

1. —AETM 2/c WESLEY MERLE ALEXANDER, born Mar. 9, 1926, in Prairie Hill, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Merle Alexander of 3300 N. 25th St., Waco. Attended Texas University where he was studying electrical engineering before he entered Navy radio and radar service July 12, 1944. Served at San Diego, Wright Junior College in Chicago, Texas A and M College, Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, and Radar Division at Terminal Island, where he is at the present.

2. —CEM (PA) CHARLES IRVING JOHNSON, born Dec. 19, 1914, is the son of Mrs. R. J. Ausley, 936 N. 10th St., Waco. Attended Texas A and M College. Enlisted in regular Navy May 14, 1934. Served with submarine repair units in Alaska and Aleutians from 1942 to 1944. At Pearl Harbor Submarine Base until Sept., 1945. With the Navy in the Pacific at present and plans to complete twenty years of duty with the Navy. He received the Pacific and Alaskan Area Ribbons and Good Conduct Bar.

3. —LT. EDDIE MARION JOHNSON, was born Dec. 26, 1913, the son of Mrs. R. J. Ausley of 936 N. 10th St., Waco. Volunteered for regular Navy Feb. 19, 1934. Trained at San Diego. Received regular promotions from Apprentice Seaman to Lt. Senior Grade. Overseas 3 years in American, European and Asiatic Theaters. Holds China Service Medal, Pre-Pearl Harbor, Victory, Good Conduct, European-African, and the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons. Is in the Navy at the present.

4. —CM EDWARD EUGENE JOHNSON, born Oct. 4, 1917, is the son of Mrs. R. J. Ausley of 936 N. 10th St., Waco. Volunteered for Navy Dec. 12, 1934. Trained at San Diego, and was assigned to Submarines (Eng.). Served in North Atlantic Submarine Patrol from 1941 to 1944. Awarded American and European Area Ribbons and five Battle Stars. Promoted to Machinist 1/C in 1941 and to Chief Machinist in 1944. Transferred to Destroyer duty in 1943. Discharged Mar. 4, 1944.

5. —T/SGT. BILLY J. BASKIN, born Nov. 15, 1923, is the son of Mrs. Nell Lola Baskin, 706 Turner St., Waco. Entered the Army 36th Div. in Nov., 1940. Served at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards until April, 1942. Participated in the battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Holds the Purple Heart, American Defense, Good Conduct, and EAME with 5 Bronze Stars. Returned to the States June, 9, 1945. Discharged July, 1945.

6. —SGT. THOMAS C. BEEZLEY, JR., born Aug. 8, 1924 in Waco. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Beezley, Sr., of 1221 Kane St., Bellmead. Attended Waco High and volunteered for Marines Aug. 15, 1942. Trained at San Diego. Served at NTS and North Is., San Diego, and Cherry Point, N.C. Served 18 months in Marshall, Marianas and Wallis Is. with 3rd Air Wing, Mag. 31 and 9th Air Wing. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Bar with three Combat Stars, Victory and Good Conduct. Discharged Oct., 1945.

7. —CPL. WILLIAM HUGH BEEZLEY, born in Dallas, May 25, 1926, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Beezley, Sr., of Bellmead. Served in First Marine Air Wing from Aug. 15, 1942, to Sept. 20, 1945, when he was discharged. Saw duty at Hawaii, Midway, Espiritu Santo, Munda, Guadalcanal, Vella Lavella, and Bougainville. Awarded Presidential Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Bar with 5 Stars, Victory and Good Conduct Ribbons. Wife, Josephine Beezley of Bellmead, was Sgt. in Marine Women's Reserve for 2 years.

8. —S 1/c CLARENCE MAURICE BERGER, born Jan. 10, 1926, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Frank Berger of 601 N. Davis St., West. Volunteered for Naval Air Service on July 10, 1943. Attended St. Marys Elementary and West High School. Plane Capt. at USNAAS Corpus Christi fourteen months. At Naval Operations Base on Saipan for eighteen months, supplying fleet for drives on Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Holds Asiatic-Pacific, Victory, American Theater and Good Conduct Ribbons. Discharged April 1, 1946.

9. —S/SGT. JAMES BOYD BLANKINSHIP, born July 31, 1922, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Blankinship of 2100 Proctor Ave., Waco. His wife is Bobby Frances Blankinship of 2218 N. 21st St., Waco. Joined Army Air Force June, 1943. Trained at Keesler Field, Miss. Aviation mechanic and later an aerial engineer in PB4Y's, a plane used to search for missing planes, in West Indies and Canal Zone. Holds Victory, Good Conduct, and American Theater Ribbons. Discharged Feb. 2, 1946.

10. —CAPT. CHESSLER GRANT BROWN, born Oct. 22, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Louis Brown of Waco, attended the public schools of Waco and entered Army on July 15, 1942. Trained in Army Medical Corps at Camps Berkeley and Robinson. Promoted from Pvt. thru Cpl., 2nd Lt. and 1st Lt. At present he is Commanding Officer of Patient Detachment at England General Hospital, Atlantic City, N.J. Mrs. Mary Emma Brown lives in Atlantic City with her husband.

11. —EM2/c LOUIS WAGONER BROWN, was born Jan. 17, 1926, in Dallas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown of 2217 Alexander St., Waco. Volunteered for the Navy on Dec. 27, 1943. Trained at USNTPS, San Diego, and the University of Kansas. Served in the American, European, and Asiatic-Pacific Theaters, and participated in the invasions of Southern France. Discharged on May 21, 1946. He was employed with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company before he volunteered for duty.

12. —T/4 CARL ARTHUR CLARK, was born Nov. 19, 1924, in Waco. The son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Clark of Route #5, Box 108 Waco. His wife, K. Jill Clark lives at 600 Tyler St., Waco. Entered the Army at Mineral Wells on April 21, 1943, and trained at Camp Wallace, Texas, for 9 mo. He served for 24 months in Ireland, England, France, Belgium, and Germany with the G.F.R.C. Received rate of T/4 on Dec. 25, 1943. Discharged on Feb. 3rd, 1946.

13. —CPL. JIM GRAHAM, was born on April 2, 1906, in Mart. Mrs. H. E. Graham of 1019 Preston St., Waco, is his sister-in-law. Attended the public schools in Mart. On May 11, 1942, he entered the Army Medical Corps, and trained at Ft. Sam Houston. Between Nov., 1942, and Nov., 1945, he was attached to Medical Supply Depots in Brisbane and Sydney, Australia, Milne Bay, New Guinea; and Manila, Philippine Islands. Received the Good Conduct Medal and was discharged in Nov., 1945.

14. —SGT. HORACE ELTON GRAHAM, JR., born Dec. 19, 1923, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Graham of Preston St., Waco. Entered Army Air Corps at San Antonio, Feb., 1943. Stationed at Duncan, Chanute, and Hunter Fields, and Amarillo Air Field for 11 months. Served overseas in Scotland, England, Normandy, North France, Rhineland, and Central Europe for a period of twenty-two months. Was discharged on Dec. 14th, 1945. Prior to service he was an airplane ground mechanic.

15. —S/SGT. RICHARD EARL GOODE, born Jan. 18, 1922, in Lincoln, Neb., son of Mr. and the late Mrs. R. E. Goode of Waco. Volunteered for National Guard May 31, 1937. Mobilized Nov., 1940. Trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards. Served in 36th Infantry Division in Italy and North Africa. In battles of Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno. Promoted to S/Sgt. in battle. Holds Combat Inf. Badge, European Area Medal with 2 Bronze Stars. Discharged July 8, 1945.

16. —PFC CHARLES PERRY GOODE, born April 19, 1924, in Lincoln, Neb., the son of Mr. and the late Mrs. R. E. Goode of Waco. Volunteered for Marine Corps Nov. 10, 1942. Trained at San Diego. With First Aviation Engineer Battalion at Camps Pendleton and Elliott, USNH at Shoemaker, USNCH at Yosemite Park, Corpus Christi (Cabaniss Field), Mare Is., and Camp Lejeune, N.C. Also in Southwest Pacific operations. Discharged from the Marine Corps on July 20, 1945.

17. —T/SGT. CECIL COKE CROOK, born Jan. 19, 1919, in Lorena, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Lee Crook of Route #2, Waco. Joined the Army in Aug., 1943. Trained at Ft. McClellan, and was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division. Served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater in New Caledonia, Philippine Is., and Japan from Feb. 5, 1944, to Jan. 29, 1946, participating in action of the Philippine Campaign. Was discharged from the Army on Jan. 29, 1946.

18. —T/SGT. EDWARD PIERCE CROOK, born Oct. 14, 1921, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Lee Crook of Waco. Joined the Army July 18, 1940. Trained at Forts Clark, Bliss, and Russell. Served with the 5th Cavalry in Admiralty Is., New Guinea, Bismarck Arch., Southern Philippines, Luzon, and Manila. Received Silver Star, Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific with 4 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with 2 Bronze Stars. Helped liberate Santo Tomas prisoners.

19. —PFC AUBREY FINLEY CROOK, born in Lorena on Aug. 13, 1924, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Crook of Waco. Entered the Army Mar. 20, 1943. Trained at Camp Claiborne, and served with the Engineers in Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland campaigns, also Pacific Theater. Awarded the Meritorious Unit Award, EAME Ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific 1 Bronze Star. Overseas from July, 1943, to Dec., 1945. Discharged on Dec. 27, 1945.

