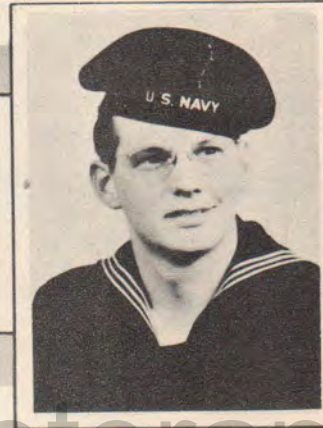




# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Lt. RICHARD C. WILSHUSEN



SK 2/c ALFRED H. WILSHUSEN, JR.

Lt. Richard Clanton Wilshusen, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilshusen, Sr., 5839 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, was born Oct. 6, 1924, and volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps on Jan. 27, 1943, at Dallas. He was trained at Portland, Ore.; San Marcos, Texas; and Great Bend, Kansas. Served overseas from Aug., 1945, to June, 1946, in the Pacific Area, on the islands of Tinian and Okinawa. He was a navigator on a B-29 crew with the 460th Bm. Sqdn., 333rd Bm. Gp., 8th Air Force. Awards: American and Pacific; Occupation; Victory. He received an honorable discharge on Aug. 11, 1946. Previously, he had been a student at So. Meth. Univ., Dallas.

Sk 2/c Alfred Herman Wilshusen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilshusen, Sr., 5839 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, was born Dec. 3, 1920, and attended Texas Christian Univ., Ft. Worth. He volunteered for Naval service July 6, 1942. He served in Naval Aviation for 2 years and in the Naval Supply Depot for 2 years. From Jan., 1945, to Mar., 1946, he was overseas and participated in setting up the Naval Supply Depot on Okinawa Shima, and served in the Personnel office; he also trained with the Marines. He holds four awards: Amer. Thea. Cam.; Asiatic-Pacific Cam.; Good Conduct; Victory. He was honorably discharged on March 16, 1946.



Capt. WILLIAM A. WARE S/Sgt. NANCY LOU WARE PhM 2/c MINNETTE WARE

Capt. WILLIAM A. WARE, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ware, of Dallas, was born Nov. 2, 1918, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps as a flying cadet in Dec., 1941. He served in the Pacific, on New Guinea, Papua, N. Solomons, E. Mandates, and Bismarck Archipelago. He holds the DFC and Dist. U. Badge, and was separated from service, Oct., 1945.

S/Sgt. NANCY LOU WARE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ware, of Dallas, was born March 5, 1920, and volunteered for service as a WAC, Dec. 16, 1942. She served in England, France, and Germany, with the 8th Air Force and Headquarters of the Air Forces in Europe, (U.S.S.T.A.F.), and holds 6 awards. She was honorably discharged from further military service, December 6, 1945.

PhM 2/c MINNETTE WARE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ware, of Dallas, was born July 13, 1923; is a graduate of S.M.U. She volunteered her services to the Navy in Oct., 1943; was trained at U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif., and served at Hunter College, N.Y. She spent her entire term of service in the U.S., receiving an honorable discharge in April, 1946. In Aug., 1946, she was married to Thomas Wayne Littlejohn, of Sherman, Mississippi.



Pfc SOLOMON T. LOWE

Pfc Solomon Terrell Lowe was born October 1, 1922, a native of Texas, and son of Mrs. Glenna Lowe, Grand Prairie, Texas. He attended the Grand Prairie Public Schools and North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington. He was employed by Burleson and Garrett, Engineers, in Dallas prior to volunteering for service July 7, 1942, with the U.S. Marine Corps, 3rd Division. His training was received at Base Camp and Camp Elliott, San Diego, and later in Auckland, New Zealand; he transferred overseas January, 1943, to the Pacific Theater where he served in New Georgia, Bougainville in the Solomon Islands, and on Guam with the 3rd Signal Co., 3rd Marine Division. After returning to the States March, 1945, Pfc Lowe received various awards; was discharged July 7, 1946, but re-entered service for four additional years with the Marine Corps.



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Pfc GEORGE H. LOOMIS



S/Sgt. GIRARD W. LOOMIS

Pfc George Horton Loomis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Girard W. Loomis, Dallas, was born May 21, 1925; in Texas, and attended Texas A & M, College Station. He volunteered April, 1943, for the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Santa Ana, California. He began overseas duty April, 1944, serving for eighteen months with the 8th Air Force in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and the air offensive of Europe. His awards include the EAME Ribbon with one Silver Star, one Bronze Star and Presidential Citation. His discharge was granted October 16, 1945.

S/Sgt. Girard Wells Loomis was born October 28, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Loomis of Dallas; attended Regis College at Denver, and entered service January 22, 1943, with the Army Amphibious Engineer Corps, training at Camp Edwards, Mass., and Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida. Sgt. Loomis served overseas in the Pacific Theater from February, 1944, to January, 1946, on New Guinea, and Luzon in the Philippine Group, and three months with the occupational forces in Japan. His awards include the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with two Stars, and other Medals. Discharged January 17, 1946.



\*Capt. DON P. WEBSTER Lt. (jg) JACK G. WEBSTER Capt. JAMES R. WEBSTER

Capt. DON PINCKNEY WEBSTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Webster, of Dallas, was born Jan. 13, 1918. He attended S.M.U. and Texas U. before volunteering for service in the Army Air Corps in Dec., 1940. He served in India and Burma; he was reported missing in Sept., 1943, and in 1946 it was officially declared that he had paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Awards: DFC, OLC, As.-Pac.

Lt. (jg) A-V (S) USNR JACK GUY WEBSTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Webster, of Dallas, was born June 5, 1921, and volunteered for Naval Aviation, V-5, on July 23, 1942. From Nov., 1944, to June, 1945, he served in the invasions of Luzon, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Awards: Philippine Liberation and Asiatic Pacific, 3 Stars. He was honorably released, Dec., 1945.

Capt. JAMES RICE WEBSTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Webster, of Dallas, was born Sept. 15, 1916, and volunteered for military service on Jan. 28, 1941. He was assigned to the Army Counter Intelligence Corps, and served in Hawaii, Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He holds 4 awards, which include 2 Battle Stars and an Assault Invasion Arrowhead. Honorably released Jan., 1946.

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Lt. ORRIS F. WELCH

M/Sgt. JESSE J. WELCH

Lt. Orris Franklin Welch, son of H. F. Welch, and husband of Reba Ethel Welch, of Dallas, was born Nov. 15, 1917; volunteered for Army service Nov. 20, 1940; and was assigned to Army Bat. "A", 133, F.A., 36th Div. He joined the Army Air Forces in April, 1942, by a transfer from the 36th Div. Lt. Welch qualified for single and multi-engine aircraft, and had an A-1 military record. From Apr., 1945, he served with the 97th Bm. Gp., 341st Sqdn., in Europe, piloting a B-17 fortress. He was based at Foggia, Italy, and while flying his 15th mission over the German-Austrian border, he was shot down by enemy flak and fighter planes, and was taken POW May, 1944, and held until May, 1945. Awards: Air Medal, 2 Bronze OLC; Amer. Def.; EAME, 3 Stars. He was honorably discharged, Nov., 1945.

M/Sgt. Jesse James Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Welch, and husband of Gussie Lee Newton Welch, of Dallas, was born March 4, 1919; he volunteered for service in the Army Air Forces (A.T.C.) on Nov. 20, 1940. From 1936 to 1941, however, he served with the 36th Div., and transferred to the Air Force in 1941. He was in A.T.C. from 1942 on, and at present is with the 53rd Recon. Sqdn., stationed in Bermuda, having enlisted for 3 more years. His work has been ferrying all types of aircraft from U.S.A. to all parts of the world, principally to Australia and the South Pacific. He is a B-29 engineer of outstanding ability. Awards: Amer. Def.; Air Medal; Victory.



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## CSK L. B. LESLIE, JR.

CSK L. B. Leslie, Jr., birthdate October 12, 1911, a native of Texas, husband of Helen Louise Leslie, Grand Prairie, Texas, attended the Grand Prairie Public Schools and North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington. He was an auditor with the Southwestern Life Insurance Co. of Dallas prior to volunteering August 8, 1942, with the Navy Seabees. He trained at Camp Peary, Virginia. His overseas duty was served May, 1944, to November, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater on the Admiralty Islands. The World War II Victory and American Defense Medals were received with the American and Pacific Campaign Ribbons. He was honorably discharged from service November 21, 1945.



## \*Cpl. BRAZIL A. CALCAGNO

Cpl. Calcagno, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Calcagno, was born October 3, 1919. Attended the public schools of Dallas, and volunteered December 27, 1941; was assigned to 5th Marines, and trained at Camp Elliott and Camp Pendleton. Overseas from February, 1942, to February, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific area, Iwo Jima and Volcano Islands. Cpl. Calcagno paid the Supreme Sacrifice February 24, 1945, on Iwo Jima. Awards were Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. Had his enlistment terminated by discharge, his service would have entitled him to an honorable discharge.



## ARTIE(R) WALTER W. AHLSCHLAGER

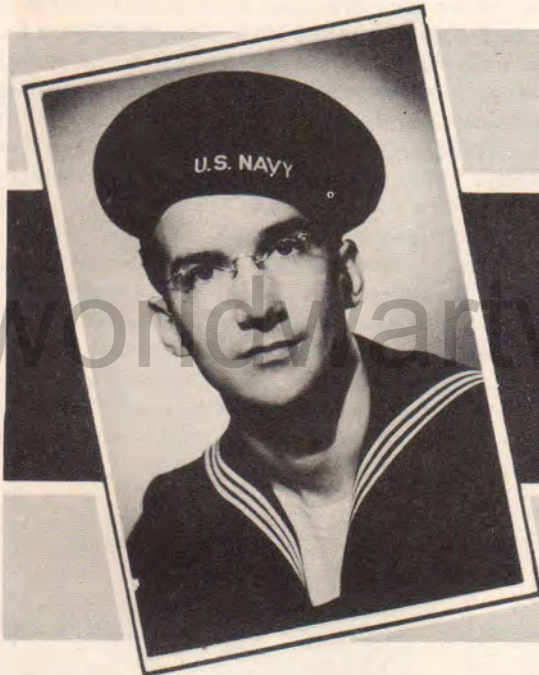
ARTIE Ahlschlager, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ahlschlager, Dallas, born Jan. 24, 1916, received his education at Chicago Latin School, Chicago, and Collegiate School, N. Y. Volunteered Feb. 2, 1942, and was assigned to U.S. Coast Guard, receiving his training at Coast Guard Training Station, New Orleans, La. Served from October 19, 1942, to March 16, 1943, in North and South Atlantic Anti-Sub Patrol aboard U.S.S. Monomoy. Aviation Patrol from CGAS, Salem, Mass. Awarded American Theater Ribbon, American Area Campaign Bar, World War II Victory Medal. He received honorable discharge on November 6, 1946.

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**Lt. SAMUEL J. MANSFIELD, JR.**

**Maj. MAX R. WIECKS**

Lt. Samuel Joseph (Joe) Mansfield, Jr., born December 11, 1913, in Texas, son of Samuel J. Mansfield, Sr., and Wilmoth Wright Mansfield, Dallas, is a graduate of Southern Methodist University. He volunteered December 15, 1941, with the U.S. Naval Reserve; trained at San Diego and Cambridge, Mass., and served overseas January, 1944, until September, 1945, in the European-African and Middle Eastern Theater. He returned to the States, and was promoted to Lieutenant. The EAME Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and Defense Medals, American Theater Ribbon and Good Conduct Awards were received. Lt. Mansfield was ordered to inactive duty May 7th, 1946.

Major Max R. Wiecks, born August 18, 1915, husband of Barbara Macdonald Wiecks, Providence, R. I., attended Oklahoma Law School; volunteered March, 1941, at Dallas, Texas, for the Army Air Corps, and served with West Coast Flying Training Command. After training at various fields in California, Major Wiecks began overseas duty in the Pacific Theater where he served from December, 1941, until November, 1942, and May, 1943, to October, 1944; he participated in the air offensive of East Indies, Papua, New Guinea, Bismarck Sea and Archipelago. Was reported "missing" February, 1942, but was located and returned to the States. The Air Medal with six Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with one Cluster and two Pres. Unit Citations were awarded. Currently with War Dept., Wash. D. C.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**1st Lt. AMOS H. LEE**

1st Lt. Amos Howard Lee, born February 2, 1921, in Texas, son of Mrs. Jewell Cline Lee, Dallas, volunteered June 13, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, and received his Advanced Training at Williams Field, Arizona. Lt. Lee served as Pilot of B-17 and B-29 in the European Theater February, 1944, to August, 1944, and completed thirty missions with the 8th Air Force over France, Germany and Poland, including two missions on D-Day. He also participated in the battles of Western Germany and air offensive of Europe. He was awarded the ETO Ribbon with three Stars, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Was discharged September 7, 1945. Member of Officers Reserves.



**AMM3/c THOMAS W. ADKINS**

AMM3/c Thomas Wayne Adkins, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Adkins, 683 Cole Avenue, Grand Prairie, Texas, and was born July 8, 1925. He attended school at Grand Prairie, Texas, and graduated from Grand Prairie High School. He volunteered for service May 20, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to Naval Aviation; received his training at Lake City, Florida. He served in the United States from August 16, 1943, to March 6, 1945, and overseas from March 6, 1945, to May 10, 1946. He received an honorable discharge on May 14, 1946, at NPSC, Norman, Oklahoma.



**1st Lt. ROWLAND D. ADAMS**

Lt. Adams, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Adams, Jr., 3212 Gunter Street, Dallas, Texas; he attended school at Dallas and N.T.A.C. at Arlington, Texas. Lt. Adams, volunteered for service September 17, 1942, Dallas, and was assigned to pilot training in the Army Air Force, receiving his Pilot Wings and 2nd Lt. Commission in June, 1943, at Columbus Army Air Field in Mississippi. Promoted to 1st Lt. in 1945. He served the entire time in the United States from September, 1942, to October, 1945. Lt. Adams received an honorable discharge October 21, 1945.

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**\*S/Sgt. THOMAS J. MORROW, JR.**

S/Sgt. Morrow, son of Mrs. Flossie W. Morrow, Dallas, born March 14, 1918, attended Crozier Tech. High School, Dallas; volunteered for service June 5, 1939; was assigned to Army 64th Coast Artillery; transferred to A.A. Corps in Sept., 1943; and sailed for England June 24, 1944. Stationed with 8th Army Air Force. He was killed in action over Magdeburg, Germany, Oct. 7, 1944, on 13th mission. Awarded Air Medal, Purple Heart, Citation of Honor (U.S.A.A.F.) signed by Gen. H. H. Arnold, Citation of Honor (State of Texas) signed by Gov. Coke R. Stevenson. Buried in U. S. Military Cemetery, Neuville-en-Condroz, located 9 miles S.W. of Liege, Belgium.



**T/4 WILLIAM B. KNIGHT, JR.**

Technician William B. Knight, Jr., son of Mrs. Minta Knight, Newark, Wisconsin, was born March 18, 1918; attended school at Ft. Worth; and entered service November 25, 1940. Was assigned to Army 36th Infantry Division. Overseas from April, 1943, to July, 1945, in North Africa, Italy, Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, Rome "Drive", Battle of Salerno and Rapido River Crossing. Tech. Knight, was awarded E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, and Bronze Arrow-Head, American Defense Medal. He trained in the United States in Florida, Texas and Massachusetts, and was discharged August 8, 1945.



**T/Sgt. BERNADO ACCURSO**

T/Sgt. Bernado Accurso, was born January 13, 1923, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Accurso, Dallas. He received his education in Dallas, and entered service January 13, 1943. Was assigned to Army Air Force, serving in the United States from January 13, 1943, to June 13, 1944, and overseas from June, 1944, to August, 1945. Participated in air offensive of Japan, Eastern Mandates and Western Pacific. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars. Sgt. Accurso was discharged October 12, 1945.



**S/Sgt. VINCENT ALOI**

Sgt. Aloï is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Aloï, 2203 N. Haskell, Dallas, Texas; was born January 2, 1926. He attended North Dallas High School, and volunteered for service June 3, 1943; was assigned to Army 20th Air Force, A.A.F.; trained at Scott and Sheppard Field. Sgt. Aloï served in the United States from June, 1943, to 1945; overseas from 1945 to 1946, in the South Pacific, and air offensive over Japan. He received the Battle Star for the air offensive over Japan and Occupation Battle Star. Sgt. Aloï received an honorable discharge on March 20, 1946, and returned to civilian life.



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**T/5 JACK D. LAGOW**

T/5 Jack Douglas Lagow, born January 7, 1926, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lagow, Dallas, graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas, and attended North Texas State Teachers College in Denton. He entered service April 21, 1944, with the Army Field Artillery, training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; he began overseas duty January, 1945, in the European Theater where he participated in the campaign for Italy in the battles of Po Valley and North Apennines, returning to the States August, 1945. The EAME Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Occupation Medal (Germany) Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service and various other awards were received. His discharge was granted May 11, 1946.



**Maj. GEORGE L. ARENSMAN**



**CM 3/c JAMES H. BAILEY**

Major Arensman, was born November 14, 1918; he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Arensman, Irving, Texas. He attended Texas Tech, Lubbock, Texas, and entered service April 25, 1942, at Camp Wolters. Was assigned to Army Infantry, and trained in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi. Served overseas with 406th Inf. Regt., 102nd Inf. Div., from October, 1944, to April 4, 1946, in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, battles of Rhineland and central Germany. Awarded EAME Theater with 2 Bronze Stars, American Theater, Victory Ribbon, Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantry Badge. Discharged June 13, 1946.

Carpenter's Mate James Harvey Bailey, was born February 20, 1919, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bailey, 7503 Kraft St., North Hollywood, California; attended North Dallas High School, and entered service June 23, 1943, at Dallas. Trained at Camp Peary, Virginia. Served in the United States from June, 1943, to February, 1944, and overseas from February, 1944, to May, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific. Participated in battles of Hollandia and New Guinea. Promoted to Seaman, 2nd Class, July, 1943, Seaman, 1st Class, February, 1944, and Carpenter's Mate, 3rd Class, May, 1944. Was discharged November 17, 1945.

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T/Sgt. S. J. EARLE



AOM 2/c CHARLES E. EARLE

T/Sgt. S. J. Earle was born March 7, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Earle, Alto, Cherokee County, Texas, and attended Alto High School. He volunteered for service September 4, 1943, with the Army 32nd Division; trained at Camp Fannin, and began overseas duty April, 1944, in the Pacific Theater, where he participated in the battles of New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon. Sgt. Earle received the Presidential Unit Citation, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with four Battle Stars, plus the Good Conduct Medal. He returned to the States January 3, 1946, and was released from Army service January 10, 1946.

AOM2/c Charles Edward Earle, born November 1, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Earle, Alto, Texas, volunteered for service December 14, 1942, and was assigned to the Navy Reserve, training at San Diego, Calif., Norman, Okla., and Lansing, Michigan. He served on the USS Bataan in the Pacific Theater December, 1943, until January, 1946, where he participated in the Battles of the Philippine Islands and Sea, Marianas, and Caroline Islands; sailed into Tokyo Bay September 6, 1945. The Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars was awarded; the Philippine Liberation Medal, Good Conduct Award, and other ribbons were received; and discharge was granted January 15, 1946.

1. —CAPT. A/C PRESLEY CLYDE FUNK, III, husband of the late Mrs. Norwood Funk, Dallas, born April 4, 1918. Volunteered Army Air Corps Sept. 10, 1942; trained at Victorville, Calif.; overseas March, 1944, to June, 1945, in American Theater and European Theater. Battle Stars for: Air Offensive over Europe, Normandy Invasion, Northern France, Rhineland. In Prisoner of War Camp 7 months. Awarded Victory Medal, Air Medal, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters. Inactive duty in Air Corps Reserve as of Jan. 18, 1946.
2. —CPL. HERALD THARON GAGE, husband of Mrs. Bessie Irene Gage, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Gage, Dallas, born on December, 13, 1909. He received his education in Amherst, Texas, at Amherst High School, volunteering for service October 21, 1942, at Dallas; was assigned to Army Air Corps and trained at Randolph Field, Texas, as Link Trainer Instructor. Corporal Herald Tharon Gage received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Force on October 17, 1945.
3. —SGT. JOE LOPEZ GARCIA, son of Mrs. Joe L. Garcia, 2814 Newman Avenue, Dallas, Texas, born February 6, 1922, received his education in N. R. Crozier Technical High School, Dallas. He volunteered for service October 12, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Force with training at Waco Army Air Field, 1141 Tech. School Sqd. (SP) Flight 184, A.A.F.T.T.C., Miami Beach, Fla., 469th A.S.F. Band. Awarded Victory Medal. Honorably discharged Feb. 12, 1946.
4. —T/4 RUFINO VASQUEZ GARZA, husband of Mrs. Aurora B. Garza, Dallas, born April 25, 1908, entered service Nov. 20, 1942; was assigned to Army 6th Convalescent Hospital; trained at Camp Robinson; overseas Dec. 28, 1943, to Nov. 20, 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe. Received EAME Campaign Medal, 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious, World War II Victory Medal. T/4 Garza was honorably discharged from the Medical Corps on Nov. 20, 1945.
5. —1ST LT. WILLIAM CONBOY GELLER, son of Mrs. Emma Jean Geller, husband of Mrs. Effie Gertrude Geller, born Nov. 22, 1901, Dallas. Volunteered April 18, 1942, Army Air Force; trained at Fort Dix, N. J. Overseas May, 1944, in China, India, Burma, one of 1st groups to fly "Hump". Discharged March, 1945; recalled to active duty July 30, 1946; and is now serving as officer in command of Aerial Photography and Mapping Group in Yokohama, Japan. He volunteered for service in World War I.
6. —1ST LT. JACK ROSS GIPE, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gipe, Dallas, born Aug. 16, 1923. Volunteered 9th Army Air Force April 6, 1943. Trained at Western Flying Training Command; overseas July 2, 1944, to Sept. 21, 1945. In Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, Rhineland, Brazil, Trinidad, British Guiana. Received ETO Ribbon 4 Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, and Air Medal. 1st Lt. Gipe received an honorable discharge December 31, 1945.
7. —PFC HARRY A. GOODSTEIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Goodstein, Dallas, born November 29, 1921. He received his education at Forest Avenue High School, Dallas, volunteering for service on Aug. 6, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Force, with training at Sheppard Field, serving overseas from December 25, 1944, to December 31, 1945. He was in Okinawa and Hawaii. Pfc Harry A. Goodstein was given an honorable discharge on January 28, 1946.
8. —2ND LT. JOHN CALHOUN GRACEY, son of Mrs. Marie D. Gracey, Dallas, born June 23, 1924. Attended A & M College; volunteered 86th Inf. Dec. 5, 1942. Trained at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. Overseas from Feb. 19, 1945, to July 15, 1946. In Central Europe, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Received American Theater Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific, EAME Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Army of Occupation, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. 2nd Lt. Gracey was honorably discharged Sept. 26, 1946.
9. —MM1/c KENNETH RAY GRADY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Grady, Dallas, born Dec. 17, 1923. Attended A & M College. Entered service Dec. 1, 1942; assigned to Navy; trained at Great Lakes, Ill., Miami, Fla., San Pedro, Calif., Seattle, Wash. Overseas 20 months, in patrol duty off Aleutian Islands. Awarded Victory, Good Conduct, Asiatic, and American Campaign Medals. Honorably discharged Feb. 1, 1946. He is now with his former employer, Hugh B. Williams Machine Shop.
10. —SGT. JAMES REESE GRAHAM, husband of Mrs. Ruby Graham, born Feb. 15, 1918, entered 36th Div. Army on Feb. 14, 1941. Trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards. Overseas April 1, 1943, to June 20, 1945. In Africa, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, Austria. Received EAME Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, and also the American Defense Service Medal. Sgt. Graham was honorably discharged from the Army on July 4, 1945.
11. —LT. WILLIAM SYDNEY WATSON, grandson of Mrs. Alice Graves, Dallas, husband of Mrs. Nancy Watson. Attended A & M College, volunteered Aug. 19, 1941, Navy Air Corps. Trained at Dallas, Corpus Christi, Pensacola, San Diego. Overseas Jan., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Hawaii, Midway, Marshalls, Gilbert, Philippines, Saipan, Okinawa and Canton. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific 4 Stars, Victory and American Campaign Medals, Air Medal, Pre-Pearl Harbor. Discharged Oct., 1945.
12. —S1/c BILLY JOE GREEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Green, Dallas, husband of Mrs. Algereta Green. Educated at Woodrow Wilson High School, volunteering for service Aug. 9, 1943; was assigned to Navy Aviation (U.S.N.R.) with training at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. Served overseas from June 19, 1944, to Dec. 12, 1946. Was in Asiatic-Pacific Area. S1/c Billy Joe Green received an honorable discharge on December 29, 1946, and is now living at 1707 S. Barry, Dallas.
13. —BM1/c JAMES CLYDE GREENWELL, born Nov. 18, 1920, son of Mr. B. L. Greenwell, Rt. #2, Lancaster, Texas, attended Buckeye, Ariz., High; volunteered for US Navy Jan. 5, 1940; trained at San Diego, serving 5 years out of 6 overseas, in both theaters of war. Participated in the invasion of Marshall, Solomon, and Gilbert Islands. Honorably discharged Jan. 8, 1946. BM1/c Greenwell and wife, Ann F. Greenwell, are now living at 725 East Portland Street, Phoenix, Arizona.
14. —S/SGT. ROBERT D. GREENWOOD, son of S. J. Greenwood, Willspoint, husband of Mary Ellen Greenwood, Rt. 4, Box 20, Dallas; was born Oct. 31, 1921, and educated at Willspoint, Texas. Entered Army 81st Infantry Div., June 15, 1942; trained at Camp Rucker, Ala., Tenn. Maneuvers, Camp Horn, Ariz., Camp San Luis Obispo; overseas July 3, 1944, to Dec. 5, 1945, in Southwest Pacific, So. Pacific, Japan, Battles of Palau and Southern Philippines. Awarded Combat Inf. Badge. Honorably discharged Dec. 15, 1945.
15. —S/SGT. TOMMY LYLE GRIBBLE, son of Mrs. Ida Mae Gribble, Rt. 1, Box 65, Grand Prairie, born June 10, 1922, attended N.T.A.C., Arlington. Volunteered to Army Air Corps Nov. 18, 1940; trained at Lowry Field, Colo.; overseas Aug. 27, 1943, to April 7, 1944, in England; flew 25 missions over Europe as Lower Ball Turret Gunner on B-17. Awarded D.F.C., Air Medal 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Victory Ribbon, National Defense Medal, EAME Ribbon 1 Star. Honorably discharged Sept. 7, 1945.
16. —T/SGT. LOUIN GRIFFIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Griffin, Dallas, born Sept. 21, 1917, attended Florence High, Tarrant Co. Volunteered for service Feb. 19, 1942; was assigned to Army Signal Corps with training at Camp Crowder, Mo., and Fort Ord., Calif. Served overseas, April 13, 1943, to Sept. 28, 1945, in the Asiatic Theater, South Pacific, Philippines. Received the Maritime Citation, 4 Bronze Stars. T/Sgt. Griffin received a back injury, and was honorably discharged Oct. 29, 1945.
17. —CAPT. HENRY HAROLD GRIFFIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffis, Dallas, born Aug. 14, 1920. Attended N.T.A.C., Arlington. Volunteered Army Inf.; trained at Fort Benning, Ga., and Camp Chaffee, Ark.; overseas May 1, 1944, to Dec., 1945. In Solomon Islands, Battle for Luzon, with 37th Inf. Div. Awarded Bronze Star Medal with his unit which received Distinguished Unit Badge. Inst. at Inf. School-1942, 37th Div. Overseas on planning staff for Luzon Oper. Now in R.T.C., Ft. Knox, Ky.
18. —S/SGT. LOYD EMMETT GRIFFITH, son of Mrs. Virgie Griffith, Dallas, born Feb. 7, 1919, attended A & M College. Volunteered Army 112th Cavalry, Nov. 18, 1940; trained at Ft. Bliss and Ft. Clark, Texas; overseas July 21, 1942, to Aug. 9, 1945, in New Caledonia, Australia, Woodlark, New Britain, New Guinea, Bismarck-Archipelago, Southern Philippines, Leyte, Luzon, P. I. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Philippines Liberation. Discharged Aug., 1945.
19. —RM3/c HENRY GROUNDS, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Grounds, Rt. 1, Cedar Hill, Dallas, husband of Ina June Grounds, born Sept. 18, 1915. Educated at Abilene Christian College; entered service Feb. 26, 1944; assigned to Navy Radio; trained at Farragut, Idaho, Esperito Santo, New Hebrides, serving overseas from 1945 to 1946, in Solomon Islands, Guam, Philippines, New Hebrides in the Southwest Pacific. RM3/c Henry Grounds was honorably discharged January 5, 1946.
20. —PVT. WILLIAM J. HAMMONS, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hammons, husband of Beryl Hammons, Dallas, born Feb. 15, 1923. Educated at Lisbon, Texas; entered service Feb. 15, 1943; was assigned to Army 11th Airborne; trained at Camp Mackall, N. Carolina; overseas until Jan. 2, 1946, in New Guinea Campaign, Australia, and Philippine Islands. Awarded the American Theater Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal 1 Bronze Star. Honorably discharged Jan. 27, 1946.

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**Capt. ROBERT A. MILLWEE**

Capt. Robert Alvis Millwee, born October 17, 1922, son of Mrs. Ella Lackey, Dallas, attended Forest Ave. High School in Dallas, and volunteered August 15, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, training at San Antonio Aviation Center. Was Commissioned December 5, 1943, at Pampa Texas Army Air Field. Capt. Millwee served overseas June, 1944, to December, 1945, in New Guinea, Philippine Islands, and Japan, and participated in the Battle of Leyte and the invasion of the Philippines as pilot with the 317th Troop Carrier Group. His awards include Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Six Campaign Ribbons with Asiatic-Pacific Medal. Discharge was received January 26, 1946.



**\*2nd Lt. GEORGE R. BARKHURST, JR.**

Lt. George R. Barkhurst was the son of Mrs. Lela Barkhurst, 2623 Bomar Street, Dallas, Texas, and was born July 2, 1920. He attended Wm. B. Travis, Dallas Technical High School and Southern Methodist University of Dallas. Lt. Barkhurst entered the service January 8, 1942, at Dallas; was assigned to the Army Air Corps, and trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio. He served in the United States from January 8, 1942, to June 5, 1943. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice when his plane crashed on June 5, 1943, near Jersey, Ga. Apparently he was on a cross country flight when the accident occurred.



**Pvt. ELZIE R. BEAIRD**

Pvt. Elzie Ray Beard, husband of Ethel Beard, 601 Melba St., Dallas, was born June 16, 1916. Volunteered Jan. 23, 1943, at Corsicana; was assigned to Army 1139 Combat Engineers; trained at Camp Swift, Texas. Served overseas two years and twenty-nine days in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and central Europe, and was awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medal. Served with Company A-206 Engineer Combat Battalion for 33 months in France, Germany and Austria. Laid mine fields, dug up enemy mines, and disarmed booby traps. Was discharged Nov. 13, 1945.

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1st Lt. JOHN C. PEARSON, JR.

1st Lt. John Charles Pearson, Jr., was born September 26, 1916, in Texas, son of J. Chas. Pearson, Sr., and husband of Helen B. Pearson, 6001 Mercedes, Dallas, attended Eleanor Breckenridge in San Antonio and Terrill Prep. & Jr. College at Dallas. He volunteered for service at Brady, Texas, January 24, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, trained at Kelly Field, Texas, and was commissioned November 10, 1942; he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant November 11, 1945. Lt. Pearson served with the 509th Composite Bomb Group, and later with the Test Flight Section of Atomic Bomb proving section. His entire duty was served in the States. The World War II Victory and American Defense Medals were awarded with the American Theater Ribbon and Good Conduct Award. Discharge from the Army Air Corps was granted on November 5, 1945.



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## Lt. HAROLD C. KOCKOS

Lt. Harold Chris Kockos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kockos, Dallas, was born October 21, 1921, and attended the University of Texas at Austin; he volunteered June, 1942, and was assigned to the Navy Air Corps, training at Dallas, Corpus Christi and Pensacola, Florida. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1945. He served overseas one and a half years in the South Pacific at Bougainville, Vella LaVella, Midway Islands, and the Coral Sea; he returned to the States. Lt. Kockos received the Air Medal and Citation from Admiral William Halsey, also World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, and Good Conduct Award; he remains in service as Navy Test Pilot stationed in Maryland.



## S2/c OLNEY J. BECKMAN

Seaman Olney Joe Beckham, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Beckham, 4502 Swiss Ave., Dallas, Texas, was born December 21, 1927, and educated in Dallas Public Schools and Southern Methodist University. He volunteered for service May 25, 1945, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Air Corps. He trained in V-5 Unit, North Texas Agricultural College and V-5 Unit Southern Methodist University. Served in United States from May 25, 1945, to August 6, 1946, at Great Lakes, Ill., and on USS Montrose, APA 212. Awarded Victory and Navy Expert Rifleman's Medal, and American Theater Ribbon. Discharged August 6, 1946.



## T/5 SIDNEY P. BURT, JR.

T-5 Sydney Philip Burt, Jr., is the son of Mrs. Lena Burt, 315 South Center St., Grand Prairie, Texas. He was born December 4, 1913, in Texas. Attended Grand Prairie High School, and entered service March 5, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Texas. Was assigned to 5th and 26th, 818th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Served in the United States from March 5, 1942, to October 21, 1943, overseas from October 21, 1943, to October 6, 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Awarded Good Conduct Medal, Five Battle Stars. Discharged Oct. 6, 1945.

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EM 2/c NATHAN P. KING



WT 2/c WILLIAM F. KING

EM2/c Nathan Powell King, born July 18, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. King, Grand Prairie, attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and volunteered for service August 19, 1942, with the U. S. Navy, Construction Battalion; served at Camp Bradford, Virginia, Camp Endicott, R. I., and Port Hueneme, California, until May, 1943, at which time he began overseas duty in the Aleutian Islands where he remained until November, 1944. He returned to the States, and received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct and Campaign Ribbons. Discharged November 11, 1945.

WT2/c William Forrest King was born September 9, 1922, a native of Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. King, Grand Prairie, Texas; attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington. He entered service December 21, 1943, with the Navy, Service Squadron; trained at Farragut, Idaho, and Great Lakes, Illinois, and began overseas duty May, 1944, in the Southwest Pacific where he remained until March, 1946; he returned to the States and received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater Ribbons among other awards. Discharge was granted May 6, 1946.



T/Sgt. ROBERT VAN JOHNSON

T/Sgt. Robert Van Johnson, born June 8, 1918, in Texas, son of Mrs. Mabel M. Johnson, Dallas, attended Southern Methodist University, and volunteered July 8, 1942, for the Army Air Force, training at various fields in the States, and served overseas, stationed on the Island of Sardinia with the 12th Air Force. He participated in sixty combat missions over Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno and in the air offensive of Europe. Sgt. Johnson was awarded the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, Unit Citation, World War II Victory Medal among other Ribbons. Honorably discharged October 12, 1945.



Lt. Col. JOHN P. JOHNSON

Lt. Col. John Peyton Johnson was born July 25, 1915, in Texas, son of Mrs. Van Johnson of Dallas; attended North Dallas High School and Texas A. & M., College Station. He entered service May 20, 1941, with the Army Ordnance Division; served at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and Camp Hulen and Fort Bliss, Texas. Col. Johnson participated in the Southwest Pacific Campaign at New Guinea, Papua, East Indies and Bismarck Archipelago; returned to the States, and received World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon. He was discharged from service January 23, 1946.



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Pfc LEE L. PARKER, JR.

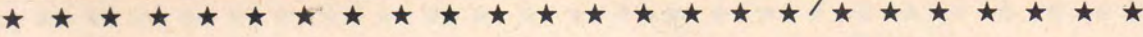


Sgt. LEE L. PARKER, SR.

Pfc Lee Lowry Parker, Jr., was born December 9, 1923, in Texas, son of Sgt. and Mrs. Lee L. Parker, Sr., and husband of Ophelia Parker, Dallas and Oklahoma City respectively. He attended the Dallas Public Schools, and volunteered for service September 11, 1942, with the Marine Corps, 4th Division, training at San Diego and Camp Pendleton. His overseas duty was served January to August, 1944, in the Pacific Theater where he participated in the Battle of Roi-Namur Island in the Marshall Group and in the Battle of Saipan where he was wounded June 15, 1944. The Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation with one Star were awarded, and after returning to the States, Pfc Parker was discharged November 30, 1944.

Sgt. Lee Lowry Parker, Sr., was born October 18, 1896, in Texas, husband of Edna Mae Parker, Dallas; he attended the Austin, Texas, Public Schools, and volunteered for service October 11, 1942, with the Army Medical Corps. Sgt. Parker had previously served as fireman in the Navy for 18 months in World War I. He trained with the Medical Corps at Tarrant Field, Ft. Worth, Texas, and served his total duty in the States. The World War II Victory Medal with American Defense, American Theater and Good Conduct Award were received, and discharge was granted from the Army June 28, 1944, with twenty one months service in World War II.

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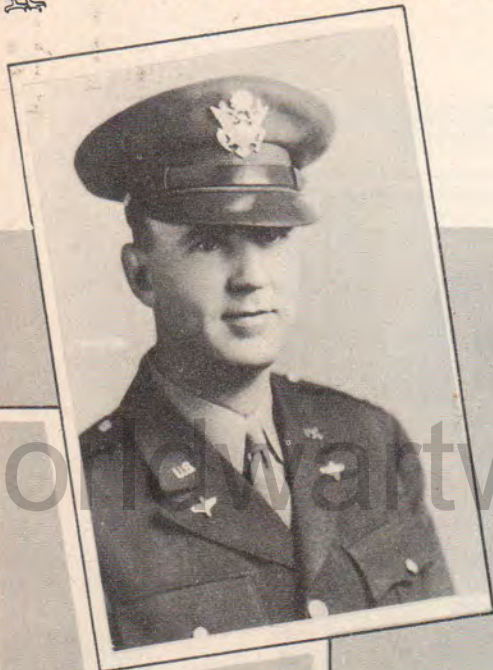
**Capt. GERALD S. TATE**

Capt. Gerald Seth Tate, birthdate July 4, 1913, in Texas, son of Seth Tate, Houston, Texas, and husband of Muriel Clayton Tate, 3400 Princeton, Dallas. Attended Highland Park High School and Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and was a concert and opera vocalist prior to his volunteering for service July 9, 1941, with the Army Infantry 42nd, Rainbow Division. Capt. Tate trained at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and received his commission April 22, 1942; began overseas duty November, 1944, in the European Theater where he participated in the Battles of the Rhineland and Central Europe and was wounded December 8, 1944, at Einglesheim, France, and on April 12, 1945, at Worsborg, Germany. His awards include the Purple Heart with Cluster, Bronze and Silver Star with the Combat Infantry Medal along with other Ribbons. After returning to the States September, 1945, he was stationed with the 4851st A.S.U.



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**Maj. GEORGE S. HUNTER**

Major George Street Hunter, born October 7, 1909, in Texas, son of the late W. Hugh Hunter and Mrs. Marion S. Hunter, Dallas, attended Rice Institute at Houston, and volunteered Jan. 27, 1942, with the Army Air Forces, training at Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas. Major Hunter served overseas Sept., 1942, to Mar., 1945, as Operations Officer on Staff of General Geo. C. Kenney, Commanding General of the Far East Air Forces. He participated in the Battles of New Guinea, Papua, Bismarck-Archipelago and the Philippine Islands. He returned to the States, receiving the Distinguished Unit Badge, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four Stars, and transferred to inactive duty Dec. 9, 1945.



**Sgt. FRED L. BOLANZ**

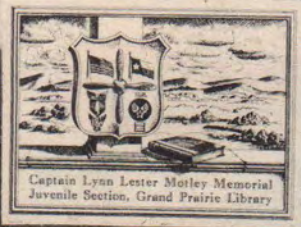
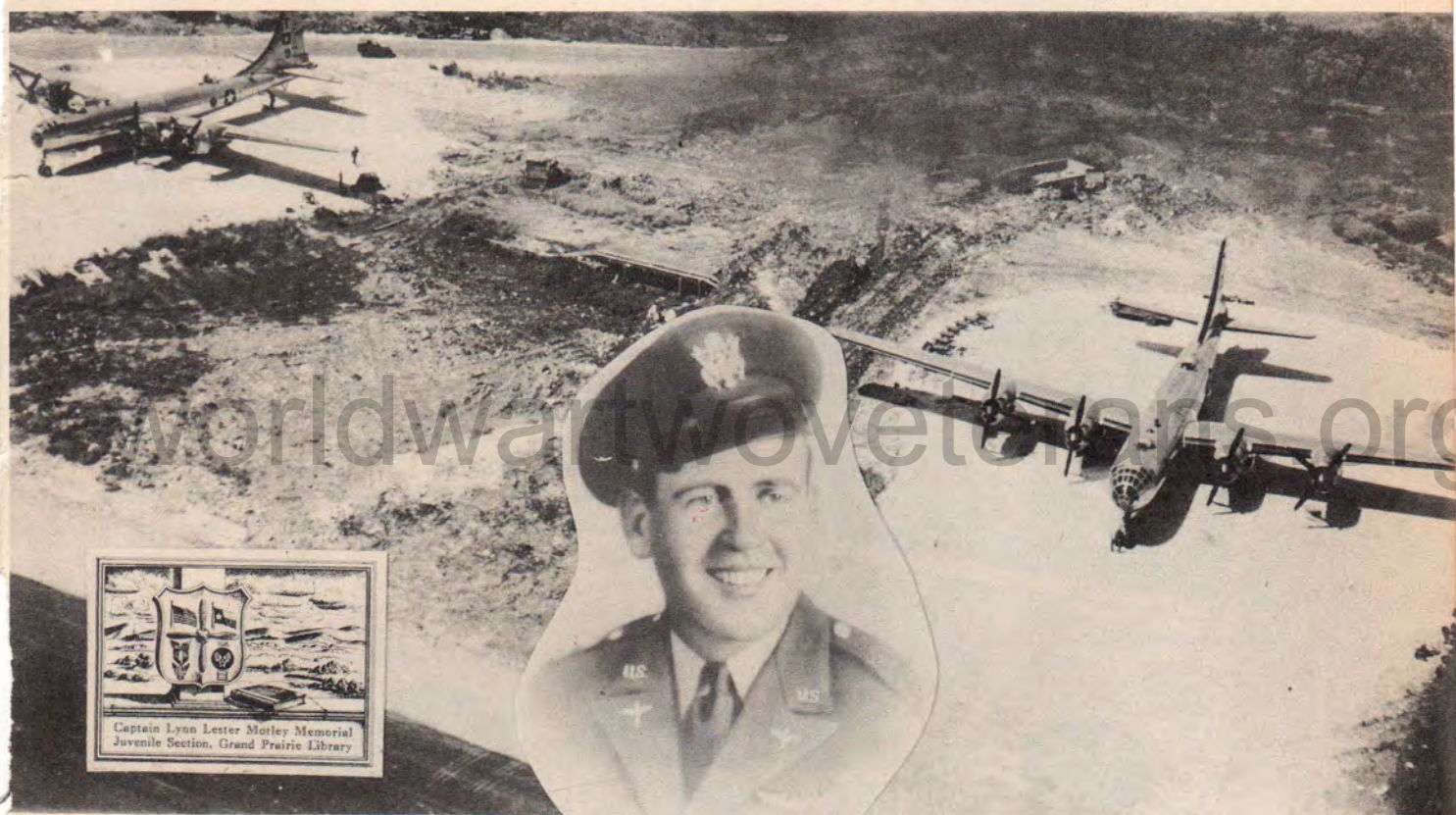
Sgt. Bolanz, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bolanz completed his education at S.M.U., Dallas, Texas; was born Oct. 18, 1924; entered service May 10, 1943; was assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Amarillo Air Field, and Great Bend Air Base, Kan.; and was overseas from August 12, 1944, to Dec. 15, 1945, serving in 874th Bomb Squadron (very heavy) of the 498 Bomb Group of the 20th Air Force on Saipan, and the 78th Fighter Squadron of the 15th Fighter Group on Iwo Jima. Received Distinguished Unit Badge, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Medal. Was discharged in Dec., 1945.



**Pfc ALVIN Z. BENDER**

Pfc Alvin Z. Bender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bender, Dallas, Texas. He was born Jan. 1, 1916, and completed his education at Texas University. Entered Army Feb. 24, 1942, and trained at Camp Wolters. Overseas from March 22, 1944, to August 15, 1945, in ETO campaign in England, Normandy, France, Belgium, and the Rhineland. Was wounded July 11, 1944, in France after D-Day invasion with 116th Inf. Reg., 29th Div. Received Presidential Unit Citation, Arrowhead for D-Day Invasion of France, Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Good Conduct and Marksmanship Badge. Pfc Bender received honorable discharge on October 21, 1945.

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## \*Capt. LYNN L. MOTLEY

Capt. Lynn Lester Motley was born June 30, 1919, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Helen Motley, formerly of Grand Prairie, Texas; was a graduate of North Texas Agricultural College, and had two years attendance credit at Texas University when he volunteered for service January 2, 1941, with the Army Air Corps. He trained at Ontario, California, Luke Field, Arizona, and Lockbourne Field, Ohio; was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant August 14, 1941, later serving as instructor in Basic Training, U.S. Army Air Corps, Minter Field, Bakers Field, California, and Marana Air Base at Tucson, Arizona, and also B-17 Transition Training at Columbus, Ohio. Capt. Motley paid the Supreme Sacrifice while on duty for his country March 3, 1943, on a training flight. He was missing for four months and ten days, and was located near Springerville, Arizona.



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**1st Lt. ORIEN N. JUSTICE, JR.**

1st Lt. Orien Neil Justice, Jr., born May 1, 1923, in Texas, son of O. N. Justice, Sr., Kermit, Texas, and husband of Bettye Ruth Justice of Grand Prairie, Texas. Attended Ranger Junior College, and volunteered for service November 21, 1942, with the Army Air Corps; trained in the States, and began overseas duty July, 1944, serving in China-Burma-India Theater as Flight Leader in his squadron. Lt. Justice returned home July, 1945, and his awards include the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Special Commendation for work behind enemy territory, Presidential Unit Citation and two Battle Stars for the Burma Campaign. Discharge granted July 27, 1944.



**Sgt. JOHN R. BATEMAN**

Sgt. John R. Bateman, husband of Marie M. Bateman, 2615 Tanner St., Dallas, was born August 19, 1912. Volunteered October 1, 1943, assigned to Army RWY, OPN, BN., as locomotive engineer. Trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Served overseas from April 7, 1944, to Jan. 29, 1946, in Normandy Beachhead, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Sgt. Bateman was awarded Expert Rifle and Pistol Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medal. Member of Engineers Local Union 392, Dallas and South Dallas Masonic Lodge No. 1283. Discharged Feb. 17, 1946.



**1st Lt. HENRY W. BENNETT**

Lt. Bennett, son of Mrs. Annie Lee Bennett, Dallas, Texas, was born Aug. 31, 1922. He attended North Texas Agricultural College, and volunteered Nov. 25, 1940. Was assigned to Army 36th Infantry, and transferred to A.A.F. Trained at Camp Bowie, and graduated from Victorville Army Flying School in April, 1943; served as Glider Flying Instructor and Glider Operations Officer from June 21, 1943, to February 7, 1946. Awarded Good Conduct, American Defense, American Theater of Operations and Victory Medal. He remained in service of his country with 349th T.C. Group, Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas.

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**FIGHTING MEN** *of* **TEXAS**



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**\*2nd Lt. RICHARD A. TROUTT**

2nd Lt. Richard Agnew Troutt was born June 7, 1924, in Texas, son of Bess A. Troutt, Dallas; attended the Bonham, Texas, and Dallas Schools, and also North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton. He entered service January 19, 1943, with the Army Air Corps; trained at various Fields in the States, and received his Flight Officer's Wings on February 8, 1944, at Moore Field, Mission, Texas; began overseas duty July, 1944, with the 15th Air Force stationed in Italy. He participated in eighteen missions including two on D-Day covering the task force that invaded Southern France, and others over Germany, Hungary, Greece, Rumania and other Areas. Was reported "missing" over Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, on September 21, 1944, and one year later was declared to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice in combat. The Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded.

1. -T/5 THOMAS W. JOHNSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Richardson, Texas, brother of Mrs. W. T. Baker, Dallas, was born June 6, 1919, and attended Carrollton H. Volunteered April 9, 1942; assigned to Army 744th M. P. Bn., 308 Gen. Hospital, 41st Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Ft. Sam Houston. Overseas June 26, 1945, to Jan. 14, 1946; served in Mariana Islands, Iwo Jima, and Japan. T/5 Johnson was honorably discharged on Jan. 22, 1946, and is at home in Addison, Texas, with wife, Lula Mae.

2. -CPL. EDGAR B. JOHNSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Post Office Box 271, Richardson, Texas, brother of Mrs. W. T. Baker 6427 Maple Ave., Dallas, born Aug. 11, 1925, attended Richardson H.; entered service Nov. 26, 1943, assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Drew Field, Fla. Overseas from Nov. 6, 1945, to March 7, 1946, serving in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Cpl. Edgar B. Johnson received an honorable discharge on March 14, 1946.

\*3. -PFC CHARLES LEONARD MELTON, brother of Mrs. M. I. Baldwin, Dallas, born June 30, 1912. Entered service Jan. 14, 1941, assigned to Army 36th A.T. Co. (141 Inf.); trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, Edwards. Overseas April, 1943, to March, 1944, in N. Africa, Italy, Salerno, Alta Villa, Rapido River, Cassino. He died in Italy from injuries received in line of duty, and is buried in Naples, Italy. Awarded the American Defense, Good Conduct, and European Theater Campaign Ribbons.

4. -S/SGT. JAMES D. BALDWIN, brother of Mr. M. I. Baldwin, Dallas, born Oct. 8, 1920, at Seagoville. Volunteered to Air Corps Oct. 11, 1939, trained at March Field, Calif. Overseas July, 1942, to May, 1945, in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, N. Africa, Sicily, Italy, India, Burma, China. Battles: Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, Central Burma, Balkans. Awards: American Defense, Presidential Distinguished Unit Badge, European Theater 6 Stars, Asiatic-Pacific 3 Stars. Honorably discharged July 2, 1945.

5. -CPL. DONOVAN WILSON BANKS, born May 6, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Banks, 1130 Westmount, Dallas, Texas, received his education at Sidney Lanier and Sunset High Schools, Dallas, and volunteered for service July, 1942, at Dallas; he was assigned to the Army Air Corps. He received his training at Keesler Field, Mississippi. Cpl. Donovan Wilson Banks was given an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on February 6, 1946, and is at home in Dallas.

6. -Y2/c SARAH CHRISTINE BARTEL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bartel, 5314 Merrimac Street, Dallas, Texas, born July 24, 1914. She received her education at Thomas J. Rusk and North Dallas High, both at Dallas, and Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Volunteering for the service on May 5, 1943, she was assigned to the United States Naval Reserve, Waves (WR), with training at Hunter College, The Bronx, New York. Stationed at Bureau of Ships, Wash., D. C. Discharged Oct. 22, 1945.

7. -LT. ALBERT REID BARTEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bartel, born Oct. 9, 1918. Volunteered U.S. Naval Reserve, June 15, 1942; trained USN Academy; overseas Feb., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in American, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine, Leyte, Kula Gulf, New Georgia, Consolidation of N. Solomons, Saipan, and Guam. Wounded Feb., 1944, off coast of Bougainville while aboard USS St. Louis. Awarded Purple Heart, Letter of Commendation, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Stars. Released to inactive duty Dec., 1945.

8. -ENSIGN BAITY BARTEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bartel, Dallas, born June 29, 1924, husband of Martha Bartel, attended University of Oklahoma. Volunteered Dec. 8, 1942, assigned to US Naval Reserve; trained Navy V-12 Unit, Norman, Okla. and General Ordnance School, Wash., D. C. Spent 13 months as Torpedo Range Officer at Solomons, Maryland. Commendation in connection with Underwater, Ordnance Special Weapons Project. Released to inactive duty in Naval Reserve on July 7, 1946.

9. -T/SGT. FRANK BAYLESS, son of Mr. T. B. Bayless, Dallas, born May 28, 1910. Entered 1st Army Engineers Feb. 24, 1942; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas; overseas from Oct. 21, 1944, to Nov. 25, 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Battles of Rhineland and Central Germany. Awarded Victory Ribbon, American Theater Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal 2 Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. T/Sgt. Frank Bayless was given an honorable discharge on December 2, 1945.

10. -S2/c JACK BAYLESS, son of Mrs. T. B. Bayless, husband of Bannie Bayless, Lancaster, Texas, was born Oct. 16, 1913; volunteered Sept. 29, 1942; assigned to Navy, 76th Construction Battery; trained at Camp Bradford, Virginia; overseas April 5, 1943, to July 27, 1945, in Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, Occupation of Guam, and Battle of Marianas. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon 1 Bronze Star, American Theater Ribbon. He was discharged from the Seabees on Sept. 16, 1945.

11. -ENSIGN CHARLES ALBERT BECKHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Leterman, Dallas, was born July 10, 1924. Attended Baylor University, Waco, Texas; volunteered to Navy Hospital Corps Dec. 7, 1942; overseas Jan., 1945, to Dec., 1945, in Bermuda, Bahamas, Cuba, Wake, Mariana Islands, Ryukyus Group, Okinawa, and Guam. Received Navy Unit Citation, Victory Medal, Asiatic Theater, and Atlantic Theater Campaign Medals. Ens. Charles A. Beckham was honorably discharged on July 3, 1946.

12. -CPL. MALCOLM LAVENE BECKHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Leterman, Dallas, was born Dec. 2, 1925; attended S.M.U. at Dallas; volunteered for service on Dec. 1, 1943; assigned to 6th Marine Div.; trained at San Diego, Calif.; overseas from Nov. 8, 1944, to May 22, 1946, in Okinawa Shima, Oroku Peninsula, Guadalcanal, Guam, Caroline Islands, Yokosuka, Japan. He received these awards: Presidential Citation, Expert Rifleman, Asiatic-Pacific, Victory Medal. Discharged May 22, 1946.

13. -2ND LT. JESS C. BARBEE, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess C. Barbee, Sr., 2723 Gould, Dallas, attended Forest Ave. High. Volunteered July 7, 1943, for Army Air Corps with training at Sheppard Field, Kansas State Teachers' College; Phoenix, Ariz.; Bakersfield, Calif.; La Junta, Colorado; Santa Anna, Calif.; and Pyote, Texas. Entered in Reserve Corps Oct. 29, 1942, to July 7, 1943. 2nd Lt. Barbee was honorably discharged on Dec. 4, 1945, and is now in A.A.F. Reserve Corps.

\*14. -LT. WALTER SAM BERKOWITZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Berkowitz, Austin, Texas, was born May 20, 1920. He attended Texas University, volunteering for service in 1941; assigned to the Army Air Corps at Windsor Ont., Canada, he went overseas in September, 1942, in the South Pacific where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in line of duty, Dec. 19, 1942. 1st Lt. Walter Berkowitz was listed among the missing and was never found.

15. -MAJ. GEORGE BENARD BERKOWITZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Berkowitz, Austin, Texas, was born October 12, 1916, at Dallas. He received his education at Texas University, volunteering for the service in Aug., 1939; was assigned to 19th Bomb. Group, with training in Florida, and Calif.; overseas from Oct., 1942, to May 27, 1943, in South Pacific where he was wounded. Received Purple Heart, Air Medal, Asiatic Ribbons, Group Citation. Discharged July, 1946.

16. -S/SGT. DALE WOLF, son of Mr. Hyman Wolf, Europe, and Mrs. Anna Wolf Berkowitz, Austin, Texas, was born September, 1904, in Poland. He attended Forest Avenue High School; entered service April, 1943, and was assigned to Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field three months; he was overseas for one year, serving in Africa and Italy. S/Sgt. Dale Wolf received an honorable discharge from the USAAC Intelligence in November, 1944.

17. -S1/c FRED ALLEN BOULDIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Bouldin, 2334 Wycliff Street, Dallas, Texas, was born September 23, 1927, at Dallas; he received his education at Sam Houston and Crozier Technical High School, volunteering for the service on September 4, 1945; he was assigned to Navy, and trained at US Naval Training Station at San Diego, California. He was awarded the Navy Marksman Medal. S1/c Fred Allen Bouldin is still in the Navy in Shanghai, China.

18. -S/SGT. JIMMIE THOMAS BOULDIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Bouldin, Dallas, was born Aug. 31, 1919. He attended Dallas Tech High. Volunteered Nov. 18, 1940; assigned to 112th Cavalry Headquarter Troop; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas; overseas July, 1942, to Dec., 1945, in the Southwest Pacific where he was wounded. He participated in the battles of New Britain and New Guinea. Awards: Infantry Combat Badge, Good Conduct, Bronze Arrowhead, Pre-Pearl Harbor, 3 Battle Stars. Discharged soon after returning to States.

19. -PFC DAVID M. BENAVIDES, son of Mrs. Isabel Benavides, 2801 Laclede, Dallas, born July 14, 1920. Attended Technical High; volunteered June 1, 1942, Army Co. A., 630th T.D. Bn.; overseas from June 3, 1944, to Oct. 23, 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes. He was a prisoner in Stalag XII A, and Stalag IV B. Awarded the ETO Ribbon, 4 Bronze Service Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. Pfc Benavides was given an honorable discharge Oct. 23, 1945.

20. -PVT. JOE M. BENAVIDES, son of Mrs. Isabel Benavides, 2801 Laclede, Dallas, Texas, was born on August 11, 1922, at Dallas, Texas. Attended Cumberland Grammar and North Dallas High School. Volunteered for the service on September 13, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Co. A., training at Corpus Christi, Texas; overseas 27 months in 4 invasions in Attu, Makin, Tarawa, Aleutian Islands, Gilbert Islands, and Marshall Islands. He is at home in Dallas since his discharge.

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**Capt. GEORGE R. ELLIS**

Captain George Robert Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ellis, of Dallas, and husband of Rutheda G. Ellis, formerly of Dallas and now 119 W. Maple, Denver, Colorado, was born June 24, 1913, and entered Army service in May, 1941. He was assigned to the Infantry, and trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. In July, 1944, he went overseas, to Europe, and participated in battles in France. Among his awards he holds the Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation. At present he is with the Historical Detachment, and is still overseas. Previous to entering service, he attended schools in Paris and Fort Worth, Texas.



**2nd Lt. ROBERT A. FIRNBERG**



**\*2nd Lt. JAMES T. BERRYHILL**

Lt. Robert A. Firnberg, is the nephew of Mr. Sam Berger, 915 Commerce Street, Dallas, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney H. Firnberg. He was born April 21, 1920, and was educated in the public schools of Dallas and A & M College. He volunteered June 16, 1941, at Bonham, Texas; was assigned to Army 3rd Armored Division; and trained at Camp Polk, La. Overseas from May 12, 1944, to February 17, 1946, in England, France, and Germany. Lt. Firnberg attended Infantry O.C.S. at Fountainbleau, France, and was commissioned there. He was released from service on March 18, 1946.

Lt. James T. Berryhill was the husband of Thelma M. Berryhill, 809 N. Lancaster St., Dallas, Texas, and the son of G. W. Berryhill of Penelope, Texas. He was educated in the public schools of Penelope and North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton. Lt. Berryhill volunteered for service in February, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, training in Texas, Iowa, Oklahoma and Idaho, as a Navigator on a B-17. He was overseas from June 15, 1943, to July 30, 1943, in areas over Germany. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice on his third mission over Kassel, Germany. Awarded Purple Heart.





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**Pfc GEORGE S. ELLIS**

Pfc George Smith Ellis, husband of Carmen Ellis, 518 N. Lancaster, Dallas, was born Aug. 20, 1916, and entered Army service May 24, 1943, at Dallas. He was assigned to the 3rd Engr. Special Brig., 198th QM Gas Supply Co., and was trained at Fort Francis E. Warren and Ft. Ord. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific area from Jan., 1944, to Jan., 1946, as coxswain of a landing craft with the 533rd EBSR, 33rd Inf. He holds Commendation Papers and the following awards: Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Bronze Stars; Philippine Liberation, 1 Bronze Star; 4 Overseas Service Bars; Good Conduct; and Victory Medal. On Jan. 25, 1946, he was honorably discharged from service at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.



**Capt. DICK BERNHARD**

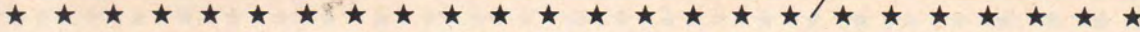
Capt. Dick Bernhard, was born January 8, 1907, and is the son of Mrs. Freda Bernhard, 5212 Worth St., Dallas, Texas. He is the husband of Dorothy Faye Bernhard of Houston. Capt. Bernhard attended the public schools of Dallas and Texas A & M College. He volunteered for service June 21, 1942; was assigned to the Army Air Corps, and trained at Ellington Field, Texas. Served at Randolph Field, San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Kelly Field, Ellington Field, and Maxwell Field in Montgomery, Alabama. He served in the United States from June 21, 1942, until his discharge December 7, 1945.



**Lt. A. KARL SMITH**

Lt. A. Karl Smith, brother of Mrs. Inez T. Barry of Dallas, was born September 2, 1910. He attended Sam Houston State Teachers' College, Huntsville, Texas, and volunteered April 20, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Personnel Classifications. Trained at Norfolk, Va., and San Diego, Calif. Commissioned June, 1944, at Navy Training Center, Farragut, Idaho; rate held at time commissioned: Chief Petty Officer. Lt. Smith served the entire time in the United States. He was Officer in Charge, Classification Office, Naval Base Receiving Station, Washington. Assigned to inactive duty, Dec. 11, 1945.

# The **FIGHTING MEN** of **TEXAS**



**S/Sgt. WILLIAM T. STAMPER**

S/Sgt. William Travis Stamper, birthdate March 17, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Stamper, Grand Prairie, Texas, attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington; volunteered for service on August 24, 1942; and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, training at Grand Central Air Station, Glendale, California, and Oxnard Field, Alburquerque, New Mexico. Was promoted to Staff Sergeant July 15, 1943, and began overseas duty one month later in the European Theater where he participated in the air offensive of Europe and campaigns of Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno; returned to the States September, 1944. Sgt. Stamper received the EAME Campaign Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater and Defense Awards, and was discharged from service November 3, 1945.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**Pvt. DON THOMAS DEAN**

Pvt. Don Thomas Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dean, 513 S.E. Second, Grand Prairie, was born Nov. 29, 1926, in Texas, and volunteered for service with the Marines Nov. 29, 1943, in Dallas. He was trained at San Diego, in the Miramar Marine Corps Air School, and served 18 months overseas in the Marshall Is. and on Okinawa participating in 4 months of combat. Pvt. Dean was awarded a citation for action beyond the call of duty, and on March 4, 1946, he received an honorable discharge from military service. Previous to enlistment, he attended the Grand Prairie High School.



**RM 3/c MARVIN R. BLASSER**

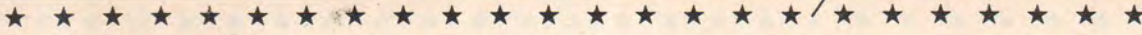
Radio Man Marvin R. Blasser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Blasser, 2838 Forest Ave., Dallas, Texas. He is married to Shirley Blasser of Dallas. Attended Texas Military College, Terrell, Texas and volunteered April 6, 1944. Assigned to Navy Amphibious Branch., training at Los Angeles. Was overseas from November, 1944, to April, 1946, participating in Iwo Jima and Okinawa in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations and the American Theater. Promoted from Seaman 2/c to Radio Man 3rd Class. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars. He was discharged June 14, 1946.



**S1/c DAVE RAVKIND**

Seaman Dave Ravkind, is the son of Mr. Max Ravkind, 2837 University Blvd., and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Max Blasser, Dallas. He was born June 10, 1917. Seaman Ravkind received his education in the public schools of Dallas, and entered the service January 15, 1945, at Dallas; he was assigned to United States Naval Reserve, training at San Diego, California. He served in the United States from January 5, 1945, to February 14, 1946, and was not assigned to overseas duty. Seaman Ravkind was awarded World War Victory Medal and American Defense Ribbon. Received honorable discharge February 14, 1946.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**S/Sgt. ROBERT T. DORR**

**Capt. WILLIAM E. BLAIR**

Sgt. Robert Tillman Dorr is the husband of Mrs. Betty L. Dorr, 5750 La Vista, Dallas. He was born Feb. 13, 1920, in Arkansas, and received his education in the public schools of Banner, Ark. Entered service Nov. 4, 1941, at Dallas, and was assigned to Army Air Forces, training at Chanute Field, Ill. Overseas from Nov., 1942, to Sept., 1945, participating in battles in Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, England and Ardennes. Sgt. Dorr was awarded Bronze Star, EAME Campaign Medal with six Bronze Stars, American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct, Distinguished Unit Badge, and AAF Technician Badge. Was discharged November 12, 1941.

Capt. William Edwin Blair is the son of Mrs. Geo. W. Blair, 5750 La Vista, Dallas, Texas. He was born November 24, 1918, in Mississippi. He was educated in the public schools of Dallas and A & M College in Bryan, Texas, and was an architect before volunteering November 25, 1940, at Dallas. He was assigned to 36th Division, 132 Field Artillery, training at Camp Bowie. He served as B-25 instructor in Sacramento, Calif. Embarked for overseas Feb. 9, 1946, serving in the Pacific. In June, 1942, Capt. Blair transferred from the US Army to the US Army Air Corps, remaining in the Air Corps at the end of the war. He is now stationed on the island of Okinawa.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**S/Sgt. HARRY B. ELDER**

S/Sgt. Harry B. Elder, son of E. E. Elder, and husband of Yvonne Ruth Elder, 917 N. Winnetka, was born March 14, 1921, and volunteered for Army service Nov. 18, 1940, at Dallas. He was assigned to the 112th Cavalry Regimental Combat Team, and was trained at Ft. Clark. He served overseas from July, 1942, to Jan., 1945, in the South Pacific and Philippine areas, performing military duty on New Caledonia, New Guinea, and New Britain, as well as the Philippine Is. He was wounded in the left hand, and was awarded the Purple Heart. He also holds the Combat Infantry Badge, the Asiatic-Pacific with 5 Bronze Stars and 1 Arrowhead, the Pre-Pearl Harbor and Good Conduct Ribbons. He was honorably discharged from service, Nov., 1945.



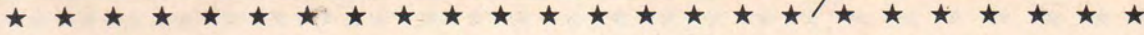
**1st Lt. CHARLES W. BREWER**

Lt. Brewer, son of Mrs. Chas. W. Brewer of Dallas, was born December 2, 1921. He attended the University of Texas; volunteered March 21, 1942; and was assigned to US Army Air Corps, training in Texas, Idaho and Florida. Sailed for overseas in July, 1943, with 15th Air Force, 97 Heavy Bomb Group, 341 Sqdn., participating in African, Sicilian, and Italian Campaigns, and battles of Cassino, Rapido River and Mt. Trocchi. Awarded Air Medal with 5 Battle Stars, ten Oak Leaf Clusters, and African Theater Ribbon. Lt. Brewer returned to the US April, 1944, after completing fifty missions. Honorably discharged in 1945.



**1st Lt. CHARLES P. BOGGESS, JR.**

Lt. Charles P. Boggess, Jr., was born January 7, 1912. He is the husband of Gay Lee Boggess of Eagle Lake, Texas. He attended Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois, and entered service March 11, 1942, at Houston. Assigned to Army Ground Forces, 4th Armored Div., 37th Tank Bn. Trained in California and Kentucky. Overseas from June, 1944, to Sept., 1945, participating in the battles of France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and Northern France. Lt. Boggess was awarded Purple Heart, two Oak Leaf Clusters for 3 wounds, Silver Star, and Presidential Unit Citation. Was discharged December 1, 1945.



**1st Lt. THOMAS M. SHAW**

1st Lt. Thomas Mitchell Shaw, born December 4, 1918, son of Ralph H. Shaw, and husband of Clairine Compton Shaw, 4129 Shenandoah, Dallas, attended Highland Park High School and Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He was an attorney prior to his volunteering for service November 7, 1941, with the Army Infantry, 99th and 34th Div., training at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, and Ft. Benning, Georgia. Lt. Shaw served overseas July, 1943, to July, 1944, in the Mediterranean and European Theaters; participated in the Italian Campaign, and was wounded in combat February 4, 1944, at Cassino, Italy. His awards include the EAME Ribbon with one Star, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, and other medals. Discharge was granted on June 30, 1945.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



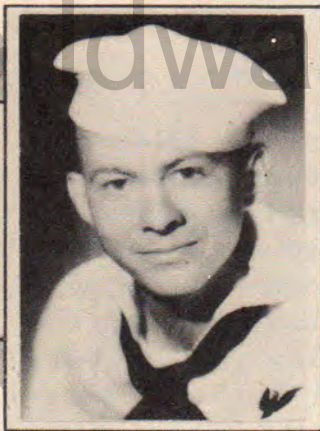
**\*1st Sgt. DURWARD D. BAIRD**



**Capt. THOMAS R. BENNETT, JR.**

1st Sgt. Durward D. Baird, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baird, and husband of Mrs. Gussie G. Baird of Dallas. He attended High School in Breckenridge, Texas, and entered service Dec. 30, 1942, assigned to Army Engineers. Sailed for overseas June 6, 1943, participating in battles in Africa, Sicily, Belgium, England, France and Germany, and was wounded October 14, 1944, when blown twenty feet by a mine. He returned to combat about November 1st. Sgt. Baird was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Good Conduct Medal and American Theater of War Ribbon. He lost his life on April 27, 1945, in Germany.

Capt. Bennett is the husband of Mrs. Mary Catherin Bennett of Dallas, and is a graduate of Baylor University College of Medicine. He volunteered June 5, 1942, and was assigned to Army Medical Corps. Trained in Pennsylvania and Georgia. Served overseas from 1943 to 1945, participating in battles of Normandy, France, Ardennes, Rhine and Germany. Wounded in battle of Normandy; was P.O.W. for a short time, and recaptured by his own men. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star, Invasion Arrowhead and Combat Medical Badge. March 1943, he volunteered for paratroop duty and served as a medical officer. Made 16 jumps (2 combats). Discharged December 9, 1945.



**PhM 1/c RICHARD L. BILLINGS**



**Pfc DELMOS D. BLAIR**

PhM1/c Richard L. Billings, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Billings, Dallas, was born May 31, 1919. He attended Dallas Public Schools and the University of Texas, and entered the service July 17, 1942, at Dallas. He was assigned to Marines, training at U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, and Camp Elliott Field Medical School. Transport duty to New Caledonia in 1942. Served in Hawaii in U.S. Navy Hospital at Pearl Harbor; in 1945 given independent ship duty going to Guam, Saipan, and Iwo Jima. September 2, 1945, official V-J Day, entered Tokyo Harbor, Japan, for occupation. Discharged January 12, 1946.

Pfc Delmos Dow Blair, was born December 7, 1918, and is the son of Mrs. M. M. Blair of Gainesville, Texas. He is married to Mrs. Mary Blair, 1946 Blanco Place, Dallas. Pfc Blair attended Gainesville High School, and volunteered for service July 5, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to the Army 540th Engineer Group. Served overseas from October, 1942, to August, 1945, in Algeria, French Morocco, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Central Europe and Rhineland. He was awarded E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with seven Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead. Pfc Blair received his discharge August 19, 1945.

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**BM 2/c JACK L. CONNOLLY**

BM2/c Jack Lester Connolly was born July 16, 1924. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Connolly, and the husband of Wilma Connolly, all of Dallas. He volunteered for the Navy on July 23, 1941, and was trained at San Diego. Assigned to Navy-Combat Wing 2, and served on USS Thornton until it was sunk off Okinawa on April 5, 1945. He also saw action in Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Kula Gulf, Midway, Adak, Philippine Liberation, and Kerama Retto. He was overseas from Oct., 1941, to Feb., 1944, and from Dec., 1944, to June, 1945, and was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, Good Conduct, Victory, Philippine Liberation Medals, and Theater Ribbons and American Defense Bar. Discharged Aug. 31, 1945.

**PhM 1/c JAMES J. CONNOLLY**

PhM1/c James Joseph Connolly was born Nov. 3, 1922, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Connolly, and the husband of Jeanne Connolly, all of 5411 Worth St., Dallas. He attended SMU, and was an X-Ray Technician at St. Paul and Parkland Hospitals before volunteering for the Navy in Nov., 1942. Received training at USNTS, San Diego, and then was attached to the 1st Armored Amphibian Bn. of the Fleet Marine Forces. He saw action on landings on Roi-Namur, Kwajalein, Marshall and Ryukyu Islands, and Okinawa. He was overseas from Dec., 1943, until Dec., 1946. Was awarded the Navy Unit Citation, Good Conduct and Victory Medals, as well as Theater Ribbons. He is with the Navy at present.

1. —G.M.1/c ROBERT EDDIE BARBEE, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Barbee, husband of Mrs. Genevieve Barbee, Dallas, born Aug. 2, 1918. Attended Woodrow Wilson, volunteered for service Oct. 10, 1939, assigned to Navy Ordnance, trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Feb., 1941, to July, 1941, and May, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, European Theaters, Coral Sea, Bismarck Battles, Battle of Philippines, Wolf-Pack, Submarine Duty, Tokyo Bay. Honorably discharged October 10, 1945.

2. —PAINTER 1/c SAMMIE SHERWIN BLANK, son of Mrs. L. B. Blank, 2633 Britton, Dallas, husband of Ida Blank, born October 6, 1903. He received his education at Tech High School, volunteering for the service on Oct. 20, 1942, assigned to Navy (N.S.N.R.), training at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Feb., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in New Guinea, aboard P.T. Tender, Australia Sub Repair Base, also Floating Dry Dock. Honorably discharged December 5, 1945.

3. —C.M.1/c JOE PAUL BLANK, son of Mrs. L. B. Blank, 2633 Britton, Dallas, husband of Carrie Beth Blank, born Jan. 7, 1911. Attended Dallas schools, and volunteered for Navy C.B. on May 14, 1942, at Dallas; trained at Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island; served from Dec., 1942, to Oct., 1944, in New Hebrides, New Guinea, Admiralty Islands. He was awarded the Presidential Citation. C.M.1/c Joe Paul Blank was honorably discharged Sept. 29, 1945, at Norman, Okla.

4. —M.A.M.1/c JOHN ELLIS BLANK, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Blank, 2633 Britton, husband of Mrs. Ruby Earle Blank, both of Dallas. Born January 21, 1915. He received his education at Oak Cliff High School, Dallas. Volunteered for the service on December 14, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to the Navy Fleet Post Office, serving overseas from March, 1944, to September, 1945, in the Panama Canal. M.A.M.1/c John Ellis Blank was given an honorable discharge Nov. 19, 1945.

5. —T/SGT. JACK CHARLES EBERLE, son of Mrs. Rose Barber, Dallas, born Aug. 10, 1922, attended Dallas Tech High. Volunteered for service Aug. 3, 1941, assigned Marine 193 PH., 5th Div., training at Marine Corps Base, San Diego; overseas 29 months in American, Asiatic-Pacific Theaters, Consolidation of Solomon Is. Support of 5th Fleet, and 3rd Fleet, Okinawa, Ie Shima. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Victory, American Defense Medal. Remains in Marine Fleet Air Corps.

6. —ENSIGN CECIL WILLIAM BOSWELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Boswell, Dallas, born April 9, 1921, attended Texas University, Austin; volunteered for service in the Navy Dec. 23, 1941, at Dallas. He was trained at Rodd Field, Corpus Christi, Texas; served in the US until Dec., 1945, at which time he left for overseas, and since then he has joined the regular Navy, and is at the present time, serving in Japan.

7. —CAPT. HARRY REX BOSWELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Boswell, Dallas, born May 16, 1918; attended A & M College; volunteered for service in April, 1941; assigned to Army Air Corps. Overseas from May, 1943, to October, 1944, in North Africa, Italy, Sicily. He was made Captain in Jan., 1944. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, for low bombing in Italy, and the Presidential Citation. At present Capt. Harry Rex Boswell is instructing at Lowry Field, Colo.

8. —THIRD MATE ROBERT EDWARD BOSWELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Boswell, Dallas, husband of Agnes Boswell, was born Sept. 29, 1919. After completing high school he attended the Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Volunteered for service Sept. 19, 1942, assigned to Merchant Marines; trained at US Maritime T. School, Florida; served overseas Sept., 1942, to Oct., 1945, in the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Mediterranean Sea. He was honorably discharged Oct. 10, 1946.

9. —S/SGT. DONALD JAMES BRICK, born July 18, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brick, husband of Elizabeth Brick, 3506 Gillon, Dallas, attended Forest Ave. High, volunteering for Army Air Force Oct. 21, 1942. Trained at Gulfport, Miss. Served overseas from March 6, 1944, to July 16, 1945, in the ETO Theater. Awarded Air Medal 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, ETO Ribbon 4 Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Crew Member's Wings. Honorably discharged Oct. 1, 1945.

10. —CPL. LAWRENCE ELMER BRICK, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brick, husband of Nannie Mae Brick, Dallas, born December 21, 1919. He received his education at Tech High School; volunteered for service Nov. 3, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Force, training at Randolph Army Air Field. He received the following medals: American Theater Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, World War II, Victory Medal. Cpl. Lawrence Brick was given honorable discharge Feb. 20, 1946.

11. —S/SGT. JAMES MASON CAPPS, brother of Mr. Hershall D. Capps, husband of Mrs. Thelma Mae Capps, Rt. 1, Mesquite, attended school at Bassett, Texas. Born on Nov. 26, 1915, volunteered May 22, 1941, assigned to Army Co. 238th Engineer Battalion, trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; overseas Nov., 1943, to Jan., 1945, in No. Africa, England, France in battles of Normandy, No. France. Received EAME Ribbon 2 Bronze Stars 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct, Discharged Oct., 1945.

12. —PFC MERRITT F. GRANGER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hershall D. Capps, husband of Ellen Granger, Dallas, attended Pleasant Grove Hi, entering 8th Army Air Corps on Dec. 14, 1942; trained at Sheppard Field; overseas Nov. 28, 1943, to June 16, 1945, in Southern France, Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe with European Air Offensive. Awarded European, African, Middle Eastern 2 Bronze Stars, 1 Silver Star, Good Conduct Medal. Pfc Granger was honorably discharged Oct. 9, 1945.

13. —S1/c WALTER RAY BARDIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Bardin, Dallas, born April 18, 1927, attended Tech Hi; volunteered March, 1945, for Navy 3rd Fleet, trained at San Diego; overseas July 19, 1945, to Feb. 10, 1946, in American, Asiatic-Pacific Theaters of War, receiving Victory Medal, American, Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Discharged July 22, 1946. He had 3 brothers also in service, Sgt. Jack N. Bardin, U.S.M.C., Autry L. Bardin, Army Eng., Chief Q.M. Joe P. Bardin, U.S.M.S.

14. —CPL. RICHARD ALEXANDER BRECKENRIDGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Breckenridge, Dallas, husband of Viola Fay Breckenridge, born Oct. 2, 1913, educated at Royse City, Texas, entered service April 26, 1943, assigned to Army Engineers, trained Fort Belvoir, Va. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal, World War II, Victory Medal, and also the Expert Rifle Medal. Cpl. Breckenridge was honorably discharged on March 21, 1946.

15. —LT. ROY M. BRECKENRIDGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Breckenridge, 1911 Bernard Place, Dallas, husband of Mickey Breckenridge, Louisville, Ky., born June 7, 1918, educated at Sherman, Texas. Entered service Nov. 11, 1943, assigned to Army Armored Div. Lt. Roy M. Breckenridge was with General Patton in the Battle of the Bulge. He was wounded on December 19, 1944. Now with the Air Transport Command, Lt. Breckenridge is still stationed overseas.

16. —CPL. ALBERT HAROLD BRECKENRIDGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Breckenridge, Dallas, husband of Agnes Hazel Breckenridge, born April 25, 1920. Educated in Irving, Texas; volunteered Sept. 21, 1939, 1st Def. Bn., Btry. D., U.S.M.C.; trained at San Diego; overseas Feb., 1941, to Oct., 1945, in Battle of Wake Island. Awarded Marine Exp. Medal, China Theater, Presidential Citation. Captured Dec. 23, 1941; released Oct., 1945. In prison camps Shanghai, Teng Tai. Discharged March 24, 1946.

17. —ELECTRICIANS MATE 1/c GEORGE ARTHUR BREY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brey, Dallas, born June 16, 1922, attended school at Pleasant Grove, Texas. Volunteered Navy Nov. 10, 1942; trained Great Lakes, Ill. He was on USS Borie when it went down in battle with a German Sub, Nov., 1943. Served on USS J. Fred Talbot, Bartle, Alaska. Awarded Victory Medal, American, Asiatic-Pacific, African, European Ribbons 2 Stars, Presidential Unit Citation 1 Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbons. Discharged, 1946.

\* 18. —ELECTRICIANS MATE 1/c JOHN EDWARD BREY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brey, Dallas, born Aug. 14, 1924, educated at Pleasant Grove; volunteered April, 1942, Navy Submarine; trained at San Diego, Electrical School, Iowa State College; overseas Dec., 1942, to April, 1944, and Aug., 1944, to Feb., 1945; in S. Pacific, based at Brisbane, Australia. Received Silver Submarine with 3 Stars, Purple Heart. Died on Guam Feb. 13, 1945, with a number of mates and a native guide. Served on USS Fulton, Scamp, and Seafox.

19. —M.M.3/c CLEVE VINSON BREY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brey, Dallas, born Sept. 17, 1927, received his education at Pleasant Grove, Texas. Volunteered for service July 5, 1945; assigned to Seabees at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. He also was at Camp Parks, Calif., and Pearl Harbor, T.H. He received the Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. Honorably discharged July 23, 1946, at Norman, Okla. M.M.3/c Brey has rejoined Navy Reserve.

20. —T/5 CREIGHTON FRANCIS KIKER, husband of Mary Louise Kiker, 1165-1/2 Madison, Dallas, born March 14, 1920. Attended Dallas Technical High; entered service Oct. 8, 1941, assigned to Army Coast Artillery; trained at Camp Callan, Long Beach, and Fort Ord, Calif.; overseas in Alaska April 15, 1943, to Jan. 17, 1945, in battle of Attu. Awarded American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific with Star, American Theater, Victory Ribbon. Attached to UNO Conference in San Francisco for 4 mos. Discharged Oct. 2, 1945.

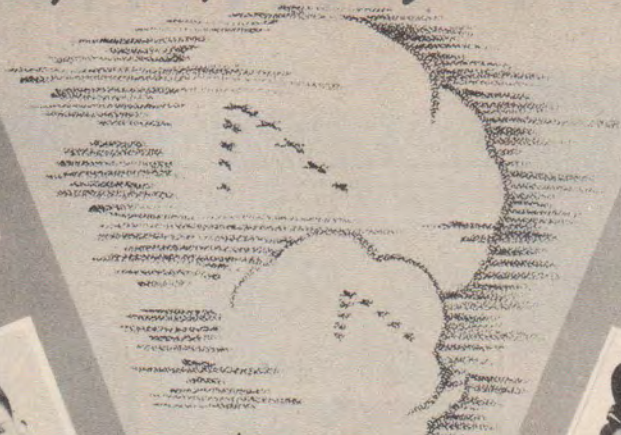
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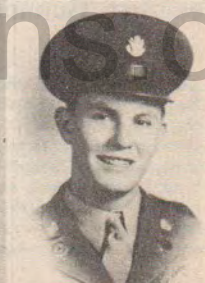
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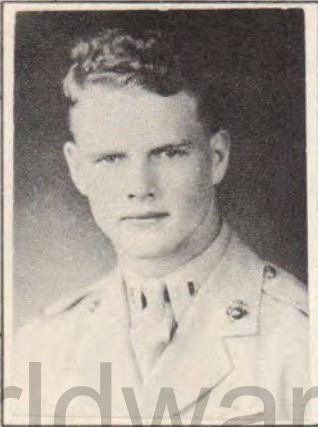
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\*2nd Lt. BOBBY J. ADERHOLD

Lt. Aderhold, was the son of Mr. John C. Aderhold, 2806 Burlington Avenue, Dallas. He was born February 21, 1924, in Texas, and received his education in the public schools of Dallas and the Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas. Volunteered for service October 23, 1942, and was assigned to Marine Air Corps, training at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. Served from October 23, 1942, to April 22, 1944. Lt. Aderhold paid the Supreme Sacrifice at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 22, 1944, when his plane crashed while on a routine air flight. He was made an instructor pilot after he received his commission.



T/Sgt. WILLIAM R. CRABTREE

Sgt. Crabtree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. Crabtree, Dallas, was born Feb. 7, 1923. Attended Sunset High School and volunteered Oct., 1946, at Dallas. Assigned to 487th Bomb Group, Army Air Forces. Received training in New Mexico. Sailed for overseas April, 1944, participating in European Theater, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland campaigns and air offensive over Europe, being shot down in Belgium Sept. 22, 1944. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, European Theater with four Battle Stars, American Theater and Victory Ribbons. Discharged Sept. 30, 1945.



Specialist Gunner 3/c DAVID W. SMITH, JR.

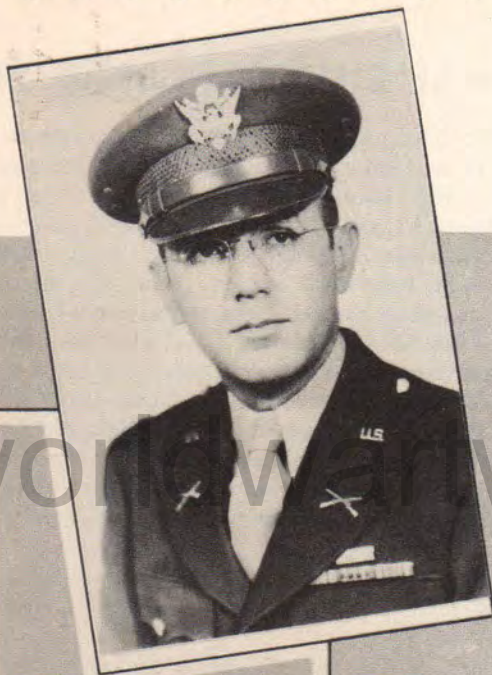
Gunner David William Smith, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David William Smith, Sr., of Dallas. He is married to Mrs. Dorothy Jeanne Smith, who resides at 809 Montreal Street, Dallas. Gunner Smith received his education in the public schools of Dallas and University of Texas, Austin, Texas. He volunteered for service on November 2, 1942, at Austin, Texas, and was assigned to United States Naval Reserve V-5 Aviation. Trained at Liberty, Missouri. Gunner Smith was not assigned to overseas duty; he received his discharge on March 18, 1946, and returned to civilian life.



PhoM2/c BILLIE J. BARTON

PhoM2/c Billie J. Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barton, Dallas, born March 9, 1926. Attended Stanford University and volunteered June 10, 1943, assigned to Navy Aviation. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from September, 1943, to September, 1945, on U.S.S. Essex, aircraft carrier, in the Pacific area. Received Philippine Liberation with two Stars, Asiatic-Pacific with ten Stars, American Theater Campaign and World War II Medal. He remained in service as midshipman in Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at Stanford University. Served as aerial photographer aboard Essex.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**Lt. Col. REAGAN L. DuBOSE**

Lt. Col. Reagan Layne DuBose, son of Mrs. Eva J. DuBose, and husband of Leatha Dale DuBose, 1818 Norfolk Ave., Dallas, was born Nov. 1, 1909, and volunteered for Army service Nov. 25, 1940, at Dallas. He was assigned to the 36th Div., and was trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards. From April, 1943, to April, 1946, he served overseas, in Africa and Italy, participating in the campaigns of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, and the Northern Apennines; also the battles of Salerno, Volturno, Cassino, and Anzio. He entered the service as 1st Lt., and was promoted to Capt. in 1942, to Major in 1944, and to Lt. Col. in 1946. At the present writing he is a Lt. Col. in the Infantry Reserve.



**Capt. DAVID BERNSTEIN**

Capt. Bernstein is the husband of Charlotte Margaret Bernstein, 3313 Meadow St., Dallas. He was born June 4, 1920, and attended Forest Avenue High School in Dallas. Capt. Bernstein entered service November 20, 1942, and was assigned to the Army 14th Armored Division. Overseas from April, 1944, to December, 1945, in England, Germany, Belgium, France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Normandy. Was wounded in battle and received Purple Heart, with three Clusters, Bronze Star, American Theater, EAME Campaign Ribbon with four Bronze Service Stars. Capt. Bernstein was honorably discharged February 16, 1946.



**M/Sgt. JOSEPH A. HAFTER**

Sgt. Joseph A. Hafter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hafter, Dallas, was born January 17, 1919. Attended Forest Ave., High School, and volunteered January 12, 1942. Assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Scott Field, Illinois. Overseas from November, 1942, to November, 1945, serving in Philippine Area, Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Luzon, Borneo, and Western Pacific. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with eight Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Unit Citation and AAF Technician Badge. Discharged November 23, 1945.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**1st Lt. CHARLES H. DRIER, JR.**

1st Lt. Charles Henry Drier, Jr., son of Mrs. Bessie R. Drier, of Dallas, was born Aug. 27, 1918, and volunteered for service in the Army on March 13, 1943. He was assigned to the 355th Ordnance Maintenance Co. A.A., and trained at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. On March 15, 1946, he was transferred overseas and served in the Southwest Pacific. Lt. Drier was with the 3233rd Ord. Depot Co. on Guam, and with the Hq. Oahu Ord. Service in the Hawaiian Islands. Before entering the service he attended Adamson High School, and also completed a course at the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, at College Station. At the time of his induction he was a student.



**Seaman 2/c JOHN L. ADAMS**

Seaman John Looney Adams, the son of Mrs. Ila Adams, of Dallas, was born October 16, 1926. He attended Adamson High School and volunteered for service April 6, 1944; assigned to Navy Aircraft Carrier, training at San Diego, California. He served in US from April, 1944, to May, 1944; overseas from May 29, 1944, to April 26, 1946, participating in the Pacific and Atlantic areas. Seaman Adams was awarded Victory, American and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medals. He was promoted from Apprentice Seaman to Seaman Second Class. Was discharged from the service on June 9, 1946.



**MoMM 3/c PAUL W. COLLINS**

MoMM3/c Paul Wayne Collins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Collins of Dallas. He was born Nov. 27, 1925, and attended Denison High School. Volunteered for service May 13, 1943, at Dallas and was assigned to US Coast Guard. Trained at Saint Augustine, Fla. Overseas from Jan., 1944, to June, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, Philippines, Marshall Islands, Saipan, Peleliu, Leyte, Luzon, Iwo Jima and American Theater of Operations. Was wounded and was awarded Purple Heart, World War II Victory Ribbon. He received his discharge March 25, 1946, and returned to civilian life.

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Pho.M 3/c JOHN E. SEABOLT

Photographers Mate 3/c John Edgar Seabolt, born December 24, 1923, in Texas, son of Dock Seabolt and the late Ruth A. Seabolt, Bardwell, Texas, attended the Bardwell, Texas, Public Schools and volunteered for service August 24, 1942, with the Navy Air Corps. His overseas duty was served October, 1944, until May, 1945, in the Pacific Theater of War at Hawaii, Kwajalein, Guam and Ulithi, in the battles of Iwo Jima, Okinawa and carrier raids on Kyushu, Yokohama and Tokyo. After returning to the States he received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Life Saving Medal, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the American Theater and Good Conduct Medals. Discharge from Naval duty was granted March 4, 1946, with nearly four years of service to his credit.

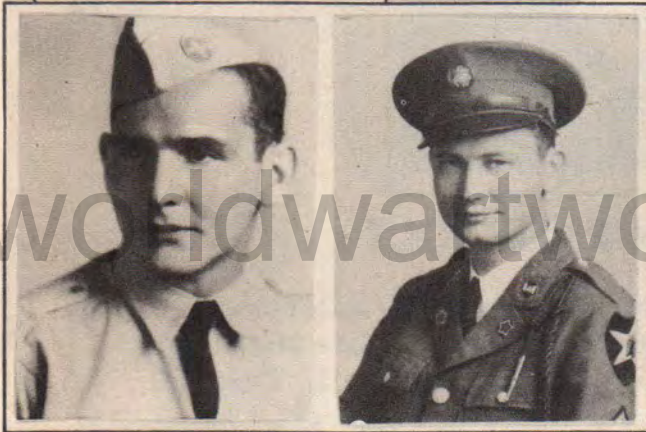


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**Pfc WILLIAM O. ELLIOTT**

Pfc William Orbin Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Elliott, of Dallas, and husband of Ethel Elliott of Grand Prairie, was born March 18, 1913, and entered service Oct. 9, 1942. He was assigned to the 96th Infantry, Co "C," 383rd Regt., and trained at Camp Adair, Oregon. He served overseas from July, 1944, to Jan., 1946, and participated in the invasions of Leyte and Okinawa. Pvt. Elliott holds the following awards: Unit Citation; Combat Inf. Badge; Amer. Thea., EAME Campaign, 2 Stars and 1 Bronze Arrowhead; Philippine Liberation, 2 Stars; Good Conduct; Victory. In January, 1946, he was honorably discharged from service, at Camp Fannin, Texas. Previous to service he attended school in Grand Prairie.



**Lt. Col. A. E. BIVINGS  
Capt. Y. H. BIVINGS, JR.**

Col. A. E. BIVINGS and Capt. Y. H. BIVINGS, Jr., are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Y. H. Bivings, Dallas. Col. Bivings participated in European Theater, Normandy, Southern France, Holland and Bastogne. Awarded Distinguished Unit Citation, Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, ATC and ADS Medals, EAME Medal with seven Bronze Stars. Discharged Jan. 7, 1946. Capt. BIVINGS, served in European Theater Area. Received Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe Bronze Battle Stars. Reverted to O. R. C. January 9, 1946.



**Pfc LOUIS G. CERDA**

Pvt. Louis G. Cerda is the son of Mrs. Cesaria L. Cerda of Dallas. He was born January 21, 1918, and attended Technical High School in Dallas. Pvt. Gerda volunteered for service January 14, 1941, and was assigned to the 36th Division of the army, training at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Served overseas from April, 1943, to March, 1944, in Naples and Foggia, and was wounded November 25, 1943. Received Purple Heart, Combat Inf. Badge, American Defense service, Good Conduct and European African Middle Eastern Service Medals. Discharged November 1, 1945.

*The* **FIGHTING MEN** *of* **TEXAS**



**Lt. HUGO W. SCHOELLKOPF, JR.**

Lt. Hugo William Schoellkopf, Jr., born March 28, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo W. Schoellkopf, Dallas, and husband of Mary V. Arnold Schoellkopf, also of Dallas, attended St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin, and is a graduate of Texas University at Austin. Lt. Schoellkopf volunteered February, 1942, with the Navy, Aviation Branch, and trained at Pensacola and Miami, Florida, serving overseas from March to December of 1943, and December 1943, to June, 1944, in the Pacific Area and Indian Ocean. Lt. Schoellkopf, Jr., participated in the battles of Bougainville, Rabaul, Gilbert and Marshall Islands, and was awarded the Air Medal. He returned to the States, and received the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the American Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbons. Discharged on October 23, 1945.



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**\*Lt. EARL E. DOSIER**

Lt. Earl E. Dosier, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dosier, of Dallas, was born April 4, 1920, in Texas City, Texas. On March 24, 1940, he volunteered his services in the Royal Canadian Air Force. In Sept., 1942, he was transferred to the US Air Forces in England. Lt. Dosier served overseas from December, 1941, to February, 1943, and in the United States from February, to April of 1943, when he paid the Supreme Sacrifice. He was an instructor in night fighting. Previous to enlistment he attended Dallas Technical High School. He entered service in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Brandon, Canada.



**T/Sgt. FRANK O. AKRIDGE**

Sgt. Frank O. Akridge, son of Mrs. R. F. Akridge, Terrell, Texas, born March 20, 1917, volunteered October 9, 1942, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Camp Luna, N.M.; served overseas from April, 1945, to January, 1946, in Central Burma Campaign, China, Burma and India. Sgt. Akridge was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, with 1 Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit Badge, and World War II Victory Medal. He has two daughters who are equally proud of his service, Nancy and Virginia Ann. Honorably discharged January 8, 1946.



**Sgt. CLARENCE M. COBB**

Sgt. Clarence M. Cobb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cobb of Irving, Texas. He was born Nov. 21, 1920, and attended the public schools of Irving. Sgt. Cobb entered service December 30, 1941, and was assigned to the Air Forces, training at Sheppard Field, Texas. He embarked for overseas October 26, 1943, and participated in battles of Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, Ie Shima and Okinawa. Promoted to Corporal March 15, 1942, and received Sergeant rating November 1, 1942. He is the husband of Mrs. Margaret Cobb who resides at 403 Bedford St., Dallas. Sgt. Cobb was discharged from service Jan. 26, 1946.



**S2/c HOWARD F. GREEN**

S2/c Howard Franklin Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Green, of Grand Prairie, and husband of Mary Jo Green, of 5404 E. Belknap, Fort Worth, was born April 14, 1922. He attended the Public Schools of Grand Prairie and North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, was with the Civil Service as an engineer in California before he volunteered for the Navy, Oct. 19, 1942, at Dallas. He was placed in the Air Station Branch, and trained at USNAS, Dallas, and Radar Schools in Norfolk, Va., and Atlantic City, N.J. He served overseas on the US destroyer Harry E. Hubbard, 748 (DD), in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of War, as Radarman. The Hubbard was a flagship of the Destroyer Squadron. S2/c Green participated in the battle of Okinawa. His awards are: American Theater; Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Star; and Good Conduct. In January, 1946, he was given an honorable discharge from Naval Service.

1. —RDM3/c EDWARD LOZANO, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Everardo Lozano, was born October 22, 1925, in Austin, Texas. He entered service December 1, 1943, at Dallas; was assigned to the Navy, and trained at the Naval Training Station, San Diego, California. He was overseas from April, 1944, to December, 1945, serving in the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and the Philippine and Okinawa invasions. Discharged April 16, 1946.
2. —SI/c ADOLPH LOZANO, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everardo Lozano, was born October 22, 1926, in Austin, Texas. He received his education in Dallas, and volunteered for service October 5, 1944. He was assigned to the Navy, and trained at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois. Seaman Lozano received the American Campaign Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. Discharged July 30, 1946, and returned to civilian life.
3. —RADIOMAN 2/c CHARLES HERBERT LUCAS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lucas, Sr., was born November 29, 1919, and attended school in Dallas, Texas. Volunteered for Navy service October 1, 1940, and trained at San Diego, California. He served overseas from April, 1941, to November, 1942, and was wounded in the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Received the ATC Medal, National Defense Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Medal. Discharged April 9, 1943.
4. —SI/c ROY JACK LUCAS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lucas, was born June 3, 1921, attended school in Dallas. He volunteered for service June 1, 1942; was assigned to the Navy, and received his training at the Naval Air Station, Grand Prairie, Texas. Seaman Lucas served overseas from September, 1944, to January, 1945, in New Guinea, Philippines, Leyte and Mindoro. He received his discharge on December 2, 1946.
5. —SGT. EWALD OTTO MAAS, husband of Mrs. Lavada Maas, was born July 15, 1910. Volunteered for service May 4, 1943, and was assigned to the Army, Engineers Division. He was overseas from April 28 to December 20, 1945, serving in EAME, Asiatic-Pacific and American Theaters. Sgt. Maas received the EAME Campaign Medal, APC Medal, ATC Medal, Good Conduct Medal and one Overseas Service Bar. Discharged December 31, 1945.
6. —COXSWAIN SAM MACALUSO, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Macaluso, was born December 31, 1913, and attended school in Dallas, Texas. He joined the Seabees at Bryan, Texas, January 25, 1945. Received training at San Diego, California, and served overseas in the Philippine Islands and China from June, 1945, to February 7, 1946. He received the Philippine Liberation Medal, China Service Medal and the Victory Medal. Discharged February 7, 1946.
7. —RADARMAN 2/c JACK ERVIN MACKEY, son of Mrs. Opal Mackey, was born September 5, 1921. He volunteered for service in the Navy, February 19, 1942, and was overseas from April, 1942, to August, 1945. He participated in 17 battles in the Pacific Theater and was wounded in the battle of Leyte. Radarman Mackey was awarded a Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation and Purple Heart. Received a medical discharge August 29, 1945.
8. —CAPT. HAROLD JOSEPH MAGNER, JR., husband of Mrs. Jeanette Magner, was born November 30, 1918. He entered the service December 8, 1941, and was assigned to the 81st Division Infantry. Capt. Magner served overseas in the Pacific Theater from June, 1944, to November, 1945; was wounded in Battle of Angaur, September 26, 1944. He received, among other awards, the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge. Discharged January 28, 1946.
9. —SI/c ARVIE MARTIN, husband of Mrs. Margie Martin was born January 15, 1913. He entered the Navy, March 23, 1944, at Dallas, and received training at San Diego, California. Seaman Martin was overseas from June, 1944, to December, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area and Philippine Islands. He received, among other medals, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Discharged Jan. 9, 1946, from Norman, Oklahoma.
10. —MMR2/c JEFF ALVIN PICKARD, husband of Mrs. Barbara Pickard, was born September 25, 1924. He entered the service as a Fireman in the Navy December 8, 1944, and trained at San Diego, California. MMR2/c Pickard served overseas from March, 1945, to May, 1946, in the Pacific Theater and the occupation of Japan. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal and the Victory Medal. Discharged June 1, 1946.
11. —SGT. JOHN MARTIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin, was born July 12, 1921. He volunteered for service January 24, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Force. Sgt. Martin trained at Sheppard Field, and served overseas in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines from March, 1942, to April, 1945. He received the Presidential Citation, A.P.C. Medal with two Bronze Stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Discharged June 20, 1945.
12. —COL. JOHN WAYLAND MAYO, husband of Mrs. Annie Dunn Mayo, born November 14, 1901, attended schools in Dallas, Texas, and A & M College. He entered the Army January 6, 1941, having previously been a member of the National Guards. He was assigned to the 18th F.A. Brigade, and served overseas from April, 1944, to October, 1945. Col. Mayo participated in five campaigns in the European Theater and received the Bronze Star. Discharged January, 1946.
13. —LT. COMMANDER ROBERT ALLEN MAYO, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mayo, was born October 8, 1920. Volunteered for service February, 1941, and was assigned to Navy Airforce. He was overseas from March, 1942, to April, 1945, serving in the Mediterranean Area and the Pacific Theater. Lt. Com. Mayo was wounded at Leyte and received the Air Medal and Purple Heart. He is at present assigned to Instructors Advanced Training Unit at Jacksonville, Florida.
14. —TECH. 5th GRADE LONNIE RAY McAFEE, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McAfee, was born April 22, 1921. He volunteered for the Army January 25, 1942, and was assigned to Ground Forces of Q.M., and received his training at Salt Lake and Pueblo Army Air Bases. He was overseas from August, 1943, to September, 1945, serving in the European Theater. He received the ETC Medal with 4 Battle Stars and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged October 20, 1945.
15. —ELECTRICIANS MATE 2/c RAYMOND ANDREW PRICE, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Price, was born November 14, 1921. Volunteered for service May 30, 1942, and was assigned to the Amphibious Force of the Navy. He trained at San Diego, California, and served overseas in the European Theater from April, 1943, to August, 1944. He received the ATC Medal, ETC Medal with 4 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal. Discharged December 17, 1945.
16. —PFC LESTER LANE McGEE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. McGee was born May 13, 1910. He entered the Army January 18, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to the Engineers Division, and trained at Ft. Leonard Wood. Private McGee served overseas from September, 1944, to November, 1945, in the Rhineland and Central Europe. He received the ATC Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. Discharged December 12, 1945.
17. —ENSIGN EVERETT LLAVON McCREW son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McGrew, was born April 28, 1923. He volunteered for service July 1, 1943; was assigned to the Navy Air Corps and trained at Pensacola, Florida. Ensign McGrew served overseas from July, 1945, to November, 1945. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor and served aboard the USS Texas, as Pilot of OS2U Kingfisher two months. Discharged November 5, 1945. Now on inactive duty with Naval Reserve.
18. —1ST LT. PARKER A. GOODALL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mears, was born May 22, 1917. He volunteered for service November 24, 1940, assigned to the Army Air Force 2nd Div., and trained at Ft. Sam Houston. Lt. Goodall was overseas from October, 1943, to June, 1944, serving in the European Theater. He received the DFC, Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars and Presidential Citation. Discharged June 7, 1945.
19. —1ST LT. JACK ALLAN GOODALL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mears, was born August 27, 1922. He entered the Army October 9, 1942; assigned to the Air Force; and trained at San Angelo, Texas. Lt. Goodall served overseas from October, 1944, to May, 1945, in the European Theater. He participated in the bombing of Germany, and received the DFC, ETO Ribbon, ATO Ribbon and the Air Medal with four Clusters. Discharged November 21, 1945.
20. —TECH. 5th GRADE JACK MELVIN MERRIOTT, husband of Mrs. Jane Merriott, was born September 15, 1919. He volunteered for service April 28, 1942, assigned to the Army, 302nd Ordnance Reg. Tech. Merriott served in Africa and Italy from February, 1943, to October, 1945, and received, among other medals, the EAME Campaign Medal and Meritorious Unit Award, both with two Bronze Stars, and the ATC Medal. Discharged November 6, 1945.

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Sgt. JERVIS W. DEANE

Sgt. Jervis William Deane, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Deane, formerly of Dallas, and now of San Francisco, Calif., was born May 4, 1918, in Texas. He volunteered for the Army Air Force July 10, 1941, and was trained at Ellington Field. Served overseas from Nov., 1942, to Dec., 1944, in the South, Southwest, Central, and Western Pacific campaigns. He holds the following awards: Asiatic-Pacific; American Defense; Good Conduct; and Victory. On Sept. 28, 1945, he received an honorable discharge at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado. Previous to enlistment he was a finger print expert at North American Aviation. Sgt. Deane attended schools in El Paso and San Antonio, Texas.



Cpl. RALPH S. ABEL

Cpl. Abel was born October 24, 1921, and received his education in the Dallas Public Schools and Terrill Prep School of Dallas. He volunteered for service October 1, 1940, at Dallas, and was assigned to the 112 Cavalry. Trained at Fort Bliss, Texas, and served overseas from July 21, 1942, to May 29, 1945, serving in the South Pacific Area. He received the American Theater Ribbon, American Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic South Pacific and Good Conduct Medal. He is the son of Mr. H. O. Abel of Dallas. Cpl. Abel returned to the States May 29, 1945, and was honorably discharged July 3, 1945.



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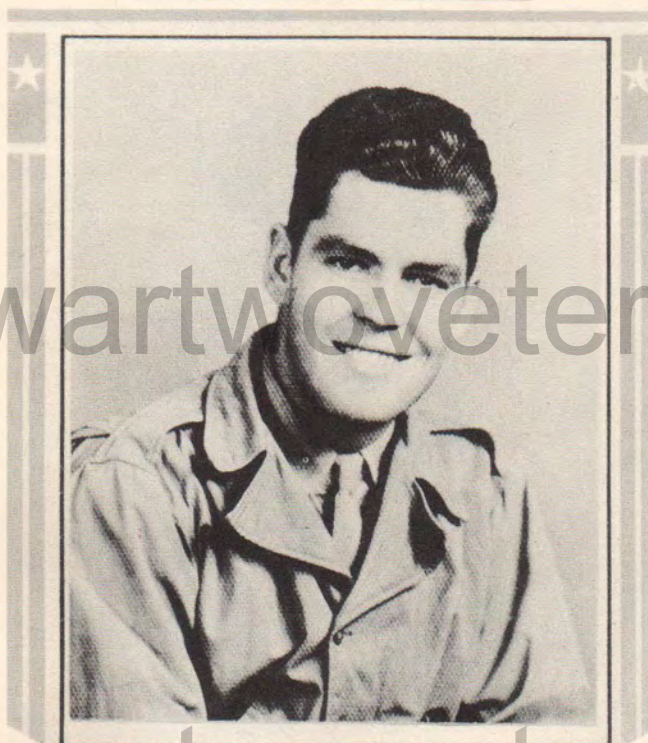
G. M. 1/c John Louis Melton, Jr., was born December 15, 1925, and is the son of Mrs. Gladys Melton of Dallas. He attended Woodrow Wilson High and Terrell School For Boys at Dallas, Texas. Volunteered for service in March of 1942, and was assigned to Navy Amphibious Force, training at Little Creek, Va. G. M. 1/c Melton served overseas from April, 1943, to October, 1944, participating in Tunisian campaign, invasion of Sicily, Salerno, and Anzio Beachheads and invasion of Southern France. Awarded American Defense, European-African Theater Ribbon with five Battle Stars. Discharged December 4, 1945.

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Cpl. ORAN E. GRAYLEY

Cpl. Oran Earl Gravley, son of C. E. Gravley, of Dallas, and husband of Annell Gravley, of Addison, was born Jan. 29, 1922, and volunteered for the Marines on Nov. 2, 1942, at Dallas. He was placed in the 2nd Division of the Marines and trained at the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif. From Sept., 1943, to Oct., 1945, he served overseas in the Southwest and Central Pacific areas. He participated in the battles of Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. On June 17, 1944, he was wounded, and on Oct. 17 of that same year he was awarded the Purple Heart. He attended the High School of Richardson, Texas, and previous to entering service his occupation was with the Aerated Products Co. On Oct. 26, 1945, he received an honorable discharge from military duties.



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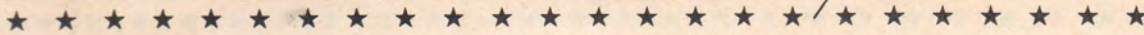
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**Capt. EARL W. GARVIN**

Capt. Earl Wilson Garvin, husband of Bessie A. Garvin, of Dallas, was born Oct. 6, 1894, in Clinton, Iowa, where his parents still reside. He was a captain in both World War I and World War II. He enlisted for the latter on Jan. 2, 1942, and served with the Second Division of the Marines on Guadalcanal in the original landing on Tulagi. In World War I he served in France, in the battles of Verdun, Belleau Woods, Soissons, and St. Mihiel. He was wounded in World War I. He holds the following awards: Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster; Croix de Guerre with Palm and Star; Purple Heart; Presidential Unit Citation; Campaign Medals for Mexico, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Verdun; Marine Corps Expeditionary; Yangtse Patrol; American Theater; Southwest Pacific; Good Conduct; Victory, World War I; Victory, World War II. He was discharged October 24, 1945.

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**M/Sgt. JACK GOODMAN**

M/Sgt. Jack Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Goodman, 2711 South Blvd., and husband of Ruth White Goodman, 1931 Marydale Dr., Dallas, was born Dec. 4, 1919, and entered service in the Medical Detachment of the Army Air Corps, Oct. 6, 1941, in Dallas. He received his trainings at Camp Grant, Illinois. The entire period of his service was spent in the United States, from Oct. 6, 1941, to Oct. 4, 1945, when he received an honorable discharge from military duties. Previous to entering the service of his country, he attended Forest Avenue High School, and Southern Methodist University, in Dallas. He was also associated with his father in the produce business in Dallas, before he became a soldier.



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1st Lt. LEONARD M. DEAN

1st Lt. Leonard Marcus Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Dean, of Dallas, was born Jan. 30, 1920, and is a graduate of S.M.U. Volunteered for army service Jan. 30, 1942. He enlisted in the 503rd Parachute Infantry, and was trained at Camp Wolters, Ft. Benning, and Ft. Bragg. He served overseas from Oct., 1942, to June, 1945, in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. Among other battles he participated in those of Luzon, Markham Valley, and Corregidor. He was wounded at Corregidor in Feb., 1945. Was awarded the Purple Heart; Distinguished Unit Citation; Bronze Star Medal; Amer. Def.; Amer. Thea.; Asiatic-Pacific Theater; 5 Stars and 1 Bronze Arrowhead; Phil. Lib.; Victory. He was released from service Jan., 1946.



Maj. ROBERT E. NESMITH

Maj. Robert E. Nesmith, husband of Mildred Glenn Nesmith was born August 17, 1913. Volunteered for service Jan. 7, 1943, and was assigned to Army Air Force, training at Hensley Field. Participated in India-Burma and Indo China Campaigns, European and American Theater of War and Asiatic-Pacific Area. Awarded American and European Theater Ribbons, Asiatic-Pacific with 2 Battle Stars, Chinese Order of The Flying Cloud and Air Medal. On April 21, 1946, he was released to inactive service in Organized Reserve Corps of AAF. Maj. Nesmith flew cargo and passengers over the "Hump" and was 1st pilot on 33 different types of army planes.



WT1/c HARRY W. SUDDUTH

WT1/c Sudduth, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Bennett, 4014 Simpson St., Dallas, and husband of Mrs. Stella T. Sudduth, 1542 Broad Ave., Wilmington, Calif. He was born May 21, 1924; attended public schools of Dallas. Volunteered for service in Navy January 2, 1942; received his training at San Diego, California. He sailed for overseas July 1, 1942; returned July 29, 1943; served six months with the 7th Batt., Co. C. on Espiritu Santos; was at Pearl Harbor, New Caledonia. His ship was sunk November 13, 1942, off Guadalcanal. Received Presidential Unit Citation Victory Medal, and his discharge October, 1944.

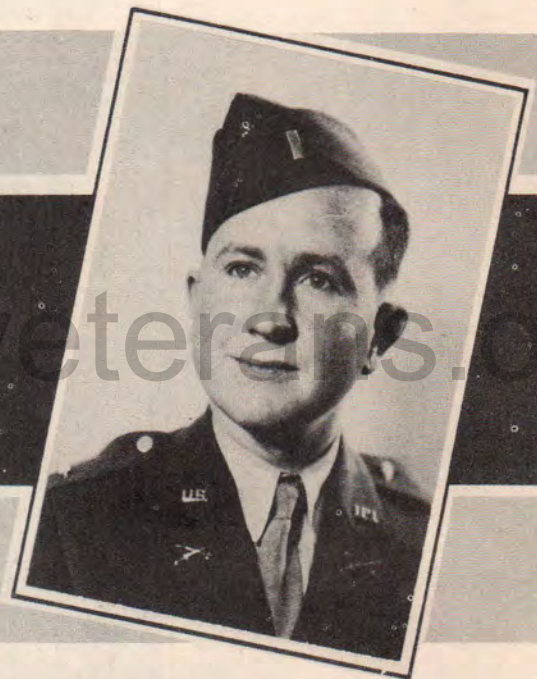




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2nd Lt. JAMES D. DAVIS, JR.



\*1st Lt. JACK S. DAVIS, SR.

2nd Lt. James Denson Davis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, Sr., of Dallas, was born Oct. 13, 1922, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps, Feb. 3, 1944, in Dallas. He was trained at Pampa AAF, Pampa, Texas, and received his commission Sept. 8, 1945. On Feb. 3, 1946, he was released from active service. Previous to enlistment he attended Sunset High School, in Dallas, and the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College at College Station, and was employed at the North American Aviation Plant, Grand Prairie. Lt. Davis is the husband of Mrs. Nell June Davis, of Dallas, and brother of the late Jack Steele Davis, who gave his life in battle in Burma.

1st Lt. Jack Steele Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Davis, and husband of Alice Johns Davis, all of Dallas, was born Oct. 10, 1917, in Mississippi, and volunteered for the Army Infantry Aug. 3, 1940, at Camp Bullis, Texas, where he was trained. After serving in Camp Wolters and Camp Cooke, he was transferred overseas, in April, 1944, and served with the Merrill Marauders under General Stilwell in the Burma jungles. In the battle for Myitkyina under enemy artillery fire he paid the Supreme Sacrifice, June 24, 1944. His awards were: Purple Heart, 2nd award; Presidential Citation; State of Texas Citation. At the time of his death he left two children, Mary Jeanette, age 4, and Jack Steele, Jr., age 2.

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**Capt. FRANK C. FYKE**

Capt. Frank Carden Fyke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Fyke, of Carrollton, Texas, was born Jan. 30, 1917, and volunteered for the Army Nov. 18, 1940. He was assigned to the 112th Cavalry Regt., and trained at Ft. Bliss and Ft. Clark. He served overseas from July, 1942, to May, 1945, in the Southwest Pacific, on New Caledonia, Australia, Woodlark Is., New Britain, New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon, participating in battles in the Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, and the Philippines. In July, 1944, he was wounded on New Guinea, and in April, 1945, he was wounded a second time in the battle of Luzon. His awards are: Silver Star for gallantry in action at Luzon; Purple Heart; Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart; Combat Inf. Badge; Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater; Amer. Def.; Luzon Campaign; Philippine Lib.; Victory. He was Commanding Officer of Troop "C", (112th Cavalry) in combat. At present he is with the staff and faculty of The Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas.



