born on October 12, 1919, at Erath, Texas. On the 15th of September, 1939, he left the Moore High School in Waco to enlist in the U.S. Navy at Dallas. Doris Miller participated in many of the battles of the Pacific Zone, including the action at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked. He served on the U.S.S. West Virginia, Indiana, battleships, and the light Aircraft Carrier, Liscombe Bay. It was while serving aboard this Aircraft Carrier that he was reported missing on Nov. 25, 1943, when the ship was sunk in enemy action. Previous to this time Doris Miller had been awarded the Navy Cross for bravery. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice to help keep his country free. He is gone but not forgotten.



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Cpl. WALTER LaRUE JONES

Cpl. Walter LaRue Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lark J. Jones, Sr., of Houston, was born on Nov. 20, 1923. He entered the Army at Houston on June 2, 1943, and was assigned to the 3rd Army. He was trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and Camp McCain, Miss. In March, 1944, he was sent overseas serving in Southern England, France, and Germany. He participated in the battle of Northern France, battle of Rhineland, battle of Central Europe, and the battle of the Ardennes. Shortly after his overseas duty began, he was promoted to the rank of corporal. He performed the duties of a personnel clerk typist, and acted in the capacity of the unit Public Relations Correspondent. His awards are the Good Conduct Medal and four Battle Stars. He returned to the U.S. in Sept., 1945, and was honorably discharged on Nov. 14, 1945. Previous to his enlistment, he attended Prairie View University at Prairie View, Texas.

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MARINE FIGHTING DOG WOUNDED

"Caesar," a German shepherd dog, is carried back from the front lines in a litter by two Marines after he was wounded in action in the Battle of Bougainville (top photo). Dressings cover wounds on the flank and side of Caesar (below) as he rests after treatment. The dog is one of three used by the Marines to hunt out Japs in the jungle and is the first reported wounded.

Second Phase: From the Mediterranean to the Vosges and Jura Mountains

In accordance with decisions of the Allied High Command to strike at the soft underbelly of Europe, Italy had been knocked out of the war, and preparations were made for Operations ANVIL, the invasion of southern France. With the enemy's main attention occupied by the Allied attack on the western coast of France, an invasion by way of southern France would enable the Allies to strike at the exposed left flank of the enemy forces, perhaps its weakest spot.

The French Mediterranean coast extends from Spain to the borders of Italy; in shape this resembles somewhat the letter "S," or two arcs, which are marked at several places by excellent landing beaches and good harbors, notably at the mouth of the Rhone River, at the Bay of Marseille, at Toulon, and Villefranche.

Southern France is the Riviera, perhaps the most popular of all places in Europe for rest and recreation. Travelers from England and from America also frequented the Azure Coast. Perpignan, near the Spanish border; Montpellier, the ancient university center; Marseille with its medley of all nations; Nimes and Avignon, with their historic settings; Cannes, the mecca of the well to do; Monaco with its Monte Carlo; Nice, Antibes, and Menton — these are all names known to the world of pleasure seekers.

With the Germans in possession of the French Mediterranean coast, it was essential to the success of the Allied attack on western France that we also attack the Germans in southern France. The plan of our High Command was in the first instance to invade Normandy and southern France simultaneously during the month of May 1944. But because of a lack of sufficient landing craft, Normandy was postponed from May until June, and southern France was left to be invaded at some future opportune moment. In this way, the craft used for landing in Normandy could be shifted to the Mediterranean for use in the landing operations of southern France.

The plan so worked out that the Normandy invasion began Tuesday, July 6, 1944, and the invasion of southern France began on August 15, 1944. For many weeks the assaulting forces had been congregating on the island of Corsica and in Italian ports. Veterans of Africa, Sicily, Salerno, and Anzio were the backbone of the group for the invasion assault: The 3rd, 36th, and 45th Infantry Divisions. The VI Corps was under the command of Lieutenant General Lucian K. Truscott, while the Seventh Army was commanded by Lieutenant General Alexander M. Patch. In addition there were French units in the invading force.

This amphibious expedition consisted of more than 1,500 ships, including 2 American and 7 British aircraft carriers, and a total of 641 American ships. The objective was "To drive out the Germans [from the south of France] and join up with the Allied armies advancing from Normandy," and so be in a position to advance in an unbroken front on Germany's homeland.

After 4 days of heavy air bombing, on D-Day, August 15, 1944, the Navy pounded enemy installations for hours, after which on a 15-mile stretch of coast between Toulon and Cannes, the Allied troops began to land. They met little opposition, and in 8 days' time leading elements of the Seventh Army had penetrated

140 miles into the interior of France. The 1st Airborne Task Force, composed of American, British, and French units, spearheaded the invasion. British and American troops were dropped inland near Saint-Muy on the eastern end of the proposed beachhead, while the French came in near Bormes on the west, thus bracketing the landing beach.

At the time, southern France was being held by the German First and Nineteenth Armies, with poor troops and weak organization: only two divisions were defending 100 miles of coast from Toulon to Nice. Within 3 days after landing, the Seventh Army and the French Forces of the Interior (Maquis, or guerrillas, or Underground) had captured over 10,000 prisoners.

The Seventh Army met its stiffest resistance at Marseille and Toulon. The French contingents were designated to capture these two strong points. Marseille was taken on August 23, 1944, after the Germans had wrecked the docks, warehouses, and scuttled ships at the entrance to the harbor. Toulon was captured on August 26, 1944, after a week of bitter fighting. By August 28 another 7,000 German prisoners had been taken.

While the battle for Marseille and Toulon was in progress, the American contingent of the Seventh Army was driving north through the Durance Valley, reaching the Rhone River above Montelimar 100 miles from the Mediterranean. By doing this, they trapped one German Panzer division and elements of two other divisions. These forces, numbering around 15,000, tried desperately to break through and escape, but most of them were captured or killed.

To the east, other American troops advanced to Grenoble, then drove north to Lyon, key city of communications and transportation for southern France. At the same time, still other American troops fanned eastward toward the Italian frontier, where they were aided by the Maquis, or French Forces of the Interior, in capturing all German installations and personnel.

The French Underground

The recent war has been spoken of as the Second World War or Global War because there is scarcely a country on earth that has not been involved in or affected by it. But it was more than a Global War. It was a Peoples' War—a Peoples' War because more millions of noncombatant civilians became victims by suffering death or imprisonment than all the millions of casualties suffered by the armed forces engaged in it. And in some cases, at least, it was more dangerous to be a civilian than it was to be a soldier. It was a war in which an attempt was made to exterminate whole peoples and races.

Perhaps this accounts for the fact that guerrilla warfare played a far more important part than in any other war in history. Peoples knowing that they would receive no mercy nor consideration from the common enemy determined that in spite of everything they would survive. So it was that in every important country engaged in the war, the civilian populations "went underground," so to speak, to carry on their opposition by every possible means, to obstruct and add to the defeat of the enemy. This was true in Poland, in Norway, in Holland, in Bel-

gium, in France, in Yugoslavia, in Greece, in Russia, and even in Denmark.

What did the guerrillas do? They attacked outposts, killed enemy stragglers, captured arms and ammunition convoys, raided headquarters, destroyed lines of communication, and printed and distributed circulars to keep their compatriots informed, and maintained contact with the Allies so as to prepare for the invasion and liberation of their countries. While guerrilla forces might not be able to win the war or their own liberation, they were able to soften up the enemy, terrify him, confuse him; in this way they contributed a major part to the annihilation of the greatest military machine of all time.

All this was particularly true of the French guerrillas, known officially as the F.F.I., or French Forces of the Interior, sometimes called the Maquis. The French patriots banded themselves together in a powerful secret organization, swore allegiance to the Free Fighting French movement under General de Gaulle, disciplined and trained themselves, and then waited for the signal from the Allies to rise up and join in the fight against the Nazis.

In all parts of France, even under the very noses of German officials, these French patriots carried on their secret operations. The stories of men who faced voluntary death rather than reveal their secrets or implicate some other patriot would thrill the souls of any liberty-loving person.

That section of France between the Rhone River and the Italian frontier, known as the French Alps, was chosen by the Maquis as their principal training area. The passes through the mountains provided for easy defense against prying Germans, and no record remains of the number of enemy individuals and detachments that endeavored to penetrate the rugged hills but who came to grief from the Maquis outpost sentries. Into this area many thousands of French patriots came to prepare themselves for the great day of invasion, so that they could contribute their share to the liberation of la belle France. Close liaison was maintained with the American Army in the Mediterranean area, food and ammunition were sent to them by plane. and it is reported that American keymen were dropped among them to facilitate cooperation when the hour of invasion should come.

During the first 2 weeks, the Seventh Army captured some 50,000 German soldiers. Sweeping northward and eastward from Lyon, around the Swiss border toward Belfort, the Seventh passed into the Vosges and the Jura Mountains. By September 1944 the army was pushing into Alsace and toward the Rhine; it took its place at the southern end of the Allied Line facing Germany ready for the impending battle for final victory.

The main elements of the Seventh Army in the invasion of southern France were the United States 3rd, 36th, and 45th Infantry Divisions. A brief statement of the war record of each of these divisions up to this time is in order.

The 3rd Infantry Division

Coming up out of the First World War where it earned the name "Rock of the Marne," the Third Division has the enviable record in this war of being the only American division that has fought the Nazis on every battle front in which American troops have been engaged-in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany. It is reported that it has the highest casualty list of any other division-about 35,000. In addition, it holds the record for high combat citations, 32 of its personnel having been awarded the Medal of Honor.

On November 8, 1942 the Third Division was the spearhead at the American landing near Casablanca. Having sliced off a part of French Morocco in 3 days of hard fighting it was in position to storm Casablanca when the French surrendered that port. It was racing for Tunisia when the Afrika Korps was knocked out. In special training for about 2 months, the 3rd Division landed in Sicily on D-Day, July 10, 1943, and in a sensationally swift movement captured Palermo; and the division was on hand when Messina, the last enemy stronghold on Sicily, was taken on August 16, 1943.

In Italy, the 3rd Division took over the beachhead at Salerno, broke through the defenses at Acerno, and participated in the bloody crossing of the Volturno. At Anzio the 3rd Division went ashore with the first wave and for 4 months held on in face of some of the most furious counterattacks of the war. And here the division established the record for the largest number of casualties of any division suffered in any single day of fighting. The division occupied an important place in the liberation of Rome. Then, it began its special training for Operation ANVIL, the invasion of southern France.

Under the leadership of Major General John Wilson (Iron Mike) O'Daniel, the 3rd Division took more than 1,000 prisoners in its first 24 hours on French soil; it then raced to Avignon and the Rhone Valley, then northward toward the Allied armies breaking out of Normandy. In 2 days' time the division captured the fortified city of Besancon. But during October 1944 advance was slowed up and much blood was spilled in its approach to the Vosges Mountains. In November the division succeeded in breaking through the enemy lines and moved into Strasbourg. And on the northern perimeter of the Colmar bridgehead the division engaged in such superb fighting in rain, snow, enemy-infested marshlands and woods, and over flat plains crisscrossed with unfordable streams, that the President cited the entire division for its heroic exploits.

The 36th Infantry Division

The 36th Infantry Division was originally a Texas division, and "Deep in the Heart of

Texas" is its theme song. The division's real baptism of fire came in Italy. It first struck at Salerno, and for 5 days the outcome was uncertain, the troops suffering heavily before the beachhead was finally established. When the division attempted to cross the Rapido River they were raked by crack German troops with every conceivable weapon, and the merciless fire brought many casualties. In this campaign, near Altaville, a private first class, Charles E. Kelly, by his almost unbelievable daring and heroism achieved a nation-wide acclaim and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, and was known thereafter as "Commando" Kelly.

After Cassino and its savage battles, the division was given 7 weeks' rest and then went into Anzio. Here it captured Velletri and helped to open the way for the fall of Rome. Through the Eternal City they moved in double-quick pursuit of the Germans fleeing from destruction.

In August 1944 the 36th Division landed at Saint-Raphael in southern France. Its objectives were reached in such a rapid fashion that in a surprisingly short time it found itself east and north of the German Ninth Army at Montelimar and proceeded to cut it to pieces. Within one month after it had landed in southern France, the division had gained 300 miles and was in the foothills of the Vosges along the formidable Moselle River. Here was one of the heaviest German fixed lines of defense. With the aid of French citizens, especially the Mayor of Raonaux-Bois, the first and third battalions of the 141st Infantry crossed the river, established a beachhead, and then dove into the forests that covered the slopes of the Vosges.

The 442nd Infantry Combat Team, having fought in Italy with the 34th Infantry Division. was now fighting with the 36th. It was made up of Nisei, or Japanese-Americans. This team storm of snipers and artillery and mines that became a nightmare.

The 36th Division established the modern Army record of 132 days consecutive fighting when it took Colmar and Oberhoffen, and stood at the Rhine awaiting the signal to cross.

The 45th Infantry Division

The 45th Division added to its laurels in this war and established itself as being one of the truly great divisions in the Army of the United States. This time it was known as the Thunderbird Division, the Nazis having stolen and debased the significance of the swastika, the division's older emblem.

Reactivated in 1940, it was composed originally of National Guardsmen from Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona, and included in its original personnel more than 1,500 Indians representing 28 tribes. But the personnel suffered many changes during this war, on account of casualties twice the division's original strength. Replacements from all parts of the country took away much of its original local color; but in spite of this, the division made a record that will be unforgettable.

The division first landed at Oran in North Africa, where it underwent special training for the first invasion of Europe, the island of Sicily. On D-Day, June 10, 1943, it went ashore at Scoglitti, and within 3 weeks' time had overrun 1,000 square miles of enemy-held territory. In a 22-day campaign the division engaged in the fight for "Bloody Ridge" and captured San Ste-

On the second day of the Salerno landing, the 45th went in at Paestum, then fought for 4 bitter months through the Apennines, until it was relieved on January 9, 1944. During this fight, the division crossed the Volturno, captured Venafro, and battled the enemy on frozen mountaintops where it was too cold even to dig fox holes or slit trenches. Over trails impassable for horses and mules, the men of the division carried on their shoulders equipment and supplies to the front lines. Resting awhile, the 45th landed at Anzio and was under ceaseless enemy fire for 76 days. It threw back the German major counterattack that was calculated to drive the Allies into the sea. For this heroic deed, three units of the division were cited for heroism. Breaking through the beachhead, the 45th distinguished itself in the savage attack that then marched north to Rome, where it was retook the city of Bruyere, fighting through a lieved of duty on June 6, D-Day in northern

> When the division sailed for its fourth invasion, the shores of southern France, it had already completed 271 days in the line. Landing near Sainte-Maxime on August 15, 1944, as one of the principal components of the Seventh Army, it sped up the Rhone Valley to the Vosges Mountains, and here it met with the toughest sort of enemy opposition.

> Southern France had been liberated, and the Seventh Army, now holding the southern end of the Allied line. reorganized and strengthened its forces for the great break-through into Ger-

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*Pfc DAVID H. DIGGS

Pfc David Harold Diggs, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Diggs, was born November 16, 1921, in Paris, Texas, brother of William Martin Diggs Jr., Paris, and Mrs. G. G. Goodwyn, Dallas, Texas. He was a lover of outdoor sports, such as hunting, fishing and horseback riding, and was an electrician prior to his entry August 1, 1942, into the Army. Pfc Diggs trained at Camp Forrest, Tulahoma, Tennessee, and began overseas duty June, 1944, in the European Theater, where he served in England, France and Germany as rifleman. While aiding a wounded buddy he was hit by shell fragment of German mortar fire March 13, 1945, at Zerf, Germany. The Presidential Accolade was awarded with Purple Heart in recognition of his life given in the service of his country. His actions demonstrated heroism and gallantry in battle. Pfc Diggs was laid to rest in the U.S. Military Cemetery, Hamm Luxembourg. He was a member of the First Congregation Church in Paris.



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*Pfc WALTER A. THURSTON

Pfc Walter Arville Thruston, was born June 6, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thruston, Chireno, Nacogdoches County, Texas. He attended Chireno High School, and entered service November 28, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, with the Army Infantry, 34th Division, training at Camp Roberts, Calif., Camp Van Dorn, Miss., and Camp Carson, Colo. His overseas duty began June, 1944, in North Africa, from where he went to Naples, Italy, the same month. Participated in the advance to the Arno River, Battle for the Gothic Line, on to Bologna, Italy, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice while in action for his country February 5, 1945. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded, Infantryman Badge, also the Purple Heart posthumously in recognition of his life given in service. Pfc Thruston served his country faithfully both in peace and war.

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Pfc George Winston Terrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude M. Terrell, 1826 Lamar Street, Paris, Texas, was born September 12, 1916, in Texas and attended the Elementary and High School of Paris. He volunteered November 10, 1940, for the Army Medical Corps, training at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Later began overseas duty April, 1942, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. Pfc Terrell served in the Hawaiian Islands, Australia, and in combat at Hollandia, New Guinea where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country April 26, 1944. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars was awarded with Good Conduct Medal and Purple Heart in recognition of his life given in service. A brother, Marshall M. Terrell, also survives among hosts of friends.

T/Sgt. Marshall Matthew Terrell, birth date November 10, 1914, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude M. Terrell, Paris, Texas, and husband of Celeste Cox Terrell. He attended U. of Wyoming and volunteered January 3, 1941, for the Army Air Corps, training at Kelly Field, Texas, and Chanute Field, Illinois. Sgt. Terrell was assigned to the Pacific Theater in February, 1942, where he served in Australia and New Guinea, returning to the States in November, 1944. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Stars, Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters plus Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory, American Theater and Defense Ribbons. Discharge was granted from the Army Air Corps on May 8, 1945.







Coxswain JOHN B. CARTER

Coxswain J. B. Carter, son of Mrs. Ada Johnson, Nacogdoches, born Sept. 2, 1908, was educated in Odessa, Texas. Volunteered for service in May, 1942, at Houston, and was assigned to the Navy, Gen. Service. Trained at Naval Training Sta., San Diego, Calif. Servedin the United States 1 year, and overseas 2 years and 6 months. Served on United States Ships, Hercules K41; Pybus CVE 49; Bataan CVL 29; Grafton APA 109. In Asiatic-Pacific, and ATO Areas. In action: Hollandia, New Guinea, Truk and Ponape Islands, Rota, Guam, Chichi Jima, Okinawa, Shima. Before enlistment he was a linotype operator. Coxswain Carter was honorably discharged Sept., 1945.

Pfc HARRISON L. STOCKWELL, JR.

Pfc H. L. Stockwell, born Sept. 6, 1921, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stockwell, Nacogdoches, Educated at S.F.A. State T. College, Nacogdoches, and N. Ill. College of Optometry, Chicago, Ill. He volunteered for service on Sept. 28, 1942, at Lufkin, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. Served in the United States from Sept. 28, 1942, until Nov. 14, 1944, and overseas from Nov. 14, 1944, to Jan. 25, 1946. In China Offensive, Central Burma, and India Burma. He was awarded: ATO Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, 3 Br. Stars, Dist. Unit Badge. Honorably discharged Feb. 28, 1946.







T/Sqt. DAN E. DAVISON

Y 2/c ALBERT A. FLOYD

T/Sgt. THOMAS P. FLOYD

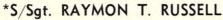
Sons and son-in-law of Mrs. T. B. Floyd, Nacogdoches, Texas. ALBERT, born Jan. 20, 1923; volunteered for Navy Aviation Service Oct. 22, 1941; trained at U.S. Naval T.S., San Diego, Calif.; overseas 35 months in American T. at N.A.S. Coco Solo, C.Z., U.S. Naval Base, Galapagos Is., Ecuador, in Am. and Pac. Theater, at Leyte and Manila, P.I. Discharged Nov. 9, 1945.

DAN, born June 12, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davison, entered the Army Med. Corps; trained at Fitzsimmons Gen. Hosp., Denver, Colo. Overseas 19 months, in Bombay, India; assigned to Chinese Combat Command; sta. at Ramgarh, India; flew Hump to China, doing field duty with Chinese Div. until war ended. Awarded: Good Con., American Def., As ia tic Pac., I Combat Star, Bronze Star and Citation awarded him as Med. advisor to Chinese. Promoted from Pvt. to T/Sgt. He acted in capacity of Surg./T. Discharged Oct. 29, 1945.

THOMAS, born March 1, 1921; attended high school at Nacogdoches; volunteered Oct. 31, 1939; assigned to Army Signal Corps; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; overseas 5 months; landed in Bombay; served with Post Exchange Service on assignment in Karachi. Promoted from Pvt. to T/Sgt. He served in the United States 4 years and 10 months, leaving U.S.A. East Coast for India in 1944. He was discharged March, 1945.









S/Sgt. CLAUDE WINTER

S/Sgt. Russell, born Sept. 16, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe T. Russell of Paris, attended Texas Tech College, Lubbock, and volunteered for service Oct. 6, 1941. Assigned to Army 8th A.F., 467th BombGp., Crew W-29 790th Bomb. Sqdn.; trained at Las Vegas, Nev. Made bombing missions over Oschersleben, Brandenburg, Siracourt, Mannheim, Blainville, and Berlin. Overseas 2 1/2 mos. when killed in action April 29, 1944, in B-24 Liberator. He is buried in Essel, Germany, and will be removed to an American Cemetery as soon as possible. Received Pré-Pearl Harbor, ETO, Air Medal, Purple Heart, 3 Battle Stars, Pres. Unit Cit., Good Conduct, and 8 A.F. Cits, of Honor.

S/Sgt. Winter, was born July 9, 1910, son of Mrs. W. A. Winters of Antlers, and husband of Annabel Winter of Rt. 2, Paris. Mobilized with Texas National Guard in Nov., 1940; served 11 months; entered active service Jan. 17, 1942, at Paris; assigned to Army 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. He served overseas from April 13, 1942, until April 23, 1945, in Africa, Italy, France, Germany, battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Anzio, Southern France, and Germany. His awards are Bronze Star Medal, EAME with 4 Stars, American Defense, and Good Conduct Medals. On May 20, 1945, S/Sgt. Claude Winter was honorably discharged.



1st Lt. CALVIN MORGAN BRADLEY



Pfc ROBERT H. BRADLEY

lst Lt. Bradley, was born July 2, 1915, son of Mrs. T. V. Rush of Paris, Texas. Attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, and on Oct. 1, 1940, he volunteered for the U.S. Army Air Forces at Dallas, and trained at Chanute Fld., Langley Fld., and Midland Army Air Base, Texas. He served overseas in the European and African Theaters of Operations from Nov. 15, 1943, until Nov. 10, 1944. 1st Lt. Bradley was interned in Sweden. His decorations include Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, American Theater Campaign with 1 Star, Anti-Submarine Patrol, and EAME Campaign Medals with 3 Stars. Honorably discharged Sept. 30, 1945.

Pfc Bradley, was born July 26, 1913, son of Mrs. T. V. Rush of Paris, Texas, and husband of Billie R. Bradley of Austin. He attended Paris Jr. College, and volunteered for service July, 1942, assigned to Army 42nd Div.; trained at Camp Gruber, Okla., transferred to 285th F.A. Obs. Bn. for overseas duty; participated in battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany, served in occupation forces at Bensheim, Germany; attended school in Paris, France. Awarded Good Conduct, American Theater, European Theater with 3 Battle Stars, and Victory Medals. Pfc Robert H. Bradley was given an honorable discharge on January 31, 1946.

Against Germany's West Wall. Battle of the Ardennes, the Bulge and Bastogne

By OCTOBER 1, 1944 the American Armies fighting from Normandy had come some 400 miles across France and Belgium, and now stood at the borders of Germany. And in the south towards Switzerland, the American forces driving from the Mediterranean coast up the Valley of the Rhone had come about the same distance to establish themselves in the Vosges and Jura Mountains of Alsace. When the Allied troops in the north, central and southern areas had succeeded in establishing contact with each other, the line of battle covered more than 300 miles of terrain from Holland to Switzerlanda terrain of varied features: marshy lowlands, rapid rivers and mountain fastnesses; agricultural lands, coal mining settlements, and teeming industrial cities.

To negotiate such a varied terrain, all of which was strongly fortified, it was necessary for our armies to be prepared by special training and with special equipment to meet whatever situation might arise. Among the obstacles faced by the Allied troops, was

The Siegfried Line

Hitler began the construction of Germany's Westwall, or Siegfried Line, hastily in 1937, when the outbreak of war on the Continent was becoming more and more probable. The German defenses faced the French Maginot Line, and were built on an entirely different principle of defense, that of "defense in depth"

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Whereas the Maginot Line had many large forts bound into a rigid whole, extending in a more or less straight line, the Siegfried defenses consisted of many smaller forts (17,000 of them) loosely scattered over a territory as deep as 40 to 60 miles into Germany. The Maginot Line was designed to stop an enemy force cold in its tracks; the Siegfried Line, with its greater depth and elasticity, could absorb the blows of an assaulting force and render it harmless.

The Siegfried Line was divided into three zones of defense: (1) The forward field zone, (2) the main battle zone, and (3) the rear zone. Over the entire extent of the Siegfried Line the ground was studded with every kind of land mine, tank trap, and obstacle that might slow the advance of an enemy force, and the rear areas comprised a secondary "air defense zone," where many antiaircraft guns were located. Underground excavations were not so deep as in the Maginot Line, averaging about three floors.

As in the Maginot Line, the barracks and other buildings of the Siegfried Line were constructed underground, but not in so elaborate a manner. Aboveground the terrain was camouflaged in similar fashion to the Maginot Line, presenting a picture of a harmless and peaceful countryside.

But the Germans had a morale problem, for the German troops manning the Siegfried Line lacked the peacetime training that had acclimated the French to living on an isolated battle front.

Order of Battle

On the drive through France, the Canadian First Army and the British Second Army had constituted the Allied left flank, working up the coast of the English Channel and through Flanders in a northeasterly direction towards Belgium and Holland. These troops were under command of Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey, and under the overall command of Field Marshal Montgomery. South and east of these was the United States First Army under command of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges with Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley in overall command of the Army group. South of these was the U.S. Third Army under General Geo. C. Patton, and between the Third Army and Switzerland the U.S. Seventh Army and the French First Army held the line.

As time went on some replacements and changes were effected, but the general order of battle was not disturbed. On the drive from the Mediterranean, the American Seventh Army under Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch and the First French Army under General de Tassigny, were the principal Allied forces penetrating France from the south.

Now, as the serried ranks of the Allied Armies stood ready for the assault on Germany's West wall, they presented the following picture: The lineup of the Allied Armies for the great assault, from north to south, was as follows: Canadian First Army, British Second Army, United States Ninth Army, United States First Army, United States Third Army, and United States Seventh Army with the First French Army at its extreme right.

On October 22, 1944 on a 50-mile front from the Scheldt to Nimjegen the Canadians and British launched an offensive to clear the western Netherlands and open the port of Antwerp. The British captured Hertogenbosch, Tilburg and Breda; and reached the Maas by October 31. The Canadians, having isolated the German garrison controlling the Scheldt estuary by cutting a causeway leading from the mainland to South Beveland and Walcheren, October 10, drove up the north and south shores of the estuary, clearing South Beveland by October 30, 1944

By November 27, the Port of Antwerp was in Allied hands and operating for our benefit; the ports of Toulon and Marseille on the Mediterranean were in operation late in September. Two railways had been put into use including a double track line through Lyon and Dijon; highways for swift convoy of supplies were constructed and pipe lines were laid connecting the advance supply depots with the 16 cross-channel pipe lines from England.

For the final assault, General Eisenhower called on the United States for greater production of ammunition, estimating that it would take some 6,000,000 artillery and 2,000,000 mortar shells each month to break the Siegfried Line, and open the doors that led into Germany.

Preliminary Attacks on German Installations

The air offensive against Germany was started by the British under Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris before the United States entered the war. Only by air could the British then attack Germany directly. From the beginning of 1941 Blenheim bombers, in an effort to deny the Germans the use of coastal waters, raided enemy shipping despite heavy losses. With the Nazi invasion of Russia the British policy of bombing was directed to any target whose destruction would help the Soviet Union. British bomber strength became sufficient in the summer of 1941 to send three hundred planes at one time over Germany, and toward the end of the year, four hundred planes in a concentrated raid on Berlin on November 7, 1941.

In the first phase of Allied bombing, July 1941 to February 1942, during which the Royal Air Force cooperated with the Russian ground forces, night raids were made on German rail junctions and war plants to disrupt enemy supply. Berlin and Lubeck were the most distant targets; Aachen, Munster, and Cologne in the Rhineland were most frequently raided.

The second phase, beginning in February 1942, was concentrated on German supplies at their source, the steel works of Essen, Dusseldorf, and Cologne, with night raids over Germany and day raids on the factories of northern France and Belgium. A Nazi invasion fleet preparing at Lubeck for a descent on Leningrad was broken up in a heavy raid on March 28, 1942, and this raid was typical of those which continued to help Soviet Russia.

As the Nazis improved their anti-aircraft defenses, the Allies tried a new tactic, a blow against the Renault auto and tank works near Paris on March 3, 1942. Bombers were massed for a quick run over a single target in order to saturate ground defenses. This concentration of offensive power proved so effective that it became the pattern of all strategic bombing. In the heaviest raid on Cologne on May 30, 1942, one thousand planes made a saturation attack, dropping three thousand tons of bombs in ninety minutes, at the rate of one every six seconds. Neutral observers estimated that twenty thousand people were killed and the chemical and machine-tool industries seriously dislocated. The next night over one thousand planes bombed the Krupp works at Essen. British losses in these swift, heavy raids fell from ten to four per cent, and the damage suffered by the enemy increased in far greater proportion. Such raids, said Churchill, were "a herald of what Germany will receive city by city from now on."

Against the West Wall

On September 15, 1944 the United States First Army, commanded by General Courtney H. Hodges, surrounded the city of Aachen. The Third Army occupied Nancy, and the enemy withdrew before a threatened envelopment. On September 17, 1944 parachute and glider troops of the First Allied Airborne Army, organized at British bases in August under Lieutenant General Lewis H. Brereton, landed in the Netherlands from Eindhoven to Arnhem in the greatest airborne operation of the war. Their mission was to turn the German Siegfried Line, above its northern anchor at Cleve, and in conjunction with the British Second Army to debouch into the Westphalian Plain. The United States 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, securing bridges over the Maas and Waal, captured Eindhoven as the British Second Army launched a drive north to join them. The British 1st Airborne Division, dropped near Arnhem north of the Lek River, a branch of the Rhine and key to flanking the Siegfried Line, was soon encircled





1st Lt. JAMES S. GRIFFIN, JR.

1st Lt. James Steward Griffin, Jr., was born December 6, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Griffin, Paris, Texas. He attended Texas A & M at College Station, and volunteered November 25, 1940, for the Army 36th Division, training at Camps Bowie, and Hulen in Texas and Camp Davis in N. C. Lt. Griffin served on an Army Transport in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea six months in 1942, and in the European Theater from April, 1943, to September, 1945, where he participated in the battles of Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France and the Rhineland. His awards include the ETO Ribbon with five Battle Stars for major battles, and other ribbons and medals. Released from active duty December 25, 1945, and he is a member of the Officer Reserve Corps.



PhM 1/c JOE N. RODGERS 1st Lt. JOHN R. RODGERS

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Rodgers of Paris. PhM 1/c JOE N. RODGERS, was born Aug. 27, 1925. Volunteered for Navy, assigned to Med. Branch June, 1943; sent to U.S.N.T.S., San Diego. On Okinawa, at Base Hosp. No. 22, later in China and Korea. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, ATO, Chinese Liberation, and Victory Ribbons. He's now on U. S. S. Okla. (ARS (T)-2)F.P.O., Seattle. 1st Lt. JOHN R. RODGERS, was born Feb. 9, 1923, husband of Faye Evans Rodgers; volunteered for Army, April 21, 1940; transferred to A. C.; trained at Coleman, Texas. In bombing of Salerno, invasion of Sicily; prisoner 19 1/2 mos. Awarded Purple Heart, ETO, 6 Stars, Amer. Def. and ATO Medals. Now at Briggs Fld., Texas.



T/Sgt. JOHN C. PRITCHETT

T/Sgt. Pritchett, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Pritchett of Paris, and husband of the former Eloise Gossett of Blossom, Texas, was born Sept. 22, 1923. He attended J. G. Wooten Grammar and Paris High School in Paris, volunteering for the service Dec. 7, 1942. Assigned to the Army Air Force, training at Sheppard Fld., Texas, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Las Vegas, Nev. Served with 8th A. A. F. in England from Nov. 14, 1943, to May 28, 1944; flew 30 missions as radio gunner on B-17 Flying Fortress, "Jersey Ho." Awarded D.F.C., Air Medal with 4 Clusters, ETO with 3 Battle Stars, and Good Conduct Medals. Honorably discharged Oct. 14, 1945.

by the enemy, but maintained a cordon defense with airborne supplies and reinforcements.

On October 2, 1944 the United States First Army launched an offensive north of Aachen and penetrated the Siegfried Line pillboxes by October 5; then attacked from southeast of Aachen and captured Crucifix Hill, October 8, with the arms of the pincers around Aachen only three miles apart.

On October 10, 1944 the Germans ignored the American demand for unconditional surrender of Aachen and launched armored counterattacks to prevent encirclement, which encirclement the United States First Army completed October 16, 1944. After heavy bombardment of Aachen, the Americans entered the city, October 13, 1944, and conquered it street by street by October 21, 1944. Aachen, with a prewar population of 160,000 was the first large Germany city to fall to the Allies; it was a mass of ruins.

By mid-November the United States had more than 3,000,000 troops in Europe, and General Eisenhower was now ready to make a grand assault on the Siegfried Line.

The weather conditions were most unfavorable to such a campaign, more so than Europe had seen for many years. German resistance was bitter. The defenses were as formidable as we had anticipated and every foot of territory we gained was costly in American lives and materiel.

In spite of all this, by December 4th, the Second British Army had cleared the west bank of the Meuse and the Ninth Army had reached the Roer River. The First Army was fighting magnificently in the Hürtgen Forest east of Aachen, suffering heavy casualties but inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. The Germans by blowing up dams and flooding the Roer River valley added to the difficulties confronting the Allies. Patton's Third Army at the center was capturing city after city in the face of the most fanatical opposition by the Nazi defenders. In the south, elements of the Seventh Army were engaged in strengthening their positions.

Such, in general was the situation on December 16, 1944, when the Germans sprang their

great surprise which staggered the Allies for the moment, but turned out to be Germany's dying gasp.

The German Breakthrough and Battle of the

By this time, December 16, 1944, although the enemy's forces were weakened and beginning to waver, the Germans were not yet willing to appear merely on the defensive; they decided to make one grand offensive (taking advantages of the bad weather favorable to them and unfavorable to the Allies) in the hope that some miracle might reward them with success.

It was on December 16, 1944 that Field Marshal Von Rundstedt counterattacked with 24 divisions. He had assembled these divisions in secrecy under a heavy blanket of fog which continued for days, and placed them under forest cover. Eight panzer divisions broke through the Allied VIII Corps line on a 40-mile front in the Ardennes mountains of Luxembourg and Belgium, and before they were stopped had penetrated more than 50 miles into Americanheld territory.

In order to meet and master this situation, since the First Army's contact with the Third Army was broken and the two armies separated by the enemy penetration, Field Marshal Montgomery was given temporary over-all command of the First and Ninth Armies now north of the line of German penetration, and General Omar N. Bradley coordinated American forces south of the penetration. The 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions were brought in from reserve to retard the enemy as much as possible, the 101st being reinforced by armor and artillery, holding the important road center of Bastogne. The shoulders of the penetration were at Monschau and Echternach, and were stubbornly held by the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 99th Infantry Divisions, with supporting troops.

The tide of battle began to turn in our favor when General Patton's Third Army struck the enemy on the southern flank of the salient. Patton, who had been engaged in an offensive across the Saar Basin south of Luxembourg, had been quick to respond to this new emergency, and was able to assist in stopping the advance of the German columns.

By December 23rd the weather conditions had begun to improve and by the 25th (Christmas Day) our overwhelming tactical air forces were able to strike terrifying blows at the German armor and supply columns.

The American troops in Bastogne, which had been encircled by the enemy, and whose commander, General Anthony C. McAuliffe is said to have replied "nuts" to the German demand for surrender, was relieved on December 26, by the 4th Armored Division. The First and Third Armies had borne the brunt of the German counter offensive with heavy losses. By the end of January 1945 the Bulge had been eliminated at a cost that was fatal to the enemy.

While the German counter offensive resulted in delaying allied forward operations for some six weeks, it had failed to reach its primary objectives of Liege and Namur and Antwerp. The Germans lost 220,000 men including 110,000 prisoners and more than 1400 tanks and assault guns in their attempt.

General Marshall in his report to the Secretary of War said: "The Ardennes battle deserves a prominent place in the history of the U.S. Army. The splendid stand of the 7th Armored Division at St. Vith, the tenacity of the 101st Airborne and elements of the 10th Armored Divisions at Bastogne, and the numerous examples of superb fighting qualities shown by the troops of other units were in the finest American tradition."

Now that the enemy's counter-attack had failed, the Allies began to press forward.

By January 15, 1945, the second British Army had reached the Roer Valley, 10 miles inside Germany. The enemy now made a strong attack against the U.S. Seventh Army, which was forced to give some ground and withdrew to the Maginot defenses west of the Rhine.

The cities of Trier and Metz was captured by Patton's Army after severe fighting, then followed some weeks of regrouping of the Allied Armies in preparation for the final offensive push into Germany.

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Lt. Comdr. THOMAS D. WELLS, JR.

1st Lt. FRANKLIN M. GERON

Lt. Comdr. Thomas David Wells, Jr., was born January 8, 1911, in Texas, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. D. Wells, 1323 Lamar Ave., Paris, Texas. He attended Baylor University at Waco, and volunteered for service January 30, 1941. Served with the Army 36th Division and later with the U.S. Navy, Line Officer, Aircraft Carriers, and attended Northwestern University Midshipmen's School. Comdr. Wells served from July, 1942, to June, 1944, in the Battle of the Atlantic Ocean and in the Pacific Theater War Zone; was wounded at Guadalcanal in the sinking of the USS Wasp. He is with the U.S. Naval Reserve since returning to States.

lst Lt. Franklin Monroe Geron, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Geron, Lamar Ave., Paris, Texas, was born March 26, 1908, a native of Texas. He volunteered January 31, 1941, at Dallas, Texas, for the Army SOS Division. Trained at Camp Bowie and Ft. Bliss, Texas, and was commissioned on March 26, 1943, as 2nd Lieutenant. Lt. Geron began overseas duty November, 1943, and served until January, 1946, in the African Campaign and China-Burma-India Theater. His awards include the Pre-Pearl Harbor Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, and EAME Theater Medal with other awards. Discharge was granted March 26, 1946. Member of Reserve.



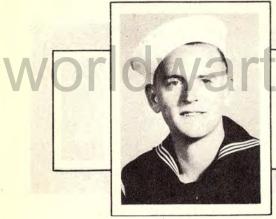
CSK (AA) (T) HARRY C. JENKINS

SF 1/c WILLIAM R. FOSTER

CSK Jenkins, was born Aug. 13, 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jenkins of 549 5th N.W., Paris, Texas. He attended Paris Commercial College at Paris, and volunteered for service Jan. 27, 1942; assigned to the Navy as Storekeeper, and was sent to Norfolk and Philadelphia for training. He sailed for overseas duty in Jan. of 1942, with service on the USS Kenmore and the USS Cushing. Chief Storekeeper Harry C. Jenkins returned to the States in Oct., 1945, and was honorably discharged in Oct. 22, 1945, at Camp Wallace, Texas. He has returned to his former position as bookkeeper in the Liberty National Bank in Paris, Texas.

S.F.1/c Foster, was born Jan, 6, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Foster of 1842 W. Kaufman St., Paris, Texas. He received his education in Paris Grammar and High School and S.M.U. in Dallas; volunteered for the service August 4, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to the Navy Seabees, training at Camp Peary, Va., Endicott, R.I., and Roeso and Hueneme, California. Served in the Russell Islands in Baniko, Green Island in Bismarck Archipelago Group, and Samar in the Philippines. His awards are Asiatic-Pacific with 3 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Ribbons. Shipfitter 1/c Foster was discharged in Jan., 1946.





SK 1/c JOHN R. ADAMS



Sgt. EDWARD V. HEMMENWAY, JR.

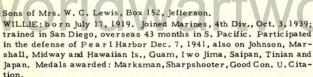
SKI/c John Reden Adams was born November 20,1914, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Able LeRoy Adams, Jasper, Texas, and husband of Joyce Adams, 2412 Charleston St., Houston, Texas. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, and volunteered May 29, 1942, for the Navy, Armed Guard, training at San Diego, California. Storekeeper Adams served from March to September of 1945 in the Pacific Theater, returning to the States. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded with the World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons, among other medals. Discharge from the Navy Armed Guard was received September 13, 1945.

Sgt. Edward V. Hemmenway, Jr., was born July 27, 1921, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Hemmenway, Sr., Bronson, Texas, and husband of Ethel Molder Hemmenway, Jasper, Texas. He attended Beaumont and Bronson, Texas, Schools and Texas A & M at College Station. Sgt. Hemmenway volunteered for service September 15, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, training at Ellington Field, Texas. He was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant September 1, 1946, and received the Good Conduct Medal, Sharpshooter Carbine, American Theater Ribbon with Victory Award. Discharged February 15, 1946.

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1st Sgt. WILLIE C. LEWIS Pfc FLOYD N. LEWIS



FLOYD: born Dec. 8, 1923, attended S.M.U., Dallas; joined the Marines 3rd Div. Mtr. Trans., Jan. 6, 1943; trained at San Diego; overseas in battles: Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima. Awarded Marksman; Sharpshooter; and Good Con. He was overseas 2 years in Pacific Area. Honorably discharged Jan. 5, 1946.



Pfc VERNON R. JENKINS

Pfc V.R. Jenkins, born Sept. 30, 1921, in Louisiana, son of Mrs. Vera Jenkins, 1219 Oxford St., Shreveport, La., was educated in Mansfield Grammar, and Jasper High School, and S.F.A.S.T.C., Nacogdoches. Enlisted Jan. 25, 1943; assigned to Army 544th Engr. Boat and Shore Reg't. Trained in Mass., and Fla. Overseas 20 months in New Guinea, Philippines, Bougainville, and Japan. Participated in landings at: Morotai, Netherland E. Indies, Lingayen, Luzon, P.I. Awards: Rifle Marksman, Good Conduct, ATO, Victory, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Lib. (Br. Star), New Guinea (Br. Star), N. Solomons (Br. Star), Luzon (Br. Star and Arrowhead). Discharged Jan. 13, 1946.





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M/Sgt. CHARLES R. DeWEESE

SK 1/c CARL G. DeWEESE

SKI/c Carl George DeWeese was born May 1, 1909, a native of Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. De-Weese, Paris, Texas. He attended Texas University at Austin; he is the husband of Zola Elizabeth DeWeese, 5th N.E. Street, Paris, Texas. Storekeeper DeWeese volunteered February 26, 1942, for the U.S. Navy; trained at San Diego, and began overseas duty July, 1942, stationed at Kodiak, Alaska, until August 2, 1943, then transferred to Adak, Aleutian Islands, where he remained until returning to the States August 28, 1945. His awards include various ribbons. Discharge was granted September 28, at Norman, Okla.

M/Sgt. Charles Russell DeWeese was born December 12, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. De-Weese, Paris, Texas. He attended Paris, Texas, Junior College, and volunteered August 14, 1942, for the U.S. Marine Corps 4th Air Wing. Trained at Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah; began overseas duty July, 1943, in the Pacific Theater where he remained until January, 1945. Sgt. DeWeese served in the Pacific at Hawaii, and in the occupation of Midway Atoll, and the Gilbert and Marshall Islands. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Pres. Unit Citation with Star were awarded. Discharged Oct., 1945.







S/Sqt. HERMAN H. HICKS

Sgt. CARL C. HICKS

S/Sgt. DURWARD R. JENKINS

Sgt. CARL C. HICKS was born Jan. 4, 1919, son of Mr. Henry F. Hicks of Paris, and Mrs. Erdie R. Deaton of Chicota, husband of Ida Bell Hicks of Dallas. Entered A.A.F. Aug. 20, 1941, trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas. Overseas 34 mos. in air offensive of Europe, Ploesti, Normandy, Sicily, Rhineland, C. Europe, Ardennes, Rome-Arno, N. France. Awarded Distinguished Unit Badge, 1 Cluster; EAME, 9 Stars; Good Conduct; Amer. Def. Medals. Discharged, 1945.

S/Sgt. HERMAN H. HICKS was born Jan. 11, 1921, son of Mr. H. F. Hicks, and Mrs. Erdie R. Deaton, and husband of Beatrice L. Hicks of Corpus Christi. Volunteered for the A.A.C. Jan. 19, 1942, training at Sheppard Fld., Texas. Served in Australia, New Guinea, Papua, Dutch E. Indies, battles of Coral Sea, and Bismarck. Awarded Distinguished Unit Badge, Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Stars, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged from service August 27, 1945. S/Sgt. DURWARD R. JENKINS, was born Aug. 8, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Jenkins, and husband of Norma D. Jenkins of 5443 Terry, Dallas. Entered A.A.F. Oct. 19, 1942; trained at Sheppard Fld. In campaigns of Bismarck Archipelago, Philippines, twice, and New Guinea, for 25 mos. His awards are Asiatic-Pacific, 4 Stars, Japan Occupation, American Theater, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. He was honorably discharged Nov. 13, 1945.





Cpl. JAMES C. JONES



Lt. (jg) ROBERT E. DANIEL

Cpl. J. C. Jones, born May 20, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie N. Jones, Jefferson, attended Naples High School. Entered the service on Oct. 8, 1941, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army 41st Div. (Inf.). Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served in the United States 7 months, and overseas 3 years, 5 months. Served in S.W.P.A., in New Guinea, Biak Is., Mindoro, Palawau, Mindanao, P. Islands. Served in New Guinea Campaign, and Papuan, N.E.I., and Southern Philippines Campaigns. He was wounded at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, in 1944. His awards were: Purple Heart, G. Con., A. & P., 3 Br. Stars, P. Lib., Star, ATO, Com. Inf. Bdge. Disc., 1945.

Lt. (jg) R. E. Daniel, born May 3, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Daniel, Alley St., Jefferson, was educated at Hughes Springs Grammar, Jefferson High School, and Texas University, Austin. Volunteered for service on July 20, 1942, at Jefferson, and was assigned to Naval Aviation. Trained at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla. He served in the United States for 2 years, and overseas from January 12, 1944, to June 2, 1945. On patrol duty in South America, Natal, S. America, Sao Salvador (Bahia) Rio De Janeiro. Was Ensign Sept., 1943, and Commissioned Lt. (jg) Jan., 1945. Received an honorable discharge on December 20, 1945.

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M/Sgt. CARL B. MYERS

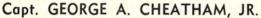
Sons of Mrs. M. C. Dannelly, Delta St., Jefferson. FRANK: Born Oct. 10, 1918; attended 2 yrs. at State Univ., Austin; enlisted July 11, 1941; assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. Overseas 2 yrs., 8 months, in India, Burma, China Areas. He was awarded Citation for designing machine gun camera. He went on Atomic Bomb Mission, 1946. He has been in Reg. Army since Aug., 1946.

CARY: born Aug. 22, 1909, husband of Lorraine Dannelly, attended 2 yrs. at A & M College, Bryan; volunteered Sept. 1, 1942; assigned to Navy Seabees; trained at Naval Base, Norfolk, Va. Overseas 2 years, ip Solomons. Honorably discharged in December, 1945.

M/Sgt. Carl B. Myers, husband of Ruth Madden Myers, Belleville, Ill., wasborn March 28, 1907, in Jasper, Texas. He attended Joaquin, Texas, High School, and volunteered November 10, 1928, for the Army Air Corps. He trained in the States, and served ten years overseas before the declaration of World War II, and forty-three months overseas during hostilities. Sgt. Myers participated in the Invasion of Southern France, also served in Italy, North Africa, Hawaii and the Panama Zone. His awards include EAME Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Soldier's Medal, and other ribbons. Currently with Sqdn. A, Scott Field, Ill.









*Pvt. CLIFTON E. COCHRAN

Capt. Cheatham was born May 3, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Cheatham, Sr., of Paris, and husband of Bertha Cheatham, Box 738, Abilene, Texas. He attended Howard Payne College at Brownwood, Texas, volunteering for the Army Air Corps on Feb. 27, 1942, at Dallas; trained at Cimarron Fld., Okla. City, Okla.; W.A.A.F., Waco, Texas; and Kelly Fld., Texas. Served in Africa and India from April 10, 1944, until June 30, 1945. His awards are American Theater, European Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Capt. Cheatham was attached to the A.T.C. in Nov., 1942, as pilot, remaining the re until his discharge in March, 1946.

Pvt. Cochran was born April 10, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cochran of Paris, Texas. He attended Harding College at Searcy, Ark., volunteering for the Army Air Corps on May 25, 1941; assigned to March Fld., Calif., 7 Materiel Sqdn., 4th Air Base. Shipped overseas on Oct. 4, 1941; landed at Clark Fld., P.I.; wounded Dec. 8, 1941, returning to duty Jan. 8, 1942, after fall of Clark Fld. He operated switch board at Bn. Hdqr. on Bataan; was taken prisoner at the fall of Bataan; survived the Death March, and was imprisoned at Cabanatuan. He drove a truck sometime after getting into the prison camp. He died on Aug. 8, 1942, at Cabanatuan, P.I.



Cpl. JAMES D. DURHAM



CCS GEORGE W. CARTER

Cpl. Durham was born Nov. 28, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Durham, and husband of the former Velma Ruby Bartlett of Paris. He entered 1st Marine Air Wing March 21, 1944, and trained at Miramar Air Fld., San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Sept. 13, 1944, to Nov. 6, 1945, in Russell Islands; Guadalcanal; Green Island; Hollandia, New Guinea; Leyte; Mindoro; Samar, P.I.; and Okinawa. He received Bronze Stars for participation in the liberation of the Solomons, Philippines, and Ryukyu Islands, and a Unit Citation from the 8th U.S. Army on February 28, 1945. On November 18, 1945, he received an honorable discharge at Miramar, San Diego, Calif.

C.C.S. Carter was born March 31, 1913, son of Mrs. Lalla R. Carter of Blossom, Texas. He volunteered for service Aug. 28, 1942, assigned to Navy Fleet; trained at San Diego. Overseas from Oct. 12, 1940, to April 8, 1945, as member of gun crew of USS Tennessee, at time of Jap attack on Pearl Harbor. Present at bombardment of Kiska and invasion of Tarawa on USS Tennessee. Served on USS Salute (AM294) during Philippine Campaign. In landing on Leyte and 2nd Battle of Philippines. Awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor, Asiatic-Pacific, five Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged April 13, 1945.

1. -T/4 SIMON CHESLEY ALLEN, JR., was born Oct. 17, 1925. The son of Mr. and Mrs.S. C. Allen, Sr., of Paris, and the husband of Kathryn Beatrice, also of Paris. He entered the Army on Jan. 11, 1944, and was trained at Camp Fannin. He served with the 251st QM Co. of the 71st Inf. Division. From Jan. 26, 1945, to Mar. 5, 1946, he was in the Rhineland and Central Europe. Awarded ETO and ATO Ribbons, 2 Bronze Stars. Discharged Mar. 21, 1946.

2. -S/SGT. PERSHING VANDEPETE BRAZILE, born May 22, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Brazile, and the husband of Frances Lee, all of Paris. Volunteered Oct. 20, 1935. Stationed at Ft. Russell, Discharged in 1938. Recalled Feb., 1940, and released again Dec., 1940. Recalled 2nd time Jan., 1941. Trained at Ft. Sill, Camp Bowie, until Feb., 1943. Served with F.A. in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. At Anzio. Injured and spent 4 months in hospital. M.P. at POW camps in Texas. Discharged in 1945.

3. -PFC JACK LARUE BRAZILE was born Dec. 19, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Brazile of Paris. Volunteered for Army Oct. 19, 1940. With 132nd F.A. in Camp Bowie when war was declared. Trained at Camps Blanding and Edwards and Ft. Sill. Served in North Africa, Malta, Sicily, Italy, and Southern France until July, 1945. He was awarded Victory and Good Conduct Medals, European Theater Ribbon with 4 Stars. Was discharged on July 4, 1945.

4. —S1/c HOWARD EDWARD BRAZILE was born Sept. 2, 1925. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Brazile of Paris. He entered the Navy Feb. 4, 1944, and was trained at Sam Diego. He served with the Navy at Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Corregidor, Philippines, Borneo, Peleliu, and Japan. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with nine Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged from the Navy on April 15, 1946.

5. —S/SGT. WELTON LOUIS BAKER was born on April 26, 1909. The son of Mrs. L. C., Brown of Paris, and the husband of Mrs. Eleanor Baker of Amarillo. He volunteered for the Army Air Corps on Sept. 7, 1942. He served at Camp Luna, New Mexico, Dalhart, Texas, Frederick, Oklahoma, and Brooks Field, San Antonio. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. On Oct. 7, 1945, S/Sgt. Baker was honorably discharged from the service.

6. —1ST SGT. ORVILLE JOHN BAKER, born Feb. 7, 1911, son of Mrs. L. C. Brown, and husband of Mrs. Deloyce Baker, both of Paris. Entered Army Oct. 19, 1940. Trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards. Served with the 132nd F.A. Bn. (Battery A) of the 36th Division, in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Armo, S. France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Bronze Star, European Theater Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars and a Bronze Arrowhead. Discharged on Oct. 4, 1945.

7. —SGT. HOWARD LUTHER BROWN, born Mar. 11, 1911. The husband of Mrs. Bonnie Brown of Paris. Trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards after entering Army on Oct. 19, 1940. Served in Battery A of the 132nd F.A. Bn. of the 36th Division. Participated in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, South France, and Rhineland. Awarded European Theater Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars and Bronze Arrowhead. Discharged at Ft. Sam Houston, June 20, 1945.

8. —S1/c WAYNE ELTON BAKER, born Mar. 16, 1915. Son of Mrs. L. C. Brown, and husband of Mrs. Dorothy Baker, both of Paris. Volunteered for Navy May 3, 1944. Trained at Farragut, Idaho, and Treasure Island. Served on a supply ship in South America, Guam, New Guinea, Saipan, Marshall Islands, and the Philippines. Awarded Philippine Liberation R ib bon with 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific with 1 Star, Victory Medal, and ATO Ribbon. Discharged April 21, 1945.

9. —1ST LT. JAMES THOMAS STRICKLIN was born Dec. 22, 1923, and is the son of Mrs. J. E. Arnold of Paris. He attended Paris Junior College, and volunteered for the Air Corps on June 16, 1942. He trained at Ellington Field, near Houston. Served in Hawaii from April 18, 1945, until May 3, 1946. On the 1st of October, 1946, he was promoted to 1st Lt. He was honorably discharged on May 8, 1946.

10.—T/4 JONES W. ELLIS, born April 1, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis of Roxton, and Rusband of Mrs. Theima Ellis of Paris. Entered Army Feb. 19, 1943. Trained at Ft. Knox, and served at Los Angeles and Ft. Lewis before going to Europe with Med. T.K. Bn. 2736. Saw action in battles of Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland. Awarded European Theater Ribbon with 3 Stars, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged at Ft. Ord, Calif., Nov. 29, 1945.

11.—CPL. WILLIAM G. ELLIS was born May 22, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ellis of Roxton. On Feb. 7, 1941, he volunteered for Army. Trained at Camp Bowie. Three years at Ft. Lewis, Portland, Oregon, and Charleston. Served with Co. "D" of 121st Inf. in battles of Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded European Theater Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and American Defense Medals. Discharged at Ft. Snelling, Minn., Oct. 16, 1945.

*12.—S/SGT.MARSHALL W. ELLIS, born Feb. 26, 1912. Son of Mr, and Mrs. Ellis of Roxton, and husband of Mrs. Robbie Ellis of Valliant, Okla. Volunteered for Regular Army on June 10, 1932, at Ft. Sam Houston. Served at Ft. Sill with 77th Field Artillery for 8 years. Served overseas 18 months and saw action in battles at Tunis, Anzio, and Cassino. He was lost in action on Aug. 22, 1944, somewhere in Italy.

13.—SGT. EDWIN EARL DeATLEY, born June 24,1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. DeAtley, and husband of Mrs. Ruby DeAtley, all of Paris. Entered Army Air Corps July 7, 1941. Trained at Sheppard Field. Served with the 4th Air Force in the South and Central Pacific as aerial engineer of 27th Bomber Command. Awarded Good Conduct and Bravery Medals, and awards for Sharpshooter in M-1 Rifle and Machine Gun. Expert in M-1. Flew missions over Philippines and Japan. Discharged Nov. 1, 1945.

14.—SGT. JACK A. BILLS, the son of Mrs. G. F. Bills of Paris, entered the Army Air Corps Jan. 22, 1942. Trained at Chanute and Harding Fields. Served with 345th Fighter Sqdn. of 350th Fighter Group in Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Sardinia, and Italy. A warded Distinguished Unit Badge. Good Conduct Medal, and European Theater Ribbon with 6 Battle Stars for participating in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Apennines, and Po Valley. Discharged Sept. 17, 1945.

15.—SKD3/c EDWARD MICHAEL COONEY, JR., born Sept. 22, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cooney of Paris. Attended Texas A & M. Entered Navy Oct. 31, 1944. Trained at San Diego. Served on USS Sangamon at Guam and Okinawa. His ship washit by Japanese suicide planes and brought to Norfolk for repairs. He now is stationed in Norfolk. He received Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 2 Stars, and American Theater Ribbon. With Accounts and Disbursing Office.

*16.—SGT. SAMUEL H. GARNER, born Nov. 26, 1917, in Arkansas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garner of Paris. Volunteered in Jan., 1941, for the Army. He served with the 161st Inf. of the 25th Div. for three years, and received Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 4 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 4 Battle Stars, and Purple Heart with 2 Clusters for actions which he was in. He lost his life at Balete Pass, Luzon, on May 11, 1945.

17.—WT3/c COMER N. GARNER, born Jan. 31, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garner of Paris. Entered the Navy Jan. 10, 1944. Trained at San Diego, and served aboard the USS Denver in the Pacific. Was in action at Munda, Kula Gulf, Empress Augusta Bay, Shortlands, Surigao Straits, Subic Bay, Brunei Bay, and Balikpapan. Was awarded Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 Stars, Asiatic-Pacific with 4 Stars, and Victory Medal. On the Denver now.

18.—S/SGT. EUGENE ROBERT GARNER, born A pril 11, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garner of Paris. Volunteered for Army Sept. 14, 1942. With the 8th Air Force in Europe. Saw action at Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Naples-Foggia, and Rhineland. Missing over Germany, but was interned in Sweden from June to Oct., 1944. Awarded Distinguished Unit Citation, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, ETO Ribbon with 6 Stars, and DFC. Discharged Aug. 27, 1945.

19.—M/SGT. PETE GARNER was born Dec. 6, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garner of Paris. Volunteered for Army Feb. 26, 1941. Trained at Camp Swift. Went to Europe in April, 1944, with the 993 Ordnance. Served in England, France, and Belgium. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon and 2 Bronze Stars, the American Defense, Good Conduct, and Victory Ribbons. He was honorably discharged in November of 1945.

20.—SGT. CHARLES EDWARD GARNER was born Oct. 11, 1911. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garner of Paris, and the husband of Mrs. Elsie Vicard Garner of Indianapolis, Indiana. He volunteered for the Army in Feb., 1941, in Indiana, and was trained at Ft. Harrison. He served in the United States with the Signal Corps. Was awarded the American Defense, and Good Conduct Ribbons, and the Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged on Sept. 27, 1945.



 -CPL. EDWARD GIBBONS BANKHEAD, born Nov. 25, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bankhead of Paris, Texas. Entered service March, 1944, in the Army 294th Joint Assall Signal Co. Received his training at Camp Callan, Calif. Served overseas from June, 1945, to Feb., 1946, in American Theater, and Hawaiian Islands. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February 14, 1946. Attended Paris Junior College.

2. —T/4 LEANDER JACK BANKHEAD, born Nov. 20, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bankhead of Paris, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov., 1940, in the Army 36th Division. Received his training at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from April, 1943, to Dec., 1946, in North Africa, France, and Germany. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 2, 1946. Completed his education at Paris Junior College.

3. —SGT. CLIFFORD EDWARD REEVES, JR., born July 22, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Reeves of Paris, Texas. Entered service Feb, 5, 1943, in the Army Air Force. Received his training in Florida, Oklahoma, Iowa, Texas, California, Wisconsin, and on Matagorda Island. Served in the United States from February 5, 1943, to February 20, 1946. He received the American Defense, Good Conduct Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February 20, 1946.

4. -PFC JESSE I. STOCKTON, born May 8, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Stockton of Paris, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 23, 1942, in the Army 639 A.A.A. Bn. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Camp Davis, N.C. Served overseas.from Sept., 1944, to Jan., 1946, in Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, 1 Service Stripe, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 9, 1946.

5. —CAPT. LEWIS HENRY THOMPSON, born Jan. 6, 1918. Son of Mrs. Mollie Thompson of Paris, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct., 1937, in the Army 8th Air Forces. Trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. Served overseas from Oct., 1943, to July, 1945, in Europe, Normandy, Northwestern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Was awarded 6 Battle Stars, European Theater with 1 Bronze Star, Presidential Citation, and Pearl Harbor Medal. Still in service.

6. —SEAMAN 1/c RICHARD RAY WOODS, born May 12, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyds W. Woods of Paris, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 22, 1942, in the Navy Air Transport Service. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Dec., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in American Theater, Hawaii, and Asiatic-Pacific. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Medal, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 21, 1945.

7. —1ST LT. MARTIN ANDERSON WOODS, born Dec. 12, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Woods of Paris, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 11, 1943, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Ft. Worth, Texas, Independence, Kan., and Ellington Field. Served overseas from March, 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Normandy, Southern France, Rome-Arno, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, 7 Battle Stars, and Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster. Discharged Jan. 18, 1946.

8. —MAJOR CLYDE WALLACE WOODS, JR., born Sept. 15, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woods of Paris, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 24, 1941, in the Marines 2nd Division. Trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Galif. Served overseas from Jan., 1942, to Dec., 1945, in Pacific Theater, Midway, and Japan. Was awarded Unit Citation, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged January 27, 1946. Completed his education at Northwest La. State College, La.

9. -SZ/c ALVIE RAY JULIAN, born July 25, 1928. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lee Julian of Greenville, Texas. Volunteered for service July 26, 1945, in the Navy. Assigned to USS LSMR-412. Received his training at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States from August, 1945, to August, 1946. He received the American Theater, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged August 17, 1946. Attended Commerce High School.

10.—S/SGT. JERREL JULIAN, born May 3,1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lee Julian of Greenville, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, in the Army 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Served overseas from April, 1943, to June, 1945, in Africa, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. Was awarded EAME Medal with 5 Battle Stars, 1 Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged July 1, 1945.

11.—SI/cBILLY JOE JULIAN, born Feb. 7, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lee Julian of Greenville, Texas. Entered service May 22, 1944, in the Navy Amphibious Force. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Jan., 1945, to Feb., 1946, in South Pacific, Philippines, and Okinawa in Japan. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific with 1 Battle Star, Philippine Liberation, American Theater, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Feb. 12, 1946.

12.—SGT. JOEL ADRIAN JULIAN, born Sept. 18, 1923. Husband of Mrs. Mary Frances Julian of Commerce, Texas. Entered service Feb. 12, 1943, in the Army. Trained at Camp Mackall, Hoffman, N. C., and Camp Polk, La. Served overseas in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, Okinawa, and Japan. Was wounded slightly, and had shell shock. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, 2 Overseas Bars, Combat Infantry Badge, and Victory Medal. Discharged in 1945.

13.—1ST LT. CHARLES EUGENE THIELMAN, born Sept. 27, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thielman of Paris, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, in the Army. Trained at Camp Bowie, and Blanding, Fla. Served overseas from June, 1944, to Nov., 1946, in New Guinea, Manila, Asiatic-Pacific, and Philippines. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with 1 Star, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 31, 1946.

14.—CPL. HENRY GLENN THIELMAN, born June 18, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thielman of Paris, Texas. Volunteered for service June 24, 1943, in the 4th Marine Division. Trained at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, Marshall Islands, Saipan, Tinian, and Hawaiian Islands. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation with 2 Stars, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 3, 1946.

15.—1ST LT. CORDUS H. THORNTON, born April 24, 1916. Husband of Mrs. Mabel Thornton of Greenville, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 29, 1941, in the Army, 36th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from April, 1943, to July, 1945, in Tunisia, North Africa, Italy, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Germany. Wounded twice. Awarded Purple Heart, and 1 Cluster, 1 Bronze Star, 6 Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, and Pre-Pearl Harbor. Still in service.

16.—LT. COMDR. VIRGIL A. SMITH, born Aug. 31, 1900. Husband of Mrs. Winnie Smith of Greenville, Texas. Volunteered for service May 5, 1942, in the Coast Guard. Served in the United States from May 5, 1942, to July 3, 1944, in Ft. Trumbull, New London, and Panama City. Died in service July 3, 1944. He received the Expert Rifle Medal, Good Conduct, Expert Pistol, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon, and Coast Guard Wings for Aviation Pilot

17.—S/SGT. PAUL WHITNEY, born Oct. 31, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lillie Whitney of Paris, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov., 1940, in the Army 132nd F.A. Bn., 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas April, 1943, to May, 1945, in Italy, France, and Germany. He received the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged August, 1945. Attended Paris High School.

18.—CPL. CLARENCE WILSON HOBLIT, born Feb. 10, 1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hoblit of Gainesville, Texas. Volunteered for service February 25, 1941, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army 144th Infantry Division. Received his training at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served in the United States from February 25, 1941, to June 15, 1942. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 15, 1942. Died Dec. 22, 1945.

19.—T/SGT. ROY DARREL HOBLIT, born Nov. 17,1909. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hoblit of Gainesville, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 17, 1939, in the Army Air Force, 4th Air Base Gp. Trained at March Field, Riverside, Calif. Served over seas from Oct., 1941, to March, 1942, in Philippine Islands, Luzon, and Asiatic-Pacific, Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 2 Battle Stars, and was missing for 8 months. Discharged October 5, 1945.

20.—LT, COMDR. ERNEST DELBERT HOBLIT, born Dec. 18,1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hoblit of Gainesville, Texas. Volunteered for service March 5,1936, in the Navy. Trained at Norfolk, Va., San Diego, Calif., Wash., D.C., and Boston, Mass. Served overseas in 1940 on board USS Colorado, USS Yorktown, and in Canada. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Still in service Electronic Test Div., Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md.



*1. -S/SGT.WILLIAM CARL GOSE, born Jan. 31, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gose of Brookston. On Oct. 29, 1942, he entered the Army and trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., and Ft. Benning, Ga. Served in France, Belgium, and Germany. Was wounded July 7, 1944, in the Normandy invasion. Participated in the Battle of the Bulge, and lost his life on Dec. 3, 1944. He had received the European Ribbon, Purple Heart, Infantry Combat Badge, and Good Conduct Medal.

2. —PFC JAMES EDWARD GREEN was born Jan. 25, 1910. The son of Mrs. Jessie M. Green of Paris, and the husband of Mrs. Dollie Green of Howland. On Sept. 6, 1943, he entered the Army at Dallas. He was stationed at Camp Abbott, Oregon, from September of 1943 until October 5, 1945. At that date he was discharged. He was attached to the 9th Service Command. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, and the American Theater Ribbon.

3. —S/SGT. SAM BUFORD GREEN, born Nov. 5, 1921. Son of Mrs. J. M. Green of Paris. Training was in Radio School at Chicago, Gunnery School at Kingman, Ariz., schools at Sioux Falls, Salt Lake City, Alexandria, La. Entered Air Corps Jan. 26, 1943. Went to Europe May, 1944. Flew missions over Germany and Belgium. Prisoner at Stalag Luft #1 and #4 from July 7, 1944, to May 13, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart, Air Offensive Medals for Europe and Normandy. Discharged Nov. 5, 1945.

4. —MoMM2/c MILBURN W. HANCOCK was born Mar. 6, 1915. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Hancock of Roxton, and the husband of Mary Frances Manuel of Petty, Texas. Entered the Navy Mar. 3, 1944, at Dallas, assigned to the Amphibious Branch. Trained at NTS and Destroyer Base at San Diego and at the Amphibious T.B. at Coronado, Calif. Served in the United States until Sept. 27, 1944. Saw duty in the Pacific Theater until Dec. 7, 1945. Was honorably discharged from service Dec. 14, 1945.

5. —SGT. LAWRENCE HORNE was born Nov. 20, 1918. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Horne, 1202 Pine Bluff St., Paris. Entered the Army in July of 1941. Assigned to the Medical Corps and was trained at Camp Lee, Virginia. Served in the United States until Aug., 1945. From then until Jan., 1946, he saw duty in England, France, and Germany. He was awarded the Good Conduct and Victory Medals and the European Theater Ribbon. Discharged in January of 1946.

6. —S/SGT. FRANK F. HORNE was born Jan. 8, 1921. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Horne, 1202 Pine Bluff St., Paris, Attended Paris Junior College, and volunteered for the Army in Jan., 1941. Trained at Sheppard, Duncan, and Brooks Fields, and the Charleston Air Base. Served in England, France, Belgium, and Germany from 1942 until 1945. Was awarded the Good Conduct and Victory Medals and the European Theater Ribbon. Discharged in December of 1945.

*7. —LT. PAUL E. HORNE, born Jan. 8, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Horne, 1202 Pine Bluff St., Paris. Volunteered for Air Corps Jan., 1941. Trained at Moody Field and Pyote Air Base. Pilot of B-17 bomber. He and his crew flew their plane from Nebr. to Italy in Dec., 1943. On Feb. 10, 1944, he and all of his crew were shot down and lost in the sea near Naples, Italy, while flying on their tenth mission. They had been reported missing until Feb. 10, 1945.

8. -T/SGT, JACK BOURNE, born Feb. 9, 1914. The son of Mrs. F. B. Igo of Paris, and the husband of Mrs. Geneva Bourne of Galveston. Entered the Army Air Force Feb. 4, 1943. Trained at Army Gunnery School at Kingman, Ariz. Participated in the air offensive of Europe in Normandy. Northern France, and the Rhineland. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, and European Ribbon with 5 Battle Stars. Discharged July 31, 1945.

9. —PFC JAMES A. MARKS, born April 2,1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Marks of Paris. Volunteered for Army July 8,1942. Trained at Camps Crowder and Claiborne. Assigned to Co. F, 1303 Engineers. Saw action in Normandy, Belgium, B attle of the R hine, and Luzon in the Philippines. Awarded ETO Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific with 1 Star, Philippine Liberation with 1 Star, Victory, and Good Conduct Ribbon. Discharged Dec. 26, 1945.

10.—S/SGT. AMOS A. MARTIN, born Dec. 4, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin of Paris, and the husband of Mrs. Mary Ann Martin of Blossom. Nov. 11, 1940, he volunteered for the Army, and trained in the Cavalry at Forts Brown, Bliss, Texas, and Riley, Kan. Served in the China-Burma-India Theater from July, 1944, to Aug., 1945. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 2 Stars, Combat Inf. Badge, and American Theater Ribbon. Discharged Aug. 13, 1945. Reenlisted Oct., 1946. Now in Germany.

11.—S2/c ALVIE E. MORRIS, born Feb. 9, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Morris of Roxton. Entered the Navy Dec. 23, 1944. Trained at Camp Peary, Va., and San Diego, Calif. Served in Honolulu, Guam, Saipan, and Okinawa from July, 1945, until March, 1946. From March to August of 1946 he was in a Navy hospital overseas, although not wounded. He was honorably discharged in August. 1946.

*12.—S/SGT. ROY JAMES MORRIS, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Morris of Roxton, entered the Army Dec. 28, 1942. Trained at Camp Wolters and then was assigned to the 45th Inf. Division. Participated in the battle sof Salerno, Volturno River, and Anzio. On Nov. 6, 1944, he lost his life at Belfort Gap. He had been awarded the Divisional Citation. He is now buried in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Epinal (Vosges) France.

13.—PFC WILLIAM A. NASH, born Dec. 18, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Nash of Paris. Volunteered Oct. 2, 1943, for the Air Corps. Trained at Amarillo, Lake Charles, and Greensboro Air Bases. Went over seas July 18, 1944. In Corsica and Italy. Was in action at Rome-Arno, Apennines, Po Valley and Southern France. Served in 66th Fighter Squadron of 57th Fighter Group. Awarded Unit Citation with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, 4 Battle Stars. Discharged Nov. 23, 1945.

14,—SGT. JAMES FRANKLIN CHOPEL, born Jan. 19, 1920. Son of Mrs. Chopel of Catasauqua, Pa., and the husband of Mrs. E. J. Chopel of Paris. Son-in-law of Mrs. Nash of Paris. Entered Army Dec. 9, 1942. Trained at Camp Gruber. Served with 42nd Infantry in France, Germany, and Austria. In battles of the Rhineland and Central Europe. Awarded Combat Inf. Badge, Good Conduct and Victory Medals, and European The ater. In Army of Occupation. Discharged Mar. 11, 1946.

15.—CAPT. (CHAPLAIN) IVAN LEWIS PAULK, born Feb. 2, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Paulk of Honey Grove, and husband of Mrs. M. Paulk of Bohnam. Volunteered Oct., 1942, for Air Force, after attending Howard Payne College and Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Trained at Chaplain's School, Harvard U. Served in ETO from Mar., 1944, to Sept., 1945. Awarded 6 Battle Stars and Unit Citation for action in Germany, Normandy, and Ardennes. With 7th A.C.S. Wing in Pacific.

16.—GM3/c FRED GARY BUCKMAN, born Dec. 21, 1917. Son of E. V. Buckman of Paris, and husband of Mrs. Mary Marie Buckman of Los Angeles, Calif. Volunteered April 28, 1943, for Navy, and trained at San Diego. Served on Motor Torpedo boats and received six Battle Stars for action in campaigns at Bismarck Arch., New Georgia, Bougainville-Treasure Is., Biak, East Indies, and Leyte. Discharged Nov. 22, 1945. He is the brother of Mrs. Ivan Lewis Paulk

*17.—PFC WILEY A. ROSS, born Feb. 7, 1910. Son of Mrs. J. K. Ross of Route #1, Direct. He entered the Army Mar. 21, 1942, at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He was trained at Camp Barkeley. On Mar. 27, 1944, he went to Europe and served with the 90th Division. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Ribbon, Purple Heart, and European Theater Ribbon with 4 Battle Stars. Saw action in Normandy, South France, and Rhineland. Lost his life Dec. 8, 1944.

18.—PFC JULIAN EUGENE ROSS, born Feb. 20, 1924. Son of Mrs. J. K. Ross of Direct. He entered the Army Dec. 23, 1943, at Paris, and trained at Camp Blanding. Served in the Eur.pean Theater from Aug., 1944, to Feb., 1945. With the 80th Division in Southern France and the Rhineland. He suffered from trench foot while in service. Awarded Combat Inf. Badge, Good Conduct Medal, and European Theater Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars. Discharged Oct. 6, 1945.

19.—BM2/c JOEL HOMER SCOTT, JR., born Mar. 6, 1921. Son of Mr. H. Scott of Paris, and husband of Mrs. Thelma Scott of Ft. Pierce, Fla. Joined Navy in Jan., 1942. Trained at Norfolk NTS. Instructor in Scott and Raider at Ft. Pierce for 2 years. Scott and Raider work under fire in N. African invasion, and saw duty in South America, Cuba, and Mediterranean. Awarded Good Conduct and Victory Medais. European Ribbon with 1 Battle Star. Discharged Oct., 1945.

20.—BM2/c CHARLES H. SCOTT, born April 27, 1924. Son of Mr., and Mrs. H., Scott of Paris. Volunteered for Navy Jan. 10, 1942. Trained at Norfolk NTS. Instructor in Scout and Raider at Ft. Pierce for 2 years, Scout and Raider work under fire in North African invasion. Saw duty in Cuba, South America, and Mediterranean. He was awarded the Victory and Good Conduct Medals. Was discharged on Jan. 13, 1946, at Norman, Oklahoma.











Capt. J.C. HARRISON LENTZ, JR.

S/Sgt. HOWARD L. LENTZ

Capt. J. C. Harrison Lentz, Jr., son of John C. Lentz, of Paris, Texas, was born Oct. 9, 1917, and enlisted in the Army Air Corps on April 25, 1941, at Lubbock. He was trained at Ryan School, Hemet, Calif.; Moffett Field, Calif.; and Luke Field, Phoenix, Ariz. In July, 1942, he went overseas, and from England participated in the air offensive over Europe; was also in N. Africa, in the Libya and Algeria battle zones. He was pilot of a P-38 Lightning Fighter; was shot down over Tunisia, placed in an Italian submarine, and was rescued by British destroyers which sank the submarine. He holds the Air Medal with 2 OLC. At present he is with the 1st Fighter Group, 71st Fighter Squadron.

S/Sgt. Howard Lewis Lentz, younger son of J.C. Lentz, of Paris, Texas, was born Oct. 23, 1921, and volunteered for the 13th Airborne Division of the Army on July 20, 1942. He was trained at Ft. Sill, Camp Mackall, Ft. Bragg, and Ft. Benning. He went through Instrument and Survey School in the Field Artillery. He was transferred to the Gliders and volunteered for parachute training. Finished the school for overseas duty, but on Xmas Day, 1944, he was seriously injured, and spent 9 months in hospitals at Mackall, Bragg, and in Atlanta. On Dec. 6, 1945, he was granted an honorable discharge from the service.









T/Sqt., WILLIAM R. PATTERSON Sgt. ELBERT A. PATTERSON

T/Sgt. WILLIAM RAY PATTERSON, eldest of these four sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Patterson, was born June 12, 1914. He enlisted in the Army on Feb. 15, 1945, at Camp Hood, and was assigned to the Construction Bn. From May, 1945, to Jan., 1946, he served overseas in Manila, P.I. He is the husband of Katheleen Patterson, and the father of Billy Ray, Jerry Amon, and Nancy Ruth. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 19, 1946.

Sgt. ELBERT AMON PATTERSON was born Nov. 22, 1919. He enlisted on Nov. 23, 1940, at Dallas, and served one year in the 132nd Field Art. Was an instructor at Yale for two years and four months. He was honorably discharged from service Nov. 10, 1945. He is the husband of Hilda Patterson, and the father of Elbert Carl.

Pfc RICHARD J. PATTERSON Sp(I) 2/c DAN M. PATTERSON

Pfc RICHARD JAMES PATTERSON, born June 4, 1922, volunteered for the Army Air Corps Oct. 22, 1942. He served entirely in the U.S.A., at Camp Wolters; Waco; San Marcos; McCook, Nebr.; and Denver, Colo. Holds the Victory and Good Conduct Awards, also the Rifle Machine Gun Ribbon. He is the husband of Wilma Thompson Patterson, and has one daughter, Lela Joyce. He was honorably discharged Dec. 10, 1945.

Sp(I)2/c DAN MOODY PATTERSON was the only one of these boys who went into the Navy. He enlisted on July 22, 1944, in the Com. Serv. Pac. Flt., and trained at San Diego. He served from Nov., 1944, to June, 1946, at Pearl Harbor, Terr. of Hawaii, and was honorably discharged from service, June 10, 1946. He holds Asiatic-Pacific and Victory Awards.





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Y 1/c AUDLEY COHEN WILLIAMS

S/Sgt. William Calloway Windham, son of Mrs. Eula Williams of Dallas, was born Sept. 14, 1915. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on Nov. 26, 1939, at Waco, Texas, and was assigned to the G.D.F., 34th Pursuit Sqdn. Trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, and Chanute Field, Ill. In Nov., 1941, he went overseas to the Philippine Is., and served in Manila, Bataan, and Corregidor. He was held POW by the enemy, and was reported missing for two years. Later it was found that he had paid the Supreme Sacrifice, May 24, 1942. The Purple Heart was awarded. His other awards are: Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Star; Dist. U. Badge, 1 OLC. Amer. Def.; Bronze Star; and Vigtory.

Y 1/c Audley Cohen Williams, son of John D. Williams of Dallas, was born Nov. 22, 1908, and on Sept. 18, 1928, he volunteered for service in the Navy, for the division of special duty. He was trained at San Diego and served in the U.S.A. until 1936, when, until 1939, he served in the Asiatic Area. From Jan., 1942, to Nov., 1945, he was aboard the USS Yorktown, and the USS Bunker Hill, and participated in operations at the Gilbert and Marshall Is., which included Kwajalein Atoll. He was wounded and was awarded the Purple Heart. His other awards are: Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, 2 Battle Stars. He is still with the U.S. Navy.

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Capt. WILLIAM H. ADAMS, JR.



Cpl. ERNEST R. WYLIE

Capt. W. H. Adams, born Sept. 17, 1920, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adams, 641 8th Street, Paris, and husband of Betty Bostain, 1505 DeSota St., Tampa, Fla. He attended the University of Texas, Austin; volunteered for service on Oct. 9, 1941, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Served in the United States 4 years, and overseas 1 year, in Italy, with 15th Army Air Forces. Awarded: DFC, Air Medal with 4 OLC, Purple Heart, ETO, 5 Battle Stars, Distinguished U. Badge. He participated in A. Bomb test in Marshalls, and was wounded over Yugoslavia. To date in A.A.C.

Cpl. Wylie, was born Jan. 26, 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wylie of Star Rt., Sulphur Springs, and hus band of Hazel Wylie of Rt. 3, Cooper, Texas. He received his education in Gooper, entering the Army 32nd Red Arrow, Inf. Div. on Oct. 11, 1944, at Dallas, and was trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and Ft. Ord, Calif. He served in the Pacific Area in the Battle of Luzon from April 25, 1945, to Jan., 1946. These awards received: Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific with 1 Star, and American Defense Medal. Served with A.G. Publications Section as warehouseman and driver. Cpl. Earnest Ray Wylie was given an honorable discharge on the 10th day of January, 1946.



Lt. Comdr. CHARLES P. SHEPPARD

Lt. Comdr. Charles Paul Sheppard, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sheppard of Sulphur Springs, was born Sept. 15, 1918. He attended East Texas State Teachers' College, at Commerce, and on his 23rd birthday he enlisted in the Navy. He was trained at USN Midshipmen's School, Prairie State, N. Y. From May, 1942, to June, 1946, he served overseas in the Caribbean Sea and in the N. Atlantic, also the English Channel, and the Asiatic-Pacific Area. He was wounded in the invasion of Normandy, and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. On his visits home during leave at different times he was interviewed and received much newspaper publicity in regard to his war experiences. He had been an enthusiastic Boy Scout, reaching highest honors, as a child. He is still in the Navy, in command of several ships.



T/Sgt. THOMAS C. McMULLAN



ARM 1/c USN ALBERT W. McMULLAN

T/Sgt. Thomas Charles McMullan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McMullan, of Sulphur Springs, was born June 15, 1916. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on New Year's Day, 1940, and was given training at Chanute Field, Ill. From July, 1940, to Jan., 1942, he served in the Caribbean Area, and from March, 1943, to September, 1945, he was in Europe, engaging in battles in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He holds the ETO Award with 7 Battle Stars, also the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with Cluster, and the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon. He was discharged in Sept., 1945, but re-enlisted and is now stationed at Lake Charles, La.

ARMI/c Albert Weir McMullan, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McMullan, of Sulphur Springs, was born April 15,1921. He volunteered for service in the Naval Air Corps on June 20,1942, at Dallas, and was sent to the U.S. Navy Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill., for his training. From Sept., 1942, to June, 1944, he served in the Panama Canal Zone and the Caribbean Sea, VS-59. He holds combat ribbons and other awards. On Sept. 30, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge from the service, but he re-enlisted, two months later, on the USS Antietan, and at the present writing he is on duty in the Pacific Ocean Area.





1st Lt. THOMAS B. BLACKBURNE

1st Lt. Thomas Buddicom Blackburne, husband of Mrs. Frances Louise Blackburne, Sulphur Springs, Texas, was born September 27, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Blackburne, also of Sulphur Springs. He entered service February, 1943, at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was assigned to the Army 87th Infantry Div., training at Camp McCain, Mississippi, Ft. Jackson, S. C., Camp Fannin, Texas, and Ft. Benning, Ga. Lt. Blackburne was commissioned in December, 1944, and promoted to 1st Lt. July, 1945. Began overseas duty three months later in the Pacific Theater where he served at Manila in the Philippine Islands, until June, 1946. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Victory and Defense Awards. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge.



Lt. Col. D.C. JOSEPH H. McKINNEY

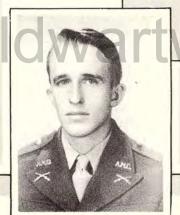
1st Lt. JOHN R. McKINNEY

Lt. Col. D. C. Joseph Hubbard McKinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McKinney of Sulphur Springs, husband of Leone McKinney of Dallas, and father of Lt. John Robert McKinney, was born Jan. 13, 1900. He attended schools in his home town of Sulphur Springs; was a graduate of Tulane University, New Orleans, La., and was a practicing dentist in Dallas. On April 1, 1941, he volunteered for service in the Army, at Dallas, and was assigned to the 1866th C.A.S.U. He spent some time in Camp Wolters, Texas. Placed on inactive status in the Officers' Reserve Corps, Apr. 2, 1926.

lst Lieut. John Robert McKinney, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Hubbard McKinney, of Dallas, was born Dec. 31, 1923. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on Nov. 28, 1942, at Dallas, and went in as an Air Cadet. He was given training at Big Spring, Texas, and from May 15, 1944, to Feb. 12, 1945, he served in Europe as a bombardier with the 8th Air Force, and completed 30 missions between June 6, 1944, and Jan. 7, 1945. He holds the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters. On Oct. 13, 1945, he reverted to inactive duty in the Officers' Reserve Corps. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McKinney of Sulphur Springs.

Pfc JOE D. MATTISON

Pfc Joe Durwood Mattison, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Mattison of Sulphur Springs, was born Dec. 8, 1924. He entered service in the U.S. Army on April 24, 1944, and was assigned to the 26th Infantry. Training was given him at Camp Wolters and at Ft. Benning. From Jan., 1945, to May, 1946, he served overseas in the European Area, and saw action in the battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He served with the 328th Regt. of the 26th Div. as their Radio Operator, and after the day of victory he served as one of the Military Police. On June 10, 1946, he was given an honorable discharge from further military service for the country. He holds Campaign Ribbons and 3 Stars.





*S/Sgt. CHARLES HENRY TAYLOR

Lt. Comdr. HOWARD S. SMITH

S/Sgt. Taylor, was born on December 31, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Taylor of 601 Houston, Sulphur Springs, Texas. He received his education in Travis Grammar and Sulphur Springs High Schools, and attended A.&M. College at College Station, Texas. In December of 1942 he volunteered for service at Dallas; assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sioux Falls, in South Dakota and Fort Wayne, Indiana. He sailed for overseas duty in February of 1944, and served in the European Theater, participating in the invasion of Normany and S. France. He was killed on Sept. 8, 1944, in plane crash in England.

Lt. Comdr. Smith, was born December 12, 1912, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Smith of Sulphur Springs, Route 4, and husband of Charles Luckey Smith of 908 Jefferson Street, Sulphur Springs. He attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, volunteering for the service June 8, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to the Navy Air Corps, training at N.A.B. Quonset Point, R.I. Served overseas from August 4, 1944, until November 1, 1945, in the entire Asiatic-Pacific, His awards are Unit Citation, and Asiatic-Pacific, Bronze Star. Lt. Comdr. Howard Sterling Smith received an honorable discharge on the 24th day of December in 1945, ending 3 years 6 1/2 months of service.

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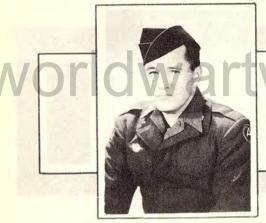
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T/Sgt. LESTER E. SEWELL

T/Sgt. Lester Earl Sewell, husband of Ruby L. Sewell 117 W. Harding Blvd., San Antonio, Texas, was born June 8, 1914, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Sewell, Sulphur Springs Elementary and High Schools and entered service September 18, 1935, assigned to 29th Infantry, 3rd Division of the Army. Trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Served in the States until transferring overseas December, 1943, to the North African-European Theater of operations where he served in North Africa and Italy. Sgt. Sewell was wounded April 16 and May 11 in 1944. His awards include PurpleHeart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge, Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, World War II Victory Ribbon American Theater Ribbon with American Defense Award. After returning to the States, Sgt. Sewell was assigned to 4th Army 3838 S.C.V. R.O.T.C. Unit where he is currently serving.

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Pfc JAMES A. MOORE, JR.

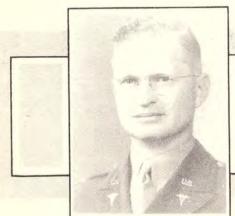


Sqt. CHARLIE J. MYRES

Pfc James A. Moore, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore, Sr., Sulphur Springs, Texas, was born May 2, 1908, at Brashear, Texas. He entered service November 30, 1942, with the Army Field Artillery, training at Camp Gruber, Okla. Served from August, 1943, to November, 1945, in the North African-European Theater. Pfc Moore participated in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland and Central Europe in Italy, France, Germany, Austria; also served in North Africa. The EAME Ribbon with four Bronze Stars was awarded with Good Conduct Medal, four Overseas Service Bars, and other awards. Discharge was granted November 21, 1945.

Sgt. Charlie James Myres, husband of Mary Lou Myres, Brashear, Texas, was born November 16, 1912, son of R. N. Myres, Wichita Falls, Texas. He entered the Army 59th Medical Battalion April 8, 1942; trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, Camp Gordon, Georgia, Ft. Jackson, S.C., and Ft. Ord, California. From July, 1943, to March, 1944, Sgt. Myres served in the Aleutian Islands at Kiska; returned to the States, and from October, 1944, to November, 1945, was stationed in the Pacific Area at New Guinea and Philippine Islands. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded with Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. Discharged December 4, 1945.

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Capt. JOHN W. PATE, M. D.



CSK CLOVIS M. ROACH

Capt. John Woodrow Pate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bart C. Pate, 833 So. Davis, Sulphur Springs, Texas, was born April 15, 1916, and is the husband of Jeanne Secrest Pate, Austin, Texas. He graduated in 1940 from Baylor College of Medicine in Dallas, and volunteered August 12, 1942, for the Army Medical Corps, training at Camp Swift, Texas. Capt. Pate served from February, 1944, to October, 1945, in the European Theater, where he participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe, serving in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge December 22, 1945.

Chief Store Keeper Clovis Malcom Roach, born Oct. 7, 1917, son of L. C. and Mamie Roach, Sulphur Springs, Texas, volunteered April 3, 1940, for the Navy, and served from Nov., 1940, to Dec., 1943, in the Pacific aboard the USS San Francisco at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, later with the task forces off Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, and other engagements. He was aboard the USS Liscome Bay when she was sunk, and he received injuries Nov. 24, 1943. The Purple Heart was awarded with Pres. Citation and Blue Star, Pre-Pearl Harbor with Gold Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with seven Battle Stars and other Medals. Currently on Guam with the Navy since Apr., 1946.





Sons and son-in-law of Mr. M. C. Bailey, 810 Main, Sulphur Springs, Texas. Pfc MALCOLM Z. BAILEY was born June 1,1924, and attended East Texas State Teachers' College at Commerce. On Nov. 24, 1942, at Dallas, he volunteered for service, and was assigned to the 5th Marine Div., then ordered to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., for his training. Overseas 16 1/2 mos. in Pearl Harbor, Japan, and battle for Iwo Jima. He received the Divisional Citation, and was given his discharge papers on January 6,1946. Resides with his wife, Rosemary, at 704 Ingram, Sulphur Springs, Tex.

T/4 Sgt. ROBERT P. BAILEY, born Feb. 10, 1914, husband of Georgia G. Bailey of Sulphur Springs, attended N.T.A.C. at Arlington, entered the Army, 11th Armd. Div., on May 8, 1942; trained at Camp Barkeley, Tex., among other places. Overseas 15 mos., participating in battles of Bulge, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Good Conduct, ETO 3 Stars, and American Defense Ribbons. Honorably discharged January 5th in 1946.

Ist Lt. TRUMAN L. TURNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Turner, Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon, and husband of Grace Turner. He studied at Texas A & M College, enlisting in the A.A.F. Oct. 24, 1942; trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas, and Okla. City Univ.; Rankin Academy, Tulare, Calif.; Santa Ana A.A.B., Calif.; Merced A.A.B., Calif.; and Marfa A.A.B., Texas. Overseas about 8 mos. in Southwest Pacific and China-India-Burma Theater. His decorations include the Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and Battle Star. Lt. Turner was given his discharge on March 2, 1946.

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S/Sgt. CHARLES C. HALL

S/Sgt. Charles C. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton F. Hall, of Brashear, Texas, was born July 14, 1922. On Oct. 16, 1942, he entered Army service at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the 96th Div. He was sent to 8 different camps and after training in these and serving in the United States, he went over seas to the Pacific, July, 1944. He saw more than 218 days of battle in Leyte, Okinawa, Guam, Saipan, and Mindoro. He also served in Hawaii. He suffered jungle sickness and was also wounded, his eardrums being punctured. The Purple Heart was awarded him and his other awards are: Philippine Liberation, 2 Stars; As.-Pac., 2 Stars; 1 Arrowhead; Good Conduct; Amer. Def .; Com. Inf.; Victory. He was honorably discharged from service on Jan. 11, 1946.



Lt. WILLIAM W. KITTS



T/5 JOE F. KELLER

Lt. William Wayne Kitts was born March 16, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Kitts, of Lubbock, formerly of Sulphur Springs. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, and volunteered April 10, 1942, for the Navy Fleet Branch. He trained at Midshipman's School in New York, and was commissioned Ensign February, 1943. Began overseas duty May, 1943. Lt. Kitts served in the European-Mediterranean areas and participated in the French invasions; later was on duty in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. His awards include various ribbons and medals, and after returning to the States, he was granted discharge August 31, 1946.

T/5 Joe F. Keller, birth date October 6, 1918, is the husband of Martha Irene Green Keller, Brashear, Texas. He entered the Army, Field Artillery, December 11, 1943, at Tyler, Texas; trained at Camps Callan, Cooke, Haan and Ft. Ord, all in California, and began overseas duty October, 1944, in the Pacific Theater, where he served on New Guinea and in the Philippine Islands. Participated in the battles of Balete Pass, Baguio and Manila. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with one Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Battle Star, and other ribbons. Discharged January 28, 1946.

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Baker 2/c CLETES O. BESHEARS

JAMES O. BESHEARS

B2/c Beshears was born on May 14, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Beshears, 919 N. Davis, and husband of Alma Dorothy Ann Beshears, 201 Oak Ave., Sulphur Springs. Attended Sulphur Springs High, volunteering for the Navy April 14, 1942, at Dallas; sent to San Diego, Calif., for training. Overseas twice, 39 1/2 mos. serving in Pacific; Aleutian Is.; Hawaii; Fiji Is.; Australia; New Guinea; Biak; Hollandia; Saipan; Tinian; Eniwetok; Samoa, Tarawa; Guam; Kwajalein; Atlantic; Panama Canal Zone; Cuba; Haiti; Bermuda; and Battle of Koman Dorskies. Awarded ATO, ETO, Asiatic-Pacific, American Defense, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Destroyer Div. commended by Adm. Kincaid, and Submarine Sqdn. commended by Adm. Nimitz. Honorably discharged on March 14, 1946.

C.Y. Beshears, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Beshears of Sulphur Springs, and husband of Anna K. Beshears of San Francisco, Calif., was born April 28, 1924. Enlisted in the Navy on May 14, 1941, at Dallas; ordered to San Diego, Calif., for training. Served in Atlantic and Pacific from May, 1943, to July, 1945, in Bermuda: San Juan, Puerto Rico; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Pearl Harbor; Funa Futi; Marshalls; Tarawa; Eniwetok; Morotai; Admiralty Is.; Leyte and Luzon, Philippines; Solomons; Okinawa; Borneo; Russell Is.; Kyushu, Honshu, and Shikoku, Japan; Guam, Saipan, and Tinian, Marianas; Aitape and Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea; and Panama Canal Zone. Decorations are ATO, ETO, Asiatic-Pacific, American Defense, Good Conduct, Navy Unit Citation, Philippine Liberation and Victory Medals. At the present he is still in the U.S.N.

1. —PVT. GEORGE D. ALFORD, born March 14, 1910, son of Mrs. S. A. Alford, of Pickton, husband of Mary Harrelson Alford, of McKinney, received his education in Winterfield School in Pickton, and entered the Army November 11, 1943, Assigned to 97th Division; received his training at Camp Callan, California, and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He served his country from November 19, 1943, to November 21, 1945. Awarded Good Conduct, Rifle and Bazooka Medials. Pvt. Alford was discharged Nov. 21, 1945.

2. —SGT. JAMES A. ALFORD, born May 1, 1924, son of Mrs. S. A. Alford, of Pickton attended Draghon's Business School, Dallas. Volunteered November 2, 1942, to the Army, assigned to the Air Corps; received his training at Hondo Field, San Marcos, Kingman, Arizona, Lemoore, Calif. His awards were American Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. He was a clerk typist for 30 months at Boise, Idaho. Sgt. Alford was given an honorable discharge Feb. 11, 1946.

3. -S1/c LEON D. ALFORD, born July 21,1926, son of Mrs. S. A. Alford, of Pickton, husband of the former El Wanda Crane, Pickton, volunteered for Navy May 22, 1944, assigned to Amphibious Branch. Trained at San Diego, Calif.; served overseas from April 26, 1945, to Feb. 1, 1946, on Okinawa. Awards were Asiatic-Pacific, with one Battle Star, and the Victory Medal. Seaman Leon D. Alford received an honorable discharge from the Navy February 9, 1946.

*4. —SGT. OTIS D. ALFORD, born May 18, 1922, son of Mrs. S. A. Alford, of Pickton, volunteered for Army Air Corps Oct. 29, 1942, training at Lincoln, Nebraska. Overseas from Oct., 1943, to Nov. 26, 1943, in battles of Norway and Paris. Awards Good Conduct, Citation of Honor and Purple Heart and ETO Ribbon with Battle Stars. He was an assistant engineer on B-17 and paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Dec. 1, 1943, when his plane was shot down. Buried with 3 of his comrades beside him.

5. —CPL. JAMES LESTER ARMSTRONG, born Dec. 8, 1915, son of Mrs. W. B. Armstrong, Mt. Vernon, entered the Army Dec. 28, 1942, assigned to the Medical Detachment 467th. Trained at Camp Wolters; served over seas from Jan. 31, 1944, to Sept. 21, 1945, in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany. Wounded in England April, 1944, during raid by German planes. Awards EAME 5 Stars and Arrowhead, and Purple Heart. Discharged Oct., 1945.

*6. —PFC ROBERT DRUCE BOLTON, born July 16, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bolton, 507 Church St., Sulphur Springs, entered the Army April 26, 1944, assigned the Infantry 4th Div. Overseas from Bec. 1944, to Feb., 1945, in Luxembourg, Bastogne; helped take the city of Prum, Germany. Robert Druce Bolton paid the Supreme Sacrifice Feb. 12, 1945, by sniper fire at Prum, Germany, just two months after arriving overseas. The Purple Heart and Bronze Star awarded, posthumously.

7. —CAPT.BILLY FRANCIS BOLTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bolton, of Sulphur Springs, was born Sept. 23, 1920. Entered the Army May 17, 1942, assigned to the 15th Air Force; trained at Camp J. T. Robinson; overseas from Sept., 1944, to June, 1945, Rome-Arno campaign, Balkan campaign, the air offensive over Europe; in prison camp Stalag 111, Nurnburg, Germany. Awards: Air Medal with 2 Clusters, Presidential Citation and ETO Ribbon with 3 Campaign Stars. Bolton was discharged Jan. 7, 1946.

8. —SGT. JOHN D. BOLTON, born Jan. 26, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bolton, Sulphur Springs, volunteered for the Army Air Force Aug. 2, 1942. Trained at Philadelphia Army Air Base. Overseas from Oct., 1943, to May, 1945, in Southwest Pacific Area, participating in the battle of Bismarck Archipelago, East Indies, Southern Philippines Campaigns. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific with three Campaign Stars and Philippines Liberation Ribbon. Was discharged November 3, 1945.

9. —CSpROBERT MELBOURN CARPENTER, was born November 6, 1917, s on of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Carpenter, husband of Florence Carpenter, all of Cumby, Texas. He received his education in Cumby Public Schools and East Texas State College, in Commerce. Volunteered for Navy May 12, 1941, assigned as instructor. Received his training at Corpus Christi and Norfolk, Virginia. CSp Robert Melbourn Carpenter received an honorable discharge from the Navy on September 29, 1946.

10.—S1/c RICHARD JEFFERSON CARPENTER, born April 18, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Carpenter, of Cumby, husband of Sudie Carpenter, of the same city, attended East Texas State College, Commerce. Entered the Navy June 16, 1943; trained at Corpus Christi Naval Base; served overseas from Aug.. 1945, to Feb., 1946, in Japan and China. Seaman 1/c Richard Jefferson Carpenter received an honorable discharge from the Navy on February 6, 1946.

11.—S/SGT. CLARK DEWITT DANIEL, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Daniel, of Grand Prairie, was born Nov. 7, 1922. Attended Cumby High School. Volunteered for the Army Air Force July 1, 1941; received his training at Chanute Field, Ill.; overseas from May 13, 1943, to Oct. 21, 1945, in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea and Southern Philippines, Awards: American Defense Service, Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. Discharged Nov. 1, 1945, and re-enlisted Jan. 18, 1946.

12.—S/SGT. WILLIAM WYLIE DANIEL, born Aug. 24, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Daniel, of Grand Prairie, attended Cum by High School, and volunteered for the Army Air Forces Dec. 18, 1941. Trained at Sheppard Field and Patterson Field, Ohio. Overseas from Aug. 6, 1942, to Oct. 24, 1945, in air offensive over Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe. Awards: EAME Campaign with four Bronze Stars, and ATO Campaign. Sgt. Daniel was discharged, and re-enlisted Jan., 1946.

13.—CPL. TROY JIM GAY, born July 28, 1924, son of Mrs. Beauton Gay, 521 Connally St., Sulphur Springs, attended Sulphur Springs High School. Entered the Army on July 2, 1943; received his training at Camp Wolters, stationed there for about one year; moved to Fort Sam Hou con, and stayed there the remainder of the time. He was a warded the Good Conduct, Marksmanship and Archery. Corporal Gay was given an honorablé discharge April 7, 1946.

14.—S/SGT. FRED DEWITT COE, born Jan. 8, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Coe, of Sulphur Springs, husband of Mrs. Ethel Coe, entered the Ar my, Feb., 1941, and trained at Camp Bowie. Overseas from April, 1943, to Aug., 1944, in North Africa, Italy, battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno. Wounded Dec., 1943. Awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, American Defense, Combat Infantry and Good Conduct Medal. S/Sgt. Coe received an honorable discharge August 1, 1945.

15.—T/4 JAMES HARVEY GILBERT, born Jan, 13, 1923, husband of Marcine Gilbert, Sulphur Springs, entered the Army March, 1943. Trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Moc.; overseas from Oct., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Ardennes, Southern France, Central Germany and Rhineland. His awards were ETO Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, A.D.S. Ribbon, Good Conduct, and Victory Ribbon. T/4 James Gilbert received an honorable discharge from the Army on Jan. 3, 1946.

16.—SGT. DeFOREST WILLIAM GOODRUM, born April 3, 1915, son of John Goodrum, of Oklahoma City, husband of Frances Goodrum, Sulphur Springs, volunteered April 23, 1941, for the Army Eng. Served overseas in England, France, Germany, and battles of Bulge and Saipan. Wounded once, His awards we're Good Conduct, Bravery, two Battle Stars. Sgt. DeForest William Goodrum received an honorable discharge from the Army on October 25, 1946, from Camp Fannin, Texas.

17.—T/4 WILLIAM CHESTER STACY, born January 25, 1907, husband of Alta Mae Stacy, Sulphur Springs, received his education in White Oak, Texas. Volunteered to the Army; assigned to the 2nd Division in 1928; received his training at FortSam Houston; overseas from 1944 to 1945, in France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Rhineland, Central Europe. T/4 William Chester Stacy is making the Army his career for a period of twenty years.

18.—EMI/c ORAN HEWETT, born Jan. 18, 1912, brother of Mrs. H. C. Wilson, of Greenville, volunteered for Seabees on April 14, 1942; received his training at Davisville, Rhode Island. Overseas from Dec., 1942, to Sept., 1944; later from Feb., 1945, to Oct., 1945, in Admiralty Islands, New Guinea, Okinawa, New Hebrides, Hawaii, New Caledonia, and Saipan. Awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. EMI/c Oran Hewett was given an honorable discharge on October 22, 1945.

*19.—PFC ROLAND LEONARD de CORDVA, born Jan. 7, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. deCordva, of Petersburg, husband of Charlton de Cordva, Greenville, attended High School in Petersburg. Volunteered for the Army Air Corps on October 3, 1943; trained at Sheppard Field, Truax Field, Wis., Scott Field, Ill. Served overseas from March, 1945, to June, 1945, in New Guinea and Philippines. Roland de Cordva paid the Supreme Sacrifice over Moratai Island on June 12, 1945, in C-47 plane.

20.—PFG WOODROW WILSON, born June 5, 1919, son of Mr, and Mrs. H. C. Wilson, of Greenville. Received his education at Greenville Public Schools; volunteered July 22, 1942, for the Marines; trained at San Diego, California, Marine Training Base; overseas from Jan., 1943, to Oct., 1944, in battles of Woodlark Island, New Guinea, Cape Gloucester, New Britain. Pfc Woodrow Wilson received an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps on Oct. 30, 1945.







SK 3/c CLYDE W. HOLDER



CM 1/c CLYDE R. THOMPSON

SK3/c Clyde Wilkie Holder, was born November 20, 1924, husband of Beryl J. Holder, Talco, Texas, and son of Clyde Holder also of Talco. He attended Paris, Texas, Junior College, and entered the U.S. Coast Guard on April 28, 1943, training at St. Augustine, Florida. In August, 1944, he began his overseas duty in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater where he participated in service at Biak-Morotai, Luzon, Cebu and with the occupational forces in Japan. Returned to the States January, 1946. His awards include Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with one Star and other awards. Discharged January 31, 1946.

CM1/c Clyde Raymond Thompson, husband of Athalene Thompson, 838 College, Sulphur Springs, Texas, was born November 4, 1911. Volunteered June 7, 1943, for the U.S. Navy, Construction Battalion. He trained at Camps Peary, Va., Endicott, R.I., and Gulfport, Miss., and served from December, 1943, to October, 1945, in the Pacific Area at Milne Bay, New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, and Leyte, Samar in the Philippine Group. Received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, and other medals and awards. He received a discharge after returning to the States, October 9, 1945.

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S/Sgt. JOHN W. EVANS



S/Sgt. JULIUS H. GROVES

S/Sgt. John W. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bayless Evans, 411 Van Sickle Street, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas, was born September 27, 1919, a native of Texas. He attended the Sulphur Springs High School, Tulsa University in Oklahoma, and North East Center Jr. College, Monroe, Louisiana. Sgt. Evans volunteered at Dallas, Texas, for the Army Air Forces on December 4,1941, training at Patterson Field in Ohio. November 20, 1942, he was transferred to the European Theater of Operations where he served until returning to the States September 1,1945. Discharge was granted October 1,1945.

S/Sgt. Julius Herman Groves, husband of Freda E. Groves, 7310 Toland, Dallas, was born June 8, 1911, son of A. R. Groves, Sulphur Springs, Texas. He volunteered August 21, 1942, for the Army Air Forces; transferred to the Pacific Theater January, 1944, where he participated in 41 combat missions as radio operator gunner on B-24, amassing 455 combat hours over Bougainville, Rabaul, Truk, Borneo, Palau Group, Philippines and various other islands. The Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with two Presidential Citations, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with seven Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation. Discharged in States Sept. 11, 1945.



2nd Lt. Noble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Noble of Brashear, Texas, was born on March 27, 1920, and attended College at Los Angeles, Calif.; volunteered for the AAC on May 11, 1942; trained at Santa Ana, Dos Palos, and Lancaster, Calif., and Phoenix, Ariz. He went overseas in May of 1944, and served in the European Area with service in England and France with the Ninth Air Force, 388th Fighter Squadron. On July 18, 1944, 2nd Lt. Alvis D. Noble, among others, was on a reconnaissance mission to Vire, France, when they encountered heavy opposition; his plane was one of the many that didn't return to the base. His decorations include the Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, and Expert Aerial Gunnery Medals.

Pfc Noble was born on November 29, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Noble of Brashear, Texas. He received his education in Brashear Grammar and Cumby High School, and volunteered for service on January 8, 1943, at Dallas, assigned to the III Marine Amphibious Corps. He was sent to the Marine Corps Base in San Diego, Calif., for training. He served overseas from May 10, 1943, until Dec. 21, 1945, in the South Pacific with service on Guadalcanal; Guam, Mariana Is.; Okinawa, Ryukyus Is.; and China. His awards include the Navy Unit Citation and the Expert Rifle Medal. Pfc Don Arlan Noble was given his discharge on the 14th day of February in 1946.





Lt. BENJAMIN F. ASHCROFT



Cpl. GROVER H. BAILEY

Lt. Benjamin Franklin Ashcroft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ashcroft, Sulphur Springs, Texas, was born July 3, 1920, a native of Texas. He attended Washington-Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, and graduated from Texas University at Austin, majoring in Business Administration. Volunteered at Dallas, Texas, for service with the U.S. Navy, Line Officer-Communications Branch June 15, 1942. Lt. Ashcroft was assigned to the U.S. Navy Communications School at Los Angeles, California, and served from August, 1942, to November, 1944, in the Pacific Theater, also 12th Naval District. Discharged April 9, 1946.

Cpl. Grover Hamilton Bailey was born November 16, 1918, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bailey, Sulphur Springs, Texas. He attended Reilly Springs High School in Texas, and entered service October 29, 1942, with the Army, 96th Infantry Division, training at Camp Adair, Oregon. In July, 1944, Cpl. Bailey began overseas duty in the Pacific Theater, where he participated in combat at Leyte, Philippine Islands and on Okinawa. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, Bronze Arrowhead, and the Bronze Star Award. After returning to the States, he was discharged January 11, 1946.

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Sat. ROY C. CATES



T/Sgt. OLVIN M. CHERRY

Sgt. Roy C. Cates, husband of Marna Williams Cates, Sulphur Springs, Texas, was born March 5, 1917, and attended the McKinney and Pickton, Texas, Public Schools. He volunteered January 15, 1942, at Greenville, Texas, for the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Began overseas duty February, 1942, in the Pacific Theater. Sgt. Cates served in Australia and New Guinea, and participated in Papoon and Southern Philippine Islands battles, receiving wounds in combat July, 1944, in New Guinea. The Asiatic-Pacific Medal with two Bronze Stars was awarded with Purple Heart and other awards. Discharged October 3, 1945.

T/Sgt. Olvin Moscine Cherry, born December 12, 1922, husband of Cora Estelle Cherry, 325 Jefferson, Sulphur Springs, Texas, is the son of Curtis Cherry of the same city. He volunteered September 6, 1942, for the Army Air Forces, training at Ephrata, Washington, and serving overseas from September, 1943, to May, 1945, in the air offensive over Europe. Sgt. Cherry was reported "Missing in Action", but later reported prisoner of war held in Prison Camp Luft 4, near Stettion, Germany. The Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with D.F.C., ETO Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. After returning home, he was discharged September 6, 1945.





M/Sgt. ANDREW P. KIRPATRICK

1st Lt. OMER F. KIRPATRICK

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kirkpatrick, 441 Oak Ave., Sulphur Springs, Tex. M/Sgt. ANDREW P. KIRKPATRICK, born Aug. 10, 1906, husband of Peggy Kirkpatrick of Lubbock, attended Wesley College at Greenville. Entered the Army Ordnance in April, 1943; trained at Red River Ord. Training Depot, Texarkana. Overseas 22 mos., assigned to 816th Ord. Base Depot Co.; served in England, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and France in the battles of D-Day. Awarded Good Conduct, Campaign Ribbons, and several citations. Discharged in November of 1945.

1st Lt. SEBA W. KIRKPATRICK, born Oct. 12, 1915, attended E.T.S.T.C. 2 yrs., and 3 yrs. in Univ. of Ky. Law School. Entered Army 39th Fld. Art. Bn. in April, 1941; trained at Fts. Sill, Okla.; Ord, Calif., and Camp Pickett, Va. In Nov., 1942, he went overseas, participating in invasions of N. Africa, Casablanca, El Guiettar, Sedjanane, Tabarka, Sicily, Salerno. He met his death near Naples on Oct. 1, 1943. He served with 9th, 3rd Divs., and with 5th Army. Awarded Purple Heart and Citations for bravery and loyalty.

Ist Lt. OMER F. KIRKPATRICK, born May 11, 1912, husband of Ruby LaNelle Kirkpatrick of Sulphur Springs. He attended E.T.S.T.C. at Commerce and Southwestern Medical Foundation at Dallas. Before entering the Army Medical Corps in Aug., 1943, he was a Res. Med. Student. He trained in Dallas until graduation, the internship at Mo. Methodist Hosp. Lt. Kirkpatrick is now serving in the Pacific Theater as an Army doctor.





Sgt. CARL W. TAYLOR



W/O WILBUR T. MYERS

Sgt. Taylor was born on Sept. 8, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Taylor, 4510 Stonewall St., Greenville, Texas, and husband of Juanita Bryan Taylor. He studied at Greenville High School, enlisting in the Army Air Force on Sept. 3, 1942, at Greenville; ordered to Majors Field, Greenville, Texas, for his training. He was shipped overseas in June of 1945, and served in the South Pacific area, returning to the States for his discharge on the 8th day of February in 1946. Sergeant Carl Washington Taylor received the following awards: Good Conduct, Expert Rifleman, Marksman Pistol, and Marksman Machine Gun Medals.

W/O Myers was born on May 18,1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Myers, Sr., 317 Putman, Sulphur Springs, attended Sulphur Springs High School, volunteering for service Dec. 4, 1940, at Dallas. Assigned to Army 2nd Div.; sent to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp McCoy, Wis., for his training. He went overseas in Sept., 1943, and served until July, 1945, in England, N. Ireland, Belgium, France, Holland, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and participated on "D" Day, in Battle of Bulge, Siegfried Line. Awarded Good Conduct, Expert Rifleman, Silver and Bronze Star Medals. Warrant Officer Myers has been stationed in Japan since Feb., 1946, with the 2nd Div.



S 1/c BILLY B. MYERS



S 1/c WILLIAM H. BRYAN

S1/c Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Myers, Sr., 317 Putman St., Sulphur Springs, Texas, was born on Aug. 31, 1925, and attended Sulphur Springs High School, entering the service Dec. 9, 1943, at Tyler, Texas. Assigned to the U.S. Navy, going to San Diego, California for training. He served overseas from March, 1944, until July, 1945, in South Pacific serving in Hawaii, Australia, Saipan, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and Guadalcanal. Seaman First Class Billy Barto Myers was given an honorable discharge from the United States Navy in February of 1946, and now is at home with his parents in Sulphur Springs; his sister, Mrs. Gay Bryan, also lives there.

S1/c Bryan was born on March 21, 1915, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Bryan, and brother-in-law of Mrs. Gay Bryan, all of Sulphur Springs, Texas. He attended Cumby, Texas, High School, and entered the service on the 9th day of December in 1943 at Tyler, Texas, Was assigned to the United States Navy; ordered to San Diego, California for his training. S1/c William Herman Bryan received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy in November of 1945 after almost 2 years of service, and at the present he is at home in Mineral Wells, Texas, with his wife, Pearl Collins Bryan, on North Oak Street.

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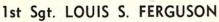
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S/Sgt. JAMES D. WRIGHT

S/Sgt. Wright, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Wright of 100 Jefferson St., Sulphur Springs, Texas, was born on February 27, 1917, in Texas. After graduating from Sulphur Springs High School he attended Texas A & M College at College Station for 4 years, and volunteered for service on January 21, 1942, at Dallas. Was assigned to the U.S. Army, 1015th Signal Corps Co., 5th Air Force; trained at Scott Field, Illinois, Radio Operator and Mech. School. In September of 1942 he was sent overseas, and saw service in the Asiatic-Pacific Area in New Guinea, Papua, and Luzon. He served as supply Sergeant for Signal Corps Co., 1015th 8th S.G. His job was to requisition, receive, and issue all various supplies needed; he was also responsible for maintaining stock at proper level. His awards include Asiatic-Pacific with 3 Stars, Philippine Liberation, Distinguished Unit Badge (Co. Hq. 8th Service, Gp. 8, Feb., 1944), and Good Conduct Medals. He received his discharge papers on October 11, 1945.







T/5 BOYD R. FERGUSON

lst Sgt. Louis Sherman Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Ferguson of Sulphur Springs, and husband of Fay Ferguson, of Greenville, was born July 5, 1920, at Sulphur Springs. He attended high school inhis home town. On June 12, 1944, he entered Army service and was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Div. Training was given him at Camp Wolters, and on May 3, 1945, he went overseas to the Pacific Area, where he served until Feb. 7, 1946. He participated in the battle of Luzon; he also served in Japan. His awards are: Good Conduct; Liberation of Philippine Is., 1 Star; Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Star; Combat Infantry; Victory. He was discharged Feb., 1946.

T/5 Boyd Ralph Ferguson, brother of Sgt. Louis Ferguson of Sulphur Springs, was born Aug. 19,1925. He is a graduate of Sulphur Springs High School, and on April 26,1944, he entered service in the Medical Division of the Army. He was sent to Camp Barkeley for training and was placed with the 179th Gen. Hospital. He also served with the 385th Sta. Hospital. In Oct., 1944, he went overseas to Europe, where he served until May 31,1946, stationed in France, Belgium, and Germany. His awards are: ETO; Occupation of Germany; Good Conduct; Victory. He was honorably discharged from service on June 7,1946.

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MM 1/c JIMMIE C. KEENER



Sqt. ELVOY C. KEENER

MMI/c Jimmie Claude Keener, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keener of Sulphur Springs, was born June 25, 1918. He volunteered for service in the Navy on Dec. 12, 1940, and was sent to San Diego, California, for training. From 1941 to 1943 he served in the South Pacific Area of War on the USS Saratoga and the USS Curtiss. On March 14, 1943, the fatality occurred which took his life while he was in service for his country. He had attended school in Sulphur Springs, as a boy, and his occupation just before enlisting in the Navy had been that of mechanic. A Presidential Citation of Honor was awarded his parents.

Sgt, Elvoy Clyston Keener, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keener, of Sulphur Springs, was born Aug. 26, 1921. He entered service in the Army on Sept. 18, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the 504th Anti-Aircraft Coast Artillery. From January, 1943, to May, 1944, he served overseas, and again from December, 1944, to November, 1945. He was in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, on Kodiak Island, and also in Europe, in action in France, Belgium, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was in England for a time, and was awarded campaign ribbons with 2 Bronze Stars. On Nov. 22, 1945, he was granted an honorable discharge.

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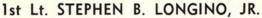


Rm3/c McMullan, was born on May 22, 1907, in Texas, son of Mrs. Blanche McMullan, 429 Main Street, in Sulphur Springs, Texas. He attended Sul Ross College at Alpine, and volunteered for service on June 13, 1944, at Sulphur Springs; assigned to the Navy Amphibious Branch; received training at the U.S. Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho, and attended radar operators school at Point Loma, San Diego, California. Radarman 3/c McMullan served in the Pacific Area from Dec. 21, 1944, until Dec. 24, 1945, aboard an Attack Troop Transport. His awards include the American Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbons. Discharged Dec. 24, 1945, and he is now living in Sulphur Springs with his wife, Maurine.

PhM3/c McMullan was born on July 13, 1911, in Texas, the son of Mrs. Blanche McMullan of 429 Main Street in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and husband of Frances McMullan of Water Oak Street, Sulphur Springs. After graduating from high school he attended East Texas State Teachers' College at Commerce, and entered the service on April 27, 1943, at Tyler. Was assigned to the U.S. Navy Medical Corps; sent to the Naval Training Center at San Diego, California; he also served at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, California. Pharmacist Mate Third Class James Lawrence McMullan was given his discharge on the 29th day of December in 1945, after 32 months of service.









Capt. JOSEPH B. LONGINO

lst Lt. Stephen Byrd Longino, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Longino of Sulphur Springs, was born Feb. 4, 1922. He entered service in the U.S. Army, at San Antonio on April 15, 1946, and was placed in the Medical Corps. Previously, he was in A.S.T.P. for three years, in Medical School in Vanderbilt Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. He was placed in Squad E, Med., 3543 AAF Bu-AAF, MTC in San Antonio. He is still in service, and at the present writing is with the Station Hospital, Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is a graduate of the Vanderbilt Medical College, and is a younger brother of Captain Joseph Beasley Longino.

Capt. Joseph Beasley Longino, elder son of Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Longino of Sulphur Springs, was born October 1, 1918. He attended Vanderbilt University and Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, and on Jan. 1, 1943, he entered service in the Medical Corps of the Army. He served in Carlisle Barracks, Hoff General Hospital, Darnall General Hospital, and Ft. Knox Regional Hospital. At Mason General Hospital he attended the School of Mental Psychiatry. At the present writing he is still in service, stationed at the Fort Knox Regional Hospital at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is the husband of Joan Longino, also of Sulphur Springs.



Lt. Col. EARL H. STIRLING



Lt. Comdr. HAROLD C. STIRLING

Lieut. Col. Earl Hopkins Stirling, son of Dr. and Mrs. Earl Stirling, and husband of Betsy Prosser Stirling, of Sulphur Springs, was born May 16, 1914. He attended the University of Texas at Austin and the Medical Dept. of the University at Galveston, and obtained his B.A. and M.D. before enlisting in the Medical Corps of the Army at Washington, D.C., on July 1, 1941. From July, 1944, to Nov., 1945, he served overseas, in the American Theater of Operations, and in the European Area of War. He holds the following awards: American Defense; American Campaign; EAME; and Victory. He was released from active duty on Feb. 2, 1946, and at present is in the U.S.A. (R.)

Lt. Comdr. Harold Carl Stirling, younger son of Dr. and Mrs. Earl Stirling, and husband of Beby Hays Stirling, all of Sulphur Springs, was born Nov. 26, 1919. He attended school in Sulphur Springs and also 3 1/2 years at East Texas State Teachers' College, at Commerce. On March 15, 1941, he enlisted in the Navy and volunteered for aviation. He was trained at Pensacola, Fla., and from July, 1943, to Aug., 1945, he served in Iceland, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, New Guinea, Marianas Is., and the Philippines. He holds American Campaign Medals, also the EAME; Asiatic-Pacific; Phil. Lib.; 5 Air Medals; DFC; Victory, He is still in the Navy.





T/4 BENNETT J. ALFORD



1st Lt. NORMAN ST. CLAIR WRIGHT

T/4 Bennett J. Alford, birth date July 13, 1918, in Texas, is the son of Mrs. Belle Alford, formerly of Pickton, now living in Dallas. He volunteered November 17, 1942, for the Army Quartermaster Corps; trained at Camp Swift and Ft. Sam Houston in Texas, Camp Polk, Louisiana, and began overseas duty October, 1944, in the Pacific Theater where he participated in the campaigns of New Guinea and Luzon, and served with the Occupational Forces on Hokkeads, Japan. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars was awarded with the Philippine Liberation and one Star, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. Returned home; discharged February 11, 1946.

1st Lt. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. (Clem) Wright, of Quitman, and husband of Edith Mozelle Stanford Wright of 1852 Marshal Rd., Baltimore, Md., was born May 20, 1908. Attended Baylor Univ. of Waco; received Bachelor of Journalism; entered Army Feb. 10, 1942, assigned to Army 7th Armd. Div., training at Camp Polk, La. Served with searchlight and coast defense guns over Washington and surrounding territory, and trained soldiers in use of 105 Howitzer and later in the 8 inch gun which bombarded the castle of Monastery Hill. 1st Lt. Norman S. Wright is now with Counter Intelligence Corps Center, assistant to the Adjutant.

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Capt. ERNEST F. SMART



S/Sgt. GEORGE A. NEYMAN

Capt. Smart was born January 17, 1912, son of Mrs. Dee Smart of Quitman, and husband of Lenna Smart of 1714 Stoneman, Dallas, Texas. He attended Austin College at Sherman, and volunteered for the Army Nov. 14, 1942, at Camp Wolters; assigned to Corps of Engineers, training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Fort Belvoir, Virginia. His service overseas was from March 10, 1944, until March 28, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area in the Philippine and New Guinea campaigns. Captain Ernest F. Smart received his discharge on June 27, 1946, after 3 yrs. and 7 1/2 months of service with the Army Engs. Is living in Dallas with his wife.

S/Sgt. Neyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neyman of 608 Walnut St., Mineola, Texas, was born on October 26, 1912. Attended Mineola High School. Entered the service Feb. 11, 1942, at Ft. Sill, Okla., assigned to the Army Air Corps. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., okla. Air Depot, Okla. City, and Little Rock, Ark. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific and European Theaters of Operations in India, Egypt, North Africa, and Italy from November 1, 1942, until July 19, 1945. He received these awards: Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and ETO Ribbon with 2 Stars. S/Sgt. George A. Neyman was given an honorable discharge on the 22nd of October, 1945.



*S/Sgt. J. D. HOLLAND

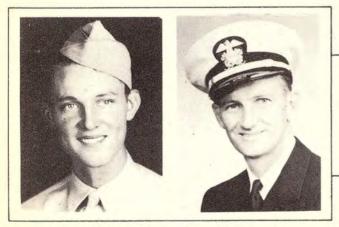


Sqt. MARSHALL D. HOLLAND

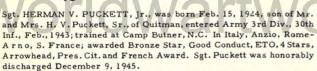
S/Sgt. J. D. Holland, son of Mrs. Ethel Holland, of Mineola, Texas, was born March 29, 1920. He volunteered for service in the Army on Jan. 30, 1941, at Quitman, Texas, and was assigned to the 36th Division. He was sent to Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards, for training, and on the first of April, 1942, he went overseas. He served in Africa, Italy, and France, and saw action in the battles of Salerno, Cassino, Anzio, and St. Peterano. At Cassino he was wounded, Jan. 21, 1944. Seven months later he paid the Supreme Sacrific, in France. He awards are: Purple Heart; Silver Star Clusters; ETO; Com. Inf. 5 Bronze Stars; Good Conduct.

Sgt. Marshall Douglas Holland, younger son of Mrs. Ethel Holland, of Mineola, Texas, was born March 5, 1922. At Dallas, on March 6, 1941, he volunteered for service in the Army, and was assigned to the 312th F.C.S. He was trained at the Santa Rosa Air Base, and from Dec., 1943, to Oct., 1945, he served in Europe, seeing action in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe, GO 33, WD 45. His awards are: American Def.; EAME, 5 Bronze Stars; Good Conduct; 3 Overseas Service Bars; 1 Service Stripe. On Oct. 13, 1945, he was granted an honorable discharge but enlisted in the Reserves.

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Sgt. HERMAN V. PUCKETT, JR. Lt. (jg) WILLIE C. SWEARINGEN



Lt. WILLIE C. SWEARINGEN was born March 8, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Swearingen of Woodville, husband of Lacolian Swearingen of Quitman; volunteered for the Navy, Feb. 18,1944; trained at Ft. Schuyler, N. Y., and Maimi, Fla. Served 14 mos. in Caribbean and N. Atlantic Patrol. Discharged March 18, 1946.



T/5 JACK T. GREER

T/5 Greer was born July 16, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Greer of Crow, Texas. He attended Mineola High School, and volunteered for service Dec. 4, 1942, at Tyler, assigned to the Army 62nd Signal Aircraft Warning, 29th Tac. Air Command, and trained at Camp Kohler, Calif., and Drew Fld., Fla. He saw service in Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe from Jan. 9, 1944, to Oct.3, 1945. Awarded Meritorius Unit, EAME Campaign Medalwith 3 Bronze Service Stars, Belgian Fourragere, and Good Conduct Medals. Technician Fifth Grade Jack T. Greer received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army on Oct. 28, 1945.

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Boatswain JAMES M. WEBER

B. Weber, born Aug. 12, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Williams, and husband of the former Lora Faye Stone of Winnsboro, Texas, attended John Tarleton College at Stephenville, volunteering for the Navy June 13, 1939, assigned to Quartermaster Branch; trained at San Diego. Overseas from Feb., 1940, to Oct., 1945, serving aboard the U.S.S. Neches (Tanker) which was sunk 200 miles west of Pearl Harbor in Jan., 1942; re-assigned from Pearl Harbor to the U.S.S. Neosho 5 days after sinking; this ship was sunk during battle of the Coral Sea on May 7, 1942; re-assigned to the new Neosho and served with various Task Forces throughout the Southwest Pacific, Australia, New Guinea, Solomons, battles of Attu, Philippines, Okinawa, and all other major engagements with the exception of Guadalcanal. Awarded Commendation Citation, Good Conduct, Pre-Pearl Harbor, 2 Philippine Campaigns, Asiatic-Pacific, 8 Battle Stars, and ATO Ribbons. He reenlisted and is with U.S. 7th Fleet in Shanghai, China.

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1st Lt. OWEN Z. CAIN



Lt. (jg) JULIUS C. CAIN

1st Lt. Owen Zack Cain, son of Mrs. Minnie Lee Cain of Quitman, Texas, was born July 25, 1916, in Texas; attended N.T.A.C. at Denton; volunteered for service February 8, 1941, at Quitman, assigned to the Army serving in the 90th and 36th Divisions. He received training at Camps Bowie and Barkeley, Texas. Lt. Cain served in the European area from March 23, 1944, until Sept. 11, 1945, and fought in the battles of Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Normandy, and Central Euorpe. Decorations include ETO Ribbon with 5 Battle Stars and Bronze Star Medal. On November 27, 1945, Lt. Cain received his honorable discharge.

Lt. Julius Clifford Cain, born November 27, 1923 in Texas, son of Mrs. Minnie L. Cain, Box 792, Quitman, Texas, was educated in Quitman Grammar and High Schools; he studied at the University of Texas at Austin, enlisting in the service on October 9, 1942, at Asutin, assigned to the Navy Amphibious Branch, and sent to the V-12, N.R.O.T.C. at the University of Texas. He was shipped overseas, and served in the Europaen area from March 7, 1944, until May 3, 1946, participating in the battle for Southern France. His awards are the American Theater and the European Theater, with 1 Star Ribbon. Since June 17, 1946, he has been on inactive status.

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Lt. GASTON P. CAIN



Maj. BYRON W. CAIN

Lt. Gaston Paul Cain, son of Mrs. Minnie Lee Cain, Box 792, Quitman, Texas, was born Sept. 15,1914; is a graduate of Quitman High School and attended North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton, volunteering for service March 10, 1942, assigned to U.S.N.R., Deck Officer; trained in V-7 U.S.N.R. at Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, and Northwestern Univ., Chicago. Served in the Pacific from April, 1943, to Nov., 1945, participating in Mariana and Okinawa Campaigns. Awarded American Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbons, with 2 Battle Stars. Lt. Cain was honorably discharged December 16, 1945, from the U.S.N.R.

Maj. Byron Wilson Cain, was born on August 15, 1918, in Texas, son of Mrs. Minnie L. Cain, Box 792, Quitman, Texas. He graduated from Quitman Grammar and High Schools, and attended the University of Texas at Austin, volunteering for service on May 12,1942, at San Antonio, assigned to the Army Signal Corps. He then received training at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He went overseas in August, 1945, and served in the Pacific with the Military Government of Japan. Major Byron Wilson Cain returned to the United States in July, 1946. Prior to military duty, he was employed by the Standard Oil Company.

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Capt. DAVID L. STINSON

Capt. Stinson, was born on the 8th day of July, 1913, in Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Stinson who live in Winnsboro, Texas. Captain David L. Stinson is a graduate of Winnsboro Grammar and Winnsboro High Schools; he later studied at the Baylor Dental College in Dallas, Texas. On the 16th of October, 1941, he volunteered for the service at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was assigned to the United States Army Station Hospital Dental Clinic. Captain David L. Stinson then remained at Camp Wolters, Texas, for his training, and received his promotion to Captain on July 17, 1942. Captain Stinson was releived from active duty on the 13th day of December, 1945, after four years and two months of service in the Medical Corps. He is living in Spearman, Texas, at the present with his wife, the former Mac Richards.

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1. —S/SGT. JAMES WELTON ARRINGTON, born Jan. 9, 1923, husband of Frances Arrington, Winnsboro. Tex. Attended Winnsboro Schools. Volunteered Feb. 5, 1943, assigned to 86th Infantry. Served overseas from Feb. 18, 1945, to June 20, 1945, and Aug. 20, 1945, to Jan. 9, 1946, in France, Germany, Austria. Philippines, battles of the Rhine, Ruhr and Redout. Wounded April 9, 1945, in Germany. Awarded Purple Heart, ATO, American, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal. Discharged Jan., 1946.

2. —M/GST. HUBERT PRESTON ARRINGTON, born October 25, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Arrington, Winnsboro, husband of Nell Arrington, San Angelo, Texas. Received education in the Winnsboro Schools. Entered service Jan. 7, 1943, at Mineola, Texas. Served with the Army Anti-Aircraft, later Separation Center-Camp Shelby, Mississippi, 2 years. Trained at Camp Haan, Mojave Desert, Calif., and Arizona. Received ATO, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 7, 1946.

3. —S/SGT. BOBBY R. ARRINGTON, born March 1, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Arrington, Winnsboro, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 3, 1942. Served overseas from Nov. 3, 1943, to July 17, 1945, with Army U.S.A.A.F. in Italy, campaigns over France, Germany and Balkans. Prisoner in East Prussia and Belgrad and Germany, from Feb. 22, 1944, to April 8, 1945. Wounded Feb. 22, 1944, over Germany. Awarded Presidential Citation, ETO with 4 Battle Stars, Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart. Discharged Feb., 1945.

4. —PFC ROBERT WARREN BINGHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Bingham of Winnsboro, Texas, born December 30, 1925. Attended Baylor University, Waco. Entered Army Air Corps April 13, 1943, at Tyler, Texas; trained at Scott Field, Ill. Served overseas from February, 1944, to July, 1945, in England with 8th Air Force 17 months. Pfc Bingham was awarded six Battle Stars and the Presidential Unit Citation. Received his honorable discharge October 27, 1945.

5. —M/SGT.GENE BURRIS BRADSHAW was born December 1, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bradshaw, Mineola, Texas. Attended Lindale High School, Lindale, Texas. Entered service March 1, 1943, at Tyler, Texas; trained at Ft. Warren, Wyoming. Served overseas from Feb. 15, 1944, to April 15, 1946, on New Hebrides and Luzon Islands with 377 and 477 Q.M. Laundry Co. In October, 1945, was sent to Japan near Tokyo. M/Sgt. Bradshaw received his honorable discharge April 4, 1946.

6. —S 1/c CHARLES BILLIE BRADSHAW, born January 1, 1927, is son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bradshaw, Mineola, Texas. Attended Lindale High School, Lindale, Texas. Volunteered January 15, 1945, at Dallas; trained at San Diego, California for gunner of U.S.S. Langley. He served in the South Pacific several weeks; then transferred to Atlantic Area and to European Theater to bring service men to United States. S1/c Bradshaw received honorable discharge July 1, 1946.

7. —C.M.1/c RAY EDWIN BRADSHAW, born August 31, 1924, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bradshaw, Mineola, Texas. Received education at Lindale High School and Chicago Tech. College. Volunteered October 15, 1942, at Daflas, Texas, to enter the Seabees. Received training at Norfork, Virginia, for construction draftsman. Served overseas from April 15, 1945, to December 1, 1945, on Palmira, Hawaiian and Guam Islands. Received honorable discharge Jan. 15, 1946.

* 8. —PFC HURLEY BARKLEY BRADSHAW, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bradshaw, Mineola, Texas, was born February 20, 1913, in Texas. Received his education at Lindale High, Lindale, Texas. Entered service December 27, 1942, at Dallas, Texas; trained at Ft. Brady. Served overseas from June 1, 1944, to July 27, 1944, in Chemical Warfare. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice while in action near St. Lo, France, July 27, 1944. Received Purple Heart and Presidential Citation.

9. —YEOMEN 3/c LOUIE FRANCES BRYCE, born September 30, 1924, in Texas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Bryce, Winnsboro, Texas. Received education at Winnsboro Schools and Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas. Volunteered for service with the Waves, September 30, 1944, at Dallas, Texas. Received her training at Bronx, New York, and Cedar Falls, lowa. Served in the United States from December, 1944, to May 22, 1946, in Washington, D.C. Received honorable discharge May 24, 1946.

10.—CAPT. JAMES HAROLD BRYCE, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bryce, born Jan. 14, 1915. Attended Baylor University. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to 36th and 31st Inf. Division. Served overseas for 16 months in New Guinea, Maffin Bay Area and Aitape Campaign, Netherlands East Indies, Morotai Campaign. Awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor, American Defense Ribbon, Combat Inf. Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars, Bronze Star Medal, and Victory Medal. Discharged May 22, 1946.

11.—AM 2/c LOUIS W. FORTUNE, son of Mr. and Mrs.Ray W. Fortune, of Kamack formerly, Mineola, Tex., was born June 1, 1942. Attended Mineola High School. Volunteered for U. S. Naval Aviation service Sept. 16, 1941; trained at San Diego, Calif., and Norfolk, Va. Served overseas from July, 1942, to April, 1943, on Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands in Southwest Pacific Area. Commissioned Aviation Metals mith 2nd Class in 1942. Awarded Presidential Citation, APO, A.D. and Good Conduct Ribbons. Discharged September, 47, 1945.

12.—2ND L T. BILLY BURKETT FORTUNE, born June 3, 1924, in Texas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray W.Fortune, of Kamackformerly, Mineola, Tex. Attended A & M College, College Station, Tex. Volunteered for service in Army Air Corps, August 11, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. Trained at Sheppard Field, Tex., Fayette ville, Ark., Sikeston, Mo., Independence, Kans., and Foster Field, Victoria, Texas. Served overseas in Pacific Area, Japan and Korea, in 1946. 2nd Lt. Fortune is stationed on Okinawa with 559th A.S.G. 1946.

13.—LT. COMMANDER ROBERT HENRY CARRAWAY, JR., born Aug. 26, 1912, husband of Bennie Mae Carraway of Quitman. Volunteered Oct. 7, 1941, in Navy Intelligence. Served overseas from Aug., 1943, to Oct., 1945, as gunnery officer in Atlantic and Pacific. Operations in New Guinea, Philippines and with Third Fleet off Japan and Okinawa. Went aboard USS Missouri with Nimitz staff members for signing of surrender terms with Japan. Commendation award twice. Received discharge Oct. 30, 1945.

14.—S/SGT. WALTER H. GREEN, born July 19, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Green, Hawkins, Texas, husband of Ethel Green, Hartford Conn. Received education at Hawkins High School. Volunteered for service May, 1939, at Tyler, Texas, assigned to Army Transport Division. Served in the United States in Conn., California, Florida, Ft. Benning, Camp Stewart and Oregon. S/Sgt. Green received honorable discharge September, 1945. Occupation before entering service was farming.

*15.—SGT. LAWRENCE N. GREEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Green of Hawkins, husband of Frances Green, was born Jan. 26, 1920, in Texas. Attended high school at Hawkins and Mineola, Texas. Volunteered in 1939 at Tyler, Tex., assigned to Army Paratroops. Served overseas in England, Australia, Queensland, Hawaiian Is., Philippines. Sgt. Green paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Corregidor (the Great Rock) February 22, 1945. Was awarded the Purple Heart, American Defense Ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon.

*16.—SGT. JOE M. GREEN, born May 20, 1916, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Green, and husband of Irene Green, all of Hawkins, Texas. Received education at Hawkins High School. Volunteered for service in Army at Dallas, Texas. Assigned to Paratroop Division. Trained in Florida, North Carolina, and at Ft. Benning. Served overseas in New Ireland. Was injured during 1st jump; sent to England, then to United States. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice enroute to Ft. Sam Houston, June, 1945.

*17.—S/SGT. WILLIAM ELMO HALCOMB son of Mrs. Lela Halcomb of Alba, born April 4, 1917, in Texas. Received education in schools at Yantis, Texas. Volunteered January 29, 1940, assigned to Tank Destroyer, Company "C 899". Served overseas from Jan. 25, 1943, to Aug. 4, 1944, in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Normandy. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice while in action near St. Lo, France, Aug. 4, 1944. S/Sgt. Halcomb received Presidential Citation, Silver Star and Purple Heart.

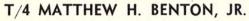
18.—S/SGT. ARNOLD HARRIS, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Harris, Winnsboro, Texas, born September 26, 1906, in Texas. Attended Winnsboro High School. Volunteered October 26, 1942, at Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Assigned to Ground Crew of Army Air Forces. Later transferred to Military Police. Served in U. S. from Oct. 26, 1942, to Nov. 15, 1945, in Tex., Fla., Miss., and Jackson Barracks. Promoted to S/Sgt. in Jan., 1944. Awarded American Theater Ribbon, American Defense, and Good Conduct Medal.

*19.-1 ST LT. CHARLES JOYNE HARRIS, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harris of Winnsboro, born March 14, 1921, attended Baylor University. Volunteered Sept.19, 1942. Entered Marine Officers Training. Served overseas from Oct., 1943, to June 6, 1945, in Battle's of Guam, Saipan, Thian, Emireau and Okinawa, 6th Marine Division. Wounded on Guam in 1944; paid the Supreme sacrifice from wounds received on Okinawa June 4, 1945. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Silver Star and Purple Heart.

20.—CPL. ROY LELAND JONES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of Winnsboro, born September 30, 1922. Attended Winnsboro High School. Volunteered Sept. 18, 1942, assigned to 302 Army Airdrome Squadron; trained at Majors Field, Greenville, Texas. Served overseas from Feb. 26, 1944, to Sept. 1, 1945, in Normandy, N. France, C. Europe, and the Rhineland. Awarded EAME with 4 Bronze Stars, Meritorious Unit Award, American Theater, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged November 9, 1945.









CSK ROBERT C. DUKE

T/4 Benton was born March 9, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Benton, Sr., and husband of Beverly Bryan Benton of Quitman, Texas. At Waco he attended Baylor Univ., and entered the service Feb. 5, 1943, at Tyler, assigned to the 12th Air Force, 27th Postal Regulating Section; trained at Keesler Fld., Miss.; Ft. Logan, Colo.; and Kearns Fld., Utah. Served overseas from Sept. 2, 1943, to Nov. 25, 1945, in Mediterranean Theater of Operations in N. Africa and Italy from Rome to the Arno River, and campaigns North of the Arno River Awarded Mediterranean Theater of Operations with 2 Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Honorably discharged Nov. 30, 1945.

C.S.K. Duke, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Duke of Mineola, Texas, was born Nov. 15, 1918, and attended Quitman High School, volunteering for service Jan. 22, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to the Navy Supply; rained at San Diego, Calif., and Bremerton, Wash., with service at Farragut, Idaho. Overseas from Jan., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Kodiak, Alaska, and Attu, Aleutian Is. His awards are Good Conduct and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbons. Chief Storekeeper Duke was honorably discharged at Norman, Okla., on Sept. 28, 1945. Heis making his home in Quitman, Texas, with his wife, the former June McAllister, and their daughter, Lydia.

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PO 1/c CHESTER V. GEORGE



T/3 WILLIAM D. GREEN

1/c P O George was born on November 7, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. George of Mineola, Texas, and husband of the former Mary Gladys Nieten of 1635 N. Temple Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana. Attended Mineola High School; volunteered for service May 28, 1943, at Tyler, assigned to the Navy, Co. T; trained at Corpus Christi, Texas; Am. M. School, Memphis, Tenn.; Peru, Indiana; Norfolk, Virginia; and Jacksonville, Florida. First Class Petty Officer Chester Vernon George was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy on the 3rd day of January, 1946, after 2 years and 7 months of service. He is now attending Butler Univ., Indiana.

T/3 Green, was born on March 28th, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Green of Route 1, Mineola, Texas. He received his education in Mineola; volunteered for the service October 30, 1940, at Houston; and was assigned to the Army 2nd Inf. Div., training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He was overseas from Oct. 8, 1943, to Sept. 29, 1945, in the European Theater of Operations, in the battles of Normandy, Ardennes, Central Europe, Rhineland, and Northern France. His decorations include the Good Conduct, American Defense Service, European Theater Medals, and also the Silver Star; on October 6, 1945, he received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army.

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QM 2/c RAY G. SCOGGIN

Q.M. 2/c Scoggin was born on Sept. 1, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Scoggin, P.O. Box 95, Golden, Texas. After graduating from Golden High School, he attended Tyler Jr. College, and volunteered for the Navy on March 11, 1942, at Dallas. He completed Q.M. School at San Diego, Calif., receiving celestial navigation schooling at Norfolk, Va., and he also trained at Amp. Training Base, New York; R.S.N. Yd., Philadelphia, Pa.; and Solomons, Maryland. Served on the U.S.S. L.C.I. (L) 44 A.A.T.B. Bizerte A.T.B., with service in the European-African-Middle Eastern Area, participating in the landing at Sicily on July 10, 1943, also in the landing area on Sept. 9, in the Gulf of Salerno; returned to U.S. in Dec., 1943, sent to S.W. Pacific in Feb., 1944, attached to L.C.I. (L) 544 Flotillas, in Amp. Operations at Morotai, Halmahera Is., and Sansapor, New Guinea. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Star, and 5 Battle Stars, EAME Ribbons. On March 27, 1945, he received his honorable discharge. Currently at the Navy Convalescent Hospital at Sun Valley, Idaho.

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- *1. —S/SGT. BURL MARTIN OWEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Owen, of Hawkins, was born April 14, 1923. Volunteered June 18, 1942, assigned to Army Air Corps. Overseas from March. 1943, to June, 1943, in the European Theater. He received the Citation of Honor, Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and Purple Heart. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 25, 1943, while returning from a bombing raid over Germany. Plane exploded and crashed in Holland.
- *2. —SEAMAN 1/c WILLIAM LANCE SMITH, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Smith of Mineola, husband of the former Goldie Johnson, was born November 30, 1917, and volunteered for service in October, 1940; was assigned to the Navy, and trained at San Diego. He served overseas from June, 1941, to February, 1942, in the Pacific Theater in Australia and was killed in the Battle of Bataan, February 19, 1942, when he went down on his ship USS Perry. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.
- 3. —T/SGT. MARION P. STANBERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Stanberry of Quitman, was born January 15, 1918. He volunteered in the Army October 9, 1940, and was assigned to 2nd Engineers Division. He served overseas in the European Theater from April, 1944, to September, 1945, and was wounded at Auricourt, France, in October, 1944. Sgt. Stanberry received the Purple Heart, ETO Medal with 4 Stars, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged September 25, 1945.
- *4. —PFC ROMULUS A. STANBERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Stanberry of Ouitman, was born July 16, 1924. He entered the Army June 3, 1943; was assigned to 169th Inf., and trained at Camp Roberts. He served overseas in New Caledonia, New Zealand and the battles of New Guinea and Luzon, from November, 1943, to January, 1945, in the Pacific Theater. Pfc Stanberry received the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, 3 Battle Stars and paid the Supreme Sacrifice January 19, 1945, in the Battle of Luzon.
- *5. —ENSIGN CHARLES VINSON LINDSEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lindsey of Quitman, was born February 12,1921. He volunteered for service September 1, 1940, and was assigned to the Air Division of the Navy. He trained at Pensacola, Florida, and served overseas from September, 1941, to January 1, 1942, and participated in the battles of Pearl Harbor. Ensign Lindsey paid the Supreme Sacrifice January 11, 1942, in the Hawaiian Islands. Prior toservice, he was a Vocational Agriculture teacher.
- 6. —S/SGT. PAUL MILTON HOLLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holley of Ouitman, was born January 4, 1915, and attended East Texas State Teachers' College at Commerce. Texas, He entered the Army, May 16, 1942; was assigned to the Siganl Corps, and trained at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Served overseas from November, 1942, to May, 1945, in the Algerian, Tunisian, Sicilian, Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno Campaigns. He received an honorable discharge September 10, 1945.
- 7. —1ST LT. WILLIAM SUSEN, husband of Euna Holley Susen, P.O. Box 341, Quitman, was born November 23, 1907, and attended school in Dallas, Texas, and Texas A & M College at College Station, Texas. He entered the service March 12, 1941, and was assigned to the Signal Corps of the Army. Lt. Susen was discharged May 2, 1946. He is the son of Mrs. Henry Susen of Newark, New Jersey, and prior to Army service, he was employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Ft. Worth.
- 8. —LT. DAVID C. THOMPSON, husband of Mrs. Nelda Thompson of Winnsboro, was born June 12, 1922. Volunteered for service January, 1940, and was assigned to 36th Div. of the Infantry. He served overseas from October, 1943, to October, 1945. Lt. Thompson participated in the invasion of Normandy and Battle of Northern France. He received the EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars. Released from active service January 16, 1946. Now in Reserve Corps.
- 9. —PVT. JESS L. BATEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Batey of Ben Wheeler, formerly of Chandler, was born January 17, 1922, a native of Texas. He attended school at Edom, Texas. Pvt. Batey entered the Army November 5, 1942; was assigned to the Infantry, and trained at Camp Roberts, California. He was discharged February 22, 1943. He is the husband of Ruth Batey of Edom, Texas, and served his country, before entering the Army, by farming.
- 10.—CPL. CLIFTON CHARLES BATEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Batey, of Ben Wheeler, was born February 20, 1924, and attended school at Edom and Garden Valley, Texas, and was engaged in farm work when he volunteered for service October 30, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, Ground Forces. He trained at Brooks Field, and served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Aug., 1946. Cpl. Batey died July 19, 1946, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he was in an accident.

11.—PFC JACK NEELY BATEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Batey of Ben Wheeler, was born June 24, 1920, and attended school at Edom, Texas. He entered the Army January 20, 1942; was assigned to the Infantry, and trained at Camp Wolters. Pvt. Batey served overseas from May, 1942, to March, 1946. Among other medals, he received the Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars, Philippine Liberation Star, Purple Heart and Victory Ribbon. Discharged March 18, 1946.

12.—ETM 1/c ANGUS OLIVER BROWN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy L. Brown of Wills Point, was born January 27, 1925, and attended school in Wills Point. Volunteered for service October 17, 1942; was assigned to the Navy V-6. He trained at San Diego, California, and served overseas in the Pacific Theater from April, 1943, to December, 1945, serving in the Aleutian and Hawaiian Islands and participating in the occupation of Nagoya, Japan. Discharged January 8, 1946.

13.—WT 3/c HARRY C. CLIFFORD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Uly Clifford of Grand Saline, was born March 4, 1923, and attended school in Grand Saline. Entered the service Feb. 20, 1943; was assigned to the Navy X-6 and trained at San Diego. He served overseas from November, 1943, to July, 1945, in the American and Assiatic-Pacific Theaters, and received the ATO, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, Victory Medal and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Discharged April 27, 1946.

14.—S/SGT. ROBERT DAVIDSON CLIFFORD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Uly Clifford of Grand Saline, was born July 21, 1917. He volunteered for the Army October 7, 1940, and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. He served overseas from October, 1943, to February, 1945, Normandy, N. France, Bastogne and Germany. Sgt. Clifford was awarded, among other medals, the ATO Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Spearhead, Purple Heart and Unit Citation. Discharged May 25, 1945.

15.—M.M. 2/c CLIFTON COPENHAVER, husband of Mrs. Ala Bee Copenhaver of 5028 S. Hampshire, Ft. Worth, was born October 10, 1923, and attended schools in Grand Saline, Texas. He volunteered for the Navy, November 28, 1942; was assigned to the Seabees, and trained at Camp Peary, Virginia. He served in Aleutian Islands, and in the South Pacific on Saipan and Okinawa from June, 1943, to November, 1945. Discharged November 23, 1945.

16.—IST SGT. MILTON ROBINSON HEATH, husband of Billie Heath,515 Quitman St., Pittsburg, Texas, was born November 15, 1908. He entered the Army May 13, 1942, was assigned to the 112th A.A.A. Gun Battalion. He served overseas from August, 1943, to November, 1945, in North Africa, France and Germany. Sgt. Heath received the ATO Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars for S. France and Rhineland, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged November 12, 1945.

17.—CPL.DELBERT ELMER BECKHAM, brother of Cpl. James L. Beckham of Pittsburg, Texas, was born April 2, 1921. Volunteered for service January 2,1942; was assigned to the Army Air Force. Cpl. Beckham served overseas from October, 1942, to April, 1945, in the China-Burma-India Theater. He received the ETO and ATO Campaign Ribbons, Good Conduct Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars. Discharged October 12, 1945. He is the husband of the former Maudie Beasley of Pittsburg.

18.—CPL. JAMES LOGAN BECKHAM, husband of Julia Beckham, 325 Daingerfield St., Pittsburg, Texas, was born September 2, 1907. Volunteered for the Army November 28, 1944, assigned to the Field Artillery, and trained at Fort Sill. He served overseas from June, 1945, to November, 1945, in the Philippine Islands and Japan. Cpl. Beckman received the Philippine Liberation Medal, APO with 1 Eattle Star and Good Conduct Ribbon. Discharged December 3, 1945.

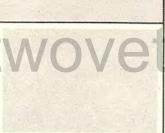
19.—LT. (jg) LACY EUGENE DAVIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Davis of Pittsburg, was born July 29, 1923, and attended Baylor University. Volunteered July 25, 1942, for service in the Navy, and trained at U.S. Midshipmen School, Northwestern University. He served overseas from November, 1944, to January, 1946, in the Pacific Theater. Participated in the invasion of Okinawa, Battle of Leyte Gulf and Tokyo Bay. Discharged June 29, 1946.

20.—AUBREY L. DAVIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Davis, 506 Lafayette Street of Pittsburg, Texas, was born November 14, 1906, a native of Texas. He attended the public schools of Pittsburg, and is the husband of Vastyne Davis of the same city. He answered the call to the colors by choosing to serve with the Navy Seabees, performing his duties wherever they saw fit to placehim. He is the father of three children, and was employed by the Pittsburg Fire Dept.

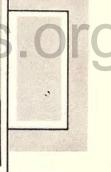












GM 1/c ROBERT L. HENRY

SM 2/c WILLIAM J. HENRY

G.M. 1/c Henry was born April 8, 1921, son of Mrs. Bernardine Henry of Mineola, and husband of Elenor Henry, attended Mineola High School; volunteered for the Navy Sept. 9, 1939; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from March, 1940, to June, 1945, in Occupation of Iceland, 1st raid on Marshalls, Coral Sea, Midway Battle, Santa Cruz, Attu, Kiska, Tarawa, Kwajalein, New Guinea, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, Okinawa, Guadalcanal, Surigao Straits, Gilbert Is., and Cuba aboard U.S.S. Russell. Awarded American Defense, 1 Star, Arrowhead, ATO, Asiatic-Pacific, 16 Stars, Philippine Liberation, 2 Stars, Okinawa Campaign 1 Star, and Good Conduct Ribbons. Discharged Sept. 11, 1945.

S.M. 2/c Henry was born February 20,1926, in Texas, son of Mrs. Bernardine Henry of 504 West Blair, Mineola, Texas. He attended Mineola High School; volunteered for service Jan. 19, 1944, at Tyler, assigned to Amphibious Force; trained at San Diego, Calif., and N.T.S., University of Illinois. He was shipped overseas in September, 1944, and served in the Southwest Pacific on the U.S.S. Wyandot, AKA 92, with service on the Philippine Islands, Okinawa and surrounding Islands. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon. On January 23, 1946, S.M. 2/c William Jennings Henry was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy.

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Cpl. ROY A. ALLEN, JR.

*Ens. JAMES M. ATKINS Capt. CLAYTON B. ATKINS

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Atkins, Denton, Texas.

Ensign JAMES M. (JIMMY) ATKINS, born April 17, 1919, attended Texas A & M. and volunteered July, 1942, for the Naval Air Corps; trained at Athens, Ga., Dallas, Texas, and Corpus Christi, Tex. While on training flight from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Ensign Atkins crashed at sea, and lost his life June 26, 1943.

Capt. CLAYTON B. ATKINS, born Dec. 9, 1920, attended Texas A & M, and volunteered Jan. 25, 1943, for Army, 84th Div., and served August, 1944, to January, 1946, in battles of the Bulge, Rhineland, and Central Europe, receiving Air Medal with 2 Clusters and other awards. Transferred to Reserves in March, 1946.

Cpl. Roy Areatus Allen, Jr., born October 24, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Allen, Sr., of 711 Locust, Denton, Texas, volunteered May25, 1941, for the Army Air Force, training at March Field, Calif. He served September, 1941, to October, 1945, in the Pacific Theater; was wounded at Del Monte Air Base on Mindanao, and was held as prisoner of war by the Japanese at Mali-Balley Camp, Davao Penal Colony, where he also received wounds, Camp Bilibid on Luzon, and in Japan. His awards include the Distinguished Unit Badge with two Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Bronze Stars and many other medals. Discharged August 15, 1946.

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T/Sgt. JOHN T. ASHCRAFT

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T/Sgt. Ashcraft was born on Sept. 24, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ashcraft, Gen. Del., Lindale, and husband of Lavern Ashcraft, R.F.D. 2, Mineola, Texas. He attended Lindale Grammar and High Schools, and entered the service on Sept. 1, 1942, at Mineola, assigned to the 8th Army Air Force; ordered to Truax Fld., Madison, Wis.; Ft. Meyers, Fla., and Kearns, Utah, for his training. Served in the European Theater from Sept. 1, 1943, until Jan. 17, 1944, as a radio operator on B-17 (Flying Fortress) Aircraft, flying from Engalnd on missions to St. Nazaire, Paris, Bordeaux, France, Ludwigshafen, Emden, Frankfurt, Muenster, Germany. He was shot down over Holland, and reported missing for 3 months; however he evaded capture, although wounded, and returned to England. Decorations include the Presidential Unit Citation, Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, ETO with Battle Star, Good Conduct, American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. He is now in Ft. Worth, A.A.F., Texas, with Squadron "D", 233 Air Force Base Unit.





*Cpl. OLLIE JACK MELTON

Maj. LUTHER L. MELTON

Cpl. Ollie Jack Melton, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.G. Melton, Sanger, Texas, was born Dec. 17, 1921; volunteered Jan. 8, 1943, for the Marine Corps, and served Sept., 1943, to Jan., 1944, and again beginning Aug., 1944, in combat at Vella Lavella as paratrooper with the 5th Div. on Iwo Jima where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice Feb. 19, 1945. The Purple Heart and Silver Star with Citation were awarded posthumously. It read in part 'for conspicuous gallantry when he voluntarily took over a rocket launcher and completely destroyed enemy emplacement before he was mortally wounded. He gallantly gave his life for his country.'

Maj. Luther Lee Melton, birthdate October 15, 1911, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O.G. Melton, Sanger, Texas, and husband of Norvell Fay Melton, Ft. Worth. He attended Brantley-Draughon Business College in Ft. Worth, and volunteered November 25, 1940, for the Army Infantry, 36th Division, after having served since 1934 in the National Guard. Maj. Melton, operated as a security and anti-sabotage force in Washington, Oregon, and California in 1942, and Fla. in 1943, and was in command of service company at Camp Swift, Texas. He served at various other camps in the States, and was discharged February 24, 1946.







Fireman 2/c ELMER D. MELTON

MoMM 1/c ALVIN B. MELTON

Coxswain John L. MELTON

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Melton, Sanger, Texas.

MoMMI/c ALVIN BEN MELTON, born May 7,1918, in Texas, volunteered January 8,1944, for U.S. Navy, Artificer Branch; trained at Urbana, Ill., Machinist College, Solomon Base, serving Oct., 1944, to December, 1946, in the Philippine Liberation Campaign. His awards include Campaign Ribbons with Victory and Defense Medals. Discharged Dec. 22, 1946.

F2/c ELMER DWYANE MELTON, born August 29, 1927, in Texas, volunteered June 25, 1945, for the U.S. Navy, Artificer Branch, training at San Diego; later serving November, 1945, to July, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacifici Theater, assigned to the ships USS St. Louis and USS Wichita. The Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon was awarded with other medals. Discharge was granted on July 19, 1946.

Coxswain JOHN LEWIS MELTON, birthdate June 17, 1923, volunteered May 28, 1941, at Dallas for U. S. Navy, Seaman Branch; trained at San Diego, and served September, 1941, to June, 1946, aboard the USS Utah, which was sunk Dec. 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, USS Minneapolis, and USS Carter Hall. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with ten Stars was awarded, Philippine Liberation with two Stars, National Defense Ribbon with one star, Good Conduct Award and other medals. Discharge was granted from Naval service June 21, 1946.

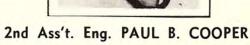




Chaplain Capt. JAMES L. TURNER

Chaplain Capt. James Leon Turner, was born January 15, 1910, in Texas, husband of Christine R. Turner, 1110 Egan, Denton, Texas, and the son of Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Turner of Aubrey, Texas. He attended East Texas State Teachers' College at Commerce, and volunteered January 24, 1943, at Boyd, Texas, for the Army Air Corps, Chaplains Div.; graduated from Chaplains' School at Harvard University, and was stationed at St. Petersburg, Florida, for five months, and transferred to Keesler Field, Mississippi. Capt. Turner began overseas duty June, 1944, in the European Theater where he served with the 4th Base Air Depot in England, 9th Air Force in France and in the Occupational Forces in Germany. After returning to the States in March, 1946, he was stationed at Base Chaplain, Buckley Field, Colorado.





MoMM 2/c RAY M. BECK

MoMM 2/c Ray M. Beck was born July 21, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. I. Beck, Pilot Point, Denton County, Texas. He volunteered August 4, 1942, at Ft. Worth for the U. S. Coast Guard, and trained at Algiers, Louisiana. February, 1943, to May, 1944, he served on the U.S.S. Northland, Coast Guard Cutter on patrol of the North Atlantic, and was frozen in for several weeks eight hundred miles north of Arctic Circle off coast of Greenland. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal with other Ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from the U.S. Coast Guard on March 25, 1946.

2nd Assn't Engineer Paul Barcley Cooper, husband of Ruth M. Cooper, 220 No. Clinton, Dallas, was born November 29, 1910, and is the son of Mrs. E. C. Cooper of Dallas. He attended Southern Methodist University at Dallas, and volunteered for service February, 1943, at San Antonio for the U.S. Maritime Service. After attending Maritime School at St. Petersburg, Fla., Engineer Cooper served with the Army Transportation Corps in the States, and later overseas August, 1943, to October, 1944, and February to August, 1945, in the South Pacific, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico Areas. A Certificate of Service was awarded. Resigned in October, 1945.





*Pfc ROBERT P. BEAIRD



*F3/c KENNETH H. COGDELL

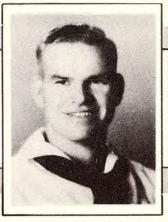
Pfc Robert (Bob) Pressley Beaird, born May 6, 1919, in Denton, Texas, son of Mrs. Maggie L. Beaird and the late R. P. Beaird, attended the Denton Schools, and was a member of the Baptist Church. He volunteered Nov., 1940, for the Army Infantry, 36th Div.; began overseas duty at Oran, No. Africa, in April, 1943, and participated in the Battles of Salerno, Volturno, Cassino, Anzio and Rome. While in combat in Southern France, Pfc Beaird gave his life aiding a wounded comrade Sept. 21, 1944, at Remiremont, France. The EAME Ribbon with four Stars was awarded with Pres. Citation and various other awards. His buddy said, "He was a fellow to be proud of".

F 3/c Kenneth Horton Cogdell, born February 21, 1914, in Texas, is the husband of Pluma Lee Cogdell, 924 N. Elm, Denton, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cogdell of the same city. He volunteered April 29, 1942, for the U.S. Navy, Seaman Branch; trained at San Diego, and began overseas duty June, 1942, aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise in the South Pacific Theater. He participated in the Battle of the Solomon Islands, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country while in combat at Guadalcanal on August 24, 1942. Prior to his entry in the Navy, he had been employed by the City Water Dept. of Ft. Worth, Texas.

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AB NORMAN D. ELROD



EM 3/c ELMER L. JENNINGS

AB Norman Davidson Elrod was born May 11, 1923, at Breckenridge, Texas, husband of Marjorie Elrod, Winnsboro, Louisiana, formerly of Orange, Texas, and son of E. D. Elrod, Denton, Texas. He volunteered September 19, 1943, at Port Arthur, Texas, for the U.S. Maritime Service; trained at Maritime School, St. Petersburg, Florida, and served March to April, 1944, and November, 1944, to July, 1945, in the European Theater in England, and in the Pacific Theater on New Guinea, Leyte and Manila. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge on September 7, 1945. The European and Pacific Theater Ribbons were awarded.

EM 3/c Elmer Lee Jennings, born August 8, 1917, husband of Anna Quay Faught Jennings of Argyle, Texas, and son of J. J. Jennings, volunteered February 17, 1941, at Dallas for the U. S. Navy. He trained at the Naval Training Station in San Diego, California, and began overseas duty April 20, 1941, in the Southwest Pacific Theater aboard the U.S.S. Dobbin, and later the U.S.S. Gold Star, and was at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when the Japanese attacked on December 7, 1941. Electricians Mate Jennings was wounded, and returned to U.S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California, receiving a physical disability discharge February 17, 1944.



T/Sgt. James Waldo Goodwin was born January 1, 1922, at Anson, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waldo Goodwin, 813 Oakland Ave., Denton, Texas, and husband of Gladys Goodwin, of Leicester, England. He attended the Paducah, Texas, High School, and volunteered May 28, 1940, at Dallas, Texas, for the Army 18th Field Artillery Division, training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, until December, 1943, at which time Sgt. Goodwin was transferred to the European Theater of Operations; also served at Trinidad. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, Pre-Pearl Harbor Award, European Theater Campaign Medal and various other ribbons including the Victory and Defense Awards. After returning to the States he was discharged September 30, 1945.

HA 1/c John Daniel Goodwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waldo Goodwin and brother of James W. Goodwin, Denton, Texas, was born October 17, 1926, in Cisco, Texas. He graduated from Paducah High School, and attended North Texas State Teachers College at Denton prior to his entry into the Armed Forces on January 30, 1945, at Dallas, Texas. He was assigned to the Navy Medical Corps, and sent to the Naval Training Center at San Diego, California. His total duty was served in the States, and after one year and a half of medical service he was granted discharge July 6, 1946. His family resides at 813 Oakland Avenue in the city of Denton.



Sgt. JACK F. SCHMITZ, JR.

Sgt. Jack F. Schmitz, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. Schmitz, Sr., 520 Texas St., Denton, Texas, attended North Texas State Teachers' College in Denton, and entered service February, 1941, and was assigned to Army Infantry, later transferring to the Army Air Corps. Sgt. Schmitz trained and served in the States until the year of 1944 at which time he transferred to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater where he participated in four campaigns and received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, with American Defense and World War II Victory Awards; also awarded Diploma in Engineering and Operations at Denver, Colorado. Discharge was granted December 1, 1945.



*Sgt. JOE R. VAUGHAN

Sgt. Joe R. Vaughan, birthdate July 24, 1920, a native of Sherman, Texas, is the son of Mrs. Bobbie Shipley, Pilot Point, Texas, and Joe W. Vaughan of Sherman. He attended the Pilot Point and Sanger, Texas, Schools; volunteered August 9, 1938, at Dallas for the Army Infantry, and trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. After transferring to overseas duty May, 1940, he served with the 31st Division Infantry in Manila, and Bataan, and was reported "missing in action" for three-and one-half years. According to captured Japanese records, Sgt. Vaughan passed away in prison camp on April 12, 1942, and is

resting on Luzon, Philippines.



Cpl. LINAS A. WRIGHT

Cpl. Linas Alton Wright, born June 21, 1918, is the husband of Laura Helen Wright, Box 101, Pilot Point, Denton County, Texas, and son of Sam and Beulah Wright of the same city. He was born in Sherman, Texas; attended the Schools at Pilot Point, and entered service at Mineral Wells, Texas, on February 16, 1943. After he was assigned to the Army 1325th M. P. Detachment, 40th Division, Cpl. Wright trained and served at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Fort Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming. November, 1943, he was promoted to Corporal. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded with other Ribbons, and discharge was granted Dec. 13, 1945.

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*Pfc VERNON P. CULLPEPPER

Pfc Vernon Paul Cullpepper was born December 31, 1919, at Durant, Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cullpepper, Carrollton, Dallas County, Texas, and husband of Ethyl Lou Martin Cullpepper, Lewisville, Texas. He graduated from Carrollton High School, and entered service in the Armed Forces on December 13, 1941; was assigned to the Army Tank Division, training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and at Camp Hulen, Texas. After the completion of basic and combat training, he was transferred overseas to the European Theater of Operations where he participated in combat at various points, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country January 17, 1945, in Luxembourg. Pfc Cullpepper faithfully served his country in peace and during the war emergency, and was awarded posthumously the Purple Heart in recognition of his life given in service, and the Silver Star for meritorious action. He is a former employee of the Austin Bridge Company in Dallas. A son and daughter also survive.

The Battle of the Rhine

THE Nazis had put their full dependence in the Siegfried Line and had fortified it accordingly. But should the Siegfried Line be breached, while it would expose certain important industrial cities and certain ancient historic monuments to attack, the vitals of Germany might be defended at the Rhine.

The Rhine River has traditionally been the center of German culture. Folklore and legend surround the figures of the heroes who struggled on its banks, from mythical Siegfried, who battled the dragon Fafner for the magic ring of the Rhine Maidens, to Napoleon, the last conqueror to lead an invading army across the river. To the Germans it was "Father Rhine," an eternal symbol of their love of country. Just as the Italians called the Mediterranean "Mare Nostrum," (our sea), so the Germans desired to make the Rhine German throughout its whole length.

The river rises in Switzerland, from the union of three small streams, the Upper, Middle, and Lower Rhine. It flows into Lake Constance. turns north and leaves Switzerland, becoming the border between Germany and France. It continues north into Germany through the great industrial plains, turns west to enter the Netherlands at Schenkenschanz, and empties into the North Sea at Rotterdam.

The Rhine varies widely throughout its length in appearance. Near it source it is a small rapid stream only 4 feet deep; as it journeys on, it becomes at places 50 feet deep and over 2,000 feet wide. Many twists and turns and much beautiful mountain scenery mark its passage from Switzerland along the border of France and Germany, until at last the level plains of west Germany are reached, where the river moves slowly and steadily past the great factories and plants of Germany's industrial district.

It was this industrial region which made taking the Rhine so important to the Allies, aside from its importance as one of the last great physical obstacles on the road to Berlin. Except for the mountains near Hannover, the road lay level and straight ahead from the Rhine to the German capital. But between the Rhine and Berlin lay 50% of Germany's iron and steel, and without it Germany would be hard pressed to continue the war for long.

The Allies, while they were not insensate to the historic importance of the Rhine, considered the breaking of the Siegfried Line but a prelude to the crossing of that important river and the occupation of the very heart of Germany.

After the Allied Armies had succeeded in winning the Battle of the Ardennes, they quickly reorganized and adjusted themselves to the situation brought about by defeat of the German armies under von Rundstedt with the loss of so many German troops.

After the reduction of the salient at the Bulge and the retirement of what was left of von Rundstedt's armies, the Allied Armies began their move through the snows towards the Rhine River.

It was on January 20, 1945 that the First French Army, holding the extreme right flank of the Allied far-flung battle line, attacked in southern Alsace to destroy the enemy forces in and around Colmar and to clear the west bank of the Rhine. In these actions, the American XXI Corps under Major General F. W. Milburn drove through Colmar, with the cooperation of

the First French Army under General de Tassigny. Infantry of the 3rd United States Division made a night assault on the bridgehead town of Neuf-Brisach. In face of such aggressive action the Germans began to weaken, and by February 9, 1945 the Allies held the west bank of the Rhine from Strasbourg to the Swiss border. More than 25,000 casualties resulted to the enemy in these engagements.

In the north and center of the Allied line, the United States First Army attacked toward Schmidt, while the Third Army hit the Germans in the Prum-Trier area. By February 10 the First Army was in control of the Erft and the Schwammenauel dams, and on the 11th cleared the entire west bank of the Roer.

In the north, the First Canadian Army on February 8 began a drive from the Nimjegen bridgehead along the watershed between the Meuse and the Rhine; and the United States Ninth Army, attempting to cross the Roer toward Dusseldorf, was held up by the flooded terrain. This resulted in a concentration of enemy strength against the Canadians. On February 23, the Ninth Army launched its attack and in spite of floods made rapid progress. By March 1 it had captured Roermond and Muenchen-Gladback, and on March 2 armoured columns of the Ninth Army stood at the Rhine north and south of Dusseldorf.

In the Prum-Trier area, meanwhile, the Third Army drove across the Our and Saner Rivers and captured Prum on February 13. The Saar and the Kyll Rivers were crossed, bridgeheads established, and on March 2 the ancient Roman city of Trier was in the hands of the Third Army.

In 23 days' time more than 66,000 Germans were taken prisoners by the Northern and Central Army Groups.

By this time the enemy was retreating as rapidly as possible to reach the protection and secure the tactical advantage afforded by the eastern bank of the Rhine.

While the Allied reorganizational plans were under way, the Yalta Conference of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and Premier Joseph Stalin was being held. Its decisions killed all hopes the Germans may have had of driving a wedge between the Allies so as to make it possible for them to seek a separate peace with any one of them.

The great offensive that precipitated the Battle of the Rhine began to roll on February 23, 1945, preceded by fierce artillery and aerial bombardment of all enemy concentrations of troops and material.

Two armies, the U.S. First and the U.S. Ninth crossed the Roer River and headed for Cologne. The entire front from north to south exploded into violence, violence against the enemy. The citadel of Muenchen-Gladbach was taken by General Simpson's Ninth Army, which reached the banks of the Rhine on March 3, 1945. The Erft River was crossed by General Hodges' First Army, which reached Cologne on the Rhine, -Cologne once the proudest of German cities but now dead and desolate from Allied bombings. General Patton's Third Army was zig zagging across the Saar, destroying enemy resistance along a 32 mile stretch of the Siegfried Line east of Luxembourg, crossed the Mozelle River and captured thousands of enemy prisoners. General Patch's Seventh Army and General De Tassigny's First French Army were

cleaning up the enemy from the southern Saarland and from Alsace.

So it was that all the Allied Armies were now facing the historic Rhine, awaiting the signal to cross.

The Allied line for the Battle of the Rhine was as follows: The 21st Army Group occupied a front of about 95 miles extending from Holland almost to the city of Cologne. The 12th Army Group covered a distance of about 110 miles from Cologne to the Neckar River. The 6th Army Group held the 140 mile line from the Neckar River to the borders of Switzerland.

The crossing of the Rhine was a demonstration of the capacity of the American Army to overcome a great river barrier. Its engineering genius is attested to by the fact that 62 bridges were thrown across the Rhine by the American Armies alone. Of these, five were railway bridges, four of which were over 2200 feet in length, and built on an average of about nine days each. Forty-six tactical or pontoon bridges and eleven highway bridges of an average length of 1256 feet enabled us to rush our troops across the river in quick order.

In the construction of these 62 bridges we employed a total of 4600 boats, 6000 pontoon floats, 100,000 tons of bridging equipment, 2500 outboard motors, 315,000 feet of wire cable, and 8000 feet of steel chain.

The building of these bridges and the operation of crossing the Rhine involved the use of seventy-five thousand engineers, assisted by 124 naval craft, 72 sea mules, and 370 DUKWs which were manned by 893 naval troops and 1400 Army Transportation Corps troops.

The Crossing of the Rhine

The fleeing Germans had destroyed many of the bridges across the Rhine, those at Cologne, at Bonn, and at Koblenz, and many others. However, a railroad bridge, the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen, had been allowed to remain standing for possible use if the Germans by some miracle should happen to be able to turn the tide of battle running so strong against them.

While all the Allied armies were putting pressure on enemy positions still held west of the Rhine, the First Army led by General Courtney H. Hodges attacked and captured the muchbombed but stiffly defended city of Cologne on March 7, 1943, while his prowling 9th Armored Division probed the shores of the Rhine toward the south. Finding the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen still standing and the back door to Germany wide open, troops of the 9th Armored Division immediately crossed to the eastern bank and established a bridgehead. This crossing was an unexpected accomplishment; seizing this advantage, the Army commander directed his strength to exploiting the situation. Powerful elements of the army immediately crossed over to fan out, widen, deepen, and strengthen the bridgehead, against possible German counterattack.

The Remagen bridge collapsed several days later (March 17, 1945) but, as General Walter Bedell Smith said: "While the bridge lasted, it was worth its weight in gold." A number of American divisions were hurried across the river at Remagen and at other points, and in an extraordinarily short time the American armies were strongly entrenched on the eastern side of that important river.



*Maj. MILLER P. WARREN, JR.

1st Lt. HARRIS B. WARREN

Maj. Miller Payne Warren, Jr., husband of Hazel Pratt Warren of Ferris, Texas, and father of Jon Miller Warren and Jans Warren, was born Dec. 6, 1908, in Midlothian, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Warren, Sr. Maj. Warren graduated from West Point, N.Y., June, 1933, and began overseas duty June, 1940, in the Pacific Theater where he served in Northern Luzon, Bataan, and Corregidor as Senior Instructor of 21 st. Div. of the Philippine Army and saw front line duty throughout the Battle of Bataan. He was captured on Corregidor May 6, 1942, and imprisoned for 33 months in camps of Cabanatuan, Bilibid and Davao. While being transported to Japan Maj. Warren survived one prison ship sinking in Subic Bay, only to lose his life Jan. 9, 1945, when another prison ship was sunk at Formosa. The Silver Star, and Purple Heart were awarded, and he has been recommended for Legion of Merit.

lst Lt. Harris Barksdale Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Warren, Midlothian, Texas, was born Oct. 5, 1913, and is the husband of Clarine Chapman Warren, Malakoff, Texas. He entered service July 25, 1942, at Dallas with the Army, later serving July, 1944, to March, 1945, in the European Theater with Co. H., 359 Infantry, 90th Division. Lt. Warren was wounded at Metz, France, Sept., 1944; hospitalized for two months, returning to duty with the 3rd Army in November, 1944, at which time he served again until being evacuated in Jan., 1945. Spent remainder of time in the hospital until discharged from service. The Purple Heart was awarded plus Combat Infantryman Badge and ETO Ribbon with three Battle Stars. Lt. Warren terminated service September 1, 1945.

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The psychological advantages of this first crossing of the Rhine by General Hodges' First Army cannot be overemphasized. It provided a serious threat to the heart of Germany; at the same time the manner in which the crossing was accomplished had a decidedly depressing effect upon German morale. The bridgehead became the springboard for the great and final offensive to come.

The Third Army, never at a standstill for long, was meanwhile fighting its way through the Eifel hills; by March 7 it had crushed the enemy front north of the Moselle River. Then its armored troops dashed to the Rhine north of Koblenz by the 9th. It made contact with Hodges' First Army, and by March 11 the Allies controlled the west bank of the Rhine all the way from Holland to Koblenz. General Patton crossed the Moselle River and established a bridgehead on March 14. On March 15 Patton's forces turned south to entrap between his Third Army and Patch's Seventh Army the enemy troops remaining west of the Rhine. While isolated pockets in the area were being mopped

up, Third Army Infantry under Major General Manton S. Eddy's Corps achieved a brilliant accomplishment by crossing the Rhine at Oppenheim, south of Mainz, on March 22. In 2 days' time this bridgehead was widened to 15 miles, and on March 25 the 4th Armored Division of Patton's Army broke through the enemy lines to a depth of 27 miles.

In six weeks' time, the Allied armies had won the Battle of the Rhine, and after regrouping and reorganizations, were ready for the final showdown, the Battle of Germany.

The Conquest of Germany and the Final Phase of the Italian Campaign

Order of Battle of the Allied Armies in Western Europe

As THE Allied armies in the West poised for the final battles of Germany, the Supreme Allied Commander was Army General Dwight D. Eisenhower, USA. His deputy was Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, RAF, and his chief of staff was Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith, USA. Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, RAF, was head of the Bomber Command of the RAF, and General Carl Spaatz was commander of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe.

Allied armies were grouped from north to south as follows:

21st Army Group, Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery.

Canadian First Army, Lieutenant General H. D. G. Crerar.

British Second Army, Lieutenant General Sir Miles C. Dempsey.

12th Army Group, General Omar N. Bradley.

U.S. Ninth Army, Lieutenant General William H. Simpson.

U.S. First Army, Lieutenant General

Courtney H. Hodges. U.S. Third Army, Lieutenant General

George S. Patton.
U.S. Fifteenth Army, Lieutenant General L. T. Gerow.

6th Army Group, General Jacob L. Devers. U.S. Seventh Army, Lieutenant General Alexander M. Patch.

French First Army, General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny.

The First Allied Airborne Army was commanded by Lieutenant General Lewis H. Brereton, the U.S. Eighth Air Force by Lieutenant General James H. Doolittle, and the U.S. Ninth Air Force by Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

In the battle for the heartland of Germany, it was important that the first major offensive should be in the area north of the Ruhr. Here were the great industrial centers, and although they had been seriously crippled by aerial bombardment, they were still able to supply the Nazi armies with a considerable amount of supplies necessary for continuing the war.

After intensive aerial and artillery preparation, the Second British Army began a crossing of the Rhine on the evening of March 23, 1945 between Emmerich and Wesel. On the 24th, the United States 17th and the British 6th Airborne Divisions landed north and east of Wesel. The United States Ninth Army crossed on the 24th. Within 2 days 7 bridges had been built across the river, and the bridgehead covered 25 miles along the Rhine with a depth of about 6 miles

An illustration of the thorough preparation is shown by the fact that during the week ending March 22, United States aircraft made 14,430 heavy bomber attacks, 7262 medium bomber attacks, and 29,981 sorties against targets in Europe.

By March 25 General Hodges' First Army had extended his Remagen bridgehead 30 miles in length and 10 miles in depth; he then on the 26th broke out of the bridgehead to the southeast, drove to Limburg, captured a bridge over the Lahn River, and rushed toward Frankfurt; elements of the First Army racing eastward at 40 miles a day reached Marburg and Giessen on March 28, then turned northwest of Kassel.

Patton's Third Army having crossed the Rhine at Mainz, reduced a German pocket between that city and Frankfurt, while elements of the Third drove on toward Kassel and the Fulda River. By this time the First and Third Armies were in solid contact and executed a massive thrust to the northeast into the very heart of Germany.

Field Marshal Montgomery's Northern Army Group (First Canadian, Second British, and United States Ninth) forced its way into the northwest section of the Ruhr, to be ready to hit the heavy concentration of German troops (Army Group B) north of the Sieg River.

General Devers' Army Group in the south established a bridgehead east of the Rhine on a 15-mile front between Gernsheim and Mannheim. After capturing Mannheim our forces drove 25 miles inland. The French Army crossed the Rhine at Germersheim and established contact with the Seventh Army south of Heidelberg, and by April 1 had advanced 18 miles.

The enemy was smothered by this gigantic offensive. Isolated pockets of enemy troops were bypassed to be mopped up later. Due to the speed of our attack all along the line, the Germans were not able to establish a strong defensive line at any point.

On the western front nearly 350,000 prisoners were taken by the Allied armies.

On March 30 the United States Fifteenth

Army under Lieutenant General L. T. Gerow entered the line of the Twelfth Army Group. This enabled the First and Ninth Armies to increase their offensive against Germany further to the front. By April 1 the Ruhr area was completely encircled, one of the largest pocket envelopments in history. Elements of 18 German divisions of more than 300,000 troops were caught in this trap.

While elements of the First and Ninth Armies continued eastward toward the Weser, heading for Leipzig and a junction with the Soviet forces, other Allied troops were dealing with the Ruhr encirclement. The United States Fifteenth Army held the west side of the pocket along the Rhine, while armored and infantry forces of the Ninth and First Armies put on a "squeeze" from north, east, and south. In 18 days the enemy forces were crushed. More than 300,000 prisoners were taken in this unique accomplishment, far behind our forward positions.

By the first week in April, elements of the First and Ninth Armies had crossed the Weser north of Kassel. At a pace of 20 to 30 miles a day, the Ninth Army moved toward the Elbe River, and by Arpil 15 was alongside that river near Wittenberg and Magdeburg. The cities of Hanover and Brunswick were taken. The First Army bypassed Leipzig and heavy concentration of troops in the Harz Forest and moved eastward to the Mulde Valley south of Dessau.

The forward limits of the American and Soviet forces by agreement was to be the line of the Elbe-Mulde Rivers. Leipzig was taken, the Harz mountains were conquered, and the First and the Ninth Armies were squarely on the Elbe-Mulde line, awaiting the hour of meeting the Soviet armies.

The British Second Army in the north had by April 15 advanced on the Osnabruck-Bremen axis, crossed the Weser on a broad front, and reached the outskirts of Bremen. Striking north they reached the Elbe just southeast of Hamburg; meanwhile the Canadians had completed the liberation of Holland.

Far to the south in Germany, the Third Army captured Mulhausen, Gotha, and Erfurt, crossed the Saale River and turned southeast toward Czechoslovakia and the Danube Valley. Still further south, the Seventh Army met strong resistance at Nurnberg, but captured the city and then moved south into the Bavarian plain. By May 1 the Third Army was advancing into Czechoslovakia on a hundred-mile front, and







T/5 AGUSTIN MALDONADO

T/5 Agustin Maldonado, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Maldonado, Ennis, Texas, was born May 6, 1919. Attended Palmer High School. Entered service Feb. 10, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was assigned to Army, 7th Armored Div. Trained at Camp Polk, La. Served overseas in EAME Theater, participating in the battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and of Central Europe. Received EAME Theater Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense Service Ribbon, Victory Medal. He was discharged from service October 18, 1945.

S/Sgt. PAUL MALDONADO

S/Sgt. Paul Maldonado, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Maldonado, Ennis, Texas, was born March 5,1921. Attended Palmer High School, Palmer, Texas. Entered service September 29,1942, and was assigned to Army, 106 Division. Trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Served overseas in European-African-Middle Eastern Theater, participating in the battles of Northern France. He was awarded 1 Service Stripe, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, 3 Overseas Bars. Sgt. Maldonado received his discharge March 6, 1946.

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AM 2/c CHARLES OMELINA

Chief Aviation Machinist Mate, Edward Steve Omelina is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Potiska, Route 1, Alma, Texas. He was born September 19, 1920, in Texas; attended Ennis High School, and is married to Mary Jane Omelina. In November, 1939, he volunteered for the U.S. Navy Air Corps at Dallas, training at U.S. Naval Training Station at San Diego, California. From November, 1939, to January, 1940, he served in the States, and overseas from January, 1940, to March, 1946. Areas in which he served, citations received and date of discharge not available at time of writing. His father, Steve Omelina, resides in Chicago, Ill.

A.M. 2/c Charles Omelina is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Potiska of Alma, Texas. He was born April 29,1917, and acquired his education in the public schools of Ennis. A.M. 2/c Omelina volunteered for service in the U. S. Navy March 16, 1937, at Dallas, training at San Diego, California. He spent the entire period of his enlistment in the States, and was honorably discharged March 16, 1941. He is married to Svble Omelina who resides in Groveton, Texas.

elements had driven 20 miles into Austria. The Seventh Army captured Munich, birthplace of the Nazi Party.

The First French Army captured Karlsruhe and Stuttgart and began to destroy the enemy forces pocketed in the Black Forest. By May 1 the French Army had cleared the Swiss border as far as Lake Constance and was advancing into Austria beside the Seventh Army.

The British Second Army was reinforced by the XVIII American Corps under Major General Matthew B. Ridgeway and reached the Baltic on May 2. This cut off the Danish Peninsula from Germany and established contact with the Soviet forces at Wismar.

The end of German resistance was now rapidly approaching. The Third Army in Austria captured Linz on May 5, and on May 6 Pilsen in Czechoslovakia fell to our forces. The Seventh Army under General Patch crossed the Inn River on a wide front and drove 40 miles to capture Salzburg and Berchtesgaden, Hitler's Bavarian mountain retreat and stronghold. Other of the Army troops drove for the Brenner Pass to establish contact with the Fifth Army in northern Italy at Vipiteno. The Seventh Army since landing on the Riviera of France had accomplished miracles; it had advanced on an average of 3 miles a day against what had been the most formidable army in the world, had skirted Italy on three sides, and now stood in early May 1945 at the northern end of the Brenner Pass to grasp hands with the American Fifth and the British Eighth Armies standing at the southern end.

Final Phase of the Allied Campaign in Italy Order of Battle of the Allied Armies in Italy

After the Allied offensives in Italy during the autumn of 1944 which saw the U.S. Fifth and the British Eighth Armies advance from the Gothic Line (September 1, 1944) to a line running from Viareggio-Barga-Vergato-Faenza-Ravenna (December 26, 1944), the Allied command was reorganized. Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander replaced Field Marshal Sir Henry Maitland Wilson as Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean. Lieutenant General (now General) Joseph T. McNarney (appointed November 1, 1944) remained as Deputy Commander and as Commander of all American forces in the Mediterranean. Lieutenant General (now General) Mark W. Clark, formerly commander of the U.S. Fifth Army, became commander of the 15th Army Group.

15th Army Group, General Mark W. Clark.
U.S. Fifth Army, Lieutenant General Lucian K. Truscott.
British Eighth Army, Lieutenant General Sir Richard L. McCreery.
Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean, Lieutenant General Ira C. Eaker.
U.S. Fifteenth (Strategic) Air Force, Major General Nathan F. Twining.

U.S. Twelfth (Tactical) Air Force, Major

General John K. Cannon.

While the world's attention was so fixed on the double-pronged invasion of France, the campaign in northern Italy was almost a "forgotten front."

In a preceding chapter (XXIII) we discussed the first phase of the Italian Campaign, and left the Allied armies fighting stiff enemy resistance in the northern slopes of the Apennines facing the Po River Valley in December 1944. At that point we resume our account of the events that finally ended in the expulsion of the Nazis from all of Italy.

On September 1, 1944 two Allied armies under General Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, having captured Livorno (Leghorn), Florence, and Ancona, now confronted the Gothic Line, mountain defenses prepared in great depth by Marshal Kesselring's German divisions. These enemy positions barred the way of the Allied forces to Bologna and the flat Emilian plain of the Po Valley. On the Allied right flank, along the Adriatic coast, the Eighth Army, composed of British, Canadian, Indian, and Polish units under Lieutenant General Sir Oliver W. H. Leese, launched an offensive August 26, 1944 toward Rimini, advancing 15 miles, crossing the Foglia River, and taking Pesaro at its mouth August 30. On the Allied left flank, extending from Florence to Livorno, American and British units of Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army opened a drive from the Arno River September 1, crossing to the north bank and advancing several miles.

On October 21, 1944 the Eight Army, after being held up on the flooded Piumicino River by heavy rains, captured Cesena on the Bologna-Rimini highway and advanced up the coast, taking Cervia. The Fifth Army, likewise stalemated for a month by the weather and strong enemy counterattacks, captured Monte Belmonte, about 9 miles south of Bologna on October 24, 1944. On October 27, 1944 the German forces along the Adriatic fell back 8 miles from the Savio to the Ronco River as the Eighth Army moved forward to occupy Forlimpopoli and reached the Ronco. On November 1, 1944 the North African Theater of Operations, which included Italy, was redesignated the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. Lieutenant General Joseph T. McNarney, formerly Deputy Chief of Staff, United States Army, became commanding general of the American forces in this theater and Deputy Supreme Allied Commander under General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson.

During the late winter of 1944-45 ground action was limited in that area, but our strategic aircraft continued to pound enemy communications north of the Alps and as far away as Berlin

General Clark, now commanding the Fifteenth Army Group composed of the United States Fifth and the British Eighth Armies, launched his spring drive on April 9, 1945. The attack was opened by the Eighth Army toward the Argenta Gap and met with stiff opposition from the German Tenth Army. On April 14 the Fifth Army joined in the offensive from the south and southwest. For a solid week the heavy fighting went on, and then our troops broke into the Po River Valley and entered Bologna, just as the Polish troops of the Eighth Army entered the city from the east.

The Fifth Army swept on to Piacenza, bypassing Modena, toward the Po south of Mantua. In hot pursuit of the enemy, the Fifth crossed the Po on April 23 and established bridgeheads. At Ferrara the Eighth Army met determined resistance, but was able to cross the Po on April 25. Also on the 25th our forces on the Ligurian coast captured the city and naval base of La Spezia.

The last week of the war in Italy witnessed wide advances. Many rivers flowing south from the Alps had to be bridged by the Eighth Army as it swept along the Adriatic coastal plain. The cities of Padua, Venice, and Treviso were liberated. Certain infantry and mountain troops of

the Fifth Army drove into the foothills of the Alps along the Brenner Pass route; while other troops of the Fifth raced up the valley of the Po and reached the great city of Milan on April 29.

In this campaign the Italian patriots gave effective support to the Allied forces. After seizing the great seaport of Genoa, our Ligurian forces advanced beyond Savona and made contact with the French. Advance elements of the 442nd Japanese-American Regiment reached Turin.

Organized enemy opposition collapsed all along the line. More than 160,000 prisoners were taken by the Allied armies. By May 1 the Eighth Army advanced on Trieste and made contact with the Yugoslav partisans at Monfalcone.

As the Allied armies were penetrating the innermost part of Germany, the German and Italian forces in northern Italy came to the end of their road also. Hemmed in by the American Fifth and the British Eighth armies on the south and with the Brenner Pass route blocked by the American Seventh army in the north, the enemy found it impossible to continue the bloody struggle. They surrendered on May 2, 1945.

The entire campaign in Italy was slow and exceedingly bitter; but it made a tremendous contribution to the success on the western front, holding in Italy an estimated 25 German divisions that Hitler needed very much in northern, eastern, and western Europe.

Joining of the Western and Eastern Allies

One of the long-awaited objectives of the United Nations strategy was the meeting of the western (American and British and French) allies with their eastern (Soviet Russian) ally.

On April 16, 1945, Hitler foreseeing that a junction of the Allies was possible if not imminent, issued a General Order dividing the Reich into two defense areas. He himself remained in command of the North Defense Area with his headquarters in Berlin. He entrusted the command of the South Defense Area to SS Chief and Minister of the Interior Heinrich Himmler, —who was to safeguard his area among the mountains of southern Germany as a bulwark or citadel where the Nazis with fanatical zeal were expected to defend to the death this so-called "National Redoubt."

It is significant to note that Hitler, when his North Defense Area was crumbling all around him, is supposed to have met his death at his headquarters, and Himmler chose the suicide route by poison on May 23, 1945. Both the north and the south defense areas fell under the might of allied invasion forces.

Near Torgau on the banks of the Elbe River the actual meeting of the western and eastern Allies took place on April 27, 1945. A patrol of the American 69th Infantry Division made contact with a patrol of the First Ukrainian Army. Two spearheads had pointed at the heart of Germany, one of them from the west, the other from the east. Now they met.

This meeting marked the juncture of the Allied Armies moving from Normandy and the Riviera with the Soviet Armies moving from Stalingrad on the Volga. The roads had been long, hard, tedious, and bloody. Now the Allies met and clasped hands, and all the world could see that the end of the war was at hand.





*Maj. DUWARD F. SUMNER

Major Duward F. Sumner, husband of Mrs. Marjorie D. Sumner, Waxahachie, born April 14, 1915. Entered Army Air Corps Dec. 16, 1933, and again in November, 1940. Overseas from May, 1942, to August, 1944, in Pacific Area, participating in battles of Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Truk, Yap, Tulagi, Bougainville, Rekata Bay, Woleai Is., flying 70 missions and 1000 hrs., sinking 2 Jap convoys, including a troop transport, 12 supply ships, 3 warships, and 5 destroyers. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice while testing B-25 at Andrews Field, Washington, D.C., April 17, 1946. He was awarded Soldiers Medal, D.F.C., Silver Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal (with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters), Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, Presidential Citation, Philippine Campaign Ribbon and Distinguished Service Cross.



Cpl. JAMES C. THRAILKILL

Y3/c BILLY J. WILLIAMS

Cpl. James C. Thrailkill, born Dec. 10,1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thrailkill, Italy, Texas, attended Frost High School, and volunteered June 9, 1943, at Dallas; was assigned to the 1st Marine Air Wing; trained at N.A.T.T.S., Norman, Okla. Served in the United States for 8 months, and overseas 17 months, in the South Pacific. He was awarded the following: Presidential Citation, 5 Battle Stars, for serving on Leyte, Luzon, Bismarck, Solomons, and Northern Solomons. He was promoted from Pvt. to Cpl. Prior to enlistment, he had just graduated from High School at Frost. Was discharged Oct. 20, 1945.

Yeoman 3/c Billy Joe Williams, born June 21, 1926, son of Mr. W. D. Williams, Routel, Ferris, educated at Corsicana High School, entered the service Sept. 23, 1944, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy, sea-duty; trained at San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States 7 months, and over seas 15 months, in Asiatic-Pacific Area; stationed on the U.S. Aircraft Carrier Franklin when bombed March 19, 1945, narrowly escaping. Served in Hawaii, following Franklin disaster, and was made a yeoman. Transferred to Carrier Lexington Feb. 18, 1946, on which he served until removed to be discharged June 21, 1946.





Capt. Jesse Marmaduke DeWare, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. De Ware, Jr., of Jefferson, Texas, was born July 26, 1914. He attended Texas A & M College, and Baylor Medical College, and in Sept., 1941, he volunteered his services in the Medical Corps of the Army. He served in the United States until April 8, 1942, when he went to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and participated in the battles of Guam, Saipan, and in the Mariana Islands campaign. He also was in Hawaii. In October, 1945, he returned to the United States, and on March 1, 1946, he was released from further military service. He holds the award of the Bronze Star. His wife is Virginia DeWare, and they have one daughter.

T/3 Richard Seth Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Terry, of Jefferson, Texas, was born Aug. 2, 1914. He attended Texas A & M College, and on the 2nd of April, 1942, he entered service in the Army. He was assigned to the 25th Infantry Div., and was sent to Fort Warren, Wyo., for training. He served only 4 months in the United States before being sent overseas for more than 3 years' duty in the Pacific, in the islands of Hawaii, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, New Zealand, and the Philippines. He saw action in three battles, Northern Solomons, Guadalcanal, and Luzon, and returned to the States in October, 1945. Eight days after.his return he was given an honorable discharge from service.

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1st Lt. WILLIAM B. SIMS, JR.

Ist Lt. William Bertram Sims, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sims, Sr., of 605 E. Marvin Ave., Waxahachie, was born on Nov. 15, 1915. He is the husband of Diane Sims of Lake Waco Drive, Waco. He attended Trinity University, Waxahachie, and volunteered for the Army on Nov. 10, 1942, at Dallas. He served with the Air Transport Command, having had previous training as a civilian pilot at Waxahachie, Dallas, and Wichita Falls. 1st Lt. Sims entered the Army Air Forces as a 2nd Lt. He had been a ferry pilot before this, On Jan. 6, 1943, he was promoted to 1st Lt., and at the same time, was sent on foreign duty. He flew in the African, Middle Eastern, China, Burma, and India Theaters of Operations. He was released from active duty in November, 1944. Prior to his entering the service he had also been a civil engineer.

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Col. WILLIAM C. DeWARE

Col. William Curtis DeWare, son of Mrs. M. M. DeWare, of Jefferson, Texas, was born March 23, 1903. He entered Army service in 1917, at Austin, and served with the 23rd Infantry. He was given training at Leon Springs, and he served in the United States until 1942. It was in September of that year that he went overseas, and was on duty abroad until May, 1943. He was made a Colonel in the year 1941. At present he is with the Organized Reserves in Fort Worth, Texas. Previous to his Army career he attended Texas University and Stanton Military Academy. In all his years in the Army, he was never reported wounded or missing in action.



*T/Sqt. PAUL L. BASS



S/Sgt. MILTON K. BASS

T/Sgt. Paul Leon Bass, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bass, of the Bass Dry Goods, formerly of Jefferson and now of Mineola, Texas, was born June 18, 1922. At Shreveport, La., on Dec. 31, 1940, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps, and was sent to McDill Field, Fla., for training. He served in the United States until Oct., 1942, when he was sent to England with the 8th Air Force. In January, 1943, he was presented with the Air Medal for meritorious service. On the 4th of February he was reported missing in action over Western European territory and it was thought that he was a prisoner of war, but later it was presumed that he met with a fatality of battle.

S/Sgt. Milton Knight Bass and Paul Leon Bass were twin brothers. They volunteered for the same kind of service on the same day at the same place, and were sent to the same Army Air Field for training, but when it came to overseas service their paths in life diverged widely. Milton had to leave the United States five months before his brother did, and he was sent to the opposite side of the world. He served in the Southwest Pacific and was in the battle of the Bismarck Archipelago. After 14 months in this area, he returned to the United States, July 17, 1943, and was honorably discharged Sept. 5, 1945. He holds the Air Medal with 1 OLC; the DFC; and a Group Citation with 2 OLC.



Pfc JAY D. TINSLEY

Pfc Jay Dee Tinsley, husband of Fannie Mae Tinsley, was born October 16, 1910. Entered service March 14, 1941, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to Army, 7th Division, 49th F.A. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Ft. Ord, California, and served overseas from April 24, 1943, to March, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, participating in campaign in Aleutian Islands and Marshall Islands. He received American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon. Pfc Tinsley returned to the States in March, 1945, and was discharged June 19, 1945. His mother, Mrs. Coleman Tinsley, resides in Italy, Texas, and his wife, formerly of Arlington, Texas, now resides in Big Bear Lake, Calif.





S/Sgt. EDWIN E. WILSON

Sqt. WALTER L. WILLIAMS

S/Sgt. Edwin E. Wilson, born July 16, 1919, son of Elwood Wilson, Box 54, Maypearl, Texas, husband of Doris Wilson, Box 161, Grandview, attended Maypearl High School, and volunteered for service on Jan. 12, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Gowan Field, Boise, Idaho; Army Air Field, Alamogordo, N.M. Servedin U.S. 9 months, and overseas 2 years and 11 months, in Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and C. European Campaigns, and Air Offensive of Europe. Awarded: EAME Medal, 1 Silver Star, 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Pres. Citation, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster. He was honorably discharged Sept. 27, 1945.

Sgt. Walter L. Williams, son of Mr. O. H. Williams, 1001 E. Milam St., Ennis, born Jan. 5, 1921, husband of Pauline Williams, 604 E. Brown St., Ennis. Educated in Alamo Grammar and Ennis High Schools; entered the service Jan. 8, 1943, at Dallas, assigned to the Army 79th Engrs. C. Bn.; trained at Camps Phillips, Kans., and Forest, Tennessee. Served 1 year in the U.S., and overseas 2 years, in Goodenough Island, Milne Bay, Finschhaven. Landed at Hollandia Apr. 23, 1944, and Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Jan. 11, 1945. Awards: Comm. from Chief of Engrs. S. W. Pacific Area for outstanding heroic conduct under fire. Discharged Jan. 24, 1946.



*T/5 DENNIS D. HUNTSMAN



Pfc WESLEY E. HARGESHEIMER

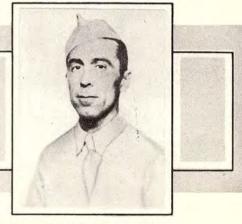
T/5 Dennis Dunn Huntsman, born January 13, 1916, husband of Opal Huntsman, Quanah, Texas, attended schools at Winter, Oklaunion and Abilene, Texas, and entered service January 26, 1944, with the Army, 4th Armored Division. Trained at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and Ft. Meade, Maryland. He began overseas duty September, 1944, in the European Theater. Served in France, Luxembourg and Germany; participated in the Battle of Bastogne, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country February 22, 1945, while his unit was making a drive for the city of Koperich, Germany. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously.

Pfc Wesley Edward Hargesheimer, birth date November 28, 1918, husband of Cordia Hargesheimer, Quanah, Texas, entered service May 2, 1944, with the Army Infantry. Trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and began overseas duty November, 1944, in the European Theater. He participated in Campaigns in Germany and France; was wounded in each country, February 13, 1945, and November 25, 1944, respectively. The EAME Ribbon was awarded with the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster, and other medals. He returned to the States June, 1945, hospitalized. Was discharged October 29, 1945, from hospital in Calif.

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BILLY G. COLE



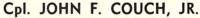
*Pvt. CHARLIE S. ROSS

Billy Garth Cole was born February 28, 1927, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.D. Cole of Quanah, Texas. He attended the Quanah Elementary School and graduated from high school in the same city; he was a student prior to his entry into service April, 1945. He was assigned to the United States Navy, and after boot training was stationed at Camp Elliott, San Diego, California. His total duty was served in this particular camp in the Ship Service Department where he remained for seventeen months. After receiving various awards he was discharged from service.

Pvt. Charlie S. Ross, born Aug. 8, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ross, hus band of Hazel Ross, Box 175, Groveton, was educated at Groveton Grammar and High Schools. Volunteered for service May 12, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Army, 3rd Div. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, Fort Ord, Calif., and Camp Pickett, Va. He served in the United States for 7 months, and overseas from Dec., 1942, to Jan. 23, 1944. Served in North African Campaign, Sicilian Invasion, and the Battle of Cassino, Italy. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Medals awarded: Purple Heart, Pres. Citation, State Honor Roll. He died Jan. 23, 1944.









Sgt. HENRY C. FALLEN, JR.

Cpl. John Foy Couch, Jr., born June 21, 1926, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Foy Couch, Sr., 601 West Main St., Waxahachie, Texas, attended the Italy, Texas, High School and Texas A & M, College Station. Cpl. Couch volunteered February 2, 1944, at Dallas, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and completed Combat Crew Training at OTU at Westover Field, Mass. Received his Aerial Gunners' Wings, April, 1945, and later served with Anti-Sub Patrols on the East Coast. He is currently stationed with Squadron A, 106th AAF Base Unit, AAF Overseas Replacement Depot, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Sgt. Henry Clay Fallen, Jr., born March 15,1921, son of H. C. Fallen, Sr., and husband of Alva Ruth Baxter Fallen, 805 N. Kaufman, Ennis, Texas, entered the Army July 11, 1942, and served with the Signal and Air Corps. He trained at Drew Field, Fla., Camp Pinedale, Calif., and other camps, training as radio and new type Micro-wave Radar Equipment Instructor. Sgt. Fallen served June, 1945, to February, 1946, in the Pacific Theater on the Philippine Islands, Okinawa and in Japan, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Operation Award and Expert Rifle Medal. Returned to the States; was discharged Feb. 14, 1946.

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*Pfc WILSON R. BAXTER Pfc T. H. BAXTER



Sgt. ALVA D. JACKSON

Sons of Mrs. Dollie M. Baxter, Ferris, Texas.

Pfc WILSON R. BAXTER, born Oct. 16, 1919, entered the Army 1st Div., Feb. 12, 1942; trained at Camp Wallace, Texas. He served nineteen months in Puerto Rico; later participated in combat in France, Siegfried Line, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice Nov. 27, 1944. Various medals were awarded for action.

Pfc T. H. BAXTER, born Dec. 23, 1925, entered the Army 78th Div. April 24, 1943, training at Camp Hood, Texas. He served Oct., 1944, to July, 1945, in England, France, Belgium and Germany; participated in the Battles of Siegfried Line and Ruhr River; was wounded Feb. 7, 1945. Discharged July 31, 1946, with medals.

Sgt. Alva Dee Jackson was born January 15,1912, in Texas, son of D. H. Jackson, Freestone, Texas, and husband of Ruby Mae Jackson, Red Oak, Texas. He attended the Teague, Texas, Schools, and volunteered September 22,1939, for the Army 38th Field Artillery, training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He served April, 1944, to December, 1945, in the European Theater; participated in the Campaign of the Rhineland and received the EAME Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, three Overseas Service Bars and various other medals. After returning to the States, Sgt. Jackson was discharged Dec. 23, 1945.



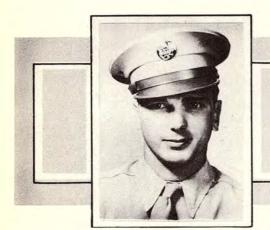
Capt. JOHN A. BANISTER, JR.



Chief Yeoman WILLIAM H. GHOLSON

Capt. J. A. Banister, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Banister, Mt. Vernon, was born May 26, 1916. Educated at Mount Vernon Grammar and High Schools, and Texas A & M College. Entered the service on Feb. 6, 1941, at Camp Lee, Va., and was assigned to the Army 85th Inf. Div.; received his training at Camp Shelby, Miss. Overseas 1 year and 7 months, in North Africa and Italy, Minturno to Rome, Rome-Arno, Apennine Mts., Po Valley. Awarded: Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Italian Military Cross of Valor and Combat Inf. Badge. Discharged Sept. 1945. Recalled 1 yr. later and bow ROTC instructor in a Ft. Worth high school.

Chief Yeoman William Howard Gholson, born April 17, 1922, husband of Bobbie Ella Gholson, Quanah, Texas, attended Wellington, Texas, High School, and volunteered October 30, 1942, with the Navy Reserve, Special Branch. Trained at San Diego. He served overseas from January, 1943, to September, 1944, and from January, 1945, until October, 1945, in the Southwest and Southeast Pacific Theaters where he served with Ship Repair Unit, attached to the U.S. Naval Base Hospital No. 22 on Peleliu, Palau Islands. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon. After returning to the States, he was discharged October 30, 1945.



Sgt. WAYNE D. PRESTON



Pfc HUBERT D. GHOLSON

Sgt. Wayne Dougias Preston, born September 7, 1920, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Preston, Quanah, Hardeman County, Texas, and husband of Ada LaVelle Smith Preston, Waco, Texas, graduated from Kirkland, Texas, High School and attended Texas University at Austin. He volunteered for service February 19, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. Trained at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, and served his total duty in the States at various fields. The World War II Victory and American Defense Medals were awarded with the American Theater Ribbon. Discharged February 7, 1946.

Pfc Hubert Dale Gholson, born November 21, 1924, son of W. H. and Rena Gholson, Honey Grove, Texas, entered service April 28, 1943, with the Army Infantry. Trained at Camp Callan, Calif., and began overseas duty July, 1944, in the European Area. He served with Gen. Patton's 3rd Armies, and participated in the battles of Northern France, Ardennes Rhineland and Central Europe. Was wounded November 12, 1944, and reported "Missing" December 24, 1944. Later was found to be a prisoner of the Germans at Stalag A and B. His awards include Battle Stars and Citation. Returned home and was discharged Nov. 3, 1945.





*ARM 2/c DAVID G. STONE

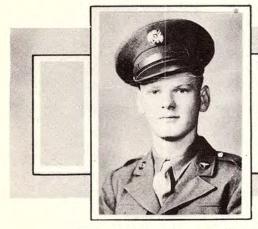


Sgt. JERRY LAZNOVSKY

ARM 2/c David Griffith Stone, born Oct. 20, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Stone, Hewitt, Texas, lettered in football and basketball at Waxahachie, Texas, High School, and volunteered Dec. 30, 1940, for the U.S. Naval Reserve, Atlantic Fleet, Air Detachment. He trained at Charleston; S.C., and Norfolk, Va., and served in Anti-Submarine Patrol in the Atlantic, and on the Bermuda Islands; was lost on patrol mission June 3, 1942, 400 miles east of Delaware Bay on board Naval bomber along with crew members. This was the third time he had served in the Bermudas. Two sisters, Mrs. W. L. Eddleman and Jo Anne Stone, survive. He had lived in Ellis County.

Sgt. Jerry Laznovsky, born Sept. 4, 1914, in Texas, husband of Mrs. Bessie Laznovsky, 802 N. Sherman, Ennis, Texas, entered the Army Air Force March 4, 1942, training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Spec. School (Lockheed's) in Burbank, Calif. He began overseas duty in Jan., 1943, in North Africa near Oran; served in French Morocco, and participated in the campaign for Rome-Arno and the air combat of the Balkans, also serving in Yugoslavia on detached service. His awards include the EAME Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and other ribbons. Sgt. Laznovsky returned to the States, and was discharged Nov. 8, 1945.

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Sgt. CHESTER L. MEDLIN



CM 3/c LOUIS E. SMOTHERMAN

Sgt. Chester L. Medlin, birthdate May 31, 1924, in Texas, husband of Lois Jean Medlin, Red Oak, Texas, volunteered for service September 15, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, with the Army Air Forces. He trained at Gulfport Field, Mississippi, and Chanute Field, Illinois, and served overseas February, 1944, to November, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. Sgt. Medlin was stationed with the 20th Air Force, and circled the globe during his overseas duty. The Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster was received with other awards, and after returning to the States, he was granted discharge Nov. 25, 1945.

CM3/c Louis E. Smotherman was born March 11, 1905, in Texas, son of Mrs. Minnie Bell Smotherman, Ennis, Texas; attended the Streetman, Texas, Schools and volunteered August 9, 1942, at Dallas, for the Navy Seabees, and trained at Norfolk, Virginia. He beganoverseas duty September, 1943, serving nineteen months in the Hawaiian Islands, sixteen months at Kahului Air Base, and three months reconditioning and training for work on Saipan; arrived at Saipan on September 30, 1944, where he was stationed for nine months. After receiving various ribbons and medals, he returned to the States, and was discharged Sept. 6, 1945.

-M/SGT. TROY A. BROOKS, born Aug. 22, 1913. Husband of Mrs. Oleta Johnson Brooks of Ferris, Texas. Entered service May 22, 1941, in the Army 28th Engrs.Div. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. and Camp Livingston, La. Served overseas Nov., 1942, to June; 1945, in Africa, Italy, Rome-Arno, Naples - Foggia, and Sicily. Awarded Marksman Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged July 3, 1945.

2. —S/SGT. CHARLES ELLIOT ARCHER, born Aug. 2, 1915. Son of Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Archer of McKinney, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 18, 1942, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Served overseas May, 1943, in England with 354 Born ber Sqd ann, 323rd Group. Made 68 missions. Awarded Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with 5 Silver Clusters, 2 Stars, European Theater, Good Conduct, D-Day BronzeStar. Was discharged May 28, 1945.

3. —SHIP COOK 1/c LUTHER MOORE BURLESON, born Feb. 21, 1925. Husband of Mrs. Margaret Johnson Burleson of Waxahachie, Texas. Volunteered for service July 21, 1942, in the Naval Reserves. Trained at Camp Paul Jones, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Feb., 1944, to Dec., 1945, at Guam. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 19.1945. Attended Midlothian High School. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Burleson.

4. —IST/SGT. TED W. BROOKS, born Oct. 25,1919. Husband of Mrs. Dorothy R. Brooks of Ferris, Texas. Entered service April 21, 1944, at Mineral Wells, Texas, in the Army 624 O.B.S.N. Bn. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Served overseas June, 1945, to May, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, and Philippine Islands. Awarded Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct. Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and American Defense Ribbon. Honorably discharged May 12, 1946.

5. —SGT. EDGAR C. BECKHAM, born Aug. 5, 1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Beckham of Waxahachie, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 21, 1937, in the Army Air Forces, Infantry Divison. Trained at Ft. Warren, Wyo., and Jefferson, Mo. Served overseas Nov., 1943, to July, 1945, in England in the 8th Air Force. He received the European Theater, Pre-Pearl Harbor, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbons.

6. -T/5 THOMAS G. BECKHAM, born May 2, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Beckham of Waxahachie, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 22, 1936, in the Army 2nd Division. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Ft. Sill, Okla. Served overseas Oct., 1943, to Dec., 1944, in France, St. Lo, Normandy, Omaha Beach, Trevaires, Cerece Forest, Hill 192, St. George Dell, and Vera, Fr. Awarded Purple Heart, Pre-Pearl Harbor Medal, 2 Battle Stars, 1 Bronze Star. Was discharged Oct. 8, 1945.

7. —MO.M.M. 2/c WILLIAM L. BROWN, born Jan. 22, 1922. Husband of Mrs. Mollie Brown of Waxahachie, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 11, 1942, in the Navy Seabees. Trained at Camp Bradford. Served overseas June, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Caribbean Area, Asiatic -Pacific, Okinawa, and Japan. Hereceived the American Defense Medal and World Warll Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 22, 1945. Attended Waxahachie High School.

8. -T/4 E. M. BROOKS, JR., born Oct. 30, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Brooks of Ferris, Texas. Entered service Dec. 9, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, in the Army 32nd Red Arrow Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas May, 1945, in Southwest Pacific Theater, Philippine Islands, and Japan. He received the Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, Japan Occupation Medal, American Defense, and Victory Ribbons. Was discharged September, 1946.

9. —PFC LAMOINE HERBERT WICKLIFFE, born Jan. 14, 1920. son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wickliffe of Ferris, Texas. Entered service Sept. 7, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army 102nd Infantry Division, 9th Army. Trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. Served overseas Feb., 1945, to Feb., 1946, in Rhineland and Central Europe. Was awarded European Theater, 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World Warll Victory Ribbon. Discharged Feb. 17, 1946.

10.-T/SGT. WOODSON DONALD EDWARDS, born Oct. 9, 1914. Husband of Mrs. Marie Edwards of Waxahachie, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 27, 1941, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Santa Monica, Calif. Served overseas Sept., 1942, to June, 1944, in England, Africa, Italy, Sicility, Corsica, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, and Egypt. Awarded Presidential Citation with 3 Stars, European Theater with 5 Stars, and Victory Medal. Discharged Sept., 1945.

*11.—SEAMAN 1/c LELAND ELBA WICKLIFFE, born Nov. 25, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wickliffe of Ferris, Texas. Entered service Feb. 14, 1944, in Navy Aircraft Carrier. Trained at Farragut, Idaho. Served overseas April, 1944, to Oct., 1944, in Guam, Saipan, Leyte, and Tinian. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice Oct. 30, 1944, at Leyte, Philippines. Was awarded Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Attended Ferris High School.

12.—PFC THOMAS MAX DUGGER, born Oct. 3, 1911. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Dugger of Waxahachie, Texas. Entered service Oct. 24, 1942, in the Army 17th Field Artillery. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Served overseas March, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 7 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and American Defense Medals. Discharged Oct. 14, 1945.

13.—T/4 SGT. TRAVIS WELDON ESSELMAN, born Aug. 12, 1925. Husband of Mrs. Darlis Esselman of Waxahachie, Texas. Entered service March 10, 1944, in the Army 1290th Engineers Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Robinson, Ark. Served overseas Dec., 1944, to Aug., 1945, in European Theater. He received the European Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, Army of Occupation, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discahrged June 30, 1946.

14.—S/SGT.DOYLE GLEN FARRAR, born Feb. 4, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farrar of Palmer, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 27, 1942, in the Army 3rd Armored Division. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., Camp Polk, La., and Rice, Calif. Served overseas Sept., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland. Was awarded European Theater with 3 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 17, 1945.

15.—IST SGT. WAYMON COLUMBUS FARRAR, born Aug. 7, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farrar of Palmer, Texas. Entered service Dec. 17, 1942, in the Army 101st Airborne Div. Trained at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Camp Mackall, N.C. Overseas July, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in European Theater, Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, Southern Italy, and Southern France. Awarded European Theater with 7 Battle Stars and Arrowhead, Presidential Citation, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Nov. 29, 1945.

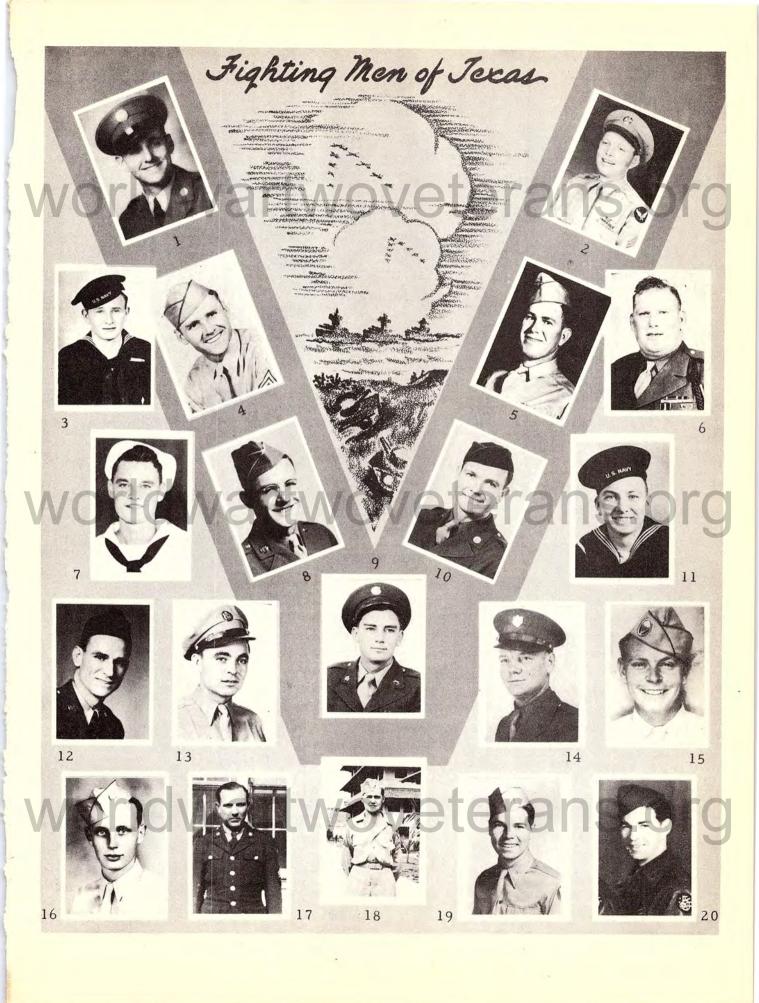
16.—SGT. WILLIAM HARDY FLUKER, born July 29, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fluker of Ennis, Texas. Entered service March 15, 1943, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Buffalo, N.Y. Servedoverseas Nov., 1944, to Feb., 1946, in India, Burma, Central Burma, and Chinese Liberation. Awarded 3 Bronze Battle Stars, Burma Star, Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February 22, 1946.

17.—S/SGT. WILLIAM C. GLEESON, born April 5,1915, Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Gleeson of Ferris, Texas. Attended Ferris High School. Volunteered for rervice November 16, 1940, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado. Served in the United States from November 16, 1940, to December 7, 1946. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribobn. Was discharged December 7, 1946.

18.—SGT. JAMES E. GLEESON, born Oct. 5, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Gleeson of Ferris, Texas. Enteredservice June 28, 1943, in the Army Air Forces. Trained at Kearns, Utah. Served overseas Oct. 20, 1944, to March 15, 1946, in Panama and South America. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged March 15, 1946. Completed his education at Baylor University at Waco, Texas.

19.—PFC BILLY HENRY KING, son of Mr. and Mrs. Huby King of Ferris, Texas. Entered the service Jan. 2, 1944, at Camp Wolters, Texas. Trained at Mineral Wells, Sheppard Field, Lubbock, Texas; Santa Ana, Calif.; Hobbs, New Mexico; Barksdale Field, La.; Will Rogers Field; Hamilton Field, Galif.; Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Served in the United States. Awarded American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 9, 1946.

20.—SGT. DAVID LLOYD KING, son of Mr. and Mrs. Huby King of Ferris, Texas. Entered the service Dec. 30, 1941, in the Army in the 5th Air Force. Trained at Mineral Wells, Texas, San Francisco, Calif. Served overseas in 1942 in Mackay, Australia, New Guinea, Lae and Salamoua, Leyte, and Philippines. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged September 10, 1945. He was overseas two years and eleven months.



 -PFC CHARLES FRANKLIN HUSKINS, born June 9, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Myra Beth Huskins of Waxahachie, Texas. Volunteered for service July 17, 1944, in the Army 1st Division. Trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. Served overseas Jan., 1945, to Apr., 1946, in Belgian Bulge, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Roer, and Rhineland. Awarded I Bronze Star, and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Citation, American Defense, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 12, 1946.

2. —A.R.M. 2/c JASPER FRANKLIN McCOY, born Oct. 14, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. McCoy of Waxahachie, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 13, 1943, at Dallas in the Navy Air Corps. Received his training at Corpus Christi, Texas. Served in the United States from October 14, 1943, to May 15, 1946. He received the American Defense, American Theater, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 18, 1946. Attended Hillsboro Jr. Gollege.

3. —S. 1/c OMAR RAY MEDLIN, born Nov. 29, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Medlin of Red Oak, Texas. Volunteered for service July 15, 1944, in the Navy Amphibs. Trained at San Die go, Ft. Emory, and Coronado, Calif. Served overseas Jan. 1945, to June, 1946, in South Pacific, Japan, Philippines, North Pacific, Panama Canal, and Okinawa. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 5, 1946. Attended Red Oak High School.

4. —CPL. JAMES ROBERT MEDLIN, born April 18, 1918. Husband of Mrs. Kathryn Medlin of Waxahachie, Texas. Volunteered for service March 14, 1941, in the Army 755th Tank Bn. Trainedat Ft. Knox, Ky., and Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas 35 months in England, North Africa, Italy, and Rome. Wounded in Italy. Was awarded Purple Heart, European Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Croix de Guerre, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged July 9, 1945.

5. -T/5 JOHNNIE CLINTON NICHOLS, born May 17, 1915. Husband of Mrs. Frances Nichols of Ennis, Texas. Entered service March 21, 1945, in the Army 50th M.P. Bn. Trained at Camp Wolters. Served overseas Sept. 18, 1945, to March 14, 1946, in Manila, Luzon, Philippines, and Asiatic-Pacific. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Med al, Expert Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged March 14, 1946.

6. —CAPT. JESSE LEON OHR, born Sept. 20, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Florene Terry Ohr of Waxahachie, Texas. Volunteered June 12, 1942, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Served overseas April, 1944, to Sept., 1945, in China, India, Mariana Islands, Japan, Palembang, and Sumatra. Awarded Presidential Citation, Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, and 5 Battle Stars. Discharged Nov. 9, 1945.

7. —PVT.1/c RICHARD HENRY TERRY, born June 25,1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Terry of Maypearl, Texas. Entered service March, 1943, in the Army 20th Air Force, 73rd Division. Trained at Salina, Kan. Served overseas July, 1944, to Nov.. 1945, in Mariana Islands, Saipan, Japan, and Western Pacífic. Was awarded American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 1 Bronze Star, 1 Service Stripe, 2 Overseas Service Bars, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged April 18, 1946.

8. —IST SGT. CLYDE TERRY, JR., born May 7,1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Terry of Maypearl, Texas. Entered service April 1 f., 1942, in the Army 96th Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Crowder, Mo. Served overseas Oct., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in North Africa, India, Burma, and China. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, with 4 Bronze Stars, Meritorious Unit Award, 1 Service Stripe, 4 Overseas Bars, American Theater Campaign Medal. Discharged Dec. 20, 1945.

9. —CPL. JAMES HARDY PRUETT, born Jan. 29, 1918. Husband of Mrs. Marguerite Harvey Pruett of Waxahachie, Texas. Entered service Feb. 6, 1942, in the Army 473rd Infantry Regt. Trained at Camp Hulen. Servedoverseas Aug., 1942, to Aug., 1945, in England, Africa, Italy, Oran, Anzio, Pisa, Bizerte, Tunis, Naples, Rome, and Po Valley, Was awarded 5 Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, 6 Overseas Bars, American Defense, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged August 15, 1945.

10.—CPL. JULIUS HOPSIN PARKS, born July 10, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Parks of Waxahachie, Texas. Entered service March 5, 1942, in the Army 3rd and 5th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas Nov., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Normandy, Ardennes, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the American Defense, 1 Bronze Star, 5 Battle Stars, European Theater Campaign Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Discharged Oct. 7, 1945.

11.—CPL. JAMES EDWARD PARKS, born Aug. 19, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Parks of Waxahachie, Texas. Volunteered for service April 19, 1944, in the Marines, 1st Pioneer Bn., 1st Division. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Sept., 1944, to April, 1946, in Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, and China. He received the Sharpshooter, and Rifle, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 6, 1946. Served Sept., 1945, to April, 1946, in China.

12.—A.M.M. 2/c WILLIAM THOMAS PYLE, JR., born April 1, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pyle, Sr., of Ennis, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 15, 1942, in Navy Aviation. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Dec., 1942, to July, 1944, in New Georgia, Bougainville, and all other islands in the Solomons. Was awarded 3 Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Discharged December 10, 1945.

13.—S.C. 1/c ABNER JOHNSON GRIFFITH, born March 2, 1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Griffith of Ferris, Texas. Volunteered for service July 16, 1942, in the Navy Seabees. Trained at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va. Served overseas June, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in New Guinea, Admiralty Islands. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 8, 1945. Attended Palmer High School. Husband of Mrs. Helen Ranton Griffith of Houston, Texas.

14.—S.K. 2/c WILLIAM LAFAYETTE SPENCER, born June 12, 1907. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Spencer of Britton, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 14, 1942, in the Navy Seabees, 6th Spec. Batt. Trained at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Served overseas April, 1943, to June, 1945, in Fiji Islands, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, and western Carolines. Was awarded Unit Citation for Bougainville, American Defense Medal, and World Warll Victory Ribbon. Discharged Oct. 31, 1945.

15.—S/SGT.LYNN DURWARD STOFFREGEN, born April 16, 1916. Husband of Mrs. Mary Helen Stoffregen of Waxahachie, Texas. Entered service July 14, 1942, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Shepprad Field, Texas. Served overseas Dec., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in North Ireland, England, France, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the American Defense, 4 Bronze Stars, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Was discharged December 2, 1945.

16.—SGT. DAN LEE TALKINGTON, born Oct. 8; 1922. Husband of Mrs. Christyne W. Talkington of Ferris, Texas. Entered service March 23, 1943, in the Army Air Force. Served overseas Aug., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, Saipan, Guam, Japan, Eastern Mandates, and Western Pacific. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct, American Theater, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Discharged Dec. 22, 1945.

17.—R.M. 2/c ROLAND BRET TAULBEE, JR., born Sept. 26, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taulbee of Waxahachie, Texas. Entered service March 10, 1944, in the Navy Amphibious. Trained at San Diego and Los Angeles, Calif. Served overseas Dec., 1944, to May, 1946, in Philippines, Asiatic-Pacific, Iwo Jima, and O kinawa, Japan. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 28, 1946. Attended Waxahachie High School.

18.—F/O WALTER KIETH WADE, born February 26, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Wade of Ferris, Texas. He entered the service June 28, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. Was assigned to the Army Air Force. Trained at Grove City, Pa., San Antonio, Texas, and Altus, Oklahoma. Served in the United States from June 28, 1943, to May 11, 1946. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 11, 1946. Attended Ferris High School.

19.—T/SGT. GARTH C. WADE, born July 21, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Wade of Ferris, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 28, 1941, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Hamilton Field, Calif., and Scott Field, Ill. Served overseas May, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in 15th Air Force in Italy. Hereceived the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, 2 Major Battle Stars, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Discharged Oct., 1945.

20.—1ST LT. WINIFORD W. WADE, born Dec. 17, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Wade of Ferris, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 15, 1940, in the Army Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas Jan., 1943, to Aug., 1944, in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Salerno, and Anzio. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, 3 Major Battle Stars, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Still in service in the 3rd Army Command, New Castle, Pennsylvania.



1. —E.M. 3/c ANDREW C. SMITHSON, born April 14,1927. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Smithson of Ferris, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 28, 1944, in the Navy Electrical Branch. Trained at San Die go, Calif., and Gulfport, Miss. Served overseas July, 1945, at Pearl Harbor. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Still in service in U.S.S. P.C. 600 Main P.O., Portland, Oregon. Attended Ferris High School.

2. -T/SGT. CARL WESTBROOK, JR., born Jan. 28, 1918. Son of Mrs. Lela Westbrook of Ferris, Texas. Entered service Dec. 30, 1941, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Served overseas Dec. 1, 1942, to Sept. 17, 1945, in European Theater. Served in 78th Fighter Group, 8th Air Force. Was awarded the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 3, 1945. Attended business college at Dallas.

3. —SGT. THOMAS J. WESTBROOK, born May 8, 1920. Son of Mrs. Lela Westbrook of Ferris, Texas. Entered service Dec. 30, 1941, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Served overseas May 19, 1942, to Aug. 11, 1944, in China-Burma-India Area. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged August 2, 1945. Attended Ferris High School. Served in the 3rd Air Depot.

4. —CPL. HATLEY E. WHITESIDE, born March 19, 1905. Husband of Mrs. Odessa Whiteside of Bardwell, Texas. Entered service July 11, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army 363rd Engineer Regt. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark, and Camp Claiborne, La. Served overseas March 30, 1943, to July 28, 1945, in Persian Gulf Command. He received the American Defense, Good Conduct Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged August 5, 1945. Attended Bardwell High School.

5. —S/SGT. HENRY NEWTON WILKINS, born Oct. 15, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wilkins of Italy, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, in the Army 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Blanding, and Camp Edwards. Served overseas April. 1943, to June. 1945, in Africa-Salerno, Rome-Ar no, Naples-Foggia, Rapido River, France, Rhineland, and Germany. Awarded 1 Bronze Star, EAME Medal, 5 Battle Stars, Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged in 1945.

6. —SGT. HENRY BENAJIE WOOD, born Nov.13,1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Isom C. Wood of Waxahachie, Texas. Entered service Dec. 7, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Texas, in the Army 84th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Howze, Texas. Served overseas Sept. 20, 1944, to Jan. 13, 1946, in France, Germany, and Holland. Awarded Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, European Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged January 31, 1946.

7. —SGT. ISOM CLENTON WOOD, JR., born Aug. 19, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Isom C. Wood of Waxahachie, Texas. Entered service July 25, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army 101st Airborne Division. Trained at Ft. Benning, Ga. Served overseas Feb., 1945, to June, 1946, in France, Germany, and Austria. He received the Presidential Citation, Combat Infantry Badge, Belgian Fourragere, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 27, 1946.

8. -T/SGT. WILLIAM ALBERT CROSS, JR., born April 25, 1917. Husband of Mrs. Georgeanna Cross of Terrell, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 11, 1939, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Ft. D. A. Russell and Las Vegas, Nev. Served overseas July, 1942, to Aug., 1946, in El Alamein and Tunisia. Received the Air Medal, 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Citation, Ameriacn Definese, and Victory Medals. Was discharged, and re-emlisted Oct. 1945.

9. —T/SGT. THOMAS AUGUSTA GOODE, born Nov. 5, 1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Goode, of Terrell, Texas. Entered service Dec. 3, 1941, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Chanute Field, Ill. Served overseas Feb. 23, 1944, to Sept. 13, 1944, in Italy, Rumania, Germany, and France. He received the EAME Campaign Medal, Air Medal, Unit Citation, American Defense, and World War Il Victory Ribbons. Was discharged July 29, 1945.

10.—GM. 1/c COY EVANS, born June 27, 1921. Husband of Mrs. Pauline Hardin Evans of Kaufman, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 28, 1942, to U. S. Navy. Trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Served overseas in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Black Sea, England, Scotland, Okinawa, Pearl Harbor, Saipan, and China. Was awarded European Theater, with 3 Stars, Medal of Honor, Navy Citation, Pacific Theater, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 17, 1945.

11.—M. I/c HERBERT HENRY HILL, born Oct. 24, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hill of Kemp, Texas. Volunteered Dec., 1941, in the U.S. Coast Guards. Trained at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., St. Petersburg, Fla., and Lakehurst, N. J. Served overseas in Aleutian Islands from March, 1945, to summer of 1946. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. He re-enlisted in U.S.C.G. in Aug., 1946, serving at Miami, Fla.

12.-T/5 RICHARD WATKINS HILL, born Feb. 12, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hill of Kemp, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug., 1942, in the Army 1816th Ord. S. & M. Co. Served overseas in Southwest Pacific, Australia, New Guinea, Philippines, and Ie Shima. Was wounded in Philippines. Awarded the Purple Heart, Philippine Liberation with 1 Combat Star, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with 2 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Honorably discharged October, 1945.

13.—SGT. BILL. C. HOWIE, born Dec. 14,1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Howie of Terrell, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 16, 1943, in the Army 11th Airborne Division. Trained at Camp Mackall, North Carolina. Served overseas May 4, 1944, to Dec. 24, 1945, in New Guinea, Philippines, Leyte, Luzon, and Japan. He received 2 Presidential Citations, 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged January 10, 1946.

14.—CPL. ARTHUR DORSEY SORRELLS, born Aug. 7, 1908. Husband of Mrs. Edith A. Sorrells of Terrell, Texas. Entered service May 31, 1943, in 834th Eng. Av. Bn. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Served overseas Nov. 4, 1943, to Oct. 25, 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov., 1945.

15.—PVT. HOLTON SHAW RUMBO, born Dec.19, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rumbo. Entered service January 2, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Received his training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served in the United States from January 2, 1943, to November 5, 1943. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 5, 1943. Husband of Mrs. Katherine Rumbo of Seagoville, Texas. Attended Scurry Public Schools.

16.—COXSWAIN JAMES WELDON RUMBO, born Sept. 25, 1917. Husband of Mrs. J. W. Rumbo of Dallas, Texas. Entered service May 15, 1943, in the Navy Reserve. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Aug., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Wake, Gilberts, Marshalls, Philippines, Guam, Midway, Okinawa, R. I., and Japan. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 8 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Bar, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged October 26, 1945.

17.—S. 1/c MARVIN VINES CANTRELL, born May 27, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cantrell of Royse City, Texas. Volunteered for service May, 1944, in the Navy Amphibious. Trained at Camp Wallace, Texas. Served overseas Oct., 1944, to Feb., 1946, in American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippines, Okinawa, Japan. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star, and American Defense Medal. Discharged May 17, 1946.

18.—SGT. JOHNNIE SALVEN CANTRELL, born Sept. 27, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cantrell of Royse City, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 16, 1940, in the Army 7th Division. Trained at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas Dec., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, Philippines, and Okinawa, R. I. Awarded 1 Service Stripe, 1 Overseas Service Bar, Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars. Discharged Dec. 10, 1945.

19.—PFC HOWARD O'NEAL COOKE, born June 2, 1921. Husband of Mrs. H. O. Cooke of Royse City, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 13, 1940, in the Army 2nd Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas Oct., 1943, to June 17, 1945, in England, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars. Was discharged, and re-enlisted June 19, 1946, in the Army Air Corps.

20.—M/SGT. SYLVESTER CANTRELL, born Jan. 26, 1910. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cantrell of Royse City, Texas. Volunteered 1940 in the Army Air Force. Trained at Chanute Field, Ill. Servedoverseas 1941 to 1945, in Australia, India, Burma, China, Africa, Hawaii, and Philippines. Injured Nov. 8, 1942, in air plane crash. Awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation with 1 Star, and 2 Bronze Stars. Still in service at Hensley Field.





S/Sgt. JOHN E. WEIR



Capt. TRUETT S. WEIR

S/Sgt. John Emory Weir, birthdate Dec. 28, 1914, son of Sterling P. Weir, Ennis, Texas, and husband of Ruby H. Weir, 4910 Gurley, Dallas, Texas. He attended N.T.S.T.C. at Denton, and volunteered November 23, 1940, for the Army, 1st Cavalry Div., training at Ft.Clark. Sgt. Weir served from April, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in the European Theater; participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal among other awards. After returning to the States, he was discharged Sept.17, 1945.

Capt. Truett Weir, born Aug. 11,1912, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. S.P. Weir, 401Dallas, Ennis, Texas, volunteered November 23, 1940, for the Army 1st Cavalry and 625th Ordnance Ammunition Co.,training at Ft. Clark, Ft. Bliss, Camp Maxey and Camp Hood. He served from Dec., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in the European Theater in England, France, Belgium and Luxembourg, participating in the battles of Normandy and Northern France. The ETO Ribbon with two Battle Stars and Bronze Arrowhead was awarded. Capt. Weir was a member of the Unit awarded French Croix de Guerre with Palm. Discharged granted Feb. 21, 1946.

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T/4 LUNDY F. HOOTEN, JR.



Cpl. JAY R. THOMPSON

T/4 Hooten, was born Aug. 31, 1914, in Cooper, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Hooten, Sr., and husband of the former Sara Jo Robertson, also of Cooper. Received B. S. degree from Univ. of Texas at Austin, and volunteered for service Dec. 17, 1942, assigned to Army as pharmacist in Medical Corps; was sent to Camp Sibert, Ala., for his basic training. He served as pharmacist in 135th Station Hosp. at Camp Rucker, Ala., and Station Hosp. No. 1 at Camp Gordon, Johnston, Fla. His awards are Good Conduct, Victory, American Theater Ribbon, and Markmanship Medals. On March 10, 1946, T/4 Hooten was honorably discharged at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Cpl. Jay Richards Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thompson, 903 E. Moore Ave., Terrell, Texas, was born April 25, 1923. He volunteered for service in U. S. Marines July 21, 1941, training at San Diego, Calif. Was assigned to U. S. San Francisco. Overseas from Nov. 8, 1941, to Mar. 13, 1944, participating at Pearl Harbor, New Guinea, Solomon and Aleutian Islands, occupation of Kiska, Attu and Gilbert Islands, offensive operations on the Marshall and attack on Truk. Awarded: American Defense Service, American Area Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Medals and Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged Jan. 13, 1945.

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*2nd Lt. RUFUS R. BURNS

2nd Lt. Rufus Randall Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Franklin Burns, Cooper, Texas, was born March 14, 1920, in Texas. Attended Paris Junior College, Texas, and volunteered February 1, 1943, for the Army Air Corps. He was assigned to Ellington Field, Texas, for training, also Salt Lake City, Utah, and Casper, Wyoming. Lt. Burns began overseas duty April, 1944, in the European Theater where he was stationed in England with the 8th Air Force as bombardier. Participated in sixteen missions over France, including the invasion of that country. While in a raid over France, August 13, 1944, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in action. The Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded, plus the Purple Heart in recognition for his life given so gallantly in the service of his country. His survivors include his wife, Audrey Margaret Burns, and two daughters, and hosts of friends. Prior to his entry into the Armed Forces Lt. Burns was connected with the bank in Goose Creek, Texas.

1. —CM2/c JACK ALLEN, born Aug. 19, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Allen, Paris, Texas, attended Paris Schools. Volunteered June 24, 1943, assigned to Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Peary, Virginia. Served overseas from February 24, 1944, to Nov. 1, 1945, in Hawaii, Mariana Islands, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Promoted from CM3/c to CM2/c. Received honorable discharge March 7, 1946.

2. -T/3 WALTER HAROLD BROCK, born June 8, 1921, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brock, Cooper, Texas, and husband of Bonnie Mosley. Attended East Texas State Teachers' College, Commerce, Texas. Entered Army, 2nd Armored Signal Battalion; trained at Camp Young, California, Fort Ord, California. Served in United States from August, 1942, to October, 1943; received medical discharge because of asthma. Worked in Army Ordnanceat Camp Maxey, Texas, Summer, 1944. Discharged Oct., 1943.

3. -F1/c CHARLES RAYMOND BROCK, born September 30, 1917, in Texas, is son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brock, Cooper, Texas, and husband of Dorothy Nell Brock, Hughes Springs. Attended East Texas State Teachers' College, Commerce. Volunteered May 18, 1944, at Dallas; assigned to Submarine Service; trained at N. T. C., Camp Wallace, Texas. He was transferred overseas May 22, 1945, to November 23, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area campaigns. Received honorable discharge February 12, 1946.

4. —SGT. HAROLD CURTIS HICKS, born Oct. 29, 1915, is the husband of Valree O. Hicks, Mexia, Tex. Graduated from Cooper High School. Entered service Dec. 15, 1942, assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Geiger Field, Spokane, Washington. Served overseas from July 27, 1943, to July 5, 1945, in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and air offensive over Europe. Awarded Presidential Citation and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster. Discharged September 30, 1945.

5. —COXSWAIN WILLIAM RAY JONES, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones, born July 17, 1922, is the husband of Josephine Jones, Houston. Attended school at Cooper, Texas. Entered Navy Seabees April 16, 1943; trained at Camp Peary, Virginia. Served overseas from Sept. 27, 1943, to November 30, 1945, in Hawaiian Is., Marianas, Marshalls, China, Philippines and Okinawa. Promoted from AS to S2/c, S1/c, to Coxswain. Received his discharge December 11, 1945, at Camp Wallace, Texas.

6. —PFC ROBERT DOYLE MEADOR, born Feb. 25, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Meador, Klondike, Texas, husband of Helen Meador, attended East Texas State Teachers' College. Entered Army, 90th Inf. Div., Sept. 24, 1943. Served overseas from April 6, 1944, to Feb. 10, 1946, in England, France, and Scotland. Participated in Battle of Normandy. Wounded July 10, 1944, St. Lo, France. Awarded, Purple Heart, ATO Ribbon, I Battle Star, Combat Inf. Badge, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged February 20, 1946.

7. —CPL. JOHN ANDERSON RUSSELL was born July 5, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Russell, husband of Laverne Russell, Charleston, Texas. Attended Paris Jr. College. Volunteered Sept. 8, 1942, for Army Air Force. Served overseas from March 28, 1943, to April 29, 1945, in Europe, Naples-Foggia, North Apennines and Rome-Arno campaigns. Awarded European Theater Campaign Ribbon with 6 Battle Stars, Drivers, and A. and E. Mechanic Badges, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged October 20, 1945.

8. —M/SGT. WYMAN E. SLOANwas born November 5,1922, in Texas and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave E. Sloan. Attended high school at Cooper, Texas. Volunteered for Army Field Artillery January 2, 1940; trained at Fort Benning, Georgia; in United States from 1940 to July. 1942; overseas from July 30, 1942, to March 1,1944, in North Africa, Tunisia and Sicily. In hospital overseas from Nov., 1944, to June, 1945, with rheumatic fever. Received his discharge luly 17, 1945.

9. —CPL. ROY BERNARD STEWARD was born Nov. 25, 1915; is son of Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Steward, Boswell, Okla., husband of Hazel Steward, Cooper, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 13. 1941, for Army 3rd Div.; trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas from Feb. 8, 1943, to May 20, 1945, in European Area, Sicily, Cassino, Anzio, Rome and Toulon. Wounded Nov. 20, 1944, at St. Remy, France. Awarded the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal. Received honorable discharge January 9, 1946.

10.—SGT. KESLER DOYLE MEADLIN was born Sept. 6, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Meadlin, and husband of Robbie Meadlin, Cooper, Texas. Entered the Army December 22, 1944. Trained at Camp Hood and Ft. George G. Meade; overseas from July 2, 1945, to Aug. 14, 1946, in Mid-Pacific Area. Awarded Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Sharpshooter Rifle, 1st Class Machine Gunner, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Was honorably discharged August 21, 1946.

11.—SGT. EDWIN LEE TURBEVILLE, JR., was born Nov. 24, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Turbeville of Dallas, and husband of Gene Turbeville, Dallas, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 16, 1942, for Army Air Force; trained at Tarrant Field, Texas. Overseas from June 8, 1943, to Dec. 10, 1945, in New Guinea, Northern Solomons, and Philippines. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, 1 Service Stripe, 5 Overseas Bars. Discharged, 1945.

12.—IST LT. ROY M. ALBERT, JR., born April 11,1925,is the son of Roy M. Albert. Volunteered for Army Air Corps April 1, 1943. Overseas from Feb. 13, 1945, to Aug. 17, 1945, in Mariana Is., Eastern Mandates, Western Pacific, Ryukyus and air offensive in Japan. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 4 Battle Stars, Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross and 1 Overseas Service Bar. In 35 raids over Japan without harm to any of the crew. Discharged Oct., 1945.

*13.—1ST LT. MEINRAD JOSEPH ENDRES, born Aug. 22,1920, is son of Meinrad J. Endres, Muenster, Texas. Attended Texas A. & M. College. Volunteered June 1,1944, at Dallas, Texas, for the Air Corps; trained at Santa Monica, Calif., Moffett Field, Calif., and Luke Field, Arizona. Overseas ferrying bombers to Panama, Hawaiian Is., and Australia. Awarded American Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons, Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice August 8, 1942.

14.—T/5 WILLIAM LYLE SMITH was born March 27, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith, Gainesville, Texas. Entered Army August 16, 1944, at Dallas, Texas. Trained at Fort Riley, Kansas. Overseas from Feb. 7, 1945, to July 18, 1946, in India-Burma and China Theaters. Performing clerical duties with 859th Ord. H.A.M. Co. and 102nd Q.M. G.R. Plt. Awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and Good Conduct Medals. T/5 Smith received his discharge July 25, 1946.

*15.—ENSIGN ROBERT JOHN-HENRY WEINZAPFEL was born June 27, 1917, son of J. M. Weinzapfel of Muenster. Volunteered May 1, 1940, for Navy. Overseas from Oct. 7, 1941, to Dec. 9, 1941, serving on USS Lexington, searching for Jap Fleet in aircraft SBD 3, trying to intercept the Japs leaving Pearl Harbor. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Dec. 9, 1941, in the Pacific. Awarded Presidential Citation by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Sqd. 2 regarded as a member of the nation's outstanding Air Gr.

16.—PFC HARLESS H. TERRY, born Aug. 26, 1920, is son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Terry, Bowie, Texas. Entered Army July 23, 1942; trained at Camp Wolters. Overseas from July 28, 1944, to Nov. 3, 1945, in Bis marck Archipelago, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Western Pacific and Ryukyus. Awarded American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Bronze Star Medals, and Victory Medal. Discharged, 1945.

17.—S/SGT. JOE LEROY MAY, born Sept. 13, 1905, is the husband of Mrs. Joe L. May, Saint Jo, Tex. Entered Army, 780 Amp. T. K. Bn. Nov. 17, 1942; trained at Camp Beale, Calif. Overseas from July 8, 1944, to Oct. 9, 1945, in battles of Leyte, Luzon, Ryukyus, Ormac, Okinawa and Naha. Awarded Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Bronze Service Arrowhead and Good Conduct Medal. Established beachheads in these battles. Discharged October 9, 1945.

18.—CPL. GLENN TAYLOR REASONER, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reasoner, Bowie, Tex., was born July 22, 1926. Attended N.T.A.C., A rlington, Tex. Volunteered Jan. 10, 1945, for Army Air Corps; trained at Keesler Field, Miss., Las Vegas AAF, Sheppard Field and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas from March 6, 1946, to September, 1946, at Hickam Field, T. H. Promoted to Cpl. July 1, 1946. Awarded Pacific Theatre Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. Received his discharge October 6, 1946.

19.—2ND LT. JOHN GROVER REASONER, born Feb.11, 1917, in New Mexico, is the son of Mrs. J. G. Reasoner. Entered Army, 36th Inf. Div., Nov. 25, 1940. Overseas from April 2, 1943, to Oct. 28, 1945, in Africa, Italy, France Alsace, Germany, Austria, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Awarded, EAMETO Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars, 2 Bronze Arrowheads with ETO Ribbon, Bronze Star, Good Conduct, Victory Medals and American Defense Service Ribbon. Discharged February 17, 1946.

20.—2ND LT. FLORICE JUNE REASONER was born June 5, 1924, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reasoner, Bowie, Texas. Attended school at Bowie, and Dallas Methodist School of Nursing, Dallas. Volunteered July 16, 1945, for Army Nurses Corps. Trained at Camp Swift, Texas, from July 16, 1945, to August 2, 1945, and at Bruns General Hospital from August 4, 1945, to date. Commissioned on July 16, 1945. 2nd Lt. Reasoner is completing her work at Army Nurse Corps, A.U.S.

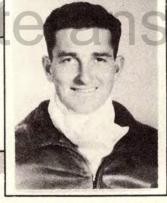




Cpl. WILLIAM E. BURGESS

Cpl. William E. Burgess was born Sept. 15, 1912, Entered service March 11, 1941, at Dallas, and was assigned to Army, Field Artillery. Trained at Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Ord, Calif. Served twenty-six months overseas on Attu, the Marshalls, Leyte, Peleliu and Anguar. Was wounded on Leyte by Jap sniper. He wears Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 7 Battle Stars, Purple Heart, Pre-Harbor Ribbon, Philippine Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medaland American Defense Service Ribbon. He served with the 48th Field Artillery as motor sergeant, and the 481st amphibious as mechanic. Cpl. Burgess returned to the states May, 1945, because of his injuries. Received discharge Jan. 7, 1947. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Burgess of Terrell.





*S/Sgt. JOHN E. SANDERS

S/Sgt. John E. Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sanders, Canton, Texas, was born January 1, 1915. Wife, Vivian Marie Brock Sanders, resides at 114 Alabama, Baytown, Texas. Attended Public Schools of Terrell, Texas. Volunteered November 6, 1942, at Houston, and was assigned to Army Air Force. He served overseas from May 12, 1944, to June 29, 1944, when he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in Germany. Sgt. Sanders served with the Eighth Air Force. He was awarded Air Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and the Purple Heart (Posthumously).

1st Lt. THURMAN G. SANDERS

lst Lt. Thurman Grady Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Sanders, Canton, Texas, was born February 21, 1920. Attended Public Schools of Terrell, Texas. Volunteered for service February 10, 1941, at Dallas, and was assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from March 25, 1945, to January 8, 1946, in the European Theater with the Eighth Air Force. Received Unit Citation, American Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Lt. Sanders returned to the States January 8, 1946, and was discharged February 2, 1946. He is a brother-in-law to Mrs. Marie Sanders, 114 Alabama St., Baytown, Texas.

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*T/5 CLARENCE DEAN

T/5 Clarence Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell M. Dean, of Kemp, and husband of Dorothy Mayes Dean, of Mabank, Texas, was born Feb.ll, 1911. On Jan. 7, 1943, at Athens, Texas, he entered service in the United States Army. He was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, for his military training, after which he served in the United States until October 1, when he went overseas. He was assigned to the Engineer Division of the Army. Less than a year after he entered the service, he died abroad. He was on board ship somewhere in the Mediterranean Area when another of the tragedies of war occurred, and he was reported missing among those who had lost their lives in the event, on November 27, 1943. He had, before becoming a soldier, been a farmer, and he was a member of the Methodist Church.

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Lt. (USNR) GEORGE BECKER, JR.

Lt. (USNR) George Becker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Becker, Sr., of Kaufman, was born Aug. 15, 1915. In Jan., 1942, he enlisted in the Navy, and was assigned to the Motor Torpedo Boats. Trained at Notre Dame and Northwestern Universities; Motor Torpedo Boat Training Center; and the Damage Control School, San Francisco. From Oct., 1943, to Sept., 1945, he was overseas in the American Theater, the Panama Frontier; was a Commanding Officer in the Pacific, and served aboard an aircraft carrier. He wears campaign ribbons and was released to inactive duty from the Personnel Office, Industrial Command, San Diego, where he was stationed in Dec., 1945.

Lt. (ig) MC (USNR) WALTER F. BECKER

Lt. (jg) M.C., (USNR) Walter Francis Becker, second of these brothers, was born Dec. 6,1917, and volunteered for the Army Medical Corps in March, 1943. He had been a student at the Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Nashville, Tenn., and was allowed to intern at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottes ville, after which he reported to the Navy for active duty, on [an.l, 1944. He was assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md. He served until July, 1944, when he was given an honorable medical discharge from the service. He was awarded the Rockefeller Fellowship at Memorial Hospital, N. Y., for 15 months, and now is assistant resident in surgery at the University of Virginia Hospital.







Lt. Col. WILLIAM A. BECKER

Lt. (USN) CHARLES BECKER

Mid. BRYAN BECKER

Lt. Col. WILLIAM ALBERT BECKER, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Becker, was born April 2, 1919, and enlisted in the Army in June, 1941. He was assigned to the Field Artillery, and after training at Fts. Sam Houston, Sill, Bliss, and Camp Bullis, he served overseas for 3 years, 1943-1946, in the Pacific. He led the 61st Field Art. Bn. into Leyte and Manila and on to Tokyo with 1st Cav. Div. of 6th Army. He was also in Australia, New Guinea, Admiralty Is., Bismarck Archipelago, and the American Theater of Operations. He holds the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Air Medal. He is now in Washington, D.C.

Lt. (USN) CHARLES BECKER was born July 3, 1921, and entered the U.S. Naval Academy in July, 1940. From Sept., 1943, to Aug., 1945, he served overseas, then again in June, 1946. He saw action in the Bougainville, Philippine, and Mariana Is.; Bismarck Archipelago; and Saipan. He took part in the Bataan and Corregidor landings. He holds campaign ribbons and 7 Bronze Stars and at present is a Gunnery Officer aboard the USS Holder.

Midshipman BRYAN BECKER, youngest of the five brothers, was born Oct. 30, 1926; attended the U.S. Naval Academy. At the present writing he is still there. He was appointed midshipman in Sept., 1944, and reported to the Naval Academy the next year, June, 1945.

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*Pfc VAUGHN W. DAUGHERTY

Pfc Vaughn Wood Daugherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Daugherty, of Forney, Texas, was born Jan. 21, 1920. On Oct. 30, 1939, at Dallas, he enlisted in the Marines and went to San Diego, California, for training. He was assigned to the Fourth Marines and went overseas on March 20, 1940, in action in Shanghai, China, and then in the Philippines. He was in the Battle of Corregidor and was among those unfortunate men who were captured and taken to a Japanese prison camp. After the fall of Corregidor he was held in the Philippines until September, 1942, when he was taken to Japan. It was in the P.O.W. camp at Osaka that he died, on March 26, 1943. From the beginning of the war until the report came that he was missing, and then word of his death, his mother heard no news of him. An American Legion Post was named in his honor in Forney.

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Sgt. JIMMIE S. LAMB

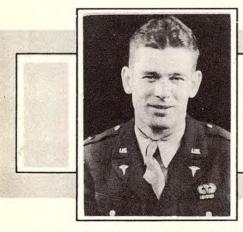


*1st Lt. DAVID M. LEWIS

Sgt. Jimmie Strait Lamb, birthdate October 11, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lamb, Mabank, Kaufman County, Texas. Attended the Mabank Elementary and High Schools and entered service April 27, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. He was assigned to the Army 36th Signal Construction Battalion, and trained at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Began overseas duty May, 1944, in the European Theater, and participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Sgt. Lamb returned to the States, received the Victory and Defense Medals, and was discharged from service December 11, 1945.

1st Lt. David Murrel Lewis, born August 5, 1922, husband of Junell Vaughan Lewis, Forney, Texas, volunteered January 8, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, Ground Crew, and began overseas duty April, 1943. He was based in North Africa, participating in the first bombing of Rome, air offensive over Italy, and was reported "Missing" on a mission over the Ploesti Oil Fields August 1, 1943. One year later he was declared officially lost with his plane and crew. The D.F.C. was awarded with the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. A step-brother, Robert D. Good, lost his life on Saipan. A son, David Murrel Lewis II, also survives.

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Capt. LEE F. SCARBOROUGH



Capt. PETE RICE, JR.

Capt. Lee F. Scarborough, born August 4, 1916, husband of Marguerite Scarborough, 5716 Borden, Galveston, Texas. Graduated from Baylor University, School of Medicine, in Dallas, and volunteered May 12, 1942, for the Army 82nd Airborne Div.; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. Bragg, N. C. He served from April, 1943, to April, 1945, in the European African Theater; participated as parachutist in the invasions of Sicily, Salerno, France on D-Day, Holland and Belgium, and was wounded on D-Day in France and durin the Battle of the Bulge. Capt. Scarborough was awarded Citation for Gallantry. Discharge granted December 28, 1945.

Capt. Pete Rice, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lane, Kaufman, Texas, was born May 20, 1922, a native of Texas. Attended the Dallas Schools and Virginia Military Institute. He volunteered May 10, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Infantry, 9th Division, training at Ft. Sill, Oklaho ma. Was commissioned on September 16, 1943. Capt. Rice served overseas from August, 1944, to June, 1946, in the European Theater where he participated in the campaigns of Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. His awards include the Presidential Citation and Belgian Fourragere. After returning home he was granted discharge August 29, 1946.





Sgt. Sneed Alson Johnson, twin son of Mrs. T. E. Johnson, Wortham, Texas, was born January 4, 1919, a native of Texas. Attended the Levelland and Wortham, Texas, Schools. He volunteered March 17, 1941, for service with the Army 1st Tank Bn., 1st Armored Division, training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and Camp Dix, New Jersey. Sgt. Johnson was later transferred overseas where he served from June, 1942, to June, 1945, in Algeria, French Morocco, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Tunisia and Northern Apennines campaigns. The EAME Campaign Ribbon with six Bronze Stars was awarded plus Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement, Good Conduct Medal, and other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge June 23, 1945.

Cpl. KENNETH L. JOHNSON

Cpl. Kenneth Lee Johnson, twin son of Mrs. T. E. Johson, Wortham, Freestone County, Texas, was born January 4, 1919. Attended Levelland and Wortham, Texas, Schools and volunteered June 19, 1937, for the Army Infantry. Was recalled to active duty July, 1942, after the declaration of war. He trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp Forrest, Tennessee, later transferring to the European Theater where he served from July, 1944, to October, 1945. Cpl. Johnson participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Two Purple Hearts were awarded for twice wounded in combat, Good Conduct Medal, Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars, and various other awards. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge November 12, 1945.





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RM 3/c CHARLES P. LAWRENCE

T/Sgt. RICHARD M. LAWRENCE

T/Sgt. Richard M. Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lawrence, Teague, Texas, was born September 6, 1923. Attended the Pioneer and Teague, Texas, Schools, and entered service February 16, 1943, with the Army, 86th Division. He trained at Camp Howze, Texas, and various other bases in the States, served from February to June of 1945, and from August, 1945, to February, 1946, overseas. Sgt. Lawrence participated in combat in Europe in the battles of the Ruhr and in Bavaria, later in the Pacific Theater on Luzon and Corregidor, P. I. The EAME Ribbon with one Star was awarded with Combat Medical Badge and other medals. Discharged Feb., 1946.

RM3/c Charles P. Lawrence, birthdate July 15, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lawrence, Teague, Texas, volunteered October 20, 1942, at Dallas for the Navy, Radio Branch, training at San Diego. Began overseas duty March, 1944, in the Pacific Theater where he served in Hawaii, Marshall, Gilbert, Mariana, Caroline, Palau Islands and Leyte; participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima and the Philippine Liberation, aboard the U.S. S. S. C. 1374. The Asiatic-Pacific Medal with two Bronze Stars with other medals were awarded. Radioman Lawrence also served at U.S.N. Air Stations in States. Discharged January, 1946.

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Pfc DONALD PRUITT



Pfc RONALD PRUITT

Pfc Donald Pruitt, son of Mr. and Mrs.W.L. Pruitt, Wortham, Texas, was born September 28, 1925, twin of Ronald Pruitt. He entered the Army Infantry November 27, 1943, and trained at Roberts, Calif., and Breckenridge, Ky. Began overseas duty December 18, 1943, in the European Theater where he served in England, France, Belgium, and Germany, participating in the Battle of the Bulge where he was wounded December 26, 1944. His awards include the Purple Heart, ETO Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge with other ribbons. After returning to States, he received discharge and re-enlisted; stationed at Army Air Base, Ft. Worth.

Pfc Ronald Pruitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pruitt, Wortham, Texas, was born September 28, 1925, and entered the Army Infantry, 75th Div., training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Breckenridge, Kentucky. He served overseas from October, 1944, to March, 1946, in England. France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, participating in combat in the battle of the Bulge, Rhineland, Colmar Pocket, Rhur Pocket and Meuse River, and was wounded in Belgium January 12, 1945. Pfc Ronald Pruitt served as Automatic Rifleman and his twin brother as his assistant gunner. His awards include the Purple Heart, three Battle Stars, and other medals. Discharged March, 1946.

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Sgt. HOWARD HORTON

Sgt. Howard Horton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Horton of Route #1, Teague, was born on the 22nd of January, 1915. He was a pipe line engineer before he entered the Army on March 2, 1942, at Camp Wolters. He was trained at Camp Hulen, and went to England on Aug. 5, 1942, with the 432nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. The five Battle Stars on his European Theater Ribbon are for participating in the campaigns of Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and the Po Valley GO 33 WD 45. He was not injured during the course of these actions, and returned to the United States to be discharged in September of 1945. He was released on the 10th of that same month. The promotions which he received took him through the grades of Pvt., Pfc., Cpl., and T/5 to Sgt.

1. —CAPT. REBECCA IRENE CHRISTOPHER, born Dec. 31, 1910. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Christopher of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service January 20, 1941, at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas; assigned to Army Nurses Corps. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Carson, Colo. Served overseas from Nov., 1944, to Nov., 1945. She received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 3, 1945. Attended St. Joseph School of Nursing, Ft. Worth, Texas.

2. —PETTY OFFICER 1/c HORACE WALTER CHRISTO-PHER, born July 11, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Christopher of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 7, 1942, in Navy Ordnance. Trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Served overseas from Oct., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in invasion of Marshalls, Saipan engagement, Philippines, Leyte landing, Manila, Iwo Jima Campaign, and Okinawa. Hereceived the American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 31, 1945.

3. —LT. JAMES WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER, born Nov. 16, 1908. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Christopher of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service May 12, 1942, in Navy Ordnance. He received a medical discharge. After graduating from Univ. of Chicago, was appointed Chief Distribution Officer for U.N.R.R.A. for all of China. Resigned and currently attending Oxford Univ. in England.

4. —CPL. CLIFFORD E. COLEMAN, born July 5, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Coleman of Kirvin, Texas. Entered the service March, 1942, in the Army 8th Engineers. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Camp Hill, Va., El Paso, Texas, and Indio, Calif. Served overseas from June, 1943, to May, 1945, in Australia, New Guinea, Admiralty, and invasion of Leyte and Luzon. Awarded Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged October, 1945.

5. —S. F. 1/c JOE CARTER COLEMAN, born Oct. 7, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Coleman of Kirvin, Texas. Entered the service May, 1944, in the Navy Amphib. Forces. Trained at San Diego, and Shoemaker, Calif. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to July, 1946, in nearly all of the Pacific Areas from Alaska, to New Caledonia. Wounded at Okinawa when ship was blown up. Awarded Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific, ATO,C. B. I. and Phil. Lib. and Victory Medals. Discharged July, 1946.

6. —S 2/c JOHN A. COLEMAN, born Dec. 9, 1912. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Coleman of Kirvin, Texas. Entered the service March, 1945, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Seabees. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from May, 1945, to Nov., 1945, at Pearl Harbor, and Okinawa. He received the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Nov., 1945. Attended Teague High School, Teague, Texas

7. —Mo M M I/c JIM WALLACE COLEMAN, born Nov. 15, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Coleman of Kirvin, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug., 1942, in the Navy Diesel Engineers. Trained in Calif., lowa, Md., and Solomons. Served overseas from March, 1943, to Dec., 1945, in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and Southern France. Was awarded European Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December, 1945.

8. —C.F.S. DAVID R. COLEMAN, born Oct. 23, 1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Coleman of Kirvin, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug., 1941, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Treasure Island, Calif. Served overseas from March, 1942, in Pacific Area aboard U.S.S. Sperry, Marshall, Admiralty, Philippine Islands, then on U.S.S. Sannar; is now on U.S.S. Kan Kaku. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals, and others. Still serving in the Navy.

9. —PVT. AUBREY FRANKLIN CHERRY, born Aug. 31, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cherry Sr., of Kirvin, Texas. Entered the service July 10, 1944, in the Army 86th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Fanning, Texas, and Camp Living ston, La. Served overseas from March 31, 1945, to June 17, 1945, in France, Germany, Belgium, Austria, and Ruhr. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 20, 1945. Attended Kirvin High School.

10.—COXSWAIN WILLIAM HENRY CHERRY, born March 2, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cherry, Sr., of Kirvin, Texas. Entered service Jan. 7, 1944, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from May, 1944, to Dec. 1, 1945, in Hawaii, and in the occupation of Marshalls, Gilbert Islands, and Johnson Islands. Was awarded American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Jan. 11, 1946.

*11.—PFC LEO CHERRY, JR., born June 5, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cherry, Sr., of Kirvin, Texas. Attended Kirvin High School and volunteered for service Dec. 3, 1943, in the Army 45th Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas in battles of North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. Wounded Sept. 24, 1943, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice Feb. 16, 1944, at Cassino, Italy. Was awarded Purple Heart twice, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon.

*12.—S/SGT. TOM CONN, was born September 13, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conn of Wortham, Texas. Husband of Mrs. Katherine Conn of Corsicana, Texas. Entered the service November, 1940, at Fort Sam Houston, and received his training at Fort Sam Houston, and at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Served overseas from 1943, to 1944, and was a member of invasion forces landing on the beaches of the Cherburg Peninsula. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Sept. 2, 1944, in France. Awarded the Purple Heart.

13.—2ND LT. WILLIAM A. (PETE) DAVIDSON, born Oct. 10, 1916. Son of Dr. and Mrs. J.P. Davidson of Teague, Texas. Volunte ered for service May 11, 1942, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Pampa, Texas, and Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. Served overseas from March, 1944, to June, 1945, in England. Was missing April 29, 1944, interned as POW in Germany. Was liberated April 29, 1945. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December, 1945.

14.—T/5 J.D. DAVIDSON, JR., born April 7, 1914. Son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Davidson of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service April 28, 1944, in the Army Corps of Engineers. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from Dec. 12, 1944, to Aug. 27, 1945, in Central Germany. He received the American Theater, EAME Theater with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged March 15, 1946.

15.—2ND LT. JOHN RASON DOBBS, JR., born Dec. 17, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Dobbs, Sr., of Teague, Texas. Entered service Oct. 28, 1942, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Mustang Field, Brooks Field, and Columbia Army Air Base. Served overseas from Oct. 21, 1944, to July 22, 1945, on Corsica and in Italy, battles of Po River, Balkans, Brenner Pass, and Apennine Mountains. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 8 Clusters, European Campaign with 3 Battle Stars. Still in service.

16.—COXSWAIN ROGER WAYNE GOOLSBY, born Aug. 12, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Louise Goolsby of Kirvin, Texas. Entered service April 9, 1943, in the Navy Armed Guard. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from June 29, 1943, to Nov. 1, 1945, in European Theater, and Pacific Islands. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 19, 1945. Attended Kirvin High School. Was a construction employee in Wichita Falls prior to military service.

17.—T/5 JAMES EDWARD HARTLEY, JR., born June 18, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hartley, Sr., of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 14, 1941, in the Army 866 Eng. A viation Battalion. Trained at Davis Monthan Field. Served overseas from f. ril 22, 1944, to Nov. 29, 1945, in New Guinea, Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon, and Japan, (3 invasions). Awarded American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Dec. 10, 1945.

18.—SGT. MARION AUSTIN NICHOLS, born Nov. 26, 1906. Brother of Mrs. Ophelia Holder, of Teague, Texas. Entered service April 15, 1942, in the Army, Battery B, 916th Field Artillery Battalion. Trained at Camp White, Oregon, and Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas 1 yr. 5 mo. in Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley Campaigns. He received EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Sept., 1945.

19.—PVT. ROBERT W. NICHOLS, was born Oct. 2, 1893. Brother of Mrs. Ophelia Holder, of Teague, Texas. Is a veteran of the first World War having entered service June 24, 1918, at Fairfield, Texas. Assigned to Army 7th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas in France. Was wounded by gas while serving in France, He was discharged July, 1919. Husband of Mrs. Myrtle Nichols of Teague, Texas.

*20.—PFC WILLIAM BELL HOLDER was born October 17, 1920. Son of Mrs. Ophelia Holder, and husband of Mrs. Ruby C. Holder of Teague, Texas. Entered the service May 15, 1942, at Fairfield, Texas. Was assigned to Army, Btry A., 212 A.F.A. Bn. Received his training at Camp Cook, California. Served overseas; was wounded Aug. 8, 1944, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice 4 days later on Aug. 12, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart and Bar Pin, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon.



1. —IST LT. JACKIE M. HORNER, born Sept. 9, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Horner of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 23, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Brady Field, and Eagle Pass Field, Texas. Served overseas from Feb., 1945, to Nov., 1945, on Guam, Marianas, Iwo Jima, and Japan. Was awarded Air Medal with 3 Clusters, Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal. Still in service as an instructor at Randolph Field, Texas.

2. —T/SGT. JESSIE JAMES HUGHES, born Oct. 8, 1921. Husband of Mrs. Dorothy Mae Hughes of Wortham, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 10, 1941; assigned to Army Second Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas from Aug., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in France, Germany, and Austria. Awarded Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, European Theater Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. Wounded March 17, 1945, in France. Was discharged October 17, 1945.

3. -T/SGT. JAMES EDWARD HUNT, SR., born Dec. 14, 1917. Husband of Mrs. Evelyn Hartley Hunt of Teague. Volunteered April 25, 1942, assigned to Army 2nd Armored Div. Trained at Camp Wolters. Overseas from Dec., 1942, to Feb., 1945, in Africa, French Morocco, Algeria, Sicily, England, Normandy, Northern France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Wounded in Germany. Awarded EAME with Silver Battle Star, Presidential Unit Citation with Cluster and others. Discharged May, 1945.

4. —CAPT. OLIVER JOEL HUNT, born Oct. 11, 1905. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hunt of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 6, 1942, at Baton Rouge, La. Assigned to Army Air Forces. Served in the United States from August 6, 1942, to December 13, 1946. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 12, 1946. He is the husband of Mrs. Leila E. Cox Hunt. Completed his education at Texas A and M College.

5. —S/SGT. ROBERT MILTON JORDAN, born Feb. 5, 1922. Husband of Mrs. Mary Joyce of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service April 18, 1941, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Randolph Field, Texas. Served overseas from Dec., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in England, France, Belgium Air Off., Europe, Normandy, and Rhineland Campaigns with Fighter Sqd. and Med. Bomber Grp. Awarded EAME Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 22, 1945.

6. -T/SGT. JAMES MILLER CRAIG, born June 24, 1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Keeling of Wortham. Volunteered for service Nov. 1, 1938; assigned to Army 2nd Division; later transferred to Army Air Corps June, 1941. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas. Served overseas April 29, 1945, to Oct. 28, 1945, in Philippines, Okinawa, China Campaign. Asiatic-Pacific, and Ryukyus. Awarded Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 25, 1945.

7. —SGT. JAMES RODERICK MATHISON, JR., born Feb. 11,1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Mathison. Entered service Nov. 13,1942; assigned to Army 82nd Airborne. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Ft. Bragg, N. C. Served overseas from Sept. 6,1943, to Dec., 1945, in England, Belgium, Holland, Germany, invasion of France and Battle of Bulge, Rhine Crossing and Crossing Elbe. Received Presidential Citation, ETO, Good Conduct, and awards of Belgium and Holland. Discharged Feb., 1946.

8. —CPL. FORT B. MEANS, born Aug. 27, 1916. Husband of Mrs. Virginia Means of Mexia, Texas. Entered service Nov. 29, 1943, assigned to 2nd Marine Air Wing. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from March 14, 1944, to May 17, 1945, in New Hebrides, Palau, and Battle of Peleliu. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct, American Theater, Asiatic Theater, American Defense, and Victory Ribbon. Expert in all except long rangerifle shooting. Discharged Dec., 1945.

9. —PVT. ROBERT JAMES PRICE, JR., born Feb. 2,1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Price, Sr., and husband of Mary Mathison Price, all of Wortham, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 1, 1942, assigned to Army 32nd Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Galif. Served overseas from April 22, 1942, to March 9, 1943, in Australian Area, and in the battle of Buna Mission. Wounded Nov. 24, 1942. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged July, 1943.

10.—PFC HENRY LEE MATHISON, born Feb. 21, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mathison of Wortham, Texas. Volunteered for service March 15, 1942, at Corsicana, assigned to Army 90th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. He received the Unit Citation, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 15, 1945. He attended Wortham High School. Husband of Barbara Sue Mathison, formerly of Bastrop, but now living in Wortham.

11.—PETTY OFFICER 2/c J. D. PRICE, born Sept. 4, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Price of Wortham, Texas. Volunteered for service August, 1942, at Corsicana, Texas. Assigned to Navyas a Petty Officer; trained at Great Lakes Training Station. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 7, 1945. Attended Wortham High School. Husband of Mrs. Gloria Lemon Price, 1319 90th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

12.—CAPT. JAMES F. MAYES, born Nov. 2, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mayes of Wortham, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 29, 1943. Assigned to 9th Army Air Force, 1st Pathfinder Squadron. Trained at Ellington Field, San Angelo, A.A.F., Barksdale Field, La. Served overseas from Aug. 1944, to July, 1945, in France; made 41 missions over Germany. Awarded Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, 1 Unit Citation, 6 Battle Stars, and Victory Medal. Discharged Jan., 1946.

13.—S/SGT. WILLIAM HARDY McSPADDEN, JR., born Nov. 13, 1921. Husband of Mrs. Marie Hartley McSpadden of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 28, 1941, in Army Air Force. Trained at Camp Wolters, Sheppard Field, Texas, Mobile Air Depot, Ala., and Macon, Ga. Served overseas from Aug., 1942, to Oct., 1945, in invasions of N. Africa, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Po Valley, and N. Apennines campaigns. Awarded Unit Citation Arm Insignia, EAME, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct.

14.—CAPT. EARLE FREEDYNE McSPADDEN, JR., born Aug. 2, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McSpadden, Sr., of Teague, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 19, 1943, for Army Ordnance Div. Trained at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. Served overseas a total of 19 months in Caribbean, and South Pacific. He received the American Defense, and Victory Medals. Reverted to inactive status as captain in Officers Reserve Corps, Ordnance Department August, 1946. Attended John Tarleton Jr. College and Texas A and M.

15.—S/SGT. ROY MASON MOSES, born Nov. 15, 1913, husband of Estelle Loader Moses of Teague, now living in White Swan, Wash. Entered the service April 2, 1941, assigned to Army Combat Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Served overseas from Dec. 16,1941, to Aug. 4, 1944, in Northern Solomons, Southwest Pacific, Hawaii, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, and New Guinea. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Combat Infantry Badge. Discharged August 22, 1945.

*16.—IST OFFICER GODFREY WEYMAN LOADER was born September 23, 1920. Son of Mrs. Walter Simpson of Teague, Texas. Attended Teague High School. Volunteered for service in the Merchant Marines, and received his training at New London, Conn. He has been missing since 1943 and since nothing has been heard he is presumed to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice while serving his country. He is the brother of Mrs. Estelle Calloway Moses of Box 94, White Swan, Washington.

17.—T/5 HENRY THOMAS MINCHEW, born March 5, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Ida Leola Minchew of Fairfield, Texas. Entered service Feb. 19, 1942, in Army 97th Signal Bn. Trained at Camp Crowder, Mo., Bowie, Texas, Polk, La., and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas from Oct. 14, 1944, to Oct. 17, 1945, in European Theater, battles of Ardennes, Rhir land, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Ribbon, Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Oct. 29, 1945.

18.—CHIEF PhM JOHN WESLEY PADGETT, born Feb. 22, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Padgett of Teague, Texas. Attended Texas University and volunteered for service March 1, 1942, in the Navy Medical. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Bethesda, Md. Served overseas from Oct., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in Marshalls, Guam, Leyte, Luzon, Northern Honshu, Japan. He received the American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Dec. 26, 1945. Time served out of the United States was on board U.S. S. Appalachain.

19.—PFC WALTER RANDOLPH PATTON, JR., born June 23, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Patton, Sr., of Teague, Texas. Entered service March 5, 1943, in Army 76th Division. Trained at Camp Butner, N.C. Served overseas May 10, 1944, to Sept. 1, 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Germany, battles of Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, 2 Overseas Service Bars. Discharged Nov. 6, 1945.

20.—M/SGT. PINKY WOODROW PLUNKETT, born March 7, 1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P.P. Plunkett of Wortham, Texas. Volunteered for service Aprill 7, 1943, in Army, Marine Engineer 080. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Served overseas from April 6, 1944, to Oct. 13, 1945, in battles of Northern France, and Normandy. Awarded European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, American Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged June 6, 1946. Seriously injured while on duty in wreck in France.



1. —S/SGT. WILLIAM F. WILLIAMSON, born Dec. 25, 1920. Son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Peyton of Fairfield, Texas. Entered service Oct. 26, 1943, at San Antonio, Texas, assigned to Army Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas. Served overseas from May 9, 1944, to Feb. 15, 1946, in Pacific, and South Pacific Area. Was awarded New Guinea Campaign Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Defense, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged Feb. 22, 1946.

2. -T/4 ORA E. FRYER, born Dec. 31, 1913. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Peyton of Fairfield, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 28, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to W.A. A.C., and trained at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. Served overseas from June 11, 1944, to Oct. 23, 1945, in South Pacific, on New Guinea. She received the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star. Was discharged October 31, 1945. Attended Fairfield High School.

3. —S/SGT. FRANKLIN B. PEYTON, born june 29, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Peyton of Fairfield, Texas. Volunteered for service May 12, 1941, at Randolph Field, Texas. Assigned to Army A.A.F. Division. Trained at Randolph, San Antonio, Texas. Served in the United States from May 12, 1941, to Nov. 27, 1945. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 27, 1945. Receivedhis education in Fairfield Schools and Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas.

*4. -2ND LT. GEORGE W. FRYER, born Oct. 4, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Peyton of Fairfield, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 22, 1942, at Dallas, Texas. Assigned to Army A.A.F. Trained at C.T.D., Canyon, Texas, D.A. A.F., Dyersburg, Tenn. Served overseas from Sept. 1, 1944, to Nov. 11, 1944, in 15th A.A.F. Italy. Didn't return from bombing mission over Salzburg, Austria. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Nov. 11, 1944. Was awarded the Purple Heart, American Defense, and Victory Medals.

5. —STORE KEEPER 2/c TOM JOE PEYTON, born Sept. 25, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Finis G. Peyton of Teague, Texas. Entered service April 24, 1943, assigned to Navy Air Corps. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Aug. 4, 1943, to Jan. 30, 1945, in American Area, Alaska, and Asiatic-Pacific. He received a Presidential Citation, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged January 27, 1946, and entered the dry goods business with his father.

6. -PFC MARVIN R. SCARBOROUGH, JR., born Dec. 4, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Scarborough, Sr., of Kirvin, Texas. Entered the service March 3, 1943, at Houston, Texas. As signed to Army 44 Division. Trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Served overseas from Sept. 15, 1944, to Oct. 26, 1945, in Northern France, and Rhineland GO 33 WD 45. Wounded Oct. 24, 1944, in France. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, American Theater, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Nov. 13, 1945.

7. —PVT. JOE JAMES SCARBOROUGH, born April 29,1918, a native of Texas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Scarborough, Sr., of Kirvin, Texas. Attended the Public Schools of Kirvin, and volunteered for service June 13, 1945, at San Antonio, Texas. Served in the United States from June 13, 1945, to July 22, 1945, when he received a medical discharge. He is the hu sband of Mrs. Christine Scarborough of Kirvin, Texas. He had two brothers in service.

8. — PFC BILLY JACK SCARBOROUGH, born June 14, 1928, Son of Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Scarborough, Sr., of Kirvin, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 11, 1945. Assigned to Army 13th Engr. Bn. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas from Dec. 21, 1945, to Oct. 24, 1946, in Army of Occupation in Korea. He received the World War II Victory Medal, Army Occupation Medal, and American Defense Ribbon. Was discharged November 27, 1946. Attended Kirvin, Texas, High School.

9.—s/SGT. JOHN THOMAS RUSS, R., son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Russ, Sr., of Teague, Texas, was born Oct. 9, 1917. Volunteered for service Nov. 16, 1935, Dallas, Texas. Assigned to Army 18th Field A, 2nd Division. Trained at Fort Sill, Okla. Served overseas from 1943 to 1945 in Germany, in five major battles for which he received five Battle Stars, A merican Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October, 1945. He attended Teague, Texas, High School.

10.—S/SGT. HERBERT MAURICE RUSS, born Dec. 5, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Russ, Sr., of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service July 9, 1941, at Kelly Field, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Force, and trained at Kelly Field, Texas. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 13, 1945. Attended Teague High School, Teague, Texas, and was employed by the Burlington Rock Island Railroad prior to service in the Army.

11.—T/SGT. HOMER KENNETH RUSS, born Feb. 15, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Russ, Sr., of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service June 14, 1941, in the Army Air Force, 1326 A.A.F.B.U.-A.T.C. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas, Keesler Field, Miss., and Corlissair, Buffalo, N.Y. Served overseas from Oct. 13, 1944, to Dec. 24, 1945, in India, Burma, and Egypt. Awarded EAME Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit Badge. Discharged Dec. 30, 1945.

12.—PFC FENTON ROBINSON SMITH, JR., born April 10, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F.R. Smith, Sr., of Teague, Texas. Entered service April 23, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Hereceived the Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February 4, 1946, at Bowman Field, Ky. Attended Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas, and is the husband of Vera Dean Smith of Teague.

13.—S/SGT. ALDRICE LLOYD SMITH, born Sept. 4, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smith of Wortham. Entered service Jan. 24, 1941, assigned to Army 36th Division. Overseas from April 1, 1943, to June 16, 1945, in battles of Salerno, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME, 5 Stars, Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Citation. Discharged July, 1945. Selected to present Gov. Stevenson with a captured German war trophy.

14.—PFC WILLIAM HENRY DRIVER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Driver of Wortham, Texas. Husband of Mrs. Lottie Zuber Driver of Wortham, and the father of 3 children. Entered the service November 22, 1945, at Camp Wolters, Assigned to Army Gavalry Division. Trained at Ft. Riley, Kansas. He received the American Defense, Good Conduct Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 10, 1945. Attended Wortham High School.

15.—CPL. DEWARD EARNEST WEBB, born May 12, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Webb of Arlington, Texas. Entered service June 3, 1942, assigned to First Army. Trained at Camp Callan, Calif. Served overseas from Jan. 3, 1943, to June 18, 1944, in England. He received the Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, 1 Overseas Bar, EAME, and American Theater and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 18, 1945. Attended Arlington, Texas, High School.

16.—CPL. CLIFFORD RAY ZUBER, born Nov. 15, 1912. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Zuber of Wortham, Texas. Entered service Oct. 23, 1942. Assigned to Army M.D.; trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Served overseas Aug. 21, 1943, to Dec. 8, 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Italy, and Okinawa. Awarded EAME Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 1 Bronze Star, 4 Overseas Service Bars, 1 Service Stripe, and Victory Medal. Discharged Jan. 17, 1946.

17.—S/SGT. JAMES ALVIS WHITE, born Aug. 3, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White of Kirvin, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 6, 1942, assigned to 4th Army Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Hommes Field, Calif. Served overseas from Nov. 18, 1944, to Jan. 25, 1946, in Australia, Dutch New Guinea, and Philippines. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal, Asiatic Theater, 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Jan. 25, 1946.

18.—S/SGT. J. L. WHITE, born April 4, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White of Kirvin, Texas. Entered service April 16, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, and Amarillo Field. Served overseas from March 14, 1944, to Oct. 22, 1945, in 15th Air Force in Italy as a ground mechanic. Awarded Battle Stars for Rome-Arno, air combat Balkans, Rhineland, N. Apennines, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 8, 1945.

19.—T/5 WILLIAM ALFRED LOTT, born March 10, 1917. Son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White of Kirvin. Volunteered for service Sept. 30, 1940, assigned to Army 113th Cavalry Reg. Trained at Camp Bowle, Brownwood, Texas. Served overseas from Jan. 18, 1944, to Oct. 20, 1945, in battles of Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Battle Stars and Area Ribbon. Discharged Oct. 30, 1945. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lott of Wapello, Iowa.

*20.—SGT. TILLMAN GEORGE COOPER, born Jan. 19, 1912. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Cooper of Teague, Texas. Entered service March, 1942, assigned to Army Infantry 90th Division. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Served overseas from March, 1944, to Sept. 27, 1944, crossing the English Channel on D-Day, most of his company destroyed; transferred to 3rd Army. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Sept. 26, 1944, at Metz, France. Awarded Silver Star, Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, Victory Ribbon and others.





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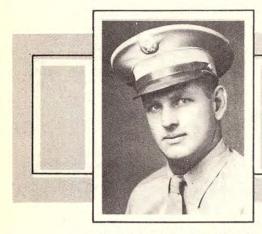
S 1/c JAMES A. FULCHER

Lt. FREDERICK E. DEARING, JR.

Lt. F. E. Dearing, born Dec. 21,1919, son of F. E. Dearing, husband of Lois Dearing, Teague, Texas. Educated at O. M. RobertsGrammar, Teague High School, and A and M College, Arkansas. He volunteered for service on Dec. 23, 1940, and was assigned to the Army 35th and 8th Air Forces. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., Santa Maria, Calif., Las Vegas, Nev., Ellington Field, Texas, McDill Field, Fla. Served in the U. S. 20 months and overseas 1 year, in N. France, S. France, Rhineland, Normandy. In POW camps 1 yr., in Nordeney, Frankfurt, Wetzlar, Nurnburg, and Moosburg, Germany. Awards: Air Medal, 3 OLC, P. Heart, EAME, 4 Stars, ATO. In Organized Reserve.

S 1/c J. A. Fulcher, born June 8, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fulcher, Box 261, Teague, was educated at O.M. Roberts Grammar and Teague High Schools, Texas. Entered the service on April 28, 1944, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Armed Guard. He served in the United States for 1 year and 2 months, and overseas from August, 1944, to July, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, and European-African Theater of War. Prior to his enlistment to the United States Navy S 1/c Fulcher had just graduated from high school, at Teague, Texas. He received his honorable discharge on May 30th, of 1946.

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*Pfc EDWIN H. JONES



Sgt. JOE T. TIMS

Pfc E. H. Jones, born Jan. 15, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jones, Box 202 Wortham, was educated at Wortham, Texas, High School; he entered the service on October 28, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the Army, 96th Division. Trained at Camp Adair, Oregon. Served in the United States from October 28, 1942, to June, in 1944, and overseas from June to November 3, 1944. On Leyte Island Pfc Jones paid the Supreme Sacrifice in line of duty, in the Battle of Leyte on the 3rd day of November, 1944. His awards were: Purple Heart, Rifleman Medal, and medals for pistol marksmanship.

Sgt. J. T. Tims, born May 13, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Tims, Kirvin, was educated at Kirvin Grammar, and High Schools, and North Texas State Teachers College, Denton. He volunteered for service on June 1, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served in the United States 9 months, and overseas from Dec. 12, 1942, to July 5, 1945, in N. Africa Tunisian Campaign; Sicily, Sicilian Campaign; Italy, Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno Campaigns, and Corsica Awards: Good Conduct, EAME Ribbon with 4 Battle Stars. Sgt. Tims received an honorable discharge Oct., 1945.





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*F1/c ALVIE C. AWBREY

*T/4 NORMAN G. WARD

T/4 N. G. Ward, born Nov. 14, 1920, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ward, Star Route, Sidney, and husband of Dorothy Teer Ward, Box 11, Wortham. He entered the service on January, 1941, at Tahoka, Texas, and was assigned to the Army 9th Div. Trained at Fort Riley, Kansas, and Camp Polk, La. He served in the United States for 3 years and 7 months, and overseas 4 months, in European Theater, and the Battle of the Bulge. He was reported missing for 3 months, then pronounced killed in action. Awarded Purple Heart. Promoted from Cpl. to T/4 after going overseas. He died Dec. 18, 1944. He is survived by one daughter who was born shortly after he arrived over-

F 1/c Awbrey, was born on April 25, 1926, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Awbrey of Route 2, Box 292 A, Gladewater, Texas. He attended White Oak High School at Longview, Texas; volunteered for the service on February 28, 1944, at Tyler, assigned to the U.S. Navy; trained at U.S.N.T.S. in San Diego, California. He went overseas on August 22, 1944, and served in the Pacific Area in attacks on Formosa, Luzon, China Coast, and Mansu Shoto. F 1/c Alvie C. Awbrey was reported missing from April 7, 1945, until September 6, 1945, and since has been officially declared dead. He was on the U.S.S. Hancock when it was hit on April 7, 1945.

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T/Sgt. TRAVIS L. BOYETT



I.t. Col. DONALD S. BOWMAN

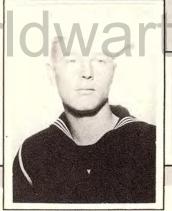
T/Sgt. Boyett, was born July 4, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boyett, and husband of Esta Boyett of Humble Ave., Longview; attended Longview High School. Volunteered for service Oct. 16, 1940, assigned to 104th Co. M., 413th Inf.; trained at Bowie, Texas, Adair, Ore., Horn, Ariz., and Carson, Colo. In European Theater 10mos., in battle of N. France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Was a member of the Timber Wolfe Div. commanded by Terry Allen. Wounded in Belgium Oct. 26, 1944. His awards include Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Combat Inf. Badge, American Defense, and EAME Service Medals. On September 22, 1945, T/Sgt. Boyett was given an honorable discharge.

Lt. Col. Bowman, was born Sept. 29, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alrah E. Bowman of 711 E. Melton, Longview, and husband of Barbe Aimee Bowman. He held 1st Lt. in O.R. when he volunteered for service June 23, 1941. Entered Sig. and Supply Depot of the Army; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas 4 yrs., in England, France, Germany, at Linden, Paris, and Wiesbaden. Awarded Bronze Star, and Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service rendered. He returned to the U. S. from Wiesbaden, Germany, on July 19, 1946, docking at New York. At present he is working for the Graybar Electric Company in Houston, Texas.



T/Sgt. PAUL W. CHANDLER, JR.

T/Sgt. Paul Wynn Chandler, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chandler, of Kilgore, Texas, was born March 4, 1924. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps, at Tyler, Texas, on Oct. 26, 1942. He was trained at Sheppard Field, Sedalia, and Ft. Wayne, and was sent overseas in July, 1943. Served in the Pacific Area until June 30,1945, seeing action in New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Bismarck Archipelago, and participating in the Battle of Luzon. He was with the 56th Carrier Sqdn. of the 5th Air Force, as anaerial engineer and had approximately 1100 flying hours. His awards are: DFC; Air Medal with 1 OLC; Phil. Is. Lib., 2 OLC; Asiatic-Pacific, 5 Bronze Stars; and Good Conduct. He was honorably discharged July 5, 1945.



S 2/c TULLY E. CHOICE



Cpl. H. T. ELDER

S 2/c Choice, was born on April 6,1926, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Choice of Kilgore, Texas. He attended Sabine High School, and entered the service July 25, 1944, at Dallas; assigned to the Navy Amphibian Branch, and was sent to U.S.N.T.C. at San Diego, California. He served in Coronado and Oceanside, California, and was overseas from August 25, 1945, until March 7, 1946, in the Asiatic South Pacific Area in Sasebo, Japan. His awards are Victory Medal, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon. Seaman Second Class Tully E. Choice was given an honorable discharge in March, 1946.

Cpl. Elder, was born on June 5, 1919, in Texas, son of Mrs. Trip Elder of 1208 Pine Street in Kilgore, Texas. He attended grammar school at Kilgore, Riverside Military Academy at Gainsville, Georgia, and Hollywood, Florida, and entered the service on September 14,1942, at Kilgore. Assigned to the U.S. Army as Personnel Clerk, and was stationed at Fort McClellan at Anniston, Alabama; was later sent to CampBlanding in Florida. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. Cpl. H.T. Elder received his honorable discharge on October 5, 1944, after two years of service.

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Cpl. HAROLD D. HARMON

Cpl. Harold Dean Harmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Harmon, Kilgore, Texas, was born September 29, 1925, in Wichita Falls, Texas. He attended John Tarleton College in Stephenville, Texas, and entered the U.S. Marine 5th Amphibious Force November 27, 1943. Attended training schools in San Diego and Ordnance Publication School, San Francisco. Cpl. Harmon embarked aboard the USS Mormacturn April 18, 1944; reported to Espirito Santo in the New Hebrides Islands, then was sent to Guadalcanal and Tulagi, later to the Ordnance Company, 4th Base Depot, Amphibious Corps, for permanent duty on the Island of Banika, Russell Group. His duties included the receiving of confidential, restricted and secret publications on all combat organizations possessing the related equipment. He often accompained shipments as Guard. A Unit Letter of Commendation was awarded in connection with the Okinawa operations. After hostilities ceased, Cpl. Harmon prepared Marine Units for landing in Japan and China. Discharge was granted May 11, 1946.

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*1st Lt. JOE B. CRANE

1st Lt. Joe Bartlett Crane was born on Feb. 10, 1919. He was the son of the late Dr. James B. Crane and Mrs. Lucy B. Crane of Kilgore, Texas. He volunteered for service at Dallas on June 1,1941. He was assigned to the Army Air Transport Command. Training was given him at Love Field, Dallas; Rosecrans Field St. Joseph, Mo.; Reno Army Air Field, Reno, Nev.; and Memphis, Tenn. On Feb. 9, 1943, he was transfeered to the African Theater. He was given the European-African-Middle-Eastern Theater Service Ribbon. He was at Maiduguri, Africa, and later moved to Khartoum, Africa. While in Africa he was pilot of the U.S. Transport Line. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice when his plane crashed near Bokoro, Africa, Dec. 29, 1944.



CCM JACK E. COX



AMM 1/c RICHARD C. MAXEDON

C.C.M. Cox, was born on August 29, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cox of Longview, Texas, and husband of May Forrest Cox of 1409 E. 37th St., Austin. He attended school at Longview, and volunteered for service April 24, 1942, at Corpus Christi. Was assigned to Naval Construction Bn., 53rd Bn., training at Norfolk, Virginia. Served at San Diego, Calif. He served overseas 21 months in South and Southwest Pacific on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, and Guam. His awards are: Presidential Unit Citation, Personal Commendation, and Expert Rifleman's Medal. Stationed at Camp Parks, Shoemaker, Calif., before his discharge on October 3, 1945.

AMM1/c Richard Calt Maxedon, born July 28, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Maxedon, Kilgore, Texas, volunteered June 21, 1942, for the Naval Reserve; trained for machinist and aerial gunnery in Chicago, Florida, and Hutchison, Kansas; later served from June, 1943, to April, 1944, and April to October of 1945 overseas. He was on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Hawaiian Islands, Japan, China and on various other Pacific Islands. Was once injured when his plane crashed into the sea near Saipan while returning from a mission over Japan Coastal Area, but was rescued shortly. Two Unit Commendations with Air Medal were awarded. Discharged November, 1945.



Lt. James Maurice Bivins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bivins, 112 West Methvin, Longview, Texas, was born March 1, 1919, in Texas; attended Texas University in Austin, and volunteered February 10, 1942, at Dallas, for the U. S. Naval Reserve. Lt. Bivins attended U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipman's School, New York City, and served from February 20, 1943, to November, 1944, aboard the U.S.S. Nicholson in the Atlantic - Mediterranean at Sicily, Italy and North Africa, in the Southwest Pacific on New Guinea, Admiralty Islands and Biak, and in the Central Pacific on the Western Caroline Islands. Various awards were received, including the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Discharge from Naval service was granted Lt. Bivins January 4, 1946.

Capt. Tom Durham Bivins was born July 26, 1917, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice H. Bivins, Longview, Texas, and husband of Claire Smith Bivins, of the same city. He attended Baylor University in Waco, and volunteered June 17, 1941, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, for the Army 3rd Armored Division, training at Camp Polk, Louisiana. Capt. Bivins was promoted to Sergeant, then commissioned 2nd Lieutenant April 11, 1942. His overseas duty was served from February, 1945, to July, 1945, in the European Theater with the 20th Armored Division in the battles of Munich, Ruhr Pocket and occupation of Bavarian and Austrian Tyrol. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded for meritorious service, and other ribbons. Discharge was granted October 28, 1945.

M/Sgt. SANDFORD J. CUNDIFF

Master Sgt. Sandford Jay Cundiff, son of S. L. Cundiff of Kilgore, Texas, and husband of Kathryn Cundiff, was born April 21, 1921. He attended high school in Kilgore, and enlisted in the Army on June 8, 1944, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was trained at Ft. Sam Houston until he left for the European-African-Middle-Eastern Theater in April, 1945. He was in Central Europe for one year. His citations were the EAME Campaign Ribbon with Bronze Star; Army Occupation of Germany Ribbon; two Overseas Bars; Good Conduct Medal; and Victory Ribbon. He was with the 766th Railroad Battalion supervising locomotive repair work. His honorable discharge was given him May 15, 1946.





SF 1/c ALEXANDER D. FISHER, JR.

SF 1/c Fisher, was born on June 22, 1906, in Texas, son of Mrs. Anna L. Fisher, and husband of Clarice Fisher of 425 S. Fredonia Ave., Longview, Texas. Attended Longview Grammar and High Schools and college at Lubbock. He volunteered for service on October 25, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the U. S. Navy, going to Norfolk, Virginia, for his training. He served overseas in the Asiatic South Pacific Theater, with service duty in the Hawaiian Islands and later on Saipan. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. SF 1/c Alexander Donald Fisher, Jr., received an honorable discharge in the latter part of 1945.

GM VERNON S. FLENNIKEN, JR.

G. M. Flenniken, was born on July 31, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Flenniken, Sr., of Rt. 3, Box 86, Kilgore, Texas. Attended Kilgore High School, and entered the Navy Armed Guard on July 27, 1944; trained at San Diego, Calif. Served on the Marshall Is., Eniwetok, Kwajalein, Majuro; Admiralty Is.; Manua, Los Negros, Mokerang; Philippine Is.; Leyte, Samar; Dutch E. Indies; Morotai, Nabu; Western Carolines; Yap, Ulithi; Guam; New Guinea; Hollandia, Biak; and Hawaiian Is. His awards are Philippine Liberation, American Theater, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 2 Battle Stars. Served as navy gunner on 20 MM machine gun. Honorably discharged Feb. 7, 1946.





Sons of Angus B. and Winnie Walker Spear, Kilgore, Texas.

Pfc JOHN M. SPEAR, entered the Army March 26, 1944, and received his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Attended school for tail gunner's at Tyndall Field, Florida, later transferring to the Infantry. Pfc Spear began overseas duty May 6, 1945, arriving at LeHavre, France. Was assigned to the Provost Marshal's Office at Dachau Concentration Camp near Munich, Germany; later attached to 398th A.A.A. to return to the States. Discharge was granted May 4, 1946, from Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Sgt. PAUL M. SPEAR, entered the U.S. Army November 3, 1944, in Dallas, Texas; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, as rifleman in the Infantry. He began overseas duty March, 1945, landing at Glasgow, Scotland; served with the 106th Infantry Division in France and Germany; transferred to 1st Armored Division in Germany, and later to the 306th Ordnance Battalion. After returning to the States Sgt. Spear was discharged July 23, 1946, from Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Ist Lt. WINIFRED J. SPEAR entered the Army March 12, 1941; trained in the States, receiving his commission as 2nd Lieutenant. He transferred overseas December 22, 1943, as 1st Lieutenant with 787th M. P. Battalion; served as Security Guard for Allied Headquarters during the "Little Blitz" on London; left for Paris, France, November 8, 1944, where he policed the city and allied equipment, also Embassy there. After receiving various ribbons, he was granted discharge February 10, 1946, from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.



Sgt. WILLIAM L. CUNYUS

Sgt. William Leslie Cunyus, son of Mrs. W. F. Cunyus, of Longview, and husband of Vivian Anderson Cunyus, also of Longview, was born Oct. 28, 1915. Entered service in the U. S. Army on Sept. 26, 1942, at Camp Wolters, and was assigned to the Chemical Warfare Division. He was given training at Camp Sibert, Ala., and served 33 months in the Panama Canal Zone. He was with the 95th Chem. Comp. Co., for one year, at Corozal Chem. Depot, C.Z., and for 21 months he was with San Jose Project at San Jose Island, Panama. On Nov. 12, 1945, he was granted an honorable discharge from further military service. Previous to his induction he was a student at the University of Texas, in Austin.





1st Lt. JAMES H. CORDELL

Ist Lt. James Hardy Cordell, son of Mrs. Willie Fambrough, and husband of Faye E. Cordell, Longview, Texas, was born Dec. 13, 1916. Attended University of Texas. Volunteered for Army Air Corps March 19, 1942. From Dec., 1943, to Sept., 1944, he was an instructor-bombardier at March Field, Calif., after which he served in New Guinea, Owi, Philippines, Ie Shima, Mindoro and air offensive of Japan. Awarded: Air Medal, two Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 5 Battle Stars. Philippine Liberation, American Defense and Victory Ribbons. Discharged Feb. 27, 1946.

Cpl. DON P. FAMBROUGH

Cpl. Don Preston Fambrough was born October 19, 1922, in Texas. He is the son of Mrs. Willie Fambrough, and husband of Delfred Few Fambrough, Longview, Texas. Cpl. Fambrough acquired his education in the public schools, Longview, and in Texas University. On November 4, 1942, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps at Austin, Texas, and received basic training in Texas, Utah, Nebraska and Colorado. From January to May of 1945 he served in Puerto Rico. He was honorably discharged on February 15, 1946, and returned to civilian life.

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Cpl. KENNETH R. DEEMER

Cpl. Kenneth Roy Deemer, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Deemer, Kilgore, Texas, and the husband of Dorris Deemer of Kilgore, was born September 27, 1923, in Burkburnett, Texas. Attended Texas Military College in Terrell. He volunteered for service December 7, 1942, at Longview, Texas, with the U.S. Marine Corps, 4th Air Wing. Trained at Cherry Point, North Carolina, Tampa, Florida, and El Toro, California; later served from December, 1943, to April, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations on the Marshall Islands, Eniwetok, Engebi and Roi-Namur. Cpl. Deemer was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Presidential Citation, with World War II Victory, American Theater and American Defense Awards. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from the Marine Air Wing Corps November 16, 1945, after three years of faithful service with the United States Armed Forces.

1. —A.M.M. 1/c ELLABETH ABERCROMBIE, born Feb. 9, 1922. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Abercrombie of Kilgore, Texas. Entered service December 20, 1942, at Washington, D. C., in the Navy, Mechanic Aviation. Received her training at Memphis, Tennessee. Served in the United States from January 20, 1943, to November 20, 1945. On this date she received an honorable discharge. She received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Attended 1 year at Kilgore Junior College.

2. -T/SGT. GLENN H. ABERCROMBIE, born June 4, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Abercrombie of Kilgore, Texas. Entered service Oct. 16, 1944, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Temple, Texas. Served overseas from Nov. 1, 1945, to Sept. 20, 1946, in Occupation Army in Japan. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 18, 1946. Attended Kilgore High School.

3. — CPL. JOHN ABERCROMBIE, JR., born Sept. 17, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Abercrombie, Sr., of Kilgore, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 4, 1942, at Houston, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Was an aviation mechanic, and gunner. Trained at Keesler Field, Mississippi. Served in the United States from September 4, 1942, to February 12, 1946, at which date he was discharged. He received American Defense, and Victory Medals. Attended 1 year Kilgore Junior College.

4. -T/3 RILEY W. ABERCROMBIE, born Mar. 11, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Abercrombie of Kilgore, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 29, 1943, in the Army Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Crowder, Mo. Servedoverseas May 11, 1944, to June 1, 1946, in C.B.I. Theater. Radio repairman single channel teletype; installed and maintained 2 tone teletype equipment. Inspected equipment for defects or damage; replaced or repaired when necessary. Discharged June 5, 1946.

5. —G.M. 1/c ALTON ODELL ANDERSON, born Oct. 11, 1920. Son of Rev. and Mrs. Deckert Anderson of Kilgore, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 10, 1940, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Pearl Harbor. Overseas 54 months in Balboa, Pacific Islands, Aleutian, Philippines, and Kamandorskis Islands. Served on U.S.S. Richmond, and U.S.S. Hector. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, and American Defense Medal with 1 Star. Discharged Dec. 9, 1947.

*6. —S/SGT. HOMER LACY ANDERSON, born Aug. 21,1922. Son of Rev. and Mrs. Deckert Anderson of Kilgore, Texas. Entered service Feb., 1943, at Kilgore, Texas, in the Army 146 Combat Engineers Division. Trained at Camp Swift, and Bastrop, Texas. Overseas Oct., 1943, to June 6, 1944. Participated in invasion of Normandy on D-Day; was with the first platoon of men to go ashore, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice within two hrs. June 6, 1944, at Normandy. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and Victory.

7. —YEOMAN 3/c BEN F. CAMMACK, JR., born May 27, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Cammack of Kilgore. Volunteered June 27, 1944, in the Navy Repair, Transport Branch. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Aug., 1945, to June, 1946, in Hawaiian, Mariana, Philippine Islands, Northern Pacific, Asiatic-Pacific, and Southwestern Pacific. Duty on carrier transport. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Area Medal. Discharged June 12, 1946. Served on U.S.S. Steamer Bay (C.V.E.87)

8. —IST LT. ELMORE CAMMACK, born July 30,1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cammack of Kilgore. Volunteered for service April 26,1943, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Ontario, Calif., and Marfa, Texas. Overseas from July, 1944, to June, 1945, in 321st Bomb. Group, 447th Bomb. Squadron, Corisca, Italy; 65 combat missions over Italy, Austria, Yugoslavia, Southern France, Rhineland. Awarded Air Medal 5 OLC, DFG., Unit Citation, and EAME Medal with 7 Battle Stars. Discharged Oct. 2, 1945.

9, —IST LT. CARL TERRY HEATH, JR., born Sept. 28, 1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Heath. Entered service May, 1942, in the Army Air Gorps. Trained at Monroe, La., Memphis, Tenn., and Maxwell Field, Ala. Overseas from June, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in India, [Flying the Hump], Mediterranean Theater, South Pacific, China, Burma Theater, 280. NRS. over Hump, navigator. Was awarded Air Medal, Presidential Câtation, American Defense, and Victory Medal. Discharged October, 1945.

10.—IST LT. THOMAS NORMAN HURST, born Sept. 28, 1922. Volunteered for service July 1, 1942, in the Army. Trained at Ft. Beaureguard, La., Ft. Sill, Okla., Camp Roberts, Calif., and Camp Polk, La. Served overseas from Oct., 1944, to March, 1946, in Italy, North Apennines, Po Valley, and in occupations in Mediterranean Theater. Was awarded Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged May 5, 1946. Attended Texas A and Muniversity, College Station, Texas.

*11.—CPL. LLOYD ORVAL COFFMAN, born Feb. 28, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Coffman of Kilgore, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept., 1942, in the Army Paratroops, 508 Division. Trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Mackall, North Carolina. Served overseas from Dec., 1943, to June, 1944, in Ireland, England, France and Normandy. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 7, 1944, at Normandy, France. Awarded Expert Rifleman, Purple Heart, American Defense, and Victory Medals.

12.—T/SGT. LORAN WALDO DILLMAN, born Oct. 16, 1914. Husband of Mrs. Anna R uth Dillman formerly of Greggton, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 18, 1942, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Lincoln, Neb., and Bowman Field, Ky. Overseas from Aug., 1944, to Aug., 1945, in China, Burma, India, Central Burma, and India Burma. Awarded Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and Asiatic-Pacific Medal with 3 Battle Stars. Discharged Oct. 16, 1945.

13.—LT. JAMES MILTON CAMMACK, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cammack of Longview, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 10, 1943, in the Army Air Gorps. Trained at Victorville, Calif., and Alamogordo, N. Mex. Overseas in Saipan, Mariana Island, Tinian, Clark Field, Luzon, Philippine Islands, and Japan. Awarded Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 2 Battle Stars, and Victory Medal. Still in service in the 13th Air Force. Attended Longview High School.

*14.—CPL. ALVIN LAMAR CAMMACK, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cammack of Longview, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 18, 1942, in the Marines 4th Division. Trained at San Diego, and Oceanside, Calif. Served overseas in Saipan, Marshall, and Mariana Islands. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice July 6, 1944, at Saipan. Was awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Battle Stars, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals.

15.—SPECIALIST (Y) 3/c KENNETH WAYNE DODSON, born June 10, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel G. Dodson of Gladewater, Texas. Entered the Navy Aviation Branch Sept. 8, 1943. Trained at Corpus Christi, and Ft. Worth, Texas. Overseas from Jan., 1944, to March, 1946, in NAF British Guiana, NAF Fortaliza, Brazil, Caribbean Sea Frontier, and European Theater. Awarded Air Crewman Wings, European Theater, American Defense, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged March 26, 1946.

16.—PFC JOEL HOWARD DODSON, born June 13, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel G. Dodson of Gladewater, Texas. Entered the Army Cavalry Division Oct. 25, 1944. Trained at Ft. Riley, Kas., and Ft. Ord, Calif. Overseas from July, 1945, to Aug., 1946, in Luzon, Leyte, Mindanao, Japan, Hiroshima, Hiro, Okinawa, Nagoya, and Kyoto. Awarded Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific, Presidential Citation, Philippine Liberation, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Aug. 9, 1946.

17.—SEAMAN 2/c JAMES PAUL FEARS, born Dec. 16, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fears of Kilgore, Texas. Volunteered for service October 1, 1943, at Longview, Texas, in the Navy Air Corps. Received his training at Corpus Christi, Texas. Served in the United States from October 1, 1943, to February 2, 1946. Was discharged February 2, 1946. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Attended Kilgore High School. Had 2 brothers in the service.

18.—PVT. ROBERT ALONZO FEARS, born Oct. 6, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs., J. P. Fears of Kilgore, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 2, 1940, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army 15th Field Art. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Served in the United States from Feb. 2, 1940, to Dec. 20, 1944, in Camp Blending, Fla., and Ft. George Meade, Md. Was given a medical discharge December 20, 1944. He received the American Defense, and Victory Medals.

19.—S.F.3/c DILLARD FRANKLIN FEARS, born Oct. 31, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fears of Kilgore, Texas. Entered the Navy Oct. 22, 1943. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Dec., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in Marshalls, Marianas, Bonin, Palau, Admiralty, Celebes, Pagan, Truk, Formosa, and Philippine Islands, Okinawa, China, and Japan. Awarded Presidential Citation, Asiatic-Pacific, Rifle Marksmanship, and Philippine Liberation with 9 Bronze Stars. Discharged Jan 1, 1946.

20.—A.O.M. 3/c JOHN FLETCHER, born Feb.13, 1925. Son of Mrs. Lula Golden Fletcher, of Kilgore, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 12, 1943, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif., Norman, Okla., and Whidbey Island. Served overseas from December 8, 1943, to June 18, 1945. Was discharged November 16, 1945. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Completed his education at Kilgore Junior College.

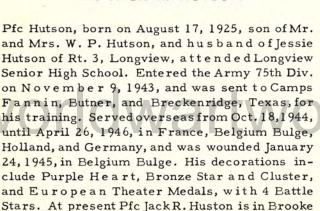


Sgt. THOMAS E. McDANIEL

Sgt. Thomas E. McDaniel was born on Dec. 20, 1921. His wife is Lillian McDaniel of Fabens, Texas. He volunteered for the Army on July 24, 1940, at Dallas and was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division serving at Fort Clark, Texas. On July 3, 1943, he left for overseas duty. He was in the New Guinea Campaign, also the Admiralty Is., Leyte, Southern Philippines, and Luzon. About the time that he was promoted to the rank of Sgt., he was wounded, which was in Feb., 1945. In July, 1945, he returned to the U.S. His awards are: Good Conduct; Bronze Star; and the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged August 4, 1945. Previous to enlistment he attended Kilgore High School.



Pfc JACK R. HUTSON



Hospital at San Antonio, Texas.



E1/c GUY GOOD

E1/c Good, was born on August 21, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Good of Route 4, Longview, Texas. He received his education in Longview Grammar and High School, and volunteered for the service on July 2nd, 1942, at Longview, assigned to the Navy Repair Branch. Trained at San Diego and San Pedro, California. Departed from the States for overseas duty on January 21, 1944, and served until November 17, 1945, in the Asiatic South Pacific Area. His awards are Asiatic-Pacific Theater and Good Conduct Ribbons. Electrician 1/c Good was honorably discharged Nov. 28, 1945, and is living in Longview with his wife, Nova.



S 1/c BILLY M. BIRDSONG

Cpl. HOWARD M. BIRDSONG

Sl/c Billy Morgan Birdsong, birthdate June 2, 1925, in Longview, Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ex Birdsong, 801 South Green Street, Longview. He volunteered March 18, 1944, at Tyler, Texas, for the U.S. Navy, Air Corps Branch: trained at Naval Training Center, San Diego, California, and began overseas duty September 23, 1944, in the Pacific Theater. Seaman Birdsong served in the Hawaiian Islands at Maui, Engebi in Marshall Group and Palau in the Caroline Islands, returning to the States October, 1945. His awards include the World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Ribbon with American Theater Ribbon. Discharge from Naval duty was granted May 17, 1946, from San Pedro, California.

Cpl. Howard M. Birdsong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ex Birdsong, Longview, Texas, was born July 21, 1919, in Longview. He graduated from Campus Ward and Longview High School and attended Marshall Junior College in Texas. Cpl. Birdsong volunteered for service February 28, 1942, for the Army 40th Infantry Division, and was assigned to Camp Haan, California, for training. While in training for the Army Infantry, he received a back injury, for which Cpl. Birdsong later received a discharge from Army service, June 3, 1943. He is the brother of Seaman 1/c Billy Morgan Birdsong.

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EM 1/c JOHN H. SULLIVAN

EM 1/c John Henry Sullivan, son of Mrs. Josephine Sullivan of Longview, Texas, was born on Nov. 20, 1919. He volunteered for the Navy on Nov. 8, 1939, at Houston. He was assigned to the Engineers and trained at U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego., Calif., and 3 service schools. In March, 1940, he was sent overseas and returned in July, 1942. He was overseas again from the latter part of 1942 to Oct., 1945. He was at Salamaua, Loe, New Guinea, and Marshall Is. raids in 1942. He entered the submarine service in April of the same year. His awards are: Am. Def., 1 Star; Good Conduct, 1 Star; Am. Theater; Sub-Combat Medal, 2 Stars; Asia .-Pac. 2 Stars; Victory Medal; commended for moving gold from S. Africa. He was honorably discharged Dec. 10, 1945.



CGM JACK R. JOHNSON



Capt. FRED M. JONES

C. G. M. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Johnson of Rt. 4 Box 314, Longview, was born Jan. 29, 1922, Educated in White Oak High School, and volunteered for service Oct. 10, 1940, assigned to the Regular Navy. Trained at U.S.N.B. in San Diego, Calif. Served in the Pacific Area from Feb., 1941, to Oct., 1945, in the following battles: Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Tarawa, Mariana, Apemama, Santa Cruz Is., Aleutian, Gilbert Is., Marshall, Palau, New Guinea, Truk, Leyte, Surigao, Philippines, Mindoro, Lingayen, Corregidor, Okinawa Shima, and Guam. Served aboard the heavy crusier U.S.S. Portland from Feb., 1941, to July, 1946. He is still serving in U.S.N.

Capt. Jones, was born on December 20, 1897, in Georgia; he attended Sibley High School in Sibley, La. Volunteered for the service on November 12, 1942, at Longview, assigned to the Army 702nd Engineers. Trained at Camp Claiborne, La. He left for overseas duty in February of 1943, and served in Africa in the Tunisian Campaign, returning to the United States on the 14th day of June in 1944. Captain Fred Miles Jones received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army on April 1, 1946, and is living at 516 Ridgelea Avenue, Box 1123, in Longview, Texas, with his wife, Jean Hurd Jones.



S/Sgt. George Earl Gaston, son of Mrs. C. C. Grayson, and husband of Edna Langston Gaston, of Longview, was born Nov. 9, 1914. On Feb. 10, 1941, at Dalas, he volunteered for service in the Army, and was assigned to the 503rd Parachute Inf. Regt. He was trained at Fort Benning, Ga., and in April, 1945, was sent overseas to the Pacific Area, where he served until January of 1946, in action on Leyte and Negros Islands. His awards are: Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars; Amer. Theater; Amer. Def.; P. I. Lib., 1 Star; Good Conduct; Combat Inf.; Parachute W.; Unit Citation; and Victory. He received an honorable discharge from service in Jan., 1946. Previous to enlistment he was a salesman for the Crawford Shop.

Major Allen B. Gaston, younger son of Mrs. C. C. Grayson of Longview, and husband of Erminie Northcutt Gaston, wasborn Nov. 19, 1919. On May 7, 1941, he enlisted in the Army Air Force, at Shreveport, La. He was trained at Maxwell Field and served overseas from January to August, 1943, and again from October, 1944, to October, 1945, seeing action first in the Middle East and then in the Central Pacific. He served in Africa, and Sicily, in the campaign of Tunis, also in Italy and Ploesti, before going to the Marianas and Japan. His awards are: Air Medal, 5 OLC; DFC; Pres. Cit., 1 OLC; Asiatic-Pac., 3 Stars; EAME, 5 Stars; Amer. Cam.; Victory. At present he is with the 41st AAFBU, Maxwell Field, Alabama.

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AMMI 3/c THEO. L. MEISSNER

AMMI 3/c Theo Lee Meissner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Meissner of Longview, Texas, was born July 27, 1925. He volunteered at Longview on Dec. 11, 1942. He was assigned to the Navy Air Corps, and received his training at Great Lakes; Naval Air Station at Memphis, Tenn., and Jacksonville, Fla. He began overseas duty in Feb., 1944, and served in the Southwest Pacific and Philippines. He received one Battle Star from each place mentioned. He also received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He became a petty officer in May, 1945, and was returned to the U.S. in Sept., 1945. He was honorably discharged on Feb. 23, 1946. He attended White Oak High School and Kilgore Junior College, previous to enlistment.









Lt. (MC) JAMES N. ADAMS

T/Sgt. FRANK M. MAYWALD Sat. MARVIN B. MAYWALD

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Maywald, Longview. T/Sgt. FRANK M. MAYWALD, was born Feb. 11, 1916, volunteered for the A.A.F. Sept. 17, 1940; trained at Brooks Fld., Texas, in air offensive Japan and battles of Iwo Jima, 8 mos. Awarded ATO, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars, Amer. Def., Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 20, 1945, from 46th Fighter Sqd. Sgt. MARVIN B. MAYWALD, was born Jan. 17, 1921, enlisted in A.A. F. May 13, 1942; trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas; served in Caribbean Area, Panama Canal Zone, for 29 mos. Received Air Defense, Ground Participation Panama, ATO and Good Conduct Ribbons. Discharged Oct. 19, 1945, from 4134th A. A. F. B. U., at Wash.

Lt. Adams, was born on Oct. 28, 1916, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Adams, and husband of Lorraine Adams of 708 N. 7th St., Longview, Texas. He attended Baylor Med. College at Waco and Dallas; volunteered for active duty June 30,1943, assigned to the Navy Med. Dept., with boot camptraining at Algiers, La. Overseas from July 15,1943, to Jan. 31, 1944, aboard U.S.S. King (DD242) in anti-sub. patrol off Aleutian Is.; participated in Battle of Kiska and Kurile Is. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, and American Defense Ribbons. Trained as neuro-psychiatrist and nose and throat specialist. Served in U.S.N. Hosps. in Phil., Norman, Okla., and Ft. Worth, Tex. Discharged June 30, 1946.





Sgt. HAROLD D. WELLMAN S/Sgt. OLIN O. DOBBS

Sgt. Harold Duane Wellman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde B. Wellman, Kilgore, Texas, was born April 22, 1926. Attended the Eastland Texas Schools and University of Texas in Austin. He volunteered April 6, 1944, for the Army Air Forces; trained at Keesler Field, Miss., and served as instructor, B-29 Preflight Engineering Schoolat Amarillo Army Air Field. Sgt. Wellmanbegan overseas duty November, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, where he served at Luzon, Philippine Islands, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Independence Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal plus the World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Awards. After returning to the States August, 1946, Sgt. Wellman was separated from service October, 1946.

S/Sgt. Olin Oscar Dobbs, son of Nell C. Dobbs was born March 21, 1919, nephew of C.B. Wellman, Kilgore, Texas. Attended S. M. U. in Dallas. He volunteered September 3, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Wendover Field, Utah, and served from September, 1942, to July, 1944, based near Bedford, England. He participated in the air offensive of Europe, Normandy invasion, and attacked targets over Germany, France, Norway, Poland, Holland, and Belgium, serving with the 306th Heavy Bombardment Group, the "Clay Pigeon" Squadron. Sgt. Dobbs is credited with destroying two enemy aircraft, and was once rescued from the North Sea. The Air Medal-three Oak Leaf Clusters with Distinguished Unit Badge and Flying Cross were awarded with other medals. Currently serving at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C.

*Sgt. THOMAS C. WHITTED

Sgt. Thomas Charles Whitted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cromwell Whitted of Wheatley, Texas, was born on Nov. 17, 1917. He volunteered for service at Longview in May, 1942. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, and was an Infantry Paratrooper. He was trained at Camp Wolters, Texas; Fort Benning, Ga.; and Fort Bragg, N.C. In April, 1943, was sent to Africa. He saw action in the invasion of Sicily and at Salerno, Italy. He was later stationed in Ireland and England, and took part in the invasion of France. During 1943 he was promoted to the rank of Sgt. Citations he received were the Unit Citation of 2nd Batt., 505th Para. Inf. in Italy, and the Purple Heart. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice in France on June 11, 1944.





AMMC 2/c JAMES O. BRIDGES

1st Lt. LYNN R. LATHAM

A.M.M.C.2/c Bridges, son of Mrs. R. W. Kutter of 223 Lawrence, Kilgore, Texas, was born March 15, 1921; attended Kilgore High; volunteered for the Navy May 30, 1944, assigned to Carrier Task Forces; trained at San Diego, Calif. In the Asiatic-Pacific Area for 21 months; battles of Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Formosa, Kyushu, Philippines, French-Indo-China, Amamio-Shima, Wake Island, Honshu, Hokkaido, and Tokyo. His awards are Naval Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific with 5 Stars, American Theater, Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars, and World War II Victory Medals. A.M.M.C.2/c James O. Bridges received an honorable discharge on the 13th of May, 1946.

lst Lt. Latham was born on June 6, 1915, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Latham of 204 North 1st Street, Longview, Texas. He received his education in Longview, attended Texas Christian University at Fort Worth, and volunteered for the service on September 25, 1941, at San Antonio, assigned to the Army Signal Division, and trained at Camps Roberts and Haan, Ft. Monmouth, and Drew Field. He served overseas from Oct. 30, 1942, to Nov. 28, 1944, in French Morocco Battle, Salerno, N. Italy, South France, and Sicily. 1st Lt. Lynn Roberson Latham was given his discharge papers on the 19th of December, 1945, after 4 years and 3 mos. of service.



Pvt. Robert Ertis Woodfin, husband of Mrs. Helen Chandler Woodfin, of Kilgore, and son of Mr. A. J. Woodfin, of Winnsboro, Texas, was born March 5, 1919. He enlisted in the Army on Nov. 25, 1920, at Mt. Vernon, Texas, and was assigned to the 2nd Division. He also was in the 102nd Division. Training was given him at Ft. Sam Houston, Camp Maxey, Camp Swift, and Fort Dix. From Sept., 1944, to Oct., 1945, he served overseas in Europe, participating in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. His awards are: EA-ME, 2 Stars; Good Conduct; American Defense; and the Victory Award. On Oct. 20, 1945, he was granted an honorable discharge from further military service.

Sgt. Mays Lacy ("Pete") Chandler, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Chandler, and husband of Ellouise Thornbrugh Chandler, of Kilgore, Texas, was born Oct. 15, 1916. He is a brother of Mrs. Helen Woodfin, also of Kilgore. He entered service in the 2nd Division of the U.S. Army, on Feb. 18, 1942, and was given training at Ft. Sam Houston, Camp Maxey, Camp Shanks, Camp Rucker, and O'Reilly Gen. Hospital, Springfield, Mo. In Sept., 1943, he went overseas to Europe, and served there until Nov., 1945. He participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe, and was awarded campaign ribbons, battle stars, and also the Purple Heart, as he was wounded in Normandy. He was honorably discharged in Nov., 1945.

1. —SGT. LLOYD R. FLORENCE, born Feb. 19, 1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Florence of Kilgore, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 10, 1940, in the Army Quartermaster Division. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Served overseas Sept., 1944, to July, 1945, in European Theater. Transferred from Quartermaster to Engineers. Went overseas with 1659 Engr. Utility Det. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal, American Service Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 1, 1945.

2. —PFC DOUGLAS D. FLORENCE, born A pril 18, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Florence of Kilgore, Texas. Entered Oct. 29, 1942, in the Army 2nd Division. Trained at Camp McCoy, Wis. Overseas Oct., 1943, to July, 1945, in Ireland, England, France, Belgium, Germany, Gzechoslovakia, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded 5 Battle Stars, Unit Citation, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged October 11, 1945.

3. —SGT. THOMAS LIGHT, born Aug. 20, 1912. Entered service May 27, 1943, at Houston, Texas, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Barksdale Field, La. Served overseas Oct., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, European Theater with 3 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Still in service, stationed at Bergstrom Field.

*4. —FIREMAN Z/c FREDERICK WALLACE FOWLER, born July 16, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Fowler of Kilgore, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 7, 1940, in the Navy Machinist Division. Trained at Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich. Overseas July, 1941, to Aug., 1942, in Atlantic, Iceland Theater, Pacific, Guadalcanal, Tulagi Area, and Solomons. Missing, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice Aug.10, 1942, at Guadalcanal. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon.

5. —SHIPFITTER 3/c WILLIAM OMER HUGHEY, born May 29,1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oscar Hughey of Festus, Missouri. Volunteered Sept. 2, 1944, at Chicago in the Navy. Trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and Norfolk Navy Yard. Served overseas June, 1945, to June, 1946, in European-African-Middle Eastern, and Guba. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal, American Campaign, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged June 21, 1946. Attended White Cloud High School, Michigan.

6. — PFC LEANDER HAZEL, born Oct. 11, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Loper of Kilgore, Texas. Entered service March 1, 1943, at Kilgore, Texas. Trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Ft. Knox, Ky. Served overseas Aug., 1944, to June, 1945, in European Theater, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Wounded March 29, 1945, in action. Was in Co. C, 739 Tank Battalion, Awarded Purple Heart, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged November 18, 1945.

7. —SGT. WILLIAM TALMADGE McGOWAN, born Oct. 27, 1915. Son of Mrs. Josie McGowan of Gladewater, Texas. Volunteered for service November 25, 1940, at Mexia, Texas, in the Army, Co. B., 143rd Infantry, 36 Division. Received his training at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served in the United States November 25, 1940, to June 26, 1943. He received the American Defense, Good Conduct Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 26, 1943. Attended R.B. Cousins Grammar School.

8. —S/SGT. MILTON McGOWAN, born Nov. 7, 1916. Son of Mrs. Josie McGowan of Gladewater, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, at Mexia, Texas, in the Army, Co. B., 143rd Infantry, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas June, 1944, to Nov., 1945, in England. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal. 2 Service Stripes, 2 Overseas Service Bars, American Theater, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 7, 1945.

9. — YEOMAN 3/c JACK LAYNE OSTROM, born April 14, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ostrom of Kilgore, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 15, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, in the Naval Reserve. Received his training at San Diego, Galifornia. Served over seas Jan., 1945, to Nov., 1945, in Hawaii, Western Pacific, and Okinawa. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 7, 1946. Completed his education at Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

10.—SGT. FREDERICK VARNARSDALE REDMOND, JR., born Feb. 24, 1921. Son of Mrs. Ruby R. Redmond of Sunray, Texas. Volunteered for service March 29, 1943, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Received his training at Barksdale Field. Served in the United States March 29, 1943, to January 31, 1946. Stationed at Washington, D.C., Andrews Field. He received the American Defense and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 31, 1946. Attended White Oak High School, Longview, Texas.

*11.—T/SGT. OLIVER ZELL ROGERS, born Jan. 10, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cole B. Rogers of Longview, Texas. Volunteered for service March, 1942, in the Army 90th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Barkeley. Overseas in France and Normandy. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 14, 1944, in France. Was buried in the United States Military Cemetery #1, Ste. Mere Eglice, France, Plot 1, Row 4, Grave 77, twenty one miles southwest of Cherbourg in France. Awarded Purple Heart.

12.—S/SGT. BILLY BRASHEARS, born March 6, 1926, brother of Mrs. Wahnetta Rudd. Volunteered June 16, 1941, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Randolph Field, Victorville, Calif. Served overseas Aug., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Aleutian Islands, Adak, Attu, Asiatic-Pacific, and Japan. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 6, 1945. Was in 77th Bombardment Sqdn.

13.—R.D.M. 3/c LLOYD LEON SHIELDS, JR., born Dec. 31, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shields of Kilgore, Texas, Volunteered for service June 28, 1944, in the Naval Reserve. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Nov., 1944, to May 25, 1946, in South Pacific, North Pacific, Invasion of Okinawa, and Occupation of Japan, Aboard USS Catron-A.P.A. 71. Was awarded American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged June 2, 1946. Attended Allen Academy, Bryan, Texas.

14,—SGT. ROY ARTHUR WATSON, born Dec. 2, 1911. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Watson of Longview, Texas. Entered June 15, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, in the Army 81st Wildcat Division. Trained at Camp Rucker, Ala., Ft. Monmouth, N.J., Hyder, Ariz., and Camp Beale, Calif. Overseas June, 1944, to Jan., 1946, in Oahu, Hawaii, Guadalcanal, Palau Campaign, Philippines, Angaur, Peleliu, and Northern Japan. Awarded Combat Infantry Badge and Victory Medal, Discharged Jan. 8, 1946.

15.—BOATSWAIN 1/c JAMES WINEFRED JACKSON, born Sept. 6, 1920. Son of Mrs. Gladys Jackson of Texarkana, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 8, 1939, in the Navy Seaman. Trained at Annapolis, Maryland. Overseas June, 1943, to March, 1945, in Gilbert, Marshall, Marianas, Fiji, Hawaiian, Ellice, Phoeniz Islands, and Samoa. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged Sept. 21, 1945. Attended Texarkana High School.

16.—SGT. ARLIE VIRGIL KERBY, born Nov. 4, 1911. Son of Mrs. S. G. Kerby of Texarkana, Texas. Volunteered for service November 1, 1942, at Texarkana, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Received his training at San Antonio, Texas, and Inglewood, California. Served in the United States November 1, 1942, to December 1, 1945. Was awarded Air Crew Member Wings, Sharp Shooter, Pistol-Carbine, Sub Thompson Small Bar, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged December 1, 1945.

17.—SEAMAN 1/c JULIUS RAYMOND WALKER, born Nov. 22, 1907. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Howze of Marshall, Texas. Entered service August 13, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, in the Naval Air Station. Received his training at Corpus Christi, Texas. Served in the United States from August 13, 1943, to December 4, 1945. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon, Was discharged December 4, 1945. Attended Marshall High School.

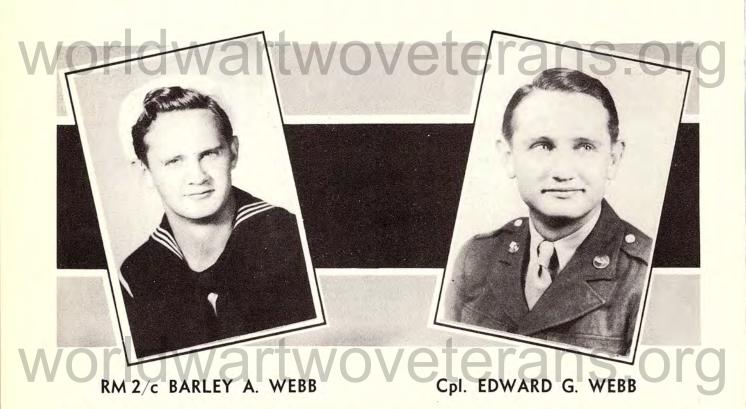
*18.—SGT. CARROLL COKE WALKER, born April 9, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Howze of Marshall, Texas. Entered May 21, 1941, at Marshall, Texas, in the Army Coast Artillery Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas Dec., 1941, to Oct., 1943, in Aleutian Islands, Dutch Harbor Campaign, and Solomon Islands. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Oct. 27, 1943, at Treasury Island, Solomons. Awarded Purple Heart, Silver Star, and 1 Bronze Star for un-disclosed mission, Aleutian Campaign.

19.—MASTER SGT. JOSEPH WILLIAM CAMPBELL, JR., born July 13, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Campbell of Marshall, Texas, and brother of Mrs. Leola Mullican, Volunteered Jan. 3, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, and San Francisco, Calif. Overseas May, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in European The ater, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Gentral Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 6 Bronze Stars. Discharged Oct. 5, 1945.

20.—STOREKEEPER 2/c BILLIE T. SMITH, born Dec. 7, 1915. Husband of Mrs. Nellie M. Smith of Sherman, Texas. Entered service March 4, 1944. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Toledo, Ohio. Overseas Aug., 1944, to Feb., 1946, in Southwest Pacific and Admiralty Islands. Awarded Unit Commendation for service to the fleet during the Philippine Campaign. Served at the Naval Supply Depot at Manus Island in the Pacific Area. Was discharged February 23, 1946.







Radar Man 2/c Barley Alfonso Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Webb, Longview, Texas, was born February 6, 1925, in Texas; attended the Public Schools of Gilmer, Texas, and entered service March 29, 1944, at Tyler, Texas, with the U.S. Naval Reserve. He trained at San Diego, California, and began overseas duty October, 1944, in the Pacific Theater of Operations where he served on Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Medals were awarded in recognition of service rendered his country. After returning to the States in April, 1946, he was granted discharge from the Navy June 13, 1946.

Cpl. Edward Gary Webb was born November 23, 1919, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Webb, Longview, Texas; attended Gilmer, Texas, Schools and North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton; and is the husband of Ora Mae Gamble Webb, Jefferson, Texas. He entered the Army 5th Armored Division on March 14, 1942; trained at Camp Cooke, California, later serving February, 1944, to October, 1945, in the European Theater where he participated in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Germany and in the Belgium Bulge. Cpl. Webb was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal, various other campaign ribbons and the Victory Award. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge October 17, 1946.



Cpl. JOSEPH T. SMITH Cpl. JEROME O. SMITH

Cpl. Joseph Thomas Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Gladewater, Texas, was born August 23, 1920, a native of Texas, graduated from the Gladewater Schools and is the husband of Mary E. Smith of the same city. He entered service July 16, 1942, with the Army 80th Infantry Division; trained at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, and began overseas duty July, 1944, in the European Theater. Cpl. Smith served in England, France, Luxembourg, Austria and Germany, participating in the Battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhineland. The EAME Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars was awarded with Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Badge and various other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge December 7, 1945.

Cpl. Jerome O'Byrne Smith, birth date November 26, 1918, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Gladewater, Texas. He graduated from the Gladewater Schools, and attended St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and was engaged in defense work prior to his entry September 12, 1942, into the Army 52nd Medical Battalion. Cpl. Smith trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and began overseas duty September, 1943, in the European Theater of Operations where he participated in the campaigns of Northern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland. The ETO Ribbon with four Stars was awarded with Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from service August 24, 1945.





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S1/c JACK G. LEAK, JR.

Capt. JIMMIE W. KENDALL

Capt. Kendall was born on April 16, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther B. Kendall of 755 N. Main, Gladewater, and husband of Mary E. Kendall; attended high school at Gladewater; and volunteered for the Army Air Force on Jan. 16, 1942, at Dallas, training at Ellington Field, Texas, and A.A.B., Albuquerque, N.M. He was in the North African and Mediterranean Areas from Nov. 18, 1942, until August 15, 1943, in the Egyptian, Libyan, Sicillian, and Italian Campaigns. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. Capt. Kendall is with the 611th A.A.F.B.U., Sqdn. E, Eglin Fld., Texas.

Sl/c Leak was born Oct. 19, 1923, son of Mr. J. G. Leak, Sr., of Alamo, and Mrs. Carrie Lois Leak, and husband of Essie Mae Leak of Rt. 3, Longview; attended Kilgore Jr. College, entering U.S.N.R. (SV6) on May 23,1944; trained at Camp Wallace, Texas. Overseas 16 1/2 mos. in the area of Pearl Harbor, Eniwetok, Ulithi, Leyte, Okinawa, and Nagoya, Japan. Awarded Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Vessels served on were USS Orvetta (IX 157); C.S.D. 101; USS Briareus (AR12); USS Beaver (ARG19). Sl/c Leak was honorably discharged on February 19, 1946, from Norman, Oklahoma, and is living in Longview with his wife.



1st Lt. LOIS A.
BANKHEAD



1st Lt. OTHO M. EAKIN, JR.



A/S THOMAS A.
BANKHEAD

1st Lt. LOIS A. BANKHEAD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Bankhead of Longview, Texas, was born June 7, 1921, and volunteered as an Army nurse, in Oct., 1942. She was sent to Camp Bowie, Texas, Fort Devens, Mass., and Camp Ellis, Ill., for Army training, and served in the United States until Dec., 1943, when she went overseas to the Pacific Theater of War. She saw service in the Hawaiian Islands, and in the Marianas, and was honorably discharged, Jan. 4, 1946.

lst Lt. OTHO M. EAKIN, JR., son of O.M. Eakin of Naples, Texas, and husband of LaFaun Eakin of Longview, was born Feb. 20, 1921, and volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps on Aug. 23, 1939, at Barksdale Fld. He was trained at the Gulf Coast Flying Training Command, and in 1943 and 1945, he served overseas. He participated in the air offensive of Europe, and was awarded the Air Medal. At present he is with 2622 AAF Bu., Mather Field, California.

A/S THOMAS AYNES BANKHEAD, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bankhead of Longview, was born Nov. 29, 1925. In Aug., 1943, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, at Austin, Texas. He served in the U.S.A. until Nov. 3, 1945, when he was granted an honorable discharge. He had been in Stockton Field, Calif.; Carlsbad Fld., New Mexico; and Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado.

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Lt. (jg) James Frederick Tuttle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Tuttle, Gladewater, Texas, was born November 8, 1922, a native of Texas. He attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and entered the Naval Air Corps June 16, 1942, training at Bunker Hill, Indiana, and Pensacola, Florida. Lt. Tuttle served overseas December, 1944, to August, 1945, in the Pacific Theater on Okinawa and in Japan, participating in sixty-two combat missions from the Carriers Petroff Bay and Steamer Bay. The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded plus six Air Medals, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with American Theater World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. After returning to the States, Lt. Tuttle joined the regular Navy, and is currently serving on the Carrier Franklin Delano Roosevelt with Atlantic Fleet.

Civilian Instructor Charles Tuttle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse N. Tuttle, Gladewater, Texas, was born June 25, 1920, in Texas. He attended the Gladewater Public Schools and St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and is the husband of Cecelia O'Byrne Tuttle, also of Gladewater. He entered service November, 1941, at Corsicana, Texas, as Civilian Instructor in the U.S. Army Air Corps, receiving his Instructor's rating at Kilgore College, Texas, later serving at Corsicana Army Air Field. His total duty was served in the States, and at the present time he is co-pilot for Trans Continental and Western Air Lines. Pilot Tuttle is brother of Lt. James F. Tuttle.

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T/Sgt. JACK G. LEWIS



Pfc EUGENE C. LOCKLEER

T/Sgt. Lewis was born Sept. 16, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lewis, and husband of Jolene Lewis of 120 Luder, Kilgore. He attended Kilgore High School, entering the A.A.F. on Jan. 25, 1943, at Tyler, and trained at Keesler Fld., Miss., and Harlingen Army Aerial Gunnery School, going overseas in April, 1944, serving in these campaigns for 8 mos.; air combat of the Balkans, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines, S. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Air Offensive of Europe with the 15th A.A.F. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Air Medal with 2 Clusters, EAME with 2 Bronze and 1 Silver Star, and Good Conduct Medals. On Oct. 9, 1945, he received his discharge.

Pfc Lockleer was born on the 14th day of July, 1911, in Florida, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lockleer, and husband of Mrs. Ethel Mc-Creary Lockleer of 707 North Sixth Street, Longview, Texas. He attended Ojus, Florida, Grammar and North Miami High Schools in Miami, Florida, and received further education in B.M.I. Business College in Longview; volunteered for the service on September 26, 1942, at Tyler, Texas. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps, and then sent to Majors Field in Greenville, Texas, for his training. On January 7, 1946, Pfc Eugene Calvin Lockleer received an honorable discharge.

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S/Sgt. THOMAS F. MADISON, JR.



Pvt. BENJAMIN F. MARTIN, JR.

S/Sgt. Madison was born on June 30, 1921, son of Mrs. A. B. Madison of Greggton, and husband of Elizabeth Ann Madison of Longview; attended Kilgore College, and volunteered for service Dec. 1, 1941, assigned to the A.A.F., training at Chanute Fld., Ill. Overseas for 33 months in the European and Pacific Areas in the campaigns for Middle East, North Africa, Italy, India, China, and Sicily. His awards are American Defense, European Theater with 5 Bronze Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 1 Bronze Star, and the Good Conduct Medals. S/Sgt. Thomas F. Madison, Jr., received an honorable discharge on September 9, 1945, from the A.A.F.

Pvt. Martin was born on the 13th day of August, 1923, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Martin, Sr., of 800 North Sixth Street in Longview, Texas. He attended First Ward Grammar and Longview Senior High Schools in Longview; entered the service on the 7th of June, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the U.S. Army at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas, and was later sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for his training. He served at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, from June 21, 1943, until he was given a medical discharge from the U.S. Army on November 8, 1943, due to a fracture of his left leg.





S/Sgt. Herbert David Langley, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Shipp, Sr., was born April 9, 1920, in Texas, and is the husband of Edna Elizabeth Langley, Tyler, Texas. He entered the Army Coast Artillery January 16, 1942; trained at Camp Wallace, Texas, later serving May, 1942, to February, 1945, eighteen months in Central Burma and India-Burma Theater, and the remaining fifteen months in China. Sgt. Langley was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons with the American Theater Award. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from the Army December 3, 1945, with three and a half years of faithful service to his credit.

S/Sgt. Herbert Leroy (H.L.) Shipp was born August 13, 1922, in Ranger, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Shipp, Kilgore, Texas; graduated from the Kilgore Schools, and volunteered July 7, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, for the Army Air Corps. Sgt. Shipp trained at Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Oklahoma, later serving as Special Motor Operator in Motor Pool Crew, Chief, in Sadelia, Missouri. June, 1945, to February, 1946, he was stationed in the Philippine Islands on Leyte and Luzon, receiving the Asiatic - Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Ribbons. After returning to the States, Sgt. Shipp was discharged from the Army Air Corps on February 22, 1946.





Cpl. Frank William Ivy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ivy, Kilgore, Texas, was born June 19, 1912, in Houston, Texas; attended Paris, Texas, Junior College, and is the husband of Dale Inez Ivy, Tyler, Texas. He entered service November 3, 1943; was assigned to the 1st Marine Air Wing, and trained at San Diego, California, and Norman, Oklahoma, later serving December, 1944, to January, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations where Cpl. Ivy participated in the consolidation of the Solomon Islands, and in the Southern Philippine and Luzon operations. His awards include the Presidential Unit Citation with Theater Ribbons, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards, plus Honor Man recognition. Discharge was granted February, 1946.

Capt. John Elbridge Ivy, birth date May 24, 1916, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ivy, Kilgore, Texas, and husband of Joy Ivy, Waco, Texas. He volunteered June 28, 1942, at Dallas for the Army Air Corps; trained at Garden City Army Air Field, Kansas, and Chicasha, Oklahoma. Capt. Ivy served overseas April, 1944, to November, 1945, in the Pacific Theater at Finschhaven, New Guinea, Hollandia, Leyte and Luzon in the Philippine Group, and Okinawa; also was assistant operations Officer until July, 1945, when he became executive officer of his squadron. He dropped the 11th Airborne Infantry at Taga Tay Ridge, Luzon, and 503rd Paratrooper Regiment on Corregidor. The Air Medal with two Clusters was awarded with six Combat Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, and various other medals and awards. Currently at Mather Field. Calif.

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Lt. Col. JOHN B. PAINE

Lt. Col. John Britton Paine, husband of Hazel Jo Paine, 513 Ross Avenue, Kilgore, Texas, was born January 27, 1920, in Cushing, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Paine, Tyler, Texas. He attended Kilgore College, and volunteered December 29, 1940, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Ontario, California, San Angelo, Texas, and was graduated August 15, 1941, as pilot from Kelly Field, Texas. Col. Paine began overseas duty March, 1944, with the 15th Air Force in Italy; participated in the invasion of Southern France, bombing of Ploesti Oil Fields, also in action of Austria, Southern Germany, and Northern Italy. The Air Medal with Six Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with Distinguished Flying Cross, Presidential Unit Citation with one Cluster, Theater Ribbons with six Battle Stars, and various other ribbons and awards. After returning to the States in April, 1945, Col. Paine served April, 1946, to November, 1946, in Peru, South America, and received the Peruvian Flying Cross for his work with the American Republic Project. He also holds dual rating as pilot-navigator.



1st Lt. CARL McGEE, JR.

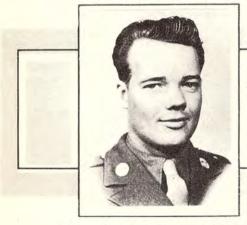


S/Sqt. LAWSON S. McKELVEY

lst Lt. McGee was born Feb. 17, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGee of Vernon, Texas, Box 244; attended Kilgore Jr. College; volunteered for the A.A.C. Dec. 1, 1941; trained at L.A.F.S., Lubbock, Texas. Served 19 mos. in S.W. Pacific Area; participated in S. Philippines, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, and Netherlands East Indies, and was operations officer of Transport Squadron. His decorations include DFC, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf, Clusters, and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars. Served as Classification Officer at Fresno, Calif., and was Twin-Engine Pilot for 3 yrs. of service. At present in O.R.C., inactive duty, Nov., 1945.

S/Sgt. McKelvey was born on September 10, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. McKelvey of Longview, Texas; attended Kilgore College; volunteered for the Army Air Corps on October 2. 1942, at Tyler, and was sent to Kearns, Utah, Lincoln, Nebraska, Moses Lake, Washington, and Glendale, California. He sailed for overseas duty on January 1, 1945, and served in the territory of Hawaii, returning to the States on February 3,1946. Staff Sergeant Lawson Samuel McKelvey received the following decorations: the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Medal.

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*Pvt. CLYDE T. McLAUGLIN



2nd Lt. THELTON H. McWHERTER

Pvt. McLaughlin was born on Sept. 21, 1921, in Arkansas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McLaughlin of Houston, and hus band of Cora Vick McLaughlin of Rt. 3, Box 114, Kilgore, Texas; was educated in Camden, Ark.; volunteered for service May 2, 1941, assigned to the Army 3rd Armd. Division, training at Camp Polk, Louisiana. He was shipped overseas in August, 1943, and served in the European Area with the U.S. Army 3rd Armd. Division, and he was fighting with that div. in Europe when he was killed on Aug. 10, 1944. These awards were presented to his wife in his honor; the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart Medal.

2nd Lt. McWherter was born on January 25, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McWherter of 520 Houston St., Kilgore; attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, volunteered for service May 31, 1943, at Dallas, assigned to the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Fld., Texas, and San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. He was stationed at Victory Fld., Vernon, Texas, Enid, Oklahoma, and received his wings at Frederick, Oklahoma. He served in Prestwick, Scotland, from Nov. 7, 1944, to Dec. 18, 1944, and in Ovly Field, France, from Dec. 18, 1944, until Oct. 6, 1945, as a pilot on C-47's. Lt. Thelton H. McWherter received an honorable discharge Dec. 18, 1945.



Sgt. Herman Gerhart Ottman, husband of Wilma L. Ottman, Longview, Texas, was born July 11, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans J. Ottman. He graduated from the Longview Schools, and attended Texas A & M, College Station. Sgt. Ottman entered service May 23, 1944, at Dallas with the 2nd Marine Division, Air Wing; trained at San Diego, later serving December, 1944, to February, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations on the Marshall Islands; and participated in the Okinawa Campaign and Third Fleet Operations off Japan. His awards include the Navy Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citation plus campaign ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge March 15, 1946.

Pfc Buck J. Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Edmond Wade, was born January 29, 1921, in Cisco, Texas, and is the brother of Mrs. Wilma Ottman, Longview, Texas. He attended Kilgore College and Southern Methodist University in Dallas; volunteered August 29, 1942, for the Army Air Forces, training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Pfc Wade began overseas duty June, 1944, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations where he served in New Guinea and Luzon of the Philippine Group, returning to the States January, 1946. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Medal with the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. Discharge from service was granted January 28, 1946.





S 1/c THOMAS C. HARRELL

*Capt. HAROLD M. HAMILTON

Capt. Harold Marshall Hamilton, hus band of Mary Jane Hamilton, Kilgore, Texas, was born September 5, 1918; attended North Texas State College in Denton; and volunteered November, 1941, for the Army Air Corps, training at Randolph and Foster Fields. Capt. Hamilton served July, 1942, to June, 1944, in the Panama and Pacific Areas, participating with the 70th and 44th Fighter Sqdns. In air combat over the Solomons, Bougainville and Rabaul. The Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded. After returning to the States, while stationed at Esler Field, he lost his life July 14, 1945, near Huntsville, Texas, while in the line of duty.

S1/c Thomas Coleman Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrell, Kilgore, Texas, was born August 6, 1927, in Eastland, Texas, brother of Mrs. Harold Marshall Hamilton, 1231 Myrtle St., Kilgore. He graduated from Kilgore High School, and volunteered January 11, 1945, at Tyler, Texas, for the Navy, Air Corps, training and serving his total duty in the States. Seaman Harrell was assigned to the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tennessee, and was promoted to Seaman First Class, Aviation Radioman, November 23, 1945. Discharge from the service was granted July 20, 1946. He is currently attending Texas University in Austin.



War Correspondent ANN H. STRINGER

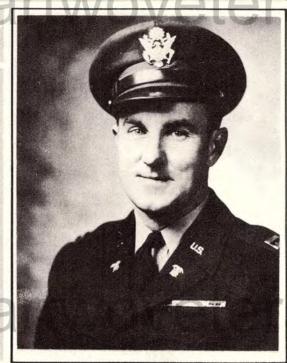
War Correspondent Elizabeth Ann Harrell Stringer, birth date December 9, 1918, wife of William Johnston Stringer, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrell, Kilgore, volunteered February, 1945, in London, England, for service; entered Germany with 9th Army, also serving with 1st and 3rd Armies. She has personally interviewed Mrs. Benito Mussolini, Pope Pius XII, and other famous personalities; attended Nurnberg trials, Ministers meeting in Paris, expects to attend Peace Conference, also visited the Shudder House at Prison Camp, and has had invaluable experiences through the Battle of Leipzieg and others. Currently overseas.



War Correspondent WILLIAM J. STRINGER

War Correspondent William Johnston Stringer, husband of Elizabeth Ann Stringer, Correspondent now overseas, was born October 10, 1916, in Texas, son of W. J. Stringer, Teague, Texas. He received his M.A. Degree from Texas University, and volunteered February, 1944, as War Correspondent for Reuters News Agency of London, England, and began overseas duty March, 1944; landed with the first waves of ground troops in Normandy, was first correspondent to enter Cherbourg, and covered all major battles with 1st Army until he lost his life when shot by ambushing Germans August 17, 1944, in France. He faithfully served his country.

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Capt. JOHN P. PAINTER

Capt. John Paul Painter, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Painter, 425 North Green, Longview, Texas, was born July 18, 1915, a native of Texas; attended St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and Texas University of Law. He is the husband of Cathrene Hall Painter, Longview, and is an attorney in civilian life. Capt. Painter volunteered February 3, 1941, for the Army Quartermaster Corps; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas; and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant from Sergeant in Quartermaster School May 23, 1942. He served overseas August, 1942, to April, 1945, in North Ireland, England, North Africa, and Italy where he participated in the campaigns of Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno and Apennines. His awards include the European-African-Middle East Ribbon with four Battle Stars, Fifth Army Plaque for Unit Excellence, Letters of Commendation from Headquarters Commandant, Fifth Army, Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Action, and various other ribbons. Separation from service was October 11, 1945; inactive duty January 2, 1946.





Sons of Mrs. Ethel Byrd, Longview, Texas.

ARM3/c JIMMIE CLAUDE CAMMACK, born March 11, 1925, in Texas is the husband of Bettye Cammack, also of Longview. He volunteered June 8, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, for the Navy, Aviation, Radio Branch, training at Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas. His total duty was served in the States for which the American Theater Ribbon was awarded with World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons. Radioman Cammack was discharged January 19, 1946.

Y2/c NOBLE GRACE CAMMACK, birth date January 14, 1921, in Texas, attended Business Institute in Longview, and entered service May 27, 1943, with the Navy, Air Corps, training at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas. He served November, 1945, to May, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge May 19, 1946.

Sgt. PRICE JEFFERSON CAMMACK, husband of LaDelle Cammack, Longview, was born February 13, 1919, in Center, Texas; attended Brookeland, Texas, Schools; and volunteered May 21, 1941, for the Army 73rd Engineers Co., training at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Sgt. Cammack served April, 1942, to November, 1945, in Alaska, Canada and European Theater where he participated in the battles of the Rhine and Germany. The Bronze Star was awarded with various theater and other ribbons. Discharge was granted November 14, 1945.



T/Sgt. CHARLES HENRY McMULLEN, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. McMullen, Longview, Texas, was born November 26, 1923, and is the husband of Frances Pond McMullen. He volunteered December, 1941, for the Army Air Corps, and served February, 1944, to April, 1945, in Australia, Solomon, Admiralty and Philippine Islands. The Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and five Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Cluster, Distinguished Unit Badge with two Clusters and various other ribbons. Sgt. McMullen was discharged September 13, 1945.

lst Lt. CLARICE ANN DRESKIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McMullen, Longview, Texas, was born October 18, 1920, and is the wife of Milton Dreskin, Newark, N.J. She attended Parkland School of Nursing in Dallas, and volunteered September 10, 1941, for the Army Nurses Corps; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, later serving May, 1942, to June, 1945, in Brisbane, Australia, New Guinea, Leyte and Cebu in the Philippines. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars was awarded with Philippine Liberation with one Star and Americal Division Citation. Lt. Dreskin was discharged October 1, 1945.

1st Lt. MILTON DRESKIN, husband of Clarcie McMullen Dreskin, was born January 30, 1920; attended University of Alabama, and volunteered June, 1941, for the Army Air Forces, training at Maxwell Field, Ala., and Turner Field, Ga. He served August, 1942, to March, 1945, in the campaigns of Papua, New Guinea and the Philippines, also in the Bismarck Sea Battle. Lt. Dreskin received four Battle Stars and two Unit Pres. Citations. Discharged July 28, 1945.



*1st Lt. O. B. GILLISPIE



Pfc JOHN T. MURPHY

lst Lt. Gillispie was born Oct. 16, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Noel of Box 1221, Longview, and husband of Margie Gillispie. Graduate of Longview High School in 1936. He entered the U.S. Army as a National Guardsman; volunteered on Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to 136th Div., training at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, where he remained until Dec., 1941; then transferred to Ft. Lewis, Wash., as Coast Guardsman, and on April 20, 1942, he entered officer's training school at Ft. Benning, Georgia. In Oct., 1942, he was shipped overseas where he served in New Georgia, New Guinea, and Guadalcanal, and was killed in action, receiving the Purple Heart.

Pfc Murphy was born on June 30,1907, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Murphy of Longview, and husband of Oneta Murphy of 720 El Paso St., Jacksonville, Texas; attended Rice Institute at Houston, and entered the service December 13, 1943, at Dallas, as signed to the 1st Marine Div.; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California, serving overseas from May 9,1944, until October 3,1945, with service in the Asiatic South Pacific Area, participating in the Battle of Okinawa. Awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, and on October 10, 1945, he received an honorable discharge from service.

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F1/c BENNIE D. SMITH



T/5 ENNIS M. MORTON

F1/c Smith was born on February 21, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie T. Smith of Route 5, Longview, Texas. He attended grammar and high schools at Longview, and Paris Junior College at Paris; volunteered for service Jan. 20, 1945, at Dallas, assigned to Navy on USS L.C.I., training at San Diego, Calif., at the Naval Training Center. On September 21, 1945, he was shipped overseas with sea duty in the Asiatic South Pacific Area, and returned to the States in July, 1946. His awards include American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign, and Victory Medals. F1/c Bennie D. Smith was discharged on July 1, 1946.

T/5 Morton was born August 30, 1920, son of Mrs. W. A. Morton of Route 5, Longview, Texas, receiving his education in Kilgore's Grammar and High Schools; on Aug. 28, 1942, he volunteered for the Army, assigned to the Hq. Co. 850th Engr. Avn. Bn., and trained at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas, leaving for overseas duty in May, 1943, served in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe, returning to the States in Oct., 1945. T/5 Ennis Melton Morton was awarded these medals: EAME, with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and the World War II Victory; on November 14, 1945, he was given his discharge.



Pfc Bennett Crane Watson, son of Mrs. Alice Watson Marion and J. B. Watson, Kilgore, Texas, was born October 19, 1916, in Kilgore. He entered the Army Infantry July 6, 1943; trained in Maryland, Mississippi, Camp Reynolds, Pennsylvania; and began overseas duty February, 1944, in England. Pfc Watson served in France, Holland, Germany and Belgium, participating in the battles of Normandy, Southern, Central and Northern France, Rhine Crossing and Northwestern Ger many, but paid the Supreme Sacrifice in Holten, Germany, March 27, 1945, while in service for his country. Pfc Watson was laid to rest in the United States Military Cemetery in Morgranen, Holland, after having faithfully served his country during the recent emergency. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumous ly.

Pfc J. B. Watson was born January 30, 1922, son of Mrs. Alice Watson Marion and James Benjamin Watson, Kilgore, Texas; attended Kilgore Junior College, and volunteered for service August 24, 1942, at Tyler, Texas. He trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Cadet Classification, San Antonio, Texas, and was later stationed at Laredo Army Air Field as Low Pressure Chamber Technician. His total duty was served in the United States. Pfc Watson was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. Discharge from the Army Air Corps was granted November 23, 1945. He is the brother of Bennett Crane Watson who lost his life in Germany.



S/Sgt. GENE G. RAINS



Pfc EARL L. ROARK, JR.

S/Sgt. Rains was born July 8, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Rains of Longview; attended Hemphill Eng. College at Memphis, Tenn.; volunteered for the A.A.C. Jan. 2, 1941, training at Kelly Fld., Texas. Served overseas from Nov. 2, 1942, to June 9, 1944, in European and Middle Eastern Area, Caribbean Defense Command, in battles of Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno. His awards include 2 Distinguished Unit Citations, American Defense, EAME with 5 Stars, and Good Conduct Medals. He re-enlisted, and in April, 1946, he was sent overseas again and is with 63rd Air Ser. Sqdn. at Borinquen Fld., Puerto Rico; with him is his wife Nelwyn.

Pfc Roark was born on Nov. 10, 1925, in Ark., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Roark, Sr., of Rt. 4, Longview, Texas; was educated in Gilmer and Longview, Texas, and on Feb. 22, 1943, he volunteered for service at Dallas, assigned to the 4th Marine Raider Bn., with boot camp training at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Dec. 3, 1943, to Aug. 26, 1945, in New Caledonia, seeing action on Emirau, Guam, Okinawa; he was also on Saipan and at Pearl Harbor. Wounded April 15, 1945, and again on June 8, 1945, on Okinawa. His awards include Bronze Star Medal, Asiatic-Pacific, with 3 Stars, and Purple Heart with Gold Star. Pfc Earl L. Roark received his discharge on Nov. 17, 1945.



S/Sgt. GEORGE W. ROEVER



Sgt. HAROLD O. WAPPLER

S/Sgt. Roever was born Oct. 8, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Roever, Sr., of Longview, and husband of Mary Jeanne Roever of Denton; attended North Texas State College at Denton. On April 9, 1942, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps, and trained at Sheppard Fld. Texas, Las Vegas, and South Carolina. He served in Africa and Italy, participated in battles for Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Air Combat of Balkans, Italy, and Sardinia, for 9 mos., and was a gunner on B-25's. His awards are EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, and Air Medal with 9 Oak Leaf Clusters. S/Sgt. Roever was discharged on Sept. 8, 1945.

Sgt. Wappler was born on June 16, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.G. Wappler of Gladewater, and husband of Dorcas Wappler of 1623 Hawthorne, Houston, Texas. He attended Bisk Mathis Institute of Longview, and volunteered for the service Nov.11,1942, at Ellington Fld., Texas, assigned to the Army Air Force, training at Ellington Fld. He departed from the States on October 26, 1945, and served on Luzon, Philippine Islands, until January 17, 1946. Sgt. Harold Otto Wappler received these awards: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, American Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. He was given his discharge on February 8, 1946.

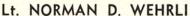


QM3/c Gordon Clayton Johnston, birth date July 24, 1925, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Johnston, Longview, Texas, and husband of Mildred Lee Johnston. He attended Kilgore, Texas, College, and entered the Navy Reserve on January 22, 1944, training at San Diego and Solomons, Maryland. His overseas duty was served November, 1944, to June, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater in Korea and the Philippine Area on USS LST 595 and 1256, at Okinawa during the typhoons, and for six months in Chosen, Korea. The World War II Victory Medal was awarded with American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and American Theater Award. After returning to the States, Quartermaster Johnston was discharged from service July 2, 1946.

BMl/c Edgar Clinton Johnston, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Johnston, Sr., Longview, Texas, was born April 10, 1922, a native of Texas, and husband of Helen Louise Johnston, also of Longview. He attended Texas A & M at College Station, and volunteered August 4, 1942, for the U.S. Coast Guard, training at Miami, Florida; Norfolk, Virginia; and Galveston, Texas; later serving July, 1944, to October, 1945, overseas in the European Area and Asiatic-Pacific Theater. His ship was the USS Poughkeepsie which he helped pipe into and out of commission, and then the ship was given to the Russians at Cold Bay, Alaska, after the cessation of hostilities. Various ribbons were awarded with the discharge from service October 12, 1945. He feels it was an honor to serve aboard such a great ship.









M/Sgt. GEORGE P. WHITLEY, JR.

Lt. Wehrli was born on June 3, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wehrli of 1021 Henderson Blvd., Kilgore, Texas; attended Kilgore High School; volunteered for service Nov. 31, 1942, at New Orleans, La., assigned to the Navy Maritime Service, and trained at Communications School at New York City, N.Y. He served in the Mediterranean, North and South Atlantic, North and South Pacific Areas, participating in Finschhaven, New Guinea, Tripoli, and Okinawa battles. Awarded American Theater, European Theater Operations with 1 Star, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbons with 2 Stars, and on December 2, 1946, he received his discharge.

M/Sgt. Whitley was born on September 11, 1922, in Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Whitley, Sr., of 520 Buchanan Street, Longview, Texas. He attended Campus Ward Grammar, Longview High School at Longview, and Kilgore Junior College at Kilgore, Texas; on September 7, 1942, he volunteered for the Army Air Force at Tyler, Texas, and received training at Camp Wolters; Majors Field, Greenville; Wacq Army Air Field, at Waco, Texas. He was overseas from May 10, 1943, until Sept. 20, 1945, in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. M/Sgt. George Preston Whitley was given his discharge on November 12, 1945.



S 2/c JOHN T. WILLIAMS



T/5 CECIL L. WOMACK

S2/c Williams was born on March 23, 1914, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor G. Williams of Route 5, Longview, Texas, and husband of Chezelle Truitt Williams. He graduated from Longview High School, and entered the service on April 27, 1944, at Kilgore, Texas, assigned to the Navy CASU-7, and was sent to U.S. Naval Training Center in San Diego, California. He was stationed at the Naval Air Station in Seattle, Washington, and served at the U.S. Naval Hospital, also in Seattle, Washington. Storekeeper Second Class John Taylor Williams was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy on November 24, 1944.

T/5 Womack was born on June 30, 1913, in Texas, son of Mrs. Zora L. Womack of P. O. Box 283, Kilgore, Texas. He was educated in Wink and Dallas, Texas, and attended Kilgore Jr. College; entered the service on February 3, 1941, assigned to the Army 36th Division, and trained at Ind. Sta.; Camp Bowie. On April 13, 1943, he was shipped overseas, and participated in the battle of Rome-Arno, returning to the States on October 30, 1945. His awards are Victory, American Defense, American Theater, EAME Campaign with 1 Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific, and Good Conduct Medals. T/5 Cecil L. Womack was discharged on November 7, 1945.





Pfc William Robert Crim, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Crim, Kilgore, Texas, was born May 11, 1927, a native of Texas. He attended Kemper Military School, Boonville, Missouri, and Kilgore Junior College. Volunteered March 23, 1945, at Dallas, Texas, for the U.S. Marine Corps. Pfc Crim trained and served his total duty in the States at Parris Island, South Carolina, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Camp Pendleton, California. He was later stationed at the Marine Detachment, U.S. Naval Disciplinary Barracks, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California. The American Theater Ribbon was awarded with World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Discharge was granted Pfc Crim August 22, 1946, from San Diego.

Cpl. John Thompson Crim, Jr., was born July 29, 1923, in Kilgore, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Crim, Sr., 204 North Longview, Kilgore; attended Kemper Military School, Boonville, Missouri, and volunteered December 14, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, for the U.S. Marine Corps, 1st Division. He trained at San Diego and Camp Pendleton, California, and later served February, 1944, to January, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area. Cpl. Crim was on the New Caledonia Islands, Solomon Islands, Palau and Ryukyu Islands; participated in action against the Japanese on Peleliu. Okinawa and in the occupation of China. A Letter of Commendation was awarded for efficient performance of duty against enemy forces among various other ribbons. Discharged February 9, 1946.

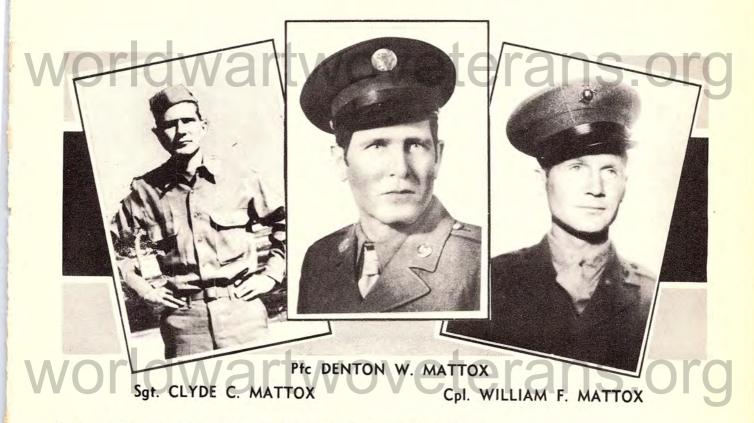




Ensign ANDREW WESLEY WHITAKER, birth date December 18,1922, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Whitaker, Kilgore, Texas; attended Texas A & M, and volunteered December 15, 1942, for the Navy Air Corps. He trained and served his total duty in the States in Illinois, Corpus Christi, and Florida. Ensign Whitaker is currently remaining in the Naval Air Corps.

Lt. JAMES M. ELDER, son of Mrs. N. V. Elder, Dallas, was born April 25, 1921; attended Southwestern College at Georgetown, Texas, and is the husband of Billie Mae Elder, also of Dallas. He volunteered July 12, 1942, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Santa Ana, Calif., and March Field, Calif., and served April, 1944, to June, 1945, in the European Theater. Lt. Elder was stationed in Italy; was reported missing May 29, 1944, but was imprisoned in Stalag Luft III and VIIA. While in prison camp, Lt. Elder was wounded. The Purple Heart was awarded with Air Medal, ETO Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and other ribbons. Discharge was granted January 8, 1946.

Pfc KENNETH LEE WHITAKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitaker, Kilgore, Texas, was born August 30, 1924, in Texas. He attended Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, and volunteered November 30, 1942, at Dallas for the V-12 College Program and Officer Training in the Marine Corps. Pfc Whitaker trained at Parris Island, S.C., and Camp Lejeune, N.C., serving his total duty in the States. After receiving the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, he was granted discharge October 11, 1945.



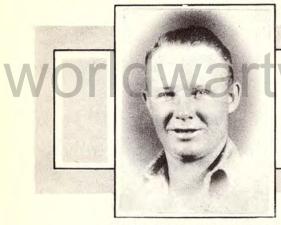
Sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mattox, Longview, Texas.

Sgt. CLYDE CHALMOUS MATTOX, birth date July 18, 1911, in Texas, attended Longview and Gladewater, Texas, Schools, and volunteered November 25, 1940, for the Army Infantry, 36th Division. He trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, later serving July, 1943, to September, 1944, overseas in North Africa and Sicily. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal with World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons. After returning to the States, he was discharged October 10, 1945.

Pfc DENTON WHATLEY MATTOX was born August 16, 1909, in Texas, and entered the Army Infantry March 17, 1944. He trained at Camp Abbott, Oregon, and served with the 410th Infantry Division in Germany. Pfc Mattox was awarded the EAME Campaign Ribbon with one Star, Infantryman Combat Badge, Good Conduct Medal with various other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge April 2, 1946.

Cpl. WILLIAM FINUS MATTOX, birth date September 26, 1918, entered service May 30, 1944, at Dallas, Texas, with the U.S. Marine Corps, 6th Division. After training at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, Cpl. Mattox served overseas November, 1944, to July, 1946, in the South Pacific Theater where he participated in the Okinawa Campaign, and also in China. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon was awarded with Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Ribbon and World War II Victory Award. Discharge from the Marine Corps was granted August 9, 1946.





Cpl. EARL MARKHAM



Pfc J. B. MARKHAM

Cpl. Earl Markham, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Markham, Kilgore, Texas, was born July 30,1919; attended the Kilgore Schools, and volunteered February 2, 1942, at Longview, Texas, for the Army Air Corps. He trained at McChord Field, Washington, and began overseas duty March,1943. Cpl. Markham participated in action in North Africa, Italy, India, Burma and China, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, EAME Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and Good Conduct Medal. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge July 23,1945. He is the brother of L. D., J. B., and R. E. Markham, all in service.

Pfc J. B. Markham, birth date November 13, 1923, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Markham, Kilgore, Texas. He attended the Gladewater, Texas, High School, and volunteered October 14, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, for the Army Signal Corps. Pfc Markham trained in the States, and began overseas duty April, 1944, in the Pacific Theater where he served in New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Western Pacific and Japan. His awards include the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with American Theater, American Defense and World War II Victory Awards. After returning home, he was discharged January 14, 1946.

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1st Lt. L. D. MARKHAM



Y 3/c R. E. MARKHAM

lst Lt. L. D. Markham was born July 16, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Markham, Kilgore, Texas; attended Union Grove High School in Gladewater, Texas, and volunteered August 19, 1940, for the Army Air Corps. Lt. Markham received his commission as pilot on January 7, 1944, later serving July, 1944, to July, 1945, in the European Theater where he participated in the campaigns of Northern France, Rhineland, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Ardennes and Central Europe. The Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with EAME Campaign Medal, six Bronze Service Stars, and various other ribbons and awards.

Y3/c R.E. Markham, son of Elisha David and Ruth Lee Craig Markham, was born August 3,1927; attended Gladewater and Kilgore, Texas, Public Schools, and volunteered December 28,1944, for the Navy Air Corps. He trained at Naval Training Station, San Diego, California, and began overseas duty January 3,1946. Yeoman Markham served in Hawaii, Panama, and in the South Pacific Area where he is currently assigned to the USS Pocono. He was the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Markham to volunteer for service with the United States Armed Forces during the recent war emergency; all served faithfully.

The Surrender of Germany, Her Allies, and Her Satellites

BATTLES of annihilation of such dimensions as those of the second World War have never been fought before. And now the German armies were defeated and destroyed. This was not merely physical destruction. The entire German military machine fell apart to the last atom. The destruction of German militarism was accomplished in this war by total defeat. After the campaigns in Western, Central, and Southern Germany, after the campaign in Eastern Germany, there was nothing left of the German army but corpses, prisoners, and some deserters, together with a host of devastated cities. There was no German army to return home, as there was in 1918. The German army was not merely dispersed, but its institutions, its officers' corps, and general staff were destroyed and eradicated by the defeat. The human slag remaining after the catastrophe was useless for any military purpose.

Total defeat implies not only military defeat. Such a defeat as this will determine all the departments of German national life for a century to come. Because we have helped so essentially in bringing about this defeat, we cannot ignore its consequences. Total defeat has shattered the German State and Germany's social structure. It had broken not only Hitler's Third Reich, but its precursors, Bismarck's Reich and that of Prussian Frederick the Great, as well. This defeat has cut the line of development of German history; it has been and is shattering to the stature of the historic figures who have dominated the minds of the German people for centuries.

The war and the defeat have seen a tremendous expropriation in Germany. It started with Hitler's rigid war economy; it was stepped up by the air war's destruction and evacuations and was brought to a climax by the battles all over Germany. In the course of defeat, Germany became a nation of displaced persons and propertyless refugees. The war brought about the collapse of the German elite, the ruling social groups, even before the purge proper was started. The total defeat will have aftereffects for many, many years. The war opened an era of violent changes for Germany which cannot be stopped. Postwar Germany is even more different from the Third Reich than the Third Reich was different from the Weimar Republic.

"Whoever lights the torch of war in Europe can wish for nothing but chaos," said Adolf Hitler on May 21, 1935. The rebound of that awful truth oppresses Germany today, when the European phase of the war whose torch Hitler lit on September 1, 1939 was blotted out and extinguished with unconditional surrender. Hitler bequeathed to the world a wasteland. Since the message of National Socialism has proved not only empty but repulsive as well, Germany is today a political desert. The war violently wrenched and partially destroyed the foundations of its economy. Desolation spreads out from Germany over the whole of Europe through destroyed cities and hungry populations

The end of the war forced on the victors the grave problem of reconstructing a peaceful and prosperous civilization on the chaotic continent of Europe.

By May 1, 1945 the various elements of the German military machine had been beaten to a pulp. But with characteristic German haughtiness of spirit they could not bring themselves to admit defeat. Germany was chaos; cities were in dust and ashes; the swaggering pomposities of a self-styled superior race had been trampled on and humiliated; Germany was a land of frightened people and of horror in describable. No cities were left unscathed:—Aachen, Cologne, Bonn, Koblenz, Wurzburg, Frankfurt, Mainz,—and scores of others that once were proud cities now lay in ruin and desolation.

The German armies, once the proudest and most efficient in all the world, had reached their last mile. In the brazen hope of securing lenient terms from the Allies, in spite of all the atrocities they had committed, German leaders began to seek a way out, for they knew that if the war went on, total destruction would be the price they would have to pay. And so, they wanted to negotiate.

The Germans surrendered piecemeal: first, by the hundreds and the thousands; then, by the tens of thousands and the hundreds of thousands as the armies in Africa, Italy, Austria, and north Germany gave up.

In order to have our minds refreshed, let us review the downward steps that finally led to Germany's collapse and unconditional surrender. Like bricks and stones from an old and disintegrative wall fall out one by one through they years until the entire wall collapses in dust, so the Nazi and Fascist powers.

Some Notable Surrenders

1. North Africa, May 12, 1943.

The beginning of the crumbling process of the Nazi-Fascist war machines may be said to have begun early in 1943 in North Africa when the German and Italian armies under Rommel and von Arnim were defeated by the American, British and French. In the Battle of Tunisia, which brought the African campaign to a close, fifteen enemy divisions were destroyed. Rommel had been recalled to Europe to command the German defenses in western France, and von Arnim with some 267,000 troops was captured on May 12, 1943. On that day organized resistance ceased on the Cap Bon peninsula.

2. Italy, September 3, 1943.

Italy was the first of the Fascist nations to capitulate. Weary of the war, after more than three years during which Britain, with the aid of the French from Africa and American supplies, had conquered the whole of Italy's African empire. The surrender took place on September 3, 1943 when Italian Marshal Pietro Badoglio, who had been named by the king to replace Mussolini, signed the armistice agreement, which was kept secret until it was announced by General Eisenhower one week later. Only nine divisions of Italians were able to surrender to the Allies, as on September 10, 1943, ten Italian divisions in the Balkans had surrendered to the Yugoslav guerrillas, and Germany had disarmed forty-three Italian division in Italy, France and the Balkans. So, the principal benefit accruing to the Allies from the Italian surrender was the acquisition of the Italian Navy, which followed Badoglio's orders and sailed into Allied ports.

Mussolini, who had been thrown out of the

Italian Government, had set up under the aegis of the Nazis the so-called Republic of Italy in the Po River area of northern Italy and made a desperate effort to recover his lost prestige and power.

3. Finland, September 4, 1944.

As Finland was never at war with the United States, our particular interest in the armistice with Russia is that one less Nazi stronghold on the castern fringe of Europe remained.

On June 30, 1944 the United States broke diplomatic relations with Finland because she had "entered into a hard and fast military partnership with Nazi Germany." It soon became apparent that Finland wanted to get her neck out of the German noose, and she began to make overtures to the Allies for an armistice. But not being willing to accede to their terms, the attempt was abortive. However, as the summer of 1944 wore on, Finland became isolated from Germany and too weak to carry on the war by herself, as Germany could no longer give Finland any military support. So, finally on September 4, 1944 the Finnish Government agreed to an armistice with Great Britain and Russia, one that guaranteed Finland's political independence, which armistice was signed September 19, 1944.

4. Rumania, September 12, 1944.

The Nazis in their program of expansion had invaded and made sattelite states of Rumania, Finland, Bulgaria and Hungary. All of these except Finland declared war on the United States and Britain, on December 12, 1941. Each of these sattelite countries being in the path of the victorious Russian armies sweeping westwar, sought a cessation of hostilities, in the latter part of 1944 and early 1945.

On September 12, 1944, at Moscow, the Rumanian representative signed an Armistice with representatives of the United States of America, the Soviet Union, and the United Kingdom. King Michael had, late in August, issued a surprising order to his troops to cease fighting the Allies and take up the fight against the Germans.

5. Bulgaria, September 12, 1944.

Bulgaria signed an agreement to cease fighting against the Allies under very peculiar circumstances. Having prevailed on Rumania to quit the war and turn her guns against the Axis powers, the armies of Soviet Russia were at the Borders of Bulgaria, and demanding that country to follow the example of Rumania. Bulgaria at first refused and announced that she would follow a policy of neutrality which meant that the Russian military would be unable to get at the Nazi forces in the southern Balkans. Whereupon the Soviets declared war on Bulgaria, and almost immediately the Bulgarian government retracted its neutrality policy and joined with the Soviet armies in fighting the Nazis.

6. Hungary, December 30, 1944.

On October 15, 1944, Regent Admiral Horthy made an effort to get Hungary out of the war by appealing to the Allies for an armistice.

The Pro-Fascist Red Arrow group in Hungary under Ferenc Azalasy renounced the move and Horthy was overthrown. Finally a Provisional Hungarian National Assembly met at Debrecen on December 21, 1944, and General Bela Miklos became Provisional Premier, and on December 30, 1944, appealed to the Russians for an armistice. On the same day the Provisional Hungarian Government declared war on Germany, which meant that Germany had lost all her former allies.

7. Surrender of the Nazi Armies in Northern Germany, May 4, 1945.

Before the Germans capitulated at Lunenberg, they made a desperate effort to split the Allies, separating Britain and America from their Russian allies. On May 3, 1945 a German delegation came to Marshal Montgomery and proposed on behalf of German Field Marshal Busch to surrender three German armies that were facing the Russians. Montgomery refused to consider the proposition, and demanded that they surrender the German armies on the northern and western flanks to him. This the Germans at first refused to do. Then it was that Montgomery unrolled before them his operational map which showed in what a hopeless and helpless position the millions of German soldiers were, and that he had them in his power. The German representatives were deeply impressed.

The Germans returned to Montgomery's headquarters in the afternoon of May 4, 1945 and signified a willingness to sign a surrender. Further enemy resistance in north Germany was hopeless. So it was, that near Lunenberg at 4:45 P.M. May 4, 1945, Field Marshal Montgomery received the capitulation of the enemy forces in northwest Germany, Holland and Denmark. Admiral Hans von Friedenberg, Commander in chief of the German Navy signed first, then General Kinsel, Chief of Staff for Field Marshal Busch, then Major Friede next,while Marshal Montgomery looked on. Marshal Montgomery then affixed his signature "for and in behalf of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander," and suggested that the Germans might as well make their surrender so comprehensive as to include the entire military and naval establishment of the German Reich.

Surrender of the German Troops in Austria, May 6, 1945.

In Austria, just eleven months after the Allied landing in Normandy, Army Group G, comprising all German troops in Austria, surrendered unconditionally to the American Sixth Army Group, at noon on May 6, 1945.

9. Surrender of the Germans at Reims, May 7, 1945.

On May 5, 1945, Admiral General von Friedenberg came to the Supreme Headquarters at Reims with the announced power to surrender the remaining German armies to the western powers, the United States and Britain, but not to Russia. General Eisenhower refused to consider the proposal. At 5 P.M. on May 6, 1945, Colonel General Jodl, Chief of Staff of the Wehrmacht came to Reims. He was met by General Walter Bedell Smith, General Eisen-

hower's chief of staff. The conference continued until late into the night. During the early morning hours of Monday, May 7, 1945, other members of the Allied High Command arrived at SHAEF (Supreme Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces). British and Russian high officials were also present. So it was that at 2:41 A.M., in the Techinal College Building at Reims, France, the German representatives surrendered unconditionally to the United States, Great Britain, and the Soviet Union, all land and sea and air forces of the German Reich.

Colonel General Gustav Jodl, sat down at a long table in a room in a school house at Reims, France, and signed terms of unconditional surrender. So, the war precipitated by the Germans that cost the death of somewhere between 20 and 50 million people was over.

At his Advance Headquarters in Reims, General Eisenhower turned to his deputy commander, British Air Marshal Tedder and said, "Thank you very much, Arthur." Then he held up the two pens with which the surrender had been signed and made a victorious "V."

This momentous capitulation was done in a plain, undramatic, American way, in a dingy school house, on a plain wooden table, with the flat unaccented voice of Eisenhower's chief of staff, Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith, issuing instructions. There were no Nazi salutes. The word "Hitler" was not once mentioned. As the Nazi Reich sank into history, a history that not many will enjoy reading, the Allies ended it without a smile.

A shameful climax of the surrender at Reims was Jodl's short speech: "In this war, which has lasted more than five years, (we) have achieved and suffered more than perhaps any other people in the world. In this hour I can only express hope that the victor will treat (us) with generosity." There was no reply to the Nazi's brazen impudence.

Terms of the German Surrender

The text of the German surrender terms, as signed at General Eisenhower's headquarters in Reims, France, on May 7 at 2:41 A.M. is given below.

- (1) We, the undersigned, acting by authority of the German High Command, hereby surrender unconditionally to the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command, all forces on land, sea, and in the air who are at this date under German control.
- (2) The German High Command will at once issue orders to all German military, naval and air authorities and to all forces under German control to cease active operations at 2301 hours (11:01 P.M.) Central European Time on Eight May and to remain in the positions occupied at the time. No ship, vessel or aircraft is to be scuttled, or any damage done to their hull, machinery or equipment.
- (3) The German High Command will at once issue to the appropriate commanders, and ensure the carrying out of any further orders issued by the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, and by the Soviet High Command.
- (4) This act of Military Surrender is without prejudice to, and will be superseded by, any general instrument of surrender

imposed by, or on behalf of, the United Nations and applicable to Germany and the German Armed Forces as a whole.

(5) In the event of the German High Command or any of the forces under their control failing to act in accordance with this Act of Surrender, the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, and the Soviet High Command will take such punitive or other action as they deem appropriate.

Signed at Reims, France at 0241 hours (2:41 A.M.) on the seventh day of May, 1945.

On behalf of the German High Command:

In the presence of:

On behalf of the Supreme Commander,. Allied Expeditionary Force:

W. B. SMITH

On behalf of the Soviet High Command:

IVAN SUSLOPAROFF

On behalf of the French:

F. SEVEZ

German Losses During the Second World War

We shall probably never know the exact numbers of soldiers, equipment, and other necessaries of war, that Germany lost between September 1, 1939 and May 5, 1945. Due to the destruction of German cities, many of which contained official records and archives, and due also to the general widespread confusion during the closing weeks of the war, much of the data on which to compute an accurate tabulation of losses was in many cases scattered or completely obliterated.

A document captured in the home of General Hermann Reinecke, a member of the Wehrmacht propaganda section, placed the total German military losses to November 30, 1944 at 4,064,438 killed, wounded and missing. Of these, 1,709,739 were listed as killed.

From November 30, 1944 to the end of the war in May 1945, German losses may conservatively be estimated to have been 500,000 which figure would bring the German casualty list to about four and one half million.

And, when we take into consideration the vast numbers of German prisoners taken by the Allied and Russian armies in the last days of the war, and add them to the total casualty figures given above, we get around seven and a half million persons, which approximated the entire strength of the German Wehrmacht and special troops.

Many of those now in Allied prison camps, and many others dispersed over the face of the globe, will never live to return to their native land. Germany lost very nearly one-tenth of her population in her military casualties alone, and when we consider the many, many thousands of civilians destroyed in the whirlwind of war, we can see that the German people for many years to come will live under a handicap that will mean dire consequences, and in all probability will prevent the resurgence of a proud, boastful pseudo-superior people.

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Capt. CHARLES D. ROBBINS, JR.

Capt. Charles D. Robbins, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Robbins, Sr., was born on Oct. 28, 1919. He is the husband of Mary Belle Robbins of Enid, Okla. After attending the University of Okla., he was employed by the Texas Power and Light Co., before volunteering for the Army Air Corps on Jan. 29, 1942. Kelly Field, Tulsa and Enid, Okla., and Dale Mabry Field, Fla., are the places at which he was trained. He was assigned to the Air Forces Training Command, and served in the European Theater from Feb. 8, 1943, until Oct. 24, 1944. He saw action at the following places: North Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica, North and South Italy, and the campaign of Southern France. He is authorized to wear the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, 5 Battle Stars on the ETO Ribbon, and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was released from active duty to the Air Corps Reserve on Nov. 19, 1945.





Cpl. Joseph William Bolger was born September 23, 1908, husband of Frances Bolger, graduated from the Mt. Vernon, Texas, Schools, also attended East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce. He volunteered September 12, 1942, at Dallas for the Army Air Corps, training at Florence Army Air Base, South Carolina, Engineer Mechanic School, Hawthorne, California, and Majors and Sheppard Fields in Texas. Cpl. Bolger served overseas from March, 1944, to July, 1945, in the air offensive of Europe, Normandy France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received the European-African -Middle Eastern Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from the Army Air Force September 25, 1945.

Sgt. Ruben Francis Bolger, son of Mrs. Isabella Bolger, Mt. Vernon, Texas, and brother of Joseph William Bolger, was born September 2, 1914, a native of Texas. He graduated from the Mt. Vernon Schools, and volunteered for the Armed Forces September 5, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. Sgt. Bolger received his training at El Paso, Texas, Buckley, Field, Colorado, and Hamilton Field in California. His total duty was served in the States. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon with World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, plus the Good Conduct Award. Discharge from the Air Corps was granted February 1, 1946. Sgt. Bolger had previously served in United States duty January 13, 1934, to January 12, 1937.



Cpl. WILLIAM J. WYCHE

Cpl. William James Wyche, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wyche, of Midland, Texas, was born May 29, 1924, and entered Army service Feb. 19, 1943, at El Paso, Texas. He was assigned to the Q.M. Remount, and trained at Ft. Reno. He served overseas from Aug., 1944, to Jan., 1946, in China, Burma, and India. He was in the China Defensive and the China Offensive. His awards are: American Theater Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, with 4 Bronze Stars; Good Conduct; and Victory. He was given an honorable discharge from military duty on Jan. 11, 1946. Before entering service, he was a rancher. He had attended Schreiner Institute at Kerrville, and Texas Technical College, Lubbock.



Y 3/c OLIVER L. YORK

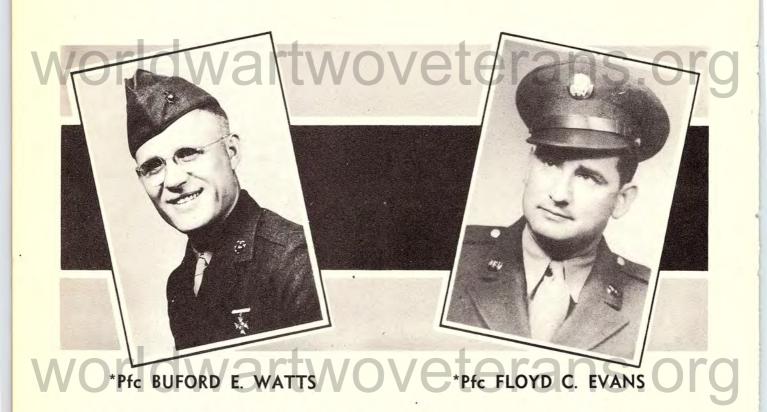


T/5 ROBERT R. YORK

Y3/c York was born on August 1, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. York of Box 838, Las Vegas, New Mexico. He received his education in Midland, Texas, and Kemper Military School in Boonville, Mo. He volunteered for service on July 29, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas, entering the Coast Guard and training at Manhattan Island, New York, and the Naval Base at Newport, Rhode Island. Yeoman Third Class Oliver Leon York served overseas from January 6, 1945, until May 10, 1946, in the European and Asiatic-Pacific Areas. He received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and was given his honorable discharge on the 22nd of May, 1946.

T/5 York was born on the 8th day of December, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. York of Box 838, Las Vegas, New Mexico; they were formerly of Midland, Texas. His wife is Melba Louise York. After graduating from John M. Cowden Jr. High and Midland High Schools in Midland, he attended the Kemper Military School in Boonville, Missouri, and on the 29th of June, 1942, he volunteered for service at Boonville, Missouri, and was assigned to the United States Army Air Corps. He was then ordered to Sheppard Field, Texas, for his training. Tech. 5th Grade York received his discharge on the 6th of April, 1946.





Pfc Buford Erskine Watts born June 30, 1918, a native of Texas, and husband of Hela Mae Moore Watts, Reagan, Texas, attended the Marlin, Texas, Elementary and High Schools and was employed as dispatcher for the Bowen Bus Lines. He volunteered for service March 16, 1944, at Houston, Texas, for the U.S. Marine Corps, 3rd Division, and trained at Marine Base, San Diego, Camp Elliott, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California. Was transferred overseas July 20, 1944, to the Pacific Theater. Pfc Watts served on Guam and paid the Supreme Sacrifice while faithfully serving his country March 7, 1945, on Iwo Jima. He held the Range Record for B.A.R. and was awarded the Purple Heart. His parents Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Watts, Marlin, Texas, survive.

Pfc Floyd C. Evans was born December 24, 1912, in Rosebud, Texas, and is the husband of Geneva Smith Evans of Rosebud. He attended the Reagan, Texas, Schools, and was employed by the Houston Ship Building Company, defense work, prior to his entry October 4, 1943, at Houston, Texas, into the Army Infantry 34th Division. Pfc Evans trained at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas, and Ft. Ord, California, and began overseas duty March 12, 1944, in the Pacific Theater of Operation. He served in New Guinea and in the first Invasion of the Philippine Islands at Leyte, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in duty for his country October 22, 1944. The Purple Heart was awarded in memoriam of his life lost in service. His parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Evans, Reagan, Texas, also survive.



Lt. DUFFY B. STANLEY

Lt. Duffy Brock Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stanley, of Midland, was born Feb. 14, 1923, and entered Army service on March 21, 1943. He was assigned to the Infantry, 42nd Div., and trained at Camp Roberts, Ft. Benning, and Camp Gruber. He served overseas from Nov., 1944, to June, 1946, in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, and Austria. He participated in the battles of the Rhineland and Central Europe, and was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Silver Star, and the Bronze Star. On August 24, 1946, he was relieved from active duty. Previous to entering service, he had been a student at Texas A&M College, and had been employed by Standard Oil.





BM 2/c JACK W. HENSHAW

Pvt. ANDY G. GODFREY

BM2/c Jack Walford Henshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Henshaw, of Denton, Texas, was born Jan. 17,1925, and volunteered for service in the Navy on Oct. 13, 1942, at Big Spring. He was trained at San Diego, and served overseas from Dec. 1, 1942, to April 27, 1946, in the Aleutians and the Asiatic-Pacific Area. His awards are: American Area Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific, and Victory Medal. He was given an honorable discharge from Naval service on April 27, 1946. Before volunteering for the Navy, he had attended the schools of Midland, Texas.

Pvt. Andy Gardella Godfrey, son of Allen Godfrey, and brother of Mrs. Lou Alma Wells of Midland, Texas, was born July 6, 1918, and entered service in the Army Air Corps as a Radioman, on May 8, 1942. He was trained at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and at Orlando, Florida. He spent nearly two years in military service, the whole time of which was given to duty in the United States, with no service overseas. It was in January, 1944, that he was given an honorable discharge from service with the armed forces of his country. Prior to entering the service, he had attended school in Thackerville, Oklahoma.



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Capt. WELDON W. TEAGUE

Capt. Weldon W. Teague, husband of Doris K. Teague, and son of Mrs. Edward A. Teague, both of Childress, was born on April 15, 1919. Prior to his volunteering for the U.S. Cavalry in Aug. of 1940, he was a structural Supt. He was trained with the first Cavalry Division at Ft. Bliss. Between Dec. 12, 1942, until July 1, 1945, he served in the European Theater with the 91st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. He participated in the campaigns of Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Lower Apennines, Rome-Arno, and the Po Valley. Recommended for Legion of Merit for patrol work in Africa; received the Bronze Star for heroic duty near Cassino, with an Oak Leaf Cluster for San Donato. Also received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Silver Starbesides 6 Battle Stars on his ETO Ribbon. He won 1st place in night compass riding contest in the old Horse Cavalry as a Sgt. and is expert with rifle, pistol, machine guns, and sub-machine gun. He was commissioned on Battle Field. Discharged Nov., 1945.



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*Pfc JESSE W. RODGERS

Pfc Jesse W. Rodgers, son of Mrs. Ida Rodgers, of Midland, Texas, and husband of Barbara Rodgers, was born Jan. 24, 1910, and volunteered for the Marines on Aug. 4, 1942. He was assigned to the 12th Marine Corps, 3rd Div., and trained at San Diego and Camp Dunlap, and served overseas from Feb. to Nov., 1943. He was stationed first in New Zealand, then in Guadalcanal, and was onboard the USS McKean enroute to the Bougainville campaign when the ship was torpedoed in the bay on the morning of Nov. 17. His body was never recovered. The Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and a Memorial by President Roosevelt, were awarded posthumously. Prior to the service, he was a sports reporter for the Midland Reporter Telegram, and later, Camp Barkeley News.



Pfc ELMER L. SMITH



*T/5 BILLY L. WELLS

Pfc Elmer Lee Smith, son of Eli Smith, of Midland, and husband of Louise Smith of McCamey, was born Feb. 21, 1912, and entered Army service Nov. 6, 1942. He was assigned to the C.A.C., A.A.A., 751st, and trained at Camp Callan. From Mar., 1943, to July, 1945, he served overseas in the Pacific Area, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and on Saipan. He was in the invasion of Saipan; he spent one year and one day on that island. His awards are: Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign with 1 Bronze Star; Good Conduct Medal. He was given anhonorable discharge from military service on July 14, 1945. He attended public schools of Midland, and was ranching before he entered service.

T/5 Billy Lee Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Wells, and husband of Lou Alma Wells, of Midland, was born April 20, 1921, and volunteered for Army service July 10, 1942. He was assigned to the Q.M. Spec. Brig., and trained at Camp Edwards, Camp Carabella, and Ft. Ord. He served overseas from Nov., 1943, to Nov., 1944, in Dutch New Guinea. He did not see battle but paid the Supreme Sacrifice in a truck accident while on duty hauling supplies. He died in a hospital in Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea. He was a brother of Mrs. Louise Smith, who is the wife of Pfc Elmer Lee Smith of McCamey, Texas.

1. —LT. (ig) EUGENE BREWER was born on March 30, 1946, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brewer of Archer City, Texas, and husband of Lela Brewer of Midland, Texas. He volunteered for service Dec. 1, 1942, assigned to U.S.N.R., training at Camps Peary, Parks, and Rousseau. Overseas in the Southwest Pacific from Nov., 1943, until Nov., 1945, in Australia, British New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea, Admiralty Is., and Philippine Is. Lt. (ig) Brewer is still serving in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

*2. —S/SGT. GUSS BRYAN was born on September 17, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryan of 308 Terrell St., Box 1097, Midland, Texas. He received his education in Midland, and volunteered for service in Feb., 1941, at Lubbock, Texas, assigned to Army Air Corps, and was sent to Goodfellow Fld. for his training. He went overseas in January, 1944, and served in the European Theater of Operations, S/Sgt. Bryan was killed on March 19, 1944, at Kirchberg, Austria. Awarded Purple Heart.

3. —MAJ. GEORGE DEE McCORMICK was born on Sept. 21, 1896, son of Mrs. Mollie McCormick, brother of Mrs. Leona M. Bryant of Midland, and husband of Agnes McCormick of San Antonio. Veteran of World War I, he entered the Army Air Corps on June 10, 1942, and was sent to Santa Ana, Calif., for training. Served in the air invasion of Europe from April, 1944, until Sept., 1944. Awarded Victory, ETO and EAME, 2 Ribbons with Stars. Entered inactive status Dec., 1944.

4. —SGT. LEVI JACKSON BUSH was born on Jan. 24, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bush, and husband of Irene Bush of Midland, Texas; attended Post Oak, Texas, High School, entering the Army Medical Div. on Dec. 21, 1942, at Ft. Bliss, Texas; trained at Camp Shelby, Miss. Overseas from July, 1944, until Dec., 1945, in Dutch East Indies, Japan, Battles of New Guinea, South Philippines. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, Philippine Liberation, Victory Medals. Discharged Dec., 1945.

5. —S/SGT. WILSON THOMAS BUSH was born on Oct.10, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bush of Midland, Texas; attended high school at Midland, entering Ar my Antitank Div. on Jan. 28, 1942, and trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., Camps Chaffee, Ark., and Hood, Texas. Overseas from Oct., 1944, to Jan., 1946, with 720th Amphibious Tractor Bn. on Hawaii and Okinawa. Received American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. He was honorably discharged January 25, 1946.

6. —PVT. DOYLE DEWITT BUSH was born on March 15, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bush of Midland, Texas. He received his education at Midland, entering the service on March 31, 1944, at Ft. Bliss, Texas; was assigned to Army 70th Infantry Div.; and was sent to Ft. Leonard Wood, and Camp Adair, Missouri. Pvt. Bush was given an honorable discharge on the 5th day of December, 1944. His two brothers, Levi Jackson and Wilson Thomas Bush, also served in the U.S. Army.

7. —SGT. JAMES ROLAND DUBLIN, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Dublin of Midland, Texas, attended N.T.A.C. at Arlington, entering A.A.F. on Jan. 8, 1943, training at Sheppard Fld., Texas; Ft. George Wright, Wash.; Wendover, Utah; Fairmont, Neb.; and Fla. Overseas from Dec., 1943, to June, 1945, in Italy. A warded EAME, 10 Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and Good Conduct Medals. Sgt. Dublin received an honorable discharge on September 11, 1945.

8. -M/SGT. CLAUDE McGEE EDWARDS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Edwards, Sr., of Stanton, Texas, and husband of Ruth S. Edwards of Midland, Texas, was born Feb. 20, 1914. He entered Army Engineers (Pipeline) on Dec. 21, 1942, and trained at Camp Claiborne, La. He served overseas from July 10, 1943, to Nov. 23, 1945, in the India-Burma Campaign. Awarded the Bronze Star, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Master Sergeant Edwards was given an honorable discharge on November 28, 1945.

9, —Sl/c OTHAL IKE FITZGERALD was born on Nov. 11, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Fitzgerald of Midland, Texas. He attended Midland High School; volunteered for service Nov. 3, 1944, at San Angelo, Texas, and was assigned to Navy Bive 66, Assemble 7, and trained at San Bruno, Calif. He served overseas from June, 1945, to July, 1946, in Pacific on Okinawa. Awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Area with 1 Star, American Theater, and Victory Medals, and was honorably discharged July, 1946.

10.—PFC RICHARD HOWARD ADAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Adams of Broken Arrow, Okla., and husband of Christine E. Adams of A bilene, Texas, was born July 15, 1916. He volunteered for the Army 45th Div. on Dec. 1, 1940, and trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Served in battles of Sicily, S. France, Rome-Arno, and Rhineland from June, 1943, to July, 1945. He received American Defense, EAME, 4 Stars, Purple Heart, 1 Cluster, and Good Conduct Medals. Honorably discharged July 22, 1945.

11.—PFC JOHN ANGUS GARVIN was born on May 13, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Garvin of Midland, Texas, brother-in-law of Richard Howard Adams of Abilene, Texas. He entered the 12th A.A.F. on July 7, 1943, and trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Overseas from Aug. 23, 1944, to April 30, 1945, in Naples, Italy and Ghisonaccia, Corsica, He received American Theater, EAME, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Pfc Garvin was honorably discharged on the 8th day of Feb., 1946.

12.—PFC JAMES GRADY HARPER, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Harper, Sr., of Midland, Texas, born June 25, 1924, attended Texas A & M College, Bryan, Tēxas, and entered Army 63rd Div. on April 29, 1943. Trained at Camp Callan, San Diego, Knoxville, Tenn., and Hattiesburg, Miss. Overseas from Dec., 1944, until April 11, 1946, in battles of Rhineland, Central Europe as survey and instrument man and occupation at Linz, Austria. A warded EAME, ATO, Bronze Stars, Expert Carbine Medals. Discharged April, 1946.

13.—T/SGT, JOSEPH E. HARWELL was born on Sept. 27, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harwell of Midland, Texas. He attended Midland High School, and entered the Army C.A.C. on Sept. 7, 1942, at El Paso, Texas, and trained at Camp Callan, Calif. In the S.W. Pacific Area on New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, and S. Philippines campaigns from 14th of Nov., 1943, until 17th of Dec., 1945. T/Sgt. Harwell was given an honorable discharge on December 28, 1945, from the U.S. Army.

14.—T/SGT. CHARLES REUBEN HEMINGWAY was born on Nov. 8, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hemingway of Midland, Texas. He volunteered for the Army 2nd Armored Div. on Feb. 25, 1941, and trained at Ft. Benning, Ga. In Sicily, N. France, Normandy, Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland from Dec., 1942, to June, 1945; awarded EAME, 5 Stars, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, French Citation, Citation by President Truman, and American Defense Medals. Was discharged July 5, 1945, honorably.

15.—SGT. TROY DEE HERRON was born on April 24, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Herron of Midland, Texas. He volunteered for service Sept. 23, 1943, assigned to Army 6th Div., and trained at Ft, Riley, Kas. Served overseas from April, 1944, to May, 1945, in the Philippines and New Guinea. Awarded Purple Heart for wounds received on March 3, 1945, in the Philippines. Sgt. Herron was honorably discharged Sept. 2, 1945.

16.—SGT. HASKELL VERNON JOBE, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L., Jobe of Seminole, Texas, and husband of Inez Jobe of Midland, Texas, was born on Jan. 11, 1917; he entered A.A. C., 20th Fighter Group on Sept., 1942, and trained at Hammer Fld., Calif. Served 26 mos. in England, Kings Cliff, battles of Normandy, Rhine, and Germany. Awarded Presidential Citation, 1 Star, Good Conduct, and ETO with 7 Bronze Battle Stars. On October 22, 1945, Sgt. Jobe was given an honorable discharge from the A.A.C.

17.—CAPT. WILLIAM SAMUEL LANHAM was born on July 14, 1904, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lanham of Midland, Texas, and husband of Gertrude L. Lanham of San Angelo, Texas; graduated from Montezuma College at Las Vegas, N. Mex. He volunteered for service on April 13, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to Army Air Corps, and was sent to Officers Training School, Miami Beach, Fla. Served with Central Flying Command. Received an honorable discharge March 30, 1946, and is now a Reserve Officer.

18.—Sp(P)2/c STELLA MAYE LANHAM, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lanham of Midland, born June 24,1908, graduated from Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Speech. Volunteered for the Navy Waves on March 7,1944, and trained at Hunter College, New York City. Served in the Hydrographic Office at Wash., D.C., in the drafting dept. Awarded Group Commendation by Admiral Bryan (Hydrographer), and also one by Admiral Nimitz. On Nov. 19, 1945, she was honorably discharged.

19.—SGT. FRANK HAROLD LANHAM, JR., was born on Feb. 23, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lanham, and husband of Doris Marie Lanham of Midland, Texas. Volunteered for Army 36th Inf. Div. on Jan. 15, 1941; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Overseas 29 mos. in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, Central Europe, Rhineland, invasion of Italy. Awarded Good Conduct, American Defense, EAME, 5 Stars, 1 Arrowhead, and Bronze Star Medals. Sgt. Lanham received his discharge Oct. 6, 1945.

20.—1ST LT. WAYNE JOHNSON LANHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Lanham, and husband of Dorothy Harris Lanham of Midland, Texas, was born July 4, 1921, volunteering for A.A.F. on March 20, 1942, and trained at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. In England with 8th A.F. in air offensive of Europe, D-Day, battles of N. France and Germany. Awarded ETO with 4 Battle Stars, Air Medal, with 4 Clusters, and D.F.C. He was given anhonorable discharge Nov. 24, 1945, (1st Lt. in Air Corps Reserve).







RM 2/c Charles Orr Cole, birthdate May 8, 1924, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Cole, Olney, Texas. He volunteered for service August 4, 1942, at Ft. Worth, Texas, for the Navy, Communications Branch, training at San Diego, California. After serving for six months in the States, Radioman Cole began three years of service in the Pacific Theater, China Sea, Philippine Area and Shanghai. He participated in bombardment of Munda, Bougainville, New Ireland, and other islands, also in landings at many places and in occupation of Formosa and Shanghai. The Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with six Stars was awarded with Philippine Campaign Medal with one Star, Good Conduct Medaland other ribbons. Discharge was granted January 7, 1946, from Norman, Oklahoma.

Pfc Chester Lionel Cole son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Cole, 102 West Edwards, Olney, Texas, was born August 22, 1925, a native of Texas. He graduated from Olney Schools and volunteered June 28, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, for the U.S. Marine Corps, 3rd Marine, 9th Division; trained in the States at Camp Elliott, California. Pfc Cole was transferred to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations wherehe received additional training at New Zealand and on Guadalcanal; later served in the South, Southwest and Central Pacific Area. He was in the offensive of Guam; landed on Iwo Jima where he also participated in combat, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 11, 1945, from wounds received on this is land. The Campaign Ribbons were awarded with Purple Heart for his gallant sa crifice.

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S 1/c CLARENCE SCHARBAUER, JR.

S 1/c Clarence Scharbauer, Jr., the son of Mrs. Ruth Scharbauer of the Scharbauer Hotel in Midland, was born on July 6, 1925. He graduated from high school in Midland, and attended Texas A. & M. College. Prior to his entrance into the Navy on Aug. 18, 1944, he managed the Scharbauer Ranches and Hotel. He served at the U.S. Naval Training Station at San Diego, Calif., until June 27, 1946, the date of his discharge. He was promoted from Apprentice Seaman to Seaman 2nd Class, and finally to the rank of Seaman 1st Class. He was awarded the Victory Medal and the American Theater Ribbon. It was El Paso, Texas, where he was first inducted into the United States Naval Reserve.



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Cpl. CHARLES H. THETFORD, JR.

Cpl. Charles Hubert Thetford, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubert Thetford, Sr., 810 Cherry Street, Graham, Texas, was born October 14, 1926, in Vernon, Texas. He graduated from Graham High School; is the husband of Alice Faye Thetford of Graham. Cpl. Thetford entered service February 26, 1945, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the Army, Printing Plant and Publication Depot; trained at Camp Hood, Texas; later served from September 1945, to October, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. He was stationed in Manila, Philippine Islands. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Independence Award, Meritorious Unit Medal, Good Conduct Ribbon with American Theater, Defense and World War II Victory Ribbons plus one Overseas Service Bar. Afterreturning to the States, he was granted discharge from service December 4, 1946. Prior to entry into the Armed Forces Cpl. Thetford was employed in a defense plant.





S 1/c ROY PARKS, JR.

S 1/c Roy Parks, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parks, Sr., and husband of Harriett Parks, of Midland, Texas, was born June 27, 1924, and entered Navy service Aug. 17, 1944. He was assigned to the Auxiliary Air Base and trained at San Diego and Ream Field. He spenthis entire three-year period of Navy service within United States boundaries, not being called to overseas duty. On Oct. 22, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge from the service. Previous to enlistment he had been a student at Texas Technological College, in Lubbock, Texas, and was ranching. It was in his home town of Midland, Texas, that he entered the service of the Navy.







*Sgt. WILLIAM E. PRICE

Ens. FRANK A. PRICE

Cpl. JACK R. PRICE

Sgt. WILLIAM EDGAR PRICE, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.D.L. Price, of Midland, Texas, was born Feb. 25, 1922, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps on June 29, 1942, at Longview. He was trained at Salt Lake City, and at Ellington and Harlingen Fields. From April to June, 1944, he served overseas, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the D-Day Invasion, June 6, 1944. The Purple Heart was awarded and he was given a Citation of Honor by the United States Army Air Forces. He is buried in Brookwood Cemetery, England. Previous to his enlistment, he had been a student at North Texas State Teachers' College, in Denton.

Ensign FRANK ALVIN PRICE, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.D.L. Price, of Midland, Texas, was born April 22, 1923, and volunteered his services in the Navy Air Corps, in July, 1943, at Dallas. He was trained at Corpus Christi, where he received a commission. From Feb. to July, 1945, he served on Okinawa. He now is on inactive duty.

Cpl. JACK RAYMOND PRICE, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.D.L. Price, of Midland, was born Feb. 18, 1926, and volunteered for the Marines in Jan., 1944. He served overseas from Aug., 1944, to March, 1946, and was in the battles of Peleliu and Okinawa. He holds 2 Citations Area Ribbon with Battle Stars and other awards. He was honorably discharged, April, 1946.



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*T/4 JOHN W. RAPER

T/4 John Wesley Raper, husband of Lillie Belle Raper of Jacksboro, Texas, was born January 1, 1918, a native of Jacksboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Raper, Olney, Texas. He attended Megargel, Texas, High School, and volunteered for service November 20, 1940, for the Army 131st Field Artillery, 36th Division. Aftertraining at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass., he was transferred overseas April, 1943, to the North African-European-Middle East Theater, where he participated in action of North Africa and Salerno. September 12, 1943, while in the duty of his country, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in Salerno, Italy. The Purple Heart was awarded post-humously in recognition of his life given gallantly in service. Prior to his entry with the Armed Forces he was employed as Chef in Jacksboro.

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Lt. WILLIAM G. NOBLE

Lt. William G. Noble, son of Mrs. Susie G. Noble, of 1211 West Illinois, Midland, Texas, was born Oct. 31, 1921, and volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps, May 20, 1942. He was trained at SAAF, Santa Ana; KAAF, Kingman, Ariz.; and Deming Air Field, N. Mex. He served overseas from Aug., 1944, to Aug., 1945, in Europe, and fought in the battles and campaigns of the No. Apennines, Po Valley, No. France, Rhineland, Rome-Arno, So. France, and the Balkans. His awards are: EAME, 7 Bronze Stars; DFC. He was separated from active service in Nov., 1945, and his present status is that of member of the ORC. Previous to enlistment he had been a student at the University of Texas at Austin.





1st Lt. WILLIAM E. NOYES

Midshipman USN JACK K. NOYES

lst Lt. William Edwin Noyes, son of Mrs. Iva M. Noyes, of Midland, was born Oct. 26, 1919, and volunteered for Army service Aug. 21, 1941. Assigned to the 66th Coast Artillery, and trained at Ft. Eustis. Overseas twice, from Nov., 1941, to July, 1942, and from Dec., 1944 to Nov., 1945, in Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Wales, England, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Germany, Luxembourg, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and in Luzon. Battles: Rhine River; Central Germany; Luzon; Anti-Submarine Patrol, Caribbean Sea. Awards: Amer. Def.; Pre-Pearl Harbor; ETO, 2 Stars; Amer. Thea., 1 Star; As.-Pac., 1 Star; Phil. Lib.; Occ. Ger.; Purple Heart; Bronze S; G.C.; Victory. In 1945 he was wounded, near Mainz, Germany. Released, March 5, 1946; reenlisted, March 11, 1946.

Midshipman USN, Jack Kenneth Noyes, son of Mrs. Iva M. Noyes, of Midland, Texas, was born March 4, 1925, and volunteered for service in the Navy on Jan. 13, 1943. He was placed in the Navy V-1(S) V-6, and trained at San Diego. From June to Nov., 1944, he served overseas on the U.S.S. Brooklyn, and U.S.S. Philadelphia, helping to finish enemy resistance at Anzio, and clearing the path for the 36th Div. to land in So. France. He was awarded a Presidental Unit Citation. As an enlisted man he was granted a discharge on June 18, 1945, and as a midshipman he left the service by resignation on Feb. 8, 1946.

1. -IST LT. EDYTHE BAKER McGAUGHY, born August 15, 1919, daughter of Mrs. R. B. Baker, Olney, Texas, attended Wichita Falls, Texas, Gener al Nursing School, and volunteered for service December 1, 1942, with Army Nurses Corps, training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Camp Livingston, La. Lt. McGaughy served overseas from September, 1943, to October, 1944, in French North Africa, and Naples, Italy, and participated in the Italian Campaign. Returned home and was discharged May, 1946.

2. —S/SGT. LOUIS BAKER, birthdate March 26,1922, in Texas, son of Mrs. R.B. Baker, Olney, Texas, entered seryice April 11, 1943, with the Army Combat Engineers and trained at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. Sgt. Baker served overseas from August, 1943, to January, 1946, participating in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Omaha Beachhead. His awards include EAME Medal with five Battle Stars. Discharge received January 5, 1946.

3. -WO(JG) KENNETH BAKER, born October 27, 1914, son of Mrs. Robt. B. Baker, Olney, Texas, volunteered September 16, 1939, with Army Air Force; served overseas the month of December, 1941, in the Philippine Islands and from January, 1942, to August, 1944, in the first battle of the Philippines and the China-Burma-India Theater. Received Legion of Merit, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with seven Stars, and letters of Commendation for service in combat. Remains in service at Washington, D.C.

4. -LT. GLENN HOWARD ATCHLEY, born October 16, 1920, husband of Katherine Hamilton Atchley, Olney, Texas, attended Oklahoma University: entered service September 19, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, and was commissioned at Yale University. He served in the Dutch East Indies from March, 1945, to July, 1945; returned to the States and received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Was discharged September, 1945.

5. -T/4 CLIFFORD CHARLES BOTKIN, birthdate November 2, 1917, husband of Mary L. Botkin, Graham, Texas, entered service May 14, 1942, with the Army Ordnance Division, training in Texas, Wyoming, California, and Louisiana. He served in the Pacific Area participating inthe invasions of Leyte and Okinawa, January, 1944, to December, 1945. Received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation with two Stars, and was discharged January 13, 1946.

6. —PFC JAMES KELTON CARTER, birthdate September 12, 1922, a native of Texas, son of Mrs, Ida Lee Carpenter, Bowie, Texas, entered service November 7, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Infantry, training at Ft. Sill, Okla. Pfc Carter served in the Pacific Area, beginning May, 1943, at Pearl Harbor, Solomon Islands. Was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge at New Britain while in the Sun Burst Division. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice on the Island of Panav.

7. —S1/c DOUGLAS STANLEY CARTER, born July 1, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter, South Bend, Texas, attended Baylor University at Waco, and volunteered December, 1942, for the Navy, V-6 U.S.N.R.; trained at Great Lakes, Illinois. He served in the South Pacific December, 1944, to April, 1946, and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons. Discharged from service June 6, 1946.

8. —S1/c JOE SHELBY CLAY, born February 21,1907, husband of Nellie Goff Clay, Graham, Texas, attended the Spur, Texas, Public Schools. He volunteered February 14, 1944, with the U.S. Navy, training at Camp Farragut, Idaho. Seaman Clay served in the Pacific Area from April, 1944, to November, 1945, in the Philippine landings and sea battle and Okinawa Invasion, also at Guam, Saipan, and other islands. Received six Battle Stars with other medals. Discharged November 26, 1945.

9. —PhM 3/c LILA JOSEPHINE CUNNINGHAM, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Cunningham, Eliasville, Texas, birthdate July 19, 1914, in Texas, attended Trinity University at Waxahachie, Texas, and volunteered for service December 12, 1944, with the U.S. Navy Waves Branch; trained at Hunter College, New York. She served with the United States Naval Hospital at San Diego, California, until time of discharge on February 5, 1946.

10.—CAPT. WILLIAM OTIS CUNNINGHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Cunningham of Eliasville, Texas, was born January 20, 1920, and attended Trinity University at Waxahachie, Texas. He entered service October 8, 1941, with the Army Air Corps, and served overseas in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. Returned to the States, and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Defense and Good Conduct Awards. Discharge was granted May 15,1946.

11.—CAPT. R.W. DAVIS, birthdate March 15, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Davis, Olney, Texas, entered the Army Air Corps from the Merchant Marines on September, 1942. He served overseas from August, 1944, to May, 1945, in the air offensive of Europe in Italy, France, Austria, the Balkans, and oil refineries of Belchammer, Germany, as a pilot of plane B-24. He was wounded December 2, 1944. Received many awards for service and is now with Ferrying Command.

12.—SGT. VERNON F. DAVIS, born May 9, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis, Olney, Texas, entered service March 22, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. Entered North Africa April, 1943, participating in the air combat of the Balkans, Normandy, North Apennines, Rhineland, Italy and other points. Returned to the States August, 1945; was awarded the EAME Campaign Medal with twelve Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge. Discharged September 6, 1945.

13.—SK3/c EARL EUGENE DAVIS, born May 6, 1922, in Texas, husband of Billie Ruth Davis, Graham, Texas, entered service January 9, 1943, in the Navy 85th N. C. Batt, Branch, training at Davisville, R.I. He served overseas from April, 1943, to October, 1944, and from April, 1945, to November, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and Defense Medals. Discharged on December 1, 1945.

14.—ENSIGN CHRISTOPHER WADE ELLIS, bornMarch 8, 1923, in Texas, husband of Mary Butler Ellis, Graham, Texas, attended Texas Tech, at Lubbock, and entered service December 20, 1944, with the U.S. Navy, V-7. He trained at New York City, and served from November 1945, to April, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater on Okinawa. Returned to the States and received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, and was discharged from service on May 1, 1946.

15.—ARM 2/c CHARLES ROBERT BUTLER, born May 19, 1925, in Texas, is the son of Thos. C. Butler, and brother of Mrs. C.W. Ellis, both of Graham, Texas. Volunteered November 1, 1943, with the U.S. Navy, and trained at Memphis, Tenn. From November, 1944, to April, 1946, he served in the South Pacific Area with the N.A.T.C.; returned to the States and received the Philippine Ribbon with two Battle Stars with other awards. Was discharged from service April 27, 1946.

*16.-LT. THOMAS CLINTON BUTLER, born December 23, 1921, in Texas, brother of Mrs. C.W. Ellis, Graham, Texas, attended John Tarleton College at Stephenville, Texas, and volunteered January 1, 1941, for the Army Air Gorps. Commissioned Lieutenant at Douglas, Arizona, on July 27, 1943. Lt. Butler served in the European Theater beginning November, 1943, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice when his plane exploded January 11, 1944, while returning from a raid over Germany.

17.—M/SGT. WILLIAM WOODROW DODSON, birthdate May 9, 1918, in Texas, son of H.J. Dodson, and husband of Mary C. Dodson, Olney, Texas, attended Jermyn, Texas, High School. He volunteered for service January 5, 1941, with the Army Air Corps; trained at Barksdale Field, La.; served as Asst. Base Sgt. at Tucson, Arizona, Base Sgt. Major, AAF, Casper, Wyoming, also at Kirtland Field, New Mexico. Discharge was received on September 30, 1945.

18.—PFC BRYAN MOODY GOODSON, born January 24,1927, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Goodson, Graham, Texas, entered service April 26, 1945, with the Army Infantry training at Camp Hood, Texas, and Ft. Ord, California. He began overseas service November 6, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater; transferred to Co. 'A', 89th Signal Bn., and at the present time is stationed at Yokohama, Japan, with the Occupational Army.

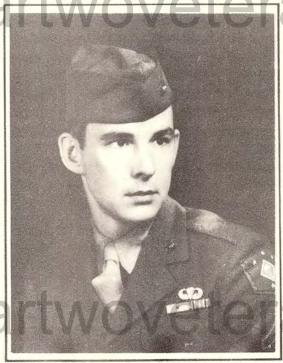
*19.—S/SGT. GEORGE W. GOODSON, birthdate January 3, 1919, a native of Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Goodson, Graham, Texas, and attended the Graham, Texas, Public Schools. He volunteered for service April 17, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; served at Randolph Field, Chan nute Field and Waco Army Air Field. May 12, 1944, Sgt. Goodson paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life in a plane crash at Laughlin Field, Del Rio, Texas.

20.—PFC WILL MORRISS HANNIS, JR., born December 7, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hannis, Sr., Olney, Texas, attended Texas A & M., and entered service October 25, 1943, with the Army Infantry. He entered the European Area May, 1944; served in France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Normandy. Returned to the States April, 1945; received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Clusters for wounds received in Germany 1944 and 1945, four Battle Stars. Discharged October 10, 1945.





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Sgt. WAYNE RAMSEY

Sgt. Wayne Ramsey was born on Mar. 24, 1924, and is the son of Mrs. Ellon Norton, of Holliday, and the husband of Dorothy Ramsey, of 802 S. Loraine St., Midland. He volunteered for the Marine Corps on May 27, 1942. After training at Camps Gillespie, Elliott, and Pendelton he was assigned to a Parachute Regiment. He served with the 5th and 2nd Marine Divisions. His first trip to the Southwest Pacific lasted from Mar. 14, 1943, until Feb. 11, 1944, with operations at Vella La Vella and Bougainville Islands in the Solomons. On Sept. 19, 1944, he returned to the Pacific Area, and this time he was in action at Iwo Jima. He returned to the U.S. once more in Mar. of 1946 and was discharged on the 26th of May. His awards were: Presidental Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 4 Stars, Victory and Good Conduct Medals, and a Commendation Citation Ribbon.

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S/Sgt. EDWIN W. STEPHENS

S/Sgt. Edwin Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stephens, of Easterly, and husband of Annie Lou Elder Stephens of Seguin, Texas, was born Feb. 22, 1922, and volunteered for Army service July 7, 1938, at Palestine. He was assigned to the 2nd Inf. Div. of the 3rd Army, and trained at Ft. Sam Houston. From Feb. to Sept., 1945, he served overseas in Europe, being stationed in France, Germany, and Austria. He saw action in the Battles of Central Europe GO 40, and Rhineland GO 33, both, WD45. He was wounded in the left hand and the left knee, April 9, 1945, in Germany. Awards: Com. Inf. B; Amer. Def.; Amer. Thea.; EAME; Purple Heart; Bronze Star; Ger. Occ.; G.C.; Victory. At present he is with the 12th Armd. Inf. Bn., Camp Hood, Texas.



*2nd Lt. ODIE A. KELLY

2nd Lt. Odie Allen Kelly, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kelly of Midland, was born Dec. 12, 1922, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps on Sept. 5, 1942, at Ft. Sill. He was trained at Laredo, Texas; Midland, Texas; Langley Field, Va.; and Salina, Kansas. In March, 1945, he went overseas to the Pacific Area, where he served for less than two months. He was stationed on Guam with the 20th Air Force, 39th Gr., 60th Sqdn. & as a navigator, bombardier on a B-29. He participated in a mission to Kyushu Is., Japan, on May 4, 1945. While returning to base his plane encountered trouble about 14 miles north of Iwo Jima, and he paid the Supreme Sacrifice. He had received his wings at Midland.



FO CHARLES R. KELLY

Flight Officer Charles R. Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis A. Kelly, of Midland, was born Oct. 16, 1924, and on May 27, 1943, he entered service in the Army Air Corps at Ft. Bliss. He was trained at the Army Air Fields in Kingman, Arizona; Big Spring, Texas; and Lincoln, Nebraska. The entire period of his service was spent in the United States, from May, 1943, to October, 1945. He was A/C from the time of entering service until March 7, 1945, when he received his commission as a Flight Officer at Big Spring Army Air Base. It was on the 11th of October, 1945, that he was granted an honorable discharge from the service.



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Sgt. BILLY D. SNODY

PhM 3/c Walter Leon Wagnon, born Dec. 9, 1926, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Wagnon, 409 W. PecanSt., Olney. He attended John Tarleton College, Stephenville, Texas; volunteered for service on Dec. 6, 1944, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Medical Corps, with training at United States Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. He served in the following hospitals: Naval Hospital, San Diego, California; Naval Hospital, San Leandro, California; Naval Rec. Fleet Hospital, San Francisco, California; and Naval Hospital on Treasure Island. PhM 3/c W.L. Wagnon is at home with his parents, in Olney, Texas, having been discharged Aug. 1, 1946.

PhM 3/c WALTER L. WAGNON

Sgt. Billy Dee Snody, born June 6, 1924, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Snody, Munday, and husband of Ina Snody, Box 254, Olney. He attended Benjamin High School, Texas, and entered the service on May 18, 1943, at Mineral Wells, Texas; was assigned to Army Armory Div.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas 22 months in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Admiralties, South Philippines Liberation, Leyte, Luzon, Tokyo, Japan. He was awarded the following: Machine Gun N.C.D.(604) Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, G.O. 1, H.Q. 7th Cav. 44, and Bronze Arrowhead. Sgt. B.D. Snody received his honorable discharge on October 19, 1945.



T/5 GERALD R. MOORE



RM 3/c GORDON B. MOORE



T/Sgt. HORACE E. MOORE

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Moore, 300 W. 3rd St., Graham, Texas.

GERALD: born Nov. 17, 1918, attended Graham High; entered the service April 15, 1942; was assigned to Army
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235th Ord. Bomb Disposal Co.; trained at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. Overseas 15 months, European African Theater, and African, Sicilian and Italian engagements. Awards: EAME Medal w/3 Major C. Stars, Good Conduct. He was honorably discharged Sept. 15, 1944.

GORDON: born Oct. 7, 1922, husband of Billie B. Moore, 2nd St., Graham, attended Graham High; volunteered Nov. 2, 1942, and was assigned to Navy, U.S.S. Coghlan, DD 606; trained at U.S.N.T.S. San Diego, Calif. Overseas 2 years in Attu-Kiska; made first Task Force Raid on Wake Island. Participated in invasions, Tarawa, Gilberts, Kwajalein Eniwetok, Marshalls, etc. in Philippines. Awards: Amer. Theater, Asiatic Pac., Philippine Theater w/6 Battle Stars. Honorably discharged Sept. 12, 1945.

HORACE: born March 20, 1915, husband of Doris B. Moore, attended Graham High; volunteered July 8,1936; assigned Army 53rd Div.; trained at Ft. Sam Houston. Overseas 5 years 7 months in Alaskan Area, Philippines, and invasions of all Alaskan Islands. Awards: Alaskan Campaign Medals, Good Con., 2 Medals for Bravery, 4 Btl. Stars. Discharged July 4, 1945. Re-enlisted; now located in Pa.

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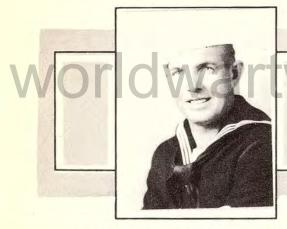
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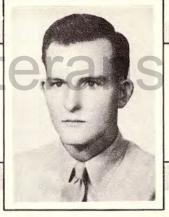
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*Lt. JAMES F. MILES

Lt. James F. (Jay) Miles born on April 6, 1920, is the son of Mrs. Hayden Miles of 208 S. 'H' St., Midland, Texas. He attended New Mexico Military Institute, and received a B.S. degree from the University of Texas. He volunteered for the Army Air Corps on the 1st of Feb., 1942. His training took him through Garner, Goodfellow, and Kelly Fields, and the Sedalia Air Base in Mo. He was promoted to 1st Lt. April of 1943, and went to the Southwest Pacific Area that same month. In a letter to his mother dated Aug. 10,1943, Gen. George C. Kenny, Commanding the 5th Air Force, told how Lt. Miles dropped supplies and transported troops over territory heavily patrolled by enemy aircraft, often landing on fields only a few miles from enemy bases. He flew over 50 missions before being lost in action on Aug. 15, 1943, on New Guinea. He had been a C-47 pilot of the 21st Troop Carrier Sqdn. of 374 Troop Carrier Group. His awards were: Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Citation, and Air Medal posthumously.







MM 2/c CLARENCE S. McKNIGHT

M.M. 2/c Clarence McKnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKnight, Newcastle, Texas, was born January 24, 1912. Attended Draughons Business College, Wichita Falls. Volunteered for service Feb.18, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Reserve. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States 21 days, and overseas 45 months and 3 days. In Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Guam, Saipan, Midway, Canton, Ulithi, Mangus, Baker, Johnson Samar, Eniwetok, Christmas, Samar, and Philippine Islands. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific, and American Theater Ribbons. M.M. 2/c McKnight received an honorable discharge on Nov. 23, 1945.

Pfc ERNEST W. HUNT

Pfc Ernest Wilbur Hunt, born Oct. 26, 1925, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Hunt, 202 S. Ave. F., Olney. Attended A. & M. College, College Sta., Texas. Entered the service on Dec. 29, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army 65th Inf. Div., with training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Shelby, Miss. Overseas from Jan. 10, 1945, to Aug. 6, 1946, in Central Europe, Rhineland, and Austria. He was awarded the following: Good Conduct Medal, two Battle Stars, Victory Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, and European Theater of Operations Ribbon. He was promoted from Pvt. to Pfc on Jan. 18, 1945. Pfc Huntreceived his honorable discharge on April 14, 1946.



Mai. FREDERICK R. HIGGINBOTHAM SpT 2/c VIRGINIA R. HIGGINBOTHAM

Son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Higginbotham. FREDERICK: born June 15, 1920, husband of Jean B. Higginbotham, Olney, Texas. Attended A. & M. College, College Sta. Volunteered June 1, 1941; assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas in N. Africa and Italy, with 463rd Bomb Group in European Theater. Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal w/3 O.L.C., Purple Heart, ETO w/7 Stars. Inactive status Oct. 27, 1945.

VIRGINIA: born May 27, 1922, attended University, Austin; volunteered Feb. 24, 1942; assigned to N.A.C.; trained at Cedar Falls, Iowa. Served as Link Trainer Inst., Dallas, Texas. Discharged Nov. 15, 1945.



Pfc THOMAS S. GUIMARIN

Pfc Thomas Spencer Guimarin, born Jan. 25, 1919, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.S. Guimarin, 302 W. Hamilton St., Olney. Attended Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas; entered the service May 14, 1942; assigned to Army Finance Div.; trained at Fort Knox, Ky.; overseas 16 months, in Scotland, England, France, and Belgium, Battle of the Bulge, and Rhineland. Awards: Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct, American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon Bronze Service Star for Battle of Rhineland, Citation from Mayor of Antwerp, Belgium, for defense of Port of Antwerpduring 175 days continuous enemy air and V weapon attacks. Discharged Mar. 15, 1946.



1st Lt. HOWARD D. FORD

lst Lt. Howard Dunn Ford, son of Mrs. Annie D. Ford, and husband of Mary J. Ford, of Midland, Texas, was born Feb. 12, 1921, and volunteered his services for the Army, on Dec. 4, 1942, at San Antonio. He was assigned to the 65th Div. of the 260th Infantry, and trained at Camps Callan, Davis, Hulen, Shelby, and Ft. Benning. On New Year's Day, 1945, he sailed for Europe, where he served until the first of May of that year, participating in the Battle of the Rhineland. In battle at Saarlawtern, Saar Basin, where he was wounded. The Purple Heart was awarded, also the Bronze Star Medal, besides the ETO, Amer. Theater, and Victory Ribbons. He retired from service June 9, 1946.







S 1/c JAMES H. HILL

Qm 2/c Charles Ernest Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hill, of Midland, Texas, was born Sept. 4, 1923, and entered service in the Amphibious Branch of the Navy on Nov. 27, 1943, at El Paso. He was trained at San Diego and Great Lakes, and from Dec., 1944, to Jan., 1946, he served overseas. He was located in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. He suffered no casualty, and on April 4, 1946, he was granted an honorable discharge from further Naval service. Previous to his induction he had been employed in construction engineering work, and he had attended Texas Technical College after leaving Midland High School.

S 1/c James Houston Hill, younger brother of Charles Ernest Hill, was born May 24, 1926, and entered the Submarine Branch of the Navy, on July 18, 1944, at El Paso. He was trained at San Diego, Calif., and New London, Conn., Sub-Marine Base. From Feb. to June 1946, he served overseas, being sent to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of War. He had previously attended Colorado City and Midland Schools, being a student at the High School in Midland. He also had done construction engineering work before joining the Navy. On June 29, 1946, he was given an honorable discharge from further Naval service for the country.





S 1/c HENRY CLAY, JR.



1st Lt. J. D. McCLINTOCK

S1/c Henry Clay, born February 24, 1929, in Texas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay, Sr., Graham, Texas. He was educated at Graham High School, Graham, Texas, and volunteered for the service on May 23, 1945, at Dallas, Texas. He was assigned to the United States Navy, Destroyer Branch, and served in the United States from May 23, to July, 1946. Served in Japanese home waters, Chinese home waters, Ryukyu Islands (Okinawa). He is now home at 905 Brazos Street, Graham, Texas, with his parents, having been given an honorable discharge on July of 1946.

lst Lt. J.D. McClintock, born Feb. 12, 1908, is the son of Mr. L.R. McClintock, Comanche, Texas, and husband of the former Mildred Bullock, Newcastle. He attended John Tarleton College, Stephenville, and Capitol College of Pharmacy, Denver, Colo. He volunteered for the service on Oct. 30, 1942, at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas. Assigned to Army Ground Forces, with training at Miami Beach, Fla. Overseas 18 months in Southwest Pacific Area. Awarded: Asiatic, American, and Philippine Ribbons, Unit Citation with 982nd Motor Ambulance Co. He was honorably discharged on May 22, 1946, and now employed as chief pharmacist at Vets. Hospital, McKinney.

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Lt. EDWIN S. GRAHAM, JR. Lt. OLIVER L. GRAHAM



T/Sgt. JACK C. BULLOCK

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Graham, Sr. EDWIN: born Oct. 4, 1912, husband of Mary Lula Graham, 617 Virginia St., Graham, attended Texas University, Austin; volunteered for service on Jan. 13, 1943. Assigned to the Navy A.V.S. Branch; trained at N.G.S., Jacksonville, Fla. Overseas 18 months, in C.A.S.U. #4, Hawaii. Discharged Nov., 1945.

OLIVER: born Aug. 31, 1914, husband of Margaret L. Graham, 1210 E. 3rd St., Graham, attended Texas University, Austin; volunteered June, 1942, assigned to Navy Armed Guard, D.V.S. Trained at Treasure Island, Calif. Overseas 29 months, in S. W. Pacific, E. New Guinea, Mindoro, Leyte, Okinawa, Iwo Jima. Discharged Nov., 1945.

T/Sgt. Jack Crittendon Bullock, born June 28, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bullock, Newcastle, husband of Mary H. Semaan, 1307 E. 3rd St., Graham; attended Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth. He entered the service on Aug. 7, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., and Rapid City Army Air Base, So. Dakota. Overseas 2 years, in European Theater. Participated in battles and campaigns over N. France, Rhineland, Normandy and air offensive over Europe. Awards: Air Medal, w/3 O.L.C., Dist. Flying Cross, Dist. Unit Badge, EAME Campaign w/4 Bronze Stars. Honorably discharged July, 1945.



Pvt. Dale Edwin Mickey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mickey of 1900 W. Kentucky St., Midland was born on July 22, 1926, at Clovis, N.M. He attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and volunteered for the A. C. E. R.on July 21, 1944. On the 10th of Jan., 1945 he was called upon to go on active duty. He entered the Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet, and was trained at Keesler Field, Minter Field, and the Amarillo Army Air Base. He saw no service outside of the United States, and on the 4th of Nov., 1945, he was given his honorable discharge along with other surplus air crew trainees. Two weeks later he re-enlisted in the A.C.E.R. for inactive duty.

F/O James Francis Mickey was born on Jan. 13, 1923, at Clovis, N. Mex. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mickey of Midland, and he was married to Doris Lynn Pemberton. He attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and volunteered for the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve on Nov. 28, 1942. On the 23rd of Jan. of 1943 he was called to active duty, and entered service as an Aviation Cadet. His training took him to the Cadet Training Detachment at Texas Tech., Hancock School of Aeronautics at Santa Maria, Calif., Marana Army Air Field in Ariz., and Williams Field, Ariz. He lost his life on May 20, 1944, when his P-38 crashed at Santa Rosa, Calif., while on a pre-combat training flight.

-PVT. JAMES FLOYD HOLLIS, JR., born October 4, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hollis, Olney, attended N.T. A.C. College in Arlington; volunteered for service November, 1942, assigned to the 413th Infantry of the Army; trained at Camp Fannin, Rutgers University and Camp Carson; served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Nov., 1944, in France, Belgium and Holland. Private Hollis paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Nov. 4, 1944, in Holland. Purple Hearthis award.

2. -C.C.M. HARLAN SHERMAN HOLCOMB, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Holcomb, Graham, volunteered for Navy on May 10, 1942; trained at Norfolk, Va., and Port Hueneme, Calif.; served overseas from Oct. 1942 to Dec., 1943; later from June, 1944 to Oct., 1945, in Amnak, Adak, Unalaskalsland, Aleutian Chain, Oahu, Saipan, Okinawa. His awards: two Commendations. He received his promotion to C.C.M. on April 27, 1945. Holcomb received an honorable discharge on Oct. 20, 1945.

3. -CPL. WILLIAM FRANCIS HUGHES, born August 23, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hughes, Graham, husband of Mrs. Mary Hughes, attended Breckenridge High School and volunteered for the Army on October 16, 1942, assigned to the A.A.F. Division. Received his training at Tarrant Field and San Diego, California. He served in the Army from October, 1942, to September, 1945, as a flight engineer for B-32. Corporal Hughes was discharged Sept., 1945.

4. —A.M.3/c WILLIAM HOWARD HUNTER, husband of Mrs. Loretta Hunter, Graham, entered the Navy on Dec. 30, 1943, assigned to Aviation; trained at Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif.; served over seas from Sept., 1944, to Jan., 1946, in Marianas. Participated in battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Awarded the Asiatic Pacific with 2 Stars, Victory Medal and American Defense. A.M.3/c William Howard Hunter received an honorable discharge from the Navy on January 22, 1946.

5. —PFC CHARLES E, HUTCHINSON, born Sept. 22, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hutchinson, Graham, attended Texas A & M College; entered the Army Oct. 6, 1942; assigned to Air Corps; received his training at Sheppard Field; served overseas from March 9, 1945, to December 2, 1945, in American Theater and European-African-Middle Eastern Theater. Awards: EAME Campaign, American Theater and others. Pfc Hutchinson was discharged Dec. 2, 1945.

6. —PFC RAYMOND L. HUTCHINSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Hutchinson, Graham, entered the Army March.1942; trained at Camp Barkeley; served over seas from March.1944, to Oct., 1944, in Normandy. Landed with 20th Division on D-Day plus 2 at Omaha Beach and continued with Co.G.358th Infantry. Wounded in July, 1944, in Normandy. Awards Purple Heart with one Cluster, American Theater and EAME Theater Campaign Medal. Pfc Hutchinson was discharged June 24, 1945.

7. -S/SGT. JOHN D. JOHNSON, husband of Juanita Johnson, of Olney, entered the Army Nov. 5, 1942; trained at Love Field and Long Beach, Calif.; served overseas from Oct., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in Southern France, Normandy, Rome-Arno, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Awards Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Unit Badge, Campaign Medal with seven Bronze Stars. S/Sgt. John Johnson was honorably discharged on Sept. 12, 1945.

8. — W/O PHILLIP M. JOINER, son of Mrs. H. H.Joiner, volunteered to the Army Jan. 25, 1941; trained at San Luís Obispo, California, and Fort Lewis, Washington; served overseas from Sept. 25, 1942, to Nov. 16, 1945, in Hawaiian Islands, Guadalcanal, New Britain, Philippines, Korea, Bismarck Archipelago. Awards American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Combat Infantry, Philippine Liberation. Joiner received an honorable discharge on Jan. 26, 1946.

9. —A.O.M. 3/c GEORGE ERNEST KESTERSON, III, born September 22, 1923, son of Mrs. George E. Kesterson, Jr., Graham, husband of Margie Mae Kesterson. He received his education at T.C.U. in Fort Worth, volunteering November 3, 1942, to the Naval Air Corps. Kesterson received his training in San Diego, Calif., N.A.T.T.C., Norman, Okla; served in the Navy from July 1, 1943, to Dec. 4, 1945. Kesterson was discharged Dec. 4, 1945.

10.—LT. GENE DAVIS LOWE, son of Mrs. Charitye Lowe, Newcastle, volunteered to the Army Air Forces Nov. 30, 1942; trained at Ellington Field and Midland Army Air Field; overseas from August 6, 1944, to Nov. 11, 1945; battles of Rhineland, Central Europe, Ardennes; commissioned Bombardier March 30, 1944. Awards: Air Medalwith 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation. Lt. Lowe received an honorable discharge December 26, 1945.

11.—T/5 WILLIAM ULRIC McCAGHREN, born March 18, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.U. McCaghren, was educated at John Tarleton College, Stephenville. Volunteered for the Army July 9, 1940; trained at Camp Wallace and Camp Haan; overseas from March, 1943, to March 20, 1945; served in France and Germany. He studied radio in a school in California. T/5 William Ulric McCaghren was given an honorable discharge March 20, 1946.

12.—S.C.B. 1/c JIM HAL PARKS, born Jan. 28,1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Parks, Graham, attended Graham High School; entered Seabees June 15, 1943; trained at Camp Peary, Ya.; overseas from Dec., 1943, to July,1945, in battles of Emirau, Peleliu, Leyte and Okinawa. Awarded the Presidental Unit Citation. He was transferred from the Seabees to the Navy Fleet in Jan., 1945. Jim Hal Parks was given an honorable discharge on May 2, 1946,

13.—SGT. MAX NOLAN PHILLIPS, born Jan, 7, 1912, son of Mrs. Luia Phillips, husband of La Veta Phillips, New-castle, attended North Texas State Teachers College, Denton; volunteered Sept., 1942, to the Army Air Corps; trained at Scott Field, Ill., Tyndall Field, Fla.; overseas from Feb., 1944, to March, 1946, in Bengal Air Depot, Calcutta, India. Awards: Unit Citation and Meritorious Service Award. Sgt. Phillips was honorably discharged March 8, 1946.

14.—S 1/c CHARLES EDWARD SARSFIELD, born July 24, 1929, son of A. J. Sarsfield, Graham, attended Orange High School; entered Navy May 18, 1944; trained at Camp Wallace and New Port, R.I.; overseas from Aug., 1944, to May 24, 1946; assigned to USS Duluth and in battles of Okinawa and Tokyo Bay. Awards: A merican Campaign, Asiatic Pacific, Victory Ribbon with two Battle Stars. Seaman Sarsfield was honorably discharged May 24, 1946.

15.—S.F.3/c CLYDE KELLY CONKLIN, born March 13, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Conklin, attended Graham High School; entered the Navy Nov. 1, 1943; received his training at Great Lakes, Ill.; served overseas from Oct., 1944, to March, 1946, in South West Pacific and Philippines. Awards: Asiatic Pacific, Philippine Liberation, American Defense, World War II Victory Medal. Ship Fitter Conklin was honorably discharged April 16, 1946.

16.—S 1/c MYRON AUGUSTIN SARSFIELD, born Sept. 14, 1926, son of A.J. Sarsfield, husband of Carolyn Sarsfield, Conn.; attended Orange High School; volunteered for Navy Air Force Sept. 29, 1943; trained at Corpus Christi, Kingsville, and Charleston, R.I. Sarsfield served in the Navy from Sept., 1943, to March, 1946; trained as air plane mechanic in Kingsville. Seaman Sarsfield was given an honorable discharge on March 2, 1946.

17.—A.M.M. 2/c FRANK LEE RAGLAND, born Sept. 10, 1926, son of Raymond Ragland, Graham, attended A and M College; volunteered for the Naval Air Corps; trained at Jacksonville, Fla., and A.M.M. School at Norman, Okla.; went overseas April 5, 1946, and is still serving in North Africa. Completed flight and ground training courses, and qualified as a Combat Air Crewman and received Aerial Gunners Wings Sept., 1945, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

18.—T/5 ARTHUR T. SHILLING, born July 31, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Shilling, Olney, volunteered May 22, 1943, to the Army; trained at Fort Frances Warren, Wyoming; served over seas about 2 years, in New Guines, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Japan and Occupation of Japan. Awards: A siatic Pacific, Philippines Liberation with two Bronze Stars and Bronze Service with Arrowhead. T/5 Shilling was honorably discharged Jan. 14, 1946.

19.—C.M. 2/c DANIEL C. SHILLING, born Dec. 23, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Shilling, Olney, volunteered June, 1944; trained at Naval Training Center, San Diego, California; overseas 22 months in Southwest Pacific and Admiralty Islands, on the U.S.S. Ab. S.D.#2. His awards were American Area, Asiatic Pacific and Victory Ribbon. C.M. 2/c Daniel C. Shilling received an honorable discharge from the Navy on June 27, 1946.

20.—OILER WALTER J. SHILLING, born Sept. 5, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Shilling, attended Willcox Union High School; volunteered in 1942 to the Army; trained at U.S.M.S.T.S., Avalon, California; overseas from Aug., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Honolulu and South Pacific Base Command. Served on Army Transport ships out of Seattle, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Oiler Walter J. Shilling was honorably discharged on June 26, 1946.







Cpl. Marion Flynt, Jr., was born in Winters, Texas, on Aug. 23, 1924. He is the son of Capt. M. Flynt, Sr. Heattended Texas A. & M. College, and volunteered for the Army in June, 1943. He was trained at Ft. Bliss and Camp Maxey, and was assigned to the Field Artillery of the 99th Division. In Oct. of 1944 his outfit went to England, and a month after their arrival there they went to the European Continent. During the battle of the Belgium Bulge, his first action with the enemy, he gave his life for his country. This was on the 27th of Dec. of 1944. He had been a student at A. & M. College right up to the time of his enlistment. He is the nephew of Mrs. O.J. Hubbard of Midland.

Capt. Marion Flynt, Sr., was born on Sept. 8, 1901, at Winters, Tex. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Flynt of Ballinger, Texas. He attended Texas A. & M. College, and was a rancher before he volunteered for the Army on Nov. 14, 1942, at San Antonio. From that date until Aug. 23, 1945, when he was released from the service, he served in the Ordnance Dept. at Camp Normoyle at San Antonio. He entered the Army as a 1st Lt. and was promoted to the rank of Captain in Sept. of 1943. He is the father of Cpl. Marion Flynt Jr., who gave his life so gallantly for his country, and the brother of Mrs. O. J. Hubbard of Midland, Texas.









Pfc WILLIAM L. CLARK

Pfc Jesse Calvin Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.N. Clark, of Midland, Texas, was born March 14, 1924, and entered Army service on July 18, 1944. He was placed in the Infantry and trained at Camp Roberts, California. From the date of his induction until Feb. 19, 1945, he served in the United States, then from this date until the end of June of the same year, he was in the South Pacific and participated in the Battle of Ryukyus. He was wounded and was awarded the Purple Heart; also received other awards in service: Asiatic-Pacific, l Bronze Star; Amer. Thea.; Good Conduct; Victory. He was honorably discharged in June, 1946.

Pfc William L. Clark, elder brother of Jesse Calvin Clark, of Midland, Texas, was born Nov. 14, 1917, and entered Army service Dec. 8, 1941. He was assigned to the Infantry, 35th-85th Div., and trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. From March, 1944, to Sept., 1945, he served overseas in the EAME Theater of Operations, and participated in the battles of Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley, spending one week of June, 1944, in a POW camp in Rome. His awards are: Com. Inf. Badge; Bronze Star; EAME, 3 Stars; Amer. Cam.; Good Conduct; and Victory. On Oct. 21, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge from further military service.



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S/Sgt. JAMES T. HARRIS



*2nd Lt. TEMPLE HARRIS

2nd Lt. WELDON HOUSTON HARRIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Harris, of Midland, was born Sept. 23, 1919, and entered service in the Army Air Corps, May 8, 1942. He became a pilot and went to the ETO in Feb., 1944, where he served until May 18th, when, on his 15th mission, his plane was shot down over Ploesti, Roumania, and he lost his life. The Purple Heart, Air Medal, with 2 OLC, and Cert. of Honor from President Roosevelt, were awarded, and Gen. Arnold sent a Letter of Honor.

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duct Ribbon. He was honorably discharged, Feb., 1945.

2nd Lt. TEMPLE HARRIS, youngest of these three brothers, was born Oct. 28, 1921, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps March 17, 1943. He was a navigator, but did not serve overseas as he met his death in a plane crash at Sioux City, Iowa, ten months after his enlistment. The Certificate of Honor from President Roosevelt and the Letter of Honor from Gen. Arnold were received.

-PVT. HAROLD IRVING BIERNER, was born on Dec. 14, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bierner, 4329 Glenwick Lane, Dallas, and husband of Zelda Maye Bierner. He attended Forest Ave. High, entering the Army 95th Div. on Feb. 25, 1944. Was sent to Camp Wolters, Texas, for training. Overseas from Aug. 7, 1944, until March 20, 1945, in the European Theater, participating in the battle of Metz. Awarded the ETO Ribbon with 1 Battle Star. Pvt. Bierner was discharged on June 25, 1945.

2. —YEO.3/c MONROE SHERMAN BIERNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bierner of Dallas, was born on Jan. 19, 1926, attended Tech. High School, entering the Navy on March 17, 1944, assigned to Amphib. training. Sent to N.T.S., San Diego, Landing Craft School. Overseas 20 mos. at Amphib. T. B., Kauia Is.; Boat Pool (POA), Samar Is.; and served on U.S.S. L.S.M. (R) 501. Decorations are: Philippine Liberation, Asiatic Pacific, ATO, and Victory Medals. On May 13, 1946, he was given his discharge.

3. -T/4 CLAUD LESTER GILMAN, was born on March 1, 1912, husband of Janet Gilman, 603 Brooks St., Dallas, Texas. He attended Edinburg, Texas, High School, volunteering for service on Nov. 18, 1940, assigned to the Army 112th Cavalry and ordered to Ft. Clark, Texas, for training. He served overseas 33 mos. in the Asiatic Pacific area in the battle s of Bismarck Archipelago and Northern Solomons. Awarded Asiatic Pacific, 2 Stars; American Defense, an Good Conduct Medals. Discharged, June, 1945.

4. —S/SGT. LEROY C. SWOPE, born Oct. 31, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Swope, Rt. 8, Box 579-S, Dallas, is a Sunset High graduate. Enlisted in the Army 112th Cavalry Div. on Feb. 28, 1939, serving in Machine Gun Troop at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Honorably discharged as Cpl. in June, 1941, and re-enlisted as Pvt. that same month in the A.A.C.; ordered to the A.A.C. mechanics school at Glendale, Calif., where he received his diploma. Medals are American Defense and Good Conduct. Discharged, Oct., 1945.

5. —S/SGT. GEORGE HOWARD VINING, was born on September 19, 1905, in Texas, brother of Walter L. Vining, 1900 Hall Street, Dallas, Texas. On Nov. 30, 1942, at Dallas, he entered the Army Air Corps and was sent to Kearns Field, Utah, for his training. Assigned to the Medical Corps. S/Sgt. Vining received an honorable discharge on Sept. 19, 1945. He resides at 5419 Ridgedale Ave., Dallas, and is employed by Meyers & Rosser Prescription Pharmacy on Pacific Ave.

*6. —PFC FLOYD D. SWAIM, JR., was born April 23, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.D. Swaim, Sr. Enlisted in A.A.C. Oct. 6, 1939; trained at March Fld., Calif., going overseas in Oct., 1942, serving as a mechanic on Susie Q while at Clark Fld., P.I.; participated in Battle of Bataan and Corrigedor. Was interned at No. 2 Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from April, 1942, until he paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Sept. 7, 1944, on a Torpedo Ship, going to Japan. Received Technician Wings in June, 1941.

7. —PFC GRADY D. SWAIM, was born on Oct. 8, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd D. Swaim, Sr., of Seagoville, Texas. He received his education in Seagoville, volunteering to the service on Oct. 8, 1942, at Dallas; assigned to the Army Air Corps, and was sent to Tarrant Field, Fort Worth, Texas, training as a truck mechanic. He served in California and Florida also. Pfc Grady D. Swaim received an honorable discharge from the A.A.C. in January, of 1945.

8. —PFC HOWARD EUJENE SWAIM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd D. Swaim, Sr., was born Aug. 29, 1912; attended Seagoville Public Schools, volunteering for the A.A.C. in Oct., 1942. Trained at Tarrant Fld., Ft. Worth, and while there served as M.P.; at one time he guarded and re-fueled the crippled Susie Q, which his brother Floyd was mechanic on at Clark Fld., P.I. In August of 1943, he contracted malaria fever and was sent to a hospital; was given a medical discharge on Sept. 12, 1944.

9. —LT. MAURICE P. DUNCAN, JR., husband of Alvorita Duncan, Decatur, Texas, was born Jan. 21, 1916. Volunteered March of 1945 at Houston. Assigned to Merchant Marines. Served overseas from March to Oct. of 1945, in Marshall, Palau, Mindanao, Luzon, Manila, Leyte and Philippine Islands, Lingayen Bay and San Fernando. He served aboard refrigerator ship Fra Berlanga and tanker Drapers Meadows. Lt. Duncan was honorably discharged October, 1945.

10.—CPL. JAMES RICHARD KIENE, born Oct. 31, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kiene, Hot Springs, Ark., and husband of Martha Jo Kiene of Albany, Texas. Attended Texas Tech at Lubbock and entered U.S. Army Air Corps Apr. 1, 1943 at Ft. Worth. Received basic training in S. Dakota, Nevada and California. Overseas from Feb., 1945, to Aug., 1945, serving with the 106th Inf. Cpl. Kiene was a warded three Battle Stars and received an honorable discharge March 7, 1946.

11.—S/SGT. MONICO ROMA RODRIQUEZ, was born May 4, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rodriquez of Sweetwater, Texas. He attended Sweetwater High, enlisting in the A.A. F. on Aug. 20, 1942, training at Ft. Sill, Sheppard Fld., Las Vegas, and Sioux City. Participated in bombings in Paris Area and was shot down over Schwenifurt in Oct., 1943; was interned as prisoner in Stalag 17-B, Germany. Awards are D.F.C., 3 Clusters and ETO Air Offensive Ribbon with Star. Discharged in February of 1946.

12.-T/5 MACK LINDSEY ALDERMAN, born Dec. 2, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Alderman, and husband of Edith D. Alderman of Colora, Md. He entered the 1st Army Air Force on Aug. 11, 1942, training at Concho Fld., Texas, Served in Normandy, Rhineland, and Central Europe for 21 mos. Received ATO; EAME; and Victory Ribbons; Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge; and Meritorious Unit Award. Mechanic for 741st Air Mat. Sq.,499th Div. Ser. Honorably discharged Dec. 2, 1945.

13.—PVT. BEN J. COHEN, was born on October 4, 1910, in Texas, son of Mrs. S. Cohen of 2621 Forest Avenue, Dallas, Texas. He attended Central High School in Fort Worth, Texas, and entered the service on July 27, 1942, at Dallas. Was assigned to the U.S. Army, 326th Infantry Co. C.; he was then ordered to Fort Lewis, Washington, for his training. Private Ben J. Cohen was given his discharge papers on the 4th day of August in 1943, after a little more than a year of service.

* 14.—PFC JOE MUREL BILYEU, was born on Nov. 29, 1922, in Kansas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa L. Bilyeu of Burkburnett, Texas. He attended Fairview High School, and volunteered for the Army in March of 1942, assigned to the 36th Div., 142 Co.; sent to Brownwood, Texas, for his training. He was shipped overseas in March of 1943 and paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Sept. 21, 1944, in France, while serving his country. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Government Citation, and State Recognition.

15, -W.O.(JG) ARTHUR HERMAN WILSON, was born on Nov. 15, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Wilson, and husband of Haze I Fall Wilson, Gen. Del., Chireno, Texas. Attended Nacogdoches High, and entered the 4th Army April 6, 1942. Trained at Camps Claiborne, La., and Swift, Texas. Overseas 28 mos., receiving battle stars for these campaigns: Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley. Warrant Officer Wilson was given an honorable discharge on the 1st of November in 1945.

16.—SGT. HERBERT JOHNSON GREEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Green, Colorado City, Texas, foster son of Mrs. Will Butman, Merkel, Texas, was born Oct. 19, 1924. Volunteered Oct. 18, 1942, at San Angelo, Texas. Assigned to Marines 1st Raider Div. He served overseas for 26 months, serving in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Was wounded on Iwo Jima Mar. 7, 1945. Received Presidental Citation, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. Discharged Oct. 3, 1945.

17.—T/5 JAMES GOLSON WEST, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Price, 303 N. Blanco, Coleman, Texas, was born May 27, 1920. Received his education in the public schools of Coleman. Entered service Sept. 9, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, and was assigned to Army, Armored Forces. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. He served in the United States, and received the American Defense Service Ribbon and the World WarII Victory Ribbon for service rendered. Was honorably discharged November 27, 1945.

18.—GARLAND OLIVER WEST, son of Mrs. Ora Price, 303 N. Blanco, Coleman, Texas, was born December 5, 1926. Received his education in the Public Schools of Coleman. Volunteered for service December 13, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, and was assigned to Navy, Commando Unit. Trained at San Diego and Shoemaker, California. He served in the United States. For service rendered he was awarded the American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged January 31, 1945.

19.—PFC FELIX ROMERO, was born on July 12, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eustaquio Romero, 2615 Canal St., Houston, and husband of Rebecca Romero of 1015 Chapman, Houston. He received his education in Houston, and entered the service on January 19, 1943, assigned to the Army 316th Troop Carrier Group; was sent to St. Peterburg for training, Private First Class Romero received his discharge in October of 1945, soon after returning from overseas duty.

20.—S.C. 3/c LEOCADIO CASTILLEJA ROMERO, was born on December 9, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eustaquio Romero and husband of Consuelo Romero of 2615 Canal in Houston, Texas. He was educated in Houston and on the 19th day of February in 1944, he entered the service; assigned to the Navy Casu 32; ordered then to San Diego Naval Training Station in California. He went overseas in April, 1944, returning to the States for discharge on March 12,1946.







Lt. David E. Holster, the son of Mrs. Gladys S. Gray of 600 North 'A', Midland, Texas, was born on Mar. 31, 1921 at Yoakum. On the 8th of May, 1942, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps. Prior to his joining he was a Post Office clerk. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt. on Mar. 11, 1945, from the Twin Engine Advanced Pilot School at Pecos, Texas. He served in the United States for the full term of his service. On the 15th of October, 1945, he went on inactive duty. He graduated from the high school in Lampasas in 1938. He is the brother of Lt. Russell R. Holster.

1st Lt. Russell R. Holster was born Oct. 14, 1918, and is the son of Mrs. G.S. Gray, and the husband of Mrs. Brittie Holster, both of Midland, Texas. He volunteered at Ft. Bliss on Jan. 12, 1941, and was assigned to the 36th Inf. Div. He was trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards, and went to N. Africa on April 1, 1943. He served in Italy, France, and Germany. On Feb. 2, 1944, he was wounded at the town of Terelle, Italy, and received a battlefield commission on Mar. 25, 1944, at Ban de Laualine, France. He also saw action at the battles of Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awards were: Silver Star, with Oak-leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, and Combat Inf. Badge.





S/Sgt. MARION V. HAYS

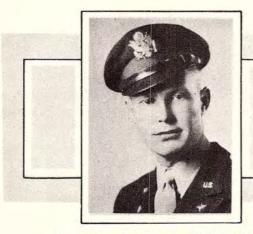


Pfc VINTON NEWBERRY

Sgt. Marion V. Hays, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley H. Hays, Midland, Texas, was born November 19, 1915. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools. Entered service November 17, 1942, at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas, and was assigned to Army, 6th Armored Division. Trained at Camp Cook, California. Served overseas from February 11, 1944, to Oct. 9, 1945, in European Theater, participating in battles of Normandy-Northern France-Ardennes-Rhineland-Central Europe. Sgt. Hays received Bronze Star Medal, Certificate of Merit, Army Meritorious Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged October 20, 1945.

Pfc Vinton Newberry, husband of Mary Nell Newberry, Box 1572, Cloverdale Road, Midland, was born September 26, 1920. Received his education in Mt. Vernon Public Schools. He volunteered for service October 14, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Buckingham Gunnery School, Ft. Myers, Florida. Served in the United States from October 14, 1942, to November 16, 1945. He received Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal, and was honorably discharged November 16, 1945. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Newberry, lived in Mt. Vernon, Texas.

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*1st Lt. EUAL J. RAGSDALE



ART 3/c ROBERT B. STALLWORTH

lst Lt. Eual J. (E.J.) Ragsdale, son of Mrs. Lou Ella Ragsdale, 407. N. Marienfield, Midland, Texas, was born April 30, 1922. Received his education in Midland Public Schools and North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, Texas. Volunteered for service June 17, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to Army Air Corps, 15th Air Force. Served overseas from May 7, 1944, to Oct. 17, 1944, in European Theater, in Corsica, France, and Italy. He was a pilot of an A-20 Bomber and participated in 26 air missions against the enemy. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice October 17, 1944, in Italy, north of Florence. The Purple Heart was awarded.

A.R.T.3/c Robert B. Stallworth, son of Mrs. Frances S. Harrison. Box 12, Green Tree, New Mexico, was born May 12, 1925. Attended Midland High School and A & M College, College Station, Texas. Volunteered for service May 12, 1943, at Midland, and was assigned to Navy, aviation radio technician. He trained at Navy Training School, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from September, 1943, to April, 1945, in Southwest Pacific, Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged May 23, 1946 and entered Texas A & M to complete his education.





Capt. LeROY A. CARPENTER, JR.

1st Lt. LeROY A. CARPENTER, SR.

Capt. Leroy Alfred Carpenter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy A. Carpenter, Sr., Austin, Texas, was born July 8, 1918, in San Antonio, and attended Texas University. He is the husband of Eva L. Carpenter, also of Austin. He volunteered January 1, 1941, for the Army Air Forces; trained at Ontario, Calif., and Luke Field, Ariz.; later acted as Basic Flying Instructor at Bakers Field, Calif., and Pecos Field, Texas. Capt. Carpenter began overseas duty August, 1944, with the 8th Air Force, based in England as Fighter Pilot, P-51; participated in raids over Europe and is credited with the destroying of one Luftwaffe, and his unit is credited with the destroying of 27 Nazi planes on one raid. April 16, 1945, he was reported 'Missing' over Czechoslovakia; later declared to be lost. The Air Medal with 5 Clusters was awarded.

1st Lt. Leroy Alfred Carpenter, Sr., birthdate December 21, 1892, in Webberville, Texas, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Carpenter. He attended Texas University in Austin and is the husband of Mrs. Bessie L. Carpenter, 203 East 2nd Street, Austin, Texas. Lt. Carpenter volunteered for service December 13, 1917, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Army M. T.C. 304 Shops, Ft. Sam Houston. In October, 1918, he was commissioned as First Lieutenant, serving his total duty in the States. Discharge from the United States Armed Forces was granted April 1, 1919. In civilian life Lt. Carpenter was an automobile engineer. His son Capt. Leroy Alfred Carpenter, Ir., was a casualty of World War II.





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*Ens. GORDON C. ENGLISH

S/Sgt. ROBERT L. GRUBB

Ens. Gordon Clark English, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett E. English, Midland, Texas, was born September 22, 1920. Received his education in Midland Public Schools and Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Volunteered for service August 18, 1942, at New Orleans, and was assigned to Navy Air Corps. He received his pre-flight training at Athens, Ga.; primary training at Memphis, Tenn.; and advance training at Pensacola, Fla. Served in the United States from his enlistment August, 1942, until May 27, 1943, when he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in a plane crash in Mobile Bay while stationed at Barin Field, Pensacola, Fla.

S/Sgt. Robert L. Grubb, son of R.M. Grubb of Hamlin, Texas, husband of Paula G. Grubb, Midland, Texas, was born January 2, 1916. Attended the Public Schools of Rotan, Texas, and Texas Tech College, Lubbock. Entered service November 16, 1942, at Midland, and was assigned to Army, Air Forces. Trained at Camp Buckley, Denver, Colorado. Served overseas from Nov. 29, 1943, to Oct. 12, 1945, in European Theater, participating in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, air offensive Europe. Received American Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medalwith 6 Bronze Stars, 3 Overseas Bars, Good Conduct. Discharged Oct. 31, 1945.

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Cpl. HOWARD A. PALMER, JR.

Cpl. OTHO C. COLLINS, JR.

Cpl. Howard A. Palmer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Palmer, Sr., Midland, Texas, husband of Leola Mae Palmer, also of Midland, was born June 18, 1923, and received his education in Midland Public Schools. He volunteered for service November 28, 1942, at Midland and was assigned to Army, Air Corps. Trained at Madison, Wisconsin, and Boca Raton, Fla. Served overseas from April 7, 1945, to June 29, 1945, in European Theater. He was awarded American Defense Ribbon, ETO Ribbon with 1 Battle Star, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation. He received his discharge October 29, 1945. Cpl. Palmer was a radar specialist and radio mechanic instructor.

Cpl. Otho C. Collins Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Collins, Sr., Rt. 1, Midland, Texas, husband of Frances Irene Collins, Box 1108, Midland, Texas, was born March 4, 1925. Attended Public Schools of Midland and Texas A & M College. Entered service September 20, 1944, at Midland, assigned to Army 41st Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, California. Served overseas from February, 1945, to Aug. 29, 1946, in Pacific Area, at Zamboango, Mindanao, P.I., Leyte, P.I., Kure, Japan, Kobe, Japan, and Koyote, Japan. He has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. Honorable discharge Oct. 23, 1946.

-M/SGT. JOHN BILL KELLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley of Lubbock, Texas, husband of Narrell S. Kelley of Midland, Texas, was born April 10, 1913. Entered the Army 44th Inf. Div. on Feb. 27, 1943, and trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Overseas 16 mos. in N. France, Rhineland, and Luzon Campaign. Awarded EAME, ATO, Asiatic Pacific, Philippine Liberation, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. M/Sgt. Kelley received an homorable discharge Dec., 1945.

2. —PFC LEO JERRY MERRIMAN, was born on June 27, 1925, husband of Vada Lou Merriman of Midland, Texas. He was educated in Midland, entering service Aug. 18, 1944, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, assigned to Army Inf. Div. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas from March, 1945, to April, 1946, in Rhineland and Central Europe. Awarded EAME with 2 Stars, Good Conduct, Distinguished Unit Badge, and Victory Medals. He served with 4th Armored Div. Discharged May 13, 1946.

3. — CPL, JAMES WESELY MERRIMAN, was born on March 29, 1924, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Rhodes, brother of Leo Jerry Merriman of Midland, Texas. He received his education in Midland, volunteering for the Army 835th Engineers on Oct. 23, 1942, at Odessa, Texas. Was sent to Childress, Texas, for training. Overseas from Sept., 1944, until Sept. 20, 1945, all over Italy. He received European Theater, 3 Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Theater Medals. Discharged Dec., 1945.

*4. —PFC JAMES OTIS ROTAN, JR., was born on July 9, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rotan, Sr., and husband of Emma Rotan of Midland, Texas. He attended Midland High School, entering the Army 44th Inf. Div. on Feb. 28,1943, at El Paso, Texas. Trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash. He went overseas on Aug. 24, 1944, and served in the European Theater of Operations. Pfc James Otis Rotan, Jr. was killed on the 29th day of March, 1945, while serving his country in Germany.

5. —SGT. ALFRED WAYNE MERRIMAN, was born on Aug. 2, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merriman; husband of Wanda I. Merriman, and nephew of Mrs. J. O. Rotan, Sr., all of Midland, Texas. He received his education at Midland, entering the A.A.C. on Sept. 7, 1942. Trained at Ft. Geo. Wright, Wash., and Pueblo, Colo. Sgt. Merriman served overseas from Feb. 14, 1943, to July 6, 1945, in the China, Burma, and India Area. Awarded Good Conduct, and C.B.I. Ribbon, 7 Stars. Honorably discharged Sept. 19, 1945.

6. —PVT. VICTOR E. MERRIMAN, was born on Oct. 21,1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merriman, and nephew of Mrs. J. O. Rotan, Sr., all of Midland, Texas. He entered Army Anti-Aircraft on Sept. 22, 1942; trained at Camp Hulen, Texas. Overseas from Sept., 1943 to Dec., 1945, in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, South Philippines, Australia, Admiralty Is. Awarded Asiatic Pacific, 5 Stars, Philippines Lib., ATO, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Served overseas with 168th Aircraft. Honorably discharged Dec. 28,1945.

7 —SGT, J. C. STEVENS, JR., was born on Feb. 4, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Stevens, and husband of Mary Lou Stevens of Midland, Texas. He attended Midland High School, and volunteered for the service on Oct. 17, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, assigned to Army Signal Corps in 972nd Sig. Ser. Bn. Trained at Camp Kohler, Sacramento, Calif. He served overseas from Nov. 25, 1943, to Oct. 25, 1945, in Pacific Ocean Area. Sgt. Stevens received an honorable discharge Oct. 31, 1945.

8. —S.M. 3/c CARL EDWARD STEVENS, was born on Aug. 15, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Stevens of Midland, Texas. He received his education in Midland, and volunteered for service Aug. 25, 1943, as signed to Navy Amphibious Corps. Trained at San Diego, Calif. He served overseas from May 11, 1944, to Dec. 21, 1945, in the Asiatic Pacific Area in the invasion of Palau Islands. Signalman 3/c Stevens was given an honorable discharge on Jan. 6, 1946, after 28 mos. of service.

9. —C.Mo.M.M. CARL LYNN STEPHENS, was born on Dec. 3, 1919, son of Mrs. Myrtle Stephens of Midland, Texas, husband of Rebecca Angeline Stephens of Odessa, Texas. He volunteered for the Navy Amphibious Forceson June 6, 1942, and trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Overseas 40 mos. in Luzon, Leyte, Halmahera, Sansapor, Biak, Hollandia, Aitape, Saidor, New Guinea, Admiralty Is. and N. Britain, Awarded Philippine Liberation, 2 Stars, Asiatic Pacific, 3 Stars. Discharged Dec. 8, 1945.

10.—S/SGT. HARTZELL OSCAR STEPHENS, was born on May 22, 1922, son of Mrs. Myrtle Stephens, and husband of Mildred Stephens of Midland, Texas. He volunteered for A.A.F. on Sept. 17, 1942, and trained at Truax Fld., Madison, Wis. Overseas 21 mos. in S. England, S. France, N. France, Belgium, and Germany. Awarded ETO, 6 Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, A.A.F. Technician Badge, and Good Conduct Medal. On Oct. 9, 1946, S/Sgt.Stephens received an honorable discharge.

11.—S.M. 3/c BOBBY EUGENE STEPHENS, son of Mrs. Myrtle Stephens of Midland, Texas, born Oct. 19, 1924, attended Midland High School, volunteering for the Navy 7th and 9th Forces on July 4, 1942. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas 26 mos, in Aleutians, Caribbean, and Southwest Pacific. Awarded American Theater, Asiatic Pacific, 1 Star, Philippine Liberation, and Victory Medals, He was honorably discharged Dec. 8, 1945, at San Francisco, Calif., and re-enlisted Feb. 15, 1946.

12.—CPL. ISMAEL RUPERTO TERCERO, was born on March 29, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruperto Tercero, and husband of Ana B. Tercero of Marfa, Texas. He volunteered for the Army 65th Inf. Div. on June 4, 1942, and trained at Camps Callan and Haan, Calif., Shelby, Miss., and Ft. Bliss, Texas. Served in Rhineland and Central Europe from Jan., 1945, to Dec., 1945. Awarded American Theater, EAME with 2 Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 5, 1946, at Camp Fannin.

13.—M/SGT. GALE EDMUND WALTON, was born on March 15, 1920, son of Mrs. Frank B. Turner of Midland; Mich., and hus band of Wynne Lee Walton of Midland, Texas. He volunteered for service July 18, 1940, at Saginaw, Michigan; assigned to Army Air Corps, and trained at Chanute Fld., Ill. He served in European Theater of Operation from July 28, 1943, to Oct. 5, 1945. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, ETO, 6 Stars, American Defense, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Oct., 1945.

14.—CPL. IRA BARNETT WILSON, was born on Nov. 7,1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Wilson of Midland, Texas. He entered the Army Inf. on Aug. 21, 1942, training at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas from June, 1944, to June, 1945, in Normandy, N. France, and Rhineland, and in prison Camp Stalag 7A from Aug. 7, 1944, to Apr. 29, 1945. Awarded EAME with 3 Stars, Purple Heart, Inf. Combat Badge, Presidential Citation, American Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Cpl. Wilson was discharged Nov. 10, 1945, at Camp Hood, Texas.

15.—S 1/c MONROE WILSON BOLES; is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Boles of Winters, Texas, and husband of Arlene Boles of Talpa, Texas. Entered the service April 20, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, assigned to U.S.N.R., and trained at San Diego, Calif. He served on Guam with the 56th Navy Seabees from July, 1945, until March, 1946. Awarded Victory, American Area Campaign, and Asiatic Pacific Area Ribbons. S 1/c Boles was honorably discharged on the 3rd day of April, 1946.

16.—SGT. KENNETH DIXON FEIST, was born on June 14, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Feist, and husband of Irene Feist of Rowena, Texas. He volunteered for E.R.C. Oct. 27, 1942, and entered active service May 8, 1943, assigned to 3rd Army, 65th Inf. Div. Trained at Camp Shelby, Miss. Overseas from Jan., 1945, to Jan., 1946, in battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. Awarded EAME, Combat Inf. Badge, ATO, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Honorably discharged Feb. 6, 1946.

17.—S/SGT. THOMAS R. GUTHRIE, was born on Oct. 25, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Guthrie of Mason, Texas, and husband of Frances Guthrie of Edinburg, Texas. Educated in Sidney, Texas, High School. Volunteering for the service on Aug. 13, 1940, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; assigned to Army 69th Coast Artillery; and trained at Ft. Crockett, Galveston, Texas, Served in the Indian, Burma, and China Area from April, 1945, to Nov., 1945. Honorably discharged Nov. 10, 1945.

18.—SGT. ELMER M. GUTHRIE, was born on Aug. 24, 1923, son of Mr. a nd Mrs. Thomas T. Guthrie of Mason, Texas, husband of Emma Jane Guthrie of Long Beach, Calif. He attended Sidney, Texas, High School, and volunteered for service on Jan. 14, 1941, at Ft. Worth, Texas. Assigned to the Army 38th Field Artillery, 2nd Div., and was sent to Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, for his training. Sgt. Guthrie was given an honorable discharge on the 26th day of May, 1943.

19.—MoM.M. 3/cWILLIE FRANKLIN HEATH, was born on May 18, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Heath of Lorene, Texas, husband of Nellie Ruth Borders Heath of Ballinger, Texas. He entered the Navy Amphibious Forces on June 23, 1944; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas 15 mos. in Philippines, Japan, and Battle of Okinawa. Awarded American, Asiatic Pacific Theater, 1 Star, Philippine Liberation, and Victory Ribbons. MoM.M. 3/c Heath was honorably discharged January 12, 1946.

20.—CAPT. GUY WALTON LIVELY, was born on Oct. 28, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Lively of Abilene, Texas, and husband of Louise McMillan Lively of Ballinger, Texas. He volunteered for the A.A.F., Jan. 12, 1942, and trained at Kelly Fid., Texas, Spartan School of Aeronautics, Perrin Fid., Childress Bomb. School, Westover Fid. Served in Italy 7 mos. with 15th Air Force. Received Air Medal with 3 Clusters and D.F.C. Capt. Lively is now in the Air Transport Command.







Y 3/c John Garden Sindorf, the son of Mrs. H.R. Sindorf of Kermit, was born on Sept. 21, 1926. After attending the University of Texas for 1 year he volunteered for the Navy on Aug. 29, 1944. He was trained at the USNTC at San Diego, and the USNTC at Gulfport. He served aboard the U.S.S. Cowpens, (CVL25) and participated in the carrier strikes against Wake Island, Philippine Islands, and against the Japanese Home Islands. His ship received the Navy Unit Commendation. He holds awards for Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, American Theater, and Occupation of Japan. He was discharged on July 17, 1946.

1st Lt. Harry Rea Sindorf, Jr., the son of Mrs. H.R. Sindorf of Kermit, and the husband of Mary Sue Sindorf of Austin, was born on the 2nd of Jan., 1922. He attended the University of Texas for two years, and then volunteered for the Marine Corps in July, 1942. He trained at Corpus Christi, and Cherry Point, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. before he was sent to the South Pacific in Aug. 1944. He served with the 1st Marine Air Wing and saw action in the Solomon Islands and in the liberation of Luzon and Mindanao in the Philippines. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. Was relieved from a ctive duty on Dec. 27, 1945.

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Lt. Col. WILLIAM W. WALMSLEY

Lt. Col. William Williams Walmsley born April 20, 1914, in New York, is the husband of Jeanne Davis Walmsley of Midland, and the son of Mrs. Eula H. Walmsley of Sisterdale, Texas. He attended New York Military Academy, Colgate University, and Rutgers University. He moved to Texas in 1938, and volunteered for the Air Forces on Oct. 6, 1938. He trained at Randolph and Kelly Fields in San Antonio, and was commissioned on Aug. 25, 1939. He served as Squadron Commander and Director of flying at Midland, Texas. In July of 1943 he went to Dutch Guiana, South America, to be Squadron Leader for the 35th Bomber Squadron on Anti-Submarine Patrol. He was also Air Base Commander in British and Dutch Guiana and Jamaica. Once he crash landed on Table Top Mountain in Dutch Guiana and walked back to the base in 8 days. At present Lt. Col. Walmsley is in the Organized Reserves.

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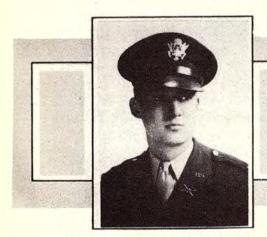
Pvt. JACKSON O. BASS



Ens. CECIL S. AYCOCK, JR.

Pvt. Jackson O. Bass, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bass, Rt. 4, Mart, Texas, husband of Margaret Watford Bass, Midland, Texas, was born May 13, 1915. He attended Westminister College at Tehuacana and North Texas Teachers College, Denton, Texas. Entered service February 21, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and was assigned to Army, Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Pvt. Bass spent the entire time of service in the United States, from February 21, 1945, to February 19, 1946, the date of his discharge. He received the American Theater Campaign Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. Prior to the Army he was with the Atlantic Pipe Line.

Ensign Cecil Sandefer Aycock Jr., son of Cecil S. Aycock, Sr., of Sunshine Ranch, at Hico, was born July 26, 1925. He is the husband of Edith Anne Aycock of Roswell, N.M. Attended Texas University at Austin. Volunteered for service August 29, 1943, at El Paso, Texas, and was assigned to Navy, S.O.N.A.R. Trained at U.S. Navy Training Station, San Diego, Calif., and West Coast Sound School, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from January, 1944, to May, 1944, on convoy duty in the Atlantic. At the present time he is still serving with the U.S.N.R. His mother, Mrs. Mayme B. Aycock, lives at 627 Cincinnati, San António.



2nd Lt. THOMAS R. WRIGHT



Capt. FRED S. WRIGHT, JR.

2nd Lt. Thomas R. Wright, born August 11, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Wright, Midland, husband of Evelyn Sciba Wright, attended Texas A and M. College, and entered the Army on April 19,1942. Assigned to Anti-aircraft; transferred to Paratroops; trained at Camp Hulen and Fort Benning, Georgia; served overseas from Oct.,1944, to Oct., 1945, in Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe and Battle of Bastogne. Wounded twice Jan., 1945, and Feb., 1945. Awards were Purple Heart with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Unit Citation, Belgium Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, 3 Battle Stars. Honorably discharged Feb. 5, 1946.

Capt. Fred S. Wright Jr., born March 27, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Wright, Sr., Midland, husband of Elizabeth Payne Wright also of Midland, attended University of California, and entered the Army on July 9, 1942. Was assigned to 505th AAA Gun Battalion; trained at Anti-aircraft School, Camp Davis and North Carolina; served overseas from Aug., 1944, to Nov., 1945, on Ryukyus in the Asiatic Pacific. His awards were American Theater, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star and World War II Victory Medal. Captain Fred Wright, Jr., was given an honorable discharge from the Army on February 23, 1946. He was petroleum engineer prior to service.

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Lt. (sg) LUTHER M. FREELS

Lt. (s.g.) Luther Murell Freels was born on the 9th of July, 1911, and is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Al Freels, and the husband of LaMoine Sindorf Freels of 801 North 'D' St., Midland, Texas. He attended Denison, Texas, Elementary and High School and received a B.A. degree from Baylor University. Volunteered for the Navy on July 15, 1942, at Dallas. His training: was N.O.B. at Norfolk, Va.; Indoctrination at Tucson, Ariz.; and Fighter Director School at St. Simons Island, Ga. From Mar. 17, 1943, until Mar. 5, 1945, he served as a qualified Radar Night Fighter Director on Johnston Is. in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He was promoted to Lt. (j.g) on July 2, 1943, and made Lt. (s.g.) on Sept. 1, 1944. He was released from a ctive duty to the U.S.N.R. on Oct. 5, 1946.

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Aviation Student JOHN V. STOKES

T/Sgt. Phillip Howard Auld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Auld, Midland, Texas, was born Oct. 29, 1920. Attended high school at Lake Charles, La. Volunteered for service Aug. 29, 1940, at Randolph Field, Texas, and was assigned to Army, Air Corps. He served overseas from March 30, 1943, to May 21, 1943, based in England with 412th Bomb Squadron, 95th Bomb Group (H) Eighth Air Force. Participated in various bombing missions over Continental Europe. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice May 21, 1943, when his plane was destroyed while on a mission against the German Submarine Base at Emden. Awarded Air Medal, Certificate of Merit and Purple Heart.

Aviation Student John Virgil Stokes, born Nov. 11,1925 in Texas, son of Mrs. Mayme Stokes,1300 W. Ohio, Midland, received his education at Midland Public Schools & Texas Technological College in Lubbock. He volunteered November 8, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces Base Unit. Received his training at Sheppard Field and Foster Field, Texas. He was awarded the American Theater, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Aviation Student John Virgil Stokes received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on November 13, 1945. He was a student at Texas Technological College before entering the Army Air Forces.

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BM VAN BUREN TURNER



1st Lt. GEORGE F. WATFORD

Boatswain Mate Van Buren Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Turner, and husband of Joyce Turner, Midland, attended Roby, Texas, High School. Volunteered May 30, 1942, assigned to the Navy as Armed Guard. Received training at Great Lakes, Ill.; served overseas from August 18, 1942, to July 26, 1945; served in European waters and Southwest Pacific waters. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal, European and Pacific Theater Campaigns. His ship was torpedoed and sunk October 17, 1942, and he spent 4 hrs. on a life raft in an eighty mile wind. There were only eight survivors. Received an honorable discharge on October 2, 1945. He was with Telephone Co. prior to service in the Navy.

1st Lt. George Franklin Watford, born April 7, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Watford, attended Texas Technological College, Lubbock. Volunteered May 20, 1942, to the Army Air Corps; received training at Kelly Field, Spartan Field and Rapid City Army Air Field; served overseas from July, 1944, to Feb., 1945. He flewout of England with the 8th Air Force was bombardier on a B-17 attached to 526 Squadron of the 379 Bomb Group; flew 35 missions and participated in battles of Germany, Northern France and Ardennes. He was awarded Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, & ETO with 3 Stars. Watford received discharge on November, 1945.



Capt. JACK W. PROTHRO

1st Lt. ROBERT L. PROTHRO

Capt. Jack William Prothro born Feb. 6, 1917, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prothro, and the husband of Nita S. Prothro, all of Midland, Texas. He attended Texas Technological College, and N.T.A.C., and was employed by the Argo Oil Company before he volunteered for the Army on Aug. 31, 1941. His training was at Camp Callan, Calif. He served with the Coast Artillery, with the 155 mm guns. In Aug. of 1944 he was sent to the Southwest Pacific Area, at New Guinea. Prior to his going overseas he had been commissioned and was a 2nd Lt. He made Capt. while overseas. Awards were: Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 1 Star, Victory, American Defense, and American Theater Ribbon. He reverted to O.R.C. April 17, 1946.

1st Lt. Robert Leonidas Prothrowas born on April 14, 1919, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Prothro of Midland, Texas. He attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington. He enlisted in the Army Air Force on the 13th of Aug., 1941. He was trained at Keesler Field, Miss. He had entered the Air Force as a Pvt. and received promotions through Pfc, Cpl., Sgt., and S/Sgt. On the 24th of Feb., 1944, he was commissioned a 2nd Lt. at Yale University. He was promoted to 1st Lt. on the 31st of Oct., 1944. The awards that were given him were: Good Conduct, American Defense, and American Theater Ribbons, and Victory Medal. He was separated from the service on the 26th of Dec., 1945.

*Pfc LYONEL D. WATERS

Pfc Deskin Waters, born Oct. 5, 1924, at Bonita, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Waters, Jr., of Nocona, husband of Doris Waters, Clovis, New Mexico. He received his education at Kilgore High School and the University of Tampa, Fla.; he entered the service on April 1, 1943, and was assigned to the United States Army; trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and Tampa, Fla.; served in the United States for 1 year, and overseas from April 1st, until the 20th, 1944, in the North African Area. Pfc Waters paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life for his country having been killed in action on April 20, 1944, in North African Area.



Pfc N. A. WATERS, JR.



Lt. Comdr. NATHAN F. WATERS

Pfc N. A. Waters, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Waters, Sr., B. 156, Nocona, was born March 23, 1922; he graduated from Kilgore Junior College, Kilgore, Texas; volunteered for service to the United States Army; was assigned to the Marines, on July 29, 1943, at San Diego, California, and there he received his training. Served in the United States from July 29, 1943, until September 1, 1945; went overseas on September 1, 1945, and was there until August 1, 1946. He served in the Pacific Area, in Japan, and Guam. He was a student at Baylor University when he enlisted; was honorably discharged from service Aug., 1946.

Lt. Comdr. N. F. Waters, born Sept. 26, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Waters, Sr., Box 156, Nocona, husband of Barbara Waters, attended Nocona High School and College of Marshall, Texas; volunteered for service April 12, 1941, assigned to Navy Air Corps. Trained at N. A. Sta., Pensacola, Fla.; overseas 14 months, in Greenland and Iceland, also secret Patrol duties in N. Atlantic. Decorated in 1943 with D.F.C. for heroism and achievement in rescuing men from ice caps in Greenland. He received his wings in 1941, was promoted to Lt. (jg) 1942, to Lt., 1943, and is now Lt. Comdr. At present his work is in the Hawaiian Islands where he has his residence.



*Cpl. RAY C. SNAPP

Cpl. Ray Clark Snapp, born September 8, 1920, son of Mrs. Frances Victoria Snapp, Nocona, Texas, attended the Littlefield, Texas, School, and volunteered October 14, 1940, for the U.S. Marine Corps. He trained at Oceanside, California, and began overseas duty in August, 1941. Cpl. Snapp served on Tulaga, Florida, and islands in the Pacific; was wounded on Guadalcanal November 20, 1942; sent to Samoa, and after recovery, returned to New Guinea and into combat on Tarawa where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country November 23, 1943, in action. The Purple Heart with Gold Star was awarded with Presidential Citation, Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, and various other combat and citation ribbons.



ABM GA 2/c (T) HAROLD R. SAWYER



F/O ROGER P. SAWYER

ABM GA 2/c (T) Harold Russell Sawyer, born May 15, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle R. Sawyer, Nocona, Texas, volunteered December 2, 1942, for the Navy Aircraft Maintenance, Carrier Service; trained at Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois, and served overseas February, 1943, to December, 1945, a board the U.S.S. Sable and U.S.S. Fanshaw Bay in the Naval battles and landings of Saipan, Morotai, Eniwetok, Philippines, Leyte Gulf, and sixty-nine days at Okinawa; received the Philippine Liberation Campaign with two Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Area Medal with five Stars, Pres. Unit Citation with one Star. Was discharged January 11, 1946.

Flight Officer Roger Paul Sawyer, born September 22, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle R. Sawyer, Nocona, Texas, and husband of Oleta M. Sawyer, also of Nocona, attended and graduated from Nocona High School, and was a student at North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington. He volunteered in May, 1943, for the Army Air Corps at Dallas, Texas; trained at various fields in the United States; received his Pilots Wings and was commissioned Flight Officer on August 3, 1944, at Williams Field, Arizona. Later he received his Flight Engineer Wings in June, 1945, at Lowry Field, Colorado.

1. —ELEC. MATE 2/c NATHAN EUGENE ALLRED, born March 1, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Allred of Perryton, Texas. Entered service Dec. 7, 1942, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Jan., 1945, to Dec., 1945, in Pearl Harbor, Guam, Nagasaki, and Japan. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific, Japanese Occupation Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, American Theater, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Was discharged January 5, 1946.

2. —PFC EARL ELMO BARNES, born Oct. 15, 1908. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barnes of Bowie, Texas. Entered service June 1, 1942, in the Army 440 A.A.A. Sep. Bn. Trained at Camps Callan and Haan, Calif. Served overseas Dec., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Germany, battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, 3 Overseas Bars, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Nov. 27, 1945.

3. — PVT. MARLIN JESSIE BELL, born Nov. 22, 1920, son of Mrs. Sallie Bell of Bowie, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, in the Army Co. B., 111 Eng., 36 Division. Trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Served overseas April, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Africa, and battles of Salerno, Anzio, Rome, France, Germany, Rhine River, and Nurnberg. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, French Fourragere, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged September 22, 1945.

4. —PFC MARVIN A. BELL, born July 13,1917, son of Mrs. Sallie Bell of Bowie, Texas. Entered service April 13, 1945, in the Army 86th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Crowder, Mo. Served overseas Sept., 1945, to May, 1946, on Luzon Island, Asiatic-Pacific, and Philippines. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 12, 1946.

5. -T/5 JOHN D. CHESTER, born July 7, 1911. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Chester of Bowie, Texas. Entered service July 10, 1942, in the Army, Tank 750th Division. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., and Ft. Jackson, S.C. Served overseas Sept., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in European Theater, battles of Ardennes, Southern, and Central Germany. Was slightly wounded in Germany. Awarded Purple Heart, European Theater with 3 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 21, 1945.

6. —S1/c TED CHESTER, born June 25,1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Chester of Bowie, Texas. Entered service Oct. 5,1943, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Dec., 1943, to Dec., 1945, as a Naval Cookon Leyte, Saipan, Okinawa, and in the last battle with the Japanese Navy. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 9 Battle Stars, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December, 1945. Attended Harrold, Texas, Public Schools.

7. — CPL. WILLIAM O. CHESTER, JR., born Aug. 17,1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Chester of Bowie, Texas. Entered service Nov. 7,1942, in the Army Engineers Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Camp Howze, Texas. Served overseas Sept., 1944, to Jan., 1946, in the battles of Ardennes, Rohr River, Berlin in the European Theater. Awarded Sharp-Shooter Badge, Expert Rifleman's Badge, European Theater Medal with 3 Battle Stars, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 19, 1946.

8. —RADIOMAN 1/c FRED CHESTER, born Jan. 24,1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Chester of Bowie, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 9, 1942, in the Navy Radio Branch. Trained at Great Lakes and Madison, Wisc. Served overseas June, 1942, to Feb., 1944, on Saipan, Marshalls, Gilbert Islands, Carolines, Wake, Guam, and Leyte. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Combat Bar with 6 Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, and Victory Medal. Attended Navy Radio Schoolat Chicago.

9. —M/SGT. LEON VIRGIL BROWN, born Feb. 15, 1914. Husband of Maggie Wayne Brown of Bowie, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 23, 1939, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. Served overseas Sept., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Southern England, France, Iceland, Scotland, battles of Rhineland, Ardennes, Bulge, Belgium, India - Burma, and India-China. Awarded ETO 4 Stars, Asiatic-Pacific 2 Stars, and Victory Medal. Discharged Jan., 1946. Re-enlisted; currently at Perrin Field.

10.—PFC CALVIN C. EMERY, born Jan. 18, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Emery of Nocona, Texas. Volunteered for service June 1, 1942, in the Army, 440 A.A.A. Bn. Trained at Camp Haan, Calif. Served overseas Dec., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Normandy, Ardennes, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns. Awarded European Theater Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, American Theater, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Discharged November 26, 1945.

11.—PFC JAMES T. EMERY, born May 16, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Emery of Nocona, Texas. Volunteered for service June 1, 1942, in the Army, 95th Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas Aug., 1944, to June, 1945, in battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. Wounded in left thigh. Was award ed Purple Heart, EAME Campaign Medal, Silver Star Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 16, 1945.

12.—S/SGT. DEAN OSIE NICHOLS, born Dec. 22, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Nichols, Jr., of Bowie. Volunteered for service July 23, 1940, in the Army, 1st Cavalry Division. Trained at El Paso. Served overseas; May, 1943, to Dec., 1945, in SWPA, New Guinea, New Britain, and Los Negros Islands. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged January 13, 1945. He is the brother of Mrs. R. M. Jones, 401 Gowan St., Bowle.

13.—S/SGT. EUGENE B. KELLER, born at Nocona, Montague Co., Texas. Son of Mrs. Mary Keller of Nocona, Texas. Entered the service April, 1942, in the Army. Received his training at Camp Robinson, and Camp Edwards. Served overseas Jan., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Austria, New Guinea, Biak, Philippines, and Japan, invasions of Said or, Hollamdia, and Cebu. Awarded American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October, 1945, and returned to the Nacona Boot Co., where he is Asst. Supt.

14.—PHARMACISTMATE 3/c ROY WILLIAM LAWLER, born Nov. 12, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lawler of Saint Jo, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 1, 1943, in the Navy Medical Corps. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Aug., 1944, to March, 1946, in Austria. In initial invasion of Borneo and Guam. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged April 23, 1946, at Norman, Oklahoma. Attended Saint Jo High School.

15.—T/4 OLEY DUKE NEELY, born June 15, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Neely of Bowie, Texas. Entered service Dec. 16, 1942, in the Army 1st Division. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Served overseas May, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium, Normandy, and Rhineland. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 16, 1945.

16.—CPL. ALVAN OZELL NEELY, born July 26, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Neely of Bowie, Texas. Entered service May 9, 1944, in the Marines, 8th Service Regt. Trained at San Diego, and Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Served overseas Sept., 1944, in Hawaiian Islands, Saipan, and Japan attached to photographic supply unit of 8th Service Regiment. He received the American Defense Med al and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 18, 1946.

17.—T/5 ROSCOE RAYMOND, born June 14,1920, hus band of Frances L. Raymond of Saint Jo, Texas. Entered service June 1,1942, in the Army, 440th A.A. B.n. Trained at Camp Callan, Calif. Served overseas Dec., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in European Theater in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded 5 Overseas Service Bars, EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, and 1 Service Stripe. Discharged Nov. 10, 1945.

18.—SGT. ALONZO RAFE LAWSON, born June 30,1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lawson of Saint Jo, entered service March 22, 1941, in the Army, 7 Armored, 87 Cav. Rcn. Trained at Ft, Riley, Kas. Served overseas June, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in European Theater, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Wounded; awarded Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Croix de Guerre, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 18, 1945. He is the brother of Frances L. Raymond of Saint Jo.

*19.—PFC JOHN RAYMOND, born June 4, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Raymond of Saint Jo, Texas. Entered service Nov. 15, 1943, in the 2nd Marine Division. Trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas April, 1944, to July, 1944, at Pearl Harbor, Saipan, Tinian, and Marianas Islands. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice July 30, 1944, from a wound received in action. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, American Defense, and Victory Medals.

20.—SGT. JOHN BAXTER LAWSON, born Aug. 5, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lawson of Saint Jo, Texas. Entered service Aug., 1941, in the Army. He received his training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Served overseas from December, 1941, to December 1, 1943, when he paid the Supreme Sacrifice by giving his life for his country. He received the Purple Heart, American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. He is the brother of Frances L. Raymond of Saint Jo, Texas







T/Sgt. PAUL V. BACCUS



Maj. E. STUART WATSON

T/Sgt. Baccus, born Jan. 7, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Watson, Bowie, Texas. Educated at Bowie Grammar and High School; volunteered for service in Sept., 1943, at Dallas; he was assigned to the Army Infantry, with training at Camp Wolters, Texas. Served in the United States 26 months, stationed at Cp. Wolters, serving as Armorer, Hq. Co. Later transferred to Airborne Board, Airborne Center, Camp McCall, N.C. During training and maneuvers, he suffered from broken bones in heel and injured knee. Before enlisting for Army service, Sgt. Baccus was a member of the Western Maintenance Co., Calif. He was discharged Dec. 24, 1945.

Maj. Watson, born May 21, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Watson, Garlington St., Bowie, Texas. Married Ronnie C. Hulett of Austin, and attended the University of Texas, Austin; volunteered for service in March, 1942; was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Maxwell Field, Carlstrom Field. Overseas 18 months; stationed in Europe-381st Bomb. Group, 533rd Sqd., pilot of B-17. Took part in 46 com bat missions. Awarded: D.F.C., 5 O.L. Clusters, and Pres. Unit Citation. He was made C.O. of his group while Capt.; later made Major. At present he is a Reserve Officer in the Army Air Corps, as of October, 1945.

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Lt. U.S.N.R. WALTER W. OLIVER, JR.



MaM 3/c BERT SLEDGE

Lt. Oliver, born on May 27, 1919, in Texas, son of Mr. W. W. Oliver, Harrold, Texas. His wife is Mary Jo Oliver, 710 South St., Graham. Attended Harrold High School and University of Texas, Austin; volunteered for service on April 3, 1942, and was assigned to the United States Naval Reserve-V. 7 Program, with training at Columbia Midshipman School. Overseas 2 years and 3 months in American Theater, Panama Canal Zone, Pacific, Battles of New Guinea, Lae, Finschhaven, Hollandia, and Wakde. Awarded: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific 3 Stars, Victory Medal. He was discharged Nov. 28, 1945.

MaM 3/c Bert Sledge, born Nov. 24, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Sledge, Forestburg, husband of Alice Odessa Sledge, Montague, Texas. He attended North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton; entered the service on March 18, 1944, at Dallas; and was assigned to Navy Officer Messenger Mail Section; trained at N.T.C., San Diego, Calif.; overseas 16 months, in Hawaiian Islands, Fleet P.O., Pearl Harbor. Served under Comm. Service Force, Pacific Fleet. He was promoted from Apprentice Seaman to Mail Man 3/c. He has been married 13 years and has three children, and at the time of his induction into Navy, he was Chief Deputy in Tax A. & C. Office. Discharged Nov., 1945.

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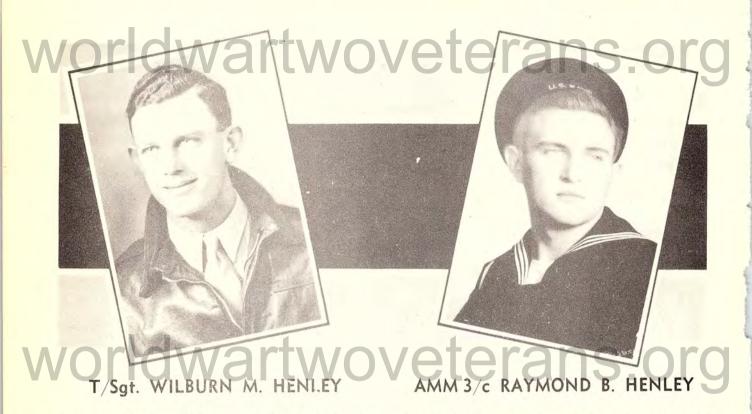
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S/Sgt. JAMES D. SMITH

S/Sgt. J. D. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, Box 534, Nocona, Montague Co., Texas; he married Mette Boyd, 317 East Clark Street, Earlington, Ky. He was educated in Nocona Grammar and High Schools, Cameron Junior College, Lawton, Oklahoma, and New Mexico University, Albuquerque, N. M. He entered the service on June 21, 1941, at Nocona, Texas, and was assigned to the U.S. Army (Armored Infantry); trained at Fort Knox and Camp Campbell, Ky. Served in the United States from June 21, 1941, to Jan., 1945, and overseas 3 months, in ETO. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice, having been killed in action April 29, 1945, in Lohhof, Germany. He was awarded the following medals and battle credits: European Theater of Operations, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Good Conduct, and Expert Infantryman Badge. He was a graduate of the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N. M., leaving there to enlist.

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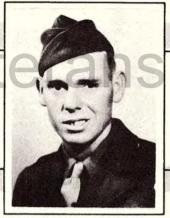


T/Sgt. Wilburn Marion Henley, born August 8, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Henley, Nocona, Texas, and husband of LaVelle Laird Henley, volunteered July 8, 1941, at Dallas for the Army Air Force; trained at Army Air Fields in various parts of the States. Sgt. Henley served overseas with the 15th Air Force in Italy; participated in missions over Ploesti Oil Fields, Vienna, Frankfurt, Munich, Northern Italy, completing forty-eight missions. He was wounded twice, once shot down in raid over Ploesti, Rumania, remained in Yugoslovia with Gen. Mihailivich's Army until evacuated thirty-three days later. The D.F.C. was awarded with Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters, two Battle Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge with Cluster, Purple Heart with Cluster and other ribbons, Discharged August 26, 1945.

AMM3/c Raymond Bedford Henley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Henley, Nocona, Texas, was born July 21, 1925; was graduated from Nocona High School, and volunteered July 9, 1943, for Naval Aviation, assigned to Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, for training. Later served in Norman, Okla., Sanford, Fla., and Seattle, Wash., also North Island, San Diego. Machinist Henley served aboard the U.S.S. Richmond in aviation unit for nineteen months in North Pacific Theater where he participated in antishipping sweeps and bombardments of Japanese installations in Kurile Islands, occupation of Japanese Naval Base at Ominato on the Northern Tip of Honshu. The Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Stars was awarded plus Air Crew Man Wings, and other medals. Discharged April 8, 1946.





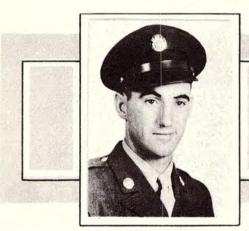


T/4 SAMUEL POSTON, JR.

Pvt. Lakey Dean Poston, birthdate January 3, 1925, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Poston, Nocona, Texas, attended Warrens Bend and Prairie Valley, Texas, Schools, and entered the Army Infantry April 2, 1943, training at Ft. Riley, Kansas. He began overseas duty October, 1943, in the European Theater; participated in the invasion of France. Pvt. Poston paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country while in combat June 19, 1944, in France. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously. His survivors include his brother, Samuel Poston, Jr., who also served with the United States Armed Forces.

T/4 Samuel Poston, Jr., was born June 26, 1917, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Poston, Sr., Box 511, Nocona, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Marie Poston, Montague, Texas. He was employed in the oil fields of New Mexico before entering service December 20, 1944, and was assigned to the Army Anti-Aircraft; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and served overseas July 6, 1945, to May, 1946. He landed on Manila Bay four days before V-J Day. After returning to the States, he was assigned to Ft. Bliss, Texas, where he is currently stationed with the Army Aircraft.

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S/Sgt. LORAN V. SHAW



SSM(L) 2/c WILLIAM V. SCOTT

S/Sgt. Shaw, born Aug. 22, 1920, in Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Shaw, Route 4, Bowie, hus band of Edith G. Shaw, 114 East Wise Street, Bowie, attended Bowie High School, and volunteered for service Sept. 15, 1944, assigned to the Army, 77th Div. Trained at Camp Hood; served in the United States for 5 months, and overseas from Feb. 12, 1945, to April 4, 1946, in Hawaii, Saipan, Okinawa, Philippines, and Japan, in the Battle of Okinawa. He received the Combat Infantry Badge and 1 Battle Star. Promotions: from Pfc to Sgt., then to S/Sgt. He was honorably discharged on April 12, 1946.

SSM (L) Scott, born Oct. 1, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott, 300 Decatur St., Bowie, husband of Gertrude Helen Scott, Bowie, attended Bowie High School, and volunteered for service Nov. 4, 1942, at Dallas, Texas. He was assigned to the Navy Seabees, Cub 17; trained at Camp Bradford, Littlecreek; Va., and Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Overseas 6 months. On Okinawa, Marshalls and Caroline Islands. Awarded: Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Operated the Gushikawa Laundry at Chimu Wan until he was discharged. Promoted from Seaman to Ships Service man 2/c (Laundry). Also served in 7 U. S. Bases. Hon. discharged Dec. 9, 1945.

1. —S/SGT. MIRKO WILLIAM KRAJCAR, born April 15, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Krajcar, Gen. Del., Mingus, Texas, husband of Evelyn Krajcar, Borger, attended Mingus High; entered service Feb., 1943, assigned to Army Air Forces; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas; overseas 1 year, in N. Africa, Italy, Russia, Air Combat of Balkans, air offensive of Europe, Normandy, Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia. Awards: Air Medal W/5 O.L. Clusters, EAME, and ETO Ribbons W/5 Stars, Dist. U. Badge, G. Con. Discharged Sept., 1945.

2. —S1/c RALPH L. REYNOLDS, born July 10, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Reynolds, Nocona, hus band of Vivian Reynolds, attended University of Texas, Austin; entered the service Feb. 19, 1944, assigned to U.S. Naval Res.; trained at U.S.N.T. Sta., San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from April 19, 1944, to Sept. 21, 1945, in Southwest Pacific; battles: Saipan, Tinian, and Philippines. Awarded: 3 Combat Stars, Amer. Theater and Southwest Pacific area Ribbons. Honorably discharged Nov. 5, 1945.

3. —FIRE CONTROLMAN 1/c HAMEL SANDERS, born May 11, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sanders, Bowie, husband of Mary E. Sanders, Austin, attended Bowie High, and was with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. before he entered service Aug. 25, 1943; trained at San Diego, N.T.C.; overseas from Nov. 1, 1944, to Dec. 20, 1945. In South Pacific, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, China, Korea. Prior to overseas duty he was Fire ControlSchool instructor from Feb.26, 1944, to November 1, 1944, Given an honorable discharge.

4. —S/SGT. JACK ESTES STEADMAN, born July 5, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Steadman, husband of Countess Steadman, Nocona, Texas, attended the J. Tarleton College, Stephenville. Assigned to 3rd Army when he entered the service, Feb. 3, 1943; trained at Camp Swift, Texas; overseas from Sept., 1943, to.Dec., 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria. Battles; Normandy Northern France, Argonne, Bulge, and Rhineland. Awards: Pres. Citation, Merit of Honor, Bronze Star. Discharged Dec., 1945.

5. —A.M.2/c JOHN WESLEY BUTTS, born March 24, 1913, son of Mrs. Fannie Thompson, Box 424, Nocona, Texas, attended Big Spring, Texas, High School; entered the service on May 6, 1943, and was assigned to the Navy, Carrier Div. 22; trained at Astoria, Oregon; served in the United States for 5 mos., and overseas from Oct. 17, 1943, to Oct. 24, 1945, in Pacific Area, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, New Guinea, Mortai, Leyte, Gulf, Borneo, Okińawa. He was honorably discharged Oct. 24, 1945.

6. -PFC WAYNE E. WHITEHEAD, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Whitehead, of Bowie, born Oct. 6, 1924, attended N. Texas State College, Denton, Texas. Volunteered on Feb. 25, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to Marines, 5th Amph. Corps; trained at the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States for 4 mos., and overseas from June, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in battles: Marshalls, Palau Islands, and occupation of Palmyra, Guam, Ulithi and Auguar. Honorably discharged Nov. 16, 1945.

7. —S/SGT. HOMER LLOYD BELL, born Jan. 28, of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Bell, Moran, Texas, husband of Merle Bell, 1005 E. Hullum St., Breckenridge, attended Moran High School, and entered the service Dec. 1,1942, Was assigned to Army, 10th Armored Div.; trained at Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas Sept. 12, 1944, to Aug. 28, 1945, in Ardennes, Rhineland C. Europe, Battle of the Bulge, Belguim. Awards: O'seas Serv. Bar, EAME Medal 3 Stars, Bronze S. Medal, Silver Star M. Discharged in Oct., 1945.

8. —S/SGT. CLARENCE RAY CARTER, born Jan. 12, 1917, son of Mrs. Ola Carter, 607 W. Hullum St., Breckenridge, attended John Tarleton College, Stephensville, Texas. Entered the service on Jan. 20, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, assigned to Army Air Transport Command. Served in the United States from Jan. 20, 1943, to May 17, 1944, and overseas from June 1, 1944, to Dec. 6, 1945, in American Theater and North Africa. Awarded: EAME Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan., 1946.

9. —AVIATION C.M.M. OREN C, HEAIRREN, born June 22, 1920, son of R. A, Heairren, husband of Bertha Heairren, all of Breckenridge, attended Breckenridge High; volunteered June 5, 1942, assigned to Navy Air Corps; trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Overseas May 16, 1943, to Oct. 15, 1945. In Atlantic and Asiatic S. Pacific on Marcus, Gilbert, Marshalls in vasions, Marianas, Palau, New Guinea, Bonin, Phil. and Okinawa. Inv. and Occ. of Japan. Commendations from Capt. and fleet Admiral. Dischd. Oct., 1945.

10.—A.R.M.2/c SAMUEL LAWRENCE KELLEY, born June 2, 1921, son of L. P. Kelley, 1210 W. 1st St., Breckenridge, husband of Ella L. Kelley, 806 W. Lindsey, attended Texas A & M College, College Sta.; volunteered June 2, 1942, assigned to Navy Aviation; trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Overseas from Sept., 1943, to March, 1944, in South Pacific at Rabual, Tarawa, Nauru, Engebi, Truk, Tinian, Kaviens, Kwajalein. He was sta. on the Bunker Hill with 1st Hell Divers Squad., Bomb. Sqd. 17. Dischd. Nov., 1945.

* 11.-T/SGT. BILLIE F. BARRETT, born Sept. 20, 1920, son of Mrs. M. L. E. Barrett, Box 456, Gordon, Texas, attended Gordon High; entered the service on March 14, 1941, assigned to Army, 2nd Arm'd. Div.; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas for 1 year and eleven months in Africa, Sicily, Normandy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Awarded (posthumously) Combat Inf. Medal, Purple Heart, Silver Star, Pres. Citation. Sgt. B. Barrett was killed in line of duty, in Germany Nov. 23, 1944.

*12.—S1/c ARVOL A. SPINDLE, born Feb. 16, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spindle, brother of Mary L. Binge, Box 41, Palo Pinto, Texas, educated at Anna, Texas; volunteered Sept. 8, 1942, assigned to Navy Reserve; trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Served in the U.S. 10 weeks, and overseas 32 mos, in Asiatic area, attached to U.S.S. Indianapolis, with 13 major battles. Awards: Purple Heart. He merited more medals, but this all of which wehave record. He was killed in line of duty July 31, 1945.

13.—PFC WILLIAM KENNEY BLAKNEY, born Sept. 2, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Blakney, Strawn, attended Strawn High; volunteered Nov. 2, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas. He trained for pilot, but had operation that grounded him; he then took training for aerial gunnery, and after training with crew for overseas, was grounded for faulty vision, and had no overseas service. He was discharged Feb., 1947.

14.—T/5 RAY DeWITT, born May 5, 1921, son of Mr. C. A. DeWitt, Mingus, Texas, husband of Keith Louise Strawn, educated at Strawn High School. Entered the service Aug. 9, 1944, at Dallas, assigned to the Army, 40th Inf. Div., with training at Camp Wolters, Texas. Served in the United States from Aug. 9, 1944, to Jan. 31, 1945, and overseas from Jan. 21, 1945, to Jan. 10, 1946, in Southern Philippines, and Mindanao. Discharged Jan., 1945. He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Blakney of Strawn.

15.—W.T.1/c (USNR) DENNIS PUTNAM PAINE, born Dec. 31, 1914, son of Mrs. Missie Paine, Route 1, Nocona, attended Prairie Pt. High School, Nocona; volunteered June 23, 1942, at Dallas, Texas; was assigned to the Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va. Served in the United States for 8 months, and overseas from Feb. 21, 1943, to Sept. 13, 1945. On Maui, and Guam; he was awarded the Bronze Star for the Mariannas Campaign. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 5, 1945.

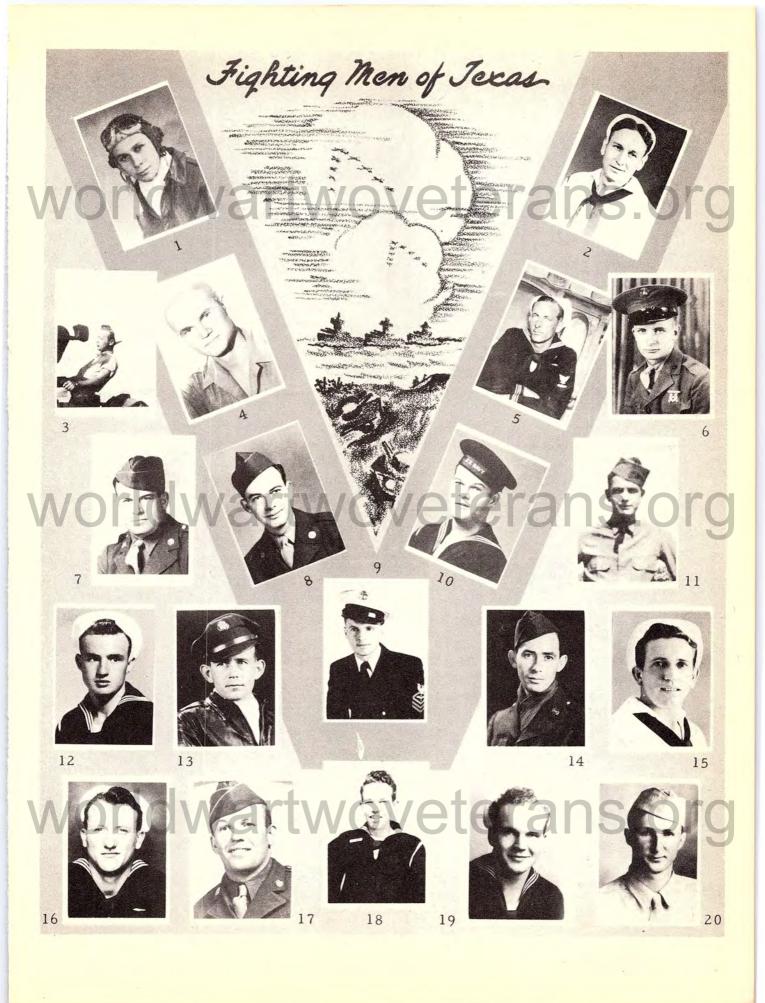
16.—PHM.2/c (USNR) THOMAS PAUL PAINE, born Oct. 25, 1925, son of Mrs. Miss sie Paine, Nocona, attended Prairie Valley High School, Nocona, Texas; volunteered on Oct. 25, 1943, at Dallas, Texas; was assigned to Navy Med. Marines, 4th Marine Div., and 5th Service Depot; trained at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, Callif., served in the U.S. from Oct. 25, 1943, to Jan. 7, 1945, and overseas from Jan. 7, 1945, to April 13, 1946. In Pearl Harbor, and on Maui, T.H. Guam and Mariannas. Discharged on May 1, 1946.

17.—CPL. JONES EDWARD FLOW, born Jan. 13, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Flow, Gen. Delivery, Graford, Texas, received his education at Graford, Texas. He entered the service on June 14, 1943, at Mineral Wells, Texas, assigned to Army Engineers; trained at Camp Abbott, Oregon. Served in the United States 2 years at Camp Abbott and Fort Lewis, Washington. Overseas at Pearl Harbor, Pacific Areas, and Tokyo. Cpl. Flow received an honorable discharge on February 18, 1946.

18.—S1/c FLOYD GEORGE FLOW, born Sept. 29, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Flow, Graford, Texas, attended Graford High School; volunteered for service in September, 1944, at Dallas, and assigned to the Regular Navy, with training at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States for 17 months, and overseas 5 months at Pearl Harbor, Marshalls, Carolinas, Philippines, and Okinawa. Sl/cF.G. Flow, having joined the Regular Navy, is still serving.

*19.—S2/c HERMAN STANLEY FLOW, born A pril 8, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Flow, Graford, Texas. Educated at Graford, Texas, volunteered for service on Sept. 10, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the Regular Navy. He wastrained at San Diego, California, and served in the United States 5 weeks at San Diego, California, he went overseas, and was in the Marshalls, Mariannas, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He was killed in action Jan. 6, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart.

* 20.—PVT. FRED ORESTES McAVOY, born Oct. 10, 1925, son of Mrs. and Mr. J. D. McAvoy, Graford. Educated at Graford; entered the service on July 28, 1944, at Mineral Wells, and was assigned to the Army Inf.; trained at Camp Wolters, and served in the United States for 6 months, prior to transfer overseas Jan. 8, 1945, in South Pacific area serving in battles on Okinawa, from April 17, until May 7, 1945, when he paid the Supreme Sacrifice by giving his life. Awarded Purple







S 1/c BOBBIE G. KECK



S/Sgt. MEREDITH M. MILLER

S1/c Keck, born April 30, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keck, Nocona, attended Prairie Valley Grammar and High Schools, Nocona; volunteered for service in March, 1945, at Wichita Falls, Texas, and was assigned to the Naval Reserve (Minesweeper); trained at San Diego, California; served in the United States from May 31, to September, 1945, and overseas from September, 1945, to April 18, 1946, in Sasebo, Japan, Shanghai, China, on the China Coast, and Tokyo Bay. Prior to his enlistment in the Navy, S1/c Keck had just graduated from high school and was farming. He is still in the service at the time of writing.

S/Sgt. Miller, born Aug. 4, 1923, Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Miller, 303 N. Jefferson St., Bowie, husband of Arminta Miller, 1923 6th Street, Wichita Falls, attended Bowie Grammar and High Schools, and Draughon's Business College, Wichita Falls. He entered the service on Jan. 21, 1943, at Wichita Falls, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Stinson Field, San Antonio, Texas. Overseas 29 months, in China, Burma, and India Theaters of Operation, and was awarded Good Conduct, Victory Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific, Bronze Star. Promotions: Cpl. to Sgt., then to S/Sgt. He was honorably discharged Feb. 3, 1946.



S/Sgt. HOWARD T. PAINE



Capt. LeROY RADFORD

S/Sgt. Paine, born Sept. 6, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Paine, Nocona, Montague Co., Texas. He was educated at Nocona Grammar and High School; entered the service on October 12, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the 262nd Armed F.A. Bn. Trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and served in the United States from October 12,1942, until January 24, 1946. Before enlisting into the Armed Forces of the United States, S/Sgt. Howard Paine had been graduated from Nocona High School, and was ranching with his father in Nocona, Texas. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 24, 1946.

Capt. LeRoy Radford, born Sept. 4, 1920, Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Radford, Nocona, educated at Nocona Grammar and High Schools, and Oklahoma University 4 years, in Norman, Oklahoma. Entered the service on Nov. 17, 1941, and was assigned to the Army, 195th F. A. Unit Commander: trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas 21 months, in European Theater, Normandy, N. France, Belgium, Germany, Ardennes, and in Rhine and Ruhr Campaigns with 1st Army. Awards: EAME with 5 Bronze Stars, Bronze Star Medal, American Campaign and Defense Medals, and Victory Medal. Promoted from 2nd Lt. to Capt. Discharged Feb. 20, 1946; Res.Off.

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*Pvt. SAMUEL A. JONES

Pvt. S. A. Jones, born Jan. 15, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jones, Nocona, Montague Co., Texas. He graduated from Nocona High School, and entered the service on January 17, 1941, at Fort Worth, Texas; he was assigned to the Army, 36th Division, and trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. He served in the United States from January 17, to November 25, 1941, and was overseas from December 24, 1941, until September 11, 1943. Served in Java, until he was captured by the Japanese on February 24, 1942. He was held prisoner in Jap P.O.W. Camp, Moulmein, Burma, and later paid the Supreme Sacrifice, on September 11, 1943. Prior to his enlistment into the United States Army, Pvt. Jones was an employee of the Justin Boot Company of Fort Worth, Texas, where he had been employed for a year and a half.

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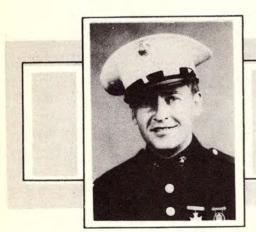
Y 2/c JAMES H. GENTRY



PhM 2/c LEWIS O. HANCOCK

Yeoman 2/c Gentry, born February 27, 1926, in Bellevue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gentry, Nocona, Texas, graduated from Nocona High School; volunteered for service in the United States Navy on Feb. 21, 1944, receiving his boot training at San Diego, California, after which e was sent to Pearl Harbor where he was assigned to Yeoman's School. Graduating on June 27, 1944, he was placed with "ComAir Pac" on Ford Island, serving there until Nov. 27, 1945; after a furlough he was returned to San Diego, California, taking up the same duties with "ComFair West Coast", remaining there until discharged in May, 1946.

Ph.M.2/c Hancock, born Dec. 9, 1920, son of Robert Lee Hancock, Newport, attended Bowie, Texas, High School; volunteered for service Feb. 24, 1942; was assigned to the Navy Hospital Corps; trained at N.T. Base, San Diego, Calif. Served in the U.S. for 5 months, and overseas 3 years, in European-African, Asiatic-Pacific Theaters, invasion of Palau and Leyte, amphibious assault on Ormoc and Mindoro, Luzon, and Okinawa invasion. Awards: Recognition and Commendations for heroics displayed and excellent services rendered (after being struck by suicide plane); cited for damage control, etc. Honorably discharged Sept., 1945.



Ph M 1/c EMBRY G. IRWIN



S1/c DONALD L. JANEWAY

Ph.M.1/c Irwin, born Aug. 23, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Irwin, 313 E. Tarrant St., Bowie, husband of Evelyn Irwin, Box 121, Bowie, was educated at Gainsville Grammar and High Schools, and Austin College, Sherman, Texas. Volunteered for service on May 23, 1942, at Dallas; was assigned to the Navy Medical Corps; trained at United States Naval Training Sta., Great Lakes, Ill. Served in the United States 22 months, and overseas 3 months in South Pacific, New Britain, and Peleliu. Promotions; vol. as Hospital Apprentice and discharged with rank Ph.M.1/c. He was discharged Oct. 31, 1945, at Cp. Wallace, Texas.

S1/c Janeway, born Aug. 20, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Janeway, Nocona, educated at North Ward Grammar, Nocona High, and N.T.A.C. Arlington, volunteered for service on Aug. 14, 1944, at Dallas; was assigned to the Navy Radio Tech. Training Co.; trained at Great Lakes, Ill., Wright, Jr. College, Chicago, Gulf port, San Diego, and Melville, R.I. Overseas 9 months; he was training as Radar O. with a P.T. Boat Crew when war ended and was assigned to U.S.S. Houston Nov. 1, 1945; this ship made a good-will tour April-Aug., 1946, to England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, and Holland. He passed Eddy test to qualify for Radio Tech. Discharged Aug. 16, 1946.

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*Lt. CLARK A. HOOD, JR.

Lt. Clark Alexander Hood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Alexander Hood, Sr., Nocona, Texas, was born August 19, 1912, in Nocona. He attended Nocona High, Terrell School in Dallas, and Marion, Alabama, Military Institute. After graduating from U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, in June, 1935, Lt. Hood served two and one-half years in the Asiatic Fleet in Chinese and Philippine waters. While on the destroyer USS. Pope he evacuated Americans from Swatow-China during a Japanese bombardment there. In the Aleutian Islands Campaign June, 1942, Lt. Hood, commander of a PBY Navy Plane, in addition to flying on all night aerial patrols in contact with the enemy, as a navy officer, voluntarily accompanied the first U.S. Army bombing mission against Japanese vessels in Kiska Harbor. He lost his life June 11,1942, at Kiska, when anti-aircraft guns of the Japanese exploded his plane's own bomb. Citation for Foreign Service was awarded with other medals for distinguishing himself so gallantly in service.

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Capt. Lud J. Brown, birthdate October 4, 1911, in Texas, son of Mrs. Ida Fay Brown, St. Jo, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Louise Brown. He attended Texas Tech in Lubbock, and volunteered March 2, 1942, at Dallas for the Marine Corps, 1st Air Wing, training at San Diego, later serving August, 1942, to April, 1943, and March, 1944, to April, 1945, overseas, stationed at Tontouta, New Caledonia, and Green Island. Was Navigator, and participated in the bombing of New Britain, New Ireland, and Bougainville. The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded with Air Medal and three Silver Stars, Letter of Commendation from Admiral Bill Halsey and various other awards. Capt. Brown was discharged from the Army Air Corps December 20, 1945.

T/5 Paul J. Brown, son of Mrs. Ida Fay Brown, St. Jo, Texas, was born September 15, 1915; attended St. Jo Schools and Texas Tech in Lubbock, and is the husband of Frances Brown, Wichita Falls. He entered service June, 1943, with the Army 3110th Signal Service Battalion; trained at Camp Crowder, Missouri, later serving February, 1944, to January, 1946, in England and France where he participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and Central Europe. His awards include a Meritorious Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, EAME Campaign Ribbon with four Bronze Stars. After returning to the States he was granted discharge from service January 10, 1946.

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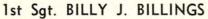
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*S/Sgt. BILLY J. HILL

S/Sgt. Billy John Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hill, Nocona, Montague County, Texas, was born February 14, 1920, a native of Nocona; he was a druggist in Dallas, Texas, prior to his voluntary entry into the United States service December 5, 1941, with the Army Air Ground Corps. Sgt. Hill trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, Santa Monica, California, and Columbia and Walterboro, South Carolina. While in Columbia, S.C., Sgt. Hill transferred from the ground to the combat air corps, and was flight engineer on his plane. While in Maine, Sgt. Hill lost his life in an airplane crash September 22, 1942, near Presque Isle, Maine, when leaving for overseas duty. He was returned to his home town of Nocona where he was laid to rest in the cemetery there September 28, 1942. His survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Mary Clemmer and Mrs. Helen Thommason; also other relatives and many friends.

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Lt. Col. ALFRED I. DAVIES

lst Sgt. Billings, born July 21,1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Billings, Nocona, husband of Billie Dean Billings, Monte, Calif., graduated from Nocona High School, and entered the service on Nov. 18, 1942, at Nocona; was assigned to the Army 8th Ser. Com.; trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Crowder, Mo. Served in the United States 2 years and 6 months, and overseas to date in Alaska. He is now with the 232nd M.P.Co., Fort Richardson, Alaska, as he re-enlisted on Dec. 18, 1946, for 3 more years service. His wife joined him in 1946, and they are living on the Post at Fort Richardson.

Lt. Col. Davies, born Sept. 22,1912, son of Mrs. A. I. Davies, Bowie, Texas, husband of Mildred M. Davies, of Seagoville, educated at Bowie, Texas, Grammar and High School, A & M. College Sta., entered the service on Jan. 31,1942, at Camp Wolters, assigned to the Army, 91st Div.; trained at Camp Adair, Oregon; served in the United States for 27 months, and overseas 19 months, in Po Valley, North Apennines, and Rome-Arno, and was awarded Bronze Star, EAME Campaign Medal, 3 Bronze Stars, American Theater Campaign Medal, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Promoted from 1st Lt. to Lt. Col. Honorably discharged Jan. 31, 1946.

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S/Sgt. WILLIAM H. ECKELBARGER, JR.



Chief PhM PHILLIP R. FLEMING

S/Sgt. Eckelbarger, Jr., born March 7, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eckelbarger, Sr., Box 816, St. Jo, Texas. Educated at Vosburg Dist. School, Bolivar, N.Y., and Allentown Ind. High, N.Y.; entered the service on April 28, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Inf., trained at Camp Wolters, Texas; overseas 8 months, in New Caledonia, assigned there to the famed "Americal" Div., and in Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Philippines, Leyte, Cebu, and Japan. He was awarded: Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Asiatic-Pacific, Overseas Combat Badge etc. Wounded at Bougainville. Promotions: Pfc to Sgt. (skipping Cpl.), then S/Sgt. He was honorably discharged on Dec. 10, 1945.

Chief PhM Fleming, born Dec. 27, 1905, at Cookville, Tenn., brother of Miss Ruth Fleming of Nocona, Texas. He was educated at Nocona High School and Christian College, Abilene, and one year at Sanforth School of Pharmacy, Fort Worth; he volunteered for service on Jan. 26, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the United States Navy Hospital Corps, with training at Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. Overseas 23 months, in the New Hebrides and Okinawa. He was promoted from H.A.1/c to C.PhM. Enlisting for service in the Navy, he resigned his position as pharmacist in Denton. Discharged Aug. 10, 1945.