20. —1ST LT. JESSE DOUGLAS CROOK was born Dec. 9, 1910. His wife is Flora Lee Crook of 2016 Herring St., Waco. Volunteered for Army Nov., 1942, and trained at Camp Wolters; O.C.S. at Ft. Benning, at Ft. Jackson and Camp Gordon. Wounded Oct. 16, 1944. Promoted to 1st Lt. in battle. Awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, European Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, Victory Medal and Combat Infantry Badge for action in North France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

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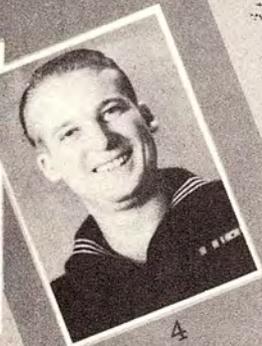
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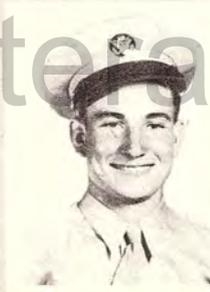
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T/4 CHARLES W. HARLESS

T/4 Charles W. Harless, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harless, Route 2, Box 344, Waco, Texas, was born June 3, 1919. He attended Waco High School, and volunteered for service October 22, 1942, at Waco. Was assigned to Army, Field Artillery Served overseas in EAME Theater, participating in the battles of Normandy, Northern and Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and the Bulge. He was wounded and received Purple Heart, American Defense, EAME, Silver Star for crossing uncharted minefields on skis, exposing himself to intense fire, to establish wire communications with advance post. Good Conduct, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and Army of Occupational Ribbon. Tech. Harless was discharged October 22, 1945. His wife, Mrs. Adriel Marie Harless, resides at Rt. 2, Waco, Texas.



***2nd Lt. ROBERT H. DANIEL, JR.**



Cpl. JERRY JACK DANIEL



Pvt. DANNY D. DANIEL

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Daniel, Rt. 1, Box 24, Waco, Texas.

Lt. ROBERT H. DANIEL, Jr., was born March 1, 1922. Attended Baylor University at Waco. Volunteered for service Aug., 1942, at Waco, and was assigned to Army, Pilot Air Corps. Trained at Luke Field, Phoenix, Ariz. Served overseas in the European Theater, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice Oct. 4, 1944, at Reims, France.

Cpl. JERRY JACK DANIEL, was born February 17, 1925, and attended Waco High School. Entered service May 21, 1943, at Waco and was assigned to 1st Parachute Bn., 5th Amph. Corps. Trained at Camp Gillespie, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in the Pacific Area, participating in battles of the Solomons, Philippines and Iwo Jima. Awarded Presidential Citation, Parachute Wings, American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Received his discharge December 22, 1945.

Pvt. DANNY DAVID DANIEL, was born February 26, 1927, and attended Waco High School. Entered service May 17, 1945, at Waco, and was assigned to Army, Ordnance. Trained at Camp Lee, Virginia, and was still in training when the war ended. He was awarded Marksman Medal. Received his discharge December 27, 1945, and returned to school.

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Pfc GEORGE PEREZ

Pfc G. Perez, son of Mrs. Modesta R. Perez, 1116 Clay Ave., Waco, Texas, was born at Rosebud, April 23, 1912. He received his education at Elm Mott, Texas grammar and high schools. Entered the service on February 17, 1942, at West, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Infantry 27th Division; trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. He served in the United States for several months before going overseas. Served overseas 3 years, and received awards; 3 Campaign Stars, for 3 major battles. Before enlistment into the Army, Pfc Perez was ranching.



1st Lt. ANDREW B. RYALS

1st Lt. A. B. Ryals, born Feb. 13, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ryals, Waco, attended Waco High S., and Texas College of Mines, El Paso; volunteered Sept. 14, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army 12th F. A. Arty., 2nd Div. Trained at OCS, at Ft. Sill, Okla., and later trained at Camp McCoy, Wis. Overseas trained in Ireland previous to the initial invasion of Normandy. He served as a forward observer for the 12th FAC. Bty., in 5 major campaigns; Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, Ardennes, C. Europe. Awarded: Bronze Star for heroic action, and promotion in rank to 1st Lt. on battle field. He reverted to inactive status on Oct. 14, 1945. Now Res. Off.



S/Sgt. LEONARD A. SIMPSON

S/Sgt. L. A. Simpson, born July 27, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Simpson, 1717 Trice Ave., Waco, husband of Cary L. Simpson, 1600 N. 12th St., Waco, was educated at Dean High Grammar, and Waco High School; volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, when the Texas National Guard was mobilized, and was assigned to the Army, Co. M., 143rd Inf., 36th Div. Trained at Camps, Bowie, Texas; Blanding, Fla.; and Edwards, Mass. Served in the United States until April 2, 1943. Overseas 27 months in Africa, Italy, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Germany. In battles; Naples-Foggia, S. France, Rhineland. Awards: EAME Medal 3 Stars and Arrowhead, American Def., Good Con., Inf. Combat Badge. Discharged July 1945.



MM2/c CHARLES T. SMITH, JR.

MM2/c C. T. Smith, Jr., born in Waco, Texas, on May 31, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Smith, Sr., 1201 Turner St., Waco, husband of Lena Martha Smith, attended E. Waco Elementary, and S. Junior High School, also Waco High School; entered the service on July 23, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to Navy; trained at U. S. N. T. Sta., San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States in different schools and stations. Overseas aboard the U.S.S. Barnstable, in So. Pacific, in invasion of Peleliu, Philippines (2 invas. of Leyte, and 2 of Luzon) the invasions of Iwo Jima, and of Okinawa. Awards: Amer. Def., A. & Pac., Phil. Lib. Discharged Oct. 9, 1945.



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MoMM 3/c JOHNNIE J. GAIDUSEK

MoMM3/c Johnnie Joe Gaidusek is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gaidusek, R. R. #2, West, Texas, where he was born August 23, 1925. Received his education in the West, Texas, elementary and high schools, and entered service December 7, 1943, on the second anniversary of the sneak attack of the Japanese on the Americans at Pearl Harbor. He was assigned to Navy, Aviation Branch and trained at Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif. He embarked for overseas February 22, 1944, serving in the Southwest Pacific islands, for a little over a year; returned to the States July 10, 1945, and according to our latest information is still serving his country.



RdM 3/c WALTER W. STEINMANN

RdM3/c W. W. Steinmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Steinmann, 2200 McKenzie St., Waco, was born Nov. 5, 1925, and attended Waco High School. Volunteered for service November 3, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Communications; trained at Naval Training Sta., San Diego, and Radar School, Point Loma, Calif., and Pacific Fleet Schools, Hawaii. Overseas 27 months on board U.S.S. Porterfield. Raids against Truck, invasion of Saipan, Tinian, Guam, raids on Philippines, and Formosa, Palau, China Sea, against Saigon, Hong Kong, Iwo Jima, Tokyo, Japan, Okinawa. Awards: Victory, Amer. Campaign, Asiatic Pac., 8 Stars, Phil. Lib. 2 Stars. Discharged April 8, 1946.



Pfc DEE SWIFT, JR.

Pfc D. Swift, son of Dee Swift, Sr., 1701 Alexander St., Waco, and husband of Helen Ruth Swift, was born Aug. 13, 1920, educated at Osage Grammar, Gatesville High School, and Baylor Univ., Waco. Volunteered November 25, 1940, at Waco, and was assigned to the Army 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served in the United States at Camps Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Overseas 2 years and 2 1/2 months, in Europe. Battles: Salerno, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno (Italy), S. France, Rhineland, and C. Germany. Awards: EAME Medal, 5 Stars, American Def., Combat Inf. Badge, and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged June 26, 1945.

1. —1ST LT. BROOKS LIVINGSTONE HARMAN born Nov. 27, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Harman of Waco, Texas. Attended Baylor U. and was practicing law before he volunteered for service Nov. 2, 1942. Was assigned to Army Air Force Legal Division. Served overseas June 29, 1945, to May 12, 1946, in Philippine Islands, Luzon, and Japan. Assisted in prosecuting Japs. Awarded Asiatic Pacific, American Theater, Philippine Liberation, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged May 19, 1946.

2. —SP. "S." 3/c GEORGIA ELIZABETH HARPER JACKSON born Feb. 3, 1915, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Harper of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service June 23, 1944, assigned to U. S. Naval Reserve (Wave). Trained at Bronx, N. Y., and was stationed at NAS Corpus Christi, where she married Roy Hunter Jackson, 1125 Weiss St., Beaumont, Texas. She received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged August 1, 1945, at Corpus Christi. Received her education in public schools of Marlin and at Texas Tech. at Lubbock, State Teacher College, San Marcos, and 4-C College, Waco.

3. —P.T.C. WALLACE RATHAL HARPER born Dec. 30, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Harper of Waco, Texas. Entered the service Jan. 17, 1941, assigned to 1st Army, 3rd Armored Division. Trained at Camp Polk, La., Camp Pickett, Virginia, and Indian Town Gap, Pa. Served overseas in England, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Belgian Bulge. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Silver Star, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged July, 1945.

4. —MAJOR WADE KING HARPER born Sept. 4, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Harper of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service March 15, 1941, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Hemet, & Moffet Field, Calif., and Luke Field, Ariz. Served overseas 29 mos. in Wheeler, Hawaii, Midway, Buka, Shortland Islands, and Guadalcanal, flying 96 missions. Awarded Air Medal, 9 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged July, 1945.

5. —CPL. ERNEST RAYMOND HAVRANEK born Oct. 27, 1923, son of Anton Havranek of Bellmead, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 15, 1941; was assigned to Marine 4th Division. Trained at San Diego, Elliott, Calif. Served overseas Jan. 10, 1944, to Oct. 11, 1945, in Marshall, Marianas, Hawaiian, and Volcano Islands, Iwo Jima, and Roi Namur. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Stars, Victory, and American Defense Medals. Discharged Oct. 29, 1945.

6. —SGT. RICHARD JOE HAVRANEK born Aug. 6, 1920, son of Anton Havranek of Bellmead. Volunteered for service May, 1940; was assigned to Army, 36th Division, 155th Field Arty. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas, and on maneuvers in La. Served overseas April 10, 1942, to Jan. 4, 1946, in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Salerno, Tunisia, and Naples. Was awarded the American Defense Medal, Victory Ribbon & all citations & medals merited by the 36th Div. Was discharged January 27, 1946.

7. —CPL. RUDOLPH ANTON HAVRANEK born July 21, 1918, son of Anton Havranek 1016 Kane, Bellmead. Volunteered for service Oct., 1943, assigned to Marines Replacement Bn. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from March 3, 1944, to Aug. 12, 1944, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Oahu. He received the Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 17, 1945. Attended Waco Junior High School.

8. —CPL. WILLIE RUDY HAVRANEK born Jan. 16, 1925, son of Anton Havranek of Bellmead. Volunteered for service Sept. 4, 1943, assigned to Marines 3rd Amphibious Bn. and 2nd Defense Bn. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Dec. 23, 1943, to Nov. 8, 1945, in Okinawa, Ryukyu Hawaii, Gilberts, Marshall, Perry, Marianas Islands, Saipan, and Guam. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific, Navy Unit Citation, and Victory Medal. Discharged Feb., 1946.

9. —R.M. 3/c HOWARD BUNYAN HARRELL son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Everett Harrell of Waco, Texas, volunteered for service March 17, 1942, assigned to Navy U.S.N.R. (M-2). Trained at USMSTS, Gallups Island, Boston Harbor. Served overseas in European African Middle Eastern Theater (Invasion Sicily), Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Bombardment of Okinawa, and American Theater. Awarded Purple Heart, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Oct. 4, 1945.

10. —SGT. W. D. HASTINGS born March 20, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eulin O. Hastings of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service May 12, 1942, assigned to A.A.F. Trained at Sheppard Field. Served overseas with 9th Air Force Service Command in London, England, France, Luxembourg City, Brussels, Belgium, and Le Harve, France. Awarded EAME Theater, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was discharged March 29, 1946.

11. —COXSAIN BEN WORTHAM HOUGH born Aug. 15, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Hough of 2231 Columbus, Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service July 13, 1944, assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, and Coronado, Calif. Served overseas in Southwest Pacific, participating in the battle of Iwo Jima, aboard the U.S.S. Kingsbury. Received the American Defense, 1 Bronze Star, and Victory Medals. Was discharged June 3, 1946. He is a graduate of Waco High School.

12. —ARM 1/c TRAVIS RAY IVY born Nov. 24, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ivy of Waco, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 10, 1942, assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas on Iwo Jima, Marianas, Carolines, Philippine Islands, Borneo, Okinawa, China, and Japan. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Crew Wings, 3 Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, 2 Air Medals, Com. from Adm. of Cruiser Div., Phil. Lib. 2 Stars, Asiatic-Pac. 4 Stars. Discharged January 22, 1946.

13. —1/SGT. MARVIN JULIUES HEINE born Jan. 18, 1918, husband of Mrs. Myrtle Faye Heine of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to Army 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Blanding, and Camp Edwards. Served overseas in Africa, Italy, France, San Pietro, and Salerno. He was wounded in Italy. Was awarded Purple Heart, Good Conduct, American Defense, and ETO Campaign and Victory Medals. Was discharged August 23, 1945.

14. —CPL. HARLAN JAMES HILL born Aug. 20, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo V. Hill, husband of Mrs. Ellen Mae Hill of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 28, 1942, assigned to Army Air Corps, 33rd Troop Carrier Squadron. Trained at Waco, Texas. Served overseas 7 months at Manila, Philippine, in Southern Philippine Liberation, and Luzon. Awarded American Theater, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, Victory, and Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Bronze Stars. Discharged Dec., 1945.

15. —T/5 CECIL LEON HILL born Oct. 13, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo V. Hill of Waco, Texas. Entered the service Aug. 28, 1942, assigned to Army Infantry Hq. Dept., 1866th Unit, 8th S. C. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. He was awarded American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Received an honorable discharge on August 6, 1943. Served as clerk-typist in Hq. Dept. Prior to Army service he attended Baylor University and was employed in the collection Dept. of a Railroad Co.

16. —SGT. WALDO VENUS HILL, JR., born Nov., 17, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo V. Hill of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 30, 1942, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Waco, and Sheppard Field, Texas, and Tyndall Field, Fla. Served overseas 20 mos. in ETO, Normandy, Southern France, Rhineland, Air Combat of Balkans and Po Valley. Awarded Distinguished Unit Badge, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Sept. 28, 1945.

17. —YEOMAN 2/c EARL MALCOLM JOHNSON born May 29, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Johnson of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service May 24, 1944, assigned to Navy Seventh Fleet (Flag Allowance). Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Aug. 24, 1944, to June 19, 1945, in Admiralty Islands, Cavite City, Philippine Islands. Was awarded Asiatic Pacific, ATO, Philippine Liberation, Victory Medals, Com. by Naval Base for participation in constr. maintenance of Base, supply and repair of fighting Ships. Discharged, 1946.

18. —SGT. ROBERT G. JOHNSON born May 13, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Johnson of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to Army 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas in Africa, Italy, and Germany, participating in battles of Naples-Foggia, Salerno, and Central Germany. Missing for 6 weeks, but was POW of Germans for 19 mos. Awarded European Theater, 2 Battle Stars, 1 Arrowhead, Infantry Combat Badge, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Sept. 6, 1945.

19. —2/LT. LLOYD B. JOHNSON born Aug. 31, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Johnson, of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service July 5, 1941, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Chanute Field, Ill., Perrin Field, and Ellington Field. Served with ATC 11th Ferrying Sqdn., 5th Ferrying Group at Love Field, Dallas. Was killed at Waskum, Texas, Jan. 23, 1944. Was awarded Presidential Citation for faithful service to his country. Graduate of Waco High School.

20. —SGT. AUSTIN LEE JOHNSON born Jan. 14, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samie Lee Johnson of Waco, Texas. Entered the service Jan. 15, 1943, assigned to Army Construction Engineer Battalion. Trained at Camp Phillips, Kan. Served overseas Jan. 16, 1944, to Jan. 17, 1946, in Goodenough Island, participating in New Guinea, & Philippines Campaigns. Awarded Philippines Liberation, 2 Bronze Stars, 1 Service Stripe, 4 Overseas Bars, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Bronze Stars, and Arrowhead. Discharged Jan., 1946.

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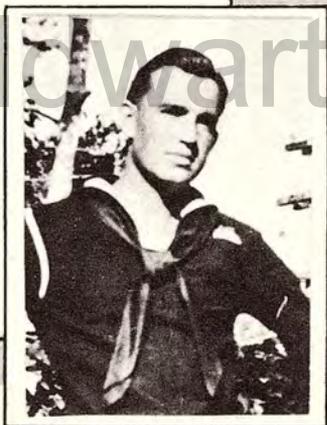
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1st Lt. ORTON T. CAMPBELL, JR.

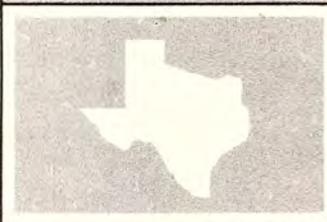


1st Lt. Orton T. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orton T. Campbell, Sr., Ft. Worth, was born August 3, 1917. Attended Waco Public Schools and Government Printing Office Apprentice School, Washington, D. C. Volunteered for service June 15, 1942, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas from April, 1944, to November, 1945, in European Theater. Before "D" Day dropped paratroopers for Normandy Invasion; also dropped paratroopers in Southern France and Holland. Participated in campaigns of Normandy, Rome-Arno, France, Central Europe and Rhineland. Received Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Medal with 6 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Citation Badge. Relieved from active duty Jan. 23, 1946. Now Active Air Reserve, Andrew Field, Washington, D. C. His daughter is Barbara Lynne Campbell, 720 N. 14th St., Waco.



*S1/c ROY EDWIN TAYLOR, JR.

S1/c Roy Edwin Taylor, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Taylor, Sr., 1600 North 11th St., Waco, Texas, was born Nov. 26, 1921. He attended Waco High School and volunteered for U.S. Navy Jan. 6, 1941. Was assigned to sea duty March 20, 1941, serving on the U.S.S. Juneau. Served in Greenland, Bermuda, Netherlands, battles of Midway and Guadalcanal in the South Pacific. S1/c Taylor paid the Supreme Sacrifice on November 13, 1942, at Guadalcanal. He was awarded the Presidential Citation and Purple Heart posthumously. He had previously served on the U.S.S. Brooklyn.



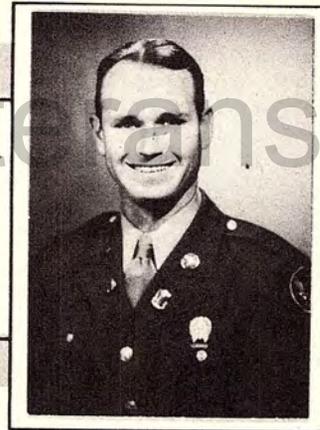
S/Sgt. CHARLES L. TAYLOR

S/Sgt. Charles L. Taylor, born May 19, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Taylor, Webster, St., Waco, was educated at Riesel, Texas, Grammar and High School, and International Accounts Soc. Inc., Chicago, Ill. Volunteered on April 9, 1941; was assigned to the Marines 2nd Div., and 2nd, M. P. to Paymaster; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.; served in the U. S. for 15 months; overseas 23 months, in New Zealand and Hawaiian Islands; transferred to States, Pay Office Dept. P. A. C. San Francisco. Awarded: Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal. He reenlisted April 4, 1945, to serve 2 more years, with Pay Office Dept. PAC, San Francisco.

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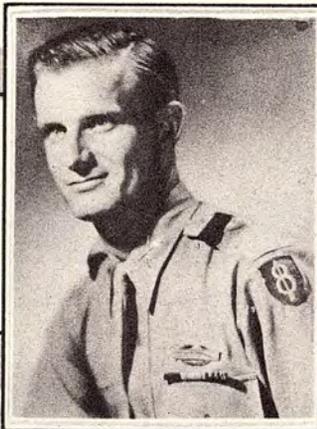
1st Lt. LOUIS J. MERRIGAN



Cpl. CLYDE R. WILKINS, JR.

1st Lt. L. J. Merrigan, son of Mrs. Jessie D. L. Williams, 900 Spring St., Waco, husband of Dorothy Christine Merrigan, 808 E. 17th St., Ada, Okla., was born July 9, 1919. He attended Waco High; volunteered Oct. 1, 1940, for U.S. Air Corps; trained at Kelly Field, Texas; served in various fields in the United States, and overseas in Assam, India; Kunming, China; Agra, India. Battles: China-Burma Defense Campaign, Burma Offensive. Awarded: Air Medal, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Br. Stars, A.T.O. and American Def., and Victory, Pres. Unit Citation. Appointed Flight Officer Dec., 1942, and commissioned Jan. 7, 1944, overseas. Discharged Nov. 31, 1946.

Cpl. C. R. Wilkins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wilkins, Sr., 2605 McKenzie Ave., Waco, born June 30, 1921, husband of Nelda Faye Wilkins, 2720 Colcord Ave., Waco, was educated at Brook Ave. Grammar, and Waco High School; volunteered for service on Sept. 19, 1942, at Waco, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, 20th Air Force, and 314th Bomb. Wing. Trained at Waco Army Air Field; served in the United States 26 months at various air fields. Overseas 14 months, in Central and South Pacific. Awards: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Br. Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. He was honorably discharged on January 5, 1946.



1st Lt. WILLIAM W. WINKLER



Sgt. RAYBURN F. WRIGHT, JR.

1st Lt. W. W. Winkler, born Nov. 14, 1918, husband of Marion Alyce Winkler, 721 Washington St., Waco. Attended Pampa High School, and is a graduate of Texas Technological College, Lubbock. Volunteered for service on Nov. 19, 1940, at Amarillo, and was assigned to the 8th Inf. Div. Trained at Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, and Camp Adair, Oregon. Served in the United States for 4 years, and overseas 13 months, in battles of Brest, France; Luxembourg, Hurtzen Forest, Germany. He was wounded in line of duty, Nov. 19, 1944. Awards are: Combat Inf. Badge, Purple Heart, ETO Ribbon, 3 Stars, French Fourragere. Discharged Nov. 19, 1945.

Sgt. R. F. Wright, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wright, Sr., P.O. Box 843, Waco, was born July 9, 1922. He attended Central City Commercial College, Waco; volunteered for service on Sept. 18, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Black Land A. Air Field. Overseas 23 months, in Karagapur, India, and Naha, Okinawa (made complete global circle upon leaving and returning to the States). Awarded: Asiatic-Pac., A.T.O., Victory, Merit, Unit Award. Promoted from Pfc to Sgt. as an AAF Supply Technician, which rank he held 31 months. He served with M.P. Unit for some time; transferred to another field for overseas training. He was honorably discharged Dec. 29, 1945.



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***E.M.C. CHARLIE R. BENNETT**

E.M.C. Charlie Richard Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Bennett, 615 Cowan, Mart, Texas, husband of Audrey Mitchell Bennett, 5126 Cherry St., Houston, Texas, was born April 21, 1903. Received his education in Mart Public Schools. Entered service October 20, 1940, at Mart and was assigned to Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Quincy. He trained at Mare Island, California. He had previously enlisted June 27, 1919, and served eight years. During this time he served on U. S. S. Mexico, Vestal, Richmond, Nitro, Yarborough and Altair. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice August 10, 1942, on the U.S.S. Quincy in the Battle of Savo. The Purple Heart is the only award of which the family has any knowledge.



Sgt. CECIL C. UZZEL

Sgt. C. C. Uzzel, born Feb. 1, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Uzzel, 1101 Sherman St., Waco, husband of Marthabelle Uzzel, 906 Preston St., Waco, attended Waco High School, and entered service on April 3, 1941, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Was assigned to the Army 200th C. A. (AA); trained at Camp Wallace and Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas 4 years in Luzon, Philippines, Battle of Bataan. In POW Camps: O'Donnell, Cabanatuan, P. Is., Niagata, Japan. He was wounded and reported missing. Received following awards: Philippine Lib., 1 Star, American Def., 1 Star, Asiatic-Pac., 2 Stars, Good Con., Victory, Dist. Unit Badge, 2 O.L.C., Inf. Comb. Badge, Purple H. Discharged June 7, 1946.



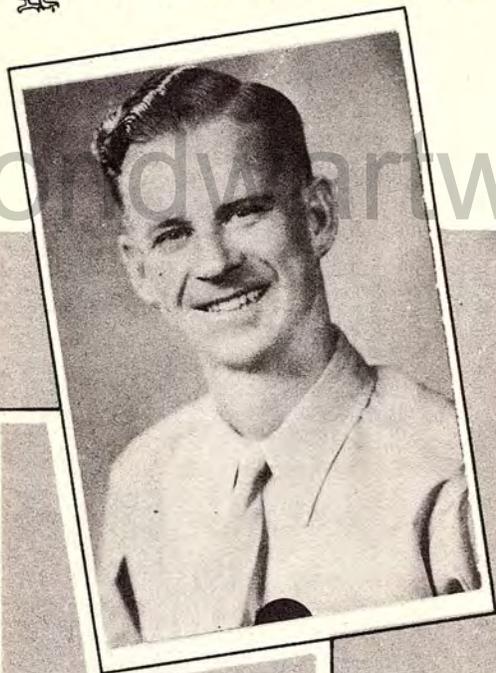
PhM 2/c JAMES W. BENTLEY

PhM2/c J. W. Bentley, born June 5, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Bentley, 2620 Pine St., Waco, attended Texas University, Austin, and volunteered for service on May 28, 1943. Was assigned to U. S. Navy, attached to Marines 6th Div., and 3rd Div. Trained at Naval Recruit Training Sta., Corpus Christi. He served in various camps in U. S. before going overseas. In South and Central Pacific, and China areas. Battles: Honolulu, Hawaii, Okinawa, R.I., Tientsin, China, and Jinsen, Korea. Ships he served aboard: M/V Bloemfontein, USS Searunner, USS Eastland, and USS Pinkney. Awards: American Area, Asiatic Pac. 2 Stars, Victory, Unit Cit. Discharged April, 1946.



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Pfc JERALD BEHELER

Pfc Jerald Beheler, husband of Mrs. Frances Smith Beheler, Elm Mott, Texas, was born February 17, 1917. Attended Waco High School and entered service March 20, 1944, at Mineral Wells, Texas. Assigned to Army, Infantry Division. Trained at Mineral Wells. Served overseas in the European Theater for 8 1/2 months. He was missing from Dec. 21, 1944, to April 13, 1945, but had been held in German, P. O. W. Camps. He participated in battles of Ardennes Forest, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received 3 Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, American Theater Ribbon, E. T. O. Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal. Received his discharge November 24, 1945, at Fort Warren, Wyoming. Pfc Beheler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Beheler, and had two brothers in the army.



Pfc CECIL C. CLARE



Cpl. H. T. COGGINS, JR.

Pfc C. C. Clare, born November 6th, 1925, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clare, 520 Jefferson St., Waco, Texas. He attended West Waco Junior High School, Texas. Volunteered for service on June 5, 1942, at Waco, and was assigned to the 5th Marine Division, with training at San Diego, California. Served in the United States for several months before going to serve overseas, in Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima. He was wounded in the right leg on Iwo Jima. His awards are: Purple Heart, and Meritorious Service Citation on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from Feb. 19, to March 9, 1945. 4 yrs. enlistment expired June 5, 1946.

Cpl. H. T. Coggins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Coggins, Sr., 2512 Sanger Ave., Waco, born Dec. 23, 1923, in Oklahoma, husband of Dessa Coggins, 1326 9th Street, Wichita Falls, attended Waco High School, and volunteered for service on July 28, 1941, at Waco. Was assigned to the Marines, 1st Division, and was sent to San Diego, California, for training. He served in the United States from July 28, 1941, until January of 1942. Served overseas from January, 1942, to May of 1945, in Guadalcanal and Okinawa. Awarded: Purple Heart, and Pres. Citation. Wounded on Okinawa. He was honorably discharged Nov. 8, 1945.

1. —1ST SGT. CHARLES PRICE SPIVEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spivey, Prairie Hill, Texas, husband of Florence Spivey, Waco, Texas, was born Sept. 25, 1919. Volunteered Army 36th Div., Nov. 24, 1940; trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas; overseas from April 1, 1943, to April 8, 1944, in Oran, Africa, Salerno, Italy, Altavilla, Italy, and Rapido River. Awarded Silver Star, EAME w/2 Bronze Stars, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, Infantry Combat Badge, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct. 2, 1945.
2. —1ST SGT. MARY ELIZABETH GRAVES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cicero A. Graves, Watt, Texas, sister of Mrs. Charles P. Spivey, Waco, Texas, was born July 12, 1920, and attended high school at Axtell, Texas. Volunteered Womens' Army Corps, March 8, 1943; trained at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, Ft. Riley, Kans., Camp Pickett, Va. Received Meritorious Service Award, WAAC Ribbon, Army Commendation, American Theater, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. She is in Co. H., Hdqrs. En. (WAC), Camp Pickett, Va.
3. —T/SGT. JAMES BERRY GRAVES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cicero A. Graves, Watt, Texas, brother of Mrs. Charles P. Spivey, Waco, Texas, was born May 12, 1910, and entered Army, 925 Aviation Eng., May 14, 1943. Trained at March Field, Calif., and Camp Kilmer, N.J.; overseas Aug. 20, 1943, to Nov. 10, 1945, in England, France, Germany, battles of Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe. Awarded EAME w/5 Stars, Certificate of Merit from IX Eng. Command, Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 16, 1945.
4. —S/SGT. WILLIAM CICERO GRAVES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cicero A. Graves, brother of Mrs. Charles P. Spivey, Waco, Texas, was born Feb. 3, 1908, and attended University of Texas, Austin. Entered Army 41st Tank Bn., 11th Armored Div.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif.; overseas June, 1941, to Nov., 1941; March, 1944 to Sept., 1945, in Panama Canal, England, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded ETO w/4 Stars, American Defense w/1 Star, Bronze Star Medal. Discharged Sept., 1945.
5. —SGT. FRANKLIN EDWARD STEELE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Auther Edward Steele, 2719 Flint Avenue, Waco, Texas, husband of Mrs. Opal Steele, Houston, Texas, was born January 9, 1915, and attended Waco High School, Waco, Texas. Entered service May 11, 1942, assigned to Army 5th Spec. Sr. Co.; trained at Camp Wallace, Texas, Camp Maxey, Texas, Camp Hullen, Texas. He served overseas in the Pacific area in Japan. Sgt. Franklin Edward Steele was given an honorable discharge February 22, 1946.
6. —PFC CLARENCE WILBURN STEELE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Auther Edward Steele, Waco, Texas, husband of Marie Steele, Waco, was born June 10, 1916, and educated in Waco, Texas. Volunteered Army 106th Inf. Div., March 21, 1943, also in 28th Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, serving overseas for eleven months and fifteen days in Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Southern France. Received Campaign Medal w/4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, Combat Infantryman's Badge. Discharged Sept., 1945.
7. —S/SGT. CHARLES JONES STEPHENS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hannon Stephens, 1303 Colcord Ave., Waco, Texas, was born Dec. 30, 1919, and attended Waco High School. Entered 4th Air Force, Dec. 1, 1941, and trained at Camp Roberts, California; overseas from Sept. 26, 1944, to Dec. 7, 1945, in C.B.I. area, in India as a radio operator in 10th Air Force. Awarded Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Ribbon, and Victory Medal. Sgt. Stephens was honorably discharged Dec. 13, 1945, at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas.
8. —PFC RAY HANNON STEPHENS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hannon Stephens, Waco, Texas, was born November 7, 1923, and attended Waco High School. Volunteered for service July 1, 1942; assigned to 6th Marines, training at Camp Elliott, Calif.; overseas Nov., 1942, to Nov., 1943, and April, 1945, to July, 1945, in South Pacific, battles of Guadalcanal and Okinawa. Received Purple Heart, South Pacific Ribbon w/2 Battle Stars. Pfc Stephens died of wounds received on Okinawa, July 4, 1945.
9. —T/5 SAM MILTON PALASOTA, husband of Frances Palasota, Marlin, born Aug. 15, 1913, entered Army Med. Det. 200 CA (AA), April 4, 1941. Trained at Camp Wallace, served overseas in Philippines, Battle of Bataan, Awarded Purple Heart, Asiatic Pacific 3 Stars, Distinguished Unit 1 Cluster, Philippine Liberation, San Francisco Medallion for Bataan heroes, American, Philippine Defense, and Good Conduct. POW 34 mos. making ill famed "Death March." Discharged July, 1945.
10. —CPL. SAMUEL EDWARD STEWART, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eva Stewart, husband of Mary Stewart, Waco, Texas, was born Aug. 9, 1925, and educated in Waco, Texas. Entered Army Air Corps, Nov. 13, 1943; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas; served overseas 12 months on Marianas Islands, with 20th Air Force in Battle on Guam, air offensive over Japan. Awarded American Theater, Asiatic Pacific Theater, Good Conduct, Victory, Sharpshooters (Carbine), and Expert (Tompson Sub. Mach. Gun) Medals. Discharged Jan. 3, 1946.
11. —S/SGT. JAMES MATTISON STOUT, son of J. S. Stout, Waco, Texas, born March 9, 1919, attended Baylor Univ., Waco, and entered Army 1037th Signal Corps, Serv. Grp., Feb. 26, 1941. Trained at Ft. Monmouth, N.J.; overseas 3 years in Kirwina Biak, Islands, New Guinea, Papuan, Leyte, P.I. Campaigns and Australia. Awarded Distinguished Unit, Asiatic Pacific w/3 Stars, Philippine Liberation w/1 Star, American Defense and Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Sept. 16, 1945.
12. —PO 1/c RICHARD JACK WOODY, son of Mrs. K. H. Stovall, 4215 Lugo St., Lynwood, Calif., was born Nov. 30, 1923, Waco, Texas, and attended Waco High School, Texas A & M. Volunteered Sept. 16, 1943, Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island. He served overseas eighteen months in three South Pacific bases. Petty Officer first class Richard Jack Woody was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy Seabees on April 3, 1946.
13. —E.T.M. 2/c HENRY WILLIAM (HANK) THOMPSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Thomas Thompson, Waco, Texas, was born Sept. 3, 1925, and attended Universities of Princeton, N.J., Southern Methodist, Dallas, and Univ. of Texas, Austin. Volunteered for USNR, Jan. 27, 1943; trained at San Diego, Calif. He served overseas 13 months in South Pacific area in invasion of the Marshall Islands, and Liberation of the Philippines. Received Good Conduct Medal. Honorably discharged March 1, 1946.
14. —S/SGT. JOHN HALBERT WELLS, brother of Mrs. Jules Thompson, Waco, Texas, was born April 29, 1914, at Chilton, Texas, and attended high school, Brazos County. Volunteering for the service January 16, 1937, at Waco; was assigned to Army Co. A, 1st Inf., 2nd Div.; trained Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo., Fts. George Wright and Lewis, Wash., and Ft. Benning, Ga. Served overseas 35 months at Ft. Richardson, Alaska. Staff Sergeant Wells was given an honorable discharge August 8, 1945, from U.S. Army.
15. —T/4 DAVID MINNETH WELLS, brother of Mrs. Jules Thompson, Waco, Texas, was born March 31, 1918, at Damon, Texas, and attended Baylor University, Waco. Entered Army, DEML, 8th Service Command, on May 11, 1943; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, Camp Claiborne, La., and Ft. Belvoir, Va.; overseas from July, 1945, to March, 1946, in Okinawa, 2810 Eng. Petroleum Distribution Co. Awarded Good Conduct, Asiatic Pacific, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Discharged March 17, 1946, (to ERC).
16. —1ST LT. CHARLES CARLTON WELLS, brother of Mrs. Jules Thompson, Waco, Texas, and husband of Frances Ann Wells, Milwaukee, Wis., was born Sept. 7, 1920, at Chilton, Texas. Attended North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Texas; volunteered for Marine Corps, June 22, 1942; trained at Officers Training School, Quantico, Va., Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., Camps Lejeune, N.C., and Pendleton, Calif. Served overseas in China with 5th Marines 1st Div. Discharged June 6, 1946.
17. —1ST LT. ROBERT VONLEY THREADGILL, son of Mrs. Cleman Lillie Mae Threadgill, Waco, Texas, and husband of Virgie Marie Threadgill, Longview, Texas, was born June 23, 1917. Volunteered for Army Air Corps, Oct. 23, 1942; trained at Curtis Field, Brady, Texas; overseas European Theater 10 mos. as bomber pilot over France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, air offensive of Europe, N. France, and Normandy. Awarded Air Medal w/12 Clusters, 4 Battle Stars, Victory, Soldiers Medals. Discharged December 25, 1945.
18. —A.O.M.2/c RAYMOND ROBERT TODD, son of Mr. William Todd, Waco, Texas, and brother of Mrs. Robert V. Threadgill, Longview, Texas, was born January 27, 1917, at Ross, Texas, and educated in Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service May, 1943, assigned Navy Aviation Ordnance; trained at Corpus Christi, Texas, Norman, Okla., Vero Beach, Fla., Hutchinson, Kans., St. Louis, Mo., Port Hueneke, Calif., San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in Southwest Pacific on Tinian, Saipan and Guam. Discharged March 9, 1946.
19. —SGT. DOUGLAS WILLIAM TODD, son of Mr. William Todd, Waco, Texas, and brother of Mrs. Robert V. Threadgill, Longview, Texas, was born June 21, 1919. Attended Waco High, and entered Army Medical Corps March, 1942; trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark., Ft. Bliss, Camp Berkeley, Texas, and Fitzsimmon's Gen. Hosp.; overseas for 22 months in England, France, Germany, Battle of Bulge, Crossing of Rhine caring for wounded. Received American and European Theater Medals. Discharged December 27, 1945.
20. —PFC ALVIN FRANK TODD, son of Mr. William Todd, Waco, Texas, and brother of Mrs. Robert V. Threadgill, Longview, Texas, was born Dec. 6, 1923, and educated in Waco, Texas. Volunteered for 2nd Div., 3rd Bat., 10th Marines, Dec. 16, 1941; trained at San Diego, Calif., and Camp Elliott, Brawley, Calif.; overseas from June 9, 1942, to June 1, 1944, in Gavuta, Makambo, and Tanambogo, Solomon Is., battles of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, and Atoll, G.I. Awarded Asiatic Pacific w/4 Stars, Presidential Unit w/2 Stars. Discharged April, 1945.

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Col. BEN A. GARLAND



S/Sgt. HUGH C. GARLAND

Col. Ben Allen Garland, son of Mrs. Gladys Clark Garland, 2323 Morrow Ave., Waco, Texas, was born January 22, 1920. He attended Baylor University in Waco and is the husband of A'Pala Garland. He entered service May 15, 1940, at Dallas with the Army Air Corps, as Flying Cadet; trained at Randolph Field, Texas, and served in the States at Patterson Field, Ohio, Bowman Field, Kentucky, Lawson Field, Georgia, and Bergstrom Field, Texas. Col. Garland was transferred to overseas duty where he served thirty two months in Egypt, Libya, Sicily, Italy, England, France, Belgium and Germany. His awards include two Distinguished Flying Crosses, Bronze Star for meritorious service, Air Medal, ten Battle Stars and three Unit Citations. He is currently serving in the Army Air Force, Washington, D. C.

S/Sgt. Hugh Clark Garland, birthdate July 1, 1918, a native of Texas, is the son of Mrs. Gladys Clark Garland, Waco, Texas, and the husband of Helen F. Garland of the same city. He attended Baylor University, and was a construction engineer prior to volunteering for the Army Air Corps, May 27, 1941. After training at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas, Jefferson Bks., St. Louis, and Chanute Field, Illinois, Sgt. Garland served at the Harlingen, Texas, Army Gunnery School, and at the Army Air Fields in Waco and Temple, Texas. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant in August of 1942, and received the American Theater Ribbon, American Defense and Victory Medals, with the Good Conduct Award. On October 31, 1945, he terminated his service with the Air Corps.

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Maj. EUGENE W. CARL

Maj. Eugene Watson Carl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnson, 619 Herring Avenue, Waco, McLennan County, Texas, was born April 1, 1918, a native of Texas. He attended and graduated from Waco Texas High School and Texas Tech at Lubbock. Entered service October 1, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Air Force, training at Alexandria, Louisiana, Army Air Base. On June 24, 1942, he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and began overseas duty August 31, 1942, in the European Theater where he participated in the campaigns of Rhineland, Ardennes, Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe and the air offensive over Europe. His awards include the Distinguished Unit Citation, EAME Campaign Medal with six Bronze Service Stars, American Theater Ribbon with Victory and Defense Awards. After returning to the States, Maj. Carl was discharged from service five months later, on the 26th of February, 1946.

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*Ens. HARTWELL R. HAWKINS

Ensign H. R. Hawkins, born Aug. 26, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hawkins, Waco, Texas, attended Baylor University, Waco, and volunteered for service March 26th, 1942. He was assigned to the Navy Air Corps, Fighting Squad. (4). Trained at US Naval Air Sta., Corpus Christi, Texas. Served in the United States for 1 year; overseas 8 months. He was Naval Aviator on USS Ranger, aircraft carrier, and information concerning him is incomplete. However, he is believed to have seen action when the USS Ranger's planes sunk 40,000 tons of German shipping, Oct., 1943, off the coast of Norway. Paid Supreme Sacrifice Nov. 13, 1943.

M/Sgt. JACK E. HAWKINS

M/Sgt. J. E. Hawkins, born Oct. 14, 1919, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hawkins, 1000 So. 5th St., Waco. He attended Axtell High School, volunteered for service on Aug. 1, 1938, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces, 340th Bomb. Group (M) and 488th Bomb. Squad. (M). Trained at Columbia Air Field, S. C., San Antonio, Texas, Santa Monica, Calif., and Florida. Overseas 19 months, in Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno. Awarded: EAME Campaign Medal, 4 Stars, Good Conduct, and Distinguished Unit Badge. He supervised 75 to 100 men servicing and repairing bombers, and in ETO was responsible for inspection of airplanes, making necessary repairs. Discharged Sept., 1945.



S/Sgt. BRACY A. BLEDSOE

S/Sgt. B. A. BLEDSOE, born Nov. 5, 1917, is the son of A. W. Bledsoe of Normangee and husband of Addie Gilliam Bledsoe, Waco. Attended Baylor Univ., Waco; entered service Feb. 19, 1943, and was assigned to Army 11th Airborne Div. Trained at Camp Mackall, N.C. Served in U.S. 15 months; overseas 12 months, in Buna, New Guinea; Leyte, Philippines, Luzon. In battles on Leyte and Luzon. Wounded at Batangas, Luzon. Awarded Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 10, 1945.

T/Sgt. MELVIN O. GILLIAM

T/Sgt. M. O. GILLIAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gilliam of Waco was born Nov. 26, 1924. Attended Waco High School, and entered the service April 29, 1943, assigned to Army 15th AAF 465th Bomb. Group, 781st Bomb. Sq. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served in the United States 16 months, and overseas 10 months, in Italy, N. Apennines, Po Valley, Rhineland, C. Europe, and air combat, Balkans. Missing in action 29 days. Awards: Air Medal, 2 Bronze Clusters. Discharged Nov., 1945.

S/Sgt. RAYMOND E. GILLIAM

S/Sgt. R. E. GILLIAM, born March 8, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gilliam, 609 Turner St., Waco, attended Waco High School, and volunteered Jan. 19, 1943. Was assigned to Army 389th AAA. (AW) Bn.; trained at Camp Haan, Calif. Served in U.S. 16 months, and overseas 22 months, in Netherlands, East Indies; Luzon, participated in New Guinea campaign. He was honorably discharged March 17, 1946.

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T/Sgt. L. M. DICKENSON



S/Sgt. CECIL F. KING

T/Sgt. Dickenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Dickenson, Route 1, Waco, husband of Nancy M. Dickenson, was born April 15, 1917, at Ross, Texas. Attended Axtell High School, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 5, 1940, and was assigned to the Army COK 143rd Inf., 36th Div.; trained at Brownwood, Texas. Overseas from April, 1943, to July, 1944, in Africa, and Italy. He was wounded in Jan., 1944, at Rapido River Battle, in Italy. Was awarded: Silver Star, Purple Heart, Combat Inf. Badge, Pre-Pearl Harbor, Bronze Star for Italian Campaign, and ETO Campaign Ribbon. T/Sgt. Dickenson was honorably discharged on February 24, 1945.

S/Sgt. C. F. King, son of J. L. King and Mrs. Susie Leopard, of Waco, and husband of Helen J. King, 1133 La Clede St., Bellmead, was born June 1, 1919. Attended Bell's Hill Grammar, and South Junior High Schools, Waco. Volunteered March 12, 1940, at Waco, Texas. Was assigned to the Army 36th Div.; trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards; served in the United States from March 12, 1940, to April 1, 1943, and overseas 1 year, in N. Africa. Participated in Salerno invasion, and battles of Alta Villa and San Pietro. Awards: Bronze Star (Italy), Combat Inf. Badge, Good Conduct, and Purple Heart. Discharged Oct. 31, 1944, at McCloskey Gen. Hosp.



*Pfc CHARLES S. FARRELL

Pfc C. S. Farrell, born June 12, 1924, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Farrell, 1009 Cherry St., Waco, Texas. He attended Waco High School, and entered the service on March 26, 1942; was assigned to the US Inf. Trained at Camp Howze, Texas; overseas from Sept. 4, 1943, to Sept. 8, 1944, when he was killed in action, in France in the invasion with American and English troops. Previous to his death he was wounded at Naples, Italy. He was with the 1st Ranger Bn., in N. African areas; Tunisia, and Naples, Italy. Awards: Purple Heart, and Combat Inf. Badge for heroic performance against enemy fire. He was in Rome-Arno, and retired to rest camp for a few weeks after Rome fell.

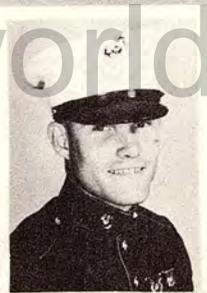
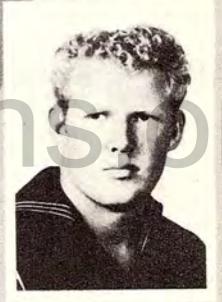


M/Sgt. GEORGE W. HENDERSON

M/Sgt. G. W. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Ore City, Texas, born Sept. 14, 1922, married Doris Holasek, 107 N. Davis St., West, Texas. Educated at Ore City Public Schools and University of Texas, Austin. Volunteered for service on Aug. 18, 1942, at San Antonio, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Camp Livingston, La., and Lamesa AA Field, Texas. Served in the US at Cox Field, Paris, Texas, and Brownwood AA Field, Texas. Overseas in action in New Guinea, Netherlands E. Indies, and Philippines. Awards: Air Medal, 2 OLC, Good Conduct, Dist. U. Citation, ATO, Phil. Lib. A.-P. 3 Stars. Discharged Jan., 1946.

1. —SGT. EDDIE TYNES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Roberts, Waco, was born Dec. 21, 1918. Attended John Tarleton Agricultural College, Stephenville. Volunteered for service Nov. 14, 1940. Assigned to Army 2nd Inf. Division. Transferred to Air Corps Nov., 1941; served with Air Forces overseas 32 mos. in CBI Theater, India-Burma campaign. Received Pre-Pearl Harbor, American Theater, ETO, Asiatic-Pacific 1 Battle Star, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 3, 1945.
2. —SGT. HAROLD ALVIN TYNES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Roberts, Waco, was born June 24, 1921. Volunteered for service Nov. 14, 1940. Assigned to Army 2nd Inf. Div. Served 24 months in ETO. Received Pre-Pearl Harbor, American Theater, ETO with 2 Battle Stars for N. France and Normandy, Good Conduct, and Victory; Bronze Star Medal with Cluster; Combat Infantry Badge. Received concussion after 47 days continuous combat; hospitalized and transferred to Military Police Co. until he returned to U.S. for discharge Nov., 3, 1945.
3. —SM 3/c EARL EDWARD McCOMB, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd H. Sanders of Waco, was born Apr. 11, 1921. Volunteered for service Oct. 8, 1938, at San Antonio. Assigned to 23rd Inf. Division for three years. Discharged from Army and enlisted in Navy Dec. 15, 1941 for 6 years. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in Atlantic and Pacific in New Guinea, Alaska, and South America. At the present time he is stationed at San Pedro, Calif. Prior to service he attended Waco High School, and was employed by the U.S. Gov.
4. —QM. 3/c BILLY JOE McCOMB, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd H. Sanders of Waco, was born Feb. 10, 1926. He received his education at Waco, Tex. Volunteered for service Feb. 2, 1944, at Waco. Assigned to the U.S. Navy, and trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in Pacific two years aboard U.S.S. Destroyer Farragut. Participated in the taking of the Philippines, Siapan, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Okinawa. At the present time he is still serving with the U.S. Navy at Seattle, Washington.
5. —PFC BOBBIE LOUIS SAWYER, brother of Marie Sawyer of West, Tex., was born Aug. 11, 1922. Educated in West. Volunteered for service Oct. 1, 1942, at Waco. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Blackland Army Air Field. Served overseas in China-Burma-India Theater. Received Good Conduct, American Theater Campaign, and World War II Victory Medals, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, and Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged Feb. 22, 1946.
6. —T/SGT. BEN H. SCHMALRIEDE, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schmalriede, McGregor, Tex., was born Apr. 29, 1918. He received his education in Plainview Public Schools. Entered the service Sept. 22, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps, 2nd Bombardier. Served overseas from Sept., 1943, to July, 1945, in ETO and participated in 38 bombing missions. Was prisoner of war from 1944 to Apr., 1945 when liberated. Received Distinguished Flying Medal with 6 Clusters. Discharged Sept. 19, 1945.
7. —P.O. 1/c HERBERT WILLIAM SCHNEIDER, son of Mrs. M. E. Schneider, and husband of Mrs. Claire Schneider of Rt. 8 Box 295-H, Waco, Texas, was born Aug. 23, 1906. He received his education in the Waco Public Schools. Volunteered for the service Jan. 9, 1943, at Waco. Assigned to the Navy, and trained at Camp Bradford, Virginia, and Camp Endicott, R.I. He served in the U.S. nine months and overseas 24 months in the Aleutian and New Hebrides Islands. Discharged Sept. 29, 1945.
8. —SGT. EDWARD ARNOLD SCHROEDER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schroeder, Waco, was born Sept. 26, 1918. Attended Baylor University. Entered the service Nov. 13, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Aviation Engineers. Participated in China Offensive and Defensive, Central Burma and India with 1891st Engineer Aviation Battalion from Aug., 1944, to Jan., 1946. Received American Theater, Good Conduct, Victory, Asiatic-Pacific with 4 Bronze Stars. Discharged Jan. 10, 1946.
- * 9. —SEAMAN 2/c U.S.N.R. LAWRENCE OTIS SEALEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sealey, 413 South Davis, West, was born Mar. 21, 1925. Attended West Elementary and High School. Entered service June 24, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy and trained in San Diego, Calif. He served on the USS Liscome Bay, and participated in the battle in the Gilbert Islands, Central Pacific. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the Gilbert Islands Nov. 24, 1943. The Purple Heart was awarded.
10. —M.A.M. 3/c ALBERT BENSON SAULS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Artie M. Smith, Waco, was born Oct. 31, 1918. His wife is Mrs. Virginia D. Sauls, 1010 So. 6th St., Waco, Texas. He received his education in Waco Public Schools. Volunteered for service Nov. 11, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Naval Reserve. Trained at Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. Served with Carrier Aircraft Service Unit # 21. Received American Defense and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 8, 1946.
11. —SEAMAN 1/c ROY ALLEN SMITH, son of Mrs. Lee A. Smith, 914 Texas Ave., Mart, Texas, was born June 24, 1923. Volunteered for service Oct. 22, 1942, at Ft. Worth. Assigned to U.S. Navy Coast Guard. Trained at New Orleans, La., and Pensacola, Fla. Served overseas from July, 1944, to Nov., 1945. Served aboard A.O.G. 25 on Hawaii, Guam, Wake, Okinawa, Marshall, Carolines Islands. Received American, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation (W/1 Bronze Star) Ribbons. Discharged Nov. 9, 1945.
- * 12. —SGT. FRANCIS MARION WEAVER, son of Wm. A. Weaver, Bryan, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Hattie Smith Weaver, Veterans Hospital, Alexandria, La., was born Apr. 20, 1908. Attended Bryan High School. Volunteered for service Sept. 19, 1942, at Ellington Field, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Ellington Field, Texas; Keesler Field, Miss.; Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas. He lost his life in a plane crash near Manchester, N.H., April 24, 1944, while on "Operational Flight."
13. —S/SGT. GERALD ECKMAN SMITH, son of Mrs. Lee A. Smith, Mart, Tex., was born Dec. 9, 1919. He received his education in Mart. Volunteered for service Oct. 1, 1939, at Ft. Worth. He was assigned to Army Coast Artillery and trained at Fort McDowell, Calif. Served overseas from Nov., 1939, to Nov., 1944, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, American Defense Service and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Dec. 27, 1944.
14. —SEAMAN 1/c MARION WILSON SMITH, son of Mrs. Lee A. Smith, Mart, Texas was born Feb. 6, 1922. Volunteered for service July 10, 1942, at Ft. Worth. Assigned to the U.S.C.G. Served overseas from Aug., 1945, to Dec., 1945, aboard Coast Guard Cutter Jackson doing coast wise convoy and patrol duty, and on the Cutter Onondaga in Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. Received American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and Victory Bar. Discharged December 22, 1945.
15. —PFC CECIL BYRON SMITH, son of Mrs. Lee A. Smith, Mart, Tex., was born Feb. 11, 1918. Entered the service May 8, 1945, at Camp Beale, Calif. Assigned to Army 3067th Ordnance Co., 9th Service Command. Trained at Camp Hood, Tex. Served overseas from Dec., 1945, to Apr., 1946, in Adak, Alaska, and Aleutians. Received Expert and Sharpshooters Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals-Sleeve Wreath. Discharged Apr. 16, 1946.
16. —SGT. ORAN DELANEY SMITH, son of Mrs. Lee A. Smith, Mart, Texas, was born Jan. 14, 1916. Attended Mart Public Schools. Volunteered for service Feb. 3, 1938, at Ft. Worth. Assigned to Marines, 2nd Div. Trained San Diego, Calif. Had 3 years of sea duty aboard USS Astoria in American and Asiatic waters. Awarded American Theater Operations Ribbon, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Apr., 25, 1945, Corpus Christi, Tex.
17. —T/SGT. JAMES MARTIN SMITH, son of Mrs. Lena Smith Waco, was born July 26, 1910. Volunteered Oct. 15, 1942, at Houston. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained in Amarillo, Texas, and Kingman, Ariz. Served in European Theater. Participated in raids over Berlin, Munich, Rumanian oil fields, invasion of Normandy, destruction of Hamburg Atom Bomb Factory. Flew 37 missions as gunner with 8th A.F., 92nd Bm. Grp. Received Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Cluster. Discharged Oct. 4, 1945.
18. —MAJOR HARVEY NEAL SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Smith, Sr., Waco, was born Feb. 5, 1920. Volunteered for service Apr. 10, 1942. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Served in Panama, 6th Air Force, 6th Weather Region as Regional Control Officer and Squadron Commander 22nd Weather Region, and Staff Weather Officer to Commanding General So. Atlantic Wing Air Transport Command in Brazil. Present duty assignment is Deputy Commanding Officer, 8th Weather Group, Long Island, New York.
19. —1/SGT. OLIVER ROMONT (JACK) SMITH, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Smith, Sr., Waco, was born Sept. 18, 1923. Attended Baylor U., in Waco. Entered service July, 1944, assigned to U.S. Infantry and trained at Camp Wolters. Served overseas 20 months in Philippines and Japan. Received Asiatic Theater Campaign w/1 Bronze Star, and Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Campaign Ribbon w/1 Bronze Star, Army OCC Medal (Japan), Victory Ribbon w/3 Overseas Service Bars. Discharged Aug. 20, 1946.
20. —2nd LT. DAVID JEAN SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Smith, Sr., Waco, was born Oct. 6, 1925. Volunteered for service July 1, 1943, at Atlanta, Ga. Assigned to Marine College Training Program. Trained at Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.; Yale University, New Haven, Conn. Served in Atlanta, Ga.; New Haven, Conn.; MB, NATC, Corpus Christi, Texas. He received rating of 2nd Lieutenant, February, 1946. Discharged from service March 6, 1946.

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*Cpl. PETER R. KILLINGSWORTH



2nd Lt. JEAN W. KILLINGSWORTH

Cpl. Peter Robert Killingsworth is the son of City Engineer and Mrs. Ennis L. Killingsworth of Big Spring. He was born January 18, 1926, a native of Texas, and attended Provident Heights Elementary School in Waco, Grand Prairie, Texas, High School, and North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington. Cpl. Killingsworth volunteered for service January 28, 1944, at Dallas, for the Army Air Corps, and was assigned to Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, for training; October 4, 1944, he lost his life in training at Gowen Field. He was a tail gunner on B-24 plane. His duty was shortened to only eight months by his untimely death. A brother, Lt. Jean Wilfred Killingsworth, also survives. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded.

2nd Lt. Jean Wilfred Killingsworth was born August 20, 1923, in Texas, son of Ennis L. and Jessie Killingsworth, of Big Spring. He attended Provident Heights Elementary and Waco High School and Baylor University in the same city. Lt. Killingsworth volunteered for service November 1, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. After training at Bartow Army Air Field, Florida, he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant December 7, 1945, and is rated as Single Engine Pursuit Pilot. His total duty was served in the United States. The American Theater Ribbon was awarded with the American Defense and World War II Victory Ribbons. Discharge from service was granted March 14, 1946.

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S/Sgt. WILLIAM E. ASHCRAFT



1st Sgt. CHARLES R. MITCHELL

Sgt. William E. Ashcraft, husband of Mrs. Dorothy Ashcraft, 1419 Jefferson Ave., Waco, Texas, was born November 14, 1907. He entered service November 18, 1942, at Waco, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. He trained at Westover Field, Mass., and Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and served overseas from May, 1942, to Nov., 1944, in Southwest Pacific Area. Served with Airborne Engineers through all New Guinea campaigns, in Dutch New Guinea, and Islands off coast of New Guinea. He was wounded August 15, 1943, at Tsilli Tsilli, New Guinea. Received Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, 1 Major Battle Star, American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged from service May 4, 1945.

Sgt. Charles R. Mitchell, brother of Mrs. Dorothy Ashcraft, Waco, Texas, was born Mar. 15, 1918, and received his education in the Public Schools of Waco. Volunteered for service Feb. 20, 1939, at Waco, and was assigned to Army, Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas in the European Theater, participating in campaigns of Northern France, Rhineland and Central Germany. Was in the 3rd Army under General Patton. Belonged to the Ivy Leaf Division. Was wounded Jan. 9, 1945. Sgt. Mitchell was awarded Purple Heart, Bronze Star, 3 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Pearl Harbor Ribbon, Presidential Citation, Combat Inf. Badge, ETO Ribbon. Discharged Oct. 9, 1945.



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AMM3/c JOHN R. LEDBETTER

AMM3/c John Ray Ledbetter, son of R. H. Ledbetter, Waco, McLennan County, Texas, was born December 11, 1926, a native of Texas. He volunteered January 7, 1943, for the Naval Air Corps; trained at San Diego and Oxnard, California, and began overseas duty April, 1944, in the Pacific Theater. Machinist Ledbetter served on the Marianas Islands until November, 1945, and received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with the American Theater Medal, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals. After he returned to the States, his discharge from Naval Air Corps was granted May 4, 1946. He has four brothers who also served.



1st Lt. ERNEST M. HUNT

1st Lt. Ernest Mayford Hunt, born May 7, 1916, is the son of Mrs. R. H. Ledbetter, Waco, Texas. He volunteered September 10, 1942, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Cadet Center, San Antonio, and various fields in the States. Was commissioned 2nd Lt. March, 1944. Lt. Hunt began overseas duty July, 1944, in the Central Pacific Area, stationed on Saipan; participated in the battles for Peleliu, Iwo Jima and Okinawa as pilot of transport airplanes in a Troop Carrier Squadron. His awards include the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Battle Stars. After returning to the States, he was discharged Jan., 1946.



MM3/c BURL O. HUNT

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ledbetter, Waco, Texas.

MM3/c BURL OREL HUNT, born February 15, 1912, in Texas; volunteered for the U.S. Maritime Service August 9, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. He trained at St. Petersburg, Florida, and served in the States for eleven months before discharge from service July 28, 1944.

S/Sgt. DICK LEDBETTER, Jr., birthdate February 17, 1918, volunteered October 5, 1940, for the Army 36th Infantry Div., training at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. He served April, 1943, to June, 1945, in the North African-European Theater from where he participated in the battles of Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Sgt. Ledbetter was wounded August 26, 1944, in Southern France and received the Purple Heart, EAME Medal with five Bronze Stars, and other ribbons. Discharged July 1, 1945.

Pvt. TOM CONNALLY LEDBETTER was born August 21, 1920, in Texas; attended the Speegleville and South Bosque Texas Schools and volunteered September 1, 1942, for the Army Air Corps. He trained at Las Vegas, New Mexico, and Waco, Texas serving in the States four months. After receiving various awards, he was discharged January 5, 1943. Pvt. Ledbetter has four brothers who also were in the United States service.



S/Sgt. DICK LEDBETTER, JR.



Pvt. TOM C. LEDBETTER

1. —MAJOR CORNELIOUS EVANS McBRAYER, born Feb. 19, 1914, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James David McBrayer, and husband of Mrs. Julia Ann McBrayer, all of Lorena, Texas. Received his B. A. degree at University of Texas. Entered the National Guard July, 1931, transferring to Air Corps Aug., 1941. Graduated from Officers Training School Leavenworth, Kans., June, 1946. Overseas Sept. 1, 1946, to Nauga, Japan where he is still serving. Awarded American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon.

2. —PFC WALLACE R. McBRAYER, born March 15, 1923, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McBrayer of Lorena, Texas. Attended Arlington, Texas Military School. Entered the service July 7, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to Army Air Force. He received the American Theater Campaign, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Discharged February 8, 1946. Was a flight traffic clerk, a crew member of a C-54, and C-47 Transport Aircraft in the Air Transport Command.

3. —LT. COL. JAMES DAVID McBRAYER, born Sept. 9, 1916, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McBrayer of Lorena. Graduated from Naval Academy with a 6.5 standing in a class of 535. May 1, 1940, was ordered to Tiensin, China, for duty with the U.S.M.C. Garrison; later transferred to Peking, China, with American Embassy Guard, Dec. 8, 1941. Was taken prisoner by the Japs. Moved to the Shanghai POW Camp. Escaped May 10, 1945 and returned to U.S. by way of China, Burma, India and Africa. Given Convalescent leave. Now serving in Rodman Canal Zone.

4. —SGT. THOMAS TRAVIS MOORE, born May 9, 1912, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Moore of Axtell. Volunteered for service Jan. 24, 1942; assigned to Marines, Co. F., 2nd Bn., 2nd Division. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas on Guadalcanal and Saipan, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 17, 1944, from wounds received two days before in the line of duty. He was buried at sea. Awarded Silver Star for gallantry. Despite hazard, made lone and repeated attacks on hostile positions in advance of his own lines, killing a number of the enemy and destroying their weapons.

5. —T/SGT. MARY EVELYN McCORMICK, born Sept. 15, 1919, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCormick of Waco, Texas. Attended Baylor University. Volunteered for service Dec. 21, 1942, at Dallas, Texas; assigned to Army (WAC) Service Command Unit. Trained at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, and Denton, Texas, Administration School. Served in the United States. She received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged August 10, 1944. Prior to military service she was employed as an inspector at the Crawford Austin Mfg. Co. in Waco.

6. —PLM. 1/c ROY DURWOOD McCORMICK, born Dec. 29, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCormick of Waco, Texas, was a medical student at Provident Hosp. in Waco before he volunteered for service Dec. 29, 1942. Was assigned to Medical Corps 3rd Marines, Air Wing 4th Div. Trained at San Diego Naval Hospital, Calif. Served overseas in New Caledonia, Hawaii, Saipan, Guam, and Iwo Jima. Was wounded in action Feb. 28, 1945, in Iwo Jima, also June 1, 1943 at Bougainville. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, and Victory Medal. Discharged Feb. 14, 1946.

7. —A.M.M. 1/c WILLIE VERNON McCORMICK, born March 21, 1923, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. McCormick of Waco, Tex. Volunteered Dec. 10, 1941; assigned to Navy Air Patrol. Overseas March 18, 1942, in Kodiak Island. Wounded, and returned to San Diego Hosp. Then to Iceland, and ETO, where he saw action until Sept., 1945; transferred to Pacific, participating in Atomic bombing after which he was discharged. Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Air Medal, 5 Oak Leaves.

8. —CPL. DANAH MAURICE MORAN, born Oct. 17, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Moran of Waco, Texas, entered the service Sept. 9, 1942, and was assigned to Army Signal Corps. Trained at Albuquerque, N.M. Served overseas in Oahu, Hawaii, Angaur, Palau Islands, participating in action on Okinawa. Awarded the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon and discharged January 13, 1946. His wife, Frances Moran, lives at 1200 Hood St., Waco, Texas.

9. —CAPT. THOMAS ODEAN COX, born July 6, 1921, son of Mrs. Illa Mae Patteson of Waco, Texas, volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, and was assigned to Army 36th Inf. Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas 30 months in European Theater, battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Silver Star, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Citation, EAME Medal, 5 Stars. Discharged Oct. 5, 1945.

10.—S 1/c JUDGE TRUMAN COX, born May 5, 1924, son of Mrs. Illa Mae Patteson of 1214 Conner St., Waco, Texas, volunteered for service Dec. 12, 1941, and was assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in Pearl Harbor, New Caledonia, Guam, Tokyo Bay, and Solomons for a period of 35 months. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 18, 1945. Attended Waco High School, Waco, Texas. Was a student before he volunteered to serve his country.

11.—COOK 3/c JAKE OTTO COX, born June 9, 1925, son of Mrs. Illa Mae Patteson of Waco, Texas, volunteered for service March 9, 1943, and was assigned to Navy. Trained at Great Lakes. Served overseas 14 months aboard the USS Waspat Pearl Harbor, Marcus and Wake, in action in Philippines, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and Japan. In 1943 assisted in landing the 36th Div. at Salerno. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice in action in Asiatic Area. He received the Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon.

12.—SGT. ALVIN JOSEPH COX, born Dec. 22, 1922, son of Mrs. Illa Mae Patteson of Waco, Texas, volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, and was assigned to Army, 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Edwards, Mass. Served overseas in European Theater with the 636 TD Bn., in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Silver Star, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, EAME Campaign, 5 Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Aug. 9, 1945.

13.—LT. FAY AILEEN MOSER, born August 22, 1922, at San Antonio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Moser, Sr., of Waco, Texas. Attended Texas Univ. Medical College. Volunteered October 15, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps as a nurse. Served at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, and Harmon Gen. Hospital, Longview. Married Lt. Roy W. Talbert of Sherman May 6, 1944, and received her discharge July 31, 1944. She is the twin sister of Lt. Fred A. Moser, Jr.

14.—LT. FRED ALEXANDER MOSER, JR., born Aug. 22, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Moser, Sr., of Waco, Texas. Attended Texas A & M. Volunteered for service March 6, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps. Received Wings, Williams Field, Ariz. Served overseas June 5, 1944, in England. Was shot down over Belgium on Aug. 2, 1944, wounded, and taken prisoner. Released April 29, 1945. Purple Heart, Air Medal, and Victory Medal. Now serving at Williams Field, Arizona as a P-80 pilot. His wife is Betty Lou Moser of Springfield, Ill.

15.—PHM 3/c CATHERINE MARIE MOSER, born March 9, 1920, San Antonio, Texas, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Moser, Sr., 2623 N. 18th St., Waco, Texas. Attended Baylor University, Waco, acquiring Lab. Tech. training, and was connected with State, County and City Health Dept. before she volunteered March 7, 1944, assigned Navy WAVE Hospital Dept. Trained at Hunter College N.Y., then served at St. Albans Hosp. in N.Y. and in Norman Okla. Married PHM 3/c Geo. W. Solchenberger of Pensacola, Fla., on Apr. 28, 1945.

16.—S/SGT. EDWARD MELLFORD PAYNE, JR., born May 29, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Payne, Sr., volunteered May 27, 1940, and was assigned to Army, Co. M. 143 Infantry, 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie. Served overseas 2 years and 4 months in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, Rapido River, and Rhine River. Was wounded twice. Awarded Purple Heart, Bronze Star, EAME Medal, 5 Bronze Stars, 2 Bronze Arrowheads for Salerno and Anzio. Discharged Aug. 3, 1945.

17.—B.M. 1/c JAMES LEWIS NAYLOR, born Sept. 27, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Parker Naylor of Waco, Texas, volunteered for service May 25, 1942, and was assigned to Navy Amphibious. Trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Served overseas in European Theater 34 months, 4 invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Italy, Asiatic Theater, 6 invasions in Philippines, 2 on Borneo. Wounded at Salerno, Italy, Sept. 13, 1943. Awarded Purple Heart, 6 Bars, 6 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation, Asiatic Pacific. Still serving in the Navy.

18.—GUNNER'S MATE 2/c BENNIE LEE NAYLOR, born Dec. 8, 1925, Junction City, Kansas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Naylor of 110 Preston St., Waco, Texas, volunteered for service April 21, 1943, and was assigned to Navy. Trained at Corpus Christi, Tex. Served overseas 20 months in the Asiatic-Pacific. Received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February 12, 1946. Attended Waco High School, Waco, Texas and was a student when he volunteered for Navy duty.

19.—WT 1/c CLYDE JUNIOR (J.) RAFFERTY, born June 23, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hayes Rafferty of Waco, Texas, volunteered for service Aug. 5, 1942, and was assigned to Navy. Served overseas aboard the USS Frazier, from Jan. 13, 1943, to Dec. 17, 1945, in Pacific Area, in battles of Guadalcanal, Aleutian Islands, Bougainville, New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Lingayen Gulf, and Borneo. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 7 Stars, ATO, Phil. Lib. 1 Star, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Now serving US Naval Yards, Charleston, S.C.

20.—S/SGT. JULIAN MENDOZA RAMIREