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T/Sgt. Revis H. Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hicks, Nocona, Texas, was born August 26, 1922, in Nocona; graduated from Nocona High School, and is the husband of Alice Hicks, formerly of Belfast, Ireland. He entered service November 18, 1942, at Mineral Wells, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Force, training at Hill Field, Ogden, Utah. Sgt. Hicks began overseas duty October, 1943, at Lanford Lodge, Air Depot, North Ireland; also served in England and France, and participated in the campaigns of Northern France Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal, with American Theater and Defense Ribbons plus World War II Victory Award. After returning to the states he was granted discharge from the Army Air Corps on November 28, 1945. In civilian life Sgt. Hicks is a motion picture operator.



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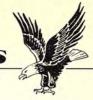
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\*Tank Sgt. EARMON T. CUNNINGHAM

Tank Sgt. Earmon Thomas Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cunningham, Nocona, Texas, was born July 4, 1913, in Nocona; completed the schools of that City, and entered service March 15, 1942, with the Army, First Armored Division, training at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Kentucky, and completing his schooling in North Carolina. Sgt. Cunningham began overseas duty November, 1942, in North African-European Theater where he participated in combat of North Africa, Sicily, and Rome; was wounded in Africa and Italy, hospitalized and later returned to combat. On the morning of April 22, 1945, while in action ten miles west of Parma, Italy, on Highway 9, Sgt. Cunningham paid the Supreme Sacrifice. He was commended for heroism in Africa and Sicily, and awarded the Purple Heart posthumously in recognition for his life given so gallantly in the service of his country. Prior to his entry into the armed forces, he was connected with the Highway Department of Montague County.

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### \*Capt. GEORGE C. BRUNDRETT

Capt. George Cooke Brundrett, born June 25, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Brundrett, Dallas, and husband of Mrs. Valree Brundrett, 1614 12th St., Wichita Falls, Texas, entered the Army, 440th Ordnance Co., August 25, 1940; trained in the States, and began overseas duty September 27, 1941, in the Pacific Area. He was stationed at Clark Field and Del Monte Air Base in the Philippines, and was taken prisoner by the Japanese, held in the Philippines and transported to Camp Jinsen, Korea, on ship that was torpedoed three times before reaching Japan. Capt. Brundrett passed away in Korea on July 4, 1945, as a result of beri-beri. He had previously buried a footlocker at Cabanatuan, and his wife has received letters and diaries it contained.







Cpl. ROBERT E. FOOKES

Sgt. JAMES L. FOOKES

Sgt. CHARLES A. KELLERMAN

Brothers of Mrs. Nadene Drummond of Wichita Falls.

Sgt. J. FOOKES, born June 9, 1919, son of Mr. T. E. Fookes, husband of Ida M. Fookes, Wichita Falls, attended Henrietta High, volunteered Jan. 9, 1941, was assigned to the Army, 18th F.A. Reg.; trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Overseas 20 months in Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, and C. Europe Campaigns. Awarded: Bronze Star, Good Cond., American Def., EAME Ribbon W/4 Battle Stars. Discharged Oct. 26, 1945.

Cpl. R. FOOKES, born Jan. 1, 1923, husband of Annabelle Fookes, 1506 Fillmore St., Wichita Falls, attended Henrietta, Texas, High School; volunteered his services March 29, 1944, assigned to the 1st Div. Marines, with training in San Diego. Overseas 15 months, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, Okinawa, and campaign of Ryukyu Islands. He was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart, and was honorably discharged Dec. 13, 1945.

Sgt. KELLERMAN, born Oct. 6, 1920, in Penna., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kellerman, husband of Thelma G. Kellerman, 1310 Fillmore St., Wichita Falls. Graduated from McKeesport High School, Pa.; volunteered his service on Nov. 7, 1939, and was assigned to Army, 28th Inf., and 229th F.A. Bn.; trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Overseas 2 years, in battles of Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, Ardennes, C. Europe. Awards: EAME W/5 Stars, G.C., Army of Occ. Def. Discharged Oct., 1945.

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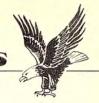


### RM 2/c WILLIAM H. BRUBAKER

RM2/c William Harvey Brubaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brubaker, Wichita Falls, Texas, was born September 23, 1925, in Texas; volunteered August 3, 1943, for the Navy Reserve. He was assigned to Radio School in San Diego for training, later serving February, 1944, to December, 1945, in the Pacific Theater where he served on Guadalcanal and participated in the Battle of Guam. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Ribbon with Unit Citation for outstanding action. After returning to the States, Radioman Brubaker was discharged from the Navy on March 20, 1946. He is the brother of James Cecil Brubaker, who served in the Navy also.

### S 1/c JAMES C. BRUBAKER

Sl/c James Cecil Brubaker, birthdate July 9, 1923, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brubaker, Wichita Falls, Texas, and husband of Lea L. Bello Brubaker, Hayward, California. He attended senior high school in Wichita Falls; volunteered April 4, 1942, for the Navy Reserve at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to San Diego for Naval training. His overseas duty was served September, 1942, to February, 1944, and October, 1944, to August, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations where he served in various areas, and participated in the battle of Guadalcanal. The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded with various ribbons. Discharged from Naval Reserve was granted September 4, 1945.





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T/4 JAMES W. BRADLEY

Sgt. Carlos Ray Bradley, son of Mrs. F. A. Bradley, 1206 Sixteenth Street, Wichita Falls, Texas, was born September 21, 1920, a native of Texas. He attended North Ward School in Dalhart, Texas, and Wichita Falls High School. Sgt. Bradley began service with the United States Armed Forces July 9, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, when he entered the Army Air Corps. His total duty was served in the States at Love Field in Dallas, Texas. The American Theater Ribbonwas awarded with World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Discharge was granted January 31, 1946. He is one of Mrs. Bradley's-

Sat. CARLOS R. BRADLEY

T/4 James William Bradley, son of Mrs. F. A. Bradley, 1206 16th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas, was born June 8,1912, in Texas; attended the Dalhart Elementary and High Schools, and volunteered August 7,1942, for the Army Signal Corps, training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. He began overseas duty December, 1942; was assigned to the Alaskan Highway duty, later serving in New Guinea, Southern Philippines on Luzon. His awards include the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon with World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. After returning home, he was granted discharge December, 1945.



Sgt. FINLEY A. BRADLEY

2nd Lt. RANDELL L. BRADLEY

Sgt. Finley Alanzo Bradley, birthdate June 9, 1914, in Texas, is the son of Mrs. F. A. Bradley, Wichita Falls, Texas. He entered service June 17, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, with the Army, lst Infantry Division, raining at Camp Roberts, California. Sgt. Bradley served October, 1942, to September, 1945, in the North African-European Theater in the campaigns of Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medalwith seven Bronze Stars, Bronze Arrowhead, Bronze Star Medal, Discharged October 6, 1945.

2nd Lt. Randell Lee Bradley, son of Mrs. F. A. Bradley, Wichita Falls, Texas, and husband of Margaret M. Bradley, was born June 22, 1918; attended college in Alpine, Texas, and volunteered June 19, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. After training, Lt. Bradley began overseas duty Feb., 1944, in England with the 8th Air Force; was wounded and taken prisoner of war by Germans, and held from May, 1944, to April, 1945, in Stalag Lufts of Sagan, Nurenburg and Moosburg, Germany. The Air Medal with one Cluster was awarded plus ETO Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and Victory Award. After returning to the States, he entered ORC status November 1, 1945.

# FIGHTING MEN OF TEXAS



### 1st Lt. JAMES R. BROWN

1st Lt. James Roscoe Brown, born August 12, 1918, son of Grover C. Brown, Whitewright, Texas, and husband of Eloise M. Brown, 1206 16th St., Wichita Falls, Texas, volunteered July 18, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Barksdale Field, La., Ft. Logan, Colo., Ellington Field, and Big Spring, Texas, and began overseas duty September, 1943, in England with the 8th Air Force. Lt. Brown was wounded October 9, 1943, over Northern Germany, and taken as prisoner of war and held at Camps in Sagan and Moosburg, Germany, until April 29, 1945. The Purple Heart, Good Conduct, and European Theater Ribbons were awarded with other Medals, and after returning to the States June, 1945, he was assigned to Squadron F at Sheppard Field, Texas, where he is currently.



S/Sqt. REED D. WHITE



1st Lt. CHARLES E. VAN HORNE, JR.

S/Sgt. White, born March 1,1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. White, Route 4, Wichita Falls, husband of Mary Ann White, 583 Rongway St., Grand Prairie. He was educated at Charlie, Texas, Grammar and Byers, Texas, High Schools, and University of Texas, Austin; entered the service Nov. 13, 1942, at Camp Wolters; was assigned to the Army, 9th Air Force; trained at Syracuse Army Air Base, New York; served in the United States 14 months, and overseas 22 months in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. He was awarded: ETO Ribbon with 2 Bronze Battle Stars, and was honorably discharged on November 3, 1945.

1st Lt. Van Horne, Jr., born Nov. 13, 1922, in Louisiana, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Van Horne, Sr., 821 S. Troost, Tulsa, Oklahoma, husband of Peggy J. Van Horne, 104 S. Polk St., College Sta., Texas, attended Texas A & M College, College Sta. Volunteered for service March 1, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Cadet Corps, Kelly Field; overseas 13 months, in Cuba, Antisubmarine Campaign, Newfoundland, N. Atlantic, Antisubmarine Campaign, EAME Campaign, Antisub. Patrol and Heavy Bomb't., Air Offensive. Awards: American Theater, 1 Star, D.F.C., Air Medal, 3 O.L.C., EAME Medal, 2 Stars. He was honorably discharged Aug. 8, 1945.

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\*1st Lt. ALEXANDER H. BRITAIN, JR.

1st Lt. Alexander Harwood Britain, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Britain of Wichita Falls, and husband of Marjorie Mitchell Britian of Fort Worth, was born on Oct. 15, 1921. He volunteered for the Air Corps on Jan. 15, 1942, and started active duty one month later. His training took him to Sikeston A.A.B., Randolph Field, and Kelly Field. He was commissioned in Nov., and was promoted to 1st Lt. in July, 1943, at Love Field. In May, 1944, he began serving in the China-Burma-India Theater, flying hospital planes for a short time. Later he was transferred to Chabua, Assam, and was assigned to the India-China Wing of the Air Transport Command, flying the "Hump". On July 14, 1944, he lost his life when his plane crashed after taking off from Kunming, China, on a return trip to India: Lt. Britain is buried in the American Cemetery at Kunming. Full military honors were used with the religious service.

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### 1st Lt. AMOS C. ESTES, JR.

lst Lt. Amos Charner Estes, Jr., was born June 5, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr.A. C. Estes, Wichita Falls, Texas; attended the University of Texas at Austin, and volunteered April 10, 1942, for the Army Air Force; trained at West Coast Training Command, and began overseas duty July 10, 1944, in the Central Pacific Area. Lt. Estes participated in combat missions against Truk, Marcus, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Haha Jima and Chichi Jima Islands, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters. After returning to the States August, 1945, he was granted discharge from the Army Air Corps December 20, 1945.



Maj. CLARK L. TAYLOR



\*Pfc BUFORD T. WORTON

Maj. Taylor, born Dec. 24, 1913, son of Mrs. Geo. W. Ray, Holliday, Texas. His wife is Lelia M. Taylor, 1646 No. 15 A., Waco. Attended Olney, Texas, High School. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, and was assigned to the Army, 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood; overseas with the "Lost Bn" in S.W. Pacific, Java. N.E.I. Battle of Java. Attached to Ground Force of 19th Bomb. Group at Battle of Macassar Straits, Java Sea, Balli Strait. Missing in action March, 1942, to Dec., 1943, in POW Camps Batavia, Singapore, Burma, and Thailand; liberated Aug., 1945. Awards: Purple Heart, American Def. 1 Star, S. W. Pacific 4 Stars, Phil. Def. 1 Star, Pres. Citation, 2 O.L.C.; Det. of patients, Brooke Gen. Hosp.

Pfc Worton, born Oct. 31, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Worton, Electra, educated at 1st Ward Grammar and Electra High Schools, Texas, volunteered for service on Nov. 18, 1942, at Corpus Christi, assigned to the Marines, 1st Div., 3rd Bn. Trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif., and Sydney, Australia. Served in the United States 4 months, and overseas from March 11, 1943, to Sept. 15, 1945, in South Pacific Area. Battles: New Britain, Good Enough Islands, Cape Gloucester, Peleliu. Pfc Worton died Sept. 15, 1945, of wounds he received in line of duty in battle of Palau, in the South Pacific Area.





### \*Pfc JAMES A. LAWLER

Pfc James Arthur Lawler, was born July 15,1919, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Preston Lawler, R.R. #1, Box No. 186, Burkburnett, Texas. He attended the Burkburnett High School, and volunteered for service January 20,1940, and was assigned to the Army Infantry. He trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Florida, and Camp Edwards, Mass., and began overseas duty April, 1943, in North Africa from where he participated in the battles of Naples-Foggia, and Salerno Beachhead: paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country in combat November 29, 1943. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously.



T/5 EARL C. MARSHALL



T/4 JESSE G. MARSHALL

T/5 Earl Clifton Marshall, born June 23, 1919, son of C. G. Marshall, 308 West Harrison St., Electra, Texas, entered service July 15, 1941, with the Army 13th F.A. Brigade; trained at Ft. Bragg, N.C., and Camp Blanding, Fla. He began overseas duty August, 1942, in the North African-European Theaters, where he participated in the campaigns of Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno, and was wounded in action February 19, 1944, in San Elia Valley near Cassino. The Purple Heart was awarded with EAME Ribbon and four Battle Stars. After returning to the States, he was discharged January 21, 1946.

T/4 Jesse Garrett Marshall, born October 3, 1916, son of C.G. Marshall, Electra, Texas, and husband of Leona M. Marshall, 1402 North 9th, Wichita Falls, Texas, entered service October 27, 1942, with the Army Adjutant General Department, and trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. He began overseas duty February, 1943, and was stationed with the 8th Base Post Office in Egypt, where he remained until his return to the States in November, 1945. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and Africa-Middle East Theater Ribbon. Discharge from service was granted November 17, 1945.





Sgt. GILBERT M. STEELE



BM 2/c JOHN D. SWANSON

Sgt. Steele, born Nov. 1, 1911, son of Mrs. Betty Steele, Quanah, husband of Pauline T. Steele, Box 364, Iowa Park. He entered the service on Jan. 7, 1941, and was assigned to the Army, 45th Div. of the 158th Regiment; trained at Fort Sill, in Oklahoma; later he was transferred to the 120 Ordnance, Special Troops of the 45th Div., and was sent to Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas, March 15, 1941. Was 3 months on maneuvers in Louisiana, and 2 months at Welding School, at Aberdeen, Maryland. Overseas March 28, 1943, in Fiji Islands, Bougainville, Luzon, Philippines, until Sept. 25, 1945. Discharged November 9, 1945.

B.M.2/c Swanson, born March 18, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Swanson, Electra, Texas. He attended Olney High School, Olney, Texas, and entered the service on June 4, 1944, at Electra, and was assigned to the United States Navy; trained at San Diego, Calif., Port Hueneme, Seattle, Washington. Served in the United States for 7 months, and overseas 1 year, in invasion of Okinawa. B.M.2/c Swanson was aboard the Merriwether, a Troop Transport, from the time it was commissioned in Nowember, 1945, until his discharge. This vessel landed the first troops that were landed in Japan. He was hon. discharged May 20, 1946.



Cox. JOHN C. HUFF



S Sqt. SHEREL D. HUFF



Pfc JOHN P. HUFF

Sons and husband of Mrs. Aline Huff, Electra.

JOHN C., born Sept. 7, 1920, graduated from Harrold, Texas, High School, husband of Mary H. Huff; volunteered for service June 23, 1944, assigned to Navy Amphibious; trained at N.T.C., San Diego, Calif. on U.S.S. Bottineau, APA 235. Overseas 6 months, in P. Harbor, Guam, Saipan, Philippines, Okinawa. Awards: Victory, American C., Asiatic-Pac. w/Star. Honorably discharged Feb. 11, 1946.

SHEREL D., born May 29, 1922. Grad. from Harrold High; volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to Army, 36th Div.; trained at Wichita Falls; served overseas 31 months, in Eng., N. Africa, Sicily, and ETO and ATO Areas, and was awarded: American Defense, ETO Ribbon, w/12 Battle Stars, Good Con., Dist. Unit Badge, American T. Ribbon, and Victory Medal. Discharged May 12, 1945.

Pfc JOHN P. (father), son of W. E. Huff, Electra, husband of Aline Huff, born Dec. 4, 1899; grad. from Electra High; volunteered for the first World War on April 12, 1918, assigned to 1st Army Corps; trained at Ft. Hamilton, N.Y. Overseas 1 year, in France, Chateau-Belleau Woods. Awards: Victory Medal, European Theater of Operations Ribbon, and 1 Battle Star. Pfc John Huff was honorably discharged on August 1, 1919.





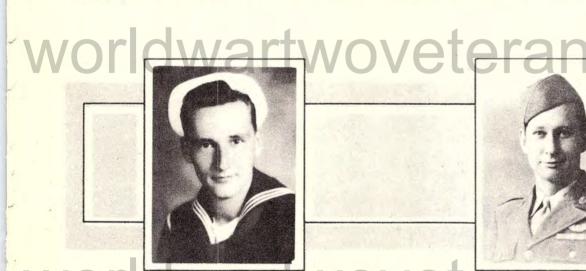
Cpl. HOWARD H. HOWLE



T/Sqt. WILLIAM P. HOWLE

Cpl. Howle, born March 26, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Howle, 2204 9th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas, husband of Helen Rae Howle, attended Wichita Falls High School; volunteered for service on March 9, 1944, at Wichita Falls, and was assigned to the Marines, 5th Div.; trained at San Diego and Camp Pendleton, Calif.; overseas 18 months in Pacific Area. Participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima, and was in the Army of Occupation of Japan. Was wounded slightly by shrapnel splinters. He was an expert Rifleman and Machine Gunner. Received an honorable discharge March 26, 1946, "his birthday present from Uncle Sam".

T/Sgt. Howle, born Aug. 19, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Howle, 2204 9th St., Wichita Falls, husband of Anna M. Howle, 1515 Speedway St., attended high school at Wichita Falls, and volunteered for service on March 7, 1943. He was assigned to the Army, U.S. Engrs., unassigned; trained at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; overseas from Sept., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Pacific Area. All overseas duty was with the U.S. Engrs. on Adak Island in the Aleutian Group. Before going overseas, T/Sgt. Howle served 6 months in the United States. He received an honorable discharge on November 6, 1945.



A.M.M.1/c Reynolds, born Aug. 14, 1922, son of Mrs. W. H. Hart, 2002 Polk St., Wichita Falls, educated at Olney Grammar and High Schools, volunteered for service on April 29, 1942, at Wichita Falls, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy, Aviation Machinist Mate, with training at United States Naval Training Sta., San Diego, Calif., Fighting Squad.40. Overseas 10 months, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, Okinawa

AMM 1/c RICHARD C. REYNOLDS, JR.

ing Squad.40. Overseas 10 months, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, Okinawa and Balikpapan, Borneo Campaigns. He was awarded: Good Conduct, American Area, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, Victory Medal and 2 Stars. Promoted M.M.2/c, to A.M.M.3/c, to A.M.M.2/c, then A.M.M.1/c. Discharged Jan. 3, 1946.

Sgt. Lane, born March 14,1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lane, Wichita Falls, attended Wichita Falls High School; entered the service on Feb. 13,1940, and was assigned to Army, 144th Inf. Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood; overseas 6 months. Served in the United States 4 years, in Ft. Lewis, Wash., Portland Air Base, Santa Rosa, Calif., Camp Haven, Miami, Fla., (He was transferred to Air Corps at time) Harlingen Air Base, Texas, Windover Air Base, Windover, Utah. Sgt. Lane paid the Supreme Sacrifice Sept. 27, 1944. Awarded: Air Medal, and Purple Heart. In "D" day invasion; the number of bombing missions he completed are unknown.

Sqt. ALFRED G. LANE





Cpl. JAMES A. COFFMAN



T/5 CLAUDE C. HALL

Cpl. Coffman, born April 14, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Coffman, 811 E. Garrison Ave., Electra, attended Electra High School; volunteer ed for service Oct. 31, 1936; was assigned to Army Inf., transferring to Paratroopers March 7, 1942. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston; served in the U.S. 6 yrs., and overseas 3 yrs., in Australia, Lae Markham Valley, Hollandia, Noanfoor, Mindoro, Corregidor, and Negros Islands. He was awarded Good Con., ATO, Victory, Phil. Lib., 2 Bronze Stars., Asiatic-Pac., 3 Stars, and Bronze Arrowhead, Pre-Pearl Harbor, Distinguished Unit Citation, Combat Inf. Badge, Parachutist Wings, Glider Wings. Discharged Oct., 1945, and relisted Jan., 1946.

T/5 Hall, born Sept. 1, 1924, son of Mrs. Oder Lee Hall, 1206 Austin, Wichita Falls, attended Wichita Falls High School; entered the service on Jan. 6, 1944, at Flagstaff, Arizona; he was assigned to the 70th Army Engr.; trained at Camp Abbott, Oregon. Overseas Sept., 1944, in Inital Assault at Linich, Germany, on Roer River; also in Rhine River Crossing; helped built bridges on Rhur Pocket "Clean Up". He served in Europe, and received 2 Battle Stars. T/5 Hall, at last writing, planned on returning to Brussels, as an attache to the American Embassy. He was to have been discharged in July, 1946, according to word received.



S/Sgt. JACK N. HOLMES S1/c JESSE D. HOLMES

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Holmes. JACK, born March 16, 1922, husband of Peggy Spaviell Holmes, Sanger, attended Valley View High, Kamay; entered the service Dec. 18, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Kingman A.A. Field, Ariz. Overseas 7 months, based in Eng., bombed Germany and France. Wounded over Bremen. Awarded: Air Medal W/4 O.L.C., Purple H., ETO W/2 Stars. Discharged Oct. 1, 1945.

JESSE, born April 20, 1926, husband of Winnie J. Clark, attended V.V. High; volunteered April 7, 1944, assigned to Navy, Armed Guard; overseas 18 months in Pacific Islands. Awards: P. Lib. w/2 Stars, A.P. w/Star, Amer. C. Victory. Discharged Jan., 1946.



\*S/Sgt. ELMO S. HOLLIS

S/Sgt. Hollis, born May 18, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hollis, Electra, attended Harrold Grammar and Electra High Schools. Volunteered for service on Nov. 25, 1940. He was assigned to the Army, 36th Div., and trained at Camp Bowie; served 10 months in the United States, and was killed with 2 other hometown boys in automobile accident while on maneuvers near Jonesboro, Sept. 30, 1941. Excerpt from news cutting: "Joint services were held to-day at the 1st Baptist Church: for Elmo S. Hollis and Bryce Everett, who were lifelong chums and members of the high school graduating class of 1938, and football lettermen there".





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\*S 1/c NICK D. COOPER, JR.

lst Lt. Carey, born July 7, 1918, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carey, Burkburnett, husband of Linalice Carey, attended the University of Texas, Austin, and volunteered for service on August 5, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. Assigned to the Army Ferry Command, with training at Love Field, and Reno, Nev. Served in the United States for 16 months, and overseas for 4 months, with the A.T.C., stationed at Cairo, Egypt. 1st Lt. Carey was killed in a plane crash on September 16, 1944, near Suez, Egypt. Prior to his enlistment in the Army, he was a private flying instructor at Municipal Airport, Wichita Falls.

\*1st Lt. DUANE E. CAREY

S1/c Cooper, born July 20, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick D. Cooper, Sr., of Electra, Texas, husband of Nell T. Cooper, attended Electra High School, and volunteered for service on June 20, 1944, at Amarillo, assigned to the Navy, Gunners' Mate; trained at Naval Training Sta. San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States 8 months, and overseas 3 months, in Admiralty Islands and the South Pacific. S1/c Cooper lost his life on May 22, 1945, on the island of Samar, and was buried on the island of Leyte. He is survived by his wife and two children, Glenda C. and Keith D. Cooper, aged 9 and 2 years respectively.



T/5 Daugherty, born April 27, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Daugherty, 2014 8th St., Wichita Falls, Texas. Educated at Alamo Grammar, Wichita Falls High School, and Draughon's Business College, Wichita Falls; entered the service on April 13, 1942, at Abilene, and was assigned to the Army Medical Corps, with training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas; served in the United States 5 months, and overseas from Sept. 26, 1942, to Nov. 23, 1945, in Iceland, England, France, and the battle of Northern France (GO 33 WD 45). Awarded: Good Conduct, Victory, American Def., and EAME Medal Bronze Star. Honorably discharged Dec. 1, 1945.

lst Lt. Goff, born March 11, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goff, 2013 Fillmore St., Wichita Falls, was educated at Grockett Grammar and Wichita Falls Senior High. Volunteered for service on May 29, 1942, at Dallas; was assigned to Navy Aviation, Cadet Branch, Marines 3rd Air Wing, and 1st and 2nd Air Wing; trained at Georgia Pre-Flight: overseas 15 months in Hawaiian Islands, New Ireland Group (Light), Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, and Carolines. In Okinawa-in action (Full). He was awarded the following: 2 D.F.C., 4 Air Medals, Letter of Commendation, Navy Unit Citation, Pres. Citation, He is in the Marine Corps Res.



### Lt. (jg) LUTHER O. NELSON, JR.

Lt. (jg) Luther Odis Nelson, Jr., born September 9, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Nelson, Wichita Falls, Texas, volunteered May, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, for the Navy Air Corps and received his commission and Wings at Pensacola, Fla. Lt. Nelson served overseas September, 1943, to February, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area as Fighter Pilot aboard a Navy Aircraft Carrier, and participated in the strike, initial seizure and occupation of Peleliu and Anguar Islands, Leyte and Samar Islands, Mindoro Islands, Luzon and the battle of Leyte Gulf, and was credited for the shooting down of four Jap Fighter Planes. The Air Medal, Pres. Letter of Commendation, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with three Stars, were awarded. Discharged Sept. 1,



Pfc JOHN W. IRWIN



\*Pfc LEO C. IRWIN



AMM 3/c ROY E. IRWIN

Sons of Mrs. Emily F. Irwin, 312 Patterson St., Wichita Falls.

JOHN, born May 15, 1923, attended sr. high, W. Falls; entered service March 10, 1943, assigned to Army, 76th Div., 304th Reg. Trained at Camp McCoy, Wis. Overseas in Eng., France, Belgium Luxembourg, Germany. Battles: Ardennes, Rhine, and C. Germany. Awards: 3 Battle Stars, Combat Inf. Badge, ETO, Good Con., Army Unit Citation. Fought in Bulge, vicinity of Malmandy, where massacre took place. Discharged Oct. 27, 1945.

LEO, born Jan. 5, 1918, attended Travis Grammar School; volunteered Oct. 16, 1940, assigned to Army, 36th Div., 142nd Reg. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas; overseas 15 months, in N. Africa, Tunisian Campaign, Sicilian Campaign, Anzio Beachhead, S. Italy, Cen. Italy, and as far north as Rome. Killed in action in Italy, June 12, 1944. Awards: Purple H., Bronze A'head for Salerno Beachhead, Combat Inf. Badge, 4 Battle Stars, ETO Ribbon.

ROY, born Jan. 20, 1925, husband of Emily Irwin, 212 Harlan Ave., San Antonio, attended Regan Jr. High, W. Falls; volunteered April 10, 1944, assigned to Naval Air Force; trained at San Diego. Overseas 11 months, in Northwest Pacific, in invasion of Iwo Jima March 3, 1945. A.A.M.3/c Roy Irwin received an honorable discharge on June 4, 1946.

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\*Lt. JAMES M. REDIN

Lt. James Merrill Redin, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Redin, Iowa Park, Texas, was born December 10, 1919, in Iowa Park; graduated from the schools of that city, and entered the Army Air Corps September 17, 1942. He was assigned for training to the Army Air Fields of Maxwell, Gunter, Moody, Hendrix and Dalhart. Lt. Redin began overseas duty May, 1944, in the European Theater of Operations where he was stationed with the 8th Air Force as First Pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress. While participating in a raid over Munich, Lt. Redin paid the Supreme Sacrifice July 12, 1944, while faithfully serving his country. His survivors include his parents, widow, Mrs. Lovada Redin, son James Robert Redin, and other relatives and many friends. The Purple Heart Medal was awarded posthumously in recognition of his life given so gallantly for others.





CRM EDWARD F. CAREY

CRM Edward Featherston Carey, son of Mrs. Mattie Carey, Saint Jo, Texas, formerly of Wichita Falls, was born September 6, 1914, in Texas; attended South Texas School of Commerce in Houston, and is the husband of Marion Neel Carey, Houston. He entered the Navy Radio Branch, January 5, 1941: trained at Key West, Fla., later serving May, 1941, to September, 1943, and January to September, 1945, in the Atlantic Ocean on the USS Borie, battling German submarines, and aboard the USS Harry E. Hubbard, a destroyer in the Pacific Theater where heparticipated in the Battle of Okinawa. His awards include the Presidential Citation presented for his outstanding work in the Atlantic zone. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge September 28, 1945.

\*Capt. OTIS O. CAREY

Capt. Otis Oliver Carey, son of Mrs. Mattie Carey, Saint Jo, Texas, was born August 27, 1918, in Burkburnett, Texas; attended Texas U., and volunteered April, 1941, at Nocona, Texas, for the Army Air Corps, training at Maxwell Field, Ala., and Turner Field, Ga. He began overseas duty in April, 1944; was stationed in India, and served as Navigator on a B-29 Super fortress; participated in the initial bombing of Japanese homeland, also an earlier raid on Bangkok in Siam. Capt. Carey paid the Supreme Sacrifice November 28, 1944, when reported "missing" in action in India. The Air Medal and D.F.C. were awarded, plus Medal of Honor. His survivors include his widow, Marguerite C. Carey, Montague, Texas, and a son Edward Stanley Carey.





### M/Sgt. HOWARD W. RAGLAND

M/Sgt. Howard W. Ragland, born August 20, 1917, in Texas, husband of Freida Ragland, 1633 Dayton, Wichita Falls, Texas, attended the Graham, Texas, High School and North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton. He entered the Army Air Force on April 2,1942, training at Salinas Army Air Field, California, and began overseas duty October, 1943, in the Pacific Theater, serving on New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies and the Philippine Islands, returning to the States in October, 1945. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Medal with other awards. Sgt. Ragland was assigned to Ft. Bliss, Texas, and discharged November 18, 1945.





\*WO (jg) JACK L. ALLRED

BM 2/c GEORGE B. ANCELL, III

B.M.2/c George B. Ancell, born July 28, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Ancell, Jr., Route 1, Box 101, Electra, Texas, husband of Marie Erwin Ancell. Educated in Electra Grammar and High Schools, and at A & M College, Stillwater, Okla. Volunteered for the service on July 16, 1942, at Wichita Falls, and was assigned to the United States Coast Guard, with training at Harahan Base, New Orleans, La.; he served in the United States for 29 months, and overseas 9 months, in the American Theater of Operations. B.M.2/c Ancell received his honorable discharge on September 2, 1945.

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W. O. (jg) Allred, born September 4, 1920, son of J. A. Allred, P.O. Box 991, Whiteface, husband of Reba Sue Allred, 318 W. Roosevelt Street, Electra, Texas. He was educated at Thomson and Waggoner Ward School and Electra High School. Volunteered for service on February 11, 1939, at Oklahoma City, Okla.; was assigned to the Army, 18th F.A.; trained at Fort Sill, Okla. Served in the United States for 5 years and 1 month, with following groups in Okla., at Fort Sill: 18th F.A., 687th F.A., and 692nd F.A. Bn. He was promoted from Pvt. to temporary appointment as W.O. (jg). Killed in motorcycle accident March 10, 1944.

1. -S/SGT. WILLIAM MARK AUSTIN, was born Feb. 2, 1920. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Austin, and the husband of Doris E. Austin, all of Electra. He volunteered for the Army Air Corps April 1, 1944. Trained at Sheppard Field, Lowry Field, and at GIAAF, Grand Island, Nebr. Went overseas April, 1945. Served in the Pacific Theater on Guam. Was awarded Presidential Citation, Occupation Ribbon, Victory, Asiatic-Pacific, and American Ribbons. Discharged Apr., 1946, Army Air Corps Reserve.

\*2. -SGT. ARTHUR BROWNING, was born Feb. 1, 1924. The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Browning of Electra. He volunteered for the Marine Corps Feb. 26, 1943. Trained at San Diego, Norman, Okla., North Carolina, and El Centro, Calif. Went to the South Pacific in June, 1944. Promoted through Cpl. to 1st Sgt. In action for nine days. Lost his life in plane crash at Marien Bay on New Hanover Island on Sept. 11, 1944. Had his service terminated by discharge would have received award of character, "Excellence".

3. — PFC FLOYD'LEE BROWNING, born Jan. 31, 1919. The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Browning of Electra. Volunteered for Army in 1940. Trained at Camps Blanding and Edwards. Served in North Africa at Algiers and Oran. With the 36th Division Med. Det. in Italy. The second man to land at Salerno. Set up first gun position and destroyed first German opposition at Salerno. He also saw action at Naples, Cassino, Altavilla, Anzio, and the beaches of France. Discharged May. 1945.

\*4. —PFC WILLIAM ELLIS CHURCH, born Oct. 27, 1923, the son of Mrs. Noami Church of Burkburnett. He volunteered for Army in Denver on Sept. 18, 1940. Served in the Quartermaster Corps in Philippine Islands from Oct., 1941, until he was taken prisoner in May, 1942, near Manila. Lost in action on Sept. 7, 1944. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation. He had two brothers in service also, Geo. Elmer in Marine Corps and E. Isiac in the Navy.

5. —CSK JAMES SIDNEY CLARKSON, born Jan. 15,1913. The son of Mrs. R. A. Cody of Burkburnett, and the husband of Charlotte Clarkson of Duncan, Oklahoma. Attended Hardin College, Wichita Falls. On Sept. 15,1943, he joined the Seabees. Trained at Camp Peary, Camp Endicott, and Davisville, R.I. Served at Guam, Saipan, Iwo Jima, and Japanas clarinet and saxaphone player. Rated best band in Pacific area; received commendation from Admiral Nimitz. Discharged on Jan. 22, 1946.

6. —S/SGT. JAMES E. CRAWFORD, was born Mar. 25,1920. The husband of Eula Faye Glass Crawford of Wichita Falls. Entered service May 12, 1942. Trained at Camps Bowie, Shelby, and Pickett. Assigned to the 31st Division. Went overseas on Mar. 1, 1944. Served at New Guinea, Morotai Island, and in the Philippine Islands. He was discharged from the Army on December 29, 1945. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Crawford of Pampa, Texas.

7. —TM2/c BILL DIGGS CRISMON, born Dec. 25, 1925, in New Mexico. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Crismon of 2206 Brown, Wichita Falls. Volunteered for the Navy Dec.13, 1943. Trained at San Diego and New London for Submarine duty. Served in the Panama Canal Zone from Dec., 1945, to Jan., 1946, and from May to Dec., 1946. He was discharged from the Navy on Dec. 24, 1946. Before entering service, he attended high school at Olney, Texas.

8. —F1/c HAYS WARREN TIGERT, was born June 13, 1922. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tigert of 411 E. Glisson, Electra. He volunteered on Aug. 7, 1942, for the Coast Guard. Trained at New Orleans Training Center. Served overseas twice. Once from April, 1944, to Aug., 1945, and from Nov., 1945, to Jan., 1946. His service was at Saipan in the Marianas and Leyte in the Philippines. He was honorably discharged from the Coast Guard on Feb. 13, 1946.

9. —Y2/c JACK LEON CUMMINS, born April 15, 1925. Son of Mrs. Etta Cummins of Wichita Falls. On April 12, 1943, he volunteered for Naval Air Corps. Trained at Corpus Christi NAS, and North Island, San Diego. Served on the Island of Guam from Mar., 1945, to Mar., 1946. Was awarded the Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacílic Ribbon, and American Theater Ribbon. Was discharged from active duty on Mar. 16, 1946. Went into inactive Organized Naval Reserve Aug. 1, 1946.

10.—CPL. MARY ELIZABETH CUMMINS, born April 15, 1925. Daughter of Mrs. Etta Cummins of Wichita Falls. Volunteered for Marine Corps Womens Reserve on April 19, 1945. Trained at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Served also at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Was promoted from Pvt. to Pic to Cpl. Awarded the Victory Medal and the American Theater Ribbon. On June 3, 1946, he was honorably discharged. Y2/c Jack L. Cummins is her twin brother.

11.—RM2/c FRANK AARON FECHER, born Aug. 24, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Fecher of Wichita Falls. Attended Hardin College in Wichita Falls. Volunteered for Navy Dec. 13, 1942. Trained at San Diego and Naval Armory, Los Angeles. Served aboard Allied merchant ships as Radio and Signalman for Naval Communications Liaison. Saw duty in Carribean, South American, South Pacific, Mediterranean, England. Awarded Theater Ribbon and Navy Good Conduct.

12.—PH2/cGROVER EUGENE FECHER, born Sept. 17, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Fecher of Wichita Falls. Attended Hardin College at Wichita Falls. Volunteered for the Navy July 28, 1942, at Dallas. Trained at USNTS at San Diego, and served on the Batteship New Mexico in the Marshalls, Marianas, Gilberts, Kaviend, Philippines, and Ryukyus. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbonwith 7 Stars, Philippine Liberation, and Navy Good Conduct.

13.—SGT, FELAN F. DICKEY, born Oct. 17, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dickey of Electra. Entered Army Air Force Feb. 11, 1941. Trained at Buckley and Tyndel Fields. Assigned to 12th Air Force as a gunner on a B-25. Saw action at Rome-Arno, Southern France, Po Valley, and North Apennines. Awarded Air Crew Badge for 310th Bomb Group, Air Medal, European Theater Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Ribbon. Discharged Sept. 18, 1945.

14.—PFC WALTER THOMAS GARRETT, born July 18, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Garrett of Wichita Falls. Entered Army Feb., 1943. Trained in Tank Corps at Ft. Knox. Served in Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe 18 months. Awarded Bronze Star Medal for heroic action on Jan. 30, 1945, driving a truck of ammunition and gas through enemy fire in Belgium, and aiding in stopping enemy attack. Holds European Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars. Discharged Jan. 27, 1946.

15.—CPL. WILLIAM LLOYD GEORGE, born July 3, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. George of Wichita Falls. The husband of Mrs. Ida George of Wichita Falls. Entered the Army Sept. 19, 1944, and trained in the Infantry at Camp Fannin. Served overseas from Feb., 1945, to Nov., 1945, in the Southern and Northern Philippines and in Japan. Awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, and Good Conduct. Discharged Dec., 1945.

16.—IST SGT. HAROLD WAYNE GEORGE, born May 19, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. White, and the husband of Mrs. Joyce K. George, all of Electra. Volunteered for Army Nov. 25, 1940. Trained at Camp Bowle, and was assigned to 36th Inf. Division. Landed in North Africa, April, 1943; later saw action at Salerno, Rapido River, and Cassino. Was wounded and received the Purple Heart. Returned to United States in June, 1944. At presenthe is in the Army Air Force.

17.-T/4 CHARLES EDWARD FREEMAN, born Jan. 20, 1916, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Freeman of Waco, and the husband of Mrs. Ruby H. Freeman of Wichita Falls. Entered Army on May 17, 1943. Trained at Camp Harrahan, New Orleans, and Camps Claiborne and Mallard. Served with the Railway Transportation Corps in Europe. Saw action in battles of Bulge, and Rhine, and with 90th Div. under Gen. Patton. Awarded 3 Battle Stars. Discharged Dec. 12, 1945.

18.—SGT. JAMES ALBERT GILBREATH, born Jan, 13, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gilbreath, formerly of Wichita Falls now of Sand. Husband of Zeona Albritton Gilbreath of Vernon. Entered Army Oct. 16, 1943. Trained at Sheppard Field. Served in European Theater from July, 1944, to Dec., 1945. Awarded Plaque for Extreme Loyalty and Exceptionally Meritorious Service from Hq., Base Air Depot #2 in England. Served at Hq. USAFE in Weisbaden, Germany. Discharged Jan. 18, 1946.

\* 19.—S/SGT. BILLY BENNETT GOMILLION, born Nov. 5, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gomillion of Wichita Falls. Volunteered for Army Air Corps Dec. 21,1942, Dallas. Trained at Scott Field. Participated inbombing raids over Germany until June 29, 1944, when he was lost on a mission over Wolfsburg, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Gomillion were presented with the Air Medal and the Purple Heart for him at Sheppard Field. He was on the missing list until June 29, 1945, when he was presumed to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice.

20.—MM1/c JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, born June 1,1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Johnson of Wichita Falls. The husband of Dorothy Hughes Johnson of Childress. Volunteered for the Seabees in June, 1942, and was trained at Comp Peary, Va. Assigned to Co. D of the 73rd Construction Battalion, and served on New Caledonia, Munda, Guadalcanal, Russell Island, and Peleliu Island. He was discharged at Norman, Okla., and was married two days later.





S/Sgt. ROBERT L. PHILLIPS

S/Sgt. Robert Lovel Phillips, born June 25, 1925, a native of Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Phillips, Dallas, Texas, formerly of Wichita; graduated from the Wichita Falls Schools, and entered service September 10, 1942, with the Army Air Force. He trained at the Laredo, Texas, Army Air Base, and began overseas duty September, 1944, in the European Theater, where he participated in the air offensive in the campaign of North Apennines, Po Valley, Rhineland, Central Europe, Rome-Arno and over the Balkans. The EAME Ribbon was awarded with one Bronze Star and one Silver Star, plus Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Aerial Gunner's Wings, Good Conduct Medal and other ribbons. After returning to the States, transferred to Reserves Oct. 29, 1945.

Sgt. J. T. PHILLIPS

Sgt. (Mess) J. T. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Phillips, Dallas, Texas, was born July 26, 1918, in Texas; graduated from the Wichita Falls, Texas, Schools, and is the husband of Jane M. Phillips, also of Dallas. He entered service January, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Infantry, 91st Division, training at Camp Roberts, California. Sgt. Phillips served overseas August, 1942, to April, 1943, and March to August, 1944, as Mess Sergeant in the South Pacific Theater and European Theater of Operations, and was once wounded receiving a spinal injury. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, Pacific, European and American Theater Ribbons. After discharge in December, 1945, Sgt. Phillips re - enlisted March 9, 1946, and returned to Germany, 2nd Cnatabury, Prov. HQD.



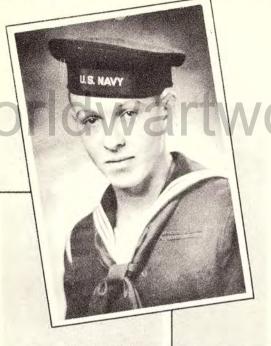
### Pfc WOODROW W. REED

Pfc Woodrow Wilson Reed, birthdate October 26, 1913, in Texas, son of H.W. Reed, Overton, Texas, and husband of Billie B. Reed, Wichita Falls, Texas. He entered service April 4, 1944, with the Army, 112th Infantry, 28th Division; trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas, and served overseas September, 1944, to June, 1945, in the European Theater; participated in the Battles of Rhineland, Central Europe and the Bulge; was wounded and taken prisoner of war December 25, 1944, and liberated May 4, 1945. The Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and three Bronze Stars were awarded, and Pfc Reed was discharged from service November 24, 1945.

### \*EM 1/c FRANK BROUSKIE

EMl/c Frank Brouskie, born April 4, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brouskie, formerly of Electra, Texas, but now residing in Kamay, attended the Mexia and Iowa Park, Texas, Schools, and volunteered June 13, 1939, for the U.S. Navy. After training at San Diego, he served on board the U.S.S. Saratoga September, 1939, to March, 1941; and then in May, 1941, was assigned to Submarine Duty; in June, 1941, began serving aboard the U.S.S. Plumger. Electrician Brouskie participated in various engagements in the Pacific Theater, and was reported "Missing in Action" in November, 1944, while assigned to the U.S.S. Escaear, and in November, 1945, was declared officially lost by the U.S. Government. The Purple Heart, Citation and Medal of Commendation was awarded for gallant performance of duty.





### MM 2/c HERMAN E. BLACKWELL

MM2/c Herman E. Blackwell, born August 31, 1924, in Graford, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blackwell, of Hobart, Okla., attended the Mexia and Electra, Texas, Schools and Iowa State University. He entered the U.S. Navy at Dallas, Texas, July 20, 1942, training at San Diego, and serving at St. Helena, and Norfolk, Va., Ft. Pierce, Fla., and Solomons, Md. He served in attacks on Sicily, Salerno and Marseille, and in the North Atlantic on Troop Supply Ship, also on AKA 94 in Pacific Area as Ammo Carrier as well as Supply Ship, and entered Japan on D-Day. After returning to the States, Machinist Blackwell was discharged from service December 21, 1945, at Norman, Oklahoma.







T/5 ROLAN T. TYLER, JR.

Yeoman 1/c HOMER B. TYLER

T/4 ROY A. TYLER

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Rolan T. Tyler Sr., Electra, Texas.

Yeoman 1/c HOMER BENJAMIN TYLER, born September 25, 1920, entered the Navy, Special Branch, February 27, 1943, assigned aboard U.S.S. Saugatuck, and served May, 1943, to March, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater in the Marshall-Gilbert Campaign, Occupation of Japan, and on the Philippine, Western Carolines, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa Islands. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with eight Stars; discharge was granted March 3, 1946.

T/5 ROLAN THOMAS TYLER, Jr., born January 9, 1924, entered the Army Ground Forces February 22, 1943; served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area April, 1944, to December, 1945, on New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon, Bismarck Archipelago and Japan; received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. Discharge was granted December 30, 1945.

T/4 ROY ALBERT TYLER, born November 23,1914, entered the Army 3rd Armored Div., January 21, 1943; trained at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and began overseas duty September, 1943; in the European Area; participated in the campaigns of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Normandy, and Central Europe. Returned home, and was discharged September 28, 1945.

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Col. CHARLES E. PETERSON, JR.

Col. Charles Edward Peterson, Jr., was born June 19, 1916, in Texas, son of Ed and Ida Bell Peterson, 2100 Santa Fe Street, Wichita Falls, Texas, and husband of Lucile Medbery Peterson. He attended University of Oklahoma in Norman, and entered service June 6, 1941, with the Army Hq. VIII Army Corps, after training for R.O.T.C. at Norman, receiving his commission May, 1938, Ordnance Department. Col. Peterson began overseas duty January, 1943, in the Pacific Theater; participated in the battles of Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago, Southern Philippines and Luzon. The Bronze Star Medalwas awarded for meritorious achievement; also, Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal, American Defense, World War II Victory, and American Theater Awards. After returning to the States, he separated from service January 26, 1946. Col. Peterson is a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, Sigma Tau-Honorary Engineering Fraternity, Maskat Temple, Dallas Consistory, Faith Lodge of Wichita Falls and Exchange Club of Wichita Falls.

1. —WT1/c RUSSELL HARDING LAMBERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lambert, of Kamay, Texas, was born Dec. 17, 1920, and volunteered for the Navy Aug. 5, 1940. He was a seaman on the cruiser Pensacola, and served in the Pacific area from Oct., 1940, to July, 1944, and June to Oct., 1945, participating in the battles of the CoralSea, Guadalcanal, Samoa, 5 minor battles, and Tokyo Bay. He received his training at the Naval Training Station of San Diego. Awarded Area Ribbon with 4 Battle Stars. Discharged July, 1946.

2. -SGT. LEONARD PRESTON LAMBERT, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lambert, of Kamay, Texas, was born Mayl6, 1925, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps Nov., 1942. He served as a Nose Gunner on a B-24 over Germany, and was on his third mission when the plane crashed as it left the air base in Norfolk, England. He was buried with military honors in England. Awards: Purple Heart; Citation of Honor by U.S. Gen. H.H. Arnold; Certificate of Memory, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt; Constitution Honor, by Gov. Stevenson, of Texas.

3. —PFC OLIVER DUANE, McBRIDE, husband of Lowise McBride of Wichita Falls, Texas, was born Sept. 10, 1923. Entered service Aug., 1943. Assigned to Army, 90th Infantry Div. Served 1944-1945, in England, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany. Awarded 4 Battle Stars for invasion of Normandy, Battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe; also Purple Heart for wound at Battle of St. Lo. Also awarded ETO Campaign and Victory Medals, Combat Inf. Badge, Merit, Unit Cit. Honorably discharged Dec., 1945.

4. -T/5 W.C. METCALF, husband of Pauline Metcalf, was born Jan, 8, 1920, and entered service May 9, 1944. Assigned to Army, 10th Armored Div., and served overseas, 1944-1946, in France, Luxembourg, and Germany. After V-E Day he served in occupation zones. Awards were: EAME Medal, 4 Stars; a letter of thanks and admiration from Gen. Patton; Bronze Medal for heroism beyond call of duty; Driver and Mechanic's Award; Good@onduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan., 1946.

5. -T/4 GLENN E. JOHNSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Johnson, of Electra, Texas, was born July 22, 1916, and entered service March 18, 1941. He was assigned to the Army, 5th Infantry Div., and served 3 1/2 years in Iceland, England, Ir eland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, and Italy. Awards: EAME Campaign Ribbon with 5 Stars; Good Conduct and American Defense Service Medals; Victory Medal, He was trained at Camp Grant. Honorably discharged Sept., 1945.

6. —SGT. DOYLE RAY McADA, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.I. McAda, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was born July 28, 1924, and volunteered for the Marine Corps, August, 1942. He was assigned to the 4th Marine Division, and was trained in San Diego, California. He was promoted in March, 1943, July, 1944, and April, 1945. He served overseas with the 4th Marines in the South Pacific without being wounded during his active service. He was honorably discharged April 23, 1946.

7. — CPL. EDGAR ALLEN McADA, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.I. McAda, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was born Dec. 15, 1920, and entered service April 6, 1943. He was assigned to the Army Air Force, and was trained at Sheppard Field and Hammer Field. Served in Europe with 491st Bomb Group and 862nd Chemical Co. Attachment, 18th A.A.F., from Dec., 1943, to July, 1945. Awards: American, European, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals; 3 Overseas Bars, Merit. Achiev. Award. Honorably discharged, 1945.

8. —S1/c VIRGIL ALTON McADA, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. McAda, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was born Jan. 7, 1929, and volunteered for service Feb. 2, 1946. He was assigned to the Navy, and trained at San Diego, California. He served on the light cruiser <u>Tucson</u> and on the destroyers <u>Perkins</u> and <u>Rodgers</u>. Seaman McAda attended junior high school in Wichita Falls, and is still serving in the Navy. He saw no overseas duty.

9.—S1/c JAMES SIDNEY RODGERS, son of Emmett Rodgers, and husband of Mrs. Willie May Rodgers, both of Electra, Texas, was born February 14, 1914. He entered the service April 6, 1944, and was assigned to the Navy. He was trained at Camp Peary, Virginia, and served in the United States until August 8, 1944, when he was sent overseas with the Seabees; he served with them until Oct. 8, 1945. He was promoted three times. Honorably discharged Oct., 1945.

10.—BM2/c ARLIN HOWARD ROGERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Rogers, of Wichita Falls, Texas, husband of Gerldean Rogers of Graham, was born Feb. 1, 1923, and entered Navy Dec. 19, 1943. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in the Mariana and Garoline Is., in Leyte, Lingayen, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Japan, and int. e Occupation of the Philippines. Awards: Philippine Liberation Ribbon, 2 Stars; Pac.-Thea, Ribbon, 8 Stars; Amer., and Victory Ribbons. Discharged in March, 1946.

11.—SGT. WELDON MARVIN ROGERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Rogers, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was born Aug, 5, 1920, and entered service Nov. 1, 1944. He was assigned to the 86th Division of the Army, and trained at Camp Hood. He served overseas in the Philippine Is. from Aug. 30, 1945, to June 12, 1946. He was awarded the American, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, and Victory Ribbons, and was honorably discharged in July, 1946. He is the husband of Oleta E. Rogers, 3104 Sherwood Lane, Wichita.

12.—2ND LT. HARVEY EDWARD ROWE, JR., was born Sept. 20, 1924. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rowe, Sr., and the husband of Bettie Je an Eckert Rowe, all of Wichita Falls, Texas. He attended Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, and in August, 1943, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps. On Feb. 1, 1945, he was commissioned as 2nd Lt., pilot on a B-25, Pampa Army Air Field, Pampa, Texas. He served in the U.S. during the entire period of enlistment. Remained in A.C. Reserve.

\*13.-2ND LT, HOYT McCLURE STEWART, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Stewart, of low a Park, Texas, was born March 4, 1921. He volunteered for service June 17, 1943, and was with the 2nd Division of the 10th Marines until July 7, 1944, when he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the Battle of Saipan, in the South Pacific. He was posthumously awarded two medals-the Purple Heart and the Silver Star Citation. He had served previously at Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands.

14.—CPL. DON EDWARD STROTHER, son of Della Mary Strother, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was born Dec. 7,1924, and volunteered for the Ar my Air Corps Feb. 2, 1943. He was trained at St. Petersburg, Fla., and served in Europe, in the Mediterranean area, participating in the air combatof the Balkans, the Northern Apennines, the Po Valley, and the Rhineland. He was awarded the Air Medalwith one Cluster; 4 Bronze Stars; ETO and Good Conduct Ribbons. Discharged Oct., 1945.

15.—S/SGT. J. W. STROTHER, son of Della Mary Strother, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was born Jan. 6, 1923, and volunteered for the Army Air Force Jan. 29, 1943. He was trained at Keesler Field, and served overseas in the Normandy Campaign and the air offensive over Europe from Feb., 1944, to Sept., 1944. His awards were: D.F.C. Air Medal with 3 Clusters; ETO Ribbon with 4 Stars; and the Good Conduct Ribbon. He was honorably discharged Oct. 16, 1946.

16.—CPL. ODELL O. DUDLEY, brother of Billie Taylor, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was born May 21, 1925, and volunteered for service Nov. 5, 1942. He was assigned to the Znd Marines, and served in the Pacific from March, 1943, to Dec., 1945, in New Zealand, and in the Gilbert Is., in the battles of Tarawa, Saipan, Okinawa, and in the Occupation of Japan. He was wounded on Saipan, and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged Dec. 8, 1945.

17.—T/SGT. CHADWICK EDWIN WILSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Wilson, of Electra, Texas, was born Aug. 19, 1918. Entered service Dec. 11, 1941. Assigned to Army, 803rd Tank Dest. Bn. Served in Europe 1943-1945. Fought with 13 different divisions from England to Austria including battles of St. Lo, Aachen, Belgium, Holland, the Ruhr, and Rhineland. In Germany, he helped move 75 Russian and Polish girls from starvation prisons. Awards: EAME, 5 Bronze Stars; G.C.; Victory. Discharged July, 1945.

18.—S/SGT. REGINALD WALLACE WILSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Wilson, of Electra, Texas, was born July 12, 1920. He entered the service July 8, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. He was trained at Sheppard Field, and served overseas from Jan., 1943, to April, 1945, in the South Atlantic Wing. He was awarded the ETO, American, and Good Conduct Ribbons, and the Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged Nov. 14, 1945, at Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

19.—BILLY RAY WRIGHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Wright of Electra, Texas, was born Aug. 15, 1926, and volunteered for Marine Service Aug. 18, 1946. He served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Jan., 1946, with the 22nd Regiment of the 6th Marines on Guadalcanal, Guam, Tinian, Okinawa, and China. He was wounded on Okinawa. Awards: Presidential Citation, Navy Unit Citation, Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged Feb. 5, 1946.

\* 20.—S/SGT. JOE BEN WRIGHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Wright, of Electra, Texas, was born March 16, 1923, and volunteered for the service July 18, 1941. He served in the Army Air Corps as an engineer-gunner, and was trained at Chanute, Greenville, Malden, Tyndal, Westover, and Chatham Army Air Fields. He was awarded the Good Conduct and the American Theater Ribbons. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice at Chatham Army Air Field, Ga., on July 23, 1944, in combat training.





### \*2nd Lt. THOMAS W. FOWLER



Lt. SAMUEL A. FOWLER

2nd Lt. Thomas Weldon Fowler, born Oct. 31, 1921, son of Mrs. A.H. Fowler, 1504 Burnett, Wichita Falls, Texas, attended Texas A & M, and entered the Army Armored Forces (Cavalry) Jan. 28, 1943. He began overseas duty Oct., 1943, in North Africa; participated in Campaigns of Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 3, 1944, in battle for Rome. The Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously "for conspicuous gallantry and heroism. He saved two infantry platoons by lifting mines out of the ground with his hands, routed enemy infantrymen with hand grenades, aided comrades at risk of life, saved men from burning vehicle".

Lt. Samuel Austin Fowler, son of Mrs. A. H. Fowler, Wichita Falls, was born October 3, 1911, in Texas, husband of Margaret Drake Fowler, Ozona, Texas. He attended Oklahoma A & M, Stillwater, a nd volunteered March 2, 1943, at Dallas for the Navy, C.E.C. USNR, training at Camp Peary, Virginia. Lt. Fowler served November, 1943, to November, 1945, in Central Pacific Area where he participated in the battles and invasions of Roi-Namur and Iwo Jima. His awards include a Letter Citation from the Commanding General, Hdqtrs., V Amphibious Corps Landing Force in the Field (Iwo Jima). On January 5, 1946. Lt. Fowler transferred to inactive duty.



### Capt. WILSON M. FOWLER



Sgt. CHARLES N. FOWLER

Capt. Wilson McKinley Fowler, birthdate June 6, 1920, son of Mrs. A.H. Fowler, 1504 Burnett, Wichita Falls, Texas, attended Hardin Junior College in Wichita Falls, and is the husband of Margie L. Dinnin Fowler. He entered the Army Quartermaster Corps September 27, 1941, at El Paso, Texas; trained at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, and later served March, 1943, to May, 1946, in the North African and Italian Theaters. Capt. Fowler participated in the campaign of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley, receiving Meritorious Unit Citation, four Battle Stars with Campaign Ribbons. Was discharged February 28, 1946

Sgt. Charles Nicholas Fowler, birthdate May 30,1924, in Texas, son of Mrs.A. H. Fowler, Wichita Falls, and husband of Jeanne Redmond Fowler, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, volunteered April 6, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, for the Army Air Forces, assigned to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., and Selfridge Field, Michigan, for training. Sgt. Fowler served July, 1945, to January, 1946, in the air offensive of Japan and Eastern Mandates. The Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon was awarded with World War II Victory and American Defense Medals plus American Theater Award. After returning to the States, he was discharged Feb. 24, 1946. Enlisted in Reserves.



### T/Sgt. LESLIE A. MULLER

T/Sgt. Leslie Alvin Muller, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Muller, 2702 Kemp Blvd., Wichita Falls, Texas, was born July 11, 1922, in Texas, husband of Mary A. Muller. He volunteered October 28, 1940, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Brooks Field, San Antonio, later serving May, 1944, to September, 1945, in the European Theater of Operations. Sgt. Muller participated in the air offensive of Europe, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. His awards include the Presidential Unit Citation, awarded July 16, 1945, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Ribbon, with American Theater Award. After returning to the States, he was discharged December 3, 1945; re-enlisted December 4, 1945, Kelly Field, San Antonio.

### Sgt. KENNETH E. MULLER

Sgt. Kenneth E. Muller, birthdate September 7, 1923, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Muller, Wichita Falls, Texas. He graduated from the Wichita Falls Schools, and volunteered November, 1942, for the 4th Marine Corps Division, and served overseas December, 1942, to October, 1944, and June, 1945, to November, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Sgt. Muller participated in combat of Guadalcanal, Kwajalein, Saipan and Tinian, and was wounded in combat February, 1944, and June, 1944. The Purple Heart was awarded with Star in lieu of second Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation and various ribbons. After returning to the States, Sgt. Muller was discharged from the Marine Corps on November 21, 1945.









\*Sgt. DILLARD W. LEE

Pfc Cathey, born Nov. 20, 1923, son of Mrs. J. W. Marcy, Wichita Falls, husband of Florence M. Cathey, Hurd Street, Edmond, Okla. Educated at Iowa Park, Texas, and entered the service Jan. 7, 1943, at Okla. City, Oklahoma, assigned to the Army, 867th A.A.A.W. Bn.; trained at Camp Callan, Calif. Served in the United States 3 months. Overseas from May 8,1943, to Oct. 31,1946. In Hawaii, Marshall Islands, and participated in the battle of Kwajalein and Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. He was awarded: Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, and Victory Ribbons, and 1 Bronze Star, and was discharged Nov., 1946.

Sgt. Lee, born Feb. 4, 1924, in Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lee, 2805 Ave. I, Wichita Falls, Texas, husband of Mattie McDonald Lee, of Henrietta, Texas, graduated from Wichita Falls High School; he also graduated from Engineering School, Wichita Falls; volunteered for service Feb. 5, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, with training at Chicago, Ill., Las Vegas, Nevada, and Shreveport, La. Served in the United States from Feb., 1942, to March 4, 1944. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice somewhere in the U.S.A. Prior to enlisting in the service, Sgt. Lee was employed by the North American A. Co., G. Prairie.



Pvt. McGowan, born June 15,1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McGowan, Electra, Texas, husband of Leona Bradberry McGowan, 917 East Bryan Street, Electra, attended Harrold, Texas, High School; entered the service on July 29, 1942. He was assigned to the Army, M. Tank Crewman-"Ranger". Trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky; served in the United States for 5 months, and overseas 19 months, in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He was wounded in action, and received following awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, 5 Major Battle Stars, and 1 Silver Star. Pvt. McGowan was honorably discharged on Dec. 4, 1944.

S1/c Newman, born April 26,1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newman, 2304 8th St., Wichita Falls, attended Wichita Falls Senior High School; volunteered Feb. 25, 1943, at Oklahoma City, Okla.; was assigned to the United States Coast Guard; trained at Hotel Ponce De Leon, St. Augustine, Florida. Served in the United States 17 months; overseas from Oct. 23, 1943, to Aug. 2, 1945, in S.W. Pacific, battles and invasions: Hollandia, Admiralties, (Manus) Sansapor Biak, Morotai, Aitape, Palau, Leyte. Awards: American Area, Victory, A. & P. w/5 Stars, Philippine Lib. w/2 Stars, and Good Conduct. Honorably discharged May 11, 1946.





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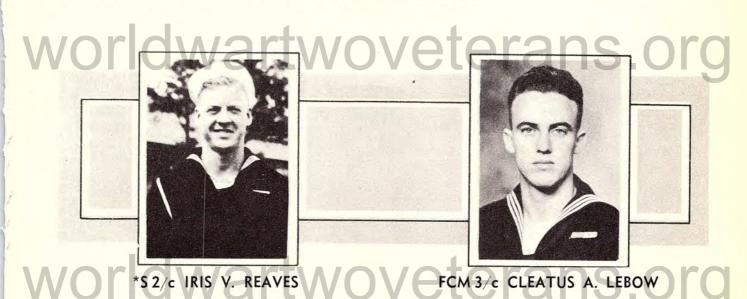


AM 2/c I. B. PENCE

S/Sgt. JOHN C. OLNEY, JR.

S/Sgt. Olney, Jr., born May 18,1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Olney, Sr.. 2501 Iowa Park Rd., Wichita Falls, attended Wichita Falls Sr. High School, and Cameron College, Lawton, Okla. Entered the service Jan. 21, 1943, at Ind. Sta., Abilene, assigned to the Army A.A.F., 8th A.A.F. (England); trained at Gowan Field, Boise, Idaho. Overseas 7 months in air offensive of Europe in Normandy, Rhineland, and N. France. Awarded: EAME Medal w/4 Stars, Air Medal w/4 O.L.C., D.F.C., and Good Conduct Medal. Upon departure from a secret base in Fla.he flew to base in N. Eng., via S. America and Africa. Completed 31 high alt. missions. Honorably discharged Sept. 19,1945.

A.M.2/c Pence, born Aug. 3, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Pence, 112 Ave. C, Burkburnett, husband of Wanda Pence, 214 West 1st St., Burkburnett, attended Burkburnett High School. Entered the service on May 27, 1943, at Abilene, and was assigned to the United States Navy Aviation; trained at Naval Training Sta., San Diego, Calif., N.A.T.T.C., Norman, Okla., and N.A.S. Dallas. Served in the United States 23 months, and overseas 8 months in American Theater and Asiatic Pacific. Awarded: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, and Victory Medal. A.M.2/c Pence received an honorable discharge on January 12, 1946.



S2/c Reaves, born April 10, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reaves, 401 Adams St. Wichita Falls, father of Marzellia A. Reaves, 907 N. Broadway, Wichita Falls, was educated at Reagan High, Wichita Falls; volunteered for service April 7, 1942, assigned to the United States Naval Reserve: trained at Norfolk, Va.; overseas 3 months, in N. Atlantic, a member of the Armed Guard Crew aboard the Merchant Vessel S.S. Esso, Williamsburg; the ship and all personnel were lost, exact location of battle sta. unknown; it is known that the ship was torpedoed Sept. 22, 1942, while en route from Arubato Reykjavik, Iceland. Awards: Victory, and Purple Heart, posthumously.

FCM3/c Cleatus A. Lebow, born February 8, 1924, husband of Mrs. Norma Lebow, Littlefield, Texas, entered service February 12, 1943, with the Navy Reserve; trained at California, and was assigned to the U.S.S. Indianapolis, and served in the Pacific Theater. Was with task forces that shot down 402 Jap Planes between Saipan and the Philippines June 19, 1944, and was privileged to see the first raising of American Flag at Iwo Jima. He was wounded July 29, 1945, when the U.S.S. Indianapolis was sunk by an enemy submarine between Guam and Leyte; returned home, received various awards, and was discharged November 11, 1945.





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CPO MERTON G. CONOLEY

S/Sgt. MALCOLM B. CONOLEY

CPO Merton Gilbert Conoley, the husband of Colleen Wyatt Conoley, was born on February 27, 1919, a twin brother of Graham Gillis Conoley. Merton left Southwestern University to enter the Navy on February 13, 1942. He was trained at the N.T.S. at Norfolk, Va., and then served at Camp Peary, N.T.S. at Farragut, Idaho, and the last place, the Rehabilitation Department of the Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi, Texas. He was a physical training instructor while in the service of the Navy. An honorable discharge was given to him on the 1st of September of 1945.

S/Sgt. Malcolm Barham Conoley, also a son of Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Conoley of Taylor, was born on August 17, 1915. Like his brothers, he was attending Southwestern University when he volunteered for the Army on April 4,1941. He was assigned to the Signal Corps, and received his training at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He served in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations from January 12, 1942, until March 12,1945. He is authorized to wear the Good Conduct Medal and one Battle Star for the 1942 campaign in Burma. He held the ranks of Pfc, T/4 Sgt., and S/Sgt. Discharged on Sept. 1, 1945.

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Capt. GRAHAM G. CONOLEY T/5 DAVID R. CONOLEY

Capt. Graham Gillis Conoley was born on February 27, 1919, and is the husband of Billie Tom Conoley of Austin. He volunteered for the Marine Corps on January 10, 1942, leaving Southwestern University to do so. He was trained at Quantico, Virginia, and then was assigned to the 6th Division. He served overseas from April, 1943, until June, 1945, in the areas of Samoa, Hawaii, Marshall and Mariana Islands, and the Orient. He participated in the battles of Eniwetok, Guam, and Okinawa. For being twice wounded he received the Purple Heartand Gold Star; also holds the Sliver Star. On inactive status June 1, 1946.

T/5 David Ross Conoley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Conoley of Taylor, was born on April 4, 1927. He volunteered for the Army Air Corps on May 21, 1945, while attending Southwestern University. He was trained for duty in Communications of the Air Forces at Sheppard Field, Scott Field, and Greensboro, N. C. On the 10th of February, 1946, he was sent to Europe to serve in a signal battalion. He returned to the Zone of the Interior in December of 1946, and received an honorable discharge at Fort Dix, N. J., in the same month. He had spent 10 months at Wiesbaden, Germany.



### \*Maj. ERNEST D. TIBBETS

Major Ernest Douglas Tibbets, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tibbets of Plainview. He volunteered for the Army Air Corps on April 15, 1941, and was trained at Moffett Field, Stockton, and Mitchell Field. From Jan. 15 to Dec. 1, 1942, he was on patroling duty in the Canal Zone. He went to Europe in Mar., 1944, taking part in action of "D" day, battles of Normandy, France, Belgium, Germany, Rhineland and Ruhr Valley. Missing in action over the Ruhr on Dec. 8, 1944. Listed officially as dead one year later. Authorized to wear the Silver Star, Air Medal with 19 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Belgian Croix de Guerre, Presidential Unit Citation, and Dist. Unit Badge.

### S/Sgt. CULLEN P. TIBBETS

S/Sgt. Cullen Parish Tibbets, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tibbets of Plainview, was born on April 1, 1946. He graduated from Texas Technological College, and attended Brown University in Rhode Is. He volunteered for the Air Corps April 16, 1941, and trained at Lowry Field. He went overseas on July 16, 1942, with the 12th Bomb. Group. In the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations he participated in the campaigns of Egypt-Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, and Italy. Then going on to the Asiatic Theater of Operations to help in the air campaign of Burma-India. Holds the Air Medal, with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters; Dist. Unit Badge, and various Theater Ribbons. He was discharged on May 24, 1945.





Comdr. CHARLES H. STEELE

Comdr. Charles Haywood Steele, husband of Mildred Smith Steele, 1510 Lake Drive, Taylor Texas, was born December 30, 1897, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Steele, Blanco, Texas. He attended Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Comdr. Steele volunteered May 19, 1942, at Houston for the U.S. Navy, Line Branch; served at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va., and Port Hueneme, Calif.; later served from March, 1945, to February, 1946, overseas in the Pacific Theater of Operations where he was Commanding Officer, Naval Base, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Naval Reserve Ribbon with World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, plus expert pistol and rifle awards. After returning to the States, he transferred to inactive duty June 21, 1946. He is the father of Walter Charles Steele.

### RDM 3/c WALTER C. STEELE

RDM 3/c Walter Charles Steele, birthdate October 13, 1924, in Texas, is the son of Comdr. and Mrs. C. H. Steele, of Taylor, Texas. He attended Goose Creek and Orange, Texas, Schools, also Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas, and entered the Navy Air Corps, May 7, 1943, training at Corpus Christi, Texas, Naval Station. Radioman Steele served overseas from Dec., 1943, to Feb., 1946; participated in the Anzio Beachhead, Battle of Elba, landing in Southern France where he was wounded in action. Later he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater in the invasion of Borneo. The Purple Heartwas awarded with the Mediterranean Areathree Stars, Asiatic - Pacific Ribbon, plus the American Defense and Victory Awards. After returning to the States, he began inactive duty February 14, 1946.

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### \*Capt. ELMER F. SANSOM, JR.

Capt. Sansom, was born on Feb. 28, 1914; is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Sansom, Sr., 301 E. 3rd St., Plainview, Texas, and husband of the former Ethel Louise (Betty) Purdy of Portland, Oregon. He obtained license to practice law during Sr. year at Texas Univ., and volunteered for A.A.C. in Dec., 1940, assigned to 8th Air Corps as Cadet, with bomber training at Lindberg, Randolph, Brooks, and Gowan Flds. Served as Anti-submarine Air Bomber Pilot Patrol at Portland, 44th Air Base, Oreg. Capt. Sansom paid the Supreme Sacrifice July 20, 1943, in a small transport plane crash shortly following 'Take-off', due to fire in engines. Air Medal awarded for over 400 hrs. as Bomber Patrol pilot in foreign waters from Jan., 1942, to Jan., 1943. His son, David Flournay, was born Dec. 23, 1943.





### Pfc RUSSELL D. ROWLAND

Pfc Russell David Rowland, born November 1,

1914, husband of Mrs. Vera Rowland, Lubbock, Texas, attended Hale Center, Texas, Public Schools, and entered service April 4, 1944. Was a ssigned to the Army I.R.T.C. Division, and trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. He began overseas duty September 20, 1944, in the European Theater, serving with the 30th Infantry Div.; participtaed in the Battles of Central Europe, Belgium Bulge and Rhineland; was wounded April 16, 1944, in Shauffenburg, Germany, and April 13, 1945, at Rogatz, Germany. He returned to the States August 22, 1945. Re-

ceived awards, and was discharged Nov. 6, 1945.

S/Sgt. MONROE D. WOODALL

S/Sgt. Monroe D. Woodall, born August 17, 1919, son of Mrs. Sylvia Woodall, Plainview, Texas, volunteered November 26, 1940, with Army Infantry, 36th Div.; began overseas duty December, 1941. He participated in Java and Philippines Defense, aerial and submarine warfare against Japan among other battles; reported "Missing", but found imprisoned by Japanese at Java, Japan, and other camps. He received the Distinguished Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Philippine Defense with one Star, and other medals. After returning to the States, he was assigned to Ft. Lewis, Washington, where he is now serving.





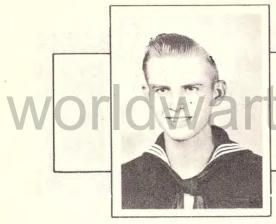
### \*Pfc LONNIE R. DAVIS

Pfc Lonnie Robert Davis, born September 5, 1925, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Davis, 903 Forest, Georgetown, Texas. He volunteered for service August, 1943, with the U.S. Marine Corps, 4th Division, at San Antonio, Texas: trained at San Diego, Camp Elliott, and Greens Farm in California. Pfc Davis began overseas duty December, 1943, in the Pacific Theater of War, and participated in the Battle of Tinian in the Mariana Islands. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country while in combat November 3, 1944, on Tinian Island. The Presidential Unit Citation wsa awarded, plus the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Purple Heart Award.

### \*T/Sgt. ROBERT L. BURGESS

T/Sgt. Robert Lee Burgess was born January 4, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Burgess, Pocahontas, Mississippi, and husband of Lillian Maurine Polzin Burgess, Coupland, Texas. He entered service November 4, 1942, and was assigned to the Army 102nd Division, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 407th Infantry, and trained at Camp Swift and Camp Maxey Texas, also Ft. Dix, New Jersey. After training, Sgt. Burgess began overseas duty September 9, 1944, in the European Theater, and after arriving was promoted to Technical Sergeant. He served in France, Holland, and Germany, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice near Ehra, Germany, April 16, 1945, while moving his anti-tank weapons from one postion to another. The Silver Star was awarded for bravery.





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SK 3/c JAMES H. STANFIELD, JR.

S 1/c JIMMY M. HORTON

S 1/c Jimmy Murphy Horton, born February 7,1927, in Texas, son of Mrs. Laura Horton, Lamesa, Texas, volunteered for service February 2,1945, for the U.S. Navy. Trained at San Diego, California, Faircen, Coronado Hts., and began overseas duty January, 1946. Seaman Horton was assigned to the Pacific Theater where he served with the Navy until July, 1946. The World War II Victory Medal, American Defense and American Theater Ribbons were awarded with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and Good Conduct Award. After returning to the States, he was granted his discharge July 20, 1946.

SK 3/c James Hamilton Stanfield, Jr., was born January 18, 1926, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stanfield, Sr., of Plainview, Hale County, Texas. Attended the Lamesa Texas Elementary and High Schools, and volunteered for service May 24, 1944, with the U. S. Navy. Trained at Camp Wallace, Texas. He began overseas duty October, 1944, in the Pacific Theater where he served on Guamand various other islands. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. After returning to the States May, 1946, he was granted discharge June 7, 1946.



T/Sgt. Elvis Marion Moore, born July 12, 1918, husband of Mary H. Moore, Lubbock, Texas, attended the Wheeler, Texas, Schools, and entered service August 26, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. Trained at South Dakota, Florida, and Tucson, Arizona. He served overseas from June, 1944, until November, 1944, in the battles of Rome-Arno, Normandy, Northern France, air combat of Ealkans and Southern France. The EAME Ribbon with five Battle Stars was awarded, with Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters. Sgt. Moore had participated in fifty combat missions. After returning to the States, he was granted his discharge Ocotber 2, 1945.

Pfc B. Sanford Hardeman was born February 14, 1925, a native of Texas; is the son of J. B. and Mary S. Hardeman, 916 Austin, Plainview, Hale County, Texas. He attended the Plainview Elementary and High Schools, and attended the University of Texas at Austin. Entered service September 13, 1943, and was assigned to the Army A.S.T.P. Division; trained at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and at the University of San Francisco in California. Pfc Hardeman served his total duty in the States, and received the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, and other awards with discharge Jan. 23, 1945.





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S/Sgt. DANIEL B. CUBA

T/Sgt. EDWIN J. CUBA

T/Sgt. Edwin J. Cuba, born August 19,1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cuba, Taylor, Texas, volunteered September 30, 1940, for the Army Artillery. Sgt. Cuba served from January, 1944, to June, 1945, in the Italian Campaign at Rome to Arno River, Apennine Mts. on to Po Valley into the Alps. The Military Valor Cross from the Italian Government was awarded Sgt. Cuba for the manner in which he "distinguished himself by splendid spirit of self-sacrifice", also the Legion of Merit Medal, ETO Ribbon, three Bronze Stars, Pre-Pearl Harbor Medal, among other awards were received. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge June, 1945.

S/Sgt. Daniel Bohumil Cuba, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cuba, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, was born June 4, 1907, a native of Texas. He attended Taylor High School and Tyler Business College, and was connected with the Texas Oil Company prior to his voluntary entry into the Armed Forces. Sgt. Cuba entered the Army Air Corps January 24, 1941; trained at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas; later served at Mather Field, California, and with 3017th Army Air Force B. U. in Hobbs, New Mexico. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons. Discharged September 19, 1944, at El Paso, Texas.



S 1/c Cuba was born June 10, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cuba. Taylor, Texas. He was graduated from Taylor, Texas, High School in 1944, and volunteered June 20, 1945, for the United States Navy. Trained and was graduated from the Naval Training School, Radar Operators at Point Loma, San Diego, California, as Seaman 2nd Class; later promoted to Seaman 1st Class. Seaman Cuba is the youngest son of John L. Cuba, and brother of Daniel, Edwin, and Leonel Cuba, who all served their country during the late war emergency. At the present time he is still serving in the Navy, awaiting discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces.

Pfc Leonel F. Cuba, born May 25, 1922, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cuba, Taylor, Texas. He attended Taylor High School, and aided his country by farming, prior to volunteering Nowember 4, 1942, for the Army Air Corps. Pfc Cuba entered service at Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio, Texas, training and serving his total duty in the United States at various air fields. His awards include the World War II Victory Medal, American Defense and American Theater Ribbons. Discharge from service was granted February 1,1946, at Lowry Field, Colorado. He is one of John Cuba's four boys who served.

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#### CW/O DANIEL J. SVOBODA

Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Jerry Svoboda, husband of Mrs. Vlasta Svoboda, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, was born July 10, 1917, a native of Texas, son of Jerry and Vera Svoboda, also of Taylor. He attended Taylor High School, and was one of Texas' many farmers prior to his entry July 20, 1935, into the Army 102nd Infantry Division. He trained at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Camp Maxey and Camp Swift, Texas. From Sept., 1944, to Nov., 1945, he served in the European Theater in France, Holland, Germany and Czechoslovakia; participated in the campaigns of the Rhineland and Central Europe. Receiving the EAME Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, American Campaign, Defense and World War II Victory Medals. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded for meritorious action in service. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge January 9, 1946.





#### Capt. ROWEN O. UPTON

Capt. Rowen Othello Upton, was born May 31, 1920, and is the son of Mrs. Myrtle Dresser. He is the husband of Dora May Upton. Volunteered for the Air Corps on Jan. 24, 1942, and was trained at Kelly and Hondo Army Air Fields. From May, 1943, until March, 1944, he was with the 8th Air Force based in England; flew on 25 missions over Europe as a B-17 navigator. He is credited with destroying l Nazi plane an FW 190. In July of 1943, his plane was forced down in the North Sea, and he was wounded. All the crew were rescued in 45 minutes. His plane was among those to make the first raid on Regensberg; for this the crew received the Pres. Unit Cit. He also received the Air Medal and Dist. Flying Cross. Entered inactive reserves Oct. 1945.

#### T/5 OTHIE W. UPTON

T/5 Othie Warren Upton, son of Mrs. Myrtle Dresser, Lubbock, Texas, born July 3, 1917. His wife, Ruenell Upton, resides in Wichita Falls. Attended Lubbock High, and volunteered Oct. 28, 1942, assigned to Air Corps Specialist; transferred later to Co. C., 222 Inf., 42nd Rainbow Div. From Nov. 24, 1944, to Nov. 1, 1945, he served in France and Germany, in the invasion of Southern France, patrol battle on France and German Line. On March 10, 1945, he was wounded by mortar fragments while blasting Germans out of pill boxes in France, and was hospitalized for 2 months. After being wounded, was reclassified L. A. and transferred to 6829 U.S. Micro Filming Org. in Frankfurt, Germany. Awarded Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Infantry Badge and 2 Battle Stars. Di charged Nov. 20, 1945.





#### Lt. (jg) ARTHUR E. BOYD

Lt. (jg) Arthur Elliott Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Boyd, of Plainview, Texas, was born Sept. 15, 1924, and volunteered for Navy service, Aug. 20, 1942. He was assigned to the Acorn Unit Communications Branch, and trained at the Naval Academy, Los Angeles, Treasure Island, and Ft. Hueneme, Calif. From April, 1943, to Aug., 1944, he served overseas, in Guadalcanal, Russell Is., and New Georgia, and participated in the drive on Munda, also in establishing the base at Segi. He served in Communications at S. Pac. Staff Hdq. at Noumea, New Caledonia. In Aug., 1944, he was placed with the Medical Survey account of malaria, where he is at the present.



Pfc OSCAR E. GIBSON

Pfc Oscar Eugene Gibson, son of Mrs. Viola Gibson, of Plainview, Texas, was born Oct. 22, 1924, and entered Army service on April 9, 1943, at Plainview. He was assigned to the 6th Armored Infantry, and trained at Camp Polk, La., and Camp Cook, Calif. He served in the United States until Feb. 10, 1944, when he was sent to Europe. He served there until April, 1945; participated in the battles of Brest, Lorient, Bulge of Bastogne, and Frankfurt. He was wounded at Leipzig, Germany, and was missing in action in Belgium, from Jan. 2, until Feb. 2, 1945. His awards are: Combat Infantry Medal, Purple Heart. Is now in Beaumont Hospital, at El Paso,



Pvt. MARLEY H. GIBSON

Pvt. Marley Howard Gibson, son of Mrs. Viola Gibson, of Plainview, Texas, was born March 23, 1927, at Erick, Oklahoma. On August 20, 1945, he volunteered for service with the U.S. Marines, at El Paso, Texas. He was given training in San Diego, California, and he served in the United States until Sepetmber 27, 1945, when he was given an honorable discharge from the service. Before he entered the Marine Service he was a farmer at Plainview. He attended the Petersburg Public School and the Ellen High School.



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\*S/Sgt. ROBERT H. RENICK

\*Lt. CLAUDE W. WAUGH, JR.

Lt. Waugh, was born on Sept. 13, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Waugh, and husband of Maude M. Waugh of 1207 Lexington Street, Taylor, Texas. He attended Baylor University at Waco, Texas, and volunteered for service on August 17, 1941, at Waco. Was assigned to the Army Air Corps, and sent to Hicks Field, Randolph Field, and Kelly Field, Texas. On March 7, 1942, he sailed for overseas duty, and served in the Latin American Area on patrol duty in the Canal Zone. Commissioned 2nd Lt. in March of 1942 as pilot. Lt. Claude W. Waugh was lost in the Latin American Theater on July 13, 1942, while on patrol duty.

S/Sgt. Renick, born on Feb. 17, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Renick of Austin, attended Liberty Hill High School. He enlisted in the Army Oct. 24, 1935, at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Stationed at Ft. D. A. Russell, Texas, training in various camps until he went overseas in Oct., 1944, and fought in Belgium in the Battle of the Bulge with Co. F., 290 Inf., 75th Div. He gave his life Jan. 19, 1945, and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for gallantry in action in connection with military operation against the enemy on Jan. 19, 1945. His wife, the former Louise Lewis, and two children, Bobby and Linda Faye, live in Lampasas, Texas.



#### Coxswain CALVIN C. SCHAEFER Lt. CLARENCE C. QUICK

Coxswain Schaefer, was born on Oct. 21, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Schaefer of 413 W. 3rd St., Taylor, Texas. He received his education in Taylor, Texas; volunteered for the Navy on June 7, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and was sent to Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Served on U.S.S. Kenmore, 13 mos., 1942, to 1943; U.S.S. Chilton, 8 mos., 1944; and on U.S.S. L.S.M. 120, 10 mos., 1945, in Saipan, Philippines, Leyte, Okinawa, and with convoy that went into Japan. His awards are ATO, Asiatic-Pacific with 3 Battle Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. Discharged Jan. 12, 1946, from Camp Wallace, Texas, after 3 years and 7 mos. of service.

Lt. Quick, son of Mrs. Oscar Quick of Round Rock, Texas, born Aug. 19, 1908. Was graduated from Univ. of Detroit, at Mich. and Univ. of Texas, at Austin. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in Feb., 1942, training at the U.S.N. Hospital at San Diego. Attached to the Fleet Marine, 1st Marine Div.; served in the Pacific Theater of War until 1944, when he was commissioned as a Line Officer in the Navy. Transferred to Tuscon, Ariz., for O.T.S. After graduation he trained at Amphibious Base at San Diego. Was assigned duties on U.S.S. Carteret in battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Has 4 Battle Stars. Discharged to inactive duty in Nov., 1945.





#### Capt. LEILA D. SPANN

Capt. Leila Doris Spann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Spann, of Plainview, Texas, was born April 27, 1919, and volunteered for the Women's Army Corps on August 3, 1942, at Lubbock. She was trained at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, and served in the United States until Jan. 14, 1946, stationed at Phoenix, Arizona, Seattle, Washington, and Ft. Ord, California. She was commissioned on Sept. 13, 1942, and was promoted to 1st Lt. in April, 1943, and again, to Captain, in October, 1944. Her awards are: WAAC Service Medal; American Theater Medal; and the Victory Medal. She was granted an honorable discharge from the service, on Jan. 14, 1946.



\*2nd Lt. BURTON P. R. CULP S/Sgt. JOEL E. CULP

2nd Lt. BURTON P. R. CULP, born December 3, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Culp, Plainview, Texas, volunteered Oct. 30, 1942, with the Army Air Corps; began overseas duty Dec., 1944, in the European Area. He was stationed in France, flying supplies and troops in C-47 into Germany. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice April 13, 1945, over Germany.

S/Sgt. JOEL EMIL CULP, born April 28, 1913, volunteered May 25, 1942, with the Army Air Corps; trained and served at Lubbock Army Air Base, Texas, and was promoted to Staff Sergeant on July 1,1943. After receiving various awards, he was granted discharge January 15, 1946.



Capt. KERMIT D. WOOLDRIDGE

Capt. Kermit David Wooldridge, born October 26, 1917, husband of Marjorie Wooldridge, Norfolk, Va., and son of J.E. Wooldridge, Abernathy, Texas, volunteered July 12, 1934, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Maxwell Field, Ala., and served overseas from January, 1939, to November, 1940, and from June, 1943, to June, 1944. Capt. Wooldridge participated in twenty-five missions over Europe as pilot of a bomber. Received the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and a Citation from Winston Churchill of England. He is currently stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii, 7th Air Force.

1. -PFC ORICE R. HARWELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Harwell, entered the Army 5th Div., 11th Inf., Sept. 5, 1944; trained at Camp Wolkers, Mineral Wells; overseas from Jan., 1945, to Jan., 1946; battles of Siegfried Line, Rhineland, Luxembourg and Central Germany; wounded in Luxembourg and also the Siegfried Line, 1945; awards: Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster, Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars and Combat Infantry Badge. Pfc Harwell was discharged Feb. 19, 1946.

2. —A.B.S. TOM BIGHAM MAYS, born April 17, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mays, Temple, attended high school in Borger; volunteered June 14, 1944, for the Merchant Marines; trained at St. Petersburg, Florida; served on seas from Sept. 1, 1944, throughout duration of the war; assigned to U. S. Hospital Ship The Wisteria which brought wounded service men from European Zone to the United States. Able Bodied Seaman Tom Mays is still with the Merchant Marines.

3. —ENS. RAYMOND MAYS, born Sept. 2, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mays, Temple, Texas, attended Texas Technological College, Lubbock; volunteered Dec. 9, 1942, for the Navy Air Corps; in flight training at Austin, Texas, Del Monte Calif., N.A.S. Okla., N.A.T.S., Corpus Christi, V.B. 2-2 N.A.S., Lake City, Fla., and Beaufort, South Carolina. He was commissioned an Ensign in the Reserve Sept. 16, 1944. Ensign Mays was released from active duty Jan. 5, 1946.

4. —B.M. 2/c HIRAM CHARLES HAMLETT, born Sept. 2, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hamlett, of Lexington, Texas, attended Lexington High School; entered the Navy Feb. 25, 1943; trained at San Diego, California; served overseas from May, 1943, to June, 1945, in U. S. Sub. Base, Dutch Harbor, Alaska; U. S. Sub. Base, Navy 151, U.S.S. Salisbury Sound. He was crane and boat operator. Boatsmate 2/c Hirman Charles Hamlett received an honorable discharge on Feb. 2, 1946.

5. —CPL. HERBERT EUGENE BARNES, born April1,1924, son of Mrs. Bessie Jean Barnes, husband of Helen Barnes, attended Hutto High School, and volunteered April 13,1942, for the Fleet Marines. Trained at San Diego, California. Served overseas from Sept. 12, 1942, to Sept. 18, 1944, in Asiatic-Pacific, European and American Theater. He served aboard the U.S.S. Nevada in overseas engagements. Cpl. Barnes was discharged Sept. 26, 1945.

6. -LT. WILLIAM GUY BARNES, JR., son of Mr. W. G. Barnes, Sr., was born Jan. 21, 1924. Attended Durham Business College, Austin; volunteered Nov. 10, 1942, for the Army Air Forces; trained at Douglas A.A.F., Douglas, Arizona; served overseas from Feb. 20, 1945, to April 28, 1946, in battles of Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Awards: Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, EAME Campaign with 3 Bronze Stars. Lt. Barnes was discharged June 17, 1946.

7. —CAPT. OSCAR M. BEAVERS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Beavers, Florence, Texas, attended S. W. University, and entered the A rmy Feb. 10, 1941, at Fort Sam Houston. Trained at Ontario, Calif., Lowry Field, Colo., and Luke Field, Arizona. He served four years with Western Flying Training Command and 4th Air Force in capacity of Armament and Ordnance Officer; served at Guam, Marianas Air Force Ammunition Controller. He was released from service Feb. 14, 1946.

8. —CPL. E. Y. BEAVERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Beavers, Sr., Florence, Texas, and husband of Mrs. E. Y. Beavers, attended Florence High School. Entered the Army on Dec. 7, 1943, assigned to Engineers Division. Trained at Maryland for basic and technical training, Camp Beale, Calif., and Fort Lewis, Washington; transferred overseas June 25; 1945; served in Marianas, Marshalls, Okinawa and Korea. Corporal E. Y. Beavers was honorably discharged Feb. 14, 1946.

9. —PhM 3/c MILDRED CHRISTINE BLOMQUIST, born Sept. 22, 1922, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Blomquist, Taylor, Texas, attended high school in Taylor; volunteered April 2, 1943, at Dallas; assigned to the Naval Medical Department; trained at Hunter College, New York, and Naval Hospital, San Diego, California. She served for about two and half years with the Navy. Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class Blomquist was honorably discharged Nov. 17, 1945.

10.—PhM 1/c MILTON HART BLOMQUIST, born Sept. 2, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Blomquist, attended Southwestern University; volunteered Nov. 5, 1942, for Naval Medical Department; trained at U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif., Field Medical School, Fleet Marine Force, Calif., overseas from June, 1943, to Jan., 1945; later from March, 1945, to Nov., 1945, in Bougainville, Guam and Marianas. Pharmacist Mate 1/c Blomquist was discharged Ian. 11, 1946.

11.—PFC BILLY MARTIN DEATON, born Aug. 3, 1924, son of Mrs. Jennie Deaton, of Taylor, Texas, volunteered Jan. 20, 1941, for Marines Defense Bn. and Fleet Marine Force. Trained at San Diego, Calif.; served overseas from April 5, 1942, to Sept., 1944, in South Pacific, and Midway, Pearl Harbor. Awards: Marksman Rifle, Bayonet and Overseas Medal. Pfc Billy Martin Deaton received an honorable discharge from the Marines January 19, 1946.

\*12.—PFC ERNEST BAXTER DEATON, born Jan. 12, 1926, in Texas, son of Mrs. Jennie Deaton, of Taylor, volunteered Aug. 11, 1943, at Austin, for the Marines V.M.F., 121 Division. Trained at R.D.M.C.B., San Diego, Calif., and M.B.D.A.G., Mojave, Calif.; served overseas from July, 1944, to Sept., 1944, in South Pacific, Peleliu, Palau Islands. Pfc Deaton paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Sept. 21, 1944, at Peleliu, Palau Islands.

13.—CPL. BRENT EDWARDS BERGSTROM, born Jan. 23, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bergstrom, volunteered Dec. 7, 1942. Trained at Sheppard Field, and Buckley Field, Colo.; served overseas from Dec. 29, 1943, to Nov. 6, 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland and air offensive of Europe. Awards: American Theater Campaign, EAME Medal with 6 Bronze Stars, Occupation. Cpl. Bergstrom was honorably discharged Nov. 15, 1945.

14.—CAPT. HARVEY T. DENSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Denson, attended Southwestern University; volunteered May 15, 1940; assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Randolph Field; served overseas from Feb., 1941, to Nov., 1944, in fall of Manila, Battan, Corregidor, in Philippines; in Jap prison for two years in Camp, Mindanao; wounded when his ship was torpedoed. Awards: Purple Cross, Presidential Citation. He is now in Statistic Control Forces.

15.—S/SGT. JAMES LEON DENSON, born Nov. 17, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Denson, attended Durham Business College, Austin; volunteered Aug. 12, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Dodd Field, Avenger Field; served overseas from Sept., 1942, to Nov. 31, 1945, in United States Strategic Air Forces in England. Awards: Commended by Lt. Gen. Aronld Spaatz, U.S. Commanding General of Strategic Forces in England. Sgt. Denson was discharged Dec. 14, 1945.

16.—T/CPL. EDWARD PERSHING DOLLINGER, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dollinger, of Taylor, Texas, volunteered Oct. 7, 1942; assigned to the Army Signal-Corps; trained at Camp Kohler, Sacramento, Calif.; served in Australia, New Guinea, Leyte, Japan, Luzon, Admiralty and Manila. Awards: A merican Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Meritorious Unit Award and Bronze Arrowhead, Victory Medal. Cpl. Dollinger received honorable discharge Dec. 15. 1945.

17.—C. SP. (A.) STUART WILLIAM EVANS, born July 18, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al H. Evans, Hutto, Texas, attended Howard Payne College, Brownwood; volunteered Oct. 21, 1942 for the Seabees; trained at Physical Instructors' School, Norfolk, Va.; served overseas from April 14, 1943, to Oct., 1945; served in Central Pacific Area and Hawaii. Stuart William Evans received an honorable discharge from the Seabees in October of 1945.

18.—SGT. CLARENCE EVANS BEEZLEY, born Feb.17,1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Beezley, (deceased), attended Hutto High School; volunteered May 17, 1942, for the Marine Air Corps; trained at San Diego, Cherry Point and Norfolk, Va.; served overseas from Nov., 1943, to June, 1944; later from May, 1945, to Dec., 1945; in Solomons, Bougainville, Bismarck and Philippine campaign; radio gunner with V.M.F. 531 and with V.M.B. 611. S gt. Beezley was discharged May 18, 1946.

19.—CPL. JOHN HENRY HENNECH, JR., born Sept. 26, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hennech, Sr., husband of Francies. Hennech, attended John Tarleton Cellege, Stephenville. Entered the Army May 18, 1943; assigned to the 7th Armored Division; trained at Sheppard Field, New Mexico and Nebraska; served overseas from Jan., 1945, to Sept., 1945. His awards: ETO Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars, Victory and G. C. Ribbons. Cpl. Hennech was discharged in Nov. of 1945.

20.—CPL. PERRY LEO HENNECH, born December 16, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hennech, Sr., attended Hutto High School. Entered the Army Feb. 24, 1944, assigned to 34th Cavalry Rec. Sq.; trained at Fort Riley, Kansas; served overseas from July, 1944, to April, 1946. Awards were American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign, Philippine Liberation, Army, of Occupation, Victory and Good Conduct. Cpl. Hennech was discharged April 30, 1946.



\*1. —T/SGT. RUBEN R. MAREURGER, born Feb. 23,1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marburger, Taylor, was educated at Coupland, and entered the service in June, 1941. He was assigned to the Army 60th Inf.; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Ft. Bragg, N. C. Overseas from Oct., 1942, to March II, 1945, in N. Africa, Sicily, France, Beglium, and Germany. Awards: Purple Heart, Good Con. and Combat Inf. Badge. Wounded in France Aug. 9, 1944. He was killed in action in Germany Mar. II, 1945.

2. —PFC EMORY M. DONNELL, born June 16, 1925, son of Mrs. Rose McCoy, Georgetown, entered the service on Oct. 9,1943, and was assigned to the 1st Army 36th Inf., 2nd Div., with training at Camp Wolters, and Mineral Wells, Texas. Overseas from March 26, 1944. He was seriously wounded in the Battle for Brest, France. Six months later he was again seriously wounded in Battle of Bulge. He has to his credit 18 months combat service. Returned July, 1945. Discharged Aug. 8, 1945.

3. —M.M. 2/c WILLIAM RUSSELL MILLIGAN, born November 1, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Milligan, husband of Janie L. Milligan, R.F.D. I., Box 27, Leander, attended Wollforth High School, Texas; volunteered Oct. 12, 1943, and was assigned to the Naval Const. Batt 'n.; trained at Camp Endicott, R. I. Overseas 21 months, in Southwest Pacific, Admiralties, and the Phillippine Islands. Awarded Commendation Ribbon and 2 Battle Stars. M.M. 2/c Milligan received honorable discharge on January 22, 1946.

\*4. —S/SGT. JESSE JAMES WATERS, JR., born Jan. 16, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Waters, Leander, attended N.T.A.C. Arlington, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 31, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Ft. Myers, Fla. Overseas 9 months, in Southwest Pacific, bombing of Salamaua, Palau, Biak, Rabaul, Hollandia. Missing for 18 months, he was declared dead on March 26th, 1946. Awards: Air Medal w/2O.L.C., and Purple Heart (posthumously). Shot down over Borneo.

5.—IST L.T. JOHN JAY McCUTCHEON, born Oct. 14, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCutcheon, husband of Doris T. McCutcheon, Austin, Texas. Attended Hutto High; entered the service Feb. 3, 1941, assigned to Army 36th Div. A.T. Co., 143rd Inf. Reg. Trained at Camp Blanding, Fla. Overseas 27 months, in S. France, Rhineland, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, C. Europe. Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart, Bronze Arrowhead, Campaign Medal w/5 Stars. Commissioned on battle field. Discharged Oct. 8, 1945.

6. —AVIATION STUDENT AMOR MILTON OLANDER, born June 5, 1925, son of Mr. A. Olander, Hutto, Texas. Attended University of Texas, Austin; volunteered for service on April 1, 1944, at San Antonio. He was assigned to Army Air Corps (Cadet); trained at Sheppard Field, Eagle Pass Army Air Field, Laughlin and Foster Fields; served in the United States for 20 months. He was awarded; Good Conduct Medal, American Theater of Operations Ribbon, and Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 3, 1945.

\*7. —PFC EDWIN ANTON PESEK, born Jan. 21, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pesek, Route I, Taylor; educated at Sandoval, Texas; volunteered for service Sept. 16, 1942, at San Antonio; assigned to the Marines 3rd Div. 2nd Batt'n., 9th Marines, with training at San Diego, and Camp Pendleton. Overseas 10 months, in New Zealand, Guadalcanal, New Hebrides, and Bougainville. A warded Purple Heart and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. He was killed in action, Nov. 7, 1943, at Bougainville, Solomon Is.

8. —SGT. IRA VERNON SIMMONS, born Sept. 8, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Simmons, Taylor, Texas, attended school at Thrall, Texas, and volunteered for service on Dec. 1, 1942, at San Antonio; assigned to 5th Marine Div., trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas 17 months, in Asiatic-Pacific, Hawaiians, Volcano Islands. Participated in action on Iwo Jima and Occupation of Japan. Awards: Asiatic R. w/Star, American R., Victory R., and Good Conduct R. Discharged Jan. 14, 1946. Is in USMCR.

9. -\$/\$GT. JESSE ROY SIMMONS; JR., born Aug. 27,1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Simmons, 512 Fowzer St., Taylor, husband of Johnnie L. Simmons, Houston, attended Taylor High School, and volunteered for service on Oct. 9, 1942, at Houston, was assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Ellington Field, SAAC San Antonio; overseas from Nov., 1944, to Jan., 1946. In India-Burma Theater, C. Burma Campaign, China Campaign, and Burma Campaign. He was honorably discharged Jan. 18, 1946.

10.—SGT. EARNEST NATHANIEL SIMMONS, born Feb. 3, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Simmons, Taylor educated at Taylor High, Texas, entered the service on Nov. 7, 1941, at San Antonio, Texas. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Camp Roberts, Ft. Lawton, Bellingham, Pinedale and Drew Fields. Overseas 12 months, in Asiatic-Pacific, Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Luzon. He was given an honorable discharge Dec. 1, 1945.

11.—S. 2/c ROBERT GREGG SIMMONS, born Aug. 4,1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Simmons, husband of Marjorie L. Simmons, Lexing ton St., Taylor, educated at Taylor High School. Volunteered for service Feb. 15, 1944; assigned to U. S. Navy, with training at N. T. Sta., San Diego, Calif.; overseas 24 months, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, Marianas operations, capture of S. Palau Islands, Iwo Jima, Okinawa Gunto, Honshu and Hokkaido-air strikes and bombardments. Honorably discharged May 8, 1946.

12.—S.S.M.L.3/c THOMAS EDGAR ESTES, born Feb. 28, 1925, is the son of Louise Estes, San Marcos, and brother of Dorothy Estes. Entered the service Dec. 30, 1943, at San Antonio, assigned to the Navy (Dry Dock); trained at San Diego, Calif.; overseas 20 months, in Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater of Operation. He was awarded the following medals: Victory, Asiatic-Pacific, and American Theater of Operation. Promotions: A.S., S. 2/c, S. 1/c., to S.S.M.L. 3/c. He was honoralby discharged May 6, 1946.

13.—PVT. JOHN PAUL GARZA, born June 26, 1915, son of Pedro R. Garza, 127 Fredericksburg St., San Marcos, husband of Mary I. Garza, 2610 Grand Ave., Dallas. He attended Southwest Texas Teachers' College, San Marcos; entered the service on April 17, 1945, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Ordnance Div. with training at Camp Lee, Virginia. He served in the United States from April 17, to September 11, 1945. He was honorably discharged on the same date.

14.—SGT. EDWARD DANIEL GARZA, born April 10,1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Garza, San Marcos, husband of Agnes L. Garza, attended Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos. He entered the service on June 22, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Dodd Field, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas from March 29, 1943, to Nov. 10, 1945. In Africa, and Italy. Awards: EAME Medal w/Star, Good Conduct, Victory, 1 Service Stripe, 5 Overseas Service Bars. Discharged Nov. 17, 1945.

15.—S/SGT. BONNIE C. GARZA, born May 14, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Garza, San Marcos, husband of Hermy R. Garza. He attended San Marcos High School; volunteered for service Sept. 4, 1940; assigned to the Army 2nd Div., and 82 Airborne Div.; trained at Ft. Sam Houston Texas; overseas 12 months, in Italy, France, Belgium, and Holland. Awards: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Con., Combat Inf. Badge, Dist. Unit Badge, w/2 O.L.C., Amer. Pre-P. Harbor, ETO w/4 Stars. Discharged Aug., 1945.

\*16.—CPL. PETER A. GARZA, born May 10, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. P.R. Garza, San Marcos, husband of Marjorie D. Garza, 504 N. Johns St., Goldsboro, N.C., attended San Marcos High School, Texas; volunteered for service on Nov. 18, 1942, and was assigned to the Air Force; trained at Dodd Field, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served in the U.S. 23 months, at Seymour-Johnson Field and Poe at Greensboro, N.C. Awards: Good Conduct Ribbon and Medal. He was killed in line of duty on Oct. 7, 1944.

17.—CPL. JESSE JOE GARZA, born Aug. 7, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Garza, San Marcos, Texas. He attended San Marcos High School; volunteered for service Nov. 20, 1943, at San Marcos, Texas, and was assigned to Marines 2nd and 4th Divs. Trained at San Diego Marine Base, Camp Pendelton, Oceanside, Calif. Overseas 21 months in Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Marshalls, Marianas, Saipan, Iwo Jima Maui. Awards: Pres. U. Cit. w/Star, N. Unit Citation w/Star, Good C., Amer. T., A.P. w/4 Stars, Victory. Still with USMC.

18.—SGT. ADOLPH BEYER, JR., born Oct. 30,1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Beyer, Sr., Box 10, Fentress, Texas, husband of Elfrieda L. Beyer, 112 W. Live Oak St., Seguin. He attended Fentress High School, and entered the service on March 19, 1941, at San Antonio, Texas, was assigned to the Army 755th Tank Batt'n.; trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas from Aug. 6, 1942, to May 20, 1945, in African and Italian campaigns-4 battles. Sgt. A. Beyer received an honorable discharge May 28, 1945.

19.—IST LT. JOHN JOE BEYER, born June 8, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Beyer, Sr., husband of Maxine Beyer, Fentress, attended Fentress High School, and volunteered for service on Oct. 26, 1942. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps, with training at Randolph Field, Texas; overseas 7 months in European Theater of Operations. He was commissioned F/O, to 2nd Lt. then 1st Lt. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Air Medal w/4 Clusters, and was discharged July, 1945.

20.—IST LT. FERDINAND BEYER, born July 29, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Beyer. Attended Prairie Lea High School, Texas. Volunteered for service on June And, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, San Marços AAF, Blackland AAF, Waco, Texas. Overseas 32 months, in China, Burma, India and Pacific. Awards: Burma and Lower Burma Campaigns China Offensive, Philippine Liberation for N. Luzon, and Meritorious Service Medal. Discharged Sept. 3, 1946.







#### \*Cpl. BILLY L. LUNDAY

Cpl. Billy Leon Lunday, son of Mrs. Ollie Lunday, of Plainview, Texas, was born Aug. 20, 1922, and entered Army service Oct. 27, 1942. He was a signed to the 853rd Engineers Aviation Bn., and trained in the training centers of this battalion in Tennessee and Alabama. He served for one year in the United States, then in Oct., 1943, he was sent overseas to Europe, but his service there was cut short the following month by the sinking of the troop transport at sea. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action and for military merit. These wounds resulted in his death, Nov. 27, 1943. He had previously been an employee of the Panhandle Service Station.





T/4 MELVIN R. HAMBY

Pfc GORDON H. HAYNES, JR.

T/4 Melvin Raymond Hamby was born June 16, 1923, husband of Margaret Ann Hamby,500 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas; attended the Eig Spring Schools, entered service February 24, 1943, and was assigned to Army, 11th Airborne Division. Trained at Camp Mackall, N. C., and Camp Polk, La. He served overseas from June, 1944, to November, 1945, and was among the first to land in Japan after V-J day. He had previously served on New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Luzon. Received the Distinguished Unit Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Philippine Liberation and other awards. Discharge was granted Dec. 2, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Tex.

Pfc Gordon Henry Haynes, Jr., was born February 20, 1920, a native of Texas, son of Gordon H. Haynes, Stamford, Texas, and husband of Marie O'Brien Haynes, 101 Lincoln, Big Spring, Texas. He attended Texas A & M at College Station, entered service May 27, 1944, and was assigned to Army Infantry-Heavy Weapons. Trained at Camp Roberts, California, and began overseas duty November, 1944, in the European Theater. Pfc Haynes participated in the Fattle of the Fulge, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country in combat, February 1, 1945. The Purple Heart with two Clusters was awarded.





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Pfc WALLACE L. REID

Pfc HOWARD Q. REID

Pfc Howard Ouinon Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Reid, of Clyde, Texas, and husband of Ruth Reid, of Coahoma, was born May 28, 1919, and entered Army service March 27, 1944, at Big Spring. He was assigned to the 106th Division, and trained at Camp Hood. From Oct., 1944, to April, 1945, he served in the European Theater of Operations, and participated in the battles of Ardennes and Rhineland. He was captured and held POW from Dec., 1944, to April, 1945, in Badorb, Germany. His awards are: EAME, 2 Bronze Stars; Combat Inf. Badge; 1 Overseas Service Bar; Victory Medal. On Dec. 3, 1945, he was granted an honorable discharge from service.

Pfc Wallace Lee Reid, brother of Howard Quinon Reid, and husband of Irene Reid of Coahoma, wasborn Dec. 13, 1923, and volunteered for the Army Air Force on Oct. 9, 1942, at Big Spring. He was trained in Big Spring and at Chanute Field, Ill., and Kearns, Uath. He spent one year in service, all of which time was served in the United States. On Sept. 10, 1943, he received an honorable discharge. Previous to enlistment he was an Oil Refinery Co. employee. His father, Howard A. Reid, formerly was in the Reid Filling Station at Coahoma, but now is located in Clyde. As a boy, Wallace attended the Coahoma High School.



Capt. BERLIE J. FALLON T/5



T/5 JAMES D. FALLON



W/O ROBERT F. FALLON

Capt. BERLIE JOSEPH FALLON, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fallon, of Big Spring, Texas, was born July 24, 1920, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps, May 20, 1942, at Brownwood. He was trained at AAFTTC, Yale, and served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in the Mediterranean Theater of War. He received a Dist. Unit Citation. Was separated from military service on Jan. 1, 1946.

T/5 JAMES DONALD FALLON, born Feb. 15,1924, younger brother of Berlie Joseph, entered Army service on Feb. 24,1943, and was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division. He was trained at Camp Mackall, and went overseas in May, 1944, to the Southwest Pacific, where he participated in battles on New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, and Japan. He also received a Presidential Unit Citation. On Jan. 9, 1946, he was given an honorable discharge from service. W. Off. ROBERT FILLMORE FALLON, youngest of the three brothers, born Dec. 28, 1926, volunteered for the U.S. Maritime Service on Dec. 18, 1944, at Dallas. He was trained at Hoffman Island, New York, and spent two years in the Mediterranean and Atlantic. He was appointed Warrant Officer upon completion of Officers' Radio Gommunication School. He is still in the Maritime Service.



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1st Lt. R. E. BLOUNT, JR.

1st Lt. R. E. (Peppy) Blount, Jr., born Oct. 19, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blount, 101 E. 20th St., Big Spring, attended Univ. of Texas, and volunteered June 29, 1943. Was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at La Junta Army Air Field; served overseas 5 months with the "Air Apaches," (later named by Tokyo Rose "Morotai Butchers" for the 7000 enemy casualties inflicted), in New Guinea, Philippines, hitting targets in Indo China, Formosa, Hainan, and Jap convoys in the China Sea, Battles: S. Pacific; Ryukyus; New Guinea; Leyte, P.I., Luzon; China Sea, and Indo-China. His medals follow: D.F.C., Air Medal, 2 Clusters; Pres. Unit Citation; Philippine Lib., 2 Br. Stars; Asiatic-Pac., 6 Br. Stars; Congressional Appointment to West Point. Commissioned 2nd Lt. in 1944, La Junta, Colo., and 1st Lt. 1945, in S. Pacific Theater. Lt. Blount flew 31 combat missions in compiling 100 combat points, comprising a complete tour of combat duty. Placed on inactive status and is now the youngest member of Texas Legislature. Is attending Texas U. at the same time.

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Y 2/c ROBERT C. HILL

Cpl. Billy Ross Hill, born September 8, 1927, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, 804 Lancaster, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, attended the Big Spring Public Schools and volunteered October 3, 1944, at El Paso, Texas, for the U.S. Marine Corps; served with 3rd and 1st Divisions, and is currently with 5th Div. Cpl. Hill trained at Marine Training Station, Parris Island, North Carolina, and began overseas duty April 14, 1945, in the Pacific Ocean Area; participated in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. After combat service he was transferred to the Northern part of China, where he is at present serving.

Yeoman 2/c Robert Choate Hill was born February 17, 1924, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, Big Spring, Texas; attended the Big Spring High School, and volunteered for service May 4, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas, for the U.S. Navy; trained at San Diego, California, and began overseas duty December, 1944, in the Pacific Theater. Yeoman Hill served on the Admiralty Islands, Okinawa and Guam, and received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Returned to the States May, 1946, and was discharged the 31st of the same month.







Coxswain NORMAN C. PETTY S 1/c WILLIAM L.

Sgt. S. T. JOHNSON, JR.

Coxswain NORMAN CARLISLE PETTY, brother of Mrs. S. T. Johnson, Jr., of Knott, Texas, was born Feb. 25, 1901; volunteered Aug. 27, 1942, for the Navy Seabees; trained at Davisville, R. I., and served overseas from Dec., 1942, to Oct., 1944, in the Pacific Area at New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, and participated in the invasions of New Georgia and Green Islands. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars was awarded. After returning to the States, he was discharged Feb. 28, 1945.

S 1/c WILLIAM LANHAM PETTY, born Oct. 23, 1902, brother of Mrs. S. T. Johnson, Knott, Texas, volunteered July 25, 1942, for the Navy Seabees; served in the European Theater March, 1943, to August, 1944; served in invasions of North Africa and Sicily; later was sent to England where he participated in construction work. The EAME Ribbon with Battle Stars was awarded. Discharge granted October 4, 1944.

Sgt. S. T. JOHNSON, Jr., son of Mrs. Faye Johnson was born January 28,1923; volunteered Oct. 24, 1944, for the Army Air Corps; trained at various fields in the States; was stationed overseas Aug., 1943, to Jan., 1945, at Abadan Air Base with the Persian Gulf Command; participated in the assembling of planes for Russia. After returning home he was discharged Jan. 21, 1945.





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Cpl. WILLIAM G. GLENDENING

Capt. McCutcheon, was born on Aug. 27, 1905, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McCutcheon of P.O. Box 82, Hutto, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Olivia B. McCutcheon of San Antonio. He attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, volunteering for the Army Corp of Engineers May 6, 1943, Trained at Ft. Belvior and Camp Claiborne. Served in England, France, Belgium, Germany, and Battle for the Rhineland from April 21, 1943, to Jan. 29, 1946. His decorations include EAME with Bronze Service Star, ATO, and Victory Medals, also a member of Unit awarded Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. Capt. McCutcheon was promoted to Maj. just before his discharge on June 14, 1946.

Cpl. Glendening, was born on May 5, 1924, son of Mrs. Mary Glendening of Taylor, Texas. Attended Taylor High School, entering the Army on June 24, 1943; trained at Ft. Sill, Okla.; Camps Livingston, La.; Cooke, Callen, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and Gruber, Okla. Overseas twice, 9 1/2 mos. in all, in Central Europe, Defense of Cologne, and Battle of Rouer; also with 1st Div. across the Danube, in action 42 days; served with the 3rd and 7th Armies. Awards received are ATO, ETO with 3 Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, Victory, Combat Inf. Badge, Philippine Liberation Medals. Served with 86th (Black Hawk) Div. 2 yrs. Discharged March 24, 1946.



T/Sgt. Goodwin, born on April 5, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Goodwin of Leander, Texas, attended Junction, Texas, High School. Volunteered for the Army Air Force on March 6, 1941, and was sent to Randolph Fld., Keesler Fld., and Biggs Fld., Texas, for training. From May 15, 1944, until April 1, 1945, he served in the China, India, Burma Theater of War as engineer on a E-24 Liberator Bomber, participating in Central Burma, India, and China Campaigns. He flew 47 missions over the "Hump". Awarded D.F.C. with 1 Cluster; Air Medal with 2 Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Stars, ATO, American Defense, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged June 12, 1945.

2nd Lt. Chapman, was born on June 26, 1909, son of Mrs. Chatty Chapman of Florence, Texas; attended Southwest State Teachers College at San Marcos. On April 1,1943, he volunteered for the Army Air Force at Lancaster, Calif., and was sent to Deming, New Mexico, and Douglas, Arizona, for training. Served overseas from July 30, 1945, until Nov. 1,1945, in the Southwest Pacific on Okinawa, Philippines, Saipan, China, India, and Burma. He wears the D.F.C., Air Medal, and Purple Heart. Before entering the Army Air Force, 2nd Lt. Lawrence G. Chapman served as a Army Basic Flight Instructor in a Civil Contract School; he is now A.A.F. Reserve Officer.

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#### SM 1/c ROBERT C. DELBRIDGE

S. M. 1/c R. C. Delbridge, born March 3rd, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Byrn Delbridge (father deceased) 404 West 5th Street, Big Spring, Texas, received his education at Big Spring Grammar and High Schools, and volunteered for service on July 5th, 1941, at Dallas, Texas. He was assigned to the United States Navy, and trained at United States Naval Training Station, San Diego, California; served in the United States for 14 months, and from Aug. 10, 1945, to present date. Overseas for 2 years and 11 months, in West Coast, U.S.A., Central Pacific; and S. West, N., and N. West Pacific Areas, he participated in the occupation of Bougainville, and Nissen Islands. His awards were: Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, American Def., Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, 1 Star for participating in Asiatic-Pac. initial invasion of Nissan Island. Present Military Organization-U.S.N., U.S.S. Gillette-(D. E. 681).

1. —GY-SGT. LOYD WILSON CHAPMAN, born Jan. 2, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Chapman, Littlefield, Texas. Volunteered July 27, 1937, at Dallas, Texas. Assigned to Marines. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Sept., 1937, to Mar., 1940, from Nov., 1942, to July, 1944, from Sept., 1945, overseas, in Asiatic-Pacific and China. Received China Service Medal, American Defense with 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct. Discharged July 28, 1943, reenlisted in Marines.

2. —PFC GEORGE WALTER CHAPMAN, born Mar. 22, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Chapman, Littlefield, Texas. Volunteered May 28, 1941, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Marines. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from March, 1944, to March, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area on Hawaii and Guam. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. Now in U. S. Marines, stationed at N.R.S. at New Orleans, Louisiana.

\*3. —CPL. JOHN HENRY CHAPMAN, born Feb. 1, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Chapman, Littlefield, Texas. Volunteered July 6, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Marines. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from April, 1943, to Oct., 1944, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Was navigator on a transport that evacuated the wounded. Received American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal. Paid Supreme Sacrifice in plane crash during severe storm on Vella Lavella.

4. —CPL. JIMMIE WELDON CHAPMAN, born Jan. 10, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Chapman, Littlefield, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 25, 1944, Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Marines. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Apr., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area on Guadalcanal, Ulithi, Truk, China, Je Shima and Okinawa. Was slightly wounded in eye. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged April 9, 1946.

5. —PFC CHARLES HORTON CHAPMAN, born Sept.11, 1929, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Chapman, Littlefield, Texas. Volunteered Sept.11, 1945, át Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Marines, Trained at Marine Corp Base, San Diego, California. He was sent to Quantico, Virginia, in December 1945, where he is still stationed in the Reproduction Department, M.C.S. Detachment, Marine Corps Base.

6. —S/SGT. TRUITT D. FLETCHER, born Nov. 27,1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Fletcher, Plainview, Texas. Entered service June 10, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas in battles of Rome-Arno, C. Europe, Po Valley, N. and S. France, Apennines and Rhineland. Awarded Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster, DTO Ribbon with 1 Silver Star and 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged October 12, 1946.

7. —PVT. NOBLE WAYNE FLETCHER, born Nov. 10, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Fletcher, Plainview, Texas. Entered service April 17, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Army, Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Served overseas from Nov., 1944, to Feb., 1945, in European Theater, battles of Ardennes and Western Germany. His feet were frozen during Battle of Ardennes. Received Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged August 22, 1945.

8. —PFC WILLIAM EDWARD YARBROUGH, born Aug. 20, 1919, son of Mrs. L. N. Fletcher, Plainview, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 26, 1940, at Brown wood, Texas. Assigned to Army, 131 F. A. Arty. Bn., Batt. D. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from Nov., 1941, to Oct., 1945, in Assiatic-Pacific Theater. Prisoner from Mar. 8, 1944, to Aug. 15, 1945. Received Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon-2 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge-2 Oak Leaf Clusters, American Defense Ribbon. Discharged Jan. 31, 1946.

9. —M/SGT. RALPH CARL VINSON, JR., born Sept. 25, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Vinson, Memphis, Texas, husband of Marion Huff Vinson, Greensburg, Kansas. Attended Memphis Public Schools. Volunteered Jan. 19, 1940, at Quanah, Texas. Assigned to Army, 36th Division. Served overseas from April, 1943, to September, 1945, in EAME Theater. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars and 1 Arrowhead, American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct. 7, 1945.

\*10.—PFC DONALD CALVIN GREGORY, born Nov. 1, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gregory, Petersburg, Texas. Attended public schools in Petersburg. Volunteered Nov. 16, 1943. Assigned to Marines. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Feb., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Paid Supreme Sacrifice February 26, 1945, on Iwo Jima. He was awarded Certificate showing he was outstanding member of Platon 1066 at "Boot Camp": Purple Heart also awarded.

11.—M/SGT. LEMMIE C. HOLT, born Mar.13, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Holt, Petersburg, Texas. Received his education in Petersburg Public Schools. Volunteered January 20, 1942, at Denver, Colo. Assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from Dec., 1943, to June, 1945, in European Theater. Received ETO Ribbon-7 Battle Stars, American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Discharged June 26, 1945. He is originator of a device to save time and labor in removing bomber tires.

12.—T/SGT. ARTHUR CARLOS HOLT, born May 7, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Holt, Petersburg, Texas. Attended Petersburg Public Schools. Entered service June 18, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Apr., 1945, in EAME Theater, in 8th Air Force. Flew 30 combat missions as an engineergunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. Awarded Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters and EAME Ribbon. Discharged October 22, 1945.

\*13.-S/SGT. CLIFTON W. RIVERS, born April 15, 1922, son of Mrs. Beulah Marzee Jay, Petersburg, Texas. Volunteered for service December 26, 1940. Assigned to Air Force-Paratrooper. Received his paratroop training at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Alliance, Neb. He served overseas from Nov., 1943, to Mar., 1945, in European Theater, with 82nd and 17th Airborne Divisions. Wounded July, 1944. Paid Supreme Sacrifice Mar. 24, 1945. Awarded Presidential Citation, Silver Star and Purple Heart.

14.—CPL. OSCAR DELWIN HOLBERT, born Sept. 9, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Holbert, Abernathy, Texas. Volunteered March 27, 1941, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at March Field, Calif., and Salinas Calif. Served overseas from Feb., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in EAME Theater. Received Bronze Star Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with 7 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Discharged September 15, 1945. He was Automotive Equipment Operator AAF.

15.—BM 1/c ALBERT PERSHING HOLBERT, born Feb. 2, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Holbert, Abernathy, Texas. Volunteered July 27, 1942. As signed to Navy, Pacific and Asiatic Fleets. Trained San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Sept., 1942, to June, 1946, in Pacific Ocean Areas. Received 9 Battle Stars, 6 Bars, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Occupation of Japan, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Still serving in the U.S.N.

16.—AOM 3/c MARVIN EMERSON HOLBERT, born March 14, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Holbert, Abernathy, Texas. Attended New Deal High School, Monroe, Texas. Volunteered March 20, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Navy Air Force. Trained at San Diego Naval Training Station and Santa Rosa Navy Air Force Center in California. Served in the United States from March 20, 1944, to April 1, 1946. Served overseas from April 1, 1944, to April 1, 1946. Still serving in U. S. Navy, stationed on Saipan.

17.—T/4 ELMER LEE HUNT, born Aug. 21, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hunt, Plainview, Texas, husband of Lorene Hunt. Entered service August 18, 1942. Assigned to Army, 11th Airborne. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Served overseas from Aug. 25, 1944, to Dec. 28, 1945, in South Pacific Area (New Guinea, Philippines, Japan, Hawaii). He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, South Pacific Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation. Discharged Jan. 24, 1946.

18.—PFC JAMES EDWARD HUNT, born Mar. 24,1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hunt, Plainview, Texas, husband of Anateen Lee Hunt. Volunteered Nov. 29, 1942, at Oklahoma City. Assigned to Marines, 6th Div. Trained at San Diego, California. Served overseas from Nov., 1943, to Sept., 1944, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Received American Defense Ribbon, Victory Medal and Purple Heart. He was wounded on Guam and stayed in hospital until discharged February 16, 1945.

19.—S 1/c CARL RAY HUNT, born Jan. 3, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hunt, Plainview, Texas. Attended school in Plainview. Volunteered February 23, 1944, at Plainview. Trained at San Diego, California. Served overseas from August 4, 1944, until April 29, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Leyte, Okinawa, and Lingayen Gulf. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged May 2, 1946.

\*20.-1 ST LT. HARVEY RANDALL KEENEY, born July 16, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey R. Keeney, 1008 W. 10th Plainview, Texas. Attended Plainview High School and Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas. Volunteered August 17, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Naval Air Corps. Transferred to Marine Air Corps February, 1943. Trained at Athens, Georgia; Dallas, Texas; USNATC, Corpus Christi, Texas. Served in the United States. Paid Supreme Sacrifice February 17, 1944.



1. —PVT. BUFORD E. TOTTEN, born July 10, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Totten, of Claredon, brother of Mrs. Lee Kelly, of Plainview. He attended Portales High, New Mexico. Entered the service on March 20, 1944; trained at Camp Roberts, California. Overseas from Sept. 13, 1944, to Dec. 22. In Belgium, Germany, from the Siegfried Line through Aachen, Germany. Wounded Oct. 20, 1944, at Aachen. Awards: Good Conduct, Purple Heart, and Combat Infan'ry-man's Badge. Honorably discharged April 27, 1945.

2. —PFC WILLIAM FRANCIS McDANIEL, JR., born Sept. 14, 1909, son of W. F. McDaniel, 1310 W. 10th Plainview, husband of Naomi McDaniel, attended Wayland Baptist College. Entered the service on April 18, 1944, assigned to the 65th Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Gordon, Ga.; overseas from Jan. 21, 1945, to April 17, 1946. In France, Germany, and Austria. Battles: Rhineland and C. Europe. Awards: EAME Ribbon w/2 Stars, Good Conduct, Victory, and 2 Overseas Segvice Bags. Discharged April 17, 1946.

3. —SGT. JOHN JOSEPH McDANIEL, born Nov. 6, 1918, son of W.F. McDaniel, Plainview, husband of Imagene McDaniel. Attended Plainview High; volunteered for service Feb. 9, 1942, at Phoenix, Arizona; assigned to Batt. B. 134th, AAA Bn.; trained at Ft. Bliss; overseas from July 3, 1944, to Oct. 24, 1945. In Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Ground Combat, G.O. 33 W.D. 45. Awards: EAME Medal w/4 Stars, Good Conduct. Served as Communication Chief Instructor. Discharged Oct. 31, 1945.

\*4. —PFC HAROLD THOMAS SEWELL, born Sept. 7, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sewell, Plainview, husband of Willie M. Sewell, Lubbock, attended Plainview High. Volunteered Nov. 15, 1940, assigned to Army 131st Field Art. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas from Nov. 21, 1941, to June 24, 1944, in Java, participating in battle. Was in POW Camps Macassar and Clyde, Java, March 8, 1942, through April, 1944. He lost his life when the Japanese ship he was on was sunk off Nagasaki.

5. —SP. (M) 1/c LEWIS DOYLE TEAGUE, born June 8,1912, son of Mrs. Edna Teague, 1007 Nassau St., Plainview, husband of Sallie H. Teague, Kress, attended school at Plainview, and volunteered May 7, 1942, at Amarillo. Assigned to U.S. Coast Guards; trained at U.S.N.T.S., New Orleans, La. He served in the United States from May 7, 1942, to Dec. 15, 1945. Following Coast Guard Sta. Served: Caption of Port Detail, and C.G. Training Station, New Orleans, La. Discharged Dec. 15, 1945.

6. —S/SGT. ROBERT ARTHUR TEAGUE, born Dec. 30, 1919, son of Mrs. Edna Teague, 1007 Nassau, St., Plainview, husband of Lella R. Teague, Lonsdale, Ark., attended Plainview High. Volunteered Jan. 24, 1942, at Los Angeles, Calif. Assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Fresno Army Air Field, Calif. Overseas from June 29, 1945, to Oct. 15. In South Pac., Guam, Philippines, and Okinawa. Awarded Good Conduct. He served previously, from Oct. 1938, to Oct. 26, 1941, at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Discharged Oct. 26, 1945.

7. —M.T/SGT. WAYNE HAROLD TEAGUE, born June 17, 1918, son of Mrs. E. Teague, brother of Mrs. O. D. Tilson, and husband of Lucille Teague, Calif., attended Alhambra High. Volunteered March 1, 1938, assigned Marine 1st and 4th Divs. Trained at Cp. Pendleton, Calif. Overseas 30 mos., in Guadalcanal, Roi Namur, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. Awarded: Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Pres. Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater and Defense, and Victory Medals. He is now in the U.S.M. Corps.

8. —PFC BENJAMIN LEE WALKER, born Sept. 28, 1923, son of E. R. Walker, Plainview, husband of Levonia E. Walker, attended Plainview High. Entered the service Feb. 12, 1943, at Lubbock; assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field; served overseas from Oct. 27, 1944, to Dec. 1, 1945. In New Guinea, S. Philippines, Luzon, and Western Pacific. Awards: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, Distinguished U. Badge, Good Conduct, Victory. Discharged Dec. 28, 1945.

9. —PFC JOHN ALVIN DUNCAN, born Feb. 15, 1913, son of Mrs. B. Duncan, 700 West Ross, Floydada, entered the service on July 9, 1922, at Plainview, Texas, assigned to Army Inf.; trained at Camp Callan, Calif., Fort Lawton, Wash. Overseas from Dec., 1942, to Jan., 1944, Alaska, and from Aug., 1944, to time of death, Feb. 25, 1945, in Germany; also in France, Aleutians, and in the Battle of the Ruhr River. Awarded Purple Heart. Pfc J. A. Duncan was killed in action on the Ruhr River Drive, Feb. 25, 1945.

10.—IST PETTY OFFICER LAWRENCE B. HILL, born July 20, 1909, son of T. B. Hill, 204 Barnett St., Wichita Falls, husband of Foy Hill, 1601 Magnolia St., Wichita Falls, attended Lockney High School, Texas. Volunteered for the service Feb. 1, 1942, and was assigned to the Navy Seabees; trained at N. Post, R.I., Beltsville, Md., Norfolk, Va., Pt. Hueneme, Calif. Served in the U.S. from Feb. 1, to June 6, 1942, and overseas from June 6, 1942, to June 8, 1944. In S. Pacific. Discharged Sept. 18, 1945.

11.—MAJ. ALBERT ELDON HILL, born Sept.11, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hill, Wichita Falls, husband of Benny Hill, attended T.T.C. Lubbock. Volunteered Aug. 6, 1940; assigned to Army; trained at Lowry Fid. Overseas 16 months. In England. Battles: Air Offensive Europe, Normandy, and N. France; was wounded twice, at Dunkirk, and St. Omer. A wards: Silver Star, D.F.C., Purple Heart w/1 O.L.C., Air Medal w/13 O.L.C., Dist. U. Cit., Amer. Def. EAME Ribbons, Victory. Discharged Dec. 12, 1945.

12.—H.A. 1/c PERRY LYNN BEECHER, born Jan. 9, 1927, son of Mrs. Ona Terrell, Floydada, husband of Blanch Beecher, Hale Center, Texas. Attended H.G. High School. Volunteered Jan. 14, 1944, and was assigned to Navy, Med. Corps. Trained at U.S.N.T. Sta., San Diego, Calif., served in the U.S.N. Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Overseas from 1944 to 1946, in New Hebrides, Guam, Kwajalein; in service in Fleet and Base Hospitals. H.A. 1/c Perry Beecher was honorably discharged April 26, 1946.

13.—S/SGT. JAMES CURTIS KING, born Feb. 2, 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas King, Matador, Texas, husband of Martha D. King, attended Matador High School, Texas. He entered the service on June 17, 1942, and was assigned to Army, Field Art. Div. Served in the United States for 2 years, and was overseas 18 months, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operation. He was all this time in the 81st Div. Headquarters Battery, 317th F.A. Batt'n. Honorably discharged Dec. 14, 1945.

14.—T/5 JIM D. KNIGHT, born May 15, 1907, son of Mrs. Bernice Knight. He attended Matador High, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 20, 1941. Assigned to the 112th Cavalry; trained at Fort Clark, Texas; served overseas from Jan. 1, to June 19,1945, in European Theater of Operations, and Philippine Islands. Awarded: Good Conduct Medal and 2 Battle Stars for ETO. He was transferred from Cavalry to 146 M.P. Bn., Ft. Bliss, Texas. He was in France and Manila. Discharged Oct. 10, 1945.

15.—T/4 PETE KNIGHT born Oct. 21, 1914, son of Mrs. B. Knight, Box 182 Matador. He attended White Deer High. Volunteered May 20, 1941; assigned to A rmy 7th Inf. Trained at Camp Roberts, Ft. Ord. Overseas April 14, 1943, to March 14, 1944, in Southwest Pacific. Battles: Aleutians, Kwajalein, Marshalls, Leyte, Philippine Campaign. Awarded: Inf. Combat Badge, Pres. Unit Citation, Asitaic-Pacific w/4 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation w/2 Bronze Stars. Honorable discharge June 25, 1945.

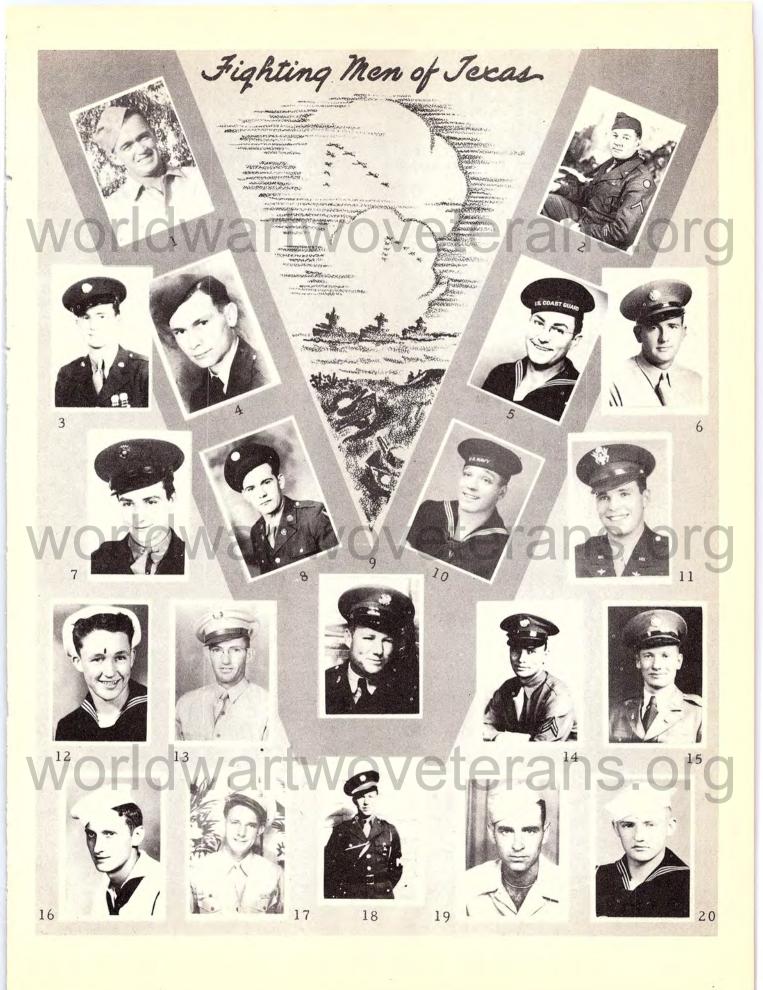
16.—E.M. 2/c BILL KNIGHT, born May 20, 1924, son of Mrs. B. Knight, Matador, Texas, attended Matador High School. Entered the service on May 3, 1944, and was assigned to the Navy Electrical Branch, with training at San Diego, Calif., and St. Louis, Mo.; served in the United States from May 3, to Oct., 1944. Overseas from Oct., 1944, to July, 1946. In American Area Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific, Served on board U.S.S. Molala (A.T.F. 106) and on U.S.S.A.T.R.-186. Honorably discharged July 27, 1946.

17.—SGT. CURTIS EUGENE ELLIS, born March 8, 1919, in Arkansas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ellis, Newlin, Texas. husband of Leona R. Ellis, Peshastin, Wash. Educated at Flomot, Texas; entered the service Nov. 19, 1941, at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Assigned to the Army 13th Air Force; trained at Aberdeen, Md.; overseas in Hawaiian Islands, Guadalcanal, Munda, Admiralty Islands, Nuemfor and Dutch East Indies. Awards: Asiatic - Pacific, Good Conduct, 2 Citations, 10 Battle Stars. Honorably discharged Sept. 12, 1945.

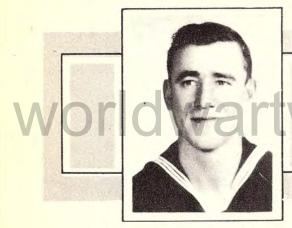
18.—PFC EURAL EDWARD ELLIS, born Aug. 31, 1921, in Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ellis, Newlin, Texas. Graduated: high school, Flomot; entered the service July 17, 1942; was assigned to the Army, Air Service Grp. (81st). Trained at Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga. Overseas from Feb. 8, 1945, to Feb. 4, 1946, in Iwo Jima and Saipan; participated in Battle of Iwo Jima. Awarded: American Campaign, Good Conduct, A siatic - Pacific, and Victory Medals. He was honorably discharged Feb. 4, 1946.

19.—T/SGT. L. J. NELSON, born June 1, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nelson, Anton, Texas. Husband of Geneva Nelson. Volunteered March 14, 1942. Assigned to Army 2nd Engineer Amph. Brig., Co. B., 592nd Regt.; trained at Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas from March, 1943, to June, 1945. In New Britain, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Luzon and Leyte, Philippines. Awards: Good Conduct, Phil. Lib. Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific 4 Stars & 2 Arrowheads Bronze Star Medal. Discharged Aug., 1945.

20.—A.O.M. 2/c JOHN HARPER STEVENS, born April 20, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Stevens, 712 Lone Oak, Rusk, Texas. Attended Rusk High, and Texas University; volunteered on Dec. 14, 1942, at San Diego, Calif., and was assigned to Navy Carrier Air Service Unit; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from April 18, 1943, to July 4, 1945, on Guadalcanal, Munda, and Bougainville. Awarded: Asiatic-Pacific, w/3 Stars, American Defense, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Feb. 18, 1946.











Cpl. IVY E. JONES

ABM 3/c JOHN W. BRYANT, JR.

ABM 3/c John Wesley Bryant, Jr., was born May 13,1920, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bryant, Sr., Abilene, Texas, and husband of Valena Bryant, 502 I/2 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas. He attended the Abilene, Texas, Schools, and volunteered March 27, 1944; was assigned to the Navy, Air Corps Branch; trained at San Diego, California, and Alameda Naval Air Station, California. His total duty was served in the States, and he received the American Theater Ribbon with World War II Victory and American Defense Awards, plus the Good Conduct Medal. Discharge was granted February 5, 1946.

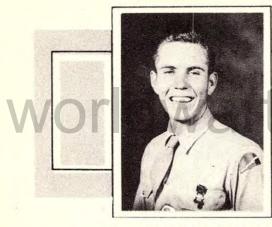
Cpl. Ivy Elgin Jones, birthdate December 8, 1915, husband of Mrs. Neva Jones, Knott, Texas, entered service June 12, 1943, at Big Spring, Texas; was assigned to the Army 2198th Q. M. Trk. Co., attached to the 9th Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Fort Logan, Colorado. He served overseas from December, 1943, to September, 1945, in the European Theater; participated in the campaigns of Northern France and the Rhinelands, and was awarded the EAME Campaign Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Cpl. Jones returned to the States, and was discharged from the Army, November 9, 1945.

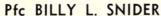


S/Sgt. Russell Franklin Milliken, birthdate July 9, 1925, husband of Mrs. Nelda Jo Milliken, Coahoma, Texas, attended Westbrook, Texas, High School, and entered service October 11, 1943, with the Army Paratroopers, 82nd Airborne Div., training at Ft. Benning, Ga. He began overseas duty June, 1944, in the European Theater, where he participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Returned to the States December, 1945. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars, Pres. Unit Citation, Belgium Unit Fourragere, and other awards. Discharged January 20, 1946.

Sgt. James Wafor McNeese was born June 20, 1923, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Vada McNeese, Big Spring, Texas, attended Lamesa, Texas, High School, and entered service February 1, 1943, with the Army Infantry, training at Camp Swift, Texas. Sgt. McNeese participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the EAME Campaign Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal plus the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. He returned to the States, and was discharged from Army service November 13, 1945, with thirty-four months service to his credit.









Sgt. GRANVILLE R. STUTEVILLE

Pfc Billy Luck Snider was born Feb. 7, 1926, in Texas. He is the husband of Louise McNeese Snider of Big Spring, Texas. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Snider, reside in Newmore. He acquired his education in the public schools in O'Donnell, and entered the U. S. Army Feb. 7, 1944. He participated in the campaigns of Normandy and Rhineland, losing his life in action in Germany. Pfc Billy Snider was awarded the Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars with other numerous citations. He is survived by his parents, his wife, and one daughter.

Sgt. Granville Rees Stuteville, born July 30, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stuteville, Big Spring, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Hulene Stuteville, 512 Prince, Ft. Worth, Texas, entered service February 24, 1943, with the Army, 11th Airborne Div. Trained at Camp Mackall, North Carolina, and began overseas duty May, 1944, in the Pacific Theater. He served on Leyte and Luzon in the Philippine Islands, and was wounded in combat, receiving the Purple Heart. After receiving various other awards Sgt. Stuteville returned to the United States November, 1945, and received discharge from service December 27, 1945.



Cpl. Cargile, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cargile, 600 N. Somerville St., Pampa, Texas, was born February 25, 1923. He attended S.M.U., Dallas, Texas. Entered service Feb. 9, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, and was assigned to Army, 86th Division. Trained at Camp Howze, Livingston, San Luis Obispo and Coone. Served overseas from March 15, 1945, to September 19, 1945, in France. Received American Theater Campaign Medal, Rifle Marksman, EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, 1 Service Stripe, 1 Overseas Service Bar. He was honorably discharged February 9, 1946, from separation center Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Seaman 1/c John K. Hastings, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hastings, Mansfield, Texas, husband of Olene Hastings, was born February 15, 1920. He attended Arlington High School. Entered service May 26, 1944, at Panhandle, Texas, and was assigned to Navy, Amphib. Forces. He trained at Camp Wallace, Camp Elliott, Terminal Island. Served overseas from April 12, 1945, to January 18, 1946, in the Pacific Area. Received American Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged April 1, 1946. He was employed as telegraph operator by A T & S F Railroad for 6 years prior to entering service.

-T/5 LEE ROY BAL DOCK, was born on Jan. 31,1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bal Dock, who live at 604 State Street, Big Spring, Texas. He volunteered for Army H.O. Battery, 131st FA. AR. En., on July 17, 1940, and trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from April, 1943, to June, 1945, in Oran, Africa, battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Stars, and Purple Heart. Discharged July 4, 1945.

2. —SGT. EARL FIELD FAL DOCK, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bal Dock of Big Spring, Texas, was born on Dec. 3, 1920. He enlisted in the Army, H.Q. Rattery, 131st FA. AR. Bn., on July 17, 1940, and trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. He served in China Defensive, East Indies, from Nov., 1941, until Sept., 1945. Received American Defense, 1Star, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars, Philippine Defense, 1 Star, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged March 11, 1946.

3. -S/SGT. W. H. CRENSHAW, was born on Sept. 3, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie W. Crenshaw of BigSpring, Texas. He attended Schreiner Institute at Kerrville, Texas, Entered the 326th A.A.F. Base Unit Jan. 28, 1942, as Liaison Pilot, training at Sikeston, Mo., Will Rogers, Okla., and Randolph Fld., Texas. Served overseas from April, 1943, until Dec., 1943, in N. Africa. Awarded American Theater, Good Conduct, Victory, and EAME Medals. Discharged November 24, 1945.

\*4. —IST LT. BUSTER PEEK, was born on April 6, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Peek of San Angelo, Texas, husband of Vivian F. Peek of Big Spring, Texas. He volunteered for the A.A.C. Nov., 1940, and trained at Cal-Aero Academy, Ontario, and Victorville, Calif. He went overseas in March, 1943; was in air offensive of Europe, bombing Amiens, France. 1st Lt. Peek met death Aug. 31, 1943, on an operational mission. Awarded, posthumously to his 3 1/2 mo. old son, Air Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, and D.F.C.

5. —PFC GROYELLE ELDON MALONE, was born on Oct. 20, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Malone, and husband of Luttita Malone of Big Spring. He attended Big Spring High School, volunteering for Army Signal Corps on Oct. of 1942, and trained at Miami, Fla., and Camp Pinedale, Fresno, Calif. Overseas in New Guinea and invasion of the Philippines and Japan from May, 1944, until Dec., 1945. Received 3 Bronze Stars and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Jan. of 1946. Currently with Bell Telephone.

6. -T/5 LAVAUGHN EUGENE MALONE, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Malone of Big Spring, was born Nov. 9, 1924. He volunteered for service on April 7, 1943, assigned to Army Medical Corps, and was sent to Camp Grant, Ill., for training. He served in Belgium, Germany, and France from Sept. 30, 1944, until July 5, 1945. Received American Theater, EAME, 2 Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. He received an honorable discharge February 7, 1946, and entered school of Dentistry at SMU.

7. —PFC WOODROW PERSHING RICE, was born Aug. 25, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Rice, and husband of Nina Mae Rice of Big Spring, Texas. He attended BigSpring High School. Entered the Army 76th Inf. on Jan. 26, 1944, at Ft. Sill, Okla., and trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. He fought with the 29th Inf. Div. from Paris, France, on into Germany from Sept. 18, 1944, until Jan. 5, 1946. Awarded EAME, 1 Star, Purple Heart, Combat Inf. Badge, Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 13, 1946.

8. —PFC ELBERT EARL DeLANEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Delaney of Colorado City, Texas, was born Feb. 10, 1926. Attended Colorado City High School; entered service June 11, 1944, assigned to 3rd Marine Div.; trained at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Served overseas 7 months on Guam, Marshall Is., Hawaiian Is., and Battle of Iwo Jima. He received the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal, and was discharged on May 16, 1946, from Camp Lajeune, North Carolina.

\*9. —F. 1/c J. D. DODSON, was born on April 14, 1916, the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Dodson, Colorado City, Texas, and husband of Lona Belle Dodson of 421 West 8th, Colorado City, Texas. He received his educationat Westbrook, Texas, entering the service on March 14, 1944, at Colorado City, Texas. Was assigned to Navy, training at Camp Peary, Va. Overseas 8 months in Pacific Area in Battle of Okinawa. Fireman 1/c Dodson was killed on April 12, 1945, near Okinawa.

\*10.—PFC JOHN MILBURN DOSS, JR., was born April 21, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Doss and a member of 2 pioneer families of Colorado City, Texas. Volunteered for 1 st Marine Raider Bn., Co. B, on Nov. 18, 1941, at the age of 16, going overseas with Unit No. 1170 on Dec., 1942. He died of wounds received in attack on Guam, Mariana Is. on July 26, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and Asiatic-Pacific Medals. His father, a city druggist for many years, was killed accidently on a hunting trip, Jan., 1941.

\*11.—CPL. CLARENCE BENJAMIN JENNINGS, was born on March 18, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Jennings of Colorado City, Texas. He received his education at Westbrook, Texas, High School, volunteering for 3rd Marine Div. on May 10, 1941. Trained at Camps Elliott and Pendleton Calif. Overseas in Jan., 1943, on Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima. He was killed in action Feb. 25, 1945, on Iwo Jima, Volcano Is. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and Asiatic-Pacific Medals.

12.—CPL. ACIE BOYD JENNINGS, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Jennings of Colorado City, Texas, was born Aug. 1, 1925, and educated in Westbrook, Texas. He entered service Dec. 1, 1943, at El Paso, Texas, assigned to Marines as a Guard. Trained at R.D.M.C.B., and Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Feb. 25, 1944, to March 21, 1946, in Pacific Area on Guam and Hawaiian Islands. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater Medals. Discharged March 30, 1946, from San Diego.

13.—1 ST SGT. TIM GARLAND FAULKENBERRY, was born on Aug. 2, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Faulkenberry, Loraine, Texas, husband of Earlene Faulkenberry, College Station, Texas. He entered Army 7th Inf. Div. on June 6, 1944, and trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Overseas from Feb., 1945, to March, 1946, in battles of Siapan and Okinawa; also in occupation of Korea. Awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge, Good Conduct, Purple Heart, 3 Clusters, Bronze Star Medal. Discharged in March, 1946.

14.—S/SGT. SAMUEL ALBERT FAULKENBERRY, was born on Nov. 12, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Faulkenberry, Loraine, Texas, husband of Alice Faulkenberry, Seattle, Wash. He volunteered for the Army 64th A.A.A. Gun. Bn. on Feb. 7, 1941, and was sent to Ft. Bliss, Texas, for training. Served overseas from Feb. 10, 1945, until Dec. 11, 1945, in the Marianas. He received American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged December 16, 1945.

15.—F.C. 2/c SIDNEY DAVID FAULKENBERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Faulkenberry, and husband of Eloise Faulkenberry of Loraine, Texas, was born July 25, 1923. He volunteered for service June 6, 1942, and was assigned to Navy Gan. Service. Trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Ill. Overseas about 30 mos. on Atlantic Ocean patrol, in Hawaii, China, and Japan. He received a Navy Commendation. Fire Controlman 2/c Faulkenberry was honorably discharged January 9, 1946.

16.—PVT. FORREST DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS FAULKEN-BERRY, was born on December 13, 1925, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Faulkenberry of Loraine, Texas. He attended Loraine High School, volunteering for service Jan. 4, 1944 at Lubbock, Texas. Was assigned to Army Air Corps, and sent to Sheppard Fld., Texas, for training. Pvt. Faulkenberry received the American Theater Ribbon, and was given an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on November 3, 1945.

17.—S/SGT. LEWIS STUMP, was born Jan. 28, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stump of Colorado City, husband of Wanda Pearl Stump of Ackerly. He volunteered for the Army Transportation Corps, March 17, 1942, overseas from June, 1942, to Aug., 1945, in Hudson Bay Area, N. Africa, Sicily, Italy, and Sardinia. Awarded N. American Theater, European Theater, Presidential Citation for invasion of S. France, and Salerno, Citation from King of England for Hudson Bay work, Discharged Oct., 1945.

18.—PFC HERBERT BASCOM BYERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Byers of Oplin, Texas, born on Oct. 9, 1919, and was educated in Denton Valley, Texas. He entered the Army 36th Div. on Feb. 27, 1941, and trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland, and Central Europe from April, 1943, until Aug., 1945. Awarded EAME, 5 Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, American Defense, and Good Conduct Medals. He was honorably discharged Aug. 15, 1945.

19.—A. F. C. 2/c MELVYN DON GILMORE, was born on March 19, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gilmore, and husband of Perry Jo Gilmore of Abilene, Texas. He attended Abilene High School, volunteering for the Navy Air Corps on Oct. 22, 1942, and training at San Diego, Calif. He served overseas from June 10, 1944, until Feb. 1, 1945, on U.S.S. Saratoga in the Hawaiian Islands. A.F.C. 2/c Gilmore was given an honorable discharge Nov. 22, 1945, after 37 months of service.

20.—E.M. 3/c GEORGE JAMES TRAMMELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Trammell of Port O'Connor, Texas, and husband of Billie Ruth O'Briant Trammell of Seadrift, Texas, was born June 2,1926. He volunteered for 110th Navy Seabees on July 28, 1943, and trained at Corpus Christi, Texas, serving overseas 17 months in battles of Eniwetok, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. Awarded 4 Eattle Stars E.M. 3/c Trammell was honorably discharged on the 20th day of February, 1946.









F/O J. LEE JARVIS

Flight Officer J. Lee Jarvis was born July 12, 1921. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jarvis, Pampa, Texas, and husband of Lurlene Mitchell Jarvis, Hobbs, N. M. He attended Amarillo Public Schools, Amarillo Junior College, and West Texas State College, Canyon, Texas. Volunteered for service June 3, 1944, at Nashville, Tenn. Assigned to Army Air Corps, and trained in Texas, Tenn., St. Joseph, Mo. and Palm Springs, Calif. Served overseas from Nov., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in I.C.B. Theater. Received Battle Stars for India-Burma Campaign, Central Burma Campaign, China Defense, China Offense, Air Medal-2 Oak Leaf Clusters. Discharged Feb. 2, 1946.

#### Lt. Col. LAWRENCE S. McBEE

Lt. Col. McBee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace McBee, Pampa, Texas, was born August 23, 1918. He attended West Texas State College, Canyon, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 10, 1942, at Pampa. He trained in Texas, Louisiana and Colorado. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas from October, 1943, to October, 1945, in EAME Theater. Received Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation Badge, EAME Campaign Medal with 6 Bronze Service Stars. Relieved from active duty December 29, 1945. In Engalnd he served with 27th Photo Reconnaissance Sq. of 8th Air Force, then transferred to 325th Photographic reconnaissance Wing.





S/Sgt. HENRY V. McCORKLE, JACK H. OSBORNE

S/Sgt. McCorkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. McCorkle, Pampa, Texas, was born November 4, 1925. Volunteered November 24, 1943, at Pampa and was assigned to Army, 100th Inf. Div. He trained at Camp Fannin, Ft. Benning and Ft. Bragg. Served overseas from October 6, 1944, to April 8, 1946, in EAME Theater. Participated in battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. Received Combat Infantryman's Badge, EAME Campaign Ribbon, with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster, World War II Victory Medal, 3 Overseas Service Bars, American Defense Service Ribbon. He was honorably discharged from service April 16, 1946.

Lt. Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Osborne, Pampa, Texas, husband of Mrs. Joan Osborne, was born January 1, 1923. He attended Texas A & M, College Station, Texas. Volunteered for service August, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Air Corps. Trained at Athens, Ga., Corpus Christi, Dallas, Texas, and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Served overseas from May to Nov., 1944, and July to Sept., 1945, in Pacific Area. He received Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged October 6, 1945.

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\*S/Sqt. JOHN T. McCOY

S/Sgt. John Tom McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCoy of Pampa, was born on Aug. 13, 1925. On Dec. 15, 1943, he left Texas University to enter the Army under the A.S.T.P. at Ft. Sill, and later at Ft. Benning. This training was discontinued, and he was placed in the Infantry and trained further at Ft. Jackson. On Sept. 25, 1944, he was sent to Europe as a replacement and placed in the 106th Cavalry Reconnaissance Group. The 106th moved into Germany in Dec. of 1944, and was active in the campaigns of the Rhineland, Central Europe, and the battle of Foret De Parroy. On April 5, 1945, while on a recon. patrol in an area under heavy snow, he was killed instantly by a German sniper. He is buried at the U.S. Military Cemetery at Margraten, Holland. The Silver Star and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously.





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\*Pfc DONALD L. STEWART

\*AMM 2/c DOYLE D. PARKER

Pfc Stewart, born February 14, 1925, is the son of Mrs. Clyde E. Prince, Pampa, Texas. Volunteered March 19, 1943, at Pampa, and was assigned to the Marines, 4th Division. He trained at San Diego, California, and Oceanside, California. Served overseas from January 31, 1944, to February 2, 1944. He landed with the 4th Marine Division in the Marshall Islands Jan. 31, 1944, to take an air field the Japs held on Roi Island. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice February 2, 1944. Received Marksman Rifle Medal, Expert Eayonet Medal and Carbine Rifle. The Purple Heart was awarded his mother April 4, 1944.

Doyle D. Parker, son of Mrs. Hazel Tucker, 863 South Farnes St., Pampa, Texas, was born February 2, 1925. Received his education in the Public Schools of Pampa. Volunteered July 4, 1942, at Amarillo, Texas, and was assigned to Navy, Air Force. Trained at Great Lakes; Norfolk, Va.; and Hollywood, Fla. He served overseas from July 7, 1943, to April 22, 1944, in the Pacific Theater, participating in many battles. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice April 22, 1944, when his plane crashed in New Guinea. He was awarded Presidential Citation, Navy Air Medal, Pacific Theater Medal and Ribbons from SouthAmerica and several Battle Stars.



Sgt. Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shelton 523 N. Russell, Pampa, Texas, was born August 27, 1920. He attended West Texas State College, Canyon, Texas. Volunteered for service January 23, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, and was assigned to Army, Ord. Co. 12th A.A.F. He trained at Pendleton Field, Oreg., and Columbia A.A.B., S. Carolina. Served overseas from July 14, 1942, to August 24, 1945, in EAME Theater. He received American Theater Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon with 7 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged August 31, 1945.

Sgt. Luther E. LaBeff, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. LaBeff, Odessa, Texas, was born May 14, 1912. Volunteered Dec. 21, 1941, at New Orleans, La. Assigned to Army Air Corps, and trained at New Orleans Army Air Base. Served over seas from Feb. 28, 1944, to Aug. 13, 1945, in ETO participating in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, air offensive over Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Ribbon-6 Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged Oct. 11, 1945. He completed over 10 years of active service, having served in Air Corps in Orient 1936-38. First enlisted Mar. 17, 1931, Fort Bliss. Tex.

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\*S/Sgt. ROY E. SHOWERS, JR.

S/Sgt. Roy E. Showers, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Showers, Sr., 1514 Garfield Street, Wichita Falls, Texas, was born July 17, 1920. Attended Pampa, Texas, Schools and West Texas State College, Canyon. He volunteered May 1, 1942, for the Army Air Corps; trained in Aerial Gunnery and Radio Schools, in Las Vegas, Nev. and Australia. Sgt. Showers was attached to the 5th Air Force as Radio Engineer Gunner on B-25 Mitchell Bomber, stationed in New Guinea. He participated in several bombing missions over New Guinea coast line, Wewak and Boram Strip, also New Britain. Was reported "Missing" in action after radioing exact spot the plane would crash-land after right motor had been disabled by enemy fire, November 27, 1943. Citations of Honor were awarded in recognition of his life given so gallantly in service. Sgt. Showers was star fullback on Pampa football teams of 1935 and 1936; won Lions Club Sportmanship Award in 1937, and for two years was voted as "Best Looking and All Around Boy" in Pampa. Host of friends survive.

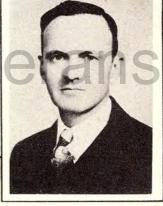


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#### \*P/Sgt. BOBBY G. McCRACKEN

P/Sgt. Bobby Gordon McCracken, the son of Pvt. and Mrs. Clem McCracken, Sr., of Odessa, was born on Oct. 3, 1923. He volunteered for the Marine Corps on Oct. 8, 1941, and trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego. In Jan. of 1943, he went to the Southwest Pacific, taking part in action at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Guam, and Koromokina Lagoon. It was at the latter place that he was promoted to Platoon Sgt., because of his bravery. The President of the United States awarded him the Navy Cross (posthumously) for extraordinary heroism as second in command of a Platoon engaged against Japanese forces on Guam on July 27, 1944. He gallantly gave his life for his comrade.





Pvt. CLEM T. McCRACKEN, SR.

S/Sgt. CLEM T. McCRACKEN, JR.

S/Sgt. Clem Tilman McCracken, Jr., was born on Mar. 29, 1922. He is the son of Pvt. and Mrs. Clem McCracken, Sr., and the husband of Ruby Joann McCracken, all of Odessa. He volunteered for the Air Corps on the 24th of Oct. 1942. His training was at Las Vegas, Nev., and he went to Europe in Feb. of 1944. He was promoted to S/Sgt. after flying 13 missions over Germany. He saw action in Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, South Germany, and the air offensive of Europe. The Purple Heart was awarded him for wounds received. He also holds the Air Medal with 2 Bronze Clusters, Dist. Unit Badge, ETO Ear with 4 Stars, and Good Conduct. Discharged Oct. 22, 1945.

Pvt. Clem Tilman McCracken, Sr., was born on April 15, 1898. He is the son of J.A. McCracken of Abliene, the husband of Mrs. Vida McCracken, and the father of three children two of whom also served their country. Prior to his volunteering for the Marine Corps on the 14th of Feb., 1941, he was in the grocery business in Odessa. Received his training with the Marines in San Diego, He was assigned to the 3rd Division. An honorable discharge from the Marine Corps was granted on the 5th of August, 1942, after he had served his country for 18 months. His address is P.O. Box 1066, Odessa.

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#### 1st Lt. PAUL McCOLLUM

1st Lt. Paul Mc Collum, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. McCollum, of Odessa, was born March 13, 1925, and on Feb. 27, 1943, he volunteered his services in the Army Air Corps, at Lubbock. He was trained at Kelly, Ellington, and Midland Air Fields. From Feb. to July, 1944, he served overseas with the 463rd Bomber Group of the 15th Air Force in Italy. On his 20th mission he was downed, and was interned in a neutral country. His awards are: Air Medalwith 3 Oak Leaf Clusters; ETO, with 3 Pattle Stars: Distinguished Unit Badge; Victory Medal. At present he is a reserve officer in the Air Force. Prior to enlisting in the service, he was a student at Baylor University, Waco.



1st Sgt. MIKE O. SMITH, JR.

1st Sgt. Mike O. Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike O. Smith, Sr., Odessa, Texas, was born Nov. 4, 1923. Attended Texas University. Entered service Feb. 22, 1943, at Brownwood, Texas. Assigned to Army, 740 Tank Battalion, and trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., and Desert Training Center, Ariz. Served overseas from July, 1944, to March, 1946, in European Theater, participating in battles of Belgium Bulge, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received American Theater Ribbon, EAME Theater Campaign Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished

Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged April 5, 1946.



MAM 2/c MELVIN F. WEBB

M.A.M. 2/c Melvin F. Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Webb, husband of Ernestine E. Webb, Odessa, Texas. Entered service February 22, 1944, at El Paso, Texas, and was assigned to U.S.N.R. Trained at U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California. He served in the United States from February 22, 1944, to February 9, 1946, in U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California, and Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged February 9, 1946, from NavalSeparation Center, Shoemaker, Calif.





#### \*Pyt. HENRY R. VAUGHAN

Pvt. Henry Roy Vaughan, son of Mrs. Mittie Anderson, Nocona, Texas, was born August 1, 1918. Attended Odessa, Texas, Schools and Schriener Institute at Kerrville, Texas. He volunteered February 10, 1941, for the Army 1st Armored Division; trained at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and began overseas duty April, 1942, in the North African-European Theater where he participated in the African and Italian Campaigns and Invasion of Sicily. Pvt. Vaughan paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 24, 1944, near Crosseto, Italy, while in combat. The European Theater of Operations Ribbon was awarded with Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Silver Star and Purple Heart in recognition for his life given so gallantly in action.

#### S 1/c BUSTER E. VAUGHAN

Sl/c Buster Ernest Vaughan, birthdate November 24, 1913, son of Mrs. Mittie Anderson, Nocona, Montague County, Texas, and husband of La Tave Vaughan, Odessa, Texas. He entered service January, 1944, with the Navy 8th Amphibious Fleet; trained at Coronado, California; later served, from February, 1945, to January, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater aboard the U.S.S. Alchiba in the vicinity of the Philippine Islands. Seaman Vaughan was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal plus World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. After returning to the States his discharge was granted January 5, 1946. He is the brother of Henry Roy Vaughan who lost his life in the service of his country.



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\*Pfc MURL MONTGOMERY

Pfc Murl Montgomery, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Montgomery of Box 61, Odessa, Texas, was born on Dec. 23, 1919, He attended high school at Lampasas, and was employed by the North American Aviation Corp. and Northrup of Los Angeles, Calif. He entered the Army on the 14th of June, 1944, at Santa Monica, Calif. He had been one of the lead assemblymen in these aircraft corporations. His training in the Army was at Camp Wolters. He went to the European Theater of Operations in Dec. of 1944. On April 14, 1945, he lost his life while serving in Italy with the 10th Mountain Division. He is burried in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Castelfiorentino, 19 miles southwest of Florence, Italy. His grave is 3789 in Row 76 of the cemetery.

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#### Pfc JESSE R. MILLER

Pfc Jesse R. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Miller, of Odessa, was born Feb. 21, 1919, at Lacassa, Texas, and entered service in the Army on June 20, 1944, at Camp Wolters. He was assigned to the Infantry, and was given 4 months of basic training, then had 11 months as a rifleman, part of which time he was in Europe, as he left for overseas duty in Dec., 1944. He saw action in the battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. His awards are: EAME, 3 Bronze Battle Stars; Purple Heart Co. #38 Hd. 3rd Armd. Div., 1 Bronze Cluster; Co. #131, 2 Overseas Service Bars. During March, 1945, he was wounded twice, while in action in Germany. He returned to the U.S., and was honorably discharged from service in Oct., 1945.



S/Sgt. HARRY C. SHEEHAN

S 2/c JAMES W. ORR

S/Sgt. Harry C. Sheehan, son of Mrs. Harry C. Sheehan, Odessa, Texas, was born June 1, 1916. Attended Pioneer High School. Entered service July 17, 1942, at El Paso, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Corps, and trained at Ft. Bliss, Camp Kearns, and AAF Technical Training Center, Los Angeles, Calif. Served overseas from December 29, 1943, to December 5, 1945, in European Theater, participating in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received American Theater Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged December 12, 1945.

S2/c James W. Orr, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Orr, was born December 28, 1924. Attended Itasca, Texas, Public School. Entered service April 7, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. Assigned to Navy, and trained at San Diego, Calif. He served overseas from July 17, 1943, to April 27, 1945, then from April 6, 1946, to July 2, 1946, in EAME Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, EAME Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged from service July 2, 1946, with the rating of Seaman Second Class.

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#### \*F/O ROYCE L. McCLESKEY

F/O Royce L. McCleskey was born on Nov., 5, 1923, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McCleskey of Ranger. His widow is Mrs. Merline McCleskey of Odessa, Texas. On Oct. 17, 1942, Royce volunteered for the Air Corps at Abilene. He was stationed at the following places before going to Italy in Feb. of 1945: Sheppard, Stampford, Strother, Perrin, and Foster Fields; A viation Cadet Center at San Antonio, Baton Rouge, and College Sta., Galveston. He received the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while in aerial flight as the pilot of a P-47 in a 4 plane form ation attack on an enemy bivouac area east of Bologna, Italy, on April 15, 1945. He was killed in an aerial action 7 days later. The Purple Heart was awarded him posthumously, being received by his 4 year old son, Ronnie, at the Army Air Base, at Midland, Texas.

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1. —PVT. H. E. WADE, was born on May 15, 1917, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wade, Box 955, Kermit, Texas. He received his education at Lingleville, Texas, entering the service on Jan. 12,1942, at Fort Bliss, Texas. Was assigned to Army, 52nd Field Artillery, and was sent to Camp Roberts in California for his training. Private H. E. Wade was given an honorable discharge from the United States Army on the 14th day of March, 1942, and has returned to civilian life.

\*2. -M.O.M.M. 1/c HURST L. WADE, born Oct. 23, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wade of Kermit, Texas, attended Kermit High School, volunteering for the Navy on June 7, 1942. Trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Ill. He served overseas in Southwest Pacific Area from Nov. 15, 1942, until he was killed on Nov. 12, 1944, in invasion of Philippine Islands, on San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island. He received the Purple Heart and Victory Medal, awarded post-humously.

3. —PhM 1/c HARLAN JUNIOR WADE, was born on July 1, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wade of Kermit, Texas. He attended Kermit High School, volunteering for the Navy Hospital Corps on Feb. 7, 1943. Trained at San Diego, Calif; served overseas from May 10, 1944, until Oct. 4, 1945, on U.S.S. Cape Perpetua in U.S. Navy Base Hospital No. 15, in the Admiralty Islands and in the taking of Peleliu Is. Awarded Navy Commendation, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged from Camp Wallace.

4. —S.F. 1/c PAUL OSCAR WARREN, was born on July 1, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Warren of Pecos, Texas, and husband of Rubye Warren of Kermit, Texas. He volunteered for Navy Seabees on March 29, 1943, and trained at Camps Peary, Williamsburg, Va. and Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Overseas from Sept., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Marshall 1s., invasions of Bougainville and Guam. Received Letter of Commendation. Honorably discharged October 5, 1945.

5. —M.M. 3/c ROY KASLIN BEVERS, was born on Nov. 24, 1913, son of Mrs. C. E. Harris of Odessa, Texas, and husband of Annie L. Bevers of Goldsmith, Texas. He attended Sul Ross College, Alpine, Texas, and entered the Navy on March 24, 1944; receiving his training at San Diego, Calif. He served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Area from May 1,1944, until Dec. 14, 1945. Awarded the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons. Honorably discharged Dec. 14, 1945, from San Pedro, Calif.

6. —CAPT. OLIVER FRANK BLANK, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Blank of San Jose, Calif., and husband of Ella Mae Blank of Odessa, Texas, was born July 3, 1912. He attended Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison; volunteered for the A.A.F. on May 6, 1942, and trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas. He served in air offensive of Europe, Rhine, Normandy, Central France, Ardennes, and Central Germany. Captain Oliver Frank Blank was given an honorable discharge January 31, 1946, after 45 mos. service.

7. —PFC CHARLES SHELTON BROOKS, JR., was born on January 19, 1925, at Laredo, Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Brooks, Sr., of 317 East 3rd Street, Box 1262, Odessa, Texas. He received his education in Mirando High School, Mirando, Texas. Entered the service on June 23, 1943, assigned to 2nd Div. 8th Marines, and was sent to Camp Elliott for his training. Pfc Brooks served overseas from Dec., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. Discharged Dec. 5, 1945.

8. -T/4 ELTON WALTER CARRELL, was born on Oct. 30, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs Jim I. Carrell of Littlefield, Texas, and husband of Ethel Jo Carrell of Odessa, Texas. He attended Littlefield High School and entered the Army 33rd Div. on March 18, 1941, at Chicago, Ill., and trained at Camp Forrest, Tenn., Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Desert Training Center, Calif. Overseas from June, 1943, to June, 1945, in Southwest Pacific on Fins chhaven, Aitape, Morotai, Biak, and Leyte. Discharged Oct. 10, 1945.

9. —SGT. GLEN ERON FLOURNOY, was born on May 19, 1925, son of Mrs. G. O. Flournoy of Odessa, Texas. He attended Odessa High School, volunteering for service Aug. 12, 1943, at Big Spring, Texas. Was assigned to Army Air Forces, and trained at Amarillo and San Antonio, Texas; Columbia, Mo.; Burbank, Mills Field, and March Field, Calif.; Kingman, Ariz.; Drew Fid., Fla.; Gulfoprt, Miss., and Kearney, Neb. Awarded Good Conduct Medal, American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. Dischagred March 7, 1946.

10.—M.A.M. 3/c WILLIAM WHITFORD GATLIN, was born on January 22, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gatlin, and husband of Frances Gatlin of Odessa, Texas. He received his education from Odessa Grammarand High Schools, entering the service on March 25, 1944, at Odessa. Was assigned to the U.S. Navy; served overseas from September 6, 1944, until November 11, 1944. M.A.M. 3/c William Whitford Gatlin received an honorable discharge on February 9, 1945.

11.—PFC CLARENCE CLINTON HARLESS, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harless of Midland, Texas, and husband of Lila Ruth Harless of Odessa, Texas, was born Aug. 20, 1917. He entered Army Medical Corps on July, 1942, and trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. He served overseas from Oct., 1944, until Feb., 1946, in England and France with the 177th General Hospital. Awarded ATO, ETO, I Battle Star, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. He received an honorable discharge on February 16, 1946.

12.—CPL. THOMAS FRANKLIN PATTERSON, was born on April 25, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Patterson of Odessa, Texas. He entered Marines 10th Amph. Tr. Bn. 4th Div. on Aug. 7, 1943, and trained at Tank Bn. Training Center, Camp Elliott, Calif. Overseas from Dec. 21, 1943, to Nov. 14, 1945, in action against the Japanese on Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars, and Victory Ribbon. Honorably discharged December 3, 1945.

13.—T/5 JAMES MONROE DWYER, was born on April 25, 1920, son of Mrs. Lena Lee of Odessa, Texas. He received his education in A marillo. Texas, entering the Army 3rd Armored Div. on Feb. 3, 1942 at Ft. Stockton, Texas. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas. Served overseas from Sept. 16, 1943, until Sept. 17, 1945, in Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland. Awarded EAME with 5 Stars, Good Conduct, and Bronze Star Medals. Discharged Sept. 28, 1945.

14.—PFC JOHNNIE S. DWYER, son of Mrs. Lena Lee of Odessa, Texas, was born on Sept. 9, 1925, educated in Sonora, Texas. He entered the Army 97th Inf. on Dec. 11, 1943 at Odessa, and trained at Camp Callan, Calif. He served in Germany from March, 1945, until June, 1945, and in Japan from Sept., 1945, to April, 1946. Received Good Conduct, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, American Theater, EAME and Victory Medals. Pfc Dwyer was given an honorable discharge on the 29th of April, 1946.

15.—IST LT. CALVIN D. PIGMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs.W. C. Pigman of Odessa, Texas, born Nov. 7, 1924. He volunteered for the Army Air Force and was sent to Tucson, Ariz., and Okla. City for pilot training. Overseas from May, 1945, to April, 1946, in air offensive of Japan and E. Mandates Campaign. Awarded Air Medal, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars, Good Conduct, American Theater, and Victory Medals. On Guam with 55th Recon. Sqn. (LR) Weather, attached to 20th A.A.F. Discharged May 8, 1946.

16.—S 1/c ROBERT LEE PIGMAN, was born on Feb. 10, 1928, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pigman of Odessa, Texas. He attended Odessa High School, and volunteered for the service on March 1, 1945, at Dallas, Texas. Was assigned to U. S. Coast Guard, and was sent to Curtis Bay Training Sta., Baltimore, Maryland, for his training. He was overseas from Dec. 18, 1945, until May 2, 1946, on U.S.C.G.C. Pandora. S 1/c Pigman received an honorable discharge on the 7th day of May, 1946.

17.—SP. (X) 3/c AUSTIN EDDLY RAGON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Abernathy, and husband of Lillie Marie Ragon of Odessa, Texas, was born June 3, 1917. He entered Navy Ordnance Div., May 24, 1943, and trained at San Diego, Calif., Newport, R.I. and Keyport, Wash. Overseas 10 months in New Guinea, Australia, Manus Island, Hawaii, and Pearl Harbor. He received the Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater Campaign, and Victory Medals. Special Weapons 3/c Ragon was discharged on Dec. 7, 1945.

18.—1ST LT. ELLIS THOMAS RAYBURN, was born June 12, 1920, son of Mrs. M.C. Rayburn of Odessa, Texas. He volunteered for the Army Medical Air Corps, Feb. 27, 1942, and trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. He went overseas in Nov., 1944, and served in England, France, battles of Central Germany, and Rhineland. Awarded ETO, 2 Stars, Occupation Ribbon, Presidential Unit, Good Conduct, American Theater, and Victory Medals. He is now chief of Hospitalization and Evacuation for W. Base Section.

19.—F.C. 2/c OTIS RAYBURN, was born May 27, 1922, son of Mrs. M. C. Rayburn, and husband of Frances S. Rayburn of Odessa, Texas. He volunteered for the Navy, Fire Control, April 17, 1942, and trained at San Diego, Calif., and Wash. D.C. Overseas 27 1/2 mos. in battles of Russellls., Rendova, Kolambang Ara; Vella Lavella; Choisevl; Bougain-ville; Guam, Saipan; Tinian; Iwo Jima; Chicka; Aleutian Is. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Silver Stars, and American Defense Ribbons. Discharged Sept. 26, 1945.

20.—CPL. LOUIS EDWARD RAYBURN, son of Mrs. M. C. Rayburn of Odessa, Texas, was born on June 27, 1924, and volunteered for the Army Armored Cav. on Aug. 11, 1942, and trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas from March, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Tunisia, Naples - Foggia, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines and Po Valley. Awarded EAME, 5 Stars, Meritorious Unit, and Victory Ribbons. Cpl. Rayburn was in Troop C, 91st Cav. Reconnaissance Squadron and received an honorable discharge on Nov. 11, 1945.



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#### Sgt. JAMES W. FLEMING

Sgt. James Walter Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fleming, and husband of Emma Lou Fleming, of Odessa, Texas, was born Jan. 1, 1920. On Aug. 11, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Ground Force of the Army Air Corps. He was trained at Victorville, and Kearns Field, and served overseas from June, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in New Caledonia and the Dutch East Indies, also Leyte, and New Guinea. He encountered air bombings and much trouble with suicide Jap snipers. He was awarded 2 Battle Stars, 1 for New Guinea Campaign and 1 for Philippine Liberation. He was granted an honorable discharge in Dec., 1945, then re-enlisted and was promoted. His next term ends in Jan., 1949.





#### CM 3/c ALEXANDER L. CASPARIS

CM 3/c Alexander L. Casparis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Mankins, Odessa, Texas, was born May 8, 1926. Attended Odessa High School and John Tarleton Ag. College. Volunteered for service May 8, 1944, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to Navy, 3rd and 5th Fleets. Trained at Camp Wallace. Served overseas from Dec. 27, 1944, to Feb. 3, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, participating in battles of Philippine Liberation, Iwo Jima, first bombing on Tokyo from carrier base, Okinawa, sinking of Japanese battleship Yamota. He was aboard Carrier U.S.S. Bunker Hill C V-17 when hit by 2 Jap suicide planes and bombs. Received President's Citation. Discharged Feb. 3, 1946.

F/O NORMAN J. MARTIN

F/O Norman J. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martin, Odessa, Texas, husband of Nell D. Martin, Amarillo, Texas, wasborn Jan. 15, 1916. Entered service Aug. 4, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas. Assigned to Army, Transport Command, and trained at Randolph Field. Served overseas from Jan. 5, 1945, to Feb. 5, 1946, in C.B.I. Theater, also temporary duty in Alaska. He participated in China Offensive and Defensive, Central Burma, India-Burma battles. Received Air Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Pacific Theater Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal, Chinese Liberation, Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged April 6, 1946.





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## S 1/c (AMM CA) JAY M. TRIPP

S 1/c Jay Mac Tripp, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Tripp, of Odessa, was born April 15,1926. On Oct. 15,1943, he volunteered for service as an aviation cadet in the Navy V-5 program. He served in the United States until Dec.,1945, when he went overseas. He was in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon; the American Defense Ribbon; and the Victory Medal. On June 1,1946, he was granted an honorable discharge from further military service. Previous to enlisting in the Navy he had been connected with oil field construction and contracting work.

## CCM MONROE R. TRIPP

CCM Monroe Robert Tripp, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Tripp, of Odessa, was born March 4, 1917. On Aug. 2, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Navy Seabees, at Dallas. He was trained at Camp Endicott, and served in the United States until Feb. 3, 1943, when he went to the Pacific. He served on Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, New Guinea, and in the New Hebrides and Admiralty Islands, where he saw action in the battle of Los Negros. He was awarded Presidential Unit Citation. He returned to the United States in March, 1945, after this service with the 46th Seabee Bn. In Oct., 1945, he was honorably discharged.



1st Sgt. CLARENCE L. LEWIS Pfc NATHAN B.

Sgt. C. L. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis, husband of Mrs. Thelma Lewis, Odessa, Texas, was born December 25, 1919. Entered service Aug. 22, 1944, at Odessa. Assigned to Army, 77th Inf. Div., and trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas from Feb. 18, 1945, and at this time serving with 8th Cavalry A.P.O. #201, Tokyo, Japan. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, participating in battles in that area. He was taken prisoner on Cebu. Received Unit Citation (for Okinawa), Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 3 Stars, Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, and the Japan Occupation Ribbon.

Pfc Nathan B. Mabry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mabry, Texarkana, Texas, husband of Betty Lou Mabry, Odessa, Texas, was born Feb. 8, 1919. Entered service June 3, 1944, at Ft. Sill, Okla. Assigned to Army, 78th Inf. Div., and trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas, Camp Carson, Colo., and Camp Gruber, Okla. Served overseas from Jan. 31, 1945, to May 24, 1945, in European Theater, participating in battles of the Rhineland. He was wounded; received machine-gun bullets in right leg. Awarded Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and EAME Campaign Ribbon. Discharged May 20, 1946.



## S/Sgt. DICK T. CLARDY

S/Sgt. Dick Tate Clardy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Clardy, Jr., was born Dec. 4, 1923. On Feb. 24, 1943, he entered Army service, at El Paso, Texas, and was assigned to the 65th Div. He was trained at Camp Shelby, Miss., and on Christmas Day, 1944, he set sail for Europe, where he served until June 3, 1945, participating in 3 battles there. He was captured by the enemy and held POW in Stalag 5A; also was wounded, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart. His other awards are: EAME; Amer. Theater: Com. Inf. E .: 3 Bronze Stars: Good Conduct; Victory. He received an honorable discharge from the service of his country. Before induction, he had attended high school in Odessa, his hometown.







Sgt. JESSE HALE

Ens. WM. FLOYD BURROUGHS

Ensign Wm. Floyd Burroughs, born December 2, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Burroughs, 309 A North Jackson, Odessa, Texas, attended Hardin-Simmons U. at Abilene. Volunteered August 18, 1942, with the U.S. Coast Guard; trained at Algiers Training Station in New Orleans. He served overseas from August, 1943, to January, 1944, in the Caribbean Area in Antisubmarine Patrol Service, and from January to December of 1945 in the Pacific Theater on an LST in the Okinawa Campaign. Ensign Burroughs was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with various other awards. Returned to the States, and was discharged Feb. 12, 1946.

Sgt. Jesse Hale, birthdate October 23,1907, husband of Jeannette Hale, Ranger, Texas, and son of George Hale, Mingus, Texas, attended the Thurber, Texas, Schools, and entered service March 9, 1942, with the Army 53rd Signal Bn., training at Camp Bowie. He served overseas from August, 1942, to December, 1944, in North Africa, at Algiers, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno and North Apennines. Received Bronze Star, EAME Ribbon with Eattle Stars, among other medals. Returned to the States. Sgt. Hale was discharged from the Army Signal Corps June 11, 1945, after over three years of service.

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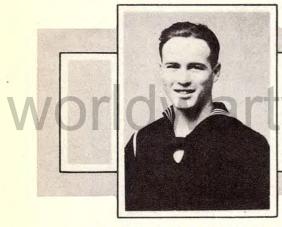


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# Lt. ALVA R. CALLAWAY

Lt. Alva Richard Callaway was born on June 22, 1919, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Callaway of Odessa, Texas. Before volunteering for the Army on July 21, 1942, he was an English teacher, having graduated from Sul Ross State College at Alpine. His training was at Camp Crowder, Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and Drew Field, Fla. He served with the Signal Corps, and went to the Southwest Pacific Area on Aug. 28, 1944. While stationed on Biak Is. and in the New Guinea Campaign he was attached to the 5th Air Force. He had been commissioned a 1st Lt. before he went overesas. The next stop for him after Biak was the Northern Luzon Campaign in the Philippine Islands. Here he was attached to the 13th Air Force. He returned to the United States in Mar. of 1946, and was released from active duty to the Officer Reserve Corps on May 13 of the same year.





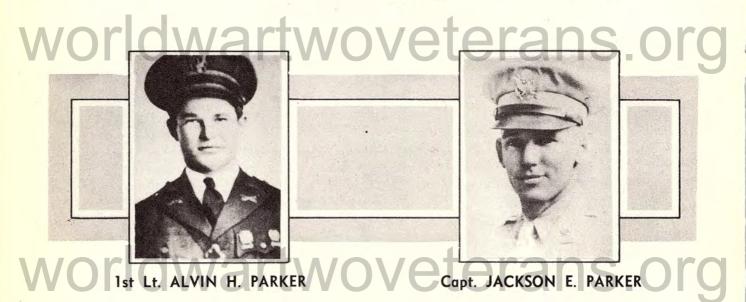




Aviation Cadet ALLAN MILES

Aviation Cadet Allan Miles, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Miles, of Odessa, Texas, was born on Dec. 28, 1926. On Feb. 2, 1944, at Dallas, he volunteered for the Navy V-5 program. He was trained at the V-12 Unit, Georgetown, Texas, and U.S.N.P.F.S., St. Mary's, Calif., and was in service until Oct., 1945, spending the whole period in the United States. He was granted an honorable discharge with reserve status, than attended the summer term at the University of Oklahoma, 1946, and re-entered active service. At present he is stationed at San Pedro, California, and has been given the rating of S 1/c.

S/Sgt. Hollister C. Miles, husband of Ruth Miles, of Odessa, was born April 26, 1907, and on March 17, 1944, he entered service in the Army. He was assigned to the 446th Ord. H.A.M. Co., and trained at Camp Maxey and at Mt. Rainier Ord. Depot, Tacoma, Wash. From Nov., 1944, to Oct., 1945, he served overseas, participating in the action at the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe, GO 33, WD 45. His awards are: EAME, 2 Bronze Stars; Good Conduct; Expert Carbine; Victory. On Nov. 20, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge from military service, and he is now living in Odessa, where he has returned to his pre-war occupation as driller for the Noble Drilling Co.



lst Lt. Alvin Horne Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker, of Odessa, was born Jan. 29, 1919. He attended Texas A & M College, and from there entered Army service as a 2nd Lt., on June 16, 1941, at Brownwood. He was assigned to the 1st Armored Div., and trained at Ft. Knox. From July, 1942, to Jan., 1945, he served overseas. He saw action in the African and Italian campaigns, and in going through the Kasserine Pass from Casablanca to Tunisiahe was the first officer to meet the British 8th at the Mareth Line. He was in the Anzio Beachhead and was awarded the Silver Star by Gen. Eisenhower. He suffered shell shock and malaria, and was released from service in Jan., 1945.

Capt. Jackson Early Parker, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker, of Odessa, Texas, was born June 18, 1909, and entered Army service in Oct., 1940, at Houston. He was assigned to the 124th Cavalry, and was trained at Austin and Ft. Bliss. In Aug., 1944, he was sent to the India-Burma Theater of Operations, but his peroid of service overseas was cut short because, in less than three months' time he was badly wounded. He was brought back to the United States in an ambulance plane flown from Calcutta, and underwent surgery at Brooks General Hospital in San Antonio. On June 5, 1946, he was retired from active service.

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\*Cpl. ROBERT C. JOHNS

Cpl. Robert Curtis Johns, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johns of Holliday, was born on April 16, 1923. His wife, Mary Anne Johns, is from Memphis, Texas. He entered the Air Corps on April 1, 1943; was trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and was sent to Italy one year later to serve with the 12th Air Force. While on a pass in a town in Italy, he and two of his companions were attacked by members of an organization opposed to the United States. Robert was stabbed through the heart and died instantly. This was on June 17, 1944. He is buried at the U.S. Military Cemetery at Bari, Italy. Robert had the type of personality that made all in his presence feel at ease and like him. He was jolly and full of merriment all his life. He left a son, Robert Larry, who has a rich heritage in his father.

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# \*S/Sgt. WILLIAM H. WILMUT

S/Sgt. William Henry Wilmut, born June 1, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilmut, Box 455, Archer City, Texas, volunteered June 16, 1941, at Wichita Falls, Texas, for the Army Air Force. Trained at various fields in the States, and graduated from Gunnery School at Kingman Arizona. Sgt. Wilmut left the States July 15, 1944, from Maine for England, where he was based with the 8th Air Force. He had participated in five missions when his plane was attacked by enemy planes and crashed in the northeast suburbs of Berlin. Their plane was still loaded with bombs as they were only twenty minutes from the target, Ruhrland, in Germany. He paid the Supreme Sacrific September 12, 1944. The Pres. Citation with other medals were awarded.







Sqt. TRAVIS J. HUCKABAY

Sgt. Travis Jerry Huckabay, birthdate February 6, 1921, is the son of Mrs. C. C. Huckabay, and husband of Eunice Huckabay, Odessa, Texas. He entered service August 22, 1944, with the Army Infantry; trained at Camp Roberts, California, and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater from Feb., 1945, to July, 1946. Sgt. Huckabay participated in the Philippine Liberation at Leyte and Mindanao; received the Medal for Occupation of Korea and Japan with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and Arrowhead for invasion, with other awards. After returning to the States, he was discharged August 6, 1946.

E.M. 2/c Joe R. Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Warren, Box 27, Bellevue, Texas, born Aug. 15, 1926, was educated in Bellevue Public Schools, and attended for I year at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas. Volunteered for service on July 26, 1944, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Electrician Branch. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Electrician School, Gulfport, Miss. Served in the United States for 2 years, and overseas 15 months, in the Pacific. He was awarded: American Area Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific, and Victory Medals. E.M. 2/c Reynolds was honorably discharged on Aug. 10, 1946.

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Capt. WILBERT A. CALVERT

Capt. Wilbert Adair Calvert, son of Mrs. Jeanette Davis, Archer City, Texas, was born February 6, 1916, in Texas. Graduated from Texas A & M, College Station; volunteered June 25, 1940, for the Army Coast Artillery, and was assigned to Camp Hulen, Texas, for training. Capt. Calvert began overseas duty April, 1941, in the Pacific Theater where he served in the Philippines in the Battle of Corregidor. He was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese May, 1942, and imprisoned at Cabanatuan, the Davao Penal Colony and Mindanao, also Bilibid, Manila. He passed away, due to malnutrition, on a Jap freighter while being transported to Japan, January 31, 1945. The Silver Star was awarded posthumously for "gallantry in action at Ft. Mills, Corregidor. Disregarding his personal safety he directed his men under fire and remained at his exposed station of searchlight position. By his heroic action he distinguished himself as a gallant and courageous officer." His name is inscribed on Texas A & M's Honor Roll of heroic dead.



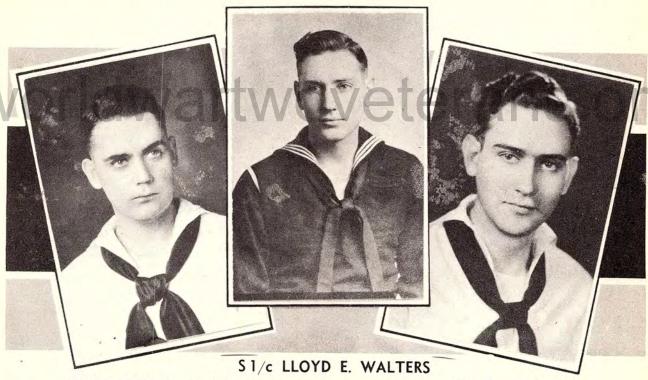
# Pfc WAYLAND D. SORRELS

Pfc Wayland Dean Sorrels, was born May 31, 1927, in Henrietta, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sorrels, Mankins, Texas. Attended Holliday, Texas, High School, and entered service August 26, 1945, at Archer City, Texas. He was assigned to the Army Tank Battalion; trained and served in the States, and began overseas duty February, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theaterwhere he was stationed in Korea with the Army of Occupation. After returning to the States May, 1946, Pfc Sorrels was transferred to Camp Hood, Texas, where he is currently stationed with the 66th Tank Battalion. Prior to his entry into service he was a student and was also employed in the oil fields.

# \*Pfc ODIS T. SORRELS

Pfc Odis Tillman Sorrels, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sorrels, Mankins, Texas, was born February 3, 1924. Attended Holliday, Texas, High School, and entered service February 26, 1943, with the Army Airborne Division. He trained at Camp Mackall, N. C., and began overseas duty September, 1943, in the European Theater of War, where he participated in the Normandy Invasion. Was wounded; returned to England for rest; later parachuted in Holland. While at a rest camp in France, Pfc Sorrels was called for action in the Belgium Bulge at Bastogne, on Christmas Day of 1944. A few days later, January 9, 1945, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in combat. His brother, Pfc Wayland Dean Sorrels, also survives among other relatives and friends.





\*F 1/c BETHEL E. WALTERS

\$3/c REX M. WALTERS

F 1/c BETHEL ELBERT WALTERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Walters of Bellevue, was born on Feb. 20, 1916. He volunteered for the Navy on the 13th of Nov., 1940, and was trained at San Diego. On Jan. 18, 1941, he was assigned to the U.S.S. West Virginia as a machinist, and had advanced to Fireman 1st class when he lost his life during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously to his parents on Jan. 8, 1944. S 1/c LLOYD EMMETT WALTERS was born on Aug. 11, 1925, and is also the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Walters. Prior to his volunteering for the Navy on Aug. 2, 1943, he was employed as a painter for the Ft. Worth and Denver Railroad. He was trained at the Naval Air Training Center at Corpus Christi. From Dec., 1945, until April, 1946, he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and was discharged on May 9, 1946.

S 1/c REX MORRIS WALTERS was born on Mar. 13, 1923. After finishing high school he was employed by the War Shipping Administration when he entered the Navy, July 5, 1944. He was trained at Sampson, N.Y., and sent to the Armed Guard School at Norfolk. Later served on supply ships in European waters until V-E day. He made one trip to Tacloban, P.I., and served on shore thereas Armed Guard Liaison Officer. Discharged July, 1946. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Walters of Bellevue.

1. -T/4 OREN Z. WATERS, was born May 12, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Waters of Electra, Texas, husband of Margaret F. Waters, Bridgeport, Texas. Entered Army, 2nd Inf. Div., March 18, 1941; trained at Ft. Riley, Kan., Camps Grant, Ill., McCoy, Wis. Overseas 2 yrs. in N. Ireland, Wales, Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe. EAME, 5 Stars, Good Conduct, Vehicle Badge, American Defense, and Bronze Star Medals. T/4 Waters was honorably discharged October 6, 1945.

2. —S.C. 1/c JAMES OPLISS BROWN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Web Brown, and husband of Vada B. Brown of Richland Springs, Texas, was born July 5, 1919. Volunteered for Navy on Nov. 16, 1940, and trained at San Diego, Calif. He went overseas Jan. 13, 1941, to S. Pacific; was in Kodiak, Alaska, Aleutians, Hawaiian, Gilbert, and Marshall Is. Awarded American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific with 2 Stars, and Good Conduct Medals. Ships Cook 1/c Brown is still in the Navy with 14th Navy District.

3. -SGT. GEORGE NELSON CHURCHWELL, was born Dec. 13, 1922, brother of Mrs. Vada Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Churchwell of Richland Springs, Texas. He entered Army 40th Div. on Feb. 17, 1943, and trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Hawaiian Is. Overseas from June, 1943, to Nov., 1945, on Guadalcanal, New Britain, New Guinea, Luzon, Panay, Negros, Manus, and Korea. Awarded Philippine Liberation, 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Stars, Victory, Combat, Expert Inf. Badges. Discharged Dec. 16, 1946.

4. — C.S.K. J. B. OSBORN, was born on Dec. 20, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Osborn, Vernon, Texas, and husband of Dorothy Osborn of Seattle, Wash. He attended school at Vernon, volunteering for service Sept., 1935, at Wichita Falls, Texas. Assigned to Navy, Store Keeper, and trained at San Diego, Calif. C.S.K. Osborn was overseas from April, 1944, until Oct., 1945, at Biak and Morotai Naval Bases. Also served at Corpus Christi Naval Base 3 yrs. Is still in the Navy.

5. —PFC WADE H. BROWNING, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Browning of Bellevue, Texas, was born Sept. 15, 1917. Entered service Nov. 17, 1943, assigned to Army 13th Armored Div., and trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., and Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas from Jan., 1945, to July, 1945, in France, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns. Awarded EAME with 2 Stars, Purple Heart for severe wounds Apr. 13, 1945, in Germany, American Campaign, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged November 14, 1945.

6. —CPL. FINIS R. BROWNING, was born Jan. 19, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Browning of Bellevue, Texas. He entered A rmy 9th Inf., Div. on Jan. 23, 1942, and trained at Camp Wolters and Ft. Bragg, N.C. Served overseas from Nov. 8, 1942, to June 10, 1945, in Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Rome-Arno, Sicily, and Naples-Foggia. Received EAME with 5 Stars, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, and Combat Infantryman's Badge. Cpl. Browning was discharged on July 3, 1945, honorably.

\*7. —PVT. LUTHER W. BROWNING, was born on Nov.14, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Browning of Bellevue, Texas. He entered the service Sept. 2, 1942, assigned to Army Med. Det., 69th Armored Fld. Artillery Bn., and trained at Camps Barkeley, Texas, and Chaffee, Ark. Overseas from Aug., 1943, until Feb., 1944, in N. Africa, Sicily, Anzio Beachhead. Pvt. Browning was killed in action on Anzio Beachhead on Feb. 8, 1944, and is interred in Amer. Mil. Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy, south of Rome. A warded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal.

\*8. —PFC BILLY BRUCE HILL, was born June 1, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Hill of Denver City, Texas. He volunteered for Army 9lnf., 2 Div., Nov. 19, 1940; trained at Ft. Sam Houston. He went overseas Oct. 8, 1943; served in battles of Normandy, N. France, and Rhineland where he was killed in action, Dec. 2, 1944. Awarded Silver Starfor gallantry, Bronze Star for outstanding service, Purple Heart, 1 Cluster, European African, 3 Stars, Presidential Citation, American Defense, and Good Conduct Medals.

9. —S.F. 1/c HOWARD BATES BOYD, was born June 29, 1905, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Boyd of Henrietta, Texas, husband of Mildred Irene Boyd of Dumas, Texas. He attended Texas Tech. College, Lubbock, volunteering for Seabees on Dec. 11, 1942, at Oklahoma City. Trained at Camp Endicott. He served 17 months on Amchetka in the Aleutian Chain and 5 months on Okinawa. S.F. 1/c Howard Bates Boyd received an honorable discharge from the Navy Seabees on the 21st day of October, 1945.

10.—LT. COL. JAMES RUSH BOYD, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Boyd, Henrietta, Texas, husband of Geraldine Boyd, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born Dec. 4, 1907. He volunteered for Army Gen. Staff, War Dept., April 15, 1942, and was sent to A.A.F. Tech. Training Command, Miami Beach, Fla. Overseas 10 mos. in Frankfurt, Germany, and Paris, France. He received American and European Theater Ribbons, Victory Medal, and Legion of Merit, for service as Chief, Legal and Fiscal Sec. He was placed on inactive status March20, 1946.

11.—PFC BURTON C. BOYD, was born on September 20, 1910, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Boyd of Henrietta, Texas, and husband of Rowe Boyd of Dumas, Texas. He attended N.T.A.C. at Arlington, Texas, entering the service June 28, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas. Was assigned to Army Air Force, and was sent to Buckley Fld., Colorado, and Lincoln Army Air Base for his training. Pfc Burton C. Boyd was given an honorable discharge on Sept. 30, 1945, after 2 yrs. and 3 mos. of service.

12.—1ST LT. RALPH HOPKINS BOYD, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Boyd, Henrietta, Texas, husband of Wanda K. Boyd, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born April 2, 1916. He volunteered for the A.A.C. on Nov. 13, 1942, and received his wings at Pampa, Texas. He served overseas from June, 1944, to Oct., 1944, in battles of Normandy and S. France. Shot down in B-26 on Aug. 13, 1944; captured, escaped and evaded enemy until Aug. 27, 1944. Awarded Air Medal, ETO Ribbon, 2 Stars, Caterpillar and Flying Boot. Discharged Aug. 8, 1945, member O.R.C.

\*13.—IST LT. CLIFFORD LANE BOYD, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Boyd of Henrietta, Texas, husband of Mary Ellen Boyd of Austin, Texas, was born Feb. 18, 1919. He volunteered for the Army Infantry on Oct. 10, 1940, and trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, Ft. Benning, Ga., and Camp Edwards, Mass. He went overseas on April 1, 1943, to Africa; in Tunisian Campaign, Invasion of Salerno, Italy. He was killed in action Sept. 13, 1943, in vicinity of Persano, Italy. Awarded Purple Heart and Silver Star.

14.—T/5 ERMON S. SMITH, was born on April 3, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smith, of Newport, Texas. He attended North Texas Teachers' College, Denton, entering the service March 4,1941, assigned to Army 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Overseas in battles of N. Africa, Italy, S. France, Germany, and Austria, from April, 1943, until July, 1945. A warded 5 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star, and Citations from Gens. Fred L. Waker and Dolly. Discharged July, 1945.

15.—T/5 LEONARD DERWIN TOMLINSON, was born on Aug. 16, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tomlinson of Electra, Texas, and husband of Betty Louise Tomlinson of Grayback, Texas. He received his education in Oklaunian High School, Oklaunian, Texas; entered the Army Inf. on July, 1945, at Vernon, Texas, and trained at Camp Roberts, California. Transferred to Engineers and served in the Occupational Forces in Korea where he is serving at the present time.

16.—PFC BUD WEBSTER, was born on Aug. 7, 1923, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Tom F. Preston, and husband of Julienne Webster of Quanah, Texas. He received his education at Quanah High School, entering the Army Inf. 31st Div. on Dec. 28, 1944. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas from June, 1945, to May, 1946, in Mindanao, Luzon, Leyte, and participating in Philippines Liberation. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Star, Philippine Liberation, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged July 4, 1946.

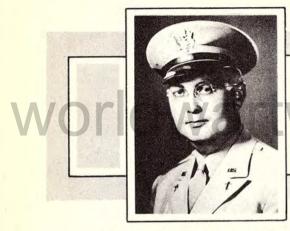
17.—CPL. BYFORD GAYLE SEALY, was born on Feb.19, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sealy of Andrews, Texas. He attended John Tarleton Agricultural College, Stephenville, Texas, volunteering for service Feb. 14, 1944; assigned to 2nd Marine Div.; trained at Camp Joseph H. Pendelton. Served in Asiatic-Pacific Area from Aug. 14, 1944, until July 15, 1946, at Okinawa and Occupation of Japan. Cpl. Byford Gayle Sealy was given an honorable discharge on July 27, 1946.

18.—C.M.M. ELVA HENRY HUNT, was born on Nov. 1, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hunt, husband of Gladys Lee Hunt of Falfurrias, Texas, brother-in-law of Chester Smith. He volunteered for service on May 11, 1943, assigned to the Navy and was sent to Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., and Gulfport, Mississippi, for his training. Served overseas from April 15, 1944, until November 3, 1945. C.M.M. Hunt was honorably discharged on the 5th day of November, 1945.

19.—S.F. 1/c EDWARD ELBERT SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scottie Neal Smith, brother of Chester Smith and Gladys Lee Hunt, was born on April 2, 1924. He volunteered for service on Aug. 4, 1942; assigned to Navy, and trained at San Diego, Calif. S.F. 1/c Smith served overseas from October 5, 1942, until January 29, 1946, in the South Pacific Area, and served in the Philippines and on Iwo Jima. He was honorably discharged Jan. 29, 1946, and is at home with his wife, Virginia Mae Smith.

20.—CPL. E. R. VASQUEZ, was born on June 25, 1914, son of Mr. Gilberto Vasquez, and husband of Esperanza Vasquez of Marfa, Texas. He entered 8th Army, 230th Sig. Opn. Co., on Nov. 17, 1943, and trained at Ft. Custer, Mich., Camp Livingston, La., and Ft. Jackson, S.C. He served overseas from June, 1945, until Feb., 1946, in Leyte, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Yokohama, Japan. Awarded Japanese Occupation, Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 6, 1946.





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Cpl. WALTER L. MORRIS

Capt. JAMES C. BRADSHAW

Capt. (Chap) Bradshaw, born May 20, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bradshaw, 3001 Waits St., Fort Worth, husband of Bertha E. Bradshaw, Crockett St., Henrietta, attended Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth. Volunteered July, 1943, and was assigned to the Army 866 Engr. Avn. Bn. with training at Chaplain's School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Overseas 20 months, in Finschhaven, New Guinea; Palo, Leyte; San Jose, Mindoro; Manila, Luzon; Yokohama, Japan. Battles: New Guinea, Leyte, invasion of Luzon and Japanese Occupation. In addition to duties as Chaplin his voluntary duties were to provide recreation. Awards: Unit Merit Plaque. Letter of Comm. Discharged Feb. 27, 1946.

Cpl. Morris, born April 30,1920, son of Mr. Walter Morris, Routel, Newport, husband of Ezillian Morris, was educated at Newport. He entered the service on Nov. 19,1941, at Henrietta, Texas; was assigned to the Army 66th Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Wallace, Texas; served in the United States from 1941 to 1944; overesas from Nov. 15,1944, to Jan. 1,1946, in N. and S. France, with 66th Div., in St. Nazaire and Lorient Pockets. He was awarded: American Def., ATO, Victory, EAME Campaign Medal w/l Bronze Star, Good Conduct, and Combat Infantryman Badge, Cpl. Morris received an honorable discharge at Camp Fannin Sep. Center, Jan. 8, 1946.



Pfc Poore, born Feb. 4, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Poore, Henrietta, Texas, was educated at Henrietta Ward, and High School. Entered the service on Sept. 27, 1944, assigned to the Army 33rd-136th Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Hood, Temple, Texas. Overseas in Pacific: New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, Japan. Awards: Victory, Good Conduct, Combat Inf. Badge, Asiatic-Pac., Philippine Lib., 2 Battle Stars, Bronze Star, Occupation Ribbon. His wife received a letter from Wash. relating some of his heroic deeds and outstanding courage at battle of Bagnio, Luzon. He was discharged May 23, 1946.

T/Sgt. Porter, born Sept. 14, 1912, husband of Ethel Ruth Porter, Petrolia, Texas, attended Olney High School and was employed in the oil fields before he entered the service on Dec. 14, 1942. Assigned to the Army 3rd Amphibious Engr. Spec. Brigade; trained in Florida and California; served in the United States for 9 months, and overseas from Sept. 7, 1943, to Dec. 19, 1945, in British New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea, Dutch E. Indies, Philippines, and Honshu Island, Japan. He was awarded: 4 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Arrowhead and Victory Medal. T/Sgt. Porter was honorably discharged at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, on January 11, 1946.

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# Maj. IRA H. FOWLER

Maj. Ira H. Fowler, husband of Edna Fowler, 207 South 7th Street, Jacksboro, Texas, was born July 20, 1910, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Stella Fowler, also of Jacksboro. He attended Texas Techat Lubbock, and volunteered for service November 25, 1940, with the Army 36th Division Field Artillery. Maj. Fowler served at Camp Bowie, Texas, and was promoted from 1st Lieutenant to Captain April 15, 1941. Began overseas duty November of the same year, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. While in the campaign of Java he was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese and held at Java, Singapore, Burma, Thailand, French Indo-China from March 8, 1942, to September 9, 1945. After liberation, Maj. Fowler immediately returned to the States. He is currently stationed at the Field Artillery School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he remains in the United States service.

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## PO 1/c JAMES L. McCANLIES

Petty Officer 1/c James Luther McCanlies, born October 15, 1920, husband of the former Miss Mary Ella Graves, 421 E. Belnap, Jacksboro, Texas, volunteered June 19, 1942, for the Navy, 23rd Construction Bn. Trained at various camps in the States, and served overseas from Oct., 1942, to Jan., 1944, in the Aleutian Islands, from Kodiakto Attu, and from July, 1944, to November, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, Mariana Islands at Guam. While in service he successfully completed a trigonometry course and worked with the Engineers during service. The Good Conduct Medal with other awards were received, and after returning to the States, he was discharged November 9, 1945, from Norman, Okla. Since termination of service he has been employed by U.S. Post Office at Jacksboro, Texas.



1st Lt. LOY F. ALLEN



Capt. HOLLIS G. ALLEN

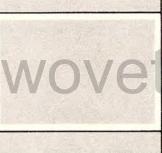
lst Lt. Loy Fowler Allen, born May 11,1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen W. Allen, Jacksboro, Texas, volunteered May 29,1942, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Avon Park, Florida, and began overseas duty January, 1944, in the European Theater; participated in the air offensive and combat of the Balkans, and Rome-Arno; was reported "Missing in action" February, 1944, to May, 1944, but had been imprisoned by the Germans at Dulag Luft, Frankfurt, Germany, and at Stalag Luft # 1, Barth, Germany. Lt. Allen was a prisoner for fifteen months. Received the Distinguished Unit Citation with Cluster. Discharged January 4, 1946.

Capt. Hollis Glenn Allen, born March 13, 1913, husband of Elsie Faye Allen, Dallas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen W. Allen, Jacksboro, Texas, volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, for the Army, Field Artillery, 36th Div. Served overseas from November, 1941, to November, 1945. Capt. Allen was taken prisoner by the Japanese on Java March 10, 1942; was reported "Missing" with the Lost Battalion for over a year, but had been held on Java, Japan, and Manchuria. Was wounded from beatings at the hands of the Japs. The Distinguished Unit Badge with two Clusters was awarded with Purple Heart and many other medals. Capt. Allen was discharged September 4, 1946.

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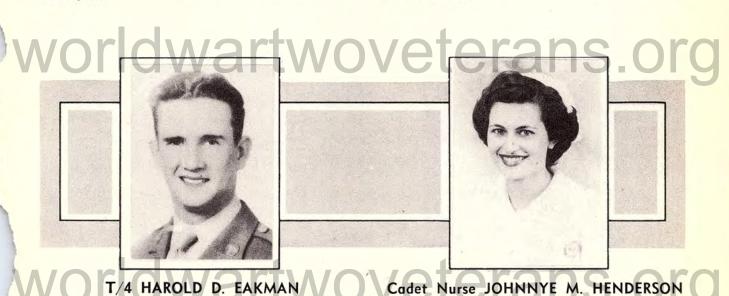


\*S/Sgt. HAROLD D. BRAY

Sgt. CARL T. BRAY

S/Sgt. Harold D. Bray, born October 12, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Bray, Perrin, Texas, volunteered November 25, 1940, for the Army 36th and 142nd Infantry. Began overseas duty April, 1943, in North Africa; participated in combat and the hardships of the foxhole in the battles of Salerno, Cassino, and lost his life May 31, 1944, near Valletri, only one day before he was to begin his furlough and leave for the States. The Silver Star, Purple Heart, and ETO Ribbon with five Battle Stars were awarded, plus the Presidential Unit Citation and Combat Infantryman Badge. His survivors include his wife and two daughters.

Sgt. Carl T. Bray, born May 26, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Bray, Perrin, Texas, entered service January 4, 1944, with the Army Air Force; trained at March Field, Calif., and began overseas duty October, 1944, in the China-Burma-India Theater; participated in the campaigns of Northern and Central Burma and in the China Defense. Sgt. Bray returned to the United States November, 1945. His awards include the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory, plus the American Defense Ribbons. Discharge from the Army Air Force was granted Dec. 10, 1945.



T/4 Harold Douglas Eakman, was born Dec. 16, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eakman, 312 Knox Street, Jacksboro, husband of Ouida Eakman, 5400 Roosevelt Ave., Austin, Texas. He attended the University of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and volunteered for service on December 29, 1940, at Fort Sam Houston. Was assigned to the Army Medical Corps, with training at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served 2 years in the United States, and overseas from Dec. 30, 1942, to Sept. 28, 1944. In South Pacific Area, in Guadalcanal and Northern Solomons campaigns. Promoted from Pvt. to Pfc, then T/4. He was honorably discharged on Sept. 16, 1945.

Cadet Nurse Johnnye Mae Henderson, was born Aug. 24, 1926, in Texas. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eakman, 314 Knox Street, Jacksboro, Texas. She attended Jacksboro High School, Texas, and one semester at North Texas State Teachers College, at Denton, Texas. She volunteered for service on September 1, 1943, at Austin, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Hospital Staff, with training at Seton Hospital, Austin, Texas, serving in that hospital from September 1, 1943, until November 1, 1944. Cadet Nurse Johnnye Mae Henderson received a medical discharge from Seton Hospital in November of 1944.

1. —S 1/c KENNETH LESTER AINSWORTH, was born Nov. 26, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ainsworth, and husband of Sybil B. Ainsworth of Bryson, Texas. Attended Bryson High School, entering the service on April 26, 1944, at Dallas, Texas. Assigned to Navy Amphibious and was trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from July 14, 1944, until Jan. 24, 1946, in Hawaiian Islands, Guam, Okinawa, Corregidor, Japan, Manila, and Batongos. S 1/c Ainsworth was honorably discharged Jan. 7, 1946.

2. —CPL. FRITZ ALFONZO BROWNLEE, brother of George D. Brownlee, and husband of Grace E. Brownlee, both of Jacksboro, Texas, was born on November 13, 1905. He received his education in Jacksboro Public Schools. Entered the service on the 12th day of February, 1943, at Jacksboro, Texas; was assigned to the Army Air Corps Medics, and was sent to Gowen Field for his training. Cpl. Brownlee was given an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on Sept. 29, 1945.

3. —T/4 AVIN WESLEY BROWNLEE, husband of Ora Mae Brownlee, Jacksboro, Texas, born March 28, 1913, volunteered for Army 36th Div., Sept. 17, 1940, and trained at Ft. Richardson, Camp Bowie, Texas, Gamp Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Overseas from April, 1943, to June, 1945, in N. Africa, Italy, S. France, Germany, and Austria. Awarded American Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and EAME Medal with 5 Bronze Stars. T/4 Brownlee was honorably discharged June 27, 1945.

4. —CAPT. LEON WOODROW BROWNLEE, was born Jan. 9, 1915, brother of George D. Brownlee. Attended Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine, Texas. Volunteered for A.A.C., Jan. 5, 1942; trained at Ellington, Fld., Texas, and Victorville A.A. Fld., Calif. Overseas from Oct., 1942, to June, 1945, in England and prison camps Stalag 21B Stalag Luft 3, Stalag 7A for 27 mos. Awarded Purple Heart and Air Medal. Wounded when shot down Dec., 1942. Certificate of Service received Jan. 7, 1946.

5. —IST LT. JAMES OTIS BRANDENBURG, was born on June 11, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brandenburg, and husband of Thelma Lee Brandenburg, all of Jacksboro, Texas. Attended Jacksboro High School. He volunteered for service November 25, 1940, at Jacksboro; assigned to Army 36th Div., and trained at Camps Bowie, Edwards, Blanding, Shanks, Fts. Sill, and Bragg. Served overseas from July 8, 1945, to Dec. 25, 1946, in Marshals, Luzon, and Manila. Discharged honorably March 6, 1946.

6. —S/SGT. DONALD NELSON BROWN, son of Mrs. Louise M. Brown, Jacksboro, Texas, husband of Alice Carolyn Solan Brown, Dallas, Texas, was born Sept. 29, 1916. Volunteered for Army 36th Div., on June 4, 1940; trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Overseas from Nov., 1941, to Sept., 1945, in Netherland E. Indies, Philippines and Central Burma. Prisoner from March, 1942, until Sept., 1945, in Bicycle Camp, Batavia, Java; Changhi; Singapore, Tamarkan Thailand. Awarded Purple Heart. Discharged April 20, 1944.

7. —T/SGT. LONNIE VERNON CLARK, was born Aug. 16, 1920, son of Mrs. Etta Clark, and husband of Viola Clark of Jacksboro, Texas. He volunteered for Army, 7th Armd. Div., June 18, 1941; trained at Camp Polk, La. Overseas from June 7, 1944, to May 29, 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany, battles of Rhineland, N. France, Ardennes. Awarded Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Combat Infantryman's Badge, EAME, 3 Bronze Stars, American Defense Medals. Discharged Aug. 4, 1945.

8. —SGT. JOHN D. CLARK, was born Feb. 14, 1923, son of Mrs. Etta Clark, husband of Alpha Jane Clark of Jacksboro, Texas. He volunteered for Army 36th Div. Sept. 17, 1940, and trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from Nov. 21, 1941, until Oct. 1, 1945, in Prisoner of War Camp in Java from March, 1942, until Sept., 1945; released in Saigon, Indo China. Awarded Presidential Unit, 2 Clusters, Purple Heart, American Defense, 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific 4 Stars. Discharged May 27, 1946.

9. —IST LT. JAMES ROBERT DENNIS, JR., was born Dec. 30, 1923, son of Mrs. J. R. Dennis, Jacksboro, Texas. Attended Texas A & M.Bryan; entered Army on March 23, 1943; trained Ft. Sill, Okla.; overseas from Aug., 1944, to April, 1946, in Belgium, France, Germany, battles of Rhineland, and Ardennes. Awarded Silver Star, Purple Heart, American Theater, European Theater, Victory, and Occupation Ribbons. Overseas with 90th Inf. Div., 4th Armd. Div. Honorably discharged June 13, 1946.

10.—\$\sqrt{SGT}\$. ROGERS LACEWELL DENNIS, was born Sept. 27, 1925, son of Mrs. J. R. Dennis, Jacksboro, Texas. Educated in Jacksboro; He volunteered for Army Air Force, Sept. 24, 1943; trained at Sioux Falls, \$5.D., and Yuma, Ariz.; served overseas from November 20, 1944, to Nov. 19, 1945, in battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Received European Theater with 3 Stars, Air Medal with 4 Clusters, Good Conduct, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Honorably discharged Nov. 26, 1945.

11.—T/4 GEORGE C. GLAZNER, son of Mr. Harry Hunt Glazner of Jacksboro, Texas, was born Aug. 4, 1909; attended Hardin Simmons Colle ge, Abilene, Texas. He entered 3rd Army on June 10, 1943, at Detroit, Mich.; trained at Camp Beale, Calif. Overseas from Feb., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in England, France, Luxembourg, Germany, battles of Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME 5 Stars, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged December 22, 1945.

12.—LT. HARRY HUNT GLAZNER, JR., son of Mr. Harry Hunt Glazner, Sr., of 503 West Archer Street, Jacksboro, Texas, was born on Dec. 13, 1921. Educated in Jacksboro and North Texas State College, Denton. He volunteered for service June 24, 1942, at Dallas, Texas; assigned to Naval Air Corps, and was sent to U.S. Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, Texas. He served overesas from Aug., 1945, until Oct., 1945, in Pacific Area. He was honorably discharged June 4, 1946.

\*13.—PFC RICHARD WAYNE DODSON, was born Nov.10, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Dosdon of Jermyn, Texas. Attended Weatherford College, Texas. He entered service April 4, 1944, at Wichita Falls; assigned to Army; trained at Camp Joseph T. Robertson, Little Rock, Ark. Sent overseas on Sept. 1, 1944, and was with Gen. George Patton's Army in Belgium and Germany. Pfc Richard Wayne Dodson was killed at Luxembourg, Germany, on Jan. 25, 1945, while on patrol duty.

14.—PFC THOMAS HERBERT GLAZNER, was born June 18, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Glazner of Jacksboro, Texas. Educated in Jacksboro. He entered service Nov. 25, 1940, at Jacksboro, Texas; assigned to Army 36th Div., 191st F. A.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from Dec., 1941, to Sept. 5, 1945. Captured March, 1942, Java. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific 2 Stars, Purple Heart, Victory, American Theater, and American Defense Medals. Honorably discharged February 10, 1946.

\*15.—PhM 1/c WILLARD DOUGLAS HELVEY, was born June 7, 1924, son of Mrs. G. W. Helms of Bryson, Texas. Attended Bryson Public Schools. He volunteered for service March 8, 1942; assigned to Navy Pharmacy; trained at San Diego, Calif., going overseas on Jan. of 1944 to Roi and Namur of Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Is., Saipan, Guam, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. Awarded Navy Unit Commendation, Presidential Unit Citation, and Silver Star Medal. He was killed on Iwo Jima on 17th day of Feb., 1945.

16.—C.P.O. JACK WALLACE HENDERSON, was born on September 24, 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Henderson, Box 45, Bryson, Texas, and husband of Jean Armstrong Henderson, also of Bryson. Chief Petty Officer Henderson volunteered for the service on January 8, 1941, at Wichita Falls, Texas; was assigned to the U.S. Navy, and was sent to San Diego, California, for his training. He sailed for overseas service in 1941 and served there until January of 1945.

17.—SGT. ROBERT LOVIS MAXWELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Maxwell, and husband of Lorene Maxwell of Jacksboro, Texas, was born March 11, 1921. He entered Army Inf. Nov. 11, 1943; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Overseas from June, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Received EAME with 5 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, 2 Presidential Unit Citations, and Combat Infantryman's Badge. He was honorably discharged October 31, 1945.

18.—T/4 VIRGIL EUGENE MAXWELL, was born October 16, 1923, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Maxwell, and brotherin-law of Mrs. Robert L. Maxwell of Jacksboro, Texas. He received his education in Perrin, Texas. Entered the service on July 25, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas, and was assigned to Army Infantry; trained at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas. T/4 Virgil Eugene Maxwell served overseas in the area of Japan. He returned to the United States in July of 1946.

\* 19.-A.M.M.1/c BENJIMAN FRANKLIN NEVES, was born on October 24, 1924, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Neves of Jermyn, Texas. He attended Jermyn High School, volunteering for service on September 7, 1942, at Dallas, Texas; assigned to Naval Air Corps, and trained at San Diego, California, and School A.M.M. at Memphis, Tenn. A.M.M. 1/c Neves was flight engineer on PBY aircraft, and was killed when it crashed at Corpus Christi, Texas, on the 12th day of May, 1944.

20.—B.M. 2/c JOHN NUNLEY, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nunley of Bryson, Texas, born Feb. 15, 1925, volunteered for U.S.N.R. Feb. 15, 1942. Trained at Camp Lawrence, Mahan, Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif. Overseas 3 1/2 years in Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Purvis Bay, Russell Is., Marshall, Majuro, Philippines, Keramaretto, Okinawa, Ie Shima. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Stars, Philippine Liberation, 1 Star, Okinawa Campaign, 1 Star, Good Conduct, American Campaign Medals. Discharged Dec. 19, 1945.







# Maj. JEFF COATS



Cpl. EARL PHILLIPS

Maj. Coats, born Jan. 13, 1920, is the son of Maydell Pippin, Jacksboro, husband of Ruth Anne Coats, 320 Academy Street, Carnegie, Pa. He attended Jacksboro Grammar and High School, and volunteered for service on Jan. 15, 1942, at Fort Knox, Ky. Was assigned to the Army, 6th Armored Div.; trained at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, Camp Cooke, Calif. Overseas 14 months, in England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany, battles of Normandy, Brittany, Rhine, Germany. Awards: Bronze Star, Battle of Bastogne Valor Citation, ETOw/5 Battle Stars, Merit. Service Plaque. He was discharged Sept.30, 1946, and will be in the O.R.C., as Major.

Cpl. Earl Phillips, born March 24, 1924, in Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Phillips, Box 334 Bryson, was educated at Olney Grammar and Bryson High School, Texas. Volunteered for service in 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Marine Corps, 1st Marine Airwing; trained at Miramar, San Diego, Calif.; overseas 21 months, in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, Munda, Ie Shima, Okinawa, Japan. He was awarded: Pres. Unit Citation, 1 Star, Asiatic-Pac. Ribbon w/3 Stars, American Theater Ribbon. Cpl. Phillips received his honorable discharge papers Nov. 6, 1945. He was also in Hawaii, Majri, Engebri Is., Saipan and Tinian.



# S/Sgt. WILLIAM A. RIGGS,

S/Sgt. Riggs born Oct. 4, 1921, son of Mrs. Edna Riggs, 406 Knox St., Jacksboro, attended Jacksboro Grammar and High Schools, and volunteered for service April 28, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Field Art., with training at Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Meade, Md. Overseas 13 months, in Leyte, and Luzon, Phillipine Is. Served in Occupation of Japan; participated in S. Philippines and Luzon campaigns, with 32nd (Red Arrow) Div. Art. Hdqtrs. Batt. He received the following awards: ATO Medal, Asiatic-Pacific w/2 Br. Stars, Philippine Lib. Ribbon w/Br. Star, Good Conduct, Victory, Service Stripe, 2 Overseas Bars. Discharged Jan. 12, 1946.

Pfc Ross, born Oct. 7, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ross, 308 Roberson St., Jacksboro, attended Jacksboro High School, and volunteered for service on Nov. 25, 1940. Was assigned to the 131st F.A. Batt. F , 2nd Batt'n , Army 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie; overseas from Jan. 11, 1942, to Sept. 19, 1945. In Java in POW camps, to Saigon, Fr. Indo China. Captured March 8, 1942. Liberated Sept. 5, 1945. Worked on railroads. He was awarded: ATO Medal, Amer. Def. Medal, Asiatic-Pac. w/2 Stars, Good Conduct, Purple Heart, 7 Overseas Service Bars, and 1 Service Stripe; and Victory Ribbon. Pfc Ross received an honorable discharge Dec. 13, 1945.

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\*S/Sqt. JAMES T. ELLENBURG

S/Sgt. Ellenburg, born May 20, 1919, is the son of Mrs. Mary Woodward, 200 Archer St., Jacksboro. Attended Jacksboro High School; volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Camp Bowie, and Ellington Field, Texas; served in the United States 21 months, and overseas 12 months, in England; served in bomber combat mission over Continental Europe. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice in mission over Hanover, Germany, on July 26, 1943. Awarded: Air Medal, Oct. 16, 1942, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters April 16, 1943, Purple Heart. He was promoted from Pvt. to Sgt., and from Sgt. To S/Sgt.

Cpl. JAMES E. RAY

Cpl. Ray, born Jan. 18, 1923, son of Mr. L. B. Ray, Jacksboro, husband of Jewell I. Ray, Graham, Texas. He attended Jacksboro High School; volunteered for service on Nov. 25, 1940; was assigned to the Army 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas; overseas from Jan. 11, 1942, to Sept. 28, 1945; participated in Battle of Java, captured by Japanese and held prisoner for 3 years 7 months. One of famous Lost Batt'n. In following POW Camps: Bicycle, Java; Tambazar, Burma; Niki, Thailand, Saigon, Fr. Indo China. Hewas awarded Dist. Unit Badge, 2 O.L.C., Purple Heart-2 O.L.C., Good Conduct. Discharged 6/12/46. Reenlisted.





# S/Sgt. HAROLD L. SURRET

\*Pvt. SETH E. WAMPLER, JR.

S/Sgt. Surrett, born Oct. 3, 1913, in Okla., son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Surertt, Bryson, and husband of Gerva Surrett, Long Beach, Calif., attended Sand Springs Grammar, and Tulsa High Schools, Oklahoma. Entered the service April 6, 1941, at Long Beach, Calif. Assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Williams Field, Arizona. Overseas 2 years and 8 months, serving in New Caledonia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He was not in actual combat as he was stationed at Communications Headquarters. Before going overseas S/Sgt. Surrett served in the United States from April 6, 1941, to April 30, 1943. He was hon. discharged Dec. 22, 1945.

Pvt. Wampler, born Aug. 10, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth E. Wampler, Sr., Vineyard, and husband of Norma J. Wampler, 403 4th St., Jacksboro, attended Jacksboro Grammar and High Schools, Texas. Entered the service on Jan. 4, 1943, at Mineral Wells, Texas; was assigned to the Army 34th Infantry; trained at Camp Croft, South Carolina; served in the United States 5 months and overseas 5 months, in North Africa, Italy, Battle for Cassino. He was killed in action Nov. 30, 1943, and awarded Purple Heart, Expert Rifleman. Pvt. Wampler is interred in U.S. Military Cemetery, Carano, Italy, Plot K, Row 34, Grave 1414.











MM 1/c WILLIAM R. CARTER, JR.

M.M. 1/c Carter, born Oct. 1, 1924, son of Wm. Robt. Carter, Sr., R.R. 1, New Port, and husband of Alta Marie, 417 Westgate St., Corpus Christi, was educated at Bowie High Schools, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 14, 1942, at Shreveport, La., and was assigned to the United States Navy Engr. Corps. Trained at U.S.N.T. Sta., San Diego, Calif. Overseas from March 14, 1943, to March 7, 1946. His ship was classed as an Auxiliary Destroyer and was not in any major engagements. He was awarded the following medals: Good Conduct, Asiatic-Pac., Philippine Lib., and Victory. Was honorably discharged March 8, 1946.

# Lt. (jg) RAYMOND K. GWALTNEY

Lt. (jg) Raymond Kenneth Gwaltney, born May 7,1922, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Gwaltney, 217 W. Belknap Street, Jacksboro, and husband of Dorothy Gwaltney, 50 New Ştreet, Willow Grove. He attended Jacksboro High School, Texas; volunteered for service on January 17, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy Air Corps, with training at Norfolk, Virginia. He served in the United States for 3 years and 1 month, and overseas 9 months in European Theater of Operations. He was awarded the Air Medal. Promoted from S. to A.R.M. 3/c, to A. Cadet, to Ensign, to Lt. (jg). Hon. discharged Nov. 16, 1945.



Pfc Harper, born July 9, 1915, is the son of Mrs. Alice R. Harper, Box 585, Kress. Educated at Altus Public Schools, Okla., and Jacksboro High School, Texas. Entered the service on Jan. 8, 1942, at Portersville, Calif.; was assigned to the Army 32nd Div.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. He served in the United States 3 months, and overseas 40 months, Papua, Saidor, Aitape, Leyte, and Luzon. He was awarded the following: Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Ribbon, S.W. Pacific Ribbon w/4 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon w/Bronze Star. Pfc Harper received his honorable discharge papers on Aug. 28, 1945.

S/Sgt. Lucas, born July 8, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Lucas, 203 E. Flora St., Jacksboro, attended Jacksboro High School. Volunteered for service on Nov. 25, 1940, and was asisgned to the Army 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Overseas from Nov. 21, 1941, to Oct. 23, 1945. In Java, POW Camps, Batavia, Java, 7 months, Singapore 6 weeks, Nagasaki, Japan, from Dec. 27, 1942, to Sept. 13, 1945. Reported missing until liberated. Awards: American D.w/Star, ATO, A & P Ribbonw/2 Stars, Phil. Def. w/Star, Good Con., Victory, Dist. Unit Badge w/2 O.L.C. He worked in coal mines and S. Yards while POW. Discharged May 23, 1946.

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\*Capt. JACK E. GOLDEN

Capt. Jack E. Golden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emitt Golden, Seymour, Texas, was born December 2, 1921, in Texas; attended Texas A & M, and volunteered May 16, 1942, for the Army Infantry, 1st Division, training at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Camp Hood, Texas. He began overseas duty February, 1943, in the North-African-European Theater, where he participated in the Battles of North Africa, Sicily, Normandy invasion, Northern France, Central Europe, Ardennes and the Rhineland. While in the campaign for Germany, Capt. Golden paid the Supreme Sacrifice in action during the Harz Mountain Battle on April 15, 1945. The Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded, plus Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star and 2 Purple Hearts in recognition of his heroic death.

1st Lt. BILLY W. GOLDEN

1st Lt. Billy W. Golden, birth date September 1, 1924, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emitt Golden, Seymour, Texas. He graduated from the Seymour Schools, and volunteered December 2, 1942, at Dallas for the Army Air Corps, training in San Antonio, Ellington Field, Texas, Big Spring, Texas, and Army Air Base in Casper, Wyoming. Lt. Golden served overseas July, 1944, to May, 1945, in the European Theater, where he participated in the Battles of Northern France, Central Europe, Ardennes and the Rhineland. The Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with campaign ribbons and World War II Victory Award. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from the Army Air Force September 28, 1945.



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## \*T/5 J. R. MORGAN, JR.

T/5 J.R. Morgan, Jr., was born October 28, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan, Sr., Red Springs, Texas, and husband of Evelyn Morgan, Lamesa, Texas; attended the Red Springs, Texas, Schools, and entered service February 5, 1942, assigned to the Army Infantry, Rainbow Division, training at Camp Wolters, Texas. He served overseas May, 1942, to March, 1943, in Hawaii, and later began overseas duty May, 1944, in the Philippine Islands where he participated in the battle of Leyte, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country while in combat on November 7, 1944, on Leyte. The Good Conduct Medal and Purple Heart Award were received.







Cpl. GEORGE A. MAZAC

S/Sgt. HENRY H. MAZAC, JR.

Pfc VINCENT J. MAZAC

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mazac, Seymour, Texas

Cpl. GEORGE A. MAZAC, born December 16, 1919, entered the Army, 14 F.A. Obsn. Bn. on August 6, 1937, and served in the drawing of rations at Ft. Sill, Okla., and is credited with 720,000 rations. He served overseas in England, France, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany; received various awards, and returned to the States. Discharged Oct. 9, 1945.

S/Sgt. HENRY H. MAZAC, Jr., born September 19, 1925, entered the Army, 43rd Bombing Sqdn. on February 2, 1944; trained at Radio School, Truax Field, Wis., and served overseas participating in twenty-four combat missions as tail gunner over New Guinea, Luzon, Formosa and China; received Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with five Bronze Stars, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Star and other awards. Sgt. Mazac returned to the States, and was discharged November 22, 1945.

Pfc VINCENT J. MAZAC, born September 14, 1927, attended the Bomarton, Texas, Schools, and entered the Army, 67 Q.M. Co., Hq. Det., 12th Bn. on December 18, 1945; trained and is currently serving at Camp Lee, Virginia. Pfc Mazac is active as boxing instructor and sports writer, and arranges exhibitions for servicemen and hospitals. Out of twenty-six bouts, he has lost only one.





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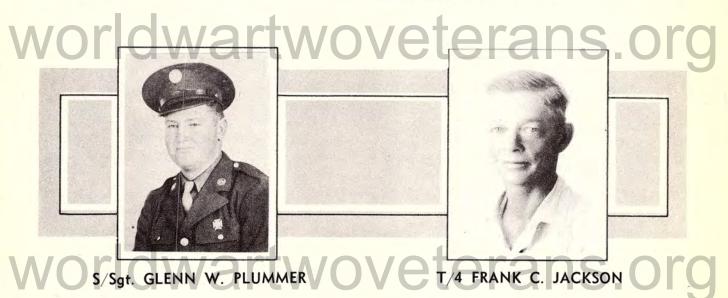


S/Sgt. WELDON F. STORM

Pfc JOSEPH F. WILLINGS, JR.

Pfc Joseph Fredrick Willings, Jr., born Dec. 30, 1924, son of J. F. Willings, Sr., Red Springs, Texas, husband of Betty Lou Willings, Seymour. He attended Seymour High School, Texas; entered the service on Oct. 11, 1944, and was assigned to the Army 43rd Div.; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas; overseas 9 months, in Luzon, Philippine Campaign and Japan. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific w/l Bronze Star, Philippine Lib. Ribbon w/l Bronze Star, Combat Inf. Badge, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Victory, and Occupation of Japan Ribbons. He is at present with 550th F.A. Bry. School Troop, Fort Benning, Ga. Was with 43rd Div. in Philippines.

S/Sgt. Weldon Francis Storm, born Sept. 23, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Storm, 925 N. 13th St., Waco, husband of Virginia M. Storm, Red Springs, attended West Junior High School, Waco; he volunteered for service Aug. 17, 1933, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army, 2nd Inf. Div.; trained at Ft. F.E. Warren, Wyo. Overseas from April 29, 1943, to June 30, 1945, in North Africa, Italy, and in the following campaigns: Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, Po Valley. Awards: Soldier's Medal, Good Conduct, American D. Medal, American T. Ribbon, EAME Ribbon, Victory, 4 Bronze S. Stars, Bronze Arrowhead (D-Day Inv., Italy). Proc. DET. ORD., Fort Lawton, Washington.



S/Sgt. Glenn Wilson Plummer, born May 12, 1921, son of Mrs. M. S. Plummer, Seymour, husband of Kathleen O. Plummer, Red Springs, attended Seymour, Texas, High School; entered the service on Dec. 28, 1944, at Dallas; he was assigned to the Army 494th Q.M. Depot Co.; trained at Camp Hood, Texas; overseas 12 months, in South Pacific and New Caledonia. He received the following awards: Victory Medal, 2 Overseas Bars (Service), Meritorious Unit Award, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. S/Sgt. Plummer received his honorable discharge on August 3, 1946, and is at home with his wife.

T/4 Frank C. Jackson, born Dec. 3, 1916, son of Mrs. J. F. Arnold, 1720 Speight St., Waco, Texas, attended the public schools at Waco, and entered the service of the Army Medical Detachment on Jan. 22, 1942, at Camp Wolters; he was assigned to the 159th Army General Hospital Div.; trained at Camp Grant, Ill.; overseas May, 1944, to Dec., 1945, 19 months in all, in England. Awarded the following medals: Good Conduct, American Defense, American Theater Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon, and Victory Medal. Promoted from B. Pvt. to T/5th Grade, then to T/4th Grade. He received an honorable discharge on December 27, 1945.



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ART 1/c ILOR C. LANKFORD, JR.

ART 1/c Ilor Clive Lankford, Jr., born October 31, 1911, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Lankford, Sr., and husband of Dorothy O. Lankford, Seymour, Texas, attended Georgia Tech at Atlanta, and was a radio technician prior to his volunteering for service February 30, 1942, with the U.S. Naval Air Corps, Radar Branch. His training was received at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Ward Island, Corpus Christi. Later he served as instructor for Advanced Radar Training in Naval Air Corps, also serving with the Fleet Air Arm, Atlantic Fleet. Discharge was received September 10, 1945, at Casco Bay Rec. Sta., Maine.

\*Lt. (jg) JOHN H. LANKFORD

Lt. (jg) John Hulen Lankford, born March 30, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Lankford, Sr., Seymour, Texas, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunteered January, 1942, for the Naval Air Corps, training at Hensley Field, Dallas, and Corpus Christi. He began overseas duty August, 1943, in the South Pacific Area; participated in the battles of Guadalcanal and Munda, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice February 7, 1944, while in combat over Espiritu Santos, New Hebrides. The Air Medal was awarded, and a Letter of Commendation for meritorious achievement was received for "vigorously attacking and destroying enemy gun positions".





1st Lt. JACK M. MONTGOMERY 1st Lt. MARY K. MONTGOMERY

lst Lt. Jack Miles Montgomery, birth date March 27, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, Eldorado, Texas, volunteered June 26, 1942, for the Army Air Forces; trained at Santa Ana and Victorville, Calif., and Alamogordo, N.M. He served overseas December, 1943, to June, 1945, with the 15th Air Force in Italy; was shot down over Hungary, and imprisoned February 22, 1944, by the Germans; liberated April 26, 1945. The Air Medal with two Clusters, two Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation and Good Conduct Medal were awarded, and he is credited with fifteen missions as bombardier. Discharged Feb. 9, 1946. Member of Reserves.

lst Lt. Mary Kathryn Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, Eldorado, Texas, was born March 17,1923, and attended the Texas State College for Women, Denton, and served as interne at Mass. General Hospital at Boston. She volunteered July,1944, for the Army, Medical Department; served on staff work at Brooke General Hospital, and mobilized for overseas service at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Lt. Montgomery began overseas duty January,1945, and served as dietician with Army at hospital in Mourmelon La Petite, France, and Frankfurt, Germany, and was expected home for discharge September, 1946.

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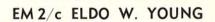
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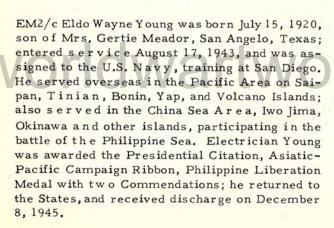
S/Sgt. James Lester Collier, husband of Mrs. Aleen Collier, 120 E. Beauregard Street, San Angelo, Texas, was born May 10, 1918, in Goldthwaite, Mills County, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Collier of Goldthwaite. He graduated from the Star, Texas, Schools and Business College in Abilene, Texas, and was bookkeeper for South Texas Lumber Company in Abilene. Sgt. Collier volunteered March 26, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas; and began overseas duty October, 1944, in the Pacific Theater on the Island of New Guinea. While on a transport plane transferring from Biak to Mindoro Island, Sgt. Collier lost his life on January 26, 1945, when the plane crashed. He was first reported "missing"; later confirmation of his death was received. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously in recognition for his life given while in the service of his country.

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## Maj. LAUREN G. KNEPSHIELD

Maj. Lauren Gilbreath Knepshield, born March 4, 1906, husband of Eleanor Allison Knepshield, 1510 South Monroe, San Angelo, Texas, volunteered July 21, 1942, for the Army Air Forces; trained at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Kelly Field. Maj. Knepshield served with the Army Air Force Training Command, Goodfellow Field, Texas: Central Instructors and Staff School, Randolph Field; First Troop Carrier Command, Lubbock, Texas; Air Technical Service Command, Oklahoma City; Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, and Pacific Wing Air Transport Command, California. He transferred to inactive duty with the Reserves on December 13, 1945. Major and Mrs. Knepshield have three children, two daughters and a son.







C.E.M. Robert E. Neves, born July 27, 1917, husband of Earnestine R. Neves, 310 S. Koenigheim, San Angelo, attended University of San Antonio; volunteered for service on May 2, 1942; was assigned to Navy Const. Batt'n; trained at Camp Peary, Va. Overseas 11 months, in China with Navy guerrillas (S.A.C.O.) and (S.I.N.O. American Co-operative Association). He was awarded: As iatic Ribbon, 1 Star, Medal of Honor-Chinese Nat. Gov't. The above association began as strictly weather reporting unit but grew until it was providing U.S. Army and Air Force Hqtrs. with intelligence, regarding Jap ship movements, remaining undetected. Discharged Dec., 1945.





S/Sgt. JON S. SNOW

S/Sgt. Jon Sylvester Snow, husband of 1st Lt. Mary Jo Snow, 314 North Harrison, San Angelo, Texas, was born October 14, 1920, in Winnsboro, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Snow. He attended Trinity Heights Elementary School in Dallas and Winnsboro High School, and volunteered September 19, 1940, for the Army Air Corps. He trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas; was promoted to Corporal on February 1,1942, to Sergeant, April 22, 1942, and to Staff Sergeant, September 3, 1942. His total duty was served in the United States, for which he received the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal and American Defense Award. After five years of faithful service, Sgt. Snow terminated his Army duty November 17, 1945.

## 1st Lt. MARY J. SNOW

1st Lt. Mary Josephine Snow was born October 26, 1914, wife of Sgt. Jon Sylvester Snow, who served in the Army Air Force, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mailloux, 841 Occidential Blvd., Los Angeles, California. Lt. Snow graduated from Santa Maria, California, High School, Pre-Nursing Course of Fullerton Junior College, California, and trained for her career at Queen of Angelo Hospital, Los Angeles. She volunteered for service August 26, 1943, for the Army Nurses Corps; served at Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, among the gallant nurses of the recent war. May 7, 1945, she received promotion from 2nd to 1st Lieutenant. Discharge from the Nurses Corps was granted June 15, 1945.

1. —CHIEF MACHINIST MATE WILLIAM DAVIS BRYSON, born Sept. 8, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bryson of San Angelo, Texas, Volunteered April 2, 1942, at San Angelo, Texas, in the Naval Reserve. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Dec., 1942, to Sept., 1945, in South Pacific Area, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Marshall Islands, and Okinawa. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 1, 1945, Attended San Angelo High School.

2. —SGT. JERRY GEORGE HENDERSON, born Sept. 24, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Henderson, Sr., of San Angelo, Texas. Attended San Angelo High School. Entered Jan. 7, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, in the Marine Bombing Sqd. 423. Trained at San Diego, CaMf. Overseas Feb., 1944, to Sept., 1945, on Treasury, Bougainville, Bismarck Archipelago, Northern Solomons, and Western Carolinas. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 28, 1945.

3. —T/SGT.NAT HENDERSON, JR., born July 19,1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Henderson, Sr., of San Angelo, Texas. Entered Jan, 2,1943, at Dallas, Texas, in the Marines, Night Fighting Sq. 541. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Aug., 1944, to Jan., 1946, on Palau, Peleliu, Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon, and China. Wounded in action on Peleliu on Sept. 23, 1944. Hereceived the Purple Heart, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January 29, 1946.

4. —SEAMAN 1/c CECIL WADE HENDERSON, born Oct. 3, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Henderson, Sr., of San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 28, 1944, at San Angelo, Texas, in the Navy USS L.S.M.-412. Trained at Great Lakes, III. Overseas May, 1945, to March, 1946, in American Area and Asiatic-Pacific Area. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged April 8, 1946. Husband of Mrs. Jean Henderson of San Angelo, Texas. Attended San Angelo High.

5. —S/SGT. MARVIN WAYNE DANIEL, born Sept. 15, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Daniel of San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered July 18, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, in the Marines, Aviation. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Nov., 1942, to June, 1944, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater Area. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged September 28, 1945. Completed his education at senior high school at San Angelo, Texas. Husband of Mrs. Annie Daniel.

6. —T/4 LOYD A. DANIEL, born Dec. 29, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Daniel of San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 27, 1941, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, in the Army 2nd Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp McCoy, Wis. Overseas Oct., 1943, to June, 1945, in Iceland, Wales, England, France, Belgium, Germany, Czechoslovakia, battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Unit Meritorious Medal. Discharged June 30, 1945.

7. —SGT. LAWRENCE CHARLES DANIEL, born Nov. 16, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Daniel of San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 6, 1936, in the Army, 5th Cavalry Division. Trained at Ft. Clark, Texas. Overseas Sept., 1942, to April, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Hebrides, Biak, and Philippines. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 5 Battle Stars. Now serving in U.S. Army Recruiting Service. Re-enlisted in 1939 in the Army Air Corps.

8. — S/SGT. MARSHALL EUGENE DANIEL, born Dec. 8, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Daniel of San Angelo, Texas. Entered July, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Columbia Army Air Base, Overseas July, 1943, to Oct., 1944, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, New Guinea, and Biak. Lone survivor of plane crash at Saidor, New Guinea, April 16, 1944. Awarded Air Medal with 1 Cluster, Purple Heart, and Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged September 13, 1945.

9. —A.O.M. 3/c (A. B.) BOBBY EDWARD NEWBROUGH, born Oct. 7, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Newbrough of Texon, Texas. Volunteered in May, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Navy Air Corps. Trained at Camp Wallace, Texas. Overseas in 1945 in Hawaii for a little while. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Attended Reagan County High School, Big Lake, Texas, where he was a student prior to military service. He was discharged in July, 1947.

10.—CPL. BOB ELTON BROTHERS, born Dec. 26, 1921. Husband of Mrs. Gena Beth Brothers of San Angelo, Texas. Entered Dec. 26, 1942, at Mineral Wells, Texas, in the Army, 687th A.A.M.G. Btry., 18th Airborne Bn. Trained at Camp Wallace, Texas. Overseas July, 1943, to Oct. 22, 1945, in India, China, Burma, Northern Burma, Central Burma, and Southern Burma. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 Battle Stars, British Burma Star, and Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 27, 1945.

11.—S/SGT. R.L. KEITH, born March 10, 1926. Son of Mr. Lloyd Keith of San Angelo, Texas. Attended Lakeview, Texas, High School. Volunteered May 15, 1944, at Ft. Sill, Okla, in the Army, 70th Division. Trained at Camp Fannin. Overseas in France, battle of the Bulge and Hogneau Forest. Wounded Feb. 17, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart, EAME Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Jan. 31, 1946. Received C.D.D. with a disability pension.

12.—IST LT. JOSEPH D. KEYS, JR., born Feb. 12,1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Keys, Sr., of Miles, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 21, 1940, at San Angelo, Texas, in the Army Air Force. Overseas Oct., 1941, to March, 1944, in invasions of Sicily and Italy, and up to the breakthrough of Cassion. He received the Air Medal and Cluster, European Theater Campaign Medal with 3 Battle Stars, and Victory Medal. Still serving in 1937 S.C.U. M.P.P.S., U.S. Army Recruiting Service. Attended Miles High School.

13.-T/4 MARY WINNIE MAXWELL, born Jan, 11, 1920. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Maxwell of San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered May 1, 1943, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army Signal Corps, W.A.C. Received her training at San Antonio, Texas, and Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. Served in the United States with 2nd Sig. Bn. Received WAAC Service Medal, Good Conduct, American Service, Meritorious Service, and Commendation from Military Intelligence Division. Was discharged February 5, 1946.

14.—S/SGT. GEORGE ROBERT MAXWELL, born Dec. 19, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Maxwell of San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 5, 1940, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army Air Force, 44 Bomb Gp. Trained at Lowry Fleld, Colo., and Chanute Field, Ill. Overseas Nov., 1943, to Aug., 1944, in 8th Air Force in England, as engineer gunner on B-24 in Normandy invasion and Western air offensive. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal, 2 Battle Stars, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Presidential Citation with Cluster. Discharged Sept., 1945.

15.—S1/c ARM FOREST TED MAXWELL, born June 28, 1927. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Maxwell of 104 S. Bell, San Angelo, Texas. Voluntered May, 1945, at San Angelo, Texas, in the Navy Air Corps. Received his training at N.A.T.T.C., Memphis, Tennessee. Served in the United States from May, 1945, and is still serving in Naval Air Station Communications, New Orleans, Louisiana. Completed his education at San Angelo Jr. College. He had brother and sister in the service.

16.—PFC WILLIAM T. (DUB) MORELAND, born Nov. 26, 1911. Husband of Mrs. Mildred Moreland of Kopperl, Texas. Entered March 8, 1944, at Ft. Sill, Oklar, in the Army, Co. D., 101st Infantry, 26th Division. Trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala. Overseas Sept., 1944, to Feb., 1945, in France, Germany, Luxembourg, and Saar Valley. Wounded in Luxembourg Dec. 29, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart, European Theater Medal with 2 Battle Stars, and Infantry Combat Badge. Discharged Oct. 29, 1945.

17.—T/4 MURRAY LOUIS PROBST, born July 20,1912. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Probst of San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 28, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army Air Force. Trained at March Field, Calif. Overseas Nov., 1942, to Oct., 1945, in England and Rhineland. Was awarded EAME Campaign Me dal with 1 Bronze Star, 5 Overseas Service Bars, 1 Service Stripe, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 22, 1945.

18.—1ST LT. FORREST D. EDWARDS, born Oct. 12,1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards of San Angelo. Volunteered April 2, 1942, for the Army Air Force. Trained at Pine Bluff, Ark., Waco, and Victoria, Texas. Overseas Nov., 1943, to May, 1945, in Southwest Pacific Area. Received Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and Presidential Unit Citation. Still serving in 2533rd A.A.F.B.U. San Angelo. He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Probst, of San Angelo, having married their daughter, Hazel.

19.—PFC ROBERT LOGAN PROBST, bern Oct, 20, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Probst of San Angelo, Texas. Entered Dec. 17, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army Field Artillery. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and also in England. Overseas May, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Arrowhead, 4 Overseas Service Bars, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Nov. 21, 1945.

20.—M/SGT. WALTER LEON RUSSELL, born April 16, 1922. Husband of Mrs. Rose Marie Russell of Sanatorium, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 20, 1940, at Houston, Texas, in 2nd Medical Bn., and 2nd Infantry Division. Trained at Dodd Field, Texas. Overseas Nov., 1943, to June, 1945, in Algiers, Tunis, Tunisia (North Africa), Naples, and Italy. Awarded European Theater and American Theater Medals. Was discharged June 22, 1945, and re-enlisted June 30, 1946, in 46 Hq. Det., Medical Field Ser. School.





# \*S/Sgt. JOSEPH F. BLEDSOE

S/Sgt. Joseph Franklin Bledsoe, birth date August 12, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bledsoe, San Angelo, Texas, attended the Midland, Texas, Schools, and was a Christian young man and a member of a local church. He volunteered February 18, 1942, for the Army Infantry, 25th Div.; trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and later at Oahu, Hawaii. Sgt. Bledsoe began overseas duty May, 1942; participated in the battles of Guadalcanal, Tulagi, New Georgia, and other islands in the Pacific; and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country February 24, 1945, while in combat on Luzon in the Philippine Islands. The Good Conduct was awarded with other medals.



S/Sgt. ARTHUR A. MONTGOMERY



Capt. JAMES A. MONTGOMERY



Y 3/c LAWRENCE C. MONTGOMERY

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Montgomery, Sr., Angelo.

S/Sgt. ARTHUR ALONZO MONTGOMERY, born June 23,1921, volunteered June 8, 1942, for the Army Coast Artillery; transferred to Army Air Corps, March 2,1943, and served overseas May, 1944, to June, 1945, in the air offensive over Europe; was wounded and imprisoned by Germans July, 1944, to April, 1945, at Belgarde, Germany. The Air Medal, ETO Ribbon, Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal were received. Discharged Oct. 22, 1945.

Capt. JAMES ANDREW MONTGOMERY, born February 16, 1916, volunteered October 8, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; was commissioned April 1, 1942, and served July, 1942, to November, 1943, and completed fifty combat missions over Europe and Mediterranean Theater in a B-17 type plane. The Pres. Unit Citation, Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Ribbon with five Battle Stars and other medals were awarded. He returned to the States; was discharged July 8, 1945.

Yeoman 3/c LAWRENCE CALVIN MONTGOMERY, birth date March 11, 1927, attended the San Angelo, Texas, Schools, and the University of Texas at Austin. He volunteered March 6, 1945, for the Navy, training at San Diego, and assigned to the Naval Base at Gulfport, Mississippi, and later to Washington, D.C., where he is currently serving.

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\*1st Lt. JACK W. MATHIS

1st Lt. Jack Warren Mathis, the son of Mrs. P. B. Scott of Alexis, Ill., formerly of San Angelo, Texas, was born Sept. 25, 1921. He attended Sterling City High School, and from there he volunteered for the Army Air Corps in June, 1940. He was trained at Ellington Field, near Houston, and received his wings at Victorville, Calif., on July 4, 1942. On the 26th of Oct. of that same year he was sent to England. He flew on bombing missions over Bremen, Wilhelmshaven, and Vegasack. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Mar. 18, 1943, at Vegasack. He was presented with citations by the President, Congress, and the Texas Governor. He held the Congressional Medal of Honor, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Purple Heart.

\*1st Lt. RHUDE M. MATHIS

1st Lt. Rhude Mark Mathis was born on Feb. 14, 1918, a native of Texas. His mother is Mrs. P. B. Scott of Alexis, Ill., and he was married to Christine Mathis of Lakeland, Fla. He attended Sterling City High School. On the 30th of April, 1941, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps. His training took him through Goodfellow and Ellington Fields and the Midland Army Air Base. He was sent to Africa in Jan., 1943, and served there for three months before going to England. From here he flew missions over Germany. He was lost over Kiel, Germany, on May 14, 1943, two months after his brother had given his life for his country, and never returned. The Purple Heart was presented to him posthumously.

1. -T/SGT. CLAUDE OSCAR WAYNE TURN, born Feb. 7, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turn of San Angelo, Texas. Entered Oct. 27, 1944, at Sam Houston, Texas, in the Army 46th Eng. Const. Bn. Trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Overseas May, 1945, to Aug., 1946, on Luzon, Sendoi, Japan, Tokyo, a nd Yokohama, Japan, Awarded 2 Presidential Unit Citations, 1 Battle Star, 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged October 11, 1946.

2. —SGT. RALEIGH P. E. TURN, born Nov. 2, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turn of San Angelo, Texas. Entered Aug. 16, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army, 1308th Engr. (GS) Regt. Trained at Camp Sutton, Monroe, N.C. Overseas from May, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in European Theater, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Asiatic-Pacific Area. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 3 Overseas Service Bars, and Victory Medal. Discharged Jan., 1946.

3. —A.B.S. ANDREW J. TURN, born Feb. 7, 1927. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turn of San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 10, 1944, at Calif., in the Merchant Marines. Trained at Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, Calif. Overseas May, 1946, to Aug., 1946, in South Pacific, Atlantic, Okinawa invasion, England, and in Japan. Awarded South Pacific, Atlantic Medals, Combat Bar, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged September 18, 1946.

4. —PFC BEN GERALD WESLEY TURN, born Nov. 23, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turn of San Angelo, Texas. Entered Aug. 28, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, in the Army Tank Corps. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas Feb., 1945, to June, 1946, in Rhineland, Central Europe, Ruhr Pocket, and Army of Occupation, So 105 Wd 45. Awarded Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged July 2, 1946.

5. —PARACHUTE RIGGER 2/c BONNIE TURN FAHEY, born July 27, 1922. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turn of San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 21, 1943, at San Angelo, Texas, in Navy Aviation. Trained at Bronx, New York, and Lakehurst, New Jersey. Served in the United States October 21, 1943, to Cotober 20, 1945. Also served in Lake City, Florida. She received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 20, 1945. Attended San Angelo High.

6. —CHIEF BOATSWAIN MATE EMMETT ELMO MED-LOCK, born Feb. 23,1918. Son of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Med-lock of San Angelo. Volunteered Feb. 27, 1942, at San Angelo, Texas, in the Navy Seabees. Trained at Great Lakes, III. Overseas July, 1942, to Sept., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific on Guadalcanal, Marshall, and Mariana Islands. Awarded.Navy Unit Commendations, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 21, 1945. Grandson of Mrs. Della Whitley of Mertzon, Texas.

7. -T/SGT. ANDIS M. FARRIS, born Sept. 24, 1917. Son of Mrs. Angie Reid of San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered April 2, 1942, at San Angelo, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Santa Ana, Calif., and Kingman, Ariz. Overseas May, 1944, to May, 1945, in European Theater, battles of Normandy, Southern France, Northern France, and Rhineland. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Badge, and Silver Star. Discharged May, 1945.

8. —PVT. HUYLER FARRIS, born Jan. 17, 1914. Son of Mrs. Angie Reid of San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 25, 1941, at San Angelo, Texas, in the Army Medical Corps. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas Sept., 1941, to March, 1943, in Iceland. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged August 18, 1943. Attended Llano Public High School. Had a brother in the service. He resides at 614 East 26 Street, San Angelo, Texas.

9. —CPL. HOMER TOMAS BUMGUARDNER, born June 24, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bumguardner of Brady, Texas. Volunteered July 11, 1940, at Brady, Texas, in the Army, 2nd Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Overseas Oct., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland campaigns. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, Occupation Medal of Germany. Still in 62nd MP Platoon, 4th Army, Ft. Sam Houston.

10.—SGT. DOYLE ELMO SQUIERS, born Feb. 6, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Squiers of Rochelle, Texas. Volunteered May 23, 1941, at Brady, Texas, in the Army Quartermaster Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas July, 1943, in New Guinea campaign, Australia, Leyte, Luzon, Philippines, Bismarck Archipelago campaign, and Germany. Awarded Philippine Liberation with 2 Bronze Stars, Pre-Pearl Harbor, and Asiatic-Pacific Medals. Reenlisted for 3 years; now in Berlin, Germany.

11.—S/SGT. RALPH EUGENE WOOD, born Jan. 25, 1910. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wood of Brady, Texas. Entered May 7,1942, in the Army, 332 Engr. Regt. Trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Overseas Aug., 1942, to Aug., 1945, in Southern France, England, Northern France. Captured crossing the Rhine; German POW for 4 months. Wounded twice. Awarded Purple Heart with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, European Theater with 7 Battle Stars, and Soldier's Medal. Still serving in Infantry, Lorton, Virginia.

12.—1ST LT. DENVER JEFF WOOD, born Aug. 17,1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wood of Brady, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 11, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Overseas Aug., 1944, to June, 1945, in European Theater, 374 Fighter Squadron, 361 Fighter Group, and in New Cambridge, England. Was awarded Purple Heart, Air Medal, European Theater Campaign with 2 Battle Stars, and Victory Medal, Still serving in 3528th A.A.F. Bn., Luke Field, Ariz.

13.—SI/c GORDON DALE YATES, born May 12, 1926. Son of Mr, and Mrs. G. M. Yates of Placid. Volunteered May 10, 1944, in the Navy. Trained at Camp Wallace, Houston. Overseas Aug., 1944, to May, 1946, in the Pacific, Atlantic, Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, New Guinea, Cuba, Hawaii, Philippines, Gilberts, Solomons, Iwo Jima invasion, Saipan bombardment, New Hebrides, Marshalls, Carolines, and Fijis. Was discharged May 20, 1946. Was in 3 Subattacks and 2 typhoons.

14.—SGT. NEWELL HOWARD DUEY, born Dec. 4, 1908, brother of Miss Loraine Duey of San Saba, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 14, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army Air Forces. Trained at Eagle Pass, Texas. Overseas June, 1945, to Oct., 1945, in Philippine Islands and Ryukyus Group with 5th Air Force. Awarded 2 Presidential Unit Citations, Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 1 Bronze Star, 2 Battle Stars, and Victory Medal. Discharged Dec. 18, 1945.

15.—IST LT. LEWIS LEON HARRIS, born Oct. 17, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harris, Comanche. Entered Jan. 17, 1941, in the Army, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas Oct., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Normandy (combat jump June 6 with 82nd Airborne), Battle of Bulge, Rhine (combat jump), France, and Germany. Awarded Distinguished Unit Badge, Purple Heart, Silver Star, 4 Battle Stars, and Victory Medal. Discharged Sept. 21, 1945.

16.—CAPT. JOE LESLIE HARRIS, born April 26, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harris of Comanche, Texas, Volunteered Oct. 1, 1941, at Lubbock, Texas, as an Army Aviation Cadet. Trained at Cal-Aero, Ontario, and Victorville, Calif. Overseas April, 1944, to April, 1945, in England and European Theater. Made 15 missions in B-24; forced landing in Sweden; POW June, 1944, to Mar., 1945. Awarded Air Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, ETO, 2 Battle Stars. Still serving in A.T.C., Calif.

17.—M/SGT. JOHN SHADRICK REGISTER, JR., born July 1, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Register, Sr., of Hamilton, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 12, 1936, at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas. Trained at Moffett and Hamilton Field, Calif., and Payne Field, Wash. Overseas Oct., 1942, to April, 1945, in Egypt, North Africa, and Italy. He received the Eastern Campaign, 4 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Was discharged May 17, 1945. Husband of Mrs. Virginia C. Register of Lafayette, Calif.

18.—C.M.2/c ARCHIE JOE REGISTER, born March 16, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Register, Sr., of Hamilton, Texas. Entered July 7, 1943, at Kansas City, Mo., in the Navy Seabees. Overseas Feb., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in New Guinea, Philippine, Zambouga, and Basalian. Was awarded Pacific Theater Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation, American Theater, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 10, 1945. Attended Pottsville, Texas, High School, and is the husband of Evelyn Bennett Register of Hamilton.

\* 19.—FLT/O BILLY GENE SEAGO, born March 31, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Seago of Hico, Texas, Volunteered Feb. 24, 1943, at Houston, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly Field, Victory Field, Garden City, and Venice Field. Overseas July, 1944, to Jan., 1945, in India, Burma-China. Made 11 missions in China. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Jan. 20, 1945, at Shanghai, China. Awarded Citation of Honor, Purple Heart, Presidential Citation; rests in Hungjao Road Cemetery in Shanghai, China.

20.—C.PhM. HORACE MILTON TAYLOR, born Feb. 14, 1908. Husband of Mrs. Wilma W. Taylor of Hamilton, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 26, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, in the Navy Hospital Corps. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Overseas Nov., 1943, to July, 1945, in Pacific Area, Eniwetok, Admiralty, Hollandia, Saipan, Guam, Palau, Ulithi, Leyte, Samar, Lingayen, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa engagements. Aboard the USS Riddle. Was discharged October 8, 1945. Awarded Victory Medal.











Y 2/c IMOGENE B. PRESLEY

Sp (S) 2/c Texas Joy Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Carter, 215 W. Ave. A, San Angelo, Texas, was born March 5, 1920. She attended San Angelo Public Schools and Texas University at Austin. Volunteered for service April 25, 1944, at Dallas, and was assigned to Navy, Waves. Trained at U.S.N.T.S., Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y. She served in the United States from April 25, 1944, until her discharge January 16, 1946. She served in the States in U.S.N.T.S., Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y.; Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. Awarded American Theater Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal.

Sp(S) 2/c TEXAS J. CARTER

Y2/c Imogene Belle Presley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judd G. Presley, 405 West Avenue C, San Angelo, Texas. Attended University of Texas, Austin. Volunteered April 25, 1944, at Dallas, and was assigned to U.S. Naval (Women's) Reserve. She had Boot Training at Hunter College, New York City, and attended Yeoman School at Iowa State Teachers' College, Cedar Falls, Iowa. She was stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Jacksonville, Fla., doing the duties of her Yeoman rate in the Personnel Office at this station. Received Amer. Theater Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged January 19, 1946. Now living with her husband, Lt. R. K. Bleser, on Long Island, N.Y.



Lt. Jack Marvin Cooper, husband of Florence Parks Cooper, San Angelo, was born August 6, 1919. He attended Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, where he was a student when he volunteered March 10, 1942, assigned to 2nd Marine Division and trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Aug. 14, 1944, to Jan. 16, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, participating in battles of Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa, and Occupation of Japan, Nagasaki Area. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged May 9, 1946. His wife resides at 10 East Ninth St., San Angelo, Texas.

S.M.3/c Billie Gerald Parmer, born November 6, 1926, son of Mrs. Floyd Parmer, Miles, Texas. He attended Miles High School, and volunteered for service in January, 1944, and was assigned to the United States Navy; trained at San Diego, Calif., and the University of Illinois; served in the United States for 7 months, and overseas from September 4, 1944, to January 15, 1946, in South Pacific, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Japan-Army of Occupation. Promoted from A/S to S 2/c, to S 1/c, then to S.M.3/c. He has returned to civilian life, having received honorable discharge January 24, 1946.











Capt. JAMES B. GRANBERRY

Capt. James B. Granberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Booth Granberry, husband of Bettye Presley Granberry, 223 N. Harrison St., San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 8, 1941, at Nashville, Tenn., assigned to Army, 117th Inf. Division and trained at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Participated in Army Maneuvers in Tennessee and North Carolina in 1941. Transferred to Air Force March 28, 1942, trained at Kelly Field and Corsicana, Texas. Commissioned at San Angelo Army Air Field, San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 17, 1942. Kept at SAAAF as Instructor, later Flight Leader, Ass't Bombing Records Officer; was school secretary at time of discharge Dec. 16, 1945.

## Coxswain DURWARD L. MARTIN

Coxswain Durward L. Martin, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, 711 E. Ave. D, San Angelo, Texas, was born September 21, 1926. Attended elementary and high schools of Rochester, Texas, after which he volunteered for service September 1, 1944, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to Navy and trained at U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas for fifteen months in Asiatic-Pacific Area, participating in battles of Philippines and Japan. He was promoted from Seaman 1/c to Coxswain. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Hewas honorably discharged June 7, 1946.





T/Sgt. MURMAN G. McGOWEN

Sgt. Murman Gregory McGowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McGowen, San Angelo, Texas, husband of Marie M. McGowen, 1408 Grierson, San Angelo, was born March 28, 1922. He attended Monahans High School and Texas Tech College, Lubbock, Texas. Volunteered for service September 2, 1942, at Odessa, Texas, assigned to Army, 13th Armored Division, and trained at Camp Perry, Ohio, Camp Beale, Calif., Camp Bowie, Texas, BROD, Texarkana, Texas. He served overseas from January 2, 1945, to January 13, 1946, on Oahu and Okinawa. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Medal. Returned to the States Jan. 13, 1946; was discharged Jan. 17.

T/Sgt. Joe Wilson Ripple, born May 7,1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ripple, Eola, Texas, husband of Chestine Gibbs Ripple, 914 W. Third Street, Sweetwater, attended Eola High School; volunteered for service on Jan. 7, 1941, at San Angelo, assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Scott Field, Ill., and Harlingen, Texas; Orlando, Fla.; and Mt. Home, Idaho. Overseas 8 months, with Atlanta Sea Search Patrol, Trinidad, England, France, Germany, in Invasion of France. Awarded: 3 Air Medals, Purple Heart (Posthumously) Citation of Merit-Army Air Forces. Sgt. Ripple paid the Supreme Sacrifice in action in European Theater on September 1, 1944.

T/Sgt. JOE W. RIPPLE



## Brig. Gen. ALVIN R. LUEDECKE

Brig. Gen. A. R. Luedecke, born Oct. 1, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luedecke, Sr., Eldorado, husband of Gussie L. Luedecke, 14 E. Bellefonte Ave., Alexandria, Va. Attended Eldorado High Schools, and recently received his honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Sta.; entered the service in Feb., 1934, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces; trained at Texas A & M College, Randolph and Kelly Flds., and in service. Served in the United States 3 years and 9 months, overseas 8 years and 3 months, in all areas of China, India-Burma Theater. Participated in campaigns: India-Burma; China Def .: C. Burma; and China Off. Awarded: Dist. S. Medal, Legion of Merit with Cluster; Bronze Star; Colombian Cruz de Boyaca; Citation of Com. of Br. Empire; Chinese Cloud and Banner and Chang Yuan Medal. Now at Hdqtrs., A.A.F.



Cpl. BENNIE J. DOTY Pfc EARNEST M. DOTY

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Doty of Eldorado. Cpl. BENNIE J. DOTY was born July 3, 1925, hus band of Edna C. Doty of Ft. Davis, Texas; was educated in Pecos; volunteered for service Jan. 29, 1944, assigned to 3rd Marine Div.; trained at Camp Elliott, Calif. Overseas 19 mos. in South Pacific in battles for Guam and Iwo Jima. Honorably discharged March 1, 1946.

Pfc EARNEST M. DOTY was born June 18, 1923; attended school at Pecos, entering the Army in Nov., 1943, assigned to Laundry Platoon, training at Ft. Bliss, Texas. In So. Pacific for 13 mos. on Honolulu and Okinawa. Pfc Doty received an honorable discharge on March 14, 1946, and is at home with his wife.



T/Sgt. .ANDREW J. HALBERT

T/Sgt. Halbert was born on Dec. 30, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Halbert, and husband of Frankie O. Halbert of Eldorado, Texas; attended Eldorado High School; volunteered for the Army Air Forces on July 3, 1942, at San Antonio, and was sent to Sheppard Fld., Texas, for his training. Served overseas from Aug. 29, 1944, until Dec. 29, 1945, in India and China. His decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, and the Victory Medal. He received his discharge on January 14, 1946, from the Hq. and Hq. Sqdn. of the 14th Air Force.

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\*S/Sgt. ROBERT E. DOTY

S/Sgt. Doty was born on July 28, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Doty of Box 181, Eldorado, Texas, and husband of Edna C. Doty of Box 772, Fort Davis, Texas. He attended Elbow High School at Elbow, Texas, volunteering for the service on the 3rd day of August, 1942, assigned to the Army, 78th Infantry Division, and was sent to Camp Roberts, California, and Camp Butner, North Carolina, for his training. On October 1, 1944, he sailed for overseas duty, and served in the European Area, participating in the battle for Kesternich, Germany. Staff Sergeant Robert Earl Doty was killed in action on the 16th of December, 1944, at Kesternich, Germany. Received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Posthumously awarded the Bronze Star on Dec. 16, 1944, for meritorious conduct above the call of duty at Kesternich, Germany.

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#### T/Sgt. WILLIAM H. OGLESBY

T/Sgt. W. H. Oglesby, born Nov. 19, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Oglesby, Jr., Eldorado, received his education at Eldorado Grammar and High Schools and Texas A & M College, College Sta.; entered the service June 25, 1943, at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was assigned to the Army, 27th Batn., 7th Trng. Reg., F.A.R.B.C.; trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He served in the United States from June 25, 1943, to February, 3, 1946, in the American Theater of Operations. Promoted to Technical Sergeant, and was awarded the following: American Theater of Operation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory, World War II Medal. T/Sgt. Oglesby received an honorable discharge on Feb. 3, 1946.



T/4 HAROLD B. ISAACS

T/4 H. B. Isaacs, born May 20, 1914, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Isaacs, Eldorado. He attended Eldorado Grammar and High Schools and Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas; volunteered for service February 3, 1942, at San Antonio, and was assigned to the Army A.G.F.; trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas; served in the United States 19 months, and overseas 25 months, in Hawaiian Islands; was awarded: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, Good Conduct, and ATO Medals, and Unit Citation. Promoted from Pfc to Cpl. then to T/4. He was honorably discharged Oct. 31, 1943.



Pfc LYNDON A. ISAACS

Pfc L. A. Isaacs, born July 17, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Isaacs, Box 335, Eldorado, Texas, received his education at Eldorado Grammar and High Schools, and Texas Technological College, Lubbock; entered the service Feb. 19, 1943, at Abilene, and was assigned to the 34th Inf. Div.; trained at Fort Sill, Okla. Served in the United States 7 months, and overseas 26 months. He served in Africa and Italy. In battles: Cassino, Anzio-Arno, Po-Apennines, and Po Valley. His medals and battle credits were: EAME, 4 Stars; Good Conduct; Bronze Star; Victory; and 2 Unit Citations. Hon. discharged Nov. 11, 1945.

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Lt. (jg) JO ED HILL

Lt. Hill was born on Oct. 21, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Hill, and husband of Mary Jo Hill of Eldorado, Texas. He received his education in Eldorado Public Schools, and attended Texas Christian Univ. at Fort Worth, Texas. Volunteered for the service on the 3rd of November, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to the U.S. Navy Reserve (V-7), on the L.S.T. 558, and was trained at the U.S.N.R., Midshipmen's School, New York City, New York. Serving in the Pacific Area from June 2, 1944, until January 15, 1946, he participated in the following landings: Palau; Leyte Gulf, P.I.; Lingayen Gulf, P.I.; Subic Bay, P.I.; and Okinawa; and was also in the Occupation of Japan. Awards are: ATO, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, with 4 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, with 1 Bronze Star; and Victory Ribbons. Placed on inactive status in U.S.N.R., Feb., 27, 1946.

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#### The Battle of New Guinea: January 1942-February 1944

FROM southern China and the Malay Peninsula stretches the vast colonial empire known as the Dutch East Indies, most of which fell to the Japanese in the first six months of the war.

New Guinea, one of the largest islands in the world, sprawls over a vast area, the western half belonging to the Dutch East Indies, and the eastern part, known as Papua, belonging to Australia. Papua has a population estimated to be 1,900,000.

The most important harbor on New Guinea is Port Moresby, which faces south and west and which the Japanese planned to take before they made an attempt to invade Australia. Many attempts were made to capture and occupy Port Moresby, but the enemy failed each time.

On the left flank of the Allied forces as they moved northward up the Solomons-New Guinea ladder, American, Australian and New Zealand troops under the over-all command of General MacArthur, went from one strategic point to another in order to outflank and isolate the main Japanese base at Rabaul, on New Britain Island. Due to the terrain, progress was slow. The weight of the fighting in New Guinea was borne by the Australian 6th, 7th, and 9th Divisions and the American 32nd and 41st Divisions. Paratroopers were often used to cut off the enemy positions. The United States Fifth Air Force often acted as a service of supply to remote outposts. General Walter Krueger commanded the Sixth Army comprising the Ameri-

By February 19, 1942, the Japanese struck at New Guinea, bombing Madang, Lae, Salamaua, and Port Moresby, and even striking at and neutralizing the Australian city of Port Darwin. Enemy troops seized Lae and Salamaua on March 8, 1942, driving the Australians back toward Port Moresby. The arrival of American troops in Australia and the Battle of the Coral Sea stopped the advance of the Japanese on Port Moresby, and gave General MacArthur time to build his forces for a counter-offensive.

While the Americans were deciding the fate of Guadalcanal, the hard battle of southeastern New Guinea was being fought by the Australian 6th, 7th and 9th divisions and by the American 32nd and 41st divisions.

The Japanese had landed about 11,000 men at Buna, Gona and Sanananda, and had crossed the Owen Stanley Mountains to within about thirty miles of Port Moresby. They were finally stopped by the Australian 6th Division. By the end of September 1942 the United States Fifth Air Force attacked the Japanese route over the mountains and cut the enemy supply lines. The Australians threatened the enemy fronts and flanks, and in an effort to keep his forces intact he withdrew to well planned fortifications in the coastal swamps at Buna and Sanananda.

It was while the Japanese were settling themselves in these coastal defenses, that combat teams of the U.S. 32nd Infantry arrived in New Guinea to support the Australians.

The U.S. 32nd Division, known as the Red Arrow Division, began its fighting in this war in 1942 in the evil-smelling swamps of New Guinea. In the First World War a French General gave them the name of Les Terribles, when the Division earned four battle streamers and was the first to crack the Hindenburg Line.

Originally composed of National Guardsmen from Wisconsin and Michigan, the 32nd sailed for the Pacific on April 22, 1942, landing at Adelaide, South Australia. Later they moved to Brisbane for special jungle training, and were rushed to New Guinea when the Japanese having crossed the Owen Stanley Mountains were threatening the vital Allied base at Port Moresby. How did the 32nd arrive at the battle front? Mostly by air, the first large scale airborne movement of combat infantryman in American military history. Having landed, they took their place alongside the Australian 7th and 9th Divisions in the jungles surrounding Japanese-held Buna. It took forty-five minutes to fly across the Owen Stanley Mountains, but it took the men of the 2nd Battalion of the 126th Infantry Regiment of the 32nd Division 49 agonizing days to fight their way across.

The units of the division that fought at Buna suffered more casualties from the enemy and from jungle diseases than their original strength. With the fall of Sanananda on January 22, 1943, this phase of the campaign was officially ended, and the division was returned to Australia for rest and rehabilitation. We shall come across this division again when, almost a year later, it is fighting at Saidor, New Guinea, and then at Aitape. From Aitape they will move to Morotai, in the Halmahera Islands, and then they will show up at Leyte, in the Philippines, on November 14, 1944.

The Japanese fought a stubborn defensive battle, but Buna fell to the combined forces on January 2, 1943, whereupon a regiment of the American 32nd Division and the Australian 18th Brigade moved on to the Sanananda front, where the enemy was entrenched even more firmly than at Buna. The Australian 7th Division assisted by a regiment of the American 32nd Division and later by a regiment of the U.S. 41st Division had been attacking the enemy positions northward around Gona and Sanananda. The Australians had captured Gona on December 9, 1942, but the Japanese perimeter at Sanananda was almost as strong as ever when the units from the Buna front arrived. The combined forces of Australians and Americans overcame all resistance and Sanananda fell to them on January 23, 1943.

Although the enemy was forced out of Buna and Sanananda he had no disposition to give up New Guinea. From Rabaul he had been sending reinforcements to his garrisons at Lae and Salamaua. The convoys were attacked by Allied bombers January 6-9, 1943; and on March 2-4, 1943, the Battle of the Bismarck Sea resulted in enemy losses of probably eighteen ships and fifteen thousand troops, our Flying Fortresses and Liberators trailing and strafing the fleeing enemy for three days.

The U.S. 41st Infantry Division called themselves the Jungleers; being the first division to reach the southwest Pacific they had done more jungle fighting than any other American out-

Originally composed of National Guardsmen from the U.S. Northwest, the division has for its sign "End of the Oregon Trail," and its official emblem is a golden setting sun against a crimson background.

The division's first fight with the Japanese was at Sanananda in December 1942. Owing to inability of supplies to reach them, the men of the division had to rely on scanty rations and when their fighting was over they came out in rags.

Six months later the division went ashore below Samanaua for what they later called the "Foxhole Furlough," engaging in 76 days of unrelieved jungle fighting. And when this particular campaign was over, the men of the division presented a strange sight. Most of them emerged from the jungle wearing Japanese Naval uniforms, for their own clothes had long been worn out and only the capture of the enemy and the enemy's clothes prevented them from having to fight in the raw.

In 1944 after a 36 day fight, the 41st broke the grip that the Japanese had held on New Guinea for two years. In a series of strides up the New Guinea tangled jungle coast the 41st between April 23, and May 27, 1944, smote and conquered the enemy at Aitape, Hollandia, Wakde, and Biak. And by these accomplishments the way to the Philippines was cleared.

On February 28, 1945, the division landed at Palawan, Philippine Islands. After Palawan, then Mindanao, then Basilan Island, then to the tip of Tawitawi where they destroyed the enemy forces.

The success of the Allied forces in the Papuan campaign could not have been won had it not been for the cooperation of the U.S. Fifth Air Force which ferried supplies and reinforcements over the mountains to the combat zone. The Allies were now well on their way back toward the Philippines.

#### The Battle of the Bismack Sea March 2-4, 1943

The most disastrous naval defeat of the war up to that time was suffered by the Japanese from March 2 to March 4, 1943 during the Battle of the Bismarck Sea. The operation was so called because it took place in the waters surrounding the Bismarck Archipelago, extending over 300 miles between Japanese-held Rabaul on northern New Britain and the Japanese base at Lae in eastern New Guinea. Just south of Lae was another strong Japanese garrison at Salamaua on the New Guinea coast. All of the southern Papuan Peninsula was now in American hands, following the battle for Buna in January 1943 and the Japanese must reinforce their troops at Lae and Salamada or they would starve. It was only this dire necessity of supplying these indigent garrisons that finally brought the elusive Japanese Navy out from the harbor at Rabaul into the open where our air power could reach and smash it.

The island of New Guinea is shaped a little like some ungainly prehistoric fowl or beast, its head stretching toward the west, with a cumbersome tail extending toward the south and east forming the Papuan Peninsula. On the western coast of this appendage at Port Moresby, was the headquarters of Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney's 5th Air Force, which was assigned (together with our British, Dutch, and Australian allies) to cover air activity over New Guinea in the winter of 1942-43. Gen. Kenney was placed at the head of the Allied Air Command in the Southwest Pacific, which was under the overall command of General Douglas MacArthur. From Port Moresby our airmen flew thousands of ground troops to engage in the fighting for Buna, which ended with the fall of Buna Mission. From Port Moresby also our fliers frequently made dangerous missions across the Owen Stanley Range to strike at the Japanese

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2nd Lt. JERRY P. VIESCA

2nd Lt. Viesca was born on November 28, 1917, son of Mrs. Cleo P. Velasco of 904 Chapoy St., Del Rio, Texas, attended San Felipe High School, and at the time of his graduation in 1938, he was valedictorian of his class; received Bachelor of Science Degree in Dec., 1942, at Sul Ross State Teachers' College. He volunteered for the U.S. Army Air Corps in November, 1941, at Alpine, Texas. While training as Aviation Cadet he was on the roll as Section Leader, Sqdn. H., Section 24; attended Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas, going overseas on July 17, 1942, serving in the African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations. On Oct. 3, 1942, 2nd Lt. Viesca was killed in an engagement in the African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations. Recognition from: H. H. Arnold, Lt. Gen., A.A.F.; Sul Ross State Teachers' College; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Pres. U.S.A.; G. C. Marshall, Chief of Staff; and awarded the Purple Heart. He received his diploma as Aerial Navigator in June, 1942, at Kelly Field, Tex.

installations at Rabaul and other bases. Raba , og.eaccar and naval base, provided a deepwater harbor which offered excellent protection for units of the Japanese fleet.

Our first hint of the opportunity shaping up for our airmen came on February 27, 1942, when a lonely patrol plane, winging its way homeward from a routine flight over New Britain suddenly caught sight of eight Japanese transports sailing in a westerly direction. For two days our planes attempted to re-locate the convoy, but the Japanese were moving under the protection of a storm prophesied by their weather experts, which had induced them to make this desperate attempt to relieve Lae. The convoy appeared briefly again on March 1, now off Cape Gloucester, the western tip of New Britain. It now included thirteen vessels, two cruisers and five destroyers. Early the next day a squadron of B-17's supported by P-38's managed to break through the clouds, and attacking in three waves, sank four of the enemy transports. That afternoon two more were sunk.

The convoy was now nearing the Vitiaz Strait, separating New Britain and New Guinea. Here the Japanese must make a decision—either to sail on to Wewak and Madang on the northern New Guinea Coast, or to turn south and head through the strait for Lae. They decided to attempt a ruse, turning first as if to head for Wewak, and then at night suddenly changing their course, steamed southward toward the strait and Lae.

The next day, March 3, the storm was over and the weather clear as our planes gathered for the attack. The convoy steaming south presented a beautiful target for our eager aviators. There were now sixteen vessels, of which three were cruisers and seven destroyers, making 22 vessels in the convoy counting the six already sunk. Japanese Zeroes flew overhead offering protection for the convoy. Our plans had been carefully laid since suspicions of the Japanese attempt were first aroused, and we hit them with every plane available and all the different tactics known to our airmen. Wave after wave of bombers struck the ships, which wheeled and maneuvered desperately below. B-17's, B-25's, A-20's, Beaufighters, P-40's, P-39's and P-38's joined in the attack, the pursuit ships engaging the Japanese Zeroes, while the bombers blasted the convoy. Altogether 136 American planes took part in the three-day battle. Our bombers came in low and released their bombs, which bounced against the sides of the ships and then exploded underwater where they did the most damage. Skip-bombing, as it was called, was an innovation perfected under Gen. Kenney's guidance. Because of the accuracy of this type of bombing, and because the bombs pursued almost a horizontal course over the waves toward the ships, the Japanese later said that they thought they were being torpedoed.

Following the main attack on March 3, almost every Japanese ship could be seen in flames and sinking. One of our planes was hit, and and the crew parachuted toward the water, Japanese Zeroes dived in and shot them down. Seized by an avenging wrath that seemed to grip them all, our fliers proceeded to strafe every lifeboat and raft in sight.

Mopping up operations continued on March 4, and when the sun rose March 5, every Japanese ship was under the water. Not one got through to Lae. Of the Japanese troops, General MacArthur's communique said: "There was scarcely a survivor, so far as is known."

Among those playing a gallant part in the battle was Captain Ray Holsey of Altus, Oklahoma, whose story is told by Maj. H. T. Hastings in the May 22, 1943 Saturday Evening Post. His whole plane burst into flames when hit by fire from a Japanese Zero. The crew luckily managed to beat out the flames and Capt. Holsey brought the ship safely home to its base 350 miles across the mountains.

This Bismarck Sea operation earned for General Kenney, five-foot-six, energetic, truculent, and intensely proud of his men, the title "Victor of the Bismarck Sea." It meant that the Japanese threat against Australia was considerably reduced, and paved the way for our push later up the New Guinea coast.

More than any descriptive adjectives or adverbs, the casualty figures tell the story of this remarkable victory of airpower over seapower: On the Japanese side 22 ships were lost, including 3 cruisers, seven destroyers, 12 transports and cargo ships, amounting to 90,000 tons of shipping, 15,000 Japanese troops aboard the transports were killed, as well as thousands of naval personnel on the warships, and 95 airplanes were lost. Against this, the American losses were 4 planes (one bomber and three fighters) and twelve men. As a matter of fact, the Japanese themselves say that the American official count was greatly underestimated. A captured Japanese admiral remarked that there were probably thirty to forty ships sunk instead of twenty-two. The Japanese could never have planned a better way to commit mass suicide than by precipitating the Battle of the Bismarck

The Japanese continued to increase their air strength at Rabaul and it was reported they had twice as many planes in this area as the U.S. Fifth Air Force. The Allied supply depots at Port Moresby, Oro and Milne Bay in New Guinea and at Port Darwin in Australia, were struck by flights of as high as one-hundred enemy planes between March 15, 1943 and May 2, 1943. Our Fifth and Thirteenth Air Forces, augmented by our carrier force planes, finally wore down the enemy strength centered at Rabaul, through the winter and spring of 1943.

While the two-pronged drive toward Rabaul

confused the enemy, we made surprise landings without opposition, and took possession of air strips on the Woodlark and Trobriand Islands on June 30, 1943, these islands lying between the Solomons and New Guinea. From their base at Salamaua, however, the enemy had penetrated into the Bulolo Valley in lower New Guinea. The Australian 6th Division flew troops into the jungle and turned the Japanese back, and after nine months pushed them from Wau to the coast on June 29-30, 1943. The Americans now landing to the south at Nassau Bay flanked the enemy at Salamaua as the Australians landed at Tambu Bay. After severe fighting over land, the Americans and Australians succeeded in investing Salamaua and occupied that base on September 11, 1943.

The Australian 9th Division sent airborne and amphibious troops across the Gulf of Huon and captured Lae on September 16, 1943. Finschhafen, the next objective, lying at the eastern end of the Huon Peninsula, was captured by Allied amphibious forces on October 2, 1943. The enemy then took cover in the mountains and jungles of the interior, and it took three months of bitter fighting to drive them out of Huon. The Australian 7th Division driving down the valley and the Australian 9th Division pushing up the coast from Lae on September 1, 1943 succeeding in entrapping large numbers of the enemy in the Markham River Valley. The Americans and Australians finally cornered the Japanese in the foothills of the Finisterre Range before Madang. The enemy made a stubborn and prolonged stand. Units of the United States 32nd Division landed without loss at Saidor on January 2, 1944, fifty-five miles below Madang, and met Australian troops pushing up the coast from Finschhafen and Sio on February 14, 1944. This enabled Allied forces to complete the conquest of the Huon Peninsula. On February 12, 1944, Allied forces occupied Umboi Island, and covered the flank of the American troops moving into western New Britain. The approach overland was made by landings some two-hundred-fifty miles west, first at Arawe and then at Cape Gloucester, and by December 15, 1943 the Americans had control of western New Britain.

Preceded by a bombardment of six-hundredfifty tons of bombs on Arawe, units of the U.S. Sixth Army within five days of their landing had cleared the enemy out of the Arawe Peninsula. On December 26, 1943, the First Marine Division, veterans of Guadalcanal, now under General William H. Rupertus, landed at points east and west of Cape Gloucester, after Allied bombers had prepared the way. The Marines drove east to Borgen Bay, captured Hill 660 on January 14, 1944 in a ten-day battle and joined the infantry driving inland from Arawe to complete the conquest of western New Britain on February 24, 1944.





orably discharged on February 17, 1946.

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S/Sgt. JAMES H. BLACK

S/Sgt. J. H. Black, born Nov. 19, 1920, Del Rio, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Black, Griner St., Del Rio, husband of Eleanor Black, 1000 Ave. B., Del Rio, was educated at North Heights Grammar and Del Rio High Schools, Texas. He entered the service in Oct., 1942, at San Antonio, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Sperry Gyroscope Service Schools, New York. Served in the United States 30 months, and overseas 10 months, in Marianas (Guam) with 20th Air Force. S/Sgt. Black received the following awards: ATO Medal, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals: was hon-

S/Sgt. RICHARD B. BLACK

S/Sgt. R. B. Black, born Aug. 18, 1923, in Del Rio, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Black, 809 Griner St., Del Rio, husband of Fommy J. Black, was educated at North Heights Grammar and Del Rio High Schools; entered the service on Jan. 11, 1943, at Dodd Field, San Antonio, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Charleston Army Air Base, S.C. Served overseas 10 months, in ETO, with 8th Air Force, in England, Northern and Southern France, (Normandy), Rhineland, Germany (So). He was awarded: Air Medal, 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, ETO Medal, 5 Bronze Stars. S/Sgt. Black received an honorable discharge in Sept., 1945.





\*1st Lt. JOSE M. RODRIGUEZ

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Teodoro C. Munoz, Del Rio.

S.M.3/c ROBERTO M. DIAZ was born Jan. 26, 1926; entered Navy, Flag Allowance Commander, 3rd Fleet on July 21, 1944; trained at San Diego, Calif., and Bainbridge, Md. Overseas 14 mos. in battles for Okinawa and Japanese Homeland Bombardments. Awarded ATO, Asiatic-Pacific, Japanese Occupation, and Victory Medals. Honorably discharged June 8, 1946.

S 1/c TEODORO M. DIAZ, JR.

SI/c TEODORO M. DIAZ was born Sept. 23, 1927; attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, and entered the service on the 6th of August, 1945, assigned to the U.S. Navy. At the present he is on the USS Casa Grande LSD 13 with the Navy, 3rd Division.

1st Lt. Rodriguez was born Jan. 15, 1922, son of Dr. and Mrs. Simon Rodriguez of 1405 S. Main, Del Rio, Texas. He attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, and volunteered for the A.A.C. on March 9, 1942, training at Army Air Bases at Santa Ana, Calif.; Chandler, Ariz.; and Greenville, So. Carolina. He went overseas on April 11, 1943, and served in the Asiatic South Pacific Area, participating in bombing missions from Stirling Island in the Solomons, to Rabaul, New Britain. 1st Lt. Rodriguez was reported missing in action on a mission to Rabaul, New Britain, on Jan. 22, 1944, and declared dead Jan. 17, 1946. Awarded Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters.





Pfc OSIE G. HOLTMAN



CT/M ROBERT LAMB

Pfc Osie Glenn Holtman, birthdate March 10, 1922, husband of Joy T. Holtman, Slaton, Texas, attended Kirkland, Texas, Public Schools and Barber College at Ft. Worth. He entered service October 29, 1942, with Air Corps (Army); transferred to Army Infantry, and trained at Camp Howze, Texas; served as light mortar crewman. Pfc Holtman began overseas duty Feb. 10, 1945, in the European Theater, participating in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe, Received Pres. Unit Citation, EAME Ribbon with two Battle Stars, and other awards. After returning to the States, he was granted his discharge February 4, 1946.

CT/M Robert Lamb, birthdate December 24, 1919, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. W.R. Walling, Childress, Texas, volunteered for service October 25, 1940, and was assigned to the U.S. Navy, Submarine Branch. He received training at San Diego, and transferred to Pearl Harbor in January, 1941, for further schooling. Later participated in the submarine patrol of the Pacific Ocean. His awards include the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Gold Star, Navy Commendation, Combat Insignia with one Silver and three Gold Stars among other medals. He returned to the States October, 1945; remains in the Navy.



Lt. (jg) H. T. Connor, born Feb. 18, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Connor, Daingerfield, husband of Cecilia C. Connor, received his education from Daingerfield Grammar and High Schools, and Kemper Military School, Boonville, Missouri. Volunteered July 27, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Air Corps; trained at Corpus Christi Naval Air Sta., Corpus Christi, Texas. Served in the United States 3 years and 2 months. Served as flight instructor, in various stations and fields in the United States. Was commissioned: Ensign U.S.N.R., June 1, 1944; promoted Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R., Aug. 1, 1944. Discharged on November 2, 1945.

T/Sgt. Fred Leigh Stuart, husband of Margaret Stuart,611 Lumpkin, Texarkana, Texas, and son of C.C. Stuart, was born February 18, 1909, and entered service November 25, 1942, with the Army Infantry, 102nd Div. He trained at Camps Maxey and Swift, Texas, Ft. Dix, N. J., and began overseas duty September, 1944, in the European Theater where he participated in the battles of the Rhineland and Central Europe. His awards include the EAME Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Expert Combat Infantryman Badge, American Theater and Defense Medals with the World War II Victory Award. Returned home; discharged Nov. 16, 1945.

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\*2nd Lt. HAROLD C. SCHADE, JR.

2nd Lt. Schade was born on the 23rd day of May, 1922, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Schade of 1608 Sherwin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and the husband of Mrs. Sue Schade who lives in Del Rio, Texas, at 308 Pecan Street. Second Lieutenant Harold C. Schade, Jr., entered the service in 1942 at Chicago, Illinois, and was assigned to the United States Army Air Forces; he served in the States in various cities until November, 1945; then in December of the same year he was shipped overseas for duty in the Asiatic South Pacific Theater, participating in action in Saigon, Indo-China. 2nd Lieutenant Harold C. Schade, Jr., was killed in action at Saigon, Indo-China on the 12th day of June, 1946; at the time he was serving as pilot on a B-24. His decorations include the Air Medal and Purple Heart.

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Maior IACK E FOX

Major JACK F. FOX

Major Jack Francis Fox, was born Jan. 25, 1917, and is the son of Dr. and Mrs.G.C. Fox of Childress. In July, 1943, he volunteered for service in the Medical Corps of the Army, and was given training at Camp Barkeley. He served in the United States until the 5th of Oct., 1944, when he embarked for the European Theater of Operations. He went to France, and saw action in the Battle of Rhineland, after which he was sent to the Pacific Area, where he served from July, 1945, to May, 1946. He was in the Philippine Islands from August to Oct., 1945, and from October to the next May he was in Japan. His awards are: ETO; Amer. Thea.; Asiatic-Pacific; Philippine Liberation; Victory; Unit Meritorious Service Plaque, to 361st Engr. Spec. Serv. Regt., 1945. In August, 1946, he was given an honorable release from further military duty. He is an M.D. from Texas Univ.

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\*Sgt. LIONEL G. AGUIRRE

Sgt. Aguirre was born on April 26, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fermin Aguirre of 1208 Garza Street, Del Rio, Texas. He received his education in San Felipe High School located in Del Rio, Texas, and on the 21st day of March, 1943, he entered the service at Del Rio, where he was assigned to the Ninth Army Air Force, and was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, for his training. He was later sent to Barksdale Field, Louisiana. Sergeant Lionel G. Aguirre was shipped overseas on the 5th of August, 1944, and saw service in the European Theater in England. Sergeant Aguirre paid the Supreme Sacrifice while serving his country on the 29th day of December, 1944. He received the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

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1. — C.M.2/c JOHN NELSON MERCK was born on April 10, 1904, son-in-law of Mrs. Tom Casey and husband of Katye Merck of Sheffield, Texas. He enlisted in the Navy Jan., 1942, on USS Woodworth (DD460) and trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from April, 1942, to Sept., 1945, in Battles of Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Bougainville, Bismarck Archipelago, and Okinawa. Awarded ATO, Asiatic-Pacific with 5 Stars. and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. Honorably discharged Oct. 6, 1945.

2. —M/SGT. THOMAS LAWRENCE CASEY, son of Mrs. Tom Casey of Sheffield, Texas, was born on March 24, 1917, volunteering for the Army Air Force on Oct. 27, 1941, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Overseas from May 5, 1943, to Sept. 21, 1945, in Australia, Okinawa, Battles of New Guinea, Northern Solomons, Southern Philippines, and Luzon. Awarded American Defense, Good Conduct, and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. On Oct. 12, 1945, M/Sgt. Casey was honorably discharged.

3. — CAPT. TED EUGENE SIMON was born on March 16, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Simon of Iraan, Texas, and husband of Sonia Simon of San Angelo, Texas; he volunteered for the A.A.C. on Aug. 21, 1940, and graduated from Luke Field, Ariz. Overseas 19 mos. in battles of Sicily, Italy, N. France, Normandy, Germany, and Holland. His awards are Air Medal, 3 O. L. Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, 1 Cluster, and ETO, 6 Battle Stars. Honorably discharged Nov. 7, 1945.

4. —R.M.1/c RALPH ELBERT SIMON, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Simon of Iraan, Texas. Volunteered for Navy July 21,1942, and trained at San Diego, Calif. Served 24 mos. in Pearl Harbor, Noumea, New Caledonia, and Jinsen, Korea. He received these awards: Asiatic-Pacific, American Area, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. On Jan. 8, 1946, Radioman First Class Simon was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, and he is now studying Pre-Med at Baylor University.

5. —R.M.2/c PRYOR WILSON SMITH was born Oct. 24, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Smith, and husband of Lorraine Merbeth Smith of Ft. Stockton, Texas; attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunteered for the Navy, Amphibious Force, June 10, 1942, and trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Overseas 32 mos. in invasions of N. Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He received ETO, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, American Theater, and Navy Good Conduct Medals. R.M.2/c Smith was discharged on October 31, 1945.

- \*6. —PFC AURELIO V. CHALAMBAGA was born on Nov. 19, 1910, son of Mrs. Elvira V. Chalambaga of Sanderson, Texas. On March 17, 1942, he entered the Army, 90th Inf. Div. and trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. He went overseas in April, 1944, and was in the Battle of Cherbourg where he was wounded on July 4, 1944; he was killed in the Battle at Luxembourg on January 10, 1945, and was buried in Belgium. He received 2 Purple Hearts; the last was awarded at St. Lo. France.
- \*7. —PFC BERNADO L. FIERRO was born on Aug. 20, 1921, at Sanderson, Texas, son of Mrs. Sabina L. Fierro, and husband of Esperazza G. Fierro, both of Sanderson; attended Sanderson High School, entering the service April 19, 1944; assigned to Army, 9th Div., and trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. He served 5 months overseas in Belgium, France, and Rhineland. Pfc Bernado L. Fierro was killed in action on the 19th day of March, 1945, after 1 year of service for his country.
- \*8. —PFC LUIS R. GARZA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Garza of Sanderson, Texas, was born on June 21, 1909, entering the Army 36th Inf. Div. on March 26, 1941, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and training at Camp Bowie, Texas. He went overseas in March, 1943, and landed in N. Africa, in the invasion of Salerno, Naples, and was killed in action Jan. 29, 1944, in the Battle of Cassino. His awards were the State of Texas Certificate (Honor Roll) and the Purple Heart Medal.
- \*9. —PVT. BENITO BALLEJO TREVINO was born on May 25, 1925, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luciano Trevino of Sanderson, Texas, and husband of Dora Trevino of Sanderson, also. He received his education in Sanderson, entering the service on October 18, 1943, at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, assigned to Army Infantry, Co. A, 15190, and was sent to Camp Roberts, California, for his training. Pvt. Trevino went over seas in May, 1944, and was killed in action on June 24, 1944.

10.—T/SGT. FRANK ALBERT WEIGAND, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Weigand of Sanderson, and husband of Billie Weigand, born Jan. 18, 1921, attended Texas Christian Univ., Ft. Worth, volunteering for the Army, 219th Fld. Artillery, April 13, 1942; trained at Camps Roberts, Calif., Rucker, Butner, and in W. Va. Overseas 16 mos. in battles of St. Lo, Vire River, Mortain, Orleans, Nancy, Bulge, Roer, and Elbe Rivers. Awarded EAME, 5 Stars, Good Conduct, and Bronze Star Medals. Discharged, 1945.

11.—C PL. LOWELL EDWIN BRANUM, husband of the former Ruth Chambers of Alpine, Texas, born Oct. 24, 1913, attended Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine; volunteered for the U.S.M.C.A.S. Navy 61 on Sept. 8, 1943, and trained at San Diego; in S. Pacific with Marine Air Corps and in N. Pacific with 5th Amph. Corps for 17 mos. His awards were Asiatic-Pacific with 2 Stars, American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged at O.C.S., Quantico, Va., on Sept. 20, 1945.

12.—SGT. CHARLES F. (HANK) CHAMBERS was born on Jan. 25, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chambers of Alpine, Texas; attended Sul Ross State Teachers' College at Alpine; volunteered for the Army, 214th F.A. Gr., Dec. 12, 1942; trained at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. In Southern Germany 3 mos.; awarded these ribbons (Good Conduct, American Theater, ETO with 1 Star, and World War II Victory. Sgt. Chambers was honorably discharged on March 11, 1946, from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

13.—PFC GEORGE CHARLES KRAFT was born Feb. 25, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kraft of Alpine, Texas, and hus band of Majorie Kraft of Cleburne, Texas. On Dec. 1, 1943, he entered the Army, 8th Inf. Div., and trained at Camps Wolters, Texas, and Blanding, Fla. Served overseas 1 year as a truck driver in Normandy, Rhineland, N. France, and Central European campaigns. Awarded EAME with 4 Stars, ETO, Certificate of Merit, ATO, and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 15, 1945.

\*14.—PFC JOSE VALLEZ MARTINEZ was born on Nov. 25, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Epifanio Martinez of Tucson, Ariz., and husband of Martha Martinez of Marfa, Texas; attending school at Alpine, he entered the Army, 7th Inf. Div. on Oct. 21, 1942, and trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. He went overseas in July, 1943, and served in Aleutian (Kiska) and Marshall Islands, invasion of Leyte, and Philippine Islands. Pfc Martinez was killed in the invasion of Okinawa on April 5, 1945.

15.—PVT. LORAN B. STEVENS was born on January 14, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stevens of Menard, Texas, and hus band of Vivian Swinney Stevens of Marietta, Oklahoma. He received his education at Marietta High School, and entered the service on February 11, 1943, at Fort Sill, Okla., assigned to the Army Infantry; was sent to Camp Howze, Texas, for his training. Pvt. Loran B. Stevens received a medical discharge on the 21st day of October. 1943.

16.—S/SGT. CHARLIE R. STEVENS, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stevens of Menard, Texas, and husband of La Nell Shults Stevens of Ft. Worth, born Oct. 17, 1922, volunteered for the A.A.C. Sept. 25, 1942; trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas, Ft. Myers, Fla., and Tucson, Ariz. Served 7 mos. in England in battles of W. Europe, Rhineland, air offensive of Europe, and N. France. Received Air Medal, 3 O.L.C., D.F.C., Good Conduct Medal, EAME, with 4 Bronze Stars. Discharged Oct. 1, 1945, at Amarillo, Texas.

17.—PhM 2/c ERIE JACKSON WILLIAMS was born on June 15, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erie Williams of Alpine; attended A & M College, College Station, Texas; volunteered for the Navy Hosp. Corps June 11, 1943, and trained at San Diego, Calif., and Corpus Christi, Texas. Overseas from April, 1944, to Jan., 1946, in New Guinea Operation and Philippines. Hereceived Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation, 1 Battle Star, ATO, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged March, 1946.

18.—SGT. JAMES A. LACKEY was born Jan. 10, 1919, son of H. D. Lackey of Junction, Texas; entered Army, 635th Inf. Div., Dec. 1, 1941; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas 43 1/2 mos.; landed on Normandy on "D" Day, in Cherbourg, St. Lo. and occupation at Hitler's Berchstegarten, Austria. Awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor, ETO, 4 Battle Stars, Presidential Citation, Silver Star, American Defense, and Good Conduct Medals. Sgt. Lackey was given an honorable discharge October 23, 1945.

19.-T/5 H. D. LACKEY, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lackey of Junction, Texas, born April 7, 1926, entered A.A.C., Inf. 1st Cav. Div. on July 11, 1946, and trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas, Truax Fld., Wis., and Camp Livingston, La. In Manila, Luzon, Philippines, Sariaya Tayabas, Tokyo, and Japan. Wears Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, German-Japanese Occupation, Victory, and ATO Ribbons. He is now serving in Co. D., 542nd Engr. Bt. and Sh. Regt. at Ft. Ord, Calif.

20.—C.M.1/c MONTIE BEAL POLLAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pollan, and husband of Minta Pollan of Daingerfield, Texas, born Aug. 23, 1913, volunteered for the service May 31, 1942, assigned to 21st Naval Construction Bn., and trained at Camp Bradford, Va. He was in Dutch Harbor, Camp Parks, Port Hueneme, Oahu, Eniwetok, Saipan, and Okinawa for 29 mos., receiving the Good Conduct Medal, Carpenters Mate 1/c Pollan received an honorable discharge Oct. 22, 1945, from the Navy Seabees.



### Some Battles of the Pacific Pincers: The Aleutians, the Gilberts, and the Marshalls: June 1942—February 1944

In this chapter we notice the developing of two great American pincers, thousands of miles apart. One from the Aleutians is moving relentlessly in a southwestern direction toward Japan. The other from the Solomons is moving just as relentlessly in a northwestern direction toward Japan. In the chapters that follow we shall see how the spearheads of these two pincers gradually approach each other until finally they meet on the homeland of the Rising Sun that was to have its day and become the Setting Sun.

#### The Battle of Attu June 1942-August 1943

While the Battle of the Solomons and the Battle of New Guinea were still in progress, important action was taking place in the far North Pacific. The war in the Aleutians began in June 1942 when a unit of the Japanese Fleet, at the time of the Battle of Midway, veered to the north and deposited some thousands of enemy troops on the Aleutian islands of Attu and Kiska.

The chain of islands known as the Aleutians are as rugged a theater for warfare as is to be found anywhere in the world, and these fog-enshrouded islands did not reveal their enemy occupants to us for some days. The islands are not only rocky and mountainous, but the weather especially in the eastern part of the island chain is always bad. Fogs are thick and continuous. The violent winds (known there as "williwaws") accompany heavy seas, and make any kind of operation difficult and uncertain in that part of the Pacific.

As early as May 1942, when we were arranging the disposition of forces, it seemed to us that Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians would in all probability be one of the enemy's objectives. To meet this possibility, a naval task force was organized and placed under command of Admiral R. A. Theobald, all sea and air units in the North Pacific being included in his com-

Just as the Battle of Midway was beginning on June 3, 1942, Japanese high altitude bombers attacked Dutch Harbor, these bombers in all probability coming from enemy aircraft carriers. Due to the fog it was not possible for us to locate these enemy forces, but in a few days it was discovered that they had turned northward and westward and made landings on the islands of Kiska, and Attu at the extreme western end of the Aleutians, where they were engaged in erecting barracks and storehouses.

The arrival of major Japanese reinforcements in June and July was prevented by our submarines and aircraft with the valiant aid of the U.S. Army Air Force, supplemented by the Royal Canadian Air Force; and this in spite of adverse weather conditions.

An American force of cruisers and destroyers under command of Admiral W. W. Smith bombarded the shore installations at Kiska on August 7, 1942, but the visibility being poor, it was not possible to determine what damage was done to the enemy. However, this action served to indicate the need for air bases closer to the Japanese-occupied islands. As a consequence, late in August, we sent troops to occupy the islands of Adak, in the Andreanof Group. In

January 1943, we occupied Amchitka, closer to Kiska, and from here by February 1943 our airplanes were able to operate against the enemy, and Kiska was bombed almost daily.

One may wonder why we delayed so long in cleaning the Japanese out of the Aleutians. The answer is simple. We now had the Japanese scotched where they could do little damage, and besides we were employing our forces in other theaters of the war and could not immediately release them in order to bring the Aleutian matter to a speedy conclusion. And another consideration: the Aleutian campaign was considered one of the prongs in the pincers movement now getting under way that ultimately would put the squeeze on the Japanese homeland. The other prong of the pincers was already in action moving through New Guinea and the Solomons. The movement of the two prongs must be synchronized.

But while the war in the Aleutians was at a seeming stalemate for several months, our Navy, Air Force and Army were on the alert at all times.

#### The Battle of Komandorski Islands March 26, 1943

Late in March 1943 it was discovered that the enemy was undertaking to send reinforcements and supplies to Kiska and Attu in a heavily protected convoy moving from the northwest by way of the Komandorski Islands. A unit of our North Pacific Force, commanded by Admiral C. H. McMorris, met the oncoming enemy force which included heavy and light cruisers, destroyers and cargo ships, 65 miles south of the Komandorski Peninsula, which juts out from the eastern coast of Russian Siberia. The engagement proved to be a running fight between the American cruisers Richmond and Salt Lake City and the cruisers of the enemy. Our destroyers then delivered a torpedo attack, after which the enemy retired in the direction of Paramushiru on the Japanese Kurile Islands, some 500 miles to the southwest. The damages in this engagement were probably negligible for each side, but the importance of the engagement was that the enemy had been prevented from reinforcing his garrisons in the Aleutians.

#### The Battle of Attu May 11-31, 1943

We waited favorable conditions for our allout attack on Attu, but even then those conditions were far from the best. Late in April 1943 a detachment of cruisers and destroyers was sent to bombard the island of Attu, preparatory to a landing. This preliminary bombardment was followed by a major force consisting of battleships, an auxiliary carrier, destroyers, auxiliaries and transports under command of Admiral F. W. Rockwell, who operated under the direction of Admiral Kinkaid. In addition to this, there were two naval units of cruisers and destroyers under command of Admiral Robert C. Griffin and Admiral C. H. McMorris. The entire operation was supported by the Army Air Force under the command of General Albert F. Brown, whose troops had embarked in the transports.

Landings were made on the north coast of Attu on the morning of May 11, 1943, and while the troops were proceeding inland, that afternoon other landings were made at Massacre Bay and at Holtz Bay. The landing forces consisted of the U.S. 7th Infantry Division reinforced by a battalion of the 4th Infantry and the Alaska Scouts, the ground troops being under the command of General Eugene M. Landrum.

The Japanese bases on Attu were located at Chichagof Bay and at Holtz Bay where they had an air strip. The American landing party from Holtz Bay in the north fought its way inland in an enveloping movement to join with the American landing party from Massacre Bay in the south. Both prongs of this pincers movement experienced some of the fiercest fighting of the entire war, due to a fanatical enemy and sub-zero weather.

After the two prongs of the pincers had with the greatest opposition finally joined forces, the Japanese began to retire to the coast. They were cornered and realized that the Americans were moving in for the kill. Then occurred one of those strange instances that reflect the philosophy and training of our foe.

On the night of May 28-29, 1943, the Japanese who were wounded and unable to walk committed suicide or were killed by their own countrymen. Shortly after midnight the remaining enemy forces began a desperate suicidal attack up the valley into the teeth of the American forces. The suddenness and momentum of this counterattack threw the American units off balance and the enemy began to overrun our positions. By the rapid organization of the engineer and service units in front of the Japanese assaulting forces, we were able to stop them, In the rather confused fighting that day and the next, the enemy was wiped out, those not killed by the Americans choosing suicide rather than surrender. Our casualties were heavy, but the enemy was exterminated by May 31, 1943, and the first American territory once in the hands of the Japanese was back in our possession.

#### The Campaign in Kiska August 15, 1943

When we bypassed Kiska to capture Attu, 175 miles to the west, we left the enemy on Kiska to be dealt with at a later date. Here at Kiska the Japanese had developed their largest and strongest base in the Aleutians and naturally they had expected us to attack it first.

Ever since we had established air bases on Adak and Amchitka, we raided Japanese installations on Kiska as often as weather permitted. According to official reports, during the first half of 1943 the U.S. Eleventh Air Force dropped three million pounds of bombs on enemy positions in the Aleutians. And throughout June and July 1943 Kiska was the main target until it was ready for landing parties and ground assault.

The preparation for the assault on Kiska almost bewilders the layman by its immensity and its thoroughness. The strongest amphibious force ever assembled in the North Pacific made up the attack Units of the Western Defense Command—the U.S. 7th Infantry Division, and

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1st Lt. Ryan was born on the 21st of October, 1918; his foster parents are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Almond, Sr., of 424 E. Garfield, Del Rio, Texas. He received his education at Del Rio Grammar School in Del Rio, Breckenridge High School in San Antonio, and the University of Texas at Austin. 1st Lt. Ryan volunteered for the service in June, 1940, at Austin, Texas, assigned to the United States Army, 25th Infantry; he was sent to Fort Huachuca; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, for his training. He sailed for overseas duty in February, 1941, and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area in the Philippine Islands, participating in the Battle of Bataan. 1st Lt. Jay Arthur Ryan died on board a Japanese prisoner of war vessel while enroute to Japan, on or about Jan. 31, 1945. He was interned at Cabanatuan-Bilibid; awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

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elements of the Royal Canadian Army being all grouped under command of General Charles H. Corlett. On August 15, 1943, this vast force fell on Kiska with a naval escort commanded by Admiral Kinkaid. And, to our surprise, after a thorough search we found that the enemy had evacuated his entire garrison. The heavy midsummer fogs made it possible for Japanese ships and submarines to escape observation and carry the enemy troops away. All that was left were a few ships which we sank or damaged.

This situation was a puzzle to our men, for as late as July 22, 1943, our naval forces had encountered heavy fire from enemy shore batteries on Kiska, and our airplanes had received antiaircraft fire through August 13th. It would seem that the last Japanese had evacuated Kiska but a day or so before our assault and landing. But what we found on Kiska tells the important story of what might have happened. We were prepared for a battle far more terrible than that for Attu, and although we did not find the enemy, we found well stocked caves in the hills which showed that the enemy could have offered us a bitter fight had he chosen to do so.

Kiska being occupied, Americans could rejoice that all the Aleutians had been reclaimed, and these islands could be strengthened as our northern prong of the Pacific pincers, for the purpose of bombing the northern approaches to the Japanese homeland, and Tokyo some 2174 miles away.

In every quarter of the compass, American air power was expanding and reaching a relentless and invincible finger towards Japan. The Eleventh Air Force flying from the Aleutians; the Seventh Air Force from Hawaii; the Thirteenth Air Force now flying from the Solomons; the Fifth Air Force flying from New Guinea; the Tenth Air Force from India; and the Fourteenth Air Force from China: six great air fleets were encircling the outer defenses of the Japanese Empire.

Before we return to the southwest Pacific, let us introduce the U.S. 7th Infantry Division which has the distinction of having fought on each of the two prongs of the pincers movement, in the Aleutians in the North Pacific and in the Marshalls in the South Pacific. The 7th was activated in 1940 under command of General Joseph (Vinegar Joe) W. Stilwell and its first fighting in this war was against the Japanese on Attu, and which would have been followed on Kiska, had the Japanese decided to make a stand. For three weeks "in weather that would have broken the spirit of an Arctic explorer," the 7th engaged in bitter combat with a fanatical foe on Attu. Three months later, the 7th went looking for Japanese on Kiska, but found them gone. Then these men who wear the sign of an Hourglass on their shoulders, shipped for Hawaii for prolonged and vigorous training in jungle warfare. And early in 1944 the men of the 7th swarmed ashore at Kwajalein in the heart of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands, and six days later they were able to raise the Stars and Stripes over that liberated island, the first Japanese territory to fall to us during the war.

We shall see this 7th Division again at Leyte in the Philippines where they killed 16,559 of the enemy, and still later, on Easter Sunday 1945, they will land on Okinawa where the division was to fight in some of the bloodiest battles of the war.

#### Preparation for Attacks on the Gilberts and Marshalls

In August, September and October, 1943, American carrier based air attacks on Marcus, Tarawa, Apamama and Wakde, served to weaken Japanese installations and keep the enemy wondering where our next full-scale attack would fall. During October and early November, planes from our bases attacked the Japanese in the Gilberts and also in the Marshalls. This brought on a Japanese reprisal raid on our installations in the Ellice Islands.

A realignment of our naval forces took place at that time as follows: Admiral R. A. Spruance was placed in command of various units of the fleet and designated Commander Central Pacific Forces. Admiral R. K. Turner who had been in command of the sea during the Solomon Islands Campaign, was now placed in charge of our amphibious forces. General H. M. Smith of the Marine Corps was to command the landing forces; the remaining forces being placed under the direction of Admiral H. W. Hill, except the shore-based aircraft which was put under command of Admiral J. H. Hoover.

The aggregation of United States naval forces consisted of battleships, cruisers, aircraft carriers, destroyers and destroyer escorts, transports and numerous auxiliaries and landing craft.

#### The Battle of the Gilbert and Marshall Islands November 19, 1943-February 5, 1944

The Gilbert and Ellice Islands were a protectorate of Great Britain up to 1892 when the native government asked to be annexed to the British Empire under the style of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. The Gilbert Island Group is the one that concerns us here. It is composed of sixteen islands, of which Makin, Naura and Tarawa were the scene of much bloody fighting in 1942-1943.

Owing to their proximity to the Marshall Islands, certain of the Gilbert Group were early to feel the invaders hand. Aritari (Makin), Abaing and Marakei Islands were occupied by the Japanese on December 9, 1941. They made prisoners of all Europeans they found on Makin. They looted Tarawa, further south, on December 10th, but did not occupy it until several months later, and Europeans there were able to escape.

The Ellice Islands were not invaded by the Japanese. During late 1942 and early 1943 American air and naval forces made occasional raids in the Gilberts, Marshalls, and Carolines, and on Nauru. In March 1943 an American force occupied Funafuti the chief atoll and port of the Ellice group, and a few months later occupied Nanumea the most northerly of the Ellice Islands.

On November 20, 1943, American naval and air forces, in great strength, attacked the Japanese installations on Makin, Tarawa and Abemama atolls, in the Gilberts.

The Marshall Islands Group comprises 32 islands and 867 reefs scattered over 800 square miles of territory. Lying in two roughly parallel chains, (the eastern "Radak" or "Sunrise" and the western "Ralik" or "Sunset"), most of the islands are low-lying atolls. The largest is Kwajalein in the western chain. Jaluit, the capital of the group, Wotje, Maloelop, Mili and Ailingglaplap were strongly fortified by the Japanese, while Ponape, Yap, Parao and Eniwetok saw action during the Pacific war.

The Marshall Islands were German posses-

sions from about 1900 to 1919, when the League of Nations let them pass under mandate to Japan. They have a normal population of 10,439. Located in the far eastern extremity of the Japanese mandated islands, they were a menace to the Hawaiian Islands, and from these outposts the Japanese initiated their attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. They were known by some as Japan's "Stationary Aircraft Carriers."

#### The Battle of Makin The Strange Fight on Saké Night November 20-22, 1943

Makin and Tarawa in the Gilbert Island group, are some 2500 miles southwest of Pearl Harbor, and were the first Japanese territory to be attacked by the Americans. On November 20-22, 1942, while the Marines were assaulting the Japanese garrison at Tarawa, a task force of the United States 27th Infantry Division under command of General Ralph C. Smith, wiped out a garrison of 300 Japanese on Makin, an enemy seaplane base some one hundred miles north of Tarawa. The landing at Makin was preceded by heavy bombardment from our battleships and cruisers. The Army units met little opposition at first, and although the Japanese eventually made stiff resistance the issue there was never seriously in doubt. Two battalions of the 165th Infantry Regiment, the "Fighting Irish" from New York, were sent to hold the ground two miles west of the Japanese strong point, while a third battalion destroyed the pillboxes and gun emplacements. The Japanese garrison attempted a suicidal counterattack at night, and in order to fortify themselves for the ordeal drank all the Saké they could hold; whereupon they became wild beasts individually, but their military organization suffered deterioration. In two days fighting the battle was over and the entire garrison was wiped out. Our casualties in the engagement numbered 253. American veterans still speak of it as the Battle of Saké Night.

The 27th, a National Guard Division from New York, was called on to patrol the west coast of the United States for a few weeks after December 7, 1941, then sailed for Honolulu to man the defences of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii. The division landed in the Gilbert Islands in November 1943 while the 2nd Marine Division was storming into the hell that was Tarawa. The 165th Regiment of the 27th Division lived up to its First World War record when it earned fame as the Fighting Sixty-ninth of the United States 42nd Division.

### The Battle of Tarawa; Blood Bath for the Marines November 19-24, 1943

The island of Tarawa was bombarded on Nomember 19, 1943 and on the morning of the 20th our attack forces were closing in for the invasion

Tarawa was heavily fortified and garrisoned by some 3500 Japanese troops located on the coral island of Betio, the principal island in the group. The enemy bitterly opposed our landing.

Some fifteen hundred Japanese laborers had built concrete bunkers which were invulnerable to naval and aerial attack. Blockhouses with outer walls ten feet thick, were roofed over with iron rails on huge palm logs, protecting an inner

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\*Pvt. HUGH S. STAPP

Pvt. Stapp was born on March 27, 1912, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Stapp of Pumpville, Texas. He attended Del Rio High School, and on February 16, 1942, he volunteered for service at San Antonio, assigned to the U.S. Marines, 1st Division; he was then sent to Camps Elliott and Linda Vista in San Diego, Calif., for his training. He landed overseas in August, 1942, participating in the forced landings on strongly defended Japanese positions on Tulagi, Gavutu, Tanambogo, Florida, and Guadalcanal, British Solomon Is. from Aug. 7, to 9, 1942, and continued to fight on Guadalcanal until his death, Oct. 26, 1942. He received a citation for forced landing assaults against Jap positions, and also medals for expert Pistol and Rifle Sharpshooting; was awarded the Purple Heart. The State of Texas places his name upon the roll of those who have rendered the Highest Service.

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concrete emplacement five feet thick. Even our 1000 pound bombs from the Seventh Air Force failed to shatter them. Only direct infantry assault with grenades, flame throwers, and bangalore torpedoes thrown into the openings finally won the battle. In addition to these defenses, the Japanese had installed at each end of the island batteries of six and eight inch guns brought from Singapore. Betio was perhaps the strongest fortified tropical island to be encountered anywhere. For weeks the enemy on Betio had been attacked from the air, and on the day before the landing they were heavily bombarded by our naval units. These assaults preparatory to landing, silenced the Japanese heavy guns, wrecked everything above ground and killed about half the enemy troops; but even so, their dugouts, pillboxes, and bomb proof shelters were still mostly intact.

Only one beach on Tarawa was suitable for landing purposes and near this beach the enemy concentrated his forces.

The way for invasion was prepared by a night bombardment by ships and planes that enveloped the entire island in flame, smoke and debris. When it seemed that "no human being could be left alive in this inferno," General Julian C. Smith's Second Marine Division landed on November 21, 1943. The first three waves to land were met by heavy enemy machine gun fire, but they succeeded in establishing three beachheads 150 feet in depth. They were followed by a fourth and a fifth wave of troops which unfortunately were caught on coral reefs by winds and falling tides. Leaping overboard into water that was neck-deep, they made for the shore, suffering heavy losses from Japanese machine guns.

Night coming on, our landing parties holding their beachheads against enemy snipers, we landed tanks and reinforcements. Early the next morning, the enemy succeeded in flanking the Marines, catching them in enfilading fire. Cruisers, destroyers and dive bombers helped to turn the tide. Our forces then began a systematic destruction of enemy pillboxes and emplacements by dropping TNT, using flame throwers and torpedoes. By the middle of the following day, we had the Japanese pressed against the western end of the island; that night they attempted a suicide counterattack, which was thrown back with heavy losses. On the fourth day of the assault, the Battle of Tarawa was over, costing us 913 killed or missing, and 2037 wounded. The Japanese lost their entire garrison of 3500 men.

Elements of the 2nd Marine Division had engaged in the fight on Guadalcanal attached to

the 1st Marine Division. Later the entire 2nd Division reorganized in New Zealand under Brigadier General DeCarre, the elements that had fought in Guadalcanal leaving that island on February 9, 1943.

On November 20, 1943, the 2nd Division landed on Tarawa Atoll under command of General Julian C. Smith. The first waves crossed the lagoon in amphibian tractors under cover of our naval guns and aircraft, landed abreast on the north side of Betio Island. These initial waves suffered light casualties and encountered only slight resistance in crossing over the reef and getting on the beach.

About noon other waves of the division landed under intense enemy fire which caused heavy casualties. So heavy was the fire that it was necessary for subsequent waves to withdraw to the partial protection of a concrete pier whence they were taken after dark and landed on Beach Red 2 to the right of the pier.

The end of the day found all landing teams in position but on shallow beachheads, and the situation was precarious. During the night another battalion of division troops was landed and took the center position.

On the second day of the Battle of Tarawa, an unusual and unforseen combination of wind and tide made the reef impassable and many of the reinforcing elements of the division could not be landed. The engagement was the shortest and the bitterest campaign yet fought in the Pacific. The prize was a rich one, but costly. The 2nd Division lost 783 killed in action; 2091 wounded, and 206 missing (figures as of December 28, 1943).

The Division was moved to Hawaii for rest, reorganization and training. The fighting on Tarawa was thought by many to have been the most bitter and intense of the war. In spite of support of the ground troops by ships and by air, our casualties were heavy.

The 2nd Marine Division, under command of General Julian C. Smith and the naval units that supported the landing exhibited magnificent courage and tenacity.

Tarawa was captured after four days of fight-

During the fighting our transports lay off the island unloading troops and supplies. Enemy submarines attacked off Tarawa and while they were driven off, the *Liscome Bay*, an escortcarrier, was torpedoed and sunk off Makin, carrying to their death its Commander, Admiral H. M. Mullenix, Captain F. D. Wiltsie, and a large number of officers and men.

From the Gilberts, our attack moved north to

the Marshalls, which cover some 600 miles of water, and which protected the eastern approaches to the enemy's key naval base at Truk. Bypassing strong garrisons at Jaluit and Wotje, we surprised the enemy by attacking Kwajalein.

#### The Battle of Kwajalein January 30-February 5, 1944

The Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshalls consists of twenty-six islands, eleven of which were occupied by Japanese forces, some 8000 enemy troops being deployed over the islands to guard the air fields. Our attack on the Kwajalein Atoll was from January 31 to February 5, 1944 and netted us the capture of all of the twenty-six islands, and became an important stepping stone for our victorious penetration further toward the enemy homeland.

This atoll lies some 1,046 miles east of Truk, and 2415 miles southwest of Hawaii. The chief islands in this atoll, enclosing a lagoon some eighty miles long, are Kwajalein, Roi and Namur.

In preparation for the landing operations, the islands had been subjected to heavy aerial bombardment on January 21-27, 1944; on January 30-February 1, 1944, a great naval task force commanded by Admiral Richmond K. Turner bombed Kwajalein for two days and nights with 14,500 pounds of high explosives. As a result of this action, Kwajalein was ploughed over from end to end. General Charles H. Corlett's Seventh Infantry Division landed on undefended islands in the vicinity, placed artillery, and on February 1, 1944, landed with tanks on Kwajalein itself.

The atoll was taken foot by foot, with the aid of air and naval fire on February 3-6, 1944. General Harry Schmidt's Fourth Marine Division captured Roi and Namur on February 1-3, 1944 by similar methods.

The Americans by the reduction of Kwajalein, Roi and Namur suffered 1516 casualties, of which 286 were fatal. The Japanese lost 8,122 killed and 264 captured.

#### Eniwetok

The job at Kwajalein accomplished, a task force consisting of the Twenty-second Marine Regiment and the 106th Infantry regiment were sent some 340 miles west to capture the Japanese air installations at Engebi in the Eniwetok Atoll. Their task was accomplished on February 17-19, 1944, with about 500 American casualties.

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\*S/Sgt. EFRAIN LONGORIA

S/Sgt. Longoria was born March 12,1924, in Del Rio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus M. Longoria of 210 Chapoy St., Del Rio; educated at San Felipe High School; entered the Army Air Force on Jan. 18,1943; trained at Las Vegas, Nev.; Sheppard Fld. and Amarillo, Texas; and Kearney, Neb. He went overseas on Jan. 15,1944; served with 393rd Bomb Gp. (H), 360th Bomb Sq., in England. Participated in bombing missions to Pas de Calais, Boulogne; Berlin, Frankfurt, Poland; France's Channel Coast, Atlantic W. Wall, and the Reich. He was killed in action on June 12,1944, at Cambrai, France. His awards include Air Medal, 3 Clusters, D.F.C., and Purple Heart.

\*Pvt. OLIVER G. O'BRYANT

Pvt. O'Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. O'Bryant, Box 53, Langtry, Texas, was born October 6, 1915, in Texas, receiving his education in Juno, Texas; volunteered for service in January, 1940, at San Antonio, Texas, assigned to the U.S. Army. In February, 1940, he was shipped overseas for duty in the Asiatic South Pacific Area with service in the Philippine Islands and on Corregidor. Pvt. Oliver Gaston O'Bryant had been in the service of his country only 28 months when he paid the Supreme Sacrifice on the 30th day of April, 1942. Awarded the Purple Heart Medal. His brother, Pvt. James M. O'Bryant, served in the U.S. A.A.C.





Pfc HOLLIS E. ROSE

#### Cpl. ABRAHAM L. 1st Lt. NEVILLE B.

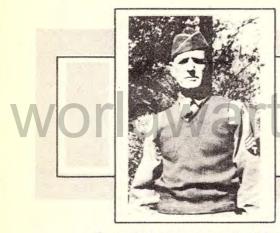
Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Brunie Hutto of Austin.

Cpl. ABRAHAM L. HUTTO was born July 2, 1925; entered the 7th Marines, 1st Marine Div., on Oct. 27, 1943; sent to Boot Camp at San Diego. Served 16 mos. overseas seeing action at Peleliu, and Okinawa. Received Purple Heart for wounds on Peleliu, and Gold Star for wounds received on Okinawa. Expert Rifle Bar, Flame Thrower Medals. Discharged Nov., 1945.

1st Lt. NEVILLE B. HUTTO was born April 28, 1913; attended Ariz. State Teachers' College and Univ. of Texas; entered Army, 1st Cav. Div. April 4, 1941; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas, in the 8th Cav. 1st Lt. Hutto received an honorable discharge on December 12, 1945.

Pfc Rose was born Jan. 18, 1926, at Keller, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Rose of Iraan, Texas. He attended Iraan High School, entering the service May 26, 1944, at El Paso, assigned to the Army, 54th Armd. Inf. Div., training at Camp Wolters, Texas; served at Ft. George Meade, Maryland, going overseas in Feb., 1945, in the 1st battle of Germany at Trier, battle of Rhineland, and Central Europe; and was wounded seriously on April 1, 1945, in Germany. Awarded Purple Heart; Good Conduct; ATO; EAME, 3 Stars; Combat Inf. Badge; Sharp Shooter Rifle, and Victory Medals. Discharged March 31, 1946, at Van Nuys, Calif., from Birmingham Gen. Hosp.









Capt. WILLIAM A. COZART

Sgt. FRANK M. HOLMSLEY

Sgt. F. M. Holmsley, born Dec. 2, 1906, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Holmsley; husband of Juanita Holmsley, all of Pittsburg, Texas, was educated at Pittsburg High School, and Duncan's Pharmacy School, Dallas, Texas. He entered the service on October 21, 1942, at Tyler; assigned to the Army Medical Corps; trained at Camp Barkeley, Abilene; served in the United States 17 months, and overseas 18 months; served in C.B.I. Theater, India and Burma, battles of Mytkiana, Bhamo, and Hosi Valley. He received the Good Conduct Medal, and 2 Battle Stars. Prior to enlistment he was employed as a druggist, Discharged Nov. 5, 1945.

Capt. W.A. Cozart, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Cozart, 2442 So. 3rd St., Abilene, born April 16, 1913, husband of Jane Cozart, 301 Daingerfield St., Pittsburg, Texas, attended Abilene High School, and Texas A. & M. College, College Sta. Entered the service May 13, 1942, at Pittsburg; was assigned to Army 4th Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Ft. Benning, Ga.; served in the U.S. 30 months, and overseas 14 months in battles of Normandy, N. France, and Rhineland. Wounded by machine gun Dec. 1, 1944, in Hurtgen Forest, Germany. Awarded: ATO, Victory, ETO, 3 Stars, P. Heart, Br. Star, Com. Inf. Badge. Discharged Jan., 1946.



Sgt. JAMES A. HILBURN, JR. SK 1/c ROBERT H. AFFLECK

Sgt. James Aubrey Hilburn, Jr., born January 21, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Hilburn, Childress, Texas, volunteered September 19, 1941, with the U.S. Marine Corps, 3rd Div. Trained at camps in California and began duty in Pacific Area January, 1943. He participated in the Battles of Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima, and received Commendation from Col. Ray A. Robinson for "action against enemy on July 21, 1944. His duty as liaison agent and runner required frequent runs across open terrain through enemy fire which he did in outstanding manner." After returning to the States May, 1945, Sgt. Hilburn was discharged Dec. 7, 1945.

SK 1/c Robert Harvey Affleck, born December 21, 1910, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Affleck, Childress, Texas, and husband of Wynnie D. Affleck, Waco, Texas, volunteered for service May 27, 1942, with the Navy Seabees. He trained at Norfolk, Virginia, and was promoted to Storekeeper 1/c. While in boot training he was injured, and was assigned to limited duty in the Continental United States after discharge from hospital. The World War II Victory and American Defense Medals were awarded with the American Theater Ribbon and Good Conduct Award. Discharged Sept., 1945, from Oak Knoll Harp.

## FIGHTING MEN OF TEXA





#### T/4 GERALD C. PUCKETT

T/4 G. C. Puckett, born March 11, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Puckett, P.O. Box 517, Fort Stockton, Texas, received his education at Stephen F. Austin Grammar and Fort Stockton High Schools, and Texas A & M College, College Sta., Texas. Entered Army service on Oct. 27, 1943, at Ft. Bliss, and was assigned to the 224th Gen'l Hosp.; trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; served in the United States 11 months, and overseas 18 months in Salisbury, Honiton, Lychfield and Kingstanding, (England), Etamps, Evereaux, and Marsielles, (France). Through Panama Canal; Manila; Angeles; and San Fernando; Luzon, (P. I.), Eta Jima, Kure and Yokohama, (Japan). Promotions: Pfc to T/5, then to T/4. He received an honorable discharge on March 23, 1946.



1st Lt. JESSE B. LIGON

Maj. FRED B. JAMES

Maj. James was born on December 24, 1912, in Texas, son of Mrs. G. T. James, brother of Mrs. Douglas Adams of Box 424, Fort Stockton, Texas, and husband of Josephine Cumpton James of Houma, La.; attended Ft. Stockton High School; volunteered for the service in 1942 at San Angelo, and was assigned to the A.A.F., training at Kelly Fld., Randolph Fld., and Waco, Texas; Sikeston, Mo.; and Lake Charles, La. He served overseas twice, 181/2 mos. in all, with service in the Southwest Pacific Area in the Papua and Philippine campaigns. Received the Presidential Citation; served with 312th L. Bomb. Gp. Honorably discharged Nov. 17, 1945; active in Air Res.

1st Lt. Ligon was born on January 9, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burney Ligon, and husband of Esther Ruth Ligon of Fort Stockton, Texas; attended Fort Stockton Grammar and High Schools, and Texas A & M College at College Station. He volunteered for the service May 5, 1942, at San Antonio, assigned to the 2nd Marines, and was sent to Quantico, Virginia, for training. He sailed for overseas duty on August 14, 1944, and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area until December 24, 1945, participating in the Battle of Okinawa. 1st Lt. Jesse Burney Ligon was given an honorable discharge on the 1st of February, 1946.



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\*S/Sgt. GUS THOMAS HODGE, JR.

S/Sgt. Gus Thomas Hodge, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs.G.T. Hodge, Cullendale, Arkansas, formerly of Pittsburg, Texas, was born December 19, 1925, a native of Texas. He attended Vernon and Pittsburg, Texas, Schools, also Texas A & M, College Station. He volunteered November 18, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, for the Army Air Corps. Trained in the States, and began overseas duty in the European Theater July, 1944, based in England with the 8th Air Force. Participated in the air offensive over Germany. Sgt. Hodge was on his thirty-fifth and last mission, when returning to their base the plane caught on fire and crashed on English soil, Feb. 3, 1945. The Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded Sgt. Hodge, Presidential Citation, Citation of Honor, among other ribbons. Sgt. Hodge's courage, coolness and skill together with his devotion to duty as evidenced throughout his many missions have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.





#### T/4 Sgt. DELTON D. YARBROUGH

T/4 Sgt. D. D. Yarbrough, born May 19, 1918, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Yarbrough, Turkey, husband of Bera Smith Yarbrough, Ft. Stockton. He received his education at Turkey High School and Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine; entered the service on Oct. 24, 1942, and was assigned to the Army 116th Sta. Hosp.; trained at Camp Grant, Ill., and Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He served in the United States 7 months, and overseas 30 months, in New Guinea, Australia, and Philippines on Leyte, in Battle of Leyte. He received a Unit Citation for establishing hosp., under adverse conditions, and by professional skill rendering treatment to patients, by gallantry in the face of enemy forces. He was honorably discharged on Dec. 29, 1945, at Fort Bliss, Texas.



Cpl. ROBERT V. BROWN

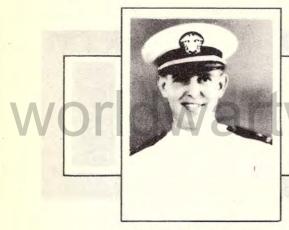


\*1st Sgt. STEVEN A. CUSTER

Cpl. Brown was born on March 3, 1910, in Texas, son of Mrs. A. N. Lea of 407 Pecos Street, Fort Stockton, Texas; attended Sterling City Grammar and High Schools, and Schreiner Ins. at Kerrville, Texas. He entered the service on Feb. 1, 1942, at El Paso, assigned to the Army 27th Inf. Div., and was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, for his training. Corporal Robert Vance Brown served overseas from August, 1942, until October, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific area, participating in the battles of Guadalcanal, Philippines, and N. Luzon and others; he was in continuous combat 165 days. Awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart Medals.

1st Sgt. Custer was born Jan. 29, 1905, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Custer of Cisco, and husband of Pauline Custer of Uvalde; served in Army Sig. Corps in 1919 and 1920; enlisted in Marines in 1921, training at Ft. Sam Houston and San Diego. He saw service in Nicaragua, 1928 and 1929, and in China in 1930 to 1934; retired in 1938, and was recalled in 1939, going overseas in May, 1942; landed on Guadalcanal Aug. 7, 1942; was with Col. Goettge's patrol to scout Jap position to Point Cruze on Aug. 12, 1942, when he was reported killed. Awarded Good Conduct; Sharp Shooter, Asiatic-Pacific, Purple Heart, 1st Div. Cit., by President Roosevelt.





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Lt. ROY B. LOCKETT, JR.

SKV 2/c INGRAM B. LOCKETT

Lt. Roy Bailey Lockett, Jr., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Lockett, Sr., of Pittsburg, Texas, was born Dec. 16, 1915. He attended Baylor University, at Waco, and on Aug. 8, 1941, he enlisted in the Navy, at Dallas. He was placed in the Midshipmen's School, and trained at Northwestern University. From May, 1942, to Sept., 1945, he served in the South Pacific, spending some time in Noumea, New Caledonia, and Sydney, Australia, and participating in the invasions of the Marshall and Palau Is.; Bismarck Archipelago; Hollandia; Guam; Leyte; Lingayen Gulf; Iwo Jima; and Okinawa. He holds campaign ribbons and the Victory award, and was given release in Sept., 1945.

SKV 2/c Ingram Byrd Lockett, younger brother of Roy Bailey Lockett, Jr., was born April 27, 1919. Like his brother, he attended Baylor University, at Waco, and it was three years after his brother's enlistment in the Navy that he, too, enlisted in that branch of service, on March 22, 1944. He was assigned to the Division of Supply, and was given training at San Diego, Calif. From Sept., 1944, to Oct., 1945, he served in the Pacific, in action in the Okinawa campaign and the last campaign against the Japanese homeland. His awardsare: Amer. Theater of War; Asiatic-Pacific; and the Victory Award. On February 7, 1946, he was given his discharge.



T/3 T.J. Julius, born March 16, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Julius Sr., Pittsburg, was educated at Pittsburg Grammar and High Schools, and attended A. & M. College, College Sta. Entered the service July 19, 1944, at Dallas; assigned to the Army 4th Inf. Div.; trained at I.R.T.C., Camp Fannin, Texas. Served in the United States 17 months, and overseas 6 months in France and Germany, and in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. Promoted from Pvt. to T/3 in 1946. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. Prior to his enlisting into the Army, he was employed by the North American Co., of Dallas. Discharged June, 1946.

A.C.B.M. J.A. Darby, born June 21, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs.P.W. Thorsell, 315 Rusk St., Pittsburg, husband of Theda Darby, enlisted July 12, 1940, and was assigned to the United States Navy. Trained at U.S. Naval Air Sta., San Diego, Calif. Overseas 4 years and 3 months, in raids in the Gilbert, Marshall, Wake, Marcus Islands. In battles: Midway, Stewart, Santa Cruz, and Solomons, and occupation of Guadalcanal. Awards: American Def. 1 Star, Asiatic Pac. 12 Stars, ATO, Pres. Unit Citation, Victory, Philippine Lib., and Good Conduct. He was aboard the U.S.S. Rudyerd Bay, when it was commissioned and served there until war ended. Discharged July, 1946.

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\*Cpl. BYRON G. HATCH

Cpl. Hatch was born on January 14, 1922, in Uvalde, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Hatch of 323 W. Garden St., Uvalde, Texas. Graduated from Uvalde High School in May, 1941, and volunteered for the service on July 6, 1942, at San Antonio, assigned to the A.A.F.; trained at Sheppard Fld., Wichita Falls, Texas; Truax Fld., Madison, Wis.; Eglin Fld., Florida; and Seymour Johnson Fld., N. Carolina. He served over seas from Nov. 3, 1943, until Nov. 26, 1943, when he was lost in battle in the Mediterranean Sea when the H.M.S. Rohna, a British Troop Ship, was sunk by enemy air attack off Djidjelli, Algeria. He received the Purple Heart posthumously for Military Merit and for wounds received in action. Citation of Honor by Gen. H. H. Arnold. Cpl. Byron Glen Hatch was given his diploma as Radio Operator from A.A.F.T.S. at Truax Fld., Wis., April 28, 1943.

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T/Sgt. VICTOR C. MORALES

\*Pfc EVERARDO R. MALDONADO

Pfc Maldonado was born on January 15, 1920, in Mexico, son of Mrs. Delfina R. Maldonado of Spofford, and husband of Socorro L. Maldonado of Uvalde, Texas. He received his education in N. Rosita, Coah., and entered the service Dec. 5, 1942, at Uvalde, assigned to the Army Med. Detach., 796th Engrs., and trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He was shipped overseas on July 13, 1944, and served in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. Pfc Everardo R. Maldonado was killed in action on the 19th day of November, 1944, in Germany. He received these decorations: the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart Medal.

T/Sgt. Morales was born on Jan. 11, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Morales, and husband of Lupe Morales, all of Uvalde. Volunteered for the A.A.F. on Nov. 23, 1942, training at Chicago, Ill., as a radio operator. Overseas l yr. in Bismarck Archipelago, Los Negros invasion, New Guinea, Wewak and Hollandia raids, raids over Soerbaja, Java, Celebestimor, Flores Islands, and S. Philippines. Awarded Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; Presidential Citation; Asiatic-Pacific with 4 Stars; and A.A.F. Gunners Wings. Completed 55 missions, 352 hrs. of combat flying time as a radio operator-gunner. Discharged Oct. 4, 1945, at Randolph Fld., Texas.



T/4 Patterson was born on Aug. 3, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Patterson of 302 North East Lane, Uvalde, Texas; attended Boudera High; entered the service Jan. 1, 1941, at Deming, N.M., assigned to Army, 200 Coast Artillery, training at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas. He went overseas in Oct., 1941, serving at Fort Itotsenburg until Dec. 8, 1941; helped move across to Bataan, and fought there until wounded April 3, 1942; was captured and interned at Bilibid and Cabanatuan. Awards received: Purple Heart; Distinguished Unit Badge, 2 O.L. Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Star, and Victory Ribbons. His remains have been placed in a communal urn in Yokohama.

Sgt. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Richardson of Rochester, Texas, was born on July 12, 1908; attended Bovina Grade and Friona High Schools, entering the Army, 893rd Ord. Div. on Dec. 15, 1942, at Ind. Sta. in Lubbock, Texas; he received his training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and saw service in England, France, and Belgium from Sept. 25, 1943, until Nov. 4, 1945. His decorations include the EAME, Good Conduct, World War II Victory, and Rifle Marksman Medals. Since his discharge on Nov. 10, 1945, he has returned to civilian life, and is now living in White Deer, Texas, with his wife, Verna Mae Richardson.





Maj. JOHN R. BANISTER, III

1st Lt. BILLY NEILL BANISTER

Sons and husband of Mrs. Myrtle Thomason Banister, 2006 Sharon, Austin. Maj. JOHN R. BANISTER, III, born on July 5, 1920, attended Texas A & M College; volunteered for the Army Ground Forces, May, 1942; was overseas 35 mos.; landed with assault waves in N. Africa, Nov. 8, 1942; participated in campaigns for Tunisia, S. Italy, Central Italy, S. France, N. France, Central Rhineland, and Germany; served with 3rd, 9th Inf. Divs., 651st R.A.F. Sqdn., 1st Arm'd Div.; 17th Fld. Art. Gp. Awards: Legion of Merit, Air Medal, 3 Clusters, Italian Military Cross of Valor. Now with 4th A. Hq.

Col. JOHN R. BANISTER, Jr., born Aug. 16, 1887, attended Univ. of Texas; was called in with Natl. Guard in 1916, serving in W.W. I until Oct., 1919. Called in Natl. Guard again in Sept., 1940, in Q.M.C.; trained at old Camp Wilson, Tex.; took part in St. Mihiel, Seischprey, and Argonne engagements. Served with 360th Inf. and Hq. 2nd Div. in occupation area in Germany. Awarded Legion of Merit. Taught in Texas Public Schools 3 yrs.; also practiced law in Dallas. At present he is Deputy State Director of Selective Service for Texas.

1st Lt. BILLY N. BANISTER, born July 30, 1923, hus band of Margaret White Banister, attended A & M College of Texas, enlisting in A.A.C., 556 Bomb. Sqdn.; trained at San Antonio A.C.C., and Altus A.A.B.; served as Bomber Pilot in Italy; completed 34 combat missions over Roumania, Austria, Yugoslavia, N. Italy, and Germany. Shot down twice. Wounded on raid mission on Odertal Oil Refinery in Germany. Awarded Air Medal with 2 Clusters, and Purple Heart. Now in Kearns, Utah.



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Maj. MILTON D. HAWES

Maj. Hawes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hawes, 16 Green St., Orangeburg, S.C., and husband of Jessie W. Hawes of Ft. Davis, Texas, attended Sheridan Grammar, Carlisle High Schools, and The Citadel in S.C.; entered the service on April 20, 1941, assigned to the Army, 6th C.A.-A.A. T'ng Gp., training at Camp Wallace. He went overseas on Sept. 16, 1941, and served in the Philippine Islands, Fort Mills, Corregidor, with the 59th C.A. He was a prisoner in the 92nd Garage, Bilibid Cabanatuan #341, hipa, Murphy; Shriakawa, Formosa, Kawasaki and Niigata, Japan, and was wounded twice. His decorations include three Presidential Unit Citations, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart Medals with 1 Cluster. His present military organization is Orientation School for former prisoners of war.

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1st Lt. OSCAR T. WELLS, JR.

1st Lt. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wells, and husband of Bernice W. Wells of Brite Ranch, Valentine, Texas, was born Aug. 10, 1924; attended New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M. He entered the service June 15, 1943, at El Paso, Texas, assigned to the Army, 13th Armored Div., training at Fts. Riley, Kan.; Knox, Kentucky; and Camp Bowie, Texas, going overseas in January, 1945, serving in the European Theater, until July, 1945, participating in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. He served as a Tank Platoon Leader in Company C, 46th Tank Bn., 13th Armored Div. in combat. Lt. Oscar Thomas Wells received the following decorations: the Bronze Star Medal for heroism; Commendation, American Defense, EAME, Victory, and Occupation of Germany Ribbons. At the present, he is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, with Headquarters, 6th Tank Bn.



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Capt. GILES C. AVRIETT

Capt. Avriett was born on July 2, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles L. Avriett of Austin. He attended Univ. of Texas at Austin; volunteered for service Sept. 11, 1941, at San Antonio, assigned to Army Air Forces, training at Sheppard Fld., Texas; Maxwell Fld., and Blythe Field, with service in Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe, and Normandy. He was interned at Stockton, Sweden, in August, 1944, after being hit by flak over Germany; he was overseas from April 3, 1944, to June 1, 1945. Awarded D.F.C., Air Medal, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, American Defense, and EAME Theater Service Medals. On Dec. 23, 1946, Capt. Avriett was discharged.

#### FC 3/c GUAYFORD H. GERSBACH

FC3/c Guayford H. Gersbach, born August 27, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guido Gersbach, Buckholts, Milam County, Texas, attended Texas A & M at College Station, and volunteered April 8, 1943, for the U.S. Navy. He trained at San Diego; was assigned to the USS Salt Lake City, and from November, 1943, to March, 1945, participated in Pacific raids at Luzon, Leyte Operation and Battle of Leyte Gulf, assault and capture of Iwo Jima, and served on the Gilbert and Marshall Islands. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Battle Stars and Philippine Liberation with two Battle Stars were awarded. Discharged on April 9, 1946.



Capt. Leroy King, husband of Dorothy Jean King, Silsbee, Texas, was born June 4, 1920, in Beaumont, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. King, also of Silsbee; attended University of Oklahoma at Norman, and volunteered October 3, 1941, in Houston for the Army Air Corps, training at Tulare, Calif., and Phoenix, Ariz. Capt. King began overseas duty January, 1945, in the European Theater of Operations; served for six months in France; participated in the crossing of the Rhine, and is currently stationed in Berlin, Germany, as Director of Operations on Templehof Air Field. The Air Medal with other ribbons was awarded.

Seaman Hunt was born on December 22, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dill, and husband of Jimmie Louise Hunt of 123 Gilmer Cts., Orange, Texas. Graduated from high school at Orange, and attended Port Arthur Business College, volunteering for service August 22, 1943, at Port Arthur, Texas. He entered the Merchant Marines, training at St. Petersburg, Florida. Shipped overseas on December 25, 1943, and served in the Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea, Pacific and Indian Ocean; engaged in troop and supply movements to active battle areas. On May 28, 1946, he was given an honorable discharge from the U.S.M.M.



2nd Lt. BILLIE E. TUCKER

2nd Lt. Tucker was born on July 18, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tucker, Box 773, Silsbee, Texas. He attended Baylor Univ. at Waco, volunteering for the A. A. C. May 5, 1943, training at Midland A.A.F. and Greenville A. A. B. Overseas from Jan. to July, 1945, based in Corsica and Italy; participated in N. Apennines and Po Valley campaigns. Awarded EAME with 2 Stars, Air Medal with 4 Clusters and the Soldier's Medal for heroism. On April 17, 1945, upon completion of bomb run over Italy, it was discovered that three 100 pound bombs had failed to release over the target; by lowering himself into the bomb bay, he was able to release them harmlessly into the sea. On Sept. 30, 1945, he was appointed in Army of the U.S. Officers Reserve Corps.

Maj. WALTER L. TUCKER

Maj. Tucker was born on Aug. 31, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tucker, and husband of Evelyn Maurine Tucker of Silsbee. He attended Stephen F. Austin State Teachers' College at Nacogdoches, and volunteered for the A.A.C. on Oct. 1, 1941, training at Tulare, Calif., Ranking Flying School. In the Asiatic-Pacific area from Sept., 1942, to Nov., 1946, in the China Defensive, Air Combat Borneo, Anti-Submarine Philippine Is., Luzon, New Guinea, Papuan, Bismarck, and Archipelago. Decorations include Air Medal, Army Commendation, Distinguished Unit Badge with Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific with 8 Stars, and Victory Medals. He was appointed in the Army of the U.S. Officers Reserve Corps on October 8, 1946.



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#### GM 2/c (U.S.N.R.) CHARLES A. MITCHELL

GM2/c C. A. Mitchell, born March 6, 1925, son of Mrs. Matthew John Burns, 5712 Borden St., Galveston, husband of Dorothy Louise Richardson, 1410 15th Street, Orange, Texas. He received his education at Curtis and Anderson Grammar, and Orange High Schools; volunteered for service on April 4, 1942, at Houston, and was assigned to the Navy, Machinist Br.; trained at San Diego, Calif., Diesel Engnr. School, Miami, Fla.; served in the United States 9 months; overseas from Jan. 29, 1943, to March 12, 1945, in Aleutians; participated in the Battle of Kiska. Patrol duty-Gunners' Mate 2nd Class on Sub. Chaser #1025, Dec., 1943, until his discharge in 1945. He was in the S. Pacific, based at Maui, T.H., Sub. Chaser Base, from Dec. 8, 1943, until March 12, 1945. He was honorably discharged Nov. 10, 1945.



T/Sgt. ROBERT G. EDGERLY

T/Sgt. Edgerly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Edgerly of Rt. 1, Box 401-A, Orange, Texas, was born on October 1, 1924; was educated at Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur; volunteered for service Nov. 3, 1942, assigned to the Army Air Force, training at Keesler Fld., Miss., with service overseas from March 12, 1944, until Sept. 26, 1944, in Italy in these campaigns: air offensive of Europe, Normandy, North France, Southern France, Rome-Arno, and Air Combat of Balkans. He received EAME Campaign with 6 Stars, Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, and Good Conduct Medals. On September 13, 1945, he was given his discharge.

Sqt. JOHNIE F. HRYHORCHUK

Sgt. Hryhorchuk was born September 21, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hryhorchuk of Deweyville, and husband of Ruth Owens Hryhorchuk of 417 Harrison Courts, Orange, Texas. He entered the service on June 18, 1943, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, assigned to the Army Air Forces, and was sent to Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, for his training; served overseas from Feb., 1944, until Dec., 1945, in Bougainville, Solomon Islands; New Guinea; and the Philippines. Decorations include Asiatic-Pacific with 6 Stars, Philippine Liberation with 1 Star, Good Conduct, Distinguished Unit Badge, and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec., 1945.

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\*Pfc JOHN C. DAY

Pfc Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray V. Day of Route 1, Cisco, Texas, was born on November 2, 1923, in Snyder, Texas. He attended Cisco High School. At the time of his entry in the service, he was night foreman of the Red Rock Cola plant in Houston; he entered the U.S.M.C.R. on Aug. 13, 1943, assigned to 2nd Div., receiving his boot training in San Diego, with one yr. service at Boat Basin in Oceanside, Calif., as instructor in Amph. Tractor School. He left for overseas duty in November, 1944, and served on Saipan and Okinawa. Private First Class John Cyphus Day participated in the battle for Okinawa where he was killed on Easter Sunday on the 1st of April, 1945, while serving his country. The Purple Heart he received for wounds was awarded his wife, Mauline Virginia, and baby girl, Jo Ann, who are now living at 508 Middle St., Orange, Texas.





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AOM 3/c CHARLES S. SWIFT

Capt. JAMES R. WHITE

A.O.M.3/c Swift was born on April 22, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Swift, and husband of Mary Elaine Swift of 1213 Lake Street, Orange, Texas; attended Orange High School; volunteered for the service April 27, 1943, at Beaumont, Texas, assigned to the Naval Air Corps, training at Corpus Christi, Texas; Norman, Oklahoma; Purcell, Okla.; and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Served in S. Pacific Area: Leyte Gulf, Lingayen Gulf, Subic Bay, Iwo Jima, Okinawa; bombed: Chichi Jima, Ideano Dido, and Eishigiski. Awarded Air Medal with 3 Gold Stars, and received Commendation from Admiral R. A. Spruce, Comdr. of U.S. 5th Fleet; on December 4, 1945, he was discharged.

Capt. White was born on July 28, 1910, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan White, and husband of Ruby White of 908 Lake Street, Orange, Texas; attended Southwest Texas State College at San Marcos, Texas; volunteered for the service on October 20, 1942, at Port Arthur, assigned to the Army, 835th Signal Service, training at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. In December, 1944, he was shipped overseas, and served in Lucknow, Delhi, and New Delhi, India. He received the Unit Citation. Captain James Ray White is still serving in the Signal Service, and at the present he is stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, after 1 1/2 yrs'. overseas duty.



1st Lt. David Watson Brice was born May 31, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Brice, Port Arthur, Texas; attended Lamar College at Beaumont; and volunteered November 26, 1942, for the Army Air Force. He trained at Maxwell Field, Alabama, and served July, 1944, to June, 1945, in the European Theater where he participated in the air combat of the Balkans, Southern France, Rhineland, Po Valley, North Apennines, Rome-Arno and Central Europe, receiving wounds and the Purple Heart. The DFC was awarded with Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Campaign Medal with seven Battle Stars and Dis. Unit Citation. Discharged August, 1945.

Sgt. Curtis Harman Barrett, birth date January 27, 1920, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Barrett, Liberty, Texas, and husband of Doris O. Barrett of the same city, attended the Daisetta, Texas, High School, and entered service October 1, 1941, at Houston. He was assigned to the Army 748th Military Police Battalion, and served in the Western States including California and Oregon, also Illinois, receiving the American Theater Campaign Medal with American Defense and World War II Victory Awards, plus the Good Conduct Ribbon. Discharge was granted Sgt. Barrett December 6, 1945, from Camp Grant, Illinois.





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#### \*1st Lt. CHARLES S. YOUNG

1st Lt. Charles Stenius Young, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vaughan Young of Dayton, Texas, was born on April 10, 1920, in Oberlin, La. He is a graduate of Dayton High School and Southwest Louisiana Institute. He was a medical student at Texas U. when he volunteered for the R.C.A.F. in Oct., 1941. Received his wings at Yorktown, Sask., in 1942, and completed 22 missions over Europe for the 4th Eagle Squadron. In Mar., 1943, he was transferred to the U.S. 8th Air Force, and made 30 missions, 25 of them were complete, for which he received a special citation from Col. Hodges. He particiapted in the Sicilian campaign, bombing of Rome. and Ploesti raid of Aug. 1, 1943. His last bombing mission was the first American raid on Berlin. Lt. Young was a member of Ted's Famous Flying Circus, but was killed on "D" Day in Spaldington, England, after having signed up for flying P-38's. He was awarded 2 D.F.C.'s, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, a Spec. Cit., and a British decoration.







1st Lt. JAMES D. JETT

T/4 PAUL CRUTCHFIELD

1st Lt. JAMES D. JETT, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jett, and hus band of Wilda Jett of Liberty, attended Baylor Univ., entering the Army Sept. 30, 1941, assigned to 40th Div., training at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas 20 mos. in India-Burma Theater from June, 1944, to Feb., 1946. Transferred from Inf. to Aviation Cadets in June, 1942. Awarded ATO; Asiatic-Pacific, Victory, Chinese Aviation Badge, and American Defense Ribbons. Relieved to inactive status May 12, 1946.

2nd Lt. CLAUDE E. WALDROP was born Aug. 9, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Waldrop, and husband of Kathleen Waldrop of Liberty, attended Liberty High, entering the Army Dec. 16, 1942, assigned to 19th Cav. Rcn. Sq.; trained at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.; Camps Forrest, Tenn., and Pickett, Va. In European Theater of Operations 9 mos. in battle of Rhineland and Central Europe. Received Good Conduct, ETO, Army of Occupation (Germany), Battle Commission from S/Sgt. to 2nd Lt. for outstanding performance in actual combat, 2 Battle Stars, and Victory Medals. Discharged March 25, 1946.

T/4 PAUL CRUTCHFIELD was born Feb. 18, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crutchfield of Singleton, husband of Dorothy Crutchfield of Liberty, attended Sam Houston State Teachers' College; entered Army on July 28, 1944, assigned to 1st Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. Overseas 16 1/2 mos. in battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awards include: Victory, Good Conduct, EAME, 3 Stars, Army of Occupation (Germany), and Purple Heart for wounds received in battle of Central Europe, March, 1945. Discharged May 23, 1946.

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### Col. GWEN G. ATKINSON

Col. Gwen Grover Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Atkinson, of Lufkin, husband of Nannetta P. Atkinson, and father of Gwen G. Atkinson, Jr., of Kearney, Neb., was born June 25, 1916. He entered service in the Army Air Corps on Oct. 10, 1936, and was trained at Randolph and Kelly Fields. His periods of overseas service are: August, 1941, to August, 1942; Nov., 1943, to March, 1945; and June, 1945, to March, 1946. In between these times he was in service in the United States, where he is at present, with the Personnel and Administration of the War Dept. Gen. Staff. Abroad, he served in Egypt, India, and the Southwest Pacific in the Philippines, Solomons, and Bismarck Archipelago. His awards are many; among them are the DFC; Silver Star; Legion of Merit; Purple Heart; Air Medal with 1 OLC, EAME, 1 Star, and Asiatic-Pacific, 6 Stars.



\*M/Sgt. JOHN T. BOND Cpl. WILLIAM A. PATTILLO



Capt. HERBERT C. WHITE, JR.

Husband and brother of Letha Bell Bond, Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Liberty, Texas.

M/Sgt. JOHN T. BOND, born Aug. 8, 1919, in Texas, volunteered Sept. 9, 1940, for the Army Air Corps, and began overseas duty Feb., 1945, in the Pacific Area; was reported missing on his 10th mission, April 16, 1945, and presumed to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice. The Air Medal, Citation were awarded.

Cp1. WILLIAM A. PATTILLO, born July 15, 1922, entered the Army Air Corps on Dec. 12, 1942, serving overseas Dec., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in the battles of No. France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. A Unit Citation and four Battle Stars were awarded. Discharged Sept., 1945.

Capt. Herbert C. White, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. White, Sr., 914 South Raguet, Lufkin, Texas, was born Feb. 13, 1919. Attended Bogalusa, La., Public Schools and Marion Military Inst., S. E. Louisiana College, Hammond, La. Volunteered for service September, 1941, at Tulare, California, assigned to Army, Air Force. Trained at Rankin Field, Gardner Field and Luke Field. Served overseas from May, 1942, to May, 1943. Capt. White received his discharge in Jan., 1946, from Mitchell Field, N.Y. He is in Air Corps Reserve, and is attending Texas University at Austin, where he is still flying under government supervision. His wife is Helen Marie Winston White of Lufkin.



### 2nd Lt. THOMAS C. McNEIL, JR.

2nd Lt. Thomas C. McNiel, Jr., nephew of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Perry, Lufkin, Texas was born September 25, 1923, a native of Texas and son of Mr. Thos. C. McNiel, Sr., Vallejo, California. He graduated from Lufkin Elementary and High Schools, and attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and volunteered for service July 6, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, for the Army Air Forces, 914 D. T. U. His commission to 2nd Lieutenant and Pilot of the U.S. Army Air Force was received December 23, 1944. Lt. McNiel trained with the Eastern Flying Training Command. His awards include the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. After over two years of service for his country, Lt. McNiel was discharged October 22, 1945.





### 1st Lt. RAIFORD L. PERRY

lst Lt. Raiford L. Perry, birth date August 5, 1919, in Texas, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Perry, Lufkin, Texas, graduated from Texas University at Austin and volunteered September 27, 1941, at Dallas for the Army Air Forces, training at West Coast Fields. He served May, 1942, to May, 1943, and March to November of 1945 in the Aleutian Islands, North Africa, France and Italy. Lt. Perry received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, ETO Ribbon with American Defense and Theater Awards. After returning to the States, discharge was granted January 1, 1946. He left service as 1st Lt. Pilot of U.S.A.A.F.

T/5 FALCOR W. PERRY

T/5 Falcor W. Perry was born March 6, 1922, a native of Texas, the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Perry, 402 Bynum Street, Lufkin, Texas, and husband of Rachel Squyres Perry of the same city. He graduated from the Lufkin Schools and attended University of Texas at Austin, for three years, leaving college to enter service October 26, 1942, with the Army Medics Division. His training was received at Camp Wolters, Texas, and total duty served in the States for which the American Theater Ribbon was awarded plus the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory and Defense Awards, also one Service Stripe. Discharged Feb. 12, 1946.





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S/Sgt. GAYLE H. CRUTHIRDS

Sgt. ROBERT L. FARLEY

Sgt. Robert Lee Farley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Farley, Diboll, Texas, was born Sept. 11, 1921, husband of Dorothy E. Farley, and son-in-law of Mr, and Mrs. H. A. Cruthirds. He attended Stephen F. Austin College at Nacogdoches, Texas, and volunteered Oct. 7, 1942, for the Army Air Forces, training at Kelly Field, Texas, Gulfport Field, Miss., and Burbank, Calif. Sgt. Farley served Aug., 1944, to Jan., 1946, overseas where he participated in the battles of Central Burma and India Burma. The Distinguished Unit Badge was awarded with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. Discharged Jan. 27, 1946.

S/Sgt. Gayle Hugh Cruthirds, birth date December 21, 1924, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cruthirds, Diboll, Texas. He entered service March 4, 1943, at San Antonio with the Army Air Forces; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas; Tyndall Field, Florida; and Tucson, Arizona, later serving May, 1944, to October, 1944, in the European Theater where he participated in the air offensive of Europe, Naples-Foggia, Italy and the invasion of France; was wounded June 4, 1944, receiving the Purple Heart. The Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters was also awarded with ETO Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. Sgt. Cruthirds was discharged Oct. 21, 1945.



Cpl. Raymond Roland Cruthirds, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cruthirds, Diboll, Angelina County, Texas, was born June 27, 1917, a native of Texas. He is the husband of Mattie Fay Cruthirds, Houston, Texas, and the father of twin girls. Cpl. Cruthirds graduated from the Diboll, Texas, Schools, and volunteered September 1, 1942, at Lufkin, Texas, for the Army Air Force, training and serving at Roswell Army Air Field in New Mexico. His total duty was served in the States for which the American Theater Ribbon was awarded with World War II Victory Medal and American Defense Award. Discharge was granted October 29, 1945.

Capt. Leslie Stuart Cruthirds, born March 8, 1920, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cruthirds, Diboll, Texas, and husband of Mildred Burge Cruthirds, Belton, Texas. He volunteered September 19, 1939, for the Army Air Corps, training at Randolph Field, San Antonio. Capt. Cruthirds served June, 1943, to October, 1944, in the European Theater where he participated in thirty combat missions in B-17 plane over Germany, France, Norway, Holland, Belgium and Sweden. The DFC was awarded with Air Medal, four Oak Leaf Clusters and various ribbons. He has returned to the States, and is currently with Search and Rescue, Memphis, Tennessee.



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\*2nd Lt. N. H. YOUNGBLOOD RICKS

2nd Lieut. N. H. Youngblood Ricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nixon Ricks of Lufkin, was born Nov. 10, 1923. He attended Baylor University at Waco, and on June 19, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps. He was assigned to the band; in November of the same year he was transferred, and became a cadet in the Air Corps. After being trained in air fields in Texas, Kansas, and Florida, he was sent to the EAME Theater of War, in Nov., 1943. In the year 1944 he served with the 12th Air Force and the 15th Air Force, and the 31st Fighter Group; was cited for outstanding service. He met with the fatality of war in April, 1944. The Air Medal, DFC, 2 Silver Clusters, and Purple Heart were awarded.

Sgt. TRUMAN STACEY

Sgt. Truman Stacey, son of James H. Stacey of Navasota, Texas, was born Dec. 8, 1917. He was graduated from the Navasota High School and the Junior College of Beaumont; attended Oklahoma University, and received his degree in Philosophy from the University of Detroit, June 5, 1946. He enlisted in the Army in August, 1942, and served 13 months, all of which time was in the U.S.A. He was given an honorable discharge, and at present is a partner in the Lufkin Printing Co., Lufkin, Texas. He also is a Public Relations Director of the University of Detroit. Previous to enlistment in the Army, he had been a journalist.



### Lt. CHARLES L. ZEAGLER EM 3/c JOHN A. ZEAGLER

Sons of Mrs. Mary Belle Zeagler, Lufkin, Texas.
Lt. CHARLES LEE ZEAGLER was born Apr. 19, 1922. Attended Rice Institute, Houston. Volunteered May 7, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to Naval Reserve, Air Corps. Served overseas from June, 1943, to March, 1946, in Honolulu, Saipan, Solomon Is., Tokyo, Battle of Leyte Gulf; served on ship Kadashan Bay. Discharged March 15, 1946. EM3/c JOHN ALONZO ZEAGLER was born Mar. 3, 1917. Attended Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas. Volunteered May, 1943, at Seguin, Texas, assigned to Navy, Seabees. After training, sent to Honolulu; was injured there and sent back to U.S. for hospitalization. Discharged Dec. 10, 1944.



1st Lt. THOMAS G. WALKER, JR.

lst Lt. Thomas G. Walker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Walker, Sr., Lufkin, Texas, was born Sept. 25, 1920. Attended Lufkin High School. Volunteered for service Oct. 19, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, assigned to Army, Air Corps. Trained at San Antonio. Served overseas from July 31, 1945, to May 25, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater as a fighter pilot of P-51, participating in battles of Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Japan and China. Wounded on mission over Southern Kyushu, Japan. Received Air Medal, Purple Heart, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, 1 Battle Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, 4 Battle Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged July 6, 1946.





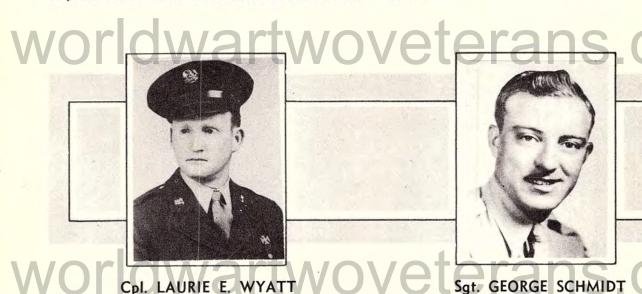


\*T/Sqt. ROBERT A. LOVELADY

T/Sgt. Robert Asa Lovelady, son of Mrs. Mallie Leggett of Lufkin, and husband of Addie Lee Lovelady, also of Lufkin, was born Jan. 15, 1919. He enlisted in the Army on Feb. 4, 1939, at Fort Sam Houston, and was assigned to the 2nd Division. Training was given him at Ft. Sam Houston and at Camp McCoy, Wis. From Oct., 1943, to Aug., 1944, he served overseas, landing in Ireland. In Jan., 1944, he was sent to England, and was stationed there until D-day, in which he participated, his division being among the first to land in Normandy. He fought through to the battle of St. Lo, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice of war. He had been wounded two months previously. The Purple Heart and Texas and Presidential Citations were awarded.

Cpl. WILBUR E. LOVELADY

Cpl. Wilbur Elmeric Lovelady, brother of Sgt. Robert Asa Lovelady, was born Dec. 4, 1921, and entered Army service on Aug. 6, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Texas. He was assigned to the 669th Port. Co., and was given training at Camp Wolters, Camp Knight, and Camp Stoneman. In May, 1943, he went overseas and served in two theaters of war, -- the Asiatic and the European. He was in Persia, for a time, and later saw action in France, in the battle of the Rhineland. He holds campaign ribbons and one Battle Star, also the Good Conduct Award. On Dec. 9, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge from the service, at Ft. Sam Houston, eight days after his return from overseas.



Cpl. Laurie E. Wyatt, son of Edgar Wyatt, Lufkin, Texas, husband of Eunice Wyatt, Diboll, Texas, was born Dec. 10, 1916. Attended Attoyac High School. Entered service Feb. 9, 1943, at Camp Wolters, Texas, assigned to Army, Air Corps. Trained at Miami Beach, Florida. Served overseas from May 27, 1944, to October 23, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, participating in battles of South Pacific and the liberation of Guam. Was made Corporal June 3, 1943. Received Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, Unit Citation and one Battle Star, World War II Victory Medal. Discharged February 1, 1946.

Sgt. George Schmidt, husband of Cornelia Schmidt, Lufkin, Texas, was born February 15, 1917. Attended high school in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Entered service February 1, 1941, at Ft. Collins, and was assigned to Army, 12th Medical Corps. Trained at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp Forrest, Tullahoma, Tenn. Served overseas from September 1, 1943, to October 15, 1945, in European Theater participating in all the battles through Italy. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt, Sr., Rt. 4, Box 17, Ft. Collins, Colorado.





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Sgt. FRED J. STRAIT

Cpl. JAMES H. THOMPSON, JR.

Cpl. James H. Thompson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Sr., was born Sept. 29, 1918. Attended High School of Lufkin, Texas. Entered service June 16, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, assigned to Army, 3rd, 95th Division. Trained at Camp Wolters. Served overseas from March, 1944, to November, 1945, in EAME Theater, participating in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received American Theater Campaign Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon, 5 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He returned to the States November 5, 1945, and received his discharge November 12, 1945.

Sgt. Fred J. Strait, son of Mrs. Ruby Allee, Lufkin, Texas, was born July 17, 1923. Attended Lufkin High School. He is brother of Mrs. Darnell G. Stephens of Lake Charles, La. Entered service Jan. 6, 1943, at Mineral Wells, Texas. Assigned to Army, 20th Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Galveston, Texas, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, Walker Field, at Victoria, Kansas. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in China, India, and Guam. Participated in B-29 attacks upon Japan. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Ribbon, 7 Battle Stars, and World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged November 9, 1945.



Ens. R. B. THOMPSON Pfc BILLY LEE THOMPSON

Sons of Mrs. Bertie Lee Thompson, Lufkin, Texas.

Ensign R. B. THOMPSON was born Aug. 30, 1922. Attended Texas University. Volunteered Nov. 16, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to Navy, Aviation. Served overseas from Dec., 1944, to June, 1945, making air attacks on Okinawa and Japan. Patrol duty in S. Pacific. Wears Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, 1 Star, and African Area Ribbon. Discharged Aug. 20, 1945.

Pfc BILLY LEE THOMPSON was born April 1, 1925. Volunteered June 10, 1943, at Dallas, assigned to Marines, Aviation-Ground Crew. Was sent overseas June, 1945; served in Marine Occupation Force. Is stationed with 8th Service Regiment, Sasebo, Japan, at present.



Capt. FRANK R. SPITLER

Capt. Frank R. Spitler, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.S. Spitler, Rt. 1, Lufkin, Texas, husband of Elizabeth Spitler, was born Jan. 19, 1918. Attended Lufkin High School and Texas Tech at Lubbock. Entered service Jan. 28, 1942, at Lufkin, assigned to Army, 1st Armored Division. Trained at Camp Callan, Calif., and Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Served overseas from Feb. 7, 1943, to Oct. 10, 1945, in EAME Theater, participating in invasion of Sicily and S. France, Colmar Pocket. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Bronze Star, Arrowhead, 6 Battle Stars, Victory Medal. Terminal leave expired Jan. 16, 1946; inactive status since October 16, 1945.



### EM 2/c EARL T. THOMPSON

EM2/c Earl Truitt Thompson, son of Mrs. Hester Thompson, and husband of Margaret Thompson, of Huntington, Texas, was born Aug. 9, 1926. In August, 1943, he volunteered for service in the Navy Amphibious Force, and was sent to Corpus Christi Naval Air Station for training. He served overseas in England and France, and was in the invasion of France. He came through without being wounded or missing, and returned to this country in December, 1945, at which time he was granted an honorable discharge from further Naval service. Previous to his enlistment, he attended the Huntington High School. He also had been employed by the Southland Paper Co. in Lufkin.

### CM 1/c CALVIN M. HUBBARD

CM1/c Calvin Morris Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hubbard of Port Neches, and husband of Evelyn Hubbard, of Huntington, Texas, was born Aug. 7, 1920. On Sept. 1, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Navy, at Lufkin, Texas, and was sent to Great Lakes, Ill., for training. From Dec., 1942, to June, 1943, and again from Jan... 1944, to Oct., 1945, he served overseas in the Atlantic and Pacific. He was in the battle of the Philippines, and also was with the first fleet of our Navy that went into Tokyo Bay in the hour of victory. He received a citation for the fire fighting and salvage work that he did in the Philippines. Two weeks after his return to the United States, he was given an honorable discharge.

1. —S/SGT. ROYCE GUY CARLTON, born Oct. 23, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verdie F. Carlton of Lufkin, Texas. Volunteered for service june 2, 1941, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at March Field, Calif. Served overseas March 28, 1944, to Nov. 16, 1945, seeing action in Japan, China, New Guinea, Southern Fhilippines, Luzon, Western Pacific. Awarded Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit Citation, with OLC, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 26, 1945.

2. —C.M.A.C.H. SILAS C. SCOTT, born Oct. 5, 1900. Husband of Mrs. Marylou Scott of Lufkin, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 28, 1919, in the Navy as Eng. Trained at San Francisco. Served overseas 1943 to 1945 in South Pacific, Wake, Saipan, Kwajalein, Palau, and Philippine Sea. Hereceived the American Defense, 7 Battle Stars, and World War II Victory Medals. Transferred to inactive duty. Fleet Naval Reserve, May, 1945, after 26 yrs'. service.

3. —S/SGT. ROBERT LEE CUNNINGHAM, born Nov. 28, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cunningham (both deceased) of Lufkin, Texas. Entered service Feb. 24, 1943, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Hicks Field, Majors Field, Buckley Field, and Muroc, Calif. Served overseas April, 1945, to Feb., 1946, in Central Pacific on Hawaii. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 23, 1946.

4. -IST LT. DON VERNON HACKNEY, born Feb. 16, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Hackney of Lufkin, Texas. Volunteered for service March 22, 1943, in the Army, 86th "Black Hawk" Division. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., Ft. Benning, Ga., Camp Cooke, Calif., and Gruber, Okla. Served overseas Feb., 1945, to July, 1946, in France, Germany, Austria, battles of Ruhr, Rhine, and Occupation of Philippines. Awarded 3 Battle Stars, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Asiatic-Pacific Medal. Discharged July, 1946.

5. —SGT. RAYMON MORELLE HICKS, born April 7, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks of Lufkin, Texas. Volunteered for service June 10, 1943, in the 4th Marines Division. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Aug., 1943, to March, 1944, on American Samoa, Ellice Islands, Gilbert, and Marshall Islands. He received the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific, Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged April 30, 1946.

6. —MOMM2/c ROBERT CARLYLE HICKS, born April 23, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks of Lufkin, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 2, 1942, in the Navy Air Force. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Oct., 1943, to Dec. J. 1945, in South, and Central Pacific, liberation of Philippines, invasions of Gilbert and Marshall Islands. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, Philippine Liberation, A merican Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged December 13, 1945.

7. —SEAMAN 1/c WILLIAM PRESTON HOLCOMB, JR., born July 23, 1925, son of Pvt. and Mrs. W.P. Holcomb, Sr., of Diboll, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 22, 1943, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Feb., 1944, to March, 1946, in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Okinawa, Subic Bay, Manila, Amori, Philippines, Honshu, Brunei Bay, Borneo, and Aleutians. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Discharged March 30, 1946.

8. —PVT. WILLIAM PRESTON HOLCOMB, SR., born Nov. 27, 1891, is a veter an of World War I. Volunteered for service June 28, 1917, at Crockett, Texas, in the Army, Co. E., Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Ft. Worth, Texas. Served overseas Oct. 15, 1917, to June 17, 1919, in Meuse-Argonne Offensive (Champagne and Verdun) Oct. 6, to 20, and Oct. 20, to Nov. 11, 1918. A.E.F., July 31, 1918, to June 30, 1919. Discharged June 17, 1919. Had a son in World War II, and is the husband of Mrs. Tommie Stuart Holcomb of Diboll.

9. —SGT. FLOYD LAFAYETTE LONG, JR., born Jan. 2, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Long, Sr., of Lufkin, Texas. Entered the service Dec., 1942, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Atlantic City, N.J., Baton Rouge, La., and Tucson, Ariz. Served overseas March, 1944, to Aug., 1945, in campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, and air offensive of Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign with 6 Bronze Stars, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct., 1945.

10.—PhM3/c JOHNNY THOMAS LONG, born April 14, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Long, Sr., of Lufkin, Texas. Entered service April 21, 1944, in the Navy Medical Dept. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States from April 21, 1944, to June 15, 1946, in U.S. Naval Hospital, San Leandro, and Shoemaker, Calif. Hereceived the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 15, 1946. Attended Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches.

11.—CPL. LINWOOD HUTCHERSON MILLS, born May 5, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mills of Lufkin, Texas. Volunteered for service December 10, 1942, at Houston, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. He received his training in the United States. Served in the United States from December 10, 1942, to December 244, 1945. Was awarded the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Discharged December 24, 1945. Attended Lufkin, Texas, High School.

\*12.-2ND LT. JACK DILLON MILLS, born Nov. 24, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mills of Lufkin, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 1, 1942, at Houston, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. Served overseas Aug. 3, 1942, to Oct. 23, 1942, in Townsville, Australia, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life for his country Oct. 23, 1942. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon.

13, -A.E.T.M.3/c RAMON DANIEL MALLOW, born February 25, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Mallow of Lufkin, Texas. Completed his education at University of Texas at Austin. Volunteered for service July 1, 1943, in the Naval Reserve at Dallas, Texas. Served in the United States from July 1, 1943, to May 16, 1946. Hereceived the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 16, 1946.

14.—FIRST MATE WILLIAM MELVIN MONDAY, born Aug. 5, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Monday of Kaufman, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 1, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, in the Merchant Marines. Served overseas in all foreign ports. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Attended John Tarleton College where he was a student when he entered the Maritime Service.

15.—2ND LT. HENRY CLAY RICH, JR., born Jan. 26, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Rich, Sr., of Lufkin, Texas. Entered service June 16, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, in the Army A.C. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served overseas from January 10, 1944, to December 29, 1945, in China. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged January 16, 1946. He is the husband of Lila Lee Rich, 340 Charlton, Lufkin.

\*16.—PFC AUBREY LEE COLLINS, born Jan. 9, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Collins of Lufkin, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 11, 1941, in the Army Coast Artillery. Trained at Ft. McDowell, Calif. Served overseas April, 1941, to April, 1942, in Manila, P.I., and battle of Corregidor. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice in action April 17, 1942, at Ft. Mills, Corregidor, P.I. Awarded Purple Heart. He bravely looked forward to victory, and tried to encourage his mother according to a letter written in a foxhole.

17.—MACHINIST MATE 1/c WILLIE CLYDE STUART, born Feb. 9, 1922, son of Mrs. Annie Mae Stuart of Free port, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 8, 1942, in the Navy Eng. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas April, 1943, to Aug., 1945, in North Atlantic on sub patrol duty. Newfoundland, Iceland, Ireland, Africa, Caribbean, invasions of Luzon, and Leyte. Wounded at Lingayen Gulf. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, Philippine Liberation. Discharged October 2, 1945.

18.—B.K.R.2/c MELVIN EARL STUART, born Feb. 3, 1925, son of Mrs. Annie Mae Stuart of Freeport, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 29, 1943, in the Navy Eng. Trained at Camp Peary, Va. Served overseas Aug. 1943, to Nov., 1945, in South Pacific with hospital unit, in invasions of New Georgia, Bougainville and Tarawa. He received the Unit Citation, Commendation, 5 Stars, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged April 3, 1946.

19.—S.F.2/c WILLIAM MILTON TELFORD, born Sept. 3, 1921. Husband of Mrs. Mildred Telford of Freeport, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 23, 1942, in the Navy Ship Repair Unit. Trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Served overseas Jan., 1944, to Nov., 1945, a board USS Porteus, on Midway Island, Pearl Harbor, Guam, and Japan. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 13, 1945. Attended Zavalla, Texas, High School.

20.—RADARMAN3/c ALBERT RAY TRACY, born April 4, 1911. Husband of Mrs. Ruth Tracy, Longview, and son of Mrs. T. K. Tracy of Lufkin, Texas. Entered service May 5, 1944, in the Navy Destroyer Branch. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Dec., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Philippine Islands, East China Sea, and Okinawa. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Completed his education at Rice Institute at Houston.







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T/4 LORENZY D. NERREN

1st Sgt. JAMES W. CHAMBLEE

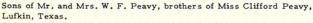
1st Sgt. James Wesley Chamblee, son of J. W. Chamblee, of Pollok,
Texas, was born Sept. 10, 1911, and volunteered for service in the

Army on March 4, 1942, at Galveston. He was assigned to the 3374th QM Trk. Co., and was sent to Camp Claiborne, La., for training; also was sent to Camp Bowie, Texas. From July to Nov., 1942, and again from Jan., 1943, to June, 1945, he served overseas in the European Theater of War. He holds 5 Battle Stars for the battles of Tunisia, Northern Apennines, Po Valley, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno. He also holds the American Defense Award and the Good Conduct Medal. Discharged on July 4, 1945.

T/4 Lorenzy Doyle Nerren, son of J.W.Nerren of Huntington, Texas, was born Dec. 11, 1924, and entered Army service on Feb. 16, 1943, at Lufkin. Assigned to the 275th Port. Co., and was trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. From Jan. 4, 1944, to Sept. 3, 1945, he served in the Southwest Pacific, and participated in the battles of New Guinea and the Southern Philippines. His awards are: Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Battle Star; A TO; Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars; 3 Overseas S/B; and the Victory Award. Discharged Dec. 13, 1945, at Army and Navy Gen. Hospital, Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. He is the brother of Mrs. J. W. Chamblee of Huntington.







2nd Lt. ASA GIBSON PEAVY was born Dec. 13, 1922. Attended public schools of Lufkin, Texas, and Texas A & M. Volunteered Feb. 16, 1943, at Lufkin, assigned to Army, Air Corps. Trained at Luke Field, Ariz. Served in United States until his discharge November 6, 1945. Sgt. CHARLEY BILLY PEAVY was born Jan. 11, 1916. Attended Lufkin Public School and T.C.U., Ft. Worth. Entered service May 4, 1942, at Lufkin, assigned to Army, 345th Combat Engrs. Served overseas from Feb., 1943, to Sept., 1944, in North Africa. Received his discharge December 3, 1944.

Pfc EARL SNOWDEN

Pfc Earl Snowden, son of Mrs. Sereta Snowden, Lufkin, Texas, husband of Florine Snowden, Huntington, Texas, was born September 23, 1921. Attended Huntington Public Schools and North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, Texas. Entered service Aug. 31, 1944, at Houston, Texas, assigned to Army, 45th Division. Trained at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas. Served overseas from April, 1945, to September, 1945, in European Theater; participated in the battle of the Rhineland. Received Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, ETO Ribbon, 1 Campaign Star, American Defense Service Ribbon, Victory Medal. Discharged Jan. 17, 1946.





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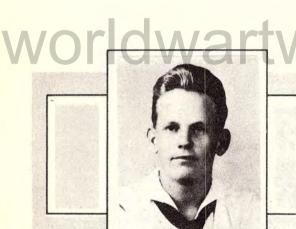


Lt. BEN M. D. NEWSON

Pfc ROBERT D. McMULLEN

Pfc Robert Dale McMullen, son of Mrs. Elton McMullen, Huntington, Texas, was born August 13, 1925. Entered service Feb. 3, 1944, at Tyler, Texas, assigned to Army, 35th Division. Trained at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Served overseas from December, 1944, to September, 1945, in European Theater, participating in Battle of the Bulge, Battle of the Rhineland, Battle of Central Europe, He was wounded. Received Purple Heart, ETO Ribbon, 3 Bronze Stars, American Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation and World War II Victory Medal, He returned to the States September, 1945, and was discharged January 27, 1946.

Lt. Ben M. D. Newsom, son of Mrs. Florine Newsom, Lufkin, was born Jan. 22, 1923. Volunteered Nov. 21, 1941, for Army, Air Corps. Received his wings June 27, 1944, at Pampa. Trained for Radar at Langley Field, Va. He flew his plane from Sacramento, Calif., overseas, and was in the battle of Okinawa. Stationed on Okinawa and plans to stay in service another year. Made a weather mission for Gen. Ike from Okinawa to Shanghai, China. He is an engineering officer, and has charge of all the planes on the line for maintenance and repair. July 31, 1946, he received a Commendation from Brigadier General Timkelake and Col. Bradley for rescuing crew of B-29 in Pacific.



Fire Controlman 3/c DONALD R. PATTERSON

1st Lt. WALLACE PATTERSON

FC3/c Donald R. Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Patterson, 807 Thompson, Lufkin, Texas, was born May 24, 1927. Attended Lufkin High School, Lufkin, Texas. Volunteered for service September 2, 1944, at Houston, Texas, assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Newport, R.I., Norfolk, Va., and served overseas aboard USS Midway from Dec. 2, 1945, to July 3, 1946, in European Theater. Received American Theater Campaign Ribbon, European-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon. He was honorably discharged July 3, 1946.

1st Lt. Wallace (Scotty) Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Patterson, Lufkin, Texas, was born August 16, 1924. Attended high school in Crockett, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 7, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to Army, Air Corps. Served overseas from April, 1944, to September 13, 1944, in EAME Theater, participating in battles of Mediterranean Area, Italy, Fortress of Europe, Rome-Arno. Missing over Ploesti Oil Fields Aug. 10, 1944; taken prisoner to POW Camp at Bucharest, Rumania; released after 16 days. Slight injuries when captured. Received Air Medal, EAME Campaign Medal, 3 Service Stars, 5 Battle Stars. Now Reserve Officer, Army Air Corps.





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Pfc CHARLES C. McMILLAN

Pfc Charles C. McMillan, husband of Cecil Nerren McMillan, Lufkin, Texas, was born Dec. 7, 1909. Attended St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wisconsin, and University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. Volunteered April 30, 1942, assigned to Army, Air Corps. Trained at Wichita Falls, Texas, Hunter Field, Ga., and Scott Field, III. Served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in EAME Theater, participating in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Received World War II Victory Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal, 5 Bronze Stars, Belgian Fourragere. Discharged Nov. 28, 1946.

Cpl. WILLIAM O. McKAY, JR.

Cpl. W. O. McKay, Jr., born Aug. 31, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McKay, Sr., 401 Church St., Lufkin, attended Lufkin Senior High School, Lufkin, entered the service June 17, 1944, at Tyler, and was assigned to the Marines, 3rd Division, and 6th Marine Div.; trained at San Diego, Calif., Marine Corps Base. Served in the United States 6 months, and overseas from Jan. 12, 1945, until Aug. 10, 1946. In Marshall Islands, Mariana Islands, and China Theater. He was promoted from Private First Class to Corporal. Prior to his enlistment, Cpl. McKay had just graduated from high school. Discharged Aug. 23, 1946.



### Lt. (jg) JACK F. GREEN Cpl. ROBERT C. GREEN

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. Green, Lufkin, Texas.

JACK, born Nov. 11, 1922, attended Texas Univ., Austin; enlisted July 30, 1942, in Navy Air Corps; trained at Athens, Ga., etc.; overseas 23 months, in Coco Solo, Panama, engagements with German Subs. in Caribbean Sea, and S. Atlantic, pilot of Martin Mariner plane. Discharged Dec. 8, 1945.

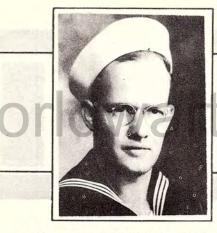
ROBERT, born Sept. 27, 1917, hus band of Bernice Green, attended Lufkin High School; joined the Army Air Corps in March, 1944; trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas, etc.; served in the U.S. 25 months, as Radio O. of Kelly Fld., until discharged May 12, 1946. He enlisted as Avi. Cadet; grounded due to physical condition; trained and served as radio operator.



S/Sgt. HENRY G. KORNEGAY, JR.

S/Sgt. H. G. Kornegay, Jr., born April 4, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kornegay, Sr., Lufkin, was educated at Central Ward, Lufkin High, and Stephen F. Austin, Nacogdoches; entered the service on March 25, 1943, at Tyler, and was assigned to the 742nd MP. Bn.; trained at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., and Fort Custer, Mich.; served in the United States 14 months, and overseas 20 months, in Oro Bay, New Guinea, Sydney, Australia, and Manila, P.I. Medals awarded: Good Conduct, ATO, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, Victory, 2 Br. Stars for New Guinea and Philippine campaigns. Promoted 4 times, to S/Sgt. Hon. discharged Jan. 26, 1946.





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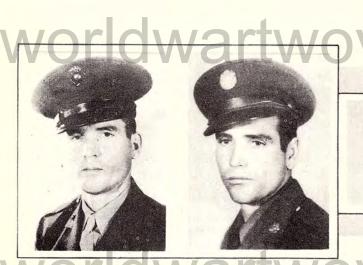
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MM 2/c VANCE JOHNSON

M.M.2/c Vance (Pat) Johnson, born Feb. 16, 1917, son of Mrs. Annie M. Johnson, 802 Abney Ave., Lufkin, attended Lufkin High School; volunteered on Sept. 1, 1942, at Lufkin, and was assigned to the Navy; trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Sta., Ill.; served in the United States for 4 months, and overseas from Dec. 17, 1942, until May 8, 1945. In European Theater, Asiatic-Pacific in the invasion of: Green Is., Emirau Is., Aitape Is., Saipan, Guam, and Iwo Jima Islands, Lingayen Gulf, and Okinawa. His ship, USS Dickerson A.P.D. 21, was sunk at Okinawa by a bomb and suicide plane. He was honorably discharged Oct. 15, 1945.

Capt. JOE M. FRANKLIN

Capt. J. M. Franklin, born Dec. 28, 1906, son of Mrs. C. M. Franklin, 219 R hodes Ave., Lufkin, husband of Catheryne S. Franklin, 2601 Bridle Path, Austin, received his education at Central Ward and Lufkin High Schools, and Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He entered the service on May 26, 1941, at Galveston, and was assigned to the Army Service Forces, 8th S.C.; trained at Camp Wolters, Camp Barkeley, Fort Benning, Camp Hood, Fort Sill. He served in the United states from May 26, 1941, to December 5, 1945. Commissioned 2nd Lt. (Inf); promoted to 1st Lt., then to Capt. in Feb., 1944. He was discharged Dec., 1945.





Sgt. GEORGE P. CATON

Cpl. VELA C. F. DRIVER Sgt. J. B. JOHNSON

Husband and brother of Lula Mae Driver;

Cpl. V. C. F. DRIVER, born Feb. 23, 1906, attended Lufkin High School; joined the Marines Transp. Training Comm.; trained at Marine Corps Base, Camp Elliott, San Diego. Served in the United States from enlistment date, Oct. 16, 1943, to Sept. 26, 1944. Was inspector, Repair Base, operated as Training Com'd. after school courses completed. Discharged Sept., 1944.

Sgt. J. B. JOHNSON, born June 26, 1915, attended Huntington High; entered Army, 84th Div., Nov. 30, 1946, and served overseas 8 months in ETO and battles of Rhineland and Ardennes. Medals: Good Con., Combat Inf., and Purple Heart. Discharged Oct. 13, 1945.

Sgt. G. P. Caton, son of G. Caton, Sr., Huntington, Angelina Co., Texas, husband of Avanell Caton, was educated at Huntington High School and Cheneir R adio College, Beaumont; entered the service on Dec. 30, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Cavalry Division; trained at Fort Riley, Kansas. He served in the United States from December 30, 1942, until October 27, 1944. Prior to his enlistment into the Army, Sgt. George Patric Caton was employed as a druggist clerk. He received anhonorable discharge from the United States Army on October 27, 1944, and has returned to civilian life.





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EM 2/c JAMES C. POWELL

F/O ASBERRY G. COLBURN, JR.

F/O A.G. Colburn, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Colburn, Sr., 1122 Harrell St., Lufkin, born Jan. 31, 1923, attended Lufkin Senior High School, Texas; volunteered for service on April 27, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the Army, 463rd B.G. 772nd, B.S. 15th A.F.; trained at MacDill Field, Tampa, Florida. Served in the United States 29 months, and served overseas 61/2 months in Italy, Po Valley, North Apennines. Medals awarded: Air Medal, EAME Theater Ribbon, American Campaign Ribbon, and Victory Medal (World War II). F/O Colburn was given an honorable discharge on the 23rd of March, 1946.

E.M.2/c J.C. Powell, born March 24,1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Powell, 521 Feagin Drive, Lufkin, Texas. Attended Lufkin High School; volunteered for service in Nov.,1942, at Lufkin, and was assigned to the United States Navy; trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. Served in the United States 8 months, overseas July 1, 1943, until Dec. 15, 1945, in Oran, North Africa, invasion of Sicily, Salerno, Ansco, and South France. He was awarded 3 Bronze Stars. E.M.2/c Powell received an honorable discharge on Nov. 17, 1945, Auth, Al Nav. 345-45 from Bainbridge, Md. Brother of Miss Mabel Powell of Lufkin.



Radioman 3/c Louie W. Cable, born May 29, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cable, 1001 S. First St., Lufkin, received his education at Conroe, Texas, Grammar and Lufkin High Schools, and volunteered for service on Dec. 9, 1942, at Lufkin; was assigned to the United States Navy, and trained at U.S. Naval Training Sta., San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States for 17 months, and overseas 20 months, in Asiatic-Pacific invasion of Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Peleliu, Tinian, Iwo Jima, Philippines, Okinawa, 2nd Battle of the Philippines, SeaTask Force 58. Promoted: App/S to S2/c, to S1/c, to RM 3/c. He was discharged January 28, 1946.

T/3 G. C. Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Berry, Lufkin, born March 9, 1918, hus band of Elna H. Berry, Dallas, was educated at Central Ward and Lufkin High School, and Texas A & M College, College Sta., Texas; volunteered for service on Oct. 12, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas; was assigned to the Army Signal Corps; trained at Kelly Field, Texas; served in the United States from Oct. 12, 1942, until Feb. 26, 1945; overseas 14 months in China, India, and Burma. He was awarded the following med als: American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific, Victory, and Good Conduct. Promotions: Pvt. to Pfc, to Cpl., to Sgt., to T/3. Discharged April, 1946.





### CWO HENRY S. THOMAS, JR.

CWO Henry Samuel Thomas, Jr., son of Mrs. H. S. Thomas, Sr., and husband of Thelma Smith Thomas of Huntington, Texas, was born Sept. 17, 1912. He enlisted in the Navy on Sept. 29, 1942, and was placed with the Naval Construction Bn., and trained at Camp Bradford, Va. From April, 1943, to July, 1945, he served overseas in the Pacific throughout the Solomon Island campaign on Guadalcanal, Munda, Russells and New Caledonia. Awarded 3 Battle Stars, Area Ribbons and Unit Cit. At present he has orders to inactive duty, USNR, and he and his wife lived for a time in Atenquique, Jal, Mexico, where he held a very responsible position. Previous to his enlistment, he was employed as a construction foreman in the Southland Paper Mill. As a boy, he attended the public schools of Hunting-



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ARM 3/c HENRY B. THOMAS

CCM W. T. THOMAS

ARM3/c Henry Boley Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boley B. Thomas, of Lufkin, was born Dec. 31, 1924. On May 29, 1943, he volunteered for service in the Navy V-12 program, at Houston. He took his basic training at Bainbridge, Maryland, and attended Aviation Radio School at Jacksonville, Fla., and Aviation Gunnery School at Yellow Water, Fla., He did not go overseas during his term of service, but was stationed at different places in the U.S. during the three years he was in the Navy. He was sent to Norman, Okla., for his discharge, which was awarded in May, 1946.

CCM W. T. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thomas, of Huntington, was born March 2, 1916. He volunteered for service in the Navy Seabees on August 31, 1942, at Houston, and was sent to Camp Bradford, Va., for training. From April, 1943, to July, 1945, he served overseas in the Pacific Area, in the Solomon Is., New Caledonia, and the Russell Is. He was on duty in Guadalcanal, and was in the initial landing on New Georgia Island, at Segia Point, June 30, 1943. It was on New Georgia that he received his promotion, May 1, 1944. His awards are: American Theater and Asiatic-Pacific with 2 Bronze Stars. Discharged Oct. 23, 1945.





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Capt. LINUS J. BOX, JR.

CCM EULEN U. BERRY

C. C. M. Eulen U. Berry, son of Mr. W. P. Berry, 501 Mantooth St., Lufkin, husband of the former Miss Gladney Menefee, Dallas, Texas, attended Lufkin High School, and Associated Art School, N. Y. Volunteered for service on Oct. 25, 1943, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy, 39th Construction Battalion. Trained at Camp Allen and Camp Bradford. Served in the United States 6 months; overseas 40 months, in the South Pacific Area. He was awarded the following medals: American Def. Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory, World War II. Discharged Dec., 1945.

Capt. Box, was born March 18,1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Linus J. Box of 706 Whetstone, Marshall, Texas. He attended Riverside High at Ft. Worth, Texas, and enlisted in the Army Air Corps on June 10,1942, at Ft. Worth. Served overseas from the 4th of May, 1944, until the 2nd of November, 1944, with the 8th Army Air Force, 2nd Division, 491 Bomb. Gp., 853rd Sqdn., in England. His decorations include Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Commendation Ribbon, and Purple Heart. At present Captain Linus James Box, Jr., is stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and is serving as Squadron Commander there.



Lt. Col. Mayes, born Feb. 14, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Mayes of Hosston, La., and husband of Iva Rose Mayes of 403 Poplar St., Marshall, attended Marshall High School. Enlisted in the Army 3rd Div. on June 26, 1941; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. He was overseas twice, 32 mos. in all, in Papua, E. Indies, New Guinea campaigns. His decorations include Distinguished Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 3 Service Stars, American Defense, and Victory Medals. He served as: Supply and Evacuation Staff Officer, Water Div. Sup't, and Port Commander. Received Expert Rifle, Pistol, and Carbine M-1, and was discharged January 6, 1946.

T/Sgt. Morton, was born Dec. 22, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Morton, Sr., and husband of Jean Morton of 600 Poplar, Marshall. He was educated in Marshall, Texas, and volunteered for the service Dec. 1, 1943, at Tyler, assigned to the A.A.F., 437 Troop Carrier. Trained at Camp Wolters, Sheppard Fld., Texas, Bowman Fld., Ky., Sedalia A.A.B., Mo., and Maxton, N. C. He served overseas from Feb. 12, 1944, until Oct. 16, 1945, in the European Theater, participating in battles of Rome-Arno, S. France, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME, Good Conduct, Distinguished Unit Badge, and Bronze Star Medal. Discharged, Oct., 1945.

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Capt. LEWIS B. CHEVAILLIER

Capt. Chevaillier, son of Mrs. Katie L. Williams, 614 South Grove Street in Marshall, Texas, was born on September 20th, 1916, in Louisiana. He attended Stephen F. Austin Grammar and Marshall High Schools, and later studied at Texas A and M College at College Station, Texas. On the 1st day of July in 1939, he volunteered for service at Ft. Crockett, Texas, and was assigned to the U.S. Army Coast Artillery. On April 23rd, 1941, he was shipped overseas to the Asiatic-Pacific Area serving in the Philippine Islands in the seige of Corregidor. He was a prisoner in Cabanatuan, Philippine Islands, form May to October of 1942, and at Zentsuji, Japan, from November, 1942, until September, 1945. Captain Lewis Beall Chevaillier received the Silver Star, and Presidential Unit Citation with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and on May 22, 1946, was given his discharge papers. He is now at home with his wife, Nancy Prendergast Chevaillier.

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### Sgt. WEB P. ROGERS, JR.

Sgt. Web Paul Rogers, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rogers, Sr., and husband of Bethena Spencer Rogers, of Marshall, Texas, was born Jan. 10, 1914. On April 1, 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Force and was assigned to the 13th Air Depot Group. Training was given him at Sheppard and Duncan Fields, and he served in the United States until Nov. 3, 1942, when he went overseas to the Pacific Area. He saw action on New Caledonia, New Guinea, and Biak. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific ServiceRibbon and the Good Conduct Medal. His overseas service ended in April, 1945, and in July of that year he was honorably discharged from service, the discharge being given from Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, Calif.





CM 3/c JACK T. POLLOCK

\*FO BILLY B. WILMORE

C.M. 3/c Pollock, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Pollock of Marshall, and husband of Agnes Jane Pollock of 210 Enola Mae Dr., Marshall, educated in Marshall High School, entered the Navy on June 12, 1944, at Tyler. Trained at Camp Hill, Farragut, Idaho. Had 10 months service in the South Pacific, participating in battle of Okinawa, on board ship U.S.S. Massey, a destroyer; made a sweep up the China Coast and carried mail from Wakeyama to Yokusuka, Japan. Awarded ATO, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with one Bronze Star, and Victory Medal. Carpenter's Mate 3/c Jack Teddy Pollock was given his discharge on the 5th day of January, 1946.

F.O. Wilmore, was born on March 18, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wilmore of 1304 E. Fannin of Marshall, Texas. He was educated in Marshall Grammar and High Schools, and attended Texas A and M College at College Station. Volunteered for service Jan. of 1941, at Shreveport, La.; assigned to the Army Air Force, and received his wings at Napier Fld., Dothan, Ala. He went overseas in Jan., 1943; served in N. Africa and Middle East Areas, and was killed in action on Feb. 15, 1943. Awarded Purple Heart. He was in one of the first classes of non-commissioned men to take flight training; promoted from S/Sgt. to Flight Officer on Dec. 24, 1942.



Maj. CHARLES H. HEIDELBERG

Major Charles Heartsill Heidelberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Heidelberg, and husband of Ruth Coulter Heidelberg, of Marshall, Texas, was born July 21, 1902. He attended Texas A and M College, and Tulane University in New Orleans, La. On Aug. 26, 1942, he entered service in the U.S. Army, and was assigned to the 12th Cavalry of the 1st Div. He served in the United States until Nov. 30, 1944, when he sailed for Europe with the 239th Gen. Hospital. He had charge of the Communicable Disease Dept. in Chelons, France, and saw action in the battle of Rhineland, also was in Paris. He was awarded campaign medals for his services, and 1 Bronze Star. On April 2, 1946, he was released from active duty and is now a Reserve Officer. Prior to the Army he was a practicing physician.

### \*1st Lt. CHARLES E. STONE

1st Lt. Charles Eugene Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stone, of Linden, Texas, and husband of Barbara Stone, also of Linden, was born July 23, 1923. He attended Linden schools, and in Feb., 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Force, at Texarkana. He was trained at Kelly, Randolph, and Brooks Fields, and in Dec., 1943, he went overseas. He was stationed at Middleborough, England, and flew over occupied Europe until June 6, 1944, when he met with one of the fatalities of war. For 6 months he was listed as missing, and then was reported to have lost his life. The Air Medal and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously. He is buried in an American military cemetery in France. He flew a P-51 B, named, "We Three." He leaves one son.





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T/Sqt. CHARLES W. GAGE

SKD 1c BURGESS H. HOOTON

T/Sgt. Gage, was born May 17, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gage of Atlanta. Attended Atlanta High School; volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1942; assigned to the Army 84th Div. Was with 36th Div. from Sept., 1940, to Oct., 1941; trained at Camps Howze, Texas, and Claiborne, La. Served with 84th Div. in battles of Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland for 8 mos. He was wounded Jan. 6, 1945, in Marche, Belgium, during the Battle for Ardennes. His awards are Pre-Pearl Harbor, Good Conduct, Purple Heart, EAME Campaign Medals, with 3 Battle Stars. T/Sgt. Charles W. Gage received an honorable discharge on Oct. 22, 1945, and is with his wife in Atlanta.

S.K.D. 1/c Hooton, was born on December 23, 1908, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hooton, Sr., and husband of Mrs. George Edna Hooton of Box 43, Hughes Springs, Texas. He attended Wesley College in Greenville, Texas, and on the 6th day of July in 1943, he entered the service at Tyler. Was assigned to the U.S. Navy inthe Supply Corps, and sent to the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, for his training. S.K.D.1/c Burgess Henry Hooton received an honorable discharge on February 2, 1946. He is cashier of the First National Bank in Hughes Springs, Texas, and has been connected with this institution for the past 15 years.



1st Lt. Lovelace, was born on Sept. 26, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lovelace, and husband of Dee Lovelace of Linden, Texas. He attended Texas Tech College at Lubbock. Entered the service June 19, 1942; assigned to Army 88th Inf. Div., 124th Inf. Reg.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif.; Ft. Benning, Ga.; Washington and Lee Univ., Lexington, Va. He went overseas in April, 1944; served in battle for Rome and N. Italy. He was injured in action in July, 1944. In Sept., 1944, he left the hospital and rejoined the 88th Inf. Div., and was killed in action on Oct. 12, 1944, in Northern Italy. Received Purple Heart in July and October, 1944.

M.M. 1/c Stone, was born on May 18, 1918, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stone and husband of Chloe H. Stone of Box 132, Linden, Texas. He received his education in Linden High School, entering the service on the 14 of May, 1943, at Linden. Was assigned to the 103rd N.C.B. and sent to N.C.T.C. at Camp Peary, Virginia, for his training. He departed for overseas duty on December 31, 1943, and served in the Asiatic South Pacific on Espiritu Santos and Okinawa. Returning to the States on November 10, 1945, M.M. 1/c John L. Stone received an honorable discharge from the Seabees on November 22, 1945.

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Capt. PAT N. GRONER

Capt. Groner, was born on Dec. 21, 1920, in Dallas, Texas, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Shelby Groner, 610 Rainey Street, Marshall, Texas. He graduated from Marshall High School and attended Baylor University at Waco. On October 11, 1941, he volunteered for service at Dallas, Texas, assigned to the Navy as Aviation Cadet. Commissioned to 2nd Lt., U.S.M.C.R. on July 23, 1942, at Corpus Christi, Texas; trained at N.R.A.B., Dallas, Texas, and N.A.S., Corpus Christi. Served overseas from Sept. 20, 1944, until August 20, 1945, in the Pacific area in Australia, New Zealand, Solomons, Marshalls, Marianas, Okinawa, Philippines, and participated in the consolidation of Northern Solomons, Peleliu, Philippines, and Okinawa. His decorations include the Air Medal with Star in lieu of 2nd Personal Commendation Medal; Navy Unit Citation, Marine Reserve, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. He received active duty release on Dec. 30, 1945.

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-SGT. PATRICK ALTON CLOWER, born Dec. 27, 1922, foster-son of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Vaughan, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, volunteered Jan. 29, 1942. Assigned to Army, 23rd Station Hospital, Medical Corps. Trained at Camp Barkeley. Served overseas from July, 1942, to June, 1945, in Belgian Congo, N. Africa, France, and battle of Rhineland. Received ETO, 1 Star, Good Conduct, American Defense and Victory. Discharged Sept. 28, 1945. Now attending Texas. Univ.

2. —CHIEF BOATSWAIN'S MATE TATUM WESLEY VAUGHAN, youngest Chief Boatswain Mate in Reg. Navy, born Jan. 31, 1924, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Vaughan, Mt. Pleasant. Volunteered Dec. 18, 1941, assigned to Navy, Destroyer, Armed Guard, Amphibious. Served overseas in ETO and Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Disabled from Sept.1942, to Jan., 1943. Received Individual Citation, ETO, 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific, 7 Stars, Philippine Liberation, 2 Stars, Gallant Ship Unit Citation. Discharged Nov. 1, 1945.

\*3. —F 1/c JAMES HAROLD VAUGHAN, JR., born Dec. 21, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vaughan, Mt. Pleasant. Attended Mt. Pleasant Public School. Volunteered Mar. 12, 1940, at Marshall. Assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, California. Served overseas from June, 1940, to February, 1942, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Very few facts known. Paid Supreme Sacrifice; was lost with Cruiser Houston off Java Feb. 28, 1942. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, and other decorations.

4. —CPL. LANE ARNOLD, born Jan. 21, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arnold, Atlanta, husband of Imagene Arnold. Attended Atlanta Public Schools. Volunteered Jan. 16, 1942. Assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at McChord Field, Wash., and Air Base, Portland, Oregon. Served overseas from May, 1943, to May, 1945, in EAME Theater, battles of Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno. Received MeritoriousAward, EAME Campaign Ribbon, American Theater, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 21, 1945.

5. —CPL. WILLIAM NOAH CARTER, JR., born May 2,1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Carter, Atlanta, Texas. Attended N.T.S.T.C., Denton, Texas. Entered service Feb. 4, 1943. As signed to Army Combat Engrs. Trained at Ellis, Ill. Served overseas from June, 1944, to May, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, on Leyte and Luzon. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 4 Stars, Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense and Victory Medal. Discharged Aug. 14, 1945.

6. —SGT. ROBERT LEE GAGE, born Sept. 6, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Gage, Sr., brother of Mrs. Will Hawe, all of Atlanta, Texas. Attended public school in Atlanta. Entered service December 9, 1943, at Tyler, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained and served at Sheppard Field, Texas, Scott Field, Ill., Buckingham Field, Fla., until April 29, 1946, which is the date of his discharge. Prior to his military duties he was employed by Tri-State

7. —SGT. LEONARD ROBERT JUNELL, born May 10, 1911, husband of Margaret L. Junell, Atlanta, Texas. Attended Idabel, Okla., High School. Entered service Nov. 2, 1943, at Tyler, Texas. Assigned to Army, Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Crowder, Mo. Served overseas from May, 1944, to Aug., 1945, in EAME Theater. Received EAME Campaign 3 Bronze Stars for Normandy, N. France and Rhineland, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged Dec. 16, 1945.

8. —CPL. WAYLON ALVIS ROGERS, born Sept. 1, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Rogers, Marietta, Texas, husband of Maurine Sharrer Rogers, Beaumont, Texas. Entered service Aug. 7, 1944, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, Infantry Div. Trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Served overseas from Jan., 1945, to June, 1946, in ETO Theater as one of General Eisenhower's guards. Received ETO, 1 Battle Star for Central Germany, Good Conduct and Victory Medals, Army of Occupation. Discharged June 29, 1946.

9. —S/SGT. FRANKLIN E. RUTLAND, born Oct. 22, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rutland, Douglassville. Attended Tyler Commercial College, Volunteered May 23, 1941. Assigned to Army, Tank Division. Overseas in England and France where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice July 27, 1944. He was performing his duties as Platoon Sgt. of 2nd Platoon, Co. B, 709th Tank Bn. His tank was hit by enemy artillery fire; he was attempting to rescue 2 crew members. Awarded Purple Heart.

10.—PFC VERNON ADELL STORIE, born Oct. 4, 1917, husband of JewelStorie, Mineola, Texas. Attended Hughes Spring High School. Entered service Mar. 22, 1943, at Linden, Texas. Assigned to Army, Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Served overseas from June, 1944, to Sept. 29, 1945, in Campaigns of Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, N. France and Rhineland. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. Discharged October 6, 1945.

11.—IST SGT. WILLIAM WOODROW CONNELL, born June 27, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Connell, Quitman, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 18, 1941, at Denver, Colo. Assigned to Army 69th C. A. (AA) Division. Trained at Camp Hulen, Ft. Bliss, Camp Stewart, Ft. Bragg. Served overseastwice for a total of 26 months in C.B.I. Theater, ETO campaigns of Central Germany and Ruh r Valley. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Was honorably discharged October 22. 1945.

12.—IST LT. THOMAS F. PEACE, born Dec. 10, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jordan, Kennard, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 23, 1942, at Tyler, Texas. Assigned to Army, 25th Inf. Basic training at Camp Wolters. Served overseas from Feb., 1945, to Feb., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater on Leyte, Luzon and Occupation of Japan for three months. Received Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Philippine Liberation with 2 Battle Stars, Combat Inf. Badge, Victory Medal. Released from active duty April 23, 1946.

13.—C.M. 2/c GEORGE PAUL JONES, born Sept. 15, 1924, son of Mrs. Ida M. Jones, Lovelady, Texas. Attended Lovelady High School. Volunteered Sept. 15, 1941, at Crockett, Texas. Assigned to Navy, Submarine Tender. Trained at Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from April, 1942, to February, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, aboard the U.S.S. Sperry A.S.12. Received Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, Victory Medal. Discharged Oct. 9, 1945.

14.—A.C.O.M. ANSEL BLOUNT JONES, son of Mrs. Ida M. Jones, Lovelady, Texas, was born June 15, 1923. Attended Lovelady High School. Voluntee red March 28, 1941, at Grockett, Texas. Assigned to Naval Aviation. Trained at Naval Training Station at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in Asiatic-Pacific Theater 28 months, participating in Battle of Midway, Philippine Sea Battle and Occupation of Philippines. Received letter of Commendation and Good Conduct Medal. Still in service.

15.-T/4 WILLIAM HAROLD MOSER, born Oct. 22,1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moser, Crockett, Texas. Entered service June 21, 1943, at Camp Wolters. Assigned to Army 717th Tank Bn. Trained at Camp Knox, Ky., and Camp Chaffee, Ark. Served overseas from Jan., 1945, to June, 1945, in EAME Area. Wounded Mar. 28, 1945, in Hamborn, Germany. Received EAME Campaign Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars, Purple Heart. Discharged Oct. 17, 1945.

16.-G M 3/c CARL SYLVESTER PRICE, born Oct. 27,1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Price, husband of Edna Gertrude Price, Houston, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 29,1942, at Houston, Texas. Assigned to Navy, Armed Guard. Trained at Camp Green Bay, Great Lakes, Ill. Served overseas from February 10, 1943, to October 13,1945, in North and Middle Atlantic and South Pacific. Received American Defense Service and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 23, 1945, at Camp Wallace, Texas.

17.—T/SGT. BERRY M. SANDLIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sandlin, Route #2, Madisonville, Texas. He attended school in Kirbyville, Texas, and High School in Madisonville, Texas. He entered the service in the year 1927, and was assigned to the Army, 2nd Division. Received his training at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Awarded Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon. At present time he is serving with the Army.

18.—T/SGT. MERWIN LEROY SANDLIN, born May 3, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sandlin, Madisonville. Volunteered for Army June 27, 1940, at Houston. Served overseas from April, 1943, to June, 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium and N. Africa with 82nd and 101st Airborne Division. Wounded Feb. 3, 1944, at Anzio, Italy. Received Purple Heart, EAME Ribbon with 7 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Unit Citation, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense and Victory Medal. Discharged July 6, 1945.

19.—SGT. MILTON MONROE SANDLIN, born Sept. 2, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sandlin, Madisonville, Texas. Volunteered July 16, 1942, at Houston, Texas. Assigned to Marines, 2nd Marine Division. Trained at Camp Elliott, California. Served overseas from Nov., 1942, to Jan., 1945, in Pacific Area, battles of Saipan and Tinian. Received Good Conduct Medal, Unit Citation, Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal. Discharged July 15, 1946. Re-enlisted same day in Marine Corps.

20.—SGT. BETHEL LEONARD LEGGETT, JR., born Oct. 8, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Leggett, Sr., Camden, Texas. Entered the Army March, 1943, at Ft. Sam Houston; assigned 484th Ordnance Tank Division. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in European Theater attached to "Hell on Wheels" Div. Received Bronze Star, Infantry Combat Badge, Purple Heart, 5 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct., 1945. Re-enlisted May, 1946, now serving with Military Police in Germany.



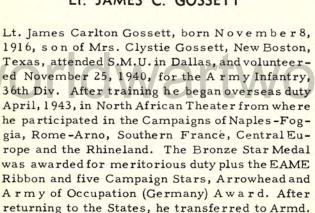


### Capt. WILLIS D. TREADWAY

Capt. Willis D. Treadway, birthdate June 21, 1918, is the son of Mrs. W. D. Treadway, Texarkana, Texas; attended Northwestern State Teachers College, Louisiana, and volunteered June 6, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. He graduated from advanced training in Alabama, receiving his commission July 2, 1942. Later served in Georgia, Tennessee, and California, and arrived in Sydney, Australia November 19, 1943. Capt. Treadway was assigned to a base in New Guinea, from where he participated in eighteen missions. Also served in the Philippines, Hong Kong, China, Formosa, and other points in the Pacific Area. He shot down two Japanese planes, and was in the Unit that holds the best records for planes destroyed. Various ribbons and medals were awarded. He is currently with Flight Test Div., Dayton, Ohio.



Lt. JAMES C. GOSSETT



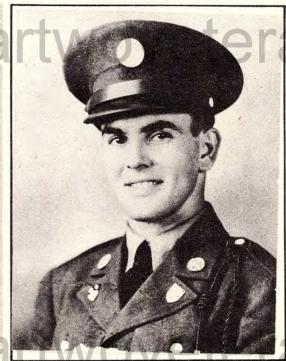
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\*Pfc HENRY L. RACKLEY

Pfc Henry Lentz Rackley birthdate November 8, 1920, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rackley, New Boston, Texas, and brother of Mrs. Ralph Gossett of the same city. He entered the Army 92nd Signal Bn. November 24, 1942, trained at Camp Maxey, Texas, and began overseas duty December, 1943, in the European Theater. Pfc Rackley participated in the Campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice in service of his country July 9, 1945. The Good Conduct Medal was received with EAME Ribbon among other medals in memory of his performance of duty. His wife and daughter, Charlotte Anne, survive.

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\*S/Sgt. W. J. CALLAWAY

S/Sgt. W. J. Callaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Callaway, Ashdown, Arkansas, was born October, 22, 1919, and is the husband of Ruby Lee Callaway, Texarkana, Texas. He volunteered October 3, 1938, for the Army Infantry; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, learning methods in skiing, bayonet skill, airborne troops and commando tactics. Sgt. Callaway began overseas duty September, 1943, in Ireland near Belfast. Served in England and France and took part in the Normandy Invasion, landing with the first troops of the 1st Army. On June 18, 1944, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice while performing his duties as a squad leader with his company at Berigny, France, and was laid to rest in the U.S. Military Cemetery St. Laurent Sur Mere #1, France. Various ribbons were awarded with Purple Heart Medal in recognition of his life given in service for his country. He had four brothers who also served, Raymond, Bill and Johnnie Callaway. The fourth brother, Enoch, lost his life in the Pacific.



F/O AWIN W. THOMPSON

Flight Officer Awin West Thompson, born July 24, 1918, in Texas, husband of Betty C. Thompson, Texarkana, and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Thompson of the same city, attended Texarkana Junior College and was switchman for the T & P Railroad prior to his voluntary entry into the Armed Forces, July 23, 1943. He was assigned to the Army Air Force, and received his training at Officers Command and Training School, San Antonio; later was teacher, for Army Administration in Pilots Ground School, Randolph and Blackland' Army Air Fields, both in Texas. Flight Officer Thompson also served at Lubbock Army Air Field and various other fields in the States before discharged October 26, 1945. Various ribbons were awarded.

1st Lt. AZZY F. THOMPSON

1st Lt. Azzy Freeman Thompson son of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Thompson, Texarkana, Texas, was born March 14, 1920, a native of Texas, and attended Texas A & M at College Station. He volunteered January 19, 1942, for the Army Air Force; trained at Columbus Army Air Field, Miss., and served overseas February, 1943, to October. 1944, in the China-Burma-India Theater; also on duty in the Caribbean Area. Lt. Thompson was awarded the Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Award, American Theater and World War II Victory Medal. After returning to the States, he separated from active duty on December 10, 1945, and is 1st Lieutenant in the R.O.C.









Sgt. JOHN C. JOHNSON

\*Sgt. THOMAS R. JOHNSON

Sgt. Thomas Royce Johnson, birthdate December 5, 1923, sonof Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Johnson, Texarkana, entered the ArmyInfantry July 23, 1943, receiving basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala; was selected as Cadre. In November, 1944, Sgt. Johnson was sent to New Guinea, then to Luzon, where he was wounded May 11, 1945, in combat. He passed away three days later in Hospital of Manila, P.I. The Silver Star was awarded posthumously "for great heroism and bravery. Sgt. Johnson displayed exemplary courage and devotion to duty, and it is characteristic of his unfailing concern for the safety of his comrades."

Sgt. John Charles Johnson, born July 26, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Johnson, Texarkana, Texas, entered the Army Engineer Corps December 28,1942; trained in Camp Butner, N. C., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and University of Kentucky. Sgt. Johnson served from August, 1944, to November, 1945; overseas as Sgt. for the Corps General, receiving four Campaign Stars for combat at Cherbourg Peninsula, Metz, Luxembourg and on into Germany. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded for "meritorious service and the performance of duties in an exceptionally conscientious and able manner." Discharge was granted December, 1945. Currently attending University of Arkansas.



Cpl. Milam Edward Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rease, Box 103, New Boston, Texas, was born June 3, 1918, a native of Texas. He is the husband of Maxine Johnson of Texarkana, Arkansas. Volunteered November 25, 1940, for the Army Medical Corps, 36th Division, training at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Cpl. Johnson served April, 1943, to November, 1945, in the African and European Theaters, from where he participated in the Battles of Salerno, Anzio, Cassino, Rome, Southern France and the Rhineland. The Pres. Citation was awarded with Purple Heart, ETO Ribbon, six Battle Stars. Discharged Dec. 3, 1945.

GM 1/c Clyde Barnett Rhoden was born February 16, 1923, husband of Mrs. Erma Lee Rhoden, Texarkana, Texas, and son of Homer Rhoden, also of Texarkana. He volunteered September 1, 1943, for the Navy, Seabees Branch, training at Camp Peary, Va., Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I., and serving at various other camps in the States. His overseas duty was served from October, 1944, to November, 1945, in the Pacific Theater where he participated in duty at Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands and on Guam with the 103rd Navy Construction Battalion. After returning to the States he was granted discharge December 18, 1945.

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### \*Pfc JUSTIN J. JACKSON

Pfc Justin James Jackson, born March 23, 1922, husband of Emma Lou Jackson, 1217 West 5th Street, Texarkana, Texas, attended Hardin-Simmons College at Abilene, and volunteered February 17, 1943, for the Army Air Corps. Pfc Jackson trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Colorado State College of Education at Greeley. Began overseas duty October, 1943, in the South Pacific Theater of Operations, where he served in combat of New Guinea and Levte in the Philippines. While enroute from Leyte to Mindoro Island he paid the Supreme Sacrifice December 27, 1944, while in action. The Purple Heart was awarded in recognition with the Citation of Honor from the U.S. A. Army Air Forces for his faithful service.



1st Lt. CARROLL L. WOOD



1st Lt. COY C. CASEY, JR.

1st Lt. Carroll Leonard Wood, husband of Mrs. Rita Pauline R hoden Wood, Texarkana, Texas, was born January 28, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood, Sr., of the same city. He attended Texarkana Junior College, and volunteered October 30, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training with the Gulf Coast Training Command. Was commissioned February 8, 1944, at Waco, Texas. Lt. Wood served from October, 1944, to August, 1945, in the European Theater; participated in the air combat over Ruhr, Southern and Northern Germany, and in the Battle of the Eulge. The Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded. Discharged October 30, 1945.

1st Lt. Coy Chauncy Casey, Jr., was born March 30, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Casey, Sr., Route 2, Box 480, Texarkana, Texas, and husband of Jane Casey of the same city. He attended the Texarkana Schools and University of Arkansas, volunteering for service October 19, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, training at Santa Ana, Calif., Pecos, Texas. Received his commission at Marfa, Texas, January 7, 1944. Lt. Casey served as Instructor Pilot for Radar Training at Salina, Kansas, March Field, California, and Langley Field, Virginia, from June, 1944, to September, 1945. He was discharged October 21, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston.



### \*2nd Lt. HARRELL D. FINLEY

2nd Lt. Harrell Davis Finley, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Finley, Texarkana, Texas, was born April 10, 1918, in Texas; attended Texarkana Junior College, and volunteered August, 1942, for the Army Air Force. Trained at Kelly, Field, Texas, Topeka, Kansas, Army Air Base and at other air fields, and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant December 5, 1943. Lt. Finley began overseas duty February, 1944, in the China-Burma-India Theater, where he participated in twenty five or more missions over enemy targets. While on an important sea mission as copilot of a B-24 plane, Lt. Finley was reported missing May 19, 1944, after attacking a Japanese convoy in the South China Sea. Later he was declared to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice, while in faithful duty for his country. His wife and brother also survive.

### Capt. ROBERT F. FINLEY

Capt. Robert Franklin Finley, birthdate November 24, 1920, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Finley, 1219 West 5th Street, Texarkana, Texas. He attended college at Texas A & M, and volunteered January 8, 1942, for the Army Air Force, training at Jones, Randolph, and Foster Army Air Fields. receiving his Commission as 2nd Lieutenant October 9, 1942. Capt. Finley began overseas duty October, 1943, in the European-African-Middle East Theater where he participated in the Campaigns of Rome-Arno and Southern France, as pilot of a four engine plane. The World War II Victory Ribbon was awarded with American Theater and Defense Awards. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from the Army Air Force April 6, 1946.





Sgt. CONNIE O. COOK



\*Pfc JAMES E. CREEL

Sgt. Connie Oliver Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conway O. Cook, 2208 Wood St., Texarkana, Texas, was born March 14, 1923, and entered the Army Air Forces, January 29, 1943. He trained at St. Petersburg, Fla., Stillwater, Okla., and Atlantic City, N. J., and served overseas from July, 1943, to November, 1946, in the North-African and European Theater. Sgt. Cook participated in the Battles of Rome-Arno and Naples-Foggia, also serving in Southern France and Austria. His awards include the Meritorious Service Award, EAME Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and other ribbons. Discharge was granted December 9, 1946.

Pfc James Earl Creel, husband of Nona Grace Creel, Texarkana, Texas, was born July 30,1908. He attended Wesley College at Greenville, Texas, and entered the Army Anti-Aircraft Div. April 20, 1944, training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and Camp Jackson S. C. Pfc Creel was transferred overseas December, 1944, to the European Theater where he participated in the Battle of the Bulge, and drive to Cologne. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country in Germany February 26, 1945. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded with the Presidential Citation for meritorious and gallant action. Two children also survive.



T/5 James Elvis Gholston, son of Mrs. Lillie Pearl Gholston, New Boston, Texas, was born July 5, 1918, in Texas. He volunteered October 16, 1940, at Texarkana, Texas, for the Army Infantry, 36th Division, training at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Blanding, Florida. His overseas duty began November, 1942, in the European-African Theater where he participated in the Campaigns of Sicily, Rome-Arno and North Apennines, receiving the EAME Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Ribbon plus the American Defense and World War II Victory Awards. After returning to the States April, 1945, he was discharged July 10, 1945.

S/Sgt. Horace Eugene Hawkins, husband of Lydia M. Hawkins, Johntown, Texas, was born April 30, 1919. He attended the Johntown and Bogata, Texas, Public Schools, and entered the Army 92nd Signal Bn. December 28, 1942, training at Camp Maxey, Texas, and Camp Polk, Louisiana. Sgt. Hawkins served from December, 1943, to October, 1945, in the European Theater in Ireland, England, France, Germany and Austria, receiving the ETO Ribbon with five Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal plus the Bronze Star Award for meritorious service rendered. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge October 24, 1945.

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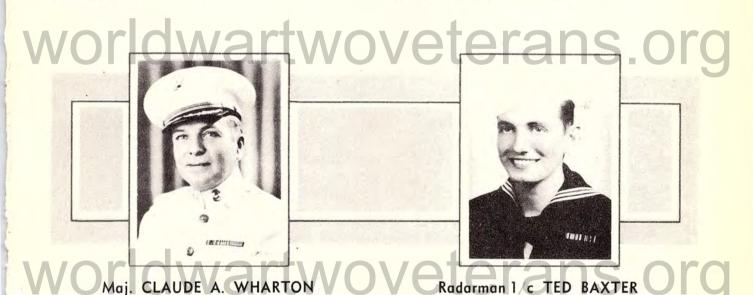


\*S/Sqt. HUGH M. SHARPE

S/Sgt. Hugh Martin Sharpe was born May 23, 1919, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharpe, Detroit, Texas, and husband of Louise Ann Frye Sharpe, Hereford, Texas. He attended the Detroit, Texas, High School and Texas Technological College at Lubbock, entering service October 5, 1942, at Tyler, Texas. Sgt. Sharpe was assigned to the Army Air Corps, 734th Bomb Squadron, and received his training at Sheppard Field, Gowen and Hamilton Fields. When on flight in B-24 plane from Adkinson Field to Brazil for overseas ports, the plane crashed and he lost his life on January 16, 1944, while faithfully serving his country.

### Lt. (sg) JACK MOODY SHARPE

Lt. (sg) Jack Moody Sharpe, birthdate October 17, 1917, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharpe, Detroit, Red River County, Texas. He attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunteered July 2, 1942, with the Navy, as Deck Officer, training at Midshipmen's School Columbia University, N. Y. Lt. Sharpe served from January, 1943, to June, 1944, and from January to December of 1945 in the Eastern New Guinea Operations, Bismarck Archipelago, Okinawa, Philippine Liberation, Western New Guinea Operations and in the Occupation of Aomori, Japan. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded for meritorious service, and discharge granted January 26, 1946.



Maj. Claude A. Wharton, born March 26, 1906, brother of Mrs. Mamie DeBerry, Bogata, Texas, volunteered Dec. 1, 1942, for the Marine Corps; commanded Marine Aerial Gunner's School, Jacksonville, Fla., and began overseas duty May, 1944, in the Pacific Area where he served in the St. Mathias Group, Admiralties and Bougainville and Battles of Northern Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago. Also served as Marine Liaison Officer in Sidney, Australia. Maj. Wharton received Ribbon and Oak Leaf Cluster for distinguished service, among other medals and awards. Discharge was July 26, 1945, and heis currently Head of Compensation Board, Washington, D. C.

Radarman 1/c Ted Baxter, birthdate April 30, 1923, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Baxter, Johntown, Red River County, Texas. He attended Talco, Texas, High School, and volunteered April 20, 1943, for the U.S. Navy, Destroyer Branch, training at Bainbridge, Maryland, until September, 1943, at which time he began overseas duty in the Pacific Theater. Radarman Baxter participated in the invasions and raids on Marshall Islands, Saipan and Guam in the Marianas, Iwo Jima and Leyte and Luzon of the Philippine Group. After returning to the States March, 1946, he was discharged from active duty May 16, 1946. Member of Reserves.

1. —PFC BILLIE D. TEAGUE, born Aug. 3, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Teague of Daingerfield, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 14, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Amarillo, Texas. Overseas from Feb., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, Philippine Islands, and served as flight crewman with Army Air Corps. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January, 1947. Attended North Texas State College, Denton.

2. —A.R.M. 2/c JIMMIE D. TEAGUE, JR., born Oct. 10, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Teague of Daingerfield, Texas. Entered Navy Air Corps June 15, 1943, at Tyler, Texas. Trained at Memphis, Tenn., and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Overseas from Feb., 1945, to May, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Participated in battle of Inland Sea, aboard U.S.S. Franklin and served as Radio Gunner in Torpedo Sqd. 5. Survivor of Franklin disaster. Awarded American Defense, and World War II Wictory Medals. Was discharged May 2, 1946.

\*3. —PVT. LOYD THOMAS, born Sept. 15, 1921. Husband of Mrs. Claudine Thomas of Daingerfield, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 19, 1942, at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, in the Army 38th Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas from April, 1943, to Dec.,1944, in North Africa, Sicily, England, France, and Belgium. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Dec. 21, 1944, at Belgium. A warded Purple Heart, 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory

4. —SGT. THURMON H. KEELING, born Oct. 15, 1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Keeling of Pittsburg, Texas. Entered Army 7th Division March 14, 1941. Trained at Ft. Sill Okla., Ft. Ord, and Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. Overseas from A pril, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Attu, Kwajalein, Leyte, and Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medalwith 4 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars, 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 2, 1945.

5. —S/SGT. THOMAS EVERETTE KELLEY, born Dec. 15, 1910. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Kelley of Pittsburg, Texas. Entered the Army Transportation Corps, 744th Railway Operating Battalion Dec., 1, 1943, at Houston, Texas. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Ft. Snelling, Minn. Overseas from Aug., 1944, to Jan., 1946, in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Ardennes, Germany, and Rhineland. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Jan. 18, 1946.

6. —S/SGT. DAVID TODD CRADDOCK, born Oct. 6, 1920. Son of Mrs. Amy Craddock of Bogata, Texas. Entered Sept., 29, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, in the Army 35th Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, and Camp Hood, Texas. Overseas from March, 1945, to Sept., 1946, on Luzon in the Philippines. Was swarded Combat Infantry Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 2 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals. Received an honorable discharge Oct. 27, 1946.

7. —S/SGT. VAN DORN CRADDOCK, born Dec. 23, 1917. Son of Mrs. Amy Craddock of Bogata, Texas. Volunteered Sept., 1942, at Big Spring, Texas, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Big Spring, and Midland, Texas. Served in the United States from September, 1942, to February, 1946. Served as Test Pilot, and Maintenance man 18 months. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged February, 1946. Husband of Mrs. Dorothy Jane L. Craddock.

8. —PhM 3/c REX M. CRADDOCK, born May 4, 1911. Son of Mrs. Amy Craddock of Bogata, Texas. Entered May, 1944, at Camp Wallace, Texas, in the Navy Medical Corps. Received his training at Camp Wallace, Texas, Shoemaker, and San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States from May, 1944, to Dec., 1945. Was discharged Dec., 1945, at Memphis, Tenn. Now living in Paris, Texas, with his wife and two daughters. Employed by Dixie Trailways Bus Company.

9. —Y. 1/c WILLIAM TRAVIS BASSETT, born Sept. 19, 1923. Son of Mrs. Aileen Bassett of Avery, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 23, 1940, at Dallas, Texas, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from March, 1941, to Sept., 1943, in Aleutian Islands, Pearl Harbor, Panama, Attu, and Atlantic Coast. Awarded American Defense with a Star, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Commendation, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged June 26, 1946.

10.—S.P.(v) 2/c JAMES ALLISON GIDDENS, born Aug.24, 1919. Son of Mrs. R. F. Moore of Clarksville, Texas. Entered Jan. 8, 1944, at Tyler, Texas, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from March, 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Hawaiian Islands. Service with Naval Air Transport. He received the American Defense, and World Warlf Victory Medals. Was discharged December 4, 1945. Husband of Mrs. Hazel O. Giddens of Paris. Texas. Attended Clarksville High School.

11.—Y. 2/c WILBUR JUNIOR OLIVER, born Oct. 21, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Oliver of Bogata, Texas. Entered the Navy Jan. 8, 1944, at Tyler, Texas. Trained at San Diego, California. Served in the United States from January 18, 1944, until he was discharged. Re-enlisted November 23, 1945, for two more years. Now serving on U.S.S. Auburn (A.G.C.-10) Was awarded the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Attended Bogata High School.

12.—SGT. WILLIAM ONNIE GIDDENS, born Dec. 5, 1925. Son of Mrs. R.F. Moore of Clarksville, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 30, 1943, at Mineral Wells, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Camp Wolters, Amarillo, Texas, Kingman, Ariz., Drew Field, Fla., Ogden, Utah, and Philippines. Overseas; still serving in 72nd Bombardment Sq. 5th Bomb. Group. Re-enlisted Nov. 15, 1945, for 1 year. Awarded American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals.

13.—CAPT. JOHN P. COOPER, born May 8, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Cooper of Bogata, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 29, 1941, at Paris, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas. Overseas from Feb., 1943, to Feb., 1945, in Fiji Islands, and Hawaii with Air Transport Command. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged March 27, 1946. Completed his education at Baylor University. Waco. Texas.

14.—PFC J. D. DUDLEY FINCHER, born April 29, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fincher of Clarksville, Texas. Entered Army 106th Infantry Reg. 27th Division Aug. 9, 1944, at Dallas, Texas. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Overseas from Feb., 1945, to June, 1945, in Hawaii, Saipan, Guam, Marshall, Jackson Islands, and Okinawa. Wounded May 24, 1945, on Okinawa. Awarded Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with 3 Battle Stars, and Combat Infantry Badge. Discharged May 1, 1946.

15.—F.C. 2/c WILLIAM IRA GIDDENS, born Aug. 25, 1910. Son of Mrs. Ted Giddens of Clarksville, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 4, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from July, 1942, to Nov., 1944, on Buin-Faisi, Tonolai, Santa Cruz Islands, Guadalcanal, Gilbert, Marshall Islands, Truk, Bougainville, and Marianas. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 14 Battle Stars, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Discharged Aug. 22, 1945.

16.—LT. (jg) HOMER ATKINS GIDDENS, born July 26, 1913. Son of Mrs. Ted Giddens of Clarksville, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 6, 1934, at Dallas, Texas in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from May, 1941, in North Atlantic Patrol, and Asiatic-Pacific Area. Was a ground officer in Personnel, and Aide and Flag Secretary to Commander Carrier Division 7. Still serving, Staff, Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, and Victory Medals.

17.—M/SGT.ALDEN MADISON STROUD, born June 12, 1910. Son of Mrs. M.R. McCain of Clarksville, Texas. Volunteered June 18, 1937, at Paris, Texas, in the Army 29th Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Overseas Aug., 1943, to June, 1944, in Anti-Submarine Patrol in Caribbean Area. He received the American Theater with 1 Battle Star, Good Conduct with Clasp, and Victory Medal. Still serving in 4126th Base Unit, Sq B., San Bernardino, California.

18.—T/SGT. HARLAN JEFFERSON STROUD, born Aug. 28, 1918. Son of Mrs. M. R. McCain of Clarksville, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 17, 1941, at Ft. Sill, Okla. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and Ft. Meade, Md. Overseas from May, 1944, to Sept., 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, battles of Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Awarded American Defense, EAME Campaign Medal, and Victory Medal. Still serving with 1st Guard Co. 1773 S.C.U. U.S.D.B. Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.

19.—1ST LT. RUBY EDWINA McCAIN, born Oct. 20, 1913. Daughter of Mr. M.R. McGain of Clarksville, Texas. Volunteered July 15, 1941, at Ft. Worth, Texas, in the Army Nurses Corps. Trained in the United States. Overseas June, 1943, to Aug., 1945, in Australia, New Guinea, and Philippine Islands. Still serving in A.N.C. Brooks General Hosp, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. She received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Attended Nurses Train. School, Paris, Texas.

\*20.—2ND LT. BALLARD D. McCAIN, born June 12, 1918. Son of M.R. McCain of Clarksville, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 22, 1941, at Texarkana, Ark., in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Scott Field, Ill., Blythfield Field, Blythfield, Ark. Was killed en-route overseas December 29, 1943, in an airplane crash at Gander, Newfoundland. Received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Attended Clarksville Public Schools and Coyne Electrical School, Chicago.







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\*Capt. RUFUS E. GARRETT

Capt. Rufus Eugene Garrett, husband of Irene Humphreys Garrett was born July 10, 1917, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Garrett, Maude, Texas. He volunteered June 2, 1941, for the U. S. Marine Corps, Sqdn. VMF 311, training at Corpus Christi. Capt. Garrett lost his life in his fighter plane while flying in a severe storm over Ft. Worth enroute to port of embarkation September 4, 1943. He received his degree in 1937 and was Principal of Bogata Grade School and Assistant athletic coach for four years. His survivors include a brother, J. D. Garrett, Jr., and hosts of friends. Capt. Garrett faithfully served his country in peace and war.

Capt. WILLIAM V. HUMPHREYS, JR.

Capt. William Verner Humphreys, Jr., was born May 28, 1918, in Texas. Attended East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce, and volunteered January 2, 1942, at Dallas for the Army Air Force, serving with 8th and 9th Forces. He was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant September 6, 1942, at Lake Charles, La., and was promoted to Captain in 1944. Capt. Humphreys served overseas for two years in England and France where he completed seventy missions as pilot of a B-26 plane. The D.F.C. with one Cluster was awarded plus Air Medal with ten Clusters, Unit Pres. Citation and four Bronze Stars, also Silver Star. Currently stationed in Iceland.

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Pfc WILLIAM W. HUMPHREYS

Pfc William Wayne Humphreys, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.V. Humphreys, Bogata, Texas, was born May 15, 1913, in Texas. He entered the Army October 9, 1943; trained at Camps Hood, San Luis Obispo, Ft. Ord and Camp Cooke, Calif. Pfc Humphreys served overseas from February, 1945, to June, 1945, in the Battles of Central Europe and the Rhineland. His awards include the EAME Campaign Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Ribbon, and other medals. Discharged February 3, 1946. He is now living in Salinas, California, with his wife, Helen Louise Humphreys, and three year old daughter, Pamela Kay, and is employed by the Talcott Lumber Company.

Pfc Edwin Glynn Humphreys was born October 4,1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Humphreys, Bogata, Texas. Attended SMU and East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce. He volunteered July 8, 1943, for the Marine 1st Air Wing, training at San Diego; later served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater where he completed eighty missions as a tail gunner on a S.B.D. His awards include the D.F.C. with one Cluster, Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters, Naval Unit Citation, Philippine Liberation with one Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Stars and American Theater Ribbon. Discharged November 15, 1945, from Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Pfc EDWIN G. HUMPHREYS





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1st Lt. CHARLES T. BROCK

SM 1/c JAMES M. BARRETT

S.M. 1/c Barrett, was born on Nov. 22, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Barrett of Rt. 2, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Attended Mt. Pleasant High School, volunteered for service Sept. 19, 1942, and was assigned to Navy Visual Communications. Trained at Cockspur Island, Savannah, Ga. Overseas 3 years and 5 months in battles of Murmansk Run, Casablanca, Anzio, Messino, Italy, Sicily, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Leyte, and Okinawa. His decorations include Silver Star, Purple Heart with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct, Pistol Expert, Presidential Unit Citation with Star, Letter of Commendation, and Victory Medal. On May 8, 1946, he was honorably discharged.

1st Lt. Brock. born Dec. 18, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Brock, and husband of Virginia Lee Brock of Mt. Pleasant, attended Marshall Junior College at Marshall, Texas. Volunteered for service February 15, 1941, at Dallas; was assigned to the Naval Air Corps, training at Miami, Pensacola, and Tampa, Florida. On February 18, 1942, he sailed for overseas duty and served in the Hawaiian Islands, in the Asiatic South Pacific Area. Returned to the States on Oct. 8, 1943. 1st Lieutenant Charles Traylor Brock was given an honorable discharge on September 5, 1945, and is now living in Mt. Pleasant with his wife and son.



Sgt. Gaddis, was born March 15, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Q.C. Gaddis of Rt. 1, Box 3, Mt. Pleasant. Attended Mt. Pleasant High School; volunteered for service Nov. 4, 1941, at Dallas; was assigned to the Marines 2nd Tk. Bn., 2nd Div. and 2nd B.D.; trained at M.C.B., San Diego, Calif. Served 3 yrs. in New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Mariana Islands, Ryukyu Islands, and participated in action against the Japanese on Okinawa. His awards are Asiatic-Pacific Theater, American Theater, American Defense, and Good Conduct Ribbons. Sgt. Thomas J. Gaddis received an honorable discharge on November 22, 1945, at Oceanside, California.

S/Sgt. Gaddis, was born April 8, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Q.C. Gaddis, and husband of Winogene Harvey Gaddis of East 1st, Mt. Pleasant. Attended E.T.S.T.C. at Commerce, Texas; entered service March 13, 1944, at Tyler; was assigned to the A.A.F; trained at Sheppard Fld., and Laredo A.A.F., Texas, and Tonopah A.A.F. Overseas 9 mos. in Bismarck Archipelago, Southern Philippines, Luzon, and Western Pacific. He has the following awards: Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 4 Bronze Stars; Philippine Liberation, Air Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, and Victory Medals. S/Sgt. Eugene J. Gaddis was given an honorable discharge from the A.A.F. on Dec. 15, 1945.

1. —S 1/c CHARLEY LEVON GUEST, born May 8,1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Guest, Detroit, Texas, husband of Melva Louise Guest, Stephenville, Texas. Received his education in Detroit Public Schools. Entered service Jan. 28,1944, at Detroit. Assigned to Navy, U.S.N.R. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from April, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific The ater. Received Victory Medal, American Defense Service and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons. Discharged Dec. 29, 1945.

\*2. -LT. (jg) THOMAS DONALD (WHIS) ROACH, born Nov. 11, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Roach, Eogata, Texas. Volunteered May 29, 1941, at Dallas, Texas. Assigned to Navy Air Corps. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Served overseas from Dec., 1942, to July, 1943, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Reported missing July 26, 1943; declared dead July 26, 1944. Awarded American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Air Medal, Gold Star in lieu of second Air Medal, Purple Heart.

3. —GAPT. JOHN HENRY SANDERS, born Oct. 9, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C.R. Sanders, Detroit, Texas. Attended A & M College. Volunteered Dec. 11, 1939, at Columbia, S. C. Assigned to A rmy, 11th Airborne Div. and 1st Engr. Special Brigade. Served overseas for 31 months in all three Theaters. One of pioneer parachute officers in U.S. Army. Received Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Professional Parachutist, War Ribbons of 3 Areas, and others. Discharged Feb. 5, 1946.

\*4. —LT. JAMES ROAN SANDERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. R. Sanders, Detroit, Texas. Attended Texas A & M College. Volunteered in 1941; was assigned to Cavalry, stationed at El Paso, Texas. Transferred to U.S. ArmyAir Corps. Served overseas in Egyptian Camapign, 434th Sqdn. 12th Bomb. Sqdn., Middle East. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice on October 24, 1942, at El Alemein, Egypt. Buried in South African Cemetery. His body was removed to the American Cemetery at Cairo, Egypt.

5. —T/4 MARVIN SHOWS, born Sept. 7, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shows, Bogata, Texas, husband of Ivy Summers Shows. Entered service July 7, 1943, at Tyler, Texas. Assigned to Army, Combat Engineers. Served overseas from June, 1944, to Jan., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Received Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal-3 Overseas Bars, Unit Citation. Discharged Feb. 4, 1946.

6. —S/SGT. WILBERT L. SUMMERS, born Nov. 27, 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Summers, brother of Mrs. Marvin Shows, Bogata, Texas. Volunteered Mar. 1, 1937, at Dallas, Assigned to Army, 2nd Div., 9th Div. (626 T.D.Bn.-630th T.D.Bn.). Instructor in F.A.R.T.C. for 2 years in Ft. Bragg, N. C. Served overseas from June, 1944, to June, 1945, in EAME Theater. Missing in action Dec., 1944, to Apr., 1945. Received EAME Campaign Medal w/4 Bronze Stars, American Defense. Discharged Oct. 17, 1945.

7. —COXSWAIN HASKELL H. SUMMERS, born July 6, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Summers, brother of Mrs. Marvin Shows, Bogata, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 1, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy and trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Served on the ship U. S. S. President Hayes. Received American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with 1 Silver Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 7, 1945.

8. —S 1/c WILLIAM E. SUMMERS, born Aug. 28, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Summers, brother of Mrs. Marvin Shows, Bogata, Texas. Entered service Dec. 10, 1943, at Tyler, Texas. Assigned to Navy, and trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to Jan., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater on the U.S.S. Lexington. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Presidential Citation, American Defense, Victory Medal. Discharged Jan. 5, 1946.

9. —CARPENTER'S MATE 2ND CLASS ROLAND HENRY ACKLEY, born Jan. 8,1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ackley, Greggton, Texas, husband of Ona Myrtle Ackley, Talco, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 7, 1942, at Longview, Texas. Assigned to Navy, 82nd U. S. Naval Construction Batt. Served overseas in Asiatic-Pacific Theater from July, 1943, to Oct., 1945. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon -4 Battle Stars. American Defense Service Ribbon, Victory Medal. Discharged Oct. 25, 1945.

10.—P.O. 1/c MYRON GAGE, born Aug. 10, 1917, husband of Sallie Gray Gage, Talco, Texas. Attended Military College, Terrell, Texas. Voluntered Aug. 16, 1942, at Dallas, Texas. Assigned to Navy Seabees. Trained at Norfolk, Va. Served overseas from Nov., 1942, to July, 1943, in EAME Theater and from Nov., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged Oct. 14, 1945.

11.—M/SGT. JOHNNIE DENSON BRAGG, born Sept. 17, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bragg, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Attended high school in Greenville, Texas. Entered service Sept. 29, 1942, at Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at Kearns Field, Utah. Served overseas from July, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in European Theater. Received ETO Campaign Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. Discharged Oct. 27, 1945.

12.—S M 2/c (T) DAN MOODY BRAGG, born July 21, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bragg, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Received his education in Mt. Pleasant. Entered service Nov. 16, 1943, at Tyler, Texas. Assigned Navy, Seaman. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from May 8, 1944, to Dec. 29, 1945, in European Area and Pacific Area. Received American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. Discharged Jan. 10, 1946.

13.—R.M. 3/c GEORGE R. JOHNSTON, born Sept. 1, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnston, Talco, Texas. Attended Talco High School. Volunteered July 26, 1944, at Paris, Texas. Assigned to Navy as Seaman 1/c. He was a Radioman. Trained at San Diego, California, and New London, Conn. Before entering service he was a student. He re-enlisted for four years, and at present is serving in Submarine Division.

14.—T/5 DENNIS HERSCHAL KELLEY, JR., born June 4, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Kelley, Sr., Talco, Texas, husband of Jean Anne Morris Kelley. Attended Talco High School. Entered service Feb. 26, 1943, at Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Assigned to Army, Medical Division. Served overseas from March, 1944, to January, 1946, in 188th General Hospital, England, and 239th General Hospital, France. Received Efficiency, Honor, Fidelity Medal, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged March 15, 1946.

15.—PFC JOSEPH WELDON McKINNON, born Dec. 1, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McKinnon, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Attended A & M College, College Station, Texas. Entered service March 2, 1942, at Ocean Springs, Miss. Assigned to Army, Signal Corps, 36th Division. Trained at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Served overseas from 1943, to 1945, in European Theater of Operations. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged October 6, 1945.

16.—IST LT. BERNICE ALVIN MORGAN, born Aug. 8, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Morgan, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, husband of Kate B. Morgan. Attended Federal Inst. of Business, Tyler, Texas. Entered service Sept. 17, 1941, at Washington, D. C. Assigned to Army, Co. C., 51st Tng. Ins. Trained at Camp Wolters. Served overseas from Sept. 20, 1944, to Oct. 21, 1945, in European Theater. Received 3 Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Certificate of Merit. Discharged January 1, 1946.

17.—T/4 DON CARROL MORGAN, born Apr. 8, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Morgan, Mt. Pleasant. Received his education in Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. Entered service Mar. 11, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Texas. Assigned to Army, Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Served overse as from March, 1943, to October, 1945, in EAME Theater. Received EAME Theater Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, 5 Overseas Service Bars, Meritorious Unit Citation, others. Discharged Oct. 18, 1945.

18.—S 1/c CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SPENCE, JR., born Dec. 25, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Spence, Waco, Texas, brother of Mrs. Jack L. Morgan, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 24, 1943, at Waco, Texas. Assigned to Navy, U.S.N.R. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Served overseas from Dec., 1943, to April, 1944, aboard ship in the Atlantic Ocean. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged February 9, 1946.

19.—S/SGT. JACK LESTER MORGAN, born Sept. 13, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Morgan, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, husband of Willie Lorine Morgan. Volunteered Aug. 15, 1941, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, Infantry; transferred to U.S. Air Force. Trained at San Antonio and Sheppard Field, Texas. Served overseas from May, 1945, to June, 1945, in Antilles Area. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 29, 1945. Now in Reserve A.F.

\*20.—T/5 WILLIAM WILLARD WHITE, born July 16, 1916, son of Tom White, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, husband of Hazel Louise White, Lamesa, Texas. Received his education in Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. Entered service June 5, 1941, at El Paso. Assigned to Army, 67th Field Artillery, 3rd Armored Division. Trained at Camp Polk, La. Served overseas from Sept. 15, 1943, to March 2, 1945, in European Theater. Paid Supreme Sacrifice March 2, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart (Posthumously).











S/Sat. DUDLEY T. McMILLIM

Pfc Morris was born March 5, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morris of Talco, Texas, and husband of Ernestine Morris of Box 487, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Attended Talco High School, entering service July 19, 1944, at Dallas. Was assigned to Army, Co.B., 21st Armd. Inf. Bn., 11th Armd. Div., with his training at Camp Wolters, Texas. Overseas a little more than 2 mos. in Ardennes and Rhineland Campaigns; wounded in Germany on Feb. 6, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart, EAME with 2 Eronze Service Stars, Victory, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Combat Inf. Badge. Discharged on January 17, 1946, from William Beaumont Hosp. in El Paso, Texas.

S/Sgt. McMillin, was born April 12,1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murroy McMillin of Bokchito, Oklahoma, and husband of the former Dixie Morris of Talco, Texas. Attended Waco, La Vega High School; volunteered for service May 5, 1944; assigned to Army Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Eight months of service in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany, participating in the battles for Rhineland and Central Germany. Awarded Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart with Cluster, European Theater Ribbon with Bronze Star, and American Occupation Ribbon. On the 22nd day of December S/Sgt. Dudley Troy McMillin was given an honorable discharge.



T/Sgt. RUFUS H. MEADOWS, JR.

Capt. EDWIN C. SIMS, JR.

T/Sgt. Meadows, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Meadows, and husband of Mrs. Mary Meadows of 413 W. 1st St., Mt. Pleasant, Texas, was born Jan. 27, 1913. Attended N.T.A.C. at Arlington. He enlisted in the Army Ground Forces on August 13, 1943, at Tyler; trained at Camp McQuaide, Calif., and Camp Roberts, Calif. On April 4, 1944, he sailed for overseas duty, and served in Hawaiian Islands on Oahu, Philippine Islands on Leyte, Ryukyus on Okinawa, and Korea. His awards are Good Conduct Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and Bronze Star Medals. His discharge papers were given to him on January 3, 1946, 8 days after return to the States.

Capt. Sims, was born Dec. 30, 1916, son of E. C. Sims of Mt. Pleasant, and husband of Annie Faye Sims of 937 N. Main, Paris, Texas. At College Station he attended Texas A & M College, entering the A.A.C. July 15, 1941, at San Antonio. Commissioned 2nd Lt. at A & M College in 1940; made 1st Lt. at Moore Fld. in March, 1942, and Capt. in March, 1943, at Big Spring A.A.F. With service at Ladd Fld., Fair banks, Alaska, where he was a Sqdn. Commander and served as an Administrative Inspector for 18 mos. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific; ATO, American Def. and Victory Medals. He went on terminalleave in Dec., 1945, and was discharged March, 1946, from Tyler, Texas.

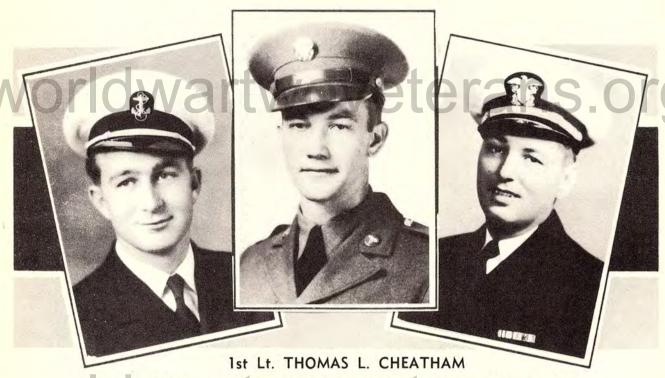
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\*Sgt. GIRLIE G. JONES

Sgt. Jones, was born on Jan. 4, 1916, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jones, and husband of the former Opal Wright of Ben Wheeler, Texas. Attended Thomas Jefferson High School at Port Arthur; entered the service Nov. 18, 1942; was assigned to Army 104th (Timberwolf) Div., and trained at Camp Adair, Ore., and Ft. Benning, Ga. He left the U.S. for overseas service Aug. 27, 1944, serving in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, participating in the Battle of the Dykes at the port of Antwerp. Sgt. Jones was transferred to 326th Bomber Sqdn., 92nd Bomber Gp., 8th Air Force in Feb., 1944, before going overseas. As a result of injuries incurred when struck by a taxi near Echweiler, Germany, on Nov. 17, 1944, Sgt. Jones died on Feb. 9, 1945, in London, England. Awarded EAME with 1 Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Good Conduct, and the Purple Heart Medals. Before enlistment he was employed by Gulf Research & Development Co., as Geographical Surveyor, having 2 years foreign service in South America.



ABM 3/c JAMES R. ROCKENBAUGH

Lt. MERLIN T. MANN

Son and son-in-laws of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rockenbaugh, Box 254, Edgewood. A.B.M. 3/c JAMES R. ROCKENBAUGH, was born June 17, 1922, husband of Louise Coleman Rockenbaugh. Attended Edgewood High, volunteering for the N.A.C. July 20, 1942; trained at N.A.S., Dallas, Texas; U.S.C., Los Angeles, Calif.;Cal. Polytechnic; San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Beckworth Flight Preparatory; Pre-Flight, St. Marys; San Diego N.A.S.; and Catapult and Airsling Gear School at Phila. Overseas 22 1/2 mos. Served aboard U.S.S. Solomons CVE 67. Discharged Nov. 10, 1945.

1st Lt. THOMAS L. CHEATHAM, was born June 6, 1914, husband of Alicia Grace Cheatham. Attended Edgewood High, entering 3rd Army March 28, 1941, assigned to 36th Evac. Hosp. Trained at Camp Grant, Ill., and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas 21 mos., in Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, Philippines, Luzon; participated in occupation of Japan; hqrs. in Kobe, Honshu. Awarded Good Conduct, Pre-Pearl Harbor, Asiatic-Pacific, with 3 Stars, 1 Arrowhead, and Philippine Liberation, with 2 Stars, Ribbons. Transferred to Officers Res. Corps on Jan. 9, 1946. Lt. MERLIN T. MANN, was born Sept. 12, 1910, son of Mrs. Maude Mann, Van, and husband of Edythe Elizabeth Mann of Edgewood. Attended N.T.S.T.C. in Denton. On Nov. 16, 1942, he volunteered for the Navy; trained at N.A.S. in Dallas, and Hutchinson, Kan. Overseas twice, 18 mos. in all, in conquest of Gilberts, Leyte Gulf, Mindoro, Lingayen Gulf, Corregidor, Manila, Bruni, Borneo, Okinawa, E. China, Yellow Sea, Occupation of Wakayama, and Kurie, Honshu Island. He has been in inactive duty since December 8, 1945.

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Capt. BRUNO E. SCHROEDER

Capt. Bruno Erwin Schroeder, husband of Lynnie Louise Andrews Schroeder, Grand Saline, Texas, was born June 7, 1916, in Lockhart, Texas, son of Erwin Schroeder of Lockhart. He attended Texas A & M College Station, and was an athletic coach prior to his voluntary entry August 4, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, into the Army 101st Airborne Division. He trained at Camp Toccoa, Ft. Benning, Camp Mackall, Camp Breckenridge and Ft. Bragg. Later served from Sept., 1943, to Jan., 1946, in the European Theater of Operations. Capt. Schroeder participated in the Campaignsof Normandy, the Rhineland and Central Europe; was twice wounded, for which the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded. He received a Battlefield Commission as 2nd Lieutenant. The Silver Star is among his medals, also Distinguished Unit Citation, EAME Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Belgium Fourragere, Dutch Holland Orange Lanyard, Normandy Holland Bronze Arrowhead, and various other awards. Capt. Schroeder is currently with 3rd Bn. 358th Infantry Reserve Corps.



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\*ACM DEMPSEY O. GIVENS

A.C.M. Dempsey Oneil Givens, was born in Mississippion the 18th day of October in 1909, the son of Mrs. Eva Mae Givens of Box 431 in Grand Saline, Texas. He graduated from Grand Saline Grammar School and attended high school at Grand Saline, Texas. He volunteered for service at Dallas, Texas, on May 4, 1927, entered the United States Naval Air Force, and was ordered to San Diego, California, for his training. He served overseas from 1934, until 1937, and in 1941 he was shipped overseas for the second time, where he served in the Atlantic and Pacific Areas with service on the Hornet. A.C.M. Dempsey Oneil Givens paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country on the 26th day of October in 1942, in the South Pacific Area. Among other awards, A.C.M. Givens received the Purple Heart Medal.

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\*Sgt. MARVIS CALLAWAY

Sgt. Marvis Callaway, was born on the 4th day of November, 1914, in Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Callaway of Route Four in Canton, Texas. After graduating from grammar school he attended Van High School in Van, Texas, and volunteered for service on May 7th in 1941 at Canton, Texas. He was assigned to the United States Army, Forty Sixth Engineer Division, and received his training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and also at Brownwood, Texas. Sailed for overseas duty in May of 1942, and served in the European Theater of Occupation, with service in Ireland, North Africa, and Italy. Sergeant Marvis Callaway was wounded on the 22nd day of July in 1944, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice at Pisa in Italy on the 23rd of July in 1944. The Purple Heart was awarded Sergeant Marvis Callaway following his death.



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S/Sgt. DELMA MILLER

S/Sgt. Miller, was born on June 8, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Regan S. Miller of Ben Wheeler, and husband of Faye Carroll Miller, 1221 1/2 N. 6th, Longview, Texas. He attended Ben Wheeler Grammar and High Schools, entering the service Nov. 23, 1942, at Tyler. Was assigned to the U. S. Army, 413th Infantry Co. G, 104th Div., and was sent to Camps Adair, Ore.; Carson, Colo.; and Grant, Calif. He served in the European African Middle Eastern Theater from Sept. 7, 1944, until August 1, 1945, participating in the battles for Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Northern France. His decorations include the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, European Theater, with 4 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, and Purple Heart Medals. S/Sgt. Delma Miller was given his discharge on the 30th day of October in 1945.





#### Sgt. JAMES C. SPENCER

Sgt. James Clarence Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Spencer, Athens, Texas, was born May 11, 1914, in Texas. Graduated from Texas Tech, and served 1939-1940 as member of House of Representatives, Texas Legislature, prior to entry with the Armed Forces was Junior Interviewer with Texas State Employment Service at Houston. Sgt. Spencer entered the Army Medical Div., February 24, 1941; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and served from October, 1941, to March, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, where he participated with the 31st Infantry Div., 1st Bn., Medical Detachment, in the Campaign for Bataan. Was imprisoned by the Japanese April, 1942, to February, 1945, at Camp O'Donnell, Cabanatuan and Bilibed Prison Camps. The Bronze Star, among other medals, was awarded. Discharged August 21, 1945. He was re-elected to Texas Legislature, District 54.



T/Sgt. HOWARD M. LUCAS

1st Lt. CLIFFORD M. STOVER

T/Sgt. Lucas, was born Dec. 1,1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lucas of Grand Saline. Attended North Texas State College at Denton; volunteered for service Dec. 9, 1941; trained at Jefferson Bks., Chanute Fld., and Las Vegas A.A.B. Served 3 yrs. in England and African Areas in air offensive of Europe, air combat Balkans, Rome-Arno, Sicily, and 2 Battles in S. France. Interned in Turkey from Aug. 1, 1943, to April 6, 1944. His awards are D.F.C. with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME with 6 Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, and American Defense Medals. Discharged Sept. 16, 1945.

1st Lt. Clifford Mastin Stover, birthdate July 27, 1909, at Martin Mills, Texas, is the husband of Carolyn Jean Stover, Athens, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Stover of Martin Mills, Texas. He attended the University of Texas in Austin, and entered service June 12, 1942, with the Army Air Forces, training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and receiving commission of 2nd Lt. February 5, 1943, in Miami Beach, Florida. From August, 1944, to November, 1945, Lt. Stover served in France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes Campaigns, and was awarded Campaign Ribbons with Victory and Defense Medals. December 16, 1945, he transferred to Reserve Corps.





#### AEM 3/c JULIAN E. SANCHEZ

AEM3/c Julian Eufemio Sanchez, better known as "J.E.", was born February 16, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Sanchez, Chandler, Texas. He attended the Chandler Schools, and was active in all sports. Later served with the Civilian Tech. Detachment, attached to the 8th Airforce in England for 14 months, returning to the States, and entering the Navy June 27, 1944, with the Aviation Branch. From December, 1944, to December, 1945, he served aboard the USS Belleau Wood, participating in the Battles of Iwo Iima. Okinawa, also in raids on Japan. His one wish was to be in action when "Tokyo was entered"; this wish was fulfilled to the fullest extent. Various ribbons and medals were awarded, and discharge granted February 7, 1946, from Camp Wallace, Texas.



Cpl. ERNEST B. SMITH



1st Lt. HORACE S. POTTER

Cpl. Ernest B. Smith, born August 28, 1919, in Texas, is the husband of Odessa Smith, Chandler, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith, Ben Wheeler, Texas. He attended Van, Texas, High School, and volunteered August 15, 1941, for the Army 1298th Engineer Construction Battalion, training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Cpl. Smith served from March, 1942, to August, 1944, on out of the States duty, stationed in Alaska. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal, with World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from service June 26, 1945.

1st Lt. Horace Sheridan Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Potter, Athens, Texas, was born August 3, 1922, in Goldthwaite, Texas. He volunteered July 6, 1940, at Dallas, for the Army Air Forces. Was commissioned November 3, 1943, to 2nd Lt. and be gan overseas duty May, 1944, in the European Theater. Lt. Potter served in England with the 8th Air Force, and participated in twenty-seven missions with the 92nd Bomb Group; was held prisoner of war by the Germans from September 11, 1944, to May 14, 1945, at Barth, Germany. The Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, ETO Ribbon-three Battle Stars were awarded. Discharge granted March 30, 1946.

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## \*Cpl. TRUMAN L. GRIFFITH

Cpl. Truman Lee Griffith, son of Jack and Ella Mae Griffith, P. O. Box 644, Athens, Texas, was born July 4, 1924, a native of Texas. He attended the Malakoff, Texas, Elementary and High Schools, and volunteered for service September 29, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. He was assigned for training to Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, Sebring, Florida, and Goldsboro, North Carolina. He received his Silver Wings May 13, 1944, and was promoted to Corporal. Cpl. Griffith lost his life in a plane crash while on duty near Augusta, Georgia, July 29, 1944, and was returned to Payne Springs, Texas, where he was laid to rest. The Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon was awarded with the Good Conduct Medal, in remembrance of his faithful service with the Armed Forces. His survivors include sisters, wife, Marye Griffith of Haines City, Florida, and one son, Jerry Lee Griffith, born eighteen days after his death.

## he FIGHTING MEN OF TEXAS



#### S/Sgt. FRANKLIN W. DENIUS

S/Sgt. Franklin Wofford Denius, son of Mrs. Frances Cain Denius, Athens, Texas, was born Jan. 4, 1925. He attended the University of Texas and The Citadel at Charleston, S.C. He entered the Army Field Artillery Sept. 1, 1943; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and began overseas duty April, 1944, participating in the Campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. He was wounded Jan. 23, 1945, near St. Vith in Belgium; also suffered from frozen feet. Sgt. Denius was a member of the famed "Old Hickory" 30th Infantry Division. He received the Presidential Unit Citation, Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, for meritorious action against the enemy, the ETO Ribbon-5 Battle Stars, and other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was discharged October 2, 1945.



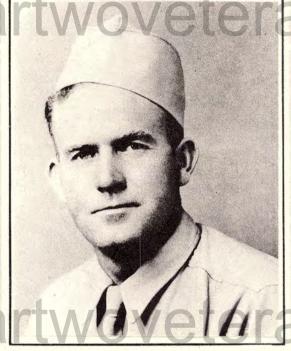
1st Lt. WINDROW C. PAYNE

Pfc LOY G. MORRIS

lst Lt. Windrow Charles Payne, birthdate December 14,1913, is the husband of Donna Thomas Payne, Athens, Texas, and a graduate of Texas A & M College. He entered the Army Infantry, 90th Div., January 31, 1942. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas; later served from March, 1944, to September, 1945, in the European Theater, where he participated in the battles of Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was wounded on June 10, 1944, near St. Mary De Glice, France. Lt. Payne received the Purple Heart, with Campaign Ribbons, Bronze Star Medal for heroic action and the Silver Star for gallantry in battle. Discharged Dec. 28, 1945.

Pfc Loy Glenn Morris, husband of Gracie F. Morris, Chandler, Texas, was born in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Morris, Edom, Van Zandt County, Texas. He attended the Edom, Texas, High School, and entered service at the age of 20 years, with the Army Air Forces, December, 1943. Was assigned to the 72nd Training Wing, Drew Field, Florida. Pfc Morris served overseas June, 1944, to October, 1945, receiving Campaign Ribbons with the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from the Army Air Forces October 1, 1945. He is the father of one daughter.

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\*Pvt. ROBERT R. WOLF

Pvt. Robert R. Wolf, husband of Doris Davis Wolf, Eustace, Texas, son of R. R. Wolf, Dallas, was born November 27, 1921, in Van Zandt, Texas. He attended Van Zandt and Kaufman, Texas, Schools prior to his entry October 12, 1943, into the Army Infantry. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Pvt. Wolf began overseas duty June, 1944, in the European Theater of Operations, where he served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country October 18, 1944, while in combat in Germany. The Purple Heart was awarded for his faithful service with the Armed Forces. A daughter, Judy Roberta Wolf, also survives among relatives and hosts of friends. Pvt. Wolf was laid to rest in Europe, but he is remembered as one who gave his all in service.



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\*Pvt. JOHN A. LEA

Pvt. John Aubrey Lea, husband of Mrs. Bessie McDonald Lea, Nacogdoches, Texas, was born May 11, 1910, in Marshall, Texas, son of Mrs. J. A. Lea, Henderson, Texas. He graduated from College of Marshall, and entered the Army Infantry March 30, 1944, training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, Camp Carson, Colorado, and Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. Pvt. Lea began overseas duty February, 1945, in the European Theater of Operations, where he participated in combat in the vicinity of Roer River and drive toward the Rhine. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice in action at Ahrweiler, Germany, by sniper fire, March 7, 1945. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously with the Accolade by the President of the United States; also a Certificate of Honor signed by the Governor of Texas, all in remembrance of faithful service rendered his country. Pvt. Lea was laid to rest in Henri Chapelle, Belgium. Three sons also survive, John Randall, Thomas Leonard, and George Allen.

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S/Sgt. J. R. McMURRY

S/Sgt. J. R. McMurray was born January 1, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMurray, El Campo, Texas. He graduated from Troup High School May 21, 1938, and joined the National Guard. Received honorable discharge to volunteer for the Army Air Corps July 8, 1939. He trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Barksdale Field, Louisiana, and graduated from Spartan School of Aeronautics at Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 21, 1941. Later served at Savannah, Georgia. Sgt. McMurray was transferred overseas to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations February, 1942, where he served in Australia, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, and participated in the Papuan Campaign. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star, Presidential Citation and Good Conduct Medal, and various other ribbons. After returning to the States he was granted discharge from the Armed Forces June 21, 1945.



#### Capt. JOHNNIE HERRINGTON

Capt. Johnnie Herrington, husband of Marjorie Herrington, 404 Crockett Road, Palestine, Texas, was born June 20, 1920, son of Mrs. Callie Herrington, also of Palestine. He attended Frankston, Texas, High School, and Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas. Volunteered June, 1941, for the Army Air Forces, and trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio. On August 5, 1942, he received the commission of 2nd Lieutenant. Served in the States, and was transferred overseas one year later to the China-Burma-India Theater where he participated in the Burma Campaign. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star, and other ribbons. After returning to the States Capt. Herrington was granted discharge January 25, 1946.



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1st Lt. CAMERON L. MITCHAM

Capt. LEONARD L. BARBER

1st Lt. Cameron L. Mitcham, husband of Martha Jane Owen Mitcham, Kilgore, Texas, was born March 4, 1920, son of Alex L. Mitcham, Athens, Texas. Attended West Point Preparatory, San Antonio, and S.M.U. in Dallas. He volunteered November 25, 1940, for the Army Infantry, 36th Div.; commissioned May 22, 1942, as 2nd Lt.; later served from December, 1942, to June, 1943, and June, 1944, to January, 1945, overseas in Panama and Galapagos Islands and the European Theater respectively. Lt. Mitcham participated in the Campaigns of Normandy, Northern France; was wounded at Metz, France. Received various ribbons. He trans. to inactive duty Nov., 1945.

Capt. Leonard Link Barber, brother of Mrs. Geo. A. Hayes, Poynor, Texas, was born Jan. 3, 1921, and volunteered Sept. 5, 1939, for the Army Air Corps. He served from Oct., 1943, to Nov., 1944, and from Jan. to June, 1945, overseas in the China-Burma Theater. Completed 92 round trips over "the Hump"; participated in the Battle of Burma, also dropping food over the Area; transported wounded from Ledo, and was "Missing" for one week after making a forced landing at night. Capt. Barber latertransported planes to India, Italy, Africa, and England. The Pres. Citation, and medals for outstanding performance were awarded. Currently with Air Transport Command.



S/Sgt. HENRY R. SPALDING

Lt. WESLEY E. SPALDING

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Spalding, Palestine, Texas.

S/Sgt. HENRY ROGERS SPALDING, born Sept. 18, 1910, volunteered Oct. 2, 1940, for the Army Infantry 36th Div., training at Camp Bowie. He served from Nov., 1941, to Nov., 1945, in the Pacific Theater; was a member of the 131st Field Artillery "Lost Battalion," and was imprisoned in Java and Japan from March 10, 1942, to September, 1945. The Purple Heart was awarded for wounds received in prison camp treatment. Pres. Citation with two Clusters, and other ribbons. Discharged April 26, 1946.

M/Sgt. LOUIE MASON SPALDING, born April 22, 1909, volunteered Sept. 6, 1944, for the Army 9th Div., training at Ft. Bragg, N. C.; later served from Nov., 1942, to June, 1945, in the Campaigns of Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received the Bronze Star Medal, EAME Ribbon with seven Bronze Stars, and other ribbons. Discharged July 1, 1945.

Lt. WESLEY EUGENE SPALDING, birthdate April 5, 1910, volunteered Nov., 1932, for the Army 98th Div., training at Ft. Sam Houston and at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Lt. Spalding served from March, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in the Hawaiian Defense, Was awarded various ribbons. He returned with 71st Service Bn. to Japan, June, 1945, where he is currently stationed. His wife and two sons have joined him in Japan.



#### Capt. CHARLES D. SPEEGLE

Capt. Charles D. Speegle, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Speegle, of Palestine, Texas, was born Nov. 17, 1918. After attending Palestine Schools, and the Austin College at Sherman, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps, on June 15, 1941; was given training at Tulsa, Okla.; Sherman, Texas; Lake Charles, La.; and McDill Field, Tampa, Fla. From April, 1943, to June, 1944, he served as a B-26 Bomber Pilot in North Africa, Corsica, and Sicily, Italy. In a flight over Rome he was wounded. The Purple Heart was awarded him, and he holds the Air Medal with 9 Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Presidential Citation with 1 Cluster, besides the ETO ribbon with 2 Stars and the American Defense Award. Upon his return to the U.S., he was assigned to Eglin Field, and was honorably discharged in Sept., 1945.



Sgt. ROYAL D. DEAN

Sgt. R. D. Dean, born Aug. 5, 1918, in Palestine, Texas, son of Mrs. R. L. Dean, W. Green St., Palestine. He was educated at Swanson Springs Grammar, Palestine Jr. and Sr., High Schools, Texas; volunteered Oct. 18, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Ellington Field, Texas; served in the United States from October 18, 1942, until November 27, 1945. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal, and the American Theater Ribbon. He was Crew Chief on B-24, Carburation and Trouble Shooter on B-29. Promoted from Pvt. to Pfc, to Cpl., to Sgt. He was given an honorable discharge on Nov. 27, 1945.

Pfc RAYMOND T. DEAN

Pfc R. T. Dean, was born Sept. 15, 1923, son of Mrs. R. L. Dean, 411 W. Green Street, Palestine. He received his education at Swanson Springs Grammar, and Palestine Jr. and Sr., High Schools. Volunteered for service on Oct. 28, 1942, at Palestine; assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Ellington Fld., Texas. Served in the United States 9 months, overseas 20 months, in N. Africa, Sicily, and Italy. In Algerian, Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian Campaigns. He was awarded 4 Stars, for Algerian, Tunisian, Sicilian, and Italian Campaigns, and Good Conduct Medals. Pfc Dean was honorably discharged on March 10, 1945, at Ft. Sam H., Tex.





S/Sgt. CLAUD C. HEIFNER

T/Sgt. OLIN A. HEIFNER

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Heifner, Palestine, Texas.

S/Sgt. CLAUD CASON HEIFNER, born April 22, 1919, volunteered Sept. 25,1941, for the Army Air Forces, training at Chanute, Field, Ill., in airplane engine course. He served from April 21,1942, to Aug. 31,1945, in battles of Philippines, New Guinea, Solomons, Guadalcanal, Eastern Mandates and other areas. Awarded: A. A. F. Tech. Badge, Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 10 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster and various other medals. Discharged Aug. 31, 1945.

S 1/c JOHN NORMAN HEIFNER, born Nov. 24, 1921, volunteered June 19,1942, for the Navy, Aviation Air Crew; trained at Chicago, Ill.; later served from Nov., 1945, to May, 1946, in China, Asiatic-Pacific Area. While in the States, Seaman Heifner served at Daytona Beach, Florida, and New Orleans. Awarded: American Area Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific and World War II Victory Ribbon. Discharged May 28, 1946.

T/Sgt. OLIN ARTHUR HEIFNER, born Aug. 28, 1916, volunteered June 11,1938, for the Army Air Force. Served from July, 1940, to Aug., 1945, overseas; participated in Jap Attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, air offensive on Jap Home Islands, also Campaign of Eastern Mandates. The Distinguished Unit Badge was awarded with Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, three Bronze Stars among various other awards. After returning to the States, Sgt. Heifner was discharged from service Aug. 25, 1945.



### T/Sgt. GEORGE W. SCROGGINS

T/Sgt. George William Scroggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scroggins, was born on Jan. 2, 1915. He volunteered for the Army at Palestine on Jan. 28, 1941, and was trained at Camp Bowie, Texas; Camp Blanding, Fla.; and Camp Edwards, Mass. In April, 1943, he was sent overseas, serving in Italy, France, and Germany. He was in the Naples-Foggia; Southern France; Rome-Arno; and Germany battles. He was wounded twice, first in Dec., 1943, and again in Sept., 1944. His awards are the EAME Service Medal: Am. Def. Medal; Purple Heart with the Oak Leaf Cluster; Good Conduct Medal; Combat Infantry Badge; and Bronze Arrowhead. He returned from his infantry service overseas in Dec., 1944. He was honorably discharged on August 15, 1945.



1st Lt. THOMAS F. HENDERSON, JR.



Pfc JAMES E. HOLMES, JR.

lst Lt. T. F. Henderson, Jr., born Sept. 26, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Henderson, Rt. 6, Box 46, Palestine, married Evelyn Buffington, of Gaffstown, New Hampshire. Was educated at Rusk Grammar, and Palestine High Schools, and Texas A & M College, College Sta. Entered the service May 18, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Oklahoma, etc.; served in the United States 20 months and again from July, 1945, to date; overseas 4 months, in ETO. He was awarded: ATO Medal, European Theater Ribbon, 2 Battle Stars, Victory. He is at present pilot with A. A. Force, and at time of writing, with O.R.D.-A.A.F., Greensboro, N.C.

Pfc J. E. Holmes, born Nov. 27, 1924, son of J. E. Holmes, Sr., 2802 La Branch, Houston, was educated at Elkhart Grammar and High Schools, Texas; volunteered Dec. 2, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the 3rd Marine Div.; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States 13 months, and overseas 11 months, in Asiatic-Pacific Areas, New Caledonia; Solomon Islands; Mariana Islands; Hawaiian Islands. Participated in action at Guam. He was injured in line of duty. Prior to his enlistment, Pfc Holmes was employed as Clerk of General Office M-O. P.R.R. Honorably discharged Dec. 3, 1945.

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1st Lt. WARREN GEORGE, JR.

1st Lt. Warren George, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren George, Sr., Palestine, Texas, was born June 9, 1920, in Palestine, and attended Texas A & M, College Station. He volunteered November 11, 1941, at Dallas, for the Army Air Force; trained at Kelly, Perrin and Lubbock Army Air Fields in Texas, also at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He was promoted from Co-Pilot to First Pilot December 8, 1942. Lt. George began overseas duty September, 1942, in the European Theater of Operations where he served with the 8th Air Force stationed in England. Participated in combat raids over France, Germany, Belgium and Holland. While over Bremen, Germany, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in combat mission April 17, 1943. The Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart in recognition of his life given in the service of his country. Lt. George faithfully served his country in peace and war.



#### Y 1/c CRAFTON M. REID

Y 1/c Crafton Maurice Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Reid, of Palestine, Texas, was born May 17, 1922. At 20 years of age, on Sept. 5, 1942, he enlisted in the Navy, and was sent to Norfolk, Va., Camp Pendleton, Calif., and USN A.B.P.D. in San Bruno, Calif., for training. In Dec., 1944, he went overseas with the Asiatic-Pacific Fleet, and participated in the Philippine campaign. Besides this campaign ribbon he holds one for the American Theater and one for the Asiatic-Pacific, also the Good Conduct and Victory Awards. He returned to the United States on the 11th of May, 1946, and six days later was honorably discharged from the service. Prior to enlistment he was employed by Paramount Electric Company in Dallas as a cost accountant.



CW/O RALPH H. IRVINE, SR.



Pvt. RALPH H. IRVINE, JR.

Chief Warrant Officer Ralph Hardin Irvine, Sr., birthdate October 9, 1903, is the husband of Inez Aber Irvine, Palestine, Texas, and son of R.J. Irvine, Houston. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, and volunteered December, 1942, for the Naval Seabees, training at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia. From February, 1942, to July, 1945, he served in the Pacific Theater where he was stationed as Construction Engineer for 18 months on the Hawaiian Islands. He then transferred to the Marianas where he participated in the Liberation and Occupation of Guam. His awards include Campaign Ribbon with Battle Star. Inactivated Sept., 1945.

Pvt. Ralph Hardin Irvine, Jr., was born August 19, 1926, in Texas, son of Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Ralph H. Irvine, Sr., 1208 Lamar Street, Palestine, Texas. He attended the Palestine Elementary and High School, and was a student at Texas A & M, College Station, when he voluntarily entered the Army Air Corps February of 1945. Pvt. Irvine trained and served at Keesler Field, Mississippi, Luke Field, Arizona, and at the cessation of hostilities was discharged from the Air Corps to return and complete his education at Texas A & M. His father also served for the United States as Chief Warrant Officer in the Seabees.



\*1st Lt. ROBERT D. BOYD

1st Lt. Robert Dale Boyd, born Aug. 21, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Boyd, Palestine, Texas, and husband of Pauline E. Boyd, Charlotte, N. C., volunteered Nov. 1, 1940, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly, Cuero, Perrin, and Ellington Air Fields in Texas. Lt. Boyd began overseas duty Sept., 1942, serving in the invasions and campaigns of Italy, North Africa, Sicily, and dropped supplies to patriots in Greece and Yugoslavia. He was one of the six from his Transport Command chosen to fly missions in behalf of the Cairo and Tehran Conference. May 14, 1944, while in close formation training flight in Italy, he lost his life preparatory to the So. France Invasion. The Air Medal-three Oak Leaf Clusters and D.F.C. with Cluster were awarded. Lt. Boyd faithfully served his country and was a credit to the Armed Forces.

#### F/O NATHAN G. BOYD

Flight Officer Nathan George Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Boyd, 1803 N. Jackson, Palestine, Texas, was born July 27, 1922, a native of Texas, and husband of Geraldine Boyd, also of Palestine. He entered service October 28, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, training in the States. October, 1944, he was appointed Flight Officer, later served from April, 1945, to May, 1946, in the European Theater in England, France and Germany; was Navigator for B-17Bomber, a late replacement in the 8th Air Command in England; transferred to Air Transport October, 1945. His awards include Campaign Ribbons, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals.



#### S/Sgt. JAMES V. ALEXANDER

S/Sgt. James Vernon Alexander was born February 4, 1926, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Alexander, Palestine, Texas; entered service April 27, 1944, with the Army 765th Railway Shop Battalion, training at Camp Plauche, Louisiana, Camp Millard, Ohio, and Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Sgt. Alexander began overseas duty December, 1944, in the European-African-Middle East Theater where he participated in the Battle of Rhineland; served in England, France, and Germany. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, EAME Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the American Theater Ribbon. After returning to the States June, 1945, he was granted discharge May 20, 1946.

#### Sgt. MILTON G. ALEXANDER

Sgt. Milton Gordon Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Alexander, Palestine, Texas, was born May 24, 1921, in Texas, husband of Marjorie Jane Alexander of the same city. He volunteered February 24, 1941, for the Army 31st Infantry Division; served from April, 1941, to October, 1945, in the Pacific Theater where he trained in Manila; later participated in the battles for Corregidor and Bataan. Sgt. Alexander was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese and held in the Philippines and in Japan from April 22, 1942, to September, 1945. The Purple Heart was awarded for head wounds received in combat on Bataan April 8, 1942; also Pres. Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and Philippine Defense Bar, three Battle Stars, and various other awards. Remained in service.

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## \*1st Lt. JAMES H. COUCH

1st Lt. James Harrison Couch was born December 2, 1921, in Ore City, Texas, husband of Omarie Cowsar Couch, Henderson, Texas, formerly of Cayuga, Texas, and son of Mrs. H. M. Couch, Ore City. He attended Gilmer, Texas, High School and business college in Longview, Texas. He was an accountant with the East Texas Plumbing Supply Company in Longview prior to his voluntary entry into the Armed Forces May 24, 1942, at Tyler, Texas. Lt. Couch was assigned to the Army Air Corps, training at the Santa Ana, Chico, Eagle Field, and Stockton Army Air Fields. Received his commission as pilot August 29, 1943, at Stockton Field. After completion of training, he was stationed as an instructor at Yuma Army Air Field for eighteen months, training gunners and B-17 co-pilots. While on a routine training flight in a B-29 type plane, Lt. Couch paid the Supreme Sacrifice when his plane crashed June 30, 1945, at Carlsbad, New Mexico. A daughter, Jimmie Karen, also survives.

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#### 1st Lt. WILLIAM E. WESTFALL

1st Lieut. William E. Westfall, son of Mrs. W.E. Westfall, formerly of Rusk, Texas, and now of Austin, Texas, where she is with the Social Service Work, was born in Rusk. He attended the University of Texas for two years and was on the editorial staff of THE DAILY TEXAN. After attending school here, he went to UCLA, Calif., where he studied industrial design until Pearl Harbor, when he came back to Texas and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He got his wings in Sept., 1942, at Brooks Field, and then served in the EAME Theater, where he succeeded in distinguishing himself with A-36 aircraft. He served in 50 combat missions over the Mediterranean Area and was awarded the Air Medal five times, and was also given the award of the DFC.



Maj. WILLIAM R. FALLIN, JR.



Lt. FRANCIS R. MILLER

Maj. W. R. Fallin, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Covington, 523 Dallas St., Jacksonville, was born Oct. 8, 1921. He was educated at Jacksonville High School, and A & M College, Bryan, Texas. He volunteered Jan. 28, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Tarrant Field, Fort Worth, Texas. Served in the United States 35 months, and overseas 15 months, in South Pacific and Southwest Pacific. Battles of Solomons, Tarawa, Yap, and Truk. He received the following awards: Air Medal 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, and 2 Presidential Citations. He was discharged on March 24, 1946.

Lt. Francis R. Miller, born Nov. 2, 1905, son of Mrs. C. O. Miller, Sr., of Palestine, married Yvonne Kemp, of Brisbane, Australia, and was educated at Palestine Grammar and High Schools, and Texas Univ., Austin. Volunteered Oct. 18, 1941; assigned to Navy (Photographic); trained at N.A.S., Pensacola, Fla. Overseas4 years and 4 months, in Iceland, Greenland, Russia, Australia, Carolines, Gilberts, New Guinea, New Hebrides, Marianas, Admiralties, Philippines, Ryukyu, (since surrender of Japs) on duty S.W. Pacific, basing Australia, wind up photographic work. Awards: ETO, ATO, Asiatic Pac., 4 Stars, Phil. Lib., 2 Stars, Merit Citation and Ribbon. Discharged August, 1946.

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Ens. JACK A. CAWTHON

Ensign Jack Allen Cawthon, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cawthon, 927 South Bonner Ave., Jacksonville, Texas, wasborn May 16, 1924, in Texas. Attended and graduated from the Jacksonville Schools, and was a student at the University of Texas in Austin prior to his voluntary entry November 5, 1942, into the U.S. Navy, Aeronautical Branch. He trained at Ithaca, New York, and Philadelphia Navy Yard, and began overseas duty April, 1945, in the South Pacific Area, off the Coast of Okinawa and the Islands of Japan. Also served in the Aleutian Islands. Ensign Cawthon participated with the 3rd Fleet in the Battle of Okinawa, serving as Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer on the Carrier USS Manila Bay. His awards include Campaign Ribbon with the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge June 30, 1946. Ensign Cawthon is husband of Dorothy Chumley Cawthon,726 N. Moore, Tyler, Texas.

#### Cpl. CHARLES F. McARTHUR

Cpl. Charles F. McArthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McArthur, of Jacksonville, Texas, was born on New Year's Day, 1924. On Nov. 6, 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps at Tyler, Texas, and was sent to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., for training. After one year of service in the U.S.A., he was sent to England and France, from which places he participated in the air combatover Europe. He also saw action in the Battle of Rhineland, GO 40, WD 45. He came through without being wounded, and his awards are: EAME; Amer. Thea.; Good Conduct; Marksman 50 Cal.MG 43; Marksman MI Rifle 30 Cal.43; Victory. He was honorably discharged from service on Nov. 29, 1945.



Sgt. JAMES E. NUNNALLY



Cpl. HENRY G. ELLIOTT, JR.

Sgt. J. E. Nunnally, son of Mrs. G. R. Nunnally, Sr., Jacksonville, was born April 20, 1942. Attended Morris Junior College, Jacksonville; entered the service on Feb. 27, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces; trained at Scott Field, Illinois. He served in the United States for 2 years, and was overseas from Feb. 26, 1944, until Nov. 14, 1945. In China, India, and Tinian Is. In Battles: China; Central Burma; and India Burma. Air Offensives: on Japan; and on Sumatra. Medals Awarded: Dist. Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific, 5 Br. Stars, ATO Ribbon, Victory, and Good Conduct Medal. With 40th Bomb. Grp. Discharged Nov. 24, 1945.

Cpl. H. G. Elliott, son of Mrs. G. Elliott, Sr., 500 Georgia Ave., Jacksonville, was born Aug. 29, 1924. He attended Texas A & M College, College Station, Texas. Entered the service on April 6, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Keesler Field, Miss., and Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas, etc. Served in the United States for 20 months, and overseas 10 months. In New Guinea, Biak Island, Philippine Islands, Okinawa, and Japan. He received the Asiatic Ribbon, 4 Battle Stars, Philippine Ribbon, 1 Star, and Good Conduct Medal. Cpl. Elliott was honorably discharged on Dec. 2, 1945.





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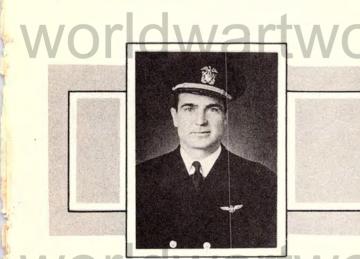
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1st Lt. WILLIAM T. WISENER

1st Lt. JACK K. WISENER

lst Lt. William Turner Wisener, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wisener of Wells, and husband of Clydelle Wisener, of Garland, was born June 6, 1920. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on June 15, 1942, and was trained at Big Spring, in the Bombardier School. From Feb. to June, 1943, and again from March, 1944, to March, 1945, he served overseas in the Panama Canal Zone and the China-Burma-India Theater. In an air battle over Mukden he suffered ear injuries caused by loss of oxygen. He participated in the first B-29 daylight raid over Japan. Besides campaign ribbons, he holds the Air Medal with 1 OLC. Released on June 10, 1945.

lst Lt. Jack King Wisener, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wisener, and husband of Beatrice W. Wisener, of Wells, Texas, was born June 3, 1921. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on Nov. 10, 1941, at Dallas, and was trained at Page Field, Ft. Myers, Fla. On Dec. 30, 1942, he went overseas to the Southwest Pacific and was in the battle of the Bismarck Sea. He was taken prisoner of war June, 1943, and was held in enemy camps in Rabaul and in Tokyo, until Aug., 1945. For 10 months his family had no word of him. In Oct., 1945, he returned to the U. S. A. He holds campaign ribbons and the Air Medal with 1 OLC, also the Purple Heart. He was released from service on June 3, 1946.



Lt. THOMAS E. COSPER

Pyt. JIMMIE H. CONE

Lt. T. E. Cosper, born July 8, 1920, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Cosper, Alto, Texas. He was educated at Alto Grammar and High Schools, Kilgore Junior College, and North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton. Entered the service on May 6, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, was assigned to the Navy Air Corps; trained at Hensley Field, Dallas, and Corpus Christi, Texas. Served in the United States from May 6, 1942, until December 15, 1945. Was Commissioned a Lieutenant. Prior to his enlistment in the United States Navy(Aviation Branch), Lt. Cosper was a college student. He was given an honorable discharge Dec. 15, 1945.

Pvt. J. H. Cone, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cone, Jacksonville, born Nov. 7, 1907, married Cecile Tipton, 1609 S. Jackson St., Jacksonville. Entered the service on April 4, 1944, and was assigned to the Army Inf.; trained at Camp J. T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.; served in the United States 5 months, and overseas 1 year, in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany (Rhineland and Ardennes-Battles.) Hospitalized 3 months, hands and feet frostbitten-bilateral. Medals awarded: 2 Br. Ser. Stars., Good Con., Combat Inf. Badge, EAME, 2 O'seas Stripes, Victory, Merit. Ser. Unit Plaque. Pvt. Cone received an honorable discharge Nov. 11, 1945.





\*T/Sgt. VOLLIE B. DICKEY

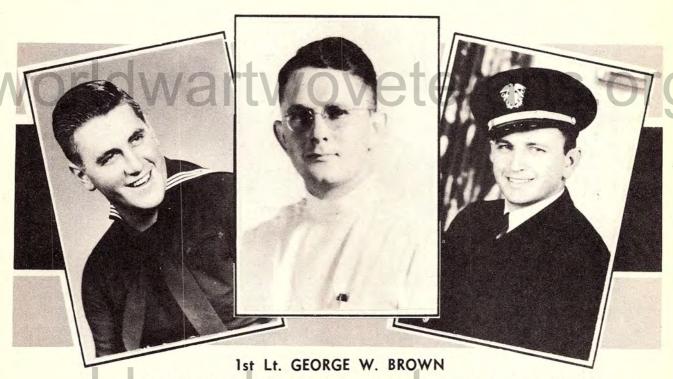
AOM 1/c RAY L. DICKEY

Sons of John R. and Ora L. Dickey, Maydelle, Texas.

T/Sgt. VOLLIE B. DICKEY, birthdate September 11, 1916, in Texas, volunteered February, 1942, for the Army Air Force, 95th Bomb Group, training at Sheppard Field, Texas, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Rapid City, S. C. He began overseas duty April, 1943, at a base in England, from where he participated in the air offensive over Europe. On July 26, 1943, Sgt. Dickey was reported "Missing in Action" over Hanover, Germany; later presumed to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice. The Air Medal, Purple Heart and Battle Stripes were awarded posthumously.

Pvt. OLLIE D. DICKEY, twin of T/Sgt. Vollie B. Dickey, volunteered February, 1941, for the Army Service Unit Station, training at Ft. Crockett and Camp Wolters. Pvt. Dickey was hospitalized for two months and then granted disability discharge September 8, 1941.

AOM 1/c RAY LEE DICKEY, born July 26, 1925, volunteered December 11, 1942, at Houston for the U.S. Navy, training at San Diego and San Francisco, Calif. He served for twenty-one months in the Pacific Theater at Bougainville, Okinawa, Leyte and Truk, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Awards. After returning to the States, he was granted Naval discharge November 6, 1945.



PM 3/c FRANK H. BROWN

Lt. (jg) WILLIS G. BROWN

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, Jacksonville, Texas.

PM 3/c FRANK HAYES BROWN, born July 5, 1927, in Texas, attended Baylor University, and volunteered June, 1945, for the Navy Hospital Corps, training at San Diego, Calif. His total duty was served in the States, and after one year and a half, discharge was granted on January 15, 1947.

1st Lt. GEORGE WILLIAM BROWN, born September 9, 1921, is the husband of Jane Mosley Brown, Dallas, Texas. He graduated from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and volunteered January 1, 1944, at Dallas for the Army Technical Training Program, training at Southwestern Medical School and Baylor University. Lt. Brown has been assigned as 1st Lieutenant, Medical Corps, William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas, where he is currently stationed.

Lt. (jg) WILLIS GATES BROWN, husband of Sybil Weatherby Brown, Jacksonville, Texas, was born September 7, 1916. Received his education in the Jacksonville Schools and Baylor University. He volunteered October 12, 1941, at Dallas for the Naval Air Corps. Trained at Naval Air Bases in Grand Prairie, Texas, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Atlanta, Georgia. He entered service as Ensignand promoted to Lieutenant junior grade. Lt. Brown was discharged from Naval duty November 12, 1944.

1. —SGT. GEORGE PROCTOR ARNOLD, born Feb. 15, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Arnold of Mt. Selman, Texas. Volunteered for service July 18, 1940, in the Army 1st Cavalry Division. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Camp Young, Ft. Clark, Camp Sutton, and Camp Hill, Va. Served overseas from May, 1943, to Aug., 1945, in Austria, New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, Southern Philippines and Luzon. Awarded Unit Citation, 1 Bronze Star, 4 Battle Stars, and 2 Liberation Stars. Discharged Aug. 21, 1945.

—SGT. ELMO MARCELLUS ARNOLD, son of Mr. and Mrs.
 C. C. Arnold of Mt. Selman, Texas. Entered service March 10, 1942, in the Army 422 Tech. Sch. Sq. Trained at Sheppard Field, Amarillo, Texas, and Kearns, Utah. Served overseas from April, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in China, Eastern Mandates, Bismarck Archipleago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Luzon. Awarded Citation from Australian Army, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 21, 1945.

3. —SGT. FRANKLIN JAMES BRACE, born May 9, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Baxley of Jacksonville, Texas. Entered service Feb. 27, 1943, in the Army 8th Air Force. Trained at Harding Field, La. Served overseas from Nov., 1943, to July, 1945, in European Theater, and Africa. He received the American Theater, EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon, Was discharged Dec. 3, 1945. Attended Jacksonville High School.

4. -PFC LESLIE C. BRACE, born June 14, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Baxley of Jacksonville, Texas. Entered service April 6, 1942, in the Army 2nd Airdrome Sq. Served overseas from June 27, 1943, to Nov. 19, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Philippines. He received Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Philippines He received Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star, 1 Service Stripe, 4 Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 3, 1945.

5. —CAPT. HAYDEN TURNER BROWN, born Oct. 7, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Brown of Jacksonville, Texas. Volunteered for service April 30, 1942, in the Army Air Corps. Served overseas from Oct. 4, 1943, to Feb. 13, 1944, in England, 8th Air Force. Wounded Sept. 5, 1943, on mission over Germany. He received the Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged July 12, 1946. Attended Lon Morris College, Jacksonville.

6. —C.M.2/c EDWIN WAYNE BROWN, born July 3, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Brown of Jacksonville, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 20, 1942, in the Navy 52nd Seablee Battalion. Trained at Camp Endicott, R.I., and Camp Holliday, Gulfport, Miss. Served overseas from Feb., 1943, to March, 1945, in North Pacific, and Central, and South Pacific. Awarded Citation in North Pacific, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged June 26, 1945.

7. -LT. (jg) HULON BRASIER BROWN, born July 8, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Brown of Jacksonville, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 8, 1942, in the Navy, as Line Officer, aboard ship. Trained at Chicago, Ill. Served overseas from Nov. 1, 1943, to Dec., 1945, in Atlantic, and Pacific Areas, and Okinawa, Japan. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 6, 1946. Completed his education at University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

8. —S1/c REBBIE FRANK DENTON, born June 17, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Denton of Rusk, Texas. Volunteered for service June 13, 1944, in the Navy Mine Craft. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from April 5, 1945, to March 5, 1946, in Pacific Areas: Hawaiian, Marianas, Marshall Islands, Okinawa, and Sasebo, Japan. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged March 12, 1946. Attended Central Consolidated High.

9. — CPL. JAMES DILL BERRYMAN, JR., born Aug., 15, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Berryman, and brother of Mrs. Ray Ginn. Entered service Feb., 1943, at San Antonio, Texas. In the Army Military Police. Trained at Fort Riley, Kansas. Served overseas from April, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium, and Germany. He received 1 Bronze Star for heroic action at Ludendorf Bridge in Remagen, Germany, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon.

10.—CPL. HAROLD LEE GRAY, born April 11, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gray of Jacksonville, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 9, 1940, in the Army 2nd Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Sept., 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Germany. Battles of Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe, and Northern France. Awarded European Campaign Medalwith 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Sept., 1945.

11.—PVT. EDGAR NOBLE LITTLE, born April 17, 1910. Son of Elder and Mrs. W. H. Little of Jacksonville, Texas. Entered service Oct. 30, 1942, in the Army Infantry 3rd Division. Trained at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas. Served overseas from April, 1943, to Feb., 1944, in Tunisian, African, Sicilian and Italian Campaigns. Wounded in Italy on Nov. 1, 1943. Awarded EAME Theater, 3 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, and Good Conduct. Discharged July 17, 1944. Brother of Mrs. Wesley Grav of Jacksonville.

12.—PFC EDNA WALLACE, born Dec. 25, 1923. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gray of Jacksonville, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 4, 1944, at Houston, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. Served in the United States from February 4, 1944, to October 8, 1945, at Patterson Field, Ohio, and Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. She received the American Defense Medal, and World War 11 Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 8, 1945.

\*13.—S/SGT. ALLISON KING, JR., born July 5, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Allison King, Sr., of Alto, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 3, 1943, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, McDill Field, Tampa, Fla. Served overseas from Aug., 1944, to Oct., 1944, in Italy and Austria. Was shot down twice, and last time paid the Supreme Sacrifice Oct. 13, 1944, over Vienna, Austria, on 23rd mission. Awarded Air Medal 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Citation of Honor, Presidential Citation, and Purple Heart.

14.—CPhM DAVID CECIL McLAUGHLIN, husband of Mrs. Ruby Green McLaughlin, Volunteered for service Sept. 1, 1942, in the 6th Marine Division Field Hosp. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Served overseas 23 months in Asiatic Pacific, American Theater, European Theater, and Okinawa. Wounded in combat on Okinawa. Awarded Purple Heart, Navy Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 16, 1945

15.—RADARMAN 3/c CLIFFORD DURWOOD PRICE, born Sept. 8, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Price of Rusk, Texas. Entered service Nov. 6, 1943, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in South Pacific, North Pacific, China, Asiatic Pacific; battles of Okinawa, Kyushu, Hokkaido, and Japan. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged April 7, 1946. Attended Rusk, Texas, High School.

16.—S1/c ROBERT DAVID ROBBINS, born Aug. 8, 1920, Husband of Mrs. Maurice Robbins of Alto, Texas. Volunteered for service March 9, 1944, in the Navy Amphibious. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Dec., 1944; to Jan., 1946, in Southwest Pacific, and battle of Okinawa aboard USS Eastland. He received American Theater, Asiatic Pacific Theater with 1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation, 1 Star, Amphibious Force Insignia, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged January 21, 1946.

17.—2ND LT. JOHN DAVIS ROBERTS, born Aug. 21, 1913. Son of Mrs. Mae Roberts of Denver, Colo. Entered service May, 1943, in Army Hospital Division, X-ray Technician. Served overseas from Oct., 1945, to June, 1946, 40 miles from Calcutta, India, 369 Sta. Hospital, Tinian, and 22nd Sta. Hospital, Saipan. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Still serving in 22nd Station Hospital on Saipan. Attended Jefferson Military College, Natchez, Miss.

18.—SHIP COOK3/c G, W, WARD, born Feb. 8; 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Ward of Ponta, Texas. Volunteered for service in the Navy. Trained at Camp Peary. Served overseas from Sept. 18, 1944, to Feb. 24, 1946, in New Guinea, South Pacific, Manus, Treasury, and Bougainville. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged April 22, 1946. Attended Grammar School at Summer Field, Texas. The family home is located on Rt. 1, Box 128, Ponta.

19.-T/5 J. T. WARD, born Feb. 15, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Ward of Ponta, Texas. Entered service March 18, 1943, in the Army 43rd Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Served overseas from Oct., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in South Pacific, New Guinea, Northern Solomons, and Luzon. Wounded in left leg. Awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. Discharged, Nov., 1945.

20.-M.O.M.M.2/c AUBARY CECIL WARD, born March 19, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Ward of Ponta, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 14, 1943, in the Navy. Trained at Camp Peary, Va. Served overseas from Sept. 13, 1943, to Jan. 10, 1946, in South Pacific. Battles of Saipan, Luzon, Leyte, Samar, and Philippines. Wounded in left knee. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged January 18, 1946.



#### Capt. ALTON R. ALLEN

Capt. Alton Rew (Cotton) Allen, son of Mrs. W.G. Allen, of Rusk, Texas, was born March 1, 1913, and entered service in the Army on March 5, 1941, at Ft. Sam Houston. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry, and was trained at Fort Clark, Texas, and Camp Lee, Va., after which he served in Europe for nearly two years, from Dec., 1943, to Nov., 1945. He participated in the battles of Rhineland, Ardennes, Northern France, and Central Germany. His awards are: American Defense; ETO, 4 Stars; Pre-Pearl Harbor; Victory. On Jan. 23, 1946, he was released from active service, but in June of the same year he was called back to active duty to serve again as a captain in the Army. He is the brother of Miss Beaulah M. Allen of 1112 Henderson St., Rusk.



S/Sgt. WILLIAM E. BUTLER

S/Sgt. FOREST B. ELLIOTT, JR.

S/Sgt. W. E. Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butler, of Rusk, was born May 12, 1916, husband of Mary Ruth Butler, Barron. He received his education at Rusk Grammar and High Schools, and Lon Morris Junior College, Jacksonville. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, and was assigned to the Army 36th Division; trained at Camp Bowie, Blanding, and Camp Edwards; served in the United States for 29 months, and overseas 14 months, in N. Africa and Italy. Participated in Salerno Invasion, Naples-Foggia, Rapido River, Cassino. He was twice wounded. Awarded: ATO Medal, American Def., EAME, 2 Stars, Good Con., Clasp, Purple Heart, O.L. Cluster. Discharged Sept. 1, 1945.

S/Sgt. F. B. Elliott, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Elliott, Sr., So. Ragsdale St., Jacksonville, and husband of Mary Louise Elliott. He was educated at East Side Grammar, Jacksonville High Schools, and A&M College, College Station. Entered the service on Jan. 26, 1943, at Tyler, Texas; was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Camp Pinedale, Calif., Omaha, Neb., Camp Crowder, Mo., Camp Wolters, Texas, St. Petersburg, Fla., Fort Meade, Md. Served in the United States 21 months, and overseas 16 months, in North Africa, Italy (Battle of N. Apennines) France and Germany. Promoted to S/Sgt. He was honorably discharged Feb. 22, 1946.





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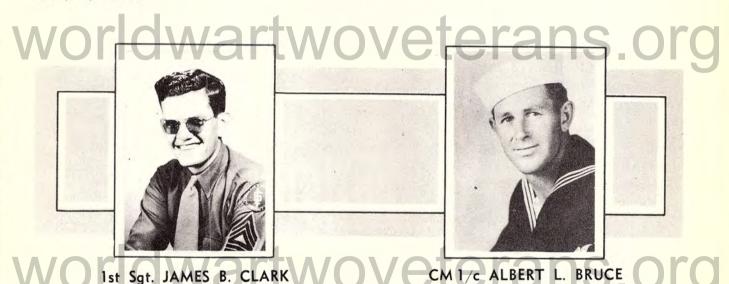
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Comdr. WILLIE M. DICKEY

T/Sgt. JAMES R. HOOPER

Com'dr W. M. Dickey, son of Mrs. C. M. Dickey of Rusk, husband of Patricia R. Dickey, Oakland, Calif., was born May 1, 1911. Graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, 1934, when he joined the U.S. Navy Air Corps; was assigned to U.S.S. Northampton, 9 months later to Destroyer U.S.S. Zane. He was Air O. to commission U.S.S. White Plains (Air Craft Carrier); later he became Executive O. of this one of six C.V.E's. afterwards taken by Japs, off Samar Island in Pacific Campaigns. White Plains was almost fatally crippled by Jap suicide raid. Result: 11 wounded, none killed. Medals Awarded: Air Medal, Pres. U. Citation, 5 Stars, Phil. Lib. 1 Star, ATO, American Def. 1 Star, Victory, Expert Pistol.

T/Sgt. J. R. Hooper was born March 18, 1910, son of Mr. G. Hooper, Turney, hus band of Lila Rae Hooper, Route #1, Rusk. He received his education at Athens Grammar and High Schools, and entered the service Dec. 17, 1942, at Tyler, Texas; was assigned to the Army 7th, 45th Div.; trained at Fort Knox, Ky. Served in the United States 5 months, and overseas from June 1, 1943, to Nov. 11, 1945, in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, and Austria. He received following medals: Good Con., ETO, 5 Bat. Stars, Marksman, Unit Citation, and American Defense Ribbon. Served in 7th and 5th Armies. He was discharged Nov. 28, 1945.



lst Sgt. J. B. Clark, son of Mrs. Pearl Clark, born Dec. 18, 1922, husband of Wilma Clark, Poplar Bluff, Mo. Educated at Rusk High School, and Texas Technological College of Lubbock. Volunteered Dec. 16, 1941, at Tyler, Texas. He was assigned to the Marines 3rd and 6th Division; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States 24 months; overseas 24 months, in the South and Central Pacific Areas, assault and capture of Bougainville, also assault and capture of Guam. He was wounded at Guam, 1944. Awards: Purple Heart, 3 Stars, Good Con., Navy and Pres. Unit Citations. Discharged Jan. 30, 1945.

C.M.1/c A. L. Bruce, son of P. F. Bruce, Brownfield, born April 12, 1908, husband of Cora Porterfield, 2619-26th St., Lubbock. Volunteered for service on Nov. 18, 1942, Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Camp Endicott, R.I. Served in the United States for 16 months, and over seas 20 months, in Scotland, England, and Ireland, France, and Hawaiian Islands. Awarded the following Medals: ATO, Asiatic Pacific, Good Conduct, and EAME Theater, and World War 2 Victory. Prior to his enlistment C.M.1/c Bruce was employed with W. Smith, Wholesale Gro., Lubbock. Discharged Nov. 19, 1945.









Capt. HUGH E. WANDEL

Rdm2/c W. A. Hanna, born Aug. 5, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hanna, 718 Lone Oak St., Rusk. He was educated at Rusk Grammar and High Schools, Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College, Nacogdoches. Volunteered for service on November 13, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy Amphibious Forces; trained at San Diego, Naval Training Station, California. Served in the United States 6 months, and overseas 19 months, in Asiatic Pacific Theater. In invasion and reinforcement of Marianas, invasion of Peleliu Island, invasion and reinforcement of Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa. Discharged, April 17, 1946.

Capt. H. E. Wandel, born July 5, 1916, son of Mrs. Gaye Wandel, Rusk, husband of Patricia M. Wandel, 3218 01/2 Street, Galveston. Educated at Austin Grammar, San Antonio. Graduated from Abilene High, McMurray College, Abilene, and Draughon's Business College. Volunteered July 7, 1937; assigned to Army Coast Art. Corps; trained at Fort Crockett, Texas. Served in the United States 3 years and 4 months, and overseas 5 years in Pacific Theater, Philippine Area. Battles: Bataan and Corregidor. POW Camps Cabanatuan, P. I. Hosakura, Japan, Formosa, from May 6, 1942, to Sept. 14, 1945. Awarded: Silver and Bronze Stars, Purple H. In CAC Ft. Crockett.



A.M.M.2/c D. C. Vining, born Dec. 21, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Vining, Mt. Selmon, was educated at Jacksonville High School. Volunteered on December 13, 1942, at Dallas; assigned to Naval Aviation; trained at Naval Training Sta., and Naval Air Tech. Served in the United States 24 months, and overseas 13 months, in Central Pacific, and Southwest Pacific Areas. Battles: Lingayen Gulf, and Okinawa. Promotions: from App/S., to S2/c, to S1/c, to A.M.M.3/c, then A.M.M. 2/c. He received the Commanding Officer Citation in Central Pacific. A.M.M.2/c Vining was attending college prior to his enlistment. He was honorably discharged Jan. 31, 1946.

2nd Lt. R. L. Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Tucker, 501 N. Bolton St., Jacksonville, was born Sept. 20, 1920. Educated at Joe Wright Grammar and Jacksonville High Schools, and A&M College, College Sta. Volunteered in Aug., of 1941, and entered the service in Nov. at San Antonio; assigned to the Army 74th Bomb. Sq.; trained at Kelly Replacement Center, and various other fields and camps. He was lost in Latin America, on routine flight. He was flying a 4 motor bomber in March of 1943; changed to fighter in order to go on into Japan; had trained in fighter 3 weeks when he and 3 others were caught in storm. The 3 were found, but not Raymond.

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T/Sgt. R. D. Brown was born August 25, 1916, in Alto, Texas, son of Mrs. Reppie Brown, 204 West Palestine, Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas. He graduated from the Rusk Public Schools, and entered the Armed Forces September 14, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served from May, 1943, to March, 1944, in the Southwest Pacific Theater with the 5th Air Force as radio operator and gunner. Sgt. Brown began overseas duty again September, 1944, in the European Theater of War with the 9th Air Force on a B-26 type of plane, also as radio operator and gunner. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice while in combat service January 5, 1945, over Germany. His awards include Citation of Honor, Purple Heart, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, all in memory of his faithful and gallant service in the Army Air Corps during the war emergency of his country.







Cpl. MAYO C. STARKEY

M.O.M.M.l/c Wm. N. Shattuck, born Jan. 27, 1915, son of Mrs. James A. Shattuck, Alto, was educated at Alto Grammar, Allen Military Academy, and Tyler Com. College, Alto, Bryan, and Tyler, Texas. Volunteered on March 3, 1942, at Houston, and was assigned to the U.S.S.-L.S.T.-467, trained at U.S.N.T.S., San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States 21 months, and overseas 20 months, in S. and S.W. Pacific. Battles: D-Day Landings, Lae, Finschhaven, New Guinea; Cape Gloucester, New Britain; Hollandia, Aitape, Dutch New Guinea; Wake Is., Biak, etc., Halmahera Grp. of Is., Leyte, Philippines. Awarded: 5 Br. Stars, ATO, Asiatic Pac., and Phil. Lib. Discharged, Aug. 22, 1945.

Cpl. M. C. Starkey, born Nov. 1, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Starkey, Percilla, husband of Irene Starkey, Rusk, was educated at Denison Springs Grammar and Palestine High Schools, and Jackson-ville Jr. College. Entered the service May 13, 1942, at Tyler; assigned to the Army 31st Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, etc. Served in the United States 22 months; overseas 20 months, in New Guinea, Morotai, Dutch East Indies, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. Awarded: ATO, Asiatic Pac. 3 Br. Stars, 1 Br. Arrowhead, Philippine Lib., 1 Br. Star, Good Con., and Victory Medals, 1 Service Stripe, and 3 Overseas Service Bars. Discharged, Dec., 1945.



M/Sgt. RAYMOND G. TAYLOR

T/Sgt. JOHN T. WATSON, JR.

M/Sgt. R. G. Taylor, born Dec. 18, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Taylor, Route 3, Jacksonville, husband of Lavern H. Taylor, 901 W. Larissa, Jacksonville, attended New Hope High School, Jacksonville. Entered the service June 12, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to Army Ordnance; trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Camp Bowie, Texas. Served in the United States 11 months, and overseas, 29 months, in New Guinea, India, Burma, S. Philippines (Liberation) Luzon. Awards: Asiatic Pac. 3 Br. Stars, Philippine Lib., 1 Br. Star, Good Conduct. M/Sgt. Taylor was railway chief storekeeper; supervising receipts, inspections, storage, etc. Discharged, Dec. 12, 1945.

T/Sgt. J. T. Watson, Jr., born Aug. 9, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Watson, Sr., Maydelle, husband of Hollis Watson, Turney, was educated at Maydelle Grammar and Jacksonville High Schools, and Biarritz University, France. Volunteered May 13, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Corps of Engrs., A.U.S. Trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Served in the United States 18 months and overseas 25 months, in England, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Belgium, Austria. Battles: Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, and C. Europe. He was wounded in Germany in 1945. Awarded: EAME Medal, 4 Br. Stars, Good Conduct, ATO, Victory Merit. C. Discharged, Dec. 6, 1945.

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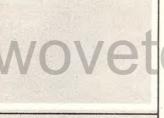
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\*Wing Commander LANCE C. WADE

Wing Commander Lance C. Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Wade, Reklaw, Cherokee County, Texas, was born November 18, 1916, in San Augustine County, Texas. He graduated from the Reklaw Schools, and attended University of Arizona. Later served as Farming-Soil Conservation employee with the U.S. Government, prior to his voluntary entry in the year 1940 with the Royal Air Force. After training at Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and in Ottawa, Ontario, he began overseas duty May, 1941. Participated in the Battle for Britain, North African Campaign, Invasion of Sicily and Italian Campaign. Wing Commander Wade paid the Supreme Sacrifice on January 12, 1944, in Southern Italy, as result of air accident behind enemy lines. He held the title of Ace Pilot of the R.A.F. and Middle East, and was officially credited with the destruction of 25 enemy aircraft and many others damaged. The D.F.C. was awarded with two Bars, also Distinguished Service Order.









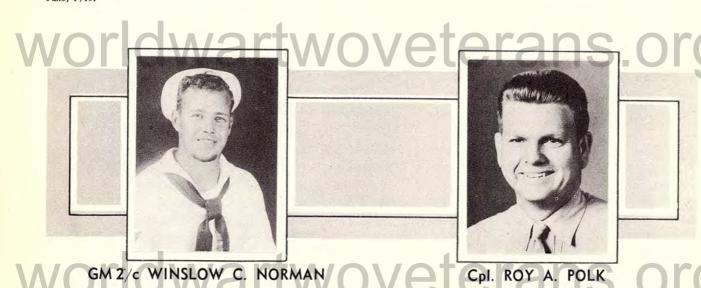
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1st Lt. JAMES M. JACKSON

\*Sgt. DWIGHT L. MONROE

lst Lt. J.M. Jackson, born Jan. 22, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Jackson, husband of Eleanor F. Jackson, all of Jacksonville, attended University of Texas, Austin. Enlisted in Army Air Corps; received primary flight training at Mira Loma, Oxnard, Calif.; overseas 9 months; took no part in major battles except pre-invasion softening up. On D-Day most heavy bombers were grounded due to bad weather conditions. Awarded: Air Medal, 4 O.L.C., Dist. Flying Cross, ETO, 2 Stars. The 36th B. Grp. of 8th A. Force in which he served worked with "FFI" (French Underground); they did low alt. bombing, flying B-24s, solo missions dropping supplies at night to spies. Discharged, June. 1945.

Sgt. D. L. Monroe, born Dec. 28, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Monroe, Route 3, Rusk, married Betty J. Munroe, 8622 Daytonia St., Dallas 18, Texas. Educated at Rusk Grammar and High Schools; volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, at Rusk. Was assigned to the Army 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas; served in the United States for 1 year and 10 months; overseas 5 months. Served in African and Italian Areas. Battles: Salerno, Hill 88. Promoted from Cpl. to Sgt. in 1942. Sgt. Monroe paid the Supreme Sacrifice in Italy. He was awarded the Good Conduct, and Purple Heart Medals. Died Sept. 16, 1943.



G.M.2/c W. C. Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Norman, Rusk, born July 21, 1924, husband of Jewel Norman, also of Rusk. Graduated from Rusk High School; volunteered for service on Jan. 12, 1943, at Tyler; assigned to the Navy Coast Guards on P.C.; trained at Great Lakes, Ill.; served in the United States from Jan. 12, 1943, to May of the same year, and overseas from May of 1943 to Feb. 16, 1946. Served on Atlantic 18 months, 16 months in Pacific; served around China Coast and was there when V-J Day came. He was promoted to Gunners Mate 2/c. Before he enlisted into the Army he was an employee of Rusk State Hospital. Discharged, Feb., 1946.

Cpl. R. A. Polk, born Oct. 6, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Polk, 614 Ft. Worth St., Jacksonville, husband of Eleanor D. Polk, 2402 Langdon St., Dallas. Attended Lon Morris Jr. College, Jacksonville, and S.F. Austin S.T.C., Nacogdoches. Volunteered May 22, 1943; was assigned to 4th Spl. Weapons, 4th Div. and 16th Anti-Aircraft Art. Bn., U.S. Marine Corps. Trained at San Diego Marine Base, Camps Pendleton and Niland. Served in the United States 8 months; overseas 20 months, in Roi-Namur, against the Japs, Okinawa, Tinian, and Oahu, Maui, Kauai, Marshalls, Ryukyu, Marianas, and Hawaiian Islands. Promoted from Pvt. to Pfc, then to Cpl. Discharged, Dec., 1945.





#### Lt. (U.S.N.R.) FLOYD R. HIGHTOWER

Lt. Floyd R. Hightower, husband of Myldred Allen Hightower, Dallas, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Hightower, Hillsboro, Texas, was born February 18, 1905. Attended Hillsboro High School and University of Chattanooga in Tennessee. Volunteered for service Oct. 15, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to Navy, Deck Officer. Trained at Tucson, Ariz. Served overseas from June, 1945, to December, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, and participated in the Battle of Okinawa. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Lt. Hightower received his discharge February 5, 1946, after serving his country three and one half years.



Maj. THURSTON R. QUALLS



WT 2/c HORACE G. ROUNTREE

Maj. T. R. Qualls, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Qualls, Hillsboro, Texas (Deceased) husband of Vivian Marie Curlee Qualls, 929 E. Walnut St., Hillsboro, was educated at Hill Co. Grammar and Hillsboro High Schools, and Texas A&M College, College Sta. Volunteered for service on Feb. 26, 1941, at Galveston, and was assigned to the Army Coast Art. Corps, and 54th, 56th, and 14th Coast Art. Reg't. Trained at Camp Davis, North Carolina. He served in the United States from Feb. 26, 1941, to March 1, 1946, in American Theater, S.E. Sector; S. Sector; N. W. Sector; N. Calif. Sector; S. Calif. Sector; W. Coastal Frontier, Old Mexico. Discharged Mar. 14, 1946.

W.T.2/c H.G. Rountree, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Rountree, born Jan. 16, 1910, husband of Murl N. Rountree, educated at Jacksonville Grammar and High Schools, entered the service on April 29, 1944, at Tyler, and was assigned to the Navy Engr. Branch. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Gulfport, Miss. Served in the United States from April 29, to September of 1944, and overseas from Sept., 1944, to December, 1945. He served in the Philippine Islands, and China and Japan. W.T.2/c was connected with the produce business prior to his enlistment to the United States Navy. He received an honorable discharge on December 10, 1945.

- 1. —C.M.1/c R. C. BALL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ball, and husband of Lillian Ball, all of Hillsboro, Texas, was born Nov. 9, 1909, in Oklahoma. Educated in McKinney, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 3, 1942, assigned to U.S.N.C.B. and trained at CampEndicott, Rhode Island. He served overseas from May 1, 1943, to Oct. 11, 1944, in the Aleutian Islands. Awarded Asiatic Pacific and American Theater with two Bronze Stars. Honorably discharged July 23,1945.
- \*2. —CPL, GRADY LEE ALLEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Allen, and brother of Mrs. R. C. Ball, both of Hillsboro, Texas, was born on Feb. 10, 1921. He volunteered for service in Jan. of 1940, assigned to 36th Div. Co. M. 142 Inf. and trained at Camps Bowie, Tex., Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Served overseas from April of 1943, to Feb. 11, 1944, in African Area in the Battles of Salerno and Cassino. Awarded the Purple Heart. Cpl. Allen was killed in the Battle of Cassino on Feb. 11, 1944.
- 3. —S/SGT. WALTER LEON BATTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Batton, Irene, Texas, husband of Ruth Batton, Hillsboro, Texas, was born March 3, 1913. Attended Hillsboro Jr. College. Entered Army 122 Signal Radio Intelligence on April 2, 1942, and trained at Fts. Monmouth, N.J. and Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas from Nov., 1942, to June, 1945, in Algeria French Morocco, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, and N. Apennines. Awarded EAME, 5 Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge. Discharged July 7, 1945.
- 4. —E.M.3/c FRANK MARVIN BRYANT, JR., was born Oct. 7, 1920, the husband of Mary Frances Bryant of Hillsboro, Texas. He attended Hillsboro Jr. College. Entered service on May 23, 1944, assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from May, 1945, to March, 1946, in American and European Theater with enemy submarine in Atlantic Ocean. Awarded Bronze Star, American and European Theater Ribbons. He was given an honorable discharge March 6, 1946.
- 5. —PFC BENJAMIN WARD FRANKLIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Franklin of Hillsboro, Texas, was born Sept. 26,1922. Volunteered for Army 1st Armored Div. on March 15, 1941; trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Overseas from May 31,1942, to Aug. 29, 1945, in Algeria French Morocco, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines, and Po Valley. Awarded EAME with 6 Stars, 1 Arrowhead, Italian Merit of War, American Defense and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged on September 4, 1945.
- \*6. -T/SGT. JOE D. FREELAND, JR., born June 6, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Freeland, Itasca, Texas, was educated in Dawson, Texas. Volunteered for Army Air Corps on July 1, 1941; trained at Jefferson Barracks, Chanute Field, Enid, Okla., Coffeyville, Kan., Pyote, Texas, and Dyersburg, Tenn. Overseas from Oct., 1943, to Feb., 1944, in N. Africa and Italy at Foggia. Awarded Air Medal with 4 Clusters. T/Sgt. Freeland was killed on February 25, 1944, at Hockburg, Austria.
- 7. —S/SGT. ARCHIE FRANK HALE, son of Mrs. Anna Hale of Hillsboro, Texas, and husband of Maggie Lorene Hale of Los Angeles, Calif., was born Jan. 2, 1913. Attended school at Hillsboro, Texas. He entered service June 10, 1942, assigned to Army 109th Evacuation Hosp., and trained at Camp Carson, Colo. Served overseas from March, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in England, Germany, and Czechoslovakia. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. S/Sgt. Hale was discharged on Dec. 10, 1945, from Camp Fannin.
- \*8. —PFC DONALD CLYDE ROGERS, son of Mrs. Eppie Rogers Haney, Hillsboro, Texas, born April 22, 1924, graduate of Hillsboro High School, entered 4th Marines on March 3, 1943, and trained at San Diego, Alameda, Pendleton, Occanside, Sinda Vista, and Elliott, Calif. He sailed to South Pacific in Dec. of 1943, and was in battles of Saipanand Guam. He received Good Conduct, Asiatic Pacific Campaign and Purple Heart Ribbons. He lost his life in the invasion of Guam, July 21, 1944.
- 9. -2ND LT. JOHN VERNON HARWOOD, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Harwood, Sr., Hillsboro, Texas, husband of Bette Fletcher Harwood, Mexia, Texas, was born Oct. 2, 1925. He attended Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas; volunteered for Army Air Corps on April 18, 1943; trained at Bryan, San Antonio, San Angelo, Ballinger, Sherman, Victoria, and Wichita Falls, Texas. Wentoverseas July 18, 1946. Served in Germany until Dec., 1946. Discharged Jan. 10, 1947, at Camp Kilmer. Now in A.A.C.R.

10.—CPL, OTTO DENNIS HEWITT, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto D. Hewitt, and husband of Marguerite Hewitt of Hillsboro, Texas, born July 22, 1924, volunteered for Army Tank Destroyers 4th Div. on Oct. 12, 1942. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Overseas from Feb. 20, 1944, to July 4, 1945, in Normandy, S. France, Rhineland, St. Joseph Hosp., Hanover, Germany, Stalag IIB. Awarded ETO, 4 Stars, Purple Heart 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Oct. 21, 1945.

11.—PFC LOYD ED MAXWELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Maxwell, and husband of Velma Nelson Maxwell of Hillsboro, Texas, was born Feb. 28, 1916. Entered Army Medical Corps on Feb. 13, 1942, and trained at Camp Barkeley, and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas from April, 15, 1943, to Sept. 15, 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines, and Po Valley. Awarded EAME with 4 Bronze Starsand Good Conduct Medals. He was discharged Oct. 9, 1945, and is at home with wife and child.

12.—PFC FLOYD LEE MAXWELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Maxwell of Rt. 1, Hillsboro, Texas, was born Feb. 28, 1916, in Hillsboro, Attended school in Hillsboro, entering the Army Medical Corps on Feb. 13, 1942, and training at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and Fritzs' Gen. Hosp., Colo. Overseas from April 15, 1943, until Oct. 1, 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines, and Po Valley. Received Good Conduct, EAME with 4 Bronze Stars. Pfc Maxwell was given his discharge Oct. 23, 1945.

13.—CPL, JOE BOB McKNIGHT, was born on Jan. 17, 1925, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. McKnight who live at 2424 Clay Ave., Waco, Texas. He attended Hillsboro Junior College, entering the service on April 28, 1943, assigned to Army Infantry I.R.T.C. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, and ScottField, Ill. Cpl. McKnight received the Good Conduct Medal, Radio ExpertMedal, and ExpertRiflemans Medal. He received an honorable discharge from the Army on February 21, 1946.

14.—T/3 BELO SMITH, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ben C. Smith of Hillsboro, Texas, born July 17, 1908, attended Columbia Military Academy in Tenn, and Univ. of Texas at Austin. He volunteered for service July 8, 1942, assigned to Army 302nd O.I.D. Regiment. Trained at Camp Sutton, N.C., Abderdeen Proving Grds. Overseas from Feb. 8, 1943, to Oct. 23, 1945, in N. Africa and Italy. Awarded European Unit, American Defense, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 29, 1945.

15.—MAJ. NELLINS CROWDER SMITH, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ben C. Smith, Hillsboro, Texas, born Nov. 30, 1910, attended Univ. of Texas School of Medicine, Calveston. Volunteered for A.A.F. on May 30, 1942; trained at School of Aviation Medicine. Overseas from March, 1944, to June, 1945, in Central Burma, China, Rome-Arno, Invasion of S. France and N. Apennines. Awarded Air Medalwith 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and Unit Citation for participation in S. France. Honorably discharged Dec. 29, 1945.

16.—IST LT. EARL JOSEPH PRUITT, JR., son of Mr. E. J. Pruitt, itasca, Texas, and Mrs. M. U. Pruitt, Hillsboro, Texas, husband of Elaine Smith Pruitt, Hillsboro, was born Feb. 27, 1920. Attended S.M.U., Dallas; volunteered Hqs. 3rd Army, June 18, 1941; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; overseas from Jan, 11, 1944, to Nov. 9, 1945, in India, Central Burma. Received Asiatic Pacific with 2 Bronze Stars, American Theater, Good Conduct, Victory, and American Defense. Honorably discharged Nov. 17, 1945.

17.—SGT. RAYMOND JOE PRATHER, was born July 16, 1924, in Wichita, Kan, the son of Mrs. Etta Prather of Hillsboro, Texas. He attended Hillsboro Jr. College, entering service March 10, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps, Engineer Gunner. Trained at Aircraft Mech. Sch., Keesler Fld., Mo., Sheppard Fld. and Laredo A.A. Fld., Texas, Gowen Fld., Idaho, Ephrata Air Fld., Wash., and March Fld., Calif. Awarded American Campaign, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged on February 19, 1946.

18.—ENS, ROBERT STERLING STIFF, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stiff of Hillsboro, Texas, was born April 2, 1924. Attended Hillsboro Jr. College. Entered service for pilot training in U.S. Naval Air Corps Sept. 2, 1942. Trained at Austin, Dallas, Texas, Edmond, Okla., Athens, Ga., and Pensacola, Fla, where he received his Pilots Wings. Joined combat team and took Operational Training at Melbourne, Fla. Released to inactive duty on Nov. 2, 1945, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

19.—CPL, HAL WESTERN GILL, son of Mrs. Dora Gillof Meridian, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Wordna Gill, also of Meridian, was born on November 16, 1903. He is a graduate of Meridian High School. Entered the service in January of 1943; assigned to the Army and was trained at Camp Callan. He was on guard duty at a prisoner of war camp in Stockton, California. Cpl. Hal W. Gill was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army on June 1, 1946.

20.—CPL. BOB DON RICHARDS, was born Oct. 27, 1923, son of Mrs. Clara F. Richards, and husband of Betty B. Richards both of Meridian, Texas. He attended John Tarleton College, Stephenville, Texas. Volunteered 2nd Marines, Jan.15, 1942, and trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas 12 months in battles of Tulagi, Guadalcanal, Gavuta, Tanambogo, and Florida. Awarded Good Conduct Medal and Presidential Citation. Honorably discharged January 18, 1946.







S/Sgt. NICHOLAS J. ANDREWS



MoMM 1/c HAROLD P. ANGEL

S/Sgt. N. J. Andrews, born Sept. 7, 1914, in Ala., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Andrews, 208 E. Elm St., Hillsboro, was educated at Hillsboro Jr. College, and S.M.U., Dallas. Volunteered Jan. 6, 1942, and was assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Camp Wolters, etc.; overseas 30 months, in Anchorage, Alaska; Adak Is. Aleutians; Attu Is., and Shemya Is., Aleutians. Awarded: Asiatic Pacific, 2 Br. Stars; Good Conduct; Dist. Unit Badge; 1 Army Merit. Unit Award; 1 Service Commendation Certificate from Alaskan Dept., Victory Medal. Was Intelligence Spec. with 11th Bomb. Command during Kiska Campaign; later changed name to Hq. 28th Bomb't Grp. under same capacity, Spec. Discharged Oct. 18, 1945.

Mo.M.M.1/c H. P. Angel, born Sept. 29, 1918, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Angel, Plano, husband of Reba Jean Angel. He attended A&M College, College Sta.; volunteered Oct. 14, 1940, at Dallas; assigned to the U.S. Navy (Regular); trained at Naval Training Sta., San Diego, Calif. Served in the U.S. 18 months, and overseas 8 months, in S. Pacific, N. Pacific, Midway, Santa Cruz, Guadalcanal, Savo Is., New Guinea, New Britain, Admiralty Is., Bismarck Sea, Marshalls, Gilberts, Saipan Is. He was awarded: Silver Star; Pres. Citation; Unit Citation; ATO; American Def., Asiatic Pacific, 1 Silver Star, 3 Br. Stars, Good Con. and Victory. Discharged Dec. 12, 1945.



Capt. TRENTON E. DOWDLE



Maj. RICHARD E. EVERS

Capt. T. E. Dowdle, born Dec. 19, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dowdle, and husband of Fay Dowdle, Lolita, Texas, attended Central City Commercial College, Waco. Volunteered Oct. 8, 1936. Assigned to the Army 20th Inf. Trained at Fort Warren, Wyo. Served inthe United States 4 years and 9 months, and overseas 22 months, in Alaska, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria. In battles: Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Awarded: Bronze Star Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Capt. Dowdle commanded Co. A, 21st Armored Inf. Batt'n, 11th Armored Div., during the war with Germany. Honorably discharged on Jan. 7, 1946.

Maj. R. E. Evers, born Nov. 18, 1912, is the son of L. P. Evers, Route 1, Milford, and husband of Juanita G. Evers, 907 Park Drive, Hillsboro. He attended Itasca High School, and A&M College, College, Sta. Entered the service Feb. 7, 1941, assigned to the 93rd Inf. Div. Trained at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Served in the United States 3 years, and overseas 22 months, in Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Green Is., New Guinea, and Philippines. In battles: N. Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago, and New Guinea. Awards: Bronze Starand Air Medal. Promotions: From 1st Lt. in Reserve to Capt. then to Maj. He was honorably discharged April 6, 1946.





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Maj. FRED B. NORRIS

Cpl. JEROME HARRIS, JR.

Cpl. J. Harris, son of Mrs. Hazel Harris, 512 E. Elm St., Hillsboro, born Nov. 1, 1923, husband of Miss Imogene Price of Italy, attended Hillsboro Jr. College, and entered the service Feb. 23, 1943, assigned to the Army 776 Field Arty. Batt'n. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas 16 months, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany. Battles: Ardennes, (Bulge) Rhineland, and C. Europe. He was in combat 150 days; his Batt'n was linked up with Russians on V. J. Day. Awards: EAME Medal, 3 Br. Stars, Good Conduct, ATO, Victory, Marksman Medal (Carbine) Unit Citations; 4th, 10th, and 6th Armored Divs. and 3rd Army. Discharged Jan. 29, 1946.

Maj. F. B. Norris, born Aug. 24, 1900, son of Mr. B. F. Norris, Hubbard, Texas, attended Hubbard Grammar and High Schools, and Texas A&M College, College Sta. Entered the service on May 19, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces. Trained at AAF Technical Command Headquarters. Served in the United States from May 19, 1942, until May 15, 1945, and received the Military order of World Wars. He was Gunnery Officer, Squadron Commander, Post Asst. S3, Provost Marshal. Stations: Knollwood Fld., N.C.; O.R.T.C., Atlantic City, N.J., O.T.S., Miami Beach, Fla., A.A.F. Civilian Schools, Boston, Mass. Inactive D.S. O.R.C. May 15, 1945.



Cpl. F. P. Stead, born Nov. 18, 1912, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stead, Blum, and husband of Rena Lucille Stead, Route 1, Blum. He attended Blum High School; entered the service on Jan. 24, 1941, at Dallas; assigned to the Army 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Blanding and Camp Edwards. Served in the United States from Jan. 24, 1941, to April 2, 1943, and in 1945 served for 5 more months; overseas from April 2, 1943, to May 20, 1945. In North Africa; participated in the landing at Salerno Beach, Italy. In POW camps: Stalag II-B, Hamerstein, Germany, from Oct. 5, 1944, to Feb. 15, 1945. Honorably

discharged Oct. 7, 1945.

lst Lt. H. W. Woodfin, born June 19, 1920, is the son of Mr. S. A. Woodfin, Route 1, Box 100, Mexia. Educated at Mexia High School, and Texas Technological College, Lubbock. Entered the service on July 20, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Medical Corps. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Overseas 8 months, in 7th Army 103rd Div., France, Germany and Austria. Awarded: Combat Medical Badge, Bronze Star-heroism in action, and Purple Heart. He was, at time of writing, at Brooke Gen'l Hospital Det. of Patients; was in line for discharge Sept., 1945, also promotion in rank to Capt. at that time. Wounded April 22, 1945.





#### 1st Lt. AC MARION M. BROWN, II

1st Lt. AC Marion Martin Brown II, son of Dr. Marion M. Brown, Mexia, Texas, was born December 14, 1920, and received his education in Mexia Public Schools and the University of Texas at Austin. Entered service August 14, 1942, at Camp Lee, Va., and was assigned to Army AAF Cadet Training Division. Trained at Boca Raton, Fla., Seymour Johnson Fld., N.C., and Yale University. Served overseas from August, 1944, to October 9, 1945, in Curacao, NWI; Trinidad, BWI; and Puerto Rico. Commissioned April 6, 1944, and served entire commissioned time with the Army Airways Communications System as a Cryptography and Communications Officer. Lt. Brown returned to the States October, 1945, and was discharged Apr. 20, 1946.



#### T/5 PAT B. SCHULTZ Av/Cad. FERDINAND J. SCHULTZ, JR.

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Schultz, Groesbeck. T/5 P. B. SCHULTZ, born Sept. 20, 1924, attended Baylor Univ., Waco; volunteered for service Nov. 17, 1942; assigned to Army 99th Div. Trained at Camp Maxey, Texas. Served in U. S. 16 months, overseas 18 months, in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Battle of Bulge, Ruhr Pocket, Rhine Push, and Remagen Bridgehead. Awards: Good Conduct; Victory; Occupational R.; ATO; Belgium Unit Citation. Discharged Mar. 8, 1946. Av. Cad. F. J. SCHULTZ, born July 14, 1926, attended Baylor Univ., Waco. Entered Navy Air Corps March 1, 1944; trained at Jackson, Miss. Served in U.S. 18 mos. Released to inactive duty Sept. 18, 1945.



Cpl. ROBERT L. ROSE

Cpl. R. L. Rose, born Nov. 6, 1907, husband of Mary A. Rose, 407 E. Brazos St., Groesbeck, was educated at Coolidge High School, Texas. Entered the service Dec. 28, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps 80th Fighter Squad.; trained at Marfa Army Air Field; served in the United States 17 months, and overseas 7 months, in Philippine Islands, Ie Shima, Luzon, Ryukyus. Awards: American Theater, Asiatic Pacific 3 Br. Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, and one Overseas Bar (Service). Before enlistment Cpl. Rose was occupied in Taylor business. He was honorably discharged Jan. 4, 1946.

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\*Capt. FELTON B. LANCASTER

Capt. Felton Barton Lancaster was born Feb. 17, 1917, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lancaster of Mexia. He attended Trinity University in Waxahachie, and volunteered for the Air Corps on Jan. 1, 1941, at Dallas. He was trained at Ontario, Calif., San Angelo, and Brooks Field. He received his commission as a 2nd Lt. Aug., 1941, at Brooks Field. He was a transport pilot based on the African Gold Coast, flying over uncharted routes in Central Africa to India. His Capt. commission was given him while serving in Africa. He was listed as missing from his base on Jan. 18, 1943, while on a special mission across the South Atlantic. The plane was never found. The body of Major Mills, a passenger, was found on a raft on Feb. 3rd; he had been dead only 1 day. The D.F.C. was awarded Capt. Lancaster posthumously at Waco Army Air Field in Sept., 1945.



#### Maj. ERNEST A. CONNALLY

Maj. Ernest Allen Connally, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Connally, Waco, Texas, was born Nov.15, 1921. Attended Groesbeck Public Schools and University of Texas. Assigned to Army Air Force, training, in Florida and Colorado. Maj. Connally served in the States from Aug. 28, 1942, to Sept. 30, 1945. Transferred overseas in Nov. of 1945, and served with 1st Tactical Recon. Squadron, 10th Recon. Group while in France. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. Dec. 12, 1942; promoted to 1st Lt. Aug. 2, 1943, to Captain June 26, 1944, and to Major Aug. 13, 1946. Awarded American Theater, European-African Middle Eastern, Victory and Army of Occupation Medals. Appointed to Major in Air Corps Reserve Oct. 29, 1946, and discharged in Paris, France, November 24, 1946.



Pfc FRANK L. DORSEY
Pvt. CECIL L. POTTER

Sons of T. Dorsey, Waço, and C.F. Potter, Mesquite, Texas.

Pfc F. L. DORSEY, born July 15, 1922, husband of Susie M. Dorsey, Mexia. He attended Waco High School; entered the service Nov. 17, 1942, assigned to Army 337th Div. Trained at Ft. Jackson, S.C. Served in U.S. 4 months, and overseas 2 years and 8 months, in Italian Theater-Battle for Florence. Wounded and awarded Purple Heart. Discharged Dec. 11, 1945.

Pvt. C. L. POTTER, born Nov. 13, 1915, husband of Annie Potter, Mexia; educated at Mesquite; entered Army (Bakery Co.) May 28, 1943; trained at Vancouver Bks., Wash. Overseas 21 months, in European Theater. He was honorably discharged Nov. 3, 1945.



2nd Lt. OSCAR D. NEUNDORFER

2nd Lt. O. D. Neundorfer, born Oct. 24, 1920, son of Mr. Neundorfer, Groesbeck, husband of Jeanette Rives, Reno, Nevada, was educated at Waco High School, Texas, and University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada. He volunteered for service in 1942, at Nevada, and was assigned to the Marines, 2nd Div. Trained at Parris Island, S.C., and Quantico, Va. Served in the United States 8 months, and overseas 3 months, in Saipan, Mariana Islands. Awards: Citation Ribbon for action in Marianas, Asiatic Pacific, Purple Heart, and Silver Star, 2nd Lt. O. D. Neundorfer paid the Supreme Sacrifice in line of duty on June 20, 1944, in Saipan.

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\*Pfc SETH WILSON

Pfc Seth Wilson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson of 504 S. Belknap, Mexia, was born on April 3, 1917. He is the husband of Nina Wilson of 707 E. Palestine St., Mexia. Kenneth Seth, Jr., and Lynda Gayle are his two children. Prior to his entering the Marine Corps on Dec. 28, 1943, he was a motion picture operator. He was trained at the Marine Base at San Diego, Calif., and later served with the 5th and then 1st Divisions. On the 13th of Feb., 1944, he was sent to the Pacific Area, participating in the invasion of Peleliu Island in the Palau Group, southeast of the Philippine Islands. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice on the 21st of Sept. of that same year, on the Island of Peleliu. The Purple Heart was awarded him posthumously.

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1. -T/5 ROGER DAVID ALLISON, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Allison, Groesbeck, Texas, was born March 1 6, 1916. Attended N.T.S.T. College, Denton; volunteered for Army F.A. Obsn. Bn., Oct. 1, 1940; trained at Ft. Sill Okla., Camp Bowie, Texas; overseas Aug., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Africa, Italy, France, Germany, battles of Napies-Foggiu, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor, European, American Theater, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged November 23, 1945.

2. —PFC CURTIS D. ANDERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Anderson, Mexia, Texas, was born June 2, 1924. Entered Army 37th Inf., March 11, 1943, training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; overseas from Sept., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, battles of Bougainville and Luzon. He received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic Pacific w/2 Battle Stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Discharged Dec. 24,1945, at San Antonio, Texas.

3. -S.S.3/c CHARLES PHILLIP BALLARD, husband of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Douglass Ballard of Mexia, Texas, born on Dec. 20, 1909, entered service Jan. 14, 1944, assigned to Navy on U.S.S. Smith; trained at San Diego, Callif.; overseas from June 18, 1944, to Oct. 31, 1945, in Battles of Philippines, Borneo, Okinawa. Evacuated Prisoners of War from Sasebo, Nagasaki, Japan. Received American Theater, Asiatic Pacific w/2 Stars, and Philippine Liberation w/1 Star. Discharged Oct. 31, 1945.

4. —A,M.M.I.1/c LOUIS BENJAMIN BERNSTEIN, born on Feb. 2, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bernstein, Ft. Worth, Texas, and husband of Rhoda Bernstein, Waco, Texas, volunteered for Navy Aviation on April 17, 1942, at Amarillo. Trained at San Diego, Calif.; overseas from May, 1943, to Jan., 1944, and June, 1944, to Sept., 1945, in South Atlantic and Pacific. Battles of Rabaul, Bougainville, Tarawa, and Truk. Awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, U.S.S. Princeton. Discharged Sept. 23, 1945.

5. —SGT. CLAUDIE HENRY BLACK, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Black of Mexia, Texas; was born Jan. 2, 1924. Volunteered for service on Feb. 4, 1943, at Mexia; assigned to Army Air Force 77th Troop Carrier Sqd.; trained at Ft. Bragg, Pope Field, N.C.; served overseas from Oct. 21,1943, to Nov. 16, 1945, in Rome-Arno, Southern and Northern France, Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME w/7 Bronze Stars, Presidential Citation and Good Conduct Med als. Discharged Nov. 22, 1945.

6. —S1/c HERMAN BENJAMAN PLUTO, born on Sept. 21, 1911, son of Mr. George D. Pluto, San Antonio, Texas, and husband of Jessie Lorene Black Pluto of Mexia, Texas, was educated in San Antonio, Texas. Volunteered Navy Ship Repair Unit on April 10, 1945, at Dallas, and trained at San Diego, Calif; overseas from July, 1945, to Oct., 1945, serving in Philippines with Ship Repair Unit. Seaman 1st Class Pluto was given an honorable discharge on November 28, 1945, from Camp Wallace, Texas.

7. — IST LT. EARLYN MARIE BLACK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Black of Groesbeck, Texas, born Sept. 8, 1918, attended Baylor Univ., Dallas. Entered Army Nurse Corps, Sept. 12, 1940; overseas June 28, 1941, to Feb. 24, 1946, in Philippine Islands. Captured on Corregidor May 6, 1942; released Feb. 3, 1945, from Santo Tomas. Awarded Philippine Liberation, American Defense, Asiatic Pacific, and Philippine Defense Ribbons. Serving at A.A.F. Regional Hospital, Buckley Field, Colorado.

8. —1ST LT. LEWIS H. BLUNT, born on April 12, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Blunt of Mexia, Texas, attended A&M College, Bryan, Texas. He entered 93rd A,F.A. Bn. on Dec. 12, 1942; trained at Ft. Sill where he entered O.C.S.; overseas from Dec. 29, 1944, until June 6, 1946, in Rhineland and Central Europe. Received Purple Heart, EAME w/2 Bronze Stars, American Theater Campaign Medal and Army of Occupation Medal. Wounded on April 22, 1945. Discharged Aug. 19, 1946.

9.—CH, NEWBURN REDDING, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bolton, and husband of Nell Dodd Redding, all of Mexia, Texas, was born Sept. 7, 1915. Entered Merchant Marine on March 9, 1941, at Corpus Christi, Texas; served in the Caribbean Sea on oil tankers delivering oil and high test gasoline; also in Panama, Dutch W. Indies, Sicily, Italy, Egypt, Ariba, India, Germany, France, Belgium, and England. Awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor and Atlantic Pacific, Mediterranean Ribbons. Still in Merchant Marine.

10.—T/5 MILTON G. REDDING, born on June 7, 1921, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bolton of 312 Jackson St., Mexia, Texas, was educated in Mexia, Texas. Entered the service on Aug. 29, 1942, at Corpus Christi, Texas, assigned to Army 573rd A.A.A. Bn.; trained at Daniel Field, Augusta, Georgia; overseas from March, 1945, to April, 1946, in Central Germany. Received ETO, Victory, American Theater, 1 Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medals. Honorably discharged April 12, 1946.

11.—S. KENNETH ADRIAN REDDING, born on May 12, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bolton of Mexia, Texas, and husband of Irene Redding of Houston, Texas, attended school in Corsicana, Texas. Entered the service on Sept. of 1942, at Gorpus Christi, assigned to the Merchant Marine and served in Caribbean Sea, aboard tankers carrying high test gasoline; also in Arabia, England, Germany, India, Italy, Trinidad, Sicily, Egypt, and Venezuela. He is still in the Merchant Marine.

\*12.-P. JOHN VERNON COX, JR., was born on Dec. 28,1925, in Mexia, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Cox, Sr., of Mexia. He was educated in Mexia Public Schools and A&M College, Bryan, Texas. Volunteered for Army Paratroopers on March 28, 1945, and trained at Camp Hood; sailed Nov. 1, 1945, to England; served in Belgium. He was awarded a Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifleman Medal, ETO Ribbon and Purple Heart. Paratrooper Cox was killed in Belgium on January, 7, 1945.

13.—SGT. CALVIN LUTHER CARROLL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy L. Carroll of Mexia, born March 22, 1922, volunteered for service Sept. 14, 1940, assigned to Army Tank Destroyer. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Carthage, Tenn.; overseas from July 14, 1943, to Nov. 16, 1945, in France, Germany, Belgium, Holland. Battles of Siegfried and Belgium. Awarded Purple Heart, one O.L.C., SilverStar, Bronze Star, and Combat Infantry Badge. Sgt. Carroll is in N.O.A.A.B. State Hospital Med. Det., La.

\*14.—SGT. LOREN HARDY CARROLL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy L. Carroll of Mexia, Texas, born June 21, 1924, graduate of Mexia High, entered Army 6th Air Borne Div., June 6, 1943. Trained at Scott Field, Ill., Bergstrom Field, Texas. Leaving for overseas Sept., 1944, in New Gulnea and Philippines. Awarded Asiatic Pacific w/3 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and Purple Heart. Sgt. Carroll was killed in plane crash on Aug. 13, 1945, in Okinawa. He was a radio operator.

15.—COXSWAIN HUBERT FRANKLIN CRAIG, born on Feb. 23, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Craig, and husband of Evelyn Craig of Goolidge, Texas, was educated in Coolidge. Volunteered for U.S. Naval Reserve on Sept. 2, 1942, training at Great Lakes, Ill.; overseas from Nov. 30, 1942, until Aug. 15, 1944, and Oct. 17, 1944, to Nov. 5, 1945, in Asiatic Pacific and Philippine Areas. Received American Theater, Asiatic Pacific W/3 Stars and Philippine Liberation. Honorably discharged Nov. 13, 1945.

16.-T/SGT. MARVIN MAURICE DICKEY, son of Mrs. Anne Dickey, Houston, and husband of Noretta Dickey of Groesbeck, Texas, was born July 16, 1911. Entered A.A.F. 61st Sqd., 314th Grp., A pril 13, 1942; trained at Sedala Air Base, Warrensburg, Md.; overseas from May 12, 1943, to Sept. 5, 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, C. Europe, N. France, Normandy, Sicily. Awarded EAME w/7 Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge w/2 O.L.C., Air Medal w/6 O.L.C., Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Sept. 15, 1945.

17.—S/SGT. JAMES PRESTON DOUGLASS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Douglass of San Diego, Calif., was born July 26, 1923, at Ferris, Texas. Attended Mexia High School; volunteered for Army 36th Div., Oct. 8, 1940; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas; was transferred to A.A.C. on Aug. 4, 1941, training as mechanic at Chanute Fld., 111., Kingman, Ariz., as gunner. He received Sharpshooter, Mech. Gunner in Inf., 1st Class Gunner in A.A.C., and Good Conduct Ribbons. Reenlisted Oct. 12, 1945; now in Germany.

18.—M/SGT. JAMES BRADLEY ENGLEDOW, born Feb.10, 1915, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles R. Engledow, and husband of Beatrice M. Engledow of Groesbeck, Texas. Educated in Groesbeck Public Schools and Texas Univ. at Austin. Volunteered for service on Feb. 18, 1942; assigned to Army D.E.M.L., and trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. He received the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Medal. M/Sgt. Engledow was given an honorable discharge December 6, 1945.

19.—S/SGT. JAMES W. McCLINTIC, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McClintic, sister of Mrs. Lonnie Franklin of Groesbeck, was born Oct. 11, 1918. Volunteered Army 36th Div., on Nov. 25, 1940; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass.; overseas from April, 1943, to May, 1944, in N. Africa, Italy, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno. Awarded Combat Infantryman Badge, American Defense, Theater, Purple Heart w/l Cluster, Silver Star, EAME, Bronze Arrowhead Medals. Discharged, 1946.

20.—2ND LT. JOHN WALTER GILMORE, was born on Dec. 2, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Gilmore of Mexia, Texas. Attended Wake Forrest College, N.C.; volunteered Army 36th Div., Oct. 10, 1940; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, 14 mos.; went in Air Corps Nov. 1, 1941, assigned to A.T.C. on Feb. 16, 1943, and on March 7, 1943, to Braniff Airlines for training. In hospitals in Reno, Nevada, Love Fld., Dallas, and Fitzsimmons Gen., Denver, Colo. Retired July, 1945, and is now under Veterans Adminstration.







T/Sgt. JACK R. ROSS



S/Sqt. JOHN F. ROSS

T/Sgt. Jack Russell Ross, born January 29, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Quillen, Mexia, Texas, attended Texas U. at Austin. Volunteered December 17, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. After training, he participated in patrol duty in the North Atlantic and over the Bay of Biscay off France, beginning April, 1943. Later, Sgt. Ross served with the 8th Air Force in the bombing of Germany, and was imprisoned at Stalag XVII B Krems, Austria, from April 22, 1944, to May 3, 1945. The Air Medal with three Clusters was awarded with Pres. Citation and Cluster, D.F.C., ETO Ribbon with two Stars, and other medals. Returned home; discharged Oct., 1945.

S/Sgt. John Fred Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Quillen, 401 E. Rusk, Mexia, Texas, was born June 30, 1912, a native of Texas. He attended the Temple and Weslaco, Texas, Public Schools and entered service November 27, 1942, at San Antonio. Was assigned to the Army, 80th Engineer Battalion, and trained at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. Sgt. Ross served his total duty in the United States. He was awarded the American Theater Campaign Medal with the Good Conduct Ribbon and World War II Victory, American Defense Medals. Discharge from Engineer Corps was granted February 8,1946, with overthree years of service to his credit.

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Sgt. L. D. McLennan, was born Aug. 7, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McLennan, Thornton. He attended Thornton High Schools, and A & M College, College Sta., Texas. Entered the service Jan. 9, 1942, at San Antonio; was assigned to the Army 760th Tank Batt'n; trained at Fort Knox, Ky., Camp Bowie, Texas, and Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas 15 months, in N. Africa 10 months, on to Italy, fighting up through campaigns of Rapido River, Cassino, Anzio Beach. He was killed in line of duty at Minturno, Italy, on April 11, 1944. His service record is incomplete. He was Tank Commander at time of death, and was awarded two Purple Hearts.

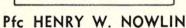
Sgt. LAUGHLIN D. McLENNAN

ARM. 1/c C. C. McFall, born July 19,1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. McFall, 800 E.Hopkins, Mexia, was educated at Mexia High Schools, and University of Texas, Austin. Volunteered July 17, 1941, at Dallas, and was assigned to the U.S. Naval Reserve (Aviation); trained at U.S. Naval Training Base, San Diego, Calif.; served 13 months in United States, and overseas 3 years in Pacific Ocean Area, Caribbean Area, Midway, Coral Sea, Guadalcanal, Wake Island, Rabaul, Tarawa, and Marshalls Invasion. As a result of plane crash, he was missing at sea 6 days. Awards: ATO, Air Medal, Good Con., American Def., Asiatic-Pac. Hon. discharge Sept. 17, 1945.

ARM 1/c (CAC) V-3 CECIL C. McFALL,









Maj. HENRY B. NOWLIN

Pfc Henry Weaver Nowlin, son of Maj. and Mrs. Henry B. Nowlin, Coolidge, Limestone County, Texas, was born February 6, 1924, in Texas. He attended the Coolidge Public Schools, and entered service on June 22, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps. Pfc Nowlin received training and served at Keesler Field, Mississippi, Camp Consair, Calif., Mt. Home, Army Air Force, Idaho. His total duty was served in the United States. He was awarded the World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons with the American Theater Medal. Army Air Corps service was terminated by discharge February 24, 1946.

Maj. Henry B. Nowlin born September 19, 1894, a native of Texas, is the husband of Mrs. Willie Weaver Nowlin, Coolidge, Texas, and the son of R. G. Nowlin, Valley Mills, Texas. He attended Texas A & M at College Station, and served in World War I with the 90th Division overseas. Was discharged as 1st Lieutenant and volunteered August, 1942, for the Army Tank Destroyer Unit with the same rank. Maj. Nowlin served for over three years in World War II as Supply Officer at Camps Hood, Barkeley, Van Dorn and Chaffee, receiving various awards. Discharge was received January 22, 1946. He is the father of four children.



Sgt. MAURICE K. EASTERLING SK 1/c RAYMOND G. EASTERLING

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Easterling, 312 Angelina St., Groesbeck. MAURICE: born June 5, 1915, husband of Virginia Anderson, 509 Palestine St., Mexia, attended Texas Tech. College, Lubbock; volunteered Sept. 30, 1942; assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Fld. Served overseas 19 months, in India, Burma, and China. Awards: Pres. Unit Citation, 2 Stars. Discharged March 15, 1946.

RAYMOND: born Dec. 6,1916, attended Westminster College, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 19, 1941; assigned to Navy, Storekeeper Branch. Overseas 4 years, in Gilberts and Marshalls, Wake, Marcus, Mariannas, Ryukyu Islands, raids. Pres. Unit Citation. Discharged Oct. 31, 1945.



Lt. JAMES W. HUGG

Lt. J. W. Hugg, born Feb. 7, 1914, in Louisiana, son of Mr. W.A. Hugg, 425 Ohio Street, Corpus Christi, husband of Dorothy Dell Hugg, 1118 3rd Street, Corpus Christi, was educated at Mexia High Schools, and University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He volunteered Nov. 16, 1942, at Houston, and was assigned to the Navy Reserve, C.E.C.; Indoctrinated-University of Arizona, Tucson. Served in the United States for 19 months, and overseas 17 months, in N.C.B.D. # 1058 Pt. Barrow, Alaska, Oil Drilling Expedition. Promotions: Ensign to Lt. (jg) then to Lt. He was honorably discharged on December 7, 1945.



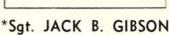


#### Lt. Comdr. WILLIAM E. HINCHLIFFE

Lt. Comdr. William Estes Hinchliffe, son of Mrs. E. H. Hinchliffe, 606 Hopkins, Mexia, Texas, was born January 2, 1920, a native of Texas. He is a graduate of Mexia High School and University of Texas at Austin. He volunteered September 15, 1941, at Dallas, Texas, for the U.S. Navy, Destroyer Branch, training at Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois. Received his commission of Ensign January 1, 1942, and began overseas duty April, 1942. Comdr. Hinchliffe served aboard a destroyer in the American and European Theaters, and later in the Asiatic-Pacific Area in the campaigns of Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and in the Occupation of Japan. After returning to the States November, 1945, he received his discharge March 1, 1946.







T/Sgt. JULIAN R. JOHANSEN, JR.

T/Sgt. J. R. Johansen, born May 7, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. J. R. Johansen, Sr., 401 E. Tyler, Mexia, husband of Juanita Dale, San Angelo, attended Mexia High School. Volunteered for service July 2, 1940, at Dallas; assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Brooks Field; served in the United States 4 years and 3 months, and overseas 11 months, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater (SWPA) New Guinea, S. Philippines, Luzon, and Ryukyus Campaigns. Awards: Good Conduct; Asiatic-Pac., 4 Br. Stars; Philippine Lib., Br. Star; Victory; Pre-Pearl Harbor, Air. Tech. Badge; Expert Marksmanship; and ATO Ribbons. Hon. discharged and reenlisted Nov. 26, 1945.

Sgt. Gibson, born Oct. 8, 1913, in Texas, son of Abbie Gibson, 408 E. Travis St., Mexia, was educated at Oletha, Texas, and volunteered for service on November, 1940: He was assigned to the Army, Co. B., 143rd Inf., APO 36th Div.; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. He served in the United States from November, 1940, to April 2, 1943, and overseas for 7 months, in Africa, Italy, and in the Battle of Salerno. Awards: Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, AD. EAME with 1 Star, Bronze Arrowhead, and Purple Heart. Sgt. Gibson was killed in line of duty, Nov. 19, 1943, in Italy.





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Sgt. JAMES H. BARNES

Lt. (jg) ROBERT G. McLEAN

Lt. (jg) McLean, born Aug. 24, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. N.D. McLean, 2608 Gorman St., Waco, husband of Margaret Jo Gregory, 512 Walker St., Groesbeck, was educated at West Jr. and Waco High Schools, and Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 4, 1944, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Supply Corps. Trained at U.S. Naval Section Base, Corpus Christi. Served in the United States 11 months, and overseas 11 months, in Philippines, Borneo, Okinawa, Japan. Participated in landings on Borneo. He attended Harvard University 5 months, in Boston, Mass. Honorably discharged April 25, 1946.

Sgt. Barnes, born Aug. 26, 1923, in Texas, is the son of Mr. Albert Barnes, Groesbeck, and husband of Mary Earl Gregory, also of Groesbeck. He was educated at Groesbeck High School, and Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Entered the service on Feb. 18, 1943, at Camp Wolters. He was assigned to the Army Coast Artillery; trained at Camp Hulen, Texas, and Camp Livingston, La. Served in the United States 1 year, and overseas 20 months, in Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. His awards were: EAME Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 13, 1945.



S/Sgt. Padgett, born March 17, 1925, in Texas, husband of Waldene Padgett, Grand Prairie, Texas, and son of W. H. Padgett, Sr., Mexia, Texas, volunteered December 1, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. Trained at various fields in the States and transferred overseas December, 1943 in North Africa and Italy with the 15th Air Force over Germany, France, Poland, and other European points. On June 13, 1944 he paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life while on aerial flight over Munich, Germany. The Air Medal with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross and Citation from General Arnold and the President were awarded.

PhM 2/c Cayton, Jr., born Oct. 26, 1915, son of Mr. B. A. Cayton, 501 E. Farrar, Groesbeck, husband of Mary M. Cayton, was educated at Groesbeck High Schools, and Texas State University, Austin. He entered the service on Dec. 28, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Medical Corps. Trained at United States Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States 20 months, and overseas 4 months on North Island, Coronado, Calif., and Yokosuka, Japan. He was awarded: A merican Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, and Victory Medals. PhM 2/c Cayton was honorably discharged on Jan. 1, 1946. Before enlisting, he was with the F.B.I.

1. —S/SGT. HARVEY WILLIAM FARRIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Farris, Mexia, Texas, was born July 10,1920. Volunteered for 36th Army, Oct. 1, 1940; trained Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass.; overseas 2 years in N. Africa, Italy, France, Germany, Salerno, Anzio, Cassino, Rapido River, and Rome-Arno. Awarded Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star, 2 Clusters, Purple Heart, 2 Clusters, European Campaign, 5 Stars, 2 Arrowheads and Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon. He was discharged July 25, 1945.

2. —SGT. ELVIN RAY FARRIS, was born on April 1,1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Farris of 722 E. Liberty St., Mexia, Texas. He was educated in Mexia, and volunteered for service Oct. 9, 1942, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served overseas in Suffock County, England, returning to the States in Dec. of 1945. Awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Sgt. Farris was given an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps at Camp Fannin, Texas.

3. —SGT. CECIL ROSS FARRIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Farris of Mexia, Texas, was born Sept. 21, 1923. He was educated in Mexia; volunteered for service March 18, 1943; assigned to Army Tank Destroyers; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from Dec. 10, 1943, to Aprill, 1945, in France, Germany, England and Austria. Awarded Good Conduct Medal and European Ribbon with two Battle Stars. Sgt. Farris received an hnoorable discharge on April 1, 1946, from the U.S. Army.

4. —S/SGT. J. E. HODGES, was born Aug. 13, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hodges of Mexia, Texas. Attended Chicago Tech. College; volunteered for Army Air Corps, April 25, 1941; trained at Brooks Fld., San Antonio, Texas; overseas from March, 1942, to Nov., 1944, in Liberia, British Gold Coast, Palestine, Egypt, and Libya. Awarded American Defense and Good Conduct Medals. Attached to 9th Bomber Command as weather radio operator. Discharged at San Bernardino, Cailf., on Sept. 25, 1945.

5. —CPL. JAMES HAYES JACKSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jackson, and husband of Postelle Jackson, all of Groesbeck, Texas, was born Oct. 17, 1911. Attended A & M College, College Station, Texas. He entered Hdqrs. Co., 3rd Army, on Nov. 27, 1942, and trained at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Served overseas from March, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Normandy, N. France, Ardennes and Rhineland. Awarded the EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars. Discharged Oct. 22, 1945.

6. —CPL. J. R. WILSON THOMAS, son of Mrs. J. A. Thomas, and brother of Mrs. Hayes Jackson, both of Groesbeck, Texas, was born May 20, 1916 at Thornton, Texas. He received his education in Pleasant Grove Public Schools at Thornton. Volunteered for service Sept. 8, 1942, at Dallas; assigned to Army Air Corps, and trained at Waco Army Air Field, Texas; A.F.T.S., Sioux Falls, S.D., and Geiger Fld., Spokane, Wash. Cpl. Thomas was discharged from 1050 A.A.F. Bu. Ord. on Nov. 24, 1945.

7. —SGT. FORREST LYNN KENNEDY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Kennedy, Groesbeck, Texas, was born Nov. 22, 1925, and attended Groesbeck Public Schools and Texas University, Austin. He entered Army Medical Dept. on March 28, 1944, at Camp Wolters, Texas, and trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Awarded the American Theater Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Ribbon. Sgt. Forrest Lynn Kennedy was honorably discharged on May 18, 1946, from the Army Medical Corps.

8. —A.M.M. 3/c CHARLES EDWARD TURNER, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Turner of 521 North Ross Avenue, Mexia, Texas, was born on July 19, 1926, in Texas. He graduated from Mexia High School and volunteered for the service on May 2, 1944, at Dallas, Texas. He was assigned to the Naval Air Gorps. A.M.M. 3/c Charles Edward Turner received an honorable discharge on the 5th day of July, 1946, after serving twenty six months in the Naval Air Corps.

9. —S/SGT. JOE J. CLONTS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Clonts, Thornton, Texas, husband of Nell Mahoney Clonts, Crockett, Texas, was born Jan. 16, 1914. Entered A.A.C., March 11, 1943; trained at Sheppard Fid., Texas; Las Vegas, Nev.; Denver, Colo.; and McCook, Neb. Overseas from Jan., 1944, to Nov., 1944, in N. France, N. Apennines, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, S. France, air combat in Balkans. Received Distinguished Unit, 1 Cluster, D.F.C., Air Medal, 3 Clusters, Good Conduct. Discharged Oct. 5, 1945.

10.—S.K. 1/c JAMES TRAWEEK OLIVER, son of Mrs. Mary Lena Oliver, and husband of Evelyn Clonts Oliver, both of Groesbeck, Texas, was born April 15, 1917. Attended Groesbeck High School. Volunteered for Seabees on Nov. 3, 1942, at Dallas, and trained at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Served overseas from Dec. 1, 1943, until Nov. 1, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific in combat service on Okinawa. S.K. 1/c Oliver was honorably discharged Nov. 17, 1945, and is at home with wife and daughter.

11.—C.G.M. RODERICK OLIVER, son of Mrs. Mary Lena Oliver, Groesbeck, Texas, was born March 26, 1921. Attended Groesbeck High School; volunteered for Navy on Sept. 11, 1939, at Waco, Texas, and trained at San Diego, Calif., and Washington, D.G. Served overseas from Jan., 1940, to 1945 in the South Pacific. Received Asiatic-Pacific with 12 Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, Philippine Liberation, American Defense, Pre-Pearl Harbor and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Oct., 1945.

12.—S/SGT. LAWRENCE EARL OLIVER, son of Mrs. Mary Lena Oliver, Groesbeck, Texas, was born March 10,1923. Attended A & M College, Bryan, Texas. Entered A.A.C. on Jan. 25, 1943, and trained at Lowry Field. Served overseas from Jan. 14, 1944, to June 21, 1945, in air offensive over Europe. In Prison Camp Stalag Luft I, Barth Germany, March, 1944, to May, 1945. Awarded Air Medal, Purple Heart, ETO, ATO, Victory, Group Citation, 1 Cluster, Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Nov., 1945.

13.—Y. 2/c ROBERT GORDON MAGRUDER, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Magruder Beaumont, Texas, was born Nov. 28, 1920. Attended Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.; volunteered U.S.N.R. on July 6, 1942, and trained at Dallas, Texas, and New Orleans, La. Overseas from March, 1944, to March, 1946, in the battles of Saipan, Tinian, Leyte, Philippine Is., Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Received Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Stars, Philippine Liberation, Victory, Good Conduct, and American Theater Medals. Discharged April, 1946.

14.-PFC RICHARD ALLEN MAGRUDER, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Magruder Beaumont, Texas, husband of Jeanne Lemacks Magruder, was born April 1, 1924. He attended Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas. Volunteered for A.A.F. on Oct. 31, 1942, at Temple, Texas, and trained at Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Del Rio, Texas, and Spokane, Washington. Severely injured and hospitalized while performing duties as a flight engineer. Pfc Magruder was honorably discharged June 14, 1945, from Army Air Corps.

15.—Q. 3/c CHARLES WILLIAM MAGRUDER, was born May 23, 1926, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Magruder Beaumont, Texas, and attended Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas. He volunteered for Navy Amphibious or Landing Forces, on May 19, 1944; trained at Camp Wallace, Texas; overseas from Sept., 1944, to Feb., 1946, in Pearl Harbor, Guam, Leyte, battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Battle Stars, Unit Commendation, Victory, and ATO Medals. Discharged May 31, 1946.

\*16.—PVT. ALBERT RALEIGH WIER, son of Mrs. A. R. Wier, and brother of Mrs. Albertine Turner of Mexia, Texas, was born Jan. 4, 1925. Attended Mexia High School; entered Army Inf., 2nd Div., on July 7, 1943, and trained at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas. Served overseas in European Area in Battle of St. Lo, France, and Normandy Landing. He was awarded the ETO Ribbon and Purple Heart. Pvt. Wier was in the Battle of St. Lo, France, when he was killed on July 14, 1944.

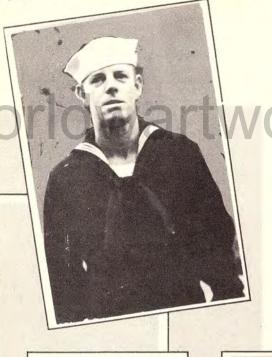
17.—CPL. FLOYD ANDREW WIER, son of Mrs. A. R. Wier, and brother of Mrs. Albertine Turner, both of Mexia, Texas, was born Feb. 24, 1922. Graduated from Mexia High School; volunteered for service Sept. 4, 1942, at Corsicana, Texas; assigned to Army Air Forces, and trained at Camp Luna, Las Vegas, New Mexico. He received the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon and Victory Ribbon. Cpl. Wier was given an honorable discharge Jan. 30, 1946, at Separation Center in San Antonio.

18.—PFC JOHNNIE DUDLEY WIER, was born on June 29, 1917, the son of Mrs. A. R. Wier, brother of Mrs. Albertine Turner of 506 E. Palestine, Mexia, Texas. Attended Kilgore Jr. College, He entered the service May 9, 1945, at Mexia; assigned to the Marines, and trained at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Pfc Wier was given an honorable discharge in July of 1946. He is at home with his wife, Doris Lee, and their one child, after serving 15 months in the Marine Corps.

19.—S/SGT. REX ROBERT TURNER, was born on December 20, 1916, the husband of Mrs. Albertine E. Turner of 506 East Palestine Street, Mexia, Texas. He received his education in Groesbeck High School, Groesbeck, Texas; entered the service on January 9, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Signal Corps, and trained at Camp Callan in California. S/Sgt. Turner served overseas from May of 1941 until November of 1945. Honorably discharged on November 20, 1945.

20.—PVT. IVAN D. BACHUS, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bachus of 608 East Hopkins Street, Mexia, Texas, and cousin of Mrs. Albertine Turner and Doris Lee Wier, also of Mexia, was born April 11, 1923. He was educated in Mexia Public Schools; entered the service on [an. 3, 1943, at Mineral Wells, Texas, and was assigned to Army Field Artillery. He was sent to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, for his training. Pvt. Bachus received an honorable discharge on the 16th day of July, 1943.





#### Coxswain JACK D. RICHARDSON

Coxswain J. D. Richardson, born June 22, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Richardson, 1214 39th St., Galveston, husband of Tommy L. Richardson, 38 D. Oleander Addition, Galveston, was educated at Davey Crockett Grammar, and Kirwin High Schools. Volunteered Sept. 9, 1942, at Houston, and was assigned to the Navy, Sea Duty. Trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Sta. Served in the United States 9 months, and overseas 17 months on USS Chicago, USN A.B. Noumea, New Caledonia, USS Guam (C.B.2) defense of Guadalcanal, Philippines, Inv. of Okinawa, patrols in China Sea, bombing of Oshima, bombing of Japan. His awards were: ATO, Asiatic-Pac., 4 Stars, Phil. Def., Good Con., Purple Heart, and Order of Gold Dragon. He suffered temporary deafness from gunfire. He was honorably discharged Nov. 6, 1945.



Pvt. EDWARD M. PYE



T/4 REUBEN R. PYE



T/5 WILLIAM A. PYE

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Pye, Mexia, Texas.

Pvt. EDWARD M. PYE, birthdate October 29, 1919, entered service July 19, 1944, with the Army Ground Forces, Infantry. He trained and served his total duty in the States at Camp Fannin, Texas, and Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Discharged January 9, 1945.

T/4 REUBEN R. PYE, born January 7, 1915, a native of Texas, entered service March 4, 1941, with the Army Infantry. He trained at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, and Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and served from July, 1942, to June, 1945, overseas in North African and European Theaters where he participated in combatat Algeria, Tunisia in French Morocco, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, No. Apennines and Po Valley in Italy. The EAME Ribbon with 6 Stars was awarded with other medals. Discharged July 4, 1945.

T/5 WILLIAM AUTREY PYE, born October 9, 1910, entered the Army Air Force, January 29, 1943. He trained at Macon, Ga., and served from July, 1943, to September, 1945, in the air offensive of Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhineland. Received the EAME Campaign Medal with six Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and four Overseas Service Bars. Discharge was granted October 16, 1945. He is the husband of Zylla Faye Pye, 420 1/2 6th St., Texas City.

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#### Capt. KENNETH J. FAGAN, SR.

Capt. Fagan, was born March 10, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Curvin Fagan of Juniata, Pa., and husband of Mildred May Fagan of 3019 Ave. Q 1/2, Galveston, Texas. Educated in Juniata, Pa. Volunteered for the Marines on Nov. 1, 1940; assigned to Second Marine Brigade, and trained at Camp Elliott, Calif. Overseas twice, 33 mos.inall, serving in Samoa, New Zealand, So. Pacific, Central Pacific, and Guam. Participated in battles of Guadalcanal, consolidation of Lower Soloman Is. and Betio, Tarawa. Wounded on Beach of Betio at Battle of Tarawa, Nov. 21, 1943. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, with 2 Stars, American Defense, ATO, Asiatic-Pacific, with 3 Stars, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Served as Rifle Co. Comdr. in Battle of Guadalcanal, and as Operations Officer for 2nd Bn., 8th Marine Reg. at Battle of Tarawa, was Div. Ordnance Officer, 3rd Marine Div. on Guam at end of war. At present with Marine Det., N.A.T.C., Corpus Christi.



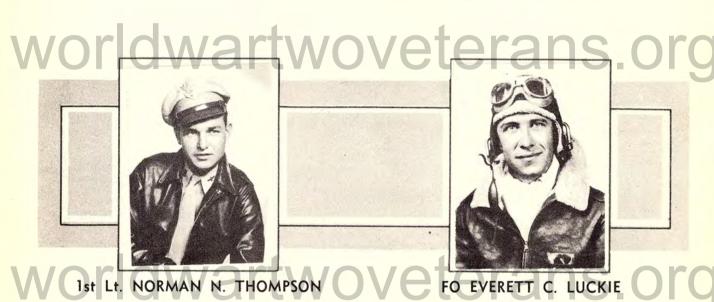
1st Lt. RUTH W. TEW



\*2nd Lt. LEONARD T. TEW

lst Lt. Ruth W. Tew, was born on September 19, 1920, in Iowa, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Tew of Alta Loma, Texas. She attended Univ. of Texas and John Sealy College of Nursing at Galveston. Volunteered for the Army Nurse Corps, in September of 1942, at San Antonio, and trained at Brooke General Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; and Camp Barkeley, Texas. 1st Lt. Tew served with 34th Evacuation Hospital, and was stationed at Brooke General Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey. In January of 1946, she received an honorable discharge from service.

2nd Lt. Tew, was born on Nov. 19, 1922, in Chicago, Ill., son of Mrs. Ethel Tew of Alta Loma, Texas. Attended A & M College at College Station; volunteered for the service on July 24, 1942, at Houston, and was as signed to the Army Air Force; trained at S.A.A.C.C. San Antonio, Texas. In March of 1944, he was shipped overseas, serving as a navigator on bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. He was killed in action May 12, 1944, during a combat mission to Merseberg, Germany. Awarded Purple Heart and Air Med al for exceptionally meritorious achievement. Interred in Cambridge American Military at Cambridge, England.



lst Lt. Norman N. Thompson, husband of Wesley Wray Thompson, Houston, Texas, was born April 25, 1919. He attended University of Houston, and volunteered, after previous National Guard and Army Service, for the Army Air Corps on October 18, 1942. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. July 29, 1943, after training at various fields in the States. Lt. Thompson served from March, 1944, to August, 1945, in the European Theater, participating in the battles of Normandy Invasion and Campaign, France, Holland Invasion, Rhine Crossing and Germany. The Air Medal with two Clusters was awarded with Pres. Citation. He transferred to Reserves May 3, 1946.

Flight Officer Everett Clarence Luckie, was born October 20, 1921, at Riviera, Texas, son of Mrs. Neta Luckie, 6314 Brady Street, Houston, Texas, and husband of Pauline Luckie, Midland, Texas. He attended Victoria, Texas, High School, and volunteered August, 1942, at Houston for the Army 434th Troop Carrier Group. Served at San Antonio, Houston, Mission, Texas; Shawnee, Oklahoma; and Pine Bluff, Arkansas. His commission as Flight Officer was received December 23, 1944, at Moore Field, Texas; he participated in Troop Carrier missions in U.S.A. The Victory and American Theater Ribbons were awarded. Discharged March, 1946.



#### SAB CLAUD A. CHRISTMAN

S.A.B. Christman was born on the 16th day of March, 1913, in Louisiana, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Christman, Sr., of 128 1st Avenue in Texas City, Texas. He attended the University of Houston. In May of 1944, he volunteered for the service at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Merchant Marines, leaving for St. Petersburg, Florida, for his training. He was shipped overseas in June of 1944, and served until September of 1946. Seaman A.B. Claud Andrew Christman was given his discharge in October of 1946, after his return to the United States. His brother, Captain Luther Owens Christman, was killed in a plane crash in 1943.

#### \*Capt. LUTHER O. CHRISTMAN

Capt. Christman, born on September 23, 1918, in Louisiana, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Christman, Sr., of 128 First Avenue N., Texas City, Texas, and husband of Jeanette Lifsey Christman of 97 Ridge Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama. He attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas; enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in June of 1939, at Houston, and was sent to Randolph Field, and Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas. He served overseas from July of 1942 until June of 1943. Captain Luther Owens Christman was killed in a plane crash on the 18th day of August in 1943, near Pratt, Kansas, while he was training a crew for overseas duty.

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#### Lt. Comdr. JOHN S. PEEK

Lt. Com'dr J. S. Peek, born Sept. 25, 1906, son of Charles S. Peek, (deceased) 3101 Broadway, Galveston, married Virginia Harriss, 2526 Broadway, Galveston. Received his education at Goliad Grammar, and at Ball High School, Galveston, and University of Texas, Austin. Volunteered on July 26, 1940, at Pensacola, Fla., and was assigned to the Navy Med. Corps. Trained at Naval Air Sta., Pensacola, Fla. Served in the United States 4 1/2 years, and overseas 1 year, in the Pacific-"Shangrila" and S. Pacific-Solomons. The U.S.S. Grayson-D.D. 435 was only destroyer in its Div., to survive during W. War II; the other 3 were lost. Dr. Peek was Med. Officer aboard the Grayson from Feb., 1942, to Feb., 1943. Released to inactive duty U.S.N.R., Feb. 17, 1946.



\*BM 1/c WILLIAM L. MEEK



ETM. 1/c ORLAND R. BATCHELDER

BM1/c William Lee Meek, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Meek, Arcadia, Galveston County, Texas, was born September 4, 1909. Volunteered January 11, 1942, for the U.S. Navy, training at Norfolk, Virginia. He served overseas from February, 1942, to January, 1944, and from August, 1944, until February 21, 1945. Participated in the battles of the Coral Sea, Midway, Santa Cruz, on the U.S.S. Hornet; in invasions of Luzon and Iwo Jima, also was stationed for over a year at Advance Base, Noumea, New Caledonia. February 21, 1945, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice, after three years of faithful service, when the U.S.S. Bismarck Sea was lost near Iwo Jima.

ETMl/c Orland Ralph Batchelder, birthdate June 12, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Batchelder, Galveston, Texas, attended Texas A & M, and entered the U.S. Navy April 9, 1943, training at San Diego, Houston, and Washington, D.C. He served overseas from May, 1944, to February, 1946, assigned to the U.S.S. Lawrence C. Taylor in the Pacific Theater, as Submarine Hunter-Killer group in support of operations during the Invasions of the Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, as an escort in the China Coast Theater for six months after cessation of hostilities. His ship was credited with sinking of two Japanese submarines. Discharged February, 1946.



1st Lt. WALTER C. BOSWORTH, JR.

1st Lt. Bosworth, was born May 26, 1920, in La., son of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Bosworth, Sr., and husband of Wilma McBeth Bosworth of Galveston, Texas. Attended Kirwin High and entered the Army Med. Corps, on Oct. of 1941; trained at Camp Grant, Ill., and IV A.A.F.T.C., Calif. Overseas from Jan. 30, 1944, to May 23, 1945, with 8th A.A.F. in England, in air offensive of Europe. He was a prisoner for a year; liberated on April 29, 1945, by 3rd Army under Gen. George Patton. Completed 28 missions as a P-38 Fighter Pilot with 364th F. Gp., 383rd F. Sq. His awards are: Good Conduct, Pre-Pearl, ETO with 1 Star, Air Medal with 3 Clusters, and Purple Heart Medals. Discharged Oct. 23, 1945, in inactive Res., A.A.F.

\*1st Lt. JEFFERSON F. DAVIS, JR.

1st Lt. Davis, was born Aug. 12, 1918, nephew of Dr. and Mrs. J. Fred King, 1911 Lauderdale St., Houston, and husband of the former Margaret Bosworth of Galveston. He attended Univ. of Texas, entering the service Feb., 1941, assigned to Army Station Complement at Ft. Crockett, Texas. Received Officer's Training at the Armored Force Officers Candidate School, Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas a yr. Participated in the Invasion of Omaha Beach in Normandy on D-Day, battles of the towns of Colleville-sur-Mer, Le Hamel, Manderville, Caumont, St. Lo, Marigny, Cambernon, and La Chapelle-Moche. Served with the 745th Tank Bn., Co.B. He was killed in action in France Aug. 13, 1944. Awarded Presidential Citation, Combat Inf., Purple Heart, Pre-Pearl Harbor, Good Conduct, and European Theater of Operations Medals.



#### \*GM 3/c WILLIAM F. LONG

G.M. 3/c W. F. Long, born July 8, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Long, Dickinson, attended Bowling and Dickinson High Schools. Volunteered Feb. 6, 1943, at Houston, and was assigned to the Navy, Co. 51. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States 2 months, and overseas 10 months, in the Aleutians, Marshalls, Gilberts. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice, at Marshall Island, on Feb. 11, 1944, aboard U.S.S. Pennsylvania, and was buried on Pegtian Island, Majurio Atoll. His awards and battle credits were: 5 Battle Stars, Pres. Unit Citation, and Victory Medal, and his parents have been informed by Navy Personnel that there are other awards. He was a band musician, excelling in saxophone solos, winning many state and national contests. Possessed many Gold, and Bronze Medals; also he was a football Capt.



#### \*3rd Mate HARRY W. BENEDICT, III

3rd Mate Harry Williams Benedict, III, birthdate December 1, 1912, husband of Evelyn Benedict, Galveston, Texas, served for ten years with the Merchant Marine Corps. While on board a cargo ship steaming into the mouth of the Mississippi River, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice and was named a hero when the ship was torpedoed three times by a German submarine May 12, 1942, and thrown into a mass of flames. Just two weeks before, Third Mate Benedict had visited with his family. A Citation of Valour from the Board of Commissioners, Galveston, Texas, was awarded with Mariner's Medal. His mother, Mrs. Wm. E. Applegate, Mississippi, survives.

#### PhM 2 c JOSEPH W. LOHEC

PhM 2/c Joseph Wesley Lohec, born April 26, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lohec, Alta Loma, Galveston County, Texas, attended Texas University at Austin, and volunteered August 24, 1942, for the Navy, Medical Corps, attached to the 3rd Marine Div. He began overseas duty February, 1943, in the Pacific Theater, where he participated in the initial landings on Bougainville and Guam, in combat on British Solomon and Marianas Islands; also served on Guam, New Zealand, New Hebrides, Pearl Harbor, and on other Islands of the Pacific. His awards include a Unit Citation for action on Bougainville. Discharged February 26, 1945, due to malaria.

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Maj. BAYLIS E. HARRISS

Maj. Harriss, was born July 3, 1915, son of Mrs. Baylis E. Harriss of 1803 27th St., Galveston, and husband of Mickey Lou Harriss of Clovis, N.M. He volunteered for the Royal Air Force on Sept. 15, 1941, at Ottawa, Ont., Canada; transferred to 8th U.S.A.A.F. at London, England, on July 28, 1943. Received combat training at Pershare, Worcs, England for R.A.F. Overseas twice, 38 mos. in all, in New Foundland, England, with 13th A.A.F. in New Guinea, Philippines, Okinawa, Japan, including air offensive on Java, Borneo, and China. British Awards: D.F.C., Kings Medallion, British Star, Allied Service Medallion, and Gen. Service Ribbon U.S.A. Awards: D.F.C., 2 Clusters, Air Medal, 2 Clusters, Philippine Liberation, 1 Star, ETO, 1 Star, Asiatic Pacific, 5 Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, and Soldiers Medals. Entered R.A.F. as Ferry Pilot; after transfer to U.S.A. A.F. remained in Heavy Bomb. In Pacific he commanded 868th Bomb. Sqdn. Discharged Dec. 28, 1945, to inactive status.





Lt. FRANK A. SAYRE, JR.

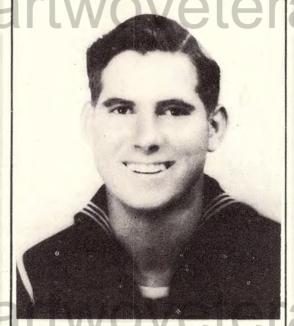
PR 1/c GERALD D. SAYRE

Sons and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Sayre, 1302 Ave. N 1/2, Galveston. Lt. FRANK A. SAYRE, was born Aug. 26, 1915, husband of Imogene Fay Sayre of Galveston. Attended Georgia Tech. College, volunteering for the Navy July 5, 1942. Assigned to Ship Salvage, with indoctrination training at Dartmouth College, and N. Salvage School, New York, N.Y. Overseas 22 mos. in N. Africa, Italy, Honolulu, Eniwetok, Guam, Tinian, Saipan. Participated in Tunisian, Salerno, Mariana Is. campaigns, and landing at Sicily. Awarded Purple Heart at Salerno. Still serving in the U.S. Navy.

Y. 1/c HELEN L. SAYRE, born Oct. 10, 1911, educated at Ball High, volunteered for the W.A.V.E.S., June 3, 1944. Trained at New York City, and Okla. A & M College. Served in Navy Dept., Wash., D.C.; U.S.N. Auxiliary Air Station, Bronson Fld., Pensacola, Fla.; and U.S.N. Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Honorably discharged on Feb. 24, 1947, in Res. for W.A.V.E.S.

P.R. 1/c GERALD D. SAYRE, was born Oct. 22, 1918. Attended Texas A & M College; enlisted in U. S. Naval Aviation Branch, Dec., 1941; trained at Elizabeth City, N.C.; Norfolk; Chincoteague, Va.; Lakehurst, N.J.; Quonset Point; Charleston, R.I.; San Diego, Calif. Oversea 18 mos. on Wake, Marcus, Marianas, Bonins, Palau, Yap, Ryukyus, Formosa, Luzon, Philippines, attached to Air Gp. 51. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Commendation Ribbon (personal), American Theater, and Good Conduct Ribbons. Discharged Dec. 5, 1945; enlisted in U.S.N. Res., 1947.

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S 1/c FRANK J. MILLER, JR.

S 1/c Miller, was born on June 28, 1918, in Houston, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Miller of 6307 Ave. L, Galveston. He attended McDonald Grammar and Warren Easton High School in New Orleans, La. Enlisted in Navy on March 8, 1936, and received his boot training at Norfolk, Va., Naval Training Station. Transferred to San Diego in June of 1936; assigned to duty on the U.S.S. Hull, and was honorably discharged in Sept., 1939. He reenlisted in Dec. of 1941, assigned to sea duty on the U.S.S. San Juan. Seaman First Class Frank Jacob Miller served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, participating in the Battle of the Solomon Islands. He was killed in action on the 7th day of August in 1942, while serving on the U.S.S. San Juan in the Battle of the Solomons. Awarded the Purple Heart.

1. —CAPT. WILLIAM THOMAS WHITTINGTON, born Nov. 2, 1914, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whitting ton of Jasper, and husband of Maxine P. Whitting ton. Attended Jasper High; volunteered Aug. 19, 1940, assigned to 1st Cav. Div.; trained at Ft. Ringgold; overseas 29 months, in campaigns in Africa, Italy, S. France, C. European, France and Germany, Rhineland. Awards: Bronze Star, Good Con., Victory, ETO Ribbon w/5 Stars, German Occ. Ribbon, and American Defense Ribbon. He is now with the 2nd Armored Div., Camp Hood.

2. —B.M.2/c HAROLD PERRY WHITTINGTON, born Aug. 13, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whittington, Jasper, attended Jasper High; volunteered June 14, 1940; trained at U.S.N.T. Sta., San Dieg o, Calif.; overseas on USS Saratoga from Jan., 1941, to Dec., 1943, and from April, 1944, to June, 1946. In Asiatic Pacific. Battles: Pearl Harbor, Occ. of S. Solomons, Def. of N. Solomons, Midway, attack on Simpson Harbor-Rabaul, Tarawa, Okinawa. Awards: Amer. Def., A.&P. w/9 Stars, Unit Comm., Phil. Lib. w/1 Star. G. Con., V. Discharged June, 1946.

3. -G.M.3/c JOHN LEE COBB, born Dec. 23, 1905, son of J. W. Cobb, Crawford, Texas, husband of Jane E. Cobb, Easterly, Texas, volunteered November 7, 1942, and was assigned to Navy Armed Guard. Trained at Great Lakes N.T. Sta., Great Lakes, Ill.; served in the United States for 3 months. Overseas from Feb. 2, 1943, to April 3, and from May 1, to December 19, 1943. G.M.3/c J. L. Cobb has returned to civilian life to be with his wife in League City, Texas. He was honorably discharged Oct. 3, 1945.

4. —S1/c JOHN WILEY FRAZIER, born Sept. 10, 1912, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Frazier, Throckmorton, and husband of Lucille Frazier, 1428-23rd St., Galveston, Texas. Volunteered in 1942, at Fort Worth, Texas, and was assigned to United States Coast Guards, with training at New Orleans, La. Served in the United States from Sept., 1942, to Sept., 1945. In Galveston, Texas, and New Orleans, La. S1/c J. W. Frazier is at home in Galveston, Texas, having been honorably discharged Oct. 1, 1945.

5. —SGT. LEWIS N. GUYEWSKI, born April 20, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Guyewski, Galveston, Texas, attended Anahuac High, Texas. Entered the service June 6, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; as signed to the Army 51st Field Art. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif.; served in the U.S. 8 months, and overseas from Feb. 15, 1943, to Nov. 9, 1945. In Africa-Mid. East Theater, Hdqtrs. Co. Cairo Military Dist., Egypt. Awards: EAME, Good Con., Victory, 1 Service Stripe, 5 O'seas S. Bars. Discharged Nov., 1945.

6. —CPL. STANLEY R. GUYEWSKI, born Feb. 19, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Guyewski, Galveston, husband of Rowena H. Guyewski, attended Anahuac High. Volunteered Nov. 30, 1942. Assigned to Army 1306th A.A.F. Base Unit. ICDATC. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Overseas 6 months, in Asiatic-Pacific, China, Burma India Theater. Awards: Asiatic Pacific, Good Conduct, Victory, American Theater, and 1 Service Stripe. Discharged in 1945, at Karachi Sind, India, Reenlisted same day. Stationed in Texas.

7. —PFC NORMAN M. GUYEWSKI, born Oct. 7, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. L., Guyewski, attended Stephen F. Austin School, Galveston; entered the service May 13, 1943, assigned to 38th Army Div.; trained at Camp Wallace, Texas; overseas 20 months, in Asiatic Pacific, New Guinea, S. Philippines (Liberation) Luzon, Awards: Asiatic-Pacific w/3 Stars, Phil. Liberation w/1 Star, Good Conduct, Victory, American Theater, and 3 Overseas Stripes. Was in the 6th and 8th Armies. Discharged Jan., 1946.

8. -PLATOON SGT. CHARLES PINTO HOWARD, born May 18, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max R. Howard, 2105 Ave. K, Galveston, on, attended Ball High School, Galveston. Volunteered May 21, 1940; assigned to Marines, 22nd Div.; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas 41 months, in Reykjavik, Iceland, Marshalls, Volcanos, Guam, Samoa, battles on Eniwetok, and of two Jima. Wounded on Eniwetok. Awards: Good Conduct, Purple Heart, Silver Star, He was honorably discharged on November 7, 1945.

9. —SHIPFITTER2/c JAMES MONROE HAIR, JR., born May 17, 1918, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hair, Anderson, and husband of Velma T. Hair, La Marque. He attended Allen Military Academy, Bryan. Volunteered for the service Jan. 14, 1943, and was assigned to the Navy Seabees (23 months) and Marines 5th Div. (13 months). Trained at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Overseas 14 months, in Tarawa, Hawaii, Iwo Jima, Japan, (Sasebo to Omura). Awards: 2 Battle Stars. Was honorably discharged Dec. 12, 1945.

10.—PFC DONALD IVY HAIR, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Hair, Anderson, born Feb. 10, 1925, husband of Mardell Hair, 927 Texas Ave., Texas City, attended Anderson High, Texas. Entered the service on May 21, 1943, and was assigned to the Army 10th Mountain Div. Trained at Camp Hale, Colorado, Ft, Sill, Oklahoma. Overseas 7 months, in Porritta, Italy, Bolognia, Italy, in the Battle of Po Valley, crossed Po River, served at Trieste, Yugoslavia, through Alps to Austria. Award ETO w/4 Stars. Discharged Nov., 1946.

\*11.—CADET OFFICER CHARLES EMIL BLAIR, born May 8, 1918, son of Mrs. Helen Holst, 1502 Sealy, Galveston, attended Galveston High School. Entered the service in 1938, and was assigned to Merchant Marines. Trained as Cadet Deck Officer. He was in the Battle of Atlantic Eastern Sea Board, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice, when he was killed in action by torpedo somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico. He died May 16, 1942.

12.—S.K.2/c JOHN MADSEN HOLST, born Jan. 8, 1921, in Texas, is the son of Mrs. Helen Holst, 1502 Sealy, Galveston, Volunteered for service on June 27, 1944, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy (Supply Branch) with training at United States Naval Training Center, San Diego, Galif. He served in the United States from June of 1944, to March of 1946. Promoted from S1/c to S.K. 3/c, then to S.K. 2/c. He received an honorable discharge on March 1,1946.

13.—SGT. ALFRED KURT HOFFMAN, born Dec. 21, 1920, is the son of Mr. Edwin Kurt Hoffman, Dickinson, and husband of Clara Hoffman, Box 716, Dickinson. Educated in Public Schools of Dickinson; volunteered for service Aug. 21, 1940. Assigned to 1st Cav. Div.; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas; overseas from July 3, 1943, to April 1, 1945. In New Guinea, Luzon, S. Philippines, and Bismarck Archipelago Campaigns. Awards: Purple Heart, Br. Star, G. Conduct, A.P. w/4 Stars, Amer. Def., Com. Inf. Badge. Discharged Sept., 1945.

14.—1ST LT. FLOYD CLARENCE STROM, born Feb. 10, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Strom, Dickinson, Texas, attended Dickinson High. Volunteered for service Oct. 29, 1942, assigned to A.A.F. pilot training. Trained at Mustang Fld., Strother Fld., and Blackland Army Air Field. Overseas 13 months, in Southwest Pacific, Pilot A ir Transport Command, non-Tactical Organization. He is at present with Air Transport Com'd, Subdivision Military Air Transport Sta., at Membris. Tenn.

15.—PFC PEDRO H. TOVAR, born Feb. 7, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Tovar, Galveston, Texas, husband of Andrea Tovar, 3916 Ave. I, Galveston, attended school at Waelder, Texas. Entered the service on July 15, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the 154th Engineer Bn. Overseas 17 months, in Peleliu Islands, Philippines, and Japan. He was given an honorable discharge at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on December 12, 1945.

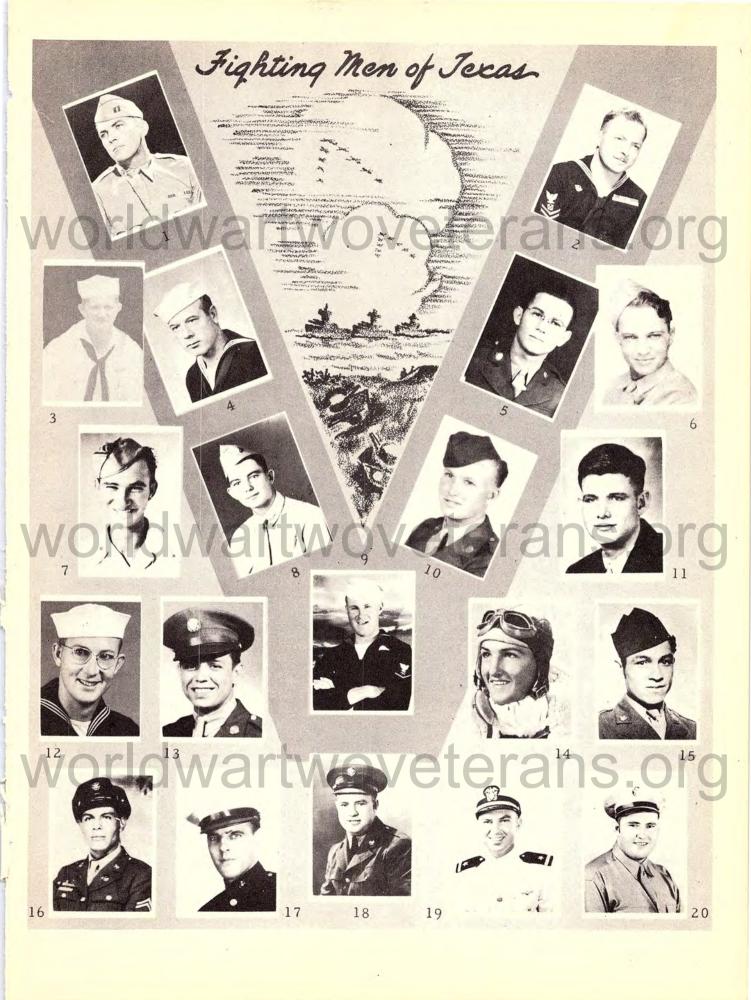
16.—CPL. ESEQUIL H. TOVAR, born March 2, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Tovar, Galveston, attended schoolat Waelder, and volunteered his service on Jan. 12, 1940. He was assigned to Army 1st Cav. Div. Trained at Fort Clark and Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas 15 months, in Australia, New Guinea, battles of Bismarck Archipelago, and New Guinea, Wounded in action on Los Negroes Island. Awards: Purple Heart, American Def., Asiatic-Pacific w/2 Stars, Good Con. Combat Inf. Badge. Discharged June, 1945.

17.—M.T.SGT. JOHN JOSEPH SULLIVAN, born Deg. 10, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sullivan, Galveston, husband of Josephine Sullivan, attended Ball High School, Galveston. Volunteered Feb. 14, 1939, assigned to 3rd Marine Div.; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.; overseas 3 years, in European Theater, S. Pacific Area, Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima. Awards: American Theater, European Theater, Pacific Theater w/3 Stars, American Def. w/Star, Good Con. Discharged Sept. 5, 1945.

18.—CPL. PAUL ROLAND VERKIN, JR., born July 3,1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Verkin, Sr., Galveston, husband of Thresa L. Verkin, 4108 Ave. J, Galveston. Graduated from Ball High School, Galveston, and entered the service on Nov. 12, 1941, at Houston, Texas. Was assigned to the U.S. Army Engineers. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and Ft. Belvoir, Va. Awarded: EAME w/2 Stars, Dist. Unit Badge, American Def. Medal, Good Conduct. He was honorably discharged May 30, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston.

19.—LT. (jg) WINTFORD EVANS VERKIN, born Sept. 20, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Verkin, Sr., husband of Dorothy Beach Verkin, is a graduate of Ball High, Galveston. He volunteered for service on June, 1942, and was assigned to Navy Flight Command. Trained at Instrument School, Atlanta, Ga., American Air Lines, Ft. Worth, and Pre-Flight School, Athens, Ga. Awards: American Theater, Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation, and Asiatic Pacific w/2 Stars. Honorably discharged April 29, 1946.

20.—SGT. CAMILLE G. VERKIN, born Oct. 20, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Verkin, Sr., Galveston. Entered the service June, 1943, at Houston, Texas. He was assigned to the Med. Det., 1852nd Service Unit, X-Ray Tech. 264. He was awarded the following medals: American Theater Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory World War II Medal. He had two brothers who also gave good service, who are now returned to civilian life. Sgt. C. G. Verkin was honorably discharged March 27, 1946.







#### \*Pvt. ALDRICH L. STILL

Pvt. Still, was born on Nov. 27, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich C. Still of Alta Loma, Texas. He attended Ball High School at Galveston, and entered the Army 30th Inf. Div. on May 14, 1943. Trained at Camps Hood, Texas, Carson, Colorado, and Roberts, Calif. He went overseas on June 20, 1944, and was attached to the 119th Inf. Reg., Co. K, 1st Army, 30th Inf. Div. with service in Northern France. Pvt. Aldrich Lee Still was killed near Roffuvielle, France, in the Battle of Mortain, when the Germans made a surprise attack with 5 Armored Div., their purpose being to split the American 1st and 3rd Armies, but the spearhead was broken and the enemy thrown back. Purple Heart was received by his parents.







Pfc WILLIAM G. HOFFMAN

T/Sgt. ALWYNN L. HOFFMAN

S/Sgt. GEORGE R. JENSEN

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jensen of Arcadia, Texas. T/Sgt. ALWYNN L. HOFFMAN, born Dec. 23, 1907, husband of Margaret Louise Hoffman. Entered the Army 33rd Inf. Div. on April 16, 1942; trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash., Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp Ellis, Ill. Overseas 6 mos. on Luzon. Awards are Rifle Marksmanship Badge, Philippine Liberation, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged February 16, 1946.

Pfc WILLIAM GEO. HOFFMAN, born July 3, 1910, entered the Army Ordnance Div. on May 15, 1942; trained at Ft. Frances E. Warren, Wyo., and M.O.P. Ordnance Plant, Miss. In No. France, and Rhineland for 22 mos. Awarded ATO, EAME with 2 Stars; Good Conduct; Marksman Rifle Badge, and Victory Ribbons. Pfc Wm. G. Hoffman received an honorable discharge on the 17th of November in 1945.

S/Sgt. GEORGE ROBERT JENSEN, was born on July 7, 1906, in Illinois, husband of Kate Anna Jensen of Arcadia. Attended Alvin and Richmond High Schools; volunteered for the Army Air Forces at Houston on November 3rd of 1942, and was sent to Buckley Field, Denver, Colorado, for his training. His decorations include the Good Conduct Medal and the Marksman Rifle Badge. On September 21, 1945, S/Sgt. Jensen was given an honorable discharge from the A.A.F.

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\*Maj. EDWARD L. VANNOY, JR.

Maj. Vannoy, was born on October 29, 1916, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Vannoy, Sr., of 902 Pearl Street in Denton, Texas, and husband of Bobbie Jo Vannoy of Box 324 in League City, Texas. Educated in Denton Grammar and High School, and at North Texas State Teachers College. He entered the service on November 11, 1938, at San Antonio, was assigned to the U.S. Army Air Corps, and sent to Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, for his training. He was shipped overseas in April of 1944, and served in the China-Burma-India Theater. He flew the first mission over Tokyo, serving as a Superfortress Pilot. Major Edward Leslie Vannoy, Jr., was killed on his first mission to Formosa. The Superfortress he was piloting blew up in mid air on October 14th, 1944. His decorations include the Air Corps Medal and the Purple Heart.





Cpl. GEORGE D. SHIELDS



M/Sgt. HENRY T. SHIELDS

Cpl. Shields, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Shalie of 800 13th Avenue in Texas City, Texas, and husband of Pearl V. Shields, was born on July 8th in 1918, and received his education at Ball High School in Galveston. On February the 28th in 1944, he volunteered for the service at Houston, and was assigned to the Army 8th Service Command, going to Sheppard Field, Texas, for training. He also trained at the University of Alabama, and at Aloe Field, Texas. He was in the Army Air Corps as Pre-Aviation Cadet, and had qualified for pilot training. Discharged Nov. 2, 1945, at Ellington Fld., Texas, and resides at 729 13th Ave., Texas, City.

M/Sgt. Shields, born Nov. 23, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shalie of Texas City, was educated in Dallas. He volunteered for service Nov. 11, 1936, at Galveston; assigned to Army 2nd Div.; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas 32 mos. in campaign for Algeria French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Normandy; No. France; Rhineland; Ardennes; and Central Europe, with the 9th Inf. Div. Awarded EAME with 8 Bronze Stars; Bronze Indian Arrowhead (for Invasion of N. Africa); American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct, and Bronze Star Medals. Master Sergeant Henry T. Shields was given his discharge in July, 1945.



S/Sgt. Shields, was born on Oct. 29, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E.
Shalle, and husband of Adell Shields of Texas City. He attended
Shalle of 800 13th Ave., N, Texas City,

Shalie, and husband of Adell Shields of Texas City. He attended Lovenburg Jr. High at Galveston; volunteered for the A.A.C. on May 16, 1939; trained at Aerial Gunnery, Hags. Harlingen, Texas. Overseas twice, 16 mos. in all, in England, in air offensive of Europe. No. France, and Rhineland. Awards include EAME with 2 Stars; Good Conduct, Air Medal with 15 Oak Leaf Clusters, D.F.C., and American Defense Medals. Discharged Aug. 11, 1945. His wife is from Witham, Essex, England, and came over on the Queen Mary with their 15 mo. old daughter. They are living in their new home in Texas City.

B.M.2/c Shields, was born on Sept. 21, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shalie of 800 13th Ave., N, Texas City, Texas. He attended Lovenberg Junior High School at Galveston, and enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on September 21, 1939, at Galveston; was trained on board U.S. C.G.C. Saranac. He served overseas from December of 1943, to September of 1945, in South Pacific; participated in invasions of Marshall Is., Emirau, Saipan, Anguar, Peleliu, Leyte, Luzon, and Iwo Jima. Received ATO, Asiatic Pacific with 7 Stars, Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars, and American Defense with Arrowhead, U.S.S. Callaway rec. Pres. Cit. Discharged Sept. 27, 1945.

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\*2nd Lt. HARRY O. WILLIAMS

2nd Lt. Williams, son of Mrs. Ola R. Williams, P.O. Box 137 Ganado, Texas, was born in Galveston on Jan. 4,1917. Educated in Galveston, graduating from Ball High School in June, 1933, after which he attended A & M College majoring in electrical engineering. He married Jennie Ruth Erwin in Nov., 1939. Employed by the Pan American Refining Corp. at Texas City, when he volunteered for service in the U.S. Army Air Corps on Jan. 19, 1942. Received preliminary training at Ellington Fld., and gained his wings at Victorville, Calif., on July 4, 1942, where he graduated with high honors. He was a bombadier in the 305 Bombing Gp., 422 Bombing Sqdn., and went overseas Oct. 18, 1942, serving in Western European Area. Missing and wounded Dec. 6, 1942, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Dec. 11, 1942. 2nd Lt. Williams was awarded the Purple Heart.



Pvt. CHARLES L. KESTLER, JR.

Pvt. C. L. Kestler, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kestler, Sr., 3727 Ave. R., Galveston, born May 12th, 1925, was educated at St. Patrick's Grammar, and Ball High School, Galveston. He entered the service on July 27, 1943, at Houston, and was assigned to the Army Inf. Div.; trained at 'Camp Adair, Oregon; served in the United States 8 months, and overseas 4 months, in N. Ireland, S. England, and Normandy. Participated in the Battle of St. Lo. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice, having been killed in action near St. Andre, France, July 12th, 1944. Pvt. Kestler was awarded the Purple Heart; Unit Citation; and ETO Ribbon. Excerpt from news item: "Kestler reached his peak as a schoolboy gridster in last game he played for Ball, 1942 Ball-Kirwin Skirmish. The score was 25-20 in favor of Ball, Kestler doing more than his share."

### \*T/4 JOSEPH LLOREDA, JR.

T/4 J. Lloreda, born July, 19, 1915, is the son of Mr. Joseph Lloreda, 3520 Avenue "S", Galveston, Texas, and husband of Victoria Lloreda, Galveston. He received his education in Ball High School, Galveston. Entered the service in Oct., 1942, and was assigned to Kelly Field, (Ground Force), transferring on June, 1943, to Paratroopers. Served in the United States 14 months, and overseas 6 months. Stationed in England until D-Day invasion of Normandy, France. T/4 Lloreda paid the Surpeme Sacrifice, having been fatally wounded on D-Day (June 6, 1944) in action in Normandy. He received a Citation, and the Purple Heart. Prior to his enlistment he was an employee of Todds Shipyard.





### \*S/Sgt. ESTUS F. WILEY

S/Sgt. Wiley, was born on Aug. 11, 1919, in Port Arthur, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiley of Austin, and husband of Catherine Hogan Wiley, 1615 Ave. O, Galveston. Attended Univ. of Texas at Austin; volunteered for the Reg. Army in 1938, serving until 1940, then on Dec. 23, 1941, he enlisted in the A.A.C., assigned to the 14th A.A.F., 28th Fighter Sqd. Trained at S.A.A.F., Sarasota, Fla., with service in the China-Burma-India area from Aug. 17, 1943, until Nov. 30, 1945. His awards are American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, and Victory Ribbons. On Dec. 10, 1945 S/Sgt. Wiley was honorably discharged. He lost his life in a traffic accident near Navasota, Texas, on Sept. 27, 1947. At the time of his death, he was a member of the enlisted Reserve Corps.

### 1st Lt. CATHERINE F. H. WILEY

Lt. Hogan, was born on April 22, 1919, in Texas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michael Hogan, 1615 Avenue O, Galveston, Texas, and wife of the late Estus Fred Wiley. Attended John Sealy College of Nursing, Univ. of Texas, and Univ. of Michigan. Volunteered for service May 1, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas; assigned to the Army Nurse Corps; trained at Ft. Sam Houston at Brooke General Hospital. She was sent overseas on December 10, 1944, and served in England, France, and Germany, participating in the Battle of the Bulge. Returned to the States in Jan. of 1946. Received the ETO Ribbon with 1 Campaign Star. 1 st Lt. Catherine Frances Hogan was given her discharge on March 16, 1946.





### \*2nd Lt. DAVID L. HERZOG

2nd Lt. D. L. Herzog, born Sept. 2, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Herzog, 2020 Ave. O, Galveston, married Dorothy Preston, 6936 Myrtle St., Houston. Attended Kirwin High School, Galveston; volunteered Dec. 7, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, A & M College, office training; served in the United States 19 months. He was a devout Catholic, member of Sacred Heart Church, at Galveston; was Altar Boy and Acolyte for Col. Marius J. Chataignon, well known Chaplain of W. Wars I and II. On Aug. 4, 1944, Lt. Herzog was killed when his plane crashed at Gander, N'fld. He navigated a B-17 Bomber, and was enroute to an overseas base. He is survived by his wife and son, David L. Jr., born Dec. 31, 1944. His death came as a great shock to all who knew and loved him.

### Cpl. JOSEPH S. KEYES

Cpl. J. S. Keyes, Jr., born July 8, 1924, in Mississippi, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Keyes, 2102 Sealy Ave., Galveston, husband of Eileen Keyes, 3215 O. Street, Galveston, entered the service on May 10, 1943, at Houston, and was assigned to the 96th Inf. Trained at Ft. Riley, Kan., etc. Served in the United States 14 months, and overseas 17 months, in Asiatic Pacific; fought in the Philippine Liberation Battle, (Leyte and Samar Islands) and Battle of Ryukyus (Okinawa Island). He was wounded during battle for Okinawa. Received the American Theater Campaign Medal; Asiatic Pacific, 2 Bronze Stars; Bronze Arrowhead; Good Conduct; Purple Heart; Meritorious Unit Award, and Victory Ribbon. Cpl. Keyes received an honorable discharge on December 30, 1945.

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### The Battle of the Marianas: Saipan, Guam, Tinian, and the First Battle of the Philippine Sea: June 16, 1944—August 3, 1944

THE southern prong of the great pincers movement designed to encompass Japan, began at the Guadalcanal in the Solomons and on New Guinea. The northern prong, as we have seen in the preceding chapter, began at Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians, and followed on through the 800 miles of island chain to Kiska and Attu; and after the capture of those two islands our forces solidified their positions and, on constant alert, waited for the southern prong to move forward.

With the conquest of Guadalcanal and Bougainville in the Solomons, and with the successful campaign along the east coast of New Guinea to Rabaul in New Britain, and then the conquest of Tarawa and Makin in the Gilberts, and Kwajalein and other important islands in the Marshalls, the southern prong was well on its way towards the Philippines and Japan. But the southern prong faced this difficulty that did not exist in the northern prong. On both sides of the southern prong were many strong points still held by the enemy, and from these points enemy air and surface craft could by flanking movements threaten the progress of the central core of advance. It was necessary, therefore, that every available ship and plane be brought into action to wipe out or neutralize these danger spots, or to cut the enemy's communications so that some of these danger points might be bypassed. The Halmahera Islands, West of New Guinea; the Palau Islands west of the Carolines, the Celebes, and Borneo, and Mindanao in the Philippines:-all these were still occupied by the enemy, and in Java and Sumatra hundreds of thousands of enemy troops were still in occupation. On the northern side of this southern prong were Wake Island, Marcus Island, Iwo Jima, and others that must also be neutralized. So it was that our approach along the southern prong of the pincers towards the Philippines demanded wide-spread activity of our Navy as well as our carrier-based and land-based aircraft.

In an exploratory thrust on February 21-23, 1944, the United States Fleet struck at Saipan, Tinian and Guam in the Marianas, some 1500 miles from Tokyo, destroying 135 enemy planes, sinking one ship and damaging ten others.

Accordingly, on March 20, 1944, we made landings on Emirau Island in the St. Matthias Group, northeast of New Guinea, and bombarded Kavieng, in New Ireland.

On March 30-April 1, a carrier Task Force attacked the Western Carolines, while on April 22, we made landings in the Hollandia Area, in western New Guinea.

On April 29-May 1, a Carrier Task Force made attacks on the Central and Eastern Carolines.

On May 17, we made landings on Wakde Island, offshore from New Guinea, and on May 19-20, attacked Wake Island.

We made landings on Biak Island, Dutch New Guinea, on May 27, 1944.

After having neutralized the great enemy naval base at Truk in the Carolines on February 16-18, 1944, we by-passed many of the islands in the Caroline Group in order to get on with driving the spearhead of the southern prong as rapidly as possible towards the Philippines.

It was on June 11-14, 1944 that we made preliminary Carrier Task Force attacks on the Marianas, preparatory to our invasion landings on Saipan, on June 15, 1944.

### The Mariana Islands

We have already seen that the Marianas, except Guam which was ceded by Spain to the United States in 1898, were sold by Spain to Germany in 1899. With Germany's defeat in the First World War, these German islands passed to Japan under mandate from the League of Nations. In the Four Power Pact, Washington Disarmament Conference of December 13, 1921, Japan agreed to respect the island possessions of other nations in the Pacific and not to extend fortifications to any of them. Japan violated this treaty by secretly building naval installations in these islands, which were hers not by title of ownership but by mandate to be held in trust with annual reports to the League of Nations.

The Marianas lies about seventeen hundred miles east of the Philippines, and the intervening waters are known as the Philippine Sea.

### The Battle of Saipan June 15, 1944— July 9, 1944

The three islands of Saipan, Tinian and Guam, in the Marianas, were our immediate objectives. Here we were to enter the inner oceanic defenses of Japan, and be on our way to the Philippines. Our military power in the Pacific was now superior to that of Japan, and our Navy alone was five times stronger than Japan's, as would soon be demonstrated in the Battle of the Philippine Sea, in which the Japanese lost their best naval air pilots and much of their carrier strength.

A large American naval task force appeared off Saipan, under command of Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, with Admirals Richmond K. Turner and Marc A. Mitscher commanding the carrier fleets. From June 11-14, 1944 carrier-based planes bombed Saipan, Tinian and Guam.

In the land operations, our invasion forces consisted of the Fourth Marine Division under command of General Holland M. Smith and the 27th Infantry Division under General Ralph C. Smith. Our initial landing on June 15, 1944 was made on the lower west coast of Saipan and was met by strong artillery and mortar fire; our naval units were called upon to support our effort. By noon, the Marines had established two shallow beachheads. On the following two days they repulsed strong enemy tank formations as they turned north to Garapan. The 27th Division turned south and captured the Aslito air strip on June 19, 1944. Our Seabees immediately prepared it for our own use.

A fifteen-hundred foot mountain range near the center of Saipan gave the enemy an advantage. Here he fought from caves with mortar and machine guns, and defied all frontal assault by the Americans. For eighteen days, June 19-July 6, 1944, with the help of air, naval and artillery fire, our forces fought to clean the Japanese out of their strongholds. Finally, the enemy was driven into a pocket near the north end of the island, where he made a strong and suicidal counterattack on our forces. All the

enemy higher officers fell in this assault, one of them being Admiral Chuichi Nagumo, who had commanded a task force in the Pearl Harbor attack of December 7, 1941. This was the last battle on Saipan and ended July 9, 1944.

The bitterness of the Battle of Saipan is shown by the heavy casualties incurred. The Japanese lost 19,793 killed, and more than one-thousand taken prisoner, a larger number than in any previous battle. The Americans suffered 15,053 casualties, 2359 being killed in action, 11,481 wounded, and 1213 missing. The repercussions of this battle on Japan were enormous. The Cabinet of General Tojo resigned, and changes in the army and navy high command were ordered for the better defense of the home islands.

### The Battle of Tinian July 23, 1944—August 1, 1944

The island of Tinian lies only a few miles south of Saipan. The Second and Fourth Marine Divisions under command of General Harry Schmidt, supported by escort ships under Admiral Harry W. Hill, landed on the island on July 23, 1944. Enemy resistance was slight but substantial. On July 25, our troops pushed inland and captured the town of Tinian and two air strips. The remnants of the Japanese forces were cornered at Lalo Point in the south. By August 1, 1944, all enemy resistance was crushed. The Japanese dead numbered 5745 while Americans lost 195 killed in action, 1526 wounded, and 24 missing.

### The Battle of Guam June 20, 1944-August 3, 1944

Guam is the largest and most populous island in the Mariana Group, lying more than 5000 miles southwest of San Francisco, 1700 miles east of Manila, and 1500 miles south of Japan. Its area is only 206 square miles, with Agana as the chief city and capital. Apra is the only good harbor. The population of Guam in 1940 was estimated at 22,900, exclusive of U.S. Navy personnel, the population being classified as follows:

20,177 native Chammoras, 785 whites 569 Filipinos

326 Japanese

324 Chinese

109 negroes.

Guam, a United States-owned island, had been seized by the Japanese on December 9, 1941. Our efforts to retake the island were preceded by seventeen days of intensive bombardment by carrier planes from the ships of Admiral Spruance. The garrison on the small island of Rota, half way between Saipan and Guam, was destroyed, and for a week before we landed on Guam, our battleships and cruisers had bombarded its western coast.

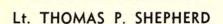
For the second time in the battle experience of the Americans, they were fighting on an American island that was inhabited by a friendly native population, mostly Chammoras, waiting to greet them.





### \*Sgt. THOMAS MORGAN HOOD, JR.

Sgt. Thomas M. Hood, Jr., was killed in crash, Sept. 4, 1945, while on an errand of mercy, a prisoner of war relief mission to Japan, July 4, 1945, with a cargo of supplies. Encountering bad weather, the plane went under the overcast in an attempt to find the camp containing our POWs. The last radio report had the craft following a railroad track-no further information was received. He is survived by his wife, two children, Tommy, III, and Karen; his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thos. M. Hood; two sisters, Suzanne Hood, and Mrs. Wm. C. Lindley. Sgt. Hood went overseas in July, 1945, and was stationed on Saipan, with the 498th Bombardment Group. A graduate of Ball High School, Galveston, Texas, where he was a star in basketball and served as cocaptain of the football team; he was president of the senior class. He was married to Miss Lavena Betty Brewis, of Galveston, before entering the service. Thomas, and one of his buddies, while on their first mission, climbed out of bomb bay doors to release a drum of supplies which was stuck; this proved successful, and their mission was completed. Thomas' untiring attention to duty and unflinching courage were an inspiration to all members of the 498th Bomb. Group, and his entire Group spoke of him with pride.



Lt. T. P. Shepherd, son of Mrs. Mable Shepherd, Centerville, Texas, born April 2, 1922, volunteered for service on July 1, 1940, at Houston; was assigned to the Army, 9th Air Force; trained at Del Rio and Ellington Field; served in the United States 3 years and 2 months. He served overseas 1 year, and took part in the first night missions flown against the Nazis, the 9th Air Force strafing German installation along the invasion coast of Northern France. He was awarded Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters. He is at present with the Air Force, pilot of a passenger plane from Dayton, Ohio, to Washington, D. C.



Cpl. T/5 ROBERT L. TAYLOR

Cpl. T/5 Robert L. Taylor, son of Mrs. Fannie Taylor, 401 San Felipe St., Hearne, husband of Mrs. Iva Marie, Taylor, of Houston, Texas, was educated at Texarkana, Ark.; volunteered for service on December 22, 1942, at Houston, and was assigned to the Army, Co. K., 516th Q.M. Reg't, and 3930 Q.M. Truck Co., Camp Van Dorn, Miss., Training Sta. Served in the United States from Dec., 1942, until April, 1943, and from April, 1943, to Oct. 29, 1945, he was overseas in Persian Gulf Command, China-Burma-India. Awards: 3 Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 29, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

The landing force was made up of the Third Marine Division and the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade under General Roy Geiger, reinforced by elements of the 77th Infantry Division under command of General Andrew D. Bruce. The landing was effected on July 20, 1944 on both sides of Port Apra. Little resistance was encountered, and in two days' time we had cut off the Orate Peninsula in the west. Then, the Americans drove across Guam to the east coast. captured Mount Barrigada in the north, and destroyed enemy opposition at all strong points. Twenty days of fighting ended on August 3, 1944, with the Japanese dead numbering 14,067, while the Americans lost 1226 killed in action, 5765 wounded, and 329 missing.

The 77th Infantry Division began its fighting of the Japanese in July 1944 when it landed on Orote Peninsula, Guam, and relieved the 4th Marine Division. Within eight days the Division had occupied the eastern beaches of Guam, and then captured Yona, San Antonio, and Barrigada. It was in action twenty-one days on Guam, and made advances of eighteen miles against a trapped and desperate enemy. We will come across the 77th again at Leyte, and still again at Okinawa, and at Ie Shima where Ernie Pyle met his death while serving as War Correspondent with the 77th.

### AMERICAN BATTLE ORDER

On Saipan: Fourth Marine Division under General Holland M. Smith. 27th Infantry Division under General Ralph C. Smith.

On Tinian: Second Marine Division, and Fourth Marine Division, under command of General Harry Schmidt.

On Guam: Third Marine Division and First Provisional Marine Brigade under General Roy Geiger, and elements of the U.S. 77th Infantry Division under General Andrew D. Bruce.

In the central Pacific area, from the invasion of the Gilbert Islands late in 1943 to the reconquest of Guam ten months later, Admiral Nimitz' report of August 13, 1944 shows:

Japanese killed, 52,323, with only 3022 prisoners taken. The Americans lost 5903 killed in action during this period.

### The First Battle of the Philippine Sea June 15, 1944—June 21, 1944

The Battle of Saipan and the schedule for landing on Guam were somewhat upset by an interference run by the Japanese Fleet. While our troops on Saipan were in the thick of action with a stubborn and tenacious enemy, word was received that the Japanese Fleet was approaching, and a full scale naval battle might be imminent. However, fighting on Saipan went on without letup, but it was necessary to delay the landings on Guam.

On June 15, 1944, the same day our troops landed on Saipan, Admiral Spruance received reports that a large force of enemy carriers, battleships, cruisers and destroyers was headed towards his position, evidently on its way to bring relief to the enemy garrisons in the Marianas. As his primary mission was to assist in the capture of the Marianas, the Admiral's responsibility now was twofold: to protect the invasion forces at all cost, and at

the same time to fight an aggressive action with the oncoming enemy fleet. The Philippine Sea is that vast part of the Pacific ocean lying between the Philippine Islands on the west and the Marianas on the east, and between the Bonin and Volcano islands on the north, and the Dutch East Indies on the south.

Admiral Spruance operated aggressively to the westward of the Marianas, but did not draw his carriers and battleships so far away that units of the enemy might develop end runs and reach the islands.

The technique of this battle is interesting. Who of us had heard of Iwo Jima before? Even while sending some of his fast carriers and battleships westward to meet the approaching enemy fleet, Admiral Spruance sent other carriers to attack Iwo Jima and Chichi Jima on June 15-16, 1944. Our carrier planes on this mission destroyed enemy aircraft on the ground and in the air, and set fire to buildings, ammunition and fuel dumps, and so neutralizing for the time being those enemy bases and freeing our forces from danger of attack by enemy aircraft from that direction. The mission completed, our forces were instantly recalled, and deployed west of Saipan and merged with the fleet awaiting the arrival of the Japanese Armada.

This was to be one of the greatest aerial battles ever fought in the Southwest Pacific.

The United States naval task forces which were in the vicinity of the Marianas were large enough and strong enough to engage the whole Japanese Navy if it chose to make a stand. Admiral Raymond A. Spruance was in overall command, with carrier fleets operating under Admirals Mitscher, Clark, Ragsdale, and Connolly. Admiral Turner commanded the amphibious forces.

Contact with the Japanese Fleet was made on June 19, 1944. The initial engagements consisted of two air battles, one over Guam with enemy planes that had been launched from carriers, and the other a large scale air attack on the ships of the American fleet.

The total score for the first day was: 402 enemy planes destroyed out of a total of 545 seen, as against 17 American planes lost, and minor damage to four of our ships.

The enemy, due to his large scale losses of carrier planes, was not expected to be able to make further air attacks on Saipan. Having given protection to our landing parties on Saipan, Admiral Spruance then rushed his fleet to the west in an attempt to overhaul the enemy and bring his fleet into action. Our air searchers did not locate the fleeing enemy ships until late on the 20th, and when contact was made by a heavy striking force of our carrier planes, the enemy was at extreme range for a full and complete action to be developed; besides many of our planes were running short of fuel and had to return to their carriers. In spite of all this, however, we sank two enemy carriers, two destroyers, and one tanker, and severely damaged three carriers, one battleship, three cruisers, one destroyer and three tankers.

We lost sixteen planes shot down by the enemy, and a total of 73 American planes were lost by running out of fuel and having to make crash landing at night. Over 90% of the personnel of our planes which made water landings were picked up in the dark by our ships.

The enemy continued his flight during the 20th and the 21st of June, 1944, and by the 21st our planes sent to attack could not make contact, and our effort to make him fight had to be abandoned.

The Battle of the Philippine Sea interrupted the Japanese plans to reinforce the Marianas. There, our schedule of operations to capture the entire group of islands went forward, to a final completion on August 3, 1944.

This vistory in the Battle of the Philippine Sea left the Americans in undisputed control of waters around the Marianas. This battle, like the Battle of the Coral Sea and the Battle of Midway, was fought entirely by carrier planes, and although the warships were the objects of attack, they did not exchange shots.

### SOUTHWEST PACIFIC DRAGNET Approaches to the Philippines

Before and during the operations in the Marianas, Southwest Pacific forces under General MacArthur engaged in a dragnet operation to prevent Japanese air and troop movements in western New Guinea and other points in the southwest to endanger our lines of communication across the Pacific; also to secure for the Allied forces valuable advanced ports and airfields from which our operations could be extended and be carried on even more effectively. These operations were mostly amphibious and did not require the support of naval vessels larger than cruisers.

### Arara and Wakde Island

On May 17, 1944, an unopposed landing of American Army units was made on Arara on the mainland of Dutch New Guinea about 70 miles west of Hollandia. The landing forces were composed of the 163rd Regimental Combat Team, reinforced. By May 18 the troops had extended their beachhead along the coast from Toem to the Tor River, and then landed on the Wakde Islands, where they overcame all enemy resistance by May 19.

### Biak Island

Needing a forward base from which to operate heavy bombers, we made an amphibious assault on Biak Island beginning May 27. The way having been prepared by an attacking force of cruisers, destroyers, transports and landing craft, our first troops landed and moved in with little enemy opposition, but a later landing force encountered heavy opposition. The enemy entrenched in caves commanded the coastal road to the airstrips, maintained stubborn resistance and seriously retarded our schedule of operations. It also became apparent that the enemy was planning to reinforce his position on Biak, by making a Tokyo Express run. In order to meet this threat, Admiral V. A. C. Crutchley of the Royal Navy was commissioned to destroy the approaching enemy fleet. On June 8-9, 1944, at night, a force of five enemy destroyers was intercepted, whereupon the Japanese ships fled at such high speed that only one of our destroyer divisions was able to come within firing range. After a vain chase of about three hours the action was terminated.

### Noemfoor Island

Noemfoor Island lies southwest of Biak Island, and on its northwest corner was the Japanese Kaimiri Airdrome. An amphibious





### \*Capt. ROLAND T. KNIGHT

Capt. Roland Thomas Knight, son of Mrs. Lottie Bell Knight, and husband of Loretta Knight, of Centerville, Texas, was born July 18, 1919. He attended Sam Houston State Teachers' College at Huntsville, and on Dec. 15, 1941, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps, at Houston. He was assigned to the 100th Bomb Group, and after training at Tulare, Bakersfield, and Williams Fields, he was commissioned, and was sent to Europe in June, 1943. He was a pilot and Assistant Group Operations Officer, and completed 15 missions over Germany. From March, 1944, to Aug., 1945, he was reported missing, then later German records showed that the fatality occurred on March 15, 1944. He had been awarded the Soldier's Medal and the Air Medal before his death. The Purple Heart was awarded later.





Pfc SAM ABRAHAM

Cpl. STEVE G. ABRAHAM

Pfc Sam Abraham, son of George Abraham, Bremond, Texas, attended Bremond High School; entered the service on March 21, 1944, at Fort Sam Houston, assigned to the Army, 238th General Hospital; trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Served in the United States 9 months, and overseas 9 months, in Rhineland, GO 105 WD 45. Awarded EAME Service Medal, American Theater Service Medal, Victory Medal, and 2 Battle Stars. Prior to his enlistment into the United States Army, Pfc Abraham was employed in the produce business. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 3, 1946, and returned to civilian life.

Cpl. Steve G. Abraham, born July 5,1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Abraham, Bremond, husband of Mildred Abraham, also of Bremond, volunteered Oct. 29,1942, at Mineral Wells, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Blackland Army Air Field and Kearns, Utah. Served in the United States from Oct. 29, 1942, to April 15,1945, and overseas 10 months in the Aleutian Islands. He was awarded the following: A merican Theater Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory (World War II) Ribbon. Before he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, he was in produce business. Dischd. Feb. 24, 1946.

force under command of Admiral Barbey, with a landing force built around the U.S. 148th Regimental Combat Team went ashore in the face of slight opposition, the nearby Japanese airfields having been previously effectively neutralized. There were probably not more than 2000 enemy troops on Noemfoor, and these were destroyed with the loss of only eight of our men killed. Thus, another forward air facility came into our possession at relative light cost.

### Cape Sansapor

The last remaining point of importance in western New Guinea was Cape Sansapor on the Vogelkop Peninsula, which juts out towards the Celebes and Borneo. The covering force for the landing was maintained by Admiral R. S. Berkey. The enemy gave slight opposition, and we lost one man killed in action. This operation brought us to the western extremity of New Guinea and effectively neutralized that island as a base of enemy operations, and rendered the enemy in Halmahera, the Molucca Passage and Makassar Strait vulnerable to our attacks by air. We had bypassed certain enemy pockets, but their communications were cut and they were left to be cleaned up later.

### Western Carolines

The Western Caroline Islands came in for a heavy American attack by our surface ships and aircraft soon after the conquest of the Marianas. Admiral W. F. Halsey, Commander of the Third Fleet, was in charge of the operations. More ships were assembled for this undertaking than were used in the Marianas. Nearly 800 vessels participated. Admiral Wilkinson commanded the joint expeditionary forces, while General J. C. Smith of the Marines conducted the land operations, and Admiral Mitscher commanded the fast carrier force.

The land troops in this operation were from the First Marine Division and from the 81st Army Infantry Division.

For days before the landing began, our farflung air and surface raiders were out to destroy enemy forces and installations that might attempt to hinder us. We bombed and strafed Chichi Jima, Haha Jima and Iwo Jima, destroying 46 planes, sank at least six ships, and damaged installations, airfields and supply dumps. Yap Island was also attacked by carrier based planes.

At the same time, other groups of swift

carriers bombed the Palau Islands, where we were to make our first landing in the Western Carolines, doing extensive damage to ammunition and supply dumps, barracks and warehouses.

### The Palau Islands: Peleliu and Anguar

In order to facilitate our plan to land on Peleliu Island in the Palau Group on September 15, 1944, simultaneously with a landing on Morotai Island, our air and surface forces sought to neutralize every possible enemy installation that could be reached. On September 9, 1944, we struck at Mindanao Island in the southern Philippines, destroying 32 small freighters; then the central Philippines; and on September 12-14 we attacked the Visayas, destroying 75 enemy planes in the air and 123 on the ground, sank many ships and damaged installations on shore.

The Peleliu landing took place as scheduled on September 15, 1944. After intensive preparatory bombardment, bombing and strafing, units of the First Marine Division went ashore. By the 16th the Peleliu airfield had been captured. The early phases of the battle were rather uneventful, but progress was slowed down on the third day. A rough ridge forms the north-south backbone of the island and was a natural fortress of supporting cave positions organized in depth and well armed with automatic guns. It was not until the middle of October that the assault phase of the operation was completed.

### The U.S. 81st Infantry Division

The 81st Division was the first division in the United States Army to wear a shoulder patch, and chose as its emblem a silhouette of a wild cat on an olive drab circle. The Wildcat Division fought the German in the First World War, and in this generation was clawing at the Japanese in the far Pacific.

After training in Oahu, Hawaiian Islands, and in the Solomons, the 81st began their drive against the Japanese on the island of Anguar in the Palau Island Group in September 1944. Storming ashore on the 17th, they drove through the enemy defenses to the western shore, cutting the island into two parts. By September 20th Anguar was declared secure, so the 81st proceeded to mop up isolated pockets of enemy troops, remants of the Japanese garrison making a death stand on high ground in the northwest corner of the island.

After thirty-five days of consecutive fighting, the last Japanese was killed. It was then that elements of the 81st went to the aid of the First Marine Division on Peleliu Island, and helped root the enemy out of his caves.

It then fell to the lot of the Wildcats to mop up the enemy on Ngesebus, Kongari, and Garakayo Islands.

The 81st made the first landing on Ulithi Atoll, which later became the U.S. Navy's huge Southwest Pacific Fleet Base.

In all these operations, the Wildcats have the record of 5676 Japanese killed, and 344 prisoners taken.

In the summer of 1945, we will see this division in the Central Philippines, and still later in Japan—the end of the long road.

The largest of the Palau Group is Babelthuap, heavily garrisoned with a rough terrain. Its conquest would have required a costly operation, but Peleliu and Anguar being in our hands we were able to control Babelthuap and all the other islands of the Palau Group, and keep them neutralized.

### Ulithi Atoll

A regimental combat team from the 81st Infantry Division was sent to Ulithi Atoll, and found that the enemy had abandoned the island. We proceeded to develop the harbor facilities at Ulithi as they were the best available shelter for surface forces in the Western Carolines.

### Morotai

The Southwest Pacific Forces of General MacArthur occupied Morotai Island in order to establish air-warning, and minor naval facilities. This action was also designed to isolate Japanese forces in Halmahera who if not isolated might be able to flank our movement into the southern Philippines.

On September 15, 1944, an American amphibious force composed of escort carriers, cruisers, destroyers, destroyer escorts, attack transports and miscellaneous landing ships and craft under command of Admiral Barbey approached Morotai. Opposition to our landing was light, although we experienced considerable difficulty in crossing the reefs. During the naval operations in support of our landings, we lost the escort Shelton, torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine.

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### Maj. WILLIAM C. ANDERSON, III

Maj. William Conway Anderson III, birthdate December 13, 1915, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conway Anderson, Calvert, Texas. He attended S.M.U. in Dallas and Texas A & M, College. Volunteered May 31, 1941, for the Army Air Corps, training at San Diego, Moffett and Mather Fields. California. Maj. Anderson served July, 1944, to November, 1945, in the European Theater as member of 8th Air Force, based in England, from where he participated in the battles of Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe, receiving the D.F.C., Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Ribbon with four Bronze Service Stars, Presidential Citation, French Croix de Guerre, and various other ribbons. Discharge was granted March 20, 1946, at Ft. Sam Houston.

### Lt. COOPER WIESE

Lt. Cooper Wiese, son of Mrs. Walter Cliff Wiese, Calvert, Texas, was born September 24, 1912, a native of Calvert. He is the husband of the former Miss Frances Anderson, of the same city. Lt. Wiese attended Baylor University at Waco, and volunteered February 13, 1942, at Houston for the U.S. Navy. After training in the States, he began overseas duty June, 1945, in the Pacific Theater of Operations on Okinawa where he remained until returning to the States in October, 1945. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater, American Defense and World War II Victory Awards. Discharge was-granted at Camp Wallace, Texas, December, 1945. Lt. Wiese is the brother-inlaw of William C. Anderson, III.





Cpl. O. B. SMITH



\*BM 2/c EUGENE G. SMITH

Cpl. O. B. Smith was born March 18, 1921, in Texas, son of Mrs. Alex S. Anderson, Clifton, Texas. He attended the Clifton High School and entered service June 12, 1942, with the Army Combat Engineers. Trained at Camp Callan, Calif., and served at Randolph Field, Texas, and various other bases in the States. Cpl. Smith served in the European Theater and participated in the battles of the Ardennes, Rhine, Central Germany; also served in Belgium and Austria, Southern England and France. After returning to the States he was sent to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, and was discharged February 12, 1946.

Boatswains Mate 2/c Eugene Gordon Smith, born February 5, 1925, son of Mrs. Alex S. Smith, Clifton, Texas, entered service September 3, 1942, at Waco, Texas, with the U.S. Navy; trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and served for three years in Pacific waters, assigned to the USS Indianapolis. He participated in the battles of Okinawa, Tokyo, Iwo Jima, Aleutian, Gilbert Islands, Tarawa, and invasion and seizure of the Marshall Islands, also Saipan, Kwajalein, Marianas, Eniwetok; was with the first large ship to anchor at Apra Harbor, Guam. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice July 30, 1945, when the Indianapolis was sunk in Philippine Sea.



ner was discharged November 16, 1945.

### Capt. WILLIAM A. WEGNER

Capt. Wegner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wegner of Brenhem, Wash., and husband of Luella A. Wegner of Clifton, Texas, was born on March 22, 1894. Graduated as Ph.G from Med. Dept. of Univ. of Texas at Galveston; entered service as Reserve Officer on April 16, 1942. Entered M.I.T.G. at Camp Ritchie, Md., Nov. 26, 1943; graduated on Feb. 3, 1944, and served with 41st Div. as Div. Staff Officer on G-2 Staff as Order of Battle Expert. In South Pacific Area, Biak Is., Philippine, Zamboanga, and Jolo Is. for 8 1/2 mos. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, with 1 Star and Philippine Liberation with 1 Star. Capt. Weg-

T/4 RICHARD HULL

T/4 Richard "Don" Hull, born March 2, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hull, 424 Hill Ave., Pittsburg, attended Pittsburg Grammar and High Schools, and Texas A & M College, College Sta. Entered the service July 19, 1944, assigned to Army 633rd T.D. Bn.; trained at Camp Hood, Texas; overseas 4 months, in France, Germany, and Czechoslovakia. Received Battle Star for Campaign of Europe (Central). He was awarded: American Theater Service Medal, Good Conduct, Victory, EAME, 1 Br. Star, and Occupation Medal. He was promoted from Pvt. to Technician 4th Grade. He was with 3rd Army at Pilson, Czechoslovakia on V.E. Day. Discharged June, 1946.

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2nd Lt. JIMMIE G. CHATMAS

2nd Lt. Jimmie George Chatmas was born December 23, 1924, a native of Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. George Chatmas, 1006 Magnolia Street, Hearne, Texas. He attended Texas A & M, College Station, and volunteered February 8, 1943, at Houston for the Army AGF Division, training at Camps Roberts, McQuaide, and Swift; received commission of 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers on July 26, 1944, at Ft. Belvoir. Lt. Chatmas served overseas October, 1944, to August, 1945, in England, France, Luxembourg and Germany, participating in the campaigns of Ardennes, Rhine River and Central Europe. The Purple Heart was awarded for wounds received in combat February 11, 1945, in Germany; also ETO Ribbon with three Battle Stars and Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service. His overseas duty was with 1258th Engineer Bn., serving with the 3rd Armies. After returning to the States he was granted his discharge from service March 26, 1946.





S/Sgt. JOHN D. STEPP, JR.

T/Sqt. FRANCIS W. McCORKLE

T/Sgt. Francis Williamson McCorkle, birth date July 16, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCorkle, 311 Williams Ave., Cleburne, Texas, volunteered March 18, 1943, for the Army Air Corps; trained in Calif., Texas, Nevada, and Florida. He served with the 8th Air Force, based in England, and participated in twenty-six combat missions as engineer and gunner on B-17 aircraft over Germany, France, Holland in the campaigns of Rhineland and Central Europe. The Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, ETO Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, and other medals were awarded, plus Pres. Unit Citation with Cluster. Discharged Oct. 31, 1945, from San Antonio.

S/Sgt. John D. Stepp, Jr., born October 17, 1921, husband of Geraldine Stepp, Cleburne, Texas, entered the Army Air Force July, 1942, and began overseas duty November, 1943, in the European-African Areas; participated in the air offensive of Europe, Balkans and Italy. He was wounded, reported missing, and later located as prisoner of war, imprisoned at Camp Stalag VI in East Prussia; was on forced march from Stalag Luft IV across Germany. Liberated by the 1st Army, and hospitalized in France. The Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with Pres. Unit Citation and other medals. Returned home; discharged Oct. 6, 1945.

# T/5 WILLIE A.

A.M.M.2/c Madsen was born on September 27, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Madsen of 907 West Henderson of Cleburne, Texas. His wife is the former Grace Lucille Teague, also of Cleburne. He received his education in Cleburne, and attended Texas A & M College at College Station. Entered the service June 22, 1943, at Dallas. Was assigned to the Navy Air Corps, and sent to N.T.T.C., San Diego, California, N.A.T.T.C., Norman, Oklahoma, and N.A.T.T. C., Chicago, Illinois, for his training. A.M.M.2/c Alfred Karl Madsen was given an honorable discharge from the United States Naval Air Corps on the 5th day of May in 1946.

AMM 2/c ALFRED K. MADSEN

T/5 Willie A. Jeffrey was born September 24, 1920, a native of Texas, son of W. H. Jeffrey, and husband of Frances Margaret Jeffrey, 702 No. Main, Cleburne, Texas. He attended the Blum, Texas, Schools, and volunteered February 10, 1942, for the Army, Coast Artillery; trained at Camp Wallace, Texas. He served overseas from August, 1942, to June, 1943, in the European-African Middle East Theaters, and was wounded in combat April 16, 1943. The Purple Heart was awarded with the Good Conduct Medal and EAME Ribbons. After returning to the States, he received discharge from Army. He is the father of Mary Elizabeth Jeffrey.





### \*2nd Lt. ROBERT F. RIKARD

2nd Lt. Robert F. Rikard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben. F. Rikard, and husband of Edna Neil Rikard, of Hearne, Texas, was born Sept. 3, 1922. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps at San Antonio on Jan. 24, 1943, and was given training at Ellington and Sloan Fields. From July to September, 1944, he served with the 8th Air Force, stationed in Norwich, England, being a bombardier with the 448th Bomb Group, 712th Sqdn. He was reported wounded and missing, and then it was reported that he had paid the Supreme Sacrifice at Coblenz, Germany, on Sept. 11, 1944. The Air Medal, a Presidential Citation, and the Purple Heart were awarded posthumously. Prior to enlistment, he had been a railroad clerk.





\*Pvt. DAN S. McCALL, JR.

Pvt. Dan S. McCall, Jr. born July 12, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan S. McCall, P.O. Box 58, Bremond, Texas, was educated in Bremond Grammar and High Schools, and the University of Texas, Austin; entered the service on March 21, 1944, at Franklin, and was assigned to the Army, Inf. Div., trained at Camp Roberts, California; served in the United States from March 21, to Sept. 3, 1944, and overseas 55 days, serving with the 115th Infantry, 29th Division, 9th Army in the ETO. He died Oct. 28, 1944, from wounds received 4 days earlier, on a military mission, at Birdgen Island, Germany. Awards: Purple H., Pres. Citation.

Cpl. RUSSELL N. WATSON, JR.

Cpl. Russell N. Watson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Watson, Sr., Florence, Texas, was born on March 20, 1917; graduated from Southwest State Teachers' College, San Marcos. Married Margaret V. Jones, 107 Anderson St., Hearne, Texas; entered the service November 3, 1943; was assigned to the Marines, 5th Division. Served for some time in the United States, and overseas in the South Pacific and the invasion of Iwo Jima. Prior to his entering the service, he was employed by the Consolidated Shipyard Corporation, Ltd., of Orange, Texas. Has a daughter, Essie Patricia, born March 17, 1943.





### Capt. JAMES C. ARMSTRONG, JR.

Capt. James Clyde Armstrong, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Armstrong, and husband of Artie Bee Armstrong, of Godley, Texas, was born June 13, 1918, in Texas. On April 1, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps, at Fort Worth, and was sent to Kelly Field for training. He spent his whole period of service within United States boundaries, and was not called to action in battle. He was chief test pilot for the Army Air Corps at March Field, California, for 18 months, so had his share of experience in facing danger, and thus safeguarded others. After four years of service for his country, he was released from active duty, on May 30, 1946.

### S 1/c ROBERT P. ARMSTRONG

S1/c Robert Preston Armstrong, younger brother of James Clyde, and husband of Juanita Armstrong of Fort Worth, was born March 9, 1920. He entered service in the U.S. Navy at Dallas on Dec. 10, 1944, and was sent to San Diego for training. From January, 1945, to February, 1946, he served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of War. He was assigned to the USS Columbia, CL-56, and took part in the action on Borneo, the China coast on the East China Sea and in the Yellow Sea, Shanghai, and other places; also on Okinawa. He came through without injury and received two promotions. He holds campaign ribbons and was honorably discharged on Feb. 18, 1946.



### 1st Lt. CLARENCE J. ALLEN, JR.

lst Lt. Clarence Joplin Allen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Allen, Sr., of Hearne, Texas, was born Dec. 18, 1923. Twelve days before his 19th birthday he enlisted in the Army, and was assigned to the 45th Infantry Division. From January to September, 1945, he served overseas in Europe, participating in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. He was one of the first four Allied soldiers to enter the Brenner Pass and the town of Brenner, for which a Kansas City business man named Toby Brenner gave him an award of \$250 in war bonds. He holds campaign ribbons and the Bronze Star, and was given release from the service on June 10, 1946. Prior to enlistment, he attended Texas A & M College.

### Ens. JAMES R. HENDERSON

Ensign James Richard Henderson, son of Mrs. R. P. Henderson of Hearne, Texas, and husband of Mrs. J. R. Henderson of College Station, was born Aug. 15, 1922. He attended Southwestern University at Georgetown, and enlisted in the Navy on July 14, 1942, at Houston, in the Coast Guard Branch and was trained at LaPorte, Texas. From March, 1943, to Feb., 1944, he served in Europe, participating in the invasions of Sicily and Italy, and from Nov., 1944, to Nov., 1945, he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area. He holds campaign ribbons and 3 Battle Stars, and was given a release from service on Jan. 9, 1946. At present he is continuing his education at Texas A & M College.

1. -IST LT. HOWARD McNAIR, born Feb. 8, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melton McNair of Hearne, Texas. Volunteered for service March 23, 1943, at Camp Wolters, Texas, assigned to the Army 125th Infantry Regt. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., Ft. Benning, Ga., Camp Maxey, Camp Gruber, Okla., and Camp Rucker, Ala. Served overseas Oct., 1945, to Aug., 1946, in Hawaii. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Aug. 12, 1946.

2. —2ND LT. MARION DIXON McNAIR, born July 3, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melton McNair of Hearne, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 23, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, assigned to 71 Armed F.A. Bn. Trained at Camp Young, Camp Cooke, and Camp Forrest. Served overseas Feb., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, and Germany. Awarded EAME Campaign, Purple Heart, 2 Bronze Stars for Central Europe and Normandy, and Victory Medal. Discharged Dec. 14, 1945.

3. -PFC ADREN FISHER MORGAN, born April 22, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Morgan of Franklin, Texas, Volunteered for service Oct. 16, 1943, for the Marines, 5th Division. Trained at Camp Pendleton. Served overseas Aug. 9, 1944, to Feb. 20, 1945, at Iwo Jima Island. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice when hit by a Jap mortar shell the second morning on Iwo Jima, Feb. 20, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Attended Franklin High School.

4. —CAPT. TOM ASA SEARCY, born June 26, 1904. Husband of Mrs. Jessie E. Searcy of Hearne, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 12, 1942, in the Army, 30th Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Served overseas Feb. 12, 1944, to Sept. 26, 1945, in European Theater, England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Normandy, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded European Theater, 5 Bronze Service Stars, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 22, 1945.

5. —WARRANT OFFICER DEMETRE GEORGE PALMOS, born Jan. 6, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Palmos of Hearne, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 20, 1941, at Dallas, in the Navy Reserve. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Nov., 1941, to Aug., 1944, in Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Pearl Harbor, Marshall Islands, and American and Pacific Theaters. Was awarded American Theater, Pacific Theater with 4 Stars, Pre-Pearl Harbor, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Nov. 3, 1945.

6. -LT. BILL PALMOS, born Sept. 6, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Palmos of Hearne, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 26, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, for the Naval Air Gorps. Trained at Hensley Field and Lakehurst, N.J. Served overseas March 13, 1944, to Jan. 1, 1945, in American and Caribbean areas. He received the American and Caribbean Medals, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Was discharged November 26, 1945.

7. —MoMM2/c GEORGE BILL PALMOS, JR., born Aug. 6, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Palmos of Hearne, Texas. Volunteered for service June 29, 1942, for the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Aug. 29, 1942, to Feb. 9, 1945, in American and Pacific Theaters, Marshall Islands, and Guam. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 29, 1945. Attended Hearne High School.

\*8. —EM2/c PAUL G. PALMOS, born Feb. 14,1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Palmos of Hearne, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct, 20, 1941, at Dallas, Texas, in the Naval Reserve. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas April, 1942, to Nov., 1942, in American, Pacific Theater, Guadalcanal, and Atlantic. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Guadalcanal, Nov. 13, 1942. Awarded Purple Heart, American and Pacific Theater, and American Defense Medals

9. -BM2/c JENNINGS RUSSEL SQUIRES, born June 6, 1920. Husband of Mrs. La Fae Squires of Hearne, Texas, Volunteered for service Dec. 14, 1941, at Fort Worth, Texas, in the Coast Guard. Trained at New Orleans, La. Served overseas March 1, 1944, to Jan. 9, 1946, in Okinawa, Japan, Southwest Pacific, and North Atlantic. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 15, 1946. Attended Hearne Public Schools.

10.—RM2/c WILFORD LEWIS WOOTAN, born Aug. 15, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Wootan of Calvert, Texas. Volunteered for service May 26, 1944, for the Navy. Trained at San Diego and Los Angeles, Calif. Served overseas Jan., 1945, to June, 1946, in China Sea, Saki Shima Island, Okinawa, Japan. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, China Sea, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation Medals, 2 Battle Stars, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged June 10, 1946.

11.—CHIEF ELECTRICIAN EARNEST TRUETT BEDELL, born Oct. 21, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Bedell of Chandler, Texas. Entered service Jan. 16, 1939, for the Navy. Trained at Norfolk, Va. Served overseas at Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Stewart Islands, Philippines, and Okinawa. Was awarded Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Still serving in the Navy overseas. Attended Chandler High School.

12.—SGT. WILLIAM HORTON DEAN, born Oct. 19, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dean of Athens, Texas. Volunteered June, 1942, in the Army, 551st Parcht. Inf., 82nd Div. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Ft. Benning, Ga. Served overseas Dec., 1942, to June, 1945, in Panama, Rome, France, Belgium, Rhineland, and Germany. Wounded 3 times. Awarded Combat Inf. Badge, 1 Silver Star, Purple Heart, with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Citation. Discharged Nov., 1945.

13.—PFC JAMES WALTER TAPLEY, born Dec. 7, 1924, Husband of Mrs. R. M. Tapley of Athens, Texas. Entered service Oct. 16, 1943, assigned to the Army, 7th Armored Division. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Served overseas Aug. 20, 1944, to July 18, 1945, in England, France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany. Wounded in arm Oct. 29, 1944. Was awarded Purple Heart, Expert Infantry Badge, 3 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 23, 1945.

14.—SGT. DAVID PAUL McKEE, born Oct. 31, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. McKee of Eustace, Texas. Entered service May 27, 1943, assigned to Army, 593 Shore Regt. Engineer, 3rd E.'sB. Trained at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. Served overseas in Pacific Theater, New Guinea, New Britain, Aitape, Wake. Awarded 2 Battle Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Rifle Marksman, Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Dec. 13, 1945.

15.—T/5 JAMES C. KEY, JR., born Nov. 27, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Key of Eustace, Texas. Entered service April 6, 1943, in the Army, 326 lst Signal Service Co. Trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash., Camp Crowder, Mo., and Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas in England, France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Was awarded 1 Bronze Star, EAME. Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, American Theater, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged February 19, 1946.

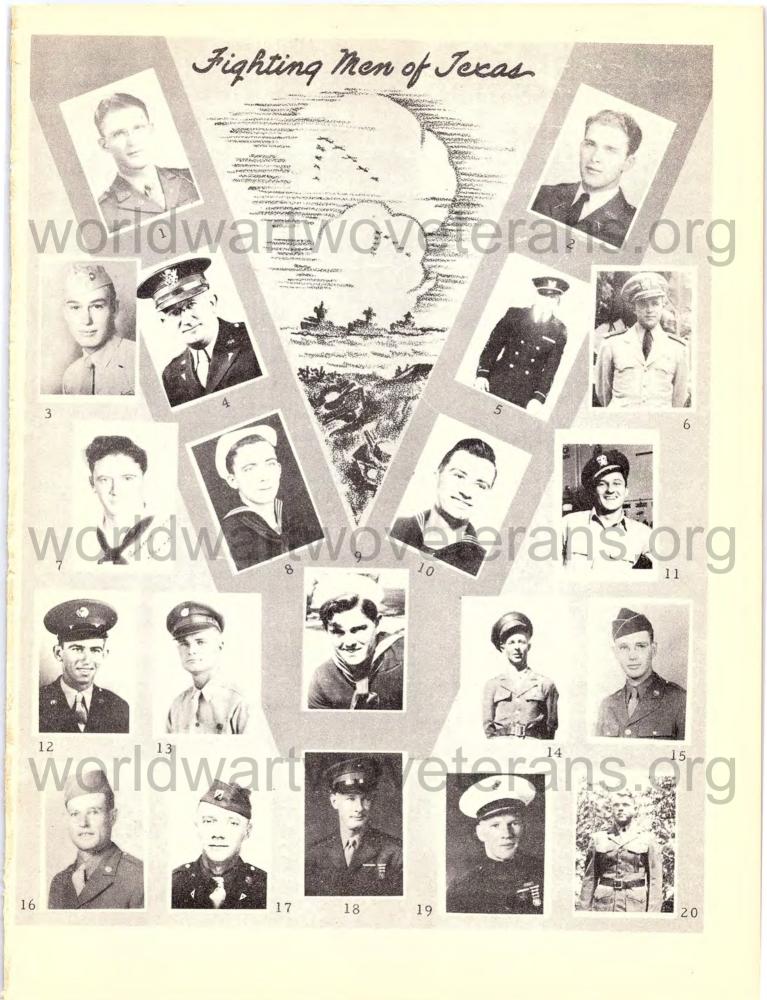
16.—CPL. JEWELL M. KEY, born Aug. 12, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Key of Eustace, Texas. Entered service March 6, 1942, assigned to Army, 7th Army Division. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Served overseas in Central Europe, Rhineland, Rome-Arno, Tunisia, and Southern France. Hereceived the EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 6, 1945. Attended Tidwell Public Schools.

17.—T/4 CLIFFORD EARL RINARD, born April 4, 1910. Husband of Mrs. Ardell Rinard of Mexia, Texas. Entered service March 4, 1942, in the Army Ord nance Division. Trained at Camp Pickett, Va. Served overseas April, 1944, to June, 1945, in Rhineland, Northeri. France, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He received the European Theater Campaign with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, Rifle Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged Oct. 8, 1945.

18.—CAPT, JOE LESLIE ROBINSON, born Sept. 25, 1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robinson of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service June 11, 1942, assigned to Marines, 7th Service Regt. Trained at Quantico, Va. Served overseas Feb. 25, 1944, to Jan. 29, 1946, in Saipan, Okinawa, China, and Tientsin. Was awarded I Bronze Star Medal with Citation by the Commanding General, China Theater, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged May 13, 1946.

19.—CPL. RICHARD ROBBINS WYLIE, JR., born Sept. 23, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Wylie, Sr., of Teague, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 8, 1941, assigned to Marines, 2nd and 6th Division. Served overseas Oct. 20, 1942, to Nov. 21, 1944, in American, Pacific, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, and Saipan. Wounded on Saipan, June 22, 1944. Awarded 1 Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Discharged October 10, 1945.

20.—CPL. IVAN LANGFORD, JR., born May 11, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Langford of Bryan, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 27, 1943, in the Marines H & S Co., 27th Regt., 5th Marine Div. Trained at San Diego and Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Served overseas Aug., 1944, to May, 1946, in Iwo Jima, Kyushu, Japan, and Kurume. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 1 Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation with 1 Bronze Star, and Occupation of Japan Medal. Discharged May 16, 1946.









Sgt. EMMITT M. CLARK

Capt. Reese Weldon Brown, Jr., born July 13, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reese W. Brown, 104 Barnett St., Bremond, husband of Wilma Jean Brown, attended N. Texas Agricultural College, Arlington; volunteered for service in the Army Air Forces, Jan. 27, 1942, and trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls; overseas 33 months in Pacific, Hawaii, New Caledonia, Australia, New Zealand. Awarded: Asiatic-Pacific, ATO Medal, and Victory. He served as an enlisted man and officer in the Air Transport Command of the Air Forces. Commissioned at Fla., promoted to 1st Lt., then to Capt. Feb. 19, 1943. Discharged Jan. 31, 1946.

Sgt. E. M. Clark, son of Roland V. Clark, Bremond, Texas, born Oct. 3, 1923, husband of Billie Jean Clark, was educated in Bremond Grammar and High Schools, and entered the service Nov. 8, 1943, at San Antonio, assigned to the Army, 91st Div.; trained at Camp Wolters I.R.T.C. Served in the United States for 23 months, overseas 3 months, in Italy, Rome, Naples, Volturno Valley, Leghorn. Served in POW Camps, Dermott, Ark., 17 months. He was seriously wounded in action in 1944. Awarded Purple Heart, ETO, Good Conduct, Combat Inf. Badge, ATO, Victory Medal. Prior to his enlistment, he was railroad civil engineer. Was discharged March 18, 1946.



Cpl. T/5 I. Conitz, born Dec. 15, 1914, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Conitz, Calvert, Texas, was educated in Calvert Public Schools, entered the service Sept. 20, 1942, at Houston, assigned to the Army, 88th Inf.; trained at Camp Gruber, Okla. Served in the United States for 13 months, and overseas 2 years, in Rome-Arno, No. Apennines and Po Valley. Awarded: American Theater, EAME Medal, 3 Br. Stars, Good Conduct, Br. Star Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. Promotions: From Pvt. to Pfc, to T/5. Prior to his enlistment, Cpl. T/5 was employed in the mercantile business. He was honorably discharged November 11, 1945.

Pfc E. O. Hefti, son of Toby A. Hefti, Calvert, Texas, born January 21, 1921, in Texas, husband of Billie B. Hefti, 908 Coleman St., Mc-Kinney, attended Calvert High School. Volunteered for service on Sept. 1, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Marines, 1st Division and 3rd Amphibious Corps. Trained at Marine Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States 10 months, and overseas 28 months in Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Peleliu, and Western Carolines Battles, and served in Australian, New Guinea, and Russell Islands Areas. Pfc Hefti received an honorable discharge Oct. 18, 1946.





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Capt. JACK B. MILLER

Cpl. RICHARD E. CALLENDER, JR.

Cpl. Callender was born March 29, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Callender of College Station; he attended Texas A & Mat College Station; volunteered March 16, 1944, for the Marines; 1st Div., F Battery, 2nd Bn., 11th Marines; trained at San Diego, M.C.B., T.C. Camp Pendleton, and in Hawaii. In Pavuvu, Guadalcanal, Okinawa landing, Tientsin and Peiping, China, from Sept. 16, 1944, to May 7, 1946. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Naval Unit Citation with Star, Victory, Asiatic-Pacific with Star, Occupation of China, and Good Conduct Medals. On May 7, 1946, he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps Base at San Diego, California.

Capt. Miller was born Oct. 21, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Miller of Austin, and husband of the former Betty Jo Turner of San Saba; attended Texas A & M College at College Station; volunteered for the Army, 77th Inf., Feb. 7, 1943, training at Camps Hood, Texas, and Pickett, Va. Overseas 19 mos. in battles of Guam, Leyte, Kerama Rhetto, Ie Shima, and Okinawa. Decorations include Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation with Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 3 Battle Stars, ATO, and Victory Medals. Capt. Miller was discharged from C.A. 306th Inf. Reg't., 77th Reconnaisance Troop, on April 24, 1946.



Ens. WILLIAM B. ROMAN, JR.

AMM 1/c WAYNE R. MAERCKY

Ens. Roman was born Jan. 7, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Roman of Bryan. He attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, volunteering for service Dec. 28, 1942, at Houston, assigned to Navyraining at Texas Univ., Tulane Univ. at New Orleans, La., and Columbia Univ. at New York. Served overseas from April 23, 1945, to July 1946, in Southwest Pacific on Guam, Okinawa, China, and Japan. His awards are Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, Philippine Liberation, and Victory Medals. Ensign William Buchanan Roman, Jr., was released to inactive duty in the U.S. Naval Reserve in August, 1946, ending 44 mos. of service.

A.M.M.1/c Maercky was born May 29, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Maercky of Houston, and husband of Alice Sue Maercky of 800 E. 24th St., Bryan, Texas; attended Univ. of Texas at Austin; volunteered for service July 31, 1941, at Houston, assigned to Navy Aviation; trained at San Diego N.T.S. and Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill. Overseas twice, 17 mos. in all, in the European Area, in North Africa, and in the Pacific Area in Philippines, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and Japan with the 5th and 3rd Fleets. Aviation Machinist Mate First Class Wayne R. Maercky was given anhonorable discharge on March 5, 1946, from the U.S. Navy after 55 months of service.

1. —CAPT. CHARLIE NELMS BARRON, born Jan. 8, 1922. Husband of Mrs. Wanda W. Barron of Bryan, Texas. Volunteered for service June 7, 1943, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, in the Army 42 Veterinary Co. Division. Trained at Camp Carson, Colo. Served overseas Oct., 1944, to Dec. 3, 1945, in North Burma, Central Burma, and China. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 3 Bronze Stars, American Theater, American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged March 19, 1946.

2. —PFC CRUIZ CORDERO, born May 3, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Cordero of Bryan, Texas. Entered service Feb. 22, 1943, at Houston, Texas, in the Army, 78th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Butner, N.C., and Ft. Jackson, S.C. Served overseas 16 months in England, Belgium, Holland, Germany, France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge, EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and Distinguished Unit Badge. Discharged Nov. 9, 1945.

3. —S1/c RALPH G. CORDERO, born July 7, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Cordero of Bryan, Texas. Entered service Nov. 26, 1943, at Houston, Texas, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, and Holtville, Calif. Served overseas in Hawaii, Philippine Islands, Guadalcanal, Admiralty Island, Okinawa, Korea, and China. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, American Campaign, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharge was granted Feb. 16, 1946.

4. —PFC PHILIP SIFUENTES, born May 26, 1926. Brother to Pauline Sifuentes. Attended Bryan High School. Entered service Oct. 12, 1944, at Houston, Texas, in the Army, Co. A., 129 Bn, T.D. Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas in Philippine Islands, Korea, and Japan with Co. B, 123 Infantry, 33rd Division. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Reenlisted for 1 year Co. B, 41st A.L.B. Bn., 2nd Division.

5. —PFC PHILIP G. CERDA, born Aug. 20, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcos Irene Cerda of Bryan, Texas. Entered service Jan. 24, 1944, 4x Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, in the Army, 37th Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Shelby, Miss. Served over seas Aug., 1945, to April, 1946, in American Theater, and Asiatic-Pacific. Awarded American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, 1 Overseas Service Bar, and Victory Medals. Discharged May 11, 1946.

6. —SEAMAN 2/c JOSE JESUS RODRIGUEZ, born Jan. 22, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rodriguez, and brother of Mrs. Lupe Herrera, all of Bryan, Texas. Entered service February 8, 1945, at Houston, Texas, in the Navy. Received his training at Williamsburg, Virginia, and Camp Wallace, Texas. Served in the United States February 8, 1945, to October 24, 1945. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 24, 1945.

7. —PVT. MANUEL AMAYA HERRERA, born Sept. 24, 1915. Husband of Mrs. Lupe Herrera of Bryan, Texas. Attended Bowie Grammar School at Bryan, Texas. Entered service February 8, 1945, at Houston, Texas, in the Army 1907 SCU, Ft. Lewis. Wash. Received his training at Camp Hood, Texas. Served in the United States February 8, 1945, to December 5, 1945. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 5, 1945.

8. —PFC ROSENDO BENITEZ RODRIGUEZ, bornMarch 10, 1923. Husband of Mrs. A. V. Rodriguez of San Antonio, Texas, Entered service Jan. 28, 1943, at Houston, Texas, in the Army, 63rd Infantry Division. Trained at Keesler Field, Miss. Served overseas Feb. 19, 1945, to Dec. 9, 1945, in Rhineland, and Central Europe. Wounded April 6, 1945. Awarded Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple Heart, EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Dec. 21, 1945.

9. —PFC GARDIE O. EMSHOFF, born Jan. 12, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Emshoff of Bryan, Texas. Entered service April 27, 1944, at Bellville, Texas, in the Army, 35th Division. Trained at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas. Served overseas Jan., 1945, to Sept., 1945, in Rhineland, Central Europe, Germany, Holland, Luxembourg, Belgium Bulge, Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged April, 1946.

10.—GM3/c ALBERT SYDNEY JOHNSON, born Jan. 5, 1925, Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Johnson of Bryan, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 14, 1942, at Houston, Texas, in the Navy, V-6 Branch. Trained at San Diego, Galif. Served overseas Nov., 1943, to July, 1945, in Marshall, Philippine Islands, New Guinea, Guam, Saipan, and Iwo Jima in Japan. Awarded Philippine Liberation, with 2 Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 9 Battle Stars, and Unit Citation. Discharged Jan. 28, 1946.

11.—1ST LT. CARL ALPH PATTERSON, born May 18, 1915. Som of Mrs. Lizzie Patterson of Bryan. Volunteered for service Sept. 19, 1942, at Houston, in the Army 143rd Infantry Reg., 36th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas Dec., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in North Africa, Italy, France, England, Rome-Arno, and Rhineland. Awarded EAME Theater Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, 1 Bronze Arrowhead. Discharged, June 8, 1946.

12.—CPL. BILLIE OLIVER PATTERSON, born March 28, 1919, Son of Mrs. Lizzie Patterson of Bryan, Volunteered for service Aug. 6, 1942, at Houston, in the Army, 5th A. R. U. Division. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas, and Brookley Field, Ala. Served overseas Feb., 1945, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Southern Philippines, Luzon, and Western Pacific, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation 1 Star, and Victory Medal. Discharged, Jan. 7, 1946.

13.—SGT. EMILIO SALAZAR, born Aug. 11, 1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Salazar, and brother of Lupe Salazar, of Bryan, Texas. Entered service March 11, 1943, at Houston, Texas, in the Army, Medical Corps, 1st Army Division. Trained at San Luis Obispo, Calif. Served overseas April, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Normandy, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Was awarded Unit Citation, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Dec. 9, 1945.

14.—PFC IGNACIO SALAZAR, born July 10, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Salazar and brother of Lupe Salazar of Bryan, Texas. Entered service Jan. 28, 1943, at Houston, Texas, in the Army Air Transport Command Division. Trained at Keesler Field, Miss., and Sheppard Field, Texas. Served overseas in Mohawbari, India, New Delhi, India, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Awarded Distinguished Unit Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, 1 Battle Star, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Discharged April 22, 1946.

15.—T/5 RICARDO MONCIVAIS SUSTAITA, born April 3, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Sustaita of Bryan, Texas, Entered service March 1, 1943, in the Army, Eng. Ave. Bn. Division. Trained at Atlantic City, and Richmond, Va. Served overseas in Southern, and Western Pacific, Hawaii, Marshall Islands, Mariana Islands, Saipan, Ryukyu Islands, and Okinawa, Japan. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Battle Stars, 4 Overseas Bars, and Meritorious Unit Award. Discharged Jan. 4, 1946.

16.—PFC HERMENEGILDO M. SUSTAITA, born Aprill3, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Sustaita of Bryan, Texas. Entered service July, 1942, in the Ar my 761st M.P. Bn. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Ft. Lawton, Wash. Served overseas in Alaska, Aleutians, Annette, and Princess Well Islands. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 1 Service Stripe, 3 Overseas Bars, Good Conduct, American Theater, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 10, 1945.

17.—T/5 PAUL JOSEPH WATTHUBER, born Dec. 12, 1914. Husband of Mrs. Clara Watthuber of Bryan, Texas. Entered service Feb. 8, 1945, in the Army, Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas July, 1945, in Philippine Islands, and Japanese Occupation. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Still serving overseas in 187th Paraglider Infantry, 11th Airborne Division. Attended Texas A & M, College Station, Texas.

18.—MAJOR GROVER CLEVELAND WHITE, JR., born Feb. 19, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. White of Bryan, Texas. Entered service Dec. 25, 1940, in the Army, 7th A.A.F. Division. Served overseas July 10, 1941, to March 19, 1945, in Pacific Ocean Areas, Hawaii, Pearl Harbor, and Marianas. Wounded in Battle of Saipan. He received the American Defense, Purple Heart, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Still in the service, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Bolling Field, D.C.

19.—FIELD MUSICIAN 1/c NORMAN HERSCHEL CRISWELL, born Aug. 6, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Whitmore of Bryan, Texas. Volunteered for service May 4, 1944, in the Marines' Ship's Detachment Division. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Nov., 1944, to May, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Guam, and Saipan. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 28, 1946.

20.—CAPT. FLETCHER AMES WHITMORE, born Feb. 21, 1903. Son of Mrs. Jennie M. Whitmore of Bryan, Texas. Entered service Dec. 8, 1920, in the Army, 2nd Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas Jan. 7, 1945, to March 29, 1946, in Italy, North Apennines, and Po Valley. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Still in service at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Husband of Mrs. L. Irene Whitmore of Bryan, Texas.





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### \*FC 3/c THOMAS N. MAINER, JR.

F.C.3/c Mainer was born on September 19,1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Mainer of Lovelady, and husband of Floy Scott Mainer of 2007 College Rd., Bryan, Texas; attended Sam Houston State Teachers' College at Huntsville, entering service Dec. 8, 1943, at Houston, assigned to U.S.N.R.; trained at San Diego, California. He went overseas on August 30, 1944, and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area in engagements of Luzon, Visayas, Formosa, Sakishima Gunto, Saigon, Cam Rank Bay, French Indo-China, South China Coast, and Hong Kong. F.C.3/c Thomas N. Mainer was killed while on duty on the Aircraft Carrier Ticonderoga. Received the Purple Heart.

### 1st Lt. JOHN L. HEFFNER

lst Lt. Heffner was born on Dec. 4, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver D. Heffner of Beaumont, Texas, and husband of Brenice Davis Heffner of P.O. Box 1165, College Station. He attended Texas A & M College at College Station; volunteered for the A.A.C. on Nov. 24, 1942, training at Sheppard Fld., A & M College, San Antonio, A.C.C., Ellington Fld., Big Spring, and Biggs Flds., 1945, with 10th A.F., 7th Bombardment Gp. (H), 493rd Bomb. Sqdn. (H) as a Bombardier on a B-24 in India-Burma, China, and Central Burma campaigns. Received Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. Honorably discharged Oct. 18, 1945.



Capt. Cofer was born on May 13, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Cofer of 110 Pershing Avenue, College Station, Texas; graduate of Texas A & M College, class of 1943, at College Station. He volunteered for service January 19, 1943, at Houston, Texas, assigned to the Army, and was sent to Camp Davis in North Carolina for his training. Captain Cofer sailed for overseas duty on the 26th of November, 1943, with service in the Caribbean Defense Command, returning to the States on September 5, 1945. On the 5th day of July in 1946 Captain David Brooks Cofer, Jr., received an honorable discharge after 3 years and 5 1/2 months of service.

T/5 Andrews was born on Jan. 3, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Andrews, Sr., of Bryan; attended Allen Military Academy at Bryan, entering the Army July 19, 1943; trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., with 13th Armored Gp., serving in Hollandia, New Guinea, S. Philippines, Corregidor, Bataan, Luzon, Ground Combat Borneo, and Morotai, from July, 1944, to Dec., 1945. Preformed duties with 727th Amphibian Tractor Bn.; transported troops and supplies from ships to beachheads. His awards are Asiatic-Pacific with 4 Combat Stars and 1 Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. On Dec. 18, 1945, he received an honorable discharge.





### Maj. WILLIAM C. LINDLEY

Major William Carey Lindley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lindley of Madisonville, Texas, was born Aug, 2, 1917. He is the husband of Lenora Hood Lindley, of Austin. In Nov., 1940, he enlisted in the Army, as a cadet in the Air Corps, and he was given training at Spartan, Okla., Randolph Field, and Brooks Field on the 41-E class. He served in different parts of the United States with the 17th Bomb Group, 95th Sqdn., until April, 1942, when he went on a military mission to Brazil in submarine patrol. He was in this service until Jan., 1944; then from April, 1945, to April, 1946, he was overseas again, this time in the Pacific with the famous "Crusaders" on Palawan, P.I. He was in the battle of Borneo and the bombing of Osaka, Japan, and the occupation in 1946. He is now with the 3rd Air Force, at Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas.



Capt. GEORGE A. ADAMS, JR.

Capt. Adams was born Jan. 26, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Adams, and husband of Lucile Yeager Adams, all of Bryan, Texas. Attended Texas A & M College at College Station, volunteered for the service March 12, 1942, assigned to Marines O.C.C., and then to 4th Div., trained at Quantico, Va., and Camp Pendleton, Calif. Overseas from Jan. 13, 1944, to Oct. 21, 1945, in the battles of Roi and Namur, Marshall Is., Saipan and Tinian, Mariana Is., Iwo Jima, Volcano Is. His awards are Bronze Star Medal and Letter of Commedation. He was placed on inactive duty in Reserves on the 17th of January, 1946, as Captain in U.S.M.C.R.

\*Cpl. BRAXTON C. GOREE

Cpl. B. C. Goree, born March 30, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goree, Midway, attended Midway High School and Sam Houston College, Huntsville; volunteered May 19, 1942, at Midway, assigned to Army, 9th Div,; trained at Camp Crowder, Mo., and Ft. Bragg, N. Carolina; overseas 19 months in Africa, Sicily, and France'in combat all the way through'. Medals awarded: Purple Heart, ETO, and ATO, Victory, 1 British Ribbon for doing combat duty with British Army. Cpl. Goree was killed in action on July 24, 1944, in Normandy, France. He was promoted from Pvt. to Pfc and then Cpl. on battle field. A letter from a buddy praises his heroism and ability.





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### Sgt. AGNES L. FREEMAN

Pfc JOSEPH V. DAVIS

Pfc J. V. Davis, born Sept. 9, 1925, son of Mrs. J. V. Davis, Madisonville, received h is education at San Antonio Academy, San Antonio, Texas; Military Institute, San Antonio; and Texas A & M, Bryan; entered the service October 30, 1943, at Austin, and was assigned to the Marines, 5th Div. Trained at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; served in the United States from Oct. 30, 1943, to Sept. 17, 1945. He was given anhonorable discharge on September 17, 1945, from Officer Applicants Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Prior to his enlistment, Pfc Davis was a student at Texas A & M, Bryan, Texas. Sgt. A. L. Freeman, born Nov. 30, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Freeman, Midway, married Jessie Paul, 2013 Ave. L. Huntsville, Texas. He was educated at Elwood Grammar, Madisonville High, and Sam Houston State Teachers' College, Huntsville; he entered the service Nov. 13, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, 365th Fighter Group; trained at Buckley Field, Denver, Colo.; served overseas 34 months, in England, France, Belgium, Germany; in battles: Air Offensive Europe, Ardennes, Normandy, C. Europe, Rhineland, N. Europe. Awards: Good Con., EAME Campaign, 6 Br. Stars, Dist. Unit Badge, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster. He was honorably discharged Oct. 1, 1945.



S/Sgt. Enoch Weldon Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray, Lyons, Texas, was born Oct. 9, 1918. Attended Somerville Public School. Entered service Feb. 12, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston, and was assigned to Army, Medical Corps. He trained at Camp Barkeley, and X-Ray School, St. Louis, Mo. Served overseas from Aug., 1942, to Sept. 8, 1946, in EAME Theater. Received Good Conduct Medal, EAME Theater Ribbon, 4 Battle Stars. Was Supply Clerk; supervised 25 persons in administration and operation of medical supply warehouse overseas. Responsible for information of all stock inventories and distribution of medical supplies to 2 armies. Discharged Sept. 17, 1947.

Sgt. Victor Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Barnett, Caldwell, Texas, was born April 21, 1918, and attended school in Caldwell. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, at Caldwell, and was assigned to Army, 36th Inf. Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Edwards, Mass., and North Africa. Served overseas from April, 1942, to May, 1945, in EAME Theater, participating in the invasion of Italy at Salerno; was wounded by shrapnel and taken prisoner. In POW Camp Stalag V-B and Stalag 3 B. Received Inf. Combat Badge, ETO Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon, 2 Bronze Stars, Victory Medal. Discharged Aug. 17, 1945.



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### FC 3/c JACK D. FIELDS

FC 3/c Jack Denman Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Fields, of Bay City, Texas, was born Feb. 16, 1925, and in August, 1943, he volunteered at Houston for service in the Navy. He was assigned to the Fire Control School, and trained at San Diego. He served overseas from Dec., 1943, to Aug., 1945, and again from Feb., 1945, to March of the following year. His first overseas term was on the USS Hornet, CV12, in the Pacific among the Mariana and Philippine Islands, Iwo Jima, Palau, Okinawa, Ryukyu, Kyushu, Formosa, and others. His awards are: American Theater of War; Asiatic-Pacific, 8 Bronze Stars; Philippine Liberation, 2 Bronze Stars. In March, 1946, he was given an honorable discharge from Navy service.





1st Lt. CARL D. BRIDGES, JR.

\*Sgt. RAYMOND L. BRIDGES

lst Lt. Carl D. Bridges, born June 5, 1924, son of Carl D. Bridges, Sr., Conroe, husband of Loyce Bridges, Conroe, attended Sam Houston State Teachers' College, Huntsville; volunteered Nov. 16, 1942, assigned to Air Force; trained at Maxwell Field, Ala. etc.; served in the United States 20 months, and overseas 8 months in Italy, battles of Po Valley, Apernines, Air Battle of the Balkans, Air Battle of S. Germany. His Medals were; Air Medal, 2 Br. O.L. Clusters, EAME Ribbon, 4 Bat. Stars, ATO Ribbon, Victory, and Pilot Wings. Reenlisted Jan. 26, 1946, after being discharged Aug. 10, 1945. Now sta. with Airways Comm. S., Ft. Worth.

Sgt. R. L. Bridges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bridges, born Sept. 1, 1918, husband of Mildred L. Bridges, Box 82, Grapeland, attended Grapeland High School, and entered the service Dec. 29, 1942; was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, etc.; overseas 2 months, stationed in England; was onmission over Germany when he paid the Supreme Sacrifice on March 6, 1944. His Awards were: Purple Heart, Gunner Wings, Citation of Honor-U.S. Army A. Force. Received recognition from the State of Texas and Pres. F.D.R. Was Waist Gunner on a B-17 with 418th Bomb. Sqdn. and 100th Bomb. Group. His B-17 serverely damaged by enemy.



### Lt. JOSEPH R. LILES

Lieut. Joseph Robert Liles, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Liles, and husband of Elizabeth Evelyn Liles, of Conroe, Texas, was born April 19, 1909. He volunteered service in the Aviation Branch of the Navy, on Nov. 12, 1942, at New Orleans, La., and was sent to the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Fla., for training. From October, 1944, to October, 1945, he served in the Pacific, participating in the invasion of the Philippines, including the invasion of Palawan. He was in the battle of Leyte Gulf, also the battles of Manus, Mindoro, and the battle of Borneo. While he was stationed with Fleet Air Wing 8 at Alameda, Calif., he was Senior Briefing Officer and Asst. Operation Officer. He was released from active duty in Dec., 1945, and now is in the USNR.





Sgt. JOHN F. SMITH, JR.

Sgt. John Fisher Smith, birth date August 14, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fisher Smith, Ashwood, Texas, attended the Van Vleck and Bay City, Texas, Schools, and Southwestern Business University in Houston. He volunteered November 7, 1942, for the Army Air Force; trained at Harlingen Field in Texas; also attended the Ordnance School in Aberdeen, Maryland, and specialized as Parts Clerk, Armament; received various Ribbons, and was discharged November 4, 1945. Sgt. Smith is close kin to S2/c John W. Puryear, Storekeepers School, Great Lakes, Ill. Seaman Puryear trained at San Diego after volunteering November, 1945.

Capt. HUGH D. PEABODY, JR.

Capt. Hugh Dean Peabody, born November 24, 1916, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Peabody, Sr., of San Antonio, and husband of Marion K. Peabody of Ashwood, Texas, attended Southwest Texas State Teachers' College at San Marcos, and volunteered April 8, 1942, for the Army Signal Corps. Hetrained at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and served March to September, 1945, in the European Theater at England, France, Belgium and Germany, receiving the EAME Service Medal with Bronze Stars and Good Conduct Medal with other ribbons. After returning to the States, Capt. Peabody transferred to the Officer Reserve Corps, March 18, 1946.



### Pfc VICTOR L. FREDERICKSON

Pfc Victor Louis Frederickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frederickson, and husband of Eunice Juanita Voglesang Frederickson, of Columbus, Texas, was born Jan. 30, 1919, and entered Army service April 15, 1942, at Houston, Texas. He was assigned to the 136th Inf., 33rd Div, Co. E and was given training at Camp Forrest, Ft. Lewis, and the Mojave Desert. From July, 1943, to Nov., 1945, he served overseas in the Pacific Area, seeing action in Hawaii, New Guinea, Luzon, and Japan. On April 14, 1945, he was wounded in the Battle of Luzon. His awards are: Purple Heart; Phil. Lib., 1 Star; As.-Pac., 2 Stars; Amer. Thea.; 4 Overseas Bars; Good Conduct; Victory. He was honorably discharged in Nov., 1945, and now follows agricultural occupations at Garwood, taking part in rodeos.

### \*Cpl. GEORGE W. CHANCEY, JR.

Cpl. George Washington (Hulen) Chancey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chancey, of Iago, Texas, was born Sept. 3, 1924, and on Jan. 6, 1942, he volunteered for 4 years' service in the Marines. He was assigned to the First Division, and trained at San Diego, Calif., and New River, N. C. In March, 1943, he went overseas to the Asiatic-Pacific Area, where he served until May 14, 1945, when he paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Okinawa. He had participated in the battles of New Guinea, New Britain, Peleliu, and Palau Is. His awards are: Purple Heart; Presidential Unit Citation; American Campaign; Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Bronze Stars; Victory. Had his life been spared, his service would have entitled him to honorable discharge at the expiration of his enlistment.









S/Sgt. JOSEPH R. FRANTA, JR.

S/Sgt. Joseph Robert Franta, Jr., was born October 1, 1922, in Texas, son of Joseph and Gussie Franta, El Campo, Texas; attended St. Ludmila's Academy at Shiner, Texas, and is the husband of Mildred (Mikes) Franta of Shiner. He volunteered June 30, 1941, for the Army Air Force, training at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, and began overseas duty June, 1945, in the Panama Canal Zone where he served for five months. Sgt. Franta also served in the States at Columbus Army Air Field, Mississippi, and received the American Theater Campaign Medal and Good Conduct Award with other ribbons. Discharge was granted December 1, 1945.

Sgt. LOUIS L. MATULA

Sgt. Louis L. Matula, birth date June 12, 1912, in Texas, is the brother of Mrs. Gussie Franta, El Campo, Texas, and the son of Louis Matula, Sr., Hallettsville, Texas. He volunteered February 7, 1942, for the Army Air Force, trained at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, and served overseas April, 1943, to October, 1945, in the European Theater. Sgt. Matula participated in the air combat of the Balkans and Rome-Arno Campaign, and received the EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal with the Victory Ribbon and four Overseas Service Bars. After returning to the States, he was discharged on November 5, 1945.



Cadet Nurse Margaret Dolores Franta was born July 5, 1926, a native of Texas; is the daughter of Joseph and Gussie Franta, El Campo, Texas. She attended the Sacred Heart Academy in Hallettsville, Texas, and Victoria Junior College, and entered service September 6, 1943, at Houston, Texas, with the Army Cadet Nurse Corps. Her training was received at St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Houston, Texas. She passed the State Board Examination, and is now a Registered Nurse. Margaret Franta, R.N., is the sister of Joseph Robert and Louis J. Franta who were both in U.S. service. Her total duty was served in the States.

RM3/c Louis James Franta, birth date January 11, 1925, son of Joseph and Gussie Franta, El Campo, Texas, volunteered December 28, 1942, for the U.S. Navy, V-6, and trained at San Diego. He served November, 1943, to January, 1946, in the South, Central and Southwest Pacific Theater; took active part in the invasion of Leyte Gulf, Ormoc Bay, Mindoro, Lingayen Gulf, Subic Bay, Corregidor and Legaspi, and participated in landing at Brunei-Miri-Lutong area and at Balikpapan, Borneo. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, with two Bronze Stars, and other medals. Discharged Feb. 8, 1946.

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### \*S/Sgt. RAYMOND L. MERRITT

S/Sgt. Raymond Lee Merrittwas born June 24, 1921, a native of Texas, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Merritt, formerly of Wharton, Texas. While in his senior year at Texas A & M, Sgt. Merritt volunteered for service with the Army Air Corps, and trained at various camps and fields in the States until February, 1945, at which time he was transferred to the Pacific Theater in Japan. He participated in nineteen missions on a B-29 with the 20th Air Force as Radar Operator and Navigator, and his Super-Fortress was named the "Tokyo Trolley". His crew called him the "Hold-Headed Texan," due to the way he did his job in the tight spots on the front. Sgt. Merritt paid the Supreme Sacrifice at Kobe, Japan, June 5, 1945. His awards include the Air Medal. He had served the United States for over three years.





### Pfc ROBERT E. KLEAS

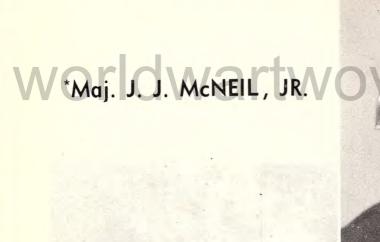
Pfc Robert Earl Kleas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kleas, of Wharton, Texas, was born Nov. 21, 1924, and on Jan. 5, 1944, he entered Army service at Houston. He was assigned to the 100th Div., and trained at Ft. Benning and Ft. Bragg. From Oct., 1944, to Feb., 1945, he served in Europe as a light mortar crewman, and participated in battles in the Rhineland with the 397th Regt. of the 100th Div. He has the distinction of receiving, from his home town friends, what is probably the longest letter ever written to a service man. people filled a large roll of adding machine paper with Christmas messages, 1944. While at Ft. Bragg he took part in New York parade for War Bond Drive. He holds campaign ribbons, and in March, 1946, he was granted an honorable discharge.

### T/3 JACK G. FISK

T/3 Jack Gordon Fisk, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Fisk, of Louise, Texas, formerly of Houston, was born Feb. 22, 1925, and entered Army service on May 20, 1943, at Houston. Hewas assigned to the 83rd Inf. Div., and trained at Camps Barkeley, Maxey, and Reynolds. From May, 1944, to Dec., 1945, he served overseas in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Austria, participating in the battles of Normandy, No. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. In Germany, on the Elbe River, he was wounded. He served with the 1st, 3rd, and 9th Armies. The 83rd Div. was the first officially to reach the Rhine, and the first to hold a crossing on the Elbe. Awards: EAME, 5 Stars; Purple Heart; Bronze Star; Unit Citation; Good Conduct; Victory. He was honorably discharged in Dec., 1945.

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Maj. McNeil was born on July 4, 1917, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McNeill, Sr., Post Office Box 734, Liberty, Texas. He received his education in Huntsville, Texas, at Huntsville Elementary and Huntsville Senior High Schools, and at Sam Houston State Teachers' College. On the 8th day of February, 1941, he volunteered for the service at Houston, and was assigned to the U. S. Army Air Corps on the 12th of February, 1941; was sent to Ontario, California, for his training until July 14, 1941, when he was then sent to Stockton Field, California, where he received Commission on September 27, 1941. He left for overseas duty on Sept. 25, 1942, serving in Keevil, Horn, England; Casablanca, French Morocco, Sicily, Africa; participated in the invasion of Sicily. He was a crew member of a C-47 (Skytrain) Transport Plane which failed to return from a paratroop drop mission to Lake Trasimeno, Italy, on Jan. 12, 1944. Received Air Medal on 2 occasions, D.F.C., and the Purple Heart.

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### \*Pfc PAUL P. HASTEDT

Pfc Paul Perry Hastedt, the son of Mrs. Henry Hastedt, Columbus, and the brother of Mrs. W. A. Flachmeier of Columbus, Texas, now residing in Austin, was born on June 5, 1912. He attended high school in Columbus, and was in construction work at the time he volunteered for the Marine Corps in Feb., 1942. He was trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, and assigned to Unit "D," -6, of the 2nd Marines. On Oct. 18, 1942, he was sent to the South Pacific to help in the battle for Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. It was on this island that he gave his life fighting for his country on Jan. 29, 1943. He was awarded the Presidential Citation, State of Texas Citation, and Purple Heart.

### Capt. WILLIAM A. FLACHMEIER

Capt. William August Flachmeier, the son of Rev. and Mrs. F. Flachmeier, of Hallettsville, was born on Aug. 20, 1900. He attended Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, and Wartburg Theological Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa, before he held the pastorage of the Columbus church for 19 years. He entered the Army on July 10, 1942, and was trained at the Chaplain School at Harvard University. From May, 1943, until Dec., 1945, he served as an Army Chaplain in the Asiatic-Pacific Area. On Nov. 4, 1943, he was promoted to Captain, and was given his discharge on the 5th of April, 1946. He is the husband of Jeanette HastedtFlachmeier, and has one daughter, Emily Jo.

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\*FM 2/c EUGENE D. BINGHAM

F.M. 2/c Bingham was born on the 23rd day of February, 1926, the son of Mrs. Leila D. Belcher of Box 622, Alvin, Texas. He received his education at Alvin High School, and volunteered for the service on the 9th of March, 1944, at Houston, Texas, assigned to the United States Naval Reserve, V5; was sent to San Diego, California, for his training. On September 20, 1944, he sailed for overseas duty, and served in the Asiatic South Pacific Area on the U.S.S. Monaghan, with a Carrier Task Force of the Third Fleet; he participated in the battles for the liberation of Luzon. Fireman 2/c Eugene D. Bingham was lost at seas in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, attached to the U.S.S. Monaghan, on December 18, 1944. Received one Battle Star for the Liberation of Luzon.

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MM 1/c CALVIN W. MASSEY, JR.

M.M.1/c Massey was born on Aug. 12, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Massey of Pearland, Texas. He attended Pearland Grammar and Webster High Schools in Pearland and Webster, Texas, volunteering for the service on April 24, 1942, at Houston, assigned to the U.S. Navy Seabees, and was sent to Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia. He served overseas from August 31, 1942, to September 7, 1943, and from January 10, 1945, until December 10, 1945, with service in the Aleutian Islands, Philippine Islands, and in China. M.M.1/c Calvin Winifred Massey received an honorable discharge on the 20th day of December, 1945, from the U.S.N.C.B.

SF 3/c CLAUDE V. MEADE, JR.

S.F.3/c Meade was born on May 10,1922, in Illinois, son of Mrs. Iva Kliesing of 7002 Gillon, Houston, and husband of the former Myrtlee Massey of Pearland; attended Pearland Grammar and High Schools, and Univ. of Houston, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy on the 12th day of September, 1942, at Houston, training at Davisville, Rhode Island. Overseas from April 5, 1942, to Aug. 2, 1944, in invasion of Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and in England for 6 months. Awarded Unit Citation, Personal Citation for part in invasion of Italy, and ETO Medal with 4 Battle Stars. Was discharged Nov. 4,1945, and resides with his wife and 2 children.

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Sgt. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Arnold of 813 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, and husband of the former Laura Massey of Pearland, attended Blane Grammar and Central High Schools at Superior, Wis. He entered the Army on Oct. 13, 1941, at Milwaukee, assigned to the Anti-Aircraft Div., training at Camp Wallace, Texas. Overseas from September, 1943, to April, 1944, in Southern France, Vosges Mountains, St. Die, Strassburg, Battle of the Bulge and Germany. He received the ETO, with 3 Bronze Battle Stars. On July 5, 1945, he was honorably discharged, and is at home with his wife and two children, Clare Lynn and Gary Joe Arnold.

B.M.2/c Resoft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Resoft of 1711 Leeland, Houston, and husband of Lydia Jane Resoft of Rt.1, Box 523, Alvin, Texas, attended Minnitex Grammar and Milby High Schools. He volunteered for the service on Sept. 10,1942, assigned to the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion, training at Camp Endicott, Camp Holliday, Port Hueneme, and Camp Parks. Overseas from Feb. 9, 1943, to May 9, 1944, and from Oct. 18, 1944, to Oct. 22, 1945, in the Aleutians, Hawaiian, and Mariana Islands. He received a Commendation from Rear Admiral J. W. Reeves, Jr., and on the 31st day of Oct., 1945, he was given an honorable discharge from the U.S.N.C.B.





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SKD 3/c WALTER B. DAVIS, JR.

SKD3/c Walter Burnice Davis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Davis, Sr., Sweeny, Texas, was born November 8, 1926, and attended Texas University at Austin. He volunteered November 6, 1944, at Houston for the Navy, Seabees, training at San Diego, California, and serving January, 1945, to June, 1946, in the Pacific Theater of Operations where he served on the Philippine Islands and in the Invasion of Cebu Island. The Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon was awarded with the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals plus the American Theater Ribbon. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from Seabees June 1, 1946.

#### MoMM 1/c STOKES L. BROOKS

MoMM1/c S. L. Brooks, born Dec. 16, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brooks, Box 604, Richards, was educated at White Oak Grammar and High Schools of Longview; volunteered on March 26, 1942, and was assigned to the Navy, Amph. Force; trained at San Diego, Calif., Cleveland, O., Portsmouth, Va. Overseas 13 months, in Tunisian Campaign, invasion of Sicily, Salerno invasion. Served on L.S.T. 352 and 357, and on base at Bizerte and Salerno, Italy; from there to U.S.N. Detachment, Naples, U.S.N. Base Hosp. #9, Oran, Algeria; then to St. Albans, N.Y. He received 2 minor injuries. Promoted from F2/c to MoMM1/c. He received an honorable discharge on Septmber 9, 1944.





MM 1/c ROY L. PHILMON

MMMl/c Roy Lee Philmon, born June 27, 1922, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Philmon, Sr., Camden, Texas. He volunteered January 1, 1942, for the U.S. Navy, training at Great Lakes, Ill., and began overseas duty February, 1942, in the Pacific Theater. He served in the Aleutian Operations and the battles of the Coral Sea, Midway, capture and defense of Guadalcanal, Gilbert, Marshall, and other islands, and participated in raids on New Guinea, Mariana Islands, Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with twelve Stars was awarded with Fleet Commendation and other medals. Discharged October 11, 1945.

#### Chief RM JACOB E. PHILMON

Chief RM Jacob Ernest Philmon was born February 1, 1918, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Philmon, Camden, Texas. He volunteered June 11,1940, for the U.S. Navy, Radio Branch, training at San Diego, and later participated in convoy duty prior to Pearl Harbor disaster in the North Atlantic zone. Radioman Philmon served sixty-six months of sea duty in the Mediterranean and European Area, American Area and in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. His awards include various campaign ribbons, Good Conduct Medal and Commendation for hazardous operations in ice area. After returning to the States, he was discharged June, 1946.



Cpl. HARRY V. TOWNLEY

Cpl. Harry V. (Bay) Townley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrison Townley, Livingston, Texas, was born July 2, 1926, a native of Texas; volunteered March 14, 1944, at Dallas for the 2nd Marine Division, training at San Diego, California. Cpl. Townley served overseas September, 1944, to February, 1945, in the South Pacific Theater on Saipan and Tinian in the Mariana Islands; was wounded on Saipan, hospitalized at Naval Hospital on Hawaiian Islands, then transferred to Hospital in Corvallis, Oregon. His awards include the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Asiatic - Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Battle Stars and other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge May 31, 1945, at Tillamook, Oregon.

S/Sgt. JACK D. TOWNLEY

S/Sgt. Jack D. Townley was born August 4, 1924, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrison Townley, Livingston, Texas; volunteered March 9, 1943, at Houston, Texas, for Army; trained with 78th Lightning Division; then transferred to 26th Division, Co. I, 104, Infantry, and began overseas duty June, 1944, in the European Theater. He participated in the Campaigns of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, serving in France, Germany, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg and Austria. Sgt. Townley was awarded the EAME Campaign Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Silver Star Medal, Croix de Guerre, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal and various other ribbons. After returning to the States in December, 1945, he was granted discharge January 3, 1946.





\*Sgt. STEWART CLARK

Sgt. Stewart Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Clark, of Joshua, and husband of Chlocelia Tunnell Clark, was born November 1,1921, and five days after his 19th birthday he enlisted in the Army. He was placed in the 36th Division and was trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, Edwards, and in Fort Sill. In April, 1943, he went overseas and gave six months of service in North Africa, until the invasion of Italy in September of that year. He participated in the battle of Salerno, and there paid the Supreme Sacrifice, on September 13, 1943. His awards were: American Defense; ETO; Good Conduct; Silver Star; and the Purple Heart.

#### MM 1/c FLOYD P. CLARK

MMI/c Floyd Perry Clark, elder brother of Stewart Clark, was born February 22, 1909, and volunteered for service in the Navy on June 18, 1942, at Dallas. He was assigned to the Construction Battalion, and was trained at Camp Allen, Va., Camp Holiday, Miss., and Port Hueneme, Calif. From May, 1943, to Sept., 1944, he served overseas, then again from March to September, 1945, located first in the Asiatic-Pacific, then in the Aleutian Area, and last in the South Pacific. His awards are: Asiatic-Pacific; American Theater; and Good Conduct. While home between services overseas he married his brother's widow, Feb. 20, 1945. On Sept. 30, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge from further service in the Navy.



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#### \*Pvt. ROBERT M. EDGAR, JR.

Pvt. Robert Morris Edgar, Jr., was born June 12, 1917, husband of Marjory Edgar, Cleburne. Attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood, and was band director in public schools of Cleburne before volunteering October 12, 1944, for the Army Infantry. He trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and Ft. Ord, Calif., and began overseas duty March, 1945, in the Pacific Theater. Participated in combat on Okinawa Shima where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice May 13, 1945, at Chocolate Drop Hill, Okinawa. The Purple Heart and one Bronze Star were awarded. A four year scholarship had been presented his daughter, Effie Marjorie, by Howard Payne College.

#### SF 2/c DEWARD L. BARKER

SF2/c Deward Livingston Barker, is the husband of Caroline J. Barker, Cleburne, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Barker, also of Cleburne. He volunteered August 27, 1942, at Dallas, for the Navy Seabees; trained in Virginia and California, and began overseas duty April, 1943, in the Pacific Theater, where he served on Guadalcanal, New Zealand, Emirau, Banika, Leyte and Samar. Received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. After returning to the States August, 1945, he was granted discharge from Seabees September 24, 1945.

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#### MM 2/c HENRY T. SHAW, JR. Pfc JAMES R. DURHAM

MM2/c Henry Thomas Shaw, Jr., birth date December 29, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Shaw, Cleburne, Texas, attended Keene and Cleburne, Texas, Schools, and volunteered March, 1944, for the U.S. Navy. After training at San Diego, he began overseas duty May 5, 1944, assigned to the USS Savo Island for twenty-two months, from Panama to Aleutian Islands and on to Honshu, Japan. He participated in the battles of Philippines at Leyte, Luzon, and Palau Islands, also Okinawa, and received the Asiatic-Pacific Medal with four Stars, Philippines Liberation Ribbon with two Stars and other awards. Discharged March 17, 1946.

Pfc James Robert Durham, born May 15, 1918, in Texas, husband of Ruby Marie Shaw Durham, Cleburne, Texas, attended the Joshua, Texas, Schools, and entered service March, 1942, with the Army 90th Div. He trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and began overseas duty March, 1944, in the European Theater, where he participated in the Invasion of France. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice July 5, 1944, at St. Lo. Pfc Durham was laid to rest at St. Lo, France, having completed his duty for his country. A son, Robert Edward, was born a month after his father left for overseas. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Durham, his parents, also survive.





#### Capt. VICTOR H. WILSON, JR.

Capt. Victor Hugo Wilson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Wilson, Sr., and husband of Marjorie Beck Wilson, of Camden, Texas, was born April 6, 1919. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, and on Nov. 10, 1941, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, at Houston, Texas. He was given training at Kelly, Thunderbird, Gardner, and Luke Army Air Fields. In August, 1943, he went overseas to Europe, where he served until Sept., 1944. He fle w 51 combat missions in B-25's, and was Operations Officer for the 321st Bomb. Group of the 12th Air Force. Salerno and Anzio were his targets in Italy, and he also served in North Africa and Corsica. He holds the Air Medal with Cluster, and the DFC. At present he is with the Army Air Corps Reserve.





#### \*Fireman 3/c JAMES VINSON

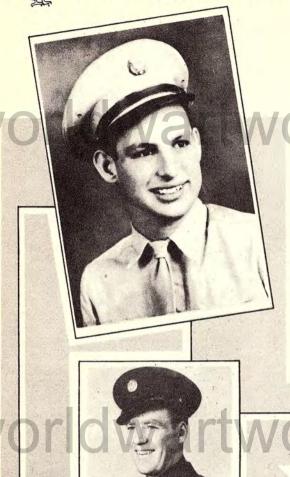
S/Sgt. HOWARD W. WHITLOW

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Whitlow, Box 305, Livingston, Texas, was born
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June 25, 1917. He entered service April 14, 1941, with the Army Infantry; trained at Camp Croft, South Carolina, and began overseas duty May, 1944, in the European Theater of Operations. Sgt. Whitlow participated in combat at Normandy and Northern France; was wounded twice, receiving the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, ETO Ribbon with two Stars, Silver Star, Combat Infantryman Badge and other ribbons and awards. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from service August 7, 1945.

Fireman 3/c James Vinson was born January 7, 1922, a native of Texas and son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Vinson, Corrigan, Polk County, Texas. He attended the Corrigan Public Schools, and volunteered for service at Houston, Texas, August 10, 1940, for the U.S. Navy, Fleet; trained at San Diego, California, and began overseas duty September 24, 1940. Fireman Vinson was assigned to the USS Downs, and embarked for the Pacific Theater where he was stationed at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked December 7, 1941. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice on that date while defending his country. The Purple Heart was awarded.





#### Sgt. REUEL B. WALTERS

Sgt. Reuel Bently Walters, son of Mrs. Ida Mae Walters, of Livingston, Texas, and brother of Mrs. Zelda Walters Massey, also of Livingston, was born Jan. 16, 1925. He entered service in the Army Air Corps on April 17, 1943, at Livingston, and was sent to Sheppard Field for training. From October, 1944, to February, 1946, he served over seas in the Pacific Area, as a radio mechanic. He was stationed in New Caledonia, Guam, and in Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. His awards are: American Theater; Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Bronze Star; 2 Overseas Service Bars; Good Conduct; and Victory Medal. On Feb. 25, 1946, he was given an honorable discharge from service. Prior to his induction, he was a stock-clerk for Weingartens Maintenance Shop, Houston, Texas, and at present he is attending the University of Houston.



S/Sgt. NORMAN W. DIETRICH

Sgt. Dietrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Dietrich, Livingston, Texas, was born August 5, 1916, and attended high school in Chester, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 29, 1941, as signed to Army, Air Corps. Trained at McChord Field, Washington. Served overseas from February, 1943, to September, 1945, in India, North Africa and Italy. He was awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, 1 Service Stripe, 5 Overseas Bars, Squadron Meritorious Achievement Award, American Defense Ribbon and Victory Medal. Sgt. Dietrich returned to the States Sept. 25, 1945, and was discharged October 13, 1945.

T/Sgt. ROY M. KIMES

Sgt. Kimes was born July 20,1920, and received his education in the public schools of Livingston, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug, 19,1940, at Ft. Crockett, Texas, assigned to Army, 69th C.A(AA). Trained at Ft. Crockett, Texas (Galveston), and served overseas from Nov., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in ETO, participating in battles of N. France, Ardennes, Central Germany, Rhineland and S. Germany. Awarded 5 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon and Victory Medal. He was discharged Oct. 12, 1945. Sgt. Kimes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kimes, and the husband of Helen Aline Kimes, Rt. 4, Livingston, Texas.





#### \*2nd Lt. ERNEST A. EDENS

2nd Lt. Ernest A. Edens, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Edens, Corrigan, Polk County, Texas, was born June 1, 1919, a native of Texas; attended the Corrigan Public Schools and Houston, Texas, University. Lt. Edens volúnteered for service December 26, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant after training. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 11, 1943, at Savannah, Georgia, while in faithful service for his country. Two of his kin, who also survive, served for the United States, Capt. James Benjamin Edens of the Army Armored Division and Pfc Robert Frank Edens, 4th Marine Division.



Capt. JAMES B. EDENS



Pfc ROBERT F. EDENS

Capt. James Benjamin Edens, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Edens, Corrigan, Texas, was born October, Friday 13, 1913, in Texas. He attended the Corrigan and Diboll, Texas, School, Stephen F. Austin College at Nacogdoches, Texas, and volunteered for service August 6, 1942; was assigned to the Army, 13th Armored Division. Capt. Edens trained at Camp Beale, California, and Camp Bowie, in Texas; was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, and promoted to 1st on June 21, 1943, later to Captain July 27, 1944. His total duty was served in the United States, and after three years of service, he returned to inactive duty Sept. 27, 1945.

Pfc Robert Frank Edens, birth date Mar. 4, 1925, is the grandson of Mrs. B.F. Edens, Corrigan, Polk County, Texas. He attended and graduated from Corrigan High School, and volunteered Mar. 2, 1943, at San Antonio for the U.S. Marine Corps, 4th Division, training at San Diego. Pfc Edens served overseas Mar. 29, 1944, to Nov. 1, 1945, in the South Pacific Theater where he served at Iwo Jima and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, among other awards and campaign ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from the Marine Corps Nov. 17, 1945, with thirty-two months of service to his credit.

1. -T/4 ALFRED LEE BRANGH, born March 17, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Branch, Camden, Texas, husband of Mattie M. Branch, of Houston. Attended Groveton High School; entered the service on March 3, 1941, assigned to the Army, Co. H, 5th Inf.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served in the U.S. 15 months and overseas 3 years, in Panama and India. Awarded: American Theater Ribbon, Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic Ribbon, Good Conduct. He was honorably discharged June 9, 1945.

2. -T/4 EARL MURPHY BRANCH, born July 18,1915, son of John C. Branch, Camden, Texas, attended Groveton High School, and entered the service Sept.23, 1941; was assigned to the Army Engineers; trained at Camp Wallace, Texas, and Camp Claiborne, La.; overseas from Feb. 12, 1944, to Nov. 25, 1945. Served in European Theater, England, France, Belgium, Holland. Campaigns in Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, and Ardennes. Awards: 4 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Nov. 28, 1945.

3. —A.O.M.2/c JOHN CALUIN BRANCH, born May 17, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Branch, Camden, Texas, attended University of Houston. Volunteered Aug. 8, 1943, at Houston, and was assigned to the Navy Air Force; trained at N.A.T.T.C., Norman, Okla., N.A.C.S. Purcell, Okla., N.A. A.S., Jax, Fla., N.A.S. Hutchinson, Kan., N.A.A.S. San Diego, Calif. Overse as from Jan. 4, 1945, to Sept. 28, 1946, in Hawaii, Marianas, Bonin, inv. of Iwo Jima, Okinawa. Awards: D.F. Cross and 3 Air Medals, Discharged Jan. 5, 1946.

4. —MoMM3/c CALVIN RYE SALTER, born Jan. 8, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Salter, Livingston, Texas, attended Livingston High; volunteered December 8, 1943, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy Amphibious Forces; trained at Corpus Christi Naval Base and San Bruno, Cal. Served in the U.S. 17 months, and overseas 14 months, in American Area Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Area, and Occupation of China, Korea. He was honorably discharged on July 17, 1946.

5. —SGT. JOE VAN MARTIN, born May 30, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Martin, Camden, Texas, husband of Marguerite Martin, 20 Broadway, Houston, attended Sam Houston State College, Huntsville; entered service March 5, 1942, at San Antonio, assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field and Tyndal Field. Served in the United States from March 5, 1942, to May 5, 1945. Overseas from May 5, 1945, to Aug. 18, 1945. He was honorably discharged Dec. 13, 1945, Kelly Fld.

6. —LT. RALPH COKER MARTIN, born Oct. 15, 1918, son of Ralph B. Martin, Camden, husband of Lois Jane Martin, 500 Powell, Austin, attended University of Texas; volunteered March 27, 1941, at Dallas, as signed to Navy Air Corps; trained at Corpus Christi Naval Air Sta., Texas. Overseas from Sept., 1942, to Sept., 1944, in Southwest Pacific, and Asiatic areas. Awards: Letter of Commendation from Army, Gen. Harmon. He was Comd. Pilot for Naval Air Transport Sqdn. Discharged Dec. 19, 1945.

7. —PVT. JAMES HAROLD McCLAMMY, born July 11, 1925, in Mississippi, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. McClammy, Livingston, T exas, attended Sam Houston State College, Huntsville; entered the service Oct. 28, 1943, assigned to Army 101st Airborne; trained at C amp Wolters, Texas, Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas 4 months, in European Areas, airborne operations of Holland. Awards: Pres. Unit Citation, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Inf. Combat Badge, Paratroop Wings. Discharged July 1, 1945.

8. —A.A.M. 2/c ARNOLD BYRON MORGAN, born July 5, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Morgan, Corrigan, Texas, husband of LaVerne Morgan, attended Corrigan High; volunteered Aug. 22, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy Air Corps; trained at N.A.S., Corpus Christi, Texas, Aux Air Sta., Kingsville, Texas, N.A.S., Alameda, Calif. Served in the United States from Oct. 2, 1942, to Nov. 20, 1945, A.A.M.Z/c Morgan received an honorable discharge on November 20, 1945.

9. — PFC GUY ALLEN PARKS, born March 29, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Parks, Chester, Texas, husband of Eloise Parks, Port Neches, attended Chester High School. He entered the service on Jan. 22, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Keesler Field, Miss., Las Vegas, Nev. Served in the United States from Jan. 22, 1943, to April 15, 1945. Overseas from April 15, 1945, to July 12, 1946, in ETO. Awards: Good Conduct, Unit Citation, ETO. Discharged Feb. 5, 1946.

10.—1ST LT. WILLIAM McCREADY PENNINGTON, born Oct. 30, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pennington, Wood-ville, husband of June Harlan Pennington, attended Texas A & M; entered service on March 25, 1943, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, assigned to Army, 16 Armored Div.; trained at Camp Chaffee; served in the United States from March 25, 1943, to Feb. 5, 1945, overseas 8 months in European Theater in battle of Germany. Res. Officer Military Intel. Went on inactive duty May 10, 1946.

11.—T/SGT. ROBERT EARL PENNINGTON, born Aug. 9, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pennington, Sr., attended Texas University, Austin; entered service April 12, 1943, assigned to Army, Co.C., 153rd Bn. IRTC; trained at Camp Sibert, Ala. He was overseas for 10 months, in N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awards: EAME Medal w/4 Bronze Service Stars, American Campaign Medal, Good Conduct and Victory Medals, 1 Overseas Service Bar, Silver Star., Discharged Nov. 13, 1945.

12.—ENSIGN WARREN YOUNG PENNINGTON, born Sept. 1, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pennington, attended Texas A & M College, College Sta., Texas. Volunteered F eb. 19, 1944, at Houston, and was assigned to the Navy, V-12 Program; trained at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, La. Served in the United States 22 months, overseas 6 months. Commissioned July 30, 1945, Ensign, D.L.U.S.N.R. Ensign Pennington was released to inactive status, July 17, 1946. U.S.N.R.

13.—SGT. HARDY ALLEN HANCOCK, born April 24, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hancock, Jasper, Texas, husband of Alva A. Hancock, attended Jasper High School; entered the service on April 13, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces; trained at Kearns Field, Kearns, Utah, Midland Radio School, Kansas City, Mo. Served in the United States 1 yr., and overseas 18 months in Africa, Italy, Corsica. Combat: Rome-Arno, S. France, Po Valley, N. Apennines. EAME w/4 Stars. Discharged Aug. 27, 1945.

14.—SGT. GEORGE GLENN ALLBRITTON, born August 2, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Allbritton, Jasper. Texas, husband of Vera W. Allbritton, attended Jasper High School; entered the service January 17, 1942, Fort Sam Houston, and was assigned to the Army, Armored Div.; trained at Fort Knox, Ky., and Camp Pine, N.Y. Overseas attached to British forces in Middle E., fought in 2 battles of El Alamein from May, 1942, until Sept., 1942. He is now at Camp Cooke, Calif., in S.C.U. 1908.

15.—PhM2/c JAMES BORDEN ALLBRITTON, born Dec. 31, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Allbritton, Jasper, Texas, attended Jasper High School; entered the service June 21, 1943, and was assigned to the Navy Med. Corps; trained at Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Dec. 7, 1943, to Dec. 18, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. (No battles.) Promoted from PhM3/c in May, 1944, promoted PhM2/c Jan. 1, 1945. He received an honorable discharge on April 1, 1946.

16.—S/SGT. AMOS P. SCARBOROUGH, born Nov. 27,1908, son of Mrs. Ruth Scarborough, 512 College St., Jasper, attended Baylor University, W aco, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 20,1940, assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Barksdale Field. La. Overseas from May 15,1944, to Nov. 7,1945, in Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Rome-Arno. Awarded; American D.S. Medal, American T.C. Medal, EAME Medal w/l Star, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. He was honorably discharged Dec. 3, 1945.

17.—T/4 JOE AMOSS BLACK, born Feb.5, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Black, Milan St., Jasper, Texas, attended Southwestern Diesel College, Houston, Texas. Entered the service Feb. 12, 1941, and was assigned to the Army, 36th, 144th Inf., with training at Camp Bowie, Texas; served in the United States from Feb. 12, 1941, to Oct. 3, 1945. He was awarded the American Defense, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. T/4 Joe Black was given an honorable discharge on October 3, 1945.

18.—SoM2/c FRED MANCHESTER BLACK, born July 27, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Black, 1034 E. Milan, Jasper, husband of Ermine Black, attended Schreiner Institute, Kerrville; volunteered on Jan. 15, 1942, assigned to Navy; trained at U.S.N.T.S., San Diego, Calif. Overseas 22 months, in Atlantic and Pacific, sea-air battle in Mediterranean, anti-sub. warfare in Atlantic. American Area, EAME, Asiatic-Pac., Phil. Lib., Victory, I Battle Star, awarded. He was discharged Oct. 5, 1945.

19.—MAMI/c CLAUDE ALLEN STRINGER, born Dec. 24, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Stringer, Jasper, Texas, husband of Maurice Stringer, of Freeport, attended Jasper High School; volunteered March 26, 1943; was assigned to the Navy, X Mail Service; trained at United States Naval Training Sta., San Diego, Calif. Served overseas 11 months, in Pearl Harbor-F.P.O. N3256, Okinawa; in U.S. 20 months, U.S.N.T.S., San Diego, Calif., Fleet PO San Francisco, U.S., NAB PO., San Bruno. Discharged Nov. 27, 1945.

20.—S.C.3/c HUGH MARVIN SWEARINGEN, born July 30, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Swearingen, 454 College St., Jasper, Texas, attended Jasper High; entered service on March 28, 1944. Assigned to the Navy, USS Oconto-A.P.A. 187; trained at N.T.S., San Diego, Calif.; served in U.S. 6 months, and overseas from Sept. 2, 1944, to May 11, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific, Philippines, Luzon, Okinawa, China and Japan Areas. Awards: American Campaign, Asiatic-Pac. w/2 Stars, Phil. Lib. w/1 Star. Discharged May 28, 1946.

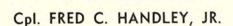






#### S 2/c LEONARD V. RENFRO

S2/c Leonard Van Renfro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Renfro, of Livingston, Texas, was born April 16,1927. He volunteered for service in the Navy Reserve on April 10,1945, at Houston, Texas, and was sent to San Diego for training. Was in service 13 months, and was given an honorable discharge from Navy Reserves on May 23, 1946. Seaman Renfro attended Livingston High School, and previous to his enlistment in the Navy, he was employed by the Hughes Tool Co., in Houston, Texas. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and is a native of Texas, having been born in Polk County. At the time of this writing, his home address is with his parents, Route 4, Livingston, Texas.



Cpl. Handley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Handley, Sr., Houston, Texas, husband of Opal Handley, was born July 29, 1919. He attended public schools of Chester, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 9, 1942, at Houston, Texas, assigned to 398th Bomb Grp. Served overseas from April 13, 1943, to June 6, 1945, in European Theater, and was awarded 6 Battle Stars, Unit Presidential Citation, Good Conduct Medal, Certificate of Meritorious Service, American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. He participated in air offensive of Europe, Battle of Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Was discharged Sept. 22, 1945.



S/Sgt. HOWARD N. DENHAM

Sgt. Denham, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Denham, Livingston, Texas, was born Dec. 15, 1925; attended school in Livingston. Entered service July 26, 1944, at Houston, Texas, assigned to Army, 6th Div. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Served overseas from Jan., 1945, to July, 1946, in Pacific Area, participating in the battles of Philippines, Luzon and Korea. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, Army of Occupation Ribbon, and 3 Overseas Bars. Sgt. Denham returned to States in July, 1946, and was discharged Aug. 6, 1946.





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#### Pfc EDWARD A. BAILEY

Pfc Edward A. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Bailey, Blanchard, Texas, was born December 17, 1923; attended public school of Grace Hill, Texas. Entered service October 16, 1944, at Houston, Texas. He was assigned to 11th Airborne, and trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas from May 12, 1945, to May 15, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, and participated in the battle of Okinawa. He re-enlisted Jan. 16, 1946, and reported back for assignment September 10, 1946, after a ninety day furlough.

#### M/Sat. WOODY ROSSER, JR.

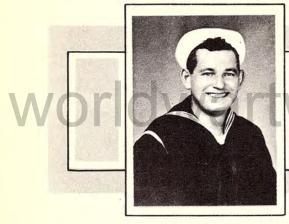
M/Sgt. Woody Rosser, Jr., born August 14, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Rosser, Sr., Camden, Texas, and husband of Mary Merle Combs Rosser, attended Groveton, Texas, Schools, and volunteered May 31, 1940, for the Army, 3rd Engineer Corps, training at Ft. Ord, Calif. He began overseas duty January, 1943, in the North African-European Theater where he participated in the campaigns of North Africa, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Po Valley and the Northern Apennines. Sgt. Rosser received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service, among other medals and awards, and after returning to the States, he was discharged September 5, 1945.



lst Lt. Lesta E. Shackelford, husband of Jewel Blanche Shackelford, Austin, Texas, was born April 7, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Shackelford, Livingston, Texas. He volunteered March 19, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training at Hondo, Texas, Army Air Base, and served overseas July, 1943, to May, 1945, in the European Theater where he participated in combat raids over France and Germany; was taken prisoner of war by the Germans, and imprisoned at Stalag Luft III, Sagan, Germany, and at Moosberg, Germany, September, 1943, until liberated May 7, 1945. His awards include various campaign ribbons. Discharge was granted December 31, 1945.

Maj. Henry Ford Fields, was born June 26, 1916, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Fields, Groom, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Koma Beryl Fields, Box 332, Claude, Texas; attended West Texas State College at Canyon, and entered service January 13, 1941, with the Army Infantry, 36th Division; trained at Camp Bowie, and began overseas duty February, 1944, in the Pacific Area, where he served in combat on Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Bougainville, Northern Philippines and at Korea. He received the Unit Meritorious Plaque from South Pacific Command. Maj. Fields returned to the States in November, 1945, and was released from service February 11, 1946.











S 1/c JOHN W. CHASE, JR.

Sl/c John William Chase, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Chase of Perryton, Texas, was born Oct. 7, 1920, and volunteered for the Coast Guard Aug. 28, 1942, at Amarillo. He was trained at the Coast Guard Training Station, New Orleans, La., and served in the Gulf of Mexico Area until November 1, 1945, when he was honorably discharged from the service. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He also attended the Coast Guard Radio School at New London, Conn. Prior to enlistment, he was a student at Perryton High School. He is the husband of Mary Louise Chase, of Kansas City, and is the brother of Robert Jean Chase.

Pfc ROBERT J. CHASE

Pfc Robert Jean Chase, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Chase of Perryton, was born Sept. 13, 1923, and volunteered for service on April 28, 1943. He was assigned to the Army, in the Combat Engineer Div., and trained at Ft. Leonard Wood and Camp Breckenridge, also in England. From Oct., 1944, to Feb., 1946, he served overseas, in the European Theater of Operations, and participated in the battles of Ardennes, Central Europe, GO 105 WD 45, and Rhineland. He was given the following awards: American Theater Campaign, EAME Campaign with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory. He was honorably discharged in Feb., 1946.



Pvt. Charles B. Trew, Jr., was born December 14, 1915, a native of Texas, son of Charles and Georgia Elizabeth Trew, Perryton, Texas, and brother of Mrs. Allie I. West, also of Perryton. He volunteered for service September 7, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces; trained at Camp Maximitiano Lona, Las Vegas, New Mexico. Pvt. Trew served his total training and duty in the United States, and received the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medal with the Good Conduct Award. After thirtyeight months of service, he was granted discharge November 10, 1945.

2nd Lt. Roy Leo West, born November 1, 1922, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Allie Irene West, Perryton, Texas, attended and is a graduate of the Wichita Falls, Texas, Schools. He volunteered for service September 8, 1942, at Amarillo, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Brooks Army Air Field, San Antonio, Texas, and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant December 23, 1944. Lt. West made frequent round trips to foreign fields, and received the Air Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. April 13, 1946, he was released to inactive reserve duty.





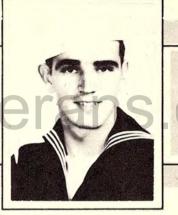
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#### \*T/Sgt. BENJAMIN F. BEASON

T/Sgt. Benjamin Franklin Beason, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Beason of Canyon, Texas, was born on June 20, 1920. He volunteered for the Army on Nov. 4, 1939, and trained at March Field, Calif. In Jan., 1940, he was sent to the Philippine Islands with the Finance Department. Later he was transferred from this dept. of a camp near Manila to Corregidor. At the fall of this island fortress, he was among those captured by the enemy and forced into the infamous Bataan Death March. He was taken to P.O.W. Camp 10A at Puerto Princessa, Palawan Island. On the 14th of Dec., 1944, he was one of the prisoners whom the Japanese guards massacred within this camp. Citations were awarded him posthumously by President Truman, the Governor of Texas, the Adjutant General, and the Secretary of War, along with the Purple Heart.







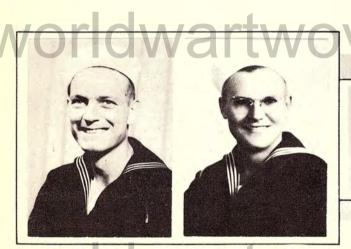
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M/Sgt. JACK N. JENNINGS

M/Sgt. Jack Neil Jennings, birthdate December 14, 1918, husband of Ruby Guthrie Jennings, 1204 7th Ave., Canyon, Texas, entered service June 16, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Infantry; trained at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Sgt. Jennings served October, 1944, to May, 1945, in the European Area, and participated in the battles of Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhineland; was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge, imprisoned by Germans from December, 1944, to March, 1945, at Bad Orb and Genheim, Germany. He received various awards including Purple Heart; returned to the States, and was discharged Oct. 27, 1945.

#### SK 2/c HOMER W. TUCKER

SK2/c Homer W. Tucker, birthdate January 29, 1920, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. J. R. Tucker, Clarendon, Texas, and husband of Tommie Ruth Tucker, 908 Noel, Memphis, Texas, entered service March 6, 1944, in the U.S. Navy, Supply Branch; trained at San Diego and Naval School at Toledo, Ohio, and began overseas duty August, 1944. He served in the Pacific Theater on the Manus and Admiralty Islands, and returned to the States in March, 1946. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with World War II Victory and American Defense Medals and other ribbons. Discharge was granted March 19, 1946.





#### CM 1/c GARLAND C. TURNER CM 3/c ROBERT H. NOVAK

CMI/c GARLAND CLAUDES TURNER, husband of Louise Turner, Spearman, Texas, was born September 11, 1915; volunteered June 7, 1942, for Navy Seabees; served overseas September to December, 1943, and October, 1944, to October, 1945, in battles of Okinawa and Guadalcanal in Pacific Area. Received Good Conduct Medal. Discharged October 23, 1945.

CM3/c ROBERT HENRY NOVAK, born July 19,1923, brother of Mrs. Louise Turner, Spearman, Texas, entered Navy Reserve January 31, 1944; trained at Terminal Is., Calif., and served overseas January, 1945, to January, 1946, in the Pacific, participating in the Philippine Liberation. Discharged Jan. 22, 1946.

#### 1st Lt. CLAUDE E. LOVETT, JR.

1st Lt. Claude E. Lovett, Jr., born June 12, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lovett, Sr., Dumas, Texas, a graduate of Texas A & M, entered the Army Infantry in January, 1943. He served overseas in the European Area, and was wounded November, 1944, in the Battle of Metz. The Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Distinguished Service Cross and other medals were awarded. His Citation read "a group of attacking infantryman were pinned down near a barbed wire entanglement by intense enemy fire. Lt. Lovett fearlessy crossed the exposed area, killed the enemy machine gunner". He is currently at Brooks Hosp., San Antonio.





#### S/Sat. BONNER M. FORREST

S/Sgt. Bonner Maurice Forrest, son of Mrs. G. H. Thornton, and husband of Mable C. Forrest, of Borger, Texas, was born Aug. 28, 1904, and volunteered for service Oct. 11, 1940. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry of the Army, and trained at Ft. Bliss. From Jan., 1942, to Jan., 1944, he served overseas with the 5th Air Force, in Port Darwin, Australia, and in the battles of the Coral Sea, New Guinea, Papuan Campaign, Bismarck Sea, New Britain, and Biak Is. In the battle of Buna, New Guinea, he was wounded. His awards are: 4 Presidential Citations; American Theater; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign; Pre-Pearl Harbor, 1 Star; Phil. Lib., 1 Star; Allied Service Ribbon; Good Conduct; Victory. He received an honorable discharge from service on July 8, 1944.

#### Sgt. GROVER H. THORNTON, JR.

Sgt. Grover Hornton Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Thornton, and husband of Hazel Thornton, of Borger, Texas, was born April 26, 1923, and entered service April 12, 1943. He was assigned to the Army Air Force, and trained at Sheppard Field. From November, 1944, to February, 1946, he served overseas in the Western Pacific, and participated in the battle of Tinian. His awards are: Western Pacific: American Theater; Asiatic Pacific Theater; Good Conduct; and Victory. Sgt. Thornton completed his Army service in 1946. He was a student in the Borger High School before entering service in the Army. His parents moved to Texas from Missouri in 1926.



#### Capt. RICHARD J. CARLTON

Capt. Richard James Carlton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carlton, of Borger, Texas, was born April 3, 1924, and entered Army service June 15, 1943, at Ft. Bliss. He was assigned to the 745th Tank Battalion, and trained at Ft. Riley; O.C.S., Ft. Knox; and Camp Bowie. From Jan., 1945, to July 1946, he served in the European Theater, and participated in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. He received a commission in 1944, and was promoted twice in 1945. In Dondorf, Germany, he was wounded, March 24, 1945. His awards are: Purple Heart; Bronze Star; Good Conduct; American Theater; European Theater, 2 Battle Stars; Victory; Army of Occupation. He separated from service July 15,1946. Previous to entering service, he attended the New Mexico Military Institute, and is the husband of Patricia Carlton of Amarillo, Texas.



Cpl. DURWARD B. McCRACKEN T/Sqt. HARRY K. McCRACKEN

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McCracken, Clarendon, Texas.

Cpl. DURWARD B. McCRACKEN, birthdate June 30, 1920, entered service May 30, 1944, with the Army Air Corps; began overseas duty in February, 1946, and is currently serving as radioteletype operator in Germany. He is also manager of an enlisted men's club in Germany. His wife is Gerry McCracken, Clarendon.

T/Sgt. HARRY K. McCRACKEN, born June 5, 1915, volunteered August 28,1940, for Army Air Corps; served overseas October, 1944, to November, 1945, in the battles of Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe; received EAME Ribbon with three Stars, and was discharged January 14, 1946.



S 1/c WILLIAM D. BOLLS

S1/c William Dodd Bolls, born March 13,1925, son of J. F. Bolls, Borger, Texas, and husband of Anna Bell Bolls, 810 E. 6th, Borger, entered service May 17, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, and was assigned to the U.S. Navy. He trained in San Diego, California, and June 3, 1944, embarked for the Pacific Theater where he served on Guam, Marianas Islands. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon was awarded with the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards, American Theater and Good Conduct Medal. After returning to the States, he was sent to the base at Norman, Oklahoma, and was discharged December 20, 1945.



#### T/5 CLYDE M. SMITH

T/5 Clyde Malcolm Smith, son of Mrs. Loyd Humphrey, of Borger, Texas, was born April 6, 1923, and entered service April 12, 1943, at Lubbock. He was assigned to the Armored Div. of the Army, and trained at Ft. Knox. From Jan. 13, 1945, to July 31, of the same year he served in Italy, and participated in the battles of the Apennines and the Po Valley. He was wounded by shrapnel in July, and was awarded the Purple Heart; Good Conduct Medal, and also holds the Mediterranean Theater Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars, the American Theater Ribbon, a Unit Citation, and the Victory Medal. He received an honorable discharge from service on Feb. 3, 1946. Previously, he was a welder.

#### RdM3/c ROY W. JENNINGS

RdM3/c Roy William Jennings, son of Frank Jennings, Hutchinson, Texas, and husband of Nita Jennings of Borger, was born Oct. 24, 1925, and entered service Oct. 21, 1943, at Lubbock. He was assigned to the Navy, Radar Branch, and trained at San Diego. From March, 1944, to Dec., 1945, he served overseas, and participated in the battles of the Aleutian Is., the Philippine Liberation, Okinawa, and the Third Fleet Operations off Tokyo, for which he holds Battle Stars. He served on the USS Rowe, and participated in the final bombings of Tokyo. He was aboard the Rowe in Tokyo Bay during the signing of the surrender terms. He was honorably discharged from Naval duty on Dec. 13, 1945.



Maj. CLELAND E. EARLY

Sgt. JACOB N. EARLY

Major CLELAND E. EARLY, son of Mrs. Myrtle E. Early, and husband of Betty Early, was born Oct. 13, 1919. He attended T.C.U. before volunteering for the Marines on May 17, 1941. He attended OCS at Quantico, Va., and served at Camp Elliott, Cal., before going to the South Pacific in May, 1942. Served with 2nd Marine Raider Bn. on Guadalcanal, and 2nd Div. at Tarawa, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. At present he is at Marine Sep. Center, Great Lakes, making a career of the Marine Corps. He was awarded the Silver Star.

Capt. FERRILL B. EARLY, also son of Mrs. Myrtle Early, and husband of Laverne Early, was born July 27, 1914. He entered the Army on Jan. 24, 1941. Trained at Camps Howze and Claiborne, and served in the 84th Infantry Division. He attended O.C.S. at Ft. Sill, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in Nov., 1942. Before going to Europe in Sept., 1944, he had been promoted to Capt. The campaigns in which he participated were Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He received the Bronze Star Medal and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. He was released from duty on Nov. 24, 1945.

Sgt. JACOB NORVILL EARLY, husband of Helene Early, was born June 23, 1921. He attended T.C.U. before volunteering for the Marines on Mar. 2, 1942. Training was at Parris Is., Quantico, Camp Lejeune, and Portsmouth. Served on U.S.S. Antietam in Central and Western Pac., China and Yellow Seas, and Atlantic. Was discharged on Feb. 26, 1946.

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Y 2/c BILLIE E. GETER

Yeoman 2/c Billie Eugene Geter, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Geter of 2326 S.W. 27th St., Oklahoma City, was born on Dec. 14, 1924. He attended the University of Norman, Okla., and volunteered for V-12 training program in May, 1943. Later he was transferred to the Navy. His training was at the University of New Mexico and at San Diego. He served in the Pacific Area aboard the U.S.S. Rocky Mount, flagship of the 7th Amphibious Force, from July, 1944, until April, 1946. This duty took him to Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, and Zamboanga in the Philippines, and to Tarakan, and Brunei Bay in Borneo, and the occupation of China. He has 3 Battle Stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and 2 Stars on the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. On the 16th of April, 1946, he was discharged at Shoemaker, Calif.

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1. -S.F.1/c EVERETT FOSTER METZ, born April25, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Metz of Dalhart, Texas. Entered service Oct. 6, 1943, at Spokane, Wash., for the Navy Seabees. Trained at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, and Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Served overseas May 1, 1944, to Nov. 28, 1945. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged November 28, 1945. Attended Watongo High School, Okla. Husband of Mrs. Marguerite Metz.

\*2. —SGT. ELMER ALEXANDER METZ, born Nov. 10, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Metz of Dalhart, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 28, 1940, at Spokane, Wash., assigned to Army, 82nd Airbone, Paratroop Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas April, 1943, to Dec., 1943, in Sicily, and Italian campaigns. Wounded in Italy Oct. 6, 1943; was discharged Aug. 12, 1944, Veterans' Hospital, Amarillo, Texas, and died July 30, 1945, from wounds received. Awarded Purple Heart.

3. —S/SGT. ERNEST VIRGIL METZ, born Feb. 2, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Metz of Dalhart, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 2, 1940, assigned to Army, 5th Air Corps. Trained at March Field, Calif., and Tucson, Ariz. Served overseas Jan., 1941, to April, 1944, in Australia, New Guinea, Milne Bay, and Port Moresby. Awarded 2 Presidential Citations (Unit), American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged Sept. 3, 1945. Attended Dalhart High School.

\*4. —STOREKEEPER 1/c GEORGE CLARENCE GILL, bern Nov. 26, 1910, husband of Mrs. Ottamay Gill of Spearman, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 21, 1939, for the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Dec., 1939, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area. Was on the U.S.S. Langley on way to Java when it was sunk. He was picked up by the Pecos. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice when the Pecos was sunk before it reached Australia. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was reported missing in action.

5. —PFC ROBERT WILLIAM WRIGHT, born Sept. 13, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright of Morse, Texas. He entered the service December 17, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, assigned to Army, 84th Infantry Division. Received his training at Camp Howze, Texas. Served in the United States from December 17, 1942, to September 4, 1943. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged September 4, 1943. Attended Morse High School.

6. —S/SGT. WINDFRED MAURICE WRIGHT, born Sept. 17, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright of Morse, Texas. Entered the service April 8, 1941, at Houston, Texas, assigned to Army, 1865 Service Unit Division. Received his training at Camp Wallace, Texas. Served in the United States from April 8, 1941, to Feb. 3, 1944. Received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Husband of Mrs. Mary Wright of Houston, Texas.

\*7. -MILTON ADLEE WRIGHT, born Oct. 21, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright of Morse, Texas. Entered service Feb. 21, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas, assigned to Army 89th Inf. Div. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Camp Butner, N.C. Overseas Dec., 1945, in Eisenach, Central Germany, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice at Schwaback, Germany, July 28, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart and Victory Medal. Was buried in #1 Stromberg Cemetery, and moved to St. Avold U.S. Cemetery near Metz, France.

8. — CPL. ALVERTIS DENTON BOYD, born May 29, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Anna M. Boyd of Perryton, Texas. Entered military service May 6, 1942, assigned to Army Corps of Engineers. Received his training at Fort Ord, Calif. Overseas Dec., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Asiatic-Pacific, and Philippines. Awarded Philippines Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medalwith 1 Bronze Star, and Victory Medal. Was discharged October 3, 1945.

9. —C.M.2/c OSCAR PAUL RIEMER, born July 4, 1916. Husband of Mrs. Oscar Riemer of Spearman, Texas. Volunteer ed July 28, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, for the Navy Seabees. Trained at Gamp Peary, and Camp Endicott. Overseas Feb., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Hawaii, and Samar, Philippines. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 3, 1945, at Camp Wallace Texas. Attended Spearman High School. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Riemer.

10.—RDM 2/c JAMES WILLIAM ROBINSON, born July 26, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Robinson of Spearman, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 31, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, for the Navy. Trained at Point Loma, Calif. Overseas Feb., 1944, to April 1946, in Guam, Saipan, Peleliu, Iwo Jima, Philippines, Okinawa, and Japan, He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged April 9, 1946. Attended Spearman High. Husband of Mrs. Billie Louise Robinson.

11.—SGT. WELDON HENRY CLACK, born July 5, 1910. Husband of Mrs. Blanche Clack of Perryton, Texas. Entered Nov. 8, 1943, in the Army Ord. Ing. Regt. Division. Trained at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md. Overseas May, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Puerto Rico; worked as final inspector on all military vehicles. Awarded Meritorious Unit Award, Good Conduct, Citation for outstanding achievments over hard labor in ord. plant in Puerto Rico. Was discharged October 23, 1945.

12.—CPL. JAMES EARNEST ADAMS, born July 6, 1924. Son of Mrs. Ollie Adams of Borger, Texas. Entered the service May 14, 1943, at Borger, assigned to Army Med. Corps. Trained at Camp Grant, Ellis, Ill., Camp Gruber, Okla., and Camp Swift, Austin, Texas. Overseas Feb., 1945, to Dec., 1945, in China, Burma, and India. Served overseas with 96th Field Hosp. Awarded 2 Bronze Stars, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged November 28, 1946.

13.—S/SGT. AARON LEWIS BARROW, born Aug. 11, 1917, Husband of Mrs. Edna Barrow of Amarillo, Texas. Entered service Sept. 4, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army, 45th Inf. Div. Trained at Gamp Fannin, Texas. Overseas April, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Anzio, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Germany. Wounded twice, Oct. 14, 1944, and April 30, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, EAME Medal with 4 Battle Stars, and 1 Bronze Star, French Croix de Guerre. Discharged in 1945.

14.—PFC VELDEN DELRLY BRAYMER, born Dec. 10,1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Braymer of Phillips, Texas. Entered service June 28, 1944, at Borger, Texas, in the Marines, 5th, and 28th Reg. Division. Trained at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Overseas Nov., 1944, to May, 1945, in South Pacific Area and Battle of Iwo Jima. Was wounded, Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged June 6, 1946. At unded Phillips High School.

15.—C.M.2/c WILLIAM MANSEL COFFEE, born Aug. 17, 1909, son of Mrs. C. Coffee of Borger, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 9, 1942, at A marillo, Texas, in the Navy, 11th Bn. Seabees. Trained at Norfolk, Va. Overseas Oct., 1942, to Sept., 1945, in New Caledonia, New Zealand, Solomons, Admiralty Islands, Australia, Luzon, and Philippines. Awarded Asiatic - Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Was discharged October 9, 1945.

16.—SGT. FLOYD THOMAS COFFEE, born Dec. 12, 1895. Husband of Mrs. Cora Lee Coffee of Cimarron, N. M. Volunteered Oct. 30, 1942, in the Army Air Corps, Specialists. Trained at Lubbock, Texas. Served in the United States Oct., 1942, to Nov., 1943. Was discharged Nov. 24, 1943. Served in World War I from March 4, 1913, to 1919, 2, 1919. Participated in: Grand Pre, Hindenburg Line, Meuse-Argonne, Verdun, Defensive Sector, and Alsace. Awarded Pershing Divisional Citation.

17.—S/SGT. GEORGE WILLIAM HOFF, born Feb. 22,1914. Husband of Mrs. Mildred V. Hoff of Borger, Texas. Entered service Jan. 11, 1941, in the Army, 157th Infantry, 45th Division. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Overseas June, 1943, to Oct., 1944, in Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Southern France, Rome-Arno, a nd Northern Africa. Wounded in left fore-arm, and ear drum injured. Awarded Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged June 23, 1945.

18.—PFC ELMER LEE HOFF, born April 14, 1917, son of Mr.and Mrs. J. H. Hoff of Plemons, Texas. Volunteered May 7, 1943, at Borger, Texas, in the Army, 19th Armored Replacement Batt. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Served in the United States from May 7, 1943, to July 20, 1943, in Ft. Knox, Ky. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged July 20, 1943, at Ft. Knox, Ky. Attended Plemons High School. Husband of Mrs. Elaine Hoff.

\*19.-T/SGT. ROBERT C. HOFF, born Aug. 28, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hoff of Flemons, Texas. Volunteered June 14, 1943, at Borger, Texas, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Overseas Aug., 1944, to Dec., 1944, in Yugoslavia, Rumania, Germany; missing over Adriatic Sea, and listed as dead Dec. 26, 1945. Awarded Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Citation of Honor A.A.F., American Defense, and Victory Medals.

\*20.—PFC JACK H. D. HOFF, born March 3,1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hoff of Plemons, Texas. Volunteered March 2,1943, at Borger, Texas, for the Army Infantry, 36th Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas July, 1944, to March, 1945, in France. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 16,1945, in France. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was buried in a Texas 36th Division Cemetery just out of St. Marie de Strosburg, France.









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Lt. MARGARET A. STROM

Lt. Margaret Ann Strom, daughter of Mr. M. E. Strom of Borger, was born May 28, 1921, and having taken nurses' training at Michael Reese School of Nursing in Chicago, she volunteeredher services as nurse in the Army on Aug. 24, 1944. She was assigned to the Nurses' Corps, and trained at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. From Dec., 1944, to Jan., 1946, she served overseas in the West Pacific, --on Saipan, Okinawa, and in Japan. She was awarded two Battle Stars, and in February, 1946, she received an honorable discharge from Army service. She had been a student in the University of Texas, at Austin, before entering the Army.

1st Lt. ERNEST M. STROM

lst Lt. Ernest Martin Strom, son of Mr. M. E. Strom, of Borger, was born June 2, 1919, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps on Jan. 26, 1942, at San Antonio. He was trained at Moore Field, and went overseas to the European Theater of Operations in April, 1943, where he served until March, 1944. He was in Africa and Italy, and participated in the Salerno Beachhead, the Rome-Anzio Beachhead, and the battles of Greece and the Balkans. He was commissioned in Nov., 1942, and promoted in Jan., 1945. He holds the Air Medal with 3 Clusters and the Army Citation with 2 Clusters. In Nov., 1945, he was released from active service and entered inactive duty.



T/3 FRANK D. COX

M/Sgt. LLOYD L. COX

M/Sgt. Lloyd Levi Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank
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T/3 Frank Dewey Cox, birthdate August 22, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cox, Borger, Texas, entered service October 22, 1942, with the Army Air Force Detachment, Signal Corps; trained at Newark, N.J., and served at Drew Field, Fla., Hattiesburg, Miss., and Camp Pinedale, Calif., as Radar Maintenance man with 595th Signal Air Warning Bn., 13th Air Force. His overseas duty was served in the Pacific Area at New Guinea, Mindoro and Leyte, Philippine Islands, and he received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star. Discharged January 5, 1946, from Ft. Bliss, Texas.

M/Sgt. Lloyd Levi Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cox, Borger, Texas, was born December 15, 1915, and entered service November 5, 1941, with the Army Air Corps. He trained at various fields in the States, including Wright Aeronautical in New Jersey, and served overseas in the Pacific Theater. Sgt. Cox participated in the Battles of Luzon, Mindoro and Ie Shima, also serving in Okinawa and Fukuoka, Japan; received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. After returning to the States, hewas granted discharge January 15, 1946, from Camp Fannin, Texas.

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#### \*Pfc ELMER R. WILSON

Pfc Elmer Ross Wilson, son of the late Mrs. Anna S. Wilson, was born on June 7, 1918. On Jan. 24, 1941, he volunteered for the Army. He served with the 112th Cavalry Regimental Combat Team for the duration of his service time. At first the 112th operated along the Mexican border between Sanderson and Laredo. The 112th participated in the maneuvers in Louisiana before going to Australia in Aug., 1942. They went to New Caledonia with 1500 Australian horses to train, but these were not needed in their further operations, as they trained with the 1st Marine Raider Bn. and 1st Marine Parachute Regt. The 112th helped in the 1st-6th Army Operation in the Pacific, landing on Woodlark Is. in June, 1943. The 112th was still operating as a more or less independent outfit when they landed on Arawe Pen. of New Britain Is. on Dec. 15, 1943. The following day Elmer Wilson gave his life fighting for his country. He is buried at the U.S. Army Cemetery at Finschhaven, #1, Grove 458, located on Huon Peninsula.





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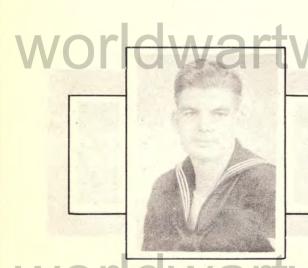
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SC 3/c PIERCE M. G. CORNWELL

SC3/c Pierce Monte Gordon Cornwell, was born July 25, 1925, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Sharlotta D. Cornwell, 403 So. Main Street, Borger, Hutchinson County, Texas. He entered service September 1, 1943, at Borger, with the United States Navy; was sent to U.S. Naval Training School in Farragut, Idaho. His total duty was served in the States, and he received the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Award. After training, he was promoted to Ship's Cook 3/c, and was discharged from San Pedro, Calif., June 4, 1946.

#### CM 1/c WOODROW D. DINSMORE

CM1/c Woodrow DeVeral Dinsmore, was born November 13, 1918, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dinsmore, Ranger, Texas, and husband of La Velle Dinsmore, 803 W. Lee St., Borger, Texas. He volunteered for service July 22, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, with the Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Peary, Virginia, and served in Newfoundland from November, 1943, to May, 1944. The American Theater Ribbon was awarded with the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals plus the Good Conduct Award; after returning to the States, Carpenter Dinsmore was discharged from the Seabees December 12, 1945.



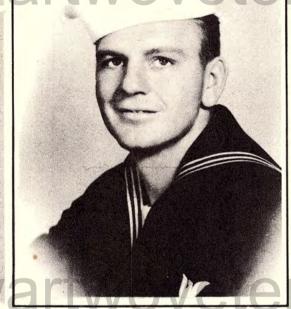


BM 1/c WARE H. HARDER Lt. JAMES F. HARDER

BMI/c Ware H. Harder, born February 2, 1917, son of Mrs. Ethyle T. Harder of Borger, Texas, and the late J. E. Harder, volunteered for service May 4, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, with the Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Port Hueneme, Calif. He served ten months in the Pacific Area in American Samoa, and was wounded there September 6, 1943; he also participated in the Battle of Tarawa. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star, World War II Victory and Defense Medals, and other awards. After returning to the States, he received a medical discharge April 28, 1944.

Lt. James F. Harder, born August 8, 1921, son of Mrs. Ethyle T. Harder, Borger, Texas, volunteered November 15, 1939, for the Army Air Corps; served in the States and in the Pacific and European Theaters three and one-half years. Lt. Harder was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attack occurred Dec. 7, 1941, and later participated in the campaigns of Northern France, Central Europe and the Rhineland; served with the North African Airlines in post-war period. His awards include the Royal Air Force Wings presented by British Government. He was inactivated December 30, 1945, and is now attending Tulsa University.

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Carpenter's Mate 1/c LOUIS K. FORD

Carpenter's Mate 1/c Louis Kenneth Ford was born on July 26, 1918, and is the son of H. L. Ford of West Virginia, and the husband of Betty Louise Ford of Stinnett. On June 16, 1943, he volunteered for the Seabees, and was trained at Camps Peary, Parks, and Port Hueneme. He served in Australia and New Guinea from Jan., 1944, until Oct., 1944, whenhe participated in the battle of San Juanico Strait between Leyte and Samar in the Philippines. His Bn., the 105th, was the first to land in the Philippines coming ashore at Tacloban on Leyte. He also served at Catbalogan and Guiuan on Samar Is., and on the islands of Macatan and Cebu. He was awarded three Bronze Star Medals, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Philippine Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, three Navy Commendations for duties performed. He was discharged on November 27, 1945.

1. —1ST LT. WILLIAM CHESTER MIZAR, born July 22, 1920, son of Mrs. Lydia M. Mizar of Borger, Texas. Volunteered for service in October, 1940, in the Army Air Corps. Received his training at Brooks Field, Texas. Served in the United States from October 29, 1940, to March 3, 1946. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged March 3, 1946. Attended Borger High School. Husband of Dorothy J. Mizar of Amarillo, Texas.

2. —SGT. LOYAL CLEO MIZAR, born May 21, 1923, son of Mrs. Lydia Mizar of Borger, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 1, 1942, at Amarillo, Texas, assigned to Army Air Corps. He received his training at Amarillo Army Air Field, Texas, Served in the United States from Nov. 1, 1942, to Dec. 7, 1945. Was awarded the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals, Was discharged Dec. 7, 1945. Attended Borger High School. Husband of Barbara Jane Mizar.

3. -F.1/c JAMES MONGOLD, JR., born Dec. 28, 1919, son of Mrs. Mae Bell Mongold of Borger, Texas. Entered service May 18, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas, in Navy Engineering. Received his training at Camp Wallace, Texas. Served overseas in Solomons, Mi., aboard Y#2, Y#4. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged February 17, 1946. Attended Borger High School. Husband of Mrs. Lillie M. Mongold of Borger, Texas.

4. -A.O.M.T. 2/c WILLIAM PAUL MONGOLD, born Oct. 2, 1922, son of Mrs. Mae Bell Mongold of Borger, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 29, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, for the Navy Air Corps. Trained at University of Texas and Alameda, Calif. Overseas Oct., 1944, to July, 1945, in South Pacific, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Received the Navy Unit Citation, 3 Air Medals, D.F.C., Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Dec. 8, 1945.

5. -M/SGT. ARCHIE C. GOAD, born July 18, 1917, husband of Mrs. Alyce Sue Goad of Fritch, Texas. Entered service Dec. 1, 1941, at Ft. Sill, Okla., Army Air Corps. Trained at Academy of Aeronautics, N.Y., N.Y. Overseas July, 1943, to June, 1945, in England, Normandy, Norwich, Sicily, Northern France, Ardennes, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Distinguished Unit Badge with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, EAME Medal with 9 Battle Stars. Discharged Sept. 15, 1945; re-enlisted.

6. —MAILMAN 3/c PAUL M. POULAIN, born Jan. 2, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark G. Poulain of Phillips, Texas. Entered service March 4, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas, assigned to Navy, Fleet Records. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Dec. 1, 1944, to Jan. 4, 1946, in Guam, Marianas Islands, and Asiatic-Pacific Area. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Gampaign Med al, American Theater, American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged May 21, 1946.

7. —T/4 MARK R. POULAIN, born Oct. 26, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark G. Poulain of Phillips, Texas. Volunteered June 10, 1943, atFt. Leavenworth, Kansas, assigned to Army Medical Division. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Overseas Dec. 20, 1943, to Jan., 1946, in Guadalcanal and Tinian. He received the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 1 Service Stripe, 4 Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 5, 1946.

8. -T/SGT. MARCEL A. POULAIN, born June 7, 1920, s on of Mr. and Mrs. Mark G. Poulain of Phillips, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 16, 1941, at Lubbock, Texas, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Overseas March 26, 1945, to Jan. 10, 1945, in Manila, Luzon, Philippines, and Asiatic-Pacific Area. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippines Liberation, Good Conduct, American Theater, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 10, 1946.

9. —T/SGT. WINFRED EUGENE RENO, born March 4,1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfred F. Reno of Sanford, Texas. Entered service May 14,1943, at Ft, Sill, Okla., for the Army Air Forces. Trained at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Overseas Feb., 1944, to March, 1946, in England, France, Germany, Paris, and Munich Area. He received the American Defense, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged March 31, 1946. Attended Phillips High School.

10.—C.B.M. JOHN CALVIN SLEDGE, JR., born Nov. 30, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sledge of Phillips, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 3, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, for the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas April, 1942, to Aug., 1946, on North and South American Coasts, Caribbean Sea, Panama, Australia, New Guinea, Marshall Islands, and Philippines. Still in service, U.S.N. One enlistment served before the War. Awarded American Defense and Victory Medals.

11.—S/SGT. JAMES GARVIN WHITMIRE, born July 24,1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitmire of Sanford, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 6, 1941, at Borger, Texas, in the Army, Ist Armd. Division. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas May 11, 1942, to July 4, 1945, in Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Norther n Apennines, and Po Valley. Awarded 1 Bronze Star Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged July 20, 1945.

12.—PhM 1/c MARVIN J. WHITMIRE, born June 6, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitmire of Sanford, Texas. Volunteered April 14, 1943, at Amarillo, Texas, in the Marines, 5th Division. Trained at Camp Pendleton. Overseas Aug., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Hawaiian Islands, Marshalls, Marianas Islands, Iwo Jima, and Kyushu. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged February 18, 1946.

13.—CPL, GEORGE WASHINGTON TAYLOR, born Feb. 22, 1913. Husband of Mrs. Edith F. Taylor of Sanford, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 22, 1942, at O. Klahom a City, assigned to Marines, 2nd Airdrome Bn. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas May, 1945, to Aug., 1945, at Pearl Harbor, Ellice Islands, Kauai, Tinian, and Marianas Islands. Awarded the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged Nov. 9, 1949. Attended Kaw City Grade School, Kaw City, Okla.

14.—Q.M.2/c HOWARD LEE TERMIN, born March 10, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Termin of Borger, Texas. Volunteered March 10, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Navy Navigation. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Nov. 27, 1943, to Feb. 12, 1946, in Ale utians, Marshall, Marianas, Philippine Islands, Palaus, Saipan, Guam, Leyte, and Peleliu. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged Feb. 12, 1946.

15.—CPL. WILLIAM HERBERT CHISUM, born May 5, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chisum of Borger, Texas. Entered service March 1,1945, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Trained at Camp Jos. T. Robinson. Overseas Oct. 13, 1945, to July 19, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Unit Citation Plaque, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged July 27, 1946. Attended Morse High School, Morse, Texas.

16.—SGT. FRANKIE R. TERMIN, born April 23, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Termin of Borger, Texas. Volunteered March 3, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army Air Forces. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Overseas in New Caledonia, Guad alcanal, Munda, New Georgia, Bougainville, GreenIslands, Bismarck Arch., New Guinea, Leyte, Palawan, Luzon, Negros, Philippine Islands, Australia. Awarded American Defense and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 11, 1945.

17.—SGT. CHARLIE WEBSTER SMITH, born June 25,1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith of Buffalo, Texas. Entered service Feb. 6, 1941, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, for the Army, Ist Armored Division, Medical Detachment. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas June, 1942, to Aug., 1944, in North Africa. Wascaptured by Germans in Nov., 1942. He escaped from prison in Sept., 1943, and was until June, 1944, reaching the Allied Lines. A warded 2 Battle Stars, Pearl Harbor Medal, and Victory Medal. Discharged Aug., 1945.

18.—PFC EDWARD ABRAHAM, born July 1, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Abraham of Canadian, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 14, 1941, at Canadian, Texas, in the Army, 36th Division. Trained at Ft. Bliss and Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas April, 1943, to June, 1945, in North Africa, Salerno, Italy, France, Germany, Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, Southern France, and German campaign. Awarded European Theater with 5 Stars, Presidential Citation, and Combat Inf. Badge. Discharged June 7, 1945.

19.—CHIEF PETTY OFFICER NACEEB ABRAHAM, born Oct. 8, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Abraham of Canadian, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 3, 1942, at Houston, Texas, for the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Jan. 19, 1944, to Oct. 10, 1946, in Alaska, Aleutian Islands, Asiatic-Pacific and North Pacific. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, Area Service Ribbon, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged October 10, 1945.

20.—PVT. MALOUF ABRAHAM, born July 26, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Abraham of Canadian, Texas. Entered the service May 2, 1946, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in the Army, Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Served in the United States from May 2, 1946, to December 5, 1946. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 5, 1946. Completed his education at Texas Tech, Lubbock, Texas.







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ARM 2/c GLIN R. HIGGINS

PhM 3/c ELTON W. KEITH

ARM2/c Glin Ray Higgins, was born September 19, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Higgins, 402 W. Jackson St., Borger, Texas; volunteered for service April 20, 1944, for the Navy Air Corps; trained at San Diego, California, and served overseas September, 1945, to May, 1946, in the African-European Theater, Caribbean War Zone and Pacific Theater in the occupation of China. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific, EAME Campaign and American Theater Ribbons, plus the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. After returning to the States, Radioman Higgins was discharged June 7, 1946.

PhM3/c Elton Wayne Keith, was born December 21, 1926, a native of Texas, son of E. L. and Ilda Barnes Keith, 401 N. Hedgecoke, Borger, Hutchinson County, Texas. He attended the Borger Public Schools and West Texas State Teachers' College at Canyon; volunteered for service December 20, 1944, and was assigned to the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps and to the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois. He later served at the Naval Base in San Diego, California, and received the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Discharge was received August 22, 1946.

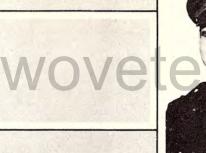


T/5 Smyrl, born Aug. 10, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smyrl, Box 1222, Breckenridge, husband of Helen Louise Smyrl, Box 1141, Borger, was educated at East Ward Grammar and Breckenridge High Schools, Texas; volunteered Jan. 14, 1941, and was assigned to the Army, 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas from Feb. 21, 1944, to Nov. 10, 1945, in N. France, Rhineland, Central Europe, Belgium, and England. Awarded: American Def., ATO, EAME Medal w/3 Br. Stars, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. He served with 36th Div., in Med. Corps, and after his Co. sailed for overseas, was transferred to 378th Qm. Truck Co. Discharged Nov. 16, 1945.

M/Sgt. Melvin James Richards, born March 9, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Richards, Borger, Texas, volunteered December 4, 1940, with the Army Air Corps; trained at various fields in the States, and served on anti-sub duty in the Atlantic Area; was stationed at Havana, Cuba, Natal, Brazil, Trinidad Is., Ascension Is. and Zandry Field in Dutch Guinea, and was stationed at Lavenham, England, with the 8th Air Force. Sgt. Richards received the ETO Ribbon with one Bronze Star and one Silver Star, also Presidential Ribbon with two Silver Stars and other medals. Discharge was granted August 23, 1945.









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Y 3/c RAYMOND L. TOWNSEND

Yeoman 3/c Raymond Lyons Townsend, born December 30,1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Townsend, Borger, Texas, volunteered January 19, 1944, for the U.S. Navy, Aviation Units, and trained at San Diego. His over seas duty was served February, 1945, to October,1945, aboard the U.S.S. Bennington, attached to Bombing Squadron 1; he participated in 3rd Fleet Operations against Japanese homeland and on Maui, Guam, Saipan and the Philippine Islands, receiving Commendation from the Commanding Officers of the Fleet among other awards. After returning to the States, he was discharged from Naval service June 11, 1946.

#### 1st Lt. CLINTON L. McBROOME

lst Lt. Clinton Lemuel McBroome, born January 4,1923, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome McBroome, Wellington, Texas, attended the Lamesa. Texas, Schools and Business College in Wichita Falls, Texas. He volunteered for service April 20, 1942, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Nashville, Tennessee, and Gunter and Maxwell Fields in Alabama. Lt. McBroome was assigned to the Ferrying Group at Palm Springs, California, and served overseas October, 1944, with the Air Transport Command, as Line Pilot, where he is currently stationed in the European Theater. He has various awards merited from service.





Sgt. GERALD L. LENTZ Cpl. CECIL L. SHANKS

Sgt. Gerald Lee Lentz, was born July 26,1918, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Lentz, and husband of Faye Olive Lentz, of Wellington, Texas. He attended public schools in Nebraska and Oregon, and volunteered for service October 4,1940. Sgt. Lentz was assigned to the Army Air Corps and sent to March Field, California, where he trained. His entire duty was served in the United States, and he received the American Theater Ribbon with the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals plus the Good Conduct Award. Discharge from service was granted December 4, 1945.

Cpl. Cecil Loyd Shanks, born March 3, 1922, in Texas, husband of Alliene Ruth Shanks, Wellington, Texas, entered service January 2, 1945, and was assigned to the Army, 738th M.P. Bn; trained at Ft. Sill, and served overseas September, 1945, until March, 1946. Cpl. Shanks served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater at Luzon Island; received the Meritorious Service Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. After returning to the States, he was sent to Ft. Bliss separation center, El Paso, Texas, and was discharged March 8, 1946.





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S/Sgt. ROMAN B. JOHNSON

S/Sgt. Roman B. Johnson, born February 18, 1924, son of Mrs. Mona Johnson Dalhart, Wellington, Texas, is a graduate of the Quail, Texas, High School, and entered service February 26, 1943, with the Army, 740th Tank Bn.; trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., and began overseas duty August, 1944, in the European Theater. Sgt. Johnson participated in the Battles of Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe, and acted as supervisor of heavy mortar squad in combat; also directed fire from forward observation post. His awards include the EAME Ribbon with three Stars. He returned to the States, and was discharg-

2nd Lt. BURLIN V. WILSON

2nd Lt. Burlin Vestal Wilson, born March 29,1924, a native of Texas, husband of Vaudell Wilson, Wellington, Texas, attended the Quail, Texas, Public Schools, and entered service February 19,1943, with the Army, 740th Tank Bn.; trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., and began overseas duty July, 1944, in the European Area where he served in the campaigns of Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhineland, receiving a field commission to 2nd Lieutenant. The Purple Heart was awarded for wounds received in combat; received other medals. Lt. Wilson returned to the States January 21, 1946; was discharged February 21, 1946. Member of Reserves.





#### PhM 3/c JULIOUS E. COOPER

#### \*2nd Lt. GLYNN COOK MOORE Maj. JOHN M. MOORE

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Moore, Wellington, Texas. 2nd Lt. GLYNN COOK MOORE, birthdate September 30,1920, volunterred Dec. 17,1941, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas, and began overseas duty Sept., 1942, stationed at Hawaii. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Nov. 10, 1942.

Maj. JOHN M. MOORE, born September 28, 1914, volunteered March 17,1941, for the Army Air Corps; served overseas at Java, Australia and New Guinea, January to November, 1942; received Silver Star, D.F.C.-Oak Leaf Cluster, Pres. Unit Citation-two Clusters; returned home, and was in charge of Navigational Training at Dyersburg, Tenn. Inactive duty Oct. 25, 1945.

PhM3/c Julious Elroy Cooper, birthdate July 28, 1905, son of Mrs. V. H. McKinney, Memphis, Texas, and husband of Gertrude Cooper, 1407 Bowie, Wellington, Texas, entered service July 16, 1943, assigned to the Navy Air Corps; served in the States at Pensacola and Jacksonville, Fla., Lake City, Fla., and Beaufort, S.C., and received his combat aircrew wings. His overseas duty was served with the Fleet Air Wing at Pearl Harbor from May, 1945, until November, 1945. Received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with Victory and Defense Medals. After returning to the States, he was discharged November 11, 1945.





Pfc GORMAN F. OWENS



Lt. JOE E. PIERCE

Pfc Gorman Ferrell Owens, born August 27, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Owens, of Quail, Texas, entered service July 31, 1944, and was assigned to Army, 82nd Airborne Div.; trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and began overseas duty January, 1945, in Europe where he participated in the battles of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe; received EAME Ribbon with three Stars, Occupational Medal, Unit Citation, French and Belgian Fourrageres, Order of William from Holland, and other awards. After returning to the States January, 1946, Pfc Owens was discharged July 4, 1946.

Lt. Joe Edwin Pierce, birthdate December 25, 1920, husband of Virginia Pierce, of Wellington, Texas, attended Texas Tech, and volunteered December 8, 1941, for the Naval Aviation Branch; received Wings of Naval Aviator at Corpus Christi; later served as Chief Flight Instructor at Ottumwa, Iowa. He was assigned to the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Hancock January, 1945, to January, 1946, in the Pacific Area; participated in the battle of Iwo Jima, Okinawa and "surrender" carrier campaignoff the coast of Japan; received the Navy Unit Citation. Lt. Pierce returned to the States, and is currently attached to the U.S.S. Lexington.



#### MM 2/c BARNEY R. GLENN

S/Sgt. JAMES H. JONES

MM2/c Barney Ryan Glenn, birthdate April 7, 1914, husband of Estelline Glenn of Wellington, Texas, attended Amarillo Junior College in Texas, and volunteered June 19, 1942, for the U.S. Naval Reserve; served overseas November, 1942, to January, 1944, in the Aleutian Islands where he participated in the Battle of Attu, and later July, 1944, to October, 1945, was stationed in the Pacific Theater at the Marianas and Hawaiian Islands. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star was awarded among various other medals, and after returning to the States, he was granted discharge October 25, 1945.

S/Sgt. James Hezze Jones, birthdate August 10, 1916, husband of Golda F. Jones, 600 Floydada St., Wellington, Texas, attended the Hereford, Texas, Public School, and entered service October 30, 1942, with the Army Artillery 96th Div.; trained at Camp Adair, Oregon, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served December, 1944, to November, 1945, in Europe, and participated in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe; was an inspector for mechanical defects in vehicles; also was instructor at Intelligence and Education School at Bremhaven, Germany. Sgt. Jones received various awards, returned home and was discharged December 11, 1945.





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T/4 THOMAS M. SALEM

T/4 Thomas Marshall Salem was born June 16, 1910, in Syria, and came to the United States in 1912 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Salem, Tyler, Texas. His wife is Carrie Nola Salem, Turkey, Texas. He entered service April 23, 1943, with the Army Engineers; trained at Ft. Warren, Wyo., and Camp Ellis, Ill. Began overseas duty September, 1944, in the European Theater; served in France, and received the ETO Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory and Defense Medals with the American Theater Ribbon. After returning to the States November, 1945, he was granted discharge the same month.

#### Lt. (jg) LESTER H. CAMPBELL

Lt. (jg) Lester Hampton Campbell, born July 13,1916, husband of Martha Campbell, 601 S. 7th St., Memphis, Texas, attended the Wellington, Texas, High School, and University of Texas at Austin. He volunteered February 2, 1942, for the U.S. Navy; entered as Store-keeper 3/c and was commissioned Ensign on November 24, 1943. Lt. Campbell served overseas June, 1944, to November, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, and participated in the Battles of Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Philippine Liberation. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and Philippine Liberation Medal. He reverted to inactive duty Dec. 19, 1945.





#### \*Pfc ARTHUR L. FORD Pfc RAYMOND C. FORD

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ford, Wellington, Texas.

Pfc ARTHUR LEE FORD, born Nov. 7, 1917, volunteered Jan. 29, 1942, for Army Infantry; served in Aleutian Islands 25 months, and began duty in Europe Nov., 1944; participated in one battle, and lost his life when the U.S.S. Leopoldville was sunk by a German submarine in the English Channel on December 25, 1944.

Pfc RAYMOND CORBET FORD, born Sept. 23, 1915, entered service with the Army Infantry, January 29, 1942; served two years in the Aleutian Islands; began duty in Europe Nov., 1944; participated in the battle of Southern France; returned to States October, 1945, and was discharged one month later.

Pfc James Wells Sullivan, birthdate July 29, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Sullivan, Wellington, Texas, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and entered service January 30, 1942, with the Army Infantry; trained at Camp Roberts and Camp Cooke in California. He served two years in the Aleutian Islands at Ft. Glenn; returned to the States and began duty in the European Area in March, 1945, where he participated in combat at the Ruhr Pocket and later served with Gen. Patton's 3rd Armies. The EAME Ribbon with one Star and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Star were awarded, and discharge was granted September 19, 1945.





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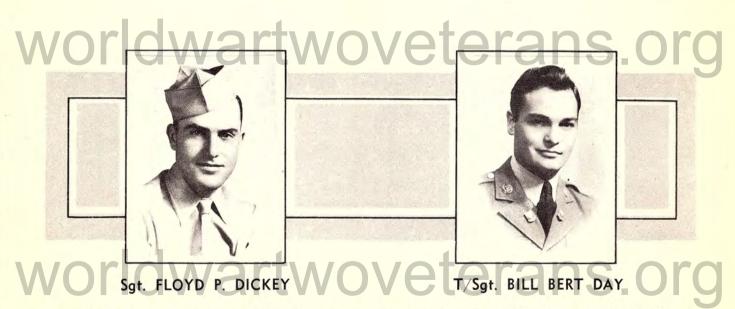


T/4 LEON E. BRISBIN

S/Sgt. DARREL B. BRANUM

S/Sgt. Darrel Blayne Branum, born Nov. 16, 1917, husband of Leota E. Branum, 709 15th St., Wellington, Texas, attended the Dodson, Texas, Public School and Amarillo Junior College. He volunteered Oct. 18, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Scott Field, Illinois, and began overseas duty December, 1944, in the China-Burma-India-Theater with the Air Transport Command; participated in 770 hours flight time "over the Hump" from India to China as radio operator on C-109 and C-54 type planes. He received Air Medal, D.F.C. and other medals; returned home, and was discharged Nov. 28, 1945.

T/4 Leon Eldridge Brisbin, born February 5,1920, husband of Bennye Ruth Brisbin, 800 l1th Street, Wellington, Texas, attended the Quail, Texas, Schools, and entered service July 10, 1942, with the Army Signal Corps; trained at Camp Crowder, Missouri. His overseas duty began February, 1943, in North Africa, and from there he participated in the Tunisia, Rome-Arno and North Apennines campaigns and received the Meritorious Service Award for outstanding action in combat, EAME Ribbon with Battle Stars and other medals. After returning to the States in August, 1945, he was granted discharge October 3, 1945.



Sgt. Floyd Preston Dickey, birthdate June 1, 1917, husband of Ferne Dickey, 1221 West 9th, Amarillo, Texas, attended the Wellington, Texas, Schools, and volunteered for service January 6, 1944, for the Army Engineer Division; trained at Geiger Field, Washington. He served overseas September, 1944, until February, 1946, in the Pacific Theater on Oahu Island, and participated in the battle for Guam and Okinawa, serving as heavy equipment operator; he also was employed in the building of roads and airfields. Sgt. Dickey received the Unit Citation with other awards, and was discharged February 12, 1946.

T/Sgt. Bill Bert Day was born May 21, 1919, a native of Texas, husband of Vernene F. Day, 1109 Amarillo St., Wellington, Texas, son of Clifford H. Day, Meridian, Texas; attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunteered for service February 5, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Chanute Field, Illinois, and served in one of the less glamorous but so necessary jobs as B-29 plane specialist and inspector. Sgt. Day served at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona, Deming Air Base, New Mexico, Lowry Field, Denver, Coloraco, and other fields in the States. After receiving various awards, he was discharged in October, 1945.









Pfc A. J. FIRES

S 1/c JAMES G. FINLEY, JR.

S1/c James Griffith Finley, Jr., birthdate September 7, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Finley, Wellington, Texas, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunteered July 24, 1943, with the U.S. Navy Reserve; training at San Diego and Point Loma, California. His overseas duty was served January, 1944, to March, 1945, in the Pacific Theater on Marshall, Marianas, and Palau Islands and New Guinea, Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon and Manila; received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Battle Stars, and other awards. After returning to the States he was granted discharge July 10, 1945.

Pfc A. J. Fires, born December 2, 1922, husband of Helen M. Fires, 208 W. 9th St., Wellington, Texas, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and entered service October 2, 1944, with the Army Infantry, 7th Division, 10th Army. He trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and began duty in the Pacific Theater in February, 1945; served on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands, and participated in the battle of Okinawa; was hospitalized for four months with tropical fever. The Combat Infantryman Badge was awarded with other medals and ribbons, and after returning to States in September, 1945, he was discharged March 19, 1946.





#### Cpl. HERBERT TILLMAN Syt. ROBERT L. TILLMAN Syt. ROBERT L. TILLMAN

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tillman, Wheeler, Texas.

Cpl. HERBERT TILLMAN, born September 6, 1922, volunteered August 26, 1942, for the Army Air Transport Command at Lubbock, Texas. He served at Lunker Field, Ohio; received Good Conduct Medal and other awards, and was discharged February 12, 1946.

M/Sgt. ROBERT LELAND TILLMAN, volunteered July 2, 1940, for Army Air Corps; served January to October, 1945, in the air combat over Japan and Japanese mandated islands, and received Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation for work done at Kawasaki, Japan. Discharged November 1, 1945.

S/Sgt. Exum, son of Mrs. Willie B. Tate, Shamrock, Texas, husband of Jane Wood Exum, was born February 14, 1924. He received his education in the public schools of Shamrock, Texas. Volunteered for service January 3, 1943, at Amarillo, Texas, and was assigned to 1st Marine Air Wing. He trained at Norman Technical Training Center, Norman, Oklahoma. Served overseas from November 23, 1944, to January 26, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific and China Theaters. He received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged from service February 9, 1946, after returning to the States January 26, 1946.

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WT 1/c RAYMOND YORK

WT1/c Raymond York was born on July 26, 1909, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. York of Shamrock. He is the husband of Opal York and the father of Raymond, Jr. Prior to his entering the Seabees on Oct. 22, 1943, he had attended the National Business College at Abilene, and had been the proprietor of a service station. He was trained at Camp Peary, and went to the Pacific Area in April, 1944. He was with the 301st Construction Battalion, the only one of that kind in the Navy. It was an amphibious Bn. under the command of CONSERON 12, Task Force 58, 5th Amphibious Force, Third and Fifth Fleets. The 301st was in the invasions of Saipan, Guam, Tinian, and Iwo Jima; also built docks and harbors at Roi, Kwajalein. Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon was awarded members of the 301st for meritorious service in supporting military operations from July, 1944, to Sept., 1945. Discharged Nov. 20, 1945, in Calif.

1. -LT. M. L. GUNTER, JR., born Nov. 9, 1915, son of Mrand Mrs. M. L. Gunter of Wheeler, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 5, 1941, at Amarillo, Texas, in the Naval Reserve. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and New York, N.Y. Overseas March, 1942, to Nov., 1945, in South Pacific, Sauo, Guadalcanal, South Atlantic, and Japan. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged April 18, 1946. Completed his education at Texas A & M College.

2. —PFC ALBERT WELDON GUNTER, born June 8, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gunter of Wheeler, Texas. Volunteered June 29, 1940, at El Paso, Texas, in the Army, 3rd Coast Artillery. Trained at Ft. MacArthur, Calif., and Camp White, Oregon. Overseas 1941 to 1945 in Alaska, and Leyte Campaign, Hawaii, Marshalls, Admiralties, Philippine Islands, and Okinawa. A warded Philippine Liberations with 2 Stars, Pre-Pearl Harbor, and Asiatic-Pacific with 3 Stars. Discharged Oct. 1, 1945.

3. —CPL, OWEN C. (BILL) MASSEY, born July 11, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Massey of Wheeler, Texas. Entered service March 19, 1943, at Pampa, Texas, in the Army, 104th C. A. Battalion Division. Trained at Camp McQuaide, Calif. Overseas April, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Germany, France, England, Belgium, Holland, Normandy, Rhineland, Northern France, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Awarded 1 Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Citation and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged January 4, 1946.

4. —IST LT. JOHN WINTERS WALKER, born Aug. 18, 1912. Husband of Mrs. Frances T. Walker of Big Spring, Texas. Entered June 7, 1942, at Ft. Sill, Okla., in the Army Combat Engineers Division. Trained at Camp Stewart, Ga., Ft. Belvoir, Va., Washington and Lee University. Overseas Oct., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal, American Theater, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged January 31, 1946.

5. —PFC MANLEY ELLIS FAIRCHILD, born June 11, 1917. Husband of Mrs. Gladys Fairchild of Kerrville, Texas. Volunteered July 17, 1943, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Randolph Field, Texas. Served in the United States from August 17, 1943, to December 10, 1946. He received the American Defense, World War II Victory Medals, and also Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged December 10, 1946. Was a Link Trainer instructor.

6. —Mo. M. M.2/c ASA JOEL MATTHEWS, born Nov.16, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Oleeta G. Matthews of McLean, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 4, 1942, at Amarillo, Texas, in the Navy Seabees, 100th Battalion. Trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Gulfport, Miss. Overseas Nov., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Pearl Harbor, Majuro Atoll, Marshall Islands, Samar, Philippines, and Asiatic-Pacific. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation with 1 Battle Star, and Victory Medal. Discharged Nov., 1945.

7. —CADET VESTER LEE SMITH, born July 20,1922. Husband of Mrs. Martha Smith of Pampa, Texas. Volunteered for service November 23, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Received his training at Sheppard Field, Texas, La Grande, Ore., and Minter Field, Calif. Served in the United States from November 23, 1943, to October 15, 1945. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals, Was discharged October 15, 1945.

8. -T/5 ELMER P. HIETT, born Sept. 21, 1909. Husband of Mrs. Beatrice Hiett of Wellington, Texas. Entered service Jan. 10, 1944, at Wellington, Texas, in the Army. Trained at Camp Butner, N.C. Overseas Nov. 22, 1944, to Nov. 28, 1945, in Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Was awarded 3 Battle Stars, American Defense, American Theater, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 6, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hiett of Arlington, Texas.

9. —H.A. 1/c LAWSON HAMILTON HOLTON, born Dec. 16, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Holton of Wellington, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 16, 1943, at Amarillo, Texas, in the Navy Hospital Corps. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas May 21, 1944, to Dec. 16, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, and Pearl Harbor. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Theater, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 18, 1945.

10.—PhM1/c JOHN ELBERT HOLTON, born Oct. 22,1919, son of Mr. and Mrs.O.D.Holton, of Wellington, Texas. Volunteered July 30,1942, at Dallas, Texas, in the Marines, V.M.F., 211th Division. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas July, 1943, to Oct., 1944, in Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, New Hebrides, Bougainville, and Asiatic-Pacific Area. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged Oct. 14, 1945.

11.—S/SGT. RABURN ROBERT HOLTON, born July 4,1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Holton of Wellington, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 19, 1943, at Lubbock in the Hq. Army Airways Communications System. Trained at Kelly Field. Overseas Nov., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in New Guinea, Philippines, Iwo Jima, and Japan. Awarded Philippines Liberation, 2 Bronze Stars for New Guinea and Luzon campaign, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged December 15, 1945.

12.—PFC OSCAR DILE HOLTON, JR., born Dec. 10, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Holton of Wellington, Texas. Entered service April 1, 1943, at Lawton, Okla., in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Ft. Crook, Omaha, Neb. Overseas Dec., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Southern England, Northern France, Belgium, and Germany. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Belgian Fourragere, European Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 10, 1945.

13.—S/SGT.SUNDAY BILL SMITH, born June 20, 1915. Husband of Mrs. Claudia Lynne Smith of Wellington. Entered service Jan, 11, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army Cavalry. Trained at Ft. Riley, Kans., and Washington, D.C., with Hq. and Hq. Det., Office of Strategic Service. Overseas May, 1945, to Oct., 1945, in China Offensive. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, and American Theater Medal. Discharged Jan. 19, 1946. Instructor of Chinese Troops.

14.—T/SGT. GEORGE WINDELL TERRY, born June 9, 1919, son of Mrs. Nettie Terry of Wellington. Entered service Oct, 13, 1943, at Lubbock in the Army Engr. Hdq., 1374th E.P.D. Co. Trained at Camp Claiborne, Alexandria, La. Overseas May, 1944, to April, 1946, in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Bulge, Missing 3 months. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Award, and EAME Medal with 3 Battle Stars. Discharged April, 1946.

15.—PFC CECIL PRESLEY TERRY, born Jan. 18, 1922, son of Mrs. Nettie Terry of Wellington, Texas. Entered service Nov. 8, 1944, at Los Angeles, Calif. in the Army Engs., 808 Avn. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas Oct., 1945, to May, 1946, in Occupation in Japan. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged May 30, 1946. He and his wife and two children reside at Los Angeles, Calif.

16.—SGT. PAUL W. TERRY, born May 2, 1921, son of Mrs. Nettle Terry of Wellington, Texas. Entered service Sept. 2, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army Anti-aircraft A.A.A. A.W. Bn. Received his training at C amp Haan, California, Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Knox, Ky. Served in the United States from September 2, 1942, to January 24, 1946. He received the American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January 24, 1946.

17.—PFC CHARLIE TERRY, born June 8, 1915, at Sunset, Texas, son of Mrs. Nettle Terry of Wellington, Texas. Entered service June 29, 1941, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army Medical Det. Received his training at Camp Carson, Colorado. Served in the United States from June 29, 1941, to September 5, 1944. He received the American Defense, World War II Victory Medals, and also Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged September 5, 1944. Resides at Wellington, Texas.

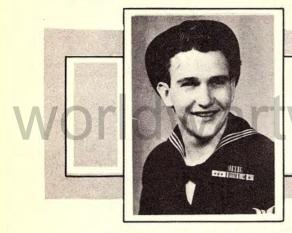
18.—PFC DEWEY ARCHIE TERRY, born Jan. 22,1913, son of Mrs. Nettie Terry of Wellington, Texas. Entered service Nov., 17,1942, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army Engineers, 1301 Engrs. G.S., Co. A. Overseas May, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Bulge, France, Northern France, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Theater Ribbon with 4 Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, American Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Nov. 13, 1945.

19.—PVT.HARVEY JAMES TERRY, born Feb. 21, 1910, husband of Mrs. Laura Terry of Roscoe, Calif. Entered service Jan. 2, 1944, in the Army Infantry, 89th Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, California. Served in the United States from January 2, 1944, to September 1, 1944. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged September 1, 1944. Son of Mrs. Nettie Terry of Wellington, Texas. Had 6 brothers in the service.

20.—T/SGT. RAYMOND TERRY, born Sept. 15, 1912, at Decatur, Texas, son of Mrs. Nettie Terry of Wellington, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 13, 1941, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army Engineers, 340th, Co. D. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and Camp Sutton, N.C. Overseas April, 1941, to Aug., 1945, in Skagway, Alaska; Whitehorse, Canada; Australia, New Guinea, East Indies, Philippines, Manila, and Luzon. Awarded Bronze Star Medal, 5 Battle Stars, Presidential Citation. Discharged Aug. 9, 1945.











PhM 2/c EDGAR D. HAYNES

F1/c CARLTON A. STUDER, JR.

Edgar Dewey Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Haynes, Sr., Shamrock, Texas, was born March 7, 1926. He received his education in the public schools of Shamrock. Volunteered for service February 12, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas, and was assigned to Navy, Medical Corps. Served overseas from July, 1944, to December, 1945, in Russell Islands. Participated in battles of Luzon, Philippine and Okinawa; was stationed in Japan and China. He received Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon and Victory Medal. He re-enlisted Feb. 8, 1946, and is now attached to the 2nd Aircraft, FMF, Pacific.

F1/c Carlton Alois Studer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Studer, Sr., Canadian, Texas, was born April 2, 1926, in Texas, and volunteered for service February, 1944, at Amarillo, Texas, with the Navy, Band M. Division; trained at San Diego, and served aboard the U.S.S. Bucyrus Victory and U.S.S. Bronx from December, 1944, to June, 1946, in the Asiatic - Pacific Theater of War. His awards include the Asiatic -Pacific Campaign Ribbon with one Battle Star, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Award. After returning to the States, Fireman Studer was discharged June 11, 1946.



\*Lt. CLARENCE K. MUSICK

RdM 3/c JEFF T. MUSICK

Lt. Clarence Kirby Musick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Musick, and husband of Betty Poff Musick, of Tulia, Texas, was born June 17, 1918, and entered Army service Feb. 15, 1943. He was assigned to the Tank Destroyer Div., and trained at Camp Hood and Ft. Benning. From Dec., 1944, to April, 1945, he served overseas in Europe. He was attached to the 87th Mountain Infantry, 10th Mountain Div., and fought in Italy, in the Po Valley and Bologna. In March, 1945, he was wounded, but returned to action, where he had served for only one month when he lost his life in battle. He was transferred from the T.D.'s to the Infantry in 1944. Awards: 2 Purple Hearts; Good Conduct; Combat Infantryman,

RdM3/c Jeff Thornton Musick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Musick, Sr., and husband of Betty Curry Musick, of Tulia, Texas, was born May 5, 1917, and entered service in the Navy on May 25, 1944. He was trained at Camp Wallace, Texas, and Point Loma, Calif., and became a Navy Radar Operator. From Feb., 1945, to Jan., 1946, he served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. He was assigned duty on the USS Tucson, CL 98, and on the USS Wharton. In Jan., 1946, he received an honorable discharge from Naval Service. Previous to entering the service, he was in business with his father in Tulia.

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S/Sgt. AMOS L. ELLERD

S/Sgt. Amos L. Ellerd, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos K. Ellerd of Shamrock, and the husband of Mrs. Jeannette Ellerd, was born on November 5, 1911. He attended W.T.S.T.C.at Canyon, Texas, and was employed by the Shell Oil Co. at Denver City before volunteering for the Army Air Corps in March, 1942. He received his training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Colorado Springs, Colorado, serving l year in the United States and 30 months in the European Theater of Operations. For action in which he participated and duties performed he was awarded 6 Battle Stars on his European Theater Ribbon and given the Distinguished Unit Badge. In October, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge from the Air Corps.

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#### PhM 3/c NORVELLE H. BIRDWELL

PhM3/c Norvelle Hawkins Birdwell, son of Mrs. Cordye Birdwell, of Dimmitt, Texas, was born Aug. 25, 1923, and volunteered for the Navy Reserve, Nov. 4, 1942, at Amarillo. He was trained at Great Lakes and San Diego in the Hospital Corps, and served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Dec., 1945. He was first shipped to Pearl Harbor, then on to Guam, where he participated in the campaign on that island, and had shore duty in a Naval Hospital located there. In Nov., 1945, he was shipped back to the States to receive his honorable discharge from service, which was given him in December of that year. He is a graduate of the Dimmitt High School and is the husband of Judy M. Birdwell.





Sqt. JAMES K. BIRDWELL

S1/c WILLIS N. BIRDWELL

Sgt. James Kent Birdwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Birdwell of Dimmitt, was born July 15,1924, and entered service in the Army Air Corps on April 14, 1943. He was trained at Sheppard, Amarillo, and Chanute Army Air Fields, and served in the United States until Aug., 1944, when he went overseas to Europe. He was stationed in Italy, and served in that Theater of War Operations until Feb. 20, 1946, whenhe returned to the United States. He was honorably discharged from Army service in March of that year. Previous to entering the service, he was a secretary in A.A.A., at Dimmitt, and he is a graduate of Dimmitt High School.

S1/c Willis Neal Birdwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Birdwell of Dimmitt, Texas, was born Sept. 12, 1926, and volunteered for service in the Naval Reserve on Sept. 8, 1944. He was trained at the U.S. Naval Base in San Diego, California, and is still located there. He has been placed with the Naval Air Station of that base. He is a graduate of the Dimmitt High School, and at the time of his enlistment in Naval Service, he was a student. He is a brother of James Kent Birdwell, who served for three years in the United States Army Air Force.



#### 1st Lt. BILL J. BOREN

Lt. Bill Joe Boren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis L. Boren, and husband of Betty Beckham Boren, of Memphis, Texas, was born Nov. 2, 1920, and volunteered for the Marines on June 7, 1942. He was placed in the 4th Marine Div., and trained at Quantico, Va. From Sept., 1943, to Jan., 1945, he served in the Hawaiian, Marshall, and Midway Is., participating in the battles of Kwajalein, Ponape, Eniwetok, and Enjebi. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, and was released from active duty in Feb., 1946. At present he is with the Marine Corps Reserve. He was graduated from Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, with the graduating class of 1942.





S/Sgt. EUGENE SCOTT

Lt. FOSTER J. WATKINS

S/Sgt. Eugene Scott was born May 11, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Scott, Memphis, Texas, and husband of Euliene Scott, Pampa, Texas; entered service March 14, 1942, with the Army, 56th Air Depot Group; trained at Williams Field, Arizona, and began overseas duty in October, 1944. Sgt. Scott served in the Pacific Theater on the Marianas Islands, and returned to the States in November, 1945. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medaland American Theater Ribbon were awarded with the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Discharge was granted November 14, 1945.

Lt. Foster Joseph Watkins, birthdate November 17, 1917, husband of Mrs. Ann Watkins, attended Dumas, Texas, Public Schools, and West Texas State College at Canyon. He volunteered December 31, 1941, for the Navy, Motor Torpedo Boat Sqdn., training at Melville, R.I., and served overseas December, 1942, until December, 1943, and July, 1944, until November, 1945, in the Aleutian Islands, Battle of Attu and Kiska, and later in the Pacific Area, where he participated in the Battle of Bougainville, Palau, Okinawa and Philippine Islands. After receiving various awards, Lt. Watkins returned home, and was discharged Nov. 19, 1945.







S/Sqt. WILLIE B. WILSON, JR.

S/Sgt. Willie Ben Wilson, Jr., birthdate July 7, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Wilson, Memphis, Texas, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunteered July 3, 1942, for the Army Air Force. Sgt. Wilson transferred overseas in March, 1945, and served as tail-gunner on a B-25 Mitchell Bomber with the 12th Air Force in Italy. He participated in the famous Battle of the Brenner Pass, and received the EAME Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Air Medal, Good Conduct Award and other ribbons; returned to the States, and was discharged November 6, 1945. He is now partner in the Wilson Ins. and Realty Co. at Memphis, Texas.

#### PhM 1/c HARRY G. WOMACK

PhM1/c Harry Gordon Womack, husband of Florence Phillips Womack, Memphis, Texas, was born September 16, 1913, and attended Baylor University at Waco, Texas. He entered service August 3, 1941, with the U.S. Navy, Medical Branch, and trained at Naval Hospital in Philadelphia; transferred to the Pacific Theater in August, 1944, where he served at Okinawa, Saipan and at Nagasaki, Japan, until he returned to the States November, 1945. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with one Star, Good Conduct Medaland other ribbons. Discharge from Navy was granted November 23, 1945.





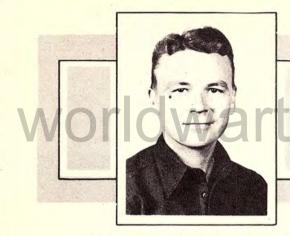
T/5 CLAY D. BAILEY

1st Lt. JOYCE WEBSTER, born February 20, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dot Webster, Memphis, Texas, volunteered Feb. 5, 1942, with the Army Air Corps; after training, received commission at Phoenix, Ariz., and was stationed at Ontario, Calif. Air Field from May, 1943, until discharge in September, 1945.

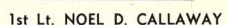
2nd Lt. ALLEN RAY WEBSTER, born December 6, 1921, volunteered Feb. 2, 1943, with the Army Air Corps; received commission at Yuma, Arizona, and began duty in European Area in Sept., 1944. He participated in thirty-five combat missions, and while returning to base, lost his life when his plane crashed in the fog March 6, 1945, at Belgium.

T/5 Clay D. Bailey was born April 10, 1923, husband of Ruby Ann Bailey, Dallas; attended the Estelline, Texas, Schools and West Texas State College at Canyon. He entered service May 10, 1943, with the Army Transportation Corps; trained at New Orleans, Hattiesburg, Miss., and Ft. Smith, Ark., and began overseas duty June, 1944, in the European Area where he participated in the battles of Northern France, Ardennes, and Rhineland. His awards include the ETO Ribbon with Battle Stars. He returned to the States January, 1946, and was discharged February 4, 1946; is a member of the American Legion, Paris, France.







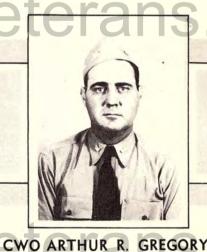


Sgt. HERSHALL G. BENNETT

Sgt. Hershall Guthrie Bennett, born May 18, 1915, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Bennett, 215 N. 9th St., Memphis, Texas, and attended the Memphis Public Schools. He entered service February 5, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Casual, 55th Training Bn., and trained at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas. Sgt. Bennett served overseas June, 1942, until May, 1945, in the Pacific Theater where he served as Supply Sergeant at Post Headquarters, Schoffield Barracks, Oahu Island, Hawaii. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon among other medals. Returned home, and was discharged Oct. 5, 1945.

lst Lt. Noel Dee Callaway was born March 17, 1915, son of M. D. Callaway, San Angelo, Texas, and husband of Helen Jo Hanna Callaway, 920 Harrison, Memphis, Texas. He volunteered February 25, 1943, with the U.S. Marine Corps, 6th Division; trained at Quantico; Virginia, and began overseas duty August, 1944, in the Pacific Theater. Lt. Callaway served on the Solomon and Marianas Islands, and participated in the battle of Okinawa. He returned to the States October, 1945; was awarded the World War II Victory and American Theater Ribbons with the ETO Campaign Medal. Discharge was granted December 23, 1946.





#### S/Sgt. CHAS. E. LINDSEY Cpl. ROBERT H. LINDSEY

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lindsey, Memphis, Texas. S/Sgt. CHARLES EUGENE LINDSEY, born October 19, 1920, volunteered October 25, 1943, for the Army Air Corps; served July, 1944, to April, 1945, in the ETO, battles of Rome-Arno, Rhineland, France, Apennines and air combat of Balkans. Received Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Discharged Oct. 20, 1945.

Cpl. ROBERT HORACE LINDSEY, born October 2, 1923, volunteered January 4, 1942, with Marine Corps, 3rd Div.; served January, 1943, to May, 1945, battles of Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima; was wounded February, 1945, at Iwo Jima; received Purple Heart and Letter of Commendation. Was discharged Jan. 9, 1946.

Chief Warrant Officer Arthur Roy Gregory, born September 19, 1910, husband of Willie Margaret Gregory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, formerly of Memphis, Texas, attended the Robstown, Texas, Schools and University of Texas at Austin. He volunteered for service April 12, 1943, for the Navy, Civil Engineer Corps; trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Camps Parks and Rousseau, Calif.; served November, 1943, to November, 1945, overseas at Pearl Harbor and on Okinawa, and was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer June 15, 1944. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. After returning to the States, he reverted to inactive duty Jan. 19, 1946.

-S.K.3/c THOMAS LELAND HOLTON, born July 8,1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Holton of Wellington, Texas. Entered service October 3, 1944, at Wellington, Texas, in the Navy Supply Corps. Received his training at San Diego, California. Served in the United States in Tupman, and San Pedro, California. From Oct. 3, 1944, to July 9, 1946. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged July 9, 1946. Attended Wellington, High School.

2. -T/5 HOWARD TAFT HOLTON, born March 17,1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Holton of Wellington. Entered service Feb. 13,1941, at Lubbock in the Army 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Edwards, Mass., and Camp Blanding, Fla. Overseas for 30 months in France, Italy, North Africa, Germany, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars and Distinguished Unit Badge. Discharged Oct. 8, 1945.

3. -T/5 ODIS WARREN KILLINGSWORTH, born May 17, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Killingsworth of Wellington, Texas. Entered service April 18, 1944, at Ft. Sill, Okla. in the Army, Corps of Engineers Division. Trained at Camp Abbot, Oregon, and Ft. Lewis, Wash. Overseas June, 1945, to May, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific, Ie Shima, and Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 1 Overseas Service Bar, American Theater, and Occupation of Japan Medal. Discharged May 21, 1946.

4. -T/SGT. JAMES EDWARD TICE, born Sept. 6, 1917. Husband of Mrs. Ola B. Tice of Wellington, Texas, Volunteered Aug. 3, 1940, at Tulsa, Okla., in the Army, 15th Obs. Sqdn. Trained at Post Field, Ft. Sill, Okla. Overseas Oct., 1944, to Aug., 1945, in Italy, Europe, Rhineland, Northern Apennines, Po Valley, and Balkans. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, EAME Campaign Medal, 5 Battle Stars, American Defense, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Aug. 28, 1945.

5. —S/SGT. IRVIN LILVUS RHODES, born Feb. 6, 1923, son of Mrs. Lillie White of Bovina, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 4, 1943, at Lubbock in the Army Field Artillery Division. Trained at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Overseas April, 1945, to Jan., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific, Philippines, Japan, and South Philippines Liberation. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation, 1 Overseas Service Bar, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 1, 1946.

6. —E.M.2/c NOLAN C. RHODES, born Feb. 3, 1925, sonof Mrs. Lillie White of Bovina, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 28, 1942, at Clovis, New Mexico, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Minneapolis, Minn. Overseas Dec., 1942, to Sept., 1944, in Asiatic-Pacific, EAME Campaign, Guadalcanal, Gila Gulf, Gilberts, Marshalls, Marianas, and Philippine Sea. Awarded 5 Bronze Stars on the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 11, 1946.

7. —E.M.2/c LAWRENCE L. RHODES, born May 20, 1928, son of Mrs. Lillie White of Bovina, Texas. Volunteered May 21, 1943, at Clovis, New Mexico, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Feb., 1944, to April, 1946, in American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippines, China, and Japan. Wounded in Admirally Islands Oct., 1944. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Star, Philippine Liberation with 1 Star, and Navy Unit Citation. Discharged May 1, 1946.

8. —WARRANT OFFICER LEE ELTON RHODES, born Nov. 10, 1920, son of Mrs. Lillie White of Bovina, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 14, 1938, at A ma rillo, Texas, in the Army, Bat. D, 82nd F.A. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas July, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Guam, India, Pacific Areas, Iwo Jima, Volcano Is., Ryukyus, and Japan. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 1 Bronze Star, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged April 3, 1946.

9. -IST SGT. DELBERT L. GUNN, bornOct. 15, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Wauldean Yates Gunn of Winters, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 12, 1940, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army, 1st Cavalry Division. Trained at William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas. Overseas Sept., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Australia, New Guinea, Admiralty, Philippine Islands, Leyte, and Luzon. Was discharged Sept. 14, 1945, and re-enlisted in Regular Army Jan. 25, 1946, in San Angelo, Texas. Awarded Victory Medal.

10.—S1/c JOSEPH OSGOOD BRADLEY, born July 19, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bradley of Memphis, Texas. Entered service May 12, 1943, at Memphis, Texas, in the Navy Amphibious Fleet. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Sept., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in South Pacífic, Pearl Harbor, Okinawa, and on USS. Marathon when it was bombed July 22, 1945. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacífic Campaign Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 22, 1945.

11.—T/5 VINCENT EARNEST THOMAS, born June 22,1919. Husband of Mrs. Jessie Faye Thomas of Memphis, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 26, 1945, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army 24th Corps Division, and Medical Dept. Trained at Camp Maxey, Texas, and Ft. Lewis, Wash. Overseas Oct., 1945, to July, 1946, in Southern part of Korean city of Pusan. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged August 8, 1946. Attended Northfield High School.

12.-T/SGT. CLYDE CHARLES COLLINS, born June 6, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Collins of Memphis. Entered service Nov. 7, 1942, at Ft. Sill, Okla., in the Army, 380th Bomb Gp., 530th B. Sqd. Trained at Miami Beach Fla. Overseas May, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Asiatic Southwest Pacific, Bismarck, Archipelago, China, New Guinea, Northern Solomons, and Philippines. Awarded Philippine Liberation, Distinguished Unit Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and Victory Medal. Discharged Oct. 30, 1945.

13.-T/4 BILL D. HART, born April 13, 1909. Husband of Mrs. Muriel Hart of Memphis, Texas. Entered service Feb., 1944, at Ft. Sill, Okla., in the Army Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Kohler, Calif. Overseas Oct., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in South Pacific, New Guinea, and Philippine Islands. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January, 1946. Completed his education in Texas Tech College, at Lubbock, Texas.

14.—PVT. LLOYD McKNIGHT, born Aug. 28, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McKnight of Memphis, Texas. Entered service June 28, 1942, in the Army Medical Corps. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas. Overseas Sept., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in Belgium, Germany, and France. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 4, 1945. Was with the 7th Medical Corps on D-Day in France.

15.—PFC JAMES S. McKNIGHŤ, born Aug. 9, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McKnight of Memphis, Texas. Entered service Feb. 11, 1943, at Memphis, Texas, in the Army, 6th Field Hospital. Overseas May, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Aleutian Islands, England, and South Pacifiic. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medalwith 1 Bronze Star, 4 Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 22, 1945.

16.—PVT.EDWARD HARMON McKNIGHT, born May 22,1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McKnight of Memphis, Texas. Entered service May 15,1942, at Memphis, Texas, in the Army, Rifleman 745th Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas June, 1942, to Oct., 1945, on Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, and Luzon. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 12, 1945.

17.—G.M.3/c ROBERT QUE MEASON, born Sept. 28, 1921. Husband of Mrs. Nina Meason of Memphis, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 11, 1942, at Ft. Worth, Texas, in the Coast Guard, Trained at Algiers. Overseas June, 1945, to Oet., 1945, in South Pacific. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 17, 1945. Attended Growell High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Meason of Crowell, Texas.

18.—IST LT. ARTHUR WYATT RASCO, born April 13, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lauron G. Rasco of Memphis, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 2, 1940, in the Army Field Artillery. Trained at Ft. Bliss; Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas; Winfield, Kan.; and Blackland, Fla. Overseas Aug., 1944, to March, 1945, in Italy. Helped over the Ploesti Oil Fields and Vienna, Europe. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, and Air Medal. Still in 554th A.A.F. Bn., Memphis, Tenn.

\*19.-LT. BILLY FRED RASCO, born June 2, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lauron G. Rasco of Memphis, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 17, 1942, at A marillo, Texas, in the Navy Reserve. Trained at Athens, Ga., Hutchinson, Kan., and Corpus Christi, and Dallas, Texas. Served in the United States Aug. 17. 1942. He crashed on Oct. 24, 1944, at Winston, Salem, N.C., and was in hospital 2 1/2 mos. until date of death Jan. 12, 1945. Received his Wings July 10, 1943. Buried in the family plot at Memphis, Texas.

20.—PFC JOHN ELBERT RICHARDS, born Oct. 5, 1924. Husband of Mrs. John Richards of Long Beach, Calif. Entered service Jan. 4, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas Sept., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Oral Bay, New Guinea, and Manila, P. I. Was awarded Distinguished Unit Badge Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation, Expert Rifleman, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Dec. 23, 1945.







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Pvt. LAWRENCE N. COMBEST

Pvt. Lawrence Nelson Combest was born January 4, 1914, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Combest, Paducah, Cottle County, Texas, and husband of Juanita Cudd Combest, 220 N. Tenth, Memphis, Texas. He attended Tyler Commerical College in Texas, and volunteered for service January 30, 1945, and was assigned to the Army Infantry. Pvt. Combest trained at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas, and later served. as Instructing Cadre with the 109th Infantry Training Battalion. The American Theater Ribbon was awarded with Victory and Defense Medals, and discharge was granted December 8, 1945.

#### T/3 WILLIAM J. ROBERTS

T/3 William John Roberts, born November 5, 1917, son of Mr. John R. Roberts, and grandson of Mrs. W. J. Franks, 303 So. B. Street, Memphis, Texas, attended Texas Techat Lubbock, and entered service March 23, 1941, with the Army Infantry, 26th Div. trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and began overseas duty April, 1942, in the Pacific Area. He participated in the campaigns of Gilbert, Makin, Marianas, and Okinawa Islands among various other battles and was stationed on Espiritu Santo Island. The Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded for wounds, Bronze Star Medal, and also Combat Medic Badge, Discharged Nov. 2, 1945.



\*Lt. (jg) BILLIE P. HALL Ist Sgt. NOLEN A. PANNELL

Lt. (jg) Billie Polk Hall, birthdate March 16, 1921, son of Forrest L. Hall, and husband of Charline Gerlach Hall, 721 N. 11th Street, Memphis, Texas, attended West Texas State Teachers' College at Canyon, and volunteered March 7, 1942, for the Naval Air Corps, training at Corpus Christi; later served as flying instructor at Cecil Field, Florida from April, 1943, until January, 1944. Lt. Hall was transferred to the Asiatic-Pacific Area September, 1944, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice November 25, 1944, while flying the Navy "Hellcat" Fighter aboard the Carrier U.S.S. Ticonderoga. The Purple Heart was awarded.

1st Sgt. Nolen Albert Pannell, born July 28, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell of Memphis, Texas, and husband of Alveretta O.Boswell Pannell, 510 South 6th Street, Memphis, Texas, attended the Petrolia, Texas, Public Schools and Hardin Junior College at Wichita Falls, Texas. He volunteered January 23, 1934, for the Army Medical Detachment, trained at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and began overseas duty June, 1944, in the European Theater. Sgt. Pannell became seriously ill in the night of August 28, 1944, and death came in the early hours of August 29, 1944. Type of illness was unknown.





#### Cpi. GLEN H. BATES

Cpl. Glen Harley Bates, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Bates of Paducah, Texas, was born on Aug. 4, 1924. He attended Texas A & M College, and was serving his country as a farmer before entering the Army on Sept. 28, 1944, at Dallas. He received his training at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, and was sent overseas to the Pacific Theater of Operations on Feb. 23, 1945. While in the Army, he was attached to the 96th and later the 86th Infantry Divisions. He saw action on the Island of Okinawa, and at the time of this writing he is still in the Pacific Area with Company "M", 342nd Infantry Regiment, A.P.O. #450.

#### Sgt. EARL L. BATES

S/Sgt. Earl Leon Bates was born on the 1st of August, 1922, in Wyoming. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bates of Route #2, Paducah, Texas. He attended Hackberry Elementary and Paducah High before continuing his studies by entering Texas A & M College, and was also engaged in farming when he entered the Army on Sept. 28, 1944, at Dallas. He was trained at Camp Hood, and was assigned to the 96th Infantry Division. He was sent to the Pacific Area on Feb.. 23, 1945, and saw action on the Island of Okinawa. He is authorized to wear the Bronze Star Medal. On the 9th of June, 1946, he was given an honorable discharge from the Army.





#### S/Sgt. IRLESS A. BROOKS

S/Sgt. Irless Allen Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Brooks of Paducah, Texas, was born Aug. 29, 1917, and entered Army Service on Jan. 30, 1942, at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He was assigned to the Medical Corps, and trained at Camp Barkeley. From Dec., 1944, to Jan., 1946, he served overseas in the European Theater of Operations. He saw action in the performance of duty during the battle of the Rhineland. His awards are: American Theater Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon. He returned to the United States in Jan., 1946, and on the 27th of that month he received an honorable discharge from service. Previously, he had been in business as a druggist.







AP WILLIAM F. STATSER

1st Lt. JACK ROBINSON, JR.

AP. William Franklin Statser, birthdate May 23, 1920, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Statser, Paducah, Texas, and husband of Faye Statser of Crowell, Texas, attended North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton. He volunteered for service July 1, 1943, and was assigned to the Navy Air Corps where he received his pre-flight training at Athens. His total Air Corps duty was served in the United States, and before discharge he received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with American Theater Ribbon and Good Conduct Award. Discharge was granted November 9, 1945.

1st Lt. Jack Robinson, Jr., born November 26, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robinson, Sr., Paducah, Texas, attended Texas Techat Lubbock, and volunteered July 3, 1942, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Lowry Field, Colorado, and began overseas duty March, 1944, in the European Theater. He participated in the air offensive of Europe, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Normandy and Central Europe, and was wounded in France October 19, 1944. Lt. Robinson was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge with one Oak Leaf Cluster among other campaign ribbons; returned to the States Nov. 9, 1945, and began inactive duty in Jan., 1946.



#### 1st Lt. BENJAMIN V. MARRS

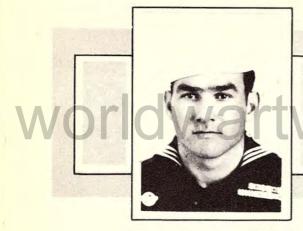
#### Pvt. EDWIN B. MARRS

Lt. BENJAMIN VERNE MARRS, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Marrs of Paducah, was born on Sept. 13, 1920. He attended Texas Tech at Lubbock prior to volunterring for the Army on June 10, 1942. Training followed at Camp Cooke and Pine Camp, and he went to Europe in Feb., 1944, to serve with the 5th Armored Division through the campaigns of Normandy, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Received the Purple Heart for wounds of Sept. 19, 1944. Was released from duty Mar. 5, 1946. He is the husband of Lt. sg Mary Angela Marrs.

Lt. (sg) MARY ANGELA MARRS, the daughter of Mrs. Julia Mattei of Hamden, Conn., was born on Oct. 9, 1920. She was graduated from the Grace Hospital School of Nursing at New Haven, Conn. On Mar. 9, 1943, she volunteered for the Navy Nurse Corps, and served all of her service time at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Sampson, N.Y. She was married to Lt. Benjamin V. Marrs on April 11, 1945. She was given a discharge on Jan. 4, 1946.

Pvt. EDWIN BRUCE MARRS, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Marrs of Paducah, was born on June 13, 1924. He entered the Army on April 17, 1945, and was trained in the Coast Artillery (A.A.) at Ft. Bliss. An award for being an Expert Rifleman was given him before he was given an honorable discharge on Oct. 12, 1945.





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Coxswain A. T. FISH, JR.

Coxswain A. T. Fish, Jr., son of Mr. A. T. Fish, Sr., Swearingen, Cottle County, Texas, was born August 26, 1921, and attended the Paducah, Texas, Schools. He volunteered August 11, 1942, for the Navy, Aviation Branch, and trained with the Amphibious Bn. at San Diego. Coxswain Fish served overseas October, 1942, to October, 1943, and September, 1944, to December, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, and participated in the invasion of Okinawa, Luzon and Mindoro, also Lingayen Gulf. His awards include the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Bronze Star and Occupation of Japan Medal, Discharged December 27, 1945.

Capt. JOHN K. BROWN

Capt. John Kenan Brown, born May 19,1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, Paducah, Texas, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunterred March 29, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; received advanced training at Moore Field, Texas, and began overseas duty August, 1944, in the European Area. Capt. Brown participated in the air campaigns of the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, and various other awards. After returning to the States, October, 1945, he was granted discharge January 9, 1946.

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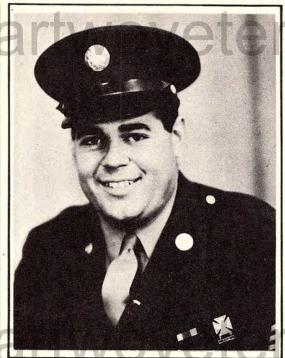


S/Sgt. MELVIN A. WALKER, JR.

S/Sgt. Melvin Ansil Walker, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Melvin A. Walker, of Seagraves, Texas, was born December 15,1922, in Texas, and attended school in Ft. Worth. He volunteered April 6, 1943, with the Army Field Artillery, but transferred to the Army Air Corps, and after training, was sent to Europe February, 1945. He served and was wounded in the Ruhr Valley Pocket; also served at Belgium, France and Germany, and was returned to the States; then embarked for Japan where he was stationed with the occupational forces. His awards include various ribbons and medals, and after returning home again was discharged Feb. 11, 1946.

T/5 Lemuel Newsome Barber, birthdate January 14,1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barber, Hobbs, N. M., formerly of Littlefield, Texas, entered service September 19, 1942, with the Army Infantry, 88th Div., and began overseas duty in North Africa November, 1943. He participated in the battles of Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley; later transferred to the 62nd Signal Bn., and served in the Philippine Islands and Japan. His awards include the EAME Ribbon with three Stars, Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater Ribbons with Good Conduct Medal. After returning to the States, December, 1945, he was granted discharge same month.

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S/Sgt. PAT H. BOONE, JR.

S/Sgt. Pat Henry Boone, Jr., was born on July 15, 1922, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat H. Boone, Sr., of 101 N.W. Side Ave., Littlefield. Pat attended high school there, and was a student at the University of Texas at the time that he entered the Army. This was on Nov. 5, 1942. He was trained at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Barkeley, and was assigned to the 370th Replacement Company. On the 29th of May, 1944, he was sent to the European Theater of Operations, and served in England for 20 months. Awards which Pat received are: European Theater Certificate of Merit, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Medal. He was given an honorable discharge on February 18, 1946.

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#### \*Cpl. ROBERT W. HAMMONS

Cpl. Robert Weldon Hammons, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Hammons of Littlefield, was born on Jan. 25, 1925. He volunteered for the Marine Corps on Feb. 13, 1943. He was trained at the Marine Bases at San Diego, Jacksonville, Fla., and Cherry Point, N. C. He served as a Radio Gunner on a B-25 bomber, and was attached to Marine Bombing Squadron #62. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice at Cherry Point on Sunday, Aug. 13, 1944, about 2:40 P.M. while on a routine training flight 10 miles east of New Bern. The bomber crashed, killing all aboard. His body was shipped to Littlefield, Texas, and buried in the cemetery there with Military Honors by the Lubbock Army Air Base.

#### Pfc PRYOR C. HAMMONS

Pfc Pryor Clark Hammons was born on Dec. 31, 1922, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Hammons of Littlefield. He is the husband of Doris Hammons. On Aug. 5, 1942, he volunteered for the Marine Corps, and was trained at Camp Gillespie, MCB, San Diego, Calif. On Mar. 26, 1943, Pryor was sent to the Southwest Pacific Area. He was first stationed at Noumea, New Caledonia; later moved up to Guadalcanal, Vella Lavella, Empress Augusta Bay, and Bougainville, all in the Solomon Islands. The two stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon are for action at the last two mentioned places. In Jan., 1944, he returned to the States because of an old leg injury received in training. Discharged on the 15th of Aug., 1944.

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#### \*Pfc DAVID C. STOREY

Pfc David Clark Storey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D.T. Storey of Littlefield, was born on May 14, 1923, at Stillwater, Okla. In 1942 he was a warded a B.S. Degree from Texas Technological College. He was listed in the 1942-43 edition of "Who's Who Among College Students," Vol. IX. Volunteered for service in 1941. Trained in Field Artillery at Ft. Sill. Graduated in Engineering from Lehigh University under the A.S.T.P. Went overseas to Europe in July, 1944. Transferred to the Infantry - Co. A, 275th Regt., 70th Div., of 7th Army under General Patch. David paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Feb. 26, 1945, near Saarbruken. He was dependable, and was recommended to be Sgt., after the Co. lost their Sgt. While acting S/Sgt., he held off the enemy successfully with a BAR gun while his Co. withdrew. The next day the Co. retook the ground, and found David dead but still with his gun.



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#### \*1st Lt. ALTON L. OWENS

1st Lt. Alton LeRoy Owens, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Owens of Littlefield, was born on Jan. 4, 1913. He graduated from the University of Texas, and was the A.A.A. Administrator for the State of New Mexico prior to his entering the Army on May 5, 1942, at Ft. Bliss. He received his basic training at Ft. Francis E. Warren, and additional training at Ft. Ord, Camp Roberts, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., and Cucamonga, Calif. T/5 Owens was discharged on Mar. 19, 1943, for the convenience of the government, to accept an appointment. He was commissioned 2nd Lt., AUS the following day, and was promoted to 1st Lt. 7 months later. Lt. Owens went to Europe in April, 1944, taking part in the Normandy invasion. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice at St. Lo, France, on July 25, 1944, while serving with Co. "C", 87th Chemical Battalion. He was authorized to wearthe Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart Medal.

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#### \*Capt. DAVID T. BECHTOL

Capt. David Thaxton Bechtol, son of J.B. Bechtol, of Lubbock, and husband of Chrystine Bechtol, of Amarillo, was born Nov. 24, 1915. He volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps on Sept. 7, 1942, at Lubbock. He was trained at Santa Ana, Lemoore, La Junta, Columbia, and Greenville Army Air Fields, and at Rankin Aeronautical Academy. From June, 1944, to June, 1945, he served in the Southwest Pacific, engaging in the campaigns of the Dutch E. Indies, Philippines, New Guinea, and Halmahera. At Lingayen, Luzon, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in a plane crash while test-piloting a crippled B-25. He held 2 Pres. Unit Citations, and the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters.



\*Lt. (jg) ROY A. BECHTOL



S 3/c HUBERT E. BECHTOL

Lt. (jg) Roy Alph Bechtol, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bechtol, and husband of Billie Jo Jones Bechtol, of Lubbock, was born Feb. 15, 1921. On July 1, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Navy Air Corps, and was trained at Grand Prairie, Corpus Christi, and Jacksonville. From Oct. 1, 1943, to June 23, 1944, he served overseas, in the Gilbert and Mariana Islands, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart. In March, 1943, he received a commission, and he was promoted later to Lt. (jg); before enlisting in the service, he had attended Texas Tech School in Lubbock.

S3/c Hubert Edwin Bechtol, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Bechtol, and husband of Elizabeth Robinson Bechtol, of Lubbock, was born April 20,1926, and volunteered for the Navy V-5 on July 1,1944, at Lubbock. He volunteered for training as a student, and was sent to the University of Texas. While there he was transferred to the Navy V-12, and then to Naval R.O.T.C. On March 1,1946, he was transferred to the Great Lakes Training Base at Chicago, Ill., and he received his honorable discharge from service, at that base, on July 7, 1946. Previous to enlistment, he had attended Texas Tech School.





#### Capt. ALTON W. McCULLY

Capt. Alton Wayne McCully, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. McCully, of Spur, Texas, husband of Carmen Fuller McCully, was born Sept. 17, 1919, and volunteered for service in the Marine Air Corps in July, 1941. He was trained at Jacksonville, Florida, and served in the U.S. until March, 1944, when he went to the Pacific with the 1st Marine Air Wing. He was a Douglas Sky Train Pilot, and ferried supplies from New Caledonia to the Solomons and the Philippines. He was in the escort for dive bomber groups and was one of the first to land his plane on Lingayen Air Field. He received the Air Medal and was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation. He is still with the Marine Air Corps, as a regular commissioned Operations Officer. He attended Tech. College, Lubbock, and McMurry, in Abilene, Texas, and went from college into the service of his country.

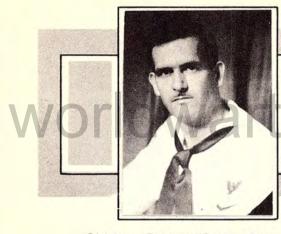
#### 1st Lt. HARRY S. SOLADAY

1st Lt. Harry Stephenson Soladay, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Soladay, of Carlsbad, N.M., and husband of Helen Soladay, of Spur, Texas, was born April 13,1922, and volunteered for service as an aviation cadet in the Navy, on Sept. 2, 1942, at Dallas. He was trained at Norman, Okla., and Corpus Christi, Texas. On completion of his cadet training, he entered the Marine Corps as a 2nd Lt. He served overseas in the Pacific and on May 25, 1945, engaged the enemy in aerial combat successfully over Okinawa. He also was in Engebi in Eniwetok Atoll, and in the Marshall Islands. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 4 Clusters. On March 7, 1946, he was honorably released from further military service.

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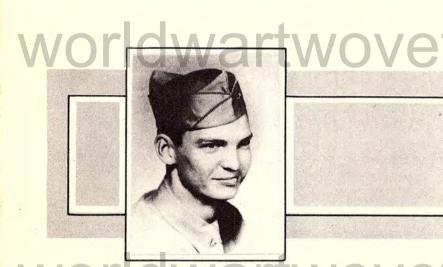


CM 3/c CHARLES W. CARLISLE

CM 3/c Charles Wray Carlisle, born August 10, 1915, husband of Dessie Maye Carlisle, Spur, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M.Carlisle, of Girard, attended the Public Schools of Girard, Texas, and entered service March 15, 1944, with the U.S. Navy, YardCraft Branch, training at San Diego, California. He began overseas duty April, 1944, in the Pacific Theater where he served at Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, until his return to the States December, 1945. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, World Warll Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Medal. Discharge was granted on Dec. 22, 1945.

Pfc RICHARD M. HARPER

Pfc Richard Milton Harper, born May 31, 1920, in Texas, son of Mrs. Josephine Harper of Guthrie, King County, Texas, volunteered for service January 13, 1942, with the Army, Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Pfc Harper beganoverseas duty February, 1944, in the European Theater and was stationed practically two years with the Supply Division at Liverpool and Manchester, England. Returned to the States December, 1945. The EAME Campaign Ribbon, American Theater and Defense Medals were awarded with the World War II Victory and Good Conduct Awards, Discharged Dec. 9, 1945.





\*Cpl. H. T. ROUNSAVILLE, III

Cpl. H.T. Rounsaville, III, born May 6, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs.H. T. Rounsaville, Lorenzo, Texas, entered service January 20,1943, andwas assigned to the Army Medical Corps. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and Camp Forrest, Tenn., and began overseas duty December, 1943. Served with Gen. Hodge's 1st Army at Normandy, Battle of St. Lo, on to Luxembourg, Hurtgen Forest, Aachen. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country when he was seriously wounded December 18, 1944, in the Battle of Belgium Bulge near St. Vith, and passed away the same day. Cpl. Rounsaville had received the Good Conduct Medal and three Battle Stars.

Lt. Col. Henry Earl Haltom, born August 12, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. V.R. Haltom, Crosbyton, Texas, entered service October 3,1941, with Army Engineer Replacement Div., and served in States as Company Commander and Bn. Exec. Officer with Armored and Engineer Combat Bn. He served overseas from September, 1944, to December 1945, in Campaigns of Rhineland and Central Europe. Participated in capturing of Colmar, France, and Bridge over Danube River at Dillingen, Germany, among other battles. He received the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Bronze Star Medal, EAME Ribbon with two Stars. Was granted discharge April 15, 1946.



Cpl. JOHN D. BENNETT



Capt. FLOYD H. HECK

Cpl. John D. Bennett born January 11, 1924, husband of Eva Inez Bennett, Lamesa, Texas, attended the Loop, Texas, Public Schools, and entered service January 12, 1943. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Camp Haan, California, and Orlando Army Air Base in Florida. Served in the States as a member of the 222nd S/L Bn., for fourteen months after training for power plant operator. Cpl. Bennett began overseas duty March, 1944, in the Pacific Area, where he was stationed at New Guinea, Netherland East Indies and the Philippine Islands. Returned home January, 1946, and was discharged one week later.

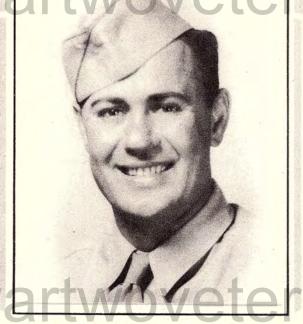
Capt. Floyd Harrison Heck, born April 15, 1918, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Heck, Wilson, Texas, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and entered service October 7, 1941, with the Army Ordnance, 32nd Division. Trained at Ft. Warren, Wyo., and Camp Hulen, Texas. He served overseas from February, 1942, until February, 1945, in the Pacific Area, where he participated in the Campaigns of New Guinea, at Buna, Saidor, Finschhaven and Aitape and Philippine Islands at Leyte. The Distinguished Unit Badge was awarded with Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon-three Stars and the Philippine Liberation Medals. Discharged November 15, 1945.



1st Lt. William Green Lumsden, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lumsden, Wilson, Texas, was born August 12, 1917. He attended Texas Techat Lubbock, and volunteered January 15, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. Trained at Hondo, Texas, Army Air Base; was commissioned on February 18, 1943, and served as navigator on B-24. Lt. Lumsden began overseas duty June, 1943, and participated in fifty-one bombing missions from New Guinea; also served at New Britain and Bismarck Archipelago. He returned to the States February, 1944; received Distinguished Flying Cross, with two Clusters plus Air Medal, and was discharged September 15, 1945.

Cpl. Clarence Edwin Mays born May 26, 1908, a native of Texas, is the son of D.B. Mays, Richland Springs, San Saba County, Texas, and husband of Lois L. Mays, Aspermont, Texas. He entered service December 15, 1943, with the Army Medical Corps. Trained at Camp Grant, Illinois, and served three months in Medical Technical School, Atlanta, Georgia, Lawson General Hospital. Cpl. Mays served overseas from September, 1944, until June, 1945, in the EuropeanTheater atvarious places in France. Returned to the States. The ETO Ribbon, Victory and Defense Medals were awarded, and discharge granted July 11, 1945.

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Sgt. JOHN S. STEPHENS

Sgt. John Springer Stephens, the husband of Mrs. Katherine Stephens, was born on April 26, 1916. He is the son of George L. Stephens, also of O'Donnell. He entered the Army on June 16, 1942, and received his training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls. He served with the 880th Air Engineer Squadron, 462nd Air Service Group, and was sent to the European Theater of Operations on October 18, 1943. There he served as an Aircraft Sheet Metal Worker. The European Theater Ribbon and Good Conduct Medals were awarded him. On the 19th of October of 1945 he was given his honorable discharge at Ft. Bliss, El Paso. John Springer Stephens, Jr., was born 3 weeks after his father entered the Army. He now has a sister, Pamala Kay Stephens, born August 22, 1946. John Springer, Sr., is now a rancher in Borden County.



#### Capt. HARRY L. PHINNEY

Capt. Harry Lawton Phinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Phinney, of Coahoma, Texas, was born Aug. 23, 1920, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps on Jan. 20, 1941, at El Paso. He was assigned to the Ord. Dept. Training was given him at Randolph Field; Lowry Field; Victorville, Calif.; and O.C.S. Aberdeen, Md. From July, 1944, to Jan., 1946, he served overseas, stationed in England and France with the 8th A.A.F., and in Cairo, Egypt; also at Casablanca, Fr. Morocco, with ATC. His awards are: ETO; Pres. U. Cit., with Cluster; Amer. Theater; Victory. On the 13th of April, 1946, he was separated from military service. Previous to enlistment his attention had been given to the work on the farm and ranch. He was a graduate of Coahoma High School, Class of 1938.



\*Sgt. JOE E. BERRY

S/Sgt. LABRY E. BALLARD

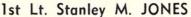
Sgt. Joe Earl Berry was born September 5,1913, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs.J.F. Berry, Stonewall, Texas; attended the Swenson, Texas, Public High School, and entered service February 19, 1941. Hewas assigned to the Army, 2nd Armored Division, and trained at Fort Benning in Georgia. After eighteen months of service in the United States, Sgt. Berry was transferred to overseas theater of operations where he served in combat for eighteen months until the time he paid the Supreme Sacrifice when giving his life for his country August 2,1944. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously.

S/Sgt. Labry Edwin Ballard, son of Mrs. Irene Ballard of Haskell, Texas, was born September 27, 1921, in Texas. He attended North Texas State Teachers College at Denton, and entered service August 25, 1942, with the Army Signal Corps. Trained at various fields in the States, and began over seas duty August, 1943, in the China-Burma-India Theater, participating in the India and Burma Campaigns, as Radio Chief for A.S.C. Net Control Station in Assam and Burma. Sgt. Ballard returned home January, 1946. Received various awards, and was discharged from Army duty on February 7, 1946.

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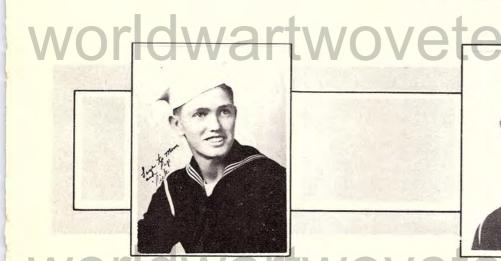




1st Sgt. HOOPER T. WILKINSON

1st Lt. Stanley Milam Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Jones of Weinert, was born March 1, 1921, and volunteered for the Marine Air Corps on August 12, 1942. Training was given him at Atlanta, Ga., Memphis, Tenn., Walnut Ridge, Ark., Santa Barbara, Calif., and Pensacola, Fla., where he received his wings. He served in the U.S. from Nov., 1943, to June, 1945. After this he was assigned to carrier, based on USS Vella Gulf. He served at Pagan Island and Rota Island, and escorted a fleet of oilers from Guam to near Tokyo, flying combat air patrol and anti-sub patrol. He took part in the occupational landing of Japan. An honorable release was given him March 9, 1946.

1st Sgt. Hooper T. Wilkinson, husband of Rozelle Wilkinson, of Weinert, was born Nov. 1, 1916, and was mobilized with the National Guard at Wichita Falls in 1940. He was assigned to the 142nd Infantry; later was transferred to the 645th T.D. Bn., and was trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Blanding, and Camp Edwards. In May, 1943, he went overseas with the 645th and landed at Oran in Algiers. He served in Tunis, and in Italy, participating in the battles of Salerno, the beach head landing at Anzio, battles of Rome, S. France, Munich, Naples-Foggia, Rhineland, Central Europe. Awards: Bronze Star; EAME, 5 Stars; 3 Bronze Arrowheads; Amer. Def.; Good Conduct. Honorably discharged, July 28, 1945.



S 1/c RUFUS P. BARNARD, S1/c Rufus Polk Barnard, born June 11, 1927, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Barnard, O'Brien, Haskell County, Texas, attended the O'Brien Public Schools, and volunteered for service August 30,1944 with the U.S.Navy, training at San Diego. He was assigned to the USS Clearfield and served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine and China Theaters; at Iwo Jima and Okinawa from January, 1945, until March, 1946. Seaman Barnard was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Theater Medals

with Defense Award. He was discharged from service April 17,1946.

SK2/c Howard Edward Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Ross, Sagerton, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Lucile Ross, Ft. Worth, was born October 17, 1923. He entered service June 21, 1943, with the Navy, Landing Craft Branch; trained at San Diego, and served his overseas duty in the Hawaiian and Ellice Islands. Participated in the Philippines offensive. His awards include the Philippine Liberation and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbons with four Battle Stars, among other Medals. After he returned to the States, his Navy service was terminated on February 3, 1946, with thirty-three months service to his credit.

SK 2/c HOWARD E. ROSS

1. —CPL. THOMAS EDWARD BUCKNER, born June 30, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Mary Lavelle Buckner of Anson, Texas. Entered service May 7, 1942, at Mineral Wells, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Overseas from Feb., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in North Africa, and Italian Campaigns. Awarded African, and Italian Campaign Medal with 3 Battle Stars. Served as aircraft engine mechanic, airplane mechanic, and a erial engineer. Was discharged October 13, 1945.

2. —M.M. 3/c DARVIN OLEN FRAZIER, born March 8, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Frazier of Aspermont, Texas. Volunteered June 7, 1944, at San Dieg o, Calif. Overseas from Sept., 1944, to April, 1946, in Pearl Harbor, Guam, and Asiatic Pacific Area. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged May 13, 1946. Husband of Mrs. Frances E. Frazier of Aspermont, Texas. Attended Old Glory, High.

3. —CPL, RAYMOND HINZE; born March 28, 1914. Husband of Mrs. Lula Faye Hinze of Old Glory, Texas. Entered service Dec. 15, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, assigned to Army Medical Corps. Trained at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. Overseas from July, 1944, to May, 1946, in England with 102 Gen. Hosp., and with 312 Station Hosp, in London. In Austria with 124 Gen. Hosp. Served as Med Tec., Postal Clerk, Awarded EAME Campaign Medal, 3 Overseas Service Bars, and Victory Medal. Discharged in 1946.

4. —COXSWAIN CHARLES SAM USSERY, born April 24, 1922, Husband of Mrs. Maxine Ussery of Aspermont, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 21, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, with the Navy Reserve. Trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Overseas from Nov., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Southern Pacific, Marshalls, Guam, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged November 7, 1945, at Norman, Oklahoma. Attended Peacock High School, Peacock, Texas.

5. —SGT. ALFRED LEE HARTSFIELD, born Sept. 3, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Date Anderson of Haskell, Texas. Entered service Aug. 11, 1943, at El Paso, Texas. Assigned to Marine Air Corps. Received his training at SanDiego, California. Served in the United States from August 11, 1943, to June 15, 1946. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged June 15, 1946. Attended Haskell High School. Husband of Mrs. Silvia Christene Hartsfield.

6. —CPL. HARLAN HESS HARTSFIELD, born Sept. 10,1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Date Anderson of Haskell, Texas. Entered service March 5, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army 461st Ord. Evac. Trained at Camp Santa Anita, Calif., and Bowie, Texas. Overseas Aug., 1944, to March, 1946, in European Theater, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Was awarded EAME Campaign Med al with 2 Bronze Stars, American Theater, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged March 14, 1946.

7. —CAPT. REVERE HUGH ANDERSON, born Aug. 16, 1908. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Date Anderson of Haskell, Texas, Entered service May 6, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army A.A.F. Trained at Sheppard Field, and at Camp Davis, N.C. Overseas from Jan. 26, 1943, to Aug. 12, 1945, in New Guinea, Northern Solomons, and Southern Philippines. Was awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 10, 1946.

8. —PFC HERBERT GARLAND HARTSFIELD, born May 5 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alice Anderson of Haskell, Texas, Entered service April 22, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army 3051st Eng. Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, Ft. Ord, Camp Cooke, Calif., and Gruber, Okla. Overseas from July, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in European Theater, Northern France, and Rhineland. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 31, 1945.

\*9.—PFC ALTON LYNDELL ANDERSON, born Feb. 21,1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Date Anderson of Haskell, Texas. Volunteered Oct., 1940, at March Field, Calif., for the Army Air Corps, 7th Material Sqn. Trained at March Field. Overseas from Oct., 1941, to Oct., 1944, in Philippinelslands, Clark Field, Ft. Stotsenburg, Bataan, and Corregidor. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Oct. 24, 1944, South China Sea. Awarded Citation of Honor, Purple Heart, American Defense, and Victory Medals.

10.—PFC HENRY B. NAUERT, born Aug. 9, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Nauert of Rule, Texas. Entered service May 28, 1943, at Abilene, Texas; assigned to Army A.A.A. Corps. Trained at Camp Callan, Calif. Overseas from Jan., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, and Southern Philippines. He received the Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January 6, 1946. Attended Rule High School.

\*11.—PVT. LONNIE JOE CORZINE, born Jan. 24, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Corzine of Rule, Texas. Volunteered March 22, 1944, at Haskell, Texas; assigned to Marines, 5th Division. Trained at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Overseas in Battle of Iwo Jima. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 2, 1945, at Iwo Jima. Was awarded Purple Heart with 3 Stars, and 2 Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals post-humously.

12.—S/SGT. R.J. DUNCAN, born Oct. 16, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Lydia Duncan of Rochester, Texas. Entered service July 21, 1942, at Abilene, Texas; assigned to Army Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Overseas from Sept., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in India, China, Burma, Ledo Road, and Eastern China. Was awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Meritorious Award, China Liberation, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged November, 1945.

13.—T/SGT. LEONARD K. FLORENCE, born Feb. 13, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Florence of Haskell, Texas. Volunteered April 17, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army Air Forces. Trained at Harlingen, Texas, and Sebring, Fla. Overseas from July, 1942, to April, 1943, in Hawaii, New Hebrides, Solomon Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, Central Pacific, Guadalcanal, and Northern Solomons. Was awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Air Medal with Cluster. Discharged Oct. 14, 1945.

14.—T/5 MAX W. FLORENCE, born May 23, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Florence of Haskell, Texas. Entered service January 25, 1944, at Haskell, Texas, for U.S. Army. Trained at Camps Hood, Maxey, and Camp Adair. Served overseas from July, 1945, in Pacific Area, and Germany. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 1, 1946. Attended Rule Grammar School. He is a brother of Leonard Florence, also of Haskell. Texas.

15.—PFC MARION JESSE JOSSELET, born March 23,1919. Husband of Mrs. Mary Lou Josselet of Haskell, Texas. Entered service Feb. 9, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army, Co. C., 361st Infantry Division. Trained at Ft, McClellan, Alabama. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Jan., 1946, in Italy, Africa, Rome-Arno, and Gothic Line. Awarded Combat Infantryman Badge, 2 Battle Stars, 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged February 3, 1946.

16.—A.M. 2/c CURTIS KELLEY, born March 23, 1923. Husband of Mrs. LaVerne Kelley of Haskell, Texas. Entered service Oct. 21, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, in the Naval Air Corps. Trained at San Diego, Calif., Norman, Okla., and Norfolk Va. Overseas from Sept., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Kahalui, and Hawaii. Was awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, American Theater, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 25, 1945. Attended Rule High School.

17.—PFC ROY TAYLOR HUNT, born Dec. 13, 1911. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hunt of Rule, Texas. Entered service Feb. 23, 1942, at Mineral Wells, Texas; assigned to Army Coast Artillery. Overseas from May 9, 1942, to May 10, 1945, in Hawaii, and Western Carolines. Was awarded 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, 6 Overseas Service Bars, and World War II Victory Medals. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Was discharged Oct. 10, 1945. Was overseas 3 years, and 2 days. Attended Tonk Creak School.

18.—SGT. EARL EDWIN HUNT, born Jan. 2, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hunt of Rule, Texas. Entered service Sept. 14, 1942, at Abliene, Texas; assigned to Army Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Kohler, Drew Field, Fla., and Camp Pinedale, Calif. Served in the United States from Sept. 14, 1942, to Nov. 30, 1945. Served as radio operator. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged Nov. 30, 1945. Was in the hospital 4 1/2 months before discharge.

\*19.-T/SGT. CARL THOMAS HUNT, born Nov. 14, 1917. Son of Mr. a nd Mrs. R. T. Hunt of Rule, Texas. Entered service Feb. 13, 1941, at Dallas, Texas; assigned to Army 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Sheppard Field, Texas, and Santa Monica, Calif. Overseas from Sept., 1943, to Nov., 1944, in Panama, and New Delhi, India. Was killed in airplane crash Nov. 19, 1944, at Kharaghur, India. Was crew chief, and engineer on officers plane. Awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals.

\*20.—PFC JAMES ROBERT HUNT, born Oct. 3, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Hunt of Rule, Texas. Entered service March 27, 1943, at Abilene, Texas; assigned to Army 3rd Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark. Overseas from Sept., 1943, to March, 1945, in Anzio, Italy, Rome, France, and Germany. Was captured Nov. 10, 1944, and held prisoner 16 days. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice in action. Awarded Purple Heart, Pres. Citation, 1 Silver Star, Inf. Combat Badge, and Victory Medal, posthumously.



1. —SGT. KIRBY KERMIT KIRKPATRICK, born Sept. 27, 1907. Husband of Mrs. Ethel Kirkpatrick of Haskell, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 30, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Lubbock, Blackland Field, and Bryan Field, Texas. Served in the United States from October 30, 1942, to October 23, 1945. Served as airplane mechanic -747. He received the American Defense, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 23, 1945.

2. -LT. JOE GOOSLBY MAPLES, born July 31, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maples of Haskell, Texas. Volunteered Nov., 1942, at Dallas, Texas, for the Navy. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Overseas from June, 1944, to Jan., 1946. Served as instructor at Corpus Christi Naval Air Base. In Australia, and Philippines, from July, 1945, to Jan., 1946. Still in the service. Was awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Husband of Mrs. Lynn Farrell Maples of Honolulu.

3. —PFC JOHN A. MILLER, born June 1, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Miller of Haskell, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 29, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Lubbock, Texas. Overseas from Jan., 1945, to March, 1946, in Italy. He received American Theater, ETO Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged March 11, 1946. Attended Haskell High School. He resides at Haskell, Texas.

4. —PFC LYNN WILLIAM PACE, JR., born Aug. 23, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Marjorie Pace of Haskell, Texas. Entered service Oct. 19, 1944, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army 106th Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala. Overseas from April, 1945, to Sept., 1945, in Northern France, and European Theater. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged February 2, 1946. Attended Haskell High School.

5. —SGT. HOLLAND JAMES WEAVER, born April 10, 1919. Husband of Mrs. Veronica Ann Weaver of Rule, Texas. Entered service July 15, 1941, at El Paso, Texas, in the Army 3rd Armored Division. Received his training at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. Served in the United States from July 15, 1941, to September 16, 1943. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged September 16, 1943.

6. — CPL. DALE E. WEAVER, born Dec. 19, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Weaver of Rule, Texas. Voluntered for service September 23, 1940, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Served in the United States September, 1940, to August, 1941. Overseas from August, 1941, to November, 1945, in European Theater. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged November 9, 1945. Attended Rule High School.

7. —SGT. BILLIE R. WEAVER, born July 8, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Weaver of Rule, Texas. Volunteered for service December 3, 1942, at Abilene, Texas with the Army Air Corps. Received his training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Overseas from June, 1944, to April, 1946, in European Theater. Received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged April 3, 1946. Attended Rule High School. He had 3 brothers in service.

\*8. —SGT. JOHN CARL WEAVER, born Sept. 16, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Weaver of Rule, Texas. Volunteered April 30, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, for the Army Air Corps. Received his training at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas. Served overseas from Dec. 29, 1942, in European Theater. Missing in action Feb. 8, 1943, off Coastof England; declared dead Feb. 8, 1944. Was awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals, posthumously. Attended Rule High School.

9. —S/SGT. RILEY JAMES PACE, born Nov. 29, 1929. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Pace of Haskell, Texas, Entered service June 18, 1943, at Abilene, Texas; assigned to the Army 1878th Engr. Avn. Bn. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, Overseas from Dec., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in Hawaiian Islands, Ryukyus, Korea, Saipan, and Okinawa. He received the Meritorious Service Award, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January 7, 1946. Completed his education at Texas Christian University.

10.—SGT. WILLIAM DELL PENMAN, born Nov. 4,1918. Husband of Mrs. Ione Penman of Rochester, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 20, 1943, at Wichita Falls, Texas, with the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Overseas Dec., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in European Theater. Awarded European Theater Campaign Medal, 1 Service Stripe, and 3 Overseas Service Bars. Was discharged Oct. 15, 1945. Was supply clerk. In European Theater was receiving clerk at B-17 Base, Airplane Parts.

11.—RADIOMAN 3/c THURAL BRUCE REID, born May 24, 1925. Husband of Mrs. Pauline Reid of Haskell, Texas. Entered service December 29, 1944, at Haskell, Texas, assigned to Navy, Radio Branch. Received his training at San Dlego, California. Served in the United States from December 29, 1944, to May 11, 1946. Served at Bremerton, Wash, and Port Blakely, Wash. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged May 11, 1946.

12.—SGT. HERBERT BENNETT WILLIAMS, bornDec. 8, 1924. Husband of Mrs. Ruth Williams of Rochester, Texas. Entered service Sept. 18, 1944, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to Army 40th Division. Trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Overseas from March 6, 1945, to April 4, 1946, in Philippines, Korea, and Souther n Philippines. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged June 30, 1946. Attended Rochester High School. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Williams, of Rochester.

\*13.—S/SGT. JIMMIE DOYLE, born Oct. 29, 1918. Husband of Mrs. Myrle Doyle of Lamesa, Texas, Entered military service Aug. 13, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas; assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Laredo, Texas, and Tonapah, Nev. Overseas from May, 1944, to Sept. 1, 1944, in the Pacific, Admiralties, and New Guinea. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice in B-24 that was shot down over Palau Islands on Sept. 1, 1944, Awarded Presidential Citation, Air Medal, and Purple Heart, posthumously.

14.—COXSWAIN CHARLEY LAURENCE THOMAS, born Oct. 12, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Thomas of Seagraves, Texas. Enlisted March 25, 1941, at Houston, Texas, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Aug., 1941, in Philippine Islands. Left there for Borneo, and Celebes, Java, and Sumatra to set up supply bases for the Asiatic Fleet. March 8,1942, Java fell, and he was taken prisoner by Japs. Was liberated Aug. 29,1945. Presidential Unit Citation, and 3 Stars.

15.—LT. HARMON ROCO THOMAS, JR., born May 6, 1908. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Thomas, 5r. Enlisted Feb. 8,1929, at Abilene, Texas, for U.S. Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Was aboard the U.S.S. Saratoga until 1930, and transferred to the U.S.S. Chester, and then back to U.S.S. Saratoga. In Jan., 1941, went to Corpus Christi, Texas, for duty as Aviation Chief Machinist Mate on East Coast, Bay of Biscay, and Newfoundland. Now serving at Corpus Christi, Texas.

\*16.-LT. GEORGE WASHINGTON THOMAS, born Feb. 22, 1911. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Thomas of Seagraves, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 15, 1934, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States in Pensacola, Fla. He was killed in an airplane crash Feb. 17, 1944, at Rockville, Maryland. He set an example of devotion to the service, and to his work without thought of personal pleasure. Was using his best abilities in the ways that would help his country.

17.—COXSWAIN 2/c CLARENCE DONALD HIGGINS, born Feb. 7, 1925. Son of Mr. F. R. Higgins of Ackerly, Texas. Entered May 28, 1943, at Lamesa, Texas, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Aug., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in Marshall, Gilbert, Wake, Green Islands. Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Bougainville, Manila, Marianas, and Guam. Was discharged Nov. 25, 1945, and re-enlisted Nov. 27, 1945. Now serving in New Orleans, La. Awarded American Defense, and Victory Medals.

18.—SGT. DON LEE BISHOP, born Dec. 14, 1921. Volunteered for service April 2, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, with the 22nd Marines Division. Trained at San Diego, and Camp Pendleton, Calif. Overseas from June, 1942, to Dec., 1945, in Marshall Islands, Asiatic Pacific Area, and Japan. Awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Silver Star, American Theater Campaign Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was dischareed December 4, 1945.

19.—PFC TRICE EDWARD LEE, born Aug. 22, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Lee of Lamesa, Texas. Entered service Dec., 1944, at El Paso, Texas, in the Marines. Trained at Parris I sland, Camp Lejeune, N. C., and San Diego, Calif. Overseas from June, 1945, to June, 1946, in Philippine Area, and Occupation of Japan. Was awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation, American Theater, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals.

20.—C.C.M. WELDON A. LINDSEY, born Oct. 27, 1910. Husband of Mrs. Alice Odum Lindsey of Lamesa, Texas. Volunteered March 18, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, with the Navy Construction Battalion. Trained at Camp Allen, Va. Overseas from Sept., 1942, to May, 1945, in Southwest Pacific, Guadalcanal, Saipan, and Tinian. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged September 15, 1945. Completed his education at Hardin Simmons University.







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T/4 OCIE McGUIRE, JR.

Pfc PAUL I. OVERBY

T/4 Ocie McGuire, Jr., was born November 15, 1924, a native of Texas, son of Ocie McGuire, Sr., and husband of Odelia McGuire, both of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas. He entered service April 19, 1944, and was assigned to the Army, 9th Corps; trained at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and transferred overseas February, 1945, to the European Theater. Served in France and Germany, and participated in the Campaign of Central Germany. Returned to the States March, 1946. His awards include the ETO Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and Defense Medals with other awards. Discharge was granted May 5, 1946.

Pfc Paul Ivan Overby, born Nov. 25, 1922, husband of Illa Faye Overby, Haskell, Texas, volunteered for service July 10, 1944, with the Army 8th Armored Division, 9th Army; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was transferred to the European Theater Feb., 1945, where he served in Germany, Holland, Belgium. Was wounded twice in action, on Feb. 27, 1945, and March 30, 1945. The Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded with the Silver Starformeritorious action, plus the ETO Ribbonand two Battle Stars. After returning to the States March, 1945; he was discharged from hospital December, 1945.







Pfc RUFUS B. JOHNSTON

#### Cpl. GEORGE W. FOUTS, SR. Maj. JOHN E. FOUTS, JR.

Cpl. GEORGE WILLIAM FOUTS, SR., born December 14,1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Fouts, Sr., entered service May 28,1943, with Army Signal Corps; trained at Camp Crowder, Mo., and served in the European Area from January, 1944, until December, 1945, in England, France and Germany. Discharged December 22, 1945.

Maj. JOHN E. FOUTS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Fouts, Sr., was born January 31, 1916, and volunteered July 28, 1940, with Army Air Corps; trained at Randolph and Kelly Field, Texas, and served March, 1941, until April, 1944, in Caribbean and C.B.I. Theaters. Received D.F.C. with Cluster, Pres. Citation with Cluster, other medals. Remains in service.

Pfc Rufus Barnard Johnston, born July 6, 1916, husband of Avis Adellia Johnston of O'Brien, Texas, entered service December 13, 1943, with the Army 88th Infantry; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, and began overseas duty August, 1944, in the Mediterranean Theater, where he participated in the battles of Rome-Arno, Upper Apennines, and Po Valley. Was wounded October 9, 1944, near Castel Del Rio, Italy. Returning to the States August, 1945. The Purple Heart, ETO Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, and other awards were received. Pfc Johnston was discharged October 14, 1945.









Cpl. MAHLON BOGGS

RM 1/c Fred Neal Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Barr, Spur, Texas, was born March 1, 1923, and volunteered for service Jan. 5, 1941, with the U.S. Navy, 3rd and 5th Task Force. He began overseas duty January, 1942; participated in the battles of Midway, Coral Seas and invasion of North Africa while aboard the U.S.S. Portland. Was assigned to the U.S.S. Franklin, and served in many strikes and engagements against the Philippine Islands, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and other areas in the Pacific. On March 19, 1945, Radioman Barr paid the Supreme Sacrifice in combat, sixty miles off the Coast of Japan.

Cpl. Boggs, was born on Oct. 12, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boggs of Haskell, Texas, and husband of Ruby Boggs of Munday, Texas. Educated in Oakwood, Texas, and entered the service Jan. 18, 1944, at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Was assigned to Army Signal Corps, and sent to Camp Kohler, California. He served overseas from September 15, 1944, until June 28, 1945, in the Asiatic South Pacific. He received the following Ribbons: Asiatic Pacific Theater, and Philippine Liberation. Cpl. Mahlon Boggs was given an honorable discharge from the United States Army on September 14, 1945, and is at home with his wife in Munday, Texas.



SF 2/c ELBERT B. KING T/Sgt. JACK T. KING

Sons of Mrs. N.E. King of Knox City, Texas. S.F. 2/c ELBERT B. KING, was born Jan. 3, 1910; volunteered for the C.B.M.U. Jan. 11, 1943. Served 24 1/2 months in Dutch Harbor, Aleutians, Ie Shima, and Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic Pacific Ribbon. Honorably discharged December 13, 1943, at Norman, Oklahoma. T/Sgt. JACK T. KING, was born June 20, 1922. Volunteered for the Army 36th Div., 142nd Inf., Nov., 1940; trained in Texas, Fla., and Mass. In N. Africa, Italy, battles of Rome-Arno, and Naples Foggia for 12 months. Received Div. Blue Star, and ETO Medal, 1 Star. His feet were frozen in Italy; later all toes had to be amputated. Discharged May, 1946.



Maj. CLARENCE F. WOODALL

Maj. Woodall, was born Sept. 10, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Woodall of Tioga, Texas, and husband of Mozelle Woodall of Munday, Texas. Attended Tioga High School; volunteered for service Jan. 9, 1941, at Dallas; assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Kelly Fld., Texas; Key Fld., Meridian, Miss.; and Lemoore A.A.F., Calif. He went overseas in 1944; in England, Normandy, France, Belgium, Germany, Battles of St. Lo, Bulge, Liege, and Aachen. Returned to the States from Weisboden, Germany, in Jan., 1947, where he was stationed with 417th Sig. Bn., A.A.F.E. Awarded Group Presidential Citation, Belgium Fourragere, ETO, 3 Stars. Dischargedin Jan. of 1947.

 -W.O. (JG) WILLIAM HOWARD SCOGGIN, bornNov.3, 1916, husband of Frances H. Scoggin, Morton, Texas. Entered service May 19, 1942, at Lubbock. Assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to Mar., 1946, in EAME Area. Awarded American Theater Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation-1 Oak Leaf Cluster, EAME Campaign Ribbon, 1 Battle Star, Bronze Star Medal. Discharged Apr. 27, 1946. Re-enlisted May 13, 1946.

2. —A.C.M.M. JAMES IMER STEED, JR., born July 9, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.I. Steed, Hamilin, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 5, 1939, at Abilene, Texas. Assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from April, 1940, to July, 1942, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Transferred to Navy Air Service in July, 1942, and returned to the States for training. Discharged Sept. 15, 1945. After 90 days he re-enlisted at his last rating for 3 more years.

3. —PFC JAMES ARNETT WHITED, JR., born Sept. 3, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Whited, Sr., Lamesa, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 2, 1944, at Lamesa, Texas. Assigned to Army Field Artillery. Trained at Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Ord, Calif. Served overseas from Aug., 1945, to Nov., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Army of Occupation Ribbon, Japan Victory Ribbon, 2 Overseas Service Bars. Discharged Nov. 27, 1946.

4. —CPL. GEORGE H. BEATY, JR., born July 18, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Beaty, husband of Allene Beaty, Munday, Texas. Entered service Sept. 18, 1943, at Munday. Trained at Camp Abbott, Oregon. Served overseas from April, 1944, to April, 1946, in EAME Theater. Received EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged January 20, 1946.

5. -T/SGT. CARL SANDERS, born July, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester F. Sanders, Sherwood, Texas. Attended Brownwood High School. Entered service Oct. 1, 1942, at Brownwood. Trained at Camp Adair, Oregon, and Camp Shelby, Miss. Served overseas in European Theater. He was placed incharge of a patrol to reach the Siegfried Line, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice, February 25, 1945, when on returning to their own line, he stepped on a wire which exploded a mine.

6. —SGT. ALVIN ELMER NEWMAN, born Oct. 24, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Newman, Barnhart, Texas, husband of Irene Ellen Newman of San Angelo, Texas. Entered service June 8, 1942, at San Angelo. Assigned to Army, 713th Ry. Opr. Bn. Trained at Camp Reed, N.M. Served overseas from Feb., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in EAME Theater. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 6 Bronze Stars, Citation by Brigadier General Carl R, Gray, Jr.; Good Conduct Medal. Discharged August 22, 1945.

7. —BM 1/cELVINGEORGE NEWMAN, born Sept. 26, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Newman, Barnhart, Texas. Volunteered May 28, 1941, at Abilene, Texas. Assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Aug., 1941, to Jan., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Participated in Battles of Pearl Harbor and Coral Sea Battle. He was wounded in Coral Sea Battle. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal, Discharged Nov. 6, 1946.

8. —S 2/c (GM) MELVIN MELTON NEWMAN, born June 22, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Newman, Barnhart, husband of Jewell G. Newman, Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered service Nov. 2, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Navy, Amphibious. Trained at San Diego, Calif., Great Lakes, Ft. Pierce, Fla. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Mar., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific, (22 months sea duty, on Ulithi, Guam, Hawaii). Received American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged April 9, 1946.

9. -PFC CHARLES WILLIAM BROWNING, born Sept. 5, 1925, son of Mrs. Kate Browning, husband of Mrs. Nelda Browning, Munday, Texas. Entered service Dec. 27,1943, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Army, Armored Division. Trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Mar., 1946, in EAME Theater Area. Received Unit Citation, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, EAME Campaign Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars and Victory Medal, Discharged Mar. 26, 1946.

10.—CPL. FORREST GEORGE DANIELL, JR., born Aug. 2, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Daniell, Goree, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 3, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Army, 5th Air Force. Served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, 1 Service Stripe, 3 Overseas Bars, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged December 16, 1945.

11.-T/5 ESTES ODELL JOHNSON, born May 7, 1913, son of Mrs. H.O. Johnson, Abilene, Texas, husband of Mrs. Opal Johnson, Goree, Texas. Entered service May 15, 1942. Assigned to Army, 85th Inf. Q.M. Trained at CampShelby, Miss. Served overseas from Dec., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in EAME Theater. Received American Theater Ribbon, EAME Campaign with 3 Bronze Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal. Discharged October 20, 1945.

12.—T/4 JOHN RAYMON LANE, born Feb. 1, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy K. Lane, husband of Mrs. Ruby Lou Lane, Goree, Texas. Entered service February 28, 1943, at Yuma, Ariz. Assigned to Army, Ordnance Division. Trained at Camp Callan, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from July, 1944, to September 9, 1945, in EAME Theater. Received American Theater Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged September 9, 1945.

13.—SEAMAN 2/c R.E. MASSEY, born Nov. 14, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Massey, Vera, Texas, husband of Marie Massey of Vera, Fexas. Attended A & M College, College Station, Texas. Volunteered November 9, 1944, at Wichita Falls, Texas. Assigned to Navy, sea duty. Trained at San Diego, California. Assigned to the Mobile. Served overseas from Feb., 1945, to Feb., 1946. Participated in the Okinawa Operation. Received American Defense Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged Mar. 23, 1946.

14.—PFC DON L. RATLIFF, born Apr. 7, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Ratliff, husband of Mrs. Alta Bess Ratliff, Munday, Texas. Attended Goree Public School. Entered service Mar. 28, 1944, at Benjamin, Texas. Assigned to Army, Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in European Theater. Wounded Jan., 1945, in France. Received Presidential Unit Citation, Belgium Fourragere, French Croix de Guerre Cross. Discharged Nov. 18, 1945.

\*15.—T/4 WAYNE DOYLE, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Doyle, Route #1, Santo, Texas, was born December 27, 1909. He attended Live Oak Public School. Entered service November 10, 1940. Assigned to the Army and served overseas in the Burma, India, China Theater. After faithfully serving his country he paid the Supreme Sacrifice February 2, 1945, at Burma India. The Purple Heart was awarded (posthumously). Prior to entering the service, he was farming with his father at Santo. Texas.

16.—PFC CLAUDIE VERNON HAMILTON, born May 26, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Hamilton, husband of Louise Ledbetter Hamilton of Hamilton, Texas. Entered service June 23, 1943, at Mineral Wells, Texas. Assigned to Army, 13th Armored Div. Trained at Fort Knox, Ky., and Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from Jan., 1945, to Aug., 1945, in EAME Theater. Received American Theater Medal, EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged December 7, 1945.

\*17.—SGT. ROBERT ALLEN WILLIAMS, born May 9,1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Williams, Glen Rose, Texas. Entered service July 9, 1943, at Camp Wolters. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Servedoverseas from Aug., 1944, to Oct., 1944, in Italy. On his 9th mission as waistgunner on a B-24, on Oct. 17, 1944, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Buried in the American Cemetery at Bari, Italy. Awarded Distinguished Unit Citation and Unit Badge, Air Medaland Purple Heart.

18.—T/5 CARROLL LEE FINLAY, born Nov. 17, 1908, husband of Sadie Ray Finlay, Tow, Texas. Attended Public Schools of Llano, Texas. Entered service June 18, 1943, at Ft. Sam Houston, Assigned to Army, Infantry Div. Trained at Camp Callan, Calif. Served overseas from Aug., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in EAME Theater. Received Combat Infantryman's Badge, EAME Campaign Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged October 17, 1945.

19.—SGT. WADE H. BANKSTON, born Dec. 31, 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Bankston, Rockdale, Texas, busband of Louise Mackie Bankston, Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered service February 18, 1942, at El Paso, Texas. Assigned to Army, 18th MECZ Cavalry. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, Camp Roberts, Calif., Camp Shelby, Miss., Ft. Lewis, Wash., Camp White, Ore., Ft. Ord, Calif., Camp Maxey, Texas. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Dec., 1944, in EuropeanArea. Paid Supreme Sacrifice Dec. 17, 1944, in Schoenburg, Belgium. Purple Heart and Bronze Star awarded.

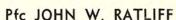
\*20.—PVT. FRANK MARTIN TEPERA, born Nov. 3, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tepera, husband of Aline Glaser Tepera, Cameron, Texas. Volunteered June 22, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston. Assigned to Army, 34th Inf. Div. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., and Ft. Ord, Calif. Served overseas from Dec., 1944, to June, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Wounded on Luzon Feb. 4, 1945. In hospital 3 months; one week after release he was killed on Mindanao June 7, 1945. Inf. Badge and Purple Heart awarded.











1st Lt. EVERETT E. PRUITT

lst Lt. Pruitt, was born April 20, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Pruitt of Munday, Texas, and husband of Virginia Earl Pruitt of Los Angeles, Calif. Volunteered for the Army Jan. 20, 1941, in 36th and 104th Inf. Divs.; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., Adair, Ore., Carson, Colo., Ft. Benning, Ga., and Desert Center, Calif. Served in battles of N. France, Rhineland, and Central Europe, With Canadian and British Army around Brussels, Antwerp, and Maas River. His decorations include Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Cluster, British Military Cross, Combat Inf. Badge, and Bronze Star Medals. Discharged Dec. 6, 1945.

Pfc Ratliff, was born on Sept. 4, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.C.Ratliff of Goree, Texas. Educated in Goree Grammar and High School. Entered service Dec. 1, 1942, at Abilene; assigned to Army 173rd F.A. Bn.; trained at Camp Gruber, Okla. Served overseas from Aug. 13, 1943, to Nov. 13, 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, and Southern France Campaigns with French forces in Alsace, also served in Africa after fighting had ceased, and in Western Germany. He received the French Fourragere, and the Fifth Army Citation. On November 30, 1945, Private First Class John William Ratliff was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army.





#### RM 3/c DEWEY D. BENNETT

Midshipman CHARLES W. ARNOLD T/Sgt. HARVEY D. ARNOLD, JR.

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Arnold of Goree. Mid'n CHARLES W. ARNOLD, was born June 13, 1923; attended Univ. of Okla. at Norman; volunteered for the Navy V-12 Midshipman Branch; trained at U.S.N.R. Midshipman's School, New York City. Served in

Dallas, New Orleans, La., St. Albans, N.Y., and Arrowhead Springs, Calif. Discharged honorably March 21, 1945.

T/Sgt. HARVEY D. ARNOLD, was born March 28, 1920, entered the Army 90th Div. March, 1942; trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. In Rhineland, C. Europe, Normandy, N. France, Ardennes. Medals: EAME, Bronze Star, Good Conduct, and Meritorious Service Unit. Honorably discharged Oct. 23, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

RM 3/c Dewey Douglas Bennett was born May 26, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bennett, Clyde, Texas. Volunteered July 16, 1941, for the U.S. Navy; trained at San Diego, and began overseas duty February, 1941, when he embarked for the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. On April 1, 1942, the rating of Radio Man 3/c was received by him, and after he had participated in five Pacific campaigns, he was reported "Missing in Action" November 30, 1942. One year later he was declared officially lost by the Secretary of the Navy. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with five Bronze Stars had been awarded, among other medals.









ARM 2/c HAROLD N. WOLF

lst Lt. Merle Forest Wolf, son of Mrs. Almeta Wolf, of Cross Plains, Texas, was born Oct. 14, 1921, and on Nov. 8, 1939, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps. He was trained at Kelly Field, and served in the United States until Dec. 18, 1942, when he was sent to the Southwest Pacific. He participated in the Papuan, and New Guinea Campaigns, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. At present he is with the 15th Air Force, at Selfridge Field, Michigan. It was on March 21, 1943, that he received his present commission as Lt.

ARM 2/c Harold Neil Wolf, brother of Merle Forest Wolf, was born June 17, 1924, and on his 18th birthday he volunteered for service in the Navy Air Corps, enlisting at Dallas. He was trained at San Diego, and from Feb., 1944, to May, 1945, he served overseas in the Pacific Area. He was in the Bismarck Archipelago and the Philippine Islands, and was awarded the Air Medal with 2 Stars. Upon his return to the United States in May, 1945, he served in this country almost a year, then was given anhonorable discharge from Naval duty, on Feb. 18, 1946. He attended the Public Schools of Cross Plains.



\*PhM 2/c ROGER W. NEEL



SK 2/c GEORGE K. NEEL



M/Sgt. HARLIE B. NEEL

PhM ROGER WADE NEEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Neel, of Cross Plains, Texas, was born Nov. 14, 1920, and volunteered for the Navy Hospital Corps on Feb. 28, 1942, at Dallas. He was trained at San Diego, and served overseas in the New Hebrides Is., taking care of the Marines from Guadalcanal, from July, 1942, to March, 1944. He was then sent to Corpus Christi, New York, and Houston, where he served in the new Naval Hospital until the time of his death in an automobile accident, Aug., 1945. He had 2 medals and 1 star.

Sk2/c GEORGE K. NEEL, brother of Roger Wade Neel, was born Jan. 1, 1910, and volunteered for service in the Coast Guard on Oct. 26, 1942. He was trained at New Orleans, La., and served overseas from May, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in New Guinea, Admiralty Is., and the Philippines. He was honorably discharged from the service in Dec., 1945.

M/Sgt. HARLIE BLISS NEEL was born Oct. 25, 1914, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps, on March 30, 1942, at Abilene. He was trained in Lincoln, Nebr., and served overseas from Jan., 1943, to July, 1945, in N. Africa, and Italy, participating in the campaigns of Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno. He was honorably discharged from service in Sept., 1945.





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#### ACMM JOHN W. McKINZIE

ACMM John Wesley McKinzie, born Oct. 26, 1915, son of Mrs. S.E. Allen, Abilene, Texas, volunteered March 7, 1934, for the U.S. Navy. Served at Pearl Harbor before hostilities; landed in August, 1942, on Guadalcanal and endured twenty three months in the Pacific Islands. He was an eye witness to the sinking of U.S.S. Pres. Coolidge, participated in the Battle of Coral Sea, and served aboard the U.S.S. San Francisco when it steamed between solid lines of the Japanese Fleet and lived to fight again. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Stars was awarded. He is currently serving as Leading Chief of Moffett Field, California.

#### F/O GARLAND F. WILLIAMS

Flight Officer Garland F. Williams son of Mrs. L.F. Foster, Cross Plains, Texas, was born March 21, 1919; attended the Albany, Texas, Schools, and volunteered October 1, 1940, for the Army Air Corps. He served and trained at Kelly Field, Texas, Goodfellow Field, Texas, and various other fields in the States. Began overseas duty February, 1945, stationed on Guam. Participated in the Battle of Japan and Okinawa, in thirty-five combat missions over these areas; has 520 combat flying hours to his credit. The D.F.C. was awarded with Air Medal and three Clusters. Returned home Aug., 1945; discharged Nov., 1945.





T/4 JOE A. CLARK

Sgt. DON ESTES Sgt. JOE C. BUTLER

Sgt. DON ESTES, was born Oct. 22, 1920, husband of Eva Ray Estes of Goree. Entered Army 132nd Inf. on Nov. 28, 1944; trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served on Luzon, Cebu, and Japan. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic Pacific, Philippine Liberation, and Occupation of Japan. Stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., with Co. A.,542nd Eng.

Sgt. JOE C. BUTLER, was born March 16, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Butler, and husband of Wilma Lee Butler of Goree, Texas. Entered Army 82nd A.B.N. Div. on Dec. 21, 1944; trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and Ft. Benning, Ga. He received Presidential Unit Citation and is with Finance Office, at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

T/4 Joe A. Clark, son of Mrs. Emily Clark, Baird, Texas, was born March 12, 1923, and entered service January 11, 1941, with the Army 277 Ordnance Maintenance Co. Trained at Ord, Unit Training Center, Jackson, Miss., and Camp Edwards, Mass. He served overseas one year and ten months, and was on the Henry Ward Beecher stranded for twenty one days before being rescued about six hundred miles off the Coast of Bermuda. After participating in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe he received EAME Ribbon with five Stars. Returned home and was discharged Dec. 22, 1945.

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\*Lt. GRANVILLE W. COWAN

Lt. Granville William Cowan was born on Mar. 6, 1921. His mother is Mrs. Veda DeBusk of Cross Plains, and he was married to Geneva Byles of Schulenburg. On Dec. 3, 1941, he volunteered for the Naval Air Service after spending two years as a student at Texas A. & M. College. Until Jan. 20, 1945, he was stationed at the Naval Air bases at Grand Prairie and at Corpus Christi. He was a member of Fighting-Bombing Squadron 87 on the carrier Ticonderoga, attached to Admiral Halsey's 3rd Fleet. He went into action on May 10, 1945, and fought at Leyte and Okinawa before his ship sailed into the Inland Sea of Japan in July, 1945. His ship was hit while diving over his target, the Ominato Naval Base. He landed on the water about 10 miles from shore, but was reported missing. Was declared deceased on Aug. 11, 1946. The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded him for meritorious action against Japan on July 24, 1945, and the Air Medal for action from May 17 to Aug. 10. The Purple Heart was also awarded him.







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\*S/Sgt. CLARENCE BROWN

S/Sgt. Clarence Brown born August 22, 1919, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Broadfoot, Clyde, Texas, volunteered July 14, 1941, for the Army Air Force. Trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and Lowry Field, Colo. Sgt. Brown was instructor in gunnery at McCarran Field, Las Vegas, Nevada, for eighteen months before transferring to the Europe an Area October, 1943, where he participated in the air offensive over Europe and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country over Germany May 12, 1944. The Air Medal was awarded three times with Pres. Citation and Purple Heart. He was laid to rest in Cemetery of Ailingen.

Lt. Col. BOBBIE L. HISE

Lt. Col. Bobbie Lee Hise, born May 6, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas, F. Hise, Cross Plains, Texas, attended Ranger, Albany, and Abilene, Texas, Schools, and volunteered August 6, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly Field, and was commissioned there May, 1942. He was assigned to the North African Theater July, 1942, and was a bombardier-navigator with the 12th Bombardment Group; participated in air combat over Tunisia and Sicily, and was a member of the Famous Earthquakers of B-25 Mitchell Bombers. The D.F.C.was awarded with Air Medal and three Clusters, Pres. Unit Citation. Returned home and was released to inactive status Jan. 25, 1947.



\*Pvt. BILL D. ODOM



Cpl. JACK E. COLEMAN

Pvt. Bill Dorse Odom was born June 14, 1924, son of Mrs. Dorse Odom, Clyde, Texas, now living in Baird. He attended the Baird, Texas, Schools and entered service September 14, 1944, with the Army Infantry. He trained at Camp Hood, and began overseas duty March, 1945, in England. While in France, he volunteered for Glider Infantry. Pvt. Odom paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 24, 1945, in his first battle at the Rhine River near Wesel, Germany. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded and the Purple Heart posthumously, and Pvt. Odom was laid to rest in the European Theater in the Military Cemetery in Germany.

Cpl. Jack E. Coleman was born February 2, 1923, son of Mrs. E. N. Schaffner, Cross Plains, Texas. He volunteered August 8, 1940, for the Army Field Artillery. Trained at Ft. Sill and at Camp Polk, La, and began overseas duty July, 1944, in the European Theater, where he served with the 3rd Army of Gen. Patton in the battles of Rhineland, Central Europe, Northern France, and Ardennes. Received Citation for being one of first soldiers to enter Metz, France. The ETO Ribbon with Battle Stars, among other awards, was received. After returning to the States October, 1945, he was discharged the same month.

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\*2nd Lt. HALMYTH C. REESE

2nd Lt. Halmyth Carroll Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Reese, Albany, Texas, was born July 17, 1921, in Albany, and attended Hardin Simmons in Abilene, Texas. He volunteered for service June 12, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, for the Army Air Force. Trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Coleman, Goodfellow and Ellington Army Air Fields; received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant February 16, 1943. Lt. Reese began overseas duty September, 1943, in the European Theater of Operations where he served as pilot of a B-26 Marauder Bomber, participating in six missions over France and Holland. On March 26, 1944, he was lost while on a combat raid over Ijmuiden, Holland. The Purple Heart Medal and Air Medalwere awarded posthumously in recognition of his life given so gallanty for his country. His survivors include hosts of friends and relatives.



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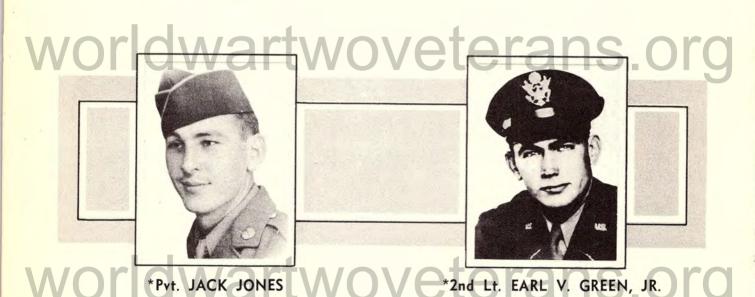
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Lt. LATHAN C. JACKSON

Lt. Jackson was born on Dec. 26, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cole Jackson of Moran, Texas, and husband of Marian Jackson of Dallas, Texas. He attended West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon, Texas, and volunteered for service Oct. 20, 1941, at Dallas. Was assigned to Navy Aviation Branch; trained at Hensley Field, Dallas, and N.A.S., Corpus Christi, Texas. Overseas from April, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in the Atlantic and Pacific in long range patrol bombers. His awards are American Defense, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, and Victory Ribbons. Lt. Lathan Cleo Jackson is now serving as an instructor at Corpus Christi, Texas.

T/Sgt. HENRY H. HAGEMAN

T/Sgt. Hageman was born on June 27, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hageman of Box 21, Albany, Texas. He received his education in Cisco Grammar and High Schools, and volunteered for service October 3, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas. Was assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. Served overseas from October of 1943 until November of 1945 in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, and Victory Medal. Tech. Sgt. Henry H. Hageman was given an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on November 23, 1945.



Pvt. Jones born Feb. 5, 1920, son of Mr. C.J. Jones, 702 W. Walker Street, Breckenridge, and husband of Velma Jones, Box 761, McCamey, was educated at Breckenridge, Texas, Grammar and High Schools; entered the service on June 27, 1944, at Mineral Wells, and was assigned to the Army, 77th Inf. Div.; trained at Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. Overseas 2 months, in Leyte, Okinawa Campaign. Lost his life while head scout in an attack on enemy position. He was struck by small arms fire, and was killed immediately. Awarded: Purple Heart posthumously. Before enlisting in the Army, Pvt. Jones was engaged in defense work, Calif.

2nd Lt. Green son of Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Green, Sr., 1505 W. Walker St., Breckenridge, Texas, was born Jan. 18, 1922. He attended Breckenridge High School, and Texas A. & M. College, College Sta., Texas. Entered service on Jan., 1943, and was assigned to the Army,4th Armored Div., 10th Batt'n; trained at Ft. Benning, Ga.; overseas 7 months. Served in Normandy. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice in battle at Rades, in the 'Break of St. Lo.'' Killed July 19, 1944. His Co. received great recognition; they joined Pattons' Army (3rd) which later distinguished itself. Awards: Purple Heart, and Citation of Honor from A. & M. College, Texas.

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Capt. FEARL B. WOMBLE

Capt. Fearl B. Womble, husband of Evelyn Nadene Womble, Breckenridge, Texas, was born April 2, 1921, a native of Texas. He graduated from the Breckenridge Elementary and High Schools, and volunteered September 30, 1940, at Austin, Texas, for the Army, 1st Cavalry Division. Was assigned to Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, for training. After serving in the States, Capt. Womble began overseas duty January, 1944, in the European Theater of Operations, where he served and participated in the battles of Rome-Arno, Apennines, and Po Valley. Was wounded twice in combat. The Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded, plus Bronze Star with Cluster, Campaign Ribbons, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. Capt. Womble has the honor of holding the Order of Cross of the Royal Crown of Italy. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge from the Armed Forces January 14, 1946. He is the son of G.L. Womble, Arlington, Texas.

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#### 1st Lt. RAMON H. PICKERING

1st Lt. Ramon Holmes Pickering, husband of Bernice Maurine Pickering, McCune, Kansas, was born March 7, 1916, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Bonnie Taylor, 811 North Court Ave., Breckenridge, Stephens County, Texas. He graduated from Breckenridge High School, and volunteered November 25, 1940, for the Army Infantry 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and attended Officers' Training School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant. Lt. Pickering began overseas duty May, 1943, in the North African-European Theater where he served with the 45th Division as Platoon Leader in the campaigns of North Africa, Sicily and Italy, and later with the 20th Special Service Company in France and Germany. He returned to the States November, 1946. His awards include the Bronze Arrowhead, EAME Ribbon with five Battle Stars, Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge, and other ribbons. Lt. Pickering is stationed as Special Service Officer at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

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Sqt. G. W. WILLIAMSON

Cpl. JACK R. CHRISTIE

Cpl. Christie born Jan. 21, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Christie, 909 E. Walker St., Breckenridge, was educated at Walker Caldwell Grammar, Breckenridge High School, Breckenridge, and Kemper Military School, Booneville, Missouri. He volunteered for service on Dec. 15, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. Trained at South Plains Army Air Base, and Childress Army Air Base, and Sheppard Field, Texas. Cpl. Christie served in the United States from Dec. 15, 1942, to Oct. 5, 1945, and overseas from Oct. 5, 1945, to March 18, 1946. He received his honorable discharge papers April 5, 1946.

Sgt. G.W. Williamson, born December 13, 1917, son of George W. Williamson of Anson, Texas, attended the Stephenville, Texas College, and entered service December 21, 1942, with the Army AP and Engineer Mechanic Div. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and served overseas from January, 1944, to July, 1945. He participated in the air combat of the Balkans, Northern France, Rhineland, North Apennines, Po Valley, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno and Southern France, and received the EAME Ribbon with eight Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge with Cluster, and other medals. Sgt. Williamson was discharged September 9, 1945.



**PROPST** Maj. HELMUTH E. STROMQUIST Cpl. HERMAN A.

Maj. Helmuth E. Stromquist was born September 18, 1919, a native of Texas, husband of Mary M. Stromquist, Anson, Texas. Attended the Melvin, Texas, Schools, and Abilene Christian College. He volunteered November 25, 1940, at Lubbock, Texas, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Lowry Field, Denver, and began overseas duty September, 1943, in the China-Burma-India Theater. Was promoted to Major in September, 1945, and returned to the States one month later. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with World War II Victory and Defense Medals. Maj. Stromquist is remaining in the Army Air Force Service.

Cpl. Herman Alford Propst, born May 10, 1926, a native of Texas, is the son of Herman and Lillian Propst, Stamford, Texas. He attended the University of New Mexico, and enlisted in Army Air Corps Reserves January 4, 1944. Was called to active duty November 20, 1944; received training at Keesler Field, Miss., Lowry Field, Colo., and graduated from Radio Operator and Mechanic School at Scott Field, Ill. Cpl. Propst was assigned to Ordnance at Greensboro, N.C., where he served in charge of Report of Survey for Quartermaster. Received various awards and is currently stationed 106th A.A.F. Base, N.C.









Sgt. PRICE H. PEARSON

1st Lt. WILLIAM H. PICKRON, JR.

1st Lt. William Henry Pickron, Jr., born March 7, 1923, son of W.H. Pickron, Sr., and husband of Bess Pickron of Hamlin, Texas, attended the McCaulley, Texas, Schools, and volunteered March 18, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas, and was promoted to pilot April 29, 1942. He served from May, 1943, to July, 1944, in the ETO Anti-Submarine Patrol and from April to December of 1945 in the air offensive against China, Japan, and Korea; has 2000 flying hours including 432 combat hours. His awards include the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Unit Citation and Commendation. Currently at Instrument Ins., Barksdale Field. La.

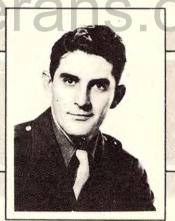
Sgt. Price Harvey Pearson, born January 24, 1925, in Texas, is the son of Jasper and Mamie Windle Pearson, 304 E. Moran St., Stamford, Texas. He attended the Stamford Schools, and volunteered December of 1942 at Abilene, Texas, for the U.S. Marine, 5th Amphibious Corps. Trained at San Diego, and began overseas duty October, 1943, in the Pacific Area. Sgt. Pearson served in the Hawaiian Islands and participated in the battles of Saipan and Tinian, returning to the States January, 1944. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory, and other medals. Discharge received February, 1945.



\*S/Sgt. ELMER L. FARNSWORTH



PhM 2/c BILLY F. FARNSWORTH



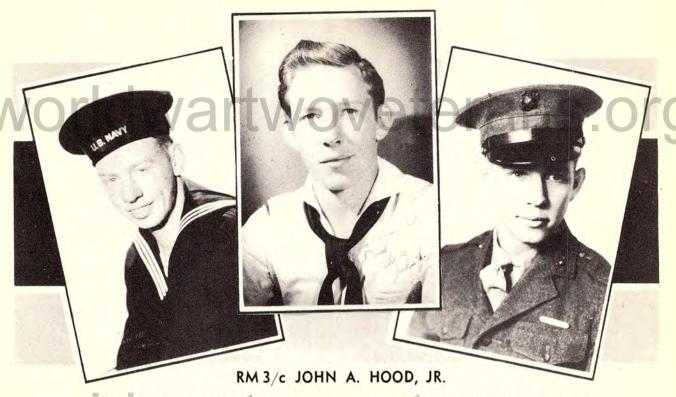
Pvt. JOHN E. FARNSWORTH

S/Sgt. ELMER LEE FARNSWORTH, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Farnsworth, of Anson, Texas, was born Dec. 12, 1923, and volunteered for the Army Air Force on Oct. 28, 1942, at Abilene. Training was given him in five different camps, and in July, 1944, he was sent to Europe, where he served until Sept. of that year. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice in Germany. He went on 10 bombing missions from England to France, Czechoslovakia, and Germany. His awards were the Air Medal; Good Conduct; Pres. Unit.; Citation of Honor; and the Purple Heart.

PhM2/c BILLY FOWLER FARNSWORTH, younger brother of Elmer Lee Farnsworth, served from Nov., 1943, to April, 1946, in the Medical Branch of the Navy, two years of which were spent in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, in the invasions of Palau, Leyte, Surigao Straits, Lingayen Gulf, and Mindanao. His awards are: As.-Pac., 3 Battle Stars; P.I. Lib., 2 Stars; China Lib.; Jap. Occ.; Pres. U. Cit.; G.C.; Victory. He had received training at San Diego, Seattle, and Camp Pendleton. Discharged April 3, 1946.

Pvt. JOHN EDWARD FARNSWORTH, older brother of Elmer Lee Farnsworth, entered service in the Army Infantry on April 12,1945, in San Antonio. He was trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Camp Hood, and Ft. Ord, and spent 6 months in service in the American Theater when he was given an honorable discharge on Nov. 10, 1945.

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MMM 1/c JACK P. HOOD

Sgt. ROBERT P. HOOD

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hood, 907 East Campbell Street, Stamford.

JACK: born Nov. 13, 1922, married Texie G. Armstrong, Tulia; attended Pecos High School; volunteered for service on Oct. 5, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy, Amphibious Branch; trained at Great Lakes, Ill.; overseas 26 months, Mediterranean Sea, and English Channel, in Tunisian Campaign, invasion of Sicily, Italy, and N. Normandy, France, also 3 behind the lines movements on N. Sicily. He was honorably discharged Dec. 27, 1945.

JOHN: born July 15, 1926, attended Stamford High School; entered the service June 8, 1944, and was assigned to the Navy; served in the United States 3 months, and overseas 20 months, in the Hawaiian Area; Luzon, P.I.; Subic Bay, Manila, P.I.; and Tsing Tao, China. He was honorably discharged on June 21, 1946. RM 3/c was a student at the time of his enlistment into the United States Navy (Radar Br.).

ROBERT: born Aug. 2, 1924, received his education at Fort Stockton High School; volunteered for service on Aug. 4, 1942, at Abilene, and was assigned to the 3rd Marines. Trained at Camp Pendleton; served in the United States for 11 months, and overseas for 25 months, in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal. Participated in the recapture of Guam, and capture of Iwo Jima. He received the Purple Heart, at Guam. Before his enlistment he was employed by the J.M. Radford Grocery Co., Stamford. He was honorably discharged on September 17, 1945.





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\*Sgt. GARLAND W. MONZINGO

SC 2/c WALTER C. HORNSBY

Sgt. Garland W. Monzingo was born May 1, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Monzingo, and husband of Maurine Monzingo, 303 E. Oliver, Stamford, Texas. He attended the Stamford Schools, and entered service October 4, 1943, with the Army Air Corps. Began overseas duty February, 1945, in the European Theater. Sgt. Monzingo was stationed in England, and participated in several bombing missions over Germany with the 8th Air Force. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country when on a raid over Kassel, Germany, March 9, 1945. The Air Medal and Purple Heart were awarded. Two sons, Douglas and Montie, survive.

SC2/c Walter Charles "Jack" Hornsby, birth date July 3, 1916, a native of Texas, son of Emma Owens, and husband of Edna Earl Hornsby, 207 E. Houston Street, Anson, Texas, volunteered November 5, 1943, with the Navy Seabees. Trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Camp Lee - Stephens, Maine. He began overseas duty October, 1943, in the Pacific Theater where he served on Guam. Returned to the States November, 1945. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon was awarded with Battalion Citation for 301st Navy Seabees among other medals. Ships Cook Hornsby was discharged November 25, 1945.



S/Sgt. CECIL E. GREGORY Ens. CECIL B. GRAY, JR.

S/Sgt. Cecil Edward Gregory, born February 16, 1913, husband of Janie Lou Gregory, 905 Wells Ave., Stamford, Texas, volunteered for service April 27, 1942, for the Army 302 Ordnance Rg. Later transferred to Engineer Petroleum Distribution Co. and served overseas from September, 1943, to October, 1945, in the European Theater. Sgt. Gregory was stationed in Italy at Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno and Po Valley. His awards include the European Theater Ribbon, American Defense and World War II Victory Medals with the Good Conduct and American Theater Awards. After returning to the States, S/Sgt. Gregory was granted discharge November 15, 1945.

Ensign Cecil Benham Gray, Jr., was born August 28, 1922, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil B. Gray, Sr., 579 East McHarg, Stamford, Texas. He attended Texas A & M at College Station, and volunteered for service September 7, 1942. Was assigned to the Navy Air Corps; commissioned and received his wings at Corpus Christi, Texas. Ensign Gray participated in the Atlantic Sub Patrol for ten months, and served as instructor and test pilot for "Hellcat" type of plane at Atlantic City, N.J. Received various awards and was discharged from Philadelphia, Pa., December 18, 1945.

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Sat. ROBERT L. CORRELL

Lt. Comdr. BRAXTON B. GILMORE

Lt. Comdr. Braxton "B" Gilmore, was born December 8, 1910, son of George W. Gilmore, Ft. Worth, and husband of Lorna Thornton Gilmore, Anson, Texas. He attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunteered March 29, 1942, for the Navy Ordnance. Trained at Dartmouth College, N.H., and served overseas from March, 1943, to September, 1944, and from December, 1944, to December, 1945, on the Panama Sea Frontier and later at Peleliu, Palau Island, in Western Carolines. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, and various other medals. After returning to the States, Comdr. Gilmore was discharged December 8, 1945.

Sgt. Robert Lee Correll, birth date March 9, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Correll, and husband of Joy Correll, Stamford, Texas, entered service January 21, 1941, with the Army Infantry, 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, and served overseas April, 1943, to August, 1945, in North Africa and Europe. He participated in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland and Central Europe, and received the EAME Ribbon with five Battle Stars and Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal, and other ribbons. After returning to the States, Sgt. Correll was discharged from Army service August 11, 1945.



lst Lt. Herschel David Peel, born February 12, 1922, husband of Dortha Jean Peel, Stamford, Texas, volunteered from National Guard April 7, 1942, to the Army Air Corps. Received advanced training at Blackland, Texas, and served overseas from July, 1943, to May, 1944. Lt. Peel participated in twenty-eight missions in the air offensive of Europe, Ruhr Valley, Poland, Norway, Schweinfurt and in the first bombing of Berlin. The Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart for wounds in combat were received with Unit Citation and ETO Ribbon and Bronze Star. Discharged June 26, 1945. Student at Baylor U.

lst Lt. Charles Edward Brownfield, Jr., was born November 8, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brownfield, Sr., Stamford, Texas. He attended University of Texas at Austin, and volunteered November 3, 1942, for the Army Infantry. Was commissioned at Ft. Benning, Ga., and began overseas duty January, 1945, and served with the 87th Infantry Div. in Germany as Platoon Leader in the battles for Central Germany and Rhineland. Lt. Brownfield was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in combat, the ETO Ribbon, one Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge and other medals. After returning to States, July, 1945, he was discharged April, 1946.

1. —PFC GILBERT D. BUYHER, born March 19,1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Buyher of Avoca, Texas. Entered the Army, Co. B. 44th Tank Division, Oct. 28,1942, at Anson, Texas. Trained at Camp Campbell, Ky. Overseas from March, 1944, to Nov., 1945, in New Guinea, Leyte, P.I., and Luzon, P.I. Was awarded 1 Silver Star, Philippine Defense, American Defense, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 11, 1945. Attended Cardwell Public School.

2. -T/3 WALTER E. YAWN, born July 2, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Yawn of Sterling City, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 1, 1939, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army 2nd Division, and 3rd Army. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Normoyle, Ord. Depot, and Atlanta Ord. Depot. Overseas from April, 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Liverpool, Ashton, London, Scotland, France, Germany, Paris, and Belgium. Awarded Meritorious Plaque, European Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 22, 1945.

3. —PFC HARRY J. DONOHOO, born Aug. 25, 1912. Son of Mrs. Vaughan Clary of Starnford, Texas. Entered Nov., 1943, at Boise, Idaho, in the Army 31st Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas from June, 1944, to Feb., 1946, in New Guinea, Netherlands, East Indies, Philippines, and Japan. Going through the Morotais Jungles it was so rugged that the 31st Infantry Company moved only 350 yards from sun up to sundown in 1 days climbing. Discharged February 6, 1946.

4. —SEAMAN 1/c WINFRED REMUS CORNELIUS, born Feb. 25, 1919. Husband of Mrs. Alta Lee Cornelius of Stamford, Texas. Entered March 9, 1944, at Dallas, Texas, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Sept., 1944, to May, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, Manila Bay, Luzon, China, Okinawa, Tokyo, Iwo Jima, Yamota, Polmaso, and Crusiers. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged November 22, 1945.

5. —SGT. FOY HOGAN EASLY, born April 17, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Easly of Anson, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 6, 1942, at Lubbo ck, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Received his training at Garden City, Kansas. Served in the United States from October 6, 1944, to January 23, 1946. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January 23, 1946. Attended Anson High School. Husband of Mrs. Marjean Easly of Anson, Texas.

\*6. —PFC SAM WESLEY EASLY, born May 14, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Easly of Anson, Texas. Entered the Marines 9th and 3rd Divisions, Sept. 15, 1943, at El Paso, Texas. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Jan., 1944, to Feb., 1945, in Guadalcanal, Guam, and Iwo Jima. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Feb. 27, 1945, at Iwo Jima. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Attended Anson High School. Had a brother in the service, in A.A. Corps.

7. — IST LT. JOHN R. EDWARDS, born Dec. 22, 1919. Husband of Mrs. Billie M. Edwards of Anson, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 27, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at March Field, Riverside, Calif. Overseas from Dec., 1944, to June, 1945, in Rhineland, Ardennes, Berlin, Hamburg, and Central Europe. Awarded Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct. 15, 1945.

8. —S/SGT. EDWARD WILLIAM GARDNER, born March 7, 1915. Husband of Mrs. Velta Gardner of Hamlin, Texas. Entered the Army Service Force Feb. 9, 1943, at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas. Received his training at Camp Swift, Bastrop, Texas. Served in the United States from Feb. 9, 1943, to Feb. 19, 1946. Was awarded American Theater Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, Meritorious Unit Award, 1 Service Stripe, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 18, 1946.

9. -S/SGT.MARVIN A. GIBSON, born April 16, 1908. Husband of Mrs. Mary Reba Gibson of Clovis, N.M. Volunteered May 25, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army 33rd Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Overseas from July, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in New Guinea, Maffin Bay, Philippines, Luzon, Osaka, Kobe, and Japan. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Philippine Liberation, Meritorious Unit Award, 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 20, 1945.

10.—S.K.2/c WEAVER FERRELL MEDLIN, born March 24, 1910. Husband of Mrs. M. B. Medlin of Stamford, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 7, 1944, at Anson, Texas, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from May, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Savo, Palau, Philippine Islands, Leyte, Mindoro, Okinawa, Ominato, Aleutians, Philippine Sea, and Japan. Awarded Philippine Liberation with 2 Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 Battle Stars, and Victory Medal. Discharged Jan. 17, 1946.

11.—COXSWAIN RAYMOND A. HILSCHER, born Aug. 10, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hilscher of Rule, Texas, Attended Rule High School. Entered the service Dec. 9, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from May, 1944, to Feb., 1946, in Marshall, Marianas, Caroline Islands, Okinawa, and Ie Shima. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged February 22, 1946. He was in the Navy, aboard the gasoline tanker, USS Marmora (tx189).

\*12.—LT. HERMAN G. HILSCHER, born Oct. 10, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hilscher of Rule, Texas. Volunteered Nov., 1940, at Stamford, Texas, in the Army, Co. F. 116th Infantry, and 29th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas from Sept., 1942, to June, 1944, on Normandy Beach. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 6, 1944, on Normandy Beach. He was mobilized into the Regular Army in 1940 with Co. K, 142nd Inf. of the 36th Div. After being Com., he transferred to Co. F., 116th Inf. of 29th Div.

13.—CAPT. EARL CHELSEA MISENER, born May 15,1920. Husband of Mrs., Joyce H. Misener of Hamlin, Texas. Entered the Army 81st Infantry Division June 2, 1942, at Oakland, Calif. Trained at Camp Rucker, Ala. Served in the United States from June, 1942, to Aug., 1946. Overseas from Aug., 1946, in Korea Military Government. Still serving overseas. He received the Army Commendation Medal, Expert Rifle, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War It Victory Medals.

14.—IST LT.NED P. WILLIAMS, born July 26,1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Rowland of Anson, Texas, Volunteered Sept. 15,1939, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas. Overseas from June, 1945, in Okinawa, and still serving in British Guiana with the 316th Air Service Sqdn. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Husband of Mrs. Anita D. Williams of Dallas, Texas.

15.—IST LT. MILLIE K. WAGSTAFF, born July 1, 1917. Husband of Mrs. Josephine Wagstaff of Zavalla. Entered Feb. 1, 1941, in the Army Medical Dept. Trained at Camp Hulen, Texas, Camp Lee, Va., and Pratt, Kans. Overseas in Saipan, Mariana Islands, Japan, and Western Pacific. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, and American Defense Medals. Was discharged Dec. 20, 1945, and re-enlisted Feb. 18, 1946, for 3 years. Stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

16.—T/SGT. EARL EDWIN SMITH, born April 11, 1924. Husband of Mrs. Craigolene Smith of Hamlin, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 22, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Scott Field, Ill., Tyndall Field, Fla., and Westover Field, Mass. Overseas from May, 1944, to June, 1945, in European Theater, and Germany. He received the American Defense, and World War Il Victory Medals. Was discharged October 26, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wood Smith of Hamlin, Texas.

17.—A.S. JACK ANDREW WALKER, JR., born April 24, 1925, at Dallas, Texas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker of Anson, Texas. Completed his education at University of Texas, Austin, Volunteered for service July 1, 1943, at Austin, Texas, in the Navy V-12. Received his training at Memphis, Tennessee. Served in the United States from July 1, 1943, to December, 1945. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged December, 1945.

\*18.—PFC DAN AUSTIN WALKER, born August 11, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker of Anson, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 21, 1944, at Abilene, Texas, in the Marines, Co. H. 3rd Bn., 26th Marines, and 5th Division. Overseas from July, 1944, to Feb. 22, 1945, in the Battle of Iwo Jima. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Feb. 22, 1945, at Iwo Jima. He received the Purple Heart, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Completed his education at University of Texas, Austin.

19.—CPL. CLARENCE CASH WILEMON, born Aug. 13, 1909. Husband of Mrs. Thelma Wilemon of Stamford, Texas. Volunteered March 23, 1945, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army 757 Engineers P.S. Co. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas from Sept., 1945, to April, 1946, in Luzon in the Philippine Islands. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged June 22, 1946, at Ft. Sam Houston. Attended Texas Tech College, Lubbock, Texas.

20.—CAPT. EDGAR POE WOODARD, husband of Mrs. M. A. Woodard of Stanton, Texas. Volunteered May 7, 1942, in the Army 14th Armored Division, and 48th Tank Bn. Trained at Camp Chaffee, Ark., Camp Campbell, Ky., and Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas from Oct., 1944, to Jan., 1946, in France, Germany, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, 1 Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Unit Citation, and EAME Medal with 2 Stars. Discharged Mar. 8, 1946.



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#### M/Sgt. RICHARD B. OWEN

M/Sgt. Richard Bluford Owen, son of Mrs. Eula Owen, of Abilene, was born Jan. 23, 1924, and on Sept. 26, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Force, at Abilene. He was trained at Jefferson Barracks, and later served overseas twice, the first period being from Aug., 1943, to Dec., 1944, and the second, from Jan., 1945, to Dec., 1946. He was in Iceland, England, and France, His awards are: American Theater; European Theater; Good Conduct; Meritorious Service Award II; Army Commendation; Victory. On Feb. 16, 1947, he was granted an honorable discharge from service. Previous to going to Jefferson Barracks he spent time in training at Camp Wolters, Sheppard, and Amarillo Field.



SKD 2/c TRAVIS BOUCHETT

SKD2/c Travis Bouchett, born April 10, 1911, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.S. Bouchett, Clyde, Texas, and husband of Margaret E. Bouchett, Stamford, Texas, attended Abilene Christian College, Texas, and entered service January 17, 1944, with the Navy Supply Corps; trained at San Diego. He served with the 3rd Fleet operations against Japan Proper from September, 1944, until February, 1946. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with Victory and Defense Medals were awarded, plus the Good Conduct Medal and other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was discharged February 13, 1946.



S/Sgt. JOE W. ASTIN

S/Sgt. Joe William Astin, born October 25, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hugh Astin, Stamford, Texas, attended Texas A & M at College Station, and volunteered for service January 14, 1943, with the Army, 3860 Service Command Unit. He served overseas from May, 1943, until August, 1945, with the 363rd Regiment of Engineers as Construction Foreman; supervised military personnel in constructing of buildings, roads, bridges and surveyed for military projects in the Middle East Area. The EAME Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with other awards were received. His discharge was granted November 9, 1945.

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Maj. W. H. Caldwell was born April 22, 1921, in Arkansas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Caldwell (deceased). He married Vera Frances Schooler, 1830 North 7th Street, Abilene, and received his education at Somerville Grammar School, Memphis, Tenn., Durant High School, Oklahoma. Volunteered for service on September 16, 1940, and was assigned to the Army, 45th Inf. Div. Trained at Fort Sill, Okla., Camps Barkeley, Texas, Pilot Knob, Calif., Gordon, Ga., and Fort Riley, Kansas. Served in the United States 4 years and 3 months, and overseas 16 months, in Swanage, England, in preparation for duty on the Continent, La Havre, France, Roer River, Linnich, Germany, with 9th Army to Elbe River, Central Europe, and Rhineland. He received the following medals: EAME Medal, 2 Br. Stars, American Campaign, and American Def., Good Conduct, and Victory. Maj. Caldwell served as Sqdn. Motor Officer full time of active duty. He was re-deployed to United States with 84th Inf. Div., and was placed on inactive duty March 23, 1946.

Maj. WILLIAM H. CALDWELL



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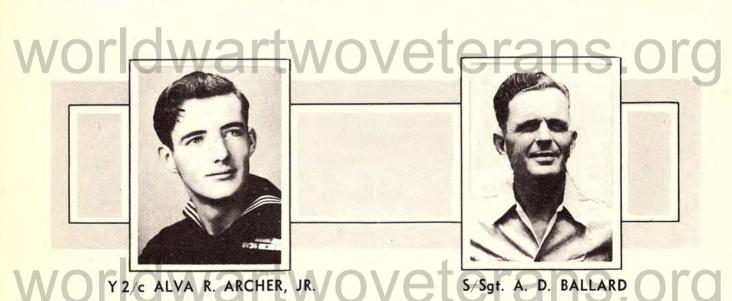


\*F/O CHARLES E. WHITE

Sgt. ADAIR M. ALEXANDER

Sgt. Adair Manning Alexander, birth date December 11,1920, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Eula Adair Alexander of Abilene, Texas, attended the Ovalo, Texas, High School, and volunteered November 25,1940, for the Army Infantry, 36th Division; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and transferred to the Pacific Theater May, 1945. He served on the Mariana Islands. Received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, with the World War II Victory and American Defense Service Ribbon, plus the Good Conduct Medal. After returning to the States November, 1945, Sgt. Alexander was discharged the same month.

Flight Officer Charles E. White was born March 24,1919, son of Ben and Rose Searcy, 750 Poplar St., Abilene, Texas. He volunteered November 25,1940, for the Army Infantry,36th Div.; transferred to Army Air Corps, and received his Wings January 7,1944, at Marianna Air Field in Florida. He began overseas duty October, 1944, in the India-Burma Theater, and participated in seventeen missions. Flight Officer White paid the Supreme Sacrifice December 31,1944, over Burma when his P-47 plane crashed. His survivors also include his wife, Frances White, and one son, Lamont White, born shortly after he transferred overseas.

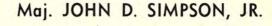


Yeoman 2/c Alva Rado Archer, Jr., birth date May 31, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Archer, Abilene, Texas, attended Abilene Christian College, and volunteered June 6, 1942, for the U.S. Navy, training at San Diego. He served overseas from September, 1943, to November, 1945, in the Southwest Pacific Theater in Australia, New Guinea, and participated in the Battle of Leyte, Philippine Islands. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and the American Theater Ribbon. He returned to the States and was discharged April, 1946.

S/Sgt. A. D. Ballard, birth date April 6, 1909, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Ballard, Belton, Bell County, Texas, and husband of Aileen Ballard, 1142 So. 14th, Abilene, Texas, attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He entered service August 27, 1943, with the Army Infantry; received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and then was assigned to the 2773 Engineer Base, Reproduction Co. Sgt. Ballard served overseas from February, 1944, to December, 1945, in the Southwest Pacific Area on New Guinea, Leyte, Manila and in Australia. Received the Meritorious Award, and was discharged December 5, 1945.

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Major John D. Simpson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Simpson, Sr., of Abilene, was born Dec. 8, 1920. On April 25, 1941, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Force, at Lubbock. Training was given him at Ryan, Moffett, and Stockton Fields, and in Nov., 1942, he went overseas to the European Theater of Operations to serve in North Africa. He returned to the U.S. in May, 1945, after having been held POW for two years. While flying P-39 over N. Africa he was shot down and captured by Italians, then turned over to Germans who flew him to prison camps. He was in Stalag Luft 3 and was listed as missing for two months before his parents received official word that he was being held in Germany. He was honorably discharged Feb. 17, 1946.







T/Sgt. EVERETTE M. OWENS

Chaplain Capt. Hugh Freeman Blaylock, born August 11,1912, husband of Thelma Owens Blaylock, formerly of Dodson, Texas, now of Earth, Texas, attended McMurry College at Abilene, and volunteered November 6,1942, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at March Field, Calif., and began overseas duty March, 1944, in the Southwest Pacific Area. He participated in the Invasions of Morotai Islands and Luzon and in the seige of Manila and Southern Luzon, attached to the 6th and 8th Armies. Received the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque with other awards. Capt. Blaylock returned to the States and to inactive duty with Reserves on March, 1946.

T/Sgt. Everette M. Owens, born in Ft. Worth, Texas, October 25, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Owens, 602 Chestnut St., Abilene, Texas, attended Abilene and Fullerton, California, Schools and is the husband of the former Miss Florene Bowen of Abilene. He entered service May 6, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Tampa, Florida. He served in the EAME Theater from December, 1944, to May, 1945. Received the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters and EAME Ribbon with four Stars. Discharge was granted October 21, 1945.



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\*Sgt. JOHN C. SANFORD

Sgt. John Clovis Sanford, birthdate Aug. 5, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sanford, Tuscola, Texas, entered service Jan. 11, 1944, with Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and began overseas duty Jan., 1945, in Italy. He participated in the bombing of Germany, Northern Italy, and Austria. Was reported "Missing in action" April 9, 1945, but later declared officially to have lost his life in Italy when his plane crashed while on combat mission. The Pres. Citation, Citation of Honor, Citation of Texas, American Legion Award,

ETO Ribbon with three Battle Stars, and various other medals, were



#### T/5 CHARLES B. BELVIN

T/5 Charles Barnett Belvin was born October 31, 1924, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Alice Belvin, 1249 Locust Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. He attended the Abilene, Texas, Schools and Texas Technological College at Lubbock. He entered service February 18, 1943, and was assigned to the Army 53rd Field Hospital, training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He served from December, 1945, to December, 1945, in the European Theater at England, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Received the French Croix de Guerre. Returned home, and was discharged December 24, 1945.



#### Warrant Elec. MARVIN A. WOODY

W/Elec. Woody, was born in Texas on July 17, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Woody, 2133 Walnut St., Abilene, Texas, and husband of Blanche E. Woody, 535 Grand Ave. W., Eau Claire, Wis. Educated in Abilene and Center Point, Texas; attended Industrial Training Ins. at Chicago, Ill. He enlisted in the Navy on Sept. 14, 1936, assigned to the Fleet Branch, training at San Diego. Overseas 44 mos. serving aboard these U.S. Ships: Pelican, Saratoga, No. Carolina, Wm.C. Cole, and Monrovia, stationed at N.A.S., Pearl Harbor, T.H.; Vunda, Fiji; and Mare Is., Calif. Discharged Jan. 28, 1946, and he is now Chief Elec. for the Nat. Pressure Cooker Co. in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He served 9 years in Naval Service.

Capt. William Robert Sanders born March 15, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Sanders, Abilene, Texas, volunteered March 22, 1942, for Army Air Corps; trained at Kelly Field, and served overseas from March, 1943, to March, 1944, and from June, 1944, to September 1945. Capt. Sanders participated with the 12th Bomb Groupin fifty combat missions over Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, and flew the Pacific eighteen months with the Air Transport Command. The Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, and ETO Ribbon with three Battle Stars were awarded. Discharge was granted November 29, 1945.

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Capt. RUFUS G. STARNES, JR.

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2nd Lt. Marvin Lee Spiker, birth date July 12, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Spiker, 230 Mulberry, Abilene, Texas, attended school in Dallas and Abilene, and volunteered September 15, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. He trained at Santa Ana, Ontario, California, and Marfa, Texas, and began overseas duty May, 1944, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater where he participated in air combat over New Guinea, Philippine Islands, Luzon, Bismarck Archipelago and Western Pacific Area. The Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded among other medals. Lt. Spiker returned home May, 1945, and was discharged Sept., 1945, Reserves.

Capt. Rufus Garland Starnes, Jr., was born June 23, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Starnes, Sr., 1357 Vine St., Abilene, Texas, attended the Houston, Texas, Schools and Abilene Christian College. He volunteered April 26, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Palo Alto and Gardner Fields, Calif., and was commissioned at Stockton, Calif., to 2nd Lieutenant. Two years later, January, 1944, he was promoted to Captain. He was stationed at Fort Sumner, New Mexico, and Western Flying Training Command, King City, California. After receiving various awards Capt. Starnes was transferred to Reserve Corps February 10, 1946.



William D. Boone, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Boone, Winter, Texas, husband of Dorothy Faye Rosson Boone, Lawn, Texas, was born August 5, 1921. Entered service August 17, 1942, at Abilene, and was assigned to Army, Signal Corps. Trained in Louisiana, and served overseas from Feb. 8, 1943, to Oct. 31, 1945, in Northern Africa and Europe, participating in Tunisian Campaign and Rome-Arno Campaigns. Received EAME Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart (for wounds), 2 Meritorious Unit Awards, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, 1 Service Stripe, 5 Overseas Bars. He returned to the States Oct. 31, 1945. Discharged Jan. 13, 1946.

Sgt. Butman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman, Merkel, Texas, was born March 26,1924. Attended John Tarleton College, Stephenville, Texas. Entered service Feb. 23, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, and was assigned to Army, Anti-Aircraft. He trained at Camp Hulen, Texas, and served overseas from April 7, 1944, to December 24, 1945, in ETO Theater. He participated in ground combat in England, Normandy, Northern France, the Bulge, Central Germany. He was a small arms technician in the AAA. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal and returned to the States in December, 1945. Discharged Dec. 26, 1945.

1. —PVT. CLYDE M. BARTLETT, JR., born Aug. 25, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Bartlett, Sr., of Merkel, Texas, Volunteered for service June 27, 1944, at Dallas, Texas; assigned to Army Air Force. Received his training at Amarillo, and at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, Craig Field, Ala., Chanute Field, Ill. Served in the United States from June 27, 1944, to November 24, 1945. Was discharged November 24, 1945. Re-enlisted in Army Air Corps Reserve for 3 year period.

2. —MMI/c THELMA BURNICE BROWN, born Sept. 30, 1903. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Brown, 1018 Marshall St., Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 22, 1943, at Ft, Worth, Texas, for the U.S.N.C.B. Trained at Camp Peary, Endicott, and Hueneme. Served overseas from Oct. 2, 1944, to Dec. 2, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, Iwo Jima. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 12, 1945. Attended Panhandle High School.

3. -T/5 BOBBY RAY FINCHER, born March 4, 1925. Son of Mr. a nd Mrs. A. A. Fincher of Abilene, Texas. Entered service June 15, 1943; assigned to Army, D Go., 85 J.R.T.C. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas from Dec., 1943, to Jan., 1946, in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Hollandia, Leyte, Luzon, Japan, Asiatic-Pacific, and Bismarck Archipelago. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, 4 Overseas Bars, and Meritorious Service Unit. Discharged Jan. 24, 1946.

4. —CPL. LLOYD C. FOWLER, born Oct. 24, 1924. Son of Mrs. Lurlee Fowler of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 24, 1943, in the 28th Marine Corps, 5th Division. Trained at SanDiego, and Camp Elliott, Calif. Served overseas from Sept. 19, 1944, to May 9, 1946, in Iwo Jima, and in Occupation of Japan. Was awarded Expert Rifleman Medal, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged May 16, 1946. Attended Tuscola High School.

5. -T/5 ROSENDO HERRERA GONZALEZ, born Feb. 12, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gonzalez of Abilene, Texas. Entered service May 1, 1944, at Ft. Sill, Okla; assigned to Army 69th Division. Trained at Camp Shelby, Miss. Overseas from Nov., 1944, to May, 1946, in Battle of the Bulge, Rhineland, and Central Germany. Was wounded April 15, 1945. He received the Purple Heart, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged June 13, 1946. Attended Americanization School, Abilene, Texas.

6. —CPL. ROBERT EDWARD HALL, born April 13, 1923. Son of Mrs. Myrtle Hall of Abilene, Texas. Entered service Feb. 18, 1943, in the Army 592 A.A.A. Aw. Bn. Trained at Camp Hulen, and Palacios. Overseas from Feb. 12, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged December 9, 1945. Gompleted his education at Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.

7. —YEOMAN 1/c JAMES MERRELL HOBBS, born March 27, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hobbs of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 5, 1942, in the Navy U.S.N.R. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from May 26, 1943, to Nov. 13, 1945, in Bougainville, Treasury Island, Iwo Jima, Bismarck Archipelago, Solomon Islands, and Asiatic-Pacific. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, American Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 16, 1945.

8. —PFC CECIL NORWOOD HOBBS, born Aug. 16, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hobbs of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 15, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas; a ssigned to Army, 35th Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Overseas from April, 1945, to Sept., 1945, in European Theater, German Occupation. He received the European Theater Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged August 3, 1946.

9. —T/5 CPL. JULIOUS CEASAR BROWN, born March 28, 1908. Husband of Mrs. Janelle Brown of Guion, Texas. Entered service Aug. 31, 1942, at Mineral Wells, Texas, in the Army 2 M.C. Truck Division. Trained at Camp Lee, Virginia. Overseas from Dec. 20, 1943, to Dec. 25, 1944, in New Guinea, and Australia. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged October 21, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Brown of Terral, Okla. Attended Dewey Public Schools.

10.—S2/c CARL FREDERICK HUDSON, born March 25, 1904. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen A. Hudson. Volunteered Nov. 20, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, for Navy Seabees. Trained at Norfolk, Va. Overseas from Jan., 1945, to Feb., 1946, in Guadalcanal. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February, 1946. Attended Thornton Public Schools. Husband of Mrs. Cora Hudson of Los Angeles, California.

11.—CPL. ROY FRANKLIN KILPATRICK, born March 11, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Kilpatrick of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 18, 1940, in the Army, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas from Nov., 1941, to Sept., 1945, in Java, N.E.I., and Philippine Islands. Awarded Distinguished Unit Badge with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. Discharged Feb. 21, 1946.

\* 12.—PFC FRED DONALD KILPATRICK, born April 3, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Kilpatrick of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered May 20, 1943, for the Marines, 4th Div. Trained at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Overseas from Nov., 1944, in Whidbey Island, Roi Namur, Saipan, Mariana, and Iwo Jima Islands in Bonin Island Group. Wounded twice, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 11, 1945, on Iwo Jima. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation with 1 Star, 4 Battle Stars, and 1 Gold Star.

13.—S/SGT. MARSHALL WOODROW CREWS, born July 11, 1917. Son of Mrs. O. H. Crews of Abilene, Texas. Entered service March 29, 1941; as signed to Army 34th Division. Trained at Camp Grant, Ill. Overseas from April, 1943, to Oct., 1944, in North Africa Area, Anzio, Italy, Cassino, Rome, and Leghorn. He received the Distinguished Unit Citation, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 10, 1944. Attended Hamby High School.

14,—R.M.3/c WALLACE THURMAN JORDAN, born Feb. 13, 1925. Volunteered for service June 8, 1943, at Abilene, Texas; assigned to Navy Communications-Radio, and Teletype. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Feb. 27, 1944, in battles of Saipan, Leyte, Lingayen on Luzon in Philippines, Kerma, Retto, and Okinawa. Was awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Still serving overseas on Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Attended Abilene High School.

15.—CAPT. ANDREW GERALD McDONALD, born Nov. 30, 1915. Husband of Mrs. Bess C. McDonald of Merkel, Texas. Entered service Jan. 22, 1941, at Corpus Christi, Texas; assigned to Army, 8th Service Command Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Barkeley, Texas, and Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Overseas from Jan., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in British Solomon, Philippine, and North Solomon Islands, New Caledonia, and Japan. Awarded Philippine Liberation, 2 Battle Stars, and Asiatic-Pacific Medal. Discharged Mar. 8, 1946.

16.-PFC GLENN MILLER PATTON, born March 31, 1919. Husband of Mrs. Mavis Patton of Merkel, Texas. Entered service June 28, 1944, at El Paso, Texas; assigned to Marines, 1st Division, Trained at Camp Pendleton. Overseas from Dec. 14, 1944, to Feb. 6, 1946, in Pacific Area, and in action on Okinawa. Was wounded in action. He received the American Defense, Purple Heart, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged February 9, 1946. Attended Merkel High School.

17.—S.C.3/c FRANCIS LEE PIERCE, born June 20, 1909. Husband of Mrs. Ora Norred Pierce of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 28, 1943, at Snyder, Texas, in the Navy Coast Guard. Trained at St. Augustine, Florida. Overseas from Aug. 20, 1944, to Aug. 21, 1945, in Panama Canal Zone, Coco Solo, Panama. He received the American Defense Med al, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 10, 1945. Completed his education at Hardin Simmons University.

18.—PVT.CECIL PENDER SMITH, born April 28, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smith, Sr., of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered for service February 24, 1942, at Abilene, Texas; assigned to Army, Engineers Division. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, Served in the United States from February 24, 1942, to January 21, 1943. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was given a medical discharge January 21, 1943. Attended Abilene High School.

19.—S/SGT. ROBERT LEE SMITH, JR., born June 25, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smith, Sr., of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered April 6, 1942, at El Paso, Texas, for Army Air Forces. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Overseas from July 1, 1943, to June 9, 1945, in air offensive of Europe, Normandy, Ardennes, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, 6 Battle Stars, and Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged Oct, 3, 1945.

20.—PFC LEE ANDERSON SMITH, born March 9, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith, Sr., of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 1, 1943, in the Marines, 2nd M.A.W. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from March, 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Southern Pacific, Northern Solomons, Palau, Okinawa, Central and Northern Pacific. Awarded Naval Unit Commendation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 3 Bronze Stars, and Présidential Unit Citation. Discharged Nov. 26, 1945.



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#### Lt. Comdr. ROBERT E. SPARKS

Lt. Comdr. Robert Earl Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sparks, of Abilene, and husband of June McClung Sparks, of Kingsville, was born Jan. 1, 1913, in Texas. He served in the Seabees branch of the Navy. In March, 1941, he was commissioned as an Ensign, and from May, 1941, to Feb., 1943, he served as a construction engineer at Corpus Christi. After training at Norfolk, and Camp Allen, he was given command of Co. A, 64th Const. Bn., which he joined in Newfoundland in May, 1943. In 1944 and 1945 he served in Hawaii and the Philippines. Later, he was Public Works Officer in charge of Kingsville Auxiliary Base until July 8, 1946. In 1946 he served 5 months, with 74,000 miles of air travel, inspecting fuel bases in the Pacific, Caribbean, Atlantic, and in Panama. He is now at Pearl Harbor.





T/5 EARNEST M. FLINT

Sgt. ALLEN B. CRIBBS

Sgt. Allen B. Cribbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cribbs, Nocona, Texas, husband of Mary E. Cribbs, Abilene, Texas, was born June 6, 1920. He attended Nocona High School. Volunteered April 6, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Scott Field, Illinois. Served in the United States 20 months with Fourth Fighter Command, Oakland, Calif., and 15 months overseas in Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 6th A.A.F. Radio Sqdn. (Mobile) "J". Member of "Honorable Sons of Magellan", having completed a voyage completely around the globe. Received Asiatic-Pacific and American Theaters and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 13, 1945.

Earnest M. Flint, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Flint of Merkel, Texas, Rt. 2, was born June 29, 1924. Entered service Mar. 21, 1943, at Wichita Falls, Texas, and was assigned to the Army, 7th Div. Trained at Ft. Benning, Ga., then transferred to Naples and Rome, Italy. Served with the 5th Army in the Medical Detachment, 351st "Spearhead" Regiment, 88th "Blue Devil" Division, and 7th Army with General Patton in the Battles of Rome and Naples. Awarded ETO and American Theater Ribbons, Medical Badge, Bronze Star and Victory Medals. Married Angelinia Belviso in Italy, Sept. 1, 1946. Returned to the States Nov. 2, 1946, and was honorably discharged Feb. 9, 1947.

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#### Col. JAMES H. SMART

Col. James Hudson Smart the son of Mrs. Ann Oldham Smart, and the husband of Martha V. Smart, both of Abilene, Texas, was born on Dec. 6, 1906. He attended the University of Texas, and received a B.S. degree from the University of Arizona. On Nov. 1, 1942, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps at Miami, Fla. He also graduated from the flying school at Kelly Field, after having entered the Army as a Major. On Feb. 28, 1945, he went to the China-Burma-India Theater of operations to serve with the Air Transport Command. Awards given him were the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal. His promotion to the rank of Colonel was made on July 20, 1945. He was relieved from active duty on Mar. 26, 1946. At the present writing he is practicing law with the firm, McMahon, Springer, and Smart, in Abilene. The late Judge Hickerson Barksdale of Dallas, is his great-grandfather.

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Capt. ROBERT C. FRY

lst Lt. Charles Edward Thomas, born April 5, 1916, son.of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thomas, Abilene, Texas, volunteered Oct. 28, 1938, for Army Air Corps; served overseas in Puerto Rico and later, from May, 1944, to June, 1945, in the air offensive of Europe. While on his thirtieth mission he was shot down over Germany and imprisoned from Oct., 1944, to May, 1945. He received the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and DFC among other medals. Lt. Thomas returned to the States, and while on a mission from the West Coast to Chanute Field, lost his life, May 20, 1947, when his plane crashed in a violent storm sixteen miles from destination.

Capt. Fry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fry, 825 Butternut, Abilene, Texas, was born June 28, 1920. Attended McMurry College. Volunteered Jan. 14, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Forces, and trained at MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla. Served overseas from Feb. 23, 1943, to June 17, 1945, in ETO. He was missing in action from July 8, 1944, to Sept. 7, 1944. In POW Camp Stalag Luft I, Barth, Germany, from Aug. 1, 1944, to May 13, 1945. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 11 Clusters, ETO Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged Mar. 5, 1946. Won the title "Fearless" for his feats of flying.



S2/c Joe Sappington Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith, and husband of Gail Smith, of Abilene, was born Nov. 22, 1920. On Oct. 5, 1944, he entered service in the Navy. He was sent to San Diego for training, but his period of service lasted only a few months because of ill health. He was stationed aboard the USS Geneva, (APA-86) before being hospitalized for asthma. On June  $\overline{30}$ , 1945, he was given a medical discharge from service. Before entering Naval service he had been a student in Abilene High School, and had been employed in oil field work.

Fireman 1/c Paul Jackson Smith, brother of Joe Sappington Smith, of Abilene, was born Oct. 22, 1925, and entered service in the Navy on March 24, 1944, at Lubbock. He was trained at San Diego, and served overseas from May to Aug., 1944, and again from Jan. to Nov., 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of War, participating in the battles of Saipan, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. He was stationed aboard the USS Bradford and was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon on behalf of that ship, for outstanding heroism in action during the Okinawa campaign. In 1944 he was hospitalized 5 months for rheumatic fever, but after recovery returned to the Bradford. He was honorably discharged May 20, 1946.

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\*Lt. Col. WILLIAM E. RYAN

Lt. Col. W. E. Ryan, born Sept. 6, 1899, in Oklahoma, son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Ryan, 1010 Mulberry St., Abilene, husband of Quincy Belle Ryan, Midland. He acquired his education at Oak Cliff High School, Dallas, Baylor Univ., Waco, and Baylor Med. School, Dallas. Volunteered for service in Army 6th Con. Hosp. Unit, in Sept., 1942. Trained in Camps Polk, Gruber, and Livingston. Served 15 months in the United States, and 9 months overseas, in European Area. Lt. Col. Ryan's military career began when he enlisted in 1918, and was accepted as a member of Student Army Corps while attending A & M Jr. College, Arlington, Texas. As Med. School graduate, he received commission as 1st Lt. in Med. Reserve Corps of the Army. When called for active duty, in Sept., 1942, his rank was Major. Was Executive Officer at Camp Polk, La., before going to Camp Gruber, Okla., and joining 6th Convalescent Hosp. Unit. He was killed Sept. 19, 1944, in a vehicular accident while on official business for his Unit, and is buried at St. Carneille, France.

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Sgt. BILL D. HENSLEE



Pfc JOHN H. MONK, JR.

Sgt. Bill Dee Henslee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Henslee, Abilene, Texas, was born Oct. 31, 1923. Entered service February 18, 1943, at Abilene. Assigned to Army, Field Artillery. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from June 1, 1945, to March, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area with First Field Artillery, 6th Division. Received Service Unit Merit Wreath, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 1 Star, American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal. Served with Occupation Army 6 months in Korea. Discharged March 14, 1946.

Pfc John Hosea Monk, Jr., son of John H. Monk, Sr., San Angelo, Texas, husband of Irene Monk, Rt. 4, San Angelo, was born Dec. 12, 1922. Volunteered for service July 17, 1942, at San Angelo, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Buckley Field, Colorado. Served overseas from April 28, 1944, to Dec. 8, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, participating in battles of New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Okinawa. Received Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Amer. Theater Ribbon, 1 Service Stripe, 3 Overseas Bars. Discharged Dec. 21, 1945.



Maj. WILLIE L. TATE

Lt. USN ALBERT O. TATE

Sgt. R. L. TATE, JR.

Lt. USN ALBERT OWEN TATE, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tate, of Lawn, Texas, and husband of Catherine Tate, was born Oct. 11, 1912. On Aug. 4, 1931, at Dallas, Texas, he volunteered for general service in the Navy. He was trained at San Diego, and served in the U.S. for 6 years, then spent 4 years in Canal Zone. From 1941 to 1944 he participated in battles of the Pacific, for which he received Battle Stars. He is still in the Navy. He served on the Melville, Yorktown, and the new USS Lexington.

Sgt. R. L. TATE, Jr., was born Aug. 4, 1920, and entered Army service May 30, 1944, at Camp Wolters. He was in the A.R.T.C., and trained at Ft. Knox and Ft. Benning. From April, 1945, to June, 1946, he served in Europe; participated in the battle of Central Europe. After the war he was an instructor in I. and F. in Germany and England. He was honorably discharged from service in June, 1946.

Major WILLIE LEE TATE, of the same family, was born May 19, 1915, and volunteered for Army service, Nov. 25, 1940. He was assigned to the 36th Div., and served in Europe, stationed in England, Normandy, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany; and in action in Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Germany. He is now with the QM. School, Camp Lee, Va.

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The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS





\*1st Lt. MELVIN R. MILLARD

lst Lt. M. R. Millard, born Dec. 15, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Millard, 1257 Palm St., Abilene, husband of Ollie Hinds Millard, and father of Kathryn Ann Millard, Abilene, attended Texas A & M College, College Sta. Entered the service July 29, 1941, and was assigned to the Army 200th C.A. (AA). Trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and Ft. Stotensburg, P.I. Served in the United States 1 month, and overseas 3 years and 2 months, in the Battle of Bataan, P.I. In POW Camps #1 and 2, in Philippines. Reported "Missing in Action' 8 months, 7 days. Went down on Jap POW Ship in South China Sea, Oct. 24, 1944. He received Pres. Citation, and Purple Heart posthumously. His wife received 8 POW cards from Lt. Millard, some acknowledging receipt of letters and pictures in POW Camp.

T/Sgt. CARY B. STOVALL

T/Sgt. C. B. Stovall, born March 5, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stovall, Route 5, Abilene, husband of Bertha F. Stovall, 1510 Butternut St., Abilene, was educated at Wylie Grammar and High Schools. Entered the service on June 15, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, and was assigned to the Army, 16th C.W.S. Co. Trained at Camp Sibert, Ala., and Camp Bowie, Texas. He served in the United States from June 15, 1942, to December 29, 1943, and overseas from December 29, 1943, until March 25, 1944, in Scotland, England and Ireland. Discharged May 23, 1944. Prior to his enlistment into the United States Army, T/Sgt. Stovall was employed by the Wilson Produce Company. His brotherin-law, 1st Lt. M. R. Millard, went down on Jap POW Ship, in the S. China Sea on Oct. 24, 1944.





\*Pvt. DANIEL R. IVEY



\*S/Sqt. LeVON R. JOHNSON

Pvt. Daniel Richard Ivey, son of Clyde and Ruby Ivey, was born Dec. 14, 1921. Received his education in the Public Schools of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 1, 1941, at Abilene, and was assigned to Army, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from Nov. 21, to Sept. 26, 1943. Sent to Australia after being on Manila; landed on Java; fought until captured. Sent to Thailand and Burma as prisoner. In POW Camp #5 Moulmein, Burma. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Sept. 26, 1943, while still a prisoner of the Japanese Army. Awarded Presidential Citation, 2 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal.

S/Sgt. LeVon R. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Johnson, 742 Chestnut St., Abilene, Texas, was born Nov. 14, 1918. Volunteered for service July 17, 1942, at Abilene, and was assigned to Army, Air Corps Reserve. Served overseas from Dec. 8, 1943, to Apr. 28, 1944, in ETO. He completed twenty bombing missions over enemy territory. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice April 28, 1944, while on bombing raid over Piombino, Italy, Railroad Yards. Served as left waist gunner on a Flying Fortress (B-17), 419th Bomb Sqdn., 301st Bomb Group, with the 15th Army Air Force. Awarded Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart posthumously.



\*1st Lt. H. FRANK HUBBARD Lt. (jg) W. WARREN HUBBARD

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, Abilene, Texas.
Lt. H. FRANK HUBBARD was born Nov. 23, 1917. Volunteered June, 1940, at Lubbock. Assigned to Army Air Force. Served on Newfoundland patrol duty from May, 1941, to Sept., 1941. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice in battle over Kiska Is., June 11, 1942, when their plane, a B-24, exploded in the air. Awarded Purple Heart.
Lt. W. WARREN HUBBARD was born Sept. 15, 1921. Volunteered July 4, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy. Served overseas from Jan. to Dec., 1944, and from May to Nov., 1945, on Aircraft Carrier in Pacific. Commissioned Ensign in Naval Reserve Sept., 1943; Lt. (jg) Dec., 1944. Now Navy flyer instructor at Corpus Christi.



Cpl. JAMES O. KARNES

Cpl. James O. Karnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Karnes, 517 Cedar St., Abilene, Texas, husband of Doris Karnes, also of Abilene, was born January 18, 1911. Entered service May 6, 1943, at Abilene, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Keesler Field, Miss., and served overseas from March 23, 1944, to September, 1945, in England, France, Germany, participating in the battles and campaigns of Ardennes, Rhineland, Normandy, Rome-Arno. He was awarded Distinguished Unit Badge, EAME Campaign Ribbon with 7 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged Sept. 10, 1945.

The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



#### \*1st Lt. LELAND V. WILLIAMS

1st Lt. L. V. Williams, born Mar. 6, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Williams, husband of Jeanette Williams all of Abilene, Texas. Educated in public schools of Abilene and volunteered Dec. 14, 1941, in Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Erlangen, Germany. Served 4 years and 5 months in United States. Assigned to Army of Occupation in May, 1946, stationed at Erding, Germany. His wife joined him Nov. of 1946. Lt. Williams lost his life July 8, 1948, while flying food to Berlin. The plane crashed into a mountain seven minutes after take-off after losing an engine. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette, and sister La Nelle Sheppard and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Williams, 1222 South 6th St., Abilene, Texas.

#### 1st Lt. WILLIAM R. SHEPPARD

1st Lt. W. R. Sheppard, born Feb. 24, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sheppard, 208 Orange St., Abilene, husband of LaNelle Sheppard, 1222 S. 6th St., Abilene, was educated in Abilene Public Schools. Volunteered Jan. 31, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard and other training stations in the U.S. Overseas, in New Guinea, Philippines, Tokyo, and Chitose Air Field, on Hokkaido. Awarded the following medals and credits: Asiatic-Pac., 4 Bat. Stars; Philip. Lib., 1 Br. Star; ATO; Victory; Occupation Ribbon, and Unit Citation with 4 Clusters. Commissioned 2nd Lt., March 12, 1944; became 1st Lt. in Jan. of 1946. He is at present with the 8th Squadron, 49th Fighter Group of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

1. — JACK BURCH BARNES, born July 26, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnes of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered for service September, 1943, for the Navy Seabees. Received his training in the United States. Was overseas in the Pacific Area. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. Received his discharge in January, 1946. Attended Blackwell High School. Husband of Mrs. Louise Barnes of Blackwell, Texas.

2. —PFC LEE GRANT WALTON, born June 17, 1909. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walton of Sweetwater, Texas. Entered service June 6, 1942; a ssigned to Army 89th and 91st Infantry Division, Trained at Camp Carson, Colo. Overseas from May 14,1943, to Nov. 23, 1945, in Mediterranean, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Apennines, and Po V alley. Was awarded European Theater Medal with 4 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged November 26, 1945.

3. —T/4 THOMAS LEO MASHBURN, born July 20, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mashburn of Merkel, Texas. Entered service Oct. 7, 1942, at Sweetwater, Texas, in the Army, and 4th General Hospital. Trained at Camp Barkeley, and Camp Gruber. Overseas from Sept., 1943, to Jan., 1946, in Pacific Area. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Theater, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged Jan. 9, 1946. Husband of Mrs. Margaret Mashburn, of Merkel, Texas.

4. -PFC ROBERT TRAVIS BARNES, born Feb. 21, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnes of Abilene, Texas. Entered Service Sept. 4, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army 3rd Air Force Hdq. Trained at Benjamin Field, Tampa, Fla. Overseas from Feb., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in China, Burma, India, Northern Burma, and Central Burma. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Still serving in 2532nd A.A.F. Bu., Sqdn. B-3.

5. —IST LT. FRANCIS MAXINE BARNES, born April 15, 1922. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnes of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 11, 1943, at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas. Trained at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo. Overseas from Jan. 1, 1945, to Jan. 1, 1946, in Ruhr Valley in Germany. She received the European Theater Campaign Medal with 1 Battle Star, American Theater, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged March 6, 1946.

6. —IST LT. WILMA LORA BARNES BERTEAU, born Sept. 23, 1913. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnes. Volunteered May 28, 1942, in the Army Nur se Corps. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Overseas from Feb., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in Mediterranean Theater, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Apennines, and PoValley. Awarded European Campaign Medal with 6 Battle Stars, Militare Croce Per Valore, Legion of Merit, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 21, 1946.

7. —T/SGT. RODNEY DEAN CATHEY, born Jan. 30, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cathey of A bilene, Texas. Entered service June 10, 1943; assigned to Army. Trained at Camp Wolters, Brownwood, Texas, and Ft. F. E. Warren, Wyo. Overseas July, 1945, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, and Southwest Pacific in Army Complement Troop Ship. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Theater, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 27, 1946. Attended Abilene High School.

8. -T/SGT. JAMES J. CATHEY, born Feb. 16, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Cathey of Abilene, Texas. Entered service March 23, 1943; assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Camp Wolters, Sheppard Field, Amarillo, Las Vegas, Plant Park, Fla., Drew Field, Fla., and Langley Field, Vo. Overseas from July, 1944, to Feb., 1945, in European Theater, Northern France, Ardennes, and Rhineland. Awarded Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, and European Theater Campaign Medal with 4 Stars. Discharged Sept. 14, 1945.

9. -2ND LT. LEWIS BEASLEY, born April 23, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Beasley, 1634 N. 21st St., Abilene, Texas. Entered service Jan. 9, 1941, at El Paso, Texas; assigned to Army 112th Cavalry Regt. Served overseas from July 20, 1942, to April 5, 1943, in the South Pacific Area. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged November 18, 1944. Attended Abilene High School. Husband of Mrs. Mary Margaret Beasley of Houston, Texas.

10.—SGT. EDWARD W. BEASLEY, born Dec. 27, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Beasley of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 18, 1940; assigned to Army 112th Cavalry Regt. Trained at Ft. Clark, and Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas from July, 1942, to July, 1945, in New Caledonia, Goodenough, Woodlark, Philippine Islands, South Pacific and New Britain. Wounded on Arawe, New Britain. Awarded Purple Heart, Assatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and Philippine Liberation. Discharged July 27, 1945.

11.—C PL. CLARENCE W. BEASLEY, born Dec. 12,1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Beasley of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 28,1942, at Abilene, for the Army Air Forces. Served as gunner on B-24 and B-29 as combatcrew member in training. Received his training at Truax Field, Wisconsin, and Laredo, Texas. Served in the United States Sept. 28, 1942, to March, 1946. Awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Mar., 1946. Attended Abilene High School.

12.—M/SGT. PAT NEFF BEASLEY, born Sept. 20, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Beasley of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered for service January 11, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, for the Army Air Forces. Served as Crew Chief, and Flight Chief on B-24, and B-29 in a Combat Crew Replacement Training Unit. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Muroc, Calif. Served in the United States from Jan, 11, 1942, to Dec. 4, 1945. Awarded American Defense and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 4, 1945.

13.—S1/c NELSON KENNETH CHRISTIAN, born April 29, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Christian of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered March 9, 1943, for the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from July, 1943, to Feb., 1946, in European African Campaign, Philippines, Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater, Awarded Philippine Liberation, European African, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medals, and American Theater Medal. Discharged Feb. 7, 1946. Been to 17 different countries.

14.—PFC ALVIN GENE CHRISTIAN, born Feb. 11, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Christian of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 2, 1942, for the Army. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas from Aug. 22, 1943, to May 22, 1945, in Canada, and Alaska. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Med al, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged November 2, 1945. Attended Abilene High School. Resides at 734 Locust St., Abilene, Fexas.

15.—T/SGT. CLARENCE CLINTON CRAIG, born Nov. 15, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Otis Craig of Abilene, Texas. Entered service Nov. 15, 1941, at Abilene, Texas; assigned to Army, Infantry Division. Received his training at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served in the United States from Nov. 15, 1941, to June 20, 1946. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged June 20, 1946. Husband of Mrs. Wilma Claudine Craig of Brownwood. Texas.

\*16.—PVT. JEWEL DEAN CRAIG, born May 20,1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Otis Craig of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered March 2, 1938, for the Army Infantry. Trained at Ft, Sill, Okla. Overseas Dec. 5, 1940, to Oct. 24, 1944, in Philippine Islands. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice on a Japanese Hospital Ship that was sunk on Oct. 24, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart, 1 Major Battle Star, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals posthumously. Attended Abilene High School.

17.—COX.CLAUDE RAYMON FRAZIER, born Jan. 21, 1902. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frazier. Husband of Mrs. Eva M. Frazier of Abile ne. Texas. Volunteered Oct. 4, 1942, for the Navy Seabees. Trained at Camp Bradford, and Camp Peary. Overseas from Feb., 1943, to May, 1945, in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Marshall, Hawaiian Islands, Guam, and Saipan. Awarded the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged July 2, 1945. Attended Baird, Texas. Public Schools.

18.—CPL. WILLIAM WATSON BRANNON, born Jan. 19, 1923. Husband of Mrs. Barbara Lucille Brannon of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Nov., 1940, in the Army Air Forces. Received his training at Saacc, San Antonio, Texas. Served overseas from April, 1945, to Nov., 1945, in Guam, and Saipan, He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Was discharged November 23, 1945. Attended Abilene High School. Son of Mrs. Claude Frazier of Abilene, Texas,

19.—IST LT. LOUIS EUGENE GAGE, born July 19, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs, Louis E. Gage of Abilene, Texas. Entered service Nov. 25, 1940; assigned to Army, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas from Aug., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria, and Czech. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, American Theater, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 19, 1946.

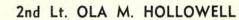
20.—PFC BOBBY JOE GAGE, born April 21, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gage of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 24, 1942, at San Antonio, assigned to Army 2533rd Air Force, Base Unit Division. Trained at San Angelo, and Childress, Texas; Las Vegas; New Lincoln, Neb.; and Carlsbad, N.M. Graduated as a turret gunner on B-17, at Las Vegas, Nev. Served in the United States from Oct., 1942, to Feb., 1946. Awarded American Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 11, 1946.











S/Sqt. JEAN HOLLOWELL

S/Sgt. J. Hollowell, born Sept. 26, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hollowell, Abilene, married Faye Steele, Graham. Educated at Caps Grammar and Wylie High Schools, Abilene. Volunteered Feb. 7, 1940, at Dallas; assigned to Army 39th Inf., 9th Div.; trained at Ft. Lewis, Washington, Ft. Ord, Calif. Overseas 28 months, in Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily and Germany, in battles. In POW Camps Stalag 3C (Stammlager 3C) Kustren, Germany, 2 months. Medals and battle credits: Purple Heart, OLC, American Def., Good Con., EAME Medal, 6 Br. Stars, Combat Inf. Badge, 5 Overseas Ser. Bars. Honorably discharged July 8, 1945.

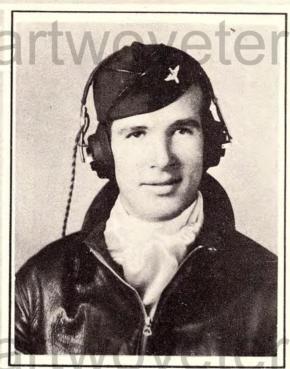
2nd Lt. Ola M. Hollowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hollowell, born Dec. 18, 1917, educated at Caps Grammar and Wylie High Schools, and Hendrick Hospital College, Abilene. Volunteered Jan. 30, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces (Flight Nurse). Served in the United States for 9 months and overseas 20 months, in Australia, New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea, Netherland East Indies, and other islands of the S.W. Pac. area, and Philippines. Awards: Air Medal, for combat duty, Asiatic-Pacific, 2Bronze Stars (3 Overseas Service Bars). Served as Flight Nurse in S.W.P.A., evacuating men, etc. All branches of service. Released July 27, 1945.



Pvt. M. Hollowell, born June 23, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hollowell, 1117 Ambler St., Abilene, married Willie Osborne, 200 E. Bean St., San Angelo. Educated at Caps Grammar and Abilene High Schools. Entered the service on Oct. 10, 1942, at Abilene, and was assigned to the Army 508th Ptr. Inf. Trained at Fort Benning, Ga., and Camp Blanding, Fla. He served in the United States for 7 months, and was given a medical discharge (C.D.D.) May 31, 1943, after he'd been hospitalized for several months. Prior to his enlistment, he was an aircraft mechanic, for Coleman, Coleman, Flying School.

MoMMl/c V. Hollowell, born Sept. 17, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hollowell, Abilene, husband of Tommy G. Carter Hollowell, 1236 So. 3rd, Abilene, attended Caps Grammar and Abilene High Schools. Entered the service July 14, 1943, at Abilene, and was assigned to the Navy, Amphibious Forces. Trained at U.S.N.T.S., San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States 1 year, and overseas 15 months, in European Theater, and Normandy Invasion. Awards: European Theater, 1 Br. Star, and ATO Ribbon. Helped transport men and supplies to front lines, on return trips transported prisoners. Discharged October 19, 1945.

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1st Lt. CHARLES D. SAMMONS

1st Lt. C. D. Sammons, born Oct. 18, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Sammons, 617 Grand Ave., Abilene, was educated in Abilene Public and High Schools, and A & M College, Bryan, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 1, 1942, at Abilene, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, Jan. 31, 1943. Trained at Emporia State College, Pre-Flight, San Antonio, Arledge Field, Stamford, Texas, Major A.A.F., Greenville, Texas, Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, Bluethenthal Field, N.C., and Goldsboro, N.C. He served in the United States 4 months, and overseas 18 months in China Defense and Offensive. Lt. Sammons was a fighter pilot on a P-47 (Thunderbolt) in 92nd Fighter Sqdn., 81st Fighter Group, of the 14th Air Force under General Clair Chennault. Awarded the following medals and credits: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Bronze Stars, Victory, China Memorial Ribbon and Badge. He went overseas as 2nd Lt. Promoted to 1st Lt. in July of 1945, and was honorably discharged April 28, 1946.

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1st Lt. WILLIAM E. FITZGERALD

lst Lt. H. E. Addison, born Feb. 22, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Addison of Taylor, attended Blair High School. Volunteered on Jan. 7, 1937, at Abilene, and was assigned to Army, lst Cavalry Div. Trained at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. Served in the United States 7 years, and overseas 6 months, in European Area. He was commissioned to 1st Lt. at Camp Hood, 1943, and died in line of duty, Aug. 1, 1944. Information received by his mother stated that Lt. Addison had been an inspiration to his men, and that he had been heroic and gallant in helping to defeat the enemy. He was in the 704th Bn. Army Tank Destroyer, of the 4th Div.

\*1st Lt. HUGH E. ADDISON

lst Lt. W.E. Fitzgerald, born July 17, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs.H.F. Fitzgerald, 60 Winder St., Detroit, Mich., and husband of Louise Fitzgerald, Route 4, Merkel. He was educated at Elliot Grammar, Central High School, and A & M College, College Sta.; volunteered for service on Aug. 11, 1935, at Birmingham, Ala.; assigned to the Army 4th Div.; trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala. Overseas from Oct., 1936, to July, 1945, in England, Africa, France, Germany. Battles: Africa, Middle East; air offensive, Europe; Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Medals and Battle Credits: Nat. Def., G.Con., A.T. Occ., Victory, ETO, 7 Bat. Stars. Pres. Cit. Now in Europe.



S/Sgt. GLYNN C.



Pfc JAMES A. ADDISON



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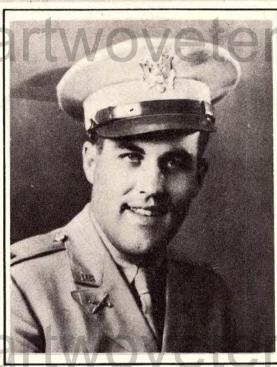
S/Sgt. G. C. ABBOTT, born Aug. 27, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Abbott, Sparenburg, Texas, husband of Mrs. Glenn C. Abbott of Merkel. Attended Austwell High School; entered the Army Air Corps, Jan. 26, 1944; trained at various tech. schools; overseas 8 months in Pacific making search missions, in Sea-Air Rescue in Pacific Area. Awards: ATO; Asiatic-Pac., 1 Star; Phil. Lib.; Good Con.; Victory. Was Flight Maintenance Gunner B-17. Discharged Mar. 19, 1946.

Pfc J. A. ADDISON, born Sept. 13, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Addison, Merkel, joined the Army C.O.B. 691st Bn. Trained at Camp Wolters. Overseas 20 months, in the Aleutians 18 months. Helped guard POW several months, in Livingston, La. Awards: Good Conduct, Military Occupational Specialty, Basic Trng. Cav. & Inf., Laundry Mchn. Oprtr. and Rifleman Medal. Honorably discharged Dec. 12, 1945.

S.F.1/c J. C. HORTON, born May 3,1913, son of Mr. J. Horton, Wichita Falls, was educated at Wichita Falls (Reggan Jr. High School). Volunteered April 20, 1942; assigned to Navy Seabees; trained at Norfolk, Va. Served in the United States 7 months, and overseas 3 years and 6 months, in the Southwest Pacific Area. Prior to his enlistment S.F.1/c Horton was salesman for the Electrux Co. He was given an honorable discharge from the United States Navy Nov. 10, 1945.

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#### 1st Lt. WILLIAM W. COX, JR.

1st Lt. W. W. Cox, born Dec. 24, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cox, Sr., 1010 Portland Ave., Abilene, educated at Valta Vista Grammar and Abilene High Schools, and Texas A & M College, College Sta. Volunteered Feb. 4, 1942, and was assigned to the 5th Army Art. Trained at Fort Sill, Okla., and Camp Bowie, Texas. Served in the United States 21 months, and overseas 26 months, in Oran and Bizerte, in North Africa; Italy; Naples; Magnano, Cassino, Menturo, Rome, Florence, Futa Pass, Bologna, Leghorn, Pisa, Po Valley, Treviso, Udine, Trieste. Battles: Cassino; Menturno; Rome; Florence; Futo Pass; Bologna; Po Valley. Medals and credits awarded: Mediterranean Theater; 4 Battle Stars: 4 Overseas Stripes. At various times the following were his assignments and duties: Motor Officer; Executive Officer of Firing Battery; Reconnaissance Officer; Intelligence Officer; 1st Lt. Cox's duties were many and varied and he served his country faithfully, having several "close calls". He was honorably discharged on Jan. 12, 1946. He left school to enlist in the Army.

1. -T/5 WARREN DURWOOD MOORE, born April 9, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smotherman of Union City, Tenn. Volunteered Nov. 18, 1940, in the Army Cavalry 112th Division. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas from July, 1942, to Nov., 1944, in New Caledonia, Australia, New Guinea, Woodlark Island, Goodenough, and New Britain. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged June 5, 1945.

2. —T/SGT.ALBERT C. SOSEBEE, born Jan.11, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee of Anson, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 30, 1941, at Abilene, Fexas, for the Army Air Force. Trained at New Orleans. Overseas from June, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Southwest Pacific, New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Luzon Campaign. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, with 1 Bronze Star, American Theater, and Victory Medals, Discharged Nov. 14, 1945.

3. -T/SGT.HAROLD L. SOSEBEE, born May 17,1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee of Anson, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 29, 1942, for the Army Air Corps. Overseas from Sept., 1944, to Aug., 1945, in European Theater, Mediterranean, Rome-Arno, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe, air offensive over Germany, flew 55 combat missions. Awarded European Theater Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Pres. Cit. with 1 Cluster, and Air Medal with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters. Discharged Oct. 19, 1945.

4. — S/SGT. ROGER W. SOSEBEE, born Jan. 20, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee of Anson, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 30, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Ft. Logan, Colo. Overseas from Aug., 1942, to Sept., 1944, in Europe an Theater, Tunisia, Sicily, Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, and air combat over Balkans. Awarded Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Battle Stars, American Theater, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Sept. 22, 1945.

5. -T/5 J. D. SHOTWELL, born Oct. 28, 1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shotwell of Abilene, Texas. Entered service Dec. 10, 1941, for the Army Engn., Heavy Shop Co. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and Camp Claiborne, La., Overseas from June, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Northern France, Rhineland, and European Theater. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, 4 Overseas Service Bars, 1 Service Stripe, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Nov. 20, 1945.

6. — T/4 FREDERICK DELWYN SHOTWELL, born Feb. 21, 1907. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shotwell of Abilene, Texas. Entered service March 19, 1941, in the Army, 69 Infantry, 724 F.A. Bn. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Camp Shelby, Miss. Overseas from Dec., 1944, to Oct. 1945, in Belgium, Germany, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, 1 Service Stripe, 2 Overseas Service Bars, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 21, 1945.

7. —PFC WILLIAM WORTHY SUMMER6, born Sept. 22, 1904. Husband of Mrs. Estelle Summers of Abilene, Texas, Entered service April 10, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, assigned to Army 167th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas from Sept., 1942, to Nov., 1943, in African and Sicily Campaigns, Algeria, and Tunis, with 9th Infantry Division A.S.W. 38132707. A warded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged December 24, 1944.

8. -PFC MILER CLATE WOODLOCK, born Sept. 8, 1910. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woodlock of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 25, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, for the Army 80th Division. Trained at Camp Gordon, Ga. Served overseas Dec., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria. Awarded European Theater Campaign Medal with 2 Battle Stars, Good Conduct with 1 Cluster, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 17, 1945. Attended Hamilton High School.

9. —S/SGT. CLINTON CLIFFORD WOODLOCK, born Dec. 1, 1912. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woodlock of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered for service January 28, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, for the Army Air Forces. Received his training at Lubbock. Served in the United States from January 28, 1942, to November 23, 1945. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals, Discharged November 23, 1945. Completed his education at McMurry University, in Abilene.

10.—F1/c CECIL KERN WOODLOCK, born July 7,1908. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woodlock of Abilene, Texas. Entered service April 14, 1943, at Abilene, as signed to Navy Destroyer Sq. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Nov., 1943, to Nov., 1944, in the Pacific, Leyte Gulf, and Lingayen Gulf. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 2, 1945. Attended Hamilton High School. Husband of Mrs. Goza Lee Woodlock of Ft. Worth, Texas.

11.—T/5 LILA N. WOODLOCK, born Feb. 28, 1906. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woodlock of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered for service January 10, 1945, at Abilene; received her training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; was sent to Des Moines for clerical training, then to Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Served in the United States from January 10, 1945, to December 15, 1945. She received the American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged December 15, 1945, at Sam Houston, Texas.

12.—PFC ELLIS DEVOE WOODLOCK, born Nov. 21, 1903. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woodlock of Abilene, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 16, 1942, at Abilene; assigned to Army 500th School Sqd., Air Corps. Received his training at Lubbock, Texas. Served in the United States from Sept. 16, 1942, to March 24, 1943. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was given an honorable discharge in March, 1943. Attended Tyler Commercial College.

13.—1ST SGT. DAVID BROOKS CROCKETT, born Oct. 5, 1916. Husband of Mrs. Mary Ruth Clark Crockett of Sweetwater, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 15, 1942, in the Army 348th Ftr. Group. Trained at Chanute Field, Detroit, and Westover Field. Over seas from May, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Southern Philippines, Luzon, and Ryukyus. Awarded Dist. Unit Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, Phil. Lib., 1 Star. Discharged Oct. 1, 1945.

14.—T/4 LEWIS HARVEY JOBE, born Feb. 4, 1910, in Texas. Husband of Mrs. J. D. Jobe of Handley, Texas. Entered service Jan. 29, 1944, in the Army Ordnance Division. Received his training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Served in the United States from Feb. 19, 1944, to March 10, 1946. Served as a instructor in Ordnance Training School. Awarded Meritorious Unit Award, Good Conduct, American Theater, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged March 10, 1946.

15.—CPL. SAMUELL C. R. SMITH, born Feb. 6, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. S. Smith of Sweetwater, Texas. Volunteered March 14, 1944, in the 4th Marines Division. Trained at San Diego, and Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Overseas from Sept., 1944, to March, 1946, in Iwo Jima. He received the Américan Defense, 1 Bronze Star and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged April 8, 1946. Completed his education at Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.

\* 16.—PFC JOHN J. S. SMITH, JR., born Feb. 6, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. S. Smith of Sweetwater, Texas. Volunteered March 14, 1944, assigned to 4th Marines Division, and 3rd Marines. Trained at San Diego, and Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Gallf. Overseas from Sept., 1944, to March 2, 1945, in Iwo Jima. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 2, 1945, on Iwo Jima. Was awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals posthumously. Attended Merkel High School.

17.—SGT. CHARLES STANFIELD TEMPLETON, born March 20,1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Stanfield of Sweetwater, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 26, 1941, in the Marines Platoon 19, Recruit Depot, 1st Division, 1st Bat. Engineers. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from June, 1942, to Oct., 1943, in Solomon Islands, Tulagi, and Gaudalcanal. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific, and Good Conduct Medals. Was discharged January 9, 1946.

18.—PFC BEN A. BOYKIN, born July 8, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Boykin of Robert Lee, Texas. Volunteered July 13, 1942, in the Army 801st M.P. Battalion. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, Ft. Ord, and Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas from June, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in New Guinea, Luzon, Philippine, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged November 5, 1945.

19.—PVT. ROBERT CARL BROCK, born May 24, 1913. Husband of Mrs. Jessie Faye Brock of Robert Lee, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 28, 1942, in the Army 815th Engr. A.V.N. Bn. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas, and Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Overseas from March, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Corsica, Southern France, Greece, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, and North Apennines. Awarded Unit Citation, EAME Medal with 4 Battle Stars, and 4 Overseas Bars. Discharged Dec. 11, 1945.

20.—S1/c JOHN ORLANO COLE, born Oct. 8, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Cole of Robert Lee, Texas. Entered service Jan. 19, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas, assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Oct., 1944, to May, 1946, in South Pacific, in Battle of Iwo Jima. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged May 27, 1946. Attended high school at San Angelo, Texas.







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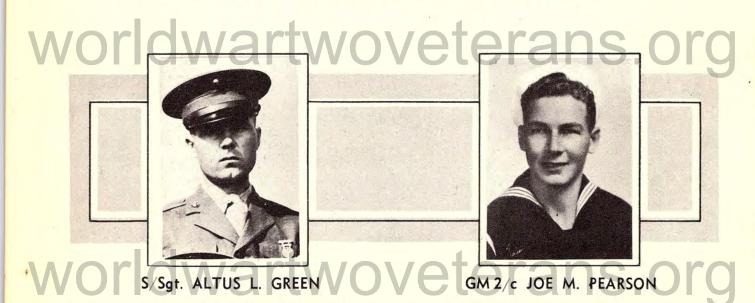
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S/Sgt. THOMAS B. WOODY

Pfc THURMAN O. HARBIN

Sgt. Thomas B. Woody, brother of Mrs. T. O. Harbin, Abilene, Texas, was born Dec. 1, 1918. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, at Abilene. Assigned to Army, 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from Nov. 23, 1941, to Oct. 20, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Reported missing 13 months and in POW Camps: Java, Mar. 10,1942, to Oct. 15, 1942; Singapore, Oct. 19, 1942, to Nov. 13, 1942; Japan, Dec. 7, 1942, to Sept. 13, 1945. Received Amer. Defense Ribbon with 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific with 3 Stars, Philippine Defense with 1 Star, Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, 1 Service Stripe, 7 Overseas Bars. Discharged June 23, 1946.

Pfc Thurman O. Harbin, husband of Irene Harbin, Abilene, Texas, was born July 8,1911. Entered service May 7,1943, at Abilene, Texas, and was a ssigned to Army HQ SQ F.E.A.S.C. Trained at Fort Francis E. Warren. Served overseas from October 16, 1943, to December 12,1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, serving fourteen months in New Caledonia, eight months in New Guinea, four months in Philippine Islands. Received New Guinea Campaign Ribbon with 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation with 1 Star, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal and American Defense Ribbon. Discharged Jan, 20, 1946.



Sgt. Altus Leon Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Green, 2142 Walnut St., Abilene, Texas, was born May 13, 1920. Volunteered for service September 12, 1941, at Abilene, Texas, and was assigned to Marine Corps. He trained at San Diego, California, and after serving eleven months in the States, he was sent overseas for twenty-seven months. Returned to N. Carolina for seventeen months, and then was sent to China for a year. He is a cook, and at this time is in Oceanside, California. He will be discharged August 14, 1947, but plans to re-enlist for four more years.

Joe Merle Pearson, husband of Beatrice Sue Stevenson Pearson, Goree, Texas, was born March 25, 1923. He attended high school in Abilene, Texas, and University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, Volunteered for service Dec. 12, 1941, at Dallas, and was assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Jan., 1942, to Jan., 1944, and from Aug., 1944, to May, 1945, participating in battles and invasions of: Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Attu, Kiska, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Tarawa. Received American Defense Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Returned to the States May 28, 1945, and was honorably discharged September 27, 1945.

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Sgt. WILBER C. LEMLEY

Sgt. CARROLL R. ROGERS

Sgt. Carroll R. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rogers, 2900 So. 7th, Abilene, Texas, was born June 18, 1925. Attended Abilene High School and Texas University, Austin, Texas. Volunteered for service March 15, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to Marines, Air Corps-Marine Air Group 14. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Radio School, Texas A & M. Served overseas from Aug., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, participating in the battles of Solomon Islands, Philippine Islands and Okinawa. Received Presidential Citation, 1 Star, Distinguished Unit Citation, 1 Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, 3 Stars, Philippine Liberation, 1 Star. Discharged Nov. 23, 1945.

Sgt. Wilber Cline Lemley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lemley, was born July 3, 1923. He attended high school in Albany, Texas. Volunteered for service March 9, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to Marines. Trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from June, 1942, to Oct., 1943, and from Aug., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Pacific Area. He saw action at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Isles, Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands and Occupation of Japan from Sept. 22, to Dec. 5, 1945. He was wounded Feb. 1, 1943. Awarded Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, 2 Presidential Unit Citations, American Defense Ribbon, Victory Medal. Discharged Mar. 8, 1946.



Sgt. JOHN W. MARTIN PhM 2/c WALTER B. NORRIS

Sgt. John W. Martin, son of Mrs. Pearl Martin, Abilene, Texas, was born March 26, 1917. Volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, at Abilene, and was assigned to Army, 131 F.A. 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and served overseas from Nov., 1941, to Sept., 1945, in Pacific Theater. He was captured by the Japanese March 8, 1942, and held prisoner until September 6, 1945. Was in POW Camps; Batavia, Java; Singapore; Burma; Saigon French Indo-China. Awarded Unit Citation with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars, Amer. Defense Service Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star. Discharged June 21, 1945.

Walter B. Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Macon Norris of Lawn, Texas, was born May 18, 1922. He attended public schools of Lawn, and A & M College, College Station, Texas. Volunteered for service September 2, 1942, at Abilene, and was assigned to Navy, Seaman's Branch. Trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and served overseas from Oct., 1942, to May, 1943, and from Dec., 1943, to Dec., 1945, on submarine patrol of North Atlantic and Central Pacific. He received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. From Seaman's Branch of service he was advanced to Pharmacist Mate 2/c and was discharged in this rank Dec. 19, 1945.

#### Battles for the Central Philippines: September 1944. Land and Naval Battles for Leyte. MacArthur's Return.

Thus far in the American and Allied operations in the Pacific our efforts had been concentrated on two objectives, the liberation of the Philippines and the defeat of Japan. The long and extensive preparation for the accomplishment of these two missions was tedious and it was thorough. The science of warfare on both land and sea reached its highest point of efficiency in the build-up of forces and preparation of land and sea areas covering almost one-fifth of the globe. Let us consider once again certain of these preliminary and preparatory operations before the great blows could be struck that would accomplish our missions.

#### Experimental Beginning of Strategic Bombing of Japan

On or about June 15, 1944 the United States began its program of increasingly concentrated air bombardments of Japanese war plants and ship yards. Up to this the Japanese homeland had experienced only slightly the impact of the war, due to the fact that the European Theater had first call on our resources, and to the further fact that distance was hitherto too great for effective bombing. Now, that our air force was superior in every way, and that we occupied bases within easier reach of enemy targets, we were ready to launch upon the Japanese home islands all the fury necessary to produce total surrender or destruction.

The Doolittle raid of April 18, 1942 was only a suggestion of what was to follow, when time and circumstance would permit.

Our submarines for two and a half years after Pearl Harbor were our most potent instrument in Japanese home waters. By the summer of 1944 our submarines had sunk a total of six hundred eighty seven Japanese vessels and damaged one hundred fifteen more. Japanese communication and supply lines were thrown into confusion, and her ocean traffic was seriously crippled. But Japanese war production was as yet scarcely touched.

The newly created Twentieth Air Force under the direct control of General H. H. Arnold was given the mission of destroying the Japanese war supply system at its source. This force was equipped with improved bombers capable of global operations if necessary.

On June 16, 1944, the day after the landing of Americans on Saipan, the Japanese got their first view of Americas latest great achievement, the B-29 Superfortresses of the Twentieth Air Force. Striking from a base somewhere in China, the Superfortresses carried fear and distress to the Japanese homeland, an accentuated reminder of the Doolittle Raid in 1942. The first Superfortress raid hit Yawata on Kyushu Island. On August 10, 1944, they bombed Nagasaki, the longest bombing operation in history. Tokyo was stunned by the new super-bomber, but plaintively consoled the Japanese people by saying: "We should not think that we have been passively attacked, but that we have pulled the enemy towards us."

On June 15-16, 1944, the program was initiated out of the west by hurling bombs on the Yawata steel works on Kyushu Island. Three weeks later, on July 7-8, 1944, the second raid

occurred on Yawata and the naval base at Sasebo. The air attacks were then carried to the Asiatic mainland, where on July 29, 1944, we struck at Anshan in Manchuria and Tangu, the port for Tientsin in occupied China. In the fourth operation on August 11, 1944, two formations struck at widely separated targets with demolition and incendiary bombs—the Nagasaki area of Kyushu and the Pladju oil refinery at Palembang, Sumatra. These were some of the preliminary and experimental strategic bombing attacks, a foretoken of what was yet to come.

#### Westward Across the Philippine Sea

In the southwest Pacific, General MacArthur's American and Australian forces had already made rapid strides on the long road back to the Philippines. By spring of 1944 two Japanese armies had been neutralized and isolated on Bougainville, New Ireland and New Britain; but a third enemy army of some sixty-thousand men still held the northern coast of New Guinea from Madang to the Moluccas. An amphibious expedition prepared in and proceeding from the Admiralty Islands, landed behind the enemy lines cutting his only communications. The enemy's only escape would be to the jungles and mountains of the interior of New Guinea where food would be insufficient to maintain an army for any length of time. In support of our plan, on April 27, 1944, the United States Forty-first Division, escorted by a strong American fleet and carrier planes, landed with little opposition at Tanahmera Bay, Hollandia and Aitape, and in four days' time, captured all three air fields and a beachhead of 175 miles along the northern New Guinea coast. An Australian Division, landing near Madang, advanced some eighty miles towards Wewak and Aitape and on June 15. 1944, occupied Hansa.

Meanwhile the Forty-first Division, with naval and air support, sailed two hundred miles west of Wakde to Biak, landing on May 27, 1944. Biak is the largest of the Netherlands East Indian Schouten Islands, and lies about nine hundred miles southeast of the Philippines. Fierce enemy resistance was encountered as we moved in to take the first of three enemy air fields, our main objectives. Here the first tank engagement of the Pacific war was fought but the Japanese were repulsed by our Shermans. Our troops occupied a beach head and on June 2, 1944, landed on Owi and Wundi, two small islands to the south of Biak. The Japane'se made a desperate effort to reinforce their troops but were frustrated on June 8, 1944 when our Mitchell bombers sank four enemy destroyers. Capturing Mokmer, all organized enemy resistance ended on June 20, 1944, and for two weeks our troops were busy mopping up remnants of the enemy. On Biak, 3268 Japanese were killed and fifteen taken prisoner.

Allied troops landed on Noemfoor Island on July 2, 1944, and with the aid of paratroops, captured the air field on July 6, 1944, killing and capturing 871 of the enemy.

On July 11, the Japanese Eighteenth Army, isolated near Wewak in British New Guinea, attempted a break through. The Americans succeeded in splitting the enemy forces into three parts on August 2, the Japanese suffering 18,000 casualties.

Hence, General MacArthur's troops in eleven weeks had advanced more than eight hundred miles. The Japanese in New Guinea were now in small isolated segments. The General now commanded the southeastern approaches to the Philippines only five-hundred miles away.

The United States Third Fleet made a carrier-based air attack on Mindanao on September 9, 1944, sinking or damaging eighty-nine Japanese vessels and destroying sixty-eight planes. On September 12-14, 1944 the Third Fleet attacked Cebu, Negros and Panay Islands in the central Philippines, destroying one hundred fifty six enemy planes in the air and two hundred seventy seven on the grounds, besides sinking or damaging eighty-four enemy surface vessels.

From September 12-13, the Far Eastern Air Force swept targets all the way from the Celebes to the Palaus with three hundred eighty four tons of bombs, after intensive air and naval preparation over a radius of six hundred miles.

The first landing on the Palaus was made on September 15, 1944, when First Marine Division established a beachhead on the southwestern shore of Peleliu Island. Japanese counterattacks were repulsed; by nightfall we had captured an air field and counted fourteen-hundred dead Japanese. On the same day troops of General MacArthur's command, under General John C. Persons, landed on the southwestern coast of Morotai Island, in the Dutch Halmahera Group, five-hundred miles southwest of the Palaus, met slight resistance and captured an air field. On September 17, 1944 the Eightyfirst Infantry Division under command of General Paul J. Mueller, landed on Anguar Island, the southernmost of the Palaus and six miles southwest of Peleliu. Here organized resistance ceased on September 20, 1944. The American Marines on Peleliu were strongly opposed at Umurbrogol Mountain (Bloody Nose Ridge) on September 19, 1944. Elements of the Eightyfirst Division reinforced the Marines, cutting off the enemy on Umurbrogol Mountain on the 26th. Fighting on Peleliu continued until October 13 when organized resistance ceased.

Admiral Mitscher's Task Force Fifty-eight made the first air raid on air fields in the Manila Bay area of Luzon on September 21-22, 1944, sinking or damaging one-hundred-three Japanese ships and destroying or damaging four-hundred-five enemy planes. Two days later, on the 24th, six islands of the central Philippines were bombed, destroying twenty-two enemy ships and thirty-six planes. Attacks were repeated on October 11, 1944 and on October 14, 15 and 17.

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On October 21, 1944, elements of the Eightyfirst Infantry Division occupied without opposition the Ulithi Atoll in the western Carolines.

On September 21, 1944, United States Marines from Peleliu Island invaded and quickly subdued the enemy on Ngesebus and Kougarur Islands to the north.

Through the month of September the Far Eastern Fleet and the Seventh Air Force had been reaching out in all directions. The first, striking enemy positions at Ceram, Celebes, Halmahera, Dutch Borneo and Java; and the second striking at Yap, Paramushiro in the Kuriles, Iwo in the Volcanos, Chichi and Haha in the Bonins, Rota and Pagan in the Marianas,