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T/4 Sgt. JAMES E. CAMPBELL



Pfc CHESTER E. CANTWELL

T/4 Sgt. Campbell, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Campbell, was born August 27, 1912. Attended Hico Public Schools and Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas. Entered service March 11, 1943, assigned to Army Headquarters Co., training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Camp Ellis, Ill. Served overseas from November 1, 1944, to July 15, 1945, in England and France. He served as 1st cook in 201st General Hospital in Verdon, France; received the American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Ribbon, and Victory Medal. Sgt. Campbell returned to the U.S.A. October 15, 1945, and received his discharge December 19, 1945.

Pfc Cantwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Cantwell and husband of Evelyn Cantwell was born April 12, 1916. Attended Duncan High School, Oklahoma. Entered service February 17, 1944, assigned to Quartermaster Division in the Army. Trained at Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas; served overseas from October 15, 1944, to June 19, 1945, in Rhineland, Reims, France Gasoline Dump. Participated in battle of the Bulge and Belgium. Received Good Conduct Medal, E.A.M.E. Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon one Battle Star, and Victory Medal. He was in Brooke General Hospital from July 26, until discharged November 13, 1945.



Cpl. THOMAS J. CARMODY



Gunner's Mate 3/c ODELL CHAPMAN, JR.

Cpl. Carmody was born November 18, 1921, son of the late Mr. Carmody and Mrs. T. J. Carmody of Dallas and attended North Dallas High School. Volunteered for service December 27, 1941, and was assigned to the 6th Marine Division. He served overseas from February 20, 1942, to November 22, 1945, Emirau Island, action on Guam, Marianas Islands, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, and the Occupation of Japan. Cpl. Carmody was wounded twice in action, on May 23, 1945, and again June 8, 1945. He received Good Conduct Medal December 26, 1944, and Good Conduct Medal Bar February 23, 1946, and was honorably discharged on June 28, 1946.

GM3/c Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Chapman, Sr., was born July 29, 1924; completed his education at A. & M. College of Texas. Volunteered for service February 4, 1943, assigned to Navy Amphibious 7th Air Fleet. Trained at San Diego, Calif.; served overseas from June 10, 1943, to September 7, 1945, in Southwest Pacific, Africa, India, Australia, Suez, Egypt, Admiralty and Philippine Islands. He received Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and Victory Medal. He was granted his discharge on January 31, 1946.



Sgt. WILLIAM T. CUSHING

Sgt. William Thomas Cushing, son of Mrs. H. E. Francis, of Dallas, was born Aug. 8, 1920, and entered Army service in the Air Corps May 16, 1944. Before entering this service he was interested in aviation and attended Dallas Aviation School, then entered the Navy with Reserve Commission as Ensign, Feb. 15, 1943, and was given special training in aviation for flight instructors at the War Training School of T.C.U. He was ordered to the Naval Air Station in Dallas and later to the one in New Orleans, but due to ear trouble he was unable to continue as a flight instructor, and resigned his commission. In army service 1944, he was sent to Cryptographer School, Chanute A.A.F., and later was transferred to the Army Airway Communication System. He served in the Aleutian Is. as a cryptographer. His awards are: Amer. Thea.; Asiatic-Pacific; Good Conduct; and Victory. He was honorably discharged from service on Feb. 19, 1946.

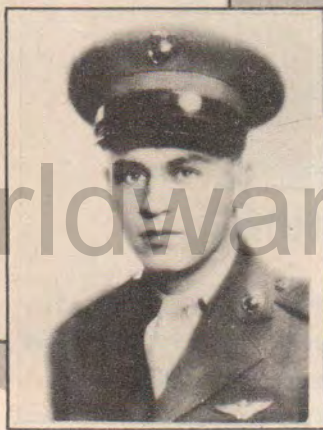


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**SK 3/c WILLIAM E. CROWDER**

SK3/c William Elijah Crowder, husband of Mildred Crowder, of Dallas, was born Dec. 17, 1911, and volunteered for service May 20, 1943, in Dallas. He joined the Coast Guard and was trained in St. Augustine, Florida. From here he was transferred to the Marine Base at Camp Lejeune, N.C., for training in amphibious warfare. Following this he was in the 8th Naval District at New Orleans, and then he was stationed in Houston, Texas, for six months. He received an honorable discharge from service on November 1, 1945, and at the time of this writing he is owner of United Pump Service and Supply Co., at 1701 S. Lamar Street, Dallas, which handles service and bulk plant equipment.



**1st Lt. RUFUS E. BUNN**

1st Lt. Rufus E. Bunn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bunn, and husband of Mrs. Phylis Whalen Bunn, was born November 17, 1921. He completed his education at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, and volunteered for the service December 9, 1941. Was assigned to the 4th Marine Air Wing, training at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi. 1st Lt. Bunn served overseas from December 7, 1943, to February 5, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He received American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged on February 22, 1946.



**Pfc PAUL R. CLARK**

Pfc Paul R. Clark was born October 22, 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Burch, and husband of Mrs. Franin Marie Clark. Attended Dallas Public Schools. Volunteered for service November 4, 1940; assigned to Army, 112th Cavalry, receiving his training at Fort Bliss and Fort Clark, Texas. He served overseas from April 28, 1945, to January 14, 1946, in the European Theater, Central Europe. Pfc Clark was awarded the American Defense Ribbon, European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal. He received his discharge Jan. 20, 1946.

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**T/Sgt. FRANK M. FARMER**

T/Sgt. Frank Marvin Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Farmer, of Dallas, was born Aug. 28, 1916. He attended the public schools of Dallas, and entered Army service May 8, 1942. He was assigned to the Air Forces, and trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Ft. Meyers, Fla., Will Rogers, Okla., and Northern Field, Tenn. From June, 1943, to Sept., 1944, he served overseas in the European Theater of War. He flew as engineer-top turret gunner with the 388th Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force. He started missions on Aug. 14, 1943, and completed 25 by March 20, 1944. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Presidential Unit Citation the ETO with 4 Battle Stars, and the Good Conduct Ribbon. He was honorably discharged from the service on Sept. 9, 1945.

\*1. -S1/c HOWARD REITZEL BLASINGAME was born Jan. 21, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blasingame, 3401 Dartmouth St., Dallas, and he attended North Dallas High. Volunteered for service in 1940, and was assigned to Navy, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in battles of Pacific. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice Sept., 1941. Awarded the Presidential Citation, Purple Heart, American Defense, and Victory Medals. His mother resides at 3401 Dartmouth St., Dallas.

2. -CPL. JOHN W. STEELE was born Dec. 1, 1905, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Steele, 517 S. Beacon St., Dallas. Husband of Mrs. Olga Stasney Steele, 5826 Victor St., Dallas. Attended McKinney schools, McKinney, Texas. Entered the service Nov. 13, 1942, at Mineral Wells. Trained at Fort Warren, Wyoming. Served overseas from July 17, 1943, to March 8, 1945, in European Theater and Iceland. Awarded American Defense, and Victory Ribbons. Was discharged Sept. 7, 1945.

3. -1ST LT. ROY R. STEELE was born Aug. 7, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Steele, 517 S. Beacon St., Dallas. Husband of Mrs. Frances Toler Steele of Dallas. Volunteered for service June 6, 1941, at Lowry Field, Colo., assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. Served overseas from Nov. 16, 1942, to Oct., 1943, in Middle East Theater, Egyptian-Libya Tunisian battles. Awarded Presidential Citation, Air Medal 3 Battle Stars. Discharged Sept. 18, 1945.

4. -T/SGT. HARRY BUFORD STEER was born March 24, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Steer, 1414 Fourth Ave., Dallas. Husband of Mrs. Lillian Steer, 4104 Sunnyside Rd., Minneapolis, Minn. Entered the service Nov. 7, 1941, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field and Wendover Field, Utah. Served overseas from Feb. 1944, to July, 1944, in European Theater Operations. Awarded 2 Battle Stars, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 13, 1944.

5. -CAPT. HAROLD EDWARD STEER was born Jan. 29, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Steer, 1414 Fourth Ave., Dallas. Husband of Mrs. Alice Calder Steer, 3450 Rankin St., Dallas. Entered the service June 16, 1941, assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from Nov. 4, 1942, to Nov. 26, 1943, in Solomon Islands, Southwest Pacific, and New Guinea. He made 75 combat missions. Awarded Presidential Citation, Air Medal with 5 Clusters. At present he is in Air Transport Command.

6. -YEOMAN 3/c DON BUSTER STEPHENS was born Nov. 27, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stephens, and husband of Mrs. Emma Jean McCutchin Stephens, Rt. 2, of Mesquite, Texas. Volunteered for service June 29, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia. Served overseas from Oct. 11, 1942, to Dec. 9, 1943, 14 months in American Samoa. Awarded American Defense, and Victory Ribbons. He was discharged October 25, 1945.

7. -PVT. 1/c GEORGE LOUIS STEPHENS was born Oct. 8, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stephens, of Mesquite, Texas. Father is deceased. Attended Mt. Vernon public school at Mt. Vernon, Texas. Entered the service April 6, 1942. Assigned to Medical Corps, 218th General Hospital. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark. Served overseas from July 16, 1942, to Oct. 23, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. He received the American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Nov. 4, 1945.

8. -PFC LLOYD DEAN STEPTER was born Oct. 29, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stepter, Husband of Mrs. L. D. Stepter, 1729 Poplar St., Dallas. Volunteered for service Aug. 21, 1941. Assigned to 2nd Marine Div.; trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from July 1, 1942, to Sept. 31, 1944, in Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Saipan, and Tinian Islands. 3 Presidential Citations, Asiatic-Pacific 5 Stars, American Defense 2 Stars. Was discharged Sept. 9, 1945.

9. -A.M.M.F. 2/c BENJAMIN JACK STEVENS, born June 18, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Stevens, Dallas. Volunteered Aug., 1942, assigned to Naval Aviation. Trained at Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill., Jacksonville, Fla., and Norfolk, Va. Served overseas from July, 1943, to Dec., 1944, in Normandy, Mediterranean Area, and English Channel. Completed 50 anti-shiping and sub-patrol missions. Awarded Air Medal, 1 Operation Star, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Sept., 1945.

10. -S/SGT. TERRELL E. GENE STOKES was born March 15, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ida Stokes. Husband of Mrs. Marie Stokes, 1942 Bernard Pl., Dallas. Volunteered for service Sept. 3, 1940, assigned to Med. Dept. 3rd Army. Trained at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas from May 1, 1942, to March 11, 1945, in Ireland, England, France, Belgium, and Germany. EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Was discharged May 12, 1945.

11. -S/SGT. HAROLD FRANKLIN ABBEY was born Nov. 14, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Abbey, Box 402, Kemp, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 12, 1942, assigned to Army 69th Troop Carrier 5th Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, and Long Beach, Calif. Served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Nov., 14, 1945, in New Guinea, Australia, Southern Philippines, Okinawa, and Iwojima. Middle Pacific Medal with 7 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 23, 1945.

12. -CPL. IRVIN FRANKLIN STORY was born Jan. 12, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Story, 234 W. Illinois St., Dallas. Attended Adamson High School. Volunteered for service March 8, 1944, assigned to 1st Marine Airwing. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Miramar, Calif. Served overseas from Aug. 15, 1944, to March 2, 1946, in S. Pacific, Northern Solomons, Philippines, and Japan. Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged May 9, 1946.

13. -SGT. ROLAND ARTHUR STORY, JR., was born Sept. 4, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Arthur Story, 234 W. Illinois St., Dallas. Husband of Mrs. Dorothy Muriel Story, 1520 Parkway Dr., El Monte, Calif. Volunteered for service Dec. 17, 1941, assigned to 2nd Marine Division. Trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from July 1, 1942, to Dec. 24, 1945, in S. Pacific, Saipan, and Okinawa. Presidential Unit Citation, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Jan. 7, 1946.

14. -CPL. OTHO HOUSTON STRICKLIN was born Dec. 29, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Stricklin of Stephenville. Husband of Mrs. Dorothy Stricklin of Lancaster. Entered the service April 7, 1942, and assigned to Army 33rd Division, 136 Infantry. Trained at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas. Served overseas in New Guinea, Morotai, Philippines, and Honshu Islands in Japan. Awarded American Defense, and Victory Medals. He was discharged November 30, 1945.

15. -T/SGT. LOWELL STROUD was born March 30, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stroud, of Dallas. Husband of Mrs. Louise Stroud of Ft. Worth, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 11, 1941. Assigned to US Marine Air Corps, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from May 22, 1945, to Nov. 15, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, stationed on Guam. Awarded American Defense, Marine Corps Good Conduct, Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Discharged June 10, 1946.

16. -F.C. 1/c JEFFERSON DAVIS STROUD was born July 23, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stroud, Dallas, Texas. Husband of Mrs. C. Stroud of Gainesville, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 16, 1942, assigned to Navy Destroyer Fleet. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Aug. 15, 1942, to Oct. 14, 1945, in N. and S. Pacific, Sicily, France, Anzio, and Okinawa. Credit for sinking German submarine U-856. American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged, 1945.

17. -S.K.3/c WALTER LEE SUTHERLAND was born April 28, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Sutherland, 4100 Pampas St., Dallas. Attended Roger Q. Mill School. Volunteered for service Dec. 10, 1942, assigned to US Navy. Trained at Great Lakes, Illinois. Served overseas in Pacific Area, European, African, Middle Eastern Area. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, with 1 Star, European, African, Middle Eastern Area 1 Star, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Jan. 9, 1946.

18. -PVT. MARTIN MARVIN SWARTZ was born Oct. 4, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anna Swartz. Husband of Mrs. Jen. Swartz, 4830 Junius St., Dallas. Attended North Dallas High. Volunteered for service Oct. 30, 1943. Assigned to Fifth Marine Signal Corps. Trained at San Diego, and Camp Pendleton. Served in the United States from Dec. 30, 1943, to Dec. 14, 1945. He was awarded the American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged December 14, 1945.

19. -SGT. ROBERT VERNON COUCH was born March 8, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Couch. Husband of Mrs. L. M. Couch, 4108 Stonebridge Dr., Dallas. Volunteered for service Dec. 2, 1941, assigned to 3rd Army at San Luis Obispo, Calif. Served overseas from Feb. 27, 1944, to Aug. 15, 1945, in North France, Normandy, Rhineland, and Ardennes, and Central Europe. He was awarded the American Defense and Victory Medals. Was discharged August 21, 1945.

20. -SGT. RUSSELL L. TATE was born Oct. 21, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tate, 5825 Tremont, Dallas. Husband of Mrs. M. L. Tate, of Dallas. Entered the service Dec. 6, 1944, assigned to 2nd Army Eng., Special Brigade. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Served overseas from May 20, 1945, to April 9, 1946, in Philippines Liberation, and Northern Luzon campaign. Was awarded the American Defense, and Victory Medals. He was discharged April 14, 1946.

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**\*2nd Lt. CARL P. SWADLEY**

2nd Lt. Carl Page Swadley, born July 1, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Swadley, Sr., Grand Prairie, Texas, attended the Grand Prairie Public Schools and volunteered October 8, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, training at Santa Ana Air Base, California, Bombardier School, Carlsbad, N. M., and Tonopah Army Air Field, Nevada. Was commissioned in December, 1943. Lt. Swadley left the States for overseas duty May 16, 1944, for Guadalcanal, Los Negros Island and Admiralty Islands, serving with the 31st Squadron, Bombing Group, 13th Air Task Force and was reported "Missing" on a mission to Truk Island. Later declared to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 17, 1944, over Hermit Island, Bismarck Archipelago. His awards were issued posthumously.



**Sgt. JOHN H. JACKSON, JR.**

Sgt. John H. Jackson, Jr., was born December 21, 1916, a native of Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jackson, Sr., Grand Prairie, Texas. He attended Peacock Military Academy at Dallas, and volunteered November 7, 1942, with the Army Air Forces, training at Big Spring Army Air Field, Texas. Sgt. Jackson began overseas duty August, 1945, in the Pacific Area, where he served at Okinawa, returning to the States March, 1946. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. Discharge was received March 12, 1946.



**\*2nd Lt. HODGSON T. JACKSON**

2nd Lt. Hodgson Tom Jackson, born October 10, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jackson, Sr., Grand Prairie, Texas, volunteered May 25, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, and received his advanced training and commission at Lubbock, Texas, Army Air Field August 30, 1943. Lt. Jackson began overseas duty December, 1943, in the European Area; participated in the air offensive of Europe, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno and air combat of the Balkans; received the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters and four Bronze Battle Stars. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country in Italy, March 3, 1944.

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**\*Sgt. WILLIAM C. COUCH**

Sgt. William Clyde Couch was born Sept. 29, 1918, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Couch of 2857 W. 12th St., Dallas. He attended N.T.S.T.C. at Denton, and entered the Army Jan. 13, 1941. Trained at Camp Bowie and at Camp Edwards, and went overseas in April, 1943. He was in action in the African and Middle Eastern areas and at Naples-Foggia. Besides holding the regular Theater Ribbons he received a Bronze Star and Arrowhead for the landing at Salerno, Marksman and Expert Badge with Rifle, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, and Silver Star, the latter posthumously for paying the Supreme Sacrifice on Sept. 14, 1943, near Alta Villa, Italy.



**Lt. EUGENE N. COUCH**

Lt. Eugene Nance Couch was born on Sept. 4, 1923. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Couch of 2857 W. 12th St., Dallas, and the husband of Dorothy Eaton Couch of 2440 W. Jefferson, Dallas. He attended S.M.U., and volunteered for the Air Corps on Nov. 13, 1942. Served in the United States from April 6, 1943, to Aug. 18, 1944. Trained at Santa Ana Army Air Base and was commissioned on June 27, 1944. He transferred to the Southwest Pacific Area in Aug., 1944, and was active in the campaigns of New Guinea, Northern Solomons, Bismarck Arch.; Western Pacific, Southern Philippines, Luzon, and Okinawa. Awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 6 Stars, and the Philippine Liberation. Discharged Mar. 20, 1946.



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**\*Pfc LENOY R. ANGLIN**

Pfc Anglin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anglin, Cooper, Texas, and husband of Mrs. The lma Anglin, Irving, Texas, was born May 28, 1924, and received his education in Cooper Public Schools. He entered the Army March 2, 1943, and was assigned to the 7th Armored Division, training at Camp White, Oregon. Served overseas from December 2, 1943, to June 19, 1944, off the coast of France and England. He was awarded the Purple Heart and one Battle Star. He was aboard a L.S.T. carrier off the coast of France when his boat hit an enemy mine. Only a few of the men were saved. He lost his life at Omaha Beach, France, June 19, 1944.



**Lt. Col. WILLIAM R. BROWN**

Lt. Col. Brown was born December 24, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brown, and husband of Mrs. Mildred Brown. Completed his education at A. & M. College. Entered service February 15, 1941, at Fort Crockett, Galveston, Texas, assigned to 54th Coast Artillery. Trained at Camp Wallace and Fort Bliss, Texas. Served overseas from July 24, 1944, to February 17, 1946, in England, France, Rhineland, and participated in the fall of Aachen, Battle of the Bulge and Rhine Crossing. Received European Theater Medal with four Stars, Victory Medal, Bronze Star, American Theater Campaign and Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon. Discharged June 17, 1946.



**Sgt. HIRAM L. BROWN**

Sgt. Hiram L. Brown, son of Mrs. Abbie Brown, Lancaster, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Gaye Brown, DeLeon, Texas, was born July 24, 1926. He completed his education at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas, and volunteered for service August 24, 1943, assigned to 4th Marine Air Wing Division. Trained at Jacksonville, Fla., Edenton, N. C., and Cherry Point, N. C. Overseas from May, 1944, to July 3, 1946, in the Hawaiian and Marshall Islands, Guam, Okinawa, China and Iwo Jima. Received the American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Victory Medal, and was honorably discharged on July 19, 1946.



**\*1st Lt. EDMOND E. GRAY**

1st Lt. Edmond E. Gray, son of Mrs. Pearl Brennan, 5202 Morning-side Ave., Dallas, Texas, was born February 4, 1917. Attended public schools of Dallas, and graduated from high school, Independence, Mo. Volunteered for service April, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to the Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Stanford, San Angelo, Lubbock, Walla Walla, Washington, and Idaho. Received his wings February 16, 1943; served overseas from June, 1943, to October 29, 1943, in North Africa and Italy. Received Purple Heart, Air Medal, six Oak Leaf Clusters. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice October 29, 1943.

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S/Sgt. ROLAND E. MILES, JR.

S/Sgt. Roland E. Miles, Jr., husband of Ona Lee Miles, and son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Yates, of Dallas, was born Sept. 7, 1920; entered service Jan. 27, 1943, in Dallas. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps, and served overseas from March, 1944, to March, 1946, serving in Cardiff, Wales, and in different places in England and France with the 8th Air Force; was with the 3rd Troop Carrier Sqdn., Paris. Sgt. Miles was an aeroplane engine repairman and engineer, maintaining constant check on performance of C-47 while in flight, including mechanical function and instrument readings, engine performance log, also repairs and adjustment, and reports, while flying. Awards: Marksman Rifle; EAME; Amer. Thea.; Good Conduct; Victory. Honorably discharged, March, 1946.



Cpl. JACK W. SESSUMS

Cpl. Jack Warren Sessums, birth date March 13, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sessums, of Dallas, attended S.M.U. in Dallas, and volunteered for service June 9, 1941, with the U. S. Marine Corps, 2nd Div., Hdqtrs. Bn. January, 1942, Cpl. Sessums transferred to the Pacific Area, participating in the battles of Guadalcanal, where he contracted malaria, and was wounded in both Saipan and Tarawa. Returned to the States August, 1944, and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Stars, Two Purple Hearts, Two Presidential Citations with two Stars. He was discharged from service September 19, 1945.

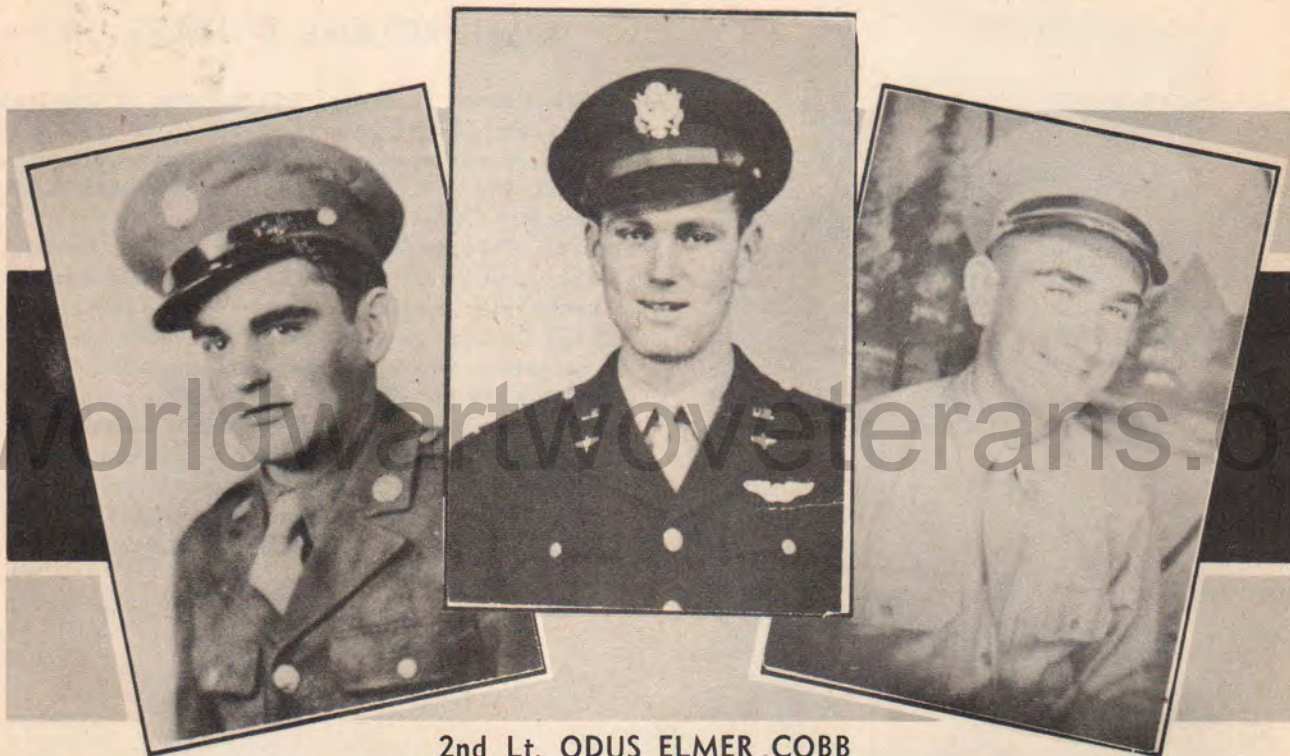


T/Sgt. ENOCH M. PITTS

T/Sgt. Enoch McKinney Pitts, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Pitts, Sr., Woodville, Tyler County, Texas was born January 18, 1922, in Texas. He volunteered August 14, 1939 for the Army Air Corps, 3rd Pursuit Sqdn. and served October, 1939, to October, 1945, in the Pacific Theater; trained at Nichols Field, Philippine Islands and participated in the Defense of the Philippines Luzon, Bataan and Mindanao. Sgt. Pitts was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese and imprisoned at Camp O'Donell, Cabanatuan, Mukden, Manchuria and Kamoika, Japan. The Pres. Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded, and discharged May 3, 1946.



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2nd Lt. ODUS ELMER COBB

T/4 DEWEY L. COBB

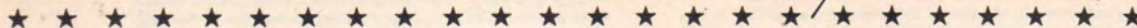
Pvt. MILTON M. COBB

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cobb, 6414 Henderson Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana. T/4 DEWEY L. COBB, born April 7, 1924, attended Gilmer High; volunteered for service Feb. 10, 1943, at Tyler; assigned to the Army R.T.C. C.W.S.; trained at Camp Sibert, Alabama; overseas 29 1/2 mos. in European and Asiatic Pacific Areas; participating in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines, and Po Valley. Awards are: EAME, 4 Stars; Asiatic Pacific; Philippine Liberation; Good Conduct; Victory; Marksmanship Rifle; and Mech. and Driver's Medals. Discharged Dec. 14, 1945; re-enlisted in Army Res.

2nd Lt. ODUS E. COBB, born May 6, 1921, husband of the former Glenna Adline Bradshaw, Rt. 4, Gilmer, enlisted in 15th A.A.F. Feb. 6, 1943; trained at Kelly and San Marcos Fld., Texas, El Reno, Okla., and Peterson Fld., Colo. Assigned to 376th Bomb. Gp., 515th Bomb. Sqd. in May, 1944. While overseas, they bombed Railway Yds., Bucharest; Fidenza Marshalling Yds.; Marshalling Yds. at Viscena; hit San Setphano; Awarded Purple Heart, Air Medal, and Silver Star, following his death in action, May 23, 1944, on the Italian Front. Received the American Legion Gold Star Citation also.

Pvt. MILTON M. COBB, born Nov. 13, 1926, attended Gilmer High School; entered the Army T.C. on March 30, 1945, at Dallas; sent to Camp Fannin, Texas, for his training. Served overseas from Oct. 15, 1945, until Aug. 2, 1946, in the Asiatic Pacific area. His decorations include the Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign, Japan Occupational, and Victory Ribbons. On Aug. 16, 1946, he received his discharge from the U. S. Army.

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**1st Sgt. WILLIAM E. ROGERS**

1st/Sgt. W. E. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rogers, Center, born Aug. 24, 1908, married Miss Mabel Porter, Shelbyville St., Center. Educated in grammar and high schools, in Center, Texas, and attended Texas A & M College, College Sta.; entered the service May 21, 1941, at Houston, and was assigned to the 3rd Armored Div. Trained in various camps in the United States and England; overseas 2 years, in Normandy, N. France, Ardennes C. Europe, and Rhineland. Awarded: Distinguished Unit Badge (Pres. Citation) EAME Medal, 5 Br. Stars. 3rd Arm'd. Div. was in 1st Army under Gen. C. Hodges, known as Spearhead Div. He was discharged Sept. 27, 1945.



**\*2nd Lt. BEN M. SIMON**

2nd Lt. Ben M. Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Ben Simon, Center, was born Nov. 15, 1924. He was educated at Center Grammar and High Schools, and the University of Texas, Austin. He volunteered Feb. 23, 1943, at San Antonio, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Knoxville, Tenn. etc.; overseas 3 months, in Belgium (Based). Served with 9th Air Force, also 404th Fighter Grp. Flew P.47 "Thunderbolt". He flew support missions over Germany, along the Rhine. Reported missing and presumed dead after a year. His plane collided with another in his formation. Awarded Air Medal, and Pres. Citation. Died Mar. 15, 1945.



**Lt. VIRGINIA K. WALKER**

Lt. Virginia K. Walker, born April 20, 1918, in New Mexico, daughter of Mrs. J. L. Walker, (father deceased) Center, Texas. She is now married to Mr. Daniel Mulford Valentine, whose home is in Coconut Grove, Fla. Was educated at Center Grammar and High Schools, and graduated from T.S.C.W., Denton, in 1938. Volunteered for service in Oct. of 1942, and was assigned to the Navy, W.A.V.E.S. Branch; trained at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.; overseas 10 months, sailing from Seattle, Wash., to Hawaii. At New Orleans, La., was Comm. Officer at 13th N. Dist. Hq. Seattle; later wrote war diary for Com't. 13th N. Dist. Discharged May 1, 1946.



**T/Sgt. DONALD R. WALTON**

T/Sgt. D. R. Walton, born July 15, 1916, in Texas, is the son of Mrs. H. J. Maxwell, Center, and husband of Angie Lois Walton, Cora St., Center. Educated at Center Grammar and High Schools, and Draughon's Business College, Dallas, Texas. Volunteered June 9, 1942, at Tyler, and was assigned to the Army Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. Served in the U.S. 2 years and 1 month, and overseas 18 months, in S. Pacific, (New Caledonia and New Hebrides) Middle Pacific (Hawaii). Awarded: Good Conduct, Meritorious Service Award, and Victory Medal. Promotions: from Pvt. to Cpl., to T/4 to S/Sgt. then T/Sgt. Discharged on Jan. 12, 1946.

1. —CPL. WAYNE ALLISON CHADWICK, born Jan. 16, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Chadwick, Center, Texas. Attended Center High School, Texas, and N.A.T.C., Arlington. Entered the service March 28, 1944, Camp Wolters, Texas; assigned to Army 78th Div.; trained at Camp Hood; Camp Pickett, Va. Overseas from Oct. 14, 1944, to May 2, 1946. Served in England, France, Germany, Belgium, in combat in Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe; awarded Combat Inf. Badge. Discharged May 10, 1946.

2. —T/5 EDGAR O. DOGGETT, born Feb. 19, 1924, son of Mrs. Louise Doggett, Center, Texas; attended N.T.A.C., Arlington; volunteered on Nov. 27, 1942; assigned to Army Engineers Service Forces; trained at Camp Abbot, Oregon, Mt. Rainier Ord., Depot. Overseas from June 1, 1944, to Jan. 25, 1946. In British New Guinea, in Battle of Leyte, P.I. Was with Occupational Forces in Japan. Awards: American Theater, Asiatic Pacific, w/2 Stars, Phil. Lib. w/1 Star, Good Conduct. Discharged Feb. 2, 1946.

3. —T/SGT. JACKSON QUENTIN HAYES, born May 31, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hayes, Center, husband of Kathleen Kingham, Nacogdoches. Attended Stephen F. Austin State Teachers' College; entered the service May 7, 1942, at Tyler; assigned to Army Quartermaster Corps; trained at Ft. Francis Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo. Served in the United States for 11 months; overseas from Aug. 17, 1942, to Feb. 18, 1945; served in Asiatic Pacific Theater. Discharged honorably October 17, 1945.

4. —T/SGT. JAMES ZEBULUN HAYES, born Oct. 24, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hayes, Center, attended Stephen F. Austin State Teachers' College, Nacogdoches. Entered the service on June 18, 1942, and was assigned to Army Airways Communications System; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Chanute Field, Ill. Overseas from Nov., 1942, to May, 1945. In Hawaii, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, St. Matthias Islands. No battles. Awarded Good Conduct. Disc. Oct. 10, 1945.

\*5. —PFC LLOYD LAMARR ANDREWS, born July 16, 1916, in Alabama, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Andrews, Route 2, Garrison, Texas, attended school at Patroon, Texas. Entered the service Feb. 9, 1942, at Mineral Wells; assigned to Army Coast Artillery, with training at Camp Wallace. He served in the United States from Feb. 9, 1942, to Nov. 15, 1944, and overseas from Nov. 30, to Dec. 25, 1944. He was on a Troop Ship that was sunk by a German U-Boat. He died Dec. 25, 1944.

6. —PVT. THURMAN JESSE CRAWFORD, born Sept. 8, 1916, son of Mr. George Crawford, husband of Hazel Crawford, Route 2, Shelbyville, attended Patroon School, Texas. Entered the service July 16, 1945, at Houston, Texas; assigned to Army Anti-tank; trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served in the United States from July 16, 1945, to Feb. 2, 1946. Pvt. Thurman Crawford was honorably discharged at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on February 2, 1946. Awarded Victory Medal.

7. —CAPT. BUFORD L. DOGGETT, born Jan. 16, 1909, son of Mrs. B. M. Doggett, Center, Texas, husband of Dorothy H. Doggett, Duluth, Minn. Attended Center High; volunteered in 1931, and was assigned to Army Inf. Trained at El Paso. Overseas in N. France, Rhineland, N. Europe, in the 44th Div., 7th Army, Co. H., 71st Inf. Div., Hdq. Co. Awarded: Silver Star, Bronze Star, American Defense, and Theater Ribbons, European T. Ribbon, and Pre-Pearl Harbor Star. Capt. Doggett is still in the service.

8. —CPL. GUY OLDEN DOGGETT, born Oct. 25, 1911, son of Mrs. Ben Doggett, Center, husband of Pauline McCain Doggett, 3327 University Drive, Ft. Worth, attended Center High, and Tyler Business College, Texas. Entered the service in June 18, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, with training at Air Corps Transportation, A.T.C., Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Okla. Served in the United States 8 mos., and overseas from Feb. 9, 1943, to July 28, 1945. Discharged Nov. 5, 1945.

9. —LT. (jg) FRED GRADY HENRY, born April 9, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Henry, Center, Texas, husband of Jeanne R. Henry, Center, attended University of Texas, Austin. Entered the service May 17, 1943, at New York City, and was assigned to the Navy Amphibious Branch; was trained at A.T.B., Little Creek, Va. Served in the United States from May 17, 1943, to Aug. 24, 1945. Overseas from Aug. 24, 1945, to Jan. 24, 1946. In Asiatic-Pac., Occupation of Japan. Inactive duty Mar. 4, 1946.

\*10.—LT. (jg) WALTER BRUCE HENRY, born April 30, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Henry, attended University of Texas 1937-1941, at Austin; volunteered Nov. 14, 1941, assigned to Navy Air Corps; trained at U.S.N. Air Sta., Corpus Christi, Texas. Overseas from Sept. 23, 1942, to Jan. 30, 1943, and May, 1943, to Aug. 7, 1943. In Asiatic-Pacific Theater, invasion of Solomons; and European Theater. Was pilot (PPC) of a P.B. 4 Y (Liberator). Perished at sea with all 9 members of his crew, Aug., 1943.

11.—PFC ELDRED DAVID SHOLMIRE, born Dec. 4, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sholmire, Shelbyville, husband of Louise Hooker Sholmire, Carlhage, Texas, attended Shelbyville High School; volunteered May 3, 1944; assigned to Army 13th Armored Div., 497th Armored Field Artillery Bn.; trained at Camp Wolters. Overseas 7 mos., in St. Victor, France, Saar Valley, Ruhr Pocket, Occupation of Bavaria. Awarded Good Conduct, ETO and American Defense Ribbons, 2 Stars. Discharged Dec. 17, 1945.

12.—CPL. ROBERT BUFORD SHOLMIRE, born Oct. 27, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sholmire, husband of Pauline W. Sholmire, Center, attended Center High; volunteered May 21, 1941, assigned to Army 739th Field Art. Batt'n, Battery C.; trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Feb. 8, 1944, to Nov. 21, 1945, in Central Europe, battles of Ruhr, Rhine, and Elbe. Awarded American Theater, EAME Campaign w/2 Stars, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Was honorably discharged Nov. 21, 1945.

13.—SGT. JOHN WARD BRITAIN, born May 21, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brittain, San Augustine, husband of Bea Brittain, Box 235, San Augustine. Attended Stephen F. Austin, S.T.C., Nacogdoches; entered the service Aug. 10, 1942, at Tyler, Texas. Trained at N.R.T.C. Camp Wolters, Texas. Overseas from Jan. 1, 1944, to Jan. 1, 1946. In N. France, and Rhineland. Awarded Good Conduct, American Theater and European Theater, and Victory Medals. Honorably discharged Jan. 9, 1946.

14.—T/4 JESSE PAUL JEANES, born Nov. 22, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jeanes, San Augustine, husband of Helen G. Jeanes, McAlester, Okla. Entered the service Oct. 1, 1943, assigned to Army 719 R. Rd. Operating Batt'n; trained at Camp Abbot, Oregon (Engineer Training), Aberdeen Proving Gd. Overseas 15 mos., in N. Africa, European Theater, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines. Awarded: 2 Bronze Stars, 2 Good Conduct, EAME Campaign Ribbon, and American Defense Ribbon. Discharged Oct. 26, 1945.

15.—CPL. ROBERT EDWARD JEANES, born Sept. 23, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jeanes, San Augustine, attended Draughon's Business College, Houston, Texas. Entered service March 5, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps, Troop Carrier; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas from Jan. 16, to Sept. 5, 1945, in Scotland, England, and Ireland, France, Belgium, and Luxembourg. Awarded: EAME Service Medal, Good Conduct, 3 Bronze Stars, American Theater, Victory, Pres. Citation. Discharged Dec. 4, 1945.

16.—PLT. S/SGT. GUY WESLEY JEANES, born April 18, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jeanes, husband of Queva Fae Jeanes, Houston, Texas, attended San Augustine High. Entered the service Sept. 25, 1941, and was assigned to Army 509 Parachute Batt'n. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas: Scotland, England, N. Africa, Sicily, Italy. Battles: Algeria, Morocco, Naples, Foggia. Awarded: Silver Star, Purple Heart, Distinguished U. Badge, Combat Inf. Badge, EAME, 3 Stars. Discharged July 13, 1945.

17.—CPL. DALTON SMITH JONES, born Oct. 19, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Jones, Center, attended University of Texas, Austin; volunteered Oct. 23, 1941; assigned to Army 12th Air Force; overseas from Sept. 5, 1942, to Oct. 16, 1946, in invasion of N. Africa, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno, Italy, and also N. Apennines Campaigns. Awarded: American Defense and Good Conduct Medals, N. Africa, Army of Occupation (Italy) and African European Theater Ribbon. Discharged Oct. 28, 1946.

18.—PVT. JOHN SIDNEY THOMPSON, born Aug. 12, 1904, son of Mrs. Eva L. Thompson, Center, attended A.&M. College, College Sta. Entered the service July, 1942, and was assigned to Army 343rd M.P.E.G. Co. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas from July, 1943, to Jan., 1945, in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Non-combat Unit as M.P. Awarded Ribbon for service in S. Pacific Area. Pvt. John Thompson was honorably discharged on January, 1945, and is at home in Center, Texas.

19.—CAPT. WILLIAM CHARLES STEVENSON, born Feb. 27, 1921, attended San Augustine High School, Texas. Volunteered July 5, 1938, at Lufkin, Texas; assigned to Army 2nd Inf.; trained at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Served in the United States from July 5, 1938, to present date, with S.G.O.A. Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Attended Field Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla. 1940; Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., 1942; Inf. School, Ft. Benning, Ga., 1944; and School for Govt. of Occupied Areas.

20.—T/5 JAMES THOMAS STEVENSON, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stevenson, San Augustine, Texas, husband of Margaret Virginia Stevenson, Jr., Thurston Street, Chireno, Texas, attended San Augustine High School. Entered the services on February of 1943. Assigned to 11th Airborne Army, with training at Camp Mackall, N.C., and Camp Polk, La. Served in the United States from Feb. 19, 1943, to April, 1944. Overseas in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, Japan, 3 Stars. Discharged Jan. 11, 1946.

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T/5 LLOYD FLEMING

T/5 L. Fleming, born March 12, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Fleming, Center, married Pat F. East, of Center. Entered the service April 22, 1943, and was assigned to the Army 38th Inf.; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas; overseas 20 months, in Hawaii, New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea, Leyte, Samar, Luzon. Battles: Leyte; Zig Zag Pass on Bataan; Corregidor; Wawa Dam. He was wounded by mortar fire on Bataan. Awarded 3 Battle Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Phil. Lib. Ribbon, 1 Star, Bronze Star (for outstanding bravery) and Purple Heart. He was employed by the Farmer's Bank prior to enlistment. Discharged Nov. 15, 1945.



TME 3/c CARL M. HATHORN, JR.

T.M.E. 3/c C. M. Hathorn, born May 2, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hathorn, Center, Texas, received his education at Center Grammar and High Schools; volunteered for service on December 1, 1943, at Shreveport, La., and was assigned to the Navy, Submarine Service Branch; trained at San Diego, California, and New London, Connecticut. Served in the United States for 10 months, and overseas 20 months, in Southwest Pacific Area. Awarded: the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific, and Victory World War II Medal. Previous to his enlisting to the Navy he was employed by Hayes Bros., Center, Texas. Discharged May 3, 1946.



Sgt. HENRY E. CANNON  
\*Pvt. WILLIAM H. CANNON

Sons of Mrs. Allene Cannon, Shelbyville.  
HENRY: attended A & M College; husband of Blanch Cannon; enlisted May 27, 1942, for Army S. Corps, training at Signal C. School, Ft. Monmouth, N. J. Studying Teletype Maint. in Eng. with 327th Signal Corps, 65th Fighter Wing. Honorably discharged Nov. 24, 1945.  
WILLIAM: born July 29, 1923, educated at Shelbyville; enlisted Dec., 1943, for Army Inf.; trained at Camp Fannin, Tyler; fought in ETO; wounded once slightly, and again, receiving 23 shell fragment wounds; hospitalized 9 months, and died at Temple, Texas, at McClosky Gen. Hosp. His courageous, gallant, and timely action shall not die.



Lt. Col. RICHARD R. MORRISON, JR.

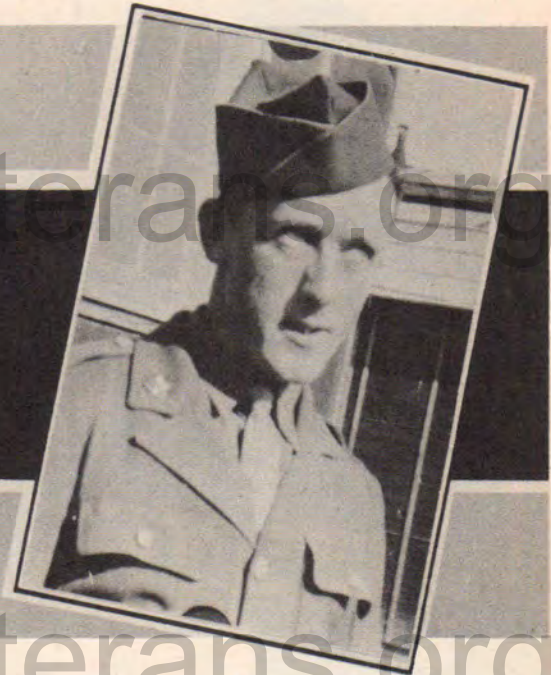
Lt. Col. R. R. Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison, Timpson, married Emogene Jones, Daingerfield; educated at Crockett Grammar and Orange High Schools, and Texas A & M College, College Sta., Texas; entered the service Feb. 9, 1942, at Jefferson, Texas, assigned to the 147th, Inf. Reg't. (Army); trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Indiantown Gap, Pa. Overseas 3 years and 5 months, in S. Pacific. Battles: Kokumbuna and Tassafaronga in Guadalcanal Campaign; Northern Solomons, Iwo Jima, Tinian. Awarded: Combat Inf. Badge, American Def., Asiatic Pacific, 5 Bt. Stars, Bronze Star, American T., Victory, Unit Citation. Discharged Aug., 1946.

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**\*M/Sgt. ROY V. DUNCAN**

M/Sgt. Roy V. Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Duncan, Joaquin, Texas, was born September 14, 1906, in Shelbyville, Texas. He attended Center, Texas, High School and was one of this nation's much needed farmers prior to his voluntary entry August 29, 1940, at San Antonio, into the Army Air Corps. Sgt. Duncan trained at Kelly Field and Big Spring, Texas; completed the training course at the Boeing Aircraft Co., Seattle, Washington; also attended a ten weeks school course at Lowry Field, Colorado. Received his Flight Engineer Certificate September 13, 1944. Sgt. Duncan began overseas duty April, 1945, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country in a plane crash off shore of Guam April 16, 1945, leaving relatives and hosts of friends surviving.



**Sgt. CLIFFORD DUNCAN**

Sgt. Clifford Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Duncan, Joaquin, Texas, was born August 18, 1923, in Shelbyville, Texas. He attended the Joaquin, Texas, Schools, and volunteered December 1, 1942, at Houston, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Middle River, Maryland. Sgt. Duncan began overseas duty September, 1945, in the Asiatic - Pacific Theater of Operations, where he served on the Island of Guam. Was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Awards. After returning to the States he was granted discharge from the Army Air Corps February 17, 1946. He is the brother of M/Sergeant Roy V. Duncan who lost his life in service.



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**T/Sgt. JOHN W. PARKER**

T/Sgt. John William Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Parker, of Center, Texas, was born Sept. 26, 1923. He attended Center Schools, Kemper Military School, and Texas University, and entered Army service on Feb. 24, 1943, at Camp Wolters. He was assigned to the Air Corps, and was trained at Sheppard and Pyote Fields, Texas, also Tyndall Field, Fla. From May to November, 1944, he served in the ETO, as engineer-gunner on a B-17 named Nazdrowie, with the 709th Bomb Sqdn., 447th Bomb Group. He flew 32 missions over the European continent and holds Battle Stars for Germany, Rhineland, Northern France, Normandy, and the Air Offensive of Europe. He also holds the Air Medal with 3 O.L.C. and the DFC. He was honorably discharged in Sept., 1945.



**Cpl. CHARLES S. WALKER  
T/Sgt. MORRIS W. WALKER**

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Walker of Cherokee. Cpl. CHARLES S. WALKER, was born March 15, 1917; attended N.T.A.C.; entered the Army 81st Div. April 27, 1945, at Camp Ord; training at Ft. MacArthur and Camp Roberts. Served 1 yr. in Osaka and other areas in Japan. Cpl. Walker was discharged in Nov. of 1946. T/Sgt. MORRIS W. WALKER, was born May 31, 1919; volunteered for the 36th Div. Jan. 13, 1941; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas 14 mos. in N. Africa, fighting at Salerno, Cassino, Rapido River, and Rome. Awarded Purple Heart, and Silver Star for gallantry in action in Teodice, Italy, on Jan. 22, 1944. He was honorably discharged Aug. of 1945.

**S/Sgt. JOEL B. FLEMING**

S/Sgt. J. B. Fleming, born Feb. 4, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Fleming, Route 2, Center, husband of Novie M. Fleming, was educated at Lamar Grammar, and Center High Schools, and Tulsa University, Oklahoma. Entered the service on Feb. 27, 1942, at Mineral Wells, Texas; assigned to the Army Medical Corps. Served in the United States from Feb. 27, 1942, to Oct. 7, 1943, and overseas from Oct. 7, 1943, to Sept. 19, 1945. In Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awards: 4 Bronze Stars, and EAME Campaign Medal. Prior to his enlistment he was Deputy Sheriff of Shelby Co. He received an honorable discharge Oct. 21, 1945.

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**Pvt. BILLY J. LEWIS**

Pvt. B. J. Lewis, born Dec. 28, 1924, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Richland Springs. Educated at Richland Springs Grammar and High Schools, and entered the service July 16, 1943, at Abilene, Texas; was assigned to the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps; trained at Fort McClellan, Ala.; served in the United States 10 months, and overseas 6 months, England, France. Battles: Normandy, Northern France, and the Rhineland. He was wounded July 6, 1944; killed in action on Nov. 14, 1944. Medals and battle credits he received were: Purple Heart, Good Con., Middle Eastern, 3 Bronze Stars, Combat Inf. Badge, 1 O'seas Serv. Bar. Arrived in France June 28, 1944; transferred to Co. F, 315th Inf. Regt. of 79th Inf. Div.; in constant combat until end.

**T/Sgt. EDWARD F. LEWIS**

T/Sgt. E. F. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Richland Springs, attended Richland Springs Grammar and High Schools; entered service Dec. 8, 1942, and was assigned to the 84th Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Howze, Texas, and Camp Claiborne; served in the United States for 26 months, overseas 8 months, in England, France, and Belgium, Holland, and Germany. In battles: Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. In POW Camp Stamm-lagen 12 A., Limburg, Germany, 3 months and 4 days. Wounded in 1944, in Germany. His medals and battle credits were: American Campaign, Victory, EAME, 3 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Good Con., 1 Overseas Bar, Combat Inf. Badge. On return to States he was transferred to Co. A, 149th Batt'n. Discharged honorably, Nov. 30, 1945.



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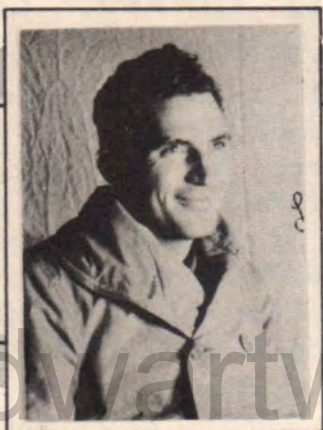
Cpl. CHARLES L. BARBER



Pfc HAROLD L. BARBER

Cpl. Charles Leroy Barber, born July 3, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Barber, Sr., Cherokee, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Dorothy Summers Barber, Atlantic City, New Jersey, attended the Cherokee, Texas, Schools, and Southwest Teachers College at San Marcos, Texas. He was employed in defense work, airplane factory, prior to volunteering for service October 28, 1942, at Hollywood, California. Cpl. Barber was assigned to the Army Air Force, and served his total duty in the United States, in the capacity of clerk for his division. After over three years of service he was granted discharge February, 1946.

Pfc Harold Leon Barber, birthdate November 15, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Barber, Cherokee, Texas, attended Southwest Texas Teachers' College at San Marcos, and entered service March 28, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Was assigned to the Army 63rd Division of the Infantry; trained at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. Pfc Barber began overseas duty November, 1944, in the European Theater; participated in the campaigns of Rhineland and Central Europe and received the EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge. Returned to the States, and was discharged Dec. 9, 1945.



2nd Lt. GEORGE W. POOL



S1/c DESEL L. TAYLOR

2nd Lt. Pool, was born Feb. 15, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pool of Richland Springs, Texas, and husband of Lois A. Pool of Austin. He attended Texas A & M College, College Station. He entered the service Dec. 30, 1942, at Brownwood; assigned to the Army Engineers; trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Served overseas from Aug., 1943, to July, 1945, in the European Area in Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Normandy campaigns. Awarded the EAME Campaign Medal. Promoted from Pvt. through the ranks to his commission as 2nd Lt. in February of 1945. 2nd Lt. George W. Pool was given an honorable discharge on October 19, 1945.

S1/c Taylor, was born on November 11, 1906, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Taylor, and husband of Edith E. Taylor of San Saba, Texas. He received his education in Copperas Cove, Texas, High School. He entered the service on February 10, 1944; was assigned to the Navy Destroyer Branch and sent to Naval Training Station, San Diego, California. On May of 1944 he sailed for overseas duty, and served there until February of 1945, in Hawaii, battles of Marianas, Philippines, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, and Leyte. He served on U.S.S. MacDonough DD351. Seaman First Class Taylor was honorably discharged November 7, 1945.

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**Sgt. EUGENE B. WOOD**

Sgt. E. B. Wood, born Oct. 20, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wood, Richland Springs, Texas, graduated from Richland Springs Grammar, W. H. Gibbons High School, and San Angelo Business College, San Angelo, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 10, 1943; assigned to the Army Air Corps, 500th Bomb't Grp., 882nd Bomb. Sqdn.; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and other fields in Texas; Seattle, Wash.; Denver, Colo.; Clovis, N. M.; Victoria, Kan.; Kearney, Neb. Served in the United States 20 months, and overseas 2 months and 1 week, stationed on Saipan; made 11 missions over Japan, Tokyo, Bonin Is., Nayguya, Yap, Nagoya. "Missing" Jan. 23, 1945. Declared dead 1 year later. Awarded Citation of honor. His plane was shot down after bombing Nagoya, and went into sea about 25 miles S. W. of Hamamatsu; entire crew lost. He was first San Saba Co. boy to bomb Tokyo, serving as tail gunner on B-29, making the raid on Tokyo from Saipan. Sgt. E. B. Wood was reported missing for 1 year when the War Dep't fixed the date of death as of Jan. 24, 1946.



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**T/Sgt. MITCHELL T. BROYLES**

T/Sgt. M. T. Broyles, born June 2, 1921, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Broyles, Cherokee, Texas; and husband of Helen Marie Broyles, 1718 Roanoke St., Abilene. He attended Cherokee Grammar and High Schools, also Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos, and Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind. He entered the service Sept. 26, 1942, at San Saba, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Kearns, Utah, and various other fields; served in the United States 2 years and 5 months, and overseas 8 months, in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Luzon, and Western Pacific campaigns. He received the following medals and battle credits: ATO Service, Asiatic Pacific, 4 Bronze Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Service, 1 Bronze Battle Star, Good Conduct Medal, and Air Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster. Discharged Nov. 5, 1945. Credited with 30 combat missions in Pacific.

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Lt. Col. FRED A. JONES, JR.



T/Sgt. WILLIAM F. O'CONNOR

Lt. Col. Fred A. Jones, Jr., son of Mrs. Lucy C. Jones, Dallas, was born Sept. 17, 1913. Attended University of Oklahoma; volunteered for Army 4th Field Artillery Regt. June 15, 1940. Trained at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Embarked for overseas April 13, 1942, serving 44 months in the South and Southwest Pacific. Landed May 4, 1942, at Port Villa, Efate, New Hebrides; later moved North through the Banks and Santa Cruz Groups of Islands into the Solomon Islands, then to New Guinea and to the Philippines. Awarded battle participation credit for the New Guinea Campaign, Asiatic - Pacific, American Defense, American Theater, Philippine Liberation Ribbons and Victory Medal. Lt. Col. Jones was honorably discharged from active duty Jan. 7, 1947, and returned to the practice of law in Dallas.

T/Sgt. William Francis O'Connor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Connor, 3925 Bowser Ave., Dallas, Texas. He was born August 6, 1917, in Montana, and acquired his education in the public schools of Dallas. On January 14, 1941, he entered U. S. Army and was assigned to the 36th Infantry, serving in the United States from January 14, 1941, to April 1, 1943. On April 2, 1943, he sailed for overseas, and participated in the African and Mediterranean Theaters until June of 1944. T/Sgt. O'Connor was awarded the Bronze Star, and was honorably discharged September 29, 1945. His wife, Anna Mae O'Connor, also resides in Dallas.



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Lt. (jg) JAMES M. MORONEY, JR.

Lt. James McQueen Moroney, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Moroney, Sr., 4330 Bordeaux, was born July 10, 1921. Mr. Moroney, Sr., is V. Pres. and Secy. of the Dallas Morning News. Attended Highland Park High School and University of Texas. Volunteered Jan. 23, 1942, assigned to Navy V-7. He was trained at Midshipman's School, Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill. Lt. Moroney served overseas from Dec. 15, 1943, to May 6, 1946, with the exception of four months in 1945. Participated in American, European, and Asiatic - Pacific Theaters, battle of Cherbourg, France; invasions of Southern France, Okinawa, Ryukyus Islands, and Japan. He served on the Heavy Cruiser Quincy (CA 71) for 19 months during which time Pres. Roosevelt was aboard for the trip to the Yalta Meeting in January-February, 1945. Also served on LC Portsmouth (CL 102) from January to May, 1946. Released from service May 17, 1946. Awarded various medals.



Lt. JAMES J. LANEY

Lt. James Joseph Laney, son-in-law of Mr. James M. Moroney, Sr., and husband of Jean Moroney Laney, 4618 No. Versailles, Dallas, was born July 20, 1913, in Texas. He is the son of Edward R. Laney, also of Dallas. Lt. Laney attended Kemper Military School in Boonville, Missouri, and the University of Texas. He volunteered for the Navy, May 20, 1942, and was sent to the South Pacific Area in February of 1943, remaining there until December of 1944. Was promoted from Ensign to Lieut. (jg) from Lieut. (jg) to Lieut. during his term of service. He was released to inactive duty in November of 1945, and returned to civilian life.

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1st Lt. JOSEPH M. DEALEY

1st Lt. Joseph MacDonald Dealey, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. (Ted) Dealey, of Roanoke, Texas, and of The Dallas News, was born July 18, 1919. Attended Highland Park High School and University of Texas. Entered the service May 4, 1942, assigned to U. S. Army Air Forces, training at Dallas Aviation School and Yale University, where he was commissioned as 2nd Lt. on Aug. 24, 1944, when graduated from a technical course in aircraft maintenance engineering. Promoted to 1st Lt. in early April, 1946. During 1945 he received technical training in B-29 type aircraft at Seattle, Wash. All service in U. S. was done in connection with the training of heavy bombardment crews and photo reconnaissance crews. Lt. Dealey served with Army of Occupation in Europe and with E.A.T.S. at Templehof, Airdrome, Berlin, Germany. Released from active duty May 3, 1946.



Capt. WALTER A. DEALEY, JR.

Capt. Walter Allen Dealey, Jr., born Dec. 24, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Dealey, Sr., of Dallas, Texas. Graduated from University of Texas and volunteered Nov. 27, 1941, with the 6th Marine Div. Sailed for Pacific Area in November, 1944, where he served in combat on Okinawa and Ryukyus Islands, rehabilitated on Guam, Marianas Islands, landed in China September, 1945, and participated in surrender ceremony of Jap troops Oct. 9, 1945. Awarded Pres. Unit Citation, Pre-Pearl Harbor, American Defense and Pacific Theater Ribbons. Released from active duty April 30, 1946; now 2nd Lt. in U.S.M.C. Reserves.



Capt. GEORGE W. BURT, III

Capt. George W. Burt, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Burt, Jr., of Baton Rouge, La., was born May 29, 1917, and received his education in Alabama, Louisiana State University, and Texas A & M. Entered the Army 36th Medical Corps March 4, 1941; was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant July 3, 1942, as a pilot, and began service in North Africa in April, 1943, later serving in Sicily, Italy and participating in the battles of Salerno, Foggia and Naples. Awarded Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. Capt. Burt was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant in Regular Army, Air Corps, May 29, 1947, and intends to make the Army his career. He is at present Air Inspector at Goose Bay, Labrador.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**\*Pfc BENJAMIN M. ROBERTS**

Pfc Roberts, was born on Feb. 1, 1920, son of Mrs. B. H. Roberts, 2138 Lucas Drive, Dallas, Texas. He attended Crozier Tech. High School, volunteering for service on Feb. 1, 1940; assigned to the Army Cavalry Div. He was then sent to Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, for training, and later transferred to the Air Force at Barksdale Fld., La. He served in the Philippine Islands and was taken prisoner at the fall of Corregidor. Before arriving in the Philippines, Pfc Roberts was stationed at Hickman Field in Hawaii, and was reported missing after Corregidor fell, but it was learned later that he died in a prison camp on July 8th, 1942, in the Philippine Is. His memorial service was held at the N. Dallas Baptist Church, Aug. 5, 1945, by his pastor, Rev. L. C. Craig.



**AMM2/c HOWARD F. PARKER**

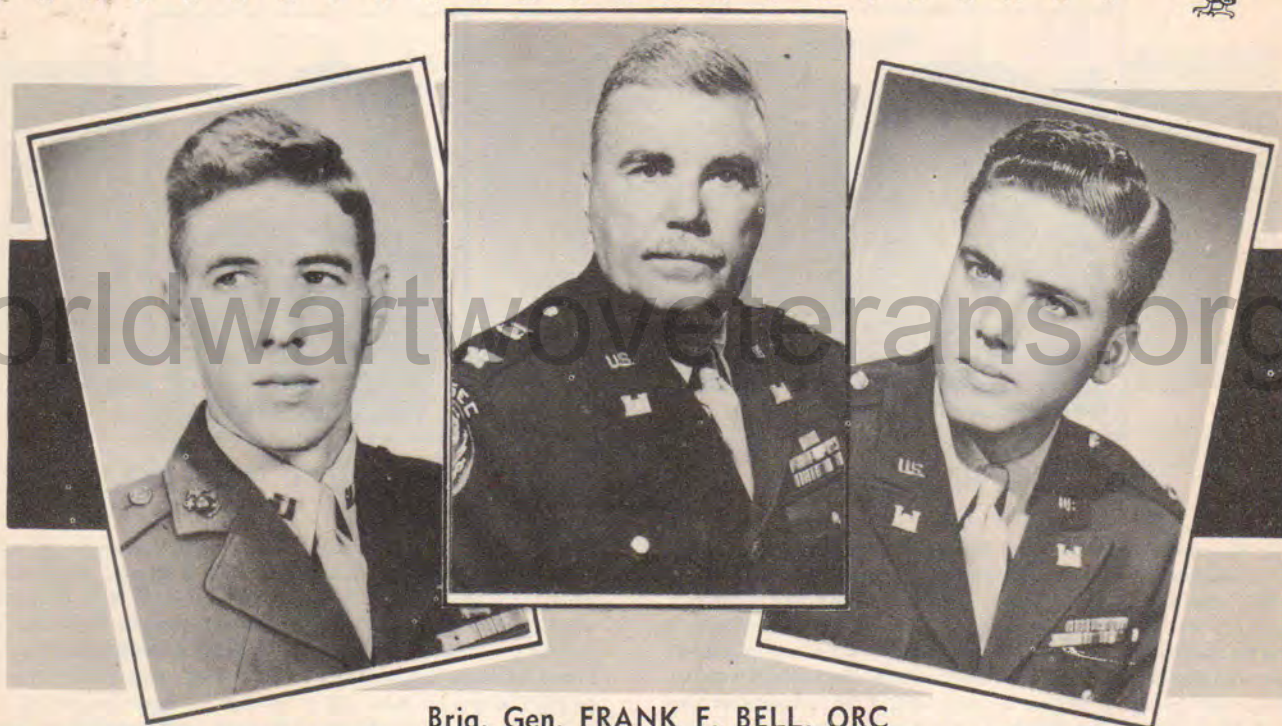
AMM2/c Howard Franklin Parker, born August 15, 1904, in Texas, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John B. Parker, Irving, and husband of Bess Haley Parker, also of Irving, volunteered for service September 5, 1942, and was assigned to the Naval Air Corps, training at Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Kingsville, Texas. He served in the States his total period with the exception of three months of 1945 when he was assigned to overseas duty. The World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Award, American Theater Ribbon plus the Good Conduct Medal were awarded, and discharge was granted September 22, 1945, from Camp Wallace, Texas.



**Capt. ROY E. PACKER**

Capt. Roy Edward Packer, birthdate August 8, 1916, in Texas, husband of Earlene Packer, Dallas, Texas, attended Texas A & M and entered the service March 12, 1942, with the Army Coast Artillery, training at Camp Tyson, Tenn. His overseas duty began July 20, 1944, in the European Area, where he served in England and France. He returned to the States August 23, 1945. His awards include the World War II Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Medal, European Theater of Operations and Good Conduct Awards. Discharge granted on May 20th, 1946, and promotion to Major received with the F.A. Reserve.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Brig. Gen. FRANK F. BELL, ORC

Capt. FRANK F. BELL, III

1st Lt. EDWIN S. BELL

Brig. Gen. FRANK F. BELL, born Sept. 25, 1888, in Penn. Reported for active duty Jan. 2, 1943, as Lt. Col. CE; promoted to Col. April 1, 1944. As an engineer regimental commander, activated the 398th Engrs. at Camp Claiborne, La.; then activated, commanded and trained 373rd Engr. General Service Regt. from Apr., 1943, until its inactivation Oct., 1945, at Ft. Belvoir, Va. As commander of this Regt. took it to England Oct., 1943, then N. Wales, thru Southampton over "Utah Beach" to France, Aug., 1944; participated in campaigns of N. France, Rhineland and Central Europe, with units in battles of Brest, Le Havre, the Ardennes-Bulge, ending in Bavaria, Germany, and earning 3 Battle Stars. Regiment was first U.S. Troop Unit to enter the port of Le Havre with British-Canadians after it surrendered, and was cited for its part in rehabilitating this port. Constructed bridges across the Rhine and other engineering operations in Germany as commander of an engineer construction group headed by the 373rd. In July, 1945, he brought the Regt. back to the U.S. Gen. Bell was returned to inactive status Dec. 28, 1945, and promoted to Brig. Gen. ORC, April 26, 1948. Awarded Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medals, EAME (3 Battle Clasps), ATO, Victory and Army of Occupation (Germany). Resumed his business as Vice Pres. Uvalde Const. Co., Dallas. Gen. Bell also participated in World War I. Capt. FRANK F. BELL, born Feb. 7, 1921, in Dallas, enlisted while a senior at Univ. of Texas. Ordered to Hensley Field, May, 1942. Transferred to Corpus Christi, Aug., 1942. Commissioned 2nd Lt. Feb. 6, 1943, as Naval Aviator, U.S. Marine Corps. Instructor in twin engine flying, Cherry Point, N.C., thence to Instrument Flight Instructors School, Atlanta, Ga.; then instrument flight instructor, Marine Base, Santa Barbara, Cal. Promoted to 1st Lt. Aug. 1, 1943, thence to Camp Kearney, San Diego, as instructor in multi-engine R4D and R5C planes; thence to Corvallis, Ore., to join transport Sqd. VMR953. In April, 1944, Sqd. flew to base at Oahu, T.H. Promoted to Capt., Aug. 30, 1944. As 1st pilot of C-46 Transport, participated in flight operations of Sqd. VMR953 on Hawaii-Palmyra-Canton-Funa Futi-Espiritu Santo-Guadalcanal-Russel Is.; Tarawa-Majuro-Kwajalein-Eniwetok-Guam-Leyte; and Johnston I. -Majuro and French Frigate-Midway routes. Awarded: Asi.-Pac. Campaign (1 Battle Clasp), ATO, Victory and personal commendation for participating in record flights for Sqd. VMR953. Released Dec. 2, 1945. Manager of Bellvue Orchards and Farms, Raymondville, Texas.

Lt. EDWIN S. BELL, born Aug. 6, 1923, in Dallas, enlisted in Army Reserve Corps while sophomore at Mass. Inst. of Technology in 1942. Active duty June 14, 1943, Camp Wolters, Texas, thence to Camp Abbot, Ore., and Officers Candidate School, Ft. Belvoir, Va. Commissioned 2nd Lt. CE. AUS, Mar. 22, 1944; assigned to 657th Engineer Topo. Bn., Camp McCoy, Wis., April, 1944; and in Aug. went with that unit to Camp Campbell, Ky. Sent to N.Y. City on special duty, thence to Ft. Jackson, S.C., in Dec., 1944; and assigned to 12th Detachment Special Troops, 2nd Army. Sailed 15th Mar., 1945, from N.Y. to Le Havre, Fr. Rejoined 657th Topo. Bn., 15th Army at Bad Neuenahr, Ger., May 6, 1945. After VE day, Bn. left Marseille May, 1945, for Pacific Theater via Panama Canal, arriving at Okinawa 9th Sept., 1945, thence to Yokohama and Toyko, Japan. Promoted to 1st Lt. CE Oct. 26, 1945, assigned to 3663 Eng. Base Survey Co., and served as executive and operations officer in Korea. Returned to States in July and was released Sept. 23, 1946, to complete his education at M.I.T. Holds EAME, Asi.-Pac. Campaign, American Theater, Army of Occupation (Japan) and World War II Victory Medals.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Pfc CECIL H. SHUMWAY

Pfc Shumway, son of Mrs. Hazel Shumway, Dallas, was born January 24, 1920. Entered service December 26, 1942, with the Army Infantry as Heavy Machine Gunner. June, 1943, he transferred to North Africa, participating in the battles of Anzio Beachhead, Rhineland, Central Europe, Sicily, Naples, Rome-Arno and Southern France. Returned to the States September, 1945. Awarded the E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon with six Bronze Stars and one Arrowhead, and other medals. During his service he won the Army Heavyweight Championship Boxing Title of the 5th Army and also of the Inter-Allied Forces. Discharge was granted September 28, 1945.



A.C.Rm GARLAND D. COLLETT, JR.

A.C.Rm. Collett, born March 25, 1923, son of G. D. Collett, Sr., of Houston and Mrs. Earl Gregg, 911 Reverchon Dr., Dallas. Volunteered for the N.A.C. May 23, 1941, training at San Diego and Radio School in N. Island, Calif. Overseas 25 mos. Participated in 49 combat missions in Vega Ventura aircraft, PV-1, and dived bombed in PBV's over Kiska (20 missions). Recommended for 2 D.F.C. and 9 Air Medals; was commended by Adm. Nimitz; holds the Asiatic Pacific, 7 Stars; A.T.O.; Amer. Def.; and Good Conduct Medals. Member of Det. commended by Col. Luthor for night fighter combat on Baker Is. Discharged in May, 1947, and resides with his wife, Ida, at 1711 Corkrell St., Dallas.



BM 1/c FRANK K. MUNSTER, JR. AM 3/c HENRY L. MUNSTER ARM 1/c JAMES H. MUNSTER

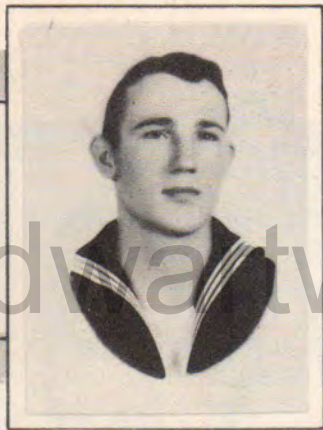
Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Karl Munster, Sr., of 504 Lillian Street, Dallas, Texas.

B.M. 1/c FRANK K. MUNSTER, born Jan. 22, 1920, husband of Mira Munster, attended Sunset High, volunteering for the Coast Guard April, 1941; sent to New Orleans Training Station, and Manhattan Beach T.S. as Seamanship Instructor. Awarded Meritorious Conduct Cit. for invasion of N. Africa, ATO, EAME, Asiatic Pacific and Good Conduct Ribbons. Discharged April 26, 1946.

A.M. 3/c HENRY L. MUNSTER, husband of Alice King Munster of Dallas, born Oct. 17, 1921, attended Sunset High entering the Navy April 6, 1944. Trained at San Diego, and Algiers, La. Served in engagements of Palau, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Medals are ATO, Asiatic Pacific, and Philippine Liberation. Discharged Jan. 3, 1946.

A.R.M. 1/c JAMES H. MUNSTER, born March 21, 1923, attended Sunset High, enlisting in N.A.C. 13 March, 1941. Trained at San Diego. Served in invasion of Sicily and 1 engagement in Africa. Received ATO, EAME, Asiatic Pacific, and Good Conduct Medals. Was Sr. Aviation Rm. on Fleet Air Detachments at New Foundland, Iceland, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Trinidad, Brazil, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Canal Zone, and Galveston, Texas. On March 19, 1946, he was honorably discharged.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



EM 3/c LAWRENCE COLE, III

EM 3/c Lawrence (Buddy) Cole, III, birth date October 28, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Cole, Dallas, received his education in the Dallas schools and business college, Seattle, Washington. He volunteered for service January 28, 1941, with the U.S. Navy, training at San Diego. His overseas duty began 1941 at Pearl Harbor; also, served at New Guinea, Bougainville and the Solomon Islands until 1942, and at Attu and Kiska in 1943. He received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. He was discharged from service December 21, 1946.



EM 2/c JOHN L. DILLINGHAM

EM 2/c John Lee Dillingham, born January 4, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dillingham, Dallas, volunteered January 28, 1941, for the U.S. Navy, Artificer. March, 1941, to December, 1944, served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area on board U.S.S. Hull where he participated in twenty engagements with the enemy, including Pearl Harbor, Bougainville, Guadalcanal-Tulagi, Wake, Marshall, Gilbert and Marianas Islands. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with Battle Stars and American Defense Medal with one Bronze Star, plus the Good Conduct Award. He was discharged from service February 14, 1947.



BM 2/c JOHN R. HARLESS

BM 2/c John Robert Harless, born January 29, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Blanton, Dallas, attended Dallas Technical High School and volunteered for service October 21, 1942, with the U.S. Navy, training at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va. He began his overseas duty April, 1943, serving in the Southwest Pacific, Atlantic War Zone, Saipan, Kwajalein, Leyte and the Philippine Islands. Wounded four times; returned home May, 1945, and received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater Ribbons among other awards. Was discharged October 23, 1946.



Pfc ORAL C. GARMON

Pfc Oral Cleveland Garmon, birth date May 16, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Garmon, Ft. Worth, and husband of Olga Garmon, Dallas, entered service August 1, 1943, with the Army Infantry, training at Camp Adair, Oregon, and camps in California. Began overseas in the Pacific June, 1944, serving with the 81st Wildcat Division in the invasion of the Palau Islands. Was wounded September 18, 1944, and received the Purple Heart; re-entered combat and paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life for his country on October 15, 1944, on Anguar Island of the Palau Group. The Combat Infantryman Badge was awarded.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



\*Pvt. EDWARD T. FARMER

Pvt. Edward Thompson Farmer was born December 31, 1921, a native of Texas, husband of Doris M. Farmer, Dallas; attended Ennis, Texas, High School and volunteered for service March 9, 1942. Was assigned to the Army 90th Signal Corps, 90th Division, training at Camp Barkeley, Texas. He began overseas duty March, 1944, when his unit transferred to the European Area where he participated in the D-Day Invasion of Normandy, and later paid the Supreme Sacrifice September 26, 1944, when he lost his life in combat at Metz, France. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded for gallantry and meritorious achievement. Pvt. Farmer was laid to rest in Europe.



SOM2/c CHARLES W. ZINK

SOM2/c Charles Wesley Zink, born August 1, 1922, in Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Zink, 2718 Shelby, Dallas, attended Crozier Technical High School in Dallas. He volunteered for service June 3, 1942, at Ft. Worth with the U.S. Coast Guards, training at U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, New Orleans, Louisiana. Served overseas duty from May, 1943, to November, 1945, in the Caribbean Area where he participated in the warfare against enemy submarine in that theater. The World War II Victory and American Defense Medals were awarded with the Good Conduct Medal and American Theater Ribbon. His discharge was granted December 22, 1945.

## Honor Roll

WILLIAM E. ALLEN	JOSEPH W. FLETCHER	CHARLES R. NEISLAR
WILLIAM F. ASH	AUGUSTUS M. GARY	EMIL R. NEKUZA
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THOS. COURTLAND BLEZARD	ALBERT GRANBERRY	RAY J. PULLEY
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DEWEY H. DEAN, JR.	JOHN O. LITTLE, JR.	JAMES H. TURNER
WAYNE E. DEAN	GEORGE Y. MCCOY	PAUL J. TURNER
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DONALD LEE DUNCAN, JR.	JAMES E. MASSEY	ELMER EUGENE WALLACE, JR.
DONALD T. ENNIS	JACK H. MAYS	OTIS K. WHEELER
WILLIAM ED ENSLEN	JAMES E. MONTGOMERY	JOE M. WOOD
JOHN L. EVERMAN	THOMAS J. MORONEY	BENNETT E. ZINK
	SEYMOUR MYERS	

★Killed in action, June 23, 1944.



JAP PILLBOX BLASTED ON IWO JIMA

A Marine demolition man hugs the ground to escape flying debris after setting off a high explosive charge to blast a Japanese pillbox on Iwo Jima. After their capture, many of these positions had to be destroyed lest the enemy return to the shelters and open fire on the Marine flanks.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**Maj. ROBERT C. MORRIS, JR.**

Major Robert Carlock Morris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morris, Sr., of Dallas, was born July 29, 1920, in Texas. Attended the Winnsboro, Texas, Public Schools, and majored in Aeronautical Engineering at Texas A & M, College Station. He volunteered June 1, 1941, with the Army Air Corps. Received his "Wings" at Mather Field, California, January 9, 1942, and served in the Ferry Command in the States, Canada, and Alaska. Transferred to India June, 1943, where he was with the Air Transport Command and received two Battle Stars for transporting supplies under fire to Imphal and taking the wounded men out. Major Morris completed fourteen months and seventy-two round trips over "the Hump". Was awarded the Air Medal for 150 combat hours over the "Hump," and the Distinguished Flying Cross for 300 combat hours over the same area, also the Presidential Citation along with other awards. He returned home August, 1944, and is currently stationed at Washington, D.C., National Airport.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Capt. LOUISE N. MADANS

Capt. Madans, was born on March 4, 1918, in New York, daughter of Mrs. Wm. Madans, 4057 Bryn Mawr, Dallas. A graduate of Forest Ave. High, she attended St. Paul's School of Nursing. On July 15, 1941, she volunteered for the Army Nurse Corps, and trained at Ellington Fld., Texas, and Camp Kilmer, N.J. She served in the China-Burma-India Theater from Oct. 9, 1943, until Oct. 25, 1945. Her awards include the American Defense, Asiatic Pacific Theater, American Theater, and the World War II Victory Ribbons. Captain Louise Norma Madans received an honorable discharge on Jan. 11, 1946, after 4 1/2 yrs. of service.



Ph 2/c MORTON S. MADANS

Ph. 2/c Madans, was born on July 21, 1924, in New York, son of Mrs. Wm. Madans, 4057 Bryn Mawr, Dallas, Texas. After graduating from Forest Ave. High he attended S.M.U. Volunteered for the Navy on Nov. 13, 1942, and was assigned to the Medical Corps, ordered to Great Lakes, Ill., and U.S.N. H.C.S., Farragut, Idaho, for training. He also served at the U.S. Naval Hospitals in Great Lakes, Ill., and Mare Island, Calif.; and at the U.S. Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor, T.H.; at the U.S. Naval Auxiliary Air Stations in Pearl Harbor and Camp Kearney, Calif., with service also at the U.S.N. Base Hosp. No. 8. Discharged Nov. 21, 1945, at Norman, Oklahoma.



EM 1/c WILLIAM H. MOSER, JR.

EM 1/c Moser, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moser, Sr., and husband of Alice Josephine Moser, 3231 Harlandale Ave., Dallas, Texas, was born on July 14, 1915, in Texas. He attended Crozier Tech. High School, enlisting in the Navy C.B. on September 11, 1943, at Dallas, receiving training at N.R.S. Dallas, Texas; U.S.N.C.T.C. at Williamsburg, Va.; at the U.S.N.H. in Aiea Heights, T.H.; and also at the U.S. N.H. in New Orleans, serving with the 135th, 65th, and 9th N.C.B. He served overseas from June 5, 1944, to July of 1945, in invasion of Tinian and Peleliu. He received the Presidential Unit Citation, and was discharged on July 11, 1945.



M 2/c J. H. MANLEY

M 2/c Manley, was born on Jan. 12, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Manley and husband of Frances Manley, 2234 Pine St., Dallas, Texas. He attended Bryan Tech. High, volunteering for the Navy C.B.'s on April 2, 1942, at Dallas. Sent to Camp Allen, Va., for training. Overseas twice, 26 mos. serving on Noumea, New Caledonia, and Guam with the 2nd Hi-Step Div., and was assigned to detached duty on Guadalcanal. He lost part of 4 fingers on left hand at New Caledonia. His awards are American Defense, Asiatic Pacific, and Good Conduct Medals. He returned to civilian life after his discharge on Nov. 2, 1945, and is now in business for himself in Dallas.

1. —T/5 VICTOR R. VASQUEZ, Dallas, born March 21, 1916, in Mexico, son of Mrs. Anna R. Vasquez, entered the Army, 27th Division, January, 1942; remained in the States until March, 1943, then was sent to the Pacific Area. He participated in the Invasion of Makin in the Gilbert Islands; also served in the Marshall and Marianas Islands, then was assigned to Okinawa. His medals include the Meritorious Award. He was discharged December of 1945.

2. —GM 3/c CHARLES LEONARD WATKINS, birthdate October 4, 1926, son of Rev. J. C. Watkins, Fabens, Texas, volunteered for service July 25, 1944, and was assigned to Naval Training Base at San Diego. He served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Area from 1945 to 1946 on the ship USS Haynesworth. Now GM 3/c Watkins is remaining in service, stationed at Staff Ordnance, Atlantic Reserve Fleet, Texas Group, located at Orange, Texas.

3. —T/SGT. JULIUS WINSTON WATKINS, born March 6, 1923, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Watkins, Fabens, Texas, attended Southern Methodist University, Dallas. November 18, 1942, he volunteered for service, and was assigned to the Marine Corps Base, San Diego. After completion of training he was sent to New Hebrides, Hawaiian, and Palau Islands. After three years and three months' service in the Marines, he was discharged February 1, 1946.

4. —S/SGT. JAMES HENRY HUMBARD WILKES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin H. Wilkes, Dallas, was born February 19, 1925, attended Southern Methodist University, then volunteered for service, Army Air Corps, September 28, 1943. His training was at Sheppard Field, Laredo, San Antonio and Harlingen, Texas. His awards include the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. March 19 1946, S/Sgt. Wilkes enlisted in the Reserves.

5. —MAJOR WALTER IRVIN ERNEST WILKES, Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wilkes, born October 19, 1918, is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, Class of 1940. The Major volunteered for service January 2, 1941, assigned to the Army Air Corps, and trained at Allen Hancock School. He served in various parts of the United States as instructor of Flying Cadets. After five years of service Major Wilkes was discharged January 26, 1946.

6. —CPL. ERNEST CLAUDE EASLEY, son of Mrs. Lee Walker, and the late James C. Easley, was born March 2, 1927, and attended North Dallas High School. Entering service June 18, 1945, he was assigned to the Army, 102 M.P. Bn., serving in the States for one year. Also, Cpl. Easley served in the Army of Occupation in Italy. His medals include the European Theater and Victory Medals. After returning to the States he was discharged January, 1947.

7. —SK2/c JAMES LOUIE EASLEY, son of Mrs. Lee Walker, Dallas, was born Aug. 23, 1921. He volunteered for service September, 1942, assigned to the 47th Naval Construction Bn., and received his training in California. April, 1943, he began his overseas duty, participating in the invasion of New Georgia, consolidation of Solomon Islands and North Pacific. His Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon includes two Battle Stars. He was discharged October, 1945.

8. —1ST SGT. LAWRENCE B. EASLEY, Dallas, son of Mrs. Lee Walker, born December 2, 1917, entered service in the famed 36th Division January, 1941. Fighting in Italy, he was taken prisoner January, 1944, and sent to Germany. He was held in eight prison camps over a period of sixteen months, where his leadership under adverse conditions gained for him recognition as an organizer. The Silver Star was awarded. He was discharged September, 1945.

9. —SGT. JAMES THOMAS WALKER, Dallas, born November 13, 1911, husband of Nancy Walker, volunteered April, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, training at Dodd Field. He served overseas in Alaska, New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies and the battle for Luzon. In the Philippines, Sgt. Walker's platoon received a commendation from Lt. Gen. Smith. Five Battle Stars are included in his medals. He was discharged from the service December, 1945.

10. —SGT. JOHN WALLIS, born December 5, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Wallis, Dallas, was assigned to the 99th Signal Bn., and remained in the States from February, 1942, to April, 1943, at which time he began service in the South Pacific. He served in Australia, New Guinea, East Indies and the Philippines, receiving four Battle Stars, one Bronze Arrowhead, and also a Citation from his commander. His discharge was October of 1945.

11.—WARRANT OFFICER HENRY MONROE WALTERS, son of Mrs. Ruby Walters, Dallas, was born July 4, 1910, and attended Highland Park High School. He volunteered for service in 1928, and was assigned to the Amphibious Corps of the Marine Division, serving overseas from October, 1942, to March, 1945, in the South and Central Pacific Islands. His awards include a Presidential Unit Citation and Victory Medal. He remains in service with 18 years credit.

\*12.—M/SGT. WILEY WOODROW WALTERS, birth date November 21, 1914, son of Mrs. Ruby Walters, Dallas, volunteered for service February, 1933, and trained in the Army 3rd Division at Ft. Lewis, Washington. In July, 1941, he was assigned overseas duty in Trinidad, South America, for three years. He remained in service with the Airways Communications but lost his life during an attempted emergency landing at National Airport, Washington, D. C.

\*13.—SGT. ESTLE LEON WAMMACK was born May 17, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wammack, Grand Prairie, Texas, and attended school in Arlington, Texas. He entered the Medical Corps, April, 1941, and trained at Camp Grant with the 29th Medical Training Bn. He remained in the States until February, 1945, at which time he was assigned to overseas duty. Sgt. Wammack gave his life for his country while in action on October 21, 1945.

14.—T/4 SGT. HARLIN DWAIN WAMMACK, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wammack, Grand Prairie, was born August 22, 1914. He entered the Army Engineers September of 1943. April, 1944, Sgt. Wammack was assigned to the Southwest Pacific, where he participated in the Battle of the Marianas, also, the Battle of Okinawa where he was wounded April, 1945. The Purple Heart was awarded, also World War II Victory Medal. He remains in service with the Reserves.

15.—PVT. HOMER PRESTON WAMMACK, birth date December 13, 1911, a native of Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wammack, of Grand Prairie, Texas. He attended school at Grace Chapel, Arlington, Texas. June 17, 1941, after entering service, he was assigned to the 18th Field Artillery and was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he remained until August 29, 1941. He was then discharged from the service for physical reasons.

16.—S1/c KENNETH FRANKLIN WAMMACK, born November 8, 1919, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wammack, Grand Prairie, Texas. He volunteered for service September 21, 1942, and was assigned to the Navy Armed Guard Branch, receiving his training at San Diego. August, 1944, he was transferred to the South Pacific and was stationed in Australia, New Hebrides, and New Guinea. He was awarded the Victory and Defense Medals, and then discharged.

17.—SGT. TROY LESTER WAMMACK, birth date November 3, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wammack, Grand Prairie, Texas, entered the Army Air Corps, February, 1943, training in the States until January of 1945, then being sent to the South Pacific. He served in the Philippine Islands, on Okinawa, and in Japan remaining until his return to the United States. His awards include the World War Victory and Defense Medals. He was discharged February, 1946.

18.—T/3 GEORGE W. WARD, born August 26, 1923, husband of Auda Ward, Dallas, entered the 430th Ord. Tire Repair Co., Army, on May 5, 1943. July, 1944, he was assigned to duty in the European Theater, participating in the Battle of the Rhineland. He also served in England, Belgium, France and Holland. His awards are American Theater, European Theater with one Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medals. His discharge was final January 17, 1946.

19.—S/SGT. JOHN ERNEST WARNER, born May 17, 1923, son of R. E. Warner, Dallas, volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps, October 28, 1942, training at Kelly Field. January, 1945, he began service in the Philippine Campaign, later participating in the occupation of Japan. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, and was discharged from service February 14, 1946.

20.—SGT. BEN WEINSTEIN, birth date November 19, 1911, Dallas, is the brother of Barney Weinstein. His education was received in Dallas. January 16, 1942, Sgt. Weinstein volunteered for service; was assigned to the Army Medical Det., and sent for training to Camp Grant, Illinois, where he was stationed until his discharge. His awards are the World War II Victory and Defense Medals. Sgt. Weinstein was discharged January 10, 1946.

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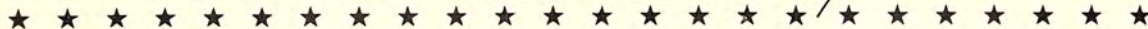
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Capt. LOUISE N. MADANS



Ph 2/c MORTON S. MADANS

Capt. Madans, was born on March 4, 1918, in New York, daughter of Mrs. Wm. Madans, 4057 Bryn Mawr, Dallas. A graduate of Forest Ave. High, she attended St. Paul's School of Nursing. On July 15, 1941, she volunteered for the Army Nurse Corps, and trained at Ellington Fld., Texas, and Camp Kilmer, N.J. She served in the China-Burma-India Theater from Oct. 9, 1943, until Oct. 25, 1945. Her awards include the American Defense, Asiatic Pacific Theater, American Theater, and the World War II Victory Ribbons. Captain Louise Norma Madans received an honorable discharge on Jan. 11, 1946, after 4 1/2 yrs. of service.

Ph. 2/c Madans, was born on July 21, 1924, in New York, son of Mrs. Wm. Madans, 4057 Bryn Mawr, Dallas, Texas. After graduating from Forest Ave. High he attended S.M.U. Volunteered for the Navy on Nov. 13, 1942, and was assigned to the Medical Corps, ordered to Great Lakes, Ill., and U.S.N. H.C.S., Farragut, Idaho, for training. He also served at the U.S. Naval Hospitals in Great Lakes, Ill., and Mare Island, Calif.; and at the U.S. Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor, T.H.; at the U.S. Naval Auxiliary Air Stations in Pearl Harbor and Camp Kearney, Calif., with service also at the U.S.N. Base Hosp. No. 8. Discharged Nov. 21, 1945, at Norman, Oklahoma.



EM 1/c WILLIAM H. MOSER, JR.



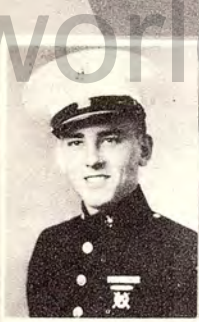
M 2/c J. H. MANLEY

EM 1/c Moser, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moser, Sr., and husband of Alice Josephine Moser, 3231 Harlendale Ave., Dallas, Texas, was born on July 14, 1915, in Texas. He attended Crozier Tech. High School, enlisting in the Navy C.B. on September 11, 1943, at Dallas, receiving training at N.R.S. Dallas, Texas; U.S.N.C.T.C. at Williamsburg, Va.; at the U.S.N.H. in Aiea Heights, T.H.; and also at the U.S. N.H. in New Orleans, serving with the 135th, 65th, and 9th N.C.B. He served overseas from June 5, 1944, to July of 1945, in invasion of Tinian and Peleliu. He received the Presidential Unit Citation, and was discharged on July 11, 1945.

M 2/c Manley, was born on Jan. 12, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Manley and husband of Frances Manley, 2234 Pine St., Dallas, Texas. He attended Bryan Tech. High, volunteering for the Navy C.B.'s on April 2, 1942, at Dallas. Sent to Camp Allen, Va., for training. Overseas twice, 26 mos. serving on Noumea, New Caledonia, and Guam with the 2nd Hi-Step Div., and was assigned to detached duty on Guadalcanal. He lost part of 4 fingers on left hand at New Caledonia. His awards are American Defense, Asiatic Pacific, and Good Conduct Medals. He returned to civilian life after his discharge on Nov. 2, 1945, and is now in business for himself in Dallas.

1. —T/5 VICTOR R. VASQUEZ, Dallas, born March 21, 1916, in Mexico, son of Mrs. Anna R. Vasquez, entered the Army, 27th Division, January, 1942; remained in the States until March, 1943, then was sent to the Pacific Area. He participated in the Invasion of Makin in the Gilbert Islands; also served in the Marshall and Marianas Islands, then was assigned to Okinawa. His medals include the Meritorious Award. He was discharged December of 1945.
2. —GM 3/c CHARLES LEONARD WATKINS, birthdate October 4, 1926, son of Rev. J. C. Watkins, Fabens, Texas, volunteered for service July 25, 1944, and was assigned to Naval Training Base at San Diego. He served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Area from 1945 to 1946 on the ship USS Haynesworth. Now GM 3/c Watkins is remaining in service, stationed at Staff Ordnance, Atlantic Reserve Fleet, Texas Group, located at Orange, Texas.
3. —T/SGT. JULIUS WINSTON WATKINS, born March 6, 1923, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Watkins, Fabens, Texas, attended Southern Methodist University, Dallas, November 18, 1942, he volunteered for service, and was assigned to the Marine Corps Base, San Diego. After completion of training he was sent to New Hebrides, Hawaiian, and Palau Islands. After three years and three months' service in the Marines, he was discharged February 1, 1946.
4. —S/SGT. JAMES HENRY HUMBARD WILKES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin H. Wilkes, Dallas, was born February 19, 1925, attended Southern Methodist University, then volunteered for service, Army Air Corps, September 28, 1943. His training was at Sheppard Field, Laredo, San Antonio and Harlingen, Texas. His awards include the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. March 19 1946, S/Sgt. Wilkes enlisted in the Reserves.
5. —MAJOR WALTER IRVIN ERNEST WILKES, Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wilkes, born October 19, 1918, is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, Class of 1940. The Major volunteered for service January 2, 1941, assigned to the Army Air Corps, and trained at Allen Hancock School. He served in various parts of the United States as instructor of Flying Cadets. After five years of service Major Wilkes was discharged January 26, 1946.
6. —CPL. ERNEST CLAUDE EASLEY, son of Mrs. Lee Walker, and the late James C. Easley, was born March 2, 1927, and attended North Dallas High School. Entering service June 18, 1945, he was assigned to the Army, 102 M.P. Bn., serving in the States for one year. Also, Cpl. Easley served in the Army of Occupation in Italy. His medals include the European Theater and Victory Medals. After returning to the States he was discharged January, 1947.
7. —SK2/c JAMES LOUIE EASLEY, son of Mrs. Lee Walker, Dallas, was born Aug. 23, 1921. He volunteered for service September, 1942, assigned to the 47th Naval Construction Bn., and received his training in California. April, 1943, he began his overseas duty, participating in the invasion of New Georgia, consolidation of Solomon Islands and North Pacific. His Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon includes two Battle Stars. He was discharged October, 1945.
8. —1ST SGT. LAWRENCE B. EASLEY, Dallas, son of Mrs. Lee Walker, born December 2, 1917, entered service in the famed 36th Division January, 1941. Fighting in Italy, he was taken prisoner January, 1944, and sent to Germany. He was held in eight prison camps over a period of sixteen months, where his leadership under adverse conditions gained for him recognition as an organizer. The Silver Star was awarded. He was discharged September, 1945.
9. —SGT. JAMES THOMAS WALKER, Dallas, born November 13, 1911, husband of Nancy Walker, volunteered April, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, training at Dodd Field. He served overseas in Alaska, New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies and the battle for Luzon. In the Philippines, Sgt. Walker's platoon received a commendation from Lt. Gen. Smith. Five Battle Stars are included in his medals. He was discharged from the service December, 1945.
- 10.—SGT. JOHN WALLIS, born December 5, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Wallis, Dallas, was assigned to the 99th Signal Bn., and remained in the States from February, 1942, to April, 1943, at which time he began service in the South Pacific. He served in Australia, New Guinea, East Indies and the Philippines, receiving four Battle Stars, one Bronze Arrowhead, and also a Citation from his commander. His discharge was October of 1945.
- 11.—WARRANT OFFICER HENRY MONROE WALTERS, son of Mrs. Ruby Walters, Dallas, was born July 4, 1910, and attended Highland Park High School. He volunteered for service in 1928, and was assigned to the Amphibious Corps of the Marine Division, serving overseas from October, 1942, to March, 1945, in the South and Central Pacific Islands. His awards include a Presidential Unit Citation and Victory Medal. He remains in service with 18 years credit.
- \*12.—M/SGT. WILEY WOODROW WALTERS, birth date November 21, 1914, son of Mrs. Ruby Walters, Dallas, volunteered for service February, 1933, and trained in the Army 3rd Division at Ft. Lewis, Washington. In July, 1941, he was assigned overseas duty in Trinidad, South America, for three years. He remained in service with the Airways Communications but lost his life during an attempted emergency landing at National Airport, Washington, D. C.
- \*13.—SGT. ESTLE LEON WAMMACK was born May 17, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wammack, Grand Prairie, Texas, and attended school in Arlington, Texas. He entered the Medical Corps, April, 1941, and trained at Camp Grant with the 29th Medical Training Bn. He remained in the States until February, 1945, at which time he was assigned to overseas duty. Sgt. Wammack gave his life for his country while in action on October 21, 1945.
- 14.—T/4 SGT. HARLIN DWAIN WAMMACK, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wammack, Grand Prairie, was born August 22, 1914. He entered the Army Engineers September of 1943. April, 1944, Sgt. Wammack was assigned to the Southwest Pacific, where he participated in the Battle of the Marianas, also, the Battle of Okinawa where he was wounded April, 1945. The Purple Heart was awarded, also World War II Victory Medal. He remains in service with the Reserves.
- 15.—PVT. HOMER PRESTON WAMMACK, birth date December 13, 1911, a native of Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wammack, of Grand Prairie, Texas. He attended school at Grace Chapel, Arlington, Texas. June 17, 1941, after entering service, he was assigned to the 18th Field Artillery and was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he remained until August 29, 1941. He was then discharged from the service for physical reasons.
- 16.—S1/c KENNETH FRANKLIN WAMMACK, born November 8, 1919, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wammack, Grand Prairie, Texas. He volunteered for service September 21, 1942, and was assigned to the Navy Armed Guard Branch, receiving his training at San Diego. August, 1944, he was transferred to the South Pacific and was stationed in Australia, New Hebrides, and New Guinea. He was awarded the Victory and Defense Medals, and then discharged.
- 17.—SGT. TROY LESTER WAMMACK, birth date November 3, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wammack, Grand Prairie, Texas, entered the Army Air Corps, February, 1943, training in the States until January of 1945, then being sent to the South Pacific. He served in the Philippine Islands, on Okinawa, and in Japan remaining until his return to the United States. His awards include the World War Victory and Defense Medals. He was discharged February, 1946.
- 18.—T/3 GEORGE W. WARD, born August 26, 1923, husband of Auda Ward, Dallas, entered the 430th Ord. Tire Repair Co., Army, on May 5, 1943. July, 1944, he was assigned to duty in the European Theater, participating in the Battle of the Rhineland. He also served in England, Belgium, France and Holland. His awards are American Theater, European Theater with one Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medals. His discharge was final January 17, 1946.
- 19.—S/SGT. JOHN ERNEST WARNER, born May 17, 1923, son of R. E. Warner, Dallas, volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps, October 28, 1942, training at Kelly Field, January, 1945, he began service in the Philippine Campaign, later participating in the occupation of Japan. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, and was discharged from service February 14, 1946.
- 20.—SGT. BEN WEINSTEIN, birth date November 19, 1911, Dallas, is the brother of Barney Weinstein. His education was received in Dallas, January 16, 1942, Sgt. Weinstein volunteered for service; was assigned to the Army Medical Det., and sent for training to Camp Grant, Illinois, where he was stationed until his discharge. His awards are the World War II Victory and Defense Medals. Sgt. Weinstein was discharged January 10, 1946.

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**M/Sgt. JOE H. GOLMAN**

M/Sgt. Joe Herman Golman, born March 13, 1924, in Texas, son of Julius Golman and nephew of Jake Golman both of Dallas, attended Forest Avenue High School in Dallas and three years at Texas A. & M., College Station. Volunteered for service December 5, 1942, with the Army Infantry, training at Camp Maxey, Texas. Stationed at Camp Fannin, Texas, serving as Regiment Sergeant Major in the Infantry. His entire duty was served in the States, and before separation from the Army he received the Good Conduct Award, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and Defense Medals. Honorably discharged March 9, 1946.



**MTO FRANKLIN H. TUSCANY**

MTO Franklin H. Tuscany, born April 16, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Tuscany, Dallas; entered service December 17, 1942, with Army Air Corps; attended Curtis Wright Air-Craft School, Buffalo, N.Y., and later served as supervisor of enlisted personnel, dispatching and maintenance of vehicles, and making periodical inspection reports to Commanding Officer. March, 1944, to December, 1945, he served in Southern Philippines, Luzon and New Guinea; returned to the States, and received Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with three Stars. Discharged March, 1946. Re-entered duty October of same year.



**Ens. ROBERT E. WAINSCOTT**

Ensign Robert Eugene "Scotty" Wainscott, born September 9, 1922, son of Mrs. O. L. Wainscott, Dallas, attended University of Texas; volunteered November 29, 1940, with the U.S. Navy; attended radio school; served overseas June, 1941, to March, 1944, in the air attacks of Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Coral Seas, 1st Bombardment of Marshall Islands and on Attu and Kiska. Ensign Wainscott was reported "Missing" December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, but later confirmed as wounded. He returned to duty shortly thereafter. He returned to the States and received Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with Silver Star. Returned to sea on destroyer.

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Seymour Ikler, INF	*Charles Wise, USN
Craig Jackson, INF	Fred Wright, USN
Joe H. Jordan, USMC	H. A. Wortham, MC

\*Killed in action.



"MULBERRY"--THE SECRET FLOATING HARBOR, NORMANDY LANDINGS  
Large concrete or steel pontoons were installed at regular intervals transverse to the pontoon bridgeway to strengthen it and to serve as mooring places for vessels. Omaha beach can be seen in the background.

1. —S/SGT. DAVID THOMAS KOCH, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Koch, Jr., born Dec. 13, 1925, Dallas, volunteered for Cadets Army Air Corps; trained at Laredo, Gunnery School; served overseas from Jan., 1945, to June, 1945, in Italy 15th AAF in North Apennines, Po Valley, Rhineland, Central Europe. Awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, ETO with four Battle Stars, American Theater, Distinguished Unit Citation Badge. He was discharged Jan. 28, 1946.
2. —1ST LT. WILLIAM BRUNER KOCH, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Koch, Jr., born Oct. 26, 1921, attended Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Volunteered for Cadets Army Air Corps on March 20, 1942; trained at Good Fellow Field, Eagle Pass Army Air Field; overseas from Dec., 1943, to April, 1945, in India and Burma. Missing August, 1944, for 16 days in Burma jungle. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. Nov., 1945, became a member of AAF Reserve.
3. —SGT. WILLIAM ARTHUR ODEN, born March 27, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Oden, husband of Dorothy Lee Oden, attended North Texas State Teachers College, Denton. Entered the service September 12, 1942, assigned to the Army; trained CAA Control (Air Traffic) School, Fort Worth. Received Good Conduct, Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon. Received discharge on Jan., 1946, and enlisted in Reserve Corps a few days later.
4. —SGT. SAM TONY CANGELOSE, brother of Elizabeth Cangelose, entered the Army on Sept., 1942; trained AAFTS Sheppard Air Mechanic; overseas July, 1944, to Aug., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe campaigns. Awarded European, African Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon, 4 Bronze Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. He was promoted to Sgt. on July, 1943. Sgt. Cangelose received an honorable discharge on Nov. 2, 1945.
5. —Y1/c CLEMMIE JUANITA GARRISON, born January 4, 1922, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Garrison, Rock Creek Drive, Garland, Texas. She received her education in the Garland Public Schools, volunteering March 12, 1944, for service with the Waves, a branch of the Navy. Received her training at Hunter College, New York, serving the entire time in the United States. Yeoman 1/c Clemmie Juanita Garrison received an honorable discharge from the Waves on March 28, 1946.
6. —S/SGT. HAROLD ROY GARRISON, born Feb. 4, 1923, son of Mr. Roy Garrison, attended North Texas Agricultural College; volunteered for Army Air Corps, Dec., 1942; trained at Pope Field, North Carolina; served overseas from Oct., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Germany, France, England. Awards were Presidential Citation, Seven Battle Stars, ETO Ribbon and Good Conduct Ribbon. Staff Sergeant Harold Roy Garrison received an honorable discharge on Nov. 24, 1945.
7. —PFC CHARLES E. LABEL, JR., born July 24, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lebel, Sr., entered the Army on Nov. 30, 1943; trained at Camp Shelby, Miss.; served overseas for one year and seven months in New Guinea, Mindoro, and Mindanao. His awards were Asiatic-Pacific with two Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with one Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Pfc Charles Lebel received an honorable discharge April, 1946.
8. —CPL. ROBERT BENJEMAN KEENER, born Dec. 7, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Keener, entered the Army May, 1943, assigned to the Army Medical Corps; trained at Camp Berkeley; served overseas from Dec., 1943; to Sept., 1946, with the 42nd General Hospital, 153rd Station Hospital, 383 Med. Disp., Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Received the Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Corporal Keener received discharge on November 21, 1946, and enlisted in Army Reserve Corps.
9. —CPL. GILBERTO ESPINOSA RAMIREZ, born Jan. 15, 1910, son of Mrs. Dorothea Espinosa Vela, entered service Jan., 1943, assigned to the Army Med. Corps; trained at Camp Berkeley; served overseas for 20 months, in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe with 3rd, 9th, 15th and 7th Armies. Awarded American Theater, EAME five Bronze Stars, Good Conduct. Corporal Ramirez received an honorable discharge Dec. 16, 1945.
10. —SGT. CLYDE LAMAR DAVIS, JR., born Feb. 26, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Davis, Sr.; attended Texas A & M College; volunteered for Army Air Force Dec., 1942; trained at Ellington Field and March Field. Six weeks before graduation AAF Bom. School, suffered an attack of rheumatic fever and stayed in hospital for eight months; after release, was grounded and limited to Continental US duty. Sgt. Davis received honorable discharge on Feb. 17, 1946.
11. —SGT. CHARLES LOUIS McDEARMONT, born April 26, 1923, son of Mrs. Edith Green, volunteered for the Army Nov., 1940, assigned to the 112th Cavalry; trained at Fort Bliss; served overseas July, 1942, to Aug., 1945, in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Luzon and Southern Philippines. Awards were Asiatic-Pacific four Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation one Bronze Star, American Defense Medal. Received an honorable discharge Aug. 22, 1945.
- \* 12. —CPL. JAMES EARL McDEARMONT, born October 31, 1921, in Arkansas, son of Mrs. Edith Green, attended Adamson High School, Dallas; volunteered for the Army and was assigned to the 112th Cavalry. He received his training at Fort Bliss, Texas; served from November 18, 1940, to May 24, 1941, at which time Corporal James McDearmont lost his life at Fort Clark, Texas. Before entering service he was in the floor finishing business.
13. —PFC CLOVIS LAWRENCE BLACKBURN, Feb. 4, 1910, husband of Mrs. Ollene Blackburn, attended Dekalb High School; entered the Army assigned to Coast Artillery on June 11, 1942, in Dallas; received his training at Camp Callan, McQuaide, Fort Taylor, Fort Jackson, and Fort Hancock; served overseas from January 29, 1944, to September 28, 1944, in Alaska, and in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Awarded the ribbon for that theater of operation. Received discharge on Oct. 11, 1944.
14. —1ST LT. LEONARD L. WILLIAMS, born Aug. 26, 1910, brother of Ollene Blackburn, attended John Tarleton College, Stephenville, Texas; volunteered for the Army January 22, 1941; trained at O.C.S. Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; instructed Communication Sec. of 509th Bom. Gp., which was designated to drop Atomic Bombs. Lt. Williams at this time is still in service and plans to enter the field of Electrical Research, upon getting his discharge. He is now Base Signal Officer in Wendover Field, Utah.
15. —SGT. WARD F. WILLIAMS, brother of Ollene Blackburn, born Nov. 24, 1920, entered the Army, assigned to 898th Signal Co.; trained at Camp Crowder, Patterson Field, New Orleans, La.; served overseas from Aug., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, Okinawa, Philippine Liberation Campaigns. His awards were American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, Victory Ribbons, and Good Conduct Medal. Sgt. Williams received an honorable discharge on January 12, 1946.
16. —CPL. VICTOR L. WILLIAMS, born Dec. 12, 1917, brother of Ollene Blackburn, volunteered for the Army Field Artillery, 36th Div.; overseas April, 1943, to May, 1945, in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome, South France, Central Europe, invasion of Salerno, Cassino and Anzio; received Purple Heart in Italy. His division stayed longest period at front without rest (4 1/2 mo.) fighting continuously in Campaign for Rome. Discharged on June 28, 1945.
17. —STORE KEEPER 3/c JAMES M. HEAD, born May 9, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Head, attended Polytechnical High School, Fort Worth; volunteered for Seabees September 23, 1943, in Fort Worth; trained at Camp Peary, Virginia. He served overseas from May 1, 1944, to November 12, 1944. Store Keeper 3/c James M. Head was given a medical discharge on February 15, 1945. Head was with Consolidated Air Craft before entering the Seabees.
18. —PFC DELL C. WYLIE, born September 8, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wylie, Avenue M, Fort Worth, husband of Mrs. Virginia Wylie, attended Handley Public Schools; entered the Army May 19, 1943, and was assigned to the Air Corps as a mechanic; received his training at Amarillo Air Field, Amarillo, Texas. He was in service from May 19, 1943, to February 11, 1946, at which time Pfc Dell C. Wylie received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps.
19. —AVIATION CADET CHARLES M. BOWLES, born November 23, 1920, husband of Evelyn Wilson-Bowles, Fort Worth, attended Texas Christian University; volunteered for the Army April 15, 1942, assigned to the Air Force; received his training at Maxwell Field, Ala., Carlstrom Field, Fla., and Bainbridge, Ga. He served the entire time in the States, and was awarded the American Theater, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. He was discharged Nov. 26, 1945.
20. —S/SGT. MELVIN H. WILSON, born Dec. 17, 1919, son of Mrs. Estella Wilson, Fort Worth, entered the Army on Oct. 15, 1941, assigned to 93rd Coast Artillery Bn.; trained at Camp Callan, California; overseas from May, 1942, to March, 1943; served in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Hawaii. His awards were Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, Pre-Pearl Harbor and Victory Ribbons. S/Sgt. Wilson received an honorable discharge on Nov. 4, 1945.

# Fighting Men of Texas



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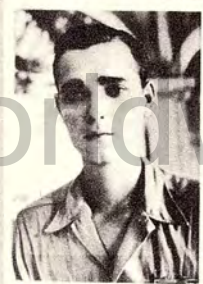
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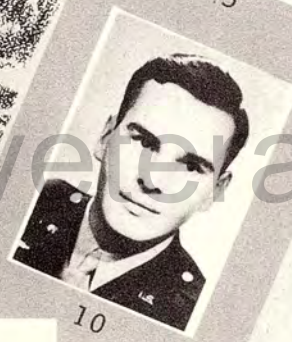
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# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



1st Lt. WILBUR R. MOORE

1st Lt. Wilbur Ross Moore, son of Mrs. Minnie Moore, of Dallas was born June 22, 1920. Attended public schools in Dallas and Texas A & M at College Station; volunteered for service January 18, 1942; was assigned to the Army Air Corps and appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Corps Reserve, November 26, 1942, and promoted to 1st Lieutenant September 8, 1945. Lt. Moore trained and served at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Cimarón Field, Oklahoma City, Elliott Field, Houston, and received his "Wings" at Midland, Texas. Served overseas March, 1944, until August, 1944, in England and in the air offensive of Europe, receiving the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Citation, Distinguished Flying Cross, European Theater of Operations Ribbon with other awards. He was discharged October 27, 1945.



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GARDON O. WATSON . . . . .	Army	CLYDE B. BOSHAUT . . . . .	Navy
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JESSIE L. RACHELS . . . . .	Navy	DAVID W. GAULT . . . . .	Air Corps
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		CLIFTON T. MILLS . . . . .	Army
		SAM E. MITCHELL . . . . .	Army
		HOMER L. MOON . . . . .	Navy
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		HUGH D. OLIVER . . . . .	Sea Bees
		LEROY W. PADGETT . . . . .	Navy
		JINK POPE . . . . .	Army
		JAMES A. PRICE . . . . .	Army
		RICHARD M. ROBINSON . . . . .	Army
		JOHN SCHUMACHER, JR. . . . .	Navy
		GEORGE D. TUCKER . . . . .	Navy



U. S. ENGINEERS BLAST BRIDGE BEHIND THEM

*A demolition charge blows up a wooden bridge over the Seltzbach River in France on the outskirts of Kiederroedern, North of Strassbourg, as U. S. Engineers close a route after U. S. Army vehicles had withdrawn across the span.*

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GEORGE G. JONES . . . . . U.S.A.A.C.	HARRY BROOKS . . . . . Coast Guard
WILLIAM C. KELLEY . . . . . U.S.N.	IVAN W. HOOPS . . . . . Air Corps
PERRY L. LATHAM . . . . . U.S.N.	JAMES W. HUDLER, JR. . . . . U.S.N.



TANK GUARDS PRISONERS TAKEN NEAR BASTOGNE

*An American tank remains behind to guard German prisoners taken during the drive to relieve the besieged American forces at Bastogne, while heavy tanks and other mechanized equipment forge ahead to battle the enemy.*



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Chief Carpenter JOHN D. ASKINS

C. John David Askins, born July 8, 1917, in Texas, son of C. B. Askins, and husband of Angie Estell Askins, Dallas, volunteered April 19, 1943, with the Navy, Construction Bn., training at Camp Perry. He served overseas April to November of 1944, and January to December of 1945, in England, the invasion of Normandy, and in the Pacific Area at Leyte, Samar, Manila, Subic Bay and Yokohama, Japan. After returning to the States he received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific and European Theaters Campaign Ribbons, with other awards. He was discharged December 5, 1945.



Capt. JAMES W. LEMONS

Capt. James Wyatt Lemons, born Oct. 7, 1916, son of Mrs. Henrietta Lemons of Dallas. Volunteered for Field Artillery July 23, 1942, at Dallas, and was with 102nd Infantry Division until Feb. of 1944. Trained at Fort Sill, (O.C.S.) Camp Swift and Camp Maxey. Sailed for overseas in January of 1945; participated in Oahu, Hawaii, Philippines, Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon and was Liaison Pilot in Field Artillery. Did observation and flew litter patients to hospitals. Capt. Lemons was discharged on May 29, 1946, after a brief trip to Japan and Korea in February. At present he is in the Officers Reserve.



Cpl. JESS H. BOLES

Cpl. Jess Hobart Boles, husband of Jonnie E. Boles, 2629 Merlin Street, Dallas, was born July 16, 1917. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Boles of Dallas. Was educated in the public schools of Mesquite, Texas, and volunteered January 8, 1943, assigned to 2nd Marine Division, training at Camp Elliott, San Diego, California. Overseas from June 5, 1943, to August 3, 1944; served in Southwest Pacific, Saipan and Tarawa, and was wounded on each island. Cpl. Boles was awarded the Purple Heart twice. He served a year in the States after returning from overseas before receiving his discharge on September 17, 1945.



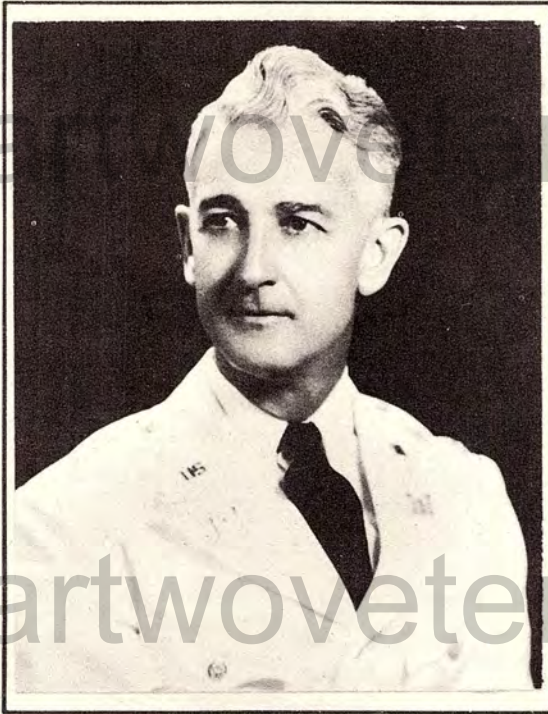
Pfc S. J. VERNER

Pfc S. J. Verner, born February 1, 1924, in Texas, son of Mrs. C. L. Verner, Dallas, entered service January 5, 1943, with the Army, 501st Paratroop Division, training at Camp Mackall, N.C. Pfc Verner began overseas duty January, 1944, participating in the campaigns of Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was wounded in combat December 21, 1944. After returning to the States November, 1945, he was awarded the E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon with four Bronze Stars and Bronze Arrowhead, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster. Was discharged Nov. 20, 1945.



*The*

**FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS**



**Col. ALFRED D. MARTIN**

Colonel Alfred DeLoach Martin was born June 10, 1898, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. W. L. Martin, Marshall, Texas, and husband of Vera Hartt Martin, 4211 Armstrong Parkway, Dallas, Texas; attended West End Elementary School, Marshall High School, both of Marshall, and Texas A & M at College Station. He volunteered for service August 18, 1942, with the Army, Corps of Engineers, entering as Major; promoted to Lt. Colonel, March, 1943, and to Colonel, April 22, 1946. His entire duty was served in the States at Camp Wallace and other camps. The Army Commendation Ribbon was awarded Colonel Martin for outstanding service rendered during hostilities, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense and American Theater Ribbons were also awarded. Was granted his discharge August 17, 1946.



The **FIGHTING MEN** of TEXAS



1st Lt. GARLAND RAYBORN

1st Lt. Garland Rayborn was born October 20, 1920, in Texas, son of Mrs. Ora May Rayburn, Dallas, and E. F. Rayborn of Sweetwater, Texas, and husband of Margaret Rayborn, 2712 - 31st St. S.E., Washington, D.C.; attended Daniel Baker College at Brownwood, Texas, and entered service August 18, 1942. Was assigned to the Army Air Force, training at Kearns, Utah, Scott Field, Illinois, Moore Field, Texas, and Bartow, Florida, receiving his commission October 1, 1943. Lt. Rayborn served overseas February, 1944, to June, 1945, in the European Theater, participating in the air offensive of Europe, Northern France and Normandy campaigns; was reported "Missing in Action" but had been a prisoner of war at Stalag Luft #2, Barth, Germany. He was awarded the Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Distinguished Flying Cross, ETO Ribbon with three Stars among other medals. He is currently stationed with Air Communications Service at Spokane, Washington.

The **FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS**

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**Col. JOHN C. RUCKER, M. D.**

Colonel John Collier Rucker, born December 14, 1910, in Texas, son of Mr. J. J. Rucker, Palestine, Texas, and husband of Betty T. Rucker, 8209 Chadbourne, Dallas, is a graduate of Baylor Medical College. He was a practicing physician prior to his entry in service September 18, 1940, with the Army Office of Surgery. Entered as a Captain and received his last promotion to Colonel in 1945; served overseas September, 1943, to September, 1945, in the European Theater, Office of the Chief Surgeon, London and Cheltenham, and in Paris, France. Colonel Rucker was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service, along with various other awards including the European Theater of Operations Ribbon, American Theater and Defense Medals with the Victory Award. Discharge was granted April 13, 1946.

## Honor Roll

WENDELL B. ACREY . . . . .	Army	SAM RANEY . . . . .	Army
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DALLAS J. PATRICK . . . . .	Navy	JACK DENNEHY . . . . .	Navy
		JAMES O. SPRADLING . . . . .	Navy



**FIRST SUPERFORTRESS ON IWO JIMA**

Marines flock around a crippled B-29 which made an emergency landing on Motoyama Airfield No. One, on Iwo Jima, after returning from a raid on Japan. According to the Marine caption for this photo, this was the first Superfort to land on the newly-won Airstrip.

## Honor Roll

Aschner, Irwin, RCAF

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Pyle, Perry, Army Air Corps

Chamberlain, W. F., Army Ord.

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Whitten, Robert, Army Air Corps

West, Raymond S., Navy

Brown, Bill, Army

Kahn, Leon, Army Air Corps

Wildman, Tommy, Army

Ruskin, Robert, Army

Jones, Harold R., Army Air Corps

Wilkins, Charlie, Navy

Mendoza, John J., Army



SOUTHERN FRANCE INVASION FLEET

*Part of the huge Allied armada which invaded Southern France is seen here in landing maneuvers preceding the actual attack. The ships, steaming shoreward with their loads of fighting men and munitions, are silhouetted beneath the long muzzle of a gun on a Coast Guard combat cutter.*



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**QM2/c ROY W. WALKER**

QM2/c Roy Wendall Walker, born May 15, 1926, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Walker, Dallas, volunteered July 12, 1943, with the Navy Amphibious Force. Trained in States until November, 1944, when he began service in Pacific Area and participated in the invasion of Okinawa and in convoy around Philippine Islands which was attacked three times by Japanese submarines. After returning to the States he received the Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with Star, Good Conduct Medal with other awards. Served with the 19th Fleet until he was discharged May 14, 1947.



**S1/c LESTER R. BOYER**

S1/c Lester Roy Boyer, was born October 27, 1912, in Louisiana. He is the husband of Lennah Doris Boyer, 2602 Gladstone Drive, Dallas. His mother, Mrs. Anna Boyer, resides at Houston, Texas. He received his education in the public schools of Houston, Texas, and entered the service December 22, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Signal Corps. S1/c Boyer trained at San Diego, California, Urbana, Illinois, and Norfolk, Virginia, serving in the United States from December 22, 1943, to October 6, 1944, completing course of study of Naval training School, University of Illinois for Signalman 3rd Class.



**\*1st Lt. ARLIS K. ANDERSON**

1st Lt. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Anderson, born June 24, 1916, attended North Dallas High School, and was a member of Highland Baptist Church. Volunteered for service January 22, 1942, was assigned to the Army Air Corps and received his training at Ellington and Kelly Fields; sailed for overseas June 20, 1943. He flew missions over France, Holland and Norway. Was awarded the Purple Heart, Air Medal with one Bronze Star, Victory Medal, Aviation Badge Navigator, EAME Campaign Ribbon. While on a mission over Hanover, Germany, his plane was lost in the North Sea July 6, 1943.



**WT3/c HENRY G. CLARK, JR.**

WT3/c Henry G. Clark, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clark, Sr., and the husband of Mrs. Vaudine Clark, 9606 El Patio Dr. Dallas, Texas, was born December 27, 1919. Attended Forest Avenue High School, and entered the service August 2, 1944; received his training at the U.S. Naval Training Station San Diego, California. He spent fifteen months overseas in the Asiatic Pacific Theater campaigns, and for his service, was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one Star. Received his discharge at Norman, Oklahoma, March 24, 1946.

# The **FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS**

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**Capt. DAVID NATHANSON**

Capt. David Nathanson, born December 10, 1917, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Nathanson, and husband of Maxine Nathanson, 4135 Hyer, Dallas, attended Texas A & M at College Station and volunteered for service May 23, 1941, with the Army D.E.M.L. Division, training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; also served as Station Ordnance Officer, 44th Bombardment Group, Automotive Officer, 2nd Air Division. He began overseas duty September, 1942, stationed in England, from where he participated in the air offensive of Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe and the Italian campaign, Ploesti Raid. Returned to the States June, 1945. Capt. Nathanson was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious service rendered in combat, and was returned to inactive duty December 27, 1945.

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## Honor Roll

Gus Reed T/5  
 Army-Qm. 4 yrs. 2 1/2 mos.

Ft. Lieut. Walter L. Marlowe  
 Army 5 yrs.

Normandy, Northern France  
 Lowlands, Rhinlands

Cpl. Claude H. Marlow  
 Air Corps 40 mos.

Cpl. Wm. W. Arnold  
 Marine Corps 2 yrs.

James W. Phillips  
 Army Air Forces 3 1/2 yrs.

Sgt. George T. Palmer  
 Army AGD 3 yrs.  
 Normandy  
 Northern France

Sgt. Billie C. Smithson  
 Air Corps 3 1/2 yrs.

Sgt. Joseph P. Stewart  
 G.M. Truck Co. 2 1/2 yrs.  
 Normandy, Northern France  
 Ardennes, Rhineland  
 Central Europe

Staff Sgt. Karl K. Smoller  
 Artillery 4 1/2 yrs.  
 Attu, Kwajalein  
 Latti, Okinawa

First Sgt. Werner Friedman  
 4 1/2 yrs.  
 Philippine Is.

L. C. Fite  
 U.S. Army 2 yrs.  
 Battle of the Rhine  
 Battle of Central Europe

James D. Watson  
 Army 14 mos.

W. L. Smithson  
 Air Corp 39 mos.

Jay Knight  
 Cavalry, Army 4 yrs. 9 mos.

Elias L. Vivero  
 Army Air Corps 3 1/2 yrs.

Cleadith O. Staggs  
 Army Air Corps 3 yrs. 4 mos.

Deason L. Hunt  
 QMC. Army 2 1/2 yrs.  
 Guadalcanal

Elijah Thomas  
 Engineers 6 mos.

William Arthur Sheffield  
 Naval Air Force 3 yrs.  
 Okinawa Invasion

Issac Williams  
 Army 2 1/2 yrs.

Fayette Preston  
 Army 14 mos.

Wm. F. Woodworth  
 Mechanized Cavalry 4 yrs.  
 Southern Germany  
 Rhine  
 Central Europe

Thomas A. Ridge  
 Army 3 1/4 yrs.

Irving J. Glater  
 Air Corps 4 yrs. 8 mos.

Theodore Barnes  
 Army 1 yr.

Abraham J. Dreiseszun  
 Air Force 5 yrs.

### BY AIR AND BY SEA

The strong arms of retribution in the form of a powerful U. S. Navy Task Force reach out to hunt down the Japanese enemy in Philippine waters. By air, the hard-hitting Curtiss HELLDIVERS, deadly dive-bombers, await their chance to send tons of bombs screaming down at Jap ships or shore installations; while by sea, battleships, cruisers and destroyers of the surface force, with all battle stations manned, stand by to pour in salvos of hot steel.

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George Berrera

Chris Lutz

Rex N. Black

Horace Lutz

Robert Boelter

Graham R. McMurray, Jr.

John L. Bush, Jr.

C. W. Mohon

J. E. Edmonson

Douglas Phillips

Roy G. Farr

Henry W. Smithey

Marshall Gamblin

Sam Tobolowsky

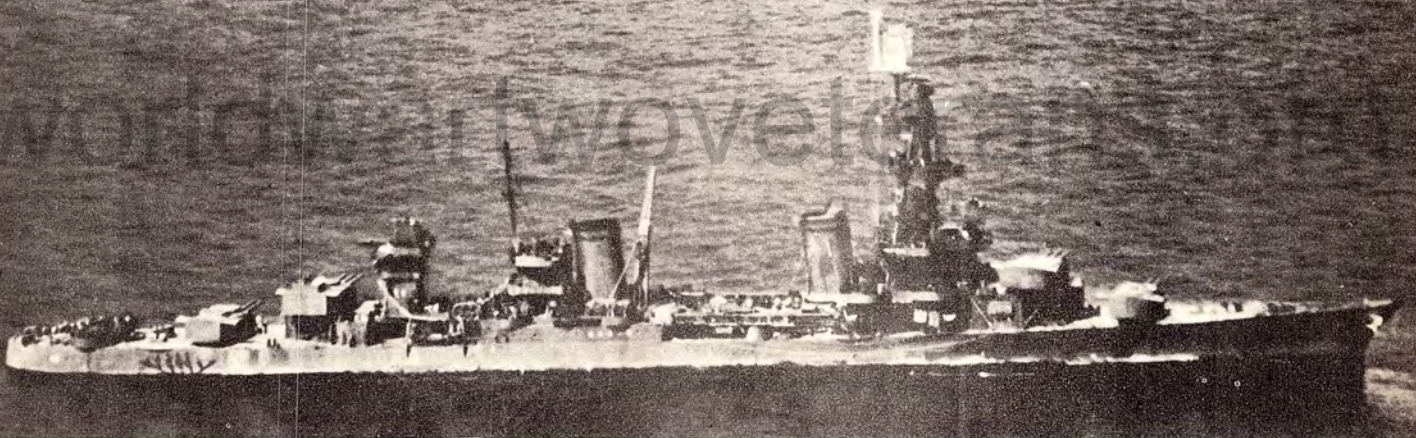
Clinton Grant

Charles H. Watterson

Joe H. Gregory

Philip T. Watson

Robert H. Housewright



NAVY INVASION ARMADA OFF IWO JIMA

Navy light cruiser (foreground) heavy cruiser, center background, destroyers and landing craft hover off the shores of embattled Iwo Jima as the battle for the volcanic island mounts in fury during the opening stages of the operation.



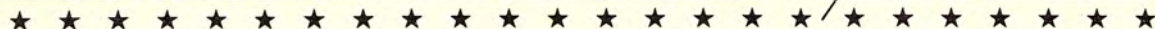
# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**\*1st Lt. ALBERT C. PACKWOOD, JR.**

1st Lt. Albert Clark Packwood, Jr., born February 24, 1920, in Texas, son of Albert C. Packwood, Sr., Grand Prairie, Texas, and husband of Janis Helen Packwood, Dallas, entered service September 24, 1941, with the Army Infantry, training at Camp Wolters, Texas. Lt. Packwood was commissioned June 30, 1942; at Ft. Benning, Georgia, after completing Officer Candidate School; later instructed the officer candidates in machine gun training, and began overseas duty March, 1944, in the European Area, participating in the D-Day invasion of Normandy, Northern France, Battle of the Bulge, Seigfried Line, Aachen and Western Germany. He was Platoon Leader, Heavy Weapons Co. and Co. Executive Officer. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice March, 1945, in combat at Eudenbach, Germany. His awards include a Presidential Unit Citation, Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and Purple Heart, and other medals for outstanding duty in service.

# *The* **FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS**



## **Sgt. ROY C. POLLARD**

Sgt. Roy C. Pollard, born January 12, 1910, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pollard, and husband of Mrs. Roy C. Pollard, Dallas, attended the Dallas Public Schools, and entered service April 2, 1942, assigned to the Army Hq. & Hq. Co., 4th Major Port T.C., attached to the 1st Army, training at Ft. Francis Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming. He performed a variety of clerical tasks in connection with the operation of Headquarters. His overseas duty was served July, 1942, until October, 1945, in the European Theater of War where he participated in the battles of Normandy and Northern France. He received the EAME Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars among other awards, including the Good Conduct Medal and six Overseas Service Bars. Sgt. Pollard returned to the States, and received his discharge October 11, 1945.



# The **FIGHTING MEN** of **TEXAS**



**S/Sgt. JACK CRUMP**

S/Sgt. Crump was born on Oct. 22, 1911, in Texas, son of Mrs. Lula Crump, 1823 No. Fitzhugh, Dallas, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Ardath Crump, 909 Southland, Fort Worth, Texas. He attended North Dallas High School, and entered the service on March 14, 1941, serving with Hq. 48th F.A. Bn., 7th Div., until Oct. 24, 1941, and in Jan., 1942, he was assigned to the 56th Evac. Hosp. with the 3rd and 5th Armies, training at Fort Sill, Okla; Ord, Calif.; and Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas from Feb. 20, to July 6, 1945, participating in Tunisian campaign, Naples - Foggia, Rome - Arno, and Northern Apennines campaigns. Decorations include the EAME Ribbon with 4 Battle Stars, American Defense, and Good Conduct Ribbons. He was given an honorable discharge on August 24, 1945. S/Sgt. Crump was part of the cadre of enlisted men that helped form the 56th Evac. Hosp. called "The Baylor Unit," the majority of the doctors being from Baylor in Dallas.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



1st Lt. CHESTER W. HENDERSON

1st Lt. Chester W. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Henderson, of Dallas, was born May 22, 1918. Attended N.T.A.C. in Arlington and volunteered Nov. 25, 1940. Assigned to Signal Corps, transferring in Oct., 1942, to Army Air Force. Lt. Henderson served overseas from Apr. 1, 1944, to Apr. 30, 1945, stationed in England and France with 9th Air Force, participating in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and German invasion. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 12 Clusters, American Defense and American Theater Ribbons, European Theater Ribbon with 5 Battle Stars and Victory Ribbon. Lt. Henderson is now stationed in San Bernardino, Calif., in the 4126th AAF B. V. (Area Command). His wife, Mrs. Pauline W. Henderson, resides with him in San Bernardino.



Lt. Col. CLIFTON C. HULSEY

Lt. Col. Clifton Carroll Hulsey, husband of Mrs. Marjorie Oswald Hulsey, 705 N. Madison Ave., Dallas, was born July 14, 1907, in Texas. His mother, Mrs. Jewel Hulsey, also resides in Dallas. Lt. Col. Hulsey attended North Dallas High School and volunteered for active service Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to 36th, 96th, 69th and 29th Divisions, U.S. Army. Received basic training in Texas, Oregon, and Mississippi. Served overseas from May 10, 1944, to Nov. 25, 1944, in England, Normandy, and Northern France, being wounded on July 12, 1944, in St. Lo, France. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge, and was released from active service Aug. 6, 1945. Lt. Col. Hulsey entered Texas National Guard July 7, 1926, as Pvt. Commissioned 2nd Lt. Oct. 4, 1928; promoted 1st Lt. Apr. 12, 1930, and to Captain Sept., of 1936. Commanded Co. G, 144th Inf.

The **FIGHTING MEN** of **TEXAS**



Lt. Comdr. GORDON B. WILLIAMS

Lt. Comdr. Williams, was born June 4, 1918, son of Mrs. Grace Luhr, 714 Skillman, Dallas, and husband of Star May Williams, of Greenville, N.C. He attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, volunteering for the U.S.N.R. in Aug. of 1940. Served in Yorktown, Va., Mine Warfare School; U.S.N.R. Diesel Eng. School, Raleigh, N.C.; and Decommissioning Group, Portland, Ore., with service in the Caribbean Sea, Leeward Isles, Pacific Ocean, Pacific Coast, and Hawaiian Is., participating in the pre-invasion minesweeping and bombardment of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and post-invasion support of occupying forces and repulsion of surface and air suicide craft, and submarine patrol. Awarded Silver Star, Asiatic-Pacific with 2 Stars, American Defense, American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. He was released to inactive duty August 28, 1946, with rank of Lt. Comdr., U.S.-N.R. In Aug., of 1944, he assumed command of the fleet minesweeper USS Spectacle (AM 305).

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



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Comdr. ROBERT C. FOSTER, JR. Medical Tech. ELDRIDGE M. BATES

Comdr. Robert Coleman Foster, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Foster, Sr., 3613 Gillespie Ave., Dallas, Texas, was born Dec. 4, 1912, in Texas. Attended North Dallas High School and U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Volunteered for active duty Feb. 10, 1941; received training at Boston Navy Yard and Naval War College. Served in the American defense and Asiatic areas from April, 1942, to Dec., 1945, participating in all major naval campaigns from Guadalcanal to Okinawa. Originally held Naval Reserve commission as Ensign; received successive promotions to rank of Commander. Awarded: American Defense, American Area, Victory Ribbons, Asiatic Area Ribbon with 13 Campaign Stars, Philippine Campaign Ribbon with 1 Star, and Naval Reserve Medal. Comdr. Foster was released to inactive duty in U.S. Naval Reserve on May 4, 1946.

Medical Tech. Eldridge McKinley Bates was born November 1, 1912, in Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bates, 5620 Richard Ave., Dallas. His wife Mrs. Calista D. Bates resides in Neal, Kansas. He attended Bryan High School and volunteered for service March 30, 1942, being assigned to 1st Cavalry Division, U. S. Army, training at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. On June 5, 1942, he received his promotion to Medical Tech. and served his country from March 30, 1942, to October 20, 1943, at which time he received an honorable discharge.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



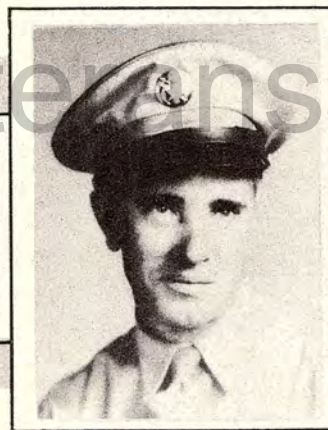
**\*1st Lt. JOHN H. ALLEN**

1st Lt. John Harold Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John David Allen, 5434 Goodwin Ave., Dallas, Texas, was born June 4, 1920. He acquired his education in the public schools of Dallas and Texas A & M College. Lt. Allen volunteered for service May 16, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Field Artillery, later being transferred to the Air Corps; received his wings at Lubbock, June 20, 1943. He served overseas from Nov., 1943, to Dec. 22, 1943, when his plane was shot down over Bakuizen, Holland, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon; their object was Osnabruck, Germany. He was stationed at the Army Air Base in England, the pilot on B-24, and was on his 5th mission when the tragedy occurred. Lt. Allen was officially declared lost on December 22, 1945.



**\*2nd Lt. ROBERT O. PATE**

Lt. Robert Otis Pate, nephew of Mrs. O. E. Ash, born December 1, 1919, completed his education in the North Texas State College at Denton, Texas. Volunteered for service October 14, 1940, and was assigned to the U.S. Army Air Corps. Received flight training at Ontario, Calif., basic training at Randolph Field, and was given his wings at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas. Lt. Pate sailed for overseas on June 24, 1941; served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area; was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice somewhere in the vicinity of Tulagi, on the Solomon Islands.



**Cpl. OTTO E. ASH**

Cpl. Ash, born November 30, 1912, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Ash, and husband of Mrs. Lucille Ash, attended Eugene Field School in Muncie, Ind. Entered service July 13, 1942, at Indianapolis, Ind., and was assigned to the U.S. Army Air Force. Received his training at Hotel Bases, Atlantic City, N.J. He was with the 5th Ferrying Group at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and the 8th Ferrying Group at Wilmington, Del., Love Field, Dallas, and Midland, Texas. He was with the group when awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. Honorably discharged January 18, 1946, at Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio.

# The **FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS**



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1st Lt. ALBERT G. STOUT, JR.



Capt. JAMES A. STEPHENSON

1st Lt. Albert G. Stout, Jr., born April 18, 1918, in Alabama, is son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stout, Sr., Dallas, and husband of Alma Lee Stout of Longview, Texas. Attended University of Texas and volunteered Sept. 9, 1940, USA Air Forces training at Kelly Field. Overseas from Oct., 1943, to Aug., 1944, participating in Anti-Submarine Command in American and Asiatic Theaters, and with the 8th Air Force in European Theater. 1st Lt. Stout was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, American Theater Ribbon with 2 Stars, Asiatic Theater with 1 Star, European Theater with 3 Stars and Presidential Citation with 2 Stars. He was honorably discharged Oct. 19, 1945.

Capt. James Albert Stephenson, birth date July 17, 1907, a native of Texas, is son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stephenson, and husband of Jeanette G. Stephenson, all of Dallas. He is a graduate of the University of Texas and entered service Feb. 14, 1942, assigned to Medical Corps U. S. Army, training at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Capt. Stephenson began overseas duty December, 1942, serving in Southern England, France, and Belgium. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. Oct. 17, 1942; promoted to 1st Lt. June 23, 1943, and to Captain Jan. 2, 1946. After returning to the States in November of 1945, he received the Unit Meritorious Service Plaque with other awards and was honorably discharged March 11, 1946.

## Honor Roll

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Dallas, Texas

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★Paid Supreme Sacrifice.



*An eight ship unit heads for anchorage at a Pacific base after a strike against the Japs. This unit is composed of carriers, battleships and cruisers.*



## Honor Roll

BAILEY, JAMES C.	HAMMACK, WHEELER UDELL	PORTER, FLOYD
BEDFORD, W. A.	HAYES, GEORGE, JR.	POTTS, JOHN W.
CHIVERS, WALLACE	HENDERSON, HENRY	RELERFORD, FRANK
COOMBS, GEORGE W.	HILLIN, CHARLES H.	SAMPLE, ADOLPHUS H.
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DAVIS, MARTINEZ	HITT, OMEARL	SILL, LOUIS A.
DEEN, JAMES, JR.	HITT, O. EARL	SOWELLS, GUY
DIXON, WALTER	HUNTER, ROBERT	STARNES, FLOYD
EBERHART, J. Y.	JENNINGS, MILTON	STRONG, HAROLD L.
FAIRCHILD, JACK	JOHNSON, CHARLES	STURGES, JOHN L.
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GIBBS, FREDDIE	MEAZELLE, SMITH	WATTS, RUSSELL E.
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GRAHAM, ORSSA	PETERSON, V. R.	WILLIAMS, ORIN
	POGUE, BEN W.	



B-29s USE IWO JIMA AIRSTRIP

*American B-29s returning to their Marianas bases from raids on Tokyo make use of newly captured airstrip on Iwo Jima. One B-29 is shown taking off from Motoyama airstrip No. 1, while another rests in revetment with a damaged right outboard engine.*



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Lt. JOHN H. WHITTINGTON

Lt. John Harold Whittington, born Oct. 22, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harold Whittington, 4236 Hanover Ave., Dallas, and husband of Margaret Whittington of Irving, Texas. Attended University of Texas, and volunteered for U.S. Navy in 1942. He received basic training at Notre Dame, Northwestern and Subchaser Base, Miami, Fla. Participated in Southwest and Central Pacific, Marianas and Philippine Campaigns, serving overseas from June, 1943, to October, 1945. Lt. Whittington received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 2 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Theater and World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged in April of 1946.



1st Lt. ROBERT B. SONNTAG

1st Lt. Robert B. Sonntag is the son of Mrs. B. Sonntag, 5835 Vanderbilt Ave., Dallas. He was born Aug. 21, 1921, in Texas, and attended Southern Methodist University prior to volunteering for the Army Air Corps on Jan. 27, 1942. Lt. Sonntag received training at Ellington Field and Midland Army Air Base, transferring to the American Theater of Operations in April, 1943, serving Anti-Sub. duty in Trinidad and Standardization Board, Cuba and Porto Rico Training Command. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. December 17, 1942, and 1st Lt. July of 1944. Awarded American Theater Ribbon, and honorably discharged January 2, 1946.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



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MM 2/c CLARENCE H. NESMITH, JR.

S/Sgt. JIMMIE G. O'LEARY

M. M. 2/c Clarence H. Nesmith, Jr., born June 30, 1915, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nesmith, Sr., of Dallas, and husband of Carrie Joe Nesmith of Carrollton, Texas. Attended Dallas Technical High School; volunteered in April, 1942, assigned to U.S. Navy Seabees. Received basic training at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va., and Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I. Served overseas from Aug. 5, 1942, to Oct. 2, 1945, in Iceland, Pearl Harbor, Tinian, Okinawa, European, N. African, Middle Eastern and Asiatic-Pacific Campaigns. Awarded: one Battle Star Okinawa Operation, Good Conduct Ribbon and Victory Medal. Honorably discharged at Norman, Oklahoma, October 25, 1945.

S/Sgt. Jimmie O'Leary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. O'Leary, 1615 Marburg St., Dallas, Texas, was born Aug. 9, 1918. He acquired his education in the public schools of Dallas, and volunteered Dec. 31, 1941, for the Army Air Corps, training at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. From September, 1943, to September, 1944, he served in the European Theater, and in the battles of Rome-Arno, a air offensive of Europe, air combat of Balkans, and was shot down over Austria on May 29, 1944, at which time he was wounded and reported missing for 37 days in Austria and Yugoslavia. Sgt. O'Leary returned to his base in Italy on July 4, 1944. Awarded: Presidential Unit Citation, Air Medal with 5 Clusters, ETO Campaign Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Good Conduct and American Operations Ribbons. Discharged September 11, 1945.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Lt. (jg) ROBERT D. WILLIS

Lt. (jg) Robert Douglas Willis was born May 13, 1925, in Livingston, Texas, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert D. Willis, Livingston; was a member of Boy Scout Troop, receiving award of Eagle Scout in 1939. He attended Schreiner Institute at Kerrville and Texas University, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, volunteering March, 1943, for U.S. Navy. His commission was received as Ensign in July, 1944, at Plattsburg, New York, and he later served September, 1944, to May, 1946, overseas in the Pacific Theater where he was given command of USS LCT 839, and as Skipper of this LCT, he was in the flotilla that made what was described as "An Epic in Navigation" from Pearl Harbor to Guam in the Spring of 1945, a distance of about 4000 miles under their own power. The Navy Commendation was awarded Lt. Willis among various other ribbons and awards. After being based in Japan delivering supplies to the Army of Occupation, he returned to the States, and was discharged July 9, 1946.

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## Honor Roll

WILLIAM ISOM-ARMY	GARLAND PARKER-ARMY
JOHN HAROLD CHANCE- MARINE CORPS	OSCAR SELF-ARMY
JAMES J. PAGE-NAVY	GUY W. HALL-ARMY
JACK W. LAIRD-ARMY	GRADY CHANCE-ARMY Chemical Warfare
MARVIN RUBENSTEIN- ARMY	J. C. CROMBIE-ARMY
EDDIE COHEN-ARMY	FRED FLOURNOY-ARMY
R. D. BUSH-ARMY	CHARLES DIGIGLIO-ARMY
JAMES R. PAGE-ARMY	RAYMOND WELLS-NAVY
CHESTER CHANCE- COAST GUARD	WILLIAM SHAW-ARMY
WILLARD SHAW-ARMY	JACK CORDELL-ARMY
*FLOYD LUTHER- MARINE CORPS	A. W. MOORE-ARMY
	W. A. LAIRD-ARMY AIR CORPS

\* Killed in Training



SKY GIANT TAKES TO ITS WINGS

A B-29 Superfortress lifts itself off the runway at Saipan Island, as it starts on flight to Tokyo to participate in one of the first raids on the Jap capital by the Sky Giants.

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## Honor Roll

Doris E. White-----	WAC
Alton Bray-----	Navy
Raymond Epps-----	Army
Buck Garrison-----	Navy
Joe Kennel-----	Army
Bob Williams-----	Army
Joe Wood-----	Navy
Melvin Boone-----	Army



FLEET ANCHORS OFF MARSHALL ISLANDS

U. S. Navy Fighting Craft and Cargo Ships rest at anchor in a harbor off the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. In the foreground is a heavy Battleship, and in right center (painted white) is a Hospital Ship.

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## Honor Roll



T/4 HUGO ALBERT WESTPHAL  
Entered service December 4, 1942  
Discharged November 9, 1945



Sgt. LEONARD LIPMAN  
Entered service May 15, 1942  
Discharged July 18, 1945.



In Memoriam  
Pfc HARRY FRAUMAN  
May 7, 1944  
Philippine, Islands



Coxswain ARTHUR ALLEN LAW  
Entered service September 7, 1942  
Discharged October 27, 1945

### NOT PICTURED

Cpl. LOUIS KOVSKY  
Entered service October 15, 1942  
Cpl. HAROLD LOUIS DONOSKY  
Entered service October 13, 1942  
Discharged January 9, 1946



Pvt. MARTIN BRUCHSALES  
Entered service September 11, 1942



### THE ENEMY SCORES

A troop-laden coast guard manned LCVP guns for Normandy Beach on D Day. A Nazi machine gunner scores, his fire exploding a hand grenade in a soldier's pack. The barge flames but a Coast Guard coxswain pilots his craft ashore. Not all the men who started the trip are alive.

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## Honor Roll

Jack Davis  
Lester Turner  
Billy Tom Cummins  
Lawrence E. McEntee  
Raymond Trousdale  
O. M. Roland  
David Waldrip  
Russell Bryant  
Johnny Yandell  
Odill Allen  
William Fanning  
Lloyd Ray Calmes  
Jeff Gray  
James Alford Gilbert  
Billy Ray Wilson  
Eugene Scales  
Gerald Rolnick  
Jesse MacDonald  
Doyle Taylor  
Billy Rosenbaum  
Walter Corley, Jr.  
Roy Ervin Vaughan  
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Cylde Vaughan  
Ernest Russell  
Delmon Cook

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Haskell Maynard  
Jack Spann  
Curtis Watson  
Snider Bowden  
Ruba Faries  
C. J. Greer  
Ernest Foy Cross  
Richard S. Brown  
Don Cranford  
Albert Harrison  
Noel Roberts  
Herschel Waldrip  
Richard M. Albert  
Billy Sasse  
Bates Durham, Jr.  
J. C. Mouth  
Clifton Bruce Anderson  
Tilden E. Armstrong  
Henry Ray Vaughan  
Clifton Joe Scott  
Royal J. Lucas  
J. D. Linsteadt  
Albert M. Fletcher  
Marvin Crawford  
Hal Joseph



ALLIED ARMORED UNITS ROLL ASHORE

Allied Tanks and Armored Vehicles pour from Landing Craft toward the Invasion Beach of Normandy in France.

## Honor Roll

Anders, O. H.	U. S. M. C.	Johns, J. J.	U. S. A.
Averitte, W. F.	U. S. A.	Lindsey, James W.	U. S. A.
Barnes, Doyle K.	U. S. M. C.	Marshall, B.	U. S. N.
Barnes, James	U. S. M. C.	McDaniel, M. R.	U. S. A.
Brown, Charles W.	U. S. A.	McKee, Joseph	U. S. A.
Buchanan, J. L.	U. S. M. C.	Miles, Leonard D.	U. S. N.
Carrington, Leroy	U. S. N.	Moss, John	U. S. A.
Carroll, J. W.	U. S. A. C.	Nobles, W. W.	U. S. A.
Chambers, James	U. S. A.	Rodgers, L. B.	U. S. N.
Cooper, Ralph	U. S. A.	Savala, R.	U. S. N.
Davis, A.	U. S. A.	Smallwood, Jack	U. S. A.
Davis, Olen P.	U. S. N.	Sorensen, S. W.	U. S. A. C
Davis, Walter B.	U. S. N.	Thomas, N.	U. S. A.
Graham, Edwin	U. S. A.	Terry, H. L.	U. S. N.
Green, Alton	U. S. N.	Townsend, K. L.	U. S. A.
Hammond, J. E.	U. S. A. C.	Ward, Herman	U. S. A.
Harpold, H. R.	U. S. A.	Ward, James	U. S. A.
Harpold, Irwin W.	U. S. A.	Waugh, Carnie	U. S. A.
Haynes, F. L.	U. S. A.	Whitehead, Marshall L.	U. S. N.
Hens, Y. G. O.	U. S. A.	Yager, Albert R.	U. S. A.
Herring, Jesse B.	U. S. A. C.	Owens, R. H.	U. S. A.



### AMERICAN PLANE DESTROYED IN FRANCE

*Disabled while on a bombing mission over enemy territory in France, this American Liberator Bomber burns after it crashed in Allied-held territory. Caption accompanying this Signal Corps picture fails to state how the plane's crew fared.*

1. —T/SGT. CLAUDE REED, born April 21, 1921, son of Mrs. Mary Owens, Westminster, Texas. Entered service May 17, 1944, in the Army AAF; trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Served in the United States from May 17, 1944, to December 5, 1945. He received the American Defense, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medals. Honorably discharged December 5, 1945. His wife, Mrs. Mildred F. Reed, resides in Oklahoma City.

2. —M/SGT. MARION FRANCIS ATTEBERRY, born July 8, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Atteberry, of Dallas, husband of Anna Spillman Atteberry, San Antonio. Volunteered March 31, 1941, at Dallas, assigned to Army 56th Evacuation Hospital. Trained at Camp Grant, Ill. Overseas April, 1943, to October, 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines and Po Valley. Awarded EAME 4 Bronze Stars, Bronze Star Medal, Allied and American Theater Medals. Discharged Oct. 22, 1945.

3. —S1/c MELVIN STANLEY ARONOFF, born Nov. 6, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Aronoff of Dallas. Entered service Feb. 1, 1944, assigned to Navy V-12 Tra. Program. Served in the United States from Feb. 15, 1944, to June, 1946. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged June 1, 1946. Acquired his education at Southern Methodist University, Texas A & M, Princeton and Annapolis prior to entering the service.

4. —CAPT. ABNER J. ARONOFF, born Dec. 28, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Aronoff, of Dallas. Entered service May 7, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at Sheppard Field, Ft. Sill, Okla., and Ft. Meade. Overseas Feb., 1945, to Mar., 1946, in Germany, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Received European Theater Medal with 2 Battle Stars, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Apr. 11, 1946.

5. —CPL. WILLIE BAKER, born Nov. 4, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Baker, 3015 Hygeia, Dallas. Entered service Jan. 26, 1943, assigned to Army 860th Engineers. Trained at March Field, Calif. Overseas May, 1945, to February, 1946, in Ryukyus Islands and Korea. Served with 764th Air Material Sqdn. on Okinawa-Signal Supply. Cpl. Baker was awarded American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. He attended Technical High in Dallas.

6. —SHIPS COOK 2/c PAUL BLACE PASQUA, born Dec. 31, 1914. Husband of Mrs. Margaret Pasqua, 4930 Santa Fe, Dallas, Texas. Entered service Jan. 13, 1944, for the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Feb., 1945, to Oct., 1946, in Pacific Area. Received American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 10, 1946. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pasqua of Dallas. He completed his education at Technical High.

7. —CAPT. EDWARD LEWIS BALE, JR., born March 19, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bale of Dallas. Volunteered June 14, 1940, assigned to Marine 2nd Tank Battalion. Overseas July, 1943, to Jan., 1946, in New Caledonia, New Zealand, New Hebrides, and participated in battles of Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa and occupation of Nagasaki. Capt. Bale was awarded 2 Presidential Unit Citations and 1 Bronze Star. He remained in service at the end of hostilities.

8. —S/SGT. JAMES EMMITT CARMICHAEL, born Dec. 2, 1916. Husband of Bertha Mae Carmichael, of Cleburne, Texas. Entered the Army Air Corps, May 8, 1942. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Sioux Falls, S.D. Overseas March, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Foggia, Italy. Awarded European Theater Campaign Ribbon with 1 Battle Star, American Defense, American Theater and World War II Victory Medals. Sgt. Carmichael received an honorable discharge on December 11, 1945.

9. —CAPT. FLETCHER S. RANDALL, born Feb. 5, 1904. Husband of Ruth E. Randall, of Cleburne, Texas. Received his education in Columbus, Mo., and volunteered in 1942, assigned to Army Signal Corps. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., Ft. Sill, Okla., and New Jersey. Overseas Dec., 1940, to Nov., 1945, in Pacific Area, Pearl Harbor, and Guam. He received Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense and Victory Medals. Returned to Honolulu, with the Signal Corps, in June, 1946.

10. —S/SGT. JAMES HARLEY EDWARDS, born Oct. 31, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Edwards, of Cleburne, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 10, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained in Texas, Wisconsin, Tennessee. Overseas May, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in China and India. Was awarded Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Jan. 23, 1946, and re-enlisted Jan. 24, 1946, in 735 AAF Bn. (105th ACS Sq.)

11. —FIREMAN 1/c B. F. HARVEY, born Aug. 3, 1922, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Charley C. Harvey, Cleburne, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 31, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to Navy Destroyer Duty. Trained at Dallas, Texas. Overseas Nov., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, Okinawa, Philippines, Borneo, and American Theater. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star, American Theater. Discharged Dec. 21, 1945.

12. —CPL. FLOYD NEWTON HARVEY, born Aug. 3, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Harvey, of Cleburne, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 15, 1940, at Cleburne. Assigned to U.S. Army, 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Ft. Sill, Okla., Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas April, 1943, to July, 1945, in Naples, Rome, Foggia, S. France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead. Discharged Aug., 1945.

13. —PFC CHARLES VERDO HIBBITT, born Jan. 25, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hibbitt of Burleson, Texas, and husband of Jimmie Hightower Hibbitt. Entered service Feb. 2, 1942, assigned to Army, 31st Inf. Div. Trained at Camp Wolters and Brownwood, Texas. Overseas Sept., 1942, to Nov., 1946, in England, N. Africa, Italy, France, Belgium, Germany; battles of Rome-Arno, Southern and Northern France. Awarded three Bronze Stars. Discharged Nov. 19, 1946.

14. —B. M. 1/c RAYMOND ERVIN HIBBITT, born Oct. 4, 1909. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hibbitt, of Burleson, Texas. Volunteered for the Navy June 19, 1934. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas in Pacific Area, Munda, Kula Gulf, Savoy Island and Vella Lavella. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Philippine Liberation, 1 Silver Star, 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Blue Star, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. In Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., for treatment.

15. —G.M. 1/c BILLY JOE HIBBITT, born Jan. 26, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hibbitt, Burleson, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 15, 1943, at Dallas, assigned to the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Portland, Ore. Served overseas in Pacific Area, Kula Gulf, Savoy Islands, and Vella Lavella. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 1 Silver Star, Philippine Liberation, 1 Bronze Star, American Theater, American Defense and Victory Medal. Discharged Jan. 25, 1946.

\*16. —PFC ROLAND MARTIN HIBBITT, born May 20, 1919. Husband of Lillie Witt Hibbitt, of Burleson. Entered service Aug. 25, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to U.S. Army. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas Oct., 1943, to June, 1944, in Normandy and France where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 8, 1944. Was awarded Silver Wings, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hibbitt.

17. —M.O.M.M. 1/c CLYDE JACKSON MCGOWAN, born Sept. 20, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Berry J. McGowan of Cleburne, Texas. Entered service July 1, 1942, at Ft. Worth, assigned to Navy Submarine Forces. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Sept., 1942, to Sept., 1945, in the invasion of Philippines and all the battles which called for sub-action. Awarded 3 Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and Good Conduct Medals. Served on USS Haddeck. Discharged Sept. 28, 1945.

18. —C. W. O. OREN HORNSEY MCGOWAN, born June 27, 1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Berry J. McGowan, Cleburne, Texas. Entered service June 10, 1936, assigned to Army 2nd Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas May, 1943, to November, 1945, in South Pacific. Was awarded Good Conduct, Asiatic Campaign, American Theater, American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Remained in the Army serving at San Antonio, Recruiting District.

19. —SGT. B. J. MCGOWAN, born Aug. 17, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Berry J. McGowan, of Cleburne, Texas. Entered service Mar. 6, 1942, assigned to Army. Trained at Camp Wolters. Overseas May, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in England, France, Germany, battles of the Rhine, Normandy, and French Liberation. Was transferred from Tank Div. to the 970th Engineers Maint. Co. Awarded 4 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 13, 1945.

20. —1ST LT. FREDERICK A. CLARK, born Jan. 25, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Clark, of Cleburne. Volunteered Nov. 4, 1942, at Dallas; assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Midland Field. Overseas June, 1944, to June, 1945, in Italy, 459th Bomb Group and 15th Air Force. POW Aug., 1944, to Apr., 1945, in Stalag Luft III and 7-A. Present assignment 1st AAFBU, Boling Field, Washington, D.C. Awarded Air Medal, 2 Battle Stars, and American Defense.

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1. -B.M. 2/c HOWARD LEE IVERSON, born Feb. 15, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Iverson, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service Jan. 26, 1943, and was assigned to the Navy, Amphibious Branch. On board the USS Harris, APA-2, he served in the Pacific Area at Attu, Kiska, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Saipan, Angaur, Uliithi, Leyte, Lingayen, Zambales, Okinawa, and Tokyo Bay. He received World War II Victory, American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Medals. Discharged Jan. 11, 1946.

2. -CPL. VERNON L. ROBERTSON, born Feb. 2, 1913, husband of Mrs. Venita E. Robertson, Ft. Worth, entered service on Jan. 13, 1943, and was assigned to the Army, 788th Tank Bn. After training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Fort Ord, California, he served for 18 months in the South Pacific, participating in the Battle of Leyte, Oct. 20, 1944, and Battle of Okinawa, April 1, 1945. He received his honorable discharge on Jan. 6, 1946, Ft. Sam Houston.

3. -S/SGT. HARRY (BERT) B. IVERSON, born June 26, 1916, husband of Mrs. Belva L. Iverson, Ft. Worth, entered service Feb. 26, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, 64th Infantry. After training at Camp Wolters, Texas, he saw active service in the European Theater, participating in the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of the Rhine. He served in the United States from Feb. 26, 1942, until Nov. 15, 1944; overseas during 1945. Was discharged Sept., 1945.

4. -SGT. GEORGE W. ISBELL, born Oct. 23, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Isbell, volunteered Sept. 20, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. Served in the Southwest Pacific Area, participating in the battles of Leyte invasion and Luzon. While flying a high-ranking officer over enemy held territory on Luzon he paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Air Medal awarded for serving with distinction above and beyond that normally expected.

5. -PFC BARNEY RAY JENKINS, born May 28, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jenkins, Fort Worth, Texas, was educated at D. McRae Grammar School and Polytechnic High School and at Texas Wesleyan College, all in Fort Worth. He volunteered for service on December 4, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. He had his training at Keesler Field, after which he had two years service in the United States. Honorably discharged Nov. 5, 1945.

6. -SGT. WILLIAM RUSSELL JENKINS, born Jan. 1, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jenkins, Fort Worth, volunteered for service Dec. 10, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, 26th Inf. Div. He saw active service in the European Theater from Sept., 1942, to Aug., 1944, in battles of Northern France, and Rhineland. He was awarded the American Theater, ETO with two Bronze Stars; World War II Victory; and Good Conduct Medals; Combat Inf. Badge. Honorably discharged Feb. 1, 1946.

7. -S/c RAYMOND B. SHIPP, born Oct. 7, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, Fort Worth, volunteered Oct. 9, 1943, and assigned to Navy, USS Gambier Bay. Served at New Hebrides, Solomon Islands, battles of Saipan, and Palau Islands, also First and Second Battles of the Philippines. Received the Presidential Unit Citation, one Star; World War II Victory, American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars and Purple Heart. Now stationed at Dallas Naval Air Base.

8. -SGT. MILBURN EDWIN SHIPP, born March 17, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, volunteered for service Sept. 25, 1940, assigned to Army, 36th Div. Received training at Camp Bowie and served at Ft. Lewis, Wash., Tongue Point Naval Base, Ore., and various other places in States in Service and Cannon Co. Received "Service before Pearl Harbor", Good Conduct, American Defense, and Expert Rifleman, Bayonet, Mortar, Light and Heavy Machine Gun. Discharged 11/9/43.

9. -C.M.M. CABLE PERCY JOHNSTON, born Aug. 24, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Johnston, Fort Worth, volunteered for service July 10, 1940, assigned to the Navy, Engineering Branch. Saw active service in the American Theater and the Asiatic-Pacific, participating in the Battle of Midway. Served aboard USS Pensacola, Sirius, Takanis Bay, the latter used training Navy and Marine pilots, then transporting troops home. Discharged July, 1946.

10. -2ND LT. HAROLD EUGENE KEATING, born Jan. 29, 1924, son of Mrs. Grace Keating, Fort Worth, Texas, received his education at Riverside Elementary and high schools, Fort Worth, and at West Texas State College, Canyon, Texas. He volunteered for service Nov. 2, 1942, and was assigned to the Marine Officer's Candidate School, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va. Commissioned Oct. 10, 1945. He received the Good Conduct Medal, and is now a 2nd Lt. in Marine Corps Reserve.

11. -C. M. 1/c GEORGE C. KEATING, born Oct. 23, 1920, son of Mrs. Grace Keating, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service Aug. 26, 1942, and was assigned to the Navy, Construction Battalion. He saw active service in New Caledonia, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, Tulagi Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, and Okinawa Islands from Nov., 1942, to Nov., 1945. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon three Stars; Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Dec. 21, 1945.

12. -M 1/c J. D. KEATING, born Nov. 27, 1916, son of Mrs. Grace Keating, Fort Worth, received his education at Riverside Elementary and at North Side Senior High, Fort Worth. He volunteered for service Oct. 1, 1942, and was assigned to the Navy, Construction Battalion. He trained at Camp Allen, Virginia. M 1/c Keating saw active service in the Northern and Southern Pacific, on Solomon Islands, and Aleutian Islands. Discharged Oct. 9, 1945.

13. -ACOMT JACK MASON KEMP, born Nov. 30, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Kemp, Handley, Texas, entered service Nov. 7, 1940, and was assigned to Naval Aviation. After training at San Diego, he saw active duty in the Pacific Area from June, 1941, to Oct., 1944, participating in the battles of Pearl Harbor and Midway. Cited by Admiral Nimitz for outstanding performance of duty, Dec. 7, 1941, at N.A.S. P.H.T.H. Serving now in NAT T.C., Jacksonville, Fla.

14. -CWO FRED OLIVER KEMP, born April 16, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Kemp, Handley, volunteered Feb. 11, 1941. Assigned to the Army Medical Dept. Served in North Africa and Italy, participated in Tunisian, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno campaigns. Mentioned in letter of commendation by Gen. Juin, Commanding Gen. of French Expeditionary Forces, for exemplary manner in caring for patients in hospital in Naples, where he was Registrar and Evacuation Officer. Discharged Jan., 1946.

15. -MM 3/c CHARLES EDWARD COTTEN, born Nov. 1, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cotten, Fort Worth, received his education at Paschal High School, Fort Worth. On June 18, 1943, he volunteered for service and was assigned to the Navy Seabees. After boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, he saw service at Pearl Harbor, the Marshall Islands, and the Marianas from Nov., 1943, to Oct., 1945. He was discharged on March 4, 1946. His sister is Mrs. Doris Kildrow of Ft. Worth.

16. -W.T. 2/c WILLIAM B. KILDROW, born May 9, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kildrow, Blackwell, and husband of Mrs. Doris Cotten Kildrow, Ft. Worth, attended Oklahoma A & M. Volunteered October 13, 1942, and was assigned to the Seabees Branch of the Navy, and trained at Camp Bradford, Virginia. He saw active service in the Pacific Area at the American Samos and Ellice Islands. On October 21, 1945, he was honorably discharged.

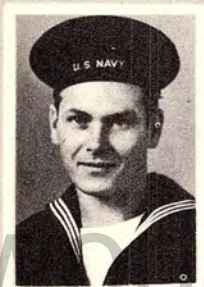
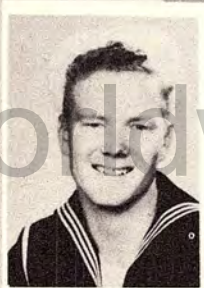
17. -BM ELMA W. THOMPSON, born Jan. 21, 1916, son of Mrs. Callie Thompson, Fort Worth, volunteered for service Aug. 23, 1943, and was assigned to the US Maritime Service. He served in all areas, carrying ammunition and supplies. Participated in the Battle of Normandy Beachhead. Was attacked by U-boats once in the North Sea and twice in the North Atlantic. Wounded in French Invasion and in North Sea. Received all area awards and was discharged Nov. 30, 1946.

18. -PFC JESS D. KIMBALL, born Dec. 30, 1911, husband of Evelyn L. Kimball, Fort Worth, entered Marines Sea Detachment, a board transport, March 14, 1944. He saw active service in the South Pacific, Southwest Pacific, China Seas, and Aleutian Waters, the Philippines and Okinawa. Was awarded the Naval Unit Citation. Served as gun captain on 20 MM anti-aircraft gun aboard the transport USS Wharton, which carried more tonnage and covered more miles than others in area. Discharged Nov. 16, 1945.

19. -QM3/c BARKLEY MEADOWS, born Aug. 4, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Meadows, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service Sept. 4, 1942, and was assigned to the Coast Guards. He served in the Pacific Area 14 mo. in the invasion of Leyte, the Philippines, and New Guinea. He wears the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and Asiatic Ribbons. His ship received honorable mention at Leyte for the rescue of survivors from crash-dived ships. Honorably discharged Dec. 10, 1945.

20. -CPL. WILLIAM B. (BILLY) MEADOWS, born April 2, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Meadows, Ft. Worth, entered service July, 1943. Overseas 1 year at New Caledonia, New Zealand, New Guinea, Luzon, and the Philippines. He received the Purple Heart, Infantry Combat Badge, Two Battle Stars, Good Conduct, Philippine and Luzon Liberation with Arrowhead. He was the Chaplain's assistant. Returned home aboard Hosp. Ship Marigoe. Spent 18 mo. in hospital before discharge May 29, 1946.

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**Cpl. STACEY L. PEEBLES**

Cpl. Stacey Lee Peebles, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Peebles, was born September 20, 1913, a native of Texas and brother of Mrs. J. A. Collier, Livingston, Texas. He attended the Livingston Schools, and is the husband of Minnie Peebles of the same city. Cpl. Peebles volunteered for service at San Antonio on October 13, 1942, for the U.S. Fleet Marine Force, training at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California, later serving overseas May, 1943, to July, 1945, in Hawaii with Fleet Marine Force; also in Ellice Islands, invasion and occupation of Tinian Island with Amphibious Corps, and in defense of Marianas Islands, again with the Fleet Force. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater Ribbons with other medals. Discharged October 5, 1945.



**S/Sgt. WILLIAM H. PEEBLES**

S/Sgt. William Hobby Peebles, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Peebles, and brother of Mrs. J. A. Collier, Box 97, Livingston, Texas, was born June 18, 1918, a native of Texas. He attended the Livingston Elementary and High Schools, and is the husband of Eula Mae Campbell Peebles, Abbeville, Louisiana. Sgt. Peebles volunteered June 28, 1940, at Houston, Texas, for the Army Air Corps, receiving training at Brooks Field, San Antonio, later serving May, 1942, to October, 1944, in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense and World War II Victory Awards with the EAME Campaign Ribbon. After returning to the States he was granted discharge from service September 4, 1945.

## From Hong Kong to the Gates of India

AFTER long years of secret preparation, Japan was ready to strike crippling blows at widely separated targets in her whirlwind expansion in the southwest Pacific. Her immediate objective was to secure the rich and natural resources of Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies. But to have freedom of action, she must first neutralize and then eliminate any major power that might prevent the realization of her plans. Three such major powers stood astride her road of access; these were the United States, Great Britain, and the Netherlands. Two of these powers, the British and the Netherlands, were already crippled by being involved in the European War. This left the United States as the first target for attack, because the United States was on record as opposing Japanese aggression in China.

In order to accomplish her purpose, Japan spent long years of preparation under the cloak of secrecy, and when the auspicious moment came she struck sudden blows at widely separated targets. The unheralded attack on Pearl Harbor was designed to destroy or to neutralize the American Fleet so that it would be impossible for it to interfere with Japanese troop movements from her home islands to the East Indies.

Almost simultaneously with the attack on Pearl Harbor came the bombing of Midway, Wake, Guam, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Malaya, and Singapore. After these attacks, a Japanese army of some 200,000 men, already massed in French Indo-China, stood ready to invade Siam, Burma to the west, and Malaya to the south. Then with surprise and speed the Japanese accomplished one of the most remarkable exploits of all history, the rapid conquest and occupation of almost the entire southwest Pacific area as well as a good part of southeast Asia. She captured the British Colony of Hong Kong on December 25, 1941. Pushing down the coast of Asia, she overran Siam on December 8, 1941 and advanced into Burma, capturing Mandalay May 1, 1942 and the capital city of Rangoon on March 7, 1942. By January 7, 1942 Japan had occupied Malaya, and Singapore by February 15, 1942.

In this rapid expansion the Japanese did not have everything their own way. The British fought back to defend Hong Kong until their meager forces were overpowered, and again in Malaya the British fought a losing battle of resistance until they were compelled to evacuate Singapore on February 15, 1942. In this battle for the defense of Malaya, the British lost heavily of men and equipment, and also two of their mightiest ships, the *Repulse* and the *Prince of Wales*.

On February 16, 1942, the day after Singapore fell, Premier Tojo said to the Japanese Diet that with the fall of Singapore Japan could now dispose of Burma, China, India, the Netherlands Indies, Australia, and New Zealand in that order.

### The Battle of Hong Kong

The British Crown Colony of Hong Kong lies at the mouth of the Canton River, about sixty miles from the ancient city of Canton in south China. The island of Hong Kong together with Kowloon one mile away on the mainland has a total area of 391 square miles and had a popu-

lation in 1938 estimated at 1,050,265, only 23,096 of whom were non-Chinese.

Hong Kong was a British station of great strategic as well as commercial importance. It was the gateway between the East and the West and one of the greatest transshipment ports in the world.

On December 7, 1941 (December 8, Asiatic time), the Japanese took over the International Settlement at Shanghai and began their attack on Hong Kong. Allied troops at Hong Kong at the time consisted of a garrison of 12,000 Anglo-Indians and 3,000 Canadians who had arrived during the month of November, a total defensive strength of 15,000. The Colony's defenses were not sufficient to withstand a determined siege by land, sea, and air. On the 19th of December the Japanese were able to effect a landing and the Colony was compelled to surrender on the 25th of December 1941.

All non-Asiatics, British, Dutch, and American nationals (some 3,500 men, women, and children, old and young, sick and healthy), were arrested by the Japanese and held in Murray Parade Ground Concentration Camp. The Hong Kong garrison was interned at once. The civilians were then marched more than a mile and a half and quartered in a dilapidated brothel, where they were kept for seventeen days amid the most squalid conditions and without proper food, bedding, heat, or light. After the seventeen days, they were taken to the permanent concentration camp on Stanley Peninsula, where most of the group were reduced to starvation diet. "I witnessed," said Joseph Alsop, "the slow starving to death of some 3,000-odd unarmed civilians, most of them women, children, and old people." This is a sample of the treatment of civilian prisoners by the Japanese. And more, "Conditions in the big Japanese camp for American military prisoners were precisely the same as at Stanley Internment Camp. . . . The raping and bayoneting of prisoners and wounded in two field hospitals took place on the day of the surrender."

The capture of Hong Kong put the Japanese in possession of practically all the Asiatic coast of China. With the fall of Hong Kong the last major port in Free China was closed. With the Philippines subjected and Hong Kong out of the way, Japan could now proceed towards Singapore. Though Hong Kong was doomed from the start, the delaying action fought in its defense gave Britain and America time to reinforce other positions in the Pacific.

### Japanese Occupation of French Indo-China

After her occupation of Manchuria in 1931, and Shanghai in 1932, and Jehol in 1933, Japan continued to build up her offensive machine in China. Starting again in 1937, Japan proceeded to absorb China step by step. In 1939 Japan seized Hainan and the Spratly Islands, thus gaining strategic positions from which to attack southern China, French Indo-China, Malaya, Thailand, Burma, the Philippines, and the Dutch East Indies.

French Indo-China comprises 260,034 square miles of territory and a population of more than 22,000,000 people. The total area is about as large as the state of Texas. Europeans number about 42,000. The capital is Hanoi, in the state or province of Tonkin.

Perhaps at no point except China were the relations between the United States and Japan more crucial than over French Indo-China. It was the action of Japan there that revealed what her ultimate intentions were. Indo-China in Japanese hands could imperil the safety of the Philippines to the east and furnish Japan a springboard from which to make an assault on Malaya and Singapore, on Thailand and Burma.

Under pressure from Hitler and Japan, the Vichy Government opened Indo-China to Japanese agents on June 20, 1940, and by a pact signed at Hanoi on September 22, 1940 conceded three airfields and admitted a garrison of 60,000 Japanese troops. Japan then gained control of Saigon, 650 miles north of Singapore, and converted it into a naval base.

It is little wonder, then, that both the United States and Great Britain were alarmed. They both realized that Indo-China, being nominally at least under the control of the Vichy Nazi-inspired Government, might be a pawn that could be used to the disadvantage of both England and the United States. And this is the way the matter turned out. About July 22, 1941 the Vichy Government, under Axis pressure, granted to the Japanese the right to maintain troops and establish air and naval bases in southern Indo-China. To the protest of our State Department, the Japanese minister attempted to explain the matter by saying there was no military significance in the move, that Japan only wanted to be assured of an uninterrupted flow of rice and raw materials, and to prevent herself being encircled by the Chinese and the DeGaullists of Free France. The Secretary of State replied that such reassurance was both inopportune and false, and that he "could not see any basis for pursuing further the conversation in which the Secretary and the Ambassador had been engaged."

On July 24, 1941 President Roosevelt told the Japanese ambassador that the new move by Japan in Indo-China created an exceedingly serious problem. By July 28, 1941 Japan had occupied southern Indo-China.

During the discussions at Washington in 1941 between the Japanese envoys and Secretary of State Hull, the United States Government noted that "the Government of Japan had continued its military activities and its disposals of armed forces at various points in the Far East and had occupied Indo-China with its military, air, and naval forces. Therefore," the statement continued, "the Government of the United States finds it necessary to say to the Government of Japan that if the Japanese Government takes any further steps in pursuance of a policy or program of military domination by force or threat of force of neighboring countries, the Government of the United States will be compelled to take immediately any and all steps which it may deem necessary towards safeguarding the legitimate rights and interests of the United States and American Nationals and toward insuring the safety and security of the United States."

On December 2, 1941 President Roosevelt again protested to the Japanese Government about continual Japanese troop movements in Indo-China and asked for an explanation. On December 5, 1941 the Japanese envoy Kurusu said to the Secretary of State that Japanese troop movements in Indo-China were for the

purpose of defense against a possible Chinese attack.

### The Occupation of Thailand (Siam)

Thailand, formerly Siam, is sandwiched in between Burma on the west and Indo-China on the east, and had a population in 1934 of 12,699,000. Its capital is Bangkok with a population of nearly 1,000,000 people. Thailand, one of the last absolute monarchies, passed through a bloodless revolution in 1932 and emerged as a limited monarchy with full franchise for the people and an elected parliament.

In 1940 a border dispute arose between Thailand and Indo-China which was settled through Japan as mediator. After the Japanese had occupied Indo-China in late summer 1941 they began then to negotiate with the Siamese Government for control of that entire country. But Thailand had already come under Japanese domination early in 1941, when Tokyo dictated a settlement of her dispute with Indo-China to the advantage of Thailand and the Japanese. From bases in Indo-China and later in Thailand, Japan was ready to pounce on Malaya, Singapore, the Netherlands East Indies, and Burma.

### British Malaya

British Malaya includes the Straits Settlements, British North Borneo, Borneo, and Sarawak on the Malay Peninsula. The Straits Settlements consist of the four federated Malay states, Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, and Pahang. Their total population amounts to 2,212,052 people.

The Federated Malay States are Johore, Kedah, Perlis, Kalantan, and Trengganu. The total population of these is 1,912,497. The island of Singapore, on which the capital of the Malay states is located, has an area of 1,356 square miles and a population estimated at 1,435,895, while the city of Singapore has a population amounting to 600,000, of which eighty per cent are Chinese. Singapore was occupied by the Japanese forces on February 15, 1942 after the conquest of Malaya.

Three-fourths of the tin and three-fifths of the rubber used in the United States came from British Malaya. The Malay states are the greatest source of tin in the world. The port of Singapore, perhaps the most important in the Far East, was served by eighty steamship lines and annually cleared 30,000 ships. It was a modern city with magnificent banks, modern government buildings, and a stately palace.

Singapore is known as the Gibraltar of the East and provided a haven for one-half of the British Navy, "thus guaranteeing the lifeline of the British Empire," it was confidently believed. The new naval base and its naval air port plus an elaborate system of coastal defenses protected the base from attack by air or sea. Singapore had a permanent garrison of the British Army and Navy numbering 100,000 but this number had been greatly increased. It was announced in 1941 that the base could repair and outfit all the ships of Britain, her allies, and potential allies.

### The Battle of Malaya

The nature of the country of Malaya has always been Singapore's greatest defense. For the same reason it likewise dictated the strategy

of the Japanese invasion. All Malaya is divided into three parts—the eastern coastal strip, mostly jungle; a mountainous backbone of granite running down the middle; and the western coastal strip, heavily populated and the site of the world's greatest rubber plantations and tin mines.

British troops in December 1941 consisted of the Imperial III Corps, of Scottish, Australian, and Indian units, as follows: The 11th Division and the 9th Division. During the battle all were driven south by the Japanese and towards Singapore. At Singapore the Japanese claim to have captured some 70,000 British Imperial troops.

Because the eastern section presented acre after acre of steamy, trackless forests—infested by tigers and crocodiles—the Japanese army of invasion chose the western section for its greatest assault. Crossing the isthmus near the Thailand frontier, Japanese soldiers pushed steadily down the cultivated western flatland where a superiority in men, planes, and mechanized equipment would have the greatest effect. They met with success, surmounting natural obstacles and pressing the defenders steadily backward through two-thirds of the peninsula.

The remaining coastal territory is given over largely to mile after mile of tin workings, principally in the state of Selangor, and to the most extensive rubber plantations in the world. These stretch southward through the states of Negri Sembilan and Johore all the way to Singapore. In the mining areas the country is open, exposing troops on the move to strafing from the air. Rubber plantations, although providing complete cover from bombers because of the dense leafy foliage, permit almost perfect freedom on the ground. And nearly every rubber plantation had an abundance of good roads.

Little is known of the land defenses of Singapore proper although they presumably stretched across the mainland area directly to the north. All highways in the proximity of the fortress reportedly had been mined, and it is known that the single link between island and mainland, a solid causeway, could be destroyed by pressure of a button. The jungles, tough mountains, and open swamps rendered valuable service to Britain in the first stages of her defense of Malaya.

From the frontier of Thailand, which had surrendered after token resistance on December 8, 1941, and French Indo-China, the Japanese moved swiftly south through the British Malay States to Singapore, 580 miles away. Against the British Imperial III Corps, consisting of Scottish, Australian, and Indian units, holding the main roads, the Japanese sent their best troops, a force of four or five divisions trained to advance through the rice-field swamps, traveling light, clothed only in loin cloths, and easily mistaken for Malay natives as they infiltrated British lines. In a global war of machines, Japan's armies perfected the tactics of jungle warfare.

Since the Japanese required air cover for their overland advances, they always seized airfields first. Thus the attack on the long, narrow Malay Peninsula began with landings on the east coast and in Thailand so as to pinch off the airdrome at Kota Bharu, and to take the fields at Singora and Patani. From there a division cut across the neck of the peninsula to the west coast and threatened to envelop the British Imperial 11th Division, which fell back, uncovering Penang. The Japanese pressed steadily down the west coast, and from the east coast they advanced southward along an inland railway. The

mobility of Japanese units enabled them to infiltrate and envelop each receding line of British defense. Another enemy force drove down the east coast and all three Japanese drives converged on a common front in Johore on December 29, 1941.

The fate of the great naval base, and of the troops covering it in Malaya, was sealed by the sinking on December 10, 1941 of the battleship *Prince of Wales* and the cruiser *Repulse*, caught by Japanese torpedo planes off the east Malay coast. The destruction of these mighty British warships was a triumph of air power. To the Allies it was a tactical misfortune no less serious than the strategic blow suffered at Pearl Harbor.

The Allied command in southeast Asia was reorganized and unified. General Sir Archibald Wavell assumed supreme command on January 8, 1942. His deputy, Lieutenant General George H. Brett, directed the weak air forces, and Admiral Thomas C. Hart took charge of such naval forces as were left. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek was at the head of all land and air forces isolated in China.

At the Slim River the British forces were defeated by about thirty enemy tanks on January 7, 1942 and remnants of British III Corps rallied to the defense of Singapore. The land approaches to this naval base had been conquered by the Japanese in less than two months; they had swept south through Malaya over 500 miles, waging blitzkrieg in the jungles, rice swamps, and rubber forests in which superior forces and tactics caught the British off guard and swept them aside.

The British defenses around Singapore were prepared to resist attack from the sea but not from the jungles to the north. The Japanese aerial siege began on December 29, 1941 and persisted for more than a month until February 8, 1942. By that time Japanese jungle troops were in position to attack the city from the north. Singapore surrendered on February 15, 1942, just seventy days from the first Japanese attack on Malaya. Not only had the Japanese captured a naval fortress, one considered impregnable, but captured also some 70,000 British Imperial troops. Prime Minister Churchill characterized the fall of Singapore as "the greatest disaster to British arms which history records."

Singapore, the Gibraltar of the East, had fallen! The way now lay open for the Japanese to advance toward the west into Burma and on to the gates of the east into Sumatra, Java, New Guinea, and to the threshold of Australia.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Sgt. JAMES G. FERGUSON

Sgt. Ferguson, husband of Mrs. Betty Ferguson, Hemphill, Texas, was born December 3, 1915. Attended Milam, Texas, High School. Volunteered for service May 2, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Syracuse, N. Y., and Alamo-gordo, N. Mexico, and served overseas from May 6, 1943, to Nov. 19, 1945, in the Southwest Pacific Area. He received the American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Ferguson of Hemphill, Texas. Sgt. Ferguson returned to the States November 19, 1945, and was honorably discharged from service November 29, 1945.



S/Sgt. I. O. DENT

Sgt. Dent was born July 16, 1916, and received his education in the Public Schools of Hemphill, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 25, 1941, at Beaumont, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. Trained at Scott Field, Ill., and served overseas from October, 1942, to April, 1945, in EAME Theater, participating in the campaigns there. He was awarded the EAME Campaign Ribbon with 11 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Sgt. Dent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dent of Hemphill, Texas. Received discharge July 1, 1945.



Maj. WOODROW W. CAVENDER

Major Cavender, husband of Thelma Cavender, Hemphill, Texas, was born Sept. 7, 1914. Attended school in Encinal, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 13, 1940, at Houston, Texas, and assigned to Army, 56 Cavalry Brigade. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas; Ft. McIntosh, Texas; Camp Swift, Texas. Served overseas from March 23, 1944, to November 1, 1945, in the European Theater of Operations, participating in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhine, Central Germany. He was awarded American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, ETO Ribbon with 5 Campaign Stars, and Victory Medal. Discharged January 22, 1946.



1st Lt. GAILIAN D. BAGLEY

1st Lt. Bagley, was born on March 9, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bagley of San Saba, Texas; his wife is Billie Marie Bagley of Port Arthur, Texas. He attended Texas Christian Univ. at Ft. Worth, and volunteered for the service March of 1942; was assigned O. C. S. 1st Marine Air Wing; trained at Quantico, Va. Served overseas from Oct., 1944, to March, 1946, in Philippines, N. China, battles of Leyte, Mindanao, Mindoro, and Emirau. His awards are Philippine Liberation, 1 Star, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Victory, and American Campaign Medals. 1st Lt. Bagley was given an honorably discharge on the 15th of May, 1946, from the U.S.M.C.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



S/Sgt. MITCHELL WRIGHT

Sgt. Wright was born March 20, 1922. Attended Texas University at Austin. Volunteered for service February 19, 1943, at San Antonio, Texas, and was assigned to Marines. Trained at Marine Base, San Diego, Calif., and served overseas from February, 1944, to February, 1945, in Pacific Area, participating in battle of Bismarck Archipelago in South Pacific and battle of Philippines in North Pacific. He received the American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Sgt. Wright returned to the States in February, 1945, and was honorably discharged from the Marines February 23, 1946. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Wright of Beaumont, Texas.



Capt. THOMAS L. WILSON

Capt. Thomas L. Wilson, son of Mrs. Mary Wilson, Bronson, Texas, was born November 4, 1918. Received his education in Public Schools of Bronson, and entered service December 5, 1941, at Houston, Texas. Trained at Camp Callan, California, and served overseas from June 6, 1943, to December 27, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. His entire overseas service was spent in AAA Defense of Pearl Harbor. Commissioned April 8, 1943, in Coast Artillery Corp. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Capt. Wilson returned to the States December 27, 1945, and was honorably discharged April 8, 1946.



SF 1/c JERREL V. ROBBINS  
Capt. ROBERT C. ROBBINS

Sons of Mrs. Lena Robbins, Brookeland, Texas. Shipfitter JERREL V. ROBBINS, was born Mar. 16, 1916. Entered service Nov. 24, 1942, at Houston, Texas; assigned to Navy, Seabees, Submarine Div. Served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Sept., 1945, at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Guam. Received Commander's Citation, Asiatic-Pacific, American Defense and Victory Ribbons. Discharged Oct. 12, 1945.

Capt. ROBERT C. ROBBINS, was born Sept. 13, 1914. Entered service June 2, 1941, and was assigned to Army, Philippine Div. Served overseas from Aug., 1941, to Oct., 1945. Wounded on Bataan; on Death March; in P.O.W. Camps from Aug., 1942, to Sept., 1945. Received many Citations, Stars, Ribbons and Medals. Now Special Services Officer, Brooke Gen. Hosp., Ft. Sam Houston.



Lt. (jg) LONNIE B. KELLER

Lt. Keller, husband of Reba Wright Keller, Bronson, Texas, was born April 23, 1920. Attended Bronson High School and Stephen F. Austin College, Nacogdoches, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 14, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and assigned to U.S.N.R., Communications. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from September, 1942, to September, 1943, and from February, 1944, to October, 1945, in Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific, participating in the invasion of Southern France, Russells and Japan. Received African Theater Ribbon, North Africa Ribbon with 1 Star, Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal. Discharged December 18, 1945.

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**\*Sgt. HUBERT V. HANCOCK**

Sgt. Hubert Virgil Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hancock, and husband of Minnie Lenora Hancock, of Royse City, was born June 29, 1918. In August, 1937, he volunteered for service in the Army, at Dallas. He was assigned to the Fifth Cavalry, and was trained at Fort Bliss. After serving three years he was discharged, in 1940, but in March of the next year he re-enlisted and this time he was placed in the 91st Division of the 362nd Infantry. He remained in that Division until he died in North Africa. It was in March, 1944, just three years after his re-enlistment, that he went overseas to the North African Area, and he gave a little more than three months in service there. On July 16, 1944, he was wounded in battle on the Italian front, and he died exactly one week later. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**Capt. PRESTON D. HEAD**

Capt. Preston Deon Head, born August 9, 1917, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Head, Ft. Worth, volunteered January 14, 1941, with Army, 36th Div., serving with Finance Dept., Army Air Corps, beginning January, 1944. His overseas duty began February, 1944, with service in North Africa, Persia, Turkey and France. Returned to the States December, 1945. Capt. Head received the American Defense Medal, Good Conduct Award, American Theater and European Middle East African Theater Ribbons with the World War II Victory Medal. After discharge May 11, 1946, he remained in Officers Reserve Corps.



**1st Lt. JAMES C. HAWKINS, JR.**

1st Lt. James Clyde Hawkins, Jr., born June 20, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hawkins, Sr., Handley, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Loriene Hawkins, Ft. Worth, attended Handley, Texas, elementary and high schools, also, Texas Wesleyan in Ft. Worth. He entered service December 16, 1942, with the Army Infantry, and trained at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas, receiving his commission August 24, 1944, with the Engineer Corps. After studying Sanitary Engineering at several universities he designed a sewage system for Fort Belvoir. Received the American Theater Ribbon with the World War II Victory and American Defense Award. Discharged November 14, 1945.



**S/Sgt. EDWARD C. HENNERSDORF**

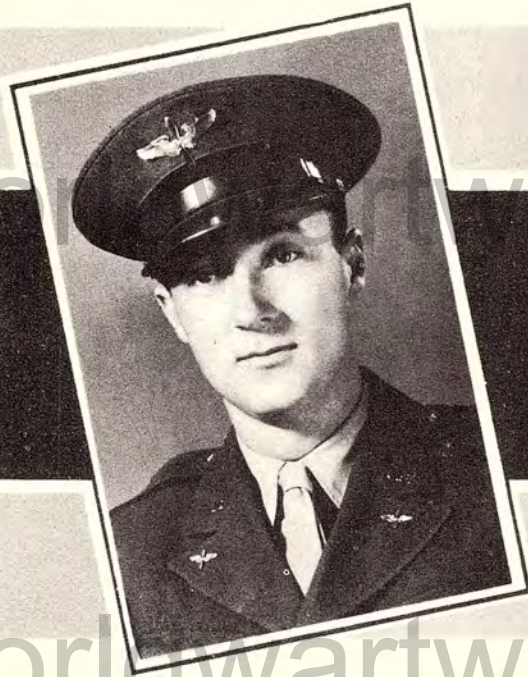
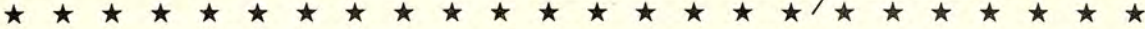
S/Sgt. Edward Chester Hennersdorf, born February 13, 1917, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Hennersdorf, Ft. Worth, attended Texas Christian University and entered service October 15, 1941, with the Army Signal Corps, training at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He served overseas April, 1944, to January, 1946, in North Africa and China-Burma-India Theater; returned to the States, and received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Award. Discharge was granted January 13, 1946.



**Pfc EMMIT A. INGRAM, JR.**

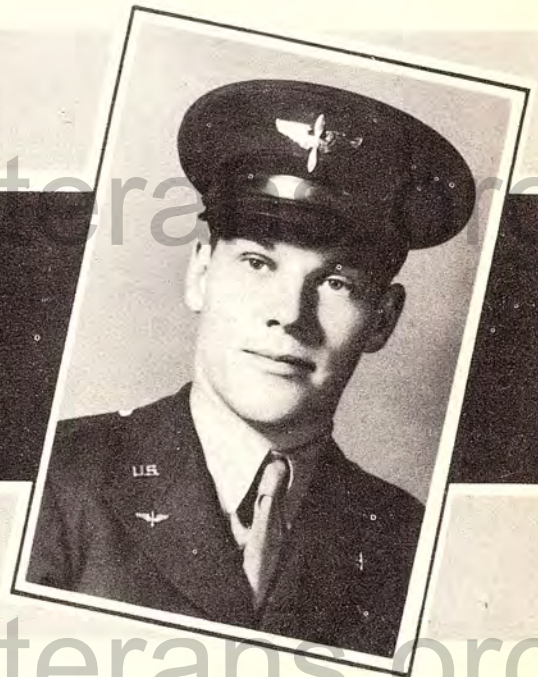
Pfc Emmitt A. Ingram, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ingram, Sr., Ft. Worth, was born June 16, 1925, in Texas, and volunteered May, 1943, with the Army Infantry, training at various camps in the States. Embarked for overseas July, 1944, where he served in the Hawaiian Islands, Battle of Leyte, Dutch New Guinea, Marshall Islands and on the Admiralty Islands. Was wounded twice in combat, in Oct. and Nov. of 1944. Returned to the States and was hospitalized fifteen months due to injuries. He received Distinguished Unit Citation, Purple Heart with Cluster, Battle Star, and other awards. Discharged Jan. 17, 1946.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Cpl. CLIFFORD B. RENEGAR

Cpl. Clifford Bryant Renegar, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Renegar, formerly of Ft. Worth and now of Smithfield, Texas, was born May 20, 1917. He enlisted in the Army Air Force on Jan. 28, 1943, and received training at Sheppard Field, Kelly and Chanute Fields, and Salt Lake City Air Base. In February, 1945, he went overseas and served in Europe until October of the same year, seeing action in Italy. His awards are: EAME; American Theater; Good Conduct; and Victory. On Dec. 10, 1945, he was granted an honorable discharge from further military service. Previous to enlistment he had attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and had received his degree from the University of Texas. He is now associated with a firm of Certified Pub. Acc. in Austin.



1st Lt. HAROLD G. RENEGAR

1st Lt. Harold George Renegar is a younger brother of Clifford, his birth date being March 10, 1924. On April 18, 1942, he volunteered as an Aviation Cadet and was given training at Kelly, Uvalde, Randolph, Ellington, and Barksdale Air Fields. He was overseas from Jan. 28, 1944, to July, 1945. He saw action with 12th Air Force in the campaigns of Rome-Arno, Germany, and Southern France, completing 51 missions. Was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge, 1 Bronze Star, the Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, and the Croix de Guerre avec Palme. Receiving his discharge on December 7, 1945, he enrolled in Baylor Univ. to resume his preparation for the ministry.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Pvt. SIDNEY O. REDMAN, JR.

Pvt. Sidney Oliver Redman, Jr., born May 17, 1900, is the brother of Dr. Sybil Redman, Ft. Worth. He served in both World Wars. In World War I he was a Field Clerk at Army Headquarters in Camp Upton, N. Y., and in World War II, which he entered in Sept., 1942, at Norfolk, Va., he was placed with Co. B, 13th Inf. Trg. Bn., Camp Wheeler, and was at N.C.O. School in the same camp. He holds the Expert Rifleman's awards, also the Sharpshooter's, and was recommended for O.C.S., but because of an injury he was unable to accept this. He received an honorable discharge from the service in September, 1943. He received his education in 11 different schools in 11 different cities of 5 different states.



Lt. EUGENE D. REDMAN

Lt. Eugene D. Redman, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Redman, Sr., (deceased), of Fort Worth, was born Nov. 12, 1905. He volunteered for service in the Merchant Marines in February, 1942, and served all over the European Theater, going to all ports in areas that were heavily mined. He came through without being wounded as a result of these dangers, but suffered exposure and shock to such an extent that on several occasions he was not expected to live. Even now he is still suffering from troubles contracted while in the service, yet, at the time of present writing, he is still in the service. He is a brother of Dr. Sybil Redman, of Fort Worth.



CBM RICHARD P. REDMAN

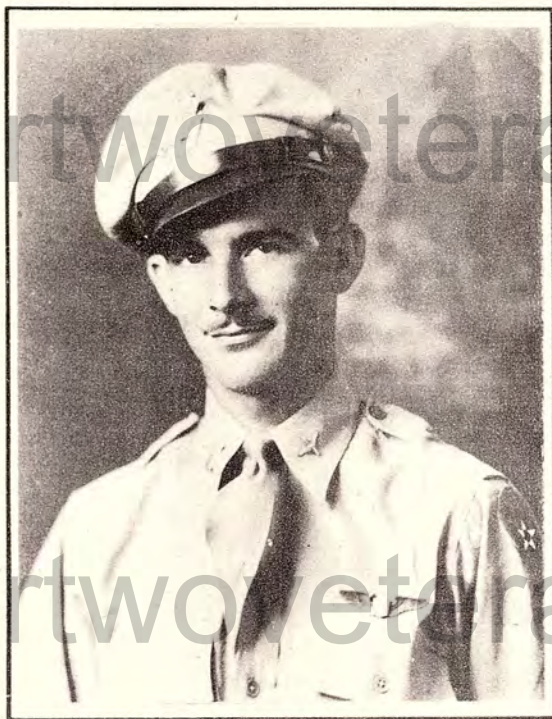
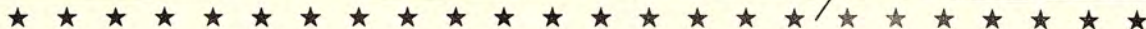
CBM Richard P. Redman, husband of Jean Redman, and brother of Dr. Sybil Redman, of Fort Worth, was born April 11, 1911, and volunteered for service in the Navy on Sept. 19, 1941, at Philadelphia, Pa. He spent three years overseas, 1942-1945, in both the European and the Asiatic-Pacific Areas of War. He participated in the invasion of Normandy, also in the liberation of the Philippine Islands, and in the Okinawa campaign. His awards are: EAME; Co. Commendation; American Defense, 1 Star; Amer. Area; Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Star; Philippine Liberation; and the Good Conduct. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 9, 1945.



MM.1/c FRED W. REDMAN

MM2/c Fred Walter Redman, another of Dr. Sybil Redman's four brothers, and one of the uncles of Captain Sidney Wadsworth, was born Sept. 24, 1923, and entered Navy service at Fort Worth, just before his 19th birthday, Sept., 1942. He was assigned to Auxiliary Cargo Attack Vessel training at Diesel School in San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Jan., 1943, to June 30, 1945, in the Southwest Pacific. Aboard the USS Cetus, (AK77), he was in 8 major invasions. He also served on the USS Point Cruz, (CUE 119) and is now assigned to the Navy's newest destroyer, the 2200-ton USS Lloyd Thomas.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**Capt. SIDNEY V. WADSWORTH**

Capt. Sidney V. Wadsworth, son of Dr. Sybil Redman, of 2836 Hemphill St., Fort Worth, was born Jan. 6, 1919, in Dallas. On Jan. 18, 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps at Dallas and received training at Foster Field, where he won his wings. He subsequently served there for 18 months as a Flying Instructor in the Advanced Flying School, then served 7 months as Intelligence Staff Officer at Love Field, Dallas. From May, 1944, to May, 1945, he was a fighter pilot in Europe. Part of this time, however, he was unable to serve as he was severely wounded in a plane crash over enemy-held territory, on Aug. 7, 1944, and spent 3 months in German Army hospitals. He was awarded the Purple Heart; Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, and the European with 3 Stars and American Campaign Ribbons, also the Victory Medal. On April 24, 1946, he was released from military duty.

1. -T/5 GLEN L. DRYSDALE, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Drysdale, was born July 16, 1918. Attended the public schools of Ft. Worth, and entered the Army March, 1941; trained at Fort Knox, Ky. Overseas May, 1942, to July, 1945, in Tunisian, Naples-Foggia, Po Valley, Rome-Arno and Apennines campaigns. Awarded EAME Campaign with five Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, American Defense, Good Conduct. Received promotion to T/5 on Feb., 1942. Honorable discharge on July 25, 1945.

2. -F1/c THOMAS DEE EDWARDS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Edwards, Sr., of 4112 W. Vickerly Blvd., Ft. Worth, was born October 29, 1927, in Marshall, Texas. He attended Arlington Heights High School, Ft. Worth, and entered the Navy June 25, 1945, assigned to the Fleet Branch. He received his training at U.S.N.T.C. San Diego, California, after which he transferred to fireman school at Great Lakes, Ill. From here he joined the Fleet and is still serving with the Navy.

3. -CPL. JOE OLIVER ELSON, born Nov. 23, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Elson, Arlington, volunteered for Army June, 1942. Trained at Ft. Benning, Georgia; overseas April, 1943, to Mar., 1945; served in Africa, Germany, Russia, Iceland, battles in Sicily, Italy and France, in Prisoner of War Camp III C, Germany for nine months. Received four Battle Stars, Expert Infantry Combat Badge and Good Conduct Medal. Corporal Elson received an honorable discharge on October 14, 1945.

4. -CPL. WILLIAM EDWIN ELSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Elson, Arlington, born Nov. 10, 1921, attended Carrol Hill High School in Grapevine. Volunteered for Army July 6, 1942; trained at Camp Carson, Colorado. His awards were Rifle Expert Medal, Machine Gun Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Corporal Elson served his country from July, 1942, to January, 1944, and on that date received an honorable discharge from the 89th Infantry of the Army.

5. -CPL. DONALD EPPERSON, son of L. W. Epperson, 24 Blevins, Ft. Worth, born March 15, 1925, attended Riverside High School in Ft. Worth; entered service on June 9, 1941, assigned to A.A.C.S. Air Force; trained at Amarillo A.A.F., Texas, and served his country from June, 1943, to February 23, 1946. Corporal Epperson received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Force on February 23, 1946. He was with Swift and Company before entering service.

6. -CPL. LLOYD G. MCKINLEY, son of Mrs. L. W. Epperson, was born May 4, 1920. Attended Fort Worth's Paschal High School, entering service December 2, 1941, in Dallas, assigned to the Air Corps; trained at Jefferson Barracks and Lemoore Field; served with the Army from December 7, 1941, to September 29, 1943. Corporal McKinley was given a medical discharge on Sept. 30, 1943, Wm. Beaumont Gen. Hosp., El Paso. He was with the Hubb Furniture Co. prior to Army.

7. -PVT. J. C. THOMPSON, husband of Evelyn Bess McKinley Thompson, Ft. Worth, was born March 4, 1923; attended Amon Carter High School, Ft. Worth; entered service January 19, 1943, assigned to the Army Ord. He received his training at West Hartford, Conn.; served overseas from March, 1944, to July 29, 1945, in European Theater, seeing action at Normandy Beach, Battle of the Bulge, Rhine River and Northern France. He received an honorable discharge on October 29, 1945.

8. -2ND LT. JOHN A. FINKIN, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Finkin, Sr., 3205 Greene St., Ft. Worth, was born May 27, 1919; attended Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth. Volunteered in Oct., 1940, assigned to Army 79th Pursuit Squadron; trained at Hamilton Field, Calif. He served from Oct., 1940, to Dec. 30, 1941, at which time Lt. Finkin lost his life in P-40 Pursuit Plane while on routine flight near San Leandro, California.

9. -A.O.M. 1/c JOHN HENRY FORD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wey P. Ford, Ft. Worth, born August 14, 1923, received his education at Clarksville Public Schools. Volunteered for Navy Jan., 1941, and assigned to Ordnance; trained at Naval Training Base, Norfolk, Va.; served overseas from Jan., 1943, to Nov., 1945. His awards were Victory, American Campaign, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, 5 Stars and Philippine Liberation, 2 Stars. Received discharge on August 19, 1946.

10. -MAJ. JEWEL P. GILMER, born Aug. 13, 1904, husband of Mrs. Lessie Watson Gilmer, 5001 Norma, Ft. Worth, volunteered May 5, 1942, assigned to the Army 606 Ord. Base Maintenance Bn.; trained at Camp Polk, La.; served in N. Africa, Casablanca, Oran, Italy, battles of Rome-Arno and Naples-Foggia; served overseas from Feb., 1943, to March 25, 1945; received promotion to Major on November, 1945. Major Gilmer received honorable discharge on January 22, 1946. Was aboard S. American liner Uruguay when skinned 4 days out of N.Y. City.

11. -S/SGT. JAMES CLIFFORD GAITHER, born Sept. 12, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gaither, Ft. Worth, volunteered Army Air Forces April 16, 1942. Trained at Tyndal Field, Fla.; served overseas Dec., 1943, to July, 1945, in Italy, Battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France and Po Valley. Awards were American Defense, Air Medal 6 Silver Clusters, Victory, EAME Ribbon 1 Silver Star, Good Conduct Medal. S/Sgt. Gaither received an honorable discharge on Nov. 14, 1945.

12. -S1/c JACK COOKSEY, born June 19, 1925, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gaither, Ft. Worth, attended Technical High School; volunteered Nov. 30, 1942, for the regular Navy; trained U.S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, California; served overseas September, 1944, to February, 1946. Awards were Asiatic-Pacific with two Stars, Victory Medal, Philippines Liberation with one Star. Seaman Jack Cooksey was honorably discharged on Feb. 21, 1946.

13. -MOMM 2/c ROCHELLE EDWARD GODDARD, son of Mrs. Ada Goddard, born May 1, 1925, volunteered March 1, 1943; trained at Farragut, Idaho; served overseas November, 1943, to January 22, 1945, in Europe, Scotland, England, France, Italy, Africa, in a sion of Normandy, Southern France. Returned to States and sent to Diesel School, Cleveland, Ohio. Transferred to West Coast and spent 2 mos. on patrol boat. He received his last promotion on May, 1944. Received discharge from the Navy on January 7, 1946.

14. -W. OFFICER OSCAR WAYNE GRAY, husband of Imogene Gray, Corpus Christi, born May 10, 1917, volunteered for Marines August, 1937; trained at Marine Recruiting Station, San Diego, Calif.; overseas most of the time from Sept., 1937, to May, 1945, in Honolulu, T.H., Peiping, China, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, 1st Parachute Regt. attached 3rd Marines and Iwo Jima with 5th Marine Division. He received promotion to Warrant Officer May, 1943. Received discharge on Sept. 7, 1945.

15. -T/SGT. JACK W. STOGSDILL, brother of Mrs. Imogene Gray, Corpus Christi, born Aug. 14, 1919, volunteered for Army Oct. 15, 1940. Trained at Fort Sam Houston; overseas Oct., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in Scotland, Ireland, France, Normandy, Belgium and Germany; wounded twice; awarded Presidential Citation with Cluster, Bronze Star with Cluster, Purple Heart with Cluster, Good Conduct, ATO and ETO with three Stars. Received an honorable discharge on August 12, 1945.

16. -MOM/c LEO E. STOGSDILL, brother of Mrs. Imogene Gray, Corpus Christi, and son of Mrs. Robert Edward Stogsdill, Ft. Worth, attended Haslet High School, Haslet, Texas. Volunteered for Navy Aviation Nov., 1942; trained at Dallas Air Station and Shoemaker, California; served overseas from January, 1945, to October, 1945, in Guadalcanal, Philippines and Okinawa. Awarded Unit Citation. Discharged from the Navy on Oct. 28, 1945.

17. -MM2/c HUBERT RAY GRESHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gresham, Sr., formerly of Ft. Worth, now Santa Clara, Calif., was born Jan. 27, 1919. Attended Technical High School; volunteered Mar., 1942, for Navy; trained at Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif.; overseas June, 1942, to Jan., 1945, in South Pacific Area on USS Hammond port. Awards were: Victory Medal, American Area, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and Good Conduct Medal. Received an honorable discharge on Nov. 4, 1945.

18. -EM2/c WHEELER WILSON GRESHAM, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gresham, Sr., Santa Clara, Calif., was born Nov. 26, 1921. Attended Paschal High School, Ft. Worth; volunteered for Navy Oct. 13, 1942; trained at NTS, Great Lakes, Ill.; overseas Nov., 1942, to Oct. 1, 1945, in battles of Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Inland Sea aboard USS Randolph. Awards were American Area, Asiatic-Pacific 3 Stars and EAME. Received discharge Oct. 19, 1945.

19. -S2/c MAX N. (BOYCE) BALES, brother of Mrs. Harold Gurley, 1021 Jessamine, Ft. Worth, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bales, Ft. Worth, attended Polytechnical High School; volunteered for the Navy June 29, 1942, in Dallas; trained at U.S.N.R.A.B., Dallas, Texas. He served his country from June 29, 1942, to January 30, 1942, when he was discharged. He passed away on July 12, 1943. He was an employee of the H. B. Ransom Motor Co., Ft. Worth, before he volunteered.

20. -SGT. WILFORD (TOT) BALES, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bales, brother of Mrs. Harold Gurley, all of Ft. Worth, attended Polytechnical High School, Fort Worth; volunteered for Army on Dec. 29, 1941, assigned to AAF; trained at Camp Wolters, Sheppard Field, Duncan Field; overseas March, 1942, to Nov., 1944, in C.B.I. Theater. Awards were Asiatic-Pacific, European Theater, Good Conduct. Sergeant Wilford Bales received an honorable discharge on October 11, 1945.

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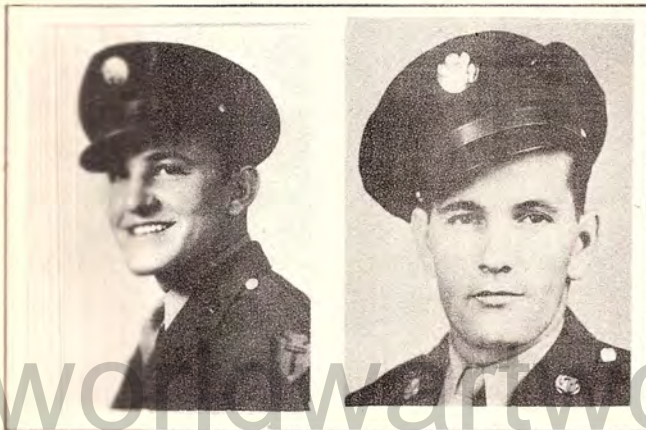
S/Sgt. C. L. HESTER



Cpl. JAMES L. HOUSTON

S/Sgt. C. L. Hester, born December 12, 1922, husband of Annabelle Hester, Ft. Worth, volunteered December 12, 1942, with the Army Air Force, transferring to the European Area June, 1944, where he served with the 8th Air Force, 579 Bombing Sqdn. in England, Normandy, Northern and Southern France. Was wounded over Germany and reported "Missing"; later reported a prisoner of the Germans at Stalag Luft #IV at Gross Tychow, Germany; was evacuated and marched eighty days through Germany for five hundred miles; was liberated April 26, 1945, and returned home June, 1945. Awarded Air Medal and various awards. Discharged October, 1945.

Cpl. James Louie Houston, born November 7, 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Houston, Ft. Worth, volunteered May 6, 1942, with the Army, 302 Ordnance Regiment, training at Camp Sutton, N.C., Camp Polk, La., and Camp Pickett, Va. He served in the North African and European areas, February, 1943, to November, 1945, participating in the battles of Oran and Casa Blanca, Africa and Cassino, where he remained stationed until the end of the war. His awards include the E.A.M.E. Ribbon with three battles Stars, other awards, and recognition for service. He was granted discharge from service November 15, 1945.



Sgt. FLOYD M. HAYNES  
Pfc NORBAN A. HAYNES

Sgt. FLOYD MORRIS HAYNES, born September 26, 1919, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Haynes, Ft. Worth, volunteered November 25, 1940, with the Army Infantry, 36th Div.; served overseas April, 1943, to May, 1945, in battles of Salerno, Cassino, Rapido, Rome, Southern France, and Germany. He returned to States and was discharged May 24, 1945.

Pfc NORBAN ALVIN HAYNES, born November 22, 1912, entered service May 10, 1943, with Army Service Forces; began overseas duty November, 1943; in battles of Normandy, No. France and Rhineland; returned to the States November, 1945, and was awarded various medals with discharge, November 17, 1945.



M/Sgt. JOHN W. HOLMES

M/Sgt. John W. Holmes, born October 31, 1913, in Texas, husband of Peggy E. Holmes, attended the Westover and Seymour, Texas, Schools and was Assistant Manager for J. C. Penney Inc., Kilgore, for nine years. He entered service November 7, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, and attended School of Aeronautics, Kansas City, Mo. Sgt. Holmes served overseas July, 1943, to December, 1945, in England, France and Munich area, and received the E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the American Theater Ribbon. His discharge was granted Dec. 21, 1945. He lives at Kilgore, Tex.

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**\*Lt. Col. ANTHONY TIRK, JR.**

Lt. Col. Anthony Tirk, Jr., born June 4, 1917, in Texas, husband of Mary L. Dolkus Tirk, Ft. Worth, is a graduate of Texas A & M. He volunteered Sept., 1940, with the Army Air Corps. Commissioned July 11, 1941, and began overseas duty Oct., 1942, where he participated in combat raids against Italy and other territories with the 12th Air Force. On his last raid, his 44th mission, Col. Tirk won the Silver Star for leading a group of fighters that broke up a formation of 100 enemy fighters over Italy, and he was reported "Missing" March 11, 1944, when his plane was last seen over the Adriatic Sea near Venice. His other awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.



**M/Sgt. GLEN G. HOUCHIN**

M/Sgt. Glen G. Houchin, born December 6, 1916, in Texas, son of Mrs. Priscilla Houchin, Ft. Worth, attended N. Texas State Teachers College at Denton and entered service March 24, 1941, with the Army Infantry. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, and transferred to the Pacific Area, October, 1944, where he participated in the New Guinea and Buna Battle areas, also in the Southern Philippine campaign. Returned to the States December, 1945. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Commendation from Commanding General among other awards. Sgt. Houchin was discharged Dec. 28, 1945.



**Cpl. ARTHUR JOHANSON, JR.**

Cpl. Arthur Johanson, Jr., born December 23, 1919, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johanson, Sr., Ft. Worth, attended American Academy of Fine Art in Chicago and was employed by Riggs Optical Co. Entered service March 7, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, training at Shepard Field, Texas. He served overseas February, 1943, to June, 1945, with Chenault's 14th Air Force in China, participating in campaigns of India, India-Burma and China. Cpl. Johanson received a Presidential Citation with one Cluster with the Good Conduct Award, also, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. His discharge was granted Sept. 7, 1945.



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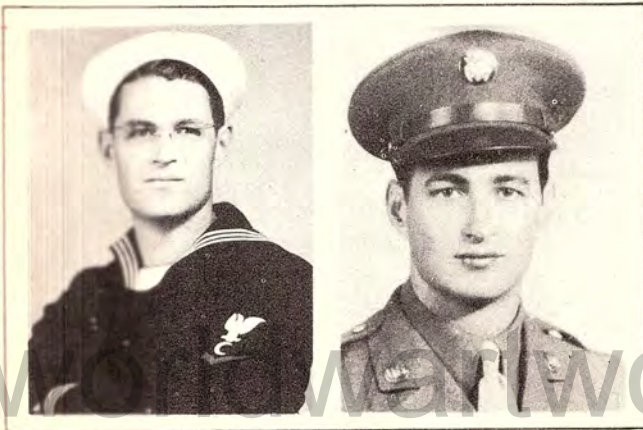
1st Lt. ELVIS L. JOHNSON

1st Lt. Elvis Leon Johnson, born February 14, 1918, husband of Vivienne N. Johnson, Odessa, Texas, attended the Ft. Worth and Handley, Texas, Schools and entered service June 13, 1941, with the Army Veterinary Station Hospital. Served in various camps in the States; overseas March, 1944, and transferred to Supreme Hdqtrs., Allied Expeditionary Forces, serving as Adjutant General in France, also in England, Germany and Belgium. Returned to the States December, 1945. Was awarded the E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon with Victory and Defense Awards among various other medals. Was discharged from service March 3, 1946.



\*Capt. CHARLES C. JOHNSON, III

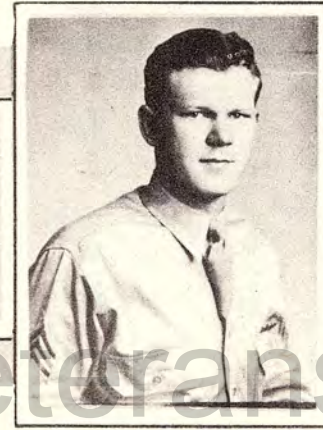
Capt. Charles Cousins Johnson, III, born August 2, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Johnson, Jr., Ft. Worth, volunteered Sept. 13, 1940, in the Army Air Corps, Flying Cadets, and served overseas January, 1942, to November, 1942, in the Papuan Campaign and Defense of Australia. Capt. Johnson paid the Supreme Sacrifice while test-piloting a P-39 Bell "Airacobra" at Tonapah, Nevada, February 6, 1943. The Purple Heart had been received for wounds received over Timor Sea June, 1942, also, Silver Star, Gold Star with many other awards. The Air Medal for twenty five combat missions was awarded posthumously.



Petty Officer B. C. HILL  
Sgt. SARGENT HILL

Petty Officer B. C. HILL, born October 28, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hill, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service August 8, 1942, with Navy, Commissary Dept., training at San Diego; served overseas March, 1943, to October, 1944, as Baker, stationed at Guadalcanal. Received three Citations for service. Discharged October 7, 1945.

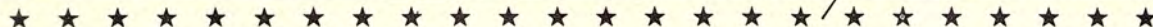
Sgt. SARGENT HILL, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hill, Ft. Worth, born March 31, 1921, in Texas, volunteered Sept. 29, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, training at Camp Wolters, Texas. After receiving the American Theater Ribbon with other awards, Sgt. Hill was discharged Dec. 12, 1945, from Randolph Field.



Sgt. JERRY D. BILES

Sgt. Jerry D. Biles, born March 4, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Biles, entered service January 19, 1945, with the Army Air Force, training at Boca Raton, Florida. Sgt. Biles served overseas February, 1944, to July, 1945, in the European Area, participating in the battles of Rhineland, Normandy, Ardennes, Northern France, Central Europe and air offensive of Europe, also serving in England. After returning to the States he was awarded the Unit Citation, European Theater of Operations Ribbon with six Bronze Battle Stars, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Discharged October 19, 1945.

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**Lt. IRAD M. COCHRAN**

Lt. Irad McGrady Cochran, birth date May 9, 1918, in Texas, son of Mrs. Lulu Little Cochran, Ft. Worth, attended the public schools of Ft. Worth and graduated from the Baylor University of Dentistry in Dallas. He volunteered for service March, 1941, with the U.S. Navy, Dental Corps. Entered as Ensign and was promoted through the grades to Lieutenant in 1944; began overseas duty July, 1943, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, assigned aboard the USS Argonne; served in the Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Admiralty and Philippine Islands and Kossal Passage. Lt. Cochran returned to the States June, 1945. Received World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Award, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and American Theater Ribbons. At time of his discharge, December 12, 1945, he was Senior Dental Officer at Cuddihy Field, Corpus Christi, Texas.

- \*1. —SGT. CHARLES A. HEATON, JR., son of Mrs. Ida Heat- on, Rt. # 4, Bowie, Texas, was born April 9, 1924. Attended school in Iowa Park, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 17, 1942, at Houston. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas from Nov., 1943, to Dec., 1943. Medals awarded: Rifle, Aerial Gunner, A.P. Mechanic, Pistol, and Submachine. Lost his life Dec. 8, 1943. Entire crew was killed when his plane, a B-24, crashed while enroute from French Morocco to Saint Mawgan, England.
2. —T/5 LEWIS MACK JOHNSON, husband of Mrs. Virginia Johnson, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born May 21, 1913. Entered service May 5, 1943, at Wichita Falls. Assigned to Army. Served overseas from Nov., 1943, to July, 1945, in European Theater. While rushing urgent orders (which got thru) he was wounded in a jeep wreck. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, ETO Campaign Ribbon, 4 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal. Discharged October 26, 1945.
3. —C.M.M. CLARENCE G. KING, husband of Mrs. Vertie King, Ft. Worth, was born April 12, 1914. Attended school in Everman, Texas. Volunteered March 23, 1942, in Fort Worth. Assigned to Navy, Seabees, attached to 4th Marine Div. Trained at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Marshall, Saipan, Tinian. Received Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged November 6, 1945.
4. —A.M.2/c CHARLIE R. NEELY, born Sept. 15, 1924, son of Mrs. E. C. Neely, husband of Margaret Neely, Los Angeles, Calif., attended Polytechnical High, Fort Worth, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 19, 1942; trained in San Diego, Calif.; overseas March, 1943, to Feb., 1944; was in Caribbean Sea, Panama, South America, India, South Africa. Ship was torpedoed in waters off African Coast. Awarded American Theater, European, and Pacific medals. A.M.2/c Charlie Neely was honorably discharged, 1944.
5. —PFC WILLIAM D. LANCASTER, son of Mrs. Bertha K. Lancaster, Ft. Worth, was born Aug. 18, 1922. Attended public school in Ft. Worth. Volunteered Oct. 7, 1940. Assigned to Army, 2nd Inf. Div. Trained for airborne at Ft. Sam Houston and ski at Camp McCoy, Wis. Served overseas in EAME Theater. Wounded in N. France July, 1944. Received Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, American Defense, EAME Campaign with 2 Battle Stars, Victory awards. Discharged Oct. 13, 1945.
6. —SGT. FRED F. LANCASTER, son of Mrs. Bertha K. Lancaster, Ft. Worth, was born March 13, 1920. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools. Volunteered for service Sept. 1, 1942, in Ft. Worth. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Amarillo, Chanute Field, Lowry Field. Served overseas in India, China, Burma Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Area. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, 5 Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, World War II Victory Medal. Discharged October 26, 1945.
7. —ROBERT DOYLE LANCASTER, son of Mrs. Bertha K. Lancaster, Ft. Worth, was born Oct. 29, 1926. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools. Volunteered for service November 2, 1943. Assigned to Navy, Visual Communications, and trained at San Diego, California. Served overseas in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received Asiatic-S.W. Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory and Good Conduct Medals. He was discharged May 5, 1946.
8. —QM3/c JAMES DAYLE LANCASTER, son of Mrs. Bertha K. Lancaster, Ft. Worth, and twin brother of Robert Doyle Lancaster, was born October 29, 1926. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools. Volunteered for service August 5, 1944, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy, General Service Communications. Trained at Naval Training Center, San Diego, and at Bainbridge, Maryland. Served overseas from May, 1945, to June, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. He was discharged August 6, 1946.
9. —SEAMAN 1/c EUGENE LEROY KUCKER, son of Mrs. Ida Kucker, of Ft. Worth, was born June 29, 1925. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools. Volunteered Aug. 25, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego Training Center. Served overseas in Asiatic-Pacific Theater at Guadalcanal. He was wounded when the USS Reid (a destroyer) was torpedoed. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Purple Heart, Survivor Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Discharged July 10, 1943.
10. —CPL. DONALD WEBB KUYKENDALL, son of Mrs. Rose Kuykendall, Ft. Worth, was born October 3, 1924. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools and was employed by Railway Express before volunteering for service Nov. 6, 1942, at San Antonio. Assigned to Army, Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Murphy, Florida. Promoted to Corporal, March, 1945. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged March 17, 1946.
- \*11.—2ND LT. JOSEPH WELDON JOHNSON, grandson of Mrs. Eunice G. Landers, Ft. Worth, was born June 15, 1919. His wife, Mrs. Carol Johnson resides in San Antonio, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 2, 1937, Ft. MacDowell, Calif., and April 2, 1942, at San Antonio. Served in U.S. from Dec., 1937, to May, 1939, and Apr., 1942, to May, 1944. Commissioned 2nd Lt. Air Corps Res. Pilot, Feb. 16, 1943. Paid Supreme Sacrifice May 2, 1944, in crash of B-24 while attached to Smyrna Army Air Field, Smyrna, Tenn.
- 12.—CPL. NORRIS O. LAWRENCE, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lawrence, Ft. Worth, was born Sept. 4, 1923. Attended public schools, Ft. Worth. Entered service March, 1943. Assigned to Marines, 1st Division. Trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Served 24 months overseas in Asiatic-Pacific and China Areas. He was Machine Gun Operator, E Co., 2nd Bn., 1st Div., U.S.M.C. Wounded May 13, 1945, in battle of Okinawa. Received American Defense Ribbon and Purple Heart. Discharged Feb. 16, 1947.
- 13.—SGT. GRANVILLE A. W. LASITER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lasiter, Saginaw, Texas, was born Sept. 23, 1921. Volunteered for service with National Guard, 1940, at Bowie, Texas. Assigned to Army, 2nd-131 Field Artillery. Served overseas from Nov., 1941, to Aug., 1945, in India, China-Burma Area and Asiatic-Pacific Area. Member of the "Lost Battalion." POW Camps in Java, Singapore, Burma, and others. Received Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation (2 Clusters). In hospital at El Paso, Texas.
- 14.—S/SGT. McCLAIN D. LATTIMORE, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lattimore, Ft. Worth, was born April 20, 1917. Attended T.C.U., Ft. Worth. Volunteered Oct. 21, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Waco, Texas. Served overseas in England (Eighth Air Force). Received EAME Campaign Medal with 6 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, 3 Overseas Service Bars, American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Sgt. Lattimore was discharged October 12, 1945.
- \*15.—2ND LT. DOUGLAS RICHARD YOUNGBLOOD, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lattimore, Ft. Worth, was born Dec. 30, 1918. His mother is Mrs. Gertrude Youngblood, of Alvarado, Texas. Was assistant in speech dept. at Baylor University before volunteering October, 1941, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas. Served overseas in Northern Africa Area. Paid Supreme Sacrifice April 18, 1943, in Tunisia, Northern Africa. Awarded Purple Heart (posthumously), April 28, 1943.
- 16.—LT. ORRIN D. BOUNDS, JR., son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lattimore, Ft. Worth, was born July 7, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Bounds, Sr., Ft. Worth. Received his education in Ft. Worth, and volunteered for service Dec. 14, 1942, to U.S. Coast Guard. He was assigned to patrol duty in Gulf of Mexico. Served overseas in South West Pacific, New Guinea and Philippines. He received the following promotions: Ensign-Apr. 14, 1943, Lt.-Oct. 3, 1945. Discharged February 12, 1946.
- 17.—S/SGT. DOY DANA LEDBETTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ledbetter, Ft. Worth, was born May 6, 1920. Volunteered Mar. 2, 1942. Assigned to 21st Marines, 3rd Div. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Feb., 1943, to March, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. His duty was Chief of Communication while on active duty in battle areas of Bougainville and Guam. Received Rifle Marksman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon (2 Battle Stars) American Theater, Good Conduct awards. Discharged Sept. 24, 1945.
- 18.—SGT. LEROY LEDBETTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ledbetter, Ft. Worth, was born Dec. 18, 1922. Entered service Nov. 27, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, 103rd Div. Trained at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas. Served overseas from Oct., 1944, to Mar., 1946, in the battle of France and Germany. Was wounded in France, Dec. 14, 1944. Received European Theater Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged March 21, 1946.
- 19.—1ST LT. GEORGE WOODROW LEE, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lee, Ft. Worth, was born Jan. 24, 1917. Volunteered Jan. 1, 1941, at Ft. Worth. Assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas. Graduated from Hondo A.A.B., Texas. Served overseas from Jan. to Dec., 1945, and from Aug., 1946, to present time. Served in Philippines, Formosa, Indo-China. Now in Japan helping to map the whole of Japan and Korea. He plans to make a career in the Army. With 9th Photo Recon. Sqd.
- 20.—PFC OWEN HORACE LEE, born January 22, 1899, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lee, Turnersville, Texas, husband of Nona Lee, Ft. Worth. Received his education in public schools in Farrar, Texas. Volunteered October 18, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Ft. Worth Army Air Field. Served in the United States twenty six months. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged December 18, 1944.

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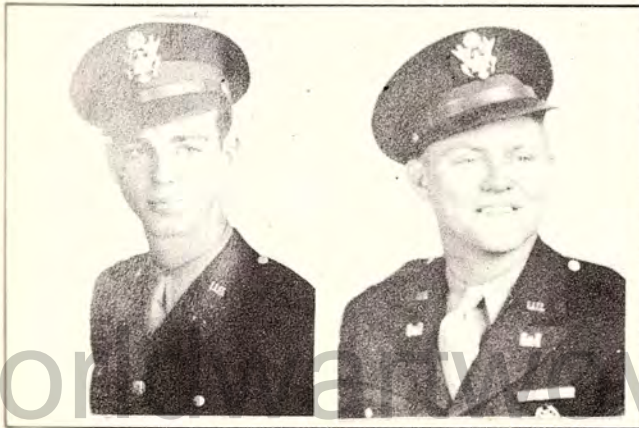
**\*2nd Lt. HOWARD R. JOHNSON, JR.**

2nd Lt. Howard Rexroad Johnson, Jr., born April 18, 1916, husband of Mrs. Howard R. Johnson, Jr., Ft. Worth, volunteered for service April 21, 1942, with the Army Air Corps as Cadet. He received his primary training at Brayton Flying Service, Randolph Field, San Antonio; also trained at Cuero, Texas, and at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, where he was commissioned to 2nd Lieutenant on April 22, 1943. Lt. Johnson paid the Supreme Sacrifice while in service when his plane crashed near Black Lake, No. Carolina August 27, 1943. The Presidential Citation was awarded posthumously.



**AMM 2/c ARCHIE H. MOORE**

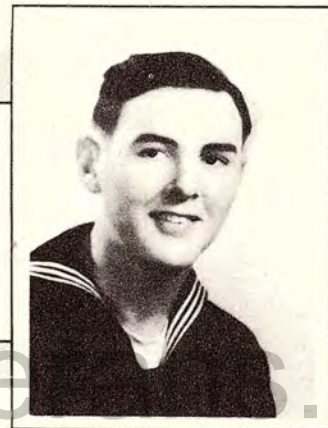
AMM 2/c Archie Hugh Moore, husband of Nora V. Moore, Ft. Worth, born August 26, 1923, a native of Texas, attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and volunteered October 19, 1942, with Navy Aviation, training at Dallas. He entered Asiatic-Pacific July, 1944, serving until November, 1945, when he returned to the States. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with American Theater Award. Discharge was granted November 20, 1945, with thirty-seven months of Naval service to his credit.



**1st Lt. EARL M. TRACY**  
**1st Lt. WILLIAM A. TRACY**

1st Lt. EARL M. TRACY, born December 3, 1921, son of Mrs. Rebecca Tracy, Ft. Worth, entered service November 25, 1940, with Army Infantry, 36th Div.; served June, 1943, to November, 1945, in North Africa, Sicilian invasion, Italy, and France. Returned to the States and received various awards with discharge January 15, 1946.

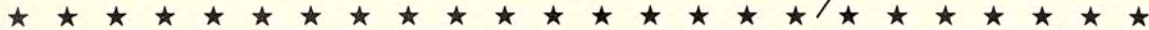
1st Lt. WILLIAM A. TRACY, born September 29, 1914, husband of Amee Tracy, Seattle, Wash., entered service November 25, 1939, with Army Infantry, 36th Div.; transferred July, 1945, to Hawaiian Islands; also served in Japan. Returned home December, 1945. Received awards with discharge February, 1946.



**PhM 2/c WILLIAM M. BRUNETTE**

PhM 2/c William Mack Brunette, birth date June 15, 1926, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brunette, and husband of Frances Brunette, Arlington, Texas, attended North Texas Agricultural College, and volunteered for service June 6, 1944, with the Navy, Medical Corps. He attended Hospital Corps School at Farragut, Idaho; graduated February 1, 1945, and was assigned to the Norfolk, Virginia, Naval Base Hospital. Remained there until July 4, 1945, when he was transferred to War Island Dispensary at Corpus Christi, where he remained until discharge from service was granted August 15, 1946.

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S2/c WAYNE E. JOHNSON

S2/c Wayne E. Johnson, born October 15, 1911, son of Mr. W. M. Johnson, Carthage, Missouri, and husband of Beulah Johnson, Ft. Worth, attended Carthage, Missouri, elementary and high schools. Entered service December 21, 1943, and was assigned to the U.S. Navy. He trained at U.S. Naval Training Station in San Diego until he was hospitalized in U.S. Naval Hospital where he was confined for three months. Before separation from service Seaman Johnson received the World War II Victory and American Theater Ribbon with American Defense Medal. Discharge from service was granted August 11, 1944.



AMM2/c JAMES C. O'NEAL

AMM2/c James Charles O'Neal, birthdate November 4, 1925, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Mae Dicken of Ft. Worth, attended North Side High School, Ft. Worth. He volunteered for service November 1, 1943, and was assigned to the U.S. Navy Ground Crew of the Air Force and trained at San Diego, California; also, served at Norman, Oklahoma, Memphis, Tennessee, and Navy Air Station in Brunswick, Maine. His awards include the World War II Victory Medal with the American Defense Medal, American Theater Ribbon and Good Conduct Award. Discharged from service on February 16th, 1946.



T/Sgt. LAWRENCE M. BROWN

T/Sgt. Lawrence M. Brown, born June 1, 1914, husband of Marjorie D. Brown, Ft. Worth, entered service Nov. 22, 1940, with Army Infantry, 36th Division; transferred overseas one year later, serving in the Dutch East Indies and Java. Sgt. Brown was captured by the Japanese and imprisoned at Batavia, Java, Singapore, Changi Village. He worked on railroad through Burma, and other camps, and was injured while a prisoner. After liberation and return to the States, he was awarded the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Stars, Army Distinguished Unit Badge with two Clusters. He reenlisted Feb., 1946, 8th Service Command.



1st Lt. RICHARD M. BROWN

1st Lt. Richard M. Brown, born November 4, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance H. Brown, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service June 2, 1941, with the Army Air Corps, training at Portland Air Base, Roswell, New Mexico, and Shreveport, La. Lt. Brown served July, 1945, to December, 1945, in the air offensive against Japan as Pilot on B-29 type plane. After returning home he received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Citation, American Defense and World War II Victory Awards with Good Conduct Medal. Currently located with Army Air Forces, Kelly Field, Texas.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



2nd Lt. PHIL C. JARED



MM 2/c MARVIN R. BRASHER

2nd Lt. Phil Carter Jared, born October 22, 1914, in Texas, brother of Mrs. Clifton Brignac, Ft. Worth, attended No. Side High School in Ft. Worth, and entered service February 11, 1942, with the Army 8th Service Command, training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and Camp Wolters, Texas. Lt. Jared served overseas July, 1943, to February, 1945, in the European Theater, and was commissioned in England by General Eisenhower. He returned to the States and received the European Theater Ribbon, American Theater and Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Award. Discharged February 10, 1945, with three years credit.

MM 2/c Marvin R. Brasher, born June 15, 1921, in Texas, son of W. M. Brasher, San Angelo, Texas, and husband of Josephine Brasher, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service April 19, 1942, with the Navy, Seabees, 96th Bn., training at Camp Peary, Va. He served overseas June, 1942, to March, 1943, and August, 1943, to December, 1945, in the European Theater at Normandy, Azores Islands, and in the Pacific Area at Guam. Returned to the States and received the E.A. M.E. Campaign Ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Stars, World War II Victory and Defense Medals. Discharged December 18, 1945.



Capt. CHARLES R. HEAD  
2nd Lt. VIRGINIA L. PETERSON

Capt. CHARLES RAY HEAD, born Jan. 5, 1917, son of Mrs. E. G. Head, Ft. Worth, husband of Lucille E. Head, Amarillo, volunteered June 2, 1941, with Army Infantry. Served overseas October, 1943, to September, 1945, participating in battles of Bulge, Rhine River, Brest Campaign and others. Received Bronze Star, Citations. Discharged Sept., 1945.

2nd Lt. VIRGINIA LaRUE PETERSON, born July 4, 1919, daughter of Mrs. Florence Head, Ft. Worth, volunteered April 23, 1943, with Army, Nurses Corps; served April, 1944, to May, 1945, in India and Burma; returned to the States and received Bronze Star for service. Discharge was received August 3, 1945.



QM 3/c JOE H. BOWEN, II

QM 3/c Joe H. Bowen, II, birth date January 31, 1926, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Bowen, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service January 14, 1944, with the U.S. Navy V-12 Unit, training and serving at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., Great Lakes, Illinois, Little Creek, Virginia. Overseas duty January, 1945, to June, 1946, at Pearl Harbor, Guam, Saipan, Russell Islands, Iwo Jima, Japan. Participated in the Battle of Okinawa. After returning to the States he received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Star, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Was discharged June 8, 1946.



**\*T/Sgt. GLENN B. CARNES**

T/Sgt. Glenn Beuford Carnes, born June 6, 1913, in Texas, son of Ann E. Carnes and the late A. P. Carnes, Ft. Worth, volunteered December 26, 1941, with the Army Air Force; trained at various fields in the States and began overseas duty April, 1944. He was assigned to China-Burma-India Theater with the 24th Combat Mapping Squadron, 8th Photo Reconnaissance, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice August 11, 1944, while on a mission to Kunming, China. The plane fell in the jungled Naga Hills in India. Sgt. Carnes was an aerial engineer on plane and was well esteemed by all that knew him for his dependable character and winning personality. The Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, State of Texas Citation among other Ribbons were awarded posthumously. His original poems and songs are prized possessions of his mother.

1. -AMM3/c ARTHUR WAYNE PRESSLY, born March 8, 1921, son of Mrs. J. Pressly, 1703 Boulevard, Ft. Worth, and husband of Sara Jo Pressly, also of Ft. Worth, attended North Side Sr. High, and N.T.A.C., Arlington. Volunteered April 16, 1943, and was assigned to the Navy Air Corps, training at U.S.N. Training Sta., San Diego, California. He was overseas from Nov. 28, 1943, to May 5, 1945, and served in South Pacific, Australia, and Marianas Islands. Discharged Feb., 1946.
2. -SGT. JULIAN ERVIN PRESSLY, born Jan. 18, 1924, son of Mrs. J. Pressly, 1703 Boulevard, Ft. Worth, attended Technical High, Ft. Worth, and Texas A & M College, College Sta., Texas, and was employed by Swift and Co. before he volunteered April 14, 1943. Assigned to Marine Combat Division, and was trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California. Sgt. Julian Pressly was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps on January 14, 1946.
3. -A.O.M.3/c JOSEPH WILSON HARRIS, born July 2, 1918, brother of Mrs. M. E. Pruitt, Ft. Worth, and husband of Verlene Harris, attended Duke High, Okla., and entered the service in Aug., 1943, at Oklahoma City. Assigned to Navy Fleet Air Wing; trained at U.S.N.T.S., San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Feb., 1944, to Feb., 1945. In Bomb Squadron on Tinian, Truk, covered Iwo Jima, Eniwetok, and bombed Wake. Stationed on Hawaii, and Iwo Jima after its capture. Discharged Dec. 20, 1945.
4. -G.M.2/c MILBURN EUGENE PRUITT, born April 21, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Pruitt, 6017 Midway, Ft. Worth, attended Birdville High, Ft. Worth; volunteered on Oct. 10, 1941, assigned to the Navy Fleet; trained at U.S.N.T.S., San Diego. Overseas Aug. 21, 1944, to Nov. 10, 1945, on USS Saratoga Wright, around Hawaii, Midway, Noumea, Australia, Fiji, New Caledonia, and saw action at Coral Sea and Guadalcanal. Awarded several Commendations for outstanding service, also Good Conduct Medal. Re-enlisted May, 1944.
5. -T/3 CLARENCE A. RENFRO, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Renfro, Ft. Worth, born June 26, 1919, attended T.W.C., in Ft. Worth; entered Army 36th Div., Jan., 1941, and trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding and Edwards. Served in U.S. 27 mos., and overseas 26 mos., in Rome-Arno, C. Europe, Rhineland, S. France, Naples-Foggia. Awarded Legion of Merit, Distinguished Unit, EAME 5 Stars, American Defense, Good Conduct, Italian Valor Cross. His Unit was awarded the French Croix de Guerre. Discharged July, 1945.
6. -CPL. LYNN A. ROBERTSON, born Jan. 6, 1917, son-in-law of Mrs. R. A. Richardson, husband of Elsie Robertson, both of Handley, Texas, attended Cisco High, and T.C.U., Fort Worth. Volunteered Sept. 12, 1942, assigned to Army Air Force, with training at Santa Ana Army Air Field, Calif., and Scott Field, Ill. He served from March 20, 1943, to March 13, 1944, in the United States, and was overseas from March 13, 1944, to March 23, 1946, in England, France, Germany. Discharged March, 1946.
7. -SK2/c ROYCE WENDELL RICHARDSON, born Oct. 13, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Richardson, husband of Bobbie Marie Parker Richardson, all of Handley, attended Odessa High School, Texas. Volunteered his services for Navy in Aug., 1942, assigned to 23rd Const. Battalion; trained at Norfolk, Va. Overseas 3 years, in Aleutian Islands, Pearl Harbor, and Guam. In Oct., 1945, SK2/c Royce Wendell Richardson transferred to regular Navy and was honorably discharged on November 8th, 1945.
8. -RM1/c JOHNNIE CLAYTON RICHARDSON, born May 29, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Richardson, Handley, and husband of Ina Richardson, Cisco, attended Cisco Junior College. Volunteered July 12, 1941, assigned to submarine Piranha (S.S. 389) Hawaiian Sea Frontier; trained at Naval Training Sta., San Diego, Calif. Overseas December 27, 1944, to June 10, 1945. In Pacific Ocean Area - (Submarine War Patrols). Spent several months in U.S. Naval Hosp., Corpus Christi, before he was discharged on March 8, 1946.
9. -N.A.C. M.M. ASA BLAND ELLIOTT, son of F. G. Elliott, Tuscumbia, Ala., and Katherine Rice, Ft. Worth, born May 6, 1908. Volunteered for Navy duty Jan., 1927; trained at Naval Air Sta., Pensacola, Fla.; overseas on USS Arizona, Henderson and Trenton at Coco Solo, Upam Canal Zone 4 years, Pearl Harbor 2 years. Awarded Good Conduct, Victory, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific, and letter of Commendation. Re-enlisted Jan., 1946; currently in San Diego.
10. -CAPT. FRANK GLENN ELLIOTT, born Aug. 16, 1913, son of F. G. Elliott, Tuscumbia, Ala., and Katherine Rice, Ft. Worth, attended T.C.U., Fort Worth; entered the service Nov. 21, 1941, assigned to 3rd Arm'd. Div. as Chaplain; trained at Camp Polk, La. Overseas 2 years in Southampton, Eng. Served in battles of Normandy, N. France, Germany, Ardennes, C. Europe. Wounded July, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, ETO 5 Stars, Distinguished Unit Citation Badge, Bronze Star Medal. Now Chaplain at Fort Jackson, S. Carolina.
11. -S/SGT. WILLIAM (BILLIE) R. H. RICKARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rickard, Ft. Worth, born Dec. 7, 1918, attended Polytechnic High, Ft. Worth. Volunteered Oct. 15, 1940, assigned to 6th Army (27th Med. Lab); trained at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas from July, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in New Guinea, Leyte, Philippines. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. He was honorably discharged Dec. 12, 1945.
12. -CPL. DAVID RAY RICKARD, born Oct. 1, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rickard, 1533 Bessie St., Ft. Worth, attended Polytechnic High, Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service June 14, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps, 312th Bomb Group (L); trained at Amarillo A.A. Field. Overseas Apr., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in New Guinea, S. Philippines, Luzon, W. Pacific, China, air offensive, Japan. Awarded: Asiatic-Pacific 5 Stars, Philippine Liberation Star, Good Conduct, Victory Medals. He was discharged Nov. 30, 1945.
13. -SGT. HOMER THOMAS RODGERS, born Jan. 22, 1911, educated at Polytechnic High, Ft. Worth, Texas. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rodgers, 3506 Avenue 1, Ft. Worth. He entered the service on Sept. 25, 1942, and was assigned to Army 45th A.D.G.; trained at Rapid City, S. Dakota. Overseas Oct., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in England, France, and Germany and Battle of the Bulge. Awarded, Good Conduct, ETO Ribbon 1 Star. Discharged Dec. 7, 1946.
14. -S/SGT. GEORGE CLAYTON SANDERS, born July 23, 1913, son of Mrs. G. T. Sanders, 1444 Boyce Street, Ft. Worth, husband of Laura L. Sanders, attended Hillsboro High School; volunteered May 26, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Southern Signal Corps School, Camp Murphy, Fla.; overseas from June 1, 1942, to Oct. 16, 1945. In European Theater of Operations. Awarded Presidential Citation 6 Battle Stars. Honorably discharged Oct. 23, 1945.
15. -2ND LT. DALTON MILLARD SANDERS, born March 7, 1918, son of Mrs. G. T. Sanders, Fort Worth, Texas, husband of Regena N. Sanders, 1256 E. Jessamine, Ft. Worth. Attended University of N. Dakota, located at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Volunteered his services on Feb. 9, 1942, and was assigned to Army Air Force, with training at Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal Jan. 21, 1944, and holds Reserve Commission as 2nd Lt. Discharged Sept., 1945.
16. -A.B. JIMMIE GREEN SANDERS, born May 23, 1925, son of Mrs. G. T. Sanders, Fort Worth, Texas. He attended William James High School, Fort Worth; volunteered June 7, 1943, and was assigned to the Merchant Marines; trained at U.S.M.S.F.S., St. Petersburg, Fla. Served in the United States from June 7, to Oct. 26, 1943. Overseas Oct. 26, 1943, to July 26, 1946, in Persian Gulf (Iran) Italy, S. France, N. France, England, Arabia, and Philippines. Discharged July 26, 1946.
17. -MM2/c LAWRENCE CURRY ROWE, born April 6, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rowe, 2733 Travis St., Ft. Worth, Texas, husband of Doris E. Rowe, 1510 Elmhurst Park, Mineral Wells, attended West High School, Texas; volunteered May 7, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to Navy Construction Bn.; trained at Camp Peary, and Williamsburg, Va.; served overseas from April 25, to Oct. 20, 1945, in Pearl Harbor, Saipan, and Okinawa. MM2/c Lawrence Rowe was discharged Oct. 29, 1945.
18. -SGT. CLARENCE WAYLAND ROWE, born March 14, 1910, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rowe, Ft. Worth, brother of Mrs. A. M. Poteet, Cleburne, attended Hillsboro High. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, assigned Army 143rd Inf. 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas 2 yrs. in N. Africa, Sicily, Italy, in Battles of Salerno, Cassino, and Anzio Beachhead. Awarded Purple Heart, Combat Inf. Badge, Good Conduct, ETO Ribbon, 3 Stars. Before being discharged November, 1945, he served 16 mos. as guard at POW Camps.
19. -CPL. ROBERT L. TAYLOR, son of Mrs. Pearl Robison, 412 Grant St., Fort Worth, born May 24, 1922, attended Technical High, Ft. Worth; volunteered Dec. 11, 1941, assigned to Marines 2nd Div.; trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Overseas 27 mos. in battles of Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Tarawa, Saipan. Awarded Victory, Asiatic-Pacific, 4 Battle Stars, 2 Presidential Unit Citations, 2 Purple Hearts, Good Conduct. Has been recommended for Navy Cross. Discharged Dec. 14, 1945.
20. -AMM2/c CHARLES EARL ROACH, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roach, Ft. Worth, born May 22, 1923. Volunteered Apr., 1942, assigned to Navy Air Corps; trained at U.S. Naval T. Sta., San Diego, Calif.; served in U.S. at Chicago, Jacksonville, San Francisco, and Hutchinson. Overseas at Hawaii, Guadalcanal. Battles: New Georgia, Bismarck Archipelago, Gilberts, Bougainville, and Carolines. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation for service with VB 104. Honorably discharged November 5th, 1945.

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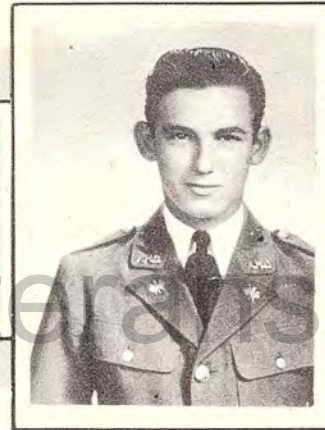


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Coxswain JAMES D. MARTIN

Coxswain James D. Martin, birth date December 26, 1923, in Texas, husband of Mrs. Margie Martin, Ft. Worth, volunteered October 19, 1942, with the Navy Mechanical Aviation, training for six months in San Diego. He served in the Pacific and North Atlantic Area for thirty months, at Pearl Harbor, Canton and Ellice Islands, and while in the North Atlantic, was aboard the U.S.S. Mission Boy for six months. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with three Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with Good Conduct Award. Received discharge on October 4, 1945.



Pfc BOBBY L. MALONE

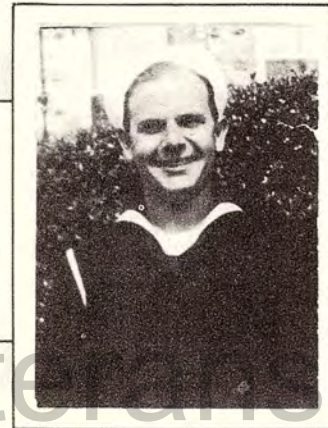
Pfc Bobby L. Malone, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Malone, Ft. Worth, born Oct. 15, 1924, in Texas, attended Texas A. & M. at College Station, and entered service April 22, 1943, with the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and various other fields in the States as radio operator on a B-17 Bomber. Pfc Malone served in the China-Burma-India Theater, participating in the air offensive of China as radio operator with the Air Transport Command, and flew "the Hump" for four months. After returning to the States he received the Air Medal with various other awards, and was discharged from service Feb. 22, 1946.



Lt. Comdr. MARION L. MARTIN  
Lt. (jg) JAMES H. MARTIN

Lt. Comdr. MARION LENOX MARTIN, born August 16, 1906, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Martin, and husband of Margaret Martin, Ft. Worth, volunteered October, 1942, with the U.S. Coast Guard, serving at New Orleans. Promoted to Lt. Commander December, 1944. Discharged July, 1945.

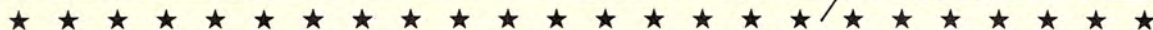
Lt. (jg) JAMES HAROLD MARTIN, born February 25, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Martin and husband of Leola Martin, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service January, 1942, with the Navy Electrician Branch, training at San Diego. Served in the States twenty-two months and overseas twenty months. Commander Martin received various awards, and was discharged September, 1945.



S1/c CLYDE L. BOHANNON

S1/c Clyde Lundy Bohannon, born Jan. 29, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bohannon, and husband of Norma Jean Bohannon, all of Ft. Worth, attended North Side High School in Ft. Worth. Volunteered for service Sept. 11, 1942, with the United States Coast Guard, training at Camp Harahan, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Ft. McHenry at Baltimore, Maryland. Seaman Bohannon served at Port Security Unit in Galveston, Texas. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Honorably discharged Sept. 18, 1945, from Personnel Separation Center, No. 8, New Orleans.

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**Lt. Col. ELBERT J. BRADLEY, JR.**

Lt. Col. Elbert J. Bradley, Jr., was born April 7, 1907, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bradley, Sr., Ft. Worth, and husband of Boneva Plaxco Bradley, also of Ft. Worth, attended North Side High School and is a graduate of Texas A & M at College Station. He was Commanding Officer for five years with the C.C.C. prior to his entry into the Army on February 11, 1941, in the Air Corps Division. Col. Bradley served at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Liberal, Kansas, Army Air Field, and at Perrin Field in Sherman, Texas; was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel January, 1944. The World War II Victory and American Theater Ribbons were awarded with the American Defense Medal among other awards. March 16, 1946, he transferred to overseas duty, and is currently serving with A-1 Headquarters, 8th Air Force on Okinawa as Assistant Chief of Staff.



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T/3 JEWELL M. THORNE

T/3 Jewell M. Thorne, born May 10, 1909, in Texas, husband of Cathryn Thorne, Ft. Worth, attended the Waxahachie, Texas, Public Schools, and entered service March 1, 1941, with the 3rd Army Division, training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He began overseas duty August, 1944, in the European Theater where he participated in the battles of Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe, and received commendations from Maj. Gen. Harry L. Twaddle for outstanding work in connection with the supply by the liaison plane for two companies of the 377th Inf. Reg. of the 95th Inf. Div.; also citations from Lt. Gen. G. S. Patton, Jr., and Lt. Gen. W. H. Simpson for meritorious action in the battle of Metz and Ruhr Pocket. Discharge granted Oct. 1, 1945.



Sgt. JOHN D. MATHIS, JR.

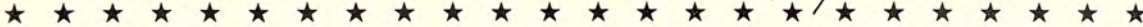
Sgt. John Dewey Mathis, Jr., born March 26, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mathis, Sr., attended Technical High School, Ft. Worth, and volunteered October 1, 1941, for service with the U.S. Marine Corps, and trained at San Diego. Sgt. Mathis served overseas July 8, 1942, to August, 1946, in the Pacific Theater at Pearl Harbor and on Midway Island. After returning to the States, he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Theater and American Defense Ribbons with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and Good Conduct Award. Discharged from Marine duty February 9, 1946.



\*2nd Lt. BURTON J. MORTON

2nd Lt. Burton J. Morton, born June 16, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Morton, Arlington, Texas, volunteered January 27, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, and trained at various air fields and bombardier schools in Texas and California where he served as instructor. He received his Wings November 26, 1942, at Midland, Texas, and began overseas duty September, 1943, stationed in the Gilbert Islands. Lt. Morton participated in the air offensive with ten direct hits on enemy objectives, but paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life when his plane exploded in mid-air December 26, 1943. His Air Medal awards were awarded posthumously.

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**FO CARL W. GENTRY**



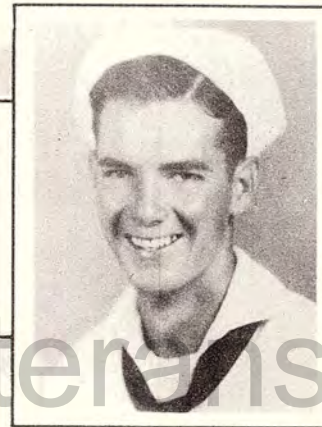
**Pfc HERBERT. E. PIGOTT**

Flight Officer Carl William Gentry, born January 20, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Gentry, Orange, Texas, and husband of Gracie H. Gentry of Arlington, attended the Corsicana, Texas, Elementary School and Stark Senior High School, Orange. He volunteered for service June 14, 1943, with the Army Air Corps; completed his training and was commissioned at Pampa Army Air Field, Texas. He began overseas duty July, 1945, serving in the Japanese Theater with the Occupational Army. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. He is currently stationed in Japan.

Pfc Herbert Edward Pigott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Pigott, Orange, Texas, was born February 25, 1926, and attended the Tyler-town, Mississippi, Public Schools. Prior to his entrance into the Army Infantry July 26, 1943, he was employed in defense work at the Consolidated Ship Yard at Orange, Texas. After training at Camp Fannin, Texas, he was transferred to the European Theater January, 1944, where he participated in the battles of the Rhineland and Central Europe, returning to the States April, 1946. His awards include the E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon with two Stars, and other awards. Discharged April, 1946.



**SF 2/c ALVIN W. HUTCHISON**



**AMM 1/c ROBERT B. HUTCHISON**

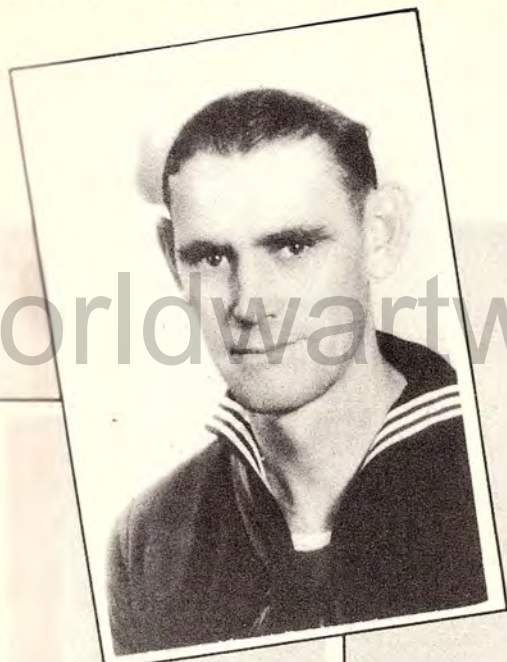
SF 2/c Alvin Wallace Hutchison, born May 28, 1917, husband of Nell Ruth Hutchison, 1714 May St., Ft. Worth, attended public schools in Ft. Worth, and volunteered for service June 6, 1942, with the Navy Seabees Branch, training at Norfolk, Virginia, and Gulfport, Mississippi. He served December, 1942, to March, 1944, in Alaska; returned to the States, and from October, 1944, to June, 1945, was stationed on Guam in the Mariana Islands. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Award. Discharge was granted July 27, 1946.

AMM 1/c Robert Bardin Hutchison, born December 4, 1921, a native of Texas, son of A. B. Hutchison, and husband of Nell Hutchison, both of Ft. Worth, attended Technical High School at Ft. Worth and was employed by the Western Electric Co. before volunteering for service August 3, 1942. Was assigned to Navy Aviation Branch, training at Naval Air Station at Dallas, also serving in California. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the American Theater Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged from service December 4, 1946, and returned to civilian life.

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## MOMM 2/c ALFRED H. RHODES

MOMM 2/c Alfred Hix Rhodes, born April 19, 1913, is a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rhodes, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas. He attended the Grand Prairie, Texas, Schools and entered service February 14, 1942, assigned to the U.S. Navy, Submarine Fleet, and trained at San Diego, California. His overseas duty began July, 1942, in the South and Southwest Pacific Area where he remained until his return to the States December, 1945. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals were awarded plus the Good Conduct Award. His discharge was granted from the Navy on September 23, 1945.



Cpl. RICHARD DOLLINS Sgt. ED N. DOLLINS, JR. Pfc A. H. HEITMAN

Cpl. RICHARD DOLLINS, born December 29, 1920, Texas, son of Mr. E. N. Dollins, Ft. Worth, entered service June 17, 1943, with the U. S. Army; served overseas October, 1944, to December, 1945, in France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Germany; received a Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. Discharged December, 1945.

Sgt. ED. N. DOLLINS, JR., born April 22, 1918, son of Ed. N. Dollins, Sr., Ft. Worth, volunteered April, 1942, with the Army Air Force, 1998th F.F. Platoon, training at Tarrant Field, Texas. He began overseas duty September, 1943, serving in the European Theater in Italy and Sicily. Suffered shock and was hospitalized in Italy, returning to the States May, 1944, to Valley Forge Hospital in Pennsylvania and then to Hospital in Longview, Texas, where he was discharged October, 1944, for physical disability.

Pfc A. H. (JIMMIE) HEITMAN, birthdate June 26, 1924, son of Mrs. E. N. Dollins, Ft. Worth, volunteered July 21, 1941, for U. S. Marine Corps, 4th Div.; trained at San Diego, and began overseas duty January, 1942, sailing on U.S.S. Lurline to Guadalcanal, Saipan, and Tinian campaigns; returned to Quantico, Va., base, and awarded Presidential Unit Citations with discharge September, 1945.

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## Lt. Col. M. E. WILKINS, JR.

Lt. Col. M. E. Wilkins, Jr., is a native of Texas and hails from Waco, located on the banks of the Brazos River. His initial military training began at Texas A & M College in years 1927-28. He entered the Regular Army in 1935 upon being selected as a member of an experimental Field Artillery Mobilization Regiment devised by the War Department. Three (3) years later he entered the Air Corps at Barksdale

Field, La., and was assigned to the Third Airways Communications Sq., AAF, where he worked his way up through all enlisted grades and then being appointed 2nd Lt. AC, in 1942, with assignment to duty in Wash., D.C., with Hqs. AAF, Directorate of Communications, where, after eight months tour of duty thereat, he was re-assigned as commanding officer, Third Army Airways Communications Sq. AAF, the same unit he had previously served as a Private. Promotions of 1st Lt. and Capt. were received while on duty with the Directorate. Promotion to rank of Major was received April 1, '44, and July 4, '44 found, Colonel, then Major Wilkins with orders for overseas service in the Pacific, and soon after his arrival in the Hawaiian Islands, was assigned as Commanding Officer, 146th AACS Sq. AAF, with Headquarters on Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. During his 15 months overseas, Colonel Wilkins commanded two other AAF Units (AACS), and made frequent trips by air to the following places, for the purpose of inspecting AACS Operations and Administrative matters: Hawaiian, Marshall, Gilbert, Fiji, Solomon, Mariana, and Samoa Islands and also to New Caledonia, New Zealand, and Australia. He returned to the United States in November, 1945. He received promotion to the rank of Lt. Colonel in December, 1945. Besides over 10 years Regular Army Training, Colonel Wilkins received the following Military Education: AAF Technical School - 16 weeks - Supply & Technical Tng. Hqs. AAF Instruction Course - 9 weeks - Care and Handling of Firearms Command & General Staff School - 10 Weeks - Air Staff Course.

ORGANIZATIONS; SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS; AWARDS & DECORATIONS: Field Artillery Expert Gunner's Badge with two (2) FA bars. Good Conduct Medal with clasp. The American Defense Medal, The Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Campaign Ribbon, The American Theatre of Operations Ribbon, The Victory Medal with one (1) Battle Star, League Bowling Champion. Member Veterans Foreign Wars, Commission in Officers Reserve Corps (AC), Member Reserve Officers Association of the United States. Colonel Wilkins resides with his wife, daughter, and mother at his permanent home address: 4339 Pershing, Ft. Worth (7), Texas.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



T/5 DICK C. RICHARDSON

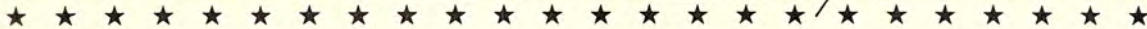


T/Sgt. CLARENCE E. PYRON

T/5 Dick Chester Richardson, born February 15, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Richardson, Ft. Worth, Texas, attended the Ft. Worth Public Schools and North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington. He volunteered for service December 2, 1942, with the Army Signal Corps, and trained at Camp Kohler, Sacramento, California; served at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, and Suffolk County Army Air Base, Long Island, N. Y. His overseas duty was served in the Hawaiian Islands, Ryukyus and Okinawa Campaign. Returned to the States; received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal among other awards. Was discharged on January 12, 1946.

T/Sgt. Clarence E. Pyron, birth date November 23, 1907, husband of Zona Barney Pyron, Ft. Worth, Texas, attended Northeastern State Teachers College of Oklahoma, and entered service April 10, 1942, with the Army 1857th Service Command Unit, training at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Sgt. Pyron served in the Aleutian Islands from August 30, 1942, until December 30, 1944, and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Award, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the American Theater Ribbon plus one service Stripe and four Overseas Service Bars. Discharge was granted from the U.S. Army October 22, 1945.

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**Capt. WILLIE G. WOODS, JR.**

Capt. Willie G. Woods, Jr., born Nov. 19, 1920, husband of Jeanne T. Woods, Ft. Worth, attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and volunteered July 12, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; graduated from the Command and General Staff School and Officers Communication School. Capt. Woods served overseas August, 1942, until December, 1943, in the Pacific Area with the 5th Air Force, 38th Bomb Group; participated in the air defense of Australia, New Guinea, Birmarck Sea Battle and air offense of Japan. The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded with the Presidential Unit Citation, Air Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with five Stars, and other medals. After returning to the States he was commissioned 1st Lt. in the Regular Army, June, 1946.



**\*Sgt. JOHN R. NESMITH**

Sgt. John Rhea Nesmith, born March 24, 1920, in Texas, son of Mrs. Gertrude Nesmith, Ft. Worth, volunteered in 1937 for the Army Hq. and Hq. Sqdn., Far East Air Force, training at Randolph Field, San Antonio, and transferring to the Pacific Area January, 1940, serving at Nichols Field, Rezol, Philippine Islands. Sgt. Nesmith was captured by the Japanese May 7, 1942, on Island of Cebu; made the death march with Bataan prisoners and was held in Philippine Islands, later in Bks. 10, Prison Camp #3, Fukuoka, Honshu Island, Japan, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice, March 26, 1945. Many Citations of Honor were awarded.



**Lt. CLARENCE Y. MURFF, JR.**

Lt. Clarence Yualpa Murff, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Murff, Sr., Ft. Worth, was born March 26, 1918, and attended Baylor University of Dentistry at Dallas. He volunteered December 25, 1941, with the Navy, Dental Corps, stationed at U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, until December, 1942, when he began service in the Pacific Area, participating in the battles for Guadalcanal, New Georgia and Bougainville. Returned to the States May, 1944. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and Good Conduct Award. He is now Lt. with U.S.N. Reserves.

1. —SGT. MARVIN W. DENNY, born Nov. 16, 1915, son of Mrs. Nora I. Denny, 1121 E. Arlington St., Ft. Worth, volunteered Mar. 17, 1941; assigned to Army, Reg'tl Chaplain's Ass't, trained at Ft. Wm. McKinley, Manila, P.I.; overseas Apr. 22, 1941, to Oct. 6, 1945. Served on Bataan in POW Camps: Cabanatuan #3, May 27, to Nov. 1, 1942, #1, 8 mos.; Fukuoka #17, Japan, 2 yrs. Awarded Purple Heart, Amer. Def. 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific 2 Stars, Pres. Unit Cit., Oak Leaf Clusters. Discharged Jan., 1946.

2. —CPhM WILLIAM SHELBY SMITH, brother of Mrs. C. W. Mower, Ft. Worth. Volunteered for service Jan. 10, 1940, in Navy Medical Corps. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Serving twenty months in South Pacific with the 3rd Marine Amphibious Corps. He participated in the operations of Yella La Vella and Guam. He received Pacific Area Ribbon 2 Stars, Good Conduct and Amer. Defense Medals, Navy Unit Commendation for service on Guam, and was discharged January 8, 1946.

\* 3. —PFC THOMAS GLENN (JACK) MOORE, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore, Fort Worth, Texas, born Oct. 20, 1922, attended Riverside Schools, Ft. Worth; volunteered for foreign service on Feb. 9, 1940; was assigned to Army 60th C. A. (AA). Trained at Angel Island, Calif. He served on Corregidor as machine gunner with an antiaircraft battery, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice in action April 29, 1942, a week before Corregidor fell to the Japanese. His father received the Purple Heart.

\* 4. —SI/c VERNON LONGBOTTOM, husband of Louise Longbottom, 3435 Wade St., Fort Worth, Texas, born June 5, 1912, California. He received his education in Okla., entered the service on June 5, 1944; was assigned to US Navy, and trained at United States Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. He was overseas 8 months, in the Philippines and Okinawa. Awarded Good Conduct, and Philippine Lib'n. Medals, 3 Stars. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Mar. 19, 1945.

5. —MAJOR ROBERT RUTHERFORD LOWDON, JR., born Aug. 30, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Lowdon, Sr., 2325 Mistletoe Ave., Fort Worth, husband of Maria Matala Lowdon, 151 Coventry Lane, Ft. Worth, attended the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Entered the service in February, 1941; assigned to the Army Service of Supplies, with training at Fort Bliss, Camp Bowie, Camp Lee, Va., Fort Warren, Wyo., and received his commission Jan., 1942, and promotion to Major in 1945. Honorably discharged Dec. 5, 1945.

6. —RDM3/c FRANK MAGERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Magers, 3326 Avenue 1, Fort Worth, husband of Nina Lucille Magers, of same address. Born April 20, 1923; attended Wesleyan College, Ft. Worth; volunteered June 6, 1942; was assigned to Navy Reserve, and trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas in both Pacific and Atlantic Theaters, in Makin, Tarawa, Rabual, Bougainville, Kwajalein, Truk, Saipan, Guam, Hollandia, Yap, Biak. Awarded Purple Heart, and Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged Dec., 1945.

7. —T/SGT. HUGHSTON McHONE, born Nov. 28, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McHone, 708 Porter Street, Ft. Worth, husband of Doris McHone, attended Hillsboro College; volunteered July 6, 1940; assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Brooks Field, Texas; overseas March 18, 1942, to Nov. 18, 1944, in India. Awarded American Defense Medals and Good Conduct, European Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons, 3 Bronze Stars. T/Sgt. Hughston McHone was discharged Sept. 7, 1945.

8. —1ST SGT. JERRY E. MERRITT, III, born Nov. 4, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Merritt, Pershing Ave., Ft. Worth, husband of Grace F. Merritt, Camden, Delaware. Graduated from Thurber High, Texas; volunteered March 27, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Haan, Calif. Served overseas Sept. 6, 1943, to Dec. 16, 1944, in Iceland. Awarded American Theater, EAME Campaign, and Good Conduct Medals. Expert Carbine Award. Discharged Feb. 25, 1946.

\* 9. —2ND LT. KENNETH TAYLOR MERRITT, born July 26, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Merritt, 400 Yates St., Arlington, Texas. Attended Texas A & M College. Volunteered April, 1940; assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Love Field, Randolph, and Kelly Fields, Texas; overseas August, 1941, to Jan., 1942, with "Flying Tigers" in China-Burma Theater and in air battle for Rangoon Burma. Awarded Rep. of China, Land, Sea, and Air Service Diploma. Lost his life in plane-car accident at airfield in Rangoon, Jan. 8, 1942.

10. —PO 1/c CHESTER LEE MILLER, born Dec. 25, 1907, son of Mrs. M. Miller, Ft. Worth, husband of Myrtis Miller, 1400 Elmwood, Ft. Worth, Texas, attended American Institute of Banking, Ft. Worth, and was employed by the Ft. Worth Nat'l Bank before volunteering Aug. 7, 1942. Assigned to US Naval Reserve; trained at Camp Dacatur, San Diego, Calif. Overseas Nov. 1, 1942, to Jan. 19, 1945, on Midway Island and in Kaneoha Bay, Oahu, T.H. PO1/c Chester Lee Miller received an honorable discharge on September 22, 1945.

11. —CMI/c MILTON N. MITCHELL, born Oct. 12, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, Fort Worth, Texas, husband of Nora Mitchell, attended Polytechnic High, Ft. Worth; volunteered April 1, 1942, and was assigned to 1st Marine Div., Reinforced 14 Const. Bn., U.S.N.R.; trained at U.S.N. C.T.C. Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va. Overseas Sept. 6, 1942, to Oct. 20, 1943, in Pacific Theater, Guadalcanal, and Coral Sea. Awarded Pres. Unit Cit., P. and A. Theaters, Good Conduct. Discharged June, 1945.

12. —SGT. BENNIE MIZE, born Feb. 2, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Mize, 2800 Dell St., Ft. Worth, husband of Dorothy John Mize, also of Ft. Worth. Attended Carter High School, Riverside, Fort Worth, Texas, and was employed by Leonard Bros. before volunteering Sept. 22, 1942. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps, with training at Tarrant Field, Fort Worth. He served in the United States from Sept. 22, 1942, to Nov., 1945. Sgt. Bennie Mize was given an honorable discharge on January 8, 1946.

13. —SGT. RUSSELL P. MULLINS, born May 17, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mullins, 906 E. Weatherford, Fort Worth, attended Polytechnic High, Ft. Worth; volunteered July, 1942; assigned to Army R.O.; trained at Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, Scott Field, Ill., and Salt Lake City, Utah; went overseas December, 1944, serving in India, and China. Sgt. Russell Mullins was honorably discharged in Feb., 1946, and is at home in Fort Worth where he is attending Texas Christian University.

\* 14. —1ST LT. WALTER MULLINS, born June 21, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mullins, Ft. Worth, graduated from Polytechnic High, Ft. Worth. Entered the service in Dec., 1941; was assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Santa Ana, and Hamilton Field, Calif.; went overseas in April, 1944; made several successful missions; awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with Cluster. 1st Lt. Walter Mullins lost his life in an aircraft accident on October 18, 1944.

15. —S/SGT. ABNER LAUDEN MURRY, born Feb. 13, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Murry, Ft. Worth, attended Weatherford Jr. College, Texas; entered service Feb. 19, 1942; assigned to Army Signal Corps; trained at Camp Crowder, Missouri; overseas from Sept. 2, 1942, to Nov. 2, 1945, in South Pacific and Far East Area. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct, Papuan Campaign Ribbon, (New Guinea) and letter of Commendation from Gen. Geo. C. Kenney. Discharged Nov., 1945, and enlisted in reserves.

16. —SC1/c VERNON LEO MURRY, born Dec. 20, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Murry, 1219 Shadow Lane, Ft. Worth, and husband of Pauline Murry, attended Whitt High, Texas. Volunteered May 14, 1942; assigned to Navy; trained at Great Lakes, Ill.; served in US in Chicago, Ill., Camp Wallace, Texas, Gulfport, Miss., San Burno, Calif.; overseas 10 months in S.W. Pacific Area. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. SC1/c Vernon Murry was honorably discharged on Nov. 8, 1945, at Norman, Oklahoma.

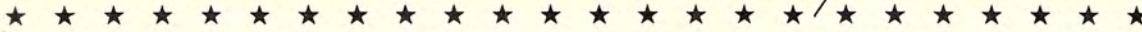
17. —MAJ. ERNEST EDWARD MURRAY, born March 3, 1909, husband of Kathleen W. Murray, Fort Worth, Texas, volunteered Aug. 2, 1927; assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Randolph Field, Texas. Overseas 4-1/2 years, in ETO and air offensives of Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, Ardennes, C. Europe, Holland and Belgium. Awards: American Theater, Pres. Distinguished Unit Badge, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star. Discharged Feb. 25, 1947; re-enlisted as M/Sgt., and is stationed at Spokane, Wash.

18. —CPL. JOHN H. NOONAN, born Feb. 9, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Noonan, husband of Nellie E. Noonan, all of Ft. Worth, attended North Side High, Ft. Worth; entered the service Nov. 17, 1942; assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field; overseas May 18, 1945, to Nov. 22, 1945, in Luzon Campaigns. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Medal. Cpl. John H. Noonan was honorably discharged on Nov. 30, 1945.

19. —MG/SGT. THOMAS PATRICK NOONAN, born April 4, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Noonan, husband of Ruby Ray Noonan, California, volunteered Jan. 23, 1940; assigned to Marines 6th Reg., 2nd Div. Trained at Camp Elliott, Calif. Overseas 4 years, in Iceland, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Gilberts, Saipan, and Okinawa. Pres. Unit Cit. 1 Star, Bronze Star Medal, Amer. Def., and ATO with Star, Asiatic-Pacific 4 Stars. Currently with Recruit Depot, San Diego.

20. —M/SGT. WILLIAM S. NOONAN, born Aug. 15, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Noonan, 2609 Loving St., Ft. Worth, attended North Side High, Ft. Worth. Entered the service Dec. 11, 1941; assigned to Army Air Corps, 531st Bomber Sqd., 380 Group. Trained at Keesler Fld., Biloxi, Miss.; overseas April 24, 1943, to April 21, 1945. In Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, S. Philippines, Luzon Campaign. Awards: American Defense and Good Conduct Medals, Asiatic-Pacific 4 Stars. Discharged June, 1945.

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S/Sgt. HOWARD I. COOK

S/Sgt. Howard Irwin Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cook, Ft. Worth, was born April 22, 1912, a native of Texas, and attended Texas Christian University at Ft. Worth. He entered service April 28, 1942, with the Army Quartermaster, training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, and also serving in other Army air bases in the States. He served overseas with the Army Airways Communications System in the South Pacific Area at Kwajalein, Marshall Island Group. After returning to the States, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, and was discharged January 18, 1946.



T/5 Cpl. HAROLD E. COPELAND

T/5 Cpl. Harold Edwin Copeland, born August 22, 1913, husband of Norma Copeland, Ft. Worth, Texas, entered service March 5, 1942, with the Army Infantry Division, training at Camp Wolters, Texas. June, 1943, to September, 1945, he served in the North African and European Areas, participating in the campaign of Italy at Anzio and Rome, and in campaigns in Southern France, receiving wounds in combat twice. Cpl. Copeland returned to the States, and received the Purple Heart with Cluster, EAME Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, and other medals. He was discharged September, 1945.



Sgt. LOYD W. COURTNEY

Sgt. Loyd Wayland Courtney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd I. Courtney, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born February 19, 1926, in Texas, and attended the public schools in Ft. Worth; he entered service July 21, 1944, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Sgt. Courtney served overseas June, 1945, to July, 1946, in the European Theater of Operations as a Radio Operator; returned to States and received the Good Conduct Medal, A.A.F. Technician Badge, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the European Theater and American Theater Ribbons. Discharged July 20, 1946.

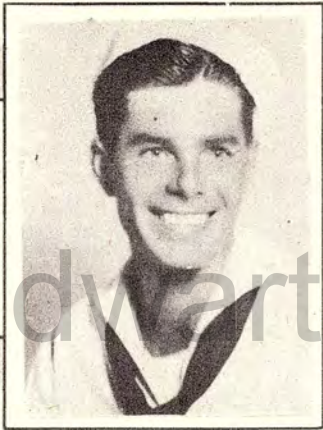


WT2/c W. I. WALLACE

WT2/c W. I. Wallace, born January 9, 1923, son of Mrs. Reba Autry Cozby, Ft. Worth, volunteered December 17, 1941, with Navy, Engineering Department; served overseas February, 1942, to July, 1943, in the Pacific Area, and returned to the same area November, 1943, participating in attacks on Gilbert, Marshalls, Wake and Marcus Islands, Battle of Midway, Solomons, Stewart and Palau Islands, also, Philippine and battle of Leyte Gulf and many other engagements, receiving the Presidential Unit Citation with one Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with eleven Stars, Philippine Award two Stars; he currently is still overseas.



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S1/c DARWIN CLONINGER



1st Lt. FRED B. CLUCK

S1/c Darwin Cloninger, birth date March 22, 1920, husband of Montie Cloninger, Ft. Worth, entered service May 12, 1944, with the Navy Amphibious Branch, training at San Diego until October, 1944, when he began overseas duty in Pacific Area, participating in the Campaigns of Iwo Jima and Okinawa with the 4th and 2nd Marine Divisions. Later he served with the Army at Amori, Japan. He received wounds at Iwo Jima February 20, 1945, and received the Purple Heart; returned to the States November, 1945, and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and Defense Medals. Discharged January 3, 1946.

1st Lt. Fred B. Cluck, birth date April 26, 1923, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Cluck, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service April 7, 1942, with the Army Aviation Cadets, training at Santa Ana, California. Lt. Cluck served January, 1944, to September, 1944, at a base in Italy with the 460th Bomber Group, participating in fifty-one combat missions in a B-24 Liberator as a Bombardier. After returning to the States, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart for wounds in combat, ETO Ribbon with three Stars and a Citation. Member of Reserves.



Cpl. JAMES E. COOK



S/Sgt. KENNETH H. CUNNINGHAM

Cpl. James E. Cook, born March 1, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cook, Ft. Worth, Texas, attended Texas Christian University, and entered service January 19, 1943, with the Army Air Corps, Bomber Sqdn., training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Tyn dall Field, Florida. Cpl. Cook served September, 1944, to October, 1945, in the air offensive of China and in the China defense. He returned to the States, and received the Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Unit Citation, two Battle Stars and Good Conduct Award, among other medals, and was discharged November 11, 1945.

S/Sgt. Kenneth Henry Cunningham, husband of Mary Jane Cunningham, Handley, Texas, was born August 24, 1916, in Texas, and received his education in the Ft. Worth Public Schools. He volunteered May 11, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard and Scott Fields, Texas. Sgt. Cunningham transferred to the European Theater of War in 1943, participating in the Air Offensive of Europe, and was wounded in August, 1943; he received the Purple Heart, and returned to the States in 1945. His awards include the Air Medal, European Theater Ribbon with six Battle Stars, and other medals. Discharged September 22, 1945.

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**S/Sgt. RUSSELL E. NICHOLAS**

S/Sgt. Russell Eugene Nicholas, birth date August 6, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Nicholas, Turley, Oklahoma, and husband of Chloe Jean Nicholas of Ft. Worth, entered service March 4, 1943, with the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas. He began overseas duty October, 1944, serving in the European Theater until March, 1946. His awards include the World War II Victory Ribbon, American Defense Medal, Good Conduct Award, with the American Theater Ribbon and EAME Campaign Award. Sgt. Nicholas was discharged from the Army Air Corps on April 3, 1946, with thirty-seven months' service.



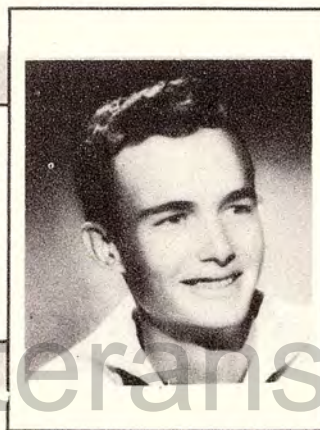
**Capt. WILLIAM D. PARKER**

Capt. William D. Parker, husband of Francis L. Parker, Ft. Worth, born Sept. 7, 1911, in Texas, volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, with Army Infantry; was honorably discharged May 19, 1941, and accepted a commission with Engineer Corps. Later he was promoted to Captain with Ordnance Dept. on Nov. 24, 1943. His overseas duty was served Apr., 1943, to May, 1944, at Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno; he landed with the 36th Infantry Division in the Battle of Salerno near Pastum; returned to States, and was hospitalized due to physical disability incurred during overseas duty. He was discharged June 7, 1945.



**Sgt. BOBBY I. PIRKLE**

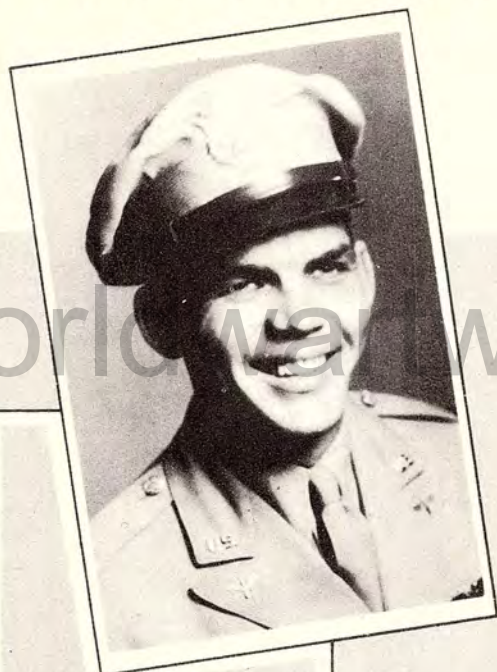
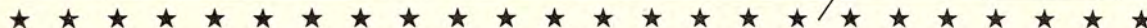
Sgt. Bobby I. Pirkle, born September 17, 1923, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pirkle, Ft. Worth, volunteered September 13, 1944, with the Army Medical Det., Service Command Unit, training at Camp Hood, Texas, and serving in the States. He made three trips to the Philippine Islands June to July, 1945, participating in the evacuating of wounded soldiers to Brooks General Hospital. Before separation from service, Sgt. Pirkle received the World War II Victory and American Defense Award with the Good Conduct Medal and American Theater Ribbon, and was discharged on June 24, 1946.



**EM3/c GARNER W. PITTS**

EM3/c Garner Wesley Pitts, son of Rev. and Mrs. N. W. Pitts, Ft. Worth, was born November 13, 1925, in Texas; attended school in Abilene and Coahoma, Texas; received letters in football, basketball, and tennis; and graduated a valedictorian of his class. He volunteered May 17, 1943, with Navy Amphibious Branch; trained at Great Lakes, Ill.; served in Pacific Area at Leyte Gulf, Lingayen Gulf and Okinawa; returned to the States in February, 1946; and was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with Battle Stars, with recognition for service in carrying out duties courageously under constant fire. Discharged May 21, 1946.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**\*Capt. HENRY A. LEWIS**

Capt. Henry A. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lewis, Ft. Worth, was born Nov. 28, 1917, in Texas; attended Texas A & M College, and volunteered Oct. 13, 1940, for the Army Air Forces. He trained at Ontario, Calif., Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas; was commissioned and received Pilot's Wings May 29, 1941; and later served as an instructor in single, twin and four motor bombers. He received his captaincy in March, 1943, and was assigned as Squadron Commander of a B-17 Bombing Group. Capt. Lewis lost his life Sept. 10, 1943, in a mid-air collision while accompanying a squadron in training for combat maneuvers over Gulf of Mexico near Galveston, Texas. Citations from Pres. Roosevelt, Gen. H. H. Arnold, and others have been received in recognition of his service and sacrifice.



**FO LUTHER T. QUINN, JR.**

Flight Officer Luther Thomas Quinn, Jr., birth date May 14, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Quinn, Sr., Ft. Worth, volunteered October 18, 1942, with the Army Air Forces, training and serving at Santa Ana, California, Ellensburg, Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, Pecos, Texas, and other fields. He was commissioned to Flight Officer of two engined planes, and served as a pilot in the Air Sea Rescue, operating out of Keesler Field, Mississippi. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the American Theater Ribbon. Discharge was granted October 15, 1945.

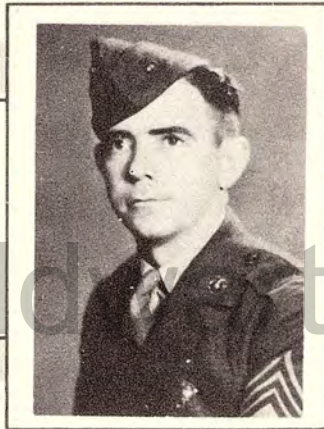


**Ens. HARLAN B. POPE**

Ensign Harlan Baxter Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Pope, Ft. Worth, was born May 8, 1927, in Texas; volunteered for service July 15, 1944, with the U.S. Merchant Marine; and attended U.S. Maritime Training School, St. Petersburg, Florida. He served aboard the oil tanker, George W. Barnes in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea; was assigned to the U.S.A.H.S. Louis A. Milne in May, 1945, and made several trips to England, France, Philippines and Japan transporting wounded and ill Army personnel for thirteen months. Currently Ensign Pope is on the same ship taking wives and children to Korea.



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CM1/c FRED COOK

CM1/c Fred Cook, born July 28, 1912, in Texas, husband of Mrs. Juanita Wallis Cook, Arlington, Texas, attended the Lubbock, Texas, High School, and volunteered for service April 6, 1942, and trained with the Navy Marine Corps, 2nd Division. He served overseas September, 1942, to May, 1945, in the Pacific Area at Guadalcanal, New Zealand, Hawaii, Saipan, Tinian and Tarawa; returned to the States, and received the Presidential Citation for meritorious action on Tarawa, and also the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with four Battle Stars. He was discharged September 19, 1945.



AMM3/c FRED G. HOMER, JR.

AMM3/c Fred Grady Homer, Jr., born August 19, 1922, in Texas, son of Mrs. Joe Reed, Ft. Worth, volunteered February 26, 1941, with the U.S. Navy; later served with Naval Air Transport Command. He served overseas February, 1942, to June, 1943, and July, 1944, to February, 1946, on the USS Enterprise during the first eight battles in the raids of Gilbert, Marshall, Wake and Marcus Islands; Battles of Midway, Stewart, Santa Cruz and Solomon Islands; and the occupation of Guadalcanal and bombing of the Admiralty Islands. A Unit Citation and two Commendations with nine Battle Stars were awarded. Discharged December, 1946.



Capt. UDELL R. RAWLINGS  
\*Lt. WELDON R. RAWLINGS

Capt. UDELL R. RAWLINGS, born March 7, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Rawlings, Ft. Worth, volunteered December 19, 1941, with Army Air Corps; served September, 1944, to May, 1945, in the air offensive of Europe, Balkans and Italy. Received Flying Cross, Air Medal - three Clusters. Now stationed at an airfield in Ft. Worth. Lt. WELDON R. RAWLINGS, born February 24, 1922, volunteered May 6, 1941, with Army Air Corps; served in States, and on May 28, 1943, began overseas duty as B-26 pilot in the air offensive of Europe. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life November 5, 1943, while on a mission over France. The Air Medal with two Clusters was awarded.



BM3/c JAMES M. RAWLS, JR.

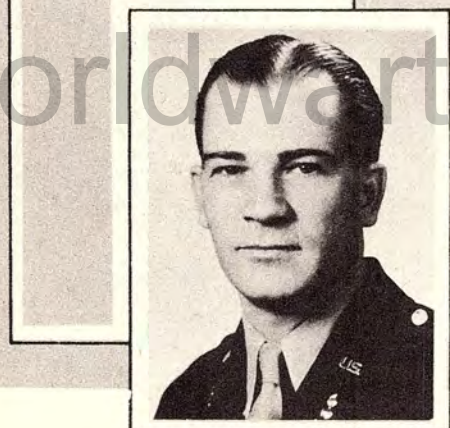
BM3/c James M. Rawls, Jr., born October 16, 1922, is the husband of Winnifred E. Rawls, Ft. Worth. He entered service May 25, 1944, with the U.S. Navy as apprentice seaman, training at Camp Wallace, Galveston, Texas, for three and one-half months and embarking for the Pacific Theater where he participated in the Battles of Luzon, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the first attack on Honshu. He served in the Philippine Liberation. After fourteen months of overseas duty, he returned to the States, and received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon. Discharged January 15, 1946.

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\*1st Lt. HERBERT A. KYSAR

1st Lt. Herbert Allan Kysar, born January 20, 1920, son of Mrs. Flossie Kysar, Ft. Worth, attended Texas Christian University, and volunteered July, 1941, with the Army Air Corps. He was commissioned February 5, 1942, at Luke Field, Arizona. He left the States May, 1942, as co-pilot with the Halpro Detachment Task Force, the first American Bombardment group to be sent to the Mediterranean; he participated in the sinking of several Italian ships, in air raids on Rumania oil fields at Ploesti, and was in action with the R.A.F., making flights to Tobruk and Bengasi. On a routine flight Messerschmitts attacked, and Lt. Kysar's plane was seen going down in flames near Mersa-Matruh July 9, 1942. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country.



1st Lt. ODELL A. CROW

1st Lt. Odell A. Crow, birth date October 11, 1911, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Crow, Ft. Worth, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and entered service February 10, 1942, with the Army, 20th C.A.C. Regiment. He trained at Camp Wallace, Texas, and began overseas duty October, 1943, serving in England, France and Germany, and participating in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Germany. He returned to the States; received the ETO Campaign Ribbon with four Battle Stars, World War II Victory and Defense Medals among other awards; and is now with Hdqtrs., 10th Air Force, San Antonio.



Cpl. JESSIE L. CROXDALE

Cpl. Jessie Lee Croxdale, born October 4, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Croxdale, Ft. Worth, volunteered November 1, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, Military Police, training at Love Field in Dallas, and transferring overseas September, 1945, to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Here Cpl. Croxdale served as Corporal of the Guard at his base, participated in the patrolling of cities, assisted civilian police in the apprehension of law breakers, and was guard of military prisoners. He was injured, and after returning to States, received Campaign Awards with other Medals, and was discharged February, 1946.

1. —PFC JAMES STEPHENS THOMAS, born Feb. 16, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas, 3308 Race St., Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended Carter Riverside High School. Entered the service Nov. 14, 1940, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps Mechanic and Fire Fighter. Trained at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas. Served in the United States at San Francisco and in Vancouver, Canada. Awarded Good Conduct, American Defense, Pacific Zone, Purple Heart and Victory Medals. Discharged April 21, 1944.

2. —CAPT. JOHN L. BLAIR, JR., born Oct. 16, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Blair, of Ft. Worth, Texas, attended N. Texas State Teachers College. Volunteered for service Nov. 2, 1941; assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Hemet Field, Calif., Gardner Field, Calif., and Luke Field, Arizona. Served with Flying Training Com. as instructor, Sqd. Com., Air Safety Officer and Operations Officer. Awarded American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Released to inactive duty January 10, 1946.

3. —1ST LT. A. WITT BLAIR, born April 28, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Blair, of Ft. Worth, Texas, attended Howard Univ. and was a teacher at T.C.U. Volunteered for service Aug. 8, 1942; assigned to Army Air Corps, Fla. Served overseas from Oct. 1, 1944, to June 30, 1945, in England, as Education Officer and in campaign of Northwest Germany. He received the American Defense Medal, three Bronze Stars, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 17, 1945.

\* 4. —SGT. ROLLIE R. TOWNES, JR., born Aug. 23, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie R. Townes, Sr., of Ft. Worth, Texas. Volunteered for service June 1, 1943; assigned to Army 87th Division. Trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, and Ft. Jackson, S.C. Served overseas Oct. 15, 1944, to March 29, 1945, in the European Theater in the battles of the Bulge, Rhine, and Moselle River. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 29, 1945, near Rhens, Germany. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and Victory.

5. —MM1/c ELZIE LEE THOMAS, born Feb. 9, 1914, husband of Mrs. Stelleta Thomas of Ft. Worth. Volunteered April 19, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from July 1, 1944, to Oct. 2, 1944, in South West Pacific, participating in the battles of Kula Gulf, Solomon, Marshall, Bonin, and Mariana Islands. He received one Captain Commendation, 4 Battle Stars, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Aug. 6, 1945.

6. —T/4 PAUL RAY TINGLE, born Oct. 2, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tingle of Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service April 13, 1943; assigned to Army Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Kohler, Calif. Served overseas from Aug. 10, 1944, to Jan. 31, 1946, in Litchfield, England, Omaha Beach, France, Verdun, France, Germany, and the battle of the Bulge. Awarded European Theater, 3 Battle Stars, for Central Europe, Battle of Rhineland and N. France, and Victory Medal. Discharged Feb. 8, 1946.

7. —CPL. JACK BRUCE TURNER, born July 10, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner of Mansfield, Texas. Entered service Dec. 8, 1944, at Lancaster. Assigned to Army 93rd Regt. I.R.T.C. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Transferred overseas June 21, 1945, in 43rd Division in Manila, Luzon, and in 1st Cav. in Japan. He received American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Now serving in C. Troop, 12th Cavalry in Japan. Attended Cedar Hill High School.

8. —S/SGT. THOMAS LEE VANCE, born Sept. 7, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Vance, of Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service June 1, 1943; assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Lowry Field, Colo., Kingman, Ariz., and El Paso, Texas. Served Dec. 30, 1944, to July 2, 1945, in England, Dardanelles, battles of Rhine, and Germany. Awarded Air Medal, 2 Clusters, European Theater, 3 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 1, 1945.

9. —CPL. AUGUSTUS P. EASTHAM, born June 26, 1904, son of Mrs. Alice M. Ware of Ft. Worth, Texas, where he attended school. Volunteered for service June 29, 1942; assigned to Army 1st Cavalry. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and A. P. Hill, Virginia. Served overseas from May 29, 1943, to Aug. 5, 1945, in New Guinea, Luzon, and Leyte. He received the Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged August 10, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

10. —S/SGT. TRAVIS L. WATSON, born Dec. 1, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Watson of Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended Trumbull High School. Volunteered for service Nov. 22, 1940, assigned to Army 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Served overseas from April 2, 1943, to July 27, 1945, in battles of Central Europe, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, So. France, and Rhineland. Awarded American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged August 5, 1945.

11. —CARPENTERS MATE 3/c JAMES B. WATSON was born April 9, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Watson, Ft. Worth, Texas; attended public schools of Trumbull, Texas. Entered the service Feb. 15, 1943, assigned to Regular Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from May 31, 1943, to July 25, 1945, in Australia, South Sea Islands, and Southwest Pacific. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 2, 1945, at Camp Wallace, Texas.

12. —S/SGT. JOSEPH M. WATSON was born Oct. 21, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Watson of Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended Trumbull High School. Volunteered for service Nov. 15, 1940, assigned to Army 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Served overseas from April 2, 1943, to June 16, 1945, in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, So. France, Central Europe, and Rhineland. Awarded American Defense and Victory Ribbons. Discharged June 30, 1945.

13. —CPL. I. ALVIE WARREN was born June 12, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Warren. Husband of Mrs. Shirley Warren of Fort Worth, Texas. Attended Fort Worth Vocational High School. Volunteered for Army service Sept., 1942. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Served in the United States in Frederick, Okla., and in Kansas as a propeller specialist. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 20, 1945. Resides 2100 Hemphill, Ft. Worth, Texas.

14. —SGT. LESTER DEE WILLIS was born March 12, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Willis of Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended Ft. Worth Technical High School. Volunteered for service July 10, 1941, at San Antonio, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at Brooks, Sheppard, and Tarrant Fields. Served overseas from April 25, 1943, to Oct. 25, 1945, in South Pacific, Hawaii, Ellice, Carolines, Marshall, and Gilbert Islands. Awarded American Defense and Victory Medals. Discharged in 1945.

15. —PFC LEE R. WILLIS, born Sept. 27, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Willis of Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service Dec. 16, 1942; trained at Camp Callan, Calif. Served overseas from May 2, 1943, to Dec. 16, 1945, six months of which was spent in Iran, and one year in Belgium. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Dec. 24, 1945. Attended public schools of Austin, Texas, and is a graduate of Ft. Worth Technical High School. Prior to Army service, he was an employee of the Highway Dept.

16. —PFC F. A. WILLIS was born April 20, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Willis, Rt. 11, Box 464, Fort Worth, Texas. Attended Fort Worth Technical High School. Volunteered for service Oct., 1940, assigned to Army 144 Infantry, Co. B. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served in the United States from October, 1940, to July, 1944, receiving a medical discharge along with the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon.

17. —S/SGT. ROBERT G. CROW, born July 5, 1912, son of Mrs. W. C. Weeks. Husband of Mrs. Hassie Graham Crow of Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service Jan. 27, 1944, at Dallas. Assigned to 10th Army Hq.; trained at Fort Bliss, Texas. Served overseas July 30, 1944, to Jan. 20, 1946, in Hawaii, and participated in the battle of Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Battle Star, Marksmanship Rifle, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Jan. 29, 1946.

\* 18. —T/3 JACK A. CROW, born Oct. 31, 1908, son of Mrs. W. C. Weeks of Burleson, Texas. Entered the service June 4, 1942, at Los Angeles, Calif., assigned to Army 96th Division. Trained at Camp Crowder, Mo. Served overseas Feb. 7, 1944, to Oct. 10, 1944, in Hawaii, and in the battle of Guam where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice Oct. 10, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Battle Star, Expert Rifle, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon.

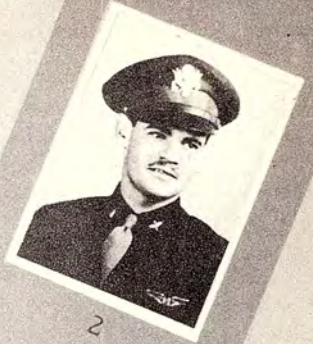
19. —S1/c RICHARD DAVID WILLIAMS born March 7, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Williams, of Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service April 19, 1944, with the Navy, Armed Guard, and trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Feb., 1946, in the Pacific Area. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 1, 1946. He is the husband of Mrs. Maurine Williams, 403 E. Humble, Goose Creek, Texas, and attended Fort Worth Elementary and High School.

20. —SGT. JOHN S. USRY, born July 13, 1924, brother of Mrs. L. T. Williams of Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service April 22, 1943, at Abilene, assigned to Army Service of Supplies. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Served overseas Oct. 18, 1943, to Jan. 3, 1946, in Southwest Pacific, Australia, New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Luzon. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation, 1 Battle Star, American Defense, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Jan., 1946.

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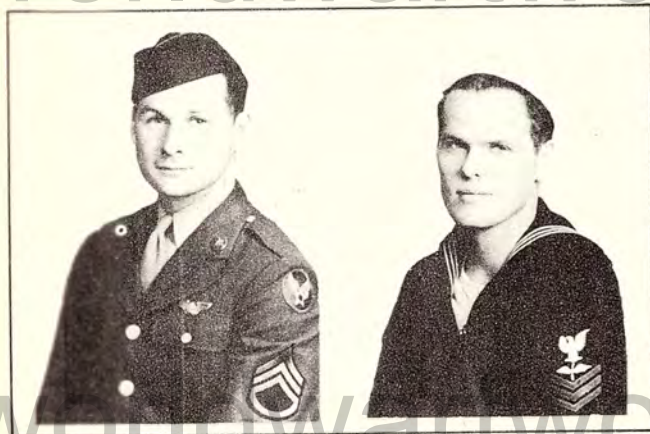
Chief Painter THOMAS W. CARTER, JR.



AM3/c HUGH N. CAMERON

CP Thomas Woody Carter, Jr., born July 6, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Carter, Ft. Worth, volunteered June 29, 1942, with Navy Motor Torpedo or PT Boat Branch. His overseas duty was served August to October, 1942, and July, 1943, to October, 1945, in the Pacific Area, serving on P.T.'s twenty-two months. He is credited with the shooting down of eight enemy planes. He participated in the Battles of Kolo Gulf and Leyte and the Battle of Leyte Gulf, and was wounded in action. The Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Silver Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with one Star, and other medals were awarded. Discharged October 27, 1945.

AM3/c Hugh Norris Cameron, born August 12, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cameron, and husband of Kathryn E. Cameron of Arlington, Texas. Attended the public schools of Arlington; entered service from North American Airplane Defense Work, October 18, 1943, with Navy Aviation, and attended Navy Training School in San Diego, California. He was promoted from Seaman 1/c to Aviation Mechanic 3/c. His entire service was in the United States where he was awarded the American Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal; was discharged January 28, 1946.



T/Sgt. FLOYD B. CALDWELL  
ACMM WILLIAM V. CALDWELL



1st Lt. WESLEY A. CARLEY

T/Sgt. FLOYD B. CALDWELL, born August 26, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Caldwell, Boyd, Texas; volunteered Jan. 15, 1942, with Army Air Corps; served overseas Dec., 1943, to June, 1945, in air offensive of Europe; imprisoned in Stalag-Luft-4 by the Germans; liberated by English 7th Armored; received Air Medal-2 Oak Leaf Clusters and other medals; and was discharged Sept., 1945. ACMM WILLIAM VIRGIL CALDWELL, born Sept. 3, 1917, volunteered Dec. 11, 1937, with U.S. Navy, serving overseas July, 1938, to Feb., 1941, and March, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Battle for Bougainville, and also on other Islands. Discharged Oct., 1945.

1st Lt. Wesley Andrew Carley, husband of Mrs. Jeanne Carley, Ft. Worth, was born October 28, 1917, and volunteered in 1941 with the Royal Canadian Air Force; served for ten months, and graduated as Sgt. Pilot. He volunteered May 30, 1942, at Toronto, Ontario, and was assigned to Army Air Corps, serving in various fields in the States, and transferred to Pacific Area in New Guinea, Philippine Islands, Ie Shima and Japan. After his return to the States, Lt. Carley received the Air Medal with five Battle Stars with other medals, and has remained in the Air Corps, stationed as Postal Officer at Sheppard Field.



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**\*Pfc FREDERICK NEVINS KIRKPATRICK**

Pfc Frederick Nevins Kirkpatrick, son of A. N. Kirkpatrick, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born on July 12, 1914; attended the El Dorado, Arkansas, Public Schools, and entered service October 24, 1943. He was assigned to the Army Armored Division, and trained at Training Camp in Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was promoted to Private First Class and began overseas duty May, 1944, where he participated in combat and paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life in the European Theater March 16, 1945, in the Campaign of Germany. Pfc Kirkpatrick was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously, and was laid to rest in the Military Cemetery in Germany.



**Chief Petty Officer MELVIN L. BUTLER**

C.P.O. Melvin L. Butler, born July 11, 1912, in Texas, son of Earl O. Butler, and husband of Robbie Mae Butler, both of Ft. Worth. He volunteered for service January 20, 1943, with the Naval Construction Battalion, training at Camp Peary and Camp Endicott in the States. He served overseas July to December, 1943, and September, 1944, to December, 1945, at Newfoundland and Admiralty Islands respectively. After returning to the States, Officer Butler received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and Good Conduct Award; he was discharged January 2, 1946.



**S1/c PETE H. BURT**

S1/c Pete Harold Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burt, Ft. Worth, was born October 11, 1926, in Texas, and volunteered for service Feb. 5, 1943, with the Navy Air Corps, training at various fields in California and Washington. He transferred to the Pacific Area June, 1944, where he participated in the Battles of Palau, Leyte, Luzon and other islands, and was seriously wounded on USS Columbia. Seaman Burt had just left the USS Ommaney Bay five days before it was sunk. After returning to the States in Feb., 1945, he received Philippine Liberation and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons, and was discharged Nov. 24, 1946.



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1st Lt. WILLIAM E. BLAKEWAY



Cpl. GEORGE N. BULL

1st Lt. William Eugene (Bill) Blakeway, birth date Oct. 18, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blakeway, Ft. Worth, attended Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, and volunteered for service December 12, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. He began overseas duty January, 1945, serving in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands in the Battle of Kuril Island; reported "missing in action", but was interned for four months in Russia. After returning to the States August, 1945, 1st Lt. Blakeway received the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Presidential Unit Citation with other awards, and was discharged from Air Corps January 15, 1946.

Cpl. George Nulan Bull, born February 5, 1916, son of the late Marvin C. Bull and Mrs. M. C. Bull of Ft. Worth, Texas, received his education in the Jacksboro, Texas, Public Schools. He volunteered for service October 20, 1941, with the U.S. Marine Corps, 2nd Division, training at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California. He began service January 6, 1942, in the Pacific Theater on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian. After returning to the States September, 1944, Cpl. Bull was awarded two Presidential Citations with one Bronze Star along with other medals, and was discharged November 15, 1945.



\*M/Sgt. WALTER C. TUCKER



Lt. WILLIAM S. BRYANT

M/Sgt. Walter Claude Tucker, born July 12, 1906, Texas, husband of Mary J. Tucker, Ft. Worth, volunteered for National Guard Duty Aug., 1926; mobilized in Regular Army Field Artillery; began overseas duty Apr., 1943, in North African Area, participating in the landing at Salerno and invasion of Italy, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice when he voluntarily went on a dangerous mission, completed the mission and was returning to the battalion position when his vehicle struck an enemy mine resulting in his instant death. Sgt. Tucker's gallant action was rewarded with the Silver Star; he rests in a U.S. Cemetery in Italy.

Lt. William Smith Bryant, born September 2, 1912, son of W. C. Bryant, and husband of Docia H. Bryant, both of Ft. Worth, attended Texas Christian University, and volunteered for service January 5, 1943, with the U.S. Navy, Line Branch. He trained for sub-chasing at Miami. He received indoctrination at Tucson, Arizona. Lt. Bryant served overseas June to November, 1943, and August, 1944, to May, 1945, at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, and other Pacific Islands; returned to the States and transferred to Supply Corps. November 8, 1945, he went on inactive duty with Reserves.

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SK1/c FRED H. BRILEY



Plt. Sgt. CLAUDE H. HARRELL

SK1/c Fred Harrell Briley, birth date September 16, 1916, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Briley, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service December 19, 1941, with the U.S. Coast Guard. He served overseas from October, 1942, to May, 1943, and from July, 1943, to October, 1944, participating in thirteen invasions in the South Pacific in and around New Guinea to Morotai; he contracted malaria and returned to the States, receiving the MacArthur Ribbon, with one Star, also Presidential Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with five Battle Stars, and other awards. Discharged October 23, 1945.

Plt. Sgt. Claude H. Harrell, born February 5, 1902, in Texas, brother of Mrs. Joe Briley, volunteered for service July, 1925, with the U.S. Marine Corps, and has served approximately eighteen years overseas. December 7, 1941, Sgt. Harrell was stationed at Cavite Navy Yard in the Philippines; he participated in battle there; was captured by the Japanese at the Fall of Corregidor May 6, 1942, and suffered all the hunger and ills and abuse at Prison Camps Cabanatuan, Bilibid, Palawan and Japan. He was liberated and returned to hospital at Corpus Christi with Legion of Merit, Citations, Battle Stars and many awards.



Lt. ESTHER C. HARRELL



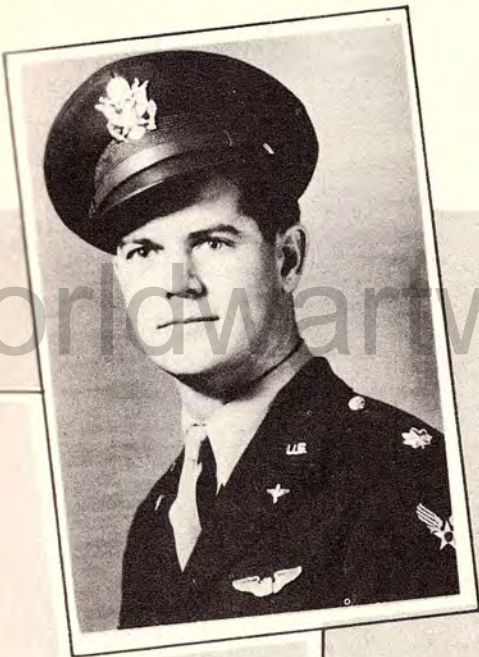
1st Lt. HERBERT H. HARRELL

Lt. Esther C. Harrell, birth date August 25, 1905, a native of Texas, daughter of M. E. Harrell, Winters, Texas, and sister of Mrs. Joe Briley, Ft. Worth, graduated from the Runnels County High School in Texas, and volunteered May, 1942, as a nurse with the U.S. Navy, serving at Long Beach, California, Dallas, Texas, and Norfolk, Virginia. In the year 1944 she was promoted to a full lieutenant. Sailed for the South Pacific Area June, 1946, and took up her duties in the Samoa Islands where she is now stationed. Lt. Harrell has been in service for five years.

1st Lt. Herbert H. Harrell, born April 19, 1908, brother of Mrs. Joe Briley, Ft. Worth, attended the Winters, Texas, Public Schools, and volunteered April, 1927, for the U.S. Marine Corps. Trained at San Diego and served the majority of the time overseas. Lt. Harrell was at Pearl Harbor December, 1941, and participated in many of the major battles in the Pacific Theater, and later in the occupation of Japan until February, 1946. He was promoted and awarded the Bronze Star for his service at Iwo Jima and Presidential Citation for action on Solomon Islands. He remains in the Marine Corps.



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**Maj. BARNEY L. JOHNSON, JR.**

Major Barney Lee Johnson, Jr., born January 31, 1920, in Texas, husband of Lillian Schmidt Johnson, Ft. Worth, attended the Ft. Worth Public Schools, and volunteered September 11, 1940, with the Army Air Corps. He trained at Ontario Army Air Field, Moffett and Stockton Fields, Calif. He served in the Pacific Area July, 1942, until December, 1943; participated in the Papua and Buna Campaigns and the battle of Bismarck Sea. Major Johnson was commended by Gen. Bradley June 18, 1942, for sinking an enemy submarine off the East Coast. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Unit Citation, and other medals were awarded, and he is now stationed with Hdqtrs., Air Defense Command, Mitchell Field, New York.



**Capt. LLOYD S. BLEVINS**

**2/SF & Diver HERBERT L. BLEVINS**

Capt. LLOYD S. BLEVINS, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Blevins, was born Apr. 22, 1919, and entered service Nov. 20, 1940, with Army Cavalry, training at Brownwood, El Paso and Ft. Riley, Texas. Lt. Blevins served in Australia, New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, Luzon, Manila and Tokyo. Discharged Oct. 14, 1945, with various awards.

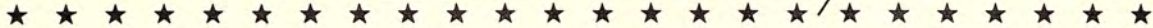
2/SF and Diver HERBERT L. BLEVINS, born February 16, 1918, volunteered Apr. 6, 1943, with Navy, 92 C.B. Bn., trained at Camps Peary and Endicott, and served overseas in the Hawaiian Islands. After returning to the States, he was awarded various medals, and discharged May 5, 1944.



**ARM 1/c CLOVIS C. BASS**

ARM1/c Clovis C. Bass, born Sept. 12, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bass, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service October 27, 1942, with the Naval Air Corps, training at Great Lakes, Illinois. He served overseas Sept., 1943, to May, 1945, in the Pacific Area, participating in combat engagements in the South and East China Seas, New Hebrides, Solomon Islands, New Guinea, Java, Celebes, Borneo and Philippine, Marshall and Gilbert Islands. Radioman Bass received the Presidential Unit Citation, Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross and Gold Star with Navy Unit Citation, and was discharged Oct. 26, 1945.

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**CM1/c GEORGE L. MILLER**

CM1/c George Linley Miller was born July 1, 1913, son of Mrs. Blanche Haesly, Washington, D.C., and husband of Gwendolyne L. Miller, Ft. Worth, Texas, attended Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, and volunteered May 2, 1942, with the Navy, 14th Construction Bn., training at Camp Allen, Virginia. He began overseas duty September, 1942, in the South Pacific Area; participated in the invasion and securing of Guadalcanal while attached to the 1st Marine Division; and returned to the States September, 1943. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons, with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and American Theater Medals, two Battle Stars, and a Presidential Unit Citation while attached to 1st Marine Div. Discharge was granted September 28, 1945.

1. —1ST LT. DONALD B. KNUDSON, born June 18, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knudson, of McAllen, Texas, husband of Jane Knudson, 204 W. Central, Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended University of Texas. Volunteered Sept. 15, 1944. Assigned to Army, Sanitary Corps attached to Medical Corps. Transferred overseas Aug. 1945, serving in Panama and Japan. Received Victory Medal, American Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons. Now serving in Sanitary Corps, 80th Military Gov., HQ and HQ Co., A.P.O., 201 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
2. —LT. (Jg) MALCOLM N. OUTLAW, JR., born Apr. 19, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Outlaw, Sr., 204 W. Central, Ft. Worth, Texas, husband of Elizabeth Outlaw, attended Texas Wesleyan College; volunteered Sept. 19, 1942; assigned to Naval Aviation. Trained at Athens, Ga., Norman, Okla., Corpus Christi, Texas. Overseas June 19, 1945, to Nov. 19, 1945, in Honolulu, Hawaii, Johnston, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Guam, Okinawa, and Philippines. Awarded: American, Asiatic-Pacific and Victory Medals. Released to inactive duty.
3. —2ND LT. A.C. ROBERT RICHARD OWENS, born Sept. 9, 1923, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Outlaw, Sr., and husband of Lucy E. Owens, 2528 Edgar St., Shreveport, La.; attended Rosenberg High, Rosenberg, Texas, and volunteered for service June 1, 1942, at San Antonio; assigned to Army Air Corps, training at Harlingen, and receiving his commission at Pecos, Tex., Feb. 1946. Transferring to Laurinburg, N. Carolina, he received training as glider pilot. Awarded American Theater and Victory Medals. Lt. Robert Owens was honorably discharged Sept., 1946.
4. —T/3 DON COLEMAN SHADDOX, born Jan. 1, 1914, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Outlaw, Sr., Fort Worth, attended High School, Rogers, Ark. Volunteered Dec. 7, 1942; assigned to 557th Ordnance, Heavy Maintenance Co. (Tank); trained at Camps Walters, Santa Anita, Beale, Mt. Rainer, Ft. Ord, Calif. Overseas from Sept. 15, 1944, to July 12, 1945, taking an active part in the battles of Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland. Awards: EAME 3 Stars, Victory. Discharged Dec., 1945.
5. —PFC HERMAN ERNST PETZOLD, born May 8, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Petzold, husband of Evelyn L. Petzold, Fort Worth, attended Ft. Worth Vocational High School and entered service July 5, 1943, assigned to 91st Inf. Trained at Camp Adair, Oregon; overseas April 12, 1944, to Sept. 10, 1945. In Africa, Italy, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, Po Valley Offensives. Awarded Medical Badge, American Theater and EAME Medals 3 Stars, Good Conduct, Victory, 2 Overseas Bars. Discharged Nov., 1945.
6. —AVIATION CADET MARVIN W. PASLAY, born Oct. 14, 1918, Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paslay, Fort Worth, husband of Aldyth Paslay, attended Fort Worth Vocational High. Volunteered Dec. 30, 1943; assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas Tech. College, Maxwell Field, Ala.; served at Williams A.A.F., Ariz., Victorville, A.A.F., Calif., Barksdale Field, La. Awarded the American Theater Ribbon. Aviation Cadet Paslay was honorably discharged on November 1, 1945.
7. —SGT. EARNEST W. PASLAY, born March 26, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paslay, husband of Peggy Paslay, Fort Worth, attended W. P. McLean High, Fort Worth. Volunteered Dec. 15, 1941; assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field and Patterson, N. J. Overseas from Sept. 14, 1944, to Oct. 7, 1945, in Saipan Island and Japan. Awarded: Good Conduct Ribbon, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific 3 Battle Stars and Victory Ribbons. He was honorably discharged Oct. 14, 1945.
8. —S1/c JAKE PASLAY, born Dec. 21, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paslay, Rt. 3, Box 64, Ft. Worth; volunteered April 25, 1944; assigned to Navy Amphibious Forces. Overseas from Oct. 25, 1944, to Nov. 23, 1945. In Admiralty, Luzon, and Marianas Islands, Hollandia, New Guinea, Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Japan aboard USS Warrick, Tularosa, and Arethusa. Awarded American, Asiatic-Pacific 2 Battle Stars, Victory, and Philippine Ribbons. Discharged May 23, 1946.
9. —QM3/c DELVIN RAY PORTWOOD, born Aug. 16, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Portwood, Ft. Worth, Texas, attended Azle High; volunteered April, 1944; assigned to Navy, Amphibious Branch; trained N.T.A.S., San Diego. Overseas Jan., 1945, to Jan., 1946; served in Hawaiian Islands, Philippines, Caroline Islands, and Nansei-Shoto, Palau Islands, Okinawa Invasion, Japan. Awarded American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Japanese Occupation and Victory Ribbons; was discharged May 23, 1946.
10. —S2/c WILLOUGHBY A. PETTIGREW, born Aug. 7, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Pettigrew, 3336 Grayson, Fort Worth, husband of Lillian Pettigrew, Houston, Texas. Volunteered May 19, 1943; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Sept. 15, 1943, to Dec. 25, 1943, aboard the USS Cimmaron, in South Pacific, Marshall Islands, Hawaiian Islands, Gilbert and Midway Islands. S2/c Willoughby Pettigrew was honorably discharged on March 16, 1944. He had two brothers also in the service.
11. —S/SGT. DELMAR PETTIGREW, born July 26, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Pettigrew, 3336 Grayson Street, Fort Worth, attended Polytechnic Senior High, Fort Worth. Entered service on March 8, 1943, at Houston, Texas; was assigned to Army Tank Destroyers; trained at Camps Bowie, Hood, and Fort Benning. He served overseas from Oct. 19, 1945, to Feb. 8, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific, and was awarded American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Victory and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Feb., 1946.
12. —PS3/c D. W. McDONALD, JR., born April 27, 1923, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Pettigrew, Fort Worth, husband of Nettie Lee McDonald, 3336 Grayson Street, Fort Worth, attended Atlanta High School, Atlanta, Texas; volunteered for service on Dec. 16, 1942; and was assigned to the United States Coast Guard. Trained at Manhattan Beach, New York, N. Y. Awarded American Theater, Good Conduct, Sharpshooter and Victory Ribbons. PS3/c McDonald was honorably discharged Jan., 1946.
13. —CPL. CHARLES LYNN PATTESON, born March 20, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Patteson, 1328 E. Richmond St., Fort Worth, Texas. Attended Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; entered the service Feb. 5, 1943; was assigned to Army 691 A.A.F., Band; trained at Love Field, Texas; overseas April 19, 1945, to March 23, 1946, in Cannes, France, and Nurnberg, Germany. He was promoted in January, 1946. Cpl. Charles Patteson was honorably discharged on March 30, 1946.
14. —F/O JAMES DONALD PATTESON, born Sept. 12, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Patteson, Fort Worth, attended Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; volunteered June 17, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, with training at Bombardier School, Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Radar Bomb., Boca Raton, Fla. He served in the United States from Nov. 13, 1943, to Feb. 2, 1946, as a Bombardier Instructor at Carlsbad, New Mexico. F/O James Patteson was honorably discharged Feb. 2, 1946.
15. —CAPT. BERNARD B. POTTHOFF, born Dec. 14, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Potthoff, 1105 Alston Ave., Fort Worth, husband of Faye E. Potthoff, Dallas. Attended Marlin High, Texas; entered the service April 4, 1941; was assigned to 169 Med. Bn. (Sep); trained at Camp Grant, Ill.; overseas March 28, 1944, to Oct. 19, 1945, in England, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, and C. Europe. Awarded: Bronze Star Medal, EAME 5 Battle Stars. Discharged Dec., 1945.
16. —CRM1/c JOHN H. POTTHOFF, born May 26, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Potthoff, Fort Worth, volunteered Oct. 19, 1940; assigned to Radio Branch (Navy); trained at San Diego Naval Base; overseas from Sept., 1941, to Dec., 1945. In Martinique, Malta, escorting USS Wasp; in Solomons, Marshalls, and Gilberts, Saipan, Palau and in Bikini Atomic Bomb tests. Awards: American Def. ATO 2 Stars, Asiatic-Pacific 5 Stars. Citation from Winston Churchill for sinking sub. He is still in the service.
17. —C.T.M. WILLIE PAYNE POWELL, born Dec. 1, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Powell, 1030 Sylvania St., Fort Worth, attended Vocational High, Ft. Worth; volunteered July, 1936; assigned to Navy; trained at San Diego, Calif., overseas off and on for the duration of the war. Served in attacks on Pearl Harbor, Rabaul, New Britain, New Guinea, and sub patrols in the Atlantic and Pacific for which he received letters of commendation. Now stationed at Pearl Harbor and plans to remain in the Navy until retirement.
18. —C.B.M. DOUGLAS LEE POWELL, born Mar. 7, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Powell, Fort Worth, Texas, husband of Joye Powell, Long Beach, Calif., attended Riverside High, Fort Worth; volunteered Nov., 1937; assigned to the Navy; trained at US Naval Training Sta., San Diego, Calif. Overseas Sept., 1943, to Nov., 1945. In following battles: Marianas, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Wake, Marshalls, Gilberts, Carolines, Tokyo, Formosa, China Sea and Luzon. He is now on Guam and plans to remain in service until retirement.
19. —S/SGT. DOUGLAS E. RANDOLPH, born April 17, 1922, in Michigan, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Powell, husband of Edith Randolph, Fort Worth, Texas, volunteered Oct. 19, 1942, at Detroit, Mich. Assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio; overseas Dec. 7, 1944, to Nov. 24, 1945, during which time he was stationed at Guam, as Radio Mechanic, on a B-29 Base; awarded Pacific Theater Ribbon 4 Stars. Discharged December 2, 1945, and now employed by Bell Telephone Co. in Ft. Worth.
20. —T/SGT. WILLIAM JAMES QUINN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Quinn, 3533 Ave. L., Fort Worth, attended Polytechnic High, Fort Worth, volunteered July 8, 1942, assigned to Marine Corps, 1st Div., at San Diego, Calif.; trained at Marine Corps Base and Camp Matthews; stationed 2 years on North Island Naval Air Sta. Overseas 16 mo. in Pacific Area, Solomons, Iwo Jima, and Marshall Islands. Awarded 2 Bronze Stars for participation in Iwo Jima and Solomons Campaign. Discharged Nov. 22, 1945.

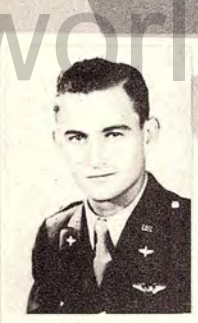
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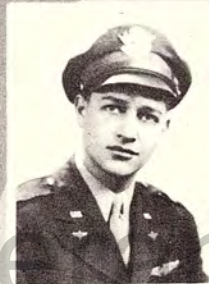
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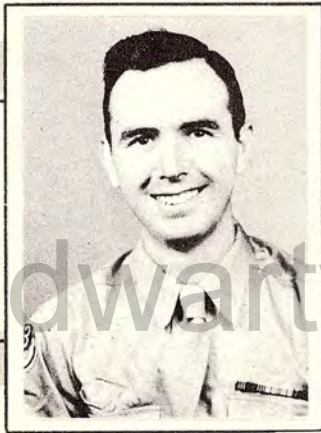


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Sgt. JAMES D. SPENCER



Pfc W. ELWOOD BRILES

Sgt. James D. Spencer, husband of Bonnie Briles Spencer, 3435 East Rosedale, Fort Worth, Texas, was born November 17, 1920, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Spencer of Redwater, Texas. He attended the public schools of Redwater and Texas A & M College. Entered service May 30, 1944, at Camp Wolters, and was assigned to the Army Air Force, training at Stinson Field, San Antonio. Served overseas from December 20, 1944, to May 7, 1946, with the Air Service Command in the China-Burma-India Theater and with the 13th Air Force in the Philippines. Sgt. Spencer was honorably discharged May 14, 1946.

Pfc W. Elwood Briles, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Briles, 3435 E. Rosedale, Fort Worth, Texas, was born January 31, 1918. He is the husband of Clara Ruth Wilson Briles, also of Fort Worth. Pfc Briles attended Polytechnic High School and the University of Texas prior to volunteering for service on April 16, 1943, at Madison, Wis. He was assigned to the 1st Air Force, and received training at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass. He served his country from April 16, 1943, to December 6, 1945, at which time he was discharged at Mitchell Field.



Seaman 1/c VAN G. BRILES

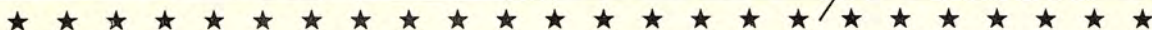


Lt. CONNALLY O. BRILES

SI/c Van Gordon Briles, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Briles of Fort Worth, was born March 25, 1926, in Texas. He attended the public schools of Fort Worth, and volunteered for service June 5, 1944, at Dallas. Was assigned to the Amphibious Branch of the Navy, receiving his basic training in San Diego, California. Seaman Briles served overseas from October 16, 1944, to December 22, 1945, participating in the American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, Philippine Liberation and Invasion of Okinawa. Honorably discharged June 7, 1946.

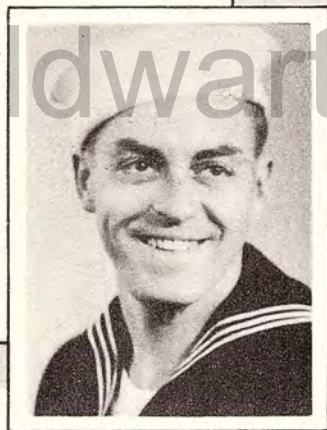
Lt. Connally O. Briles, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Briles, Ft. Worth, was born Dec. 10, 1919. Husband of Jewel Boyd Briles, of Hendersonville, N.C. Attended North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, Texas, and volunteered for service Nov. 26, 1940; assigned to 36th Div. Received basic training in Texas and Arizona. Lt. Briles served overseas from Feb. 4, 1944, to Dec. 3, 1944, in the ETO Area, battles of Rome, Po Valley and Southern France, and also served with the 12th Air Force in Corsica. Awarded DFC Air Medal--6 Clusters, and Distinguished Unit Badge. Stationed with Army Air Force, Chantute Field, Ill.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**T/Sgt. WALTER C. BRASWELL**

T/Sgt. Walter C. Braswell, born October 21, 1907, in Texas, son of W. M. Braswell, Retta, Texas, and husband of Cora Irene Braswell, Ft. Worth, volunteered August 25, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, 13th Armored Division. He trained at Camp Beale, California, and Camp Bowie, Texas. Sgt. Braswell began overseas duty February, 1945, in the European Theater where he participated in the Battles of the Rhineland and Ruhr Valley and in the Bavarian Campaign in Germany, returning to the States, July, 1945. His awards include the Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star Medal, ETO Ribbon with two Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Award. Discharge was granted September 9, 1945.



**CSF WILLIAM S. BEEBE**

CSF William S. Beebe, born October 15, 1911, a native of Texas, son of William M. Beebe, Ft. Worth, and husband of Edna J. Beebe, Handley, Texas. He volunteered for service November 7, 1943, with the Navy Amphibious Branch, training at Norfolk, Va., and began overseas duty September, 1944, in the Pacific Area at Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Yokohama, Japan. After returning to the States December, 1946, he received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the American Theater and Good Conduct Medals, and was discharged from service December 13, 1945, at Norman, Oklahoma.



**2nd Lt. GEORGE F. BALE**

2nd Lt. George Francis Bale, born February 25, 1924, a native of Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bale, Ft. Worth, and a graduate of Amon Carter (Riverside) High School in Ft. Worth. He was employed as a mechanic for Singleton Air Field and Consolidated before volunteering for service April 22, 1943. Lt. Bale was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained and served in the States at Santa Ana, Tulare, Marana and Williams Army Air Fields; and was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Award. Lt. Bale was discharged from service Nov., 1945.



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**Cpl. CHARLES T. BELLOWS**

Cpl. Charles Thomas Bellows, born December 14, 1925, a native of Texas, is the son of Clyde A. Bellows, 1109 W. Second, Arlington. He attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and entered the Army March, 1944, and trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, and Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. Cpl. Bellows served overseas December, 1944, to June, 1945, with the 1st Army in England, France and Belgium, and participated in the Battles of the Bulge and Central Germany; he also served with the 126th Evacuation Hospital Unit. His awards include the ETO with two Battle Stars and other awards. Discharged April, 1946.



**Sgt. GLEN JOHNSON**

Sgt. Glen Johnson, birth date April 1, 1914, in Texas, husband of Mary Francis Johnson, 506 S. Pecan St., Arlington, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mount Vernon, Texas, entered the Army Air Corps, April 3, 1942. He trained at Kirkland Field and Roswell Army Flying Field, both in New Mexico, and began overseas duty December, 1944. Sgt. Johnson participated in air combat in the India-China-Burma Theater, and received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and other awards. His overseas unit was 1347th AAF Base Unit ATC. After returning to the States, he was discharged Nov., 1945.



**Lt. (jg) RICHARD B. BLAYDES**

Lt. (jg) Richard B. Blaydes, son of Mrs. Hollace F. Blaydes, 3020 Yucca, Ft. Worth, volunteered August 15, 1942, for the Naval Air Corps, and trained at Pensacola, Fla. He received his commission November 1, 1943, and served March to November, 1944, and April to October, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, aboard the USS Hornet and USS Shangri-La. Lt. Blaydes participated in the battles of New Guinea, Truk, Marianas, Bonin and Palau Islands and the first battle of the Philippine Sea as a fighter pilot, and is credited with shooting down five Japanese planes. The DFC and Air Medal with three Gold Stars were awarded. Inactivated Nov. 1, 1945.



**1st Lt. A. MILES BLAYDES**

1st Lt. A. Miles Blaydes, birth date March 12, 1924, is the son of Mrs. H. F. Blaydes, Ft. Worth, Texas. He volunteered June 17, 1942, at Dallas for the U.S. Marine, 2nd Air Wing, and trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. He served overseas from July, 1944, to June, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and China-Burma-India areas, participating in the battles of Okinawa and Japan for which he was awarded the Air Medal with two Gold Stars, and various other ribbons and medals. After returning to the States, he remained in the U.S. Marine Corps. Lt. Blaydes is the husband of Mildred Ward Blaydes of Whitney, Texas.





# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**\*Lt. BOB C. COLLIER**

Lt. Bob C. Collier was born April 29, 1922, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collier, Jr., Ft. Worth; attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunteered for service January, 1943, with the Army Air Force. He trained at various fields in the States, and received his commission at La Junta Army Air Field, Colorado, January 7, 1944. He began overseas duty May 22, 1944, at a base in the Aleutian Islands; participated in eleven combat missions, and was made a member of the "I Bombed Japan Club". Lt. Collier was reported "Missing" on a mission December 29, 1945, and has been presumed lost. The Air Medal was awarded for his part in a long, hazardous over water flight that damaged and sunk enemy shipping; other awards are Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart.

**JOHN B. COLLIER, III**

Lt. John B. Collier, III, born December 25, 1920, in Texas, son of John B. Collier, Jr., Ft. Worth, and husband of Mable Lea Collier, Diamond C Ranch, Stephenville, Texas, attended T.C.U. at Ft. Worth, and was assigned to the Army Ordnance Quartermaster Division upon entering service November 8, 1943. He trained and was commissioned at Camp Lee, Virginia, October 27, 1944; he later served with the Food Research, Subsistence Research and Development Laboratory, Chicago, Illinois, Quartermaster Depot, from November, 1944, until January 3, 1946. Lt. Collier was awarded the Army Commendation and Service Unit Ribbon with the American Theater Medal, and was transferred to the Reserve Corps February 7, 1946.

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## BM 2/c CHARLES E. JEFFRIES

Boatswain's Mate 2/c Charles E. Jeffries was born October 14, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jeffries, 2341 Goldenrod, Ft. Worth; attended Ramona Elementary School in Oklahoma, and is a graduate of Amon Carter High School, Ft. Worth. He volunteered for service November 21, 1942, with the Navy, Seabees Branch; trained at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia, and began overseas duty June 21, 1943, in the Aleutian Islands where he remained until May 29, 1944. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbons and other medals. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge November 5, 1945.



Lt. Comdr. JACK W. COUCH



CSK JEFFERSON B. COUCH

Lt. Comdr. Jack Wayne Couch, husband of Alma R. Couch, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born April 16, 1913, and volunteered November 22, 1932, for the U.S. Navy, training at Great Lakes, Ill. Comdr. Couch served in the Pacific Theater where he participated in the attack at Pearl Harbor and served on Fiji, New Caledonia, New Hebrides and Solomon Islands from April, 1940, to June, 1945. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Navy Citation and various other awards including the Good Conduct Medal. He embarked for the Pacific again August, 1945, where he is now stationed on Guam, M.I., at the Naval Ammunition Depot.

CSK Jefferson Brice Couch was born March 10, 1919, son of William M. Couch, Pinson, Tenn., and brother of Lt. Comdr. Couch. He attended school at Lubbock, Texas, and Pinson, Tennessee. He volunteered December 12, 1939, for the U.S. Navy, training at Norfolk, Va., and was assigned to the USS Nevada. He began overseas duty April, 1940, and served in the Pacific Theater at the Attack of Pearl Harbor and Attu, Iwojima and Okinawa. Later he participated in the invasions of Northern France and Southern France in the European area, and returned to the States December, 1945. Various awards were received, and he is remaining in service.

1. —T/SGT. JACK VILATIOUS SMITH, son of Mrs. Maggie Smith, born Jan. 16, 1924, Texas. Attended Arlington Heights School, Ft. Worth, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 21, 1942. Served overseas from 1944 to 1945 in ETO air offensive over Europe with 8th AAF. Wounded and captured on 10th mission Apr. 13, 1944. Prisoner at Stalag 17B, Krems, Austria, from Apr. 13, 1944, to Apr. 15, 1945. Received Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, ETO Ribbon. Discharged Oct. 3, 1945.

2. —DAVID SMITH, son of Mrs. Pauleen E. Smith, 1216 East Maddox, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born January 9, 1928. Received education at Carroll Peak Elementary and Paschal High School, Ft. Worth, Texas. Volunteered for service January 9, 1946, at Fort Worth, Texas, and was assigned to Army Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. At present he is with Army of Occupation in Sael, Korea.

3. —S/SGT. PAUL SMITH, son of Mrs. Pauleen Smith, Ft. Worth, born Nov. 11, 1922, Texas, husband of Dorothy Smith. Graduate of Polytechnic High School, Ft. Worth, Drake's Business College, Jamaica, L.I., N.Y. Volunteered Nov. 16, 1940; assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas July 15, 1942, to July 16, 1944, with "Black Scorpion Sqdn". Awarded 4 Battle Stars for campaigns of Tunisia-Sicily and Naples-Foggia; Airplane Engine Specialist Badge; Good Conduct Medal; 5 Unit Citations for ground support, destroying of ships and trains, and shooting down 87 German planes on Palm Sunday, 1943. Discharged Sept. 17, 1945.

4. —PFC ROBERT L. SMITH, son of Mrs. Pauleen Smith, Ft. Worth, Texas, born Feb. 2, 1926. Graduate of Polytechnic High School, Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered service May 31, 1944; trained at Camp Wolters; assigned to 163rd Amph. Truck Bn. Served overseas from Nov. 25, 1944, to Oct. 12, 1945; served in France and Germany, in Battle of Ardenne; awarded Bronze Service Star. Discharged 1945, in Nurnberg, Germany, to enlist in regular Army October 12, 1945.

5. —T/4 RUEL C. SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour C. Smith, Ft. Worth, born July 8, 1919. Attended Carter Riverside High School. Volunteered Jan. 16, 1941, and was assigned to 36th Division. Served overseas from April, 1943, to Aug. 6, 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Received Distinguished Unit Badge, American Defense, EAME with 5 Bronze Stars, and 1 Bronze Arrowhead; cited for work in suicide mission at Anzio. Discharged August 12, 1945.

6. —PFC HARRY EDWARD SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour C. Smith, born Jan. 26, 1925. Attended Polytechnic School, Ft. Worth; entered service May 11, 1943, Americal Infantry. Served overseas, Oct., 1943, to Nov. 25, 1945. Asiatic-Pacific, Japan, Northern Solomons, Southern Philippines. Awarded the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars and 1 Bronze Arrowhead. Pfc Smith received honorable discharge December 5, 1945.

7. —2ND LT. GILBERT RAYMOND SPURLIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Spurlin, Ft. Worth, Texas. Born June 4, 1924. Graduate of Polytechnic High School. Attended NTAC for two years, before entering service for pilot training. He received his wings June 26, 1944, and was sent to engineer school in N.M. Was engineer on a B-29 when discharged in November. After his return he was employed by Western Electric. Having been in ill health for several months, he passed away Jan. 21, 1946.

8. —C.F.C. JAMES BREEDON STAFFORD, born May 15, 1905, in Texas. Husband of Dorothea Stafford of Ft. Worth. Volunteered Nov. 28, 1942; assigned to U.S.N.R. Previous service 7 1/2 years. Served overseas from Feb. 10, 1944, to 1945, in Aleutian Islands, Marshall, Philippines, and Ryukyus Islands, aboard USS Hector, Vestal, Dogherty. C.F.C. Stafford was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 2 Stars, Philippine Liberation, American Area, Victory and Good Conduct with two Bars. Discharged Jan. 10, 1946.

9. —S/SGT. ROBERT MARVIN FOUST, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Smyth, Ft. Worth, Texas, born Sept. 23, 1924. Attended Tech. High School, Ft. Worth. Volunteered Nov. 17, 1942; trained at Gowen Field, Idaho. Served overseas from Feb. 28, 1944, to Sept. 5, 1944, in air offensive in Europe, Northern France and Normandy Beachhead. Flew 33 missions over Europe. Received Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters. Destroyed 1 F.W. 190. Was discharged October 9, 1945.

10.—PVT. BRYCE O. SMYTH, born May 16, 1902, in Texas, husband of Mrs. Lorene Smyth, 3322 N. Pecan St., Fort Worth, Texas. Son of Mrs. C. Smyth, Dallas, Texas. Received his education at Crowley School, Smithfield. Volunteered October 16, 1942, at Fort Worth. Assigned to Army Air Corps Ground Crew. Trained at Dalhart Army Air Base, Dalhart, Texas. Served in the United States from October 16, 1942, until March 20, 1943, when he received an honorable discharge. Had two sons in the service.

11.—S/SGT. RICHARD B. SMYTH, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Smyth, Fort Worth, Texas, born Aug. 15, 1926, in Texas, received his education at Midlothian Grade School, Midlothian, Texas, and Mansfield High, Mansfield, Texas. Entered service Feb. 20, 1945, at Ft. Worth, assigned to Army Training Division; trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and Fort Ord, California. Served overseas seven months in the 790th Ry. Battalion in Korea. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. He is still serving in Korea.

12.—1ST SGT. OLEN H. O'DELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess C. O'Dell, Tioga, Texas, husband of Dorothy R. O'Dell of Ft. Worth, born July 11, 1918, in Texas. Received education at Pilot Point Elementary and High School. Entered the Infantry July 12, 1944; trained at Camp Wolters. Served overseas in Southern Philippines area, Leyte, and Cebu; landed on Japanese Homeland Sept. 7, 1945, in Yokohama. Received Bronze Star for action on Cebu Island. Was discharged Mar. 25, 1946, Fort Bliss, Tex.

13.—T/SGT. WILLIAM H. STEPHENS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stephens, Sr., Ft. Worth, Texas, born July 2, 1921. Graduate of Technical High School, Ft. Worth. Entered Army Air Force Mar. 29, 1943; trained at Pueblo, Colorado. Served overseas from July 20, 1944, to Apr. 6, 1945, in Rhineland, Central Europe, Northern France, and Ardennes Campaigns. T/Sgt. Stephens received Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, European, African, Middle Eastern Ribbon, with 4 Battle Stars. Was discharged Oct. 5, 1945.

14.—1ST LT. A.C. NORVIN (BO) STEWART, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Stewart, Fort Worth, Texas, born June 5, 1923. Received education at Polytechnic, Ft. Worth, N.T.A.C. and University of Texas. Volunteered June 30, 1943; assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at San Marcos Army Field. Served overseas from Dec., 1944, to Jan., 1946, in New Guinea, Philippines, Okinawa and Japan. Was commissioned July 31, 1944, and promoted to 1st Lt. Aug., 1945. Received honorable discharge March 11, 1946.

15.—S/SGT. BERTRAM R. STOCKER, son of Mrs. Ura Stocker, Ft. Worth, Texas, born July 7, 1919, in Texas. Attended North Side High School, Fort Worth, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 17, 1940; assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Brooks Field, Tex., McCarran Field, Nev., and Roswell, N.M. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Oct. 23, 1945, in Southwest Pacific Wing of Air Transport Command. In battles of New Guinea. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star and American Theater Ribbon. Discharged Nov. 2, 1945.

16.—CPL. LAWRENCE E. STOCKER, son of Mrs. Ura Stocker, Ft. Worth, Tex., born Dec. 2, 1920. Attended North Side High. Volunteered Sept. 12, 1940; assigned to 36th Infantry. Served overseas, April 2, 1943, to Sept. 27, 1945, in North African Campaign, Germany, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France and Central Europe. Awards: European, North African, and Middle Eastern Theater Medals with 5 Bronze Stars, invasion Arrowhead, American Def., American Theater, Victory Medals. Was discharged Oct., 1945.

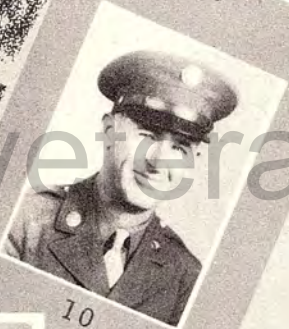
17.—BM1/c, U.S.N.R., BERNIE C. STOUT, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stout, deceased, and husband of Maurine Stout, Ft. Worth, Tex., born Mar. 6, 1909, Okla. Attended North Side High, Ft. Worth. Volunteered Nov. 7, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy. Trained at Destroyer Base, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from May 6, 1943, to Sept. 23, 1945, with Southwest Pacific Amphibious Forces in Australia, New Guinea and Philippines. Enlisted as coxswain, promoted to BM2/c and BM1/c. Discharged Oct. 4, 1945.

18.—1ST LT. CARNES DEARMOND SUTTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sutton, Bogue Chitto, Miss., born Nov. 23, 1921, in Texas. Graduate of Arlington Heights High, Ft. Worth. Volunteered June, 1942. Joined 2nd group of "Hell Divers" in Navy Air Corps; transferred to Marine Air Corps. Overseas from Jan., 1944, to April, 1945, in South Pacific area, Rabaul, Treasury Is., Bougainville, and Bismarck Archipelago Operations as bomber pilot. On inactive status in Marine Corps Reserve.

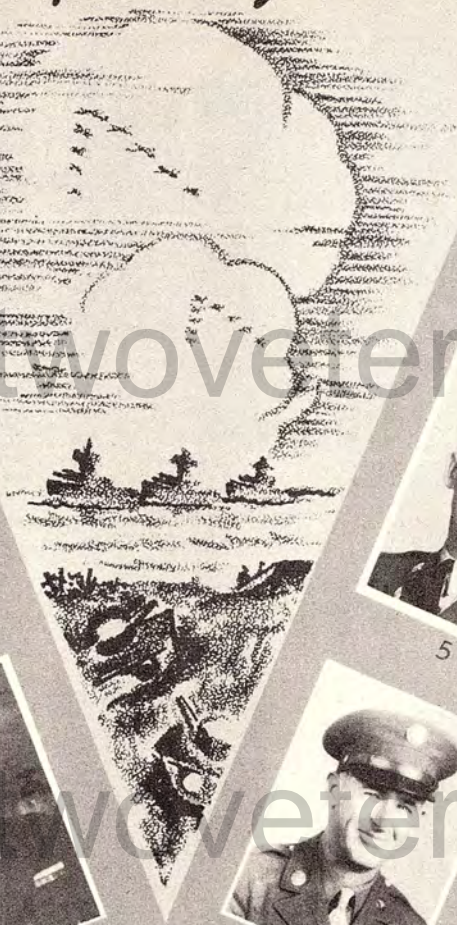
19.—SGT. CLYDE R. TALBERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Talbert, born October 5, 1905, at Waco, Texas, husband of Lucille Talbert, Ft. Worth. Received education at China Springs High School, China Springs, Texas. Volunteered for service August 19, 1942, at Fort Worth. Assigned to 13th Armored Division; trained at Camp Beale, California. Promoted to Technical Sgt. July, 1943. Served until September 29, 1944, when he was given an honorable discharge.

20.—P. T. R. 2/c LUTHER RAY TALBERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Talbert, born Sept. 12, 1907, in Waco, Texas, and living now at 609 Porter Street, Fort Worth, Texas. Received education at China Springs High School, China Springs, Texas. Volunteered for service December 12, 1942, at Dallas, Texas; was assigned to Navy Seabees Jan. 20, 1943. Trained at Oakland, California. Served overseas in the Aleutian Islands two years and 8 months. Was discharged Aug. 24, 1945.

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# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Col. RICHARD B. DUNBAR



2nd Lt. RICHARD B. DUNBAR, III

Col. Richard B. Dunbar, born April 1, 1886, is the husband of Sam Montgomery Dunbar, of Ft. Worth, Texas. He began service with the Texas National Guard June 1, 1916, and served with the Army Corps of Engineers. Col. Dunbar served overseas July, 1942, to September, 1945, in the North African-European area; participated in the invasions and combat of Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, Southern France, and Germany; and received the EAME Ribbon with eight Battle Stars and Arrowhead. The Legion of Merit, Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star, French Croix de Guerre, and other citations were awarded, and a physical disability discharge was given Jan. 7, 1947.

2nd Lt. Richard B. Dunbar, III, was born June 5, 1925, a native of Texas, and son of Col. and Mrs. Richard B. Dunbar, 3717 Clarke Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas. He attended the Ft. Worth Public Schools and Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, and volunteered for service December, 1943, with the Army Air Corps. He later transferred to the Corps of Engineers, attended Officers School, and trained at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. September, 1945, he began service in the Pacific at Manila and the Hawaiian Islands where he remained for one year. Various ribbons and Medals were awarded, and discharge from service was granted September 15, 1946.



T/Sgt. ROBERT A. ELLIS



Lt. WILLIAM F. MILLER, JR.



Sgt. MARVIN BELL

T/Sgt. ROBERT A. ELLIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Ellis, Ft. Worth, attended T.C.U. in Ft. Worth, and volunteered Nov. 5, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training at Ellington Field, Texas. He served Sept., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in the China-Burma-India Theater, and received the Asiatic Theater Badge with two Battle Stars and Presidential Citation. Was discharged Dec. 31, 1946.

Lt. WILLIAM F. MILLER, JR., husband of Helen Ellis Miller, 1112 6th Ave., Ft. Worth, and son of W. F. Miller, also of Ft. Worth, volunteered August 31, 1942, at Dallas for the U.S. Navy, Aviation Branch. Lt. Miller trained at Naval Aviation Station, Pensacola, Florida, and was commissioned ensign Aug., 1942. He is remaining in service.

Sgt. MARVIN BELL, born May 2, 1908, in Texas, husband of the former Miss Geanice Ellis, 415 West Main, Houston, and son of Wm. S. Bell, Waxahachie, Texas, volunteered November 5, 1942, for the Army Air Corps. He served Mar., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in England; participated in the air offensive over Europe, Normandy, Northern France, and in battles of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. The EAME Ribbon with six Bronze Stars and other medals were awarded. Discharge granted Nov. 15, 1945, from Ft. Sam Houston.

*The* **FIGHTING MEN** *of* **TEXAS**



**C.E.M. LEWIS J. REYNOLDS, JR.**

C.E.M. Lewis James Reynolds, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Reynolds, Sr., and husband of Nettie Jo Reynolds of Arlington, was born April 24, 1921, a native of Texas. He attended North Texas Agricultural College, and volunteered for service June 14, 1940, with the U.S. Navy Submarine Service. He trained at Naval Training Station in San Diego, and served overseas from August, 1940, until June, 1943, and December, 1943, until September, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked December 7, 1941, and participated in the Battle of Midway and liberation of the Philippines. The Submarine Combat Insignia with four Stars was awarded with the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and three Stars, Good Conduct Medal with one Star, and other awards. After he returned to the States, his discharge was received on June 13, 1946.



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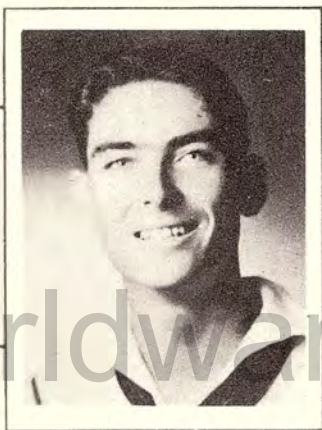
2nd Lt. MILO C. HEATH



Cpl. LEWIS D. HEATH

2nd Lt. Milo C. Heath, born July 22, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Heath, Ft. Worth, volunteered November 27, 1940, for the Army Air Corps. After training at Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico, he was assigned submarine patrol and convoy duty among the islands of the Caribbean Area, and Panama Canal. He returned to the States, received additional training, transferred to India, in the first group of B-29's as Flight Engineer, and aided in setting up a rear base to bomb Japan and flew the "Hump" delivering supplies. He completed 8 missions and was recalled to the States as Instructor. Awards: Amer. Def. 1 Star, ATO 1 Anti-Sub. Star, Asiatic 4 Stars, Air Medal 3 Clusters, Phil. Lib. 1 Star. Was discharged Sept., 1945.

Cpl. Lewis D. Heath was born August 23, 1921, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Heath, 3708 Birchman, Ft. Worth. He volunteered Sept. 9, 1942, at Dallas, for the Army Air Force, and was assigned to Tarrant Field, Ft. Worth, Texas, where he served as an airplane mechanic on B-24's. Later he was transferred to Sheppard Field, Texas, where he completed a mechanic's course on B-26's. Cpl. Heath also served at Dodge City, Kansas, Laughlin Field, Del Rio, Texas, and Chanute Field, Illinois, where he took a course in propeller specialist; later he was clerk at Chaffee, Arkansas, until discharged Jan. 26, 1946. Awarded Good Conduct, American Theater and Victory Medals.



BM2/c GLENN T. AKINS



1st Lt. L. B. BOUNDS, JR.



1st Lt. RICHARD Y. ERISMAN, JR.

BM2/c GLENN TOMAS AKINS, born December 22, 1915, husband of Mozelle May Akins, 213 N. Caddo, Cleburne, Texas, volunteered Dec. 27, 1941, for the U.S. Navy; trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and was assigned to USS Dixie. He served Jan., 1942, to Dec., 1944, in the Pacific Theater in the Solomon Islands, Munda, New Guinea, Saipan and Formosa campaigns and in the Coral Sea. The Pres. Unit Citation was awarded. Was discharged Sept., 1945.

1st Lt. L. B. BOUNDS, Jr., husband of June Marie Bounds, 2006 Lee, Ft. Worth, volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, for the Army Infantry; trained at Camp Bowie, and served with the 36th and 95th Div. Aug., 1944, to July, 1945, Lt. Bounds participated in the campaigns of Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving a Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge. Was discharged Nov. 26, 1945.

1st Lt. RICHARD Y. ERISMAN, Jr., husband of Diellia Marie Erisman, 4801 Hampshire Blvd., Ft. Worth, was born December 25, 1916. He volunteered November 24, 1940, for the Army Infantry, 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas; and served January, 1944, to December, 1946, in New Zealand, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, in the Battle of Luzon, P.I., and with the Occupational Forces in Honshu, Japan. The Combat Infantryman Badge was awarded with other medals. Was discharged March 29, 1946.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**Chief Steward JOHN W. JORDAN**

**\*Pvt. WESLEY E. JORDAN**

Chief Steward John W. Jordan was born August 31, 1909, a native of Texas. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jordan, 420 No. East, Arlington, Texas, husband of Maxine Jordan and father of five children. He attended the Waco and Arlington, Texas, Schools, and volunteered June 10, 1942, at Houston for the U.S. Merchant Marine Corps; he began overseas duty immediately. Steward Jordan served in the European Theater at England, African Theater at Capetown and in the Pacific Theater at New Hebrides, New Georgia, Guam and Philippine Islands, returning to the States at the cessation of hostilities.

Pvt. Wesley E. Jordan was born March 12, 1918, in Texas, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jordan, Arlington, Texas. His brother is John W. Jordan, also of Arlington. Pvt. Jordan volunteered September 7, 1940, for the Army Coast Artillery Corps; trained at Post McDowell, California, and began overseas duty October 9, 1940, in the Pacific Theater, where he participated in the Battle of Corregidor and was reported "missing in action" May 7, 1942. It was later learned that he had been imprisoned by the Japanese at Cabanatuan on Luzon, and had passed away May 31, 1942. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country.



**Pfc BEN E. MUIR**

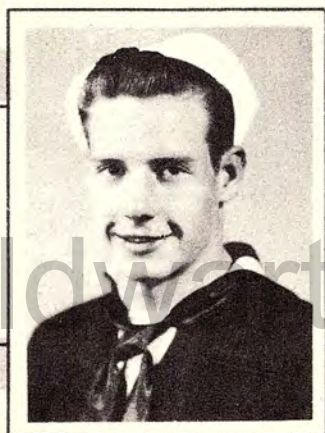
**Capt. TOM L. MUIR**

Pfc Ben E. Muir, son of Mrs. Guy T. Muir, 3322 Clinton Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas, and husband of Norma Leene Mills Muir, also of Ft. Worth, was born December 11, 1920, in Texas, and volunteered April 1, 1942, for the Medical Corps of the Army. He trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and began overseas duty August, 1942, serving with the 38th General Hospital, Cairo, Egypt, in the North African Campaign. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal with the EAME Campaign Ribbon. After returning to the States, Pfc Muir was discharged from the Army Medical service in March, 1944.

Capt. Tom L. Muir was born February 5, 1918, a native of Texas and son of Mrs. Guy T. Muir, Ft. Worth, Texas. He is the husband of Helen C. Muir, 3322 Clinton Ave., also in Ft. Worth; volunteered for service November 20, 1940, and was assigned to the Army Counter Intelligence Corps. After training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, he was commissioned 2nd lieutenant September 3, 1942, promoted to 1st Lt. June 24, 1943, and to Capt. January 24, 1945. He served with the 8th Service Command at Dallas, Texas. After cessation of hostilities, discharge was awarded December 3, 1945.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



MoMM 3/c BERNIE L. OWEN

MoMM3/c Bernie Lee Owen, birth date August 23, 1926, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Owen, Arlington, Texas, volunteered March 16, 1944, for the U.S. Navy, A.P.A. Branch. He trained at San Diego, completed a course of study at Basic Engineer School, and was assigned to the USS Neshoba; he began overseas duty December, 1944, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, where he participated in the Philippine Liberation campaign, also in the Battles of Ryukyus and Okinawa Islands. After returning to the States March, 1946, he was stationed at Naval Air Station, Dallas, where he served until discharged May 17, 1946, at Norman, Okla.



Signalman 2/c WILLIE "B." OWEN, JR.

Signalman 2/c Willie "B" Owen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Owen, Sr., of Arlington, Texas, was born June 15, 1925, and attended the Arlington Schools. He volunteered September 1, 1942, at Ft. Worth for the U.S. Coast Guard, and trained in New Orleans, Louisiana. After training, he served on Coast Guard Cutters Little Kimakeet, Rayway, Orchid, and others, and participated in duty in the Atlantic Ocean zone from October, 1942, until August, 1944, at which time he transferred to the Pacific Theater where he remained until returning to the States for discharge March 1, 1946. The Good Conduct Medal was received.



Capt. WILLIAM T. HILLIS

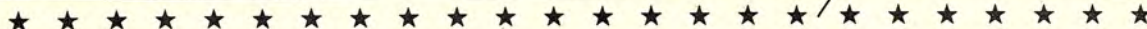
Capt. William T. Hillis, born May 17, 1914, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hillis, Ft. Worth, and the father of Carolyn Hillis. He attended the Alvarado and Mineral Wells, Texas, Schools, and was an employee of the Texas Highway Department prior to his entry Jan. 16, 1941, in the Army, 36th Div. Capt. Hillis trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and began overseas duty Feb., 1943, in the Pacific Theater where he served in New Guinea, and the Philippine Islands and participated in the Papuan campaign and Luzon invasion. After returning to the States, he was assigned to duty with the U.S. Air Force, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas.



T/5 OTTO L. STATON

T/5 Otto L. Staton was born August 6, 1909, in Texas, son of Mrs. Mattie Staton, Dallas; attended Pleasant Grove Public Schools in Texas, and entered service May 5, 1942. He was assigned to the Army 815th Quartermaster Sterilization Company, and served April, 1943, to October, 1945, in the European Theater as tractor and semi-trailer truck driver, hauling all types of equipment and servicing vehicles, participating in the campaigns of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, No. Apennines, Rhineland and Central Europe. The EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars was awarded. Discharge was received October 20, 1947.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**Capt. PAT O. ECKELS**



**\*Pvt. JAMES D. HAMNER**

Capt. Pat O. Eckels, son of Mrs. Kathleen Bates, Dallas, Texas, was born May 31, 1919, a native of Texas. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, and was employed by the Braniff Air Port prior to volunteering Feb. 21, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. Capt. Eckels trained at Victoria and Waco, Texas, and in Cross City, Florida, and served Jan., 1943, to Dec., 1944, and Jan., 1945, to Jan., 1946, in the Panama Zone, South America, and in the European Theater of Operations. June, 1944, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and February, 1947, to Captain. Various Ribbons were awarded, and he was discharged in March, 1947.

Pvt. James D. Hamner, son of Mrs. Mary J. Hamner, Childress, Texas, entered the Army Cavalry, Jan., 1941; trained at Ft. Clark and Ft. Bliss, and began overseas duty July, 1942, in the Pacific Theater where he participated in combat and served on New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago and No. Solomons. He lost his life Mar. 27, 1945, on Luzon. Various Ribbons and Distinguished Service Cross were awarded. A daughter, Fay Marie, survives, and also a sister, Lucille Hamner, who served 18 months in W.A.C., a brother Jim Hamner, who served with the Army, and four nephews, Charles Hamner, Cecil W. Hill, Bryant Hucks and Robert G. Jones, who were all in the U.S. service and combat.



**Cpl. DANIEL D. CROOKS**  
**1st Lt. DONALD M. CROOKS**

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Crooks, Irving, Texas  
Cpl. DANIEL DAVIS CROOKS, born Dec. 4, 1923; volunteered June, 1940, for Army 987th A.F.A. Bn.; served Mar., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in ETO, five Campaigns, and also in combat with Russians and English; he received English and French Medals with various ribbons and citations. Was wounded, and discharged Sept., 1945.  
1st Lt. DONALD MERRIT CROOKS, born May 11, 1920, P.I.; volunteered Sept. 7, 1937, for Army 82nd Airborne Div.; trained at Ft. Benning, Ga.; and served Oct., 1942, to May, 1945, in ETO and Caribbean Defense Command. He received Purple Heart for wounds in combat and Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged May 31, 1945.



**MT/Sgt. JOHN L. BIGLER, JR.**

MT/Sgt. John Lewis Bigler, Jr., born September 18, 1922, Texas, son of Mrs. L. S. Atkinson, Ft. Worth, attended the public schools of Dallas and Houston, Texas, and volunteered March 25, 1941, with the U.S. Marines, Aviation Division, training at San Diego. Sgt. Bigler served overseas January to December, 1942, and September, 1943, to February, 1945, in the South Pacific islands on Guadalcanal and Marshall Islands. After returning to the States, he was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Award with Victory and Defense Medals. Discharged September, 1945.



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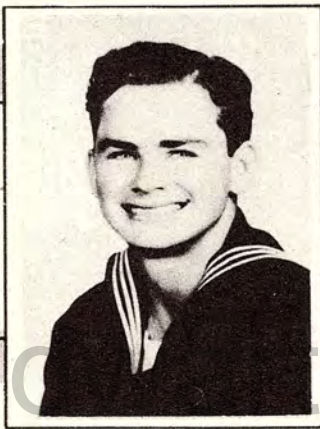
**\*S/Sgt. EDWARD W. PHILLIPS**



**S1/c WELDON E. PHILLIPS**

S/Sgt. Edward Winston Phillips, son of Stanley A. Phillips, now of Monterey, California, and brother of Mrs. J.M. Hudson of Fort Worth, Texas, was born May 26, 1920, in Texas, and volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps on Oct. 17, 1941, in Ft. Worth. He was given training at Scott Field, Ill., Barksdale, La., and Will Rogers Field, Okla. In Nov., 1942, he went overseas to Europe, where he served until May 14, 1943, when his career was cut short in the raid over Kiel, Germany. He held the Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart was awarded. Previous to enlistment, he was a student at T.C.U., Ft. Worth, and was employed by the T.P. Warehouse.

S1/c Weldon Eules Phillips, brother of Mrs. J.M. Hudson, Ft. Worth, was born May 7, 1925. He enlisted in the Navy, at Ft. Worth, on Jan. 12, 1943, and was trained at San Diego. Five months after enlisting he was sent to the Pacific, where he saw action in the battles of Bougainville, the Solomon Is.; the Marianas; Philippines; and Ryukyus Is.; and in the air operations against China, Japan, and Korea. He participated in the Occupation of Japan. He was awarded the Pacific Theater Ribbon with 5 Stars; Phil., 1 Star; American Theater; Occ. Japan; Good Conduct; and the Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged from further service on June 8, 1946.



**S2/c HAROLD E. PHILLIPS**



**M/Sgt. TROY S. PHILLIPS**

S2/c Harold Elton Phillips, a younger brother of Edward Winston Phillips, and Mrs. J. M. Hudson, Ft. Worth, was born Sept. 11, 1922, and entered service in the Merchant Marine in Sept., 1942, at Dallas, Texas. He was assigned to the Navy on March 16, 1943, and was given training at Corpus Christi. He served in different parts of the United States until November, 1945, when he was sent overseas to the EAME Theater of War. He also was in the Caribbean for a time. His awards are: EAME; American Campaign; Good Conduct; and Victory. On May 15, 1946, he was granted an honorable discharge from further military service.

M/Sgt. Troy Sidney Phillips was born April 19, 1915, and attended Fort Worth Schools. In January, 1936, he enlisted in the Army, and was assigned to the Ordnance Division. He was given training at Fort Warren, Wyoming, and served in the United States until April, 1944, when he was sent overseas to the Pacific area of war. He saw action in the Solomon Islands and in the Philippines, and was given the following awards: American Theater; Pacific Theater; Good Conduct; Philippine Lib., 1 Star; and the Victory. He was discharged from service in Dec., 1945, and immediately re-enlisted. His sister is Mrs. J. M. Hudson of Ft. Worth.



**1st Lt. THOMAS B. DeWETT, JR.**

1st Lt. Thomas Benton DeWett, Jr., son of Thomas B. DeWett, Sr., and husband of Kathleen Martin DeWett, Ft. Worth, was born August 4, 1921, in Texas; attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and volunteered for service June 5, 1942, with the Aviation Cadet Training, U. S. Navy. Lt. DeWett was employed by the Consolidated Air Craft Corporation of California and Ft. Worth, Texas, prior to his entry in service. He received training at University of Georgia, Dallas, and Corpus Christi, Texas, and served at the Naval Air Stations in New Orleans; Olathe, Kansas; Memphis, Tennessee; Pensacola, and Jacksonville, Florida; and Marine Air Station at Cherry Point, North Carolina. February 22, 1946, he was ordered to inactive duty, and currently has application under consideration for permanent commission in U.S.M.C.

1. —S/SGT. SOL SANKARY, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sankary, of Ft. Worth, husband of Clara Ann Sankary, born Apr. 9, 1922, attended Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; volunteered Apr. 9, 1942; assigned to Army Air Corps - Technical Training Command; trained at Sheppard Field, and served in the U.S. at New Orleans Army Air Base, Chanute Field, Ill., Grand Rapids, Mich. He served overseas one month, in Alaska and Canada, and received ATO Victory and G.C. Medals. Was discharged Jan. 6, 1946.

2. —T/5 JACOB SANKARY, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sankary, Fort Worth, born Feb. 3, 1923, attended Paschal High; entered Army Feb. 15, 1943; assigned to 739th Tank Bn., and trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Overseas 18 mos., in S. Philippines, Hawaii, Ryukyus, battles of Leyte and Okinawa. He was awarded: Good Conduct, Victory, American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific 1 Arrowhead and 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Lib. Ribbon 2 Stars. T/5 Jacob Sankary was honorably discharged January 12, 1946.

3. —SGT. ABRAHAM SANKARY, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sankary and husband of Lillian Sankary, Ft. Worth, born Dec. 3, 1924, attended University of Texas, Austin; entered service Sept. 1, 1943; assigned to Army 1875th Engineers; trained at March Field, Calif., 3 mos. Overseas 25 mos. in India, Assam, Burma, China, and Africa constructing B-29 bases and Burma-Ledo Rd. Awarded: Good Conduct, Victory, Burma Campaign 2 Stars, Asiatic-Pacific, and African Ribbons. Was discharged Feb. 11, 1946.

4. —T/5 MORRIS SANKARY, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sankary, Ft. Worth, Texas, born December 17, 1926, attended Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service April 4, 1945, at Ft. McArthur, Calif.; assigned to Army 82nd Inf. Trg. Bn.; trained at Camp Roberts, California, and Camp Beale. T/5 Morris Sankary had three brothers in the services all of whom have returned to civilian life; he, however, is still in the Army at this time.

5. —SGT. JEFF WRIGHT ROBBINS, born July 7, 1920, son of F. J. Robbins, Bowie, husband of B. Colleen Robbins, 2419 Clinton, Ft. Worth. Attended Lubbock Tech.; entered Army Dec. 10, 1940; assigned as Special Investigator, Provost Marshall's office, 9th Air Force Hqrs. Trained at Barksdale Field, La.; served overseas from Sept. 20, 1942, to Dec. 25, 1944. In Egypt, England, France, air off. of Europe, Sicily, Tunisia, and Rhineland. Awarded: EAME and American D.S., and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Sept., 1945.

6. —SP. (S)2/c VERA LOUISE SCOTT, born May 29, 1923, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, attended Azle High School, in Texas. Entered Navy Service, of WAVES, in 1943, at Dallas, and trained at Hunter College, New York. Served at Hunter College as a Drill instructor and Supervisor of Recruits, and at Norman, Okla., Hospital. Miss Scott had twin brothers in the service, one of whom paid the Supreme Sacrifice. She was honorably discharged Dec., 1945.

7. —BM2/c R. D. (JACK) SCOTT, born June 9, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, attended Azle High School. Volunteered June 9, 1942; assigned to the Navy, with training at Great Lakes, Ill.; served from Oct., 1942, to May, 1946, on USS Kinmore and Chilton in battles of Coral Sea and Okinawa (both phases). Awarded: Victory American Campaign Medals, Asiatic-Pacific 1 Star, Philippine Liberation 1 Star, Citation for Battle of Okinawa. Discharged June 8, 1946.

\* 8. —F1/c CURRY EZELL (JOE) SCOTT, born June 9, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, Azle, Texas. Attended Azle High School, and volunteered for service in the Navy June 9, 1942, at Fort Worth; trained at San Diego, Calif., Chicago, Ill., Solomon Islands. Served overseas from March, 1943, to July, 1943, on USS L.S.T. 342 - in the Battle of Munda, S. Pacific. F1/c Curry Ezell Scott paid the Supreme Sacrifice, in line of duty, on July 18, 1943, in South Pacific.

9. —CPL. ALBERT JOHN BUECHEL, JR., son of Mrs. Essie Sanders, Fort Worth, husband of Bettye L. Buechel, 2605 Wallace St., Ft. Worth, born April 3, 1923, attended Polytechnic High, Ft. Worth; volunteered July 1, 1942, to Marines, 3rd Amphib. Corps; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif. Overseas, sta. in New Zealand for 9 mos. Awarded 3 Battle Stars for action at Bougainville, consolidation of Solomons and Okinawa, Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged July, 1946.

10. —T/5 WILLIS A. SIMPSON, JR., born July 14, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simpson, Sr., 1215 E. Richmond, Ft. Worth, husband of Donna Smart Simpson, attended N.T.A.C., Arlington; entered Army Ground Force (Inf.) Aug. 21, 1944; trained at Camp Walters. Overseas in European Theater of Operations in Germany, battles of Rhineland and C. Europe. Awarded: Victory, EAME Theater, American Defense Service Ribbons, and Good Conduct Medal. Was honorably discharged April 6, 1946.

11. —CPL. ROBERT E. SIMPSON, born Nov. 23, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simpson, Sr., Ft. Worth, attended Texas Wesleyan and George Williams Colleges. Volunteered Oct. 22, 1942, at Chicago, Ill. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Kearns, Lincoln AAB and Lockheed P-38 Mechanic Schools. Awarded Good Conduct, American Theater, and Victory Medals. As airplane mech. he inspected, repaired, and was responsible for maintenance on P-38's and other army fighter planes. Was discharged Feb. 12, 1946.

12. —ENSIGN JAY PIERCE SIMPSON, born May 31, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simpson, Sr., Ft. Worth, attended Rice Institute, Houston. Volunteered May 21, 1943; assigned to Navy Supply Corps; trained at Notre Dame University, Harvard, N.S.C.S., and N.S.O.T.C., Bayonne, N.J. Awarded Victory and American Theater Medals. Ensign J. Simpson was Commissary Officer at Naval Amm. Depot, McAlester, Okla., and also served on auditing and court martial boards. He was discharged July, 1946.

13. —PTR2/c ALBERT SYDNEY MOUNCE, born May 9, 1924, son of Mrs. Ann Seary, 609 Porter St., Ft. Worth, attended Polytechnic High School, Fort Worth, Texas; volunteered for service in Navy, on July 6, 1942, and trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States from 1942 to January 1, 1943; overseas from Jan. 1, 1943, to April 9, 1944. In Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Manila, Midway, Marshall Islands, Gilbert, Fiji, Attu, Dutch Harbor, Guadalcanal and Kwajalein.

14. —T/4 MAX E. SHANNON, born April 9, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Shannon, 3230 Millet Street, Fort Worth, Texas, husband of Velma Shannon, 2817 Murphy Street, Ft. Worth. Attended North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Texas. Entered the service on Oct. 22, 1943, and was assigned to Army Ordnance Div., and trained at Aberdeen, Md. Served in U.S. for 18 mos., and overseas for 1 year in Manila. T/4 Max E. Shannon was honorably discharged on April 3, 1946.

15. —T/SGT. RADFORD OLIVER SHORT, born Sept. 6, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Short, 3324 N. Pecan, Fort Worth, husband of Alene Short. Volunteered Sept. 23, 1940; was assigned to Army 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas Feb., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in England, Normandy, France, Rhineland, C. Europe. Awarded American D. Ribbon, EAME Ribbon 4 Stars, Good Conduct, Purple Heart, and Driver-Mechanic Medal. In National Guard 2 years prior to enlistment. Discharged Oct. 21, 1945.

16. —T/SGT. FLOYD KENNETH CROSS, born June 6, 1918, Oklahoma, husband of Evelyn (Burda) Cross, Ft. Worth, attended N. Side High, Ft. Worth; volunteered July 16, 1940; assigned to Marines, 2nd Div., 6th Def. Bn., and 9th Def. Bn.; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.; overseas July, 1941, to Oct., 1944, in Battles of Midway Islands Dec. 7, 1941, and June 4 to 7, 1942. Awarded Good Conduct Medal 1 Bar, Asiatic-Pacific, and American Theater. He was honorably discharged on July 17, 1946.

\* 17. —PFC FRANK LOYD SHAW, born April 21, 1919, brother of Fred E. Shaw, Ft. Worth, husband of Jimmie M. Shaw, Route 8, Box 424, Ft. Worth, attended Birdville High; entered service Sept. 13, 1944; assigned to Army, Co. B., 163rd Inf., 41st Div.; trained at Camp Hood; served overseas Feb. 16, 1945, to April 17, 1945, in the Philippines on Jolo Island. Pfc F. L. Shaw paid the Supreme Sacrifice in line of duty at Jolo Island on April 17, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart.

18. —AER.M3/c ROBERT EARL SLAWSON, born Dec. 12, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Slawson, 1116 Wesleyan St., husband of Mary Slawson, 3616 Harley St., all of Ft. Worth, attended Texas Wesleyan College, Ft. Worth; volunteered Sept. 10, 1942, at Dallas; assigned to the Navy Air (Amphibious); trained at Great Lakes Training Sta. Overseas from Nov. 4, 1942, to June 25, 1945. In Solomon Islands, New Guinea, and Philippine Campaigns. He was honorably discharged on October 22, 1945.

19. —T/4 JOE C. SMITH, JR., born April 5, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, Sr., Ft. Worth; attended Polytechnic High; entered Army Feb. 24, 1941; assigned to 36th Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Bowie; overseas from April 13, 1943, to Aug. 6, 1945. Participated in landing at Salerno, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland, C. Europe, Italy. Awarded Bronze Star Medal, Combat Inf. Badge, American D. and Good Conduct Medals, EAME 6 Stars, Arrowhead, and Victory. Discharged Aug., 1945.

20. —T/SGT. W. (BILL) E. SMITH, born June 24, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, Sr., 2929 Thannish St., Ft. Worth, attended Polytechnic High School, Ft. Worth; volunteered October 8, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas and Pendleton, Ore. Overseas 9 months, in Rhineland and C. Europe as Liaison Pilot with 9th Air Force. Awarded Air, American D., Good Conduct, Victory Medals, EAME 2 Stars. Honorably discharged Dec. 28, 1945.

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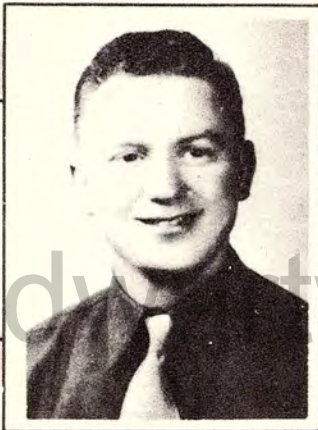
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\*Cpl. WILLIAM HENRY THOMAS

Cpl. William Henry Thomas, third son of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Thomas, of Mansfield, Texas, was born Feb. 1, 1921. At 19 years of age, on Nov. 10, 1940, at Fort Worth, he enlisted in the Army, and was assigned to the Tank Destroyer Division. He received his training at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards, and served in the United States until April, 1943, when he went overseas. Saw action in the campaigns and battles of Africa, Italy, France, and the one leading into Germany, in which he lost his life on April 17, 1945. He had been wounded previously in battle Nov., 1943, and was awarded the Purple Heart twice, and was also given the Silver Star, Arrowhead, and campaign awards.



1st Lt. JOHN N. THOMAS

1st Lt. John Neal Thomas, eldest of the four sons of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Thomas, was born April 13, 1914, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps on April 13, 1942. He was given training at Ellington and Midland Air Fields. From January to November, 1945, he served overseas, taking part in the air offensive of Japan, the Western Pacific, and the Eastern Mandates. Besides the American Theater and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbons, his awards are: the Distinguished Flying Cross; the Air Medal with 3 Clusters, and three Bronze Stars. Previous to entering service, he attended Texas University, and T.C.U., of Ft. Worth.



H.A. 1/c RAYMOND C. THOMAS

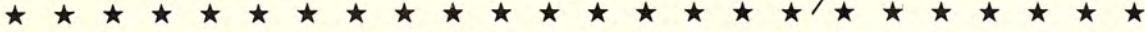
H.A. 1/c Raymond Carrell Thomas, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Thomas, Mansfield, was the only one of the four brothers who did not enlist in the Army Air Corps. He chose the Navy Hospital Corps, and volunteered for service at Dallas, in January, 1944. He was 27 years of age when he entered the service, his birth date being June 29, 1917. After enlistment, he was sent to Mare Island, California, for training and served exactly two years, being discharged in Jan., 1946. He is the husband of Edna Merle Thomas, Mansfield, and is the father of five children.



Cpl. JAMES T. THOMAS

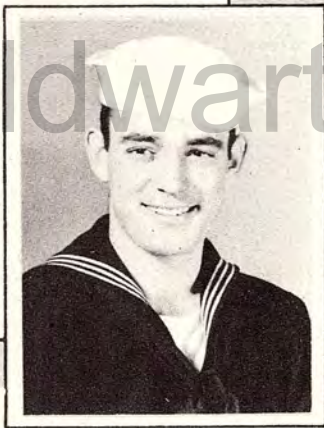
Cpl. James T. Thomas was born December 10, 1923, and is the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Thomas of Mansfield, Texas. He acquired his education in the public schools of Mansfield and volunteered for the Army Air Corps at the age of nineteen at Dallas, Texas. He was sent to Greenville Air Field for basic training, and later transferred to the Midland Air Field. Cpl. Thomas gave almost four years of his life to the service of his country, from September, 1942, to January 15, 1946, at which time he was honorably discharged.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Col. WELDON M. JAMES

Col. Weldon M. James, son of Mrs. M. M. James, of Fort Worth, and husband of Doris Eury James, of Dallas, was born Oct. 29, 1911. He volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps in February, 1933, at Randolph Field, Texas. He was given training at this place and at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. He was commissioned in 1940. In January, 1944, he went to Panama, where he served until April, 1947. He is a graduate of the Fort Worth High School, and also attended Texas Christian University in that city and Baylor University, at Waco. He attended an Army Flying School, going right into service from college. He has one daughter.



CM 1/c JOHN R. ANDREWS



SI/c BOBBY W. DOYLE

CM1/c John Roy Andrews, birth date August 3, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Andrews, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service Oct. 12, 1942, with the U.S. Naval Reserve Air Base at Dallas, Texas. He entered service as Seaman 1/c and was promoted to Carpenter's Mate 1/c February 1, 1945. His training was received at Boston, Massachusetts, and Staten Island, New York, later serving with Headquarters Squadron 9-1 Fleet Airwing as wood work shop foreman at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with American Theater Ribbon. Was discharged December 5, 1945.

SI/c Bobby Wayne Doyle, born October 11, 1923, Texas, husband of Dorothy Jean Doyle, Ft. Worth, attended Texas Wesleyan College in Ft. Worth, and volunteered December 11, 1942, with Naval Officers' Procurement. He trained at N.T.A.C., Arlington, Texas; transferred overseas April, 1945, serving on the Aircraft Carrier Escort USS Anzio in the Pacific Theater at the battles of Okinawa and 3rd Fleet carrier raid on Japan; and returned to the States October, 1945. His awards include the 3rd Fleet Unit Citation with Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and other medals. Seaman Doyle was discharged December 7, 1945.



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**Capt. EUGENE W. HUDDLESTON**

Capt. Eugene Weldon Huddleston, born January 24, 1915, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huddleston, Ft. Worth, attended Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, and volunteered June 12, 1941, with the Army Infantry. He trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and transferred to the Army Air Corps July 15, 1942. Capt. Huddleston served March to November, 1945, in the Aleutian Islands campaign, and received the Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with one Battle Star, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Award. Discharge from Air Corps was granted on March 21, 1946.



**Cpl. JOHN H. ANNEN**

Cpl. John Henry Annen, birth date September 10, 1918, husband of Nancy R. Hart Annen, Mansfield, Texas, entered service February 13, 1942, with the Army Ordnance Division, training at Army Air Field, Salt Lake City, and transferring overseas September, 1942, where he served in Egypt, various places in Italy, Calcutta and other cities of India, China and North Africa, participating in Battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Egypt, Libya, Sicily and Tunisia. He returned to States May, 1945, and received EAME Ribbon with five Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Medal and Good Conduct Award. Discharged September 10, 1945.



**Capt. CECIL H. ANDERSON**

Capt. Cecil H. Anderson, born November 3, 1913, in Texas, son of M. E. Anderson, Jr., Dallas, and husband of Winn H. Anderson, 2201 No. Houston, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service July 15, 1942, with the Army Quartermaster Corps, training at Ft. Warren, Wyo., and Camp Lee, Va. Capt. Anderson served in the European Area February, 1944, to April, 1946, participating in the battles for Northern France and the Rhineland, and also serving in England, Belgium and Germany. After returning to the States, he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, ETO Campaign Ribbon with two Battle Stars, and was discharged July 6, 1946.

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**Cpl. WILLIAM H. LACKEY**

Cpl. William Henry (Bill) Lackey, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lackey, Ft. Worth, was born September 22, 1923, a native son of Texas; volunteered for the Army Air Force October 22, 1942; received basic training at Kelly Field, Texas; was promoted to corporal at Altus, Oklahoma, Air Base where he was an instructor in physical training and gunnery until December, 1943, when he volunteered for the Airborne Infantry Division. He trained in various camps in the States; was assigned to the 42nd Rainbow Division, and began overseas duty in France December 8, 1944, where he served with the 3rd and 7th Armies. Cpl. Lackey paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country after being wounded and captured by the Germans January 8, 1945, in the crucial Gumbshelm Battle in Alsace, France, which happened to be the native country of his grandfather. Citations from Pres. Roosevelt and Gov. of Texas, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, and ETO 1 Star were awarded posthumously for his outstanding gallantry and bravery in combat.



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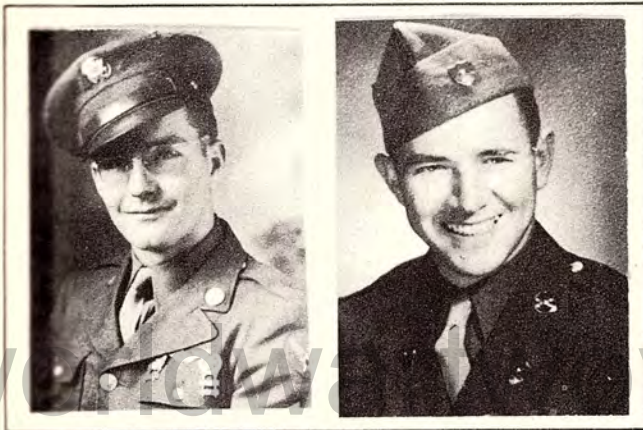
AMM3/c LLOYD T. ADAMS, JR.



1st Lt. JOHN F. AGEE

AMM3/c Lloyd T. Adams, Jr., birth date February 10, 1925, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Adams, Azle, Texas, entered service June 21, 1943, with the Navy Aviation, training at San Diego until September, 1943, when he transferred to the Pacific area serving at Ford Island and Pearl Harbor. He remained overseas until August, 1944, returned to the States and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Medal, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the Good Conduct Ribbon. His discharge from service was received at Shoemaker, California, on November 23, 1945.

Lt. John Franklin Agee, born January 20, 1920, in Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Agee, 2943 - 6th Ave., Ft. Worth, attended Texas University, and entered service May 4, 1942, with Army Aviation Division. He trained in the States, and transferred overseas July, 1944. Lt. Agee flew with the 7th A.A.F. heavy bomber group on the plane "Texas Kate"; made forty-two bombing missions, and was hit only one time by flak. After returning to the States July, 1945, he received the Air Medal with Distinguished Flying Cross, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, and other awards, and was discharged from service on July 8, 1945.



T/Sgt. CARL R. ALLEN  
S/Sgt. E. E. SHULTZ

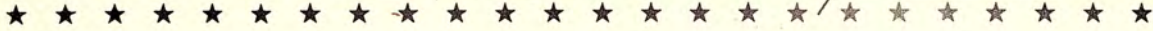
T/Sgt. CARL ROY ALLEN, born March 13, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen, Ft. Worth, volunteered October 30, 1942, with the Army Air Transport Command; served overseas March, 1944, to November, 1945, in North Africa, India, South America and various countries of Europe. After returning to the States, he received awards and reenlisted.  
S/Sgt. E. E. "SKIPPY" SHULTZ, born August 6, 1916, entered service February 2, 1942, with Army Artillery; trained in States, and entered European area September, 1944. Participated in battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, Southern Germany; returned home July, 1945, and was discharged November 1, 1945.



S/Sgt. HANSFORD E. McDOWELL

S/Sgt. Hansford E. McDowell, birth date Sept. 1, 1907, husband of Mrs. Mayfair McDowell, Ft. Worth, volunteered Oct. 2, 1940, with the Army, 1st Cavalry; served in the States until July, 1943, when he transferred to Pacific Area; participating in the Battles of Admiralty Islands, Leyte, Luzon and Manila; was wounded by bullets in chest and bayoneted in both legs. Sgt. McDowell also aided in the liberating of prisoners at San Tomas. His awards include Purple Heart with Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Stars, Bronze Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation with two Stars and others. Was discharged Aug., 1945.

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**T/Sgt. JOHN W. JOHNSTON**

T/Sgt. John W. Johnston was born September 30, 1922, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Alma Johnston, Ft. Worth, and husband of Irma Johnston, San Juan, Puerto Rico, attended Ft. Worth Elementary and Corpus Christi, Texas, High School, and volunteered for service November 21, 1939, with the Army, OMC, Puerto Rican Dept. Sgt. Johnston served overseas May, 1940, to July, 1943, and May, 1944, until June, 1945, in Puerto Rico, and later in the European Theater, stationed in England. He participated in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe; was wounded February 29, 1945, in Germany; received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, EAME Campaign Medal with five Battle Stars, German Occupational Medal and other awards. Returned to the States, and was discharged from service June 22, 1945.



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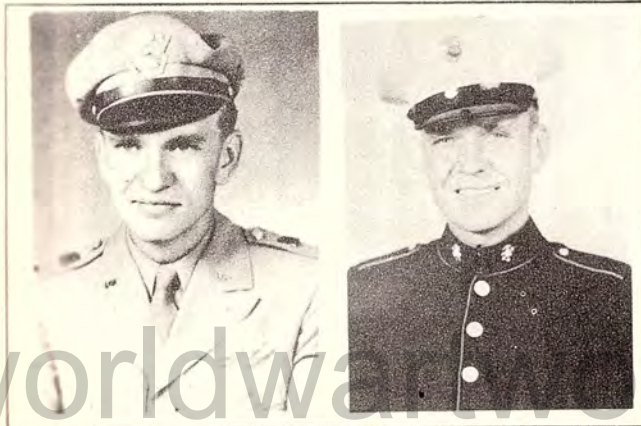
S/Sgt. GEORGE N. RENFRO

S/Sgt. George Neal Renfro, born January 27, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Renfro, Handley, Texas, entered service January 7, 1943, with the Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Casper Army Air Base, Wyoming; began overseas duty February, 1944, in the air offensive of Europe. Sgt. Renfro was taken prisoner of war April, 1944; held at Branau, Austria, and liberated May 3, 1945, after undergoing a 225 mile "Death March" from the Russian to American front. He returned to the States June, 1945. The EAME Ribbon with one Star was awarded, and discharge was granted November 17, 1945.



C.C.S. (U.S.N.) CECIL F. RICH

C.C.S. (U.S.N.) Cecil F. Rich, husband of Viola Rich, Ft. Worth, was born June 24, 1918, in Texas, and attended the Handley, Texas, Public Schools. He volunteered July 15, 1935, with the U.S. Navy; trained at San Diego Naval Base; and served overseas December, 1941, to April, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, participating in the Battles of Midway, Coral Sea and Philippine Invasion. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, and other awards. He returned to the States, and will retire from the Navy June 27, 1955, with twenty years of service.



1st Lt. MERLE B. McMILLEN  
Pfc JOHN M. McMILLEN

1st Lt. MERLE BURTON McMILLEN, born Jan. 22, 1923, son of Mrs. Ida McMillen, Ft. Worth, volunteered November 19, 1942, with Army Air Corps; served as pilot of a C-47 in Troop Carrier; later piloted P-47 Thunderbolts, and participated in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. Received Air Medal and various other awards. Discharged July 7, 1946.

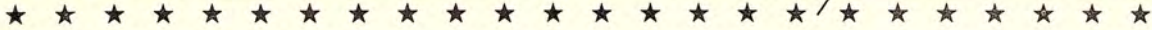
Pfc JOHN M. McMILLEN, born December 16, 1918, son of Mrs. Ida McMillen, volunteered July 28, 1944, with U.S. Marines; served overseas December, 1944, to May, 1946, on Saipan, Guam, Ryukyus Islands, Okinawa and the occupation of Japan. Was discharged June 4, 1946.



SSML 3/c IVY D. RODGERS

SSML3/c Ivy Daniel Rodgers was born July 22, 1909, in Texas, husband of Claudia Mae Rodgers, Ft. Worth, attended the Grapevine, Texas, Public Schools, and entered service January 25, 1944, with the U.S. Naval Reserve, training at Camp Farragut, Idaho, and Camp Shelton, Virginia. He began overseas duty August, 1944, aboard the USS Cumberland Sound, a seaplane tender; served at Pearl Harbor, Hilo, Eniwetok, Guam, Saipan, and Okinawa, and participated in the transporting of occupational forces to Tokyo, Japan. Returning to the States December, 1945, he received various medals and was granted discharge Dec. 19, 1945.

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**Lt. Col. JAMES A. ELDER**

Lt. Col. James Allen Elder, born September 11, 1913, in Texas, son of Mr. W. T. Elder, Wichita Falls, Texas, attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and volunteered for service September 11, 1939, with the Army Air Corps. He was commissioned 2nd Lt., June, 1941, and Lt. Col., May, 1946, and served at Randolph and Kelly Fields in San Antonio. Col. Elder began overseas duty October, 1941, in the Pacific Theater where he served in the Hawaiian Islands, Midway, and Wake Islands, and also at Port Moresby and Darwin, participating in the Philippine Islands campaign. His awards include the Air Medal, Purple Heart for wounds in action, Presidential Unit Citation with Cluster, and other medals. Retirement on Sept. 11, 1946.



**T/5 JOHN D. ROTHROCK**

T/5 John D. Rothrock, birth date April 17, 1921, in Texas, husband of Cleeta Rothrock, Dallas, and son of George M. Rothrock, Ft. Worth, volunteered Oct. 30, 1940, with the Army Infantry, 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Tex., Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass.; began overseas duty April, 1943, in the North African Theater, and later served in the Battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe, returning to the States July, 1945. His awards include the EAME Campaign Ribbon with five Bronze Stars and one Arrowhead with Bronze Star Medal. Discharged Aug. 5, 1945.



**Capt. JESSE L. SALYER**

Capt. Jesse Lee Salyer, born January 4, 1920, husband of Mrs. Betty Sue Salyer, Ft. Worth, entered service Feb. 16, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Infantry, training at Camp Wolters, Texas. Capt. Salyer served overseas June to Sept., 1943, and November, 1943, to November, 1945, with the 1st Special Service Force, Paratroop Unit in the Aleutian Islands, and later with the Air Transport Command at Casa Blanca, North Africa, and in Dakar, Algiers and Italy. After returning to the States, he transferred to the Army Air Corps; trained at Barksdale Field, La., and is now in the Aleutian Islands.



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**Pfc EWALD G. SCHMIDT**

Pfc Ewald (Smitty) Grant Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Schmidt, Ft. Worth, was born April 26, 1907, in Texas, and attended the Ft. Worth Public Schools. He entered service May 10, 1943, with the Army, 593 E.B. & S.R., 3rd Special Brigade; trained at Ft. Ord for eight months, and began overseas duty in the Pacific area where he served for twenty-three months in the Philippine Islands, New Guinea, New Britain and Borneo. His awards include the Good Conduct, Victory and Defense Medals, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and three Battle Stars, and also 1 Bronze Arrowhead. Was discharged December 7, 1945.



**SM 2/c ROBERT E. SHREWDER**

SM2/c Robert Earl Shrewder, born December 23, 1923, son of Mrs. S. S. Shrewder, Ft. Worth, volunteered July 2, 1941, with the U.S. Navy, and began overseas duty September, 1941, in the Pacific Area, serving aboard the USS Wright and USS Cowpens as signalman, participating in the operations against Wake, Gilbert, Marshall, Truk, Marianas, Palau, New Guinea, Iwo Jima, Tokyo and many other engagements including the Battle of the Philippine Sea. Signalman Shrewder returned to the States August, 1945; received various awards and is currently stationed aboard the USS Palau.



**Lt. (jg) WILLIAM E. RUSSELL**

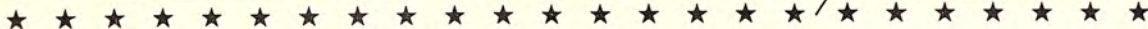
Lt. (jg) William Everett Russell, born June 16, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell, Ft. Worth, volunteered September 12, 1942, with the Navy, Air Corps Branch; trained at Athens, Georgia and Olathe, Kansas, receiving his commission as ensign Feb., 1944. He began overseas duty December, 1944, in Pacific area, and served aboard USS Wasp as fighter pilot in an air group, participating in Okinawa and Southern Kyushu campaigns. Was stationed at Northern Honshu. The Air Medal and two Gold Stars in lieu of 2nd and 3rd Air Medals were awarded with Navy Commendation and Citations. Inactive duty began April 14, 1946.



**Cpl. EDWARD VANCE**

Cpl. Edward (Bob) Vance was born August 30, 1921, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vance, 1255 E. Arlington, Ft. Worth, and attended Carroll Peak Elementary and Paschal High Schools of Ft. Worth, and Port Arthur College. He was employed by Burriss Mill and Elevator Co. before volunteering for service Oct. 15, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces, training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. The World War II Victory and American Defense Medals were awarded with the Good Conduct Medal, Army Air Force Technician Badge and Aircrew Member Wings. Discharge was granted Feb. 21, 1946.

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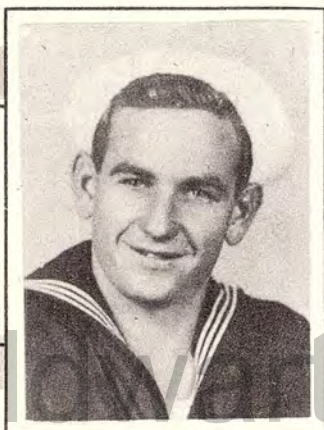
F/1c WILLIAM H. SCHRADER, JR.



1st Sgt. JAMES C. SCHRADER

F1/c William Herman Schrader, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Schrader, Sr., Ft. Worth, was born Feb. 13, 1927, and volunteered Apr. 2, 1945, with the Navy, Fleet Branch. He served overseas July, 1945, to Jan., 1946, in the Pacific area; participated in the Japanese Occupation, Chinese Liberation and the transporting of Prisoners of War from the atomic bombed city of Nagasaki, Japan. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Occupation and Liberation Awards, and the Good Conduct Medal. Fireman Schrader returned to the States, and currently is stationed on fleet duty, San Francisco, USS Springfield.

1st Sgt. James C. Schrader, born June 1, 1916, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Schrader, Sr., Ft. Worth, entered service May 20, 1942, with the Army Quartermaster Corps, and received basic training at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. He began overseas duty August, 1944, with the 9th Army in Europe, and participated in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. He served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, returning to the States September, 1945. The EAME Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and other medals were awarded with discharge November 13, 1945. Currently employed by government.



CM1/c JOE SHURTLEFF



1st Lt. LEE SIMPSON

CM1/c Joe Shurtleff, born October 15, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shurtleff, Ft. Worth, volunteered August 26, 1942, with the U.S. Navy, 27th Construction Batt.; trained at Norfolk, Virginia; and served overseas November, 1942, to October, 1944, and April to November, 1945, in the Pacific Area at New Caledonia, Tulagi, Emirau, Guadalcanal, Okinawa and New Zealand. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Theater and World War II Victory Medals were awarded with the American Defense and Good Conduct Awards. After returning to the States, discharge was granted November 16, 1945.

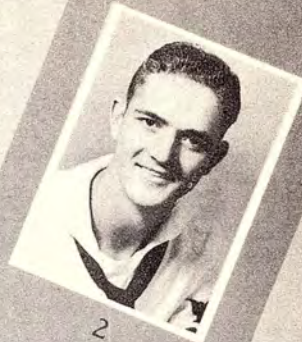
1st Lt. Lee Simpson, was born October 9, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Simpson, Ft. Worth; attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and volunteered December 9, 1942, with the Army Engineers, training at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. He began overseas duty May, 1944, in the Pacific Theater where he served in the Philippine Islands and participated in the battles of Northern Solomons and New Guinea, returning to the States May, 1946. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars and the Meritorious Service Award. Lt. Simpson was placed on inactive duty July 31, 1946.

1. —W.T.3/c WILLIAM NEAL DOTSON, JR., was born June 20, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Dotson, Sr., 2723 Prairie Ave., Ft. Worth. Volunteered for service June 16, 1944. Assigned to Naval Reserves. Trained at N.T.C., San Diego, and Landing Craft Sch. (Pac.). Served overseas from Jan. 31, 1945, to June 3, 1945, in the Pacific area. He received the Philippine Liberation Campaign, American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, Victory, and American Defense Ribbons. Was discharged June, 1946.
2. —A.M.M.2/c TOM JACK TRIMBLE was born May 26, 1924, son-in-law of Mrs. Georgia Duke, of Everman, and husband of Mrs. Faye Duke Trimble of Everman also. Volunteered for service July 7, 1942; assigned to Navy Air Corps. Trained at Dallas, and Norfolk, Virginia. Served overseas sixteen months in Hawaii. Was awarded the American Defense, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. He was discharged November 18, 1945. Attended Everman High School.
- \*3. —A.R.T.1/c NOLAN CECIL DUKE, born Dec. 24, 1915, son of Mrs. Georgia Duke, of Everman, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Katherine Alexander Duke. Volunteered for service July 7, 1942, assigned to Navy Air Corps. Trained at Dallas, Hutchinson, Kan., and Corpus Christi. Served overseas on Aircraft Carrier USS Bunker Hill, Pacific. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice May 11, 1945. Awarded the Purple Heart, American Defense and Victory Medals.
4. —S/SGT. ROBERT MELBOURNE DUKE was born Dec. 2, 1910, son of Mrs. Georgia Duke, Box 432, Everman, Texas. Volunteered for service April 11, 1942, assigned to Army 302nd Ord Bn. Trained at Camp Sutton, N.C., Camp Polk, La., and Camp Pickett, Va. Served overseas in North African Campaign for seven months. He was awarded the American Defense, Good Conduct Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged September 6, 1943.
5. —S1/c WILLIAM WILTON DUKE was born June 27, 1913, son of Mrs. Georgia Duke, and husband of Mrs. Mary Jacobson Duke of Fort Worth. Attended Polytechnic High School. Entered the service Jan. 17, 1944, at Fort Worth. Assigned to Navy Air Corps; trained at San Diego, Calif., and Norman, Okla. Served in the United States at Corpus Christi and Jacksonville, Florida. Awarded American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was honorably discharged December 19, 1945.
6. —CPL. OLEN OWEN MANN was born Aug. 27, 1923, son-in-law of Mrs. Georgia Duke, and husband of Mrs. Janice Duke Mann of Everman, Texas, where he attended the public schools. Volunteered for service at Fort Worth; assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Keesler Field, Miss., and Laredo, Texas. Served in the United States at Maxwell Field, Alabama. He received the American Defense, Good Conduct Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February 9, 1946.
7. —SGT. DOROTHY DUKE GOUMAS was born May 29, 1919, daughter of Mrs. Georgia Duke, and wife of Sgt. John G. Goumas. She attended Polytechnic High School. Volunteered for service May 11, 1943, at Fort Worth. Assigned to Women's Army Corps. Trained at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and Alpine, Texas. Served in the United States at Camp Rucker, Ala., and Camp Davis, N.C. Awarded Women's Auxiliary Army Corps Medal, Good Conduct, Victory, and American Defense Medals. Discharged March 23, 1945.
8. —S/SGT. JOHN GEORGE GOUMAS was born Feb. 18, 1916, son-in-law of Mrs. Georgia Duke of Everman, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Dorothy Duke Goumas. He attended Perth Amboy Public Schools. Entered the service July 16, 1941; assigned to Army 95th Field Artillery. Trained at Camp Davis, North Carolina. Served in the United States. Was awarded the Good Conduct, Pre-Pearl Harbor, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 20, 1945.
9. —PVT. WILLIAM FLOYD HITT was born June 4, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hitt, 1909 Lipscomb, Fort Worth, and husband of Mrs. Margaret Hitt. Entered the service March 25, 1943, at Fort Worth, Texas. Assigned to Army 218th Gun Battalion. Trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged July 15, 1945. Pvt. Hitt resides at 1407 E. Allen Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas. He is the brother of Mrs. R. M. Diggs, also of Ft. Worth.
10. —T/SGT. JAMES T. HITT, JR., born April 24, 1914, brother of Mrs. R. M. Diggs and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hitt, Sr., of Ft. Worth. Volunteered for service Feb. 11, 1941; assigned to Army 36th. Trained at Camp Bowie. Served two years on West and East Coast in guarding military installations and patrolling beaches. Also training overseas replacements. Awarded Commendation from Gen. Ostrom, American Defense, American Theater, Good Conduct, Expert Infantry Badge, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged Nov. 5, 1945.
11. —PVT. JAMES W. DOGGETT, JR., was born July 23, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Doggett, Sr., 3408 Conway St., Ft. Worth, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Ora Gleo Doggett. Attended Texas University and was employed by the U.S. Gov't. in the Treas. Dept. before he entered service July 8, 1942, at Fort Worth, Texas. Assigned to Army Q.M.C. Trained at Ft. Francis E. Warren. Awarded American Defense and Victory Medals. He was discharged October 4, 1943.
12. —PVT. WILLIAM ANDY DOGGETT was born Aug. 24, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Doggett, Sr., Ft. Worth. Attended Texas Christian Univ. and was employed by Frank Kent Motor Co. before he entered the service March 30, 1943, at Ft. Worth, Texas. Assigned to Army Medical Detachment. Trained at Winter Gen. Hospital. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 1, 1944.
13. —PLT./SGT. DAVE EDDINS, born June 8, 1909. Husband of Mrs. Edith Eddins, 3207 Monroe St., Amarillo. Volunteered Sept. 15, 1942; assigned to Marines, Ship's Detachment Division. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Feb. 4, 1943, to Oct. 6, 1945, in European invasion, Normandy, Southern France, Toulon, Okinawa, and the bombardment of the Japanese mainland. Selected to be President's Orderly, Crimean Cruise, and awarded American Defense and Victory Medals. Was discharged Nov. 2, 1945.
14. —S1/c CLARENCE W. DUNN, born Nov. 5, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Dunn, Quinlan, where he attended the public schools. Husband of Mrs. Clara Dunn of Ft. Worth. Volunteered Aug. 29, 1942; trained at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va. Served overseas March 27, 1943, to Oct. 9, 1945, in Hawaii (Oahu) for 15 months, and also in the Battle of Guam and remained for 16 months. He received one Battle Star, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 18, 1945.
15. —S/SGT. WALTER E. BRIGGS, born Feb. 3, 1912, brother of Mrs. Clara Dunn. Husband of Mrs. Katherine Briggs, of Ft. Worth. Volunteered for service Nov. 20, 1940; assigned to Army 2nd Division. Trained at Dodd Field, and Ft. Sam Houston. Served overseas Sept. 11, 1944, to Oct. 20, 1945, in Belgium, France, Holland, Germany, Battle of Rhine, and Bulge. Awarded European Theater, 3 Battle Stars, Pre-Pearl Harbor, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Oct., 1945.
16. —S.C.2/c HENRY WILLARD BRIGGS, born March 29, 1915, brother of Mrs. Clara Dunn. Husband of Mrs. Mattie Mae Briggs, of Ft. Worth. Volunteered July 25, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Seabees. Trained at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Served overseas March 5, 1943, to March 23, 1944, in the South Pacific, Guadalcanal, Russell, Green Islands and in the Munda area. Awarded American Defense and Victory Medals. He was discharged August 20, 1946.
17. —PFC CALVIN R. DUPREE was born Sept. 19, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Dupree, 1105 Park Ave., Ft. Worth. Attended A & M College of Texas. Entered the service June 12, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to 1st Marine Division. Trained at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Served overseas from Dec. 3, 1943, to Dec. 25, 1944, in New Caledonia and Peleliu on Palau Islands. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 10, 1945.
18. —BOATSWAINS MATE BENJAMIN L. DUPREE, born Sept. 7, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dupree of Fort Worth. Volunteered for service Dec. 17, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy 4th Special C.B. and also 3rd Special C.B. Trained at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va. Served overseas from March 9, 1943, to Jan. 8, 1946, in Guadalcanal, and Okinawa. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged January 18, 1946. Prior to service he attended Texas A & M College.
- \*19. —AVIATION CADET DON EVERETT DYER was born Aug. 8, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessel Dyer, 548 Spurgeon St., Fort Worth, Texas. Attended Paschal High School. Volunteered for service Sept. 8, 1942, Dallas. Assigned to Navy Air Corps - Aviation Cadet. Trained at Athens, Ga., where he took his pre-flight, training at Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas; while at Norman, Okla., he paid the Supreme Sacrifice April 16, 1943, in an airplane crash.
20. —CPL. ELDON LEE DYER was born Oct. 15, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dyer, 548 Spurgeon, Fort Worth, Texas. Husband of Mrs. Lucille M. Dyer. Attended the public schools of Ft. Worth before he entered the service Oct. 14, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at Camp Wolters, Sheppard Field, Texas, and Truax Field, Madison, Wis. Awarded American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 4, 1945.

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**Cpl. JOHN L. CUPIT**

Cpl. John L. Cupit was born May 31, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cupit, Van Alstyne, Texas and husband of Mary Juanita Cupit, Ft. Worth; entered service September 25, 1942, with the Army Air Corps; trained at Pendleton Field, Oregon, Sioux City, Iowa, and Newport, Rhode Island. He served overseas September, 1943, until July, 1945, stationed in Bungay, England, until his return to the States. The Presidential Citation, European Theater of Operations Award and Good Conduct Medal were awarded with the World War II Victory and American Theater and Defense Ribbons. Discharge was granted from the Army Air Corps November 6, 1945.



**\*S /2c GEORGE D. ROE**  
**Sgt. BILLY D. ROE**

S2/c GEORGE D. ROE, husband of Effie I. Roe, Ft. Worth, born July 17, 1898, volunteered Feb. 21, 1942, with the U.S. Navy; assigned to USS Juneau, light cruiser; transferred overseas and participated in the battles of Solomon Islands and Santa Cruz. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Nov. 13, 1942, in the Pacific Theater. Awarded World War I Medal and Purple Heart posthumously.

Sgt. BILLY DAN ROE, son of the late George D. Roe and Mrs. Effie I. Roe, entered service March 14, 1944, with Marine, 2nd Air Wing. Sgt. Roe served in the Hawaiian and Ryukyus Islands; participated in Invasion of Okinawa and received various awards and medals. Was discharged April 25, 1946.



**Ens. WILLIS B. SMITH**

Ensign Willis Bradford Smith, born January 9, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sisserson, Ft. Worth, attended T.C.U. at Ft. Worth, and volunteered June 22, 1942, with the Navy, V-5 Branch; trained at Del Monte, Calif., Norman, Okla., and Corpus Christi, Texas. He served overseas January to November, 1945, in the Pacific Area where he participated in the Okinawa Campaign on the ships USS Sargent Bay and USS Shangra La. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Battle Stars was awarded, and Ensign Smith is recognized as Parachute and Air Sea Rescue Gear Officer and Landing Signal Officer. Was discharged November 14, 1945.

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1st Lt. HERBERT C. SLAUGHTER



\*FCM 3/c HORACE P. SMITH, JR.

1st Lt. Herbert Charles Slaughter, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Slaughter, Ft. Worth, was born May 22, 1924, in Texas; volunteered June 23, 1942, with the Marine Air Corps; trained at Corpus Christi; and began overseas duty February 13, 1944, in the Pacific Theater where he served as a fighter pilot in the Solomon and Philippine Islands. He returned to the States March, 1945. Lt. Slaughter was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Air Medals with the Presidential Unit Citation, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, and other ribbons, and was discharged from the Marines Nov. 8, 1945.

FCM3/c Horace Porter Smith, Jr., born November 6, 1921, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace P. Smith, Sr., 4005 Avenue L., Ft. Worth, attended Polytechnic High School in Ft. Worth, and volunteered March 8, 1940, with the U.S. Navy. He trained at San Diego, California; was assigned to the Cruiser, USS Houston; and began overseas duty October, 1940, in the Pacific Theater. He served at Pearl Harbor, Guam, Manila; participated in the Battle of Java; and was "missing in action" February 28, 1942, when his ship was sunk by enemy fire. Three years later he was declared officially lost. Citation was awarded.



Sgt. LOTUS O. SMITH, JR.



Capt. GARLON W. SMITH

Sgt. Lotus O. Smith, Jr., birth date March 5, 1913, a native of Texas, husband of Dorothy V. Smith, Ft. Worth, attended the Handley, Texas, Schools, and entered service November 18, 1940, with the Army 56th Cavalry Brigade, National Guard. He transferred to 14th Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and was stationed there until November, 1943, when he was assigned overseas to the China-Burma-India Theater. Sgt. Smith returned to the States July, 1945, and received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with various other awards, and was discharged from the U.S. Army August 1, 1945.

Capt. Garlon W. Smith, born June 30, 1915, husband of Billie M. Smith, Ft. Worth, entered service November 18, 1940, with Army, 1st Cavalry; was commissioned at Ft. Riley, Kansas, December 15, 1942. He served overseas July, 1943, to September, 1945, in the Pacific Area; participated in the battles of New Guinea and Admiralty Islands, and was wounded on Luzon; later was again seriously wounded by a sniper in the Legislature Bldg. at Manila. He received Pacific and Philippine Ribbon with a total of six Battle Stars, 1 Arrowhead, Distinguished Unit Badge, Purple Heart with Cluster and other awards. Returned to O.R.C. Nov. 22, 1945.



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Pfc FRANCE A. McKEE, JR.



\*Pfc WILLIAM H. McLEROY

Pfc France Austin McKee, Jr., born Feb. 27, 1926, in Texas, son of Dr. and Mrs. France A. McKee, Sr., Ft. Worth, attended Texas Christian University, and entered service July 27, 1944, with the Army Air Force, training at Sheppard Field, Texas; transferred overseas November, 1945, to the Pacific Area where he served in the Philippine Islands, Luzon and Manila, and in the occupational army at Tokyo and Honshu, Japan. Pfc McKee returned to the States July, 1946, and received the Army of Occupation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with the Philippine Liberation and various other awards. Was discharged Aug., 1946.

Pfc William Harold McLeroy, born March 7, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McLeroy, Ft. Worth, attended Texas Wesleyan College in Ft. Worth, and volunteered November 25, 1942, with the U.S. Marine Hq. and Hq. Co., training at San Diego; later served as Drill Instructor until shipped overseas March, 1944, where he received advanced training at Guadalcanal. Pfc McLeroy participated in the battles of the Marshall Islands and of Guam with the First Provisional Brigade, transferring to the 22nd Marines; he paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country September 4, 1944, with his life. He was laid to rest on Guadalcanal.



Lt. Col. CHARLES A. GERLOFF



Lt. GEORGE W. MILLS

Lt. Col. Charles A. Gerloff, born September 15, 1892, in Texas, husband of Mrs. Ruth Garrett Gerloff, Brownwood, Texas, acquired his education in Dallas. Volunteered June 17, 1917, with Army, Field Artillery, in 1st World War. Overseas 9 mos., engaging in 3 sub-battles, and transferred to Army Air Force April, 1942, to assume command of 595th Technical School Sqdn. Served at Miami and at Atlantic City, N.J.; transported troops over the country; later assigned to Middletown Air Service Command, Pennsylvania; and served at Office of Inspector, General Hdqtrs. Col. Gerloff received various awards, and was discharged September 2, 1946.

Lt. George Wilson Mills, born August 29, 1903, son of Mrs. J. L. Gray, Glen Rose, and husband of Elsie J. Mills, Arlington, Texas, volunteered September 20, 1920, with U.S. Navy, Destroyer and Aviation Branch. He served overseas May, 1940, to September, 1942, and April, 1943, to December, 1944, on USS Wasp until sunk, and aboard the USS Yorktown, participating in various invasions and battles including Marcus, Wake, Gilbert, Marshall, and Philippine Islands, also China, and many more; received Presidential Unit Citation 3 Area Ribbons with Navy and Marine Corps Medal, and transferred to inactive duty, Fleet Reserve, Class F-4-D, November 1, 1946.

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**\*Pfc DENZIL LEGGETT**

Pfc Denzil Leggett was born October 2, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Leggett, Azle, Parker County, Texas, and entered service July 16, 1942, with the Army, 1st Armored Division, training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, in the 36th Armored Regiment, 8th Division. Pfc Leggett began overseas duty February, 1943, in North Africa where he participated in the battles of Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines; he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in combat April 28, 1945, in the Po Valley, Italy. He was a true Christian, member of the Presbyterian Faith; his Chaplain, in writing about him, said "His smile was missed most of all." The EAME Ribbon with one Silver Star was awarded with the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, and other ribbons. He was laid to rest in Mirandola, Italy.



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**Chaplain Capt. LEON F. MILNER**

Chaplain Capt. Leon Frank Milner, born Oct. 31, 1909, husband of Marye J. Milner, formerly of Dallas, now of Merced, Calif., attended Texas Wesleyan College at Ft. Worth, and volunteered November 2, 1942, with Army Air Force. Attended Chaplain's School at Harvard University. He began overseas duty February, 1944, serving in the battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, and air offensive of Europe; returned to the States December, 1945. His awards include Presidential Unit Citation, ETO Ribbon with six Bronze Stars, and other medals. Remains in service at Castle Field, Merced, Calif.



**1st Lt. RICHARD C. METCALFE**

1st Lt. Richard Chilton Metcalfe, born Oct. 6, 1906, in Texas, husband of Mrs. Jackoline Metcalfe, formerly of Handley, Texas, and now of San Francisco, and son of George W. Metcalfe, Handley, Texas, volunteered June 5, 1931, with Army Air Corps, was commissioned and graduated a radio operator and mechanic in 1932. He served overseas in Panama Canal Zone July, 1932, to June, 1934, and August, 1942, to June, 1944, in North Africa and European area, participating in Algerian, Tunisian and Italian campaigns. After returning to the States, he received EAME Ribbon with other medals; was discharged, and re-enlisted November, 1945.



**Capt. WILLIAM K. MITCHELL**

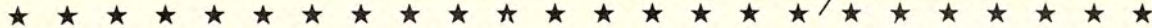
Capt. William Kent Mitchell, born November 5, 1914, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Mitchell, Ft. Worth, and attended Texas Christian University. He volunteered Sept. 1, 1940, with the Royal Canadian Air Force; served until April, 1942; resigned and entered Army Air Forces at Miami, Fla., October, 1942, serving with Air Transport Command. Capt. Mitchell served twenty-seven months overseas in Africa, England and India; received the Allied Service Ribbon, ETO; Asiatic-Pacific, Meritorious Award, Pre-Pearl Harbor Medal with other awards, and was released from active duty December 15, 1944. A member of Army Air Force Reserves.



**S/Sgt. O. HUBERT CREW**

S/Sgt. O. Hubert Crew, birth date August 17, 1907, husband of Elizabeth Vann Crew, Ft. Worth, Texas, entered service August 7, 1942, with the Army, HQ Co., 7th Port, and trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Sgt. Crew transferred December, 1943, to the European area serving in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Liverpool, England, later serving in the Pacific Area on the Luzon Islands and at Nagoya, Japan. He returned to the States November, 1945, and received the ETO Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with the Good Conduct Award, World War II Victory, and American Defense Awards. Was discharged November 29, 1945.

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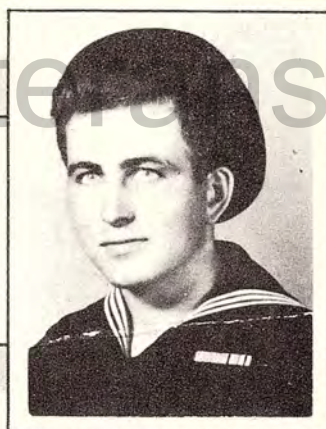
FO FRANCIS E. COFER

Flight Officer Francis Earl Cofer, birth date May 30, 1925, son of Mrs. F. E. Cofer, Ft. Worth, attended Everman, Texas, and Ft. Worth Public Schools, also, Texas A & M at College Station. He volunteered June 18, 1943, with the Army Air Forces, and after cadet training, was commissioned and acted as instructor in the States until transferred to 434 Troop Carrier Command; served at Bear Field, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with American Theater Ribbon were awarded, plus the Good Conduct Award. Flight Officer Cofer reverted to inactive status with the Reserve Corps on November 11, 1945.



SI/c EMMA LEE DAVIS

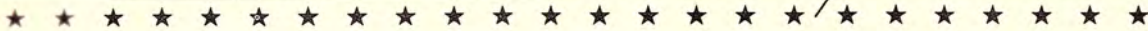
SI/c Emma Lee Davis, born April 2, 1925, a native of Texas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Manly Davis, Ft. Worth, attended North Side High and Texas Wesleyan College in Ft. Worth, and volunteered for service May 29, 1945, with the Navy, WAVES, training at Hunter College in New York. Seaman Davis served in Washington, D.C., after training, and before discharge was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Defense and American Theater Awards with other ribbons. She was discharged from service October 23, 1945. Prior to Navy duty, she was employed as production illustrator, and since her return to civilian life, is rated as a commercial artist.



GM3/c DONALD A. DEEVER

GM3/c Donald A. Deever, born July 22, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleave Deever, Ft. Worth, attended Diamond Hill Elementary and High Schools in Ft. Worth, and volunteered September 29, 1942, with the U.S. Navy, training at Great Lakes, Illinois. He served overseas November, 1942, to September, 1944, and January to December, 1945, in the Pacific Area aboard the USS Soubarissen. He participated in the Battle of Okinawa. After returning to the States, he received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one Battle Star, Navy Good Conduct Award, and other medals, and was discharged January 9, 1946.

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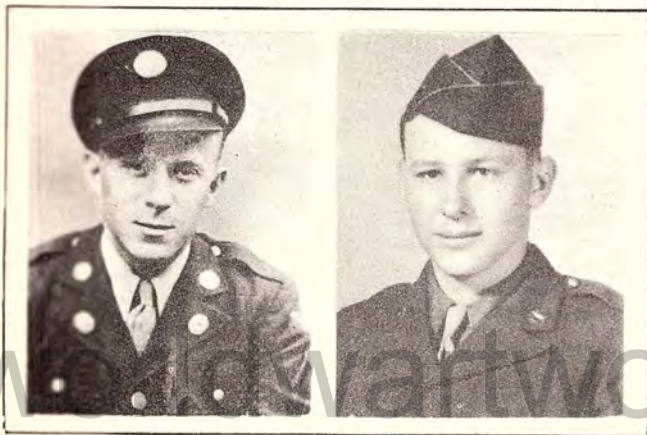
Cpl. FRED W. DEEVER, JR.



T/5 WARREN F. DUNNAM

Cpl. Fred Ward Deaver, Jr., birth date Feb. 13, 1925, a native of Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deaver, Sr., 3005 Grover Street in Ft. Worth, Texas. He received his education in the Public Schools of Ft. Worth and was employed by the New Liberty Theater before entering the Army, 3rd Air Forces, on May 17, 1943, at Camp Wolters, Texas. He trained at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana. Cpl. Deaver, before separation from service, received the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, and American Defense Ribbon with the Good Conduct Award. His discharge was granted Mar. 2, 1946, at Fort Bliss, El Paso.

T/5 Warren F. Dunnam, born November 15, 1920, husband of Emma Jo Dunnam, Ft. Worth, volunteered Feb. 13, 1940, with the Army Infantry; trained at Ft. Ord, California, and transferred to North Africa Oct., 1942; he participated in the invasion of Fedala, Tunisian campaign, Italian campaign, Mt. Pantano, Cassino, Anzio Beachhead, Rome, Pisa, Gothic Line, and Florence. He was wounded once near Casa Blanca, and twice in Italy. He returned May, 1945, received Presidential Unit Citation, 6 Battle Stars and 1 Arrowhead, and was discharged May, 1945.



S/Sgt. MAURICE E. DUNCAN  
Sgt. ROBERT C. DUNCAN

S/Sgt. MAURICE EVANS DUNCAN, born April 10, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duncan, Arlington, Texas, volunteered August 1, 1942, with Army Airways Communications; served in Pacific Area April, 1944, to February, 1946; participated in battle of New Guinea, and also served in Japan. Discharged March 1, 1946.

Sgt. ROBERT C. DUNCAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duncan, Ft. Worth, born March 27, 1925, entered service July 6, 1943, with Army Tanks Corps; was in European Area December, 1944, until July, 1945, and participated in the battles of Rhineland and Central Germany. Awarded ETO Ribbon with two Battle Stars, and was discharged February 15, 1946.



Pfc EDWARD O. HILEMAN

Pfc Edward O. Hileman, born January 26, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Davis, Ft. Worth, Texas, attended East Van Zandt Elementary and Paschal High Schools, both in Ft. Worth, and entered service May 17, 1943, with the Army, Office of Strategic Services. After training in the States, Pfc Hileman transferred to the South East Asia Command where he remained until November, 1945; returned to the States, and received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, and Good Conduct Award with the American Theater Ribbon. His discharge from service was granted November 29, 1945, with thirty months' service.

The **FIGHTING MEN** of **TEXAS**



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**Cpl. PAUL D. CATO**

Cpl. Paul David Cato, born October 10, 1908, son of S. I. Cato, South Carolina, and husband of Pauline Cato, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service September 7, 1943, with the Navy, Seabees; trained at Camp Peary, Virginia, Port Hueneme, Calif., and Camp Endicott, R.I. Cpl. Cato served in the Pacific Theater March, 1944, until April, 1945, at the Naval Base on Manus Island of the Admiralty Group, 20th Special Seabees. His awards include the Navy Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons, and American Theater Awards plus the Yangtze Service Medal from previous Naval Service during the years 1929 to 1933. September 11 he was released to inactive duty.



**T/5 IRA E. EDWARDS**

T/5 Ira Eugene Edwards, born July 8, 1913, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Edwards, now deceased, and husband of Katherine V. Edwards, Ft. Worth, attended the Public Schools of Denton, Texas, and entered service December 7, 1942, with the Army Infantry, training at Camp Wolters, Texas. He served as shipping and checking clerk at Camp Wolters, and also as a military policeman. He received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Award and American Theater Ribbon before his discharge was granted February 22, 1946, with service credit of thirty-eight months.



**Pvt. WILLIAM P. EVANS**

Pvt. William Pinkney Evans son of H. L. Evans, Ft. Worth, and husband of Audrey Lee Evans, Dallas, was born August 3, 1907, and entered service September 22, 1943, with the Army Tank Corps; trained at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and transferred overseas June, 1944, to the European Area, participating in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Pvt. Evans acted as chauffeur for military personnel; also, serviced and made minor repairs on vehicles. He returned to the States October, 1945, and received the EAME Campaign Ribbon with five Stars and other medals. Was discharged November, 1945.



1. —T/5 O.F. CAUTHEN, Ft. Worth, birth date January 22, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.F. Cauthen, Sr., entered service December 2, 1941, assigned to the Army 81st F.A. Bn., remained in the States until March, 1942. He served in Alaska and the European Theater, participating in the battles of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars plus 6 Overseas Service Bars. Was discharged October 21, 1945.

2. —SGT. CHARLES S. CAYLOR, JR., husband of Mrs. Ruby Caylor, Ft. Worth, was born May 25, 1923, and volunteered August, 1942, for the 1st Marine Division. January, 1943, Sgt. Caylor sailed for Australia; served on Goodenough, New Guinea, Guadalcanal and other Pacific Islands, receiving wounds on Peleliu Islands September 16, 1944. He received the Purple Heart and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 3 Stars before his discharge October, 1945.

3. —S/SGT. JOHN L. CLARDY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clardy, Ft. Worth, was born September 3, 1917. On entering the service March 20, 1941, he was assigned to the Medical Department, training at Camp Grant, Illinois, and later at Camp Wolters, Texas. March, 1942, Sgt. Clardy's Unit transferred to Hawaii, remaining there one year. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. His discharge was granted October, 1943.

4. —M/SGT. EDWARD H. CLARDY, birth date May 5, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Clardy, Ft. Worth, entered service February 25, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, A.A.F., training at Stinson Field, San Antonio. July, 1943, Sgt. Clardy left for duty in Calcutta and Bangalore, India, remaining until December, 1945. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded along with the World War II and Defense Awards. His discharge was final January 4, 1946.

5. —1ST SGT. THOMAS W. CLARDY, born June 9, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Clardy, Ft. Worth, entered service January 16, 1942, in the Army, 409th AAA Bn. He served in the areas of North Africa, Italy, Corsica, and Southern France from May 10, 1943, until September 19, 1945. His awards include the Good Conduct, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. After nearly four years of service, he was discharged September 25, 1945.

6. —T/5 CHARLES ERNEST LOWRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton S. Clark, Ft. Worth, was born April 8, 1923. Upon entering service January 19, 1943, he was assigned to the Army Air Corps, 860th Engr. Bn., training at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis. His overseas duty began October, 1943. He served in Australia, New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies, Philippines and Japan. He returned to the States January 4, 1946, and was discharged from service ten days later.

7. —TM3/c LEE A. NIELSEN, birth date April 3, 1923, brother of Mrs. A. N. Claycamp, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service December 9, 1942, with the Navy, P.T. Adv. Base, 7th Fleet, training at Destroyer Base, San Diego. His overseas service began June, 1944; served in the Solomon, Philippine, New Guinea and Luzon Islands, as a deep sea diver, and later as torpedo man. He returned to the States November, 1945, and received his discharge December 10, 1945.

8. —SGT. MAX A. NIELSEN, brother of Mrs. A.N. Claycamp, Ft. Worth, born April 3, 1923, volunteered for service December 11, 1942, with the Marines, 1st Division. One year later Sgt. Nielsen began serving in the Solomon, Russell, and Okinawa Islands, also New Guinea and China areas. His awards include a Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific and China Operation Ribbons. After returning to the States he was discharged May 10, 1946.

9. —T/SGT. BILLY LLOYD CLEAVER, birth date November 8, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Cleaver, Ft. Worth, entered the Army Air Corps February 9, 1943. He began overseas service April, 1945, participating in the campaigns of Central Europe and France; was stationed the majority of the time in Paris. His awards are the EAME Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. He was discharged March 1, 1946.

10. —SKV3/c GLENN LAMAR CLEAVER, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Cleaver, Ft. Worth, was born January 20, 1921, in Texas, and attended North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, Texas. He volunteered for service December 8, 1944, for the Naval Air Corps, training at U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, and Flight Air Wing at San Francisco. He was awarded the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals, and was discharged July 16, 1946.

11. —PFC LIONEL E. CLOUTIER, birth date September 12, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Cloutier, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service November 25, 1940, with the 36th Division, Army. April 13, 1943, he landed in North Africa, serving in Salerno and Italy; was wounded while acting as litter bearer in Southern France. Received the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, Arrowhead and three Battle Stars. He was discharged July 6, 1945.

\*12. —AMM3/c MARSHALL D. COKE, JR., born July 31, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Coke, Sr., of Arlington, Texas, volunteered August, 1942, for the Naval Air Corps. August, 1943, he began overseas duty in the Pacific Islands and Australia. While on a special mission in New Guinea March 12, 1944, his plane failed to return, and he was listed as "Missing" and later declared officially lost. He received his Air Corps Gunner's Wings and two Campaign Stars.

13. —PFC BOYD L. CONDRA, born September 27, 1922, son of Mrs. Lena Condra, Ft. Worth, volunteered January, 1941, assigned to the Army Hq., 18th F.A. Bn., training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. February of 1944 he entered the European area, serving as telephone line man in the battles of Normandy, Central Europe, Northern France, Rhineland and Ardennes. His EAME Campaign Medal has five Bronze Stars. He was discharged October 7, 1945.

14. —PFC LLOYD J. CONDRA, born September 27, 1922, twin of Pfc Boyd L. Condra, Ft. Worth, volunteered January, 1941, and assigned to the Army Hq., 18th F.A. Bn., training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. February of 1944, he entered the European area, serving as machine gunner in the battles of Normandy, Central Europe, Northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes. His EAME Campaign Medal has five Bronze Stars. He was discharged October 7, 1945.

15. —T/5 WARREN S. CONDRA, birth date July 25, 1921, son of Mrs. Lena Condra, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service June 25, 1940, with the 36th Division, Army. April, 1943, to June, 1945, he participated in the campaigns of Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Naples. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, Bronze Star Award and Good Conduct Medal. His service was terminated June 26, 1945.

16. —MOMM 1/c LEA E. DOCKSTADER, son of Mrs. Lena Condra, Ft. Worth, entered service March 23, 1944, and was assigned to the U.S. Navy, training at San Diego. July 10, 1944, he sailed for the South Pacific; participated in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Received two Battle Stars with the Asiatic-Pacific Medal, also, the World War II Victory and American Defense and Good Conduct Awards. His discharge was final December 1, 1945.

17. —1ST LT. ROGER CHARLES SULLIVAN, son of Mrs. Claude D. Coates, Ft. Worth, was born October 2, 1917, and volunteered April 7, 1942, for the Army Service Forces, training with the Transportation Corps School, New Orleans. November, 1945, to January, 1946, he served in the Zone of Interior, European Theater of Operations, receiving an Army Commendation Medal. March 12, 1946, he transferred to the Intelligence Corps where he remained.

18. —ROBERT LEE SULLIVAN, born March 16, 1916, son of Mrs. Claude P. Coates, Ft. Worth, attended Southern Methodist University, and entered service in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps March 30, 1944. He transferred to the Pacific Theater February, 1945, and served in the Southern Philippines and Luzon Campaign as a Special Agent. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars. He was discharged January, 1946.

19. —PFC CHARLES ALLARD COTHER, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Cother, was born December 25, 1907, and entered service October 22, 1943, with the Army Ordnance Division. June, 1944, he began one year of service in the South Pacific Islands. Pfc Cother received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, also the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with four Bronze Stars, before being discharged June 16, 1945.

20. —SGT. JAMES L. COTHER, birth date July 26, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Cother, Ft. Worth, entered service February 23, 1942, with the Army A.A.F. Signal Corps. He served in the Aleutian and Hawaiian Islands from February, 1943, to July, 1944, and June, 1945, to November, 1945, respectively, receiving the Good Conduct and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medals with World War II Victory and Defense Awards. He was discharged November 15, 1945.

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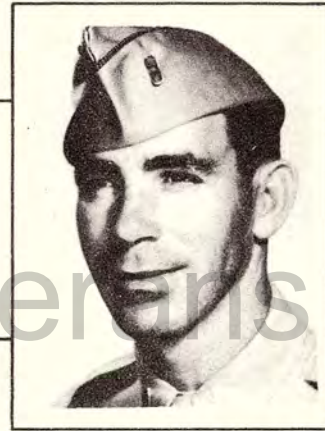
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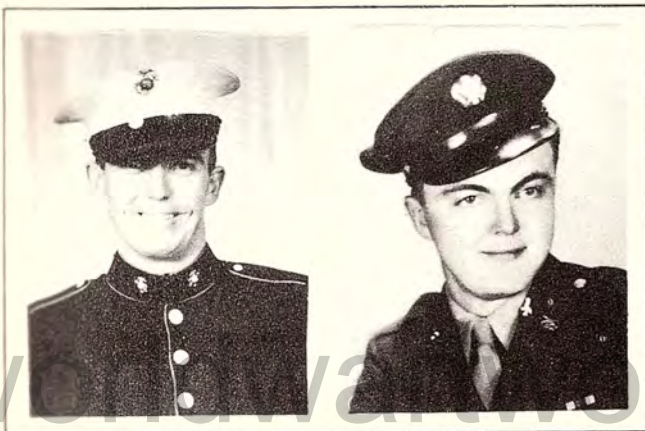
S/Sgt. ERCHEAL C. EVANS



WO (jg) WILLIE E. LANGSTON

S/Sgt. Ercheal Conrad Evans, born February 8, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Evans of Ft. Worth, volunteered September 9, 1940, with the Army Signal Corps, training at March Field, Calif., and Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Sgt. Evans began overseas duty September, 1942, in the Pacific areas of New Zealand, Australia, New Guinea and Philippine Islands, participating in the battles of Hollandia and Luzon. After returning to the States July, 1945, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Award with other ribbons, and was discharged July 11, 1945.

WO (jg) Willie Edward Langston, born June 24, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Langston, Ft. Worth, Texas, volunteered for service September 29, 1936, with Army 2nd Div., Air Corps, training at Ft. Sam Houston, Kelly Field, and San Marcos Army Air Field, Texas. His overseas duty began April, 1945, in the Pacific area where he served in Saipan and Okinawa, returning to the States November, 1945. His awards include 3 Good Conduct Medals, 2 Unit Citations, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, and other awards. Discharged February 20, 1946, and reenlisted the next day as Master Sergeant. Stationed at Hq. & Hq. Sq. 24 Composite Wing, Boringuen, Fd., P.R.



Pvt. CHARLES L. DYER  
Pfc WELDON W. DYER

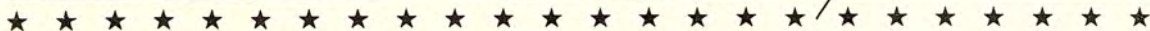
Pvt. CHARLES LEE DYER, born January 10, 1919, son of Mrs. J.M. Dyer, Ft. Worth, volunteered August 23, 1944, with Marine Corps; trained at Parris Island, S.C.; injured in training, receiving a broken ankle, hospitalized and discharged November 11, 1944. Pfc WELDON W. DYER, son of Mrs. J.M. Dyer, born November 2, 1921, entered service September 9, 1942, with the Army Infantry; transferred August, 1944, until Dec., 1945, to European Area; participated in battles of No. France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Pvt. Dyer received the E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon with four Battle Stars, and other medals, and was discharged January 4, 1946.



EM2/c ARL E. YOUNG

EM2/c ARL Edward Young, born October 19, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Young, Ft. Worth, volunteered January 9, 1943, with the Navy Seabees, serving at Camp Bradford, Virginia, and Camp Endicott, R.I. He served overseas May, 1943, to October, 1944, and March, 1945, to January, 1946, in the Pacific area of Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and on Wake Island in Central Pacific and New Hebrides Islands. After returning to the States he received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater Ribbons. Discharged on January 28th, 1946.

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\*1st Lt. GAMBRELL W. HALTOM



Capt. ROBERT C. HALTOM

Lt. Haltom was born on Oct. 25, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.P. Haltom.. He volunteered for the Army on May 15, 1942, assigned to 687th Sig. Air Warning Co.; later served with the 562nd S.A.W. Bn.; trained at Texas A & M; Drew Field, Florida; Command School, Orlando; and Camp Murphy, Hobe Sound, Fla. He went overseas in Oct., 1942, and landed at Casablanca under Gen. George S. Patton. Later attached to the 12th Air Force under Gen. Montgomery; set up the 1st U.S. Radar Station at Casablanca. He rescued many men from drowning when his boat was torpedoed. He was later killed April 22, 1943, in the line of duty near Tunisia. Awarded Citations from F.D. Roosevelt, Gov. Coke Stevenson, and H.C. Bolton of Texas A & M. As a radio amateur his station was W5GZI at Ft. Worth, He also served as Capt. of C.o.A. Sig. Corps at A & M.

Capt. Haltom, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Haltom, and husband of Helen Rogers of Ft. Worth, was born Dec. 25, 1922. Attended Texas A & M; entered the service on March 14, 1943, assigned to the 16th Army Corps; ordered to Camps Edwards, Mass., and Pickett, Va., for his training. Served in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany from Sept., 1944, to March, 1946, participating in the battles of Rhineland and Northern France. He received the Philippine Liberation award, and was given an honorable discharge in March, 1946. In 1940 Robert Haltom was Colonel of R.O.T.C. Cadets of Ft. Worth; was Pres. of A.A. M.E. at A & M, and was also a Ross Volunteer at A & M.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Sgt. LUTHER H. WOOD, JR.



CPO TERRY L. WOOD

Sgt. Luther H. Wood, Jr., born Nov. 29, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Wood, Ft. Worth, entered service Feb. 9, 1943, with the U.S. Marine, 4th and 6th Divisions, training at San Diego. Sgt. Wood served overseas October, 1943, to December, 1945, in the Pacific area, participating in the battles of Emirau Island, Guam, Okinawa and Occupation of Japan; he was on Guadalcanal eighteen months and also on New Caledonia. He returned to the States, and was awarded the Navy Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with the Victory and Defense Awards. Was discharged Dec. 25, 1945.

Chief Petty Officer Terry L. Wood, born Sept. 23, 1907, in Texas, husband of Eula Mae Wood, Ft. Worth, volunteered May 17, 1942, with the Navy Seabees, 18th Construction Bn., training at Camp Allen, Virginia, and Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. He served January, 1944, to November, 1944, in the Pacific area at Milne Bay, New Guinea. He had served as Military Instructor at Port Hueneeme, California, prior to overseas duty; also he was on detach duty with the United Nations Conference in San Francisco 1945. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. Discharged October 7, 1945.



CMoMM GRANT A. WYNINGER

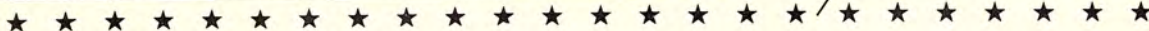


Lt. Col. LYNN M. YEATTS

CMoMM Grant Allen Wyninger, husband of Anne McNatt Wyninger, Ft. Worth, was born July 11, 1915, and attended the Birdville, Texas, Public Schools. He volunteered March 24, 1942, with the U.S. Naval Reserve, training at San Diego. Began overseas duty July, 1942, on the U.S.S. Sc676 for eight months in the Caribbean Sea, also in Tunisian campaign and invasions of Sicily, Salerno, Anzio and Southern France. He also spent two months in Yugoslavia with Marshall Tito and Partisans. After returning to the States October, 1944, he received various awards, and was discharged from the U.S. Navy August 31, 1945.

Lt. Col. Lynn Marshall Yeatts, born March 7, 1912, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Yeatts, Ft. Worth, attended North Texas Agricultural College, and volunteered August 24, 1940, with the Army, 2nd Armored Division. Col. Yeatts served in the European Theater January, 1944, to August, 1945, participating in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, Rhineland and Ardennes, receiving the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat July 20, 1944. The Silver Star, Bronze Star with Cluster, Belgium Fourragere, and various other medals were awarded. Discharge was received February 17, 1946.

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S/Sgt. FRANK E. DUMAS, JR.

S/Sgt. Frank E. Dumas, Jr., born May 11, 1912, in Texas, son of Mrs. Joe B. Cowdrey, Lubbock, Texas, attended Sam Rosen Elementary and North Side High Schools in Ft. Worth. Entered service May 7, 1943, with the Army, Corps of Engineers; trained at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, and Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. Sgt. Dumas served overseas January, 1944, until December, 1945, in the India-Burma campaign and was among the pipeline engineers who constructed and operated the world's longest military pipeline. Received the Meritorious Unit Award, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and two Bronze Stars, and other awards. After returning to the States he was granted discharge January 4, 1946.



Pfc IRVIN C. WISEMAN

Pfc Irvin C. Wiseman was born March 28, 1917, in Texas, son of Mrs. Leota Wiseman, Ft. Worth. He entered service October 17, 1942, with the Army Infantry, 7th Division, training at Fort Ord, California. Pfc Wiseman began overseas duty April, 1943, in the Pacific Theater, serving in the Aleutian Islands at the battles of Attu, Marshall Islands, Kwajalein, Philippine and Ryukyus Islands; also battles of Leyte, and Okinawa where he was wounded in combat. Received the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Stars and Philippine Liberation with one Star. Returned home Oct., 1945, and discharged Feb. 3, 1946.



Sgt. DONALD G. WILSON

Sgt. Donald Grindle Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Wilson, Ft. Worth, was born December 25, 1920, in Texas. Attended Texas Christian University, entered service July 7, 1942, with the Army Signal Corps, training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Began overseas duty March, 1944, in the Pacific Theater where he participated in the invasions of Guam and Okinawa. Returned to the States January, 1946. Sgt. Wilson received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards plus the Good Conduct Medal. Was granted an honorable discharge from U.S. Army January 12, 1946.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**MoMM 1/c JACK E. WILSON**

MoMM1/c Jack Easley Wilson, birth date July 20, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Wilson, Brownwood, Texas, attended public schools of Brownwood, and Texas Christian University of Ft. Worth. He entered service Oct. 11, 1943, with U.S. Navy, Amphibious Forces; began overseas duty June, 1944, in the Pacific area. He participated in the invasions of Luzon, Okinawa and Ie Shima, and returned to the States March, 1946. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards, and the Good Conduct Medal. Discharged from Camp Wallace, Texas, on April 26, 1946.



**T/5 BENNIE O. PHILLIPS**

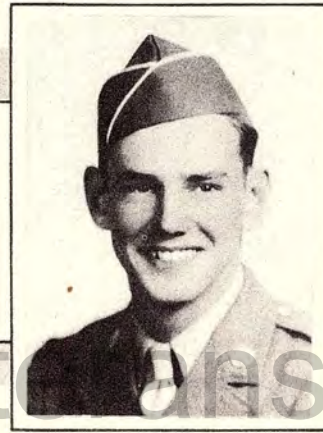
T/5 Bennie Owen Phillips, birth date December 20, 1913, in Texas, son of Ben L. Phillips, and brother of Mrs. J.H. Wilmoth, all of Ft. Worth, entered service June 1, 1942, with the Army, 727th Railway Operating Bn. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and served overseas December 12, 1942, in North Africa, participating in the battles of Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Central Europe and the Rhineland. Returned to the States September, 1945. His awards include the EAME Campaign Ribbon with six Bronze Stars, one Bronze Arrowhead for invasion, Good Conduct Medal, and other awards. Discharge Sept., 1946.



**1st Lt. HUGH L. WHITE**  
**\*2nd Lt. ROBERT W. WHITE**

1st Lt. HUGH LAWSON WHITE, born July 12, 1920, son of Mrs. Vieve W. White, Ft. Worth, entered service Sept. 28, 1942, with Army Air Force, serving overseas October, 1944, to November, 1945, as navigator on B-24 on New Guinea, Luzon, Philippines, China, and other Islands. Receiving Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Six Campaign Stars and other awards. Discharged January, 1946.

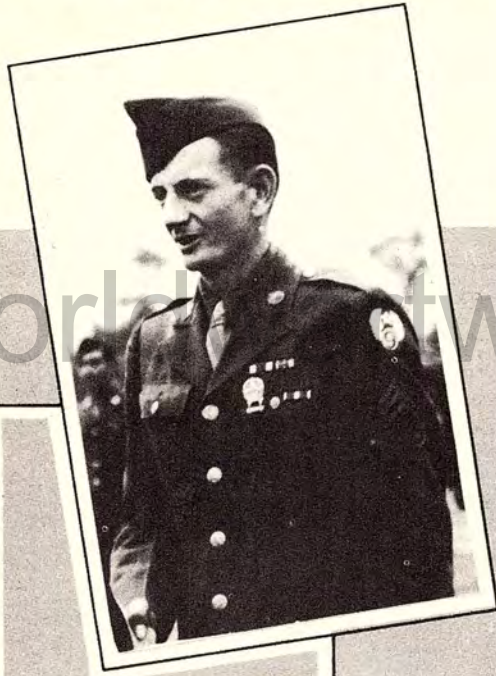
2nd Lt. ROBERT WILSON WHITE, born March 7, 1918, volunteered March, 1941, with R.C.A.F.; transferred to U.S. Air Corps; served December, 1941, in air offensive of Europe and paid the Supreme Sacrifice September 10, 1944, in England. Air Medal received.



**T/5 WARREN C. THETFORD**

T/5 Warren Conway Thetford, born November 30, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Thetford, Ft. Worth, attended Texas Christian University of Ft. Worth, and entered service December 14, 1943, with the Army Infantry. Trained at Camp Roberts, California, and transferred to the Pacific Theater June, 1945, where he served on Okinawa and in the Occupation of Japan. Returned to the States in April, 1946. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and American Theater Ribbons, the Army of Occupation Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, and Good Conduct Award. Discharged April 30, 1946.

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T/Sgt. RUFUS A. CARR

T/Sgt. Rufus A. Carr, born July 18, 1918, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pleasant Carr, Ft. Worth, attended Baylor University in Waco, and volunteered for service April 3, 1942, with the Army Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls. He began overseas duty January, 1944, in the European Theater; served in England, France and Belgium, participating in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and the air offensive of Europe. Returned to the States October, 1945. The EAME Ribbon with six Bronze Stars was awarded with the Bronze Star Medal and Distinguished Unit Badge. Sgt. Carr was discharged October 11, 1945.



S/Sgt. BILLY F. TAYLOR

S/Sgt. Billy Fred Taylor, born July 8, 1924, in Texas, husband of Dorothy Eloise Taylor, Ft. Worth, volunteered October 20, 1942, with the Army Infantry. Trained in the States, and transferred overseas February, 1944, to the European Theater. Sgt. Taylor participated in the Battle of the Ruhr Pocket and returned to the States January, 1946. His awards include the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Meritorious Unit Award for outstanding service, Good Conduct and American Theater Medals with the World War II Victory and Defense Awards. His discharge was granted January 27, 1946.



S1/c WILLIAM K. TAGGART

S1/c William K. Taggart, born May 23, 1927, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Taggart, Ft. Worth, entered service June 2, 1944, with the U.S. Navy Quartermaster Branch, training at San Diego and serving overseas August, 1944, to January, 1946, on the U.S.S. Altamaha. Seaman Taggart participated in the Liberation of the Philippines; also served in the South Pacific and South China Sea, joining the 3rd Fleet in 1945. His ship went through a typhoon December 18, 1944. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Battle Stars and Philippine Liberation Medal, and other awards were received. Discharged February, 1946.

1. —S1/c ROGER ADAMS, son of Mrs. Sylvia Margairis, St. Louis, Mo., husband of Rilla Adams, Ft. Worth, Texas, born March 17, 1914, educated in St. Louis, Mo. Entered Navy July 19, 1943; trained at U.S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif.; overseas from Dec., 1943, to Feb., 1944, and June, 1944, until April, 1945, on USS Rochambeau in Naval Supply Depot, New Guinea. He received Special Commendation from Commanding Officer for tedious work, Sept., 1944. Discharged April 7, 1945.

2. —S/SGT. JACK ALDRIEDGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Aldriedge, 802 Austin St., Arlington, Texas, educated Saint Jo, Texas, born Feb. 12, 1919, volunteered for service May 26, 1941, assigned to 4th Army Eng. Trained Ft. Leonard Wood, and Ft. Ord, Calif.; overseas from Jan. 7, 1942, until Aug. 8, 1945, in Hawaii Islands, Marshalls, Saipan, and Ryukyus. Battles of Marshalls, Saipan, and Ryukyus. Received American Defense, Good Conduct, and Asiatic-Pacific Medals 3 Stars. Discharged Oct., 1945.

3. —COXSWAIN HARRY ALDRIEDGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Aldriedge, 802 Austin St., Arlington, Texas, husband of Frances Eloise Aldriedge, 411 N. Lancaster, Dallas, born August 3, 1920, attended Saint Jo, Texas, Schools; volunteered service June 29, 1942, assigned U.S. Navy Reserve; trained at U.S. Navy Air Station, Dallas, Texas; overseas from August 8, 1945, until November 20, 1946. Coxswain Harry Aldriedge received an honorable discharge on November 26, 1946.

4. —CPL. HARVEY A. ALLRED, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Allred, husband of Lilly Carrollyn Allred, Ft. Worth, Texas, born June 6, 1917; volunteered Army 60th Coast Artillery, Feb. 11, 1941; trained at Ft. Mills, Corregidor, Philippine Is.; overseas April, 1941, to Oct., 1945, in battle for Philippine Islands. In Prison Camp Hotten and Mukden. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific 2 Stars, Presidential Citation 2 Clusters, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Honorably discharged June 4, 1946.

5. —SGT. FRANKIE W. ALLRED, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Allred, husband of Dorothea Carmen Allred, Ft. Worth, Texas, born August 12, 1920, entered Army 9th Armored Div., May 19, 1944; trained at Ft. Knox, Ky.; overseas from Dec. 24, 1944, until Aug. 3, 1945, in France, Belgium, Germany; in battles of North France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Wounded in action March 3, 1945. Received Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation 3 Battle Stars. Discharged Nov., 1945.

6. —CPL. FREDERICK EUGENE BAGGETT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Baggett, 215 S.E. Ninth St., Grand Prairie, Texas, born July 30, 1913, attended North Side High, Ft. Worth, Texas; entered the service Feb. 13, 1942, at Mineral Wells; assigned to Army Q.M.C., 9th A.E.; trained at McCord Field, Wash., and Santa Ana, Calif.; overseas from September 25, 1942, until October 1, 1945, in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. Received 5 Campaign Stars, and Unit Citation. Discharged Oct. 9, 1945.

7. —A.O.M.2/c BILLY MARVIN BAGGETT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Baggett, 215 South East Ninth St., Grand Prairie, Texas, born Feb. 13, 1924, in Ft. Worth, Texas; received his education at North Side High, Ft. Worth, Texas; volunteered for service Nov. 10, 1942, assigned to Navy Aviation Ordnance; trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Station; overseas from June, 1943, to Jan., 1944, and Oct., 1944, until Oct., 1945, in Europe, Pacific battles of Okinawa, Japan. Discharged, 1945.

8. —S/SGT. LAYMON R. APPLING, son of Mrs. L.B. Bassinger, Ft. Worth, Texas, born Oct. 25, 1923, educated at Park Springs, Texas; entered Army 11th Airborne, Jan. 14, 1943; trained at Ft. Benning, Ga., Camp Mackall, N.C.; overseas from May 28, 1944, to Dec. 15, 1945, in New Guinea, Southern Philippine Liberation and Luzon. Awarded Victory, American Theater, Asiatic Pacific Theater, Good Conduct Medals, Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit, and Bronze Arrowhead.

9. —T/3 BILLY GENE APPLING, son of Mrs. L.B. Bassinger, Ft. Worth, Texas, born April 6, 1926; educated at Park Springs, Texas; entered Army 69th Div., Aug. 21, 1944; trained at Camp Hood, Texas; overseas from January 16, 1944, to July 7, 1946, in England, France, Germany, in battles of Rhineland, Central Europe, Ardennes. Received Campaign Ribbon 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, Army of Occupation Ribbon, Combat Inf. Badge. Honorably discharged on July 7, 1946.

10. —S/SGT. ROY A. BEARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Beard, husband of Mary Louise Beard, all of Ft. Worth, Texas, was born Jan. 22, 1922. A graduate of R.L. Paschal High, Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered Army 96th Signal Corps, Oct. 14, 1942; trained at Camp White, Ore., Ft. Lewis, Wash., and San Luis Obispo, Calif.; overseas from July, 1944, until May, 1945, in South Pacific. Received the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal and Philippine Liberation Medal. S/Sgt. Beard was honorably discharged July 18, 1945.

11. —PFC ELDON GLENICE BEAVERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland D. Beavers, husband of Grace M. Beavers, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born Nov. 20, 1923, and educated in Hillsboro, Texas; entered 3rd Army, 351 Eng. Regt., on Feb. 23, 1943; trained at Camp White, Ore.; overseas from July 19, 1943, to Aug. 5, 1945, in England, France, Belgium, and S. Germany. Battles of Luxembourg, France, Ardennes, and Rhineland. Awarded Distinguished Badge, ETO Ribbon 4 Stars, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct., 1945.

12. —S/SGT. VIRGIL WAYLAND BEAVERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland D. Beavers, Ft. Worth, husband of Fern Beavers, Decatur, Texas, was born March 25, 1925; entered Army, Co. C., 180 Inf., 45th Div., June 7, 1943; trained at Camp Wolters; overseas from Nov. 24, 1943, to April 4, 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Southern France, and Rhineland. Received American Theater, EAME 3 Stars, Purple Heart 3 Clusters, Silver Star, and Victory Medals. Received certificate of disability discharge Feb. 15, 1946.

13. —S.K.3/c VERNON H. BEAVERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland D. Beavers, 2717 May St., Ft. Worth, Texas, was born July 31, 1927; attended Paschal High, Ft. Worth, Texas; entered the service July 27, 1945, assigned to the Navy; trained at N.T.C., San Diego, Calif.; overseas from Nov. 8, 1945, until July 15, 1946, in Pacific Area. He received the Victory Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. Storekeeper Third Class Beavers was given honorable discharge July 23, 1946. In U.S.N.R.

14. —SGT. HOMER RAY BLACKWELL, son of Mrs. Opal Blackwell, Arlington, Texas, husband of Eula Mae Blackwell, Grand Prairie, Texas, born May 1, 1924, educated in Grand Prairie. He entered Army 7th Div., Jan. 14, 1943, and trained at Clearwater, Florida. Served overseas from July 11, 1943, until May 9, 1945, in the Aleutian Islands, Marshall Island, and the Philippine Islands. Sgt. Homer Ray Blackwell received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army on May 4, 1946.

15. —T/5 ROBERT HOLT BLANTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Blanton, husband of Norma S. Blanton, Ft. Worth, Texas, born Nov. 19, 1922, attended Polytechnic High, Ft. Worth; volunteered Army 124th Cavalry on Nov. 18, 1940; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas; overseas from July 21, 1942, until Jan. 12, 1945, serving in Southwest Pacific. Fought in New Guinea and New Britain with 112th Cav. Awarded Combat Infantry Badge. T/5 Blanton was honorably discharged on August 30, 1945.

16. —CAPT. HARRY WAYNE BLANTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Blanton, husband of Winona L. Blanton, Ft. Worth, Texas, born July 3, 1913; graduate of Polytechnic High, Ft. Worth; volunteered Army 144th Inf., 36th Div., Nov. 25, 1940; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas; overseas from Jan. 11, 1945, to Dec. 16, 1945, in Leyte, P.I., Morotai, Dutch East Indies, Mindanao, and Southern Philippines. Received Combat Infantry Badge. Capt. Blanton was given an honorable discharge on April 2, 1946.

17. —SGT. J. H. BRUCE BOGGS, son of Mrs. J. H. Boggs, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born March 17, 1921; entered service Sept. 17, 1942, assigned to Army 744th Tank Bn.; trained at Camp Hood, Texas, Ft. Knox, Ky., and Ft. Jackson, S.C.; overseas Dec., 1943, to May, 1945, in Normandy, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, England. Battles of St. Lo, Aachen, Bulge, Rhine. Received E.T.O. 5 Stars, Purple Heart, Victory, Good Conduct, and A.T.O. Medals, a French Decoration, and Silver Star. Now in Army Hospital.

\*18. —S1/c DOANY MARVIN BOND, JR., son of Mrs. D.M. Bond, Ft. Worth, Texas, born Oct. 9, 1920, a graduate of North Side High, Ft. Worth. Volunteered for service May 26, 1942, assigned to Navy; trained San Diego, Calif., Seattle, Wash., Norman, Okla., and Norfolk, Va. He received a discharge March 2, 1944, and died of a service connected disability in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Legion, Texas, on December 20, 1944. He was previously employed by Ft. Worth Stock Yard Co.

19. —PFC HUTT H. FIFE, son of Mrs. Julia Booher, Ft. Worth, Texas, husband of Helen H. Fife (Ex WAC), Dallas, born May 5, 1913, was educated in Terrell, Texas. Entered Army Service, Battery 915 F.A., 90th Div., on March 23, 1942; served overseas from Nov. 8, 1942, to March 8, 1945, in Algeria-French Morocco, Sicily, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Southern France. Awarded EAME 6 Stars, American Defense, and Good Conduct Medals. Honorably discharged August 10, 1945.

\*20. —S/SGT. ROBERT MARION BOWDEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. V.H. Bowden, husband of Lois Bowden, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born March 24, 1919; entered Army Air Corps, Feb. 4, 1941; trained at Randolph Field and Scott Field, Ill.; overseas Feb. 4, 1943, to Aug. 1, 1943, as radio operator on B-24 on 28 missions. Awarded D.F.C. 2 Clusters, Air Medal, and Purple Heart. S/Sgt. Bowden was killed in action when his plane crashed on March 19, 1944, where Adriatic and Mediterranean Seas join together.

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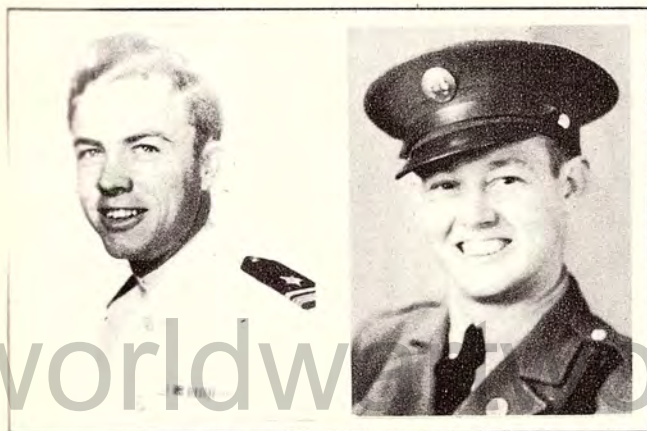
\*ARM 2/c CHARLES R. HOLDEN



MM 1/c OWEN G. STINE

ARM2/c Charles Robert Holden, born November 3, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Stegall, Ft. Worth, volunteered February 25, 1941, with Naval Aviation, and trained as radioman. He began overseas duty August, 1941, and served in Aviation Patrol over a large part of the Pacific, including Solomon Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea; he participated in the first battle of Midway Island and Bismarck Sea and paid the Supreme Sacrifice while engaged in air-sea rescue work in Rona Falls area, New Guinea, on October 26, 1943. He was laid to rest at Port Moresby, New Guinea. The Air Medal was awarded for meritorious service.

MM1/c Owen G. Stine, born September 18, 1907, husband of Edna R. Stine, Ft. Worth, volunteered January 31, 1942, with Naval Seabees; trained at Norfolk, Va., and transferred to Pacific Theater June, 1942, landing on Oahu Island. Also served on Midway Island and other islands. Returned to the States February, 1944, and served as instructor until March, 1945, when he returned to Guam, Saipan, and Okinawa, where he served until his final return to the States September 22, 1945. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and various other awards were received, and he was discharged from the Seabees October 5, 1945.



Lt. (jg) ERWIN E. WHITE  
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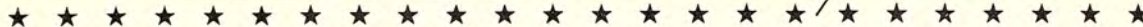


T/Sgt. HOWARD A. SUO

Lt. (jg) ERWIN E. WHITE, birth date July 4, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. White, Ft. Worth, volunteered July 1, 1943, with Navy Civil Engr. Corps, served overseas August, 1944, to April, 1946, on Oahu, as Aide to R. Adml. P.K. Fischler, surplus property disposal, and planning for amphibious operations for W. Carolines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Japan. Received Commendation; remains in service.  
Pvt. ROBERT A. WHITE, born September 17, 1919, volunteered October, 1940, with Army Infantry; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; later transferred to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, from where he received a medical discharge, September 26, 1942.

T/Sgt. Howard Arthur Suo, husband of Minnie Alice Suo, Ft. Worth, was born March 1, 1915, and entered service June 26, 1942, with the Army Air Corps, training at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Sgt. Suo served in the States at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, Hensley Field, Camp Howze, Midland, and Camp Swift, Texas, and at Love Field in Dallas. He was promoted to T/Sergeant in May of 1944, and later transferred to the Army Infantry. His awards include the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Discharge granted October 5, 1945.

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## MoMM 2/c ROBERT F. BROWN

MOMM2/c Robert Fulton Brown, birth date October 19, 1919, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Brown of Ft. Worth, attended W.C. Strippling High School in Ft. Worth, and was employed by the Texas Steel Company as Machinest prior to his volunteering for service June 24, 1942. He was assigned to the Navy, Amphibious Force; trained at San Diego and Navy Pier at Chicago, and served overseas April, 1943, until October, 1944, and April, 1945, until December, 1945, in the North African area, Tunisian campaign, and in the European Theater where he participated in the Battle of Normandy, on the L.S.T. 381 and later L.S.T. 25. After returning to the States he received various awards, and was discharged December 8, 1945.



## Capt. V. B. STANLEY

Capt. V.B. Stanley, born March 23, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stanley, Ft. Worth, attended Texas A & M College, and volunteered June 4, 1941, with the Army 37th Combat Engineers. Capt. Stanley served overseas August, 1942, to August, 1945, in North Africa and Europe, participating in the battles of Algeria, Tunisia, Naples - Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland and Central Europe; he was Company Commander of Engineer Boat Co. (Amph.) for two and a half years. The Meritorious Service Unit Citation with Gold Star and EAME Ribbon with six Battle Stars were awarded. His discharge was granted February 1, 1946.



## \*CM 3/c OLEN E. SMITH

CM3/c Olen E. Smith was born May 6, 1919, in Texas, husband of Dorothy Nell Smith, Ft. Worth, and son of Mrs. Beulah Smith, Dallas. He volunteered September 1, 1942, with the U.S. Navy, training at Great Lakes Naval Base Illinois; sailed to the Pacific area December, 1942. He participated in the battles of the Aleutian Islands, Saipan, Tarawa, Marshall, Gilbert, Carolines and Marianas Islands, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, along with many strikes against Japan. His ship the U.S.S. Indianapolis transported the first atomic bomb to Guam, after which it was sunk by a Jap submarine. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice.



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FC2/c JOSEPH W. SMITH



Chief Shipfitter HARRY R. TURNER

FC2/c Joseph Walter Smith, born April 18, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. N.H. Smith, Handley, Texas, attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington and volunteered December 10, 1942, with the U.S. Coast Guard, training at Manhattan Beach, New York. He was assigned to the U.S.S. Kirkpatrick D.E. 318 and served twenty months in convoy duty in North Atlantic and eight months in the Pacific; was among the first convoy into Sasebo, Japan. His overseas duty was October, 1943, to February, 1946. He received the World War II Victory and American Defense Award and other Medals. Discharged March 4, 1946.

Chief Shipfitter Harry Roland Turner, born March 1, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Turner, Ft. Worth, volunteered December 7, 1940, with the U.S. Navy, Sea Duty; trained at San Diego, and began overseas duty February, 1940; served in Pacific area, participating in the battles of Wake Island, Adak, Tarawa, Coral Sea, Peleliu, Saipan, Tinian, Leyte, Borneo, at Pearl Harbor, and on first strike on Rabaul Islands. He returned to the States April, 1945, and received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with twelve Battle Stars, Good Conduct and Commendation, and other awards. Remained in the U.S. Navy.



Cpl. CHARLES P. TONG

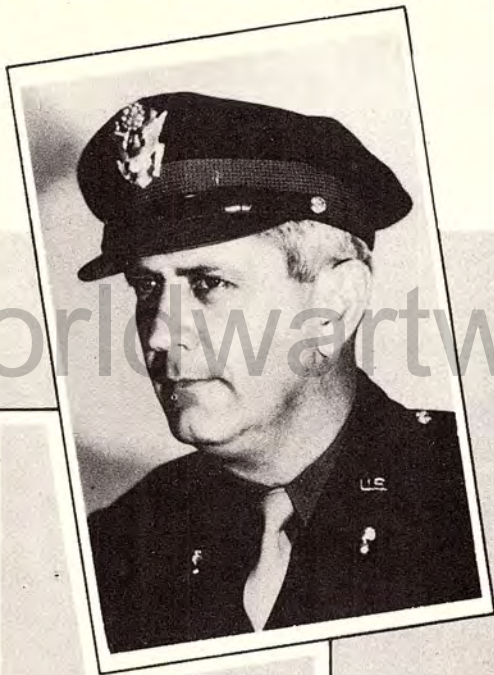
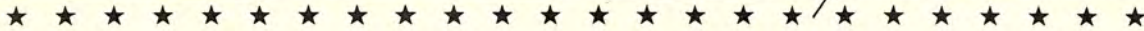


S/Sgt. ROBERT A. STREET

Cpl. Charles Perry Tong, born September 25, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Tong, Rockland, Texas, and husband of Eva Tong, Ft. Worth, entered service January 25, 1943, with the Army Air Force, 34th Bomb Sqdn. Cpl. Tong served overseas from February, 1944, to August, 1945, in the air offensive of Europe, Normandy, Central Europe, Northern France, Rhineland and Ardennes, receiving the EAME Campaign Medal with six Bronze Stars. His awards also include the World War II Victory and American Theater Ribbons with the Good Conduct Medal and American Theater Ribbon. He was discharged from service September 12, 1945.

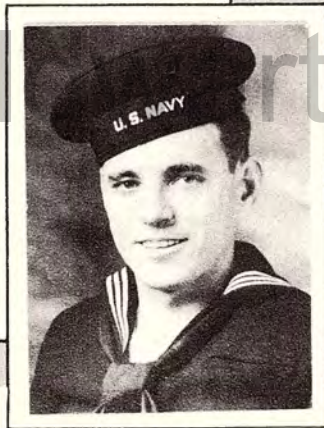
S/Sgt. Robert A. Street, birth date November 19, 1909, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Street, Ft. Worth, volunteered January 23, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field and Borinquen Field. He served his entire duty as a mechanic. Sgt. Street served overseas February, 1942, to August, 1944, in the Caribbean area, and after returning to the States served as Instructor of Mechanics at Kelly Field, Texas. His awards include the American Theater Ribbon with the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, Mechanic Badge and Good Conduct Award. His discharge was received October 18, 1945.

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**Lt. Col. JOSEPH E. FLETCHER**

Lt. Col. Joseph Ernest Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Fletcher, of Ft. Worth, and husband of Billie Jean Fletcher, of Ranger, Texas, was born June 10, 1902. In Feb., 1942, he volunteered for Army service at Ft. Sam Houston, and was assigned to the 3rd Army. He was trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, and Ft. Belvoir. In Jan., 1944, he went overseas to the Pacific area as Commanding Officer of the 18th Ordnance Bn. He returned in October, 1946, having come through without being wounded. At the present writing he is Ordnance Officer for the 82nd Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Before entering the service he attended Texas A & M.



**MMS1/c J. HOWARD SMITH**

MMS1/c J. Howard Smith, birth date October 7, 1911, in Texas, husband of Louise Smith of Ft. Worth, volunteered for service November 6, 1943, with the Naval Construction Bn., training at Camp Peary, Virginia. He transferred to the Pacific Theater July, 1944, serving at Pearl Harbor, Russell Islands, the invasion of Peleliu and occupation of Japan. After returning to the States November, 1945, he was awarded the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon and Good Conduct Award. His discharge was granted from the Navy December 20, 1945.



**Cpl. JAMES A. PATE**

Cpl. James Alton Pate, birth date January 21, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Pate, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service January 21, 1941, with the U.S. Marine Corps, 2nd Division. Trained at Camp Elliott, California, and began overseas duty October, 1942, serving in the Pacific area, participating in the battles of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian. He was wounded at Saipan and awarded the Purple Heart. After returning to the States November, 1944, Cpl. Pate received the Presidential Unit Citation with the Good Conduct Medal, and other awards. Discharge granted January 20, 1946.

1. —S/SGT. ALFORD MILTON DEWVEALL, born April 20, 1922, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dewveall, Weatherford, and husband of Madge Lene Dewveall, Victoria. Attended Weatherford High School. Entered the service June 29, 1944, and was assigned to Army 7th Inf. Div. Trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. Overseas from Dec. 20, 1944, to Dec. 20, 1945, in Hawaii, Philippines, Korea, participating in the battles of Leyte, Okinawa. Awards: Combat Badge, Silver Star, Purple Heart, G. Conduct. Discharged Dec. 1945.
2. —PFC PRESTON OLEN DEWVEALL, born Feb. 23, 1927, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dewveall, Weatherford. Attended Weatherford High; entered the service May 24, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston; assigned to Army Engineers; trained at Camp Beale, Calif. Transferred overseas May 15, 1946. Pfc Dewveall served in the Occupational Army and was stationed at Brussels, Belgium; later for some time in Germany. Returned home and received his discharge Nov. 1, 1946, at Fort Sam Houston.
3. —S/SGT. MARSHALL DUWAYNE HAMILTON, born June 10, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Hamilton, Route 1, Garner, Texas, and husband of Dorothy M. Hamilton, Weatherford. Volunteered Jan. 7, 1942, assigned to Army Air Corps, 60th T.C. Gp. Overseas from May 20, 1942, to June 19, 1945, in Fr. Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Apennines, Po Valley, So. France, air combat of Balkans. Awards: E.T.O. 10 Stars, Pres. Unit Citation, Eng. Ser. Bar, Good Conduct. His group holds record for longest paratroop mission, England to Africa. Discharged July 3, 1945.
4. —AMM1/c RAYMOND MONROE WITHERS, born July 18, 1921, brother of Mrs. Charles W. Hamilton of Garner, attended Weatherford High; volunteered May 24, 1941, assigned to Navy Aviation. Trained at N.T.S., San Diego, Calif. Overseas April 20, 1946, in Southwest Pacific area, Central Pacific, battles of Coral Sea, Midway, Marshalls, Santa Cruz, and Guadalcanal. Awards: Presidential Unit Citation, given the *Enterprise*. AMM1/c Raymond Withers is still in the services, with N.A. Transport Ser. N.A.S., Honolulu.
5. —PFC ROY EDWIN COLEMAN, born May 21, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Coleman, Weatherford, husband of Vivian Coleman, 305 S. Alamo, Weatherford, attended Weatherford Jr. College; entered the service April 20, 1943, at Mineral Wells, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Signal Corps; trained at Keesler and Drew Fields. He was awarded the Good Conduct, American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Pfc Roy Coleman was honorably discharged on February 25th, 1946.
6. —PVT. N.H. MARTIN, born Nov. 20, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Martin, 201 E. Lee Ave., Weatherford, Texas, brother of Mrs. H.W. Hodde, Hobbs, New Mexico. Attended Weatherford Jr. College; volunteered Nov. 25, 1940; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., Edward, Mass. Overseas April 13, 1943, to July 5, 1945, in N. Africa and Italy; participated in battles: Salerno, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines and Po Valley. Wounded during battle of N. Apennines Sept. 23, 1944. Discharged July 20, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
7. —LT. RONDELL LYONS, born July 30, 1920, the son of Mrs. Mandy J. Lyons, 307 E. Josephine St., Weatherford, Texas, and husband of Shirley Lyons, attended Weatherford High. Volunteered Aug. 8, 1938, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to 1st Marine Div.; trained at San Diego, Calif.; overseas in battles of Solomons, Tulagi, and Guadalcanal. Awarded the Silver Star, Pres. Citation, Commendation, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct. He was a member of initial landing force at Tulagi. Discharged October 17, 1945.
- \* 8. —PFC R.D. LYONS, born March 2, 1923, son of Mrs. M.J. Lyons, attended Weatherford High School; volunteered March 24, 1943, at Wichita Falls, assigned to Army 32nd Ing. Div. Overseas in Australia in battles of New Guinea, Burma, Leyte, and Luzon. Was wounded Nov. 18, 1944, and killed in action May 7, 1945. He served with Co. F, 128th Inf. Bn., and was in that unit at time of his death. He was buried in the U.S.A. Forces Cemetery, Santa Barbara #1, Luzon, P.I.
9. —S/SGT. ELDRED WILSON JOHNSON, born Jan. 6, 1920, husband of Dorothy Johnson, W. Sealy St., Monahans, Texas. Attended Weatherford High; volunteered Aug. 1, 1940, assigned to Army 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from April, 1942, to June, 1945, in Central Europe; Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland. Awarded Good Conduct, American Defense and EAME Medal 5 Bronze Stars. Discharged July, 1945. Now proprietor of "Eddie's" in Monahans, Texas.
10. —CARPENTER'S MATE 3/c PAUL ERVIN NOE, born Oct. 3, 1925, son of E.W. Noe, Weatherford, attended Burk Burnett High School. Volunteered Oct. 23, 1942, assigned to Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va. Overseas 27 mos. in Hawaiian and Ellice Islands, Samar and Leyte, in Philippines. His boat was torpedoed in Bay of Samar, off Samar Islands, on Dec. 25, 1944. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation 1 Star, Victory Medal. Discharged Dec., 1945.
11. —MAJOR WOODROW WILSON POTTER, born Sept. 20, 1916, husband of Georgie Layne Potter, 110 E. Akard, Weatherford, Texas, attended Texas A & M College, College Station. Entered the service Sept. 3, 1941, (Reserve Officer called to active duty) assigned to Army Field Artillery. Trained at Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Overseas Dec. 30, 1944, to Dec. 30, 1945, in Oahu, Leyte, and Luzon. Major Woodrow Potter is a Reserve Officer, having returned to inactive duty in May, 1946.
12. —PFC FLOYD JAMES SMITH, born Dec. 11, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Smith, R.R. #4, Weatherford, Texas. Attended School at Aledo, Texas. Entered service on Jan. 24, 1941, assigned to Army 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas April 13, 1943, to Sept. 18, 1945, in Naples-Foggia, N. Apennines, Rome-Arno areas. In battles of Salerno, Alna Villa Hill. Awarded: Campaign Medal 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Inf. Badge. Discharged Sept. 27th, 1945.
13. —T/SGT. FRANK R. WALDRIP, born June 12, 1899, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. Waldrip, husband of Willie Mae Waldrip, Box 145, Weatherford, Texas. Volunteered October, 1924, and was assigned to the Army 36th Division, training at Camp Bowie, Texas. He was awarded the American Defense, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. T/Sgt. Waldrip is the father of Lt. John Lester Waldrip, also of Weatherford. He is now in the Quartermaster's Corps, Camp Robinson, Arkansas.
14. —1ST LT. JOHN LESTER WALDRIP, born Oct. 1, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Waldrip, and husband of Rebecca Waldrip, Box 41, Weatherford, Texas. Attended Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas; volunteered May 28, 1942, assigned to Army 8th Air Force; trained at Camp Carlisbad, N. Mexico. Overseas from July 15, 1944, to March 28, 1945. In E.T.O., 35 missions, 2 over Berlin. Was in Ardennes Bulge. Awarded: Air Medal 5 O.L. Clusters, Pres. Unit Citation, E.T.O. 5 Stars. Discharged Oct., 1945.
15. —T/SGT. CARLOS WOODFORD WILLIAMS, born May 30, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Williams, Weatherford, Texas, husband of Ester Fay Williams, 717 Calvin St., Fort Worth. Attended Weatherford High School, and entered the service on July 7, 1942, at Fort Worth. Was assigned to Army 25th Evacuation Hospital Unit; trained at Camp Berkeley; served in the United States from July to Sept. 19, 1942, and overseas from Sept., 1942, to Nov. 20, 1946. Discharged Dec., 1946.
16. —T/SGT. WILTON RAY WILLIAMS, born Jan. 11, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Williams, Weatherford, husband of Eula Faye Williams, 1106 W. Davis St., Dallas, Texas. Attended S.M.U., Dallas. Volunteered for service July 9, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, and was assigned to the Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Murphy, Fla. He was in the Nat'l Guards from 1931-1935, in Reg. Army from 1935 to 1938, Reserve 1939-1942, Reg. Army July, 1942, to time of discharge May 10, 1945.
17. —CPL. JACK THOMAS, born March 13, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kitt Thomas, 205 Trinity, Weatherford, Texas, attended James B. Travis, and Weatherford High Schools. Entered the service on Jan. 28, 1943, at Dallas, Texas; assigned to the Army Air Corps, training at Keesler Field, Miss., and Bradley Field, Conn. He was overseas from Sept. 13, 1943, to July 25, 1945, in Europe, Africa, Middle East, Italy. Awarded EAME, Good Conduct, Soldier's Medal. Discharged Nov. 1, 1945.
18. —RADARMAN 2/c CHARLES A. WOOD, born Sept. 20, 1915, son of Mr. C. A. Wood, Sr., 1420 6th Ave., Ft. Worth, husband of Juanita Wood, 315 E. Josephine St., Weatherford, Texas. Attended Weatherford High School, and volunteered May 17, 1944, at Fort Worth; was assigned to the Navy, U.S.N.R. with training at Camp Wallace, Texas, and San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States from May, 1944, to Feb., 1945, and overseas from Feb., 1945, to Jan. 1946. In Pacific area, battle of Okinawa. Discharged Jan., 1946.
19. —PVT. CHARLES GLENN QUANTE, born Oct. 24, 1923, brother of Mrs. Chas. A. Wood, Weatherford, Texas, attended University of Texas, Austin. Entered the service in September, 1943, at Weatherford; was assigned to the Army, 90th Div.; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Transferred overseas March, 1944, in European Theater, participating in the battle of St. Jores, France, where Pvt. Quante lost his life on July 7, 1944. He was awarded Purple Heart.
20. —PHM. 2/c ARNOLD TILMER WRIGHT, born Nov. 25, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Wright, 2104 Lovin Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas, attended North Side High School, Ft. Worth; volunteered for the service in Jan. 15, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the Navy Hospital Corps, with training at Great Lakes, Ill. Served in the United States from Jan. 15, 1943, to May, 1945, and overseas from May, 1945, to February, 1946. In Southwest Pacific. Was honorably discharged March, 1946.

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T/5 RAYMOND L. TRIETSCH



SPY 2/c HAROLD R. WEBB

T/5 Raymond L. Trietsch, husband of Frankie Marie Trietsch, Ft. Worth, was born August 3, 1918, in Texas, and volunteered January 27, 1941, with the Army Infantry, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and entered the North African area April, 1943, participating in the landing of Salerno, battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, the Rhineland, Central Europe, and was in Austria when the European War ceased. He returned to the States July, 1945, and received EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, and various other awards. His discharge was granted July 30, 1945.

SPY 2/c Harold Ray Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Webb, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born September 18, 1924, and attended Peter Smith Elementary and Paschal High Schools of Ft. Worth. He entered service June 18, 1943, and was assigned to the Navy, Air Corps Branch. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas, and began overseas duty October, 1943, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of War. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, with Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater Ribbons plus the Good Conduct Award. After returning to the States November, 1945, he was discharged May 2, 1946.



T/Sgt. WAYNE C. TAYLOR



Pvt. EDWIN M. TAYLOR



T/Sgt. CECIL H. TAYLOR

T/Sgt. WAYNE C. TAYLOR, born February 13, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Taylor, Handley, Texas, entered service October 20, 1942, with Army Infantry; served overseas July, 1944, to January, 1946, in the Hawaiian Islands, Leyte, Okinawa, Mindoro and other Pacific Islands. The Meritorious Unit Award, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Stars and Arrowhead, and other awards were received. Discharged January, 1946.

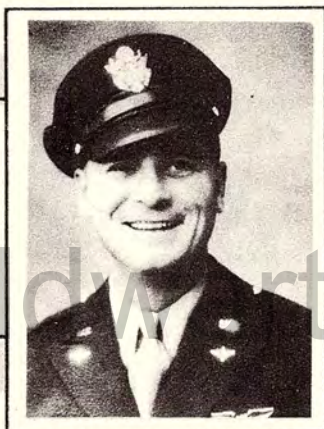
Pvt. EDWIN M. TAYLOR, birthdate June 16, 1920, entered service May 21, 1945, with the Army Infantry, training at Camp Hood, Texas; also served as Cadre at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. The World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the American Theater Ribbon were awarded. Pvt. Taylor was discharged March 11, 1946.

T/Sgt. CECIL HOWARD TAYLOR, birthdate December 23, 1923, attended Texas Wesleyan College at Ft. Worth, and entered service February 11, 1943, with Army Air Corps; trained at various camps in the States, and served overseas June, 1944, to July, 1946, participating in the battles of Northern France, Rhineland, Ruhr, Northern Germany and Ardennes. His awards include the Air Medal with ten Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Unit Presidential Citation and Belgian Award. Discharged July, 1945.





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1st Lt. LEROY E. GLASS



MoMM 2/c ALVIN D. WARE

1st Lt. Leroy E. Glass, born June 21, 1916, husband of Ernestine Glass, Ft. Worth, volunteered November 8, 1940, with the Army Cavalry, transferring to the Army Air Corps, March 18, 1943. He began participation in the air offensive of Europe July, 1944, and was reported "Missing" November 21, 1944, but had been wounded when his plane was shot down over Merseburg, Germany, and imprisoned in Stalag Luft 1 on Baltic Sea. After liberation May 4, 1945, he returned home and received Presidential Citation, Air Medal with three Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, with other awards; remains in the Army Air Corps.

MoMM 2/c Alvin D. Ware, born August 15, 1914, in Texas, son of R. L. Ware, Mercury, Texas, and husband of Helen Plambeck Ware, Granbury, Texas, attended John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville, Texas, and volunteered May 18, 1942, for the Navy Air Service, Transportation Division. He served overseas August, 1944, to October, 1945, at Pearl Harbor, Iroquois Point, Eniwetok, Anguar, Peleliu, and was under fire at Cassil Passage while aboard the U.S.S. Daniel S. Lamont. The Asiatic-Pacific Medal with Battle Star was awarded along with other ribbons. After returning to the States he was discharged Oct. 22, 1945.



Lt. JAMES W. WELSH



T 4 JOHN A. WESTBROOK

Lt. James William Welsh, born June 14, 1924, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Welsh, Ft. Worth, attended T.C.U. in Ft. Worth, and volunteered June 15, 1942, with Navy Aviation Branch. Lt. Welsh served overseas August, 1944, until January, 1946, in the Pacific Theater in the Philippine Islands and on Iwo Jima. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon was awarded with Victory and Defense Medals and Bronze Star, also American Theater and Good Conduct Ribbon. After returning to the States he was discharged October 10, 1946, and is currently stationed in Washington, D.C., on the staff of Naval Aviation News.

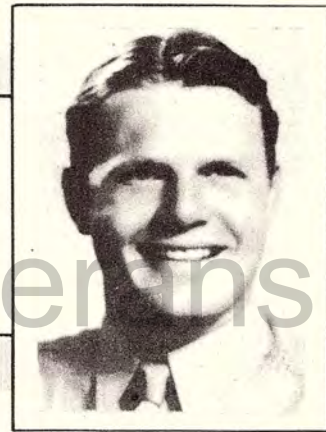
T/4 John A. Westbrook, born March 31, 1916, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Westbrook, Ft. Worth, attended E. M. Daggett Elementary and Paschal High Schools in Ft. Worth. He entered service February 12, 1942, with the Army Medical Corps, 2nd Division, and trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He began overseas duty October 17, 1943, in the European Theater, stationed in Ireland and Wales, and participated in the campaigns of Normandy and Northern France, returning to the States November, 1945. Received Bronze Star with other medals, and was discharged December 7, 1945.

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MMM 1/c CLARENCE R. WEBB, SR.

MMM 1/c Clarence Richard Webb, Sr., was born August 26, 1897, a native of Texas, husband of Gladys M. Webb, Ft. Worth. Attended the Bransford, Texas, Public Schools and has a son currently serving with the U. S. Navy. After volunteering for service November 16, 1942, with the Navy, Aviation Transportation Branch, he served at Grand Prairie, Texas, Naval Air Station. His total duty was served in the States. The American Theater Ribbon was awarded with the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards plus the Good Conduct Medal. He was Acting Chief of Transportation when discharged Jan. 6, 1945.



T/5 LLOYD G. LAMMERS

T/5 Lloyd George Lammers, born July 23, 1919, son of Roy and Louise M. Welsh, Ft. Worth, attended North Side Senior High School in Ft. Worth, and entered service October 15, 1941, with the Army Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft Division. Trained at Camp Callan, California. He served overseas May, 1942, to October, 1943, and May, 1944, until December, 1945, in the areas of China, Burma, India Theater, and Territory of Hawaii at Pearl Harbor. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals among others. Discharge was granted January 8, 1946.



Capt. WILLIAM C. WATKINS

Capt. William C. Watkins, birthdate September 17, 1921, in Texas, son of Katie Watkins, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service September 26, 1939, with the Army Air Forces, and trained at Kelly Field, Texas. Capt. Watkins served in the European area February, 1944, until November, 1945, in England, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg. Received the ETO Ribbon with six Battle Stars, Army Commendation, Occupation of Germany Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, Good Conduct and American Theater Ribbons. June, 1946, he was assigned overseas duty with the 1 Hq. 15th Air Force.



Sgt. LEON L. WARD

Sgt. Leon Louis Ward, born Jan. 24, 1923, son of Mrs. Naomi Ward, Ft. Worth, volunteered January, 1941, with the Marine Corps, Weapons Company, and trained at San Diego. He served overseas January, 1942, until September, 1944, in the Pacific Theater at New Zealand, Hawaii, American Samoa, and participated in the battles of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian. He was wounded June 19, 1944, in the Battle of Saipan. Sgt. Ward received 2 Presidential Unit Citations, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Stars, Purple Heart and various other medals. At present is with Marine Corps, Recruiting Office, Ft. Worth.

1. —S/SGT. DONOVAN D. HENDERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henderson, Ft. Worth, was born Feb. 12, 1913. Attended N.T.A.C., Arlington, Texas. Entered service March 20, 1941, at Ft. Sill, Okla. Assigned to Army, Armored Division. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Served overseas from Aug., 1942, to Aug., 1945, in Naples-Foggia, North Apennines, Po Valley, and Rome-Arno. Received EAME Campaign, 4 Bronze Stars, Croix de Guerre with Vermillion Star, Good Conduct and American Defense. Discharged Sept. 26, 1946.
2. —A.M.M.2/c JOHN WELDON HENDERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Henderson, Ft. Worth, was born Feb. 5, 1921. Attended school in Ft. Worth. Volunteered June 9, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Air Corps. Trained at U.S.N.A.B., Grand Prairie, Texas. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, Truk, Leyte Beach, and Iwo Jima. Received American Defense Service Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and Navy Unit Citation. He was discharged December 29, 1945.
3. —E.M.1/c ARTHUR B. HENDREN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hendren of Ft. Worth, was born May 29, 1916. Attended public schools in Ft. Worth. Volunteered Nov. 18, 1942, at Dallas. Trained at Camp Peary, Va. Assigned to U.S. Navy Construction Bn. Served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific and European, African areas. Received American Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon. Discharged December 3, 1945.
4. —Y3/c FRED RAY HENDREN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hendren of Ft. Worth, was born July 29, 1926. Received his education in Ft. Worth Public Schools. Volunteered for service July 28, 1944, at Dallas. Assigned to Naval Reserve. Trained at San Diego Training Center. Served overseas from March, 1945, to May, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged June 1, 1946.
5. —ENSIGN FRED DAVIES HENDERSON, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Henderson of Ft. Worth, was born Aug. 26, 1915. Received his education in Ft. Worth Public Schools and University of Texas. Volunteered Feb., 1941, at Dallas Naval Base. Assigned to Aviation Cadet, Fighter Pilot. Trained at Corpus Christi, Miami, and Norfolk. Served aboard the Carrier Bunker Hill. Lost his life in mid-air collision during gunnery practice over the Atlantic, off coast of Oceana, Va., Aug. 24, 1943.
6. —S/SGT. THORNTON B. HENRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Henry, Ft. Worth, born Feb. 28, 1920. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools. Volunteered Nov. 13, 1940. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Barksdale Field. Served overseas in EAME Theater. Received Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 13 Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Campaign Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, American Defense Medal with 1 Star, Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged May 19, 1945.
7. —CPL. DOUGLAS L. HENRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Henry, 4736 Panola, Fort Worth, was born June 15, 1926. He graduated from Polytechnic High School, Ft. Worth, and attended North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington. Entered service Sept. 13, 1944, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, Fifth Air Force. Trained at Lowry Field, Colorado. Served overseas from Dec. 1, 1945, to Sept. 20, 1946. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged Oct. 20, 1946.
8. —A.M.M.1/c JOHN CALVIN HENSON, son of Mrs. Maude Henson, Ft. Worth, was born Sept. 4, 1922. Volunteered Aug. 29, 1941, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Air Force. Trained at San Diego. Served overseas 4 years in China and Asiatic-Pacific Theater in battles of Midway, Gilbert, Marshall and Okinawa Islands. Received American Defense 1 Star, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific 3 Stars, Victory Medal, Good Conduct, Japanese Occupational Awards. After the war he spent 11 months on USS Pine Island and Salisbury Sound and then as a crew member of Admiral Cook's plane. Discharged Aug. 28, 1947.
9. —PVT. FORD GARDNER HESLEP, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Heslep, Ft. Worth, was born July 18, 1921. Received his education in Ft. Worth. Entered service Sept. 25, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Tex. Assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Kelly Field. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to Aug., 1945, in Sicily, Italy, Trinidad, Puerto Rico. Received EAME Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged Dec. 4, 1945, at Morrison Field, Fla.
10. —C.M.M. QUINCY T. HESLEP, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Heslep, Ft. Worth, was born July 12, 1903. Volunteered for service June 2, 1920, at Dallas. Assigned to U.S. Navy. Trained at Norfolk, Va., and served aboard USS Arizona. Has over 24 years continuous service in N. Atlantic (salvage work), Caribbean Sea (convoy duty on sub-chaser) and Pacific area. Received Lloyd's Medal from Lloyd's of London, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, American Defense Medal. At present C.M.M.F.N.R., inactive.
11. —S/SGT. AUBREY D. HOLLIDAY, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Howard, Ft. Worth, was born Feb. 20, 1917. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools and T.C.U. Entered service Sept. 24, 1943, at Ft. Worth. Assigned to Army Air Corps, 20th A.F. Trained at Sheppard Field, Keesler Field, Stinson Field, Walker Field. Served overseas in Asiatic-Pacific Theater from Aug., 1945, to Feb., 1946, on Guam. Received American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct and Victory Awards. Discharged Mar. 8, 1946.
12. —S/SGT. HOLLIS H. HOLLIDAY, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Howard, Ft. Worth, was born June 29, 1921. Attended the public schools and T.W.C. of Ft. Worth. Volunteered Aug. 12, 1942, at Ft. Worth. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Kearns, Utah. Served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Mar., 1945, in European Theater. Wounded twice. Received DFC, Air Medal (3 Clusters), Purple Heart, (1 Cluster), ETO with six Stars, Presidential Unit Citation (1 Cluster). Discharged Mar. 28, 1945.
13. —1ST LT. GEORGE J. HILL, son of Mrs. Mollie Hill, Ft. Worth, was born Oct. 24, 1919. Entered service April 2, 1942, at Levelland, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field and Scott Field, Ill. Served overseas in European Theater from December, 1943, to December, 1946, active in battles in N. France, Ardennes, Central Europe. He was commissioned December 26, 1942, and promoted July 15, 1944. Present military organization is 42 HQRS and Base Service Squadron 231, New York, N.Y.
14. —PFC THOMAS WALTER HILL, son of Mrs. Mollie Hill, of Ft. Worth, was born June 26, 1924. Attended Levelland High School, Levelland, Texas. Entered service May 18, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Army, 84th Infantry. Trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Served overseas from September, 1944, to December, 1945, in European Theater; participated in battles of France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received American Defense, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Awards. Discharged January 1, 1946.
15. —CPL. ROBERT MOORE HITCH, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hitch, Ft. Worth, was born June 23, 1919. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools and S.T.S.T. College, San Marcos. Volunteered Sept. 10, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Army Air Base, Santa Ana, Calif. Received Caterpillar pin for forced landing in mountains of Grand Canyon, where crew spent three days in the winter of 1943. He was discharged December 1, 1945, at Maxwell Field, Alabama.
16. —CPL. CHARLES REID HOFFMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hoffman, Ft. Worth, was born November 30, 1923. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools and Texas Christian University. Volunteered Sept. 19, 1942, at Ft. Worth. Assigned to Marines, 16th A.A. Bn. Trained at San Diego Marine Base. Served overseas from February, 1943, to April, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged October 20, 1945.
17. —CPL. ROLAND KEITH HOFFPAUIR, husband of Mrs. Doris Hoffpaur, Groesbeck, Texas, was born Mar. 23, 1921. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hoffpaur of Arlington, Texas, where he attended school. Entered service Oct. 23, 1944, at Groesbeck. Assigned to Army, 95th Division. Trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala. Served overseas from March, 1945, to June, 1945, in European Theater. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged December 4, 1945.
18. —C.M.M. (T) (C.B.) ARTHUR W. HOLMES, husband of Mrs. Ruth Ann Holmes, 1324 E. Richmond, Ft. Worth, was born April 8, 1906. Attended Trenton High School, Trenton, Texas. Volunteered July 28, 1942, at Ft. Worth. Assigned to Navy, Seabees. Trained at Camp Endicott, R.I. Served overseas from Aug., 1943, to Oct., 1944, and May, 1945, to Oct., 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Aleutian and Philippine Is. Received American Defense and World War II Victory Awards. Discharged October 1, 1945.
19. —PhM3/c JACK L. NORMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horton, 2507 Ave. H, Ft. Worth, was born June 30, 1928. Received his education at Ft. Worth Public Schools. Volunteered for service September, 1945, at Ft. Worth. Assigned to Navy, Medical Corps. Trained at U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California. Present military organization is N.N.M.C. Phys. Med. Class, Bethesda, Maryland. Before entering service he was employed by Craig Drug Store.
20. —PFC C. E. NORMAN, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horton, of Ft. Worth, was born Nov. 1, 1926. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools. Volunteered Nov., 1943, in Ft. Worth. Assigned to Marine, 3rd Amph. Corps. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Apr., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific area. He served with 1st Div. (invasion of Okinawa), 5th Div. (Occupation of Japan) and 2nd Div. until April 29, 1946. Received Purple Heart for wounds received on Okinawa, Presidential Citation for service there.

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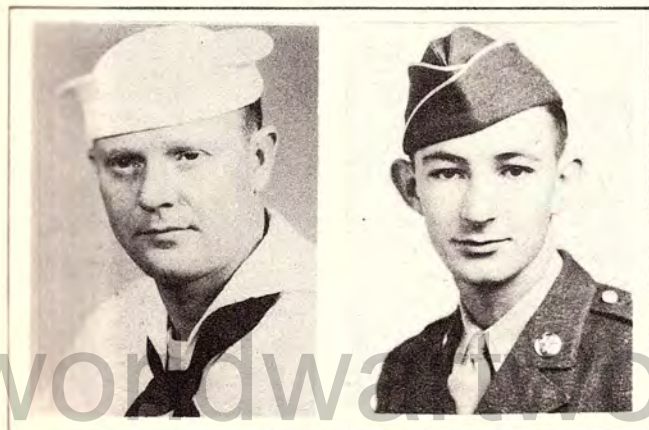
Cpl. L. S. TYSON LOONEY



M/Sgt. HUBERT M. WALLIS

Cpl. L. S. Tyson (Jack) Looney, born July 23, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Looney, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service June 13, 1943, with the Army Air Forces, training at Sheppard Field, and serving in the States as Military Policeman and Aircraft Mechanic. Cpl. Looney was stationed in the European Theater in England and Scotland, for thirty-one months participating in the air offensive of Europe. His awards include the European and American Theaters Ribbons with the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, a Unit Citation and Good Conduct Award. He was granted his discharge January 13, 1946.

M/Sgt. Hubert M. Wallis, born August 7, 1915, in Texas, son of Mrs. May Wallis, Ft. Worth, and husband of Vivian Wallis, also of Ft. Worth, volunteered December 27, 1940, and was assigned to the Army Air Force, training at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. Sgt. Wallis served overseas from March, 1941, until January, 1944, stationed at Puerto Rico where he was on duty at Losey and Boringuen Fields with the Sixth Air Force. After returning to the States he was awarded the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the American Theater and Good Conduct Ribbons. Discharged September 20, 1945.



MMR1/c DALTON L. WEATHERBY  
\*Pfc JACK L. SLOCUM

MMR1/c DALTON L. WEATHERBY, born September 17, 1907, husband of Irene Weatherby, Ft. Worth, volunteered August, 1942, with U.S. Navy; served overseas with the Lone Star En. November, 1943, to November, 1945, on the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands. Received awards and was discharged Nov. 13, 1945.

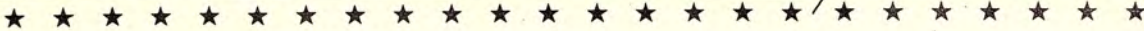
Pfc JACK LUNDY SLOCUM, born December 19, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton L. Weatherby, Ft. Worth, entered Army Signal Corps June 21, 1943. Overseas February, 1944, participating in battles of New Guinea, Luzon. Was wounded in combat at Manila April 17, 1945, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice 8 days later aboard U.S.A.H.S. Emily H. M. Weder.



C.S.F. TROY S. WALKER

C.S.F. Troy Scott Walker, birthdate August 22, 1905, in Texas, husband of Fannie Walker, Ft. Worth, attended Paradise, Texas, Public Schools, and volunteered June 25, 1942, with the Navy Seabees, 25th Division; trained at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia, and began overseas duty February, 1943, in the Pacific area. He served with Construction Unit in New Zealand, Guadalcanal, Hawaiian Islands, New Caledonia and Fiji Islands, and participated in the battles of Bougainville and Guam. Returned to the States July, 1945. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific 2 Battle Stars, Commendation Ribbon and other awards. Discharged Aug. 25, 1945.

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**\*FO HUBERT W. LINDSEY**

Flight Officer Hubert Wayne Lindsey, born May 3, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lindsey, Mississippi, and husband of Emma Edna Lindsey, Ft. Worth, attended Hartford Music College in Arkansas, and volunteered for service, July 18, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. He received his Wings and was promoted to Flight Officer as Glider Pilot at Lubbock, Texas, August 12, 1943. Began overseas duty April 1944, in the European Area. Flight Officer Lindsey paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the invasion of France June 7, 1944. He received Air Medal, Citations of Honor from President Roosevelt, the Purple Heart and others posthumously.



**1st Lt. JOHN B. LINK**

1st Lt. John B. Link, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Link, Ft. Worth, was born December 12, 1917, in Texas, and attended Texas A & M College. He entered service April 15, 1942, with Army Field Artillery; transferred to the Army Air Corps July, 1943, training at various camps in the States, including Hondo and Ft. Worth Army Air Fields in Texas. Lt. Link served with the 15th Air Force in Italy, participating in the air offensive of Europe, Vienna, Ploesti Oil Fields, Southern France and Arno River. Received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Clusters, Distinguished Unit Badge. Discharged October, 1945.



**S/Sgt. LOUIS M. BAGGETT**

S/Sgt. Louis M. Baggett, birthdate July 6, 1917, in Texas, husband of Nelo Gean Baggett, Arlington, Texas, attended the Moody, Texas, Public Schools, and entered service January 23, 1941, with the Army Infantry, 36th Division, training at Camp Eowie, Texas. Sgt. Baggett served in the North African and European campaigns April, 1943, to July, 1945, in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Central Europe and the Rhineland. Returned to the States, and was awarded the EAME Campaign Ribbon with five Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, Distinguished Unit Badge, and other Medals. Discharged July 29, 1945.



**S/Sgt. EDGAR W. BAGGETT**

S/Sgt. Edgar William Baggett, born April 19, 1919, brother of Mrs. W. E. Ware, Arlington, Texas, attended the Moody, Texas, Public Schools, and entered service August 13, 1942, with the Army Air Force, training at Lincoln, Nebraska. He began overseas duty December, 1943, in the European area, serving in England, and participating in the battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Normandy, and air offensive of Europe. Returned to the States October, 1945. His awards include the Belgium Fourragere, Distinguished Unit Citation, Bronze Star and six Battle Stars. Discharged October 11, 1945.

1. —SGT. MORRIS W. McGARRITY, born Feb. 26, 1905, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. McGarrity, husband of Mrs. Golda O. McGarrity, of Ft. Worth. Entered service Jan. 26, 1943, assigned to Army 146th Eng. Comb. Bn. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Served overseas Nov., 1943, to Dec. 16, 1944, in England, participating in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, and Germany. He received a Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 3, 1945.
2. —1ST LT. CECIL L. McCLUNG, born Oct. 27, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. McClung of Ft. Worth, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 5, 1942, at Enid, Okla. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Enid Army Air Field. Served overseas from May 29, 1944, to Feb. 25, 1946, in England, France, Belgium, Germany, in battles of Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, American Campaign, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged July of 1946.
3. —CAPT. ROBERT B. McCLUNG, born Oct. 26, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. McClung, of Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered service Feb. 23, 1942, assigned to Army Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Crowder, Mo., Drew Field, Fla., and Ft. Lewis, Wash. Served overseas Oct. 12, 1944, to April 9, 1946, in England, and Belgium, participating in battles of So. France and Germany. Was awarded Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, American Campaign, American Defense, and Victory Medals. He was discharged June 15, 1946.
4. —T/4 WILLIAM S. McCLUNG, born Sept. 12, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. McClung, 3004 Avenue C, of Ft. Worth. Entered service June 9, 1943, at Dallas. Trained at Fort Sill, Okla. Served overseas May 12, 1944, to March 2, 1946, in European Theater of Operations, in England, France, in battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the Good Conduct, American Defense and Victory Awards. Was discharged Mar. 12, 1946. Prior to service he attended Texas Wesleyan College.
5. —BKR1/c EDGAR EARL MILLER, born Sept. 3, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Miller, 3528 N. Littlejohn St. of Ft. Worth. Volunteered for service Oct. 11, 1943; assigned to Navy Construction Bn; later transferred to A.P.A. Fleet. Trained at Camp Peary, Va. Served overseas from Dec. 20, 1944, to Nov. 19, 1944, in Asiatic Pacific Theater, American Theater, and Okinawa aboard U.S.S. Audubon. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 7, 1945.
6. —EM3/c JESSE LEROY MILLER, born April 16, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Miller. Volunteered March 25, 1941. Assigned to Navy; trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Dec. 29, 1943, to May 7, 1945, in New Guinea, Saipan, Guam, Marianas, Leyte, Philippine Islands, Samara, and Iwo Jima aboard U.S.S. Rutledge, which was sunk by enemy sub. He received the American Defense, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged September 10, 1945.
7. —T/4 JAMES RAY MILLER, was born June 18, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Miller, husband of Mrs. Mary Louise Miller of Ft. Worth. Entered the service Nov. 5, 1944, assigned to Army 3101 Ord. Co. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Served overseas from Sept. 11, 1944, to Jan. 29, 1946, in France, Philippines, and Japan. Awarded EAME Campaign, Philippine Liberation, 3 Overseas Bars, 1 Battle Star, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 4, 1946.
8. —M/SGT. CARSON MILLER was born Aug. 31, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Miller of Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service Aug. 13, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army 59th Q.M. Sales Co. Trained at Camp Wolters, Camp Swift, San Bernardino, Calif., and Camp Polk, La. Served overseas in England, France, Belgium, Germany, and Central Germany. EAME Campaign, Battle Star for Central Germany, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct., 1945.
9. —CAPT. MAURICE H. WILDER, born April 16, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Wilder, Arlington, attended Arlington Public Schools and North Texas Agricultural College. Entered service May 14, 1942, assigned to Army 31st Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas Jan. 18, 1943, to Jan. 19, 1945, in the areas of Australia, New Guinea, Philippines, in battles of New Guinea and Leyte. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February 4, 1946.
10. —SGT. HARRY M. MOORE was born June 1, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Moore, 525 W. Division, Arlington, Texas. Attended the Public Schools of Arlington and North Texas Agricultural College. Volunteered for service Aug. 25, 1942, assigned to Army 13th Arm'd. Division. Trained at Camp Perry, Ohio. Served in the American Theater of Operations. He received the American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Medals and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged January 29, 1946.
11. —HA1/c ROBERT LOYD MOORE was born March 23, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Moore, 525 W. Division St., Arlington, Texas. Volunteered for service March 22, 1944, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Hospital Corps. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Sept. 5, 1944, to April 15, 1946, in American area, Southwest Pacific, and Philippines Liberation. Awarded the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 24, 1946.
12. —PFC WILLIAM HOWARD MOORE was born Dec. 23, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Moore, Arlington. Attended North Texas Agricultural College. Entered the service Jan. 14, 1943, at Fort Worth, Texas. Assigned to Army Quartermaster. Trained at Camp Hulen, Texas. Served in the United States from Jan. 14, 1943, to Oct. 27, 1945. He received the American Defense, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 27, 1946. Prior to service he was employed by Moore Funeral Home in Arlington.
13. —CPL. CARL DAN MOORE was born July 30, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Moore, 1009 E. Davis of Fort Worth. Attended Paschal High School and was employed by Deam Cater Co. before he entered the service Oct. 27, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Shepard Field, Wichita Falls, and served at various camps. He received the American Theater of Operation, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals and Victory Ribbon. Discharged March 12, 1946.
14. —S/SGT. ARLIE E. MORRIS, JR., born Aug. 29, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Morris, Sr., of Fort Worth. Entered the service April 1, 1941, at Dallas. Assigned to 2nd Army. Trained at Camp Grant, Ill. Served overseas Nov., 1944, to July, 1945, in England, France, Germany, in battles of Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded European Theater, 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, Army of Occupation, Army Commendation and Victory Ribbon. Currently stationed at Baltimore, Maryland.
15. —SGT. DAVID LEON MORRIS born March 12, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Morris, Sr. Volunteered for service May 22, 1939, assigned to Army 6th Division. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Jackson, S.C. Served overseas in Leyte, Negros, and Manila. Awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor, Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Bronze Star, Philippines Liberation, 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, Army of Occupation, and Victory Medals. Now at Parachute School, Ft. Benning, Georgia.
16. —T/5 ARLIE E. MORRIS, Sr., born Sept. 8, 1893, husband of Mrs. Nettie Ann Morris, 3639 Ave. I of Ft. Worth. Volunteered for service July 27, 1943, assigned to Army 1302 Engineer Corps. Trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Served overseas Dec., 1943, to June, 1945, in England, Scotland, Wales, France, and Belgium. Awarded European African Middle Eastern Campaign, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. He also served in World War I as 2nd Lt. Discharged June 8, 1945.
17. —PFC JOHN ELMER MOORE, born Nov. 20, 1905, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Moore, of Saginaw, Texas, husband of Ruby Alma Loggins Moore, Toto, Texas, attended Agnes, Texas, Public Schools. Entered the service March 15, 1941, at San Antonio, assigned to Army 751st Tank Bn. Trained at Fort Knox, Ky. Served overseas from Aug. 5, 1942, to April 19, 1945, in England, Africa, and Italy. He received the American Defense Medal, Area Ribbons, and Victory Ribbon.
18. —T/5 WILLIAM RAYMOND MOORE, born July 10, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Moore of Saginaw, Texas. Entered the service March 3, 1942, at Weatherford, Texas. Assigned to Army 432nd A.A. Bn. Trained at Camp Hulen, Texas. Served overseas from Aug. 6, 1942, to Sept. 9, 1945, in Africa, England, and Italy. In all campaigns of Italy except Anzio. Awarded European Ribbon, 5 Battle Stars, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged September 16, 1945.
19. —S/SGT. MURRAY E. MORTON, born Aug. 29, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Morton, 3716 Ave. H. of Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended Polytechnic High School and was employed by the Rio Grande Life Insurance Co. before he volunteered for service Oct. 18, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at Ft. Worth A.A.F. He received the Good Conduct, American Defense, American Theater Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February 10, 1946.
20. —J. CRAIG MORTON, born March 5, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Morton, 3716 Ave. H. of Fort Worth, attended Ft. Worth Public Schools and was employed by the Ft. Worth Star Telegram before he volunteered for service April 8, 1944, at Dallas. Assigned to United States Maritime Service. Trained at St. Petersburg, Fla. Served overseas from Aug. 10, 1944, to April 9, 1946, in European, Pacific, and Mediterranean Theaters. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Still serving in the Maritime Service.

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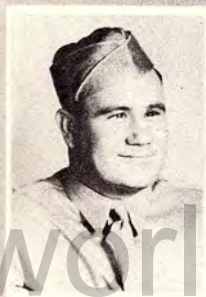
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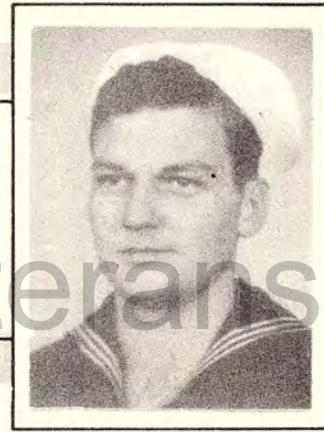


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**T/4 RICHARD M. BROWN**

T/4 Richard M. Brown, born June 12, 1915, in Texas, son of Mrs. W.M. LaBaume, and husband of Dorothy Brown, 3543 Fitzhugh, Ft. Worth, entered service June 9, 1943, and was assigned to the Army, 361st Engineers; later transferred to the Infantry Division. He began overseas duty October, 1944, serving in the European Theater where he participated in the battles of the Rhineland and Central Germany, returning to the States April, 1946. He received the ETO Campaign Ribbon with two Battle Stars, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Ribbon. His discharge was granted April 15, 1946.



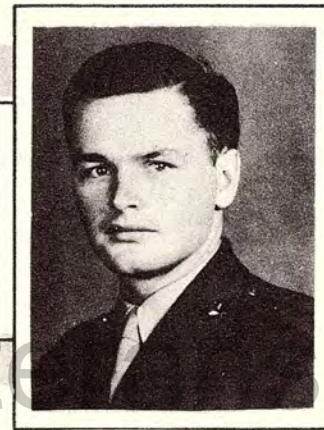
**PhM 1/c ELVIN D. CAPLE**

PhM1/c Elvin Dewain Caple, born February 21, 1921, in Texas, son of Mrs. Leila Langston, Ft. Worth, Texas, attended the Public High School in Birdville, Texas, and volunteered May 14, 1942, with the U.S. Navy, Hospital Corps, training at Great Lakes, Illinois. He served overseas August, 1943, to June, 1945, in the Pacific area and China Sea, participating in the battles of the Solomon Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, and Okinawa. After returning to the States he received the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the Good Conduct Ribbon and other medals. He remains at this time with the U. S. Navy.



**T/Sgt. WARREN V. L. LATSHAW**

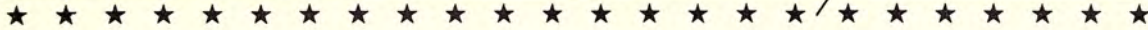
T/Sgt. Warren V. L. Latshaw, birthdate July 15, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Latshaw, Ft. Worth, volunteered July 24, 1942, with the 4th Marine Air Wing; trained at San Diego, North Island and Santa Barbara, California. He served overseas September, 1943, to February, 1945, in the Pacific area at Midway and Marshall Islands. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the Good Conduct Medal. After returning to the States Sgt. Latshaw was discharged from the Marine Corps, November 21, 1945.



**1st Lt. EDWARD M. KUHN**

1st Lt. Edward M. Kuhn, birth date March 27, 1922, Texas, husband of Janice Smith Kuhn, Wichita Falls, Texas, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunteered Sept. 12, 1942, with the U.S. Marine Corps 2nd and 5th Divisions. He served overseas Sept., 1944, to March, 1946, in the Pacific area in the Okinawa and Iwo Jima campaigns, also, in the occupation of Japan. Lt. Kuhn received the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat on Iwo Jima. His awards include the Presidential Unit Citation, Letter of Commendation with Asiatic-Pacific Medal, and other awards. He was released to inactive duty May, 1946.

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T/4 BILLY R. KIMSEY

T/4 Billy (Bill) Ray Kimsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kimsey, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born October 8, 1922, in Texas, and entered service November 12, 1943, with the Army Combat Engineers, training at Camp White, Medford, Oregon. Began overseas duty October, 1944, participating in the battles of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He served as Field Radio Operator in first crossing of the Rhine, also, Company Clerk, Typist Supervisor and Instructor in Business Administration. He returned to the States April, 1946; received the EAME Ribbon with three Stars and other awards. He was discharged April 15, 1946.



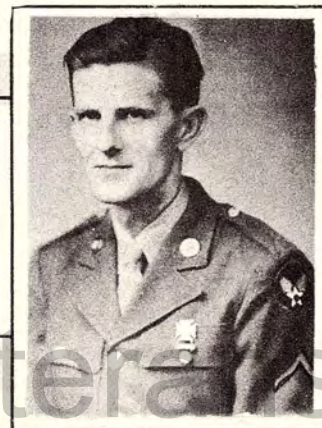
WT 1/c ERNEST O. KINMAN

WT1/c Ernest Olin Kinman, born December 24, 1910, in Texas, husband of Mary Elizabeth Kinman, Ft. Worth, attended the Rule Texas Elementary and High Schools, volunteering for service May 7, 1942, with the U. S. Naval Reserve. After training at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va., he entered the Pacific area August, 1942, where he served on Guadalcanal, Coral Sea Battle, Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, returning to the States October, 1945. His awards include the Presidential Citation, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon. He was discharged October 15, 1945.



\*S1/c LEROY F. KIRKLIN

S1/c Leroy Frank Kirklin, birthdate January 8, 1926, a native of Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kirklin, Ft. Worth, Texas, attended Technical High School in Ft. Worth, and volunteered for service October 28, 1943, with the Navy Air Corps. He trained at Rodd Field in Corpus Christi, Texas. Seaman Kirklin began overseas duty March, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, serving with the Construction Unit in the Philippine Island area. While in service on Palawan Island he paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life on March 3, 1946, in a Jeep accident. He was laid to rest in the Philippines on Leyte.



Pfc DRISCOLL S. REAMS

Pfc Driscoll S. Reams, born December 2, 1908, in Texas, son of Mrs. D. N. Kincaid, Ft. Worth, and husband of Vinita Reams of 314 McKay St., San Antonio, Texas. Attended the Ft. Worth Public Schools and was Asst. Manager of Colonial Bakery, San Antonio. Entered service November 17, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, School of Aviation Medicine, training at Randolph Field, Texas. Pfc Reams received the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Award with the Good Conduct Ribbon. His discharge from service was granted on the 8th of October, 1945, after thirty-five months of service.

1. —S. 1/c LESTER CLAUD ALEXANDER, born Aug. 17, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Roanoke, Texas, husband of Alene Alexander, Box 49, Roanoke, entered the service April 29, 1944, assigned to Naval Armed Guard; trained at U.S.N.T.C., San Diego, Calif.; served in the U. S. from April to July, 1944, and overseas from July, 1944, to Jan., 1945, in S. W. Pacific, and Philippines. Awards: Purple Heart, 4 Battle Stars, Bronze Star for heroism, Unit Citation. Given a medical discharge May 2, 1945.

2. —A.M.M.1/c JOSEPH GALLOWAY ANDREWS, a native of Texas, was born May 7, 1903, son of Mrs. Kitsy Andrews, Roanoke, Texas. Attended Roanoke High School, and was employed by Consolidated Aircraft before he volunteered Oct. 12, 1942, at Dallas, Texas. Was assigned to the Navy A.M.M.; trained at Great Lakes, Chicago, Ill.; served in the United States from October 12, 1942, until Sept. 23, 1945. Promoted from 3/c to 2/c and then to 1/c M.M. He was honorably discharged on Sept. 23, 1945.

\* 3. —C.M.2/c DELBERT PHILLIP BERGSTROM, born Dec. 17, 1913, son of Mr. Phillip Bergstrom, Portales, N. M., attended Plainview High School, Krum, Texas. Volunteered June 19, 1941, at Dallas, Tex. Assigned to the Navy Gunnery Div.; attended Naval Training Base, at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Feb. 1, 1942, to June, 1944, in S. Africa, Iran. C.M.2/c Bergstrom paid the Supreme Sacrifice on July 17, 1944, at Port Chicago, Cal. He is the brother of Bernice E. Bergstrom of Krum, Texas.

4. —M.M.M.1/c WILBERT JOHN BERGSTROM, born May 2, 1915, son of Mr. Phillip Bergstrom, Portales, N. M., husband of Polly Bergstrom. Attended Ponder High School, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 16, 1942, Dallas, Texas; assigned to the Navy, Amphibious Branch; trained at Naval Base, San Diego, Calif. Overseas from March 17, 1943, to Nov. 5, 1946. In N. Africa campaign and invasion of Sicily. Transferred to Pacific, and in Carolines, Okinawa, Lib. of Phil., and invasions of Makin and Tarawa. Discharged Nov. 13, 1946.

5. —T/SGT. WALTON HOMER CHAMBERS, born Feb. 28, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Chambers, 326 E. Oak St., Denton, attended N. Texas State College, Denton; volunteered Jan. 2, 1942, assigned to Army 11th Troop Carrier Sq. Trained at Scott Field, Ill. Overseas from Aug. 18, 1942, to May 15, 1945. In battles of Algiers, Fr. Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples - Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, air combat of Balkans. Awarded EAME, 9 Stars, Dist. U. Badge, Good Con. Discharged May, 1945.

6. —CPL. CECIL ROLEINE PARK, born Nov. 6, 1925, grandson of Mrs. E. A. Chambers of Denton, entered the service April 8, 1943, assigned to 9th Army Hq. Trained at Ft. Lewis Wash., April 8, 1943, to Oct. 15, 1943. Overseas Oct. 15, 1943, to July 28, 1945. In England, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany. Battles: Normandy, C. Europe, N. France, and Rhineland. Awarded: 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and ETO Campaign Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on October 15, 1945.

7. —ENSIGN HENRY McAFEE HOWE, born Aug. 7, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Howe, Roanoke, Texas, husband of Inez Cannon Howe. Attended Texas A & M College; volunteered Dec. 9, 1942, and was assigned to Naval Air Force; trained at Del Monte, Calif. Overseas in Air Group VT 150 with new aircraft Carrier USS Lake Champlain; completed shake-down cruise to Cuba and Jamaica and back in Norfolk for check up on V-J Day. Discharged Oct. 26, 1945, and is now in the Navy Air Corps Reserve.

8. —SGT. GEORGE RAYMOND JONES, born Feb. 1, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones, husband of Alma Jones, both of Roanoke, attended Roanoke High School; volunteered Feb. 7, 1941, assigned to Army 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie; served overseas from April 2, 1943, to Nov. 1, 1945, in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Naples-Foggia, North Apennines, and Salerno Invasion. Awarded: Meritorious Award and Bronze Arrowhead. Sgt. Jones was honorably discharged on November 10th, 1945.

9. —RADIO ELEC. JOHN MARTIN USRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Usry, Sr., Roanoke, born Dec. 30, 1908, husband of Imogene Blystone Usry, Arlington, Va., volunteered Jan. 6, 1930. Assigned to the Regular Navy. Overseas from Nov., 1931, to Feb., 1937, and Oct. 1942, to April, 1943, in Pearl Harbor, aboard USS Oklahoma, Pampano, and Pike. Served with N. Research Lab. in Washington D.C. and Radio Sta. in Annapolis, Arlington, Va. and Trinidad, B.W.I. Awarded Good Conduct, Pre-Pearl Harbor, American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. He is at present at Washington, D.C., in U.S. Navy.

10. —T/SGT. PHILIP LEE USRY, born Jan. 29, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Usry, Sr., Roanoke, Texas. Husband of Mary John Usry 5403 Ross Ave., Dallas, Texas. Volunteered April 10, 1942, assigned to Army Ordnance Div.; trained at Camp Sutton, North Carolina. Overseas Feb. 8, 1943, to Nov. 18, 1945. In British West Indies, (Bermuda) N. Africa, Italy. Battles: Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno. Awarded: Merit Ser. U. Plaque, EAME Meritorious Unit Plaque and Amer. Theater. Discharged Nov., 1945.

11. —1ST LT. RALEIGH SIMS USRY, born Oct. 17, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Usry, Sr., husband of Mary Kilpatrick Usry, all of Roanoke, attended N. Texas State, Denton. Volunteered Jan. 30, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at AAF Technical Training School, Grand Rapids, Mich. Overseas Sept. 4, 1945, to Feb. 16, 1946, in Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Philippines. Awards: Good Con., American Theater, Asiatic-Pac., Victory, and Certificates of Appreciation from Maj. Gen. Groninger and Gen. H. H. Arnold. Discharged May, 1946.

12. —AVIATION (ADGT.) FREDRICK MILES USRY, born Feb. 8, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Usry, Sr., Roanoke, Texas, attended Roanoke High; volunteered April 21, 1943, assigned to Navy Air Corps. Trained at N.T.U., Ruston, La., Monmouth College, Ill., University of N. Carolina, Naval Pre-Flight, Chapel Hill, N.C. Awards: Victory, Certificates from A.O.M. School, NAATC., Norman, Okla., and Naval Aerial Gunners School, Jackson, Fla. Discharged Oct. 1, 1946.

13. —T/5 DALTON TRACY WRIGHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wright, Pilot Point, born August 9, 1913, attended Pilot Pt. High School. Entered the service on Jan., 1943, at Dallas, assigned to the 1st Army; trained at Camp Edwards, Mass.; was overseas from Feb. 19, 1944, to Oct. 19, 1945, in France, Belgium, Germany. Battles: Normandy, Northern France Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. T/5 Wright was honorably discharged on Oct. 20th, 1945.

14. —PFC WYATT A. WRIGHT, born Aug. 2, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wright, Pilot Point, attended high school at Pilot Pt. Entered the service Nov. 30, 1942, at Mineral Wells; assigned to Army 84th Div.; trained at Camp Howe; served in the U. S. from Nov. 30, 1942, to Sept. 29, 1944. Overseas from Oct. 10, 1944, to June 2, 1945. In Germany, Siegfried Line; taken prisoner Nov. 29, 1944; in POW Camp Stalag, 11 B & 2A. Awards: Good Con. 2 Battle Stars, Pres. Cit. Discharged Dec. 1, 1945.

15. —CPL. LINAS A. WRIGHT, born June 21, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wright, Box 101, Pilot Point. He attended the Pilot Point Schools, and was employed by Cabell's Dairy Foods in Dallas before he entered the service in Feb. 1943; was assigned to the Army M.P. Detach., and trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. He had three brothers in the service; they have all returned to civilian life. Cpl. L. Wright was honorably discharged Dec. 13, 1945.

16. —PFC BILLY GENE WRIGHT, born April 29, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wright, Pilot Point, entered the service on Aug. 25, 1944, at Fort Worth; was assigned to the Army 4th Div., and trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. He served overseas from Feb. 19, 1945, to July 11, 1945, in Germany, France, Belgium, England and Scotland, participating in the battle of the Rhine. Awards: Combat Badge and Citation. Discharged June 1946.

17. —T/SGT. THOMAS H. MALONE, born Sept. 22, 1922, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Malone, Roanoke, Texas, attended Roanoke High; volunteered June 2, 1942; assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field. Overseas from Sept. 22, 1942, to Sept. 19, 1945. In Edmonton, Canada, with the Air Transport Command, and later based at Fairbanks, Galena, and Anchorage, Alaska. Awarded: Good Conduct, Air Member Crew Wings, American Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons. Discharged Nov., 1945. Remains in Reserve Corps.

18. —S.C. 2/c ROBERT ANDERSON MALONE, born June 26, 1924, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Malone, Roanoke, attended Roanoke High School, and volunteered on June 23, 1942, at Dallas, Texas; was assigned to Navy Seabees and trained at Norfolk, Va. Overseas from Nov. 22, 1942, to Jan. 12, 1943, and from June 16, 1943, to Feb. 27, 1946. In Aleutians, Battle of Attu, Guam, and S. Pacific. Awards: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, and Good Conduct. Discharged May 12, 1946.

19. —FLIGHT OFFICER, ALBERT RIVES, born April 30, 1914, son of W. F. Rives, Pamer, Texas, husband of Inez Sitzes Rives, Pilot Pt., volunteered on June 8, 1942. Assigned to Army Air Corps as Glider Pilot. Overseas from Sept., 1943, to Nov. 19, 1945. In ETO. Served in D Day Invasion of Normandy. Wounded seriously, POW of Germans but taken by his own men soon after. Awards: ETO Ribbon, 1 Bat. Star and Bronze Arrowhead, Air Medal, Dist. U. Cit., Amer. T. Ribbon, Victory. Confined to AAF Regional Hosp. San Antonio, Tex.

20. —RADIOMAN 3/c JAMES ARTHUR PETERS, born Oct. 30, 1922, son of Mrs. E. E. Woodson, S. Pecan St., Arlington, attended N.T.A.C. at Arlington; volunteered for service on April 7, 1944, at Dallas, Texas. Assigned to Navy Artificer Branch. Trained at N.T.C. San Diego, Calif. Served in the U.S. from April 7, 1944, to June 5, 1944. Overseas from June 5, 1944, to April 15, 1946. He was awarded the Victory Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. Honorably discharged April 22, 1946.

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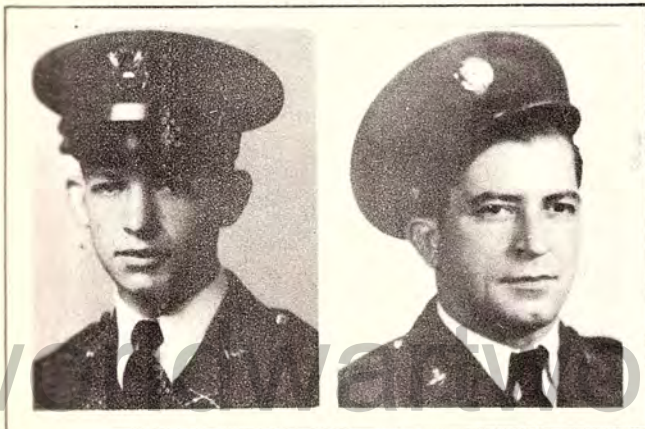
MM 1/c EDWARD W. MYERS

M. M. 1/c Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Myers of Route 8, Box 224, Fort Worth, Texas, was born on Dec. 14, 1923, and attended Amon-Carter-Riverside High in Fort Worth. Entering the service on July 18, 1942, he was assigned to the Navy Construction Battalion, and trained at Camp Allen, Camp Holliday, Port Hueneme, and Point Mugu. Served in Trinidad, British West Indies, Pearl Harbor, Philippines, and China for 26 months. His awards are: Victory, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, and Good Conduct Medals. On January 10th of 1946 Machinist Mate 1/c Edward Wayne Myers received his discharge.



TM 2/c JOHN R. ROHDE

T.M.2/c Rohde, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rohde, 1025 Cleckler, Ft. Worth, born Oct. 1, 1922, attended N.T.A.C. at Arlington, volunteering for the Navy U.S. Submarine Service on Nov. 7, 1942. Trained at San Diego, and served overseas twice, 25 mos. in all, in battles of Marshalls, Truk, Saipan, Marianas, Guam, and Okinawa on U. S. Ships Seahorse (SS304) and Archie Fish (SS311). Awarded 2 Letters of Commendation, Presidential Unit Citation with 2 Stars, American Theater, Good Conduct, Asiatic-Pacific with 5 Stars, Submarine Combat Pin with 6 Stars, and Victory Ribbons. T.M. 2/c Rohde was given his honorable discharge on the 3rd day of January in 1946.



2nd Lt. JAMES H. KOUNS, JR.  
S/Sgt. CHARLIE GRILL

2nd Lt. JAMES HOWARD KOUNS, Jr., born Oct. 20, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kouns, Sr., Ft. Worth, volunteered November 2, 1942, with Army Air Forces. Trained at Sheppard, Perrin and Ellington Fields, Texas, and in Tennessee and Nebraska; commissioned May 24, 1944, and discharged October 8, 1945.  
S/Sgt. CHARLIE GRILL, born Sept. 30, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Grill, Bridgeport, and brother of Mrs. Kouns, Ft. Worth, volunteered April 11, 1941, Army Engineer Bn.; trained Ft. Sill, Okla.; served overseas in the battles of No. France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. After three years overseas he received various awards. Discharged October, 1945.



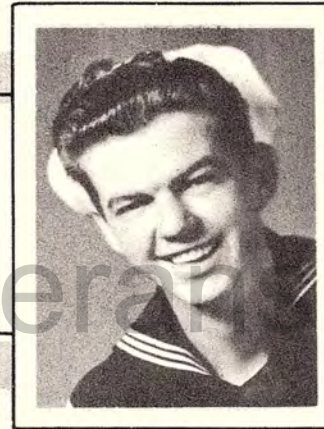
Rdm 3/c BILLY E. KILPATRICK

Rdm 3/c Billy Eugene Kilpatrick, born May 20, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey M. Kilpatrick of Arlington, Texas, volunteered May 22, 1943, with the U. S. Navy, Auxiliary Branch; trained at San Diego and transferred overseas serving on the U.S.S. Lackawanna August, 1943, to February, 1946. He participated in the battles of Marshall and Gilbert Islands, Saipan, Tinian, Tarawa and the Philippine Islands. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Ribbon. After returning to the States he was discharged February 25, 1946.

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Pfc GEORGE M. DAVIS



SK 2/c BEN O. KEETON

Pfc George Miller Davis, born January 14, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Flippo, Ft. Worth, Texas, volunteered March 17, 1944, with the Army Infantry, 35th Division; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, and began overseas duty September, 1944, in the European area, participating in battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. After returning to the States September, 1945, Pfc Davis received ETO Ribbon with four Stars, Unit Citation, Good Conduct and Victory Awards and was discharged November 17, 1945. He is currently a pre-medical student at North Texas Teachers College, Denton, Texas.

SK 2/c Ben O. Keeton, birthdate July 7, 1924, in Texas, son of Mrs. Marie Keeton, Ft. Worth, attended Oakhurst Elementary and Amon Carter High Schools of Ft. Worth. Volunteered June 18, 1942, with the U. S. Navy, Storekeeper Branch, training at San Diego Naval School. He served overseas September, 1942, to November, 1944, and July, 1945, to April, 1946. After returning to the States, he received the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with the Good Conduct Ribbon and American Theater Medal. Discharged from the Navy on April 11, 1946, with nearly four years of service to his credit.



BM 1/c EARL N. FLEMING



FO WILLIAM EASTMAN

Boatswain's Mate 1/c Earl Nelson Fleming, born February 21, 1916, husband of Anna Lee Fleming, Ft. Worth, volunteered October 25, 1942, with the U. S. Navy, Seabees, training at Camps Allen and Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia. He began overseas duty February, 1943, in the Pacific area; participated in construction of Kahului Naval Air Station on Maui, T. H., Tanapog Sea Plane Base and U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Fleet Oil Reserve Service, and installed first radar system for the Army on Saipan, along with other work. After returning to the States, he was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, and was discharged October, 1945.

Flight Officer William E. (Bill) Eastman, born August 18, 1919, husband of Clara Belle Eastman, Ft. Worth, volunteered August 3, 1942, with Army Air Corps, and transferred to the European Theater September, 1944, where he served as glider pilot with Troop Carrier Command. He participated in the battles of Ardennes, Central Europe, Northern France, Rhineland and Southern France. Returned to the States July, 1945, and received the Air Medal, ETO Campaign Ribbon with five Bronze Stars, one Bronze Arrowhead for Invasion, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. He was discharged August 9, 1945.

1. -RM2/c HORACE THEODORE CRAIG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Craig, Ft. Worth, was born February 11, 1925, and volunteered for the United States Navy January, 1943. One year later he sailed for the European Theater, where he participated in the Normandy Invasion. His awards include the European Theater Ribbon with one Star, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. He was discharged from service on January 23, 1946.

2. -T/SGT. ROY B. CARVER, birthdate December 24, 1911, son of Mrs. J. E. Carver, Ft. Worth, volunteered for the Army Service Forces on March 5, 1943. He was assigned to the South Pacific from December, 1944, to February, 1946, and received the Presidential Citation and two Unit Citations for outstanding service. His other awards include the World War II Victory and Defense Medals. He was discharged from Ft. Sam Houston, February, 1946.

3. -T/SGT. WILLIAM C. CROPP, JR., born August 1, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cropp, Sr., Ft. Worth, entered the Army Air Corps January, 1943. He began his European area service May, 1944, participating in the air offensive over Rome-Arno, Southern France, the Rhineland and the Balkans. Sgt. Cropp received an Air Medal with 3-Oak Leaf Clusters and the EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars before his discharge from service September, 1945.

4. -PFC CHARLES WILLIAM CROWLEY, son of Mrs. Ellet Lee Crowley, Ft. Worth, born September 5, 1920, volunteered for service April 23, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Ordnance, Hdq. Co. February, 1943, he sailed for North Africa; later served in Naples and Rome, Italy. He received the North African European Theater Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, also, World War II Victory and Defense Medals. He was discharged from Camp Fannin January 1, 1946.

5. -2ND LT. ALVA LOYD CURRY, birthdate October 20, 1912, volunteered for service with the Army 2nd Division February, 1939. He sailed for overseas October, 1944, and served in Germany; was into attacks on the Siegfried Line, and was wounded in Southern France Nov. 14, 1944. Sgt. Curry was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with Citation and Combat Infantryman's Badge. He remains in service with the 6th Division, stationed in Korea.

6. -S/SGT. TOMMIE CLIFFORD DAVIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Davis, Ft. Worth, was born April 21, 1920, and attended Edmond State Teachers College, Okla. December 2, 1941, he entered service, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, receiving his training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, where he was stationed for four years. Sgt. Davis received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals before his discharge December 4, 1945.

7. -SGT. BILL J. DAWSON, born June 30, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dawson, Ft. Worth, entered service September, 1943, and was assigned to the Army, 6th Division. April, 1944, he began overseas duty, serving in the New Guinea campaign, invasion of the Philippine Islands and occupation of Korea, receiving the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific and Combat Infantry Badge. He was discharged from service January 12, 1946.

\* 8. -MM1/c WILLIAM GARY DAVIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davis, Handley, was born February 18, 1918. Volunteered for service August 11, 1942, and was assigned to the U. S. Navy, serving on the U. S. S. Kalk, a destroyer. His overseas duty was served in the Aleutian Islands and South Pacific, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life while patrolling waters in the Mios Woendi Lagoon. First reported "Missing" then declared "Lost" June 12, 1944.

9. -1ST LT. DOROTHY L. DAVIS, birthdate November 2, 1919, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Davis, Ft. Worth, received training at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Ft. Worth. June, 1941, she volunteered for service with the Army Nurse Corps, and served at various military hospitals in the United States until her transfer to New Delhi, India, in May of 1945. She received Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star. Discharged June 9, 1946.

10. -S1/c MAYOLA DAVIS, born February 5, 1922, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Davis, Ft. Worth, attended Texas Wesleyan College in Ft. Worth. July 3, 1944, she volunteered for service with the WAVES, training at Hunter College, New York, and Cedar Falls, Iowa. After training she was stationed at the Naval Air Training Base, Corpus Christi. She received the American Theater Ribbon, Victory and Defense Medals before being discharged April, 1946.

11. -CAPT. ROY RICHARD DAVIS, born April 21, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Davis, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service with the Army Air Corps September 22, 1942. One year later he began overseas duty with the 9th Troop Carrier Command based in England, where he remained until May of 1944. His awards include the European Theater Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and Defense Medals. He was discharged from service September 18, 1945.

12. -AMM1/c JOHN LEONARD DeLEON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeLeon, Ft. Worth, was born September 4, 1920, and volunteered for service August 20, 1942; trained at San Diego with the Naval Aviation Branch. December 1, 1944, he was transferred to Hawaii (Ford Island) where he was stationed for two years. Returned to the States January of 1946. He was awarded the Good Conduct and Victory Medals before his discharge February 8, 1946.

13. -F1/c JOHN OREN STANLEY, birthdate October 29, 1926, son of Mrs. Georgia Dodd, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service October, 1944, and was assigned to the U. S. Naval Fleet. July, 1945, he began service overseas in the Marshall, Caroline, Leyte and Okinawa Islands, later serving five months in the Occupation of Japan. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, World War II Victory and Defense Medals before being discharged July of 1946.

14. -1ST ASST. ENG. ALBERT NICHOLAS DAYTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Dayton, Ft. Worth, was born December 15, 1917. After volunteering for service May 15, 1944, with the Maritime Service, he trained at Avalon, California. July, 1944, he began service in the South and Central Pacific, and participated in the retaking of Guam. Returned to the United States August, 1945. Eng. Dayton is remaining in the United States Maritime Service.

15. -MACHINIST FOREMAN FRED LEROY DAYTON, birthdate April 9, 1914, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Dayton, Ft. Worth. He entered service March 13, 1941, serving both Army and Navy in the making of shells with the American Mfg. Co. July 4, 1945, he was transferred to Hunters Point, Naval Dry Dock, San Francisco, California, and served as repairman on war ships. Remaining in the service; now at Naval Dry Dock, San Francisco.

16. -C.B.M. MARION ERNEST (BABE) DAYTON, born June 9, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Dayton, Ft. Worth, volunteered November 15, 1939, for the Naval Surface Branch, and trained at San Diego. February, 1940, he sailed on the U.S.S. Portland for Pearl Harbor; served in the Coral Sea, on Midway, Marshall, Okinawa and other Pacific islands. His awards include three Commendations and two Unit Citations. Discharged Nov., 1945; is now in the U.S.M.S.

17. -PFC MARION JEFFERSON DEASON, son of Mrs. Amanda Deason, Ft. Worth, was born March 30, 1909, and attended school in Oklahoma. Upon entering service September 23, 1942, he was assigned to the Army D.E.M.L. Division and was stationed at Camp Wolters, Texas. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, also, the Good Conduct Award. Pfc Deason remained in the States throughout his service. Discharged Oct., 1945.

18. -WOODROW WILSON DEASON, birthdate December 12, 1917, son of Mrs. Amanda Deason, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service March 2, 1942, and was assigned to the U. S. Navy. His training was received at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia. January 15, 1945, he sailed for the Pacific Theater where he served at Okinawa. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, World War II Victory and Defense Medals. His discharge was granted November 6, 1945.

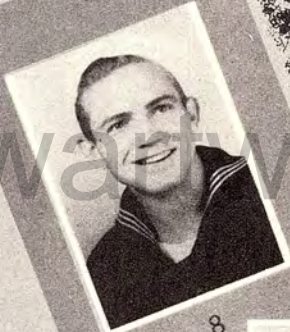
19. -PFC WILLIAM L. DEUBLER, born March 17, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Deubler, Ft. Worth, entered the Army Infantry on June 21, 1944, and served in the States until November, 1944, at which time he began duty in the Asiatic-Pacific area. Pfc Deubler received the Purple Heart for wounds received on Iwo Jima, also, the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. He was discharged after his return to the States on May 28, 1946.

20. -S1/c WINSTON CARROLL DEUBLER, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Deubler, Ft. Worth, was born July 26, 1925, and entered service in the Navy, Amphibious Branch, on October 22, 1943, remaining at San Diego until June of 1944. He sailed for the Pacific area serving in Saipan, Leyte, Luzon and Iwo Jima. Received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Seaman Deubler was discharged April 1, 1946.

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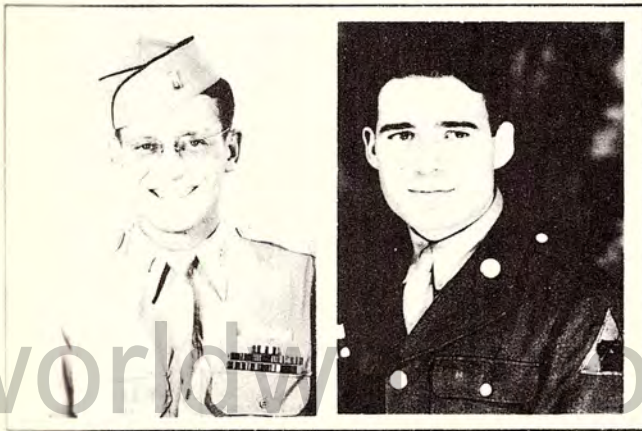
T/5 HAROLD GORDON



Pfc ROBERT H. KELL

T/5 Harold Gordon, birthdate August 22, 1914, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service September 17, 1940, with the Army Infantry, training at Camp Bowie, and transferring to the European area February, 1943. He participated in the battles of Normandy, France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany. After returning to the States September, 1945, he was awarded the ETO Campaign Ribbon with five Battle Stars and Good Conduct Medal with the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. His discharge was received October 1, 1945, after five years of service.

Pfc Robert Harold Kell, birthdate February 21, 1924, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kell, Ft. Worth, attended Texas Christian University at Ft. Worth, and entered service February 9, 1943, with the Army Air Transport Command, training at Love Field in Dallas. He began his overseas duty September, 1943, serving in the Assam Valley, India, and participating in flying cargo to China. After returning to the States November, 1945, Pfc Kell received the Presidential Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, and various other awards. He was discharged from service November, 1945.



2nd Lt. CHARLES R. JOHNSON  
Pvt. RICHARD E. JOHNSON

2nd Lt. CHARLES R. JOHNSON, born September 11, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson, Ft. Worth, entered service November 3, 1943, Army Infantry; served overseas October, 1944, to August, 1946, participating in the battles of Central Europe, Rhineland. He received the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, Occupation of Germany Ribbon, and other awards. Discharged August 15, 1946.

Pvt. RICHARD EARL JOHNSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson, Ft. Worth, birthdate August 6, 1923, attended T.C.U., and volunteered September 1, 1942, for the Army, 750 Tank Bn.; trained at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and was discharged November 29, 1944, with Victory and Defense Awards.



M1/c SID D. KENNEMER

M1/c Sid Dorvin Kennemer, born July 20, 1913, a native of Texas, son of J. H. Kennemer, Grapevine, Texas, and husband of Grace Kennemer, Ft. Worth, attended the Grapevine Public Schools and volunteered for service December 21, 1942, with the U.S. Navy, Seabees. Trained at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia, until April, 1943, when he began overseas duty, serving at Pearl Harbor until May, 1945, also later July, 1945, to October, 1945, in the Pacific area at Guam. He was awarded the World War II Victory and Defense Medals with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, and was discharged October 20, 1945.

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\*TM 1/c BAZIL M. HATFIELD, JR.



S/Sgt. CLIFFORD O. BERRY

TM1/c Basil Muse Hatfield, Jr., born December 2, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hatfield, Sr., Ft. Worth, volunteered for service April 11, 1934, with U.S. Navy, Submarine Branch. Began overseas duty September, 1935, and was in the Philippine Islands at the outbreak of war; transferred to Bataan and then to Corregidor where he was taken prisoner and imprisoned at Cabanatuan, also Billibed. He was being transported on a prison ship to Japan when the ship was sunk December 15, 1944, and he paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life. He was recommended twice for the Silver Star and received Citations for memorable service.

S/Sgt. Clifford O. Berry, born September 14, 1914, son of Mrs. Eula Harper, Ft. Worth, Texas, entered service October 7, 1940, with the Army Infantry, 36th Division; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and entered North Africa April, 1943, where he participated in the battles of Naples-Foggia and the Anzio invasion. Sgt. Berry was wounded twice. Returned to the States June, 1944, and was awarded the Purple Heart, EAME Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star and Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medals with the American Theater and Defense Awards. Discharged from service August 22, 1945.



MM 3/c CLARENCE E. HANKINS



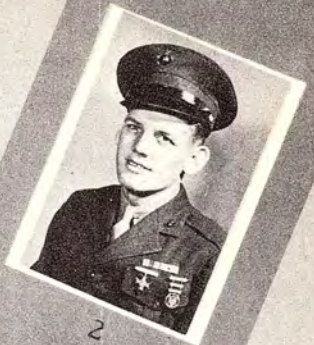
1st Lt. WILLIAM N. HARD

MM3/c Clarence E. Hankins, born April 1, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hankins, and husband of Sara H. Hankins, of Ft. Worth, volunteered July 16, 1942, with Navy Seabees, and upon completion of training at Norfolk, Va., was attached to the 2nd Marine Division. He served in the Pacific area, September, 1942, to October, 1945, participating in battles of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian; returned home and received a Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with four Stars, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Awards with the American Theater and Defense Medals. He was discharged October 15, 1945.

1st Lt. William Norman Hard, birth date May 10, 1918, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hard, Ft. Worth, entered service Nov., 1940, from the National Guard to the Army, 36th Division, training at Camp Bowie, Texas. Also served at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and received his commission at Ft. Benning, Georgia, August, 1942. Lt. Hard transferred to the Army Air Force December, 1943; received his Wings at Foster Field, Texas, February 2, 1945, and was assigned to Army Air Field at Biloxi, Mississippi. His awards include the World War II Victory and Defense Medals among others. Discharged Feb. 1946.

1. —S 1/c ROBERT GLENN STEPHENSON was born April 30, 1924, in Texas. Son of Mrs. Kathleen Elroy, Ft. Worth, Tex. Received education at Alexandra Hogg Elementary and Jennings High, Ft. Worth, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept., 1941, at Ft. Worth, assigned to Navy Air Corps; received training at Naval Training Station, San Diego, California. Served overseas from December 18, 1942, to August 18, 1944, at Honolulu, T. H. Seaman Stephenson was discharged November 8, 1945.
2. —CPL. ROY GLENN WORLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Worley, Sr., born April 13, 1925. Attended Ft. Worth schools. Volunteered Sept. 19, 1941, in G. Co., 8th Regt., 2nd Division and (F.M.F.-Pac.) of Marines. Trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, and Camp Pendleton, Calif. Overseas Jan. 6, 1942, to Feb., 1943, March, 1945, to Oct., 1945. Occupation of Northern Marianas. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Expert Rifleman Badge, Victory Medal. Discharged Dec., 1945.
3. —SGT. ORMAND LEON WORLEY, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Worley, Sr., born Nov. 3, 1923. Attended Ft. Worth schools. Entered Army Air Force October, 23, 1943. Trained in Florida for gunner and at Will Rogers Field, Okla., for photography. Served in United States from October 23, 1943, to March 30, 1946. Promoted to Cpl. at Guntery School and to Sgt. at Photography School. Awarded American Theater Ribbon, Gunners Badge, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged March 30, 1946.
4. —MaM 3/c AVALON ALLOMOND WORLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Worley, Sr., of Ft. Worth, Texas, was born November 11, 1927, in Texas. Volunteered for United States Naval Reserve at Ft. Worth, Tex. March 19, 1945. Trained in boot camp, San Diego, and mail school at San Francisco. Promotions were S 2/c and MaM 3/c. His awards were American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals. Served in United States until June 17, 1946, when he was discharged in Shoemaker, Calif.
5. —LT. (jg) JOSEPH BOONE WILLS, JR., born July 4, 1919, in Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Wills, Sr., Ft. Worth, Tex. Attended Texas Wesleyan College, Ft. Worth, Texas. Volunteered in Navy July 8, 1942, Ft. Worth, Texas; trained at Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill. Served overseas from Nov., 1943, to April, 1944, and Oct., 1944, to Feb., 1946, in American, Pacific and European-African Theaters. Was commissioned Ensign, USNR, Oct., 1943, Promoted to Lt. (jg) March, 1945. Discharged May, 1946.
6. —MoMM 2/c CLARENCE EDWARD BENNETT, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bennett, born July 20, 1910, in Indiana. Attended school in Marshall, Texas. Volunteered for service with United States Coast Guard December 11, 1941, Ft. Worth, Texas; trained at C G Yard, Curtis Bay. Served overseas from Oct. 16, 1943, to April 7, 1945, on USS Cam. American European-African-Middle Eastern Area Campaign Ribbons, Bronze Arabic Numeral "2" on Ribbons for escort and anti-submarine service. Discharged, 1945.
7. —CPL. CHARLES EDWARD BUCKINGHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buckingham Ft. Worth, Tex., was born April 1, 1916, in Indiana. Attended T.C.U., Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered United States Army as Engineer May, 15, 1945. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Tex. Served overseas from Nov. 27, 1945, to Nov. 6, 1946, in Philippines. Received Philippine Independence Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. Cpl. Buckingham was honorably discharged December 15, 1946.
8. —S2/c DONALD FAYE BUCKINGHAM, born May 17, 1928, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buckingham, Ft. Worth, Texas. Acquired education South Hi Mount and Arlington Heights, Ft. Worth, Texas. Volunteered June 2, 1945, for U.S. Navy; trained at USNTC, San Diego, California. Served overseas from Sept. 5, 1945, to July 28, 1946, at USS Receiving Station, Pearl Harbor, T. H. Seaman Buckingham was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged Aug. 8, 1947.
9. —CAPT. RALPH E. JANES, JR., born August 24, 1920, in Texas, son of Mrs. Gladys M. Willis, Fort Worth, Texas. Husband of Hilda Janes, 1015 Avondale, Austin, Texas. Attended the University of Texas. Volunteered May 8, 1942, at Louisiana, assigned to Army A.S.F.; trained at Camp Claiborne. Served overseas from August, 1942, to May, 1944, and April, 1945, to December, 1945, in Canada, Alaska, France and Okinawa, as engineer. Received promotion to Captain May 8, 1942. Discharged February, 1946.
10. —T/4 BILLY FRANK EMERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Williams, Mansfield, Texas, born July 18, 1925. Received his education at Mansfield High School and entered the Army September 24, 1945, at Ft. Worth, Texas; assigned to radio work; trained at Camp Roberts, California. Served overseas in Germany from March, 1946, until present time. He signed for three years service. Before entering service he was an employee of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company.
11. —T/SGT. JAMES HERMAN WILSON, born March 15, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson, Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended Fort Worth schools and A. and M. College, College Station, Texas. Volunteered for service in Army Air Force August 14, 1942. Served overseas from July, 1944, to July, 1945, in New Guinea, West Pacific, Southern Philippines, Luzon and China. Awarded Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters and six Bronze Stars. Sgt. Wilson was discharged Sept., 1945.
12. —SGT. HARRY C. LAWING born July 20, 1915, in Texas. Son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson, Ft. Worth, Texas, husband of Irene Lawing. Attended Wm. James Junior High and Polytechnic School Fort Worth, Texas. Volunteered for service in Air Corps Sept. 19, 1942, at Dallas; trained at Camp Wolters and Tarrant Field. Served overseas from December 5, 1943, to June 29, 1945, in European Theater of Operations, England. Sgt. Lawing received honorable discharge October 30, 1945.
13. —PHM. 2/c LEE RAY LAWSON, born November 23, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Ray Lawson, Decatur, Texas. Attended Decatur High School. Entered service January 22, 1944, assigned to Medical Corps. Trained at Camp Benynton, U.S.N. Hospital Corps School, Farragut, Idaho. Was in School of Surgery in Oakland, California U.S.N. Hospital. Afterwards retained as Operating Room Technician for 22 months. Received honorable discharge May 29, 1946.
14. —MAJOR LESLIE L. LEWIS, born Nov. 9, 1917, son of Mrs. Pearl Lewis Decatur, Texas, husband of Robbie Lewis, Abilene. Attended Decatur Baptist College; volunteered for service Nov., 1941, assigned to Air Corps; trained at Kelly Field. Served overseas from April, 1945, to Dec., 1945. Ferried planes to England, Africa and India. Served in Alaska and Canada. Major Lewis received discharge March 10, 1946. In Air Corps Reserves. Before entering service was coach and teacher.
15. —S/SGT. MARLIN B. LEWIS, was born Oct. 29, 1915; is son of Mrs. Pearl Lewis, Decatur, Texas. Attended Decatur Baptist College. Volunteered November 26, 1940; assigned to Army 36th Hq. Btry. Served overseas from Nov. 26, 1940, to Oct. 25, 1945. In battles of Philippine Is., N.E.I. and C.B.I. Area. Missing from March 8, 1941, to Sept. 20, 1945, a prisoner in N.E.I., Singapore, Burma, Thailand French Indo China and Japan. Awarded Presidential Citation. In Service F.A.U.S.
16. —MMG 2/c GEORGE F. LEWIS, born May 18, 1914, in Texas, is son of Mrs. Pearl Lewis, husband of Geneva Lewis. Received education at Decatur High School, Decatur, Texas. Entered service November, 1943, with Navy, attached to Portable Oxygen Unit; trained at Camp Peary, Virginia, and Chattanooga, Tennessee. Served overseas from April 28, 1944, to November 16, 1946, in South Pacific, Pearl Harbor, and Okinawa. Promoted from Seaman to a Petty Officer 2/c. Discharged Nov., 1946.
17. —PFC PAUL LANDES was born August 25, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Landes, Decatur, Texas, husband of Mabeth Landes. Attended schools of Boyd, and Decatur Baptist College. Volunteered Oct. 13, 1942, at Ft. Worth, Texas; assigned to Army A.A.F. Basic training at Ft. Worth Army Air Field. Served overseas from Feb. 26, 1944, to Feb. 19, 1946. Received American, EAME Theater Ribbons, World War II Victory and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Feb. 25, 1946.
18. —S/SGT. JOHN AUBREY MUSGROVE, born Oct. 19, 1908, husband of Ruby Musgrove. Volunteered April 28, 1943, assigned to 42nd Field Hospital 1st Army. Served overseas from Feb. 26, 1944, to Nov., 1945, in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany. Received Arrowhead for the invasion, 3 overseas Service Bars, 5 Battle Stars and Good Conduct Medal. Promoted from Pvt. to S/Sgt. Received honorable discharge November 20, 1945.
19. —S. 2/c R. J. NABORS was born June 16, 1918, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Nabors, husband of Lois Nabors Bridgeport, Tex. Attended Bridgeport Schools. Entered service June 18, 1945, as Seaman at Dallas, Texas; trained at San Diego, California. Served in United States from June 19, 1945, to May 9, 1946, with a Naval Air Base, Alameda, California, attached to Supplies. Received honorable discharge May, 9, 1946. Employed by Nabors Grocery Store prior to Navy duty.
20. —PFC ROBERT LEE RICH was born Dec. 5, 1914, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Rich, Decatur, Texas. Educated in Decatur Schools. Was employed as a welder before he volunteered Nov. 25, 1940; assigned to Army, 36th Division; trained at Camp Bowie. Served overseas from Nov., 1941, to Nov., 1943; was captured on Java February of 1942; in prison camp, Moulmein, Burma, Camp Number 5, until Nov. 1, 1934, when he paid the Supreme Sacrifice, caused by the disease berri-berri.

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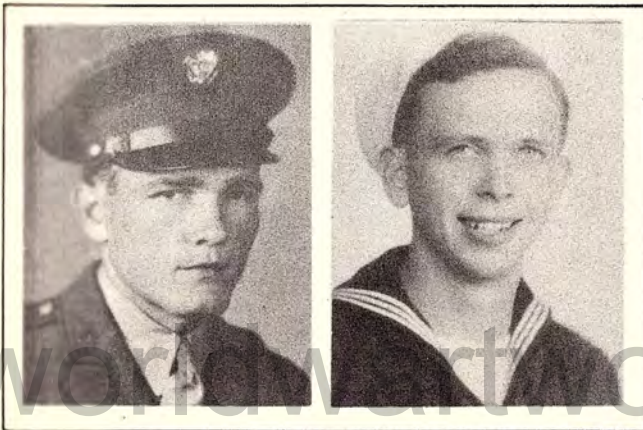
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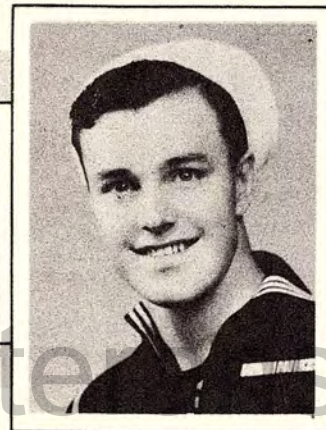
Coxswain ROBERT L. VASS

Pfc William M. Vass was born January 4, 1922, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Vass of Ft. Worth. Attended the Mansfield, Texas, Public Schools, and volunteered for service July 17, 1940. Was assigned to the Army Cavalry, Troop A, 5th Division, and trained at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas. He served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and was wounded in Los Negros August 19, 1944. Received the Purple Heart, and later, February 9, 1945, Pfc Vass paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country with his life at Rosario Heights in Manila. He was laid to rest in the Pacific Area.

Coxswain, Robert Lee Vass, birthdate November 24, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Vass, Ft. Worth, volunteered October 10, 1942, with the U. S. Navy; trained at San Diego, and served in the Pacific Theater for thirty-four months. Coxswain Vass participated in various engagements in the Asiatic-Pacific Area for which he received the Campaign Ribbon with one Silver Star and four Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Navy Good Conduct Medal with the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. After he returned to the States, discharge was granted February 1, 1946.



S/Sgt. ROY J. CHANDLER  
PhM2/c FRED S. DANIEL



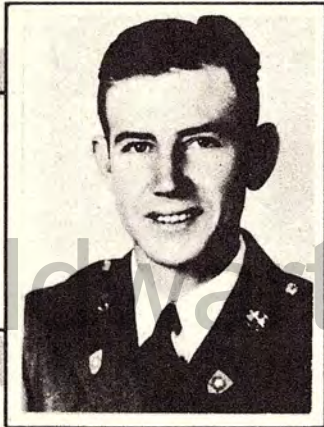
SK 2/c DONALD L. HALEY

S/Sgt. ROY JOHN CHANDLER, born September 8, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Chandler, Ft. Worth, volunteered August 14, 1942, Army, 27 Photo Rec. Sqdn. Overseas October, 1943, to October, 1945, in battles of Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, Northern France and Central Europe. Awarded Distinguished Unit Badge; discharged October 29, 1945.

PhM2/c FRED STUART DANIEL, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Chandler, born June 26, 1924, volunteered Sept. 29, 1942, U. S. Navy. Overseas for two years in Mobile Hosp. #7 and Fleet Hosp. #107. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Victory & Good Con. Discharged January, 1946.

SK2/c Donald Leroy Haley, born October 15, 1925, in Texas, son of W. A. Haley, Ft. Worth, and Mrs. Jack Goss, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Volunteered for service June 19, 1943, with the U.S. Navy; trained at San Diego until September, 1943, when he was assigned to the USS Mississippi and embarked for the Pacific area. He served in the battles of Gilbert, Marshall, Palau and Philippine Islands, also on Okinawa, and participated in the naval battle of the Philippines and Occupation of Japan. Returned to the States February, 1946, and received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with seven Battle Stars and other medals. Discharged February, 1946.

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\*Cpl. LLOYD E. TYWATER



Pvt. RICHARD A. TYE

Cpl. Lloyd E. Tywater, son of Mrs. Carrie E. Tywater, Ft. Worth, was born October 15, 1916, and entered service January 17, 1941, with the Army Infantry, 36th Div. Trained in the States, and began overseas duty in North Africa, participating in the battles of Salerno, Cassino, Rapido River Crossing, Naples. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 3, 1944, near Rome while on a mission to the front for Gen. Walker. At the 36th Div. reunion held in Brownwood it was a great comfort for his mother to meet the Chaplain who spoke at Cpl. Tywater's graveside. Pres. Citation with other awards were received posthumously.

Pvt. Richard A. Tye was born August 13, 1924, in Texas, son of Mrs. Leona Tye, Arlington, Texas; volunteered April 23, 1942, with the Army, 160 F.A., 45th Div., training in various camps in the States, and serving overseas July to December of 1943 in the European area. Participated in the invasions and battles of Italy, Sicily and Salerno, and was wounded October 11, 1943. Pvt. Tye was hospitalized three months overseas and fifteen months in the States, and now receives total disability compensation. The Purple Heart, ETO Ribbon with three Stars among other medals were received with discharge March 9, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.



S1/c JOHN N. TYSON



T/3 WILLIAM E. TYSON

S1/c John Nelson Tyson, born January 26, 1926, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tyson, Agnes, Texas, Parker County. Entered service May 30, 1944, with the U.S. Navy. Was assigned to the U.S.S. Colorado as a "Look Out", and served overseas September, 1944, to May, 1946, in Hawaii, Tokyo Bay and occupation of Japan; participated in the battles and invasion of Leyte, Mindoro, Okinawa, and was wounded at Luzon January 9, 1945, receiving the Purple Heart, Bronze Star for bravery in action, Philippine Liberation Bar with one Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Stars. He was discharged May 26, 1946.

T/3 William Elbert Tyson, born December 20, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tyson, and husband of Mary M. Tyson, Saginaw, Texas, volunteered December 10, 1942, with the Army 189th Sig. Radar Maint. Unit, and trained at Camp Edison, N. J., and Camp Murphy, Fla. He began overseas duty September, 1944, in the Pacific area, serving in the campaigns of New Guinea and the Philippine Islands at Finschhafen, Milne Bay and Luzon. Returned to the States December 23, 1945. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal, 1 Star. Discharged December of 1945.

1. —PFC LEEMAN A. McCURRY, born Aug. 21, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McCurry, 5708 Ellison St., Ft. Worth. Entered the service Jan. 7, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Served overseas from May, 1945, to Dec., 1945, on Luzon, and Ie Shima. He received 3 Battle Stars, 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged January, 1946. Served with 342nd Fighter Squadron.
- \* 2. —2ND LT. CHARLES RAYMOND McCURRY, born May 5, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McCurry, volunteered for service Nov. 11, 1940, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas April, 1942, to March, 1944, in Bougainville, New Britain and Rabaul. Lost between New Zealand and New Caledonia, March 20, 1944, after serving eleven months in combat on B-25 as pilot. Received two Oak Leaf Clusters with Air Medal and Silver Star. He served in the 13th Air Force.
3. —S/SGT. JACK B. McCARTY, born June 25, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McCarty, Jr., of Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service Oct. 15, 1941, assigned to Army 8th Infantry. Trained at Camp Galian, Calif. Served overseas from Dec. 23, 1941, to Aug., 1945, in Alaska, Rhineland area, and Central European areas. He received the Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged August 27, 1945. Attended Polytechnic High School.
4. —S/SGT. DENNIS L. McCARTY, JR., born Nov. 21, 1915, husband of Mrs. Alma G. McCarty, of Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service Sept., 1942, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Rapid City, Army Air Field. Served overseas from March, 1944, to Sept., 1944, in South Pacific area. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged September, 1944. Attended Polytechnic High School. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McCarty, Sr., of Ft. Worth, Texas.
5. —SEAMAN 1/c HARRY R. (DICK) MAYNARD, born Dec. 9, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Maynard of Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended Polytechnic High School. Volunteered for service April 26, 1944, assigned to Navy USS Napa A.P.A., 157 Division two. Trained at Farragut, Idaho. Served overseas from Oct. 1, 1944, to May 20, 1946, in Pacific Theater, and Iwo Jima in Japan. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 27, 1946.
6. —CPL. HUGH HOMER McCASH, born Oct. 15, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. McCash, of Ft. Worth, Texas. Entered the service April 23, 1946, at Dallas, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and Harlingen, Texas. Served in the United States from April 28, 1943, to Jan. 28, 1946. He received the American Theater, American Defense, Good Conduct Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged January 28, 1946. Served as Navigation Inst., Walla Walla, Wash.
7. —SGT. CHARLES CLIFFORD McCASH, born Sept. 7, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. McCash. Volunteered for service Oct. 14, 1942, at Ft. Worth. Assigned to Army Signal Corps. Trained at Tarrant Field. Served overseas from Nov. 10, 1944, to June 16, 1945, in New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Southern Philippines, and Western Pacific. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater, 4 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 14, 1945.
8. —T/SGT. WILLIAM H. McCASH, born July 5, 1909. Volunteered for service July 8, 1942, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Ruckley Field, and Gander Field. Served overseas from Jan. 30, 1943, to June 19, 1945, in North Africa, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Normandy. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, 1 Bronze Star, Air Medal, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Campaign, 6 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Sept. 9, 1945.
9. —S.K. 1/c JOHN EVERETT McCURRY, born Feb. 19, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCurry of Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended Riverside High School. Volunteered for service Nov. 5, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Seabees, Trained at Camp Peary, Va. Served overseas from Dec., 1943, to May, 1945, in Hawaiian, Marshall, and Marianas Islands. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February 1, 1946. He resides at 5014 Parish Rd., Ft. Worth, Texas.
10. —SGT. OTIS WALTON McCURRY, born July 23, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCurry of Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended Hurst High School, Hurst, Texas. Entered the service Nov. 13, 1944, assigned to Army 343 Engr. Division. Trained at Camp Hood. Served overseas from April, 1945, to June 6, 1946, in European Theater. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. He was discharged June 13, 1946. Husband of Mrs. Juanita McCurry of Ft. Worth, Texas.
11. —CARPENTER 3/c GEORGE RAY McCURRY, born Nov. 14, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCurry of Ft. Worth, Texas. Volunteered for service May 19, 1945, assigned to Navy Seabees. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Aug. 20, 1945, to May 7, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific, and Philippines. He received the American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 20, 1946.
- \* 12. —SGT. 1/c J. C. McCURRY, JR., was born April 29, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCurry, 5014 Parish Rd., Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended Birdville High School. Volunteered for service March 2, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy V-12 Air Corps. Trained at Teachers College, Warrensburg, Missouri. Served in the United States. He died March 13, 1944, Great Lakes Naval Hospital. Awarded the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon.
13. —FLIGHT OFFICER HUGH THOMAS MANN, born April 23, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mann of Ft. Worth, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 15, 1943, assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at Douglas, Ariz. Served overseas 15th Air Force in Italy, 463rd Bomb Group (Heavy) 744 Bomb Squadron bombing missions on Germany, and Austria. He received the European Theater, 3 Stars, Air Medal, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Dec. 30, 1945.
14. —S1/c CORNELIUS D. (NEIL) MANN was born Aug. 24, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mann, 1007 1/2 S. Adams St., Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended Paschal High School. Entered the service June, 1942, assigned to Navy. Trained at Grand Prairie, Hutchinson, Kans., San Francisco, and San Bruno, Calif. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Served in the United States until he was discharged February 2, 1946.
15. —S/SGT. HERCHEL A. GIBSON, born Aug. 5, 1917, son of Mrs. J. V. Martin, 1309 Henderson, Ft. Worth, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 4, 1940, at San Antonio, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Randolph Field, Texas. Served in the United States, Waco, Texas, Sheppard Field, Del Rio, Texas, and Frederick, Okla. He received the American Defense Medal, and Good Conduct, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 21, 1945.
16. —CPL. ROY EDWIN GIBSON, born Oct. 20, 1915, son of Mrs. J. V. Martin. Entered service May 12, 1942. Assigned to Army Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Crowder, Neosho, Mo. Served overseas Sept. 5, 1942, to Jan. 12, 1945, in North Ireland, North Africa, Italy, Tunisian Campaign, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno. Awarded Marksmanship with Springfield Rifle, Sharp Shooter with Carbine, European African Middle Eastern Medal, 3 Bronze Stars. Discharged October, 1945.
17. —S/SGT. ROBERT HARRELL MARTIN, born Jan. 24, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Martin. Volunteered April 8, 1942, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Santa Ana, Bakersfield, Calif., and Marfa, Texas. Served overseas in Africa, Italy, Naples-Foggia, Central European, Vienna, Austria, and Reichenbach, Germany. Awarded Air Medal, 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, European Theater, 4 Bronze Stars, American Defense, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged Nov. 16, 1945.
18. —S/SGT. LOUIS G. MARCELL, born Jan. 28, 1921. Volunteered for service Sept. 28, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Service Forces; trained at Fort Custer, Michigan. Served overseas from Nov. 2, 1944, to Feb. 26, 1946, in Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska. He received the Good Conduct, Asiatic-Pacific, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged March 8, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Marcell, 2306 Lincoln Ave., of Ft. Worth, Texas.
19. —SGT. KENNETH LUTHER MARCELL, born Oct. 4, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Marcell of Ft. Worth, Texas. Attended North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington. Entered the service Feb. 6, 1941, at Houston, Texas. Assigned to Army 1856th Service Unit. Trained at Fort Crockett, Texas. Served in the United States until he was discharged. Was awarded the American Defense, American Theater, Good Conduct Medals, and Victory Ribbon. He was discharged December 6, 1945.
20. —T/5 EDWIN DOUGLAS MARCELL, born June 12, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Marcell. Entered the service Jan. 24, 1945, at San Pedro, Calif. Trained at Fort Riley, Kansas. Served overseas from Aug. 11, 1945, in Hiro, Japan, 41st Division Finance, Kure Base, Finance, and Kobe, Japan, 155 Finance Disb. Sec. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Now serving in Yokohama 179th Finance Disb. Section. Attended North Side High School, Fort Worth.

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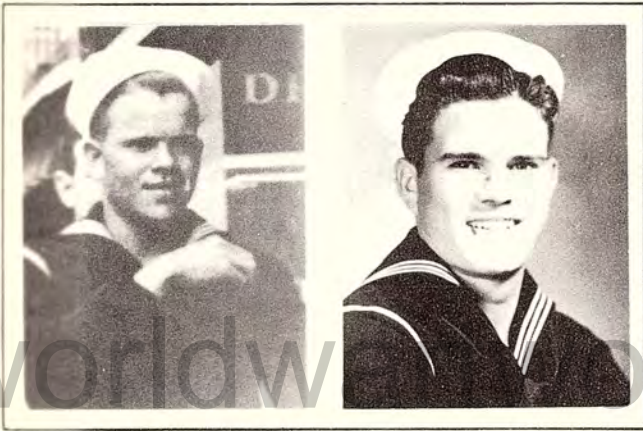
**Capt. WILLIAM M. COX**

Capt. William Maurice Cox, born April 8, 1918, in Texas, husband of Nancy Lee Cox, formerly of Ft. Worth now of San Antonio, attended N.T.A.C. at Arlington, Texas, and volunteered for service August 28, 1938, with the Army Air Corps at Randolph Field. He served overseas July, 1943, to November, 1945, as Communications Officer with the A.C.S. in India for twenty-three months and five months in Burma. After returning to the States he was awarded the American Defense Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Award among other medals. He remained with Air Communications.



**Lt. OSCAR F. HEIMER, JR.**

Lt. Oscar (Buddy) F. Heimer, Jr., born June 1, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Heimer, Sr., Ft. Worth. Volunteered for service June 1, 1942, with the Navy Air Corps, training at Athens, Georgia, and Lakehurst, New Jersey. Lt. Heimer served overseas November, 1943, to February, 1945, as pilot on Blimp Patrol over the coast around Trinidad, also in British and Dutch New Guinea. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with other awards. Lt. Heimer is now on the Carrier USS Hollandia in port at Seattle, Washington, serving as Assistant Navigator.



**Coxswain WILLARD S. ELLIS  
FC 3/c JOHNNY W. ELLIS**

Coxswain WILLARD SHEPARD ELLIS, born August 27, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ellis, Ft. Worth, volunteered June 30, 1942, with U. S. Naval Reserve; trained at San Diego until September, 1942, when he entered Pacific area, serving in Australia, New Guinea and Guam; returned to States September, 1945; discharged November of same year.  
FC 3/c JOHNNY WENDELL ELLIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ellis, Ft. Worth, born March 4, 1925, volunteered April 16, 1942, with the U. S. Navy, training at San Diego, and transferring to Pacific Theater December 8, 1942, where he served until October, 1945. Returned to States. Received discharge March, 1946.



**AMM 1/c WILLIAM J. BAKER**

AMM 1/c William Jack Baker, born December 13, 1913, in Texas, son of R. M. Baker, Decatur, Texas, and husband of Hazel Baker, Ft. Worth. He volunteered for service May 15, 1942, with the Naval Air Corps, training at Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois, until April, 1943, when he sailed with the Torpedo Squadron aboard the U.S.S. Yorktown for the South and West Pacific Islands. Participated in eight engagements. After returning to the States July, 1945, he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with eight Battle Stars, World War II Victory and Defense Medals. Was discharged July 21, 1946.

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**BM 1/c JOHN M. FERSTL**



**S 1/c MICHAEL A. FLANAGAN**

Bm 1/c John M. Ferstl, born September 8, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ferstl, Missouri, and husband of Frances Ferstl, Ft. Worth, Texas, volunteered May 26, 1942, with the Navy Construction Bn., training at Camps Allen and Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia. He served overseas November, 1942, to October, 1944, and April, 1945, to October, 1945, in the Pacific Theater on the Solomon Islands, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Bismarck Archipelago, Emirau and Okinawa. After returning to the States he received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon. He was discharged October 25, 1945.

S 1/c Michael Andrew Flanagan, birthdate January 30, 1926, in Texas, husband of Eve Carolyn Flanagan, Handley, Texas, volunteered January 17, 1944, with U.S. Navy Reserve; trained at San Diego, and embarked for overseas April, 1944; participated in the patrol of China Seas, also, on U.S.S. *Tennessee* transporting occupational forces to Japan. Seaman Flanagan served in the battles of Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Leyte, and other engagements of the Pacific Theater, making one trip around the world from Tokyo, Japan, to Philadelphia, Penn. The Purple Heart was awarded for wounds received. Returned home January, 1946, and discharged.



**Coxswain EDWIN E. FLORY**  
**QM 1/c WAYNE E. FLORY**



**S/Sgt. WILLIAM E. HISE**

Coxswain EDWIN EUGENE FLORY, born November 30, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flory, Ft. Worth, volunteered July 24, 1944, with Navy, Amphibious Branch; entered Pacific Area January, 1945, serving in Philippine Islands, Japan, China, Korea, French Indo-China. Returned home May, 1946. Discharged June 2, 1946.  
QM 1/c WAYNE EDWARD FLORY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flory, Ft. Worth, born June 3, 1925, volunteered October 2, 1942, with the Navy Aviation Branch, serving overseas March, 1943, to March, 1945, in Bering Sea, Mediterranean Sea, North Africa, Italy, France, Aleutian Islands and Pearl Harbor. He was awarded various medals and was discharged November 16, 1945.

S/Sgt. William (Bill) E. Hise, born May 19, 1919, in Texas, son of Mrs. Hise Colores, of Ft. Worth, volunteered December 10, 1941, with the Army Air Force, 307th Bomb Gp.; trained at Lowry Field, Colorado, and began overseas duty October, 1942, serving in the Pacific area at Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, Philippine Islands and Luzon, also in China. Returning to the States September, 1945. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with ten Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster, two personal Commendations with other awards. Discharged October 1, 1945.

1. -F1/c EDWARD LEE BRYANT, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bryant, Handley, Texas, was born December 16, 1923, and volunteered for the U.S. Navy February 12, 1943; later assigned to the USS Rathburne. His overseas duty began June, 1944, in the Pacific area where he served in the battles of Iwo Jima, Okinawa, China Sea, Philippine Islands and others. He returned to the States August, 1945, and was discharged February, 1946.

2. -PFC BILLIE RAY KELLY, born August 16, 1921, son-in-law of Mrs. W. E. Bryant, Ft. Worth, entered service with the Army, 9th Station Hospital April 15, 1943, training at Camp Barkeley, Texas. August, 1943, he sailed for the Asiatic-Pacific area and served in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, and Okinawa. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals before his discharge January 19, 1946.

3. -CAPT. EDGAR E. BUTTERWORTH, birth date September 20, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Butterworth, Ft. Worth, attended N.T.A.C., Arlington. May 17, 1942, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps, training at Lowry Field, Denver, and serving at five other camps in the United States, in the capacity of Staff Gunner Officer, Armament Officer and Power Turret Officer. Received the American Defense Medal. Discharged March of 1946.

4. -PFC JAMES ROBERT BUTTERWORTH, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Butterworth, Ft. Worth, was born May 16, 1925, and entered the Army, 34th Infantry, August 24, 1943. His South Pacific duty began March, 1944. He participated in the battles of Leyte, Bataan, Mindanao and Hollandia. His awards include the Combat Infantry Badge, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars, Pacific Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars and 1 Arrowhead. Discharged January 10, 1946.

\* 5. -MAJ. MARSHALL PYRON CAMP, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Camp, was born April 3, 1917, and attended N.T.A.C., Arlington, Texas. Major Camp volunteered for service in 1937 with the Army Air Corps; trained at Randolph Field; later served two years at Albrook Field, Panama Canal Zone. After returning to the States in 1943 he was assigned to Iceland as Operations Officer. He passed away there January 4, 1944, due to extreme weather conditions.

6. -PVT. STEWART GAYLE CAMP, birth date November 19, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Camp, Arlington, Texas, attended N.T.A.C. at Arlington. He entered the Army Signal Corps May of 1943 and trained at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, later transferring to the European area. Pvt. Camp was personally commended by the Wing Commanding Officer for his actions during the Battle for Sicily, July of 1943. His service terminated June, 1945.

\* 7. -1ST LT. WILBUR DANNER CAMP was born March 8, 1914, a native of Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Camp, Arlington. He attended North Texas Agricultural College before volunteering for service with the Army Air Corps as a Pursuit Pilot in 1935. After completing his training period, Lt. Camp was stationed at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, where he lost his life, on February 9, 1939, while out on a lake in that area.

8. -CPL. STEVE W. CARRINGTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Carrington, Handley, Texas, was born September 6, 1907, and entered service March 11, 1941, with the Army 7th Field Artillery. His overseas service began April, 1943, in the Battle of Attu, Aleutians, and later in the Pacific on the Marshall, Palau, Philippines, Leyte and Okinawa Islands. He was awarded one Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon - five Bronze Stars and was discharged October, 1945.

\* 9. -SGT. CECIL R. CAMPBELL, born July 27, 1917, husband of Mary Erma Campbell, Ft. Worth, entered the Army Air Corps June 23, 1943, training at Amarillo Army Air Field. Began his overseas duty October, 1944, and participated in several missions over Germany. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life March 15, 1945. His awards include the Air Medal, Presidential Citation, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and two Battle Stars.

10. -1ST LT. ELWOOD ALLEN CARTER, birth date October 31, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Carter, Azle, Texas, attended N.T.A.C., Arlington, Texas, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps January 30, 1942. His training was received at Moore Field, Texas, and March Field, California. Lt. Carter was stationed in the United States, but made various flights to Guam and other islands. He remains in the Air Corps, currently stationed at Ft. Worth, Texas.

11. -JAMES ARTHUR CARTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Carter, Azle, Texas, was born November 3, 1926, a native of Texas, and attended school in Azle. He volunteered for service October 30, 1944, with the United States Merchant Marines, training at St. Petersburg, Florida. He has served in the Atlantic War Zone, Near East and in the Mediterranean Zone, and now remains in service in the Merchant Marine with three years of duty to his credit.

12. -CPL. WILLIAM ATLAS CARTER, born February 21, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Carter, Azle, Texas, entered service September, 1944, and was assigned to the Army 40th Div. Infantry. He later transferred to the South Pacific where he participated in the battles for Leyte and Mindanao. His awards include the Combat Infantry, Good Conduct Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Battle Stars and two Arrowheads. Discharged February, 1946.

13. -T/3 ORVILLE D. CAVIN, birth date February 23, 1910, husband of Martha Cavin, Ft. Worth, entered service June 1, 1942, with the Army Engineer Corps, and received his training at Ft. Leonard Wood. January 13, 1943, he was assigned to the European Theater, serving in Iran, France and Germany. His awards include the World War II Victory, Good Conduct, and American Defense Medals. His discharge was final November 26, 1945.

14. -MM3/c LEWIS FORREST ALLEN, son of Mrs. Martha Cavin, Ft. Worth, was born June 17, 1917, in Texas. After volunteering for service August 27, 1942, he was assigned to the Naval Repair Service Branch and trained at San Diego. October, 1942, he transferred to the Pacific area where he remained for three years. He received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals and Good Conduct Award before being discharged November 11, 1945.

15. -CAPT. KATHERINE VIRGINIA ALLEN, birth date June 13, 1914, daughter of Mrs. Martha Cavin, Ft. Worth, attended St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Ft. Worth, and volunteered for service December 28, 1940, being assigned to the Army A.A.C. Division. Capt. Allen trained at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, serving her full duty in the United States Military Hospitals. She has chosen to remain in service with the Army Nurses Corps.

\* 16. -S/SGT. LINUS C. THOMAS, brother of Mrs. Martha Cavin, Ft. Worth, was born February 8, 1910, and attended N.T.A.C., Arlington, Texas. He entered service March 10, 1942, with the Army A.A.A. Division, and in August, 1943, his unit was transferred to a base in England, from which he participated in several bombing missions over Germany. On December 29, 1943, Sgt. Thomas lost his life in an accident near Rhyll, North Wales, England.

17. -MAJ. JAMES B. CATO, formerly of Ft. Worth, husband of the late Mrs. Dorothy Cato, 4749 Astral, Jacksonville, Fla., was born October 10, 1904, and entered service December, 1940, with the Army Coast Artillery from the Florida National Guard. He left for overseas duty April, 1943, and served until May, 1944, with the 5th Army in North Africa during the Italian Campaign. Returning to the United States, Major Cato transferred to inactive duty January, 1945.

18. -WT1/c CLAUDE RAYE CHEATHAM, born June 30, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cheatham, Azle, Texas, volunteered for service January 2, 1941, with the U.S. Navy. His overseas service extended from March, 1941, to July, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific area where he participated in sixteen major battles. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 16 Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal before his discharge September 29, 1945.

19. -SK1/c JAMES LEE CHEATHAM, birth date April 29, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cheatham, Azle, Texas, and husband of Carmelia Cheatham, 4558 Warner Rd., Cleveland, Ohio, volunteered for service August, 1942, with the Navy, Seabees, training at Camp Peary, Virginia. In 1944 he transferred to the U.S. Navy. He received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals and was discharged February, 1946. Prior to serving with the Navy he was employed by Wapples Platter Co.

20. -GM1/c WILLIAM EDMUND CHEATHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cheatham, Azle, Texas, husband of Zelma Lee Cheatham, Ft. Worth, was born May 21, 1916, and volunteered for service July, 1943, with the Navy Seabees. He remained in the States until February, 1944, at which time he transferred to the Hawaiian Islands, later participating in the Battle of Okinawa. After receiving the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals he was discharged from service December, 1945.

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- \*1. —PFC JACOB E. BROWN, born May 28, 1924, son of Mrs. Bessie Brown, Ft. Worth, entered the Army Feb., 1943; trained Camp Mackall, N.C., and Camp Polk, La.; served overseas May, 1944, to Feb., 1945, in battles of Leyte, Manila and Fort McKinley on Luzon; his awards were Purple Heart, Citation from the Governor of Texas, Marksman Expert, Presidential Unit Citation and Good Conduct. Private Brown paid the Supreme Sacrifice Feb., 1945, on Luzon near Fort McKinley.
2. —S/SGT. JAMES NELSON BOX, born Jan. 22, 1914, husband of Emily McGrew Box, who is the daughter of Bessie Brown, attended Wink High School in Wink, Texas, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps, Nov., 1942; trained at Midland Field and Randolph Field. He served in the Army from Nov., 1942, to Feb., 1946; received promotion to Staff Sergeant on Dec., 1945. Awards were, Carbine Marksman, Good Conduct, World War II Victory Medal. Staff Sergeant Box received an honorable discharge on Feb. 16, 1946.
- \*3. —1ST LT. WALTER E. MCGREW, son of Mrs. Bessie Brown, volunteered for Army duty April, 1943; trained at La Guardia Field, New York; served overseas from Aug., 1943, to Aug., 1944, as a navigator on C-54, transporting wounded soldiers, Army personnel and supplies. Lt. McGrew lost his life Aug., 1944, in Prestwich, Scotland, when his plane, carrying twenty-six persons, crashed; all were lost. He was awarded a Presidential Citation for his outstanding work.
4. —S.P.1/c BILL H. GORDON, JR., born June 30, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gordon, Fort Worth, received his education in Polytechnic High School; volunteered to the U.S. Coast Guard on September 16, 1942; received training at Algiers, New Orleans, La. He served with the Coast Guard from Sept., 1942, to Sept., 1946, in the New York Harbor. S.P.1/c Bill H. Gordon, Jr., received an honorable discharge on September 11, 1946.
5. —SGT. EUGENE M. GORE, born April 16, 1919, son of Mrs. Vera Gore, Ft. Worth, entered the Army on June 3, 1942; trained at Camp Wallace and Camp Atterbury, Ind.; served overseas Nov., 1944, to April, 1945, in Northern France, Ardennes, Germany, and Central Europe; was prisoner of war in Germany from Dec. 25, to March 30. Awards were Purple Heart, American Campaign, European African Middle Eastern Campaign. Sergeant Gore was discharged on Nov. 8, 1945.
- \*6. —SGT. MARSHALL H. (BILL) GREEN, born Jan. 4, 1917, husband of Maxine Green, attended John Tarleton College, and entered the Army Feb. 12, 1942; trained at Camp Polk, La., Fort Knox, Ky., Camp Pickett, Va.; overseas Sept., 1943, to Oct., 1944; served in Battles of Normandy and Northern France. Sgt. Bill Green lost his life near Stolberg, Germany, when Jeep in which he and two other soldiers were riding hit a mine in enemy territory. He received the Purple Heart posthumously.
7. —T/SGT. WOODROW W. (WOODY) HALL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hall, Ft. Worth, was born Jan. 15, 1920. Volunteered for Army Air Corps, Nov., 1941; trained at Chanute Field, Ill.; served overseas July, 1941, to Jan., 1944; and March, 1945, to Sept., 1945, as an aerial engineer and gunner. In Po Valley, Central Europe, Africa, India, China, South America and Italy. Awards: Air Medal, American Defense, African Middle East Campaign, Victory Presidential Unit Citation and Good Conduct. Discharged on Sept. 14, 1945.
8. —S/SGT. JOHN LEWIS HAMMOND, husband of Mrs. Mildred Hammond, was born July 28, 1912. Volunteered for service Oct., 1943; trained at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Camp Lee, Va.; overseas with 1st Cavalry, in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon and Japan. Awards were Combat Infantryman's Badge, Asiatic-Pacific with 4 Bronze Stars, Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Discharged Feb. 6, 1946.
9. —PETTY OFFICER 1/c BILLY EARL HAMMONDS, born June 9, 1922, husband of Billie Lois Hammonds, attended Warner High School, Warner, Okla.; volunteered for Seabees Jan., 1943; trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Camp Rousseau, Calif.; overseas from Aug., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in the battles of Guadalcanal, Munda and Northern Solomons. Awards were three Battle Stars and Good Conduct Medal. Petty Officer Hammonds received an honorable discharge on November 19, 1945.
- \*10. —PFC IRA LEE HANKE, born August 13, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hanke, Ft. Worth, entered the Army on Nov. 3, 1942, assigned to 96th Div. Trained at Camp Adair, Oregon, Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.; overseas in Leyte, Ryukyus Island, Okinawa. His awards were Expert Infantryman Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Good Conduct Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge. Pfc Ira Lee Hanke paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Okinawa. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously.
- \*11. —S2/c JAMES WILLIAM HARDWICK, born June 13, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hardwick, Ft. Worth, attended R. L. Paschal High School, Fort Worth; volunteered for Navy June 3, 1941; assigned to the Pacific Fleet; trained at Navy Training Center, San Diego, California; overseas July, 1941, to May, 1942, in the Attack of Pearl Harbor, Battle of Macassar Straits. Seaman Hardwick gave his life in the Battle of Coral Sea, May 7, 1942. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific 4 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart and American Defense.
12. —T/SGT. WALKER FRANK HARDWICK, born Feb. 21, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hardwick, Ft. Worth, volunteered for the Army Air Forces, June, 1941; trained at Kelly Field; overseas Jan. 13, 1944, to Sept. 25, 1945, in air offensive over Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Awards were EAME Campaign Medal with six Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge and the American Defense Medal. Discharged on October 9, 1945.
13. —T/SGT. BILLY E. HARRIS, born Aug. 14, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Harris, Sr., volunteered for Army Air Corps on Oct. 31, 1940; trained at Kelly Field; overseas from Oct., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Eastern Mandate Campaign, Western Pacific, Ryukyus Campaign; also participated in bombing mission over Japan and anti-submarine patrol on the East Coast. Awarded American Defense, American Theater Ribbon with Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific. Discharged Oct. 31, 1945.
14. —CPL. ROBERT QUINTON HARRIS, JR., born Oct. 11, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Harris, Sr., attended North Side High School; volunteered for the Marines May 6, 1942; trained at Camp Elliott, Calif.; served overseas in New Zealand; participated in battles of Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa. Awards were Presidential Unit Citation for Tarawa, three Battle Stars on Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. Cpl. Harris was honorably discharged in Sept., 1945.
15. —X-RAY T2/c EDWIN SAUNDERS HARRISON, born Dec. 8, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Harrison, Ft. Worth, attended University of Virginia and T.C.U. in Fort Worth; volunteered for Navy, assigned to Hospital Corps. He served in the Navy from November, 1942, to November 2, 1945; received several promotions, but had to revert to Apprentice Seaman to enter University of Va., to study pre-med. Released to Naval Reserve to continue his education.
16. —C.S. (A. T.) THOMAS RICHARD HARRISON, born December 18, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Harrison, Ft. Worth, and husband of Lucille Harrison, received his education at Texas Christian University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; entered the Navy November 16, 1942, as a specialist; received his training at U.S.N.T.C., San Diego, California, and U.S.N.T.C., Bainbridge, MD. He served his country until Nov. 4, 1945, when he received his discharge.
17. —COXSAIN BUD WALLACE HARPER, born Oct. 1, 1919, son of Mrs. Bessie Harper, Ft. Worth, attended North Side High School, Fort Worth; volunteered for Coast Guard on May 11, 1942; received his training in Algiers, Louisiana; served overseas from Feb., 1943, to Oct., 1944. He was active in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Normandy and France. Received honorable discharge on Sept. 25, 1945. He was an electrician for American Mfg. Co. before entering the Coast Guard.
18. —CAPT. JOHN C. HAYES, son of Mrs. A. M. Hayes, born June 5, 1918, attended T.C.U., Fort Worth. Volunteered for Army Air Forces April 25, 1941; trained at Army Flying School, Hemet, Calif.; overseas Jan., 1942, to July, 1943, in Battle of Dutch Harbor; flew supplies and ammunition to support raids on Kiska and Attu. Awards: American Defense, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific with Bronze Star. Captain Hayes returned to inactive status on July 29, 1945.
19. —S/SGT. WILLIAM B. HEDGPETH, JR., born May 31, 1922, husband of Mrs. Bettie Hedgpeth, Ft. Worth, volunteered for Army Air Corps, Sept. 22, 1942; trained at Santa Ana Army Field, Calif.; served overseas August, 1944, to April, 1945, in thirty-five combat sorties as a ball turret gunner on a B-24 over Southern France, campaigns of Central Europe, Po Valley, Northern Apennines. Awards were: Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Medal with 7 Stars. Discharged July 7, 1945.
20. —CPL. REGINALD E. HEDGPETH, born May 25, 1925, son of Mrs. William Hedgpeth, attended Paschal High School, Fort Worth; entered the Marines Nov. 1, 1943; trained at Camp Pendleton, Calif.; overseas Mar., 1944, to Nov. 11, 1945; active on Guam. Awards were Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. He served as heavy artilleryman. Discharged on April 4, 1946. He is the brother of S/Sgt. William B. Hedgpeth, Jr.

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1. —EM2/c ROBERT B. BOREN, born Oct. 24, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Boren, 2523 Chestnut Ave., Fort Worth, husband of Marion P. Boren, 216 Morgan Lane, W. Haven, Conn. Attended N. Side High, Fort Worth; volunteered April 21, 1941; assigned to United States Coast Guard, with training at U. S. C. G. School, Algiers, La. Served in United States from April 21, 1941, to Dec. 10, 1946. Overseas in Puerto Rico. EM2/c Robert B. Boren was honorably discharged April 21, 1947.
2. —MM3/c GEORGE H. BOREN, born Oct. 4, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Boren, Fort Worth, attended Fort Worth High; volunteered Oct. 27, 1942; assigned to U. S. Fleet, with training at San Diego Naval Training; overseas April 30, 1943, to Feb. 1, 1946, in South Pacific Area, Solomons, New Georgia, Bougainville, Bismarck Archipelago, Western Colonies, Leyte, Luzon. Awarded Navy Unit Citations, Lingayen Gulf Jan. 5-9, 1945, Empress Augusta Bay, Nov. 1-3, 1943. Was discharged Feb. 3, 1946.
- \*3. —PFC WILLIE LEE BOYD, JR., born January 2, 1920, son of Bessie Alua Boyd, 3513 Canyon Ridge Rd., Fort Worth, Texas, attended Gordon High School; volunteered July 20, 1940; assigned to 124 Cavalry; trained at Fort Bliss, and Fort Brown; served overseas from July 18, 1942, to December 17, 1943, in Pacific Theater of Operation in New Britain Island. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, Citation from Governor. Pfc Willie L. Boyd, Jr., died in line of duty December 17, 1943.
4. —SM2/c(T) WILLIAM B. BOYD, born January 15, 1925, son of Bessie Alua Boyd, 3513 Canyon Ridge Rd., Fort Worth, Texas, attended Stephen F. Austin School, Fort Worth; volunteered on April 14, 1942; was assigned to Navy Armed Guard, with training at San Diego, and San Francisco, Calif.; served April 14, 1942, to Aug. 3, 1942, in United States, and overseas from Aug. 3, 1942, to June 7, 1945, in European and Pacific Theaters of Operation. Was honorably discharged Jan. 29, 1946.
5. —S/SGT. HOWARD H. BROWN, born Nov. 14, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown, 2505 Lillian St., Fort Worth, husband of Martha L. Brown, 1900 Homan Ave., Fort Worth, attended Riverside High; volunteered Nov. 7, 1940; was assigned to 36th Div. Infantry; trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Overseas Oct. 19, 1944, to Nov. 13, 1945. In South Pacific, Asiatic Pacific, New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon, (Mindanao, Masbate, Leyte, Panay, Negros Islands.) Was discharged Nov. 23, 1945.
6. —S/SGT. ARTHUR EDGAR BROWN, born Sept. 22, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, Fort Worth, husband of Betty M. Brown, attended Oklahoma University, Norman. Entered service Mar. 3, 1943, assigned to Army Transportation Corps; trained in Pennsylvania; overseas Dec. 21, 1943, to Jan. 8, 1946, in New Guinea, Papua Campaign, Philippine Liberation. Awarded Asiatic Theater Ribbon W/2 Stars, Philippine Liberation W/1 Star, World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Jan. 17, 1946.
7. —F1/c MARVIN ARMSTRONG BROWN, born July 30, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, 1303 Lee St., Fort Worth, attended University of Texas, Austin; volunteered March 1, 1944; assigned to Navy V-12; trained at University of Texas, and Great Lakes, Ill.; overseas Aug. 4, 1945, to June 12, 1946; served on Atlantic Coast Target Ship. F1/c Marvin Armstrong Brown was honorably discharged on June 12, 1946, and enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve, June 13, 1946.
8. —MOMM3/c BUSTER D. BROWN, born June 20, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown, 25th Street, Fort Worth, husband of Nina Faye Brown, attended North Side High, Fort Worth; volunteered May 12, 1944, Dallas; assigned to United States Naval Reserve; trained at U.S.N.T.S., San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Nov. 2, 1944, to Jan. 7, 1946. In South Pacific, Admiralty Islands. Awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, and Victory Medal. Was honorably discharged Feb. 1, 1946.
9. —S1/c ROMIE L. BROWN, born Dec. 16, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown, 2919 W. 25th Street, Fort Worth, husband of Mary G. Brown, 2919 W. 25th Street, Fort Worth, attended North Side High; volunteered July 3, 1942; assigned to United States Coast Guard; trained at Coast Guard Training Sta., New Orleans, La. Served in the United States from July 3, 1942, to Sept. 28, 1945. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. S1/c Romie L. Brown was honorably discharged Sept. 28, 1945.
10. —S1/c FRANK GEORGE BRUCE, born Nov. 5, 1906, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bruce, Fort Worth, husband of Ruby Mae Bruce, Meandering Road, Fort Worth. Entered the service Dec., 1943, assigned to Navy 47-B. Overseas Nov. 11, 1945, in Pearl Harbor, 8 months, and Okinawa, 7 months. Awarded Asiatic Pacific, W/1 Star and Victory Medal W/2 Stars. Navy 47-B unit had a hundred per cent record. Received 2 letters of recognition from the Navy, and was honorably discharged Nov. 11, 1945.
- \*11. —S/SGT. GROVER WILLIAM NUNN, born June 21, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nunn, attended Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla.; volunteered Aug. 14, 1936; assigned to Army Field Art.; trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; overseas from 1940 to June 15, 1942. He was at Manila, Philippines, when war was declared and fought from Manila to Corregidor. He was taken prisoner of Cabanatuan, on Luzon. S/Sgt. Grover William Nunn died from malaria on June 15, 1942.
- \*12. —1ST LT., C.A.P. JOHN T. BURKE, SR., son of Mr. T. W. Burke, husband of Maudie Burke, 2121 Clinton Ave., Fort Worth, born Aug. 28, 1895, volunteered Jan. 1, 1942; assigned to Army Civil Air Patrol. Flew submarine reconnaissance missions over Gulf of Mexico and bombing and strafing missions for the Army training program at Camp Wolters, Texas. Was killed during mock bombing and strafing attack at Camp Wolters, Texas, June 10, 1943. Received posthumous Citation-C.A.P.
13. —CAPT. JOHN THOMAS BURKE, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burke, Sr., Fort Worth, born June 21, 1920, attended A. & M. College, College Station. Entered the service Feb. 23, 1942; was assigned to 24th Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. Overseas from May 6, 1942, to Feb. 1, 1943, and Dec. 10, 1944, to Feb. 6, 1946. In Hawaii, England, France, Belgium, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Battles of Rhineland, and Central Europe. Received E.T.O. Citation for Rhineland. Was discharged March 29, 1946.
14. —1ST LT. ROBERT PAUL BURKE, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burke, Fort Worth, born Jan. 10, 1923, attended A. & M. College, College Station. Entered service May, 1943, and assigned to Eng. Corps. Trained at Fort Sam Houston, Fort Belvoir, Va. Overseas from 1944 to present time; served in European Theater and in Pacific. 1st Lt. Robert Paul Burke is still in the service, and at the present time at Luzon; he was promoted from 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt. in 1944.
15. —ENSIGN FRANCIS DARWIN BURKE, born June 7, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burke, 2121 Clinton Avenue, Fort Worth, attended A. & M. College, College Sta., Texas; volunteered March 13, 1943, assigned to Naval Air Corps; trained at V-12 Training School, Lawrence, Kansas; served in the United States from March 13, 1946, and is still in the Naval Air Corps. His father was killed in line of duty. Ensign Burke also had two brothers who served in World War II.
16. —SGT. ROY W. BURKS, born Sept. 17, 1917, son of Major W. Burks, Ft. Worth, husband of Zella M. Burks. Attended North Side High. Volunteered May 4, 1942, assigned to Army 96th Bomb. Group (H); trained at Army Air Field, Dallas; served overseas from May 5, 1943, to Oct. 16, 1945, in air offensives of W. Europe, Rhineland, and C. Europe. Awarded Good Conduct Medal and Distinguished Unit Badge W/1 Oak Leaf Cluster. Sgt. Burks was honorably discharged on October 23, 1945.
17. —AMM 1/c G. (GOBBY) W. BURKS, born Jan. 20, 1925, son of Major W. Burks, Fort Worth, husband of Gloria M. Burks, attended North Side High, Fort Worth; volunteered April 25, 1942; assigned to Navy Aviation Branch; trained at U.S.N.T.C., San Diego, Calif. Overseas March 5, 1943, to Nov. 4, 1944, in Central Pacific, Gilbert and Marshall campaigns. AMM 1/c Burks was recommended for Meritorious Service and honorably discharged October 14, 1945.
- \*18. —PVT. ROBERT H. BURNS, born Sept. 24, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Burns, husband of Mary Burns, Lawnwood, Fort Worth, attended Riverside School, Fort Worth; volunteered May 13, 1942; was assigned to Army 776th T. D. B'tn., Reconnaissance Corps, with training at Camp Hood; served overseas from Feb. 15, 1942, to April 7, 1943, in Casa Blanca, French Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, N. Africa. Pvt. Burns was killed near Maknassy, Tunisia; awarded Purple Heart.
19. —CPL. WILLARD BURNS, born April 17, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Burns, Fort Worth, husband of Verda G. Burns, attended Polytechnic High, Fort Worth; entered the service June 13, 1941; assigned to 3rd Armored Div.; trained at Camp Polk, La. Overseas Sept. 5, 1943, to Sept. 19, 1945. In France, Mons, and Germany. Cpl. Burns was awarded the Distinguished Service Ribbon with 5 Combat Stars, Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on October 7, 1945.
20. —2ND LT. JACK BEN CALVERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Calvert, Denison, Texas, husband of Marguerite Calvert 3617 Ave. K, Fort Worth, attended Denison High, Denison, and John Tarlton College, Stephenville, Texas. Entered the service April 28, 1944, at San Antonio, and was assigned to 52nd Ant. Aircraft; trained at Fort Bliss, Texas, and O.C.S. Fort Benning, Ga. Overseas since Oct., 1945, and at present is in Okinawa, with 325th A.A.A. Searchlight Battalion.

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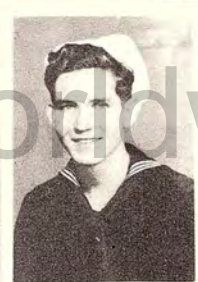
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Y 2/c R. VERNON FENLEY

Yeoman 2/c R. Vernon Fenley, born November 1, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fenley, Ft. Worth, received his education in the Ft. Worth Public Schools and Texas Christian University, also of Ft. Worth. Resigned as accountant, Greyhound Lines, to volunteer July 20, 1942, with the U. S. Navy Supply Corps; trained at U.S. Naval Station, Dallas, and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., also, U.S.N. Submarine Chaser Training Center, Miami, Fla. Served aboard the U.S.S. *Edgar G. Chase* for one month when news of victorious peace gave him a discharge Aug., 1945. Received the World War II Victory and Defense Medal with other awards.



S/Sgt. EDWARD DURRETT

S/Sgt. Edward Durrett, birth date November 3, 1911, son of Mrs. W. O. Vasquez, Ft. Worth, volunteered for service June 5, 1942, with the Army Infantry; trained at Camp Wallace; began overseas duty April, 1944, in the European Theater, and participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. Sgt. Durrett returned to the States September, 1945, and received the World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Medals, the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with Battle Stars, Good Conduct Award and was granted discharge September 25, 1945.



Lt. Comdr. VIRGIL A. ERWIN, JR.  
Ensign JAMES L. ERWIN

Lt. Comdr. VIRGIL A. ERWIN, Jr., born Oct. 7, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Erwin, Sr., Ft. Worth, volunteered January, 1941, with Navy Air Corps; trained at Jacksonville, Fla.; served overseas February to October, 1943, and January to October, 1945, in Pacific Area, Marianas Islands Campaign as Navy Pilot, Carrier Duty, and received various awards; now Exec. Officer of CASU 27 at N.Y. Ensign JAMES LEE ERWIN, born December 19, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Erwin, Sr., Ft. Worth, attended Baylor U. at Waco, Texas; volunteered March 4, 1942, with Navy Air Corps; trained at Corpus Christi; was commissioned as Navy Air Navigator. Discharged June 3, 1946.



Capt. HENRY W. BROOKS, JR.

Capt. Brooks was born on June 7, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brooks, Sr., of 302 West 38th St., Austin, Texas. He attended Texas A. & M. College, entering the service on the 26th day of June in 1942 at Houston, Texas, assigned to the Army 579th, 392 Bomb. Group, and was sent to Alamogordo Air Field and Chanute Field, Illinois for his training. He served from August 25, 1943, until June 13, 1945, in England. He received the Bronze Star Medal. On the 20th of December in 1946 he was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army. Capt. Henry W. Brooks, Jr., now resides in Galveston, at Box 478.

## Dead End Roads for the Japanese: Burma, Coral Sea, Midway

IN THIS chapter we discuss the Battle of Burma, the Battle of the Coral Sea, and the Battle of the Central Pacific (Midway). These three battles marked the three points where the enemy's program of expansion in the Pacific area was brought to a halt by the Allies, and the points from which the Allies began their counteroffensive which ultimately brought victory. But before we discuss these Dead End Roads, we must look at China's only means of contact with the outside world from December 1938 to April 1942.

### The Burma Road

This road has been spoken of as "The Back Door to China." When all other doors were closed by the Japanese, this back door was held open by the almost superhuman strength of the Chinese people. It was begun in November 1937 and was opened for through traffic in December 1938. This road was to be China's life line to the outside world until March 1942 when the Japs cut it at Lashio in Burma, except for a few months' interval, July 18, 1940 to October 18, 1940, when it was closed by Britain in order to temporarily appease Japan.

### The Battle of Burma: Early Phase

Burma, a member of the British Empire, has an area of 233,492 square miles, and a population estimated at 14,667,146 in 1931. In 1826 the British took over the government of Burma and considered it part of India, but in 1935 Burma was detached from India and made a crown colony with a constitution of its own. The Irrawaddy River, the principal water highway through Burma, is navigable for 900 miles, and its tributary, Chindwin, for 300 miles.

It is impossible to describe the Battle of Burma without also mentioning the war that was going on in China and the strategic importance of India for her great production program and as a base of operations against the Japanese advance towards that country. We shall reserve, however, for later consideration the Battle of China and the Epic of India.

If we are to understand the Battle of Burma we must know something about this strange country that lies between India on its west and Thailand on its east, China on its north and the Bay of Bengal on its south. And among the first things to be considered are Burma's geography and climate. Burma is larger than France, and two-thirds of the country is mountainous; the mountains as well as the rivers run from north to south. If there are roads they follow along the river courses, and each river valley is isolated from the next by towering mountains. The jungle is so thick that "a reconnaissance plane can fly 500 feet above an Army Corps without seeing a single man. . . . To hack your way through the bamboo, you have to relieve your machete squads every four minutes, and you are lucky sometimes if you make two miles a day." In addition, the cyclonic monsoons blow for five months of the year, bringing the rain from the Bay of Bengal and pouring it on the mountains in torrents, in places from 150 to 250 inches of rain falling a year. For months on end, soldiers are never dry day or night.

Roads which today carry tanks and guns may tomorrow be under 30 feet of water. A road neglected for two weeks will find that the jungle has moved in and obliterated it.

The heat and dampness bring malaria, dengue, dysentery, and jaundice. In 1944 there were 237,000 hospitalized disease and fever cases in the Fourteenth Army alone, 85 per cent of its combat strength. In addition to all this, leeches play havoc with the human body, boring into the flesh often as much as an inch, and the only thing that gets them out quickly is to apply fire, as of a lighted cigarette. Then, too, bugs and ticks have their day, and thorns rip the body. Soldiers suffer from "naga sores," great poisonous holes which quickly spread all over the body. Oftentimes the soldiers march up gradients of 45° with the temperature at 105° and the humidity at 95°. The nights are so intensely dark that the soldier can barely see the end of his rifle, and during the days of the monsoon period the driving clouds and mists almost obscure the light.

Such is the country in which Indians, British, Chinese, and Americans fought back and forth through these four and one-half years.

To the Japanese, "Burma was three things at once: a shield, a wedge, and a springboard." Interposed as it is between Thailand and Malaya on the east and India on the west, Burma furnished not a corridor but a barrier, a shield to guard their richer conquests in southeast Asia (Thailand, Indo-China, Malaya, and the Indies). Burma was also a wedge, splitting the supply route to China, thus cutting off China from her allies. Also, Burma was a springboard, the starting point for the conquest of India, where the Japanese planned to link up with the Germans coming through Persia. So, in the grand strategy of the Japanese Imperial High Command, Burma was of crucial importance. In Burma, as we shall see in a later chapter, the Japanese fought on for four and more years, thus indicating the value the enemy placed upon this strategic country.

The Japanese invaded lower Burma from Thailand early in the Malayan Campaign in order to neutralize the Burmese airfields and to protect the right flank and rear of troops pushing south to Singapore. Even though the Royal Air Force and the American Volunteer Group won and retained local air superiority, Japanese ground troops soon gained possession of lower Burma. The British land forces, evacuating Moulmein, fell back on the main port of Rangoon on January 31, 1942 and prepared to defend upper Burma on the line of the Salween River. On February 8, 1942 the main Japanese forces in Thailand entered northern Burma to cut the Burma Road and isolate China. They enveloped the southern flank of the British on February 23, 1942 by crossing the Salween River and driving the British west to the Sittang River, inflicting heavy losses. Rangoon was lost to the British on March 8, 1942, together with supply lines feeding the Chinese and British forces in Burma, and they were caught in a pocket, the only remaining means of communication between the British and India being by air. Fighting their way through enemy lines, the British retreated north to Prome.

### American Military Leaders in China

The United States has always been greatly interested in the political and territorial integrity of China. From the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931 up to the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the State Department became more and more solicitous of the precarious situation in China, but due to existing treaties with Japan and the isolationist spirit of the American people, no positive and decisive action could be taken by us to stop Japanese aggression, except repeated protests and flat declarations that we would not recognize any territorial rights that Japan might gain by aggressive and warlike methods. However, we gave assurances of friendship and possible ultimate aid to China, as is manifested by many incidents too numerous to mention.

### Chennault's Flying Tigers

A colorful case of American cooperation in air warfare in China was furnished by the famous Flying Tigers, the first American Volunteer Group of the Chinese Air Force. More than three hundred American Army, Navy, and Marine pilots and civilian and military ground crews were recruited in America to form the First Volunteer Group, Pursuit, in the Chinese Air Force. In 1937 Colonel Claire L. Chennault was chief instructor of the Chinese Air Force Cadet School. He is responsible for organizing the AVG (American Volunteer Group), for training them, and leading them in some of the most spectacular air raids in history.

Coming to the Far East in October 1941, the men who were to make up the AVG landed at the Rangoon and Toungoo fields in Burma. The main force flew into Kunming, China December 19, 1941, and had their first baptism of fire on the following day (December 20), when all of the ten Japanese planes that invaded Kunming were brought down or irreparably damaged.

The American Volunteer Group chose a "Flying Tiger" as their emblem, and Madame Chiang Kai-shek as their honorary commandant.

On December 23, 1941 the AVG went into action over Rangoon, and from then on were daily in action against the Japanese invasion of Burma. Over Burma and Yunnan in the first four and a half months they are known to have destroyed more than two hundred Japanese planes, their own losses being fifteen planes with twelve pilots killed or missing, and four wounded. The AVG continued as a part of the Chinese Air Force until July 4, 1942, when they were incorporated into the Fourteenth United States Air Force with Colonel Chennault in command.

### Stilwell's Chinese Army

In view of the gravity of the situation in southeast Asia early in 1942, Major General Joseph W. Stilwell was selected to represent the United States in the manifold activities relating to our military interests as to pilots, planes, air transport service, material for the Chinese ground forces, and their technical and tactical instruction.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek placed Gen-

eral Stilwell in command of two small Chinese armies whose willingness to fight was greatly hampered by an almost complete lack of air, artillery, and adequate logistic support.

When the Burma Road was cut at Lashio by the Japanese on April 26, 1942, General Stilwell initiated plans for an air ferry service over the Himalayas, using Army personnel and equipment, together with a small combat air force. The first flight of the Air Ferry Command into China was completed on April 8, 1941. Thus began the movement of personnel, equipment, gasoline, and other supplies over the mountains into China, following its transportation by sea and air from the United States halfway around the globe.

By early summer of 1942 great quantities of equipment had piled up in India, more than could be transported by air into China. It was decided to move the Chinese troops to the equipment, so it was that General Stilwell organized in northeast India a highly modern training center for infantry, artillery, and the supporting arms and services. By these means cadres were trained to return to China to organize and train more Chinese divisions. Someone has said:

Once in a great while, there appears a "soldier's general"—like Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stilwell; and, in sudden wisdom, everyone recognizes his greatness. After more than his share of engagements in France, "Vinegar Joe," a West Pointer, started preparations for his present job as Commander of all our forces in the China area. (He is also Chief of Staff to Chiang Kai-shek.) He knows China—Chinese—the language—military organization and tactics. He has moral and physical guts—he was the one General in this war to admit that he was beaten.

#### The Hump

When the Japanese cut the Burma Road at Lashio on April 26, 1942, cutting off all connection between China and her allies, the last resort to reopen the connection was by air direct from Assam in northeast India over the treacherous Himalaya Mountains to Chungking, China, a sky road of 525 miles. This air route over the highest mountains in the world was born out of confusion and chaos. But it was a last desperate chance. Little wonder that its operational losses were higher than those of any other noncombat aviation unit in the war. Leaving Assam, the route crosses the Mishmis Hills of 12,000 to 14,000 feet elevation into the Yunnan Plateau, then over the Hukawng Valley, over Fort Hertz, and the valley of the upper Irrawaddy, out over the Kaolikung Range at 15,000 feet and into the cavernous gorge of the Salween River; then the "Big Hump" looms up, the watershed lying between the Salween and Mekong Rivers, where the pilot must avoid mountains of 20,000 feet.

It is not clear just how the air road over the Hump originated. In 1941 the China National Aviation Corporation had made a test flight from China to India. When Burma collapsed in the spring of 1942, and the British forces retreated to India and General Stilwell's forces retreated to China, out of this desperate situation the highest war priority on the continent of Asia was given the air road over the Hump. It may have been April 9 or 10, 1942 that Brigadier General William D. Old made the first run in a DC-3, with a supersecret cargo, *special, rush*—gasoline for refueling the Doolittle planes

stranded in China after having bombed Tokyo on March 18, 1942. So began what was to become the "every hour of the day and night" air transport service, over the roughest and most dangerous route in the world; but it would, as we shall see later, keep China in the war, carry supplies to Stilwell's army, and evacuate the wounded from the front.

#### The Bay of Bengal

The Japanese, working against the time when the monsoons would begin, with a large fleet of three battleships and five aircraft carriers screened by cruisers and destroyers, entered the Bay of Bengal and attacked the island of Ceylon on April 4, 1942. On April 9 enemy planes in force raided Colombo, Ceylon and sank the British heavy cruisers *Cornwall* and *Dorsetshire* and the carrier *Hermes*. Nearly all British planes were shot down, and Japanese submarines sank many merchant ships, and carrier planes raided the coasts of India.

The British rushed naval reinforcements to the Far East to hold the upper waters of the Indian Ocean. By early summer 1942 the British had three battleships and an aircraft carrier in the Bay of Bengal to oppose further Japanese attacks, and the onset of the monsoon rains protected the mainland of India from overland invasion through Burma.

#### Retreat from Burma

In April 1942 large forces of Chinese troops under General Joseph W. Stilwell were sent into north Burma by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to help stem the tide of Japanese advance. But the enemy moved so rapidly in pursuit of the British that Stilwell's forces were left in the position of covering the withdrawal of British troops to India. On April 26, 1942, when Japanese motorized troops penetrated to Lashio, southern end of the Burma Road, and split the Allied forces, General Stilwell's army was compelled to withdraw, retreating north up the Salween River into China, the British escaping westward over jungle trails to Imphal in India. By the end of May 1942 the Japanese had occupied all of Burma and cut all connections between China and her allies except by air over the hazardous "Hump" of the Himalaya Mountains.

When the Japanese swarmed north up the Irrawaddy, the Sittang, and the Salween Rivers, driving before them the British and the Chinese (Stilwell's Chinese army), the retreat became a rout. The British abandoned much of their equipment and fled to the hills of India. The Chinese under Stilwell came near being caught in a trap. They had remained too long in central Burma, and the Japanese had cut off their retreat over the Burma Road. Stilwell's best chance to save his army was to press north faster than the Japanese could outflank him. But the commander in chief of the Chinese Army countermanded this plan. Stilwell succeeded, however, in extricating some Chinese and British soldiers and some civilians by a march of will, adventure, and diversified hardship which well deserves the attention of future historians (see J. Belden's *Retreat with Stilwell*). Many stragglers from this Chinese army found their way into India and China after months of hardship in the mountains and jungles, but also many, we know not how many, perished in the effort.

And so the Battle of Burma, won by the Japanese up to Imphal at the very gates of India,

proved to be the *ne plus ultra* beyond which Japan could move no farther. Her dreams of conquest were realized up through Burma, but Burma proved to be a "dead end road" for the Japanese. For years India was to be in danger of invasion, but the Japanese were stopped and later forced to retreat. Many heroic episodes are connected with the defense of India by British, Indian, Chinese, and American troops. These will be mentioned in a later chapter. But by midsummer 1942 the Japanese had been stopped in their tracks. Their road to the west in the hope of joining the Germans in India had come to a "dead end" in Burma.

In a later chapter we shall discuss the final phase of the Battle of Burma. Meanwhile, let us consider another "dead end" road, the Battle of the Coral Sea.

#### The Battle of the Coral Sea, May 7-8, 1942

The Coral Sea lies to the northeast of Australia, with New Guinea on its northwest and the Solomon Islands on its northeast. By the middle of April 1942 the Japanese had established bases in the New Guinea, New Britain, and the Solomons area, a fact which seriously threatened Australia and our supply lines from our west coast to the southwest Pacific.

On May 3, 1942 the Japanese began to land on Florida Island, one of the Solomons, and Admiral Frank J. Fletcher was cruising in the Coral Sea to interrupt enemy activity, as the Japanese were advancing into New Guinea, New Britain, and the Solomons. He had a force composed of the cruisers *Astoria*, *Chester*, and *Portland*, and six destroyers. On the morning of May 4, 1942 about 100 miles southwest of Guadalcanal, the planes of the *Yorktown* sank and damaged a number of enemy vessels at Tulagi (one of the Solomons) with loss of only one aircraft; that afternoon another attack scored additional hits with loss of two fighters.

By May 5, 1942 Admiral Fletcher had made a junction with other Allied units, one of which was a task force composed of the heavy cruisers *Minneapolis*, *New Orleans*, *Astoria*, *Chester*, and *Portland*, and five destroyers. Another unit consisted of the Australian heavy cruiser *Chicago* and two destroyers, under command of Admiral J. G. Grace, Royal Navy. These operated in conjunction with the United States carriers *Lexington* and *Yorktown* and four destroyers under command of Admiral Aubrey W. Fitch, United States Navy. Other officers in this combined fleet were Admirals Thomas C. Kinkaid and William W. Smith. The Allied fleet seems to have had present eight cruisers, seven of them heavy, fifteen destroyers, two carriers, and the required number of auxiliary ships.

By the afternoon of May 6, 1942 enemy forces had sufficiently consolidated in the Bismarek Archipelago-New Guinea area to indicate an amphibious operation on southeast New Guinea. On the morning of May 7, 1942 contact with the enemy was made. The Japanese carrier *Shoho* was sunk by aircraft from the *Lexington* and *Yorktown*. We lost one dive bomber, but the same morning the enemy carrier planes sank our tanker *Neosho* and the destroyer *Sims*.

On the morning of May 8, 1942 contact was made with two enemy carriers, four heavy cruisers, and several destroyers. One enemy carrier was attacked and severely damaged by our aircraft. In about an hour, the enemy counterattacked and both the *Yorktown* and the *Lexington* were damaged. The two carriers and

their planes shot down many enemy planes during the engagement, and our aircraft losses were small by comparison. However, an internal explosion on the *Lexington* that afternoon made her impossible to control, and after all personnel was removed, she was ordered sunk by our own destroyers.

Thus the Battle of the Coral Sea came to an end, the first major engagement in naval history in which surface ships did not exchange a single shot. The Battle of the Coral Sea stopped the Japanese in their advance toward the south. We lost one carrier, one tanker, one destroyer, and a total of sixty-six planes, and personnel casualties amounting to 543.

The Japanese losses are estimated to have been eleven Japanese warships including an aircraft carrier and two cruisers.

The Battle of the Coral Sea marked the end of our defensive policy in the South Pacific. A brief lull followed, some weeks of preparation for counterattack. The Battle of the Coral Sea was in the nature of a diversionary effort on the part of the Japanese to make us think they were headed for Australia. But Admiral Nimitz was shrewd enough to outguess the enemy and prepared to resist an expected assault upon Midway, Hawaii, and the Aleutians. And this is exactly what the Japanese attempted.

After a brief description of the Battle of Midway on June 3-6, 1942, this first phase of our story comes to an end, and we shall consider next the European theater of the war. After that we shall resume the second phase of the war in the Pacific, the "Road Back."

#### The Battle of Midway June 3-6, 1942

Our Navy began to prepare for action in the Central Pacific, where Admiral Nimitz had foreseen the possibility of an enemy thrust at Midway and Hawaii, which, if successful, would not only expose the mainland of the United States to attack, but would also cut our supply lines to Australia at their very source. Following the Battle of the Coral Sea on May 3-8, 1942, there followed some weeks of lull during which the Japanese and American fleets were preparing themselves for future operations. The heavy Japanese force in the Battle of the Coral Sea had been defeated and what was left of it disappeared beyond the horizon to the north, to lick its wounds and to strike again: but, at what point would it strike? The Japanese might renew the Coral Sea engagement, or they might race for the far north and attack Hawaii, Midway, and the Aleutians.

After mature estimate of the situation, our high command decided it was more probable that the enemy would strike in the North or Central Pacific. Acting on this decision, our carrier and supporting vessels were recalled from the south and deployed in the Central Pacific area. The carrier *Yorktown* underwent temporary repairs, and together with the carriers *Enterprise* and *Hornet*, seven heavy cruisers, one light cruiser, fourteen destroyers and about twenty submarines, was ordered to establish scouting and patrol lines well to the west of Midway Island. These vessels were divided into two task forces, one under command of Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, and one under command of Admiral Fletcher. The cruisers of Task Force One were under the command of Admiral Kinkaid, while Admiral W. W. Smith was attached to the Second Task Force. There was, in addition, a Marine Corps

air group on Midway supported by heavy Army bombers from Hawaii.

On the 3rd of June 1942, our patrol flyers sighted a larger aggregation of enemy ships several hundred miles southwest of Midway traveling an easterly course. The enemy fleet split into two or more sections as if to throw a pincer movement around Midway, and possibly attack Hawaii and the Aleutians simultaneously. In the late afternoon of June 3 one force was bombed by a squadron of B-17's under command of Lieutenant Colonel Walter C. Sweeney of the Army Air Force, resulting in hits on several enemy ships. The next morning, June 4, we made contact with one part of the enemy force heading for Midway from the northwest, and soon we were engaged in contact with two carriers and the main force of the enemy in the same general vicinity. The enemy aircraft succeeded in dropping bombs on Midway, but due to our heavy fire his losses were heavy. By this time our Army, Navy, and Marine Corps planes based on Midway were in the fight attacking enemy carriers, battleships, and other vessels, inflicting serious damage on one enemy carrier.

Our carriers, up to this time maneuvering for position, arriving at a point north of Midway, entered the fray in full power. A torpedo squadron from the *Hornet* (later the famous Torpedo Eight), without fighter protection or escort, attacked a force of four enemy carriers. The squadron made several hits on the enemy carriers, but all our planes were shot down, only one pilot surviving. Within an hour torpedo squadrons from the *Enterprise* and *Yorktown* went in to attack the same carriers, and registered two hits; they also suffered heavy losses. Then came in the dive bombers from the *Enterprise*, which smothered two carriers, and then more bombers from the *Yorktown*, which succeeded in hitting a third carrier, a battleship, and a cruiser. This action from our carriers resulted in setting on fire and putting two enemy carriers completely out of action, while a third was damaged and later sunk by the submarine *Nautilus*.

The only remaining undamaged enemy carrier sent its planes to attack the *Yorktown* and succeeded in making three bomb hits before it was completely annihilated by our forces. Somewhat later enemy torpedo planes scored two hits on the *Yorktown*, inflicting fatal damage, and the carrier had to be abandoned. Some two hours later planes from the *Enterprise* attacked the undamaged Japanese carrier and set it on fire, so that immediately thereafter when a squadron of planes from the *Hornet* arrived we were able to concentrate on a Japanese battleship and a cruiser, making hits on each.

It had now become apparent that we had won control of the air, and all we needed was the land-based aircraft from Midway to complete the destruction of the enemy's power. Our Flying Fortresses launched an attack on an enemy heavy cruiser and set it afire; other of our planes scored hits on a battleship, a damaged carrier, and a destroyer. When the day of June 4 came to an end, the Japanese Fleet was in full retreat.

The morning of June 5 saw aircraft from the *Enterprise* and the *Hornet* making ineffective attacks on an enemy light cruiser, but land-based planes from Midway caught up with two cruisers, scoring a number of hits which inflicted serious damage to one of the cruisers. Visibility being poor, it was not possible to follow up the retreating Japanese on that day.

On the morning of June 6, planes from the

*Hornet* located an enemy force of two heavy cruisers and three destroyers and made hits on the cruisers. Planes from the *Enterprise* also scored hits on two cruisers, and still later in the day planes from the *Hornet* made successful attacks on two more cruisers and a destroyer.

The carrier *Yorktown*, mortally wounded on the 3rd, was taken in tow and the destroyer *Hammann* attempted to put a salvage party on board; while engaged in this operation, the *Yorktown* was struck by two torpedoes from an enemy submarine and the *Hammann* was struck by one. Both the *Yorktown* and the *Hammann* were sunk.

Admiral King said:

The Battle of Midway was the first decisive defeat suffered by the Japanese Navy in 350 years.\* Furthermore, it put an end to the long period of Japanese offensive action, and restored the balance of naval power in the Pacific. The threat to Hawaii and the West Coast [of the United States] was automatically removed. . . .

\*The Korean Admiral Yi-sun administered a resounding defeat to the Japanese Admiral Hideyoshi (so-called father of Japanese Navy) in 1592 off the Korean Coast.

The Battle of Midway was a critical defensive-offensive operation in which the defeat of Japanese invasion forces gave us once more the balance of naval power that had been lost at Pearl Harbor and allowed us to seize the initiative from the enemy.

How conclusive was our victory is best shown by comparing losses in men and materiel. American losses were relatively light. The carrier *Yorktown* and destroyer *Hammann* were sunk, about 150 planes were lost, and 307 men (chiefly from Army and Navy air units) were lost.

Japanese losses were heavy. Four aircraft carriers, the *Kaga*, *Akagi*, *Soryu*, and *Hiryu*, were sunk. Three destroyers and two heavy cruisers were sunk, and in addition three battleships, three heavy cruisers, and several destroyers were damaged. The loss in Japanese personnel was at least 4,800.

And so the third road of aggression came to a dead end. With the Japanese stymied in Burma, the South Pacific, and the Central Pacific, the United States and her allies could complete their preparation for counterattack. And before we turn our attention to the European phase of the war, let us see something of the backlogs for counterattack.



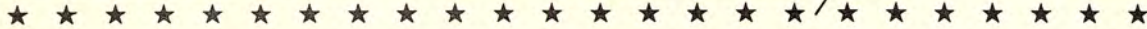
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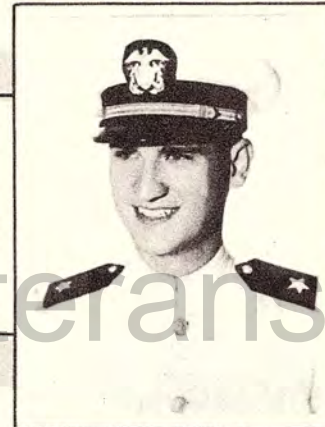
**\*1st Sgt. FRANCHARD HARGIS**

1st Sgt. Franchard Hargis, husband of Ina Hargis of Royse City, Texas, was born August 22, 1916. He volunteered for service in the Army on Jan. 28, 1937, at Greenville, and was assigned to the 20th Infantry. He trained at Fort F. E. Warren, Wyoming, for 2 years and 2 months, then was honorably discharged. In 1940 he re-enlisted for foreign duty. He served 2 years in the Hawaiian Islands; was wounded in the attack on Pearl Harbor and returned to the States. In Nov., 1944, he went to Europe in the 242nd Infantry Rainbow Division, with which he fought and died in Germany. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously. He had been in Btry. C., 799th A.A.A., before he was placed with the 242nd Infantry. It was on April 8, 1945, that he lost his life in battle.

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Lt. (jg) NELSYN E. WADE



Lt. (jg) JOHN L. SMITH

Lt. Nelsyn E. Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wade, San Augustine, Texas, was born Nov. 4, 1922. Attended San Augustine Public Schools and Baylor University at Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 19, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to Navy, V-7. Trained in Chicago, Ill. Served overseas from May 3, 1944, to April 10, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, participating in the consolidation of the Northern Solomons. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and Victory Medal. Served as Executive Officer aboard the U.S.S. Alderamin. Lt. Wade returned to the States April, 1946, and was discharged June 11, 1946.

Lt. J. L. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smith, San Augustine, Texas, was born Nov. 19, 1922. Attended San Augustine Public Schools and Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan., 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to Navy, U.S.N.R. Served overseas from Feb. 27, 1944, to Nov. 8, 1945, in the Atlantic and from Dec. 25, 1945, to Sept. 30, 1946, in the Pacific, participating in the invasion of Southern France and the invasion of Okinawa. His ship, the U.S.S. Andromeda, received letters of Commendation from Admiral Nimitz, General MacArthur, Admiral Halsey and President Roosevelt. Received his discharge December 10, 1946.



\*S/Sgt. OSCAR L. BELSER  
S/Sgt. LORENZA J. BELSER

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Belser, San Augustine, Texas. OSCAR LLOYD BELSER, was born April 9, 1917. Volunteered Mar. 3, 1942; assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas from March, 1943, in EAME Theater. Was turret gunner on B-25. Paid Supreme Sacrifice when plane was shot down April 5, 1943, in Mediterranean Sea. Received Air Medal, Purple Heart, Citations from President Roosevelt, Gov. Stevenson, and Henry L. Stinson. LORENZA J. BELSER, was born Feb. 24, 1921. Volunteered Dec. 30, 1941, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas from Apr., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in EAME Theater, participating in battles there. Discharged Oct. 22, 1945.



T/Sgt. LEONARD L. SMITH

Sgt. Smith, was born May 29, 1909, and received his education in San Augustine Public Schools and College of Arts & Industrials, Kingsville, Texas. Entered service Feb. 27, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was assigned to Army, 854th Engineer (AUN) BN. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and March Field, Calif. Served overseas from Dec., 1942, to Nov., 1945, in Pacific Area. Received American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, one Service Stripe 3 Overseas Service Bars. He is the husband of Gladys N. Smith, San Augustine, Texas. Received his discharge Dec. 7, 1945.



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**T/Sgt. WILLIAM T. DAVIS**

William T. Davis, son of Dr. and Mrs. Drew S. Davis, St. Augustine, Texas, was born Feb. 27, 1911. Attended A & I College, Kingsville, Texas. Entered service March 13, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston, and assigned to Army, 90th Infantry. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Served overseas from Mar. 23, 1944, to Oct. 15, 1945, in ETO Area, participating in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Award and World War II Victory Medal. He returned to the States October 15, 1945, and was honorably discharged from service October 23, 1945.



**Maj. JAMES C. DOWNS**

Maj. James Cade Downs, son of Mrs. J. W. Bryan, San Augustine, Texas, was born Aug. 13, 1919. Attended University of Texas at Austin, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 16, 1940, at Austin, and was assigned to Army, 36th Division and later to Air Corps. Trained at Camp Bowie. Served overseas from Mar. 7, 1943, to Jan. 25, 1944, then from Apr. 5, 1945, to Nov. 9, 1945, participating in Aleutian Campaign and Okinawa Campaign. Received Bronze Star, Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He returned to the States November 9, 1945, and is still in service.



**Capt. JOSEPH H. MILLER**  
**Major LESTER HANKS**

Capt. JOSEPH H. MILLER was born Feb. 23, 1910. Attended Texas A & M College, College Station, Texas. Entered service April 22, 1942, at Dallas; assigned to Army, 16th Armored Division. Served overseas from Feb., 1945, to July, 1945, in European Theater; participated in battle campaign for Central Europe. Discharged November 22, 1945.



Maj. LESTER HANKS was born Oct. 27, 1909. Attended Texas A & M College, College Station, Texas. Entered service April 18, 1941, at Philadelphia, Penn. Served overseas from Aug. 8, 1944; to Nov. 29, 1945, in ETO Theater. Received 3 Battle Stars for campaigns of N. France, Germany and Rhineland. Now serving ROTC, A & M College.



**T/5 JOHN B. WILLIAMS**

John B. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Williams, husband of Murrel Louise Williams, San Augustine, Texas, was born Oct. 15, 1916. Received his education in San Augustine Public Schools. Entered service August 14, 1943, at New Cumberland, Pa., and was assigned to Army, 9th Air Force. Trained at Camp Edwards, Mass. Served overseas from August, 1944, to January, 1946, in EAME Theater. He received American Defense Service Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Returned to the States January 4, 1946, and was honorably discharged January 25, 1946.

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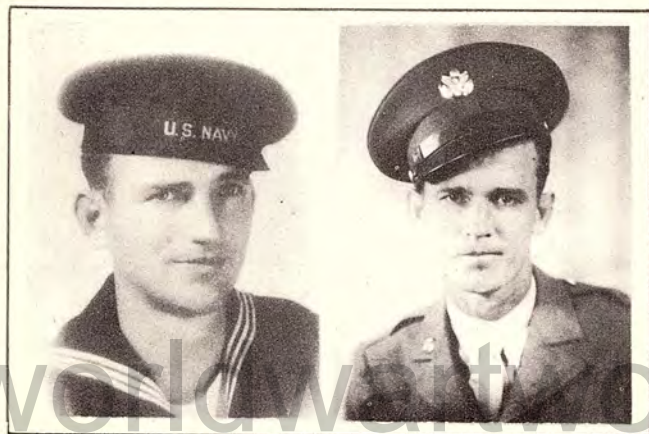
**Maj. FELIX D. LEWIS, JR.**



**Sgt. T/3 HENRY H. LOVELL, JR.**

Major Lewis was born Jan. 12, 1914, and received his education in Public Schools of San Augustine, Texas, and Texas A & M College. Volunteered for service Feb. 21, 1941, at New Orleans, La., and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas from Jan. 4, 1944, to Oct. 10, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Areas. He received Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, American Defense Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix D. Lewis, Rt. 1., San Augustine, Texas. Major Lewis is now a Reserve Officer in Reserve Corps of the U.S. Army.

Sgt. Lovell was born Feb. 9, 1910, and received his education in the Public Schools of San Augustine, Texas, and Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. Entered service Feb. 8, 1943, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to Army, Medical Corps. Trained at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. Served overseas from April 5, 1944, to Aug. 13, 1945, in EAME Theater, participating in the Campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Central Europe and Rhineland. Received EAME Campaign Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal. Discharged Oct. 10, 1945, and resides at 3008 Glenview Ave., Austin, Texas.



**S 1/c (AOM) V-6 OZERO MILLS  
Sgt. IRELAND L. MILLS**



**Cpl. JAMES R. BRADBERRY**

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mills, San Augustine, Texas.  
S 1/c OZERO MILLS was born July 13, 1916, and received his education in San Augustine Public Schools. Entered service Oct. 12, 1943, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to Navy, Aviation Ordnance Mate. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Norman, Okla. Received his discharge May 25, 1944.  
Sgt. IRELAND L. MILLS was born June 25, 1909. Received his education in San Augustine Public Schools. Entered service July 27, 1942, at Camp Wolters, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field. Served overseas from Sept., 1943, to May, 1945, in Nome, Alaska. Received American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, 2 Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Oct. 28, 1945.

Cpl. Bradberry was born April 16, 1921, and received his education in Public Schools of San Augustine, Texas. Entered service Oct. 12, 1942, at San Augustine, and was assigned to Army Infantry. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., and served overseas from June 6, 1944, to Feb. 5, 1945, in European Theater. He was wounded in France Nov. 30, 1944. Received Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Ribbon, 5 Stars, Citation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bradberry of San Augustine, Texas. Cpl. Bradberry returned to the States Feb. 5, 1945, and was honorably discharged from service September 8, 1945.



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\*Capt. WALTER L. TRIMBLE

Capt. Walter Lee Trimble, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Trimble, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born June 9, 1908. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools and T.C.U. Volunteered for service Aug., 1940, with Air Transport Auxiliary-British Overseas Air-way. His duties were to ferry planes from factories to air bases for the Royal Air Force. April, 1941, he was sent to Canada for special training. On Aug. 14, 1941, after the delivery of his third bomber to Britain, he with 21 other Trans-Oceanic Pilots, was killed in crash of the plane that was to have brought them back to Canada. All were buried in a common grave in the village of Ayr, Scotland.



Lt. JAMES B. TRIMBLE

Lt. James B. Trimble, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Trimble, Ft. Worth, Texas, was born June 26, 1916. Attended Ft. Worth Public Schools, T.C.U. and Texas U. Law School. Volunteered June 15, 1941, at Houston, and was assigned to Navy, V-7 Officer's Training, Chicago, Ill. Served overseas from April, 1943, to January, 1946, in E.A.M.E. Theater and Pacific Theater, participating in campaigns of Gilbert Is., Marshall Is., Marianas Is., Dutch New Guinea, Philippine Is., Okinawa and Empire of Japan. Received American Theater Ribbon, E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon, Pacific Theater Ribbon, 7 Battle Stars, Victory Medal. Released to inactive duty Feb. 6, 1946.



\*1st Lt. JACK R. THOMPSON

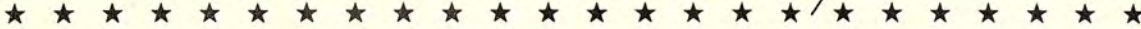
1st Lt. Jack R. Thompson, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Janszen, Southton, Texas, was born Jan. 9, 1919, Water Valley, Miss., and attended school in Memphis, Tenn., and Guthrie, Okla. Volunteered for service Jan. 10, 1944, and was assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from May, 1944, to August, 1944, in European Theater. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice when his plane was shot down on a mission over Caen, France, August 8, 1944. He was listed as missing in action, and one year afterward declared officially dead by War Department. Air Medal-two Oak Leaf Clusters and Purple Heart were presented to his mother posthumously. Lieutenant Thompson was a bomber pilot, receiving his wings at Yuma, Ariz., in November, 1943.



S/Sgt. JOSEPH A. KNIGHT

S/Sgt. Joseph A. Knight, husband of Ann E. Knight, San Antonio, Texas, was born May 5, 1923. Entered service Feb. 8, 1943, at San Antonio; assigned to Army Air Force; and trained at St. Petersburg, Fla. Served overseas from April, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, participating in battles of New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Leyte, Luzon, Okinawa. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Discharged December 15, 1945; reenlisted January 25, 1946, Army Air Force Base Unit, Randolph Field, Texas. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown, reside in Schertz, Texas.

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**Capt. CHARLES J. WEISS, JR.**

Capt. Charles John Weiss, Jr., son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Chas. J. Weiss, Sr., of San Antonio, was born Nov. 26, 1920, and volunteered as an Army Aviation Cadet on Nov. 28, 1941, at San Antonio. He was trained at Scott Field, Ill., and served overseas from Aug., 1942, to June, 1945, participating in the campaigns of Northern France, Sicily, Rhineland, Ardennes, Egypt, Tunisia, and Ploesti, also in the anti-sub. Libyan campaign. He served with the 93rd Bomb Group (Ted's Flying Circus) from the time they were organized to the time they were changed from being a Heavy Bomb. Gr. to a Very Heavy Bomb. Gr. He was awarded the Air Medal, and at present is with the Counter Intelligence Corps.



**M/Sgt. EMIL E. SEEWALD**

M/Sgt. Emil E. Seewald, son of Mrs. Lester L. Lawrence, San Antonio, Texas, was born Mar. 10, 1923. Received his education in San Antonio Public Schools and at St. Marys College in San Antonio. Volunteered Dec. 10, 1942, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Army, 654 Engr. Topographic Bn. Trained at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and served overseas from Dec. 11, 1943, to Dec. 11, 1945, in European Theater, participating in battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, E.T.O. Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars and Victory Ribbon. Returned to States, and was discharged Dec. 17, 1945.



**Cpl. HAROLD H. SEEWALD**

Cpl. Harold H. Seewald, son of Mrs. Lester L. Lawrence, San Antonio, Texas, was born August 16, 1924. Received his education in the public schools of San Antonio, and entered service September 9, 1943, at San Antonio. Assigned to Army, 764th Rwy. Shop Bn. Trained at Camp Harribon, La., and Camp Millard, Ohio. Served overseas from July 24, 1944, to April 17, 1946, in European Theater. He received American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, and wore the Northern France Campaign Star. Received his discharge April 24, 1946. Before army service, he was employed as a machinist at S.P. Rwy. in San Antonio.



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W.O. (jg) WALTER A. RIEPER



SKV 2/c FLOYD K. RIEPER

W.O.(jg) Walter Albert Rieper, son of Mrs. Edna Rieper of San Antonio, was born Dec. 29, 1919, and entered Army service Sept. 26, 1941, at Ft. Sam Houston. He was assigned to the 11th Airborne Div. of the 188th Parachute Infantry, and trained at Camp Wolters. He served overseas from March, 1942, to March, 1943, and again from May, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Hawaii, the Philippines, New Guinea, and Okinawa, also seeing action in the initial occupation of Japan. His awards are: Pres. U. Cit.; As.-Pac., 1 Bronze Arrowhead, 3 Bronze Stars; Bronze Star Med.; Good Conduct; Phil. Lib., 1 Star; Amer-Thea.; Com. Inf. Badge; Parachute Badge; Glider Badge; rated Qualified Parachutist; rated Qual. Gliderman; Victory. Released from active duty, Nov. 29, 1945.

SKV 2/c Floyd Kenneth Rieper, son of Mrs. Edna H. Rieper, of San Antonio, and husband of Mary Ellen Lind Rieper, also of San Antonio, was born April 15, 1916, and entered the service of his country on April 14, 1944, at San Antonio. He was assigned to the Navy, Supply Branch, and trained at San Diego. From May to Dec., 1944, and again from Jan. to Oct., 1945, he served overseas in the Pacific Area, both North and South. Previous to entering the service of the Navy he had been a government employee at Randolph Field, San Antonio. He is the brother of W. O. Walter Albert Rieper, and is the father of three children. He was discharged from further Navy duties on Oct. 12, 1945.





# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



## \*WT 2/c JOHN ANDREW ZAIONTZ

WT 2/c John Andrew Zaiontz, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Zaiontz, of San Antonio, was born Oct. 29, 1924, and in Jan., 1942, he volunteered for service in the US Navy. He was trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and went overseas to the European Theater of Operations. He was assigned to the US destroyer The Lansdale, which operated in the Mediterranean area. At dawn, April 20, 1944, the ship was sunk by an enemy plane in the Mediterranean, and in this tragedy WT 2/c John Zaiontz paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country. The Purple Heart was awarded exactly two months later, on June 20, 1944. Before enlisting in the service, he had been an employee of Western Union.



## 1st Lt. AUSTIN W. LEE, JR.

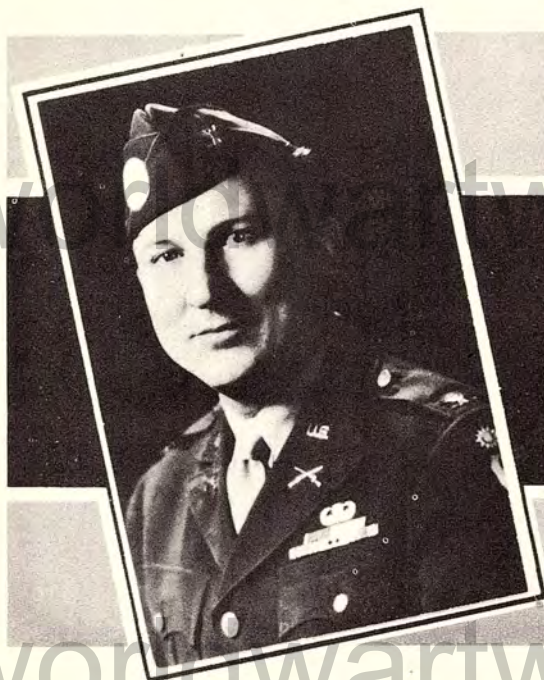
1st Lt. Austin W. Lee, Jr., son of Col. and Mrs. Austin W. Lee, Sr., San Antonio, Texas, was born October 16, 1919. He attended the University of Alabama; volunteered for service September 11, 1942, at Fort Sam Houston; and was assigned to the Army, Signal Corps. Trained at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Served overseas from March, 1943, to Feb., 1946, in EAME Theater. He participated in the Rome-Arno Campaign. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon, and World War II Victory Medal. He returned to the States February 1, 1946, and was honorably discharged June 16, 1946.



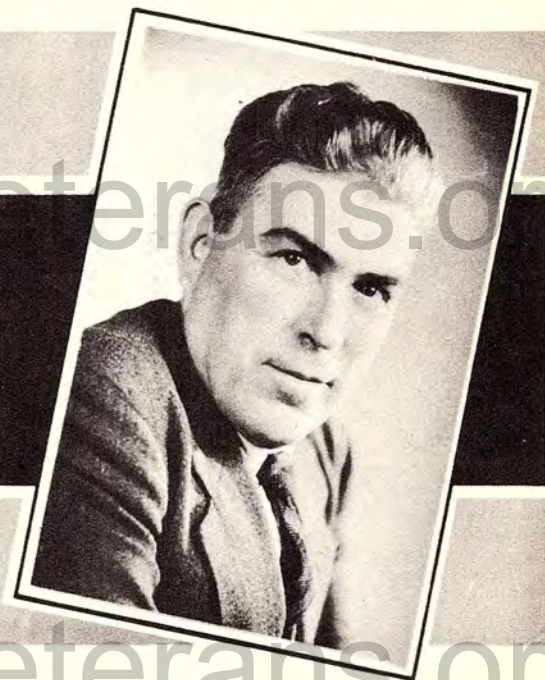
## S/Sgt. MARGARITO G. LOPEZ

S/Sgt. Margarito G. Lopez, brother of Mrs. Felicitas L. Lopez, San Antonio, Texas, was born July 25, 1914. Entered service May 28, 1943, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Army, 1st Cavalry. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas from Nov., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Australia, New Guinea, Admiralty, Leyte, Luzon, and Japan. Wounded May 28, 1944, on Luzon. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Bronze Arrowhead with Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Service Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and Victory Medal. Was discharged Oct. 21, 1945.

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Col. NICHOLAS W. WILLIS



Comdr. WILLIAM J. WILLIS

Col. Nicholas W. Willis, son of Comdr. and Mrs. W. J. Willis, was born on May 19, 1912, in Harein, China. He attended the American School at Peking, China, and then attended Brackenridge High School and Texas A & M College. He entered the Army on Nov. 15, 1940, and served as Physical Training Director at Reception Center, Ft. Sam Houston, until Oct., 1942, then as the Commander of a Parachute Infantry Unit until Aug., 1942. He was with the Operation Branch of the Office of Strategic Services in China until April, 1945, and was granted his discharge on Mar. 22, 1946. His awards are the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 2 Stars for China campaigns, the Legion of Merit, and Victory Medals.

Comdr. William Jasper Willis was born on Oct. 16, 1895, and is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Willis. He married Barbara Savostin of Russia, while in China in Oct., 1920. Prior to his entering the Merchant Marine service on Dec. 10, 1941, he was a Construction Engineer in China. He has seen service in the Atlantic-Pacific, and Indian Oceans, and the Mediterranean Sea. At the present time he is still in the service of the Maritime helping to transport food to England and the rest of Europe. He has spent very little of his time since joining the service in the United States. He attended school and lived at Bertram before going to the Orient.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**Cpl. MIKE LOZANO**

Cpl. Mike Lozano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Lozano, San Antonio, Texas, was born May 13, 1926. Received his education in public schools of Converse, Texas. Entered service Sept. 20, 1944, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Army, 77th Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and transferred overseas Feb. 28, 1945, in Hawaii, Marianas, Cebu, Leyte and Japan. He participated in the battle of Okinawa where he was wounded. Awarded Expert Rifleman Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon. At the present time he is still overseas serving with H.Q. Co. IX Corps, A.P.O. 309.



**Spec. 1/c P.S. JAMES L. ROGERS**

Spec. 1/c P. S. James L. Rogers, son of Mrs. J. L. Rogers, 1324 Kentucky St., San Antonio, Texas, was born January 15, 1913. Received his education in the public schools of Austin, Texas. Volunteered for service June 1, 1942, at Ft. Worth, Texas, and was assigned to U.S. Coast Guard. Trained at Mobile, Alabama. He served in the United States from June 1, 1942, to August 29, 1945, as Beach Patrol-Foley, Alabama, and Port Security-New Orleans, La. He was discharged in New Orleans, La., August 29, 1945, and resides with his wife, Mrs. Charlotte Rogers, at 127 Bishop St., San Marcos, Texas. He was an employee of the State Highway Patrol in Ft. Worth before volunteering for military duty.



**Sgt. HOMERO P. RODRIGUEZ**

Sgt. Homero P. Rodriguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Filiberto R. Rodriguez, 733 E. Magnolia, San Antonio, Texas, was born September 22, 1926, in Mexico. Attended the public schools of San Antonio where he entered service December 21, 1944, and was assigned to Army, Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Rucker, Alabama. Served overseas from August 26, 1945, to September 25, 1946, on Luzon and in Occupation of Japan. Received Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, Army Occupation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. Sgt. Rodriguez returned to the States September 25, 1946, and was honorably discharged from service November 21, 1946.



**Pvt. DAVID P. RODRIGUEZ**

Pvt. David P. Rodriguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Filiberto R. Rodriguez, San Antonio, Texas, was born Nov. 28, 1916. Received his education in San Antonio schools. Entered service January 27, 1941, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and was assigned to Army, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from April 2, 1943, to October 6, 1945, in E.A.M.E. Theater. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, and World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged from service October 6, 1945. Previous to entering the service of his country, he was employed by a construction company in San Antonio.





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**\*1st Lt. PHILLIP S. BEILIN**

1st Lt. Phillip S. Beilin, was born March 16, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beilin, San Antonio, Texas. He attended the Mirando City, Texas, Elementary and High Schools and Texas A. & M. at College Station. Lt. Beilin entered service October 15, 1941, at San Antonio; was assigned to the Army Medical Department; trained and attended Officers Candidate School at the Army Medical Replacement Training Center, Camp Berkeley, Texas, where he received his commission. His promising Army service was brought abruptly to an end when Lt. Beilin drowned at Camp Pickett, Virginia, June 3, 1943. His brother, Cpl. Harry Beilin, survives.



**Cpl. HARRY L. BEILIN**

Cpl. Harry L. Beilin was born March 2, 1918, in Mexico City, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beilin, 224 Harrison Ave., San Antonio, Texas. He attended the Mirando City Schools and Texas A. & I. College at Kingsville and entered service June 25, 1941, with the Army 78th Infantry, training at Camp Grant, Illinois, and Camp Maxey, Texas. Cpl. Beilin served overseas March, 1945, to January, 1946, in the European Theater; was stationed in Belgium and participated in the Battle of Central Europe. The E.A.M.E. Ribbon with one Bronze Star was awarded with Presidential Citation and other Medals. Discharged January 22, 1946.



**Sgt. HENRY A. REED**

Sgt. Henry A. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Reed, San Antonio, Texas, was born Sept. 19, 1924. Attended school in San Antonio and Arizona State Teachers College in Phoenix. Volunteered May 30, 1943, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Lowery Field, and Greenville Army Air Base. He was tail gunner on a B-25, and served in the United States from May, 1943, to February 28, 1946. He was commissioned Cpl. in 1944 and Sgt. in 1945. Awarded American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He received his discharge from the service February 28, 1946.



**1st Lt. PETER N. REED**

1st Lt. Peter Nathan Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Reed, 1146 Waverly, San Antonio, Texas, was born August 25, 1922. Attended Stephen F. Austin Elementary and Thomas Jefferson High Schools of San Antonio and Texas A. & M. at College Station, Texas. Volunteered for service April, 1941, at College Station, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Fort Sill, Okla., Miami and Drew Field, Fla. Served overseas from December, 1945, to August, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater at Seoul, Korea, and Tokyo, Japan, and is still with the Army Air Corps. His wife is Marie B. Reed of San Antonio.



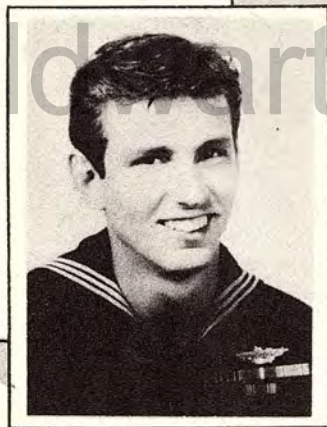


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**\*Sgt. TOM G. YOUNG**

Sgt. Tom G. Young was born August 31, 1919, in Texas, son of Mrs. Letha Young Blair, 130 Wickes St., San Antonio, Texas. He completed his flying course when he was sixteen years of age, owning his personal plane, and volunteered September 1, 1940, for the Army Air Corps, 34th Pursuit Sqdn.; trained at Chanute Field, Ill.; and began overseas duty November, 1941, in the Philippine Islands. Sgt. Young participated in the Battle of Bataan, was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese when Bataan surrendered April 9, 1942, and was on the death march arriving at Camp O'Donnel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, where he passed away from starvation and ill treatment at the hands of his captors June 2, 1942. Presidential Citation and Citations of Honor and Bravery were awarded.



**F1/c ROBERT J. RUTLEDGE**

F1/c Robert J. Rutledge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Rutledge, San Antonio, Texas, was born July 19, 1926. Attended Brackenridge High School, San Antonio. Volunteered February 18, 1944, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Navy, Submarine Service. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Dec. 3, 1944, to Sept. 26, 1945, in ATO, Asiatic-Pacific and aided in Philippine Liberation. Received Submarine Combat Award-One Star, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon. He returned to the States September 26, 1945, and was honorably discharged from service May 15, 1946.



**T/Sgt. EUSTOLIO G. SAENZ**

T/Sgt. Eustolio G. Saenz, son of Mrs. Dolores G. Saenz, husband of Isabel Saenz, San Antonio, Texas, was born Nov. 6, 1906. Attended San Antonio Public Schools. Volunteered September 2, 1942, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Army, 13th Armored Division. Trained at Camp Beale, Calif. Served overseas from Jan. 25, 1945, to July 23, 1945, in European Theater, participating in the battles of Ruhr Pocket and in the drive through Bavaria and Austria. Received ETO Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, Unit Citation Plaque, two Battle Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Was discharged September 2, 1945.

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**S/Sgt. DAVID GARZA, JR.**

S/Sgt. David Garza, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Garza of 2620 West Houston St., San Antonio. He was born on Dec. 9, 1924, and attended Main Vocational and Technical High until he entered the Army Air Corps on June 9, 1943. He was trained at the following bases: Basic (Amarillo) Radio School (Scott Field) Gunnery School (Harlingen) Crew Training (Tampa - Drew Field) and Submarine Patrol (Miami Beach to Cuba for 3 months). In Sept., 1944, he was sent to Europe, and served with the 8th Air Force as a member of "Hell's Angels" based in England. He participated in the campaigns of Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Germany. He was a radio operator on a B-17 (Flying Fortress), taking part in 30 aerial combat missions over Germany and German held territory. He holds the Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, the DFC, 4 Stars on the ETO Ribbon, and the Pres. Cit. He was discharged on Oct. 15, 1945.

1. —T/SGT. NORMAN J. DULIN, son of Capt. and Mrs. Harry Dulin, San Antonio, was born February 2, 1921. He volunteered for service April 2, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Signal Operations Bn., training at Dodd Field. His overseas duty was served in Ireland, Scotland, England, North Africa and Italy. After receiving the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, Sgt. Dulin was discharged, then re-enlisted February 15, 1946.

2. —PFC BEN LEE FERGUSON, birthdate February 28, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Ferguson, San Antonio, entered service November 6, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, 34th Division. April 30, 1943, he was transferred to North Africa, later participating in the campaign for Italy where he was wounded November 6, 1943. He received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Award and Infantry Combat Badge before being discharged September 9, 1944.

3. —PFC DAMON WILLIAM FERGUSON, born April 13, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ferguson, Brady, Texas, volunteered for service November 13, 1943, with the Marine Corps, 4th Division. January, 1944, to January, 1946, he served in the South Pacific on the Marshall Islands. The Purple Heart was awarded for wounds received in action on Saipan; also received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. He was discharged from service January, 1946.

4. —S/SGT. SAM M. GARZA, son of Mrs. Mary M. Garza, San Antonio, was born January 1, 1923, and volunteered for service April 11, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. He served from August, 1942, to October, 1944, in Northern France and Central Germany. His awards include the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, a Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and ETO Campaign Ribbon with three Battle Stars. His discharge was granted September 24, 1945.

5. —PFC ABELARDO E. GONZALEZ, birthdate February 11, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gonzalez, entered the US Army, Signal Corps, September 28, 1942. He served with the 58th Signal Battalion in Australia, New Guinea, Philippines and Japan from May, 1943, to November, 1945, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Meritorious Unit Award; was discharged from service.

6. —T/SGT. JOE GONZALEZ, born December 16, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gonzalez, San Antonio, volunteered January 28, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. September, 1943, he began service in North Africa and Italy in the air offensive of Europe, and was taken prisoner in a raid over Austria, and imprisoned 13 months in Germany. He received the EAME Campaign Medal-3 Bronze Stars, Air Medal-4 Oak Leaf Clusters, and was discharged November 7, 1945.

7. —SGT. RAYMOND GONZALEZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gonzalez, was born October 12, 1922. He volunteered for service October 3, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, serving in the United States until September, 1943, at which time he entered the European Theater, and was based in England. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, EAME Campaign Ribbon and the AAF Tech. Badge Medal Worker Bar. He received discharge December 13, 1945.

8. —S/SGT. RUDY GONZALEZ, born September 28, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gonzalez, San Antonio, volunteered for service October 3, 1942, for the Army Air Corps. He served in North Africa and Italy September, 1943, to June, 1944, participating in raids over the Balkans, Italy, France, Germany and Greece, receiving the Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters and the EAME Campaign Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars. His discharge was September, 1945.

9. —COL. ROBERT F. GARLAND, SR., San Antonio, veteran of World War I, was born July 7, 1891, and volunteered for service in World War II December 5, 1941, with the Army Air Corps. In 1942, he served with a Naval Convoy in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, then transferred to the European Theater, serving in Normandy, Southern France and Italy; he was wounded in 1944 at the Arno River. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Air Medal, and was discharged February, 1945.

10. —(RAM) ROBERT F. GARLAND, JR., son of Col. and Mrs. R. F. Garland, Sr., San Antonio, was born September 22, 1926, and attended Texas A & M College. After volunteering for service February 6, 1945, he was assigned to the Navy, Atlantic Fleet, and trained at Navy Radar School, California. He served overseas four months in 1946, and received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, before his discharge July 27, 1946.

11. —S/SGT. ANTONIO C. HERRERA, birthdate January 8, 1915, husband of Lacey Herrera, San Antonio, entered the Army, 40th Division, February 21, 1942. His overseas duty was served in the European Theater and Aleutian Islands from Apr., 1943, to Sept., 1945. His awards include the Distinguished Unit Badge, Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star. He was discharged October 12, 1945.

12. —S/IC ORAN PERRY STAPLETON, brother of Lacey Herrera, San Antonio, was born December 28, 1924. He volunteered July 3, 1942, for the Navy, Destroyer Branch, and September, 1942, began his overseas duty serving in the Caribbean Sea, Admiralty and Gilbert Islands, and participating in the battles of Attu, Kiska, and Tarawa. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars and World War II Victory Medal before his discharge August 5, 1946.

13. —T/SGT. FRANK LEYTON, JR., birthdate August 3, 1919, son of Mrs. Dolores J. Herrera, San Antonio, entered service June 26, 1940, with the Army, 94th Ordnance Co. He remained in the States until April 28, 1943, when he began serving in the Italian Campaign, receiving the EAME Campaign Medal. November 6, 1944, he returned to the Harmon General Hospital at Longview, Texas, where he remained until his Medical Discharge January 30, 1945.

14. —SGT. PAUL CHARLES HOYER, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hoyer, Sr., San Antonio, was born July 15, 1925. October 8, 1943, he entered the Army 36th Division, and was transferred to the European Theater of War August, 1944, serving in the battles of Rome, Rhineland and Central Europe. March 21, 1945, he was wounded at Dorrenbach, Germany, and received the Purple Heart, EAME Campaign Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, and was discharged January, 1946.

15. —PYT. FRANCISCO E. LAGUNA, born September 9, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Laguna, San Antonio, volunteered for service with the Army, 23rd Infantry, May 27, 1941. He served in the European Theater October, 1943, to October, 1945, participating in the battles; of Normandy, France and the Rhineland. The Purple Heart was awarded for wounds received in action, also, the EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars and Arrowhead. He was discharged October 23, 1945.

16. —M/SGT. ROBERT CLIFTON HUGHEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hughey, San Antonio, was born February 12, 1918. He entered service February 21, 1942, with the Army Tank Corps; transferred to 1056 Eng. Port Con. and Repair Gp., and began his European duty December, 1943, serving in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars. Was discharged from service October 12, 1945.

17. —SGT. ANSELMO LUCIO, born April 21, 1921, son of Mrs. Cruz Lucio, San Antonio, entered the Army 96th Division, on October 17, 1942. He transferred to the Pacific Area July, 1944, serving on Hawaii, Leyte and Okinawa Islands, returning to the States October 30, 1945. He received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, and has chosen to remain in service with the United States Military Government, at the present time overseas.

18. —SGT. PEDRO LUCIO, birthdate January 18, 1918, son of Mrs. Cruz Lucio, San Antonio, entered service September 24, 1941, with the Army, 82nd Airborne Division. He was assigned to the European Theater February, 1943, and served in Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. His awards include the EAME Campaign Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. Sgt. Lucio was discharged April 2, 1946.

19. —S/IC RUFINO LUCIO, son of Mrs. Cruz Lucio, San Antonio, was born November 16, 1924. He entered the Navy, Ordnance Division, September 29, 1943, training at the Naval Training Station, San Diego. His overseas duty was served from August, 1945, to January, 1946, receiving the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals plus the Good Conduct Award. He returned to the United States, and was discharged from service January 22, 1946.

20. —CPL. THOMAS LUCIO, born September 7, 1919, son of Mrs. Cruz Lucio, San Antonio, volunteered for service January 13, 1941, with the Army Infantry, 36th Division. April, 1943, he entered the European Theater, serving in the campaign for Italy, where he was wounded twice. He received the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster, EAME Campaign Ribbon with Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Badge, and was discharged November 16, 1944.

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**Pfc ESTEVAN P. SANDOVAL**

Pfc Estevan P. Sandoval, son of Isabel P. Sandoval, husband of Guadalupe Sandoval, all of San Antonio, was born October 6, 1917. Attended school in San Antonio, Texas. Entered service Feb. 5, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, and was assigned to Army, Second Armored Division. Trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala. Served overseas from July 4, 1944, to Nov. 12, 1945, in Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was wounded Jan. 8, 1945, in DeBoulge. Received Purple Heart, 4 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged November 19, 1945. He and his wife and four children reside at 122 Leal St.



**F/O LEO C. SIVLEY**

F/O Leo C. Sivley, husband of Alma M. Sivley, San Antonio, Texas, was born April 26, 1919. Attended high school in Franklin, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 15, 1940, at Ft. Sam Houston, and was assigned to Army, Sec. Medical Battalion. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, and served overseas from Dec. 23, 1944, to Oct. 4, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, participating in Campaigns of Eastern Mandates, air offensive of Japan and Western Pacific. Received Distinguished Flying Cross, Good Conduct, Victory Medal, Air Medal-4 Clusters, Dist. Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon-3 Battle Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon. Still in service, U.S.A.C.



**S/Sgt. REYNALDO V. TORRES**

S/Sgt. Reynaldo V. Torres, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Torres, San Antonio, Texas, was born March 20, 1921. Entered service Nov. 24, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston, and was assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Australia, New Guinea, Leyte and Manila. Received American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific-with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, Victory Ribbon-3 overseas Service Bars-1 Service Stripe. He was discharged January 6, 1946. He was a draftsman in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater as a member of V Air Service Command and Hq. Sqd., Far Eastern Service Command.



**T/Sgt. BALDEMAR V. TORRES**

T/Sgt. Baldemar V. Torres, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Torres, San Antonio, Texas, was born Sept. 20, 1917. Attended school in San Antonio. Entered service March 6, 1941, at Ft. Sam Houston, and was assigned to Army, Service Forces (Signal Corps). Trained at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. Served overseas from July, 1945, to December, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, in Luzon, Philippines, and Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. Received American Defense, American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, World War II Victory. Was among the first American troops to set foot on Japanese soil. Discharged January 12, 1946.

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**Capt. HERBERT D. TEEL**

Capt. Herbert Driscoll Teel, son of Mrs. H. T. Teel of San Antonio, and husband of May Mathis Teel, 320 Elizabeth Rd. San Antonio, was born August 25, 1918. On May 28, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps, and went to Lowry Field, Colorado, for training in the Photo School. One year later he went overseas to the China-Burma Theater of War, and served in the 14th AAF with the 21st Photo Recon. Sq. He also served in the China Theater, and saw action in the battles and campaigns of North Burma, and in two battles of China. He came through without being wounded, and he holds the following-named awards: Bronze Star Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 3 Service Stars. His terminal leave expired January 22, 1946. His occupation previous to enlistment was that of oil-geologist. He attended the University of Texas.



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**\*Pvt. LEON EDWARD THOMAS**

Pvt. Leon Edward Thomas, son of Mrs. Lottie B. Thomas, 3823 W. Houston, San Antonio, Texas, was born May 1, 1926. Received his education in San Antonio Public Schools. Volunteered March 28, 1944, and was assigned to 26th Marines, 5th Division. Trained at San Diego and Camp Pendleton, California. Served overseas in Pacific Theater, in Hawaiian Islands, Peleliu and Guam. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice in battle February 20, 1945, on Iwo Jima, Volcano Island. The Purple Heart and Victory Medal were awarded.



**Sgt. RAMON C. TREJO**

Sgt. Ramon C. Trejo, son of Mrs. Pilar Trejo, San Antonio, Texas, was born July 2, 1913. Entered service October 20, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston and assigned to Army, 96th "Deadeye" Division. Served overseas from July 15, 1944, to July 22, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Was decorated with Bronze Star for heroic service during the Leyte campaign, battle of Suicide Ridge, where he captured a Jap Major; was seriously wounded on Okinawa June 17, 1945. Received Purple Heart, Combat Inf. Badge, Asiatic-Pacific-2 Bronze Stars, Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon-1 Bronze Star, Arrowhead, Victory Medal and Good Conduct. Was discharged Jan. 23, 1946.



**T/Sgt. VERNON E. WALKER**

T/Sgt. Vernon E. Walker, husband of Mrs. Vernon E. Walker, San Antonio, was born Sept. 14, 1910. Enlisted with the 36th Division in 1934 as a National Guard, and entered regular service November 20, 1940, at San Antonio. Served overseas from April, 1943, to June, 1945, in European area participating in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and invasions of Salerno and S. France. Was wounded in Southern France. Received Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, E.T.O. Ribbon with 5 Battle Stars and Arrowhead, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, Combat Inf. Badge and German Occupation Ribbon. Was discharged July 4, 1945.



**M/Sgt. PERRY W. WHITLEY**

M/Sgt. Perry W. Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Whitley, Santo, Texas, husband of Wanda B. Whitley, San Antonio, Texas, was born Nov. 5, 1904. He entered service in 1924 at San Antonio, and was assigned to Army, 3rd Att. G.P. Kelly Field. Served overseas from June, 1939, to May 16, 1945, in Pacific area. Was stationed at Clark Field when the war started. Fought on Bataan, but never surrendered; joined with Guerrilla forces on Mindanao which was later recognized by Gen. McArthur as 10th military district. Assumed missing. Liberated Dec. 29, 1944. Received D.F.C.; American and Philippine Presidential Citations, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters; P.I. Defense and Liberation, 1 Battle Star; Asiatic-Pacific. Retired May 31, 1946.





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1st Lt. TAYLOR BYARS

1st Lt. Taylor Byars, born January 11, 1912, in Texas, husband of Elizabeth Byars, Burbank, Calif., formerly of San Antonio, volunteered January 14, 1941, for the Army; transferred from Infantry to Signal Corps; and served as first Cameraman on Motion Picture Units. He served overseas October, 1943, to July, 1945, in North Africa; participated in the Battles of Naples-Foggia, Anzio Beachhead, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Central Europe and the Rhineland. Lt. Byars recorded on sound film the Battle of Rome, Interview with Pope Pius XII, Jan Christian Smuts, the raising of the American Flag over the Italian capitol, the surrender of German Army Group to General Patch, and other interesting occasions; received Unit Citations and Battle Stars. Discharged November 18, 1945.



\*T/5 GLENN D. WOLTZ

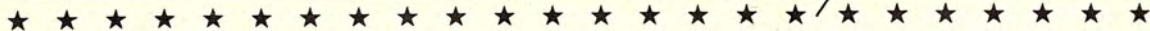
T/5 Glenn D. Woltz, husband of Ruth Williams Woltz, San Antonio, Texas, was born Nov. 27, 1916. Attended public school at Palestine, Texas. Entered service Feb. 10, 1943, at San Antonio; assigned to Army, I.R.T.C. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark. Served overseas from Jan., 1945, to Mar. 16, 1945, in European Theater. He was wounded in Luxembourg on Feb. 7, 1945. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice in battle of Losheim, Germany, on March 16, 1945, and is buried in military cemetery, Duchy of Luxembourg. Received Purple Heart for wounds received in battle of Sauer River Crossing. Posthumously awarded Second Purple Heart for paying Supreme Sacrifice.



\*Lt. GUY B. WYRICK

Lt. Guy Booth Wyrick, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Guy Wyrick, San Antonio, Texas, was born June 11, 1924. Attended Texas A & M, College Station. Volunteered for service Feb. 19, 1943, at Houston, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. He was commissioned and received wings as pilot March 12, 1944. Overseas Aug. 4, 1944, as a pilot in the Air Transport Command in North Africa. Sept. 19, 1944, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice when his plane encountered a violent storm and crashed near Algiers, North Africa. He was enroute to Sardinia with critical supplies for the French Air Force.

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**CWO ROBERT JOHN PARKER**

CWO Robert John Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parker of San Antonio, and husband of Evelyn E. Parker, formerly of Palestine and now residing in Elgin, was born Nov. 1, 1914, in Texas. On Oct. 9, 1934, he enlisted in the Army, and was assigned to the 2nd Infantry. He was trained in San Antonio, and he served in the United States from 1934, to 1943. In September of that year he went to Europe where he served until June, 1945. He landed in France on D-Day plus 1, and fought in the battles of Brest, St. Lo, Luxembourg, the Battle of the Bulge, and Belgium and Czechoslovakia. It was in July, 1942, that he was appointed Chief Warrant Officer. He began his army career as a private, and advanced through the ranks. He holds the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star, and 5 Battle Stars. At present he is with the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan.



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**Cpl. GILBERT F. CADENA, JR.**

Cpl. Gilbert F. Cadena, Jr., was born June 28, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cadena, Sr., 322 Rivas Street, San Antonio, Texas. He attended Vocational and Technical School in San Antonio, and entered service September 10, 1943, with the US Marine Corps, 4th Regiment, 6th Division, training at San Diego. He began overseas duty January, 1944, in the Pacific Theater; participated in the Defense of Emirau Islands, St. Matthias Group, in action at Guam, Marianas Islands, at Okinawa, Ryukyus Islands. and was wounded in combat April 14, 1945, and April 15, 1945, on Okinawa. Cpl. Cadena later was with the occupational forces in Japan. After returning to the States, December, 1945, the Purple Heart was awarded, and discharge was granted the same month.



**1st Lt. JOHN D. WELCH**

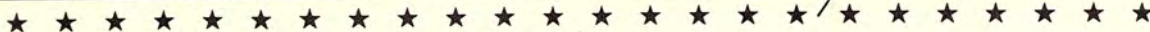
1st Lt. John Dee Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Welch, Pharr, Texas, husband of Pauline O. Welch, formerly of San Antonio, Texas, and now residing in Greeley, Colo., was born Mar. 17, 1920. Attended Jr. College, Edinburg, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 8, 1944, at Nashville, Tenn., and was assigned to Army, Air Transport Command. Trained at Officers Training School, Nashville, Tenn., and Randolph Field, Texas. Served overseas from June, 1944, to Jan. 13, 1946, in CBI. He was awarded the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 3 Battle Stars, Air Medal with one Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Victory Medal. Discharged Jan. 23, 1946.



**1st Lt. LEROY A. ARQUETTE**

1st Lt. Leroy A. Arquette, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Arquette, San Antonio, Texas, was born Sept. 3, 1920. Attended High School in Eagle Pass, Texas, and volunteered for service Nov. 6, 1941, at San Antonio. Assigned to Army Air Corps, and trained at Chanute Field, Ill. He served overseas from June 27, 1943, to March 14, 1944, assigned to the 384th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force. Participated in the air battle of Schweinfurt, Germany, Oct. 14, 1943, and was wounded. He was awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Clusters, Purple Heart, ETO Ribbon, ATO Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, with 1 Cluster. Currently at Barksdale Field, La.

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**Capt. RILEY G. RHORER**

Capt. Riley Grover Rhorer, son of Mrs. Sidney McIntosh, and husband of Evelyn Rhorer, of San Antonio, was born Mar. 6, 1916. On July 31, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Army Corps of Military Police. Training was given him at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and he attended O.C.S. at Fort Custer, Michigan. In Sept., 1944, he went overseas to Europe, where he served until July, 1945, when he left for the Pacific Theater of War traveling through the Panama Canal. In France he served as Assistant Provost Marshal in different areas. He was with the 3rd Army in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Germany, and saw action in the Battle of the Bulge; also participated in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. In Luxembourg he was wounded, and was awarded the Purple Heart. His service in the Pacific was with the 10th Army. His other awards are: ETO Certificate of Merit; 3 Bronze Stars; American Defense; and Victory. He separated from service on Mar. 9, 1946.



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**T/4 ELIAS ABDO**



**T/4 JOE ABDO**

T/4 Elias Abdo was born Sept. 21, 1909, and attended Crockett School in San Antonio. He is a brother of Angelina, Mary and Helen Abdo, San Antonio. Entered service Sept. 24, 1942, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Army, Co. L., 169th Infantry Regiment. Trained at Camp Normoyle, and served overseas from June, 1943, to October, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, on New Guinea, Admiralty, and Leyte, and was among first troops to enter Tokyo. He received Bronze Star for meritorious service, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars and 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal. Discharged October 19, 1945.

T/4 Joe Abdo, brother of Angelina, Mary and Helen Abdo, was born Oct. 9, 1916. Attended St. Mary's Parochial School, San Antonio, Texas. Entered service April 2, 1942, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Army, Co. L., 169th Infantry Reg. Trained at Ft. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Served overseas from June, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater on New Guinea, Admiralty, Leyte and with first troops in Tokyo. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars and 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal and American Defense Ribbon. Was discharged October 19, 1945.



**1st Lt. ELMER W. BARTHEL**

1st Lt. Elmer W. Barthel, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Barthel, husband of Frankie Barthel, San Antonio, Texas, was born Dec. 16, 1915. Attended public school in San Antonio. Volunteered March 14, 1933, and was assigned to Army, 2nd Inf. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Camp McCoy, Wis., Ireland, England. Served overseas from Nov. 10, 1943, to July 13, 1945, in European Theater, participating in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, Ardennes and Rhineland. He was wounded August 1, 1944, and August 13, 1945. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, and World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged December 29, 1945.



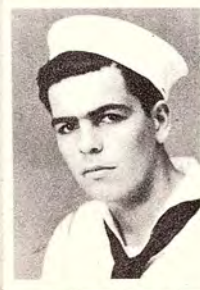
**S/Sgt. HUGH W. BECKCOM**

Sgt. Hugh W. Beckcom, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Beckcom, San Antonio, Texas, was born June 4, 1923. Attended Public Schools of San Antonio and University of Texas, Austin. Volunteered Dec. 11, 1942, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Army Air Corps-464 Bomb Group, 779 BombSqd., 15th Air Force. Served overseas from Sept. 11, 1944, to May 22, 1945, in E.T.O., and participated in campaigns of Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines, Po Valley, Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, Air Combat-Balkans. Missing-Nov. 21, 1944, to Nov. 28, 1944. Received E.T.O. Ribbon, Air Medal-3 Oak Leaf Clusters, D.F.C., Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct. 15, 1945.



1. —CSK ALFRED SHELTON PARKINS, birth date February 21, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Parkins, San Antonio, volunteered for service with the U.S. Navy May 14, 1938, training at San Diego, and served overseas from 1941 to 1945 in the Pacific at Midway, Pearl Harbor and Attu. The awards received include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals and a Navy Unit Commendation. He was discharged from service September, 1945.
2. —CGM ELLIS JEROME PARKINS, son of Geo. L. Parkins, San Antonio, was born October 12, 1918, and volunteered for service in the U. S. Navy, July, 1938. His overseas duty was served in the Pacific area from 1941 to 1945 on Guadalcanal, Midway, Iwo Jima, and the Gilbert Islands; and also at Pearl Harbor. He received the Bronze Star Medal "for exposing himself to great danger in entering blazing handling rooms and supervising removal of burning ammunition" while under attack, and remains in service at the present time.
3. —T/5 ELOY M. PEREZ, born August 18, 1920, husband of Udella Perez, 138 Tyler Ave., San Antonio, entered the Army Infantry, August 10, 1944. He entered the European Theater January, 1945, and remained one year serving in the Battles of the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. The Purple Heart was awarded for wounds received in Germany, also the E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars; he was discharged January 6, 1946.
4. —T/SGT. HUGHLET W. PHILLIPS, birth date October 21, 1920, husband of Marguerite Phillips, San Antonio, volunteered July 10, 1940, for service, and was assigned to the Army Q.M. Regiment. February, 1945, Sgt. Phillips transferred to the European Theater and participated in the battles of the Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the E.A. M.E. Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars. He is currently located with the 330th Ordnance Depot Co.
5. —S/SGT. JOHN L. SCHNURIGER, born May 15, 1920, brother of Mary Ann Pintaric, San Antonio, entered service October 15, 1942, with the Army, 2nd Infantry. He served in the battles of the Bulge, Rhineland, Central Europe and Northern France, and was wounded twice, for which he received the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster, E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars and the World War II Victory award. He was discharged October 31, 1945.
6. —SGT. LONNIE J. PRICE, husband of Ida Fay Price, San Antonio, was born May 3, 1920, and entered service April 13, 1942. Sgt. Price was assigned to the Medical Dept., remaining in the States until May, 1945, at which time he began duty in the Southern Philippines, serving in three battles. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars and a Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He was discharged January 8, 1946.
7. —SGT. JOHN A. RENFROE, JR., born July 10, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Renfroe, Sr., formerly of San Antonio and now of El Paso, entered the Army, Engr. Bn., November, 1942. He served in the battles of Normandy, St. Lo., Rhineland and the Bulge. He was wounded and reported missing, but had been captured at Luxembourg and imprisoned in Germany. The Purple Heart was awarded with one Oak Leaf Cluster along with Battle Stars. His discharge was granted October 23, 1945.
8. —1ST LT. KIRK SIEVERS, born July 24, 1912, husband of Jean Sievers, 222 Rigsby Ave., San Antonio, volunteered for service January 17, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Coast Artillery. October, 1943, he began overseas duty, and remained until October, 1945. Lt. Sievers received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals plus the Good Conduct Award. He is currently remaining in service with the 4th Army, Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio.
9. —S/SGT. MELTON SIMS, brother of Pauline Hill, San Antonio, was born Jan. 27, 1918. Volunteered for service January 1, 1940, and was assigned to the Army Infantry, 36th Division. April, 1943, his unit transferred to the European Theater where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life in the invasion of France, December 13, 1944. His awards include a Silver Star, Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, and American Defense Medal. His mother is Mrs. Opal Sims of San Antonio.
10. —1ST LT. ASA ROGERS SOWELL, JR., birth date February 16, 1920, husband of Wanda Frogge Sowell, Dallas, volunteered October 10, 1940, and was assigned to the Army, 36th Division. June 11, 1944, he began duty in Europe, serving in England and France, and participating in the battles of Brest and the Ardennes, receiving the Silver Star and two Battle Stars. After serving in China in 1946, he has now returned to the States and awaits re-assignment.
11. —PFC CARL SIMS, born April 20, 1921, son of Mrs. Opal Sims, 511 Barclay, San Antonio, entered service January, 1940, with the Army, 36th Division, training at Camp Bowie, Texas. He served in the European Theater, and was wounded in combat in the campaign for Italy, for which he received the Purple Heart and a Commendation, and also World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. His discharge was granted July 27, 1945.
12. —SGT. HERMON SIMS, son of Mrs. Opal Sims, San Antonio, was born a native of Texas, November 16, 1924. He entered service April 13, 1943, and was assigned to the Army, 49th Depot Repair Sqdn., and trained at Kelly Field and Stinson Field, San Antonio. February, 1944, until January, 1946, Sgt. Sims was stationed in the Philippine Islands, and received the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. He was discharged January, 1946.
13. —AMM2/c BOBBY LEE ROWLAND, birth date October 21, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rowland, Kingsville, Texas, volunteered for service November 25, 1942, and was assigned to Naval Aviation Branch, training at San Diego. February 8, 1943, he was assigned to the South Pacific where he served in the Gilbert, Saipan and Marshall Islands, returning to the States August, 1944. He received the World War II Victory Medal, and was discharged January 26, 1946.
14. —T/3 CHARLEY CLYDE DAVIS, JR., son of Mrs. Roy Rowland, Kingsville, was born May 5, 1915. He volunteered for service August 29, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, 13th Armored Division serving in the States until January, 1945, when he entered the European area. The European Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars was awarded for duty in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. His discharge was received January 3, 1946.
15. —CRM LESTER JAMES ROWLAND, born March 5, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rowland, Kingsville, volunteered July, 1940, for the Navy, Radio Branch. May, 1941, to February, 1943, he served on the U.S.S. Saratoga, Hornet which was sunk in the Battle of Santa Cruz, MacCawley, and Mount Olympus which made 2 initial invasions of Phil.; received the Bronze Star Award, for services on Guadalcanal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. At present stationed at Cheltenham, Maryland. Navy to be his career.
16. —T/5 PRESTON WALTER TUTSCHKE, birth date January 28, 1925, son of Mrs. E. Tutschke, San Antonio, volunteered for service March 5, 1943, with the Army 140 Ordnance, M. M. Co. His overseas duty was served both in the European Theater and the South Pacific area, and he received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star and the E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon. February 22, 1946, T/5 Tutschke entered the Enlisted Reserve Corps. A.U.S.
17. —AOM1/c GEORGE C. TUREGANO, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Turegano, San Antonio, was born July 2, 1920. He volunteered for service December 11, 1941, with the Navy Aviation Branch, and January, 1942, he entered the South Pacific serving in the Hawaiian, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Midway, Guadalcanal Islands and the Coral Sea. His awards include a citation from the Hawaiian Sea Frontier Commander. He was discharged September 22, 1945.
18. —PFC JOE TUREGANO, birth date September 12, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Turegano, San Antonio, volunteered for service March 16, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Infantry, 90th Div. Two years later, 1944, he began duty in the European area serving in the battle of Normandy, but returned to a hospital in England due to battle fatigue. The E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star was awarded before discharge October 6, 1945.
19. —BM1/c NEELEY, TEDWELL TUMLINSON, husband of Pvt. Helen Tumlinson, San Antonio, was born April 1, 1908, and volunteered December 21, 1942, for the Navy Seabees. May, 1943, he was assigned to the South Pacific, and served in New Georgia, Peleliu, Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, Marshall and Russell Islands, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and a citation for bravery beyond call of duty. He was discharged September, 1945.
20. —PVT. HELEN BAZE TUMLINSON, birth date May 30, 1921, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Williams, San Antonio, volunteered for service August 26, 1944, and was assigned to the W. A. C. Air Corps, Medical Division. She received training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, and Kelly Field, Texas, receiving the Good Conduct Award and World War II Victory and American Defense Medals before being discharged October 21, 1945. Her husband is BM1/c Neeley T. Tumlinson.

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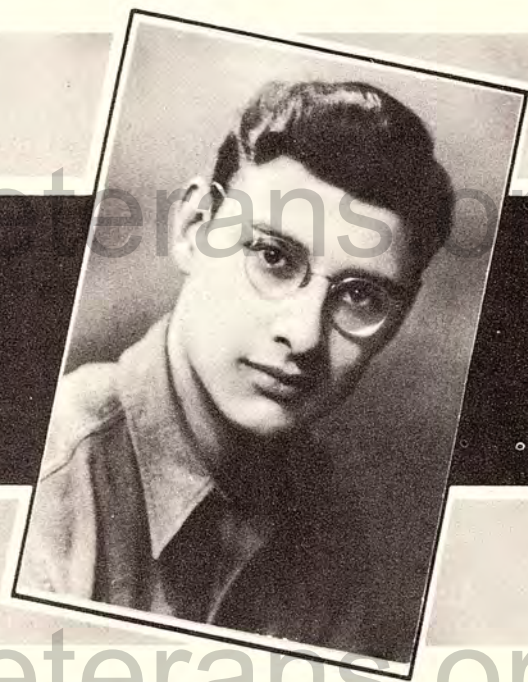
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1st Lt. PETER V. CANTU

1st Lt. Peter Vega Cantu, born August 23, 1921, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Cantu, 1810 Saunders Ave., San Antonio, Texas, attended Texas A & M at College Station, and volunteered September, 1941, for the Army Air Force. He trained at Miami Beach, Florida, and began overseas duty July, 1944, in the European Theater. Lt. Cantu served in the capacity of Intelligence Officer, and had previously been commissioned May 29, 1943, at Miami. He served in England, France, Belgium and participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe, receiving the Air Medal and Unit Citation. After returning to the States, October, 1945, discharge was granted December 22, of the same year.



T/4 EDMUND V. CANTU

T/4 Edmund Vega Cantu was born November 20, 1923, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Cantu, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. He attended Vocational and Technical High School in San Antonio, and volunteered December 10, 1942, for the Army Engineer Corps, training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and began overseas duty December 13, 1943, serving with the US First Army in the European Theater where he participated in the battles of Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, Northern France and Central Europe. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded plus the Unit Citation. After returning to the States November 26, 1945, he received his discharge from Army duty December 6, 1945.

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**\*S/Sgt. WILLIAM B. SAXON**

S/Sgt. William Byron Saxon, husband of Mrs. Helen J. Saxon, of San Antonio, was born January 5, 1916. On January 10, 1936, he volunteered for service in the Army, at Houston, Texas. He was assigned to the 12th Cavalry, and then to the 91st Infantry, and was given training at Fort Ringgold, Rio Grande City, Texas. He spent more than nine years in service in the United States; then in May, 1944, he went overseas to the Middle East. He served in North Africa, and Italy, and the major battles in which he participated are: the Battle of Leghorn, the Rome-Arno Campaign, and the campaigns of the North Apennines and the Po Valley. On April 27, 1945, he lost his life while in action in battle. His awards are: American Defense; American Theater; Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars; and Victory. The Bronze Star and the Purple Heart were awarded posthumously. He left two sons and one daughter.



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**Pfc GUADALUPE A. BLANCARTE**

Pfc Guadalupe A. Blancarte, daughter of Luis Blancarte, San Antonio, Texas, received her education in San Antonio schools. Volunteered for service Oct. 20, 1943, in the Women's Army Corps. Trained at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. Assigned to duty with Air Corps at Cochran Field, Ga. She worked as an airplane mechanic. Volunteered to go overseas, and served in England from Aug., 1944, to Dec., 1944. Stationed near London, she was in "Buzz Bomb" attacks. Returned to the States because of ill health due to climatic conditions, Jan., 1945, and was hospitalized until July. Served in Calif., N.C., Florida, Mich., Ohio. Received E.T.O. Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal. Discharged Dec., 1946.



**\*Pvt. ROBERT E. BLAND, JR.**

Pvt. Robert E. Bland, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bland, Sr., 429 W. Rosewood, San Antonio, Texas, was born August 26, 1926. Attended Thomas Jefferson High School, San Antonio, Texas. Volunteered for service March, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas, and was assigned to Army, 40th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and served in the United States from August, 1944, to January, 1945, and overseas from February, 1945, to March, 1945, on Leyte, P. I., in campaign against the Japs in which he paid the Supreme Sacrifice on March 27, 1945. The Purple Heart was awarded. He was serving in Company "C", 108th Inf. Regiment, 40th Division.



**Pfc TED S. BROOK**

Pfc Ted S. Brook, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brook, San Antonio, Texas, was born April 19, 1926. He attended Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, and entered service June 20, 1944, at San Antonio. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas from January 10, 1945, to April 20, 1946, in E.T.O. Theater, participating in battles of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received E.A.M.E. Campaign with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Army Occupation Ribbon, German Victory Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He returned to the States April 20, 1946, and was honorably discharged May 31, 1946.



**CM1/c EDWIN J. BULL**

CM1/c Edwin John Bull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bull, San Antonio, Texas, was born Mar. 15, 1912. Attended Brackenridge High School, San Antonio. Entered service June 15, 1942, and was assigned to Navy, Carpenters Mate; served overseas from Dec., 1942, to Oct., 1945, in Pacific Area aboard U.S.S. Fanshaw Bay, participating in battles of Philippines, Leyte Gulf, Saipan, Admiralty Islands, Okinawa and the Aleutians. Received 8 Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, for meritorious action in battle of Philippine and Leyte Gulf. He traveled between Australia and Alaska, United States and Japan, crossed equator 10 times and dateline 14 times. Was discharged Oct. 10, 1945.





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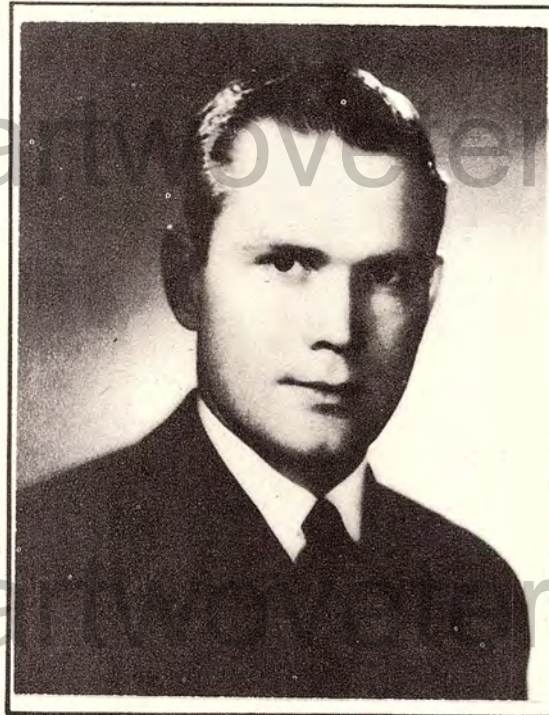
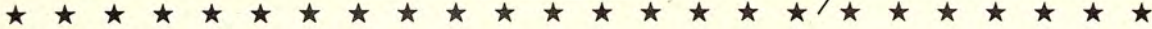
Pfc JOHN CUESTA Warrant Officer ROBERT C. TRIMBLE T/4 WILLIAM CUESTA

Pfc JOHN CUESTA, born March 24, 1921, son of Manuel Cuesta, San Antonio, Texas, entered service July 25, 1942, with the Army 2nd. Signal Bn., training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. He began overseas duty November, 1943, in the European Theater; participated in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe; and received the EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars. After returning to the States November, 1945, he was discharged the same month.

WO ROBERT CLAUDE TRIMBLE, was born September 22, 1921, in Texas, son of Alex Trimble, San Antonio, entered service December 15, 1941, with the Army Infantry, 69th Division; trained at Camp Roberts, California; and served overseas November, 1944, to September, 1945; in the European Theater. He participated in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe, and was discharged with various awards, Oct. 12, 1945.

T/4 WILLIAM CUESTA, born June 25, 1923, son of Manuel Cuesta, San Antonio, volunteered December 10, 1942, for the Army, 654th Eng. Topo. Bn., and trained at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He served December, 1943, to November, 1945, in Europe; participated in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars. After returning to the States he was discharged December 6, 1945.

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**\*Lt. (sg) JAMES JENKINS STEVENS**

Lt. (sg) James Jenkins Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stevens, of San Antonio, was born March 30, 1919, and at the age of 22 he volunteered for service in the Naval Air Corps, June 3, 1941, at Crockett, Texas. He was trained at Pensacola, Florida, and went overseas in November, 1944, being assigned to Bombing Fighting Squadron No. 83, based on the airplane carrier U.S.S. Essex. On March 18, 1945, his plane was hit while on a strafing mission over Kyushu, Japan, and he was forced to make a water landing ten miles off the coast. He was reported missing, and a year later the Navy Department officially declared his death. The Purple Heart was awarded, and his other awards were: American Area Campaign; American Defense Service; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign; and the Victory award. At the time of his enlistment, he was a student at Texas A. & M. College.



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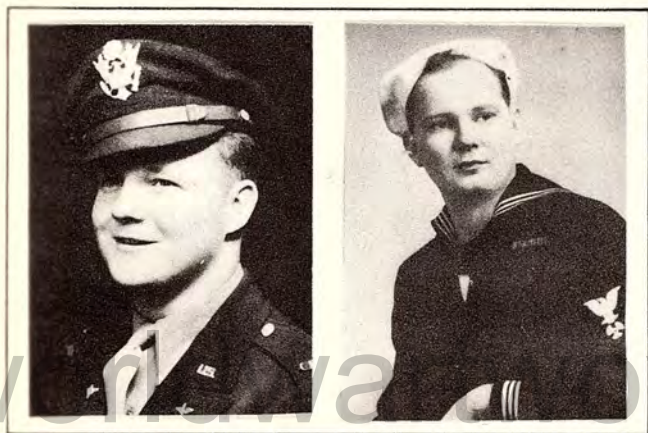
**\*S/Sgt. JAMES L. CANNON**

S/Sgt. James L. Cannon, husband of Mrs. Dannie Lee Cannon, San Antonio, Texas, was born Oct. 25, 1915. Volunteered August, 1933, at Randolph Field, Texas, assigned to Army, 19th Bomb Group. Trained at Randolph Field and served overseas from April, 1940, to Dec., 1941, in Pacific Theater at Hickam Field, Hawaii, Clark Field, Philippines, and Darwin, Australia. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice in action on Dec. 25, 1941, while on mission from Australia to Davao Bay in the Philippines. The mission was completed. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, and Purple Heart.



**Sgt. HAMPTON R. CRAY, JR.**

Sgt. Hampton Rhodes Cray, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Cray, Sr., San Antonio, Texas, was born Nov. 12, 1919. Attended Milby High School, Houston, Texas, and entered service Nov. 6, 1941. Assigned to Marines 2nd Div., then U.S.S. Houston. Trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from April, 1941, to Sept., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific; participated in battles of Flores Sea and Java Sea. In P.O.W. Camps Java, Singapore, Burma-Thailand from Mar. 1, 1942, to Aug. 30, 1945. He was wounded, and awarded Purple Heart, Unit Citation, Good Conduct, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific, Victory, Philippine Defense. Still in service at Parris Is., S. Carolina.



**FO ALFRED F. GEMBLER  
W.T. 2/c ELAM G. GEMBLER**

Sons of Mrs. Mary M. Coor, San Antonio, Texas. Flight Officer ALFRED F. GEMBLER was born Jan. 1, 1923, volunteered Nov. 27, 1942; assigned to Army, 3027th AAF Base Unit. Served overseas from Nov., 1944, to May, 1945, in battles of Central Europe, Rhineland, Ardennes. Awarded Air Medal-3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation, E.A.M.E. Medal-3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged Oct. 30, 1945. W.T. 2/c ELAM G. GEMBLER was born Feb. 18, 1920; volunteered Oct. 24, 1942; assigned to Navy; served overseas from Dec., 1942, to Nov., 1945, in E.T.O. and Pacific Area, in battles of Northern and Southern France, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Was discharged Nov. 23, 1945.



**1st Lt. A.C. WILLIAM L. VAVRICKA**

1st Lt. William (Bill) L. Vavricka, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Vavricka, San Antonio, Texas, brother of Mrs. W. H. Condray of the same city, formerly of Del Rio, was born November 18, 1923. Received his education in San Antonio Public Schools, and volunteered for service June, 1943, at San Antonio. Assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at Sheppard Field; Texas Tech.; Santa Ana, Calif.; Garner Fld., Calif.; and Luke Fld., Ariz. Volunteered in Helicopter Pilot School June, 1945; completed training and was assigned instructor. Established World and National Helicopter Endurance Record on May 13, 1946, at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. He is in the service at the present time.





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## T/4 EDWARD H. RITTIMANN

T/4 Edward H. Rittimann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rittimann, of 1426 Highland Blvd., San Antonio, was born Aug. 20, 1903, and volunteered for Army service on Oct. 5, 1942, at San Antonio. He was assigned to the 29th Div., and trained at Camp Berkeley. From Jan., 1943, to Aug., 1945, he served overseas. He was in non-combatant activities, and went to the E.T.O. as a casual, then was assigned to the 175th Inf. Regt. of the 29th Div., and was trained in this, but due to his age he was transferred to the 10th Re-enforcement Depot, and remained there throughout his stay in foreign service. His awards are: Good Conduct; E.A.M.E.; Victory. In Aug., 1945, he was granted an honorable discharge from the service.



## Pfc ALBERTO CRUZ S/Sgt. ELUTERIO CRUZ

Sons of Mrs. Antonio C. Cruz, San Antonio. Pfc ALBERTO CRUZ was born June 6, 1919, and entered service Apr. 21, 1941. Assigned to Army, 260th Coast Artillery, AA. Served overseas from June, 1942, to July, 1944, in the Aleutian Is. Received Asiatic-Pacific and American Ribbons, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Sept., 1945. S/Sgt. ELUTERIO CRUZ was born Apr. 18, 1917, and entered service Jan. 29, 1941, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Assigned to Army, 143rd Infantry, 36th Division. Trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, and Blanding, Fla., and Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas April, 1943, in European Area. Wounded twice, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice in action Nov. 26, 1944.



## \*1st Lt. HUGH ALAN DERRICK

1st Lt. Hugh Alan Derrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Derrick, 436A Hot Wells Blvd., San Antonio, Texas, was born Sept. 18, 1916. Attended San Antonio Public Schools and Texas A. & M., College Station. Volunteered for service May 30, 1941, at College Station, assigned to Army, Corps of Engineers, and trained at Ft. Belvoir, Va., A.M. College, Ft. McKinley, P. I. Served overseas from Sept. 13, 1941, to Dec. 15, 1941, on Bataan and Corregidor. He was in P.O.W. Military Prison Camps No. 10 B Luzon, (1942), and Bilibid Prison Camp, Luzon, from Oct., 1944, to Dec., 1944, when he paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Awarded Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Silver Star.



- \*1. —SGT. RUDY T. HERNANDEZ, birth date December 4, 1926, son of Mrs. Loretta T. Hernandez, San Antonio, volunteered April 16, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training at Kelly Field, Texas. March, 1944, Sgt. Hernandez entered the European Theater of War, and on a mission over Rumania he received wounds that later proved fatal; he was laid to rest in Italy. His awards include the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal.
2. —F1/c ANDREW ESPARZA LOSOYA, born November 10, 1924, son of Manuel Losoya, San Antonio, volunteered for the U.S. Navy February, 1942. He served in the Pacific area, participating in the battles of the Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands and invasion of Leyte, receiving a commendation from commanding officer of the U.S.S. Minneapolis for performance during battle November 30, 1942. His discharge was granted October 13, 1945.
3. —CFC CHARLES WILLIAM JOHNSON, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnson, San Antonio, attended University of California; entered service October 4, 1938, with the United States Navy, and trained at San Diego. November, 1942, to October, 1945, he served in the European and Asiatic-Pacific Areas at Guadalcanal, Russell Islands, Attu and Kiska. His awards include the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. He has remained a member of the U. S. Navy.
4. —S/SGT. JOHN CARLTON JOHNSON, birth date April 8, 1918, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnson, San Antonio, entered service October 8, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Infantry, training at Camp Roberts. April 12, 1942, he was transferred to the Aleutian Islands where he served in Attu, Dutch Harbor and Kiska. His awards include the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. He was discharged from service July 7, 1945.
- \*5. —CPL. TULLY T. MANGUM, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Mangum, Poteet, Texas, and husband of Betty J. Mangum, San Antonio, was born August 30, 1915. He volunteered October 10, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, and remained in the States until August, 1943, at which time he was transferred to England with the 9th Air Force. July 29, 1944, on a mission over Cherbourg, France, Cpl. Mangum paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life for his country.
- \*6. —S/SGT. UVALDO G. MORALES, born January 4, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Morales, San Antonio, volunteered September 25, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training at Kelly Field. April, 1944, his unit was transferred to the European Theater of War where he served both in England and France. May 24, 1944, while on a mission over Germany, Sgt. Morales lost his life in service for his country near Temple Felde, Germany.
7. —PVT. MANUEL L. MORENO, JR., birth date August 6, 1924, son of Manuel Moreno, San Antonio, entered service October 12, 1943, with the Army Infantry. May 3, 1944, he began service in the European Theater, participating in the battles of Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland. The Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded for wounds received; also, the E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with three Battle Stars. He was discharged October 28, 1945.
8. —PFC MAX L. MORENO, son of Manuel Moreno, San Antonio, was born January 8, 1917. He entered service June 2, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, 490th Sch. Sqdn., training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Camp Livingston, La. April, 1945, to July, 1945, he served in France, Austria and Germany, receiving the E.A.M.E. Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal. His Army service was terminated December 11, 1945.
9. —CAPT. ALFRED WILLIAM OFFER, born November 21, 1915, son of Mrs. August R. Offer, Sr., San Antonio, was a student of law when he entered the Army Air Corps as a flying cadet September 27, 1942. After his training was completed, Capt. Offer remained at Williams Field, Arizona, as an instructor in Twin-Engine Advanced Training. He was discharged from service and has now returned to the University of Texas, but is a member of the Reserves.
10. —SGT. AUGUST R. OFFER, JR., son of Mrs. August R. Offer, Sr., San Antonio, entered the service October 23, 1942, with the Army Communication Det., and served with the 6th Air Base, New York City. His overseas duty was served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater where he was stationed in China, India, Burma and the Philippines, receiving the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medals, before his discharge from duty Jan., 1945.
11. —1ST LT. EMIL ARTHUR OFFER, birth date July 1, 1920, son of Mrs. August R. Offer, Sr., San Antonio, was a Pre-Medical Student at Texas University when he entered service with the U.S. Army, February, 1943; his unit was transferred overseas where he remained until July, 1945. Upon returning to the States, he was awarded the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with the Good Conduct Award. He was discharged September, 1945.
12. —1ST LT. PAUL JOSEPH OFFER, son of Mrs. August R. Offer, Sr., San Antonio, was born Feb. 23, 1912, and entered the U.S. Army Oct. 22, 1940, after serving several years with the National Guard. Mar., 1944, Lt. Offer arrived in Italy where he was stationed nineteen months as Communications Officer and Signal Supply Officer. His discharge was granted January, 1946, but he reentered active service September, 1946, and is now in Milan, Tennessee.
13. —PFC DIONICIO PEREZ, born April 8, 1913, in Mexico, is the son of Maria Z. Perez, San Antonio. He entered service January 8, 1944, and was assigned to the U.S. Army, training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. July, 1944, to September, 1945, he served in the European Theater in Rome-Arno, Rhineland and Southern France. His awards include the Combat Infantry Badge and the World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged from service November 11, 1945.
14. —S2/c RAUL PEREZ, son of Maria Z. Perez, San Antonio, was born December 6, 1922, and volunteered for service September 21, 1942, with the U. S. Naval Fleet, training at San Diego. December, 1942, he left the United States for duty in the Southwest and Central Pacific, also serving in the Atlantic Area. He was awarded the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals before his discharge from the Navy on October 3, 1945.
15. —PFC ROBERT Z. PEREZ, birth date May 9, 1925, son of Maria Z. Perez, San Antonio, entered the Army 13th Armored Division November 13, 1943, and trained at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. September, 1944, he was transferred to the European Theater where he participated in the battles of the Rhineland and Central Europe. After receiving the E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, he was discharged from service April 10, 1946.
16. —CPL. GUS PENA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pena, Sr., San Antonio, volunteered for service November 26, 1940, and was assigned to the Army, 83rd Div. Infantry, training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He remained in the States until April, 1944, at which time he entered the European area, participating in the Campaign of Normandy, and receiving the E.A.M.E. Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star. His discharge was final October 18, 1945.
17. —S/SGT. JOE E. PENA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pena, Sr., San Antonio, was born July 27, 1910; volunteered for service March 3, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Medical Sec., training at Duncan Field. He was transferred to New Guinea on November 3, 1942, where he remained until December, 1945. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct, American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. He was discharged Jan., 1946.
18. —PFC LAWRENCE E. PENA, JR., birth date June 26, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Pena, Sr., San Antonio, volunteered December 2, 1942, for service with the U.S. Army, and trained at Camp Adair, Oregon. August 15, 1945, his unit was transferred to the European Theater where he participated in the battles of the Rhineland and Northern France, receiving the E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars. His discharge was granted September, 1945.
19. —PFC LUCAS E. PENA, born April 26, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pena, Sr., San Antonio, volunteered for service May 6, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, 82nd Airborne Division, training at Camp Callan, California. February 11, 1945, to January 3, 1946, he served in the European Theater, stationed in Germany. He was awarded the E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, and was discharged Jan., 1946.
20. —S1/c PAUL PENA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pena, Sr., San Antonio, was born May 30, 1916; volunteered for service August, 1943; and was assigned to the Navy, Submarine Base. December, 1943, he entered the Pacific Area on the U.S.S. Aegir, and served at Midway Island and participated in the Invasions of Okinawa and the Philippines. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and was discharged November 8, 1945.

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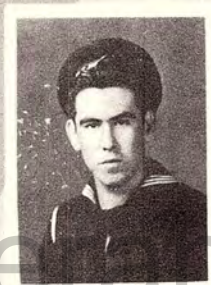
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**S/Sgt. ALGERNON. L. CHIVERS, JR.**

S/Sgt. Algernon L. Chivers, Jr., son of A. L. Chivers, Sr., San Antonio, was born August 19, 1921, and entered the Army, C Batry, 15th FA 2nd Div., Sept. 18, 1939. Graduated from Cook's and Baker's School as 1st Cook and Mess Sgt. Served as instructor in Hotels Savory and Chamberlain June, 1942, to July, 1943. Requested transfer to Paratroops, and served there from July 14, 1943, to Dec. 25, 1945. Overseas from Jan., 1945, to Dec., 1945, in Philippines; participated in battle of Negros Is. Wounded April 28, 1945. Awarded Combat Inf. Badge; S.W. Pacific, 1 Bronze Star; Philippine Lib., 1 Bronze Star, Parachute Wings, Purple Heart, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Discharged Dec. 25, 1945.

**Coxswain JAMES F. CHIVERS**

Coxswain James F. Chivers, son of A. L. Chivers, Sr., San Antonio, Texas, was born Sept. 1, 1926, and received his education in San Antonio, where at the age of 17 he volunteered for the Navy, Sept. 20, 1943. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Oceanside, Calif. He served overseas from June 25, 1944, to April 26, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area. Sailed on U.S.S. Cape Johnson. Participated in battles of Saipan, Leyte, Luzon, Iwo Jima and spent 8 months with the occupation troops in Japan. Was awarded Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars, American Area, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 3 Stars, Japanese Occupation, Victory Medal, and was discharged May 2, 1946.



**Cpl. THOMAS S. CHIVERS**

Cpl. Thomas S. Chivers, son of A. L. Chivers, Sr., San Antonio, was born Sept. 4, 1923. Received his education in San Antonio Public Schools, and entered the Army Air Force Jan. 29, 1943. He took basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., and special training at Oakland Airport. Transferred to Camp Kerns, Utah, for small arms training. Served overseas from Oct. 7, 1943, to Dec. 28, 1945, in European Theater, participating in battles of Northern France and the Rhineland. Cpl. Chivers was awarded European Theater of Operations Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal. Was discharged Jan. 4, 1946.

**S/Sgt. JOHN F. CLIFTON, JR.**

S/Sgt. John F. Clifton, Jr., son of Goldie D. Spain, San Antonio, Texas, nephew of A. L. Chivers, Sr., was born January 14, 1922, and received his education in public schools in San Antonio. Entered service October 20, 1942, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Army 2nd Air Force. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas. He served in the United States from October 20, 1942, to February 6, 1946, and was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was discharged from service February 6, 1946. His wife Virginia Lee Clifton resides at 302 Whiting, San Antonio, Texas.



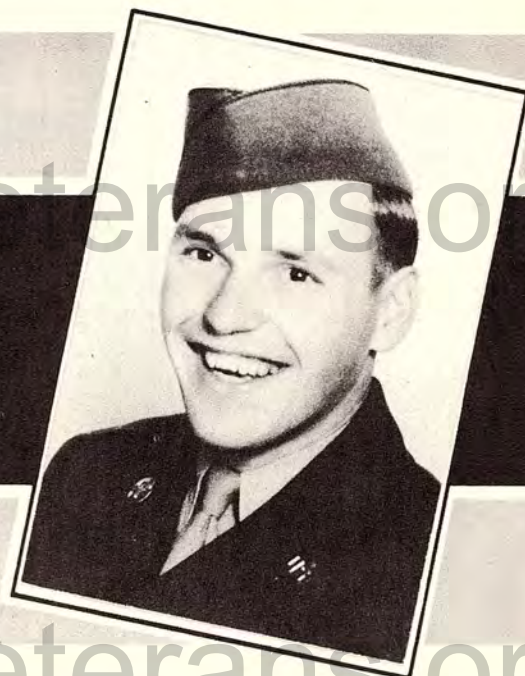


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T/3 ROY R. DARROW

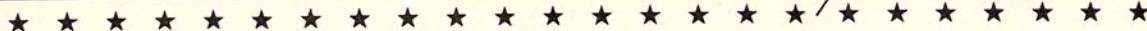
T/3 Roy R. Darrow, birthdate October 14, 1910, a native of Texas, husband of Mrs. Rose A. Darrow, 223 East French Place, San Antonio, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Darrow, also of San Antonio, attended the San Antonio Public Schools. Volunteered November 25, 1940, for the Army Infantry, and was assigned to the 141st Infantry, 36th Division. He trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and at Camp Edwards, Mass., and began overseas duty April, 1943, in the North African-European Theaters from where he participated in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. The EAME Campaign Medal was awarded with five Bronze Stars and Bronze Arrowhead. Returned home and was discharged August 4, 1945.



S/Sgt. JOHN J. SMITH

S/Sgt. John J. Smith, birthdate December 24, 1921, in Texas, son of Mrs. Rose A. Darrow, San Antonio, Texas, volunteered for service August 1, 1942, and was assigned to the Army 2nd Air Force, training at Sheppard Field, Texas, Las Vegas, Nevada, Boise, Idaho, and other fields in the States. He began overseas duty April, 1943, with the 322nd Sqdn., 91st Group, 8th Air Force, based in England, and participated in combat missions over France and Germany. On the 7th mission Sgt. Smith's plane was hit by enemy fire, and he was taken prisoner of war June 28, 1943, and imprisoned in Munich Germany and Austria. Liberated May 3, 1945, by 13th Armored Div. Received Air Medal with Cluster, and after returning home was discharged October 6, 1945. Re-enlisted June, 1947. Currently at Brooks Fld., Texas.

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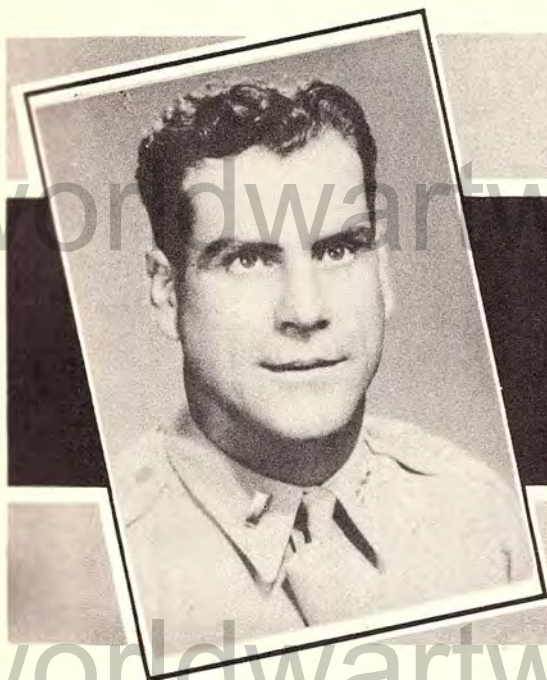


## \*1st Lt. TRAVIS B. THOMPSON

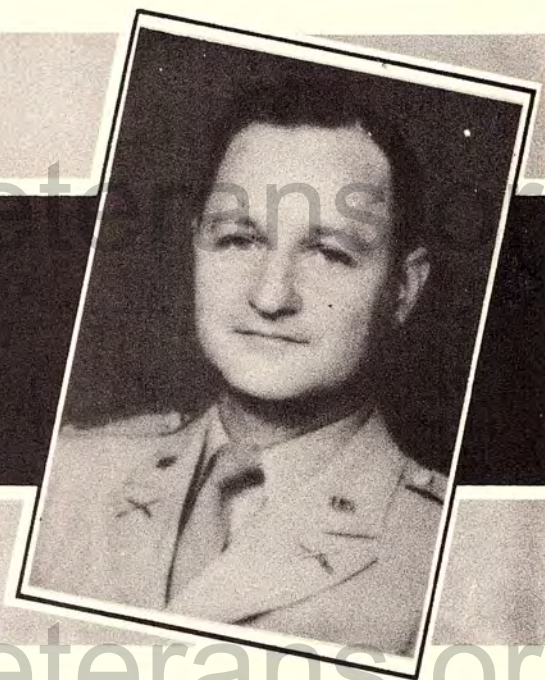
1st Lt. Travis B. Thompson, son of Mrs. B. F. Thompson, of Hillsboro, and husband of Ruby V. Thompson, of San Antonio, was born May 17, 1916, in Texas. When he was 21 years of age he enlisted in the Army, and was assigned to a Machine Gun Troop in the 12th Cavalry. He was trained at Fort Brown, Texas. In Nov., 1940, he was transferred to Houston, and later attended O.C.S. at Camp Hood, T. D. School, after which he was with the 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion. From September to November, 1944, he served overseas in Europe and paid the Supreme Sacrifice while performing duty as forward observer with his unit during tank destroyer operations in support of an infantry advance near Haute Yutz, France. His courageous action forced the enemy to retreat and enabled the infantry to attain their objective. It was when returning from his mission that he lost his life, by the explosion of a mortar shell. The Purple Heart and Silver Star were awarded.



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1st Lt. LIONEL F. HOFFMAN



Lt. Col. FRANK D. JONES

1st Lt. Lionel Fred Hoffman was born October 21, 1914, in Texas, son of Louisa Froelich, and husband of Virginia E. Hoffman, 311 Halliday Ave., San Antonio. He attended the Seguin, Texas, High School, and volunteered July 18, 1931, at Houston, Texas, for the Army 5th Cavalry; later served with Field Artillery and trained at various bases in the States and at Schofield Bks., Hawaii. Lt. Hoffman served overseas in the European Theater July, 1944, to October, 1945; participated in the battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany, and received the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, ETO Ribbon with four Campaign Stars, Army of Occupation Ribbon with other Awards. Since returning to the States he serves with the 571st F.A. Bn., Ft. Benning, Ga.

Lt. Col. Frank Daniel Jones, husband of Norma Rebecca Jones, and father of James W. Jones, 311 Halliday, San Antonio, Texas, was born May 10, 1912, in Texas. He attended the Roxton, Texas, Schools, and volunteered January 25, 1933, at Dallas, for the Army Infantry, 23rd Div.; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and attended Basic and Advanced Courses, Infantry School, receiving his commission August, 1940. Col. Jones began overseas duty August, 1944, in the Pacific Theater; participated in the battles of New Guinea, Luzon, Southern Philippines Campaign, and served with the Army of Occupation in Japan. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded with Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and three Campaign Stars among various other awards. Currently stationed at Hq., Yokohama Base, Japan.





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**S/Sgt. JAMES R. DULIN**

S/Sgt. James Robert Dulin, son of Mrs. Mildred Dulin 139 Pacific, San Antonio, Texas, was born Oct. 30, 1920. Attended Harlandale High School, San Antonio, and volunteered for service October 24, 1946. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Brooks Field, Texas, and Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Served overseas from August, 1943, to October, 1945, in Aleutians with 11th Air Force, on Amchitka and Adak Islands. Received Presidential Citation, Good Conduct Medal, Alaskan Theater Ribbon and Victory Medal. He was discharged from service at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, on January 24, 1946. Before volunteering for military duty he was employed as a commercial artist.



**Capt. EDWARD T. CZICHOS**

Capt. Edward T. Czichos, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Czichos, San Antonio, Texas, was born June 7, 1921. Received his education in San Antonio Schools. Volunteered for service October 24, 1942, and assigned to Army Air Corps. He trained at Kelly Field, Texas; Santa Ana, Tulare, Cal.; M.A.A.F., Ariz.; Y.A.A.F., Ariz.; R.A.A.F., New Mex.; D.A.A.F., Tenn., and served overseas from March 26, 1945, to June 25, 1946, in European Theater. He flew missions from England and served occupation in Southern France. Participated in the battles of Northern France and Central Europe. Received American Defense Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged Oct. 6, 1946.



**Capt. ERNEST H. DUDERSTADT, JR.**

Capt. Ernest H. Duderstadt, Jr., husband of Florence P. Duderstadt, San Antonio, Texas, was born July 8, 1921, and attended public schools and Draughton's Business College, San Antonio. Volunteered for service Aug. 4, 1942, at Kerrville, Texas, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas from May, 1944, to March, 1945, in European Theater of Operations as a fighter pilot P-38 & P-51, participating in battles of Northern France, Germany, Normandy and Ardennes. He was awarded Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters; Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Relieved from active duty Sept. 27, 1945.



**2nd Lt. MANUEL M. ESPARZA**

2nd Lt. Manuel M. Esparza, husband of Josephine M. Esparza, San Antonio, was born July 10, 1916. Entered service Mar. 23, 1943, assigned to Army, Co. L, 7th Inf. 3rd Div. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark. Served overseas from Aug., 1943, to Jan., 1945, in ETO, participating in battles in Italy and France; wounded Apr. 23, 1944, at Anzio, Italy; May 23, 1944, at Cisterna, Italy; Oct. 26, 1944, at Strasbourg, France. Awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart (2 Clusters), Good Conduct, Croix De Guerre (with Silver Star), 2 Unit Citations, 3 Commendations, ETO 5 Bronze Stars, Combat Inf. Badge. Discharged June 17, 1945.



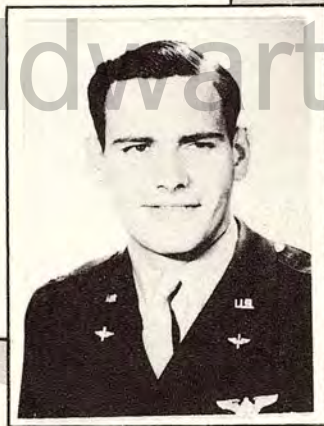


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**\*Maj. PEYTON S. MATHIS, JR.**

Maj. Peyton S. Mathis, Jr., born May 23, 1915, husband of Mrs. Evelyn Bland Mathis, 429 W. Rosewood, San Antonio, Texas, attended Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., and volunteered November 20, 1940, for the Army Air Corps. Received his commission July 11, 1941, after training at Hicks Field, Randolph Field and Brooks Field in Texas. He served overseas June, 1942, to May, 1943, in the European and North African campaigns; returned to the States and entered the Pacific Theater January, 1944, as P-38 Squadron Commander on Guadalcanal. Maj. Mathis lost his life in a plane crash, June 5, 1944, on Guadalcanal. The Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters and Silver Star were among his awards.



**1st Lt. STEPHEN A. FEY**

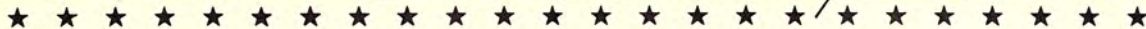
1st Lt. Stephen A. Fey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fey, San Antonio, Texas, attended San Antonio Schools and South West Texas State College, San Marcos. Volunteered Nov. 7, 1942, at San Antonio, assigned to Army, Air Corps. Trained at Victorville, Calif. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to June, 1945, with 15th Air Force in Italy, participating in air combat of the Balkans, Po Valley campaign, campaign of Germany, air combat of Northern Italy. He was Lead Bombardier. Awarded Air Medal 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, ETO Ribbon with 4 Battle Stars, Commendation from Commanding Officer, Victory Medal. Discharged October 5, 1945.



**Pfc GILBERTO S. GARCIA**

Pfc Gilberto S. Garcia, son of E. Garcia, San Antonio, Texas, husband of Marcia A. Garcia, 915 Perez St., San Antonio, was born Oct. 15, 1919. Entered service June 26, 1944, at San Antonio; assigned to Army, 6th Division. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark. Served overseas from Dec. 29, 1944 to Dec. 5, 1945, in Pacific Area. He served as a member of the 6th Div. in the Philippines and Korea. Was wounded in Northern Manila, Luzon. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, Victory Ribbon. 1 overseas Bar, Combat Infantry Badge. Honorably discharged Dec., 1945.

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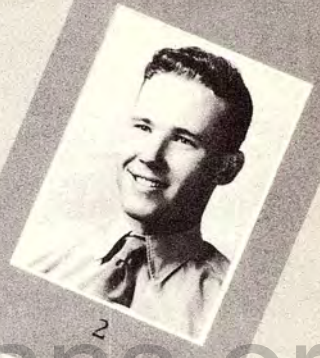
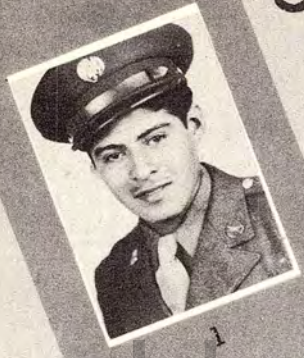


**Capt. GORDON E. KERR**

Capt. Gordon Emmett Kerr, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Kerr of San Antonio, was born on Mar. 8, 1919, in Kansas City, Mo. He left Texas A. & M. College to enter the Army on June 7, 1941, as a 2nd Lt. He was in training at Camp Polk, and served with both the 3rd and 11th Armored Divisions. He was promoted to Capt. in 1943, and went to Europe in Oct. of 1944. The 3 battle stars on his European Theater of Operations Ribbon are for the battles of Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. During the course of these engagements he was wounded two different times, on Jan. 1, and May 4 of 1945. He is also authorized to wear the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster. After returning to the U.S. in Oct., 1945, Capt. Kerr attended the Armored Force Gunnery School at Ft. Knox and Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir, Va. At the present writing he is still with the Army.

1. —PFC JOHN H. ARISPE, son of Mrs. Estella H. Arispe, San Antonio, was born June 24, 1925. Attended public school in San Antonio. Entered service Dec. 18, 1943. Assigned Army 10th Infantry, and trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas from Nov., 1944, to May 1946, in Hawaii, Marshall Is. and Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Occupation Ribbon of Japan and Victory Medal. Discharged May 21, 1946, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
2. —T/4 JESSIE LEE BLYTHE, husband of Mrs. Ruth F. Blythe, and son of Mrs. Collie Blythe, San Antonio, Texas, was born June 6, 1920. Received his education in San Antonio Public Schools. Volunteered for service Oct. 20, 1939. Assigned to Army, 36th Division. Served overseas from April, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in No. African and battles of Naples-Foggian, Rome-Arno and Rhineland. Received American Defense, EAME Campaign Medal, Arrowhead, 3 Battle Stars. Discharged Sept. 22, 1945.
3. —SEAMAN I/c CELESTINO A. BERSOZA, son of Mrs. Josefa A. Bersoza, San Antonio, Texas, was born Oct. 26, 1925. Attended San Antonio Schools. Entered service Jan. 20, 1944. Assigned to Navy, and trained in San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from April, 1944, to Jan. 1946, in Pacific area. First and second battles of the Philippines, Saipan, bombardment of Japan, Marianas Islands. Received American Defense Ribbon, 8 Battle Stars, Victory Medal, and was discharged Jan. 15, 1946.
4. —F.M. CPL. CHARLES JACOB BURGHARDT, son of Mrs. E. D. Brooks, San Antonio, Texas, was born Aug. 6, 1924. Attended San Antonio Public Schools. Entered service May 7, 1943. Assigned to Marines, and trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, and Camp Pendleton. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Mar., 1946, in Pacific Area participating in the battle of Iwo Jima and the occupation of Japan. Received American Defense, Victory Medal and Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged from service March 26, 1946.
5. —T/5 CHRISTOVAL O. CARDONA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Cardona, San Antonio, was born Nov. 7, 1923. Attended San Antonio Schools. Volunteered for service Nov. 13, 1940. Assigned to 2nd Division of the Army, and served overseas from Dec. 28, 1942, to Mar. 3, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He received American Defense Service Ribbon and the Victory Medal. Discharged from United States Army October 16, 1945. He is the husband of Florida Cardona of San Antonio.
6. —SEAMAN I/c TITO O. CARDONA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Cardona, San Antonio, was born Nov. 17, 1925. Attended San Antonio Schools. Volunteered for service July 1, 1942. Assigned to Navy, and trained at San Diego, Calif. He served overseas from August, 1942, to July, 1944, in Pacific Area on Guam, Solomons, Guadalcanal and Bougainville. He was awarded the American Defense Service Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. Received his honorable discharge December 26, 1944.
7. —T/SGT. SAMUEL L. CANADA, husband of Mrs. Lena Hazel Canada, 210 Lucas St., San Antonio, Texas, was born July 18, 1906. He attended school at Dallas and Mesquite, Texas. Volunteered for the Army Feb. 6, 1941. Assigned to Ordnance 36th Division, and trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from April, 1943, to July, 1944, in No. Africa, Italy, Salerno, Rapido River, Anzio. Received American Defense Ribbon, Bronze Star Medal and Victory Medal. Discharged Sept. 23, 1944.
- \* 8. —PFC JOSE M. CANTU, son of Mrs. Jaunita Cantu, San Antonio, Texas, was born December 30, 1911. Attended Harris High School in San Antonio, and volunteered for service there March 16, 1942. Assigned to Army Engineers and trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. He served overseas from July, 1943, to June, 1944, in South-West-Pacific Area. On Biak Island June 2, 1944, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Purple Heart was awarded. He is the brother of Elvira Cantu of 101 Regent St., San Antonio.
9. —T/5 RUDOLPH M. BUSTILLO, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bustillo, San Antonio, was born Feb. 1, 1926. Received his education in San Antonio Schools. Volunteered for service Apr. 13, 1944. Assigned to Army, 20th Armored Division. Served eighteen months in the United States and six months overseas in the European Area in battles of Germany and Austria. Received Good Conduct Medal, ETO Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Ribbon 1 Battle Star and Occupation Ribbon. Discharged April 18, 1946.
10. —PFC DANIEL GARDENAS, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cardenas, San Antonio, was born Nov. 4, 1925. Attended San Antonio Schools. Entered service Mar. 24, 1944, and assigned to Army Ground Forces. Trained at North Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas from Feb., 1945, to April, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, battle of Mindanao. Received Asiatic-Pacific Theater 1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation 1 Bronze Star, Victory Ribbon, 2 Overseas Service Bars. Discharged May 11, 1946.
11. —T/SGT. LENUEL CARR, husband of Mrs. Elvira Carr, was born Jan. 17, 1911. Attended Galveston High School. Volunteered for service Jan. 1, 1930, at Houston, assigned to Army 85th Division, transferred to 2nd Division. Trained at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Shelby, Miss., Fort Dix, N.J. Served overseas from Dec. 1943, to Aug. 1945, in European Theater, battles of Rome-Arno, North Apennines, Po Valley and Alps. Received Good Conduct, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, 3 Battle Stars. Still serving with the 2nd Armored Division.
12. —SGT. ALFONSO D. CASANOVA, son of Mrs. Simona Casanova, San Antonio, was born Feb. 15, 1921. Volunteered for service Dec. 11, 1941. Assigned to Army 4th Armored Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas from Dec., 1943, to June, 1945, in European Theater, battles of N. France, Normandy, Ardennes, and C. Europe. Missing and wounded Mar., 1945. POW for 1 month in Germany. Received Purple Heart, Bronze and Silver Star Medal, ETO 5 Battle Stars, Distinguished Unit Citations. Discharged Oct. 17, 1945.
13. —SGT. MERLE L. CHANDLER, was born June 14, 1916. Joined the Army Mar. 17, 1937. Assigned to 9th Infantry. Served overseas with 31st Infantry, Co. 1, Mar., 1940, to Oct., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He was taken prisoner; made the Bataan March of Death. Received American Defense, Philippine Defense, Presidential Unit Citation 2 Clusters, Purple Heart, Silver Star, Combat Inf. Badge, 7 Overseas Bars, Letter from President Truman. Now serving with 259th M.P. Co.
14. —1ST LT. HUBERT EUGENE CHANEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Chaney, San Antonio, was born Jan. 20, 1924. Attended Burbank High School, San Antonio. Entered Army Air Corps Apr. 5, 1943. Trained at Douglas Field, Ariz., and Gardner Field, Calif. Served overseas from Aug., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in North Africa and Italy. Received Air Medal. Flew as pilot on C-47 and C-46 type aircraft, carrying troops, cargo and supplies, and transporting wounded or ill service men on the return trip.
15. —1ST LT. LESLIE LEE CRABB, husband of Mrs. Lillian S. Crabb, San Antonio, was born July 20, 1918. Attended San Antonio High School. Volunteered for service Nov. 9, 1942. Assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Luke Field, Ariz. Served overseas from Oct., 1944, to Aug., 1945, in European Theater, battles of N. Apennines, Po Valley, Balkans, Rhineland. Received Air Medal 1 Cluster, ETO 4 Battle Stars, American Theater, Occupation, Victory Medal, Unit Citation 1 Cluster. Discharged Dec. 26, 1945.
16. —T/SGT. GAIL HURST CUMMINS, husband of Mrs. Juanita Cummins, San Antonio, was born April 17, 1921. Attended McCamey High School. Volunteered for service July 2, 1942. Assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas. Served overseas from Aug., 1943, to May 14, 1945, in North Africa in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno. Received EAME Ribbon, 2 Bronze Battle Stars, American Defense Service, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Sept. 29, 1945.
17. —T/SGT. RAYMOND F. GARCIA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vicente Garcia, Sr., San Antonio, was born July 7, 1917. Attended a San Antonio high school. Entered service Jan. 9, 1942. Assigned to Army Medical Corps. Trained at Camp Grant, Ill. Served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received Asiatic-Pacific Theater in Bismarck Arch., New Guinea, Luzon and Japan. 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Bronze Star, American Theater, Victory Ribbon. Discharged Nov. 26, 1945.
- \* 18. —PFC VICENTE F. GARCIA, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vicente Garcia, Sr., San Antonio, was born Dec. 19, 1920. Attended school in San Antonio. Entered service Sept. 3, 1942, at Fort Sam Houston. Assigned to Army, 96th Division. Trained at Fort Lewis. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Oct., 1944, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Awarded Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal 1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Medal. Paid Supreme Sacrifice in action Oct. 26, 1944, on Leyte.
19. —A.O.M. 3/c HENRY F. GARCIA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vicente Garcia, Sr., 1823 Hedalgo, San Antonio, Texas, was born Jan. 19, 1924. Received his education in San Antonio Schools. Entered service June 16, 1943, and assigned to Ordnance Branch of the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Oct. 12, 1943, to May 3, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 4, 1945.
20. —T/5 JUAN R. GARCIA, was born May 27, 1908. Received his education in San Antonio Public Schools. Entered service Sept. 24, 1942, San Antonio. Assigned to Army Engineers. Trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Served overseas from Oct., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received Victory Ribbon 1 Service Stripe 5 Overseas Service Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged from service Nov. 15, 1945. He is the son of Guadalupe and Jose Garcia, 916 N. Colorado, San Antonio.

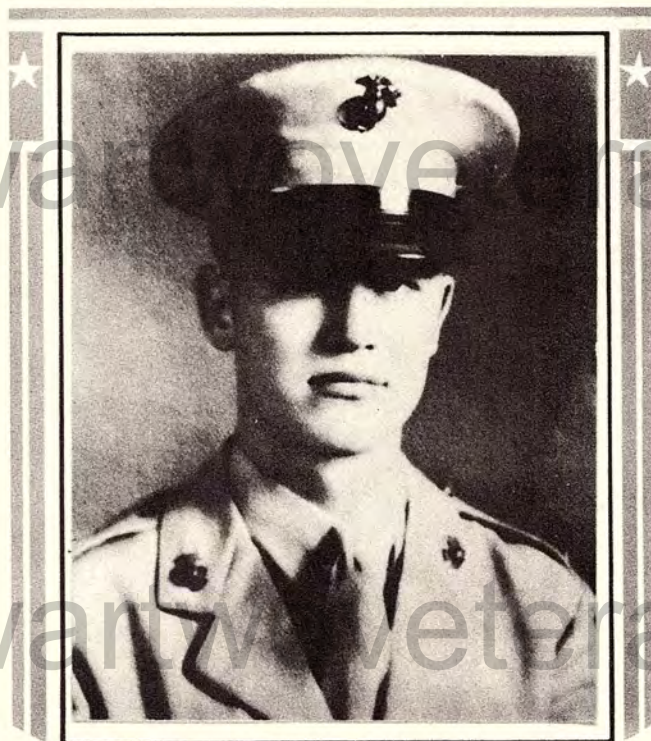
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# The **FIGHTING MEN** of **TEXAS**



## \*1st Lt. **ROBERT M. LA PRADE**

1st Lt. Robert Maitland La Prade was born on Aug. 4, 1916. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. La Prade of San Antonio. Immediately after graduating from Rice Institute in Houston in April of 1942, he entered the Marine Corps at Philadelphia, Pa. He was trained at Camp Fremont, Calif., and went to the Pacific Area in Oct. of 1942. He served in New Zealand, and took part heroically in the action at Guadalcanal. He had gone overseas as a 2nd Lt. and was promoted to 1st Lt. in Jan. of 1943. Lt. La Prade was wounded while operating behind the enemy lines. He was in command of a combat patrol which wiped out an enemy machine gun position before he was critically wounded. He died of these wounds on Jan. 23, 1943, on Guadalcanal. A Destroyer Escort vessel was named in his honor. The Navy Cross was awarded posthumously for extraordinary heroism. He is the brother of Lt. Col. James Louis La Prade.





# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**Capt. CECIL V. DRAKE**

Capt. Cecil V. Drake, born February 27, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Drake, 2623 W. Mistletoe, San Antonio, Texas, volunteered December, 1942, for the Army Air Forces. Was commissioned April 15, 1944, at Ellington Field, Texas, and was assigned to Laughlin Field, Del Rio, Texas to train as pilot in B-26 Medium Bomber. Later served as instructor at Dodge City, Kansas. He transferred to the European area December, 1944, and was stationed with 397th Medium Bomber Group in France, participating in thirty-one combat missions over Germany and Austria. Later stationed with occupational forces. The Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with ETO Ribbon-four Battle Stars, Pres. Citation, and the French Cross of War. Returned to the States December, 1945, and remains in service with the Army Air Forces.



**Pvt. ALEJO R. de la GARZA**



**M/Sgt. RUTILIO GAVILAN**

Pvt. Alejo R. de la Garza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicasio de la Garza, Falfurrias, Texas, was born August 16, 1903. Attended Falfurrias Public Schools and Alamo City Commercial & Business College, San Antonio, Texas. Volunteered for service October 19, 1942; assigned to Air Corps, training at Brooks Field, Texas. Served in U.S. Oct. 19, 1942, to June 8, 1943. Discharged from Headquarters & Headquarters Sqdn., 91st Observation Training Group June 8, 1943. Transferred to Enlisted Reserve Corps, then discharged from it Nov. 3, 1944. Having had 20 years experience as a professional photographer he served in Photo Section of 53rd Air Base Sqdn. as a photographer.

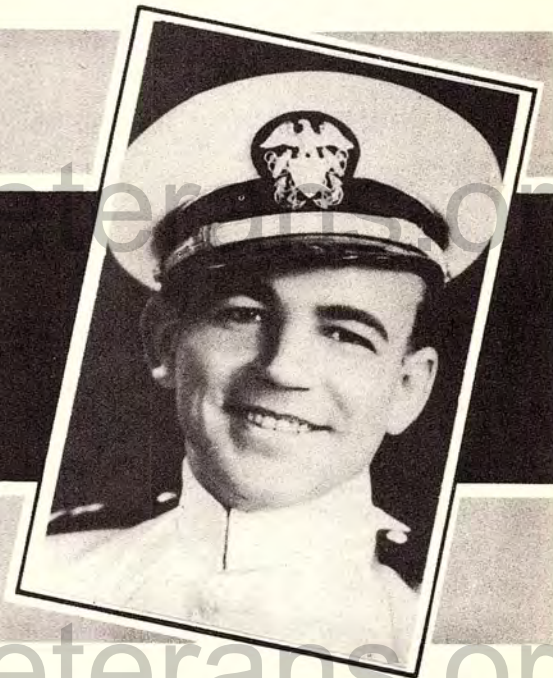
Master Sgt. Rutilio Gavilan, husband of Bernarda Gavilan, formerly of Harlingen, Texas, now of San Antonio, was born in Havana, Cuba, August 24, 1890, and received his education in Catholic schools. At the time of his entry in the service he was a lithographer. He enlisted January 26, 1915, at New York City; assigned to Army, Infantry Division, and trained at Fort Slocum, N.Y. He has resided in Texas approximately 24 years; stationed at Ft. Ringgold almost 23 years. Retired at Camp Claiborne, La., July 31, 1945, after completing over 30 years service as an enlisted man. He and his wife and their six children reside at 1606 Loma St., San Antonio.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Lt. (jg) GEORGE A. KAPPUS



\*Lt. (jg) KARL W. KAPPUS

Lt. (jg) George Andrew Kappus was born September 27, 1920, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. H. A. Kappus 113 Meredith Drive, San Antonio, Texas. He attended St. Mary's University at San Antonio, and entered service January, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the U.S. Navy Reserve V-7; trained at Columbia University, N.Y., and served overseas January, 1944, to February, 1945, in the European Theater at Normandy and April to December, 1945, in the Pacific area at Okinawa. After returning to the States Lt. Kappus was awarded various ribbons and medals and was discharged from the U. S. Naval Reserve on January 29, 1946. He is the brother of Lt. (jg) Karl William Kappus.

Lt. (jg) Karl William Kappus, born October 2, 1917, son of Mrs. H. A. Kappus, San Antonio, attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio; was graduated as honor student, member of the football team, The Rattlers, and held memberships in fraternities of the school. He volunteered October 2, 1942, for the Navy, Midshipmen Branch; trained at Notre Dame and later in Hawaii. Lt. Kappus began active sea duty March, 1943; returned to the States October, 1944, and again to the Pacific area; was a veteran of the Attu, Wake, Makin, Hollandia, Truk, Saipan, Marshall, Gilbert and Marianas Islands operations, for which he received various decorations. He was lost on the U.S.S. Hull during a severe typhoon in the Pacific December 18, 1944. Prior to service he was employed by the U. S. Treasury Dept., Houston.

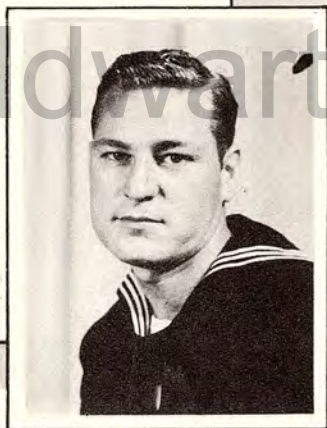


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**T/Sgt. JOSE V. GARZA**

T/Sgt. Jose V. Garza, born January 10, 1918, native of Texas, is the son of Mrs. Rafaela Garza, 724 N. Frio St., San Antonio, Texas. He attended Alice, Texas, High School and entered service July 9, 1941; was assigned to the Army Infantry, 9th Division. Sgt. Garza trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, and served overseas November, 1942, to August, 1945, in the North African-European Theaters; participated in the campaigns at Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Ardennes, and was wounded in combat three different times. The Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with EAME Campaign Ribbon and seven Bronze Stars and Arrowhead among other medals. Discharged August 12, 1945.



**CM 3/c JAMES F. GLASSCOCK**

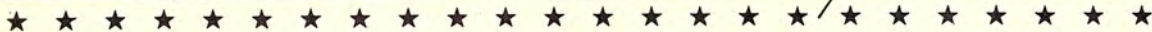
CM 3/c James Franklin Glasscock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Glasscock, husband of Mildred Glasscock, San Antonio, Texas, was born June 13, 1920. Attended public schools of Moore, Texas. Entered service February 19, 1943, at San Antonio, and was assigned to Navy, General Service. Received his training at U.S. Training Station, San Diego, California, and served in the United States in San Diego and Mare Island. He served overseas on Ford Island and Midway Island. Received the American Defense Service Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged November 23, 1945; resides at 122 Wood Ave., San Antonio, Texas.



**T/4 JOSE M. GOMEZ**

T/4 Jose M. Gomez, husband of Elia Gomez, San Antonio, Texas, was born January 27, 1911, in Lampasas, N.L., Mexico. He received his education in Mexico; came to Texas in 1923. Entered service March 28, 1944, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, assigned to 4th Army Ord. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and served overseas from February 10, 1945, to August 2, 1945, in Central Europe. He was awarded American Theater Ribbon, EAME Theater Campaign Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He returned to the States August 2, 1945, and was honorably discharged April 23, 1946. Resides with his family at 2904 W. Salinas St., San Antonio, Texas.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



## \*1st Lt. CHARLES L. GRUNDER, JR.

1st Lt. Charles Louis Grunder, Jr., son of Mrs. Robert E. Jones of Ft. Sam Houston, was born on Jan. 19, 1916. He attended St. Mary's U. in San Antonio and was employed by the Firestone Tire Company before he volunteered for the Army on July 1, 1941. He was trained at Camp Hulen, Camp Wallace, and Randolph, Perrin, and Blackland Fields before going to Europe in June of 1943. Five months prior to going overseas he had been commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Air Corps. While in Europe he was a member of the 559th Squadron, 387th Bomber Group, of the 9th Bomber Command. He was a pilot for a B-26 Bomber and flew 9 combat sorties over European enemy territory. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice on April 27, 1944, at Chelmsford, England. He had held the Purple Heart with 1 Cluster and the Air Medal with 1 Cluster.



# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Sgt. WALTER W. KIRK



Lt. WYATT W. KIRK

Sgt. Walter W. Kirk, son of Lt. and Mrs. Wyatt W. Kirk, 508 Fair Ave., San Antonio, Texas, was born September 7, 1921; attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He entered service July 7, 1942, and was assigned to the Army, 15th Evacuation Hospital; trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., and Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md. Sgt. Kirk began overseas duty January, 1943, in the North African Theater; served with the 7th and 5th Armies in the battles of Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggian, North Apennines, Po Valley and Rome-Arno, receiving the EAME Ribbon with one Silver Star and one Bronze Star. Returned home; discharged Oct. 8, 1945.

Lt. Wyatt W. Kirk, husband of Lila Idera Kirk, 508 Fair Ave., San Antonio, and son of Walter W. Kirk, Terrell, Texas, was born October 20, 1901, in Texas. He volunteered June 2, 1943, for the Army Transportation Corps, 5th Group Regulating Sta., and trained at Indiantown Gap, Pa., Ft. Hamilton, N.Y., and Camp Kilmer N.J. His overseas duty was served October, 1943, to April, 1944, in the European Theater where he was stationed in Wales, British Isles. He received the EAME Theater Service Ribbon, and other awards. After returning to the States he transferred to inactive status due to physical disability.



Sgt. JIMMY F. SALDANA

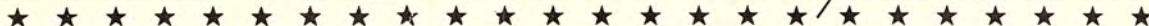


Cpl. ARTHUR R. GONZALES, JR.

Sgt. Jimmy F. Saldana was born June 23, 1922, husband of Rosario G. Saldana, San Antonio, Texas. He entered service December 16, 1943, with the U. S. Marine Corps, 4th Air Wing, and trained at San Diego. He served overseas May, 1944, to September, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, participating in the battles of Guam, Marianas Islands, Bonin Islands at Iwo Jima and Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands. The Naval Unit Citation was awarded Sgt. Saldana with the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and recognition as an expert rifleman. After returning to the States he was discharged November 27, 1945.

Cpl. Arthur R. Gonzales, Jr., was born August 9, 1924, in Texas, son of Arthur R. Gonzales, Sr. 111 Aztec, San Antonio, Texas. He volunteered November 5, 1942, for the U. S. Marine Corps, 3rd Artillery Division, and trained at San Diego, California. April, 1943, to September, 1945, Cpl. Gonzales served in the Pacific Theater, participating in the battles of Solomon Islands, Gilbert Islands, Marshall and Ryukyu Islands. Received the Presidential Unit Citation, Naval Unit Citation, and other ribbons and awards. Returned to the States, and was granted discharge from Marine duty, September 29, 1945.

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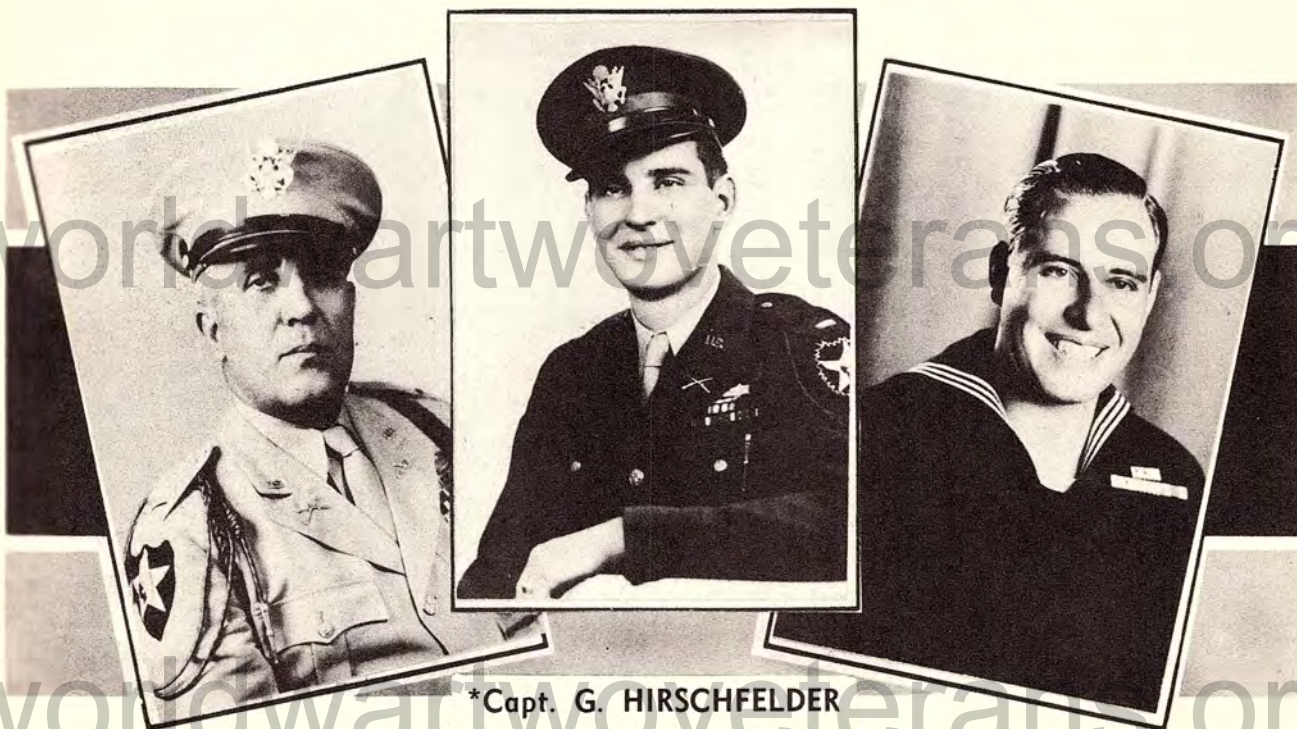


**WO (jg) STANLEY W. HUTH**

W.O. (jg) Stanley William Huth, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Huth of Karnes City, and husband of Norma Carolyn Huth of San Antonio, was born on Sept. 13, 1915. On Oct. 10, 1940, he volunteered for the Army and served with the 36th Division after training at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards. He saw action in the battles of North Africa, Salerno, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Cassino, San Pietro, Anzio, S. France, Rhineland, Alsace Lorraine, Vosges Mts., Central Europe, Germany, and Austria. He held the positions of Battery Clerk, Sergeant Major, Personnel Officer, and Assistant Adjutant in the Artillery Branch of the Division. He also helped in preparing the plans for his battalion's part in the invasion of Italy and France. He wears 5 Stars and 1 Bronze Arrowhead on his European Theater Campaign Ribbon. Discharged on Dec. 28, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston.



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Col. CHESTER J. HIRSCHFELDER

\*Capt. G. HIRSCHFELDER

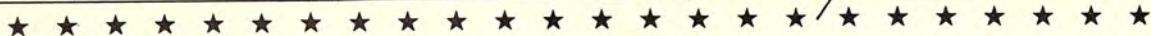
BM1/c CHESTER J. HIRSCHFELDER

Col. CHESTER JOHN HIRSCHFELDER, husband of Ethel L. Hirschfelder, born Jan. 10, 1894. Volunteered Nov. 29, 1909, at Columbus Barracks, Ohio. Served in Co. I, 26th Inf. Reg. Comm. 2nd Lt. June, 1917. In action at Chateau-Thierry, Soissons, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne in War I. In War II he was Comdr. of 9th U. S. Inf., 2nd Div. Action at Normandy (1st of Div. to land at Omaha Beach) Ardennes, N. France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Accepted surrender of Brest Sept. 18, 1944. Holds 16 Citations (4 foreign) 7 Service Medals and 10 Stars. At present-Col., Inf., Ft. Sam Houston.

Capt. GEORGE HIRSCHFELDER, born Mar. 10, 1923. Volunteered June 1, 1942. Served with 2nd Inf. Div. in action at Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, N. France. Wounded in Normandy and Germany. Was with 9th Inf. Regt. Transferred to P. I. and died in Manila July 14, 1946. Interred in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery June 13, 1947. Awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, 5 Battle Stars, P.I. Freedom Badge and other citations posthumously.

BM1/c CHESTER JOE HIRSCHFELDER, born Dec. 24, 1916. Volunteered for the Navy Nov. 4, 1937, at Indianapolis. Served in Pacific from May, 1939, to Jan., 1943. Is a survivor of the U.S.S. Northampton sunk Nov. 30, 1942, and U.S.S. Oklahoma sunk Dec. 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor. Saw action at Wake, Marcus, Midway Is., battles of Santa Cruz and Tassaforawga. Awarded 6 Battle Stars among other citations. At present he is with USN Base (Yardcraft), Corpus Christi.

# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**\*Maj. Gen. PAUL B. WURTSMITH**

Major General Paul Bernard Wurtsmith, son of Fred Wurtsmith of Detroit, Michigan; was the husband of Irene Wurtsmith, formerly of Grosse Pointe, Mich., now of San Antonio, was born August 9, 1906, in Michigan. He attended the University of Detroit, and was in the Flying School Class of 1927 at Brooks Field, Texas. He also took training at Kelly Field, and served in the United States until 1934. From 1934 to 1937 he was in the Philippines. From the beginning of the war he participated in all the important air battles of the Pacific, being Commander-General of the Fifth Fighter Command, and then of the 13th Air Force. He held a British Citation; the Silver Star; DFC; L.M.; D.S.M.; Air Medal; and many other awards. After returning to the States, Major General Wurtsmith lost his life when the plane he was in crashed into Smoky Mountain on Sept. 13, 1946. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. It was in 1927 that he moved to Texas from Detroit, Michigan, where he had been employed in the Post Office.



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\*Pfc MARSHALL VENEGAS

\*Sgt. RAUL R. VENEGAS

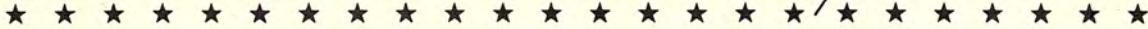
T/3 Robert B. TAFOLLA

Pfc MARSHALL VENEGAS, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Venegas, of San Antonio, was born Dec. 28, 1920, and entered Army service on Aug. 28, 1942. He was assigned to the 58th Med. Bn. (Corps) and was trained at Camp Claiborne, L a. In April, 1942, he went overseas and served in North Africa until Nov. 30, 1943, when he lost his life. He held the following awards: ETO; Good Conduct; Amer. Def.; 1 Battle Star; and Victory.

Sgt. RAUL RICHARD VENEGAS, younger brother of Pfc Marshall Venegas, born Dec. 26, 1923, volunteered for Army service on Jan. 20, 1942, and was placed in the 409th School Sqdn. of the Air Force. He was trained at Sheppard and Barksdale Fields, and went overseas in May, 1942. He served in North Africa and the Middle East as First Radio Operator on a Bomber. On a flight between Palestine and the Island of Crete he was lost, October 29, 1942. His awards were: American Def.; ETO; 1 Battle Star; Citation of Honor; Victory; Purple Heart.

T/3 ROBERT B. TAFOLLA, son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Venegas, and son of Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Tafolla, of San Antonio, was born Sept. 15, 1921. In April 1942, he volunteered for Army service; was assigned to the Medical Corps and trained at Camp Robinson. From Dec., 1942, to Jan., 1945, he served overseas in the campaigns of Papua and New Guinea. He holds campaign Ribbons and the Distinguished Unit Badge. He was honorably discharged Nov., 1945.

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**S/Sgt. PORTER H. WATSON, JR.**

S/Sgt. Porter Hartley Watson, Jr., husband of Billie J. Watson, of San Antonio, was born October 13, 1922, in Texas. Just before his 20th birthday, on September 20, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps. He was given training at Santa Ana Army Air Field, California; Oxnard Flying School, Lemoore Army Air Field; Amarillo Army Air Field; Buckley Field Armory School; Las Vegas Gunnery School; Lincoln Army Air Field; Sioux City Army Air Base. From September, 1944, to May, 1945, he served overseas with the 15th Air Force, 5th Wing, 99th Bomb Group, 348th Bomb Sqdn., and saw action at Foggia, Italy; in the aerial defense of the Balkans; the Rome-Arno campaign; the German campaign; the air offensive over Europe; and the Po Valley campaign. He completed his tour of duty and flew 35 sorties. He holds 5 Battle Stars, the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters; and the Good Conduct Medal. On May 31, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge.

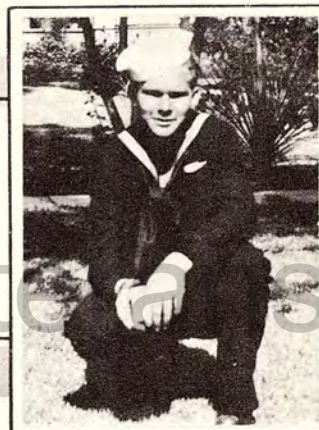


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**\*S/Sgt. LAMAR J. GOURLEY**

S/Sgt. Lamar James Gourley, husband of Genevieve Ann Gourley of San Antonio, was born on Oct. 20th, 1913, in San Antonio. On the 4th of Aug., 1943, he entered the Army, and was placed in the 9th Air Force after finishing his training. He went to Europe in Jan. of 1944, later participating in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, and Germany. On Oct. 3, 1945, while taking some service records by Jeep to one of his men who had forgotten them and who was coming home due to age, the driver hit a ditch at Lahdstuhl, Germany, and turned over, killing S/Sgt. Gourley instantly.



**\*MM 3/c KELLY B. GOURLEY**

MM3/c Kelly Burris Gourley was born on May 3rd, 1921. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gourley of Poteet, Texas, where he attended public schools, and brother of S/Sgt. Lamar James Gourley. He volunteered for service with the United States Navy on February 7th, 1942. Prior to his entering the Navy he was a Civil Service employee at Kelly Field. He received his training and served at the Navy base at San Diego, California. While home on leave February 11, 1945, he was killed in an automobile accident.

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**Pvt. LOUIS S. GOURLEY**

Pvt. Louis Scott Gourley, brother of S/Sgt. Lamar James Gourley, was born on October 18, 1909. He volunteered for the Army on March 11, 1941, at San Antonio. He was trained at Camp Callan, Camp Bliss, and Camp Paine. Was assigned to the 11th Armored Division, and on September 16, 1944, he was sent to the European Theater of Operations. He saw action in the campaigns of the Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He is authorized to wear the American Defense Service Medal, American Theater Ribbon, 3 Stars on his ETO Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec., 1945.



**MoMM 1/c BAY F. GOURLEY**

MoMM1/c Bay Francis Gourley was born on Aug. 4, 1907. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gourley of Poteet, and the husband of Loma Alta Gourley of Corpus Christi. He volunteered for the Seabees on Aug. 27, 1942, and trained at Camps Allen and Bradford at Norfolk, Virginia. On Oct. 5, 1942, he was sent to the Pacific area and served in the Aleutian Islands for 16 months and at Pearl Harbor for 12 months. An honorable discharge was given to him on the 23rd of Sept., 1945. Prior to his entering the Seabees he was employed by the Humble Pipe Line Co. for 10 years. He is a brother of S/Sgt. Lamar James Gourley, also.

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**\*Pfc JAMES W. GIBBS**

Pfc James W. Gibbs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gibbs of 2107 Burnett St., San Antonio, was born on the 8th of October, 1925, at St. Louis, Missouri; his family moved to Texas in December of 1929. He was a student at the Technical and Vocational High School in San Antonio, and volunteered for the Marine Corps on June 18, 1944. He was trained at Camp Elliott and San Diego in California, and was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division. He was sent to the Pacific area in September of 1944 and participated in the landings on the islands of Guam and Iwo Jima. The Purple Heart was awarded for wounds which he received during the action of Guam. He was wounded again while in action on Iwo Jima, and died of these wounds on Mar. 3, 1945.



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**Maj. HARRY M. HAYES**



**S/Sgt. JULIAN HERNANDEZ**

Major Harry M. Hayes, husband of Ann Morris Hayes, San Antonio, Texas, was born June 24, 1905, and began his Army career on Jan. 10, 1925, with the Air Corps. For 16 years he was an Air Corps mechanic. Served overseas from Dec. 12, 1942, to Dec. 15, 1945, in Pacific Area; was wounded twice. As a sergeant he rebuilt a "shot-up" B-17 plane, rescued 19 women and children from Java and flew them to Australia although he had never piloted one before. For this he was com. 2nd Lt. Holds 7 Pres. Unit Citations, Silver Star, Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster, the Soldiers Medal, DFC Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Medal 3 Bronze Stars, and others. Officially declared first allied soldier to step foot on Japanese soil under Potsdam Ultimatum. Now serving at Randolph Field, Texas.

S/Sgt. Julian Hernandez, son of Celso Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas, was born Jan. 9, 1919. Attended high school in Laredo, Texas. Entered service Sept. 25, 1941, at San Antonio, Texas; assigned to Army, Infantry 27th Division, and trained at Camp Wolters. Served overseas from Mar. 7, 1942, to Aug. 5, 1945, in Pacific Theater, participating in battles of Gilbert, Saipan, New Hebrides and Okinawa. Wounded (battle of Okinawa). Received Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Infantry Combat Badge, American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. Honorably discharged from service, Co. C. 165th Inf., August 12, 1945.



**Sgt. ELIAS HERNANDEZ**



**Pfc EMIL W. HEYE, JR.**

Sgt. Elias Hernandez, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas, was born Jan. 23, 1923. Attended San Antonio Schools and Texas A & M College. Entered service Apr. 13, 1943, at Dallas, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, and served overseas in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, participating in battles of Rome-Arno, Normandy, Northern France and air combat of Balkans. POW Camp Stalag-Luft #4 and 78 days of forced march all over Germany. Wounded July 27, 1944, when plane was shot down. Received American Defense Ribbon, EAME Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 9, 1945.

Pfc Emil W. Heye, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Heye, Sr., San Antonio, Texas, was born June 10, 1917. Attended University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. Entered service Feb. 3, 1941, at Seattle, Wash. Assigned to Army, 41st Division, and trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Served overseas from Aug. 26, 1941, to Apr. 24, 1944, and from Mar., 1945, to Nov., 1945, in Alaska and ETO, participating in Aleutian campaign, Rhineland campaign and Central Europe. Received American Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 12, 1945.

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**Col. ROBERT C. GASKILL**

Col. Robert Cabaniss Gaskill was born June 7th, 1902, and is the husband of Zac Evans Gaskill and father of Marta, a daughter born in 1936, both of Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. After graduating from the University of Texas Medical School in Galveston he volunteered for the Army Medical Corps on July 1, 1929. He interned at Ft. Sam Houston for 1 year and trained further at Walter Reed Hosp. and Carlisle Barracks until 1932. He served at Fts. Kamameha and DeRussey in Hawaii from 1932 until 1935. In Nov., 1940, he went to the Philippines and served there as surgeon for Gen. Wainwright's 1st Philippine Corps. Reported missing from April, 1942, to Feb., 1943, but learned later he was captured in April, 1942, on Bataan and was forced by the Japs to make the famous "Death March," spending 41 months in POW camps in the P.I. and Japan. He was a witness at the recent War Crimes Trials in Japan before studying public health and hygiene at John Hpokin's Hosp. at Baltimore, where he is at the present time. He contributed materially to rapid adjustment of POW camps, rendering moral support and counsel to all his associates in the prison camps.



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EM 1/c WILLIAM O. HODGES

EM1/c William Oscar Hodges, son of J. R. Hodges, husband of Lillian Hodges, San Antonio, Texas, was born Feb. 1, 1906. Received his education in public schools of San Antonio. Volunteered for active duty, Feb. 7, 1944, at San Antonio, assigned to Navy, S.R.U. Trained at Camp Scott, Farragut, Idaho. Served overseas from June 29, 1944, to Nov. 17, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He was awarded American Theater Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon. Returned to the States Nov. 17, 1945, and discharged Nov. 27, 1945.



1st Lt. HENRY C. HORN

1st Lt. Henry Clay Horn, son of Mrs. Addie Horn, husband of Helen M. Horn, San Antonio, Texas, was born Dec. 4, 1919. Received his education in the San Antonio Public Schools. Volunteered Jan. 21, 1942, at San Antonio, assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from June, 1943, to Aug., 1944, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater; was dive bomber pilot in Gilbert and Marshall campaigns, with 58th Dive Bomber Sqdn. and 531st Fighter Sqdn. Awarded DFC, Air Medal 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon 3 Bronze Stars, American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Was honorably discharged May 18, 1945.



Cpl. DAVID L. MURPHY, JR.

Cpl. David Lee Murphy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Murphy, Sr., San Antonio, Texas, was born July 14, 1926. Received his education in the San Antonio Schools. Volunteered July 10, 1944, at San Antonio, assigned to Marine Corps Reserve, Platoon #524, 1st Recruit Bn., and served overseas from March, 1945, to Feb., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Served with the 5th Division at Camp Tarawa in Hawaii, attached to Intelligence Unit, Hq. Co. as scout. The Division occupied Japan. After returning to the States, he served as Brig. Guard, San Diego, Calif. Returned Feb. 20, 1946, and received his discharge August 14, 1946, at San Diego, Calif.



Cpl. ARTHUR NEWMAN

Cpl. Arthur Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Newman, San Antonio, Texas, was born June 27, 1923. Received his education in San Antonio Schools and Texas A & M College. Volunteered Dec. 5, 1942, at College Station, Texas. Assigned to Army, 80th Div., and trained at Fort Sill, Okla. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Jan. 7, 1946, in European Theater, participating in battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded American Theater Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal. Discharged January 31, 1946.

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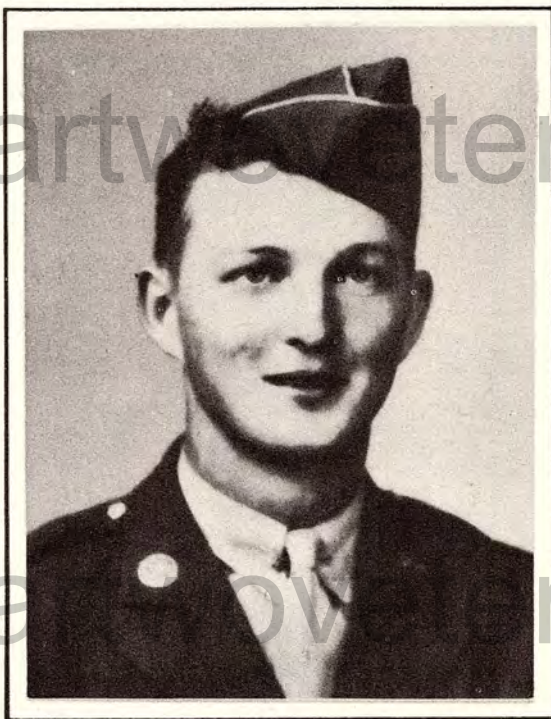


**Col. EDWARD W. HOFFMAN**

Col. Edward W. Hoffman, the husband of Lydia M. Hoffman and father of Sheila Jo, was born on July 30, 1909. He attended New Mexico Military Instit. and Southern Methodist University, and was a Reserve Officer for 15 years before called to active duty on June 27, 1941. His training was at the Smith-Young Tower in San Antonio and Camp Carson. He served with 3rd Army Headquarters, 89th Inf. Div. and 32nd Inf. Div. On April 23, 1943, he was sent to the Southwest Pacific area. Prior to this date he had been promoted from Capt. to Major before going overseas, and on Nov. 13, 1943, he was promoted to Lt. Col. He participated in actions at Saidor, Aitape, New Guinea, Southern Philippine Islands, and Luzon Island. He holds the Bronze Star and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Star. He returned to the U. S. in Oct., 1945, and was promoted to Colonel Dec. 31, 1945. Released from active duty in Mar., 1946.



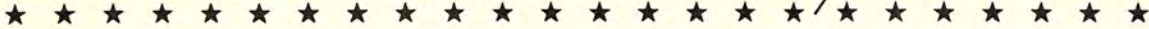
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## T/5 LELAND C. GROHMAN

T/5 Leland C. Grohman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Grohman, 310 Eldridge Ave., San Antonio, born Feb. 3, 1922. Entered the Army Sept. 22, 1942; trained at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. Assigned to 88th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized). Finished training in N. Africa and then on to Italy, suffering air attacks en route. Saw action in Ascende Valley, and the push to connect with Anzio Beach. He was the Operator of a M-8 armored car and on May 20, 1944, T/5 Grohman's platoon was engaged in a fire fight with the enemy near Italy. His M-8 received six hits, but he quickly drove it to cover to save the rest of his crew even though his left arm was almost severed by shell fragments. After amputation and receiving his artificial arm he was chosen at McCloskey Hospital to tour hospitals of Europe to demonstrate efficiency of artificial arms along with a soldier from Wallace Reed Hospital with an artificial leg. He was frequently exposed to danger on this tour, especially near the Battle of the Bulge. Received Commendation Ribbon, equivalent to Bronze Star, for this service, also Purple Heart and Silver Star. Discharged Dec. 24, 1945.

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1st Lt. ELVIN B. NOXON

1st Lt. Elvin B. Noxon, son of Grace V. Noxon, San Antonio, Texas, was born Feb. 21, 1922. Attended school in Houston, Texas, and Tulane University, New Orleans, La. Volunteered July 6, 1942, at New Orleans, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Navigation School, Hondo A. A. F., Hondo, Texas. Served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Nov., 1944, in European Theater, 8th Air Force, England. In POW Camps Kriegslazarette, Reims, France, Mar., 1944, to Aug., 1944. Wounded March 16, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart, written Commendation from Col. D. O. Smith, 384th Bomb Group, Presidential Citation, ETO Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars. Retired August 26, 1945.



S/Sgt. LOUIE V. PAZ

S/Sgt. Louie V. Paz, husband of Consuelo M. Paz, San Antonio, Texas, was born Sept. 12, 1921. Attended school in San Antonio, and entered service Oct. 19, 1942. Assigned to Army, 33rd Div., 136 Inf. Trained at Fort Lewis, Washington, and served overseas from July, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Pacific Theater, participating in battles of New Guinea and Philippine Islands. Was wounded on Luzon, May 11, 1945. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart Medal and Bronze Star Medal. Returned to the States Oct. 9, 1945, and was discharged Oct. 20, 1945.



\*T/Sgt. ALFREDO RAMONES  
S1/c GILBERTO RAMONES

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Ramones, San Antonio, Texas.  
T/Sgt. ALFREDO RAMONES was born Mar. 27, 1924. Volunteered for service May 1, 1942, and served as radio operator and gunner on a flying fortress. Shot down over North Sea while enroute to raid Germany Nov. 3, 1943. Presumed to be dead Nov. 3, 1944. Purple Heart awarded.  
S1/c GILBERTO RAMONES was born July 18, 1927. Volunteered Sept. 7, 1944, and assigned to Navy, U.S.S. Irwin DD Ship 794. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Jan., 1945, to June 2, 1946, in Pacific area participating in battles and occupation of Japan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Discharged June 7, 1946.



T/4 RAYMOND PREVOTT

T/4 Raymond Prevott, son of Mrs. Isabel C. Prevott, San Antonio, Texas, was born Mar. 31, 1922. Entered service Oct. 31, 1942, at Ft Sam Houston, Texas, and assigned to Army, 3193rd Signal Corps. Trained at Camp Kohler, Calif. Served overseas from May, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in North African theater, Mediterranean theater and European theater. Received EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal, and American Defense Service Ribbon. He returned to the States Nov. 23, 1945, and was discharged from service December 8, 1945. Prior to the service he was employed at Duncan Field as a clerical worker and typist.



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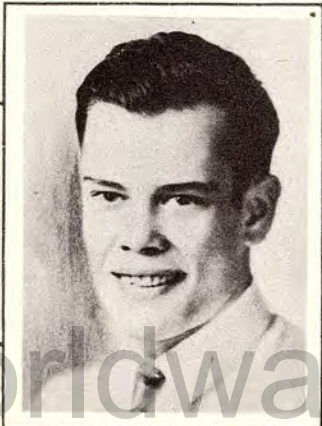
**CM 2/c FRED J. PROCKNOW**



**T/Sgt. ANTONIO C. RODRIGUEZ**

CM 2/c Fred J. Procknow, husband of Pauline Procknow, San Antonio, Texas, was born Jan. 18, 1907. Received his education in public schools of San Antonio, Texas. Volunteered for service May 21, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and assigned to Navy, 14th Construction Bn. Trained at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va. Served overseas from Sept., 1942, to Sept., 1943, in S.W. Pacific, Guadalcanal and Solomon Is. Awarded American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. The 14th C. B. Bn. was attached to the 1st Marine Div. which received a Presidential Unit Citation. He was honorably discharged May 26, 1944.

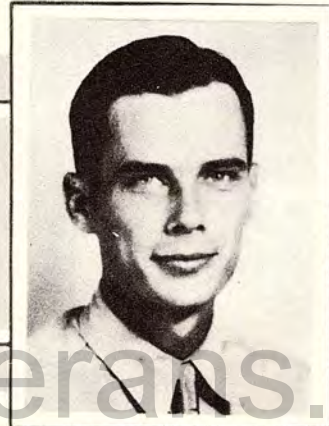
T/Sgt. Antonio C. Rodriguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victoriano Rodriguez, San Antonio, was born Dec. 23, 1921. Received his education in public schools of Kyle, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 20, 1943, at San Antonio. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at March Field, Calif., and served overseas from Dec., 1944, to June, 1945, in European Theater, participating in battles of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe completing sixteen missions. Received American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, World War II Victory Medal. Discharged November 7, 1945.



**\*Pfc JOHN M. McCOY**



**\*PO 2/c VERNON L. McCOY**



**S/Sgt. RALPH D. McCOY**

Sons of Mrs. Zola McNeill, San Antonio, Texas.

Pfc JOHN M. McCOY was born Feb. 5, 1922. Volunteered Oct. 7, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, and was assigned to Marines, 6th Defense Bn. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Nov., 1942, to Apr., 1943, on the Island of Midway. He was drowned April 21, 1943, while in training at Midway Island. Received Medal for Sharpshooting.

PO 2/c VERNON L. McCOY was born July 16, 1926. Volunteered July 24, 1944, at San Antonio, assigned to Navy, Bombing Sqdn. V B 104, and trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Overseas in Dutch New Guinea and the Philippines as an aerial ordnance gunner on a Naval Liberator Bomber. He was one of a crew of 12 reported missing in action over Formosa Is. Feb. 18, 1945. Presumed dead Feb. 18, 1947. Posthumously awarded Purple Heart and Victory Medal.

S/Sgt. RALPH D. McCOY born Jan. 13, 1920. Attended University of Texas, in Austin. Volunteered Dec. 19, 1941. Assigned to Army 9th Air Force. Trained at Morris Field, N.C. Overseas from Sept., 1942, to Sept., 1945, in EAME Theater. Received Distinguished Unit Badge, EAME with 9 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, Bronze Star Medal for direct support of combat oper. as chief radio mechanic. Discharged Sept. 22, 1945.



1. —CPL. ANDRES R. GARCIA, son of Mrs. Rosa Garcia, of San Antonio, was born Feb. 4, 1925, and entered service on May 18, 1943. He was trained at Sheppard Field and at Arctic School, Buckley Field. Served with the 1333rd Army Air Force Base Unit overseas, from March 1944, to Feb., 1946, having been assigned to the Air Transport Command, and participated in the campaigns of Central Burma and India-Burma. Awards: Asiatic-Pac., 2 Stars; Pres. Unit Cit.; G. C.; Vic. Discharged, 1946.
2. —1ST SGT. EMELIO R. GARCIA, son of Mrs. Rosa Garcia, of San Antonio, was born April 6, 1920, and volunteered for the Army on Aug. 3, 1940. Assigned to 27th Inf. Div., 251 F.A. Bn., and was trained at Ft. Sam Houston. Served overseas from June, 1944, to Dec. 12, 1945, in New Guinea and Luzon. Awards: Asiatic-Pac. Cam., 2 Stars; Amer. Def.; Philippine Lib.; Amer. Thea. Cam.; Bronze Star; Good Conduct; Victory. He came through his term of service without being wounded. Honorably discharged, 1945.
3. —CPL. HUBERT R. GARCIA, son of Mrs. Rosa Garcia, of San Antonio, was born March 20, 1917, and volunteered for the Army Aug. 1, 1940. He was assigned to the 2nd Div., 15th F.A. Bn., and served overseas from Oct., 1943, to May, 1945, in the campaigns of Normandy, No. France, the Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was wounded April 8, 1945, in Germany. Awards: Purple Heart; EAME Campaign, 4 Stars; Amer. Def.; Amer. Theater; Good Conduct; Victory. He was honorably discharged in Feb., 1946, Camp Fannin.
4. —S 1/c S. M., SAMUEL R. GARCIA, son of Mrs. Rosa Garcia, of San Antonio, was born Nov. 19, 1926, and volunteered for the Navy, Nov. 24, 1943. He was assigned to the Signal Branch, and trained at San Diego. He served overseas from July, 1944, to Jan., 1946, in the American, Asiatic, and European Theaters, and the South Pacific. He was on the U.S.S. Ahrens, D. E. 575. Awards: Amer., Asiatic, and European Ribbons; Philippine Liberation; Victory. Honorably discharged, Jan., 1946, Camp Wallace.
- \* 5. —PFC OLEGARIO R. VASQUEZ, son of Emilio Vasquez, and husband of Mrs. Trinidad Vasquez, was born March 6, 1914, and entered service Nov. 3, 1942, in his hometown, San Antonio. He was assigned to the 9th Div. and served in Hawaii and the Philippines, seeing action at the battles of Leyte, Lingayen Gulf and Okinawa, where on April 12, 1945, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice. He was awarded the Bronze Star, American Defense, World War II Victory, and Purple Heart.
- \* 6. —LT. JOSEPH HOWARD VIVIAN, son of John Vivian, and husband of Mollie Vivian, of San Antonio, was born Sept. 29, 1919, and volunteered for service Jan. 15, 1941. He was assigned to the Army, 36th Texas Div., and later was transferred to the Air Corps. He served overseas in Europe from March to June, 1944, when he was reported missing in action. Later the War Dept. reported that he had lost his life in the invasion of Normandy. His body never was found. Award: Purple Heart.
7. —T/5 BENINO HERNANDEZ GONZALES, son of Maximo Gonzales, of Boerne, Texas, was born Feb. 13, 1925, and entered Army service July 13, 1943, at San Antonio. He was trained at Camp Callan, and served overseas from March 1, 1945, to Dec., 16, 1945, in the Army Infantry. He served in Holland, and Germany, and was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, the ETO Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, and the Good Conduct Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on April 15, 1946.
8. —PETTY OFFICER 1/c RUSSELL LESLIE PARK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Park, and husband of Joyce Park, of Floresville, Texas, was born Feb. 4, 1908, and volunteered for the Armed Guard of the Navy, Dec. 13, 1942. He was trained in San Diego, and from April to July, 1945, he served overseas in the American and Asiatic Theaters of war. Awarded Citation by Commodore R. W. Cary, for meritorious service performed at U. S. Naval Armed Guard Center (Pacific). Honorably discharged, Sept., 1945.
9. —1ST LT. CLARENCE H. BOSE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Bose, of Seguin, was born Oct. 28, 1921, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps May 29, 1942. During 1944, he served as a flight commander pilot in 463rd Bomb Gr. in Foggia, Italy, and participated in the Western European, the Italian, and Balkan air offensive. Over Vienna, Austria, he was wounded, June 16, 1944. Awards: Dist. Flying Cross, 1 Oak Leaf Cl.; Air Medal, 4 Oak Lf. Cl.; Purple Heart; ETO 3 Stars. Released May, 1945.
10. —SGT. RUFUS ERNEST DAVENPORT, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davenport, of Seguin, was born May 15, 1920, and entered service April 16, 1942. He was assigned to the Army, 33rd Div., and served overseas from Sept. 1, 1942, until Sept., 1945, in the Pacific area. He was in the battle of Luzon, and during his service overseas he was wounded, losing his left hand. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Area Ribbon, American Defense and Victory, and on Feb. 3, 1946, he received an honorable discharge from Army service.
11. —S 1/c RDM ELBERT ROBERT JANDT, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Jandt, and husband of Thelma Jandt, of Seguin, was born Nov. 26, 1913, and volunteered for the Navy, June 5, 1944. Trained at San Diego. From May to Sept., 1945, he served as radar operator on the U.S.S. San Diego, which was the first of our ships to enter Tokyo Bay and dock at Yokosuka Naval Base. Took part in final campaign against Tokyo, and the occupation of Yokosuka. Received an honorable discharge, Oct., 1945.
12. —T/SGT. LESTER JACKSON MORRISON, son of Dr. Josephine Morrison, of Pleasanton, was born Dec. 25, 1909, and entered service March 20, 1942. Assigned to Army 90th Div. Trained at Camp Barkeley. From April, 1944, to June, 1945, he served overseas with Gen. Patton's 3rd Army, in the battles of France, Belgian Bulge, capture of Metz, Saar River Basin, Austria, Germany, Czechoslovakia. Was wounded in hand by enemy tracer explosion. Awards: Purple Heart; Silver Star, Oak Lf. Cl. Discharged, 1945.
13. —CHIEF MOTOR MACHINIST MATE HENRY LEE GLASSIE, son of John E. Glassie, Sr., and husband of Audrey Glassie, of Jourdanton, was born Oct. 5, 1912, and volunteered for the Navy, May 16, 1942. He was trained at San Diego, and served overseas from Nov., 1944, to Oct., 1945. He served in the Caribbean Sea and in the Okinawan campaign. Previous to enlistment he attended Mirando City High School. He was promoted five times, and was honorably discharged from Naval Service on Oct. 18, 1945.
14. —S/SGT. JOHN EARL GLASSIE, JR., son of John E. Glassie, Sr., of Jourdanton, and husband of Tommie Dent Glassie, of Ft. Worth, was born Feb. 3, 1916, and entered service Aug. 14, 1941. Assigned to Army Air Corps, 52nd Ftr. Gr., and served in Europe from July, 1942, to Aug., 1944, in Ireland, England, Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Corsica, and Italy. Awards: Cert. of Merit, 15th Air Force; Dist. Unit Badge; EAME, 6 Stars; Amer. Def. Last 11 months at Biggs Field, Celestial Navigation Tr. Dpt. Discharged, July, 1945.
15. —CPL. WALTER BERNARD GLASSIE, son of John E. Glassie, Sr., of Jourdanton, Texas, was born Dec. 7, 1926, and entered service March 19, 1945. He was assigned to the Army 82nd Airborne Division, and received training at Camp Hood. Previous to entering service he attended the schools of Refugio, Texas. He is still with the 82nd Airborne Division, now stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Up to the present, the entire time of his service has been spent in the U.S.A.
16. —SGT. TOM EASON MORTON, son of S. R. Morton, of Seymour, and husband of Drucilla Morton, of Munday, Texas, was born Oct. 1, 1917, and entered service Dec. 21, 1942. He was assigned to the Combat Engineer Division of the Army, and served overseas from Sept., 1944, to March, 1946, in the European area. Previous to entering service he attended the schools of Seymour, Texas. He was honorably discharged from the service of his country in March, 1946.
- \* 17. —PFC WELDON JOHN SNYDER, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snyder, of Seymour, Texas, was born July 23, 1909, and entered service Oct. 30, 1942. He was assigned to the Army Infantry, and served in the Pacific area from July, 1943, to April, 1945, in the battles of Leyte and Okinawa. In the battle of Okinawa he was wounded while standing guard on his machine gun, and he paid the Supreme Sacrifice April 16, 1945. Awards: Com. Inf. Badge., 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; Purple Heart; Expert Rifleman Badge.
18. —CAPT. LEONARD O. WHARTON, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Wharton, of Seymour, and husband of Louise Wharton, of Ft. Worth, was born Feb. 26, 1911, and volunteered, Oct. 16, 1942. He was assigned to the Army Engineers, and trained at Ft. Leonard Wood. In 1944 he went overseas and served in the C.B.I. Theater. He was in the India-Burma and the Central Burma campaigns. Awards: Citation for finishing India pipe lines ahead of schedule; Oak Leaf Cluster. Released from service, March, 1946.
19. —M.A.M. 1/c WILLIAM HARWELL WHARTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Wharton, of Seymour, was born June 9, 1909, and volunteered for the Navy, April 17, 1942. He was assigned to Navy Mail Service, and trained at San Diego. He served overseas from June to Dec., 1945, in Pearl Harbor, and Guam, and participated in the invasion of Tokyo. He was promoted three times. Previous to entering service he attended the Public Schools of Seymour. Honorably discharged from the Navy in Feb., 1946.
20. —MOTOR MACHINIST'S MATE 3/c J. C. WRIGHT, JR., son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Carl Wright, of Electra, Texas, and husband of Doris L. Wright of Seymour, was born Feb. 23, 1924, and entered service Oct. 11, 1944. He was assigned to the Navy, and trained at San Diego, Ft. Pierce, and Norfolk, Va. Previous to entering service he attended schools in Red Springs and Seymour, also Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. He served on U.S.S. Ruchamkin and Bray, and was honorably discharged, March, 1946.

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**WT 2/c MARTIN M. MARTINEZ**

WT 2/c Martin M. Martinez, son of Mrs. C. R. Martinez, San Antonio, Texas, was born Jan. 15, 1928. Attended San Antonio Tech. and Vocational. Volunteered for service July 22, 1942, at San Antonio, and was assigned to U.S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Oct., 1942, to Jan., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, participating in battles of Gilbert Islands, Roi, Eniwetok, Palau Strike, New Guinea, Saipan, Guam, Morotai, Leyte, and Okinawa. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal and his discharge January 28, 1946. He is now serving with the Merchant Marines.



**T/5 ANTONIO A. HERNANDEZ**

T/5 Hernandez, was born on April 30, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hernandez, and husband of Myrtle E. Hernandez, 1317 S. San Marcos St., San Antonio, Texas. Educated in Blue Earth, Minn., volunteering for the Army on 25 Jan., 1941, assigned to 142nd Inf., 36th Div., going to Camp Bowie, Texas, for training, with maneuvers in La.; he also served at Camps Blanding, Fla.; Edwards, Mass.; Ft. Dix, N.J.; and in North and South Carolina. Overseas 22 mos. in No. Africa, Salerno, Cassino, and So. France; wounded in action at Cassino. Awarded Silver Star, Inf. Combat Badge, and Good Conduct Medals. Transferred to Sig. Ser. Co. 812 in 1944. Discharged on May 22, 1945.



**Cadet Nurse ALICE A. ORTIZ**  
**S/Sgt. RICHARD A. ORTIZ**

Cadet Nurse ALICE A. ORTIZ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ortiz, San Antonio, Texas, was born Feb. 19, 1926. She attended Tech High School and Santa Rosa School of Nursing, San Antonio. Entered service June 1, 1944 as Cadet Nurse.

S/Sgt. RICHARD A. ORTIZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ortiz, San Antonio, Texas, was born June 14, 1923. Attended Trinity University, San Antonio. Volunteered June 27, 1941. Assigned to Army Air Force. Overseas from Feb., 1942, to Mar., 1944, with Troop Carrier Group as flight engr. in Egypt. After return to States was assigned to A.T.C. Hosp. Ships. Flew total of 1300 hrs. Received Pre-Pearl Harbor, American Defense, Good Conduct and ETO Medals. Discharged Oct. 12, 1945.



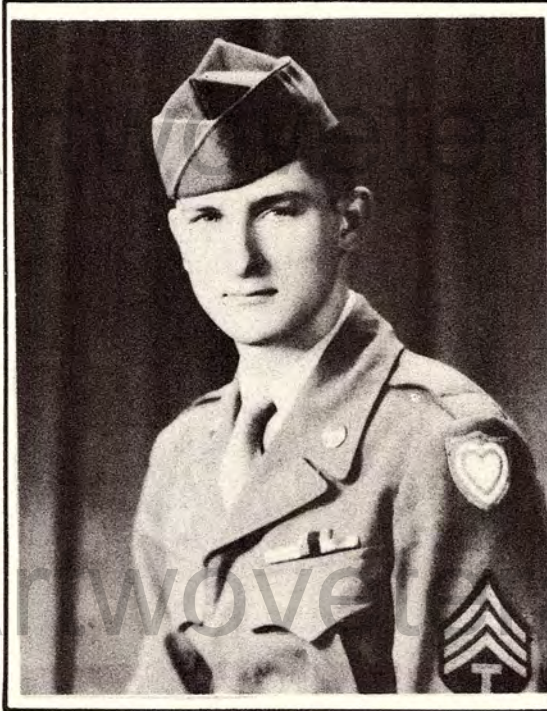
**T/Sgt. JOSE PERALES**

T/Sgt. Jose Perales, husband of Herminia Perales, San Antonio, Texas, was born Aug. 18, 1921. Received his education in San Antonio Schools. Entered service July 23, 1943, at San Antonio and assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at Kelly Field, Texas, and Camp Miles Standish, Mass. Served overseas from Aug., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in EAME Theater, Aerial Offensive over Europe, Occupational Army in Germany and Austria. He received Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon. Returned to the States December 18, 1945, and received his discharge December 24, 1945.





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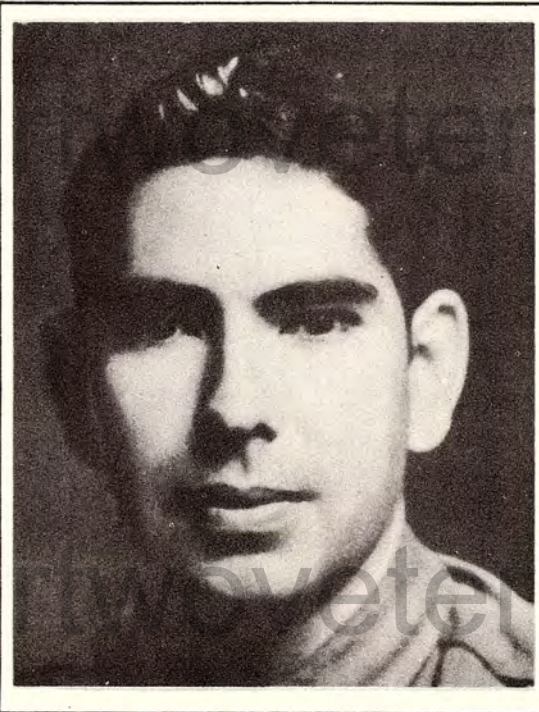
**T/4 ALFRED L. TOBOLA**

T/4 Alfred Leo Tobola, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. F. Tobola, of San Antonio, younger brother of George Tobola, and husband of Elsie Mae Tobola, was born October 24, 1926. He entered Army service on March 20, 1945, at San Antonio, and was assigned to the 24th Corps. Training was given him at Camp Hood, and Camp Maxey, Texas; and at Fort Ord, California. He remained in service in the United States until September of the same year in which he was inducted, and was sent overseas to the Asiatic-Pacific area, stationed in Korea. He also served at the 6th Army Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, California. His awards are: Asiatic-Pacific; Occupation; Good Conduct; and Victory. After being with the 4th Army Headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, he was given an honorable discharge from further military service, on November 4, 1946.





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**\*Pfc DAMACIO P. ANDRADE**

Pfc Damacio P. Andrade born February 21, 1915, in Texas, is the husband of Mary Louise Andrade, 126 Van Ness Street, San Antonio, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Librado Andrade, San Antonio. He entered the Armed Forces January 24, 1942 and was assigned to the Army Infantry 25th Division, training at Camp Roberts, California. Began overseas duty August, 1942, in the Pacific Theater, serving on New Caledonia, New Zealand and in the Hawaiian Islands; participated in battles of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country January 24, 1945, at San Manuel, Luzon, in the Philippine Group. The Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart and two Battles Stars were awarded and the Silver Star posthumously "for gallantry in action. During a strong enemy counter attack which threatened complete defeat of his unit Pfc Andrade, a radio operator, moved ahead of front lines, and transmitted clear and concise fire orders from an exposed position, contributing materially in the stemming of the enemy assault, until losing his life."





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**M/Sgt. LESTER C. CHUMBLEY**

M/Sgt. Lester Chandler Chumbley, husband of Mary Justine Chumbley, San Antonio, Texas, was born February 10, 1919, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Chumbley, also of San Antonio. He entered service January 28, 1941; was assigned to the Army 36th Infantry Division, training at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Sgt. Chumbley served April, 1943, to July, 1945, in North Africa-European Theater and participated in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Central Europe and the Rhineland; was among the party of three who released Admiral Nicolas Horthy, Regent of Hungary, from his German captors and also assisted in preparing invasion plans for the invasions of Salerno, Italy, and Southern France. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded for meritorious service with ETO Ribbon-five Bronze Stars and Bronze Arrowhead among various other awards. After returning to the States, he was discharged July 28, 1945.







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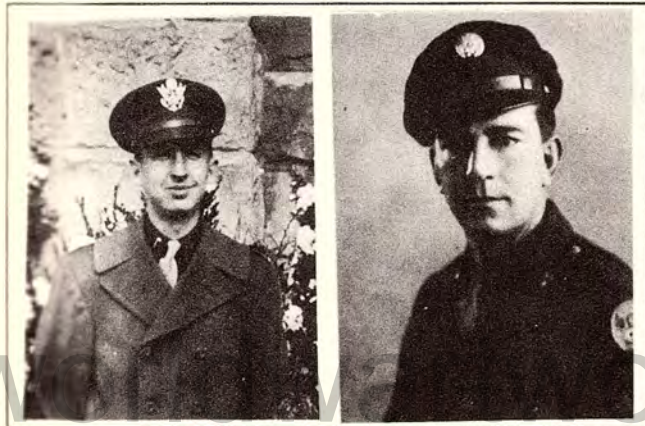
**Pfc CHARLES W. SKELTON**

Pfc Skelton, was born on July 30, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Skelton, 720 Blandin St., and husband of Helen Skelton, 4316 Parrish Road, Ft. Worth, Texas. Educated in Ft. Worth and Birdville, Texas, entering the Army Air Corps on April 8th, 1942, at Dallas. He was then sent to Sheppard, Randolph, Laredo Air and Kelly Fields for his training. He was shipped overseas and served in the Asiatic-Pacific area from July, 1945, until Dec., 1945, with service on Okinawa. His awards are American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Service Stripe, 1 Overseas Service Bar, and Victory Ribbons. Pfc Charles Wesley Skelton was honorably discharged on Jan. 19, 1946.



**T/Sgt. JAMES P. SKELTON**

T/Sgt. Skelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Skelton, 720 Blandin, and husband of Cordell Skelton, 2744 Honeysuckle in Ft. Worth, was born on July 11, 1919, and attended Birdville High School. He volunteered for the A.A.C. on Dec. 18, 1941; ordered to Sheppard and Kelly Flds., and Sioux City Air Base for training. Served in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany from May, 1943, until Oct., 1945. Decorations include Distinguished Unit Badge, EAME, Bronze Service Star (Cited for Heroism in England), and Good Conduct Medals. Technical Sergeant James Powell Skelton was honorably discharged Oct. 22, 1945, after 46 months of service.



**\*1st Lt. WILLIAM P. JONES**  
**T/Sgt. LEON L. MALLONEE**

Husband and brother of Mrs. Aline Jones of 1520 Boulevard Avenue in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Lt. WM. P. JONES, born April 18, 1921, attended N. Side High, enlisting in the A.A.C. in Jan., 1943; trained at Lubbock; Ellington Fld.; Laredo; Midland, Tex.; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Dyersburg, Tenn. Completed 28 missions over Germany as bombardier. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice in Oct., 1944. Awards: D.F.C.; Purple Heart, and Air Medal with 5 O. L. Clusters.

T/Sgt. LEON L. MALLONEE, born Sept. 24, 1909, husband of Viola Mallonee, entered the A.A.C. Sept., 1942; trained at Murac A.A.B. Served in ETO for 31 mos. Rec'd Good Conduct Medal and Presidential Unit Cit. Discharged Nov., 1945.



**Cpl. ELMER L. WHITE**

Cpl. White, was born Jan. 30, 1909, in Okla., son of Mrs. Rosa D. White, 1905 S. Jennings Ave., Ft. Worth, and husband of Beulah B. White, 3601 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas; attended Peacock Military Academy at San Antonio, volunteering for the service Sept. 12, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to the Army Sig. Corps, and trained at Camp Crowder, Mo. Overseas from Nov. 17, 1943, until Dec. 26, 1945, with service in Africa, China, Burma, and India. His awards are Good Conduct, American Theater Campaign, EAME Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 2 Bronze Stars, and the World War II Victory Medals. On January 1, 1946, he was honorably discharged.







1. —C.M. 2/c JACK C. McCARTY, born Aug. 29, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McCarty of Newcastle, Texas, and husband of Oleta McCarty, Seymour, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 14, 1943, in the Navy C.B.S. Trained at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Served overseas April, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Pacific in the invasion of Solomons, New Georgia, and Okinawa, Japan. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 15, 1945. Attended Whitt High School.
2. —SGT. CLAUDE H. WOODY, born July 2, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Woody of Jacksboro, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 29, 1941, in the Marines. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas June, 1942, to May, 1945, in Atlantic and Pacific. Participated in a ction against the enemy at Attu, Normandy, France, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 30, 1945.
3. —CPL. BRICE L. WOODY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Woody of Jacksboro, Texas. Volunteered for service June 30, 1941, in the 2nd Marine Division. Trained at San Diego, and Mission Valley, Calif. Served overseas Nov., 1942, to Oct., 1945, in Samoa, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, New Caledonia, Florida Islands, New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 10, 1945. Attended Jacksboro Public School.
4. —T/SGT. JOHNNIE F. SLICE, born July 7, 1921. Husband of Mrs. Mae E. Slice of Dallas, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 29, 1940, in the Army, 18th F.A. Regt. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Served overseas in England, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Theater with 4 Bronze Service Stars, 1 Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 17, 1945.
5. —PFC BERNIE B. SIMPSON, born April 20, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Simpson of Bryson, Texas. Entered service May 18, 1942, in the Army. Served overseas January 14, 1943, to October 17, 1945, in Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, 1 Service Stripe, 5 Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 30, 1945.
- \* 6. —PFC WARD H. SIMPSON, born April 24, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Simpson of Bryson, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, in the Army 36th Division National Guard. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from November 20, 1941, to Jan. 30, 1944, in Java with Lost Battalion. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Jan. 30, 1944, in a Japanese camp near Kanchanaburi, Thailand. Pfc Simpson graduated from Bryson High School.
7. —1ST/SGT. LEONARD C. SLUDER, born May 24, 1920. Husband of Mrs. M. L. Sluder of Graham, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 4, 1941, in the Army 18th F.A. Reg. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Camp Gordon, Ga. Served overseas Feb., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Germany. Battles: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Purple Heart, EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 8, 1945.
8. —S/SGT. THOMAS HENRY WILKINSON, born July 13, 1910. Husband of Mrs. A. G. Wilkinson of New Castle, Texas. Entered service Dec. 15, 1942, in the Army, 56th Signal Battalion. Trained at Camp Kohler, Calif. Served overseas May, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Germany, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and Luxembourg. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, 5 Overseas Bars. Discharged Nov. 22, 1945.
9. —F.C.O. 3/c JOSEPH WINSTON GATES, born Oct. 2, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gates of Amarillo, Texas. Entered service March 11, 1943, in the Navy, Seaman. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas May 28, 1943, to Dec. 18, 1945, in Southwestern Pacific, China, Japan, Solomons, Peleliu, Philippines, and Okinawa, Japan. He received the American Defense Medal, China, Japan, and Philippines Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Feb. 5, 1946.
10. —1ST LT. PHILIP AINSWORTH GATES, born Nov. 12, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gates of Amarillo, Texas. Entered service Aug., 1943, in the Army Medical College. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Camp J. T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark., and San Antonio, Texas. Sailed overseas on Layer Montgomery in invasions of New Georgia, Solomons, Guam, Tientsin, China, and Okinawa, Japan. He received American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Discharged Feb. 5, 1946.
11. —BOATSWAINMATE 2/c WAYLAND DARRELL WORLEY, born Aug. 28, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Worley of Rochester, Texas. Volunteered for service April 20, 1942, in the Navy Coast Guard. Trained at New Orleans, La., and San Diego, Calif. Served overseas June, 1942, to Dec., 1944, in Northwest Sea Frontier (Alaska). He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 16, 1945.
12. —3RD ASSISTANT ENGINEER BILLYE KIRK REDWINE, born Oct. 16, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Redwine of Throckmorton, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 27, 1942, in the Merchant Marine. Trained at Saint Petersburg, Fla. Served overseas 32 months on the waters; convoy attacked twice in mid-sea, and over half of convoy was sunk and destroyed in 1943. Ship lost 7 days and nights in N. Atlantic. Awarded Merchant Marine Pin, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Mar., 1946.
13. —C.M. 2/c ROBERT EDWARD JACKSON, born Feb. 3, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Jackson of Childress, Texas. Entered service Dec. 17, 1943, in the Navy Carrier Aircraft Service Unit. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas March 22, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Pacific Ocean area. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon, and was honorably discharged December 18, 1945.
14. —S/SGT. RICHARD WELDON JACKSON, born Feb. 15, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Jackson of Childress, Texas. Entered service Oct. 14, 1942, at San Angelo, Texas. Trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Served overseas May, 1943, to Nov., 1945, on South Pacific, and Southwest Pacific. He received the Asiatic Pacific, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 9, 1945. He received his education in Bonham Public Schools.
15. —PFC HAL NEIL WILLIAMS, born July 2, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James and Orra Williams of Childress, Texas. Entered service October 16, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army, 96th Division. Received his training at Camp Adair, Ore. Served in the United States from October 16, 1942, to March 17, 1944. He received the American Defense Medal, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Was honorably discharged March 17, 1944. Attended Garden Valley High School.
16. —PFC EUGENE GLENN WILLIAMS, born Dec. 22, 1912. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James and Orra Williams of Childress, Texas. Entered service June 11, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, assigned to the Army, 148 Gun Bn. Trained at San Diego, and Camp Callan, Calif. Served overseas June, 1944, to Dec. 15, 1944, in North Africa, Italy, and France. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 8, 1945. He is the husband of Mrs. Betty Williams of Ft. Worth.
17. —1ST LT. DEWITT H. FRENCH, JR., born Aug. 24, 1921. Husband of Mrs. E. B. French, Jr., of Memphis, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 28, 1938, in the Army, 2nd Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas Nov., 1943, to March, 1947, in Italian campaign, Cassino, Rome-Arno, Apennines, and Po Valley. Wounded twice at Rome-Arno, and at Apennines. Awarded Purple Heart with Cluster, Distinguished Cross, Division Citation. Discharged Sept., 1945, and re-enlisted.
18. —S. 1/c HAROLD DEAN STACK, born Nov. 13, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stack of Chico, Texas. Entered service Jan. 29, 1944, in the Navy Reserve. Trained at Farragut, Idaho. Served overseas March, 1944, to Jan., 1945, South Pacific. He received the Philippine Liberation, with 2 Stars, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with 6 Bronze Stars, 2 Bronze Stars, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 14, 1945.
19. —CPL. CLOVIS JAY STARNES, born Nov. 30, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Starnes of Decatur, Texas. Entered service Feb. 3, 1943, in the Army 9th Air Force. Trained at Camp Wolters, Jefferson Barrack, Ft. Lounery Field, Colo., and Camp Hayward, Calif. Served overseas Dec., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, Rhineland, and Ardennes. Awarded Distinguished Unit Badge, Campaign Medal with 6 Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Sept., 1945.
20. —PFC CARL L. HUFFMAN, born Nov. 24, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Huffman of McCamey, Texas. Entered service March 26, 1944, in the Army, 63rd Co. C, 254 Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas Nov., 1944, to April, 1946, in Colmar, France, Rhineland, and Central Germany. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge with 1 Star, 2 Overseas Service Bars, and Victory Medals. Discharged May, 1945.

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\*T/Sgt. OLEN E. ST. JOHN

Pvt. CHARLES W. ST. JOHN

Pvt. JAMES W. ST. JOHN

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. St. John, Alvord, Wise County, Texas.

T/Sgt. OLEN EARL ST. JOHN, birthdate January 10, 1917, in Texas, entered service October 17, 1941, with the 8th Army Air Force; trained at Randolph Field, Texas, and five weeks in Canada. Three years later Sgt. St. John began duty in the European Theater, serving in England, France, Belgium and Germany. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 24, 1945, near Wesel, Germany, when his plane was shot down by enemy fire. The Air Medal and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously for courageous effort over enemy territory. His wife Nadine St. John and other relatives, survive.

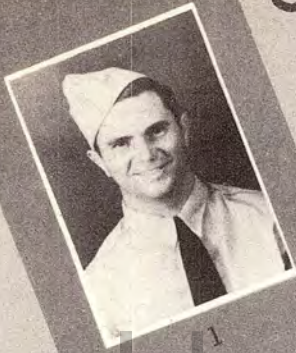
Pvt. CHARLES WILBURN ST. JOHN, born October 29, 1918, entered the Army Infantry 40th Div., and began overseas duty February, 1945, in the Philippine Islands. He participated in the Battle of Masabate, Philippines, and was wounded in combat. Pvt. St. John was appointed Honorary Guard to Gen. McArthur, and accompanied him to Tokyo, Japan, where he remained until returning to the States. His awards include Campaign Ribbons, Bronze Star, and other medals. Discharged December 2, 1945. He is husband of Ouida St. John, Ft. Worth.

Pvt. JAMES WILLIAM ST. JOHN, birthdate July 16, 1915, in Texas, is the husband of Annie Lou St. John, Sunset, Texas. He entered service December 20, 1944, at Dallas with the Army; trained at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifle Medal. Discharged August 20, 1944. Pvt. St. John re-enlisted September 6, 1946, for three years with the Alaskan Defense Command, Transportation Corps.



1. —CHIEF CARPENTER'S MATE CHARLES LISKA CLEMANS, born Oct. 30, 1913, New Mexico, the son of Mr. W. N. Clemans, Paradise, Texas, and husband of Opal C. Clemans, attended Polytechnic High, Ft. Worth; volunteered on Jan. 31, 1942, assigned to Navy V-6 Seabees, Const. En.; trained at Norfolk, Va. Overseas from June 8, 1942, to June 7, 1944. In Pacific Theater, Bora Bora, Society Islands, Samoa, Hawaii, Marshall and Solomons. Battles: Marshalls at Eniwetok, and others. Discharged, 1945.
2. —PFC RICHARD LOUIS CLEMANS, born Oct. 4, 1925, son of Mr. W. N. Clemans, was educated at North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington; entered the service Dec. 13, 1943, assigned to the Army, 103rd Div. Trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Overseas from Oct. 6, 1944, to Sept. 10, 1945, in S. France, Germany, Austria. Battles: Rhineland and C. Europe. Awards: American Theater, EAME w/2 Stars, Combat Inf. Badge, Good Conduct, and Victory-1 Overseas S. Bar. Discharged April, 1946.
- \*3. —CAPT. WALTER JUNIOR CLEMANS, born June 9, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Clemans, Route 2, Paradise, husband of Billie H. Clemans, Dallas, attended Texas A & M College, College Sta. Volunteered March 15, 1941, at Dallas, Texas; trained at Santa Marie AAF, Calif.; overseas from Jan. 15, to April 19, 1945. In China-India-Burma area. He was commissioned Oct. 31, 1941; promoted to 1st Lt. Dec. 15, 1942, then promoted to Capt. on July 7, 1943. Paid Supreme Sacrifice at Ledo, India.
- \*4. —PVT. CLEO THERMAN COOPER, born May 2, 1923, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Cooper, Decatur, Texas, attended Sildell High School; volunteered May 24, 1943, at Camp Wolters, assigned to Army Co. B., 89th Inf. Bn.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to June 6, 1944, in Ireland and England. He transferred to Co. K., 2nd Bn. 1st Paratroopers; after his training he was in 101st Airborne Div. till the time of death, June 6, 1944. Rifle Medal and Purple Heart.
5. —T/SGT. RICHARD W. CULPEPPER, born Sept. 29, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Culpepper, Box 583, Bridgeport, husband of Margarette Culpepper, attended Valley View High School, Paducah; volunteered on March 1, 1942; assigned to the Army 209th Div., Gen. Hospital; trained at Camp Wolters. Overseas from Oct. 1, 1944, to Jan. 1, 1946, in European Theater, Med. Div. He was awarded European Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Unit Citation. Honorably discharged Jan., 1946.
6. —SGT. LAWRENCE N. CULPEPPER, born Feb. 27, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Culpepper, Bridgeport, attended Valley View High, Paducah; volunteered Aug. 9, 1940, at Childress; was assigned to Army 2nd Bn., 77th Field Art. Trained at Ft. D. A. Russell, Marfa, Texas. Served in the United States from Aug. 9, 1940, to April 7, 1942. An Expert Gunner in Fld. Art. on 155 GPF, Expert Marksman 45 CPL Army Service Revolver, Sharp Shooter Army Service Rifle 903. Good Conduct. Discharged, 1946.
7. —YEOMAN 2/c EDDIE R. CULPEPPER, born Aug. 19, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Culpepper, Bridgeport, Texas, attended Bridgeport High School; volunteered March 18, 1944, at Fort Worth; was assigned to Navy, and trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States from March 26, to April 26, 1944, and overseas April 26, 1944, to Dec. 14, 1945, and Jan. 21, to May 1, 1946, in Saipan, and Okinawa. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific w/2 Stars, and American Theater. Discharged, 1946.
8. —CPL. JOE CULPEPPER, born Oct. 4, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Culpepper, Bridgeport, Texas, attended A & M College, Bryan, Texas. Volunteered into the service June 5, 1945, at Ft. Worth; assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Ft. Sill, San Antonio, and Salt Lake City; served in the United States 4 mos., and overseas from Jan. 20, 1946; is still in the service with the Far East Air Corps Command, 903rd Army Postal Unit. He had 3 brothers in the services now at home.
9. —CAPT. LUCIUS THOMAS RENSHAW, born Nov. 12, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Renshaw, N. Trinity St., Decatur, husband of Margaret M. Renshaw, attended North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington. Volunteered March 5, 1942, assigned to Navy Air Corps, and later assigned to Marine Air Corps Div. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Served in the United States from March 5, 1942, to July 17, 1946. Capt. Renshaw remained in the States as instructor in different camps. Discharged, 1946.
10. —SGT. SAM W. RENSHAW, JR., born May 20, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Renshaw, N. Trinity St., Decatur, attended Decatur High School, and N.T.A.C. of Arlington, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 1943, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to Marines. Served in the United States for 18 mos., and overseas from Oct. 30, 1943, to Feb. 28, 1945. In the Pacific area, Bougainville, Bismarck Archipelago, and Leyte. Sgt. Sam W. Renshaw, Jr., was honorably discharged on October 29th, 1945.
11. —1ST LT. PAUL MILTON CLEMENS, born Aug. 13, 1920, son of Paul John Clemens, Ft. Worth, Texas, husband of Sarah E. Renshaw, Decatur, Texas, attended Polytechnic High, Ft. Worth; volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to 36th Div. TNG (Army); trained at Camp Bowie, Texas; overseas from Nov. 10, 1943, to June 26, 1945, in Asiatic Pacific, battle of Bougainville, Philippines Campaign; was wounded March 7, 1945, at Leyte. Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Inf. Badge. Discharged, 1945.
12. —T/5 FRED ARNOLD DAVENPORT, born Feb. 11, 1924, son of Mrs. Velma Davenport, Decatur, Texas, attended University of Texas, Austin. Entered the service on April 28, 1943, assigned to Army Inf. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas from Nov. 15, 1944, to Jan. 3, 1946, in Gt. Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany. Battles: Ardennes, Rhineland, C. Europe. Awards: American Theater, EAME Medal W/3 Stars, Good Con., Unit Citation W/2 OL Clusters, Belgian U. Croix de Guerre. Discharged, 1946.
13. —C.M.2/c H. R. (HOOT) FULLINGIM, JR., born Feb. 18, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Fullingim, Sr., Dallas, Texas, husband of Hortense Fullingim, Decatur, attended Decatur Baptist College, and volunteered June, 1942. Was assigned to Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Allen, Bradford, Va. Overseas 19 mos. in Southwest Pacific Islands. Participated in battle for Guadalcanal from Nov. 4, 1942, until July 15, 1943; Hawaiian Islands from March 2, 1945, to Sept. 8, 1945. Discharged Sept. 25, 1945.
14. —PFC JACK VERNON DOWNING, born July 6, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Downing, Hedley, husband of Clara Belle Downing, 318 Bowie St., Amarillo, entered the service July 10, 1942; assigned to the Army 95th Div.; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas Aug. 5, 1944, to June 29, 1945, in Germany, Metz Battle; was wounded in action, and awarded the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal. Pfc Jack Downing was honorably discharged on the 3rd day of November, 1945.
15. —T/5 BILLY RAY DOWNING, born Sept. 20, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Downing, husband of Mildred Downing, Amarillo, entered the service Feb. 24, 1943, assigned to Army Tank Destroyers; trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Overseas from June 15, 1945, to March 16, 1946. In Anchorage, Alaska, Nome, Alaska, Ladfield, Alaska. Awarded: American Theater, Asiatic Pacific, Good Conduct, Victory, 1 Service Stripe, and 1 Overseas Service Bar. He was honorably discharged on March 31, 1946.
16. —CPL. FRANK DICKSON HARDWICK, March 24, 1924, date of birth. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hardwick, Decatur, attended the University of Texas, Austin; entered the service April 29, 1943, and was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force, with training at Camp Elliott, Calif. Overseas from Dec. 24, 1943, to Feb. 12, 1946. In the Pacific, clerk typist in the Pay Office, Discipline Office and Board of Awards, in Hawaii. Qualified Sharpshooter. Awarded letter of Commendation. Discharged, 1946.
17. —PFC GEORGE WESLEY JAMESON, born Oct. 1, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Jameson, Decatur, Texas, and husband of Alice Jameson, attended Decatur High School. Volunteered Dec. 21, 1943, at Dallas, Texas; was assigned to the Army 89th Div., and trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas Jan. 10, 1945, to April 24, 1946. In Germany, France, Austria, Rhineland and Central Germany. Was awarded the Combat Inf. Badge. Honorably discharged April 30, 1946, from Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.
18. —F.C.3/c FRED SIMON KASNER, born May 26, 1916, son of Matt Kasner (deceased), and husband of Mildred Blanch of Bridgeport, entered the service Feb. 16, 1944, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Seaman; he trained at Camp Bennion, Farragut, Idaho. Overseas from April 22, 1944, to November 1, 1945. In Pacific area, at Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon, Okinawa, and participated in Occupation of Japan. Served on Battleship U.S.S. Colorado; he was honorably discharged on December 14th, 1945.
19. —S/SGT. BILLY RAY LAND, born June 24, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Land, Alvord, husband of Joyce Land, Ft. Worth, attended Alvord High School, Texas; volunteered Dec. 10, 1940; was assigned to 9th Air Force (Army). Overseas from Mar. 4, 1941, to Aug. 21, 1945, in Puerto Rico, England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Normandy, Northern France, C. Germany. Awards: American Defense, American Theater ETO Ribbon W/3 Stars, Good Conduct, Victory, 6 Overseas Stripes. Discharged Oct., 1945.
- \*20. —SGT. PRESLEY BAZELLE LAND, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Land, and husband of Vera R. Land of Alvord, born Oct. 22, 1916, attended Alvord High School, Texas; entered the service May 24, 1943, and was assigned to Army, Co. A, 165 Inf. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif.; overseas Dec. 15, 1943, to June 17, 1945. In Hawaii, New Hebrides, Saipan, Okinawa. He was killed in action on June 17, 1945. Awards: Infantry Combat Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Silver Star Medal, and Purple Heart.

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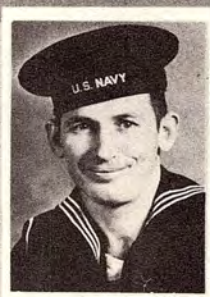
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# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**T/4 JAROMIR J. BECAN**

T/4 Jaromir J. Becan, born May 2, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Becan, Fort Worth, Texas. Attended North Side High and volunteered July 16, 1940, assigned to 36th Div. U. S. Army. Served from Feb. 12, 1944, to June 23, 1945, as a radio operator with Signal Corps, participating in battles of No. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, and in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. T/4 Becan was awarded the American Defense, Meritorious Unit Citation, European, African and Mediterranean Theater Medal with four Battle Stars, and honorably discharged on September 7, 1945.



**Pfc ROBERT L. BECAN**

Pfc Robert Louis Becan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Becan of Fort Worth, was born April 18, 1927, in Texas. Attended Laner High School in Fort Worth, and volunteered for service March 14, 1945, at Dallas. Assigned to Replacement Battalion, U. S. Marines. Trained at Parris Island, S.C., and Camp Le Jeune, N.C. Embarked for overseas November 21, 1945, participating in Marianas, Guam and Japan. He was promoted to Pfc in January of 1946, and in June of 1946, he left for China where he is now stationed with Hdq. Co., Hdq. Bn., 2nd Marine Division.



**T/5 BOB S. LUGO**

T/5 B. S. Lugo, born Dec. 17, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lugo, 129 So. 3rd St., Waco, was educated at South Waco Jr. High School, Texas Military Institute, San Antonio, and Texas A & M, College Sta. Entered the service on March 14, 1944, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army 100th Div.; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina; overseas 18 months, serving in Southern France and Germany. He participated in Rhineland and Central European Battles. Awarded Bronze Star Medal. He was promoted from Pfc to T/5 in Feb. of 1946. T/5 Lugo was a student at time of enlistment. He was discharged May 1, 1946.



**AMM 3/c EARNEST McCAULEY**

A.M.M. 3/c E. R. McCauley, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. McCauley, P. O. Box 57, Moody, husband of Anna M. McCauley, McGregor, was born Nov. 15, 1907, in Sadler, and attended Moody Grammar and High Schools. Entered the service May 7, 1943, and was assigned to the Navy. Served overseas in S. Pacific Area, in following battles: Tarawa, Gilberts, Marshalls, Hollandia, New Guinea, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, and invasion of Philippines in Leyte Gulf. He was severely wounded in action on Oct. 25, 1944, at Leyte Gulf. Spent several weeks on Hospital and at base hosp. in the islands. Awards: Purple Heart, presented by Capt. J. S. Judy, in New Hebrides Islands. He was 15 months in S. Pacific on Aircraft Carrier Suwannee. Discharged, 1945.





# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**Capt. GUY L. ROGERS**



**Capt. JOHN B. MILLER**

Capt. Rogers, son of Mrs. C. W. Rogers, Waco, Texas, was born June 25, 1915, and attended Waco High School and Baylor University at Waco. He joined Co. M, 143rd Inf. of the Texas (36th Div.) National Guard as a private in 1937; mobilized with them in Nov., 1940, as 2nd Lt. Trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Ft. Benning, Ga. Transferred overseas April, 1943, in EAME area, participating in battles of Salerno, San Pietro, Rapido River Crossing and Cassino. He served with the 36th Div. until sent back to the States on rotation furlough, June 1944, and was in various camps until his separation from Camp Gordon, Ga., Dec. 25, 1945. He wears Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, 1 Battle Star, 1 Arrowhead, Combat Inf. Badge, EAME Ribbon. His wife is Dorothy Rogers of 613 N. 23rd, Waco, Texas.

Capt. John Baker Miller, son of Mrs. Willie Baker McCaa, 2416 Ethel Ave. Waco, Texas, was born January 25, 1899. Attended Lawrenceville School, New Jersey, and Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. Volunteered for service May 25, 1942, at Houston, Texas; was assigned to Army, AAF. Trained at Officers Training Station, Miami, Fla., and served overseas from May 17, 1944, to March 5, 1945, in ETO area. Captain Miller received EAME Campaign Medal and Commendation for activating 325 men and commanding them for 17 months (96th Avn. Service Sq.), Commendation for liaison work with 2106th Air Ord. Amn. Bn., in ETO. He received his discharge May 28, 1945.





# The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



**Boatswain 3/c DAVID D. PERKINS**



**AMM 2/c JIMMIE B. PERKINS**

Boatswain 3/c David D. Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Perkins, Waco, Texas, was born Aug. 1922. Attended Mart, Texas Public Schools. Volunteered for service Aug. 10, 1942, at Waco and was assigned to the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from May, 1944, to March, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, participating in the battles of Marshall Is., Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Leyte, Leyte Gulf and Luzon. He was wounded Jan. 6, 1945, and was awarded the Purple Heart, American Theater Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with Battle Stars and the World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged October 14, 1946.

A.M.M.2/c J. B. Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Perkins, Waco, Texas, was born Aug. 7, 1922. Attended Mart, Texas, Public Schools. Volunteered Sept. 19, 1941, at Waco, and was assigned to the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Dec. 8, 1941, to Feb. 8, 1943, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater participating in the battles of Midway, Santa Cruz Is., Solomon Is., Occupation of Guadalcanal. He was awarded 8 Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, American Theater, Good Conduct and Presidential Unit Citation. Returned overseas Feb. 1945. He is the twin brother of Boatswain 3/c David D. Perkins.



**Capt. MAURICE W. McCALL**



**Capt. RICHARD H. McCALL**

Capt. Maurice W. McCall, son of Mrs. Hawley S. McCall, Waco, Texas, was born May 19, 1920. Attended Waco Public Schools and Texas A & M College. Volunteered June 20, 1941, at Mineral Wells, and was assigned to Army Air Corps, 493rd Bomb Group. Overseas Dec., 1941, in the EAME Theater, participating in the air offensive of Europe, Normandy, Northern France and Germany. Received American Defense Medal, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, D.F.C., Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars and Distinguished Unit Citation Badge. He returned to the States Nov., 1944, and was discharged Aug. 25, 1945.

Capt. Richard H. McCall, son of Mrs. Hawley S. McCall, Waco, Texas, was born Feb. 15, 1917. Attended Texas A & M College. Volunteered for service Sept. 17, 1942, at Odessa, Texas, and was assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in North Africa, Italy and South America, participating in campaigns of Northern France, air combat of Balkans, Germany campaign, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, Po Valley and Southern France. Received Distinguished Unit Citation, EAME Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal and 7 Battle Stars. He was released from active duty December 11, 1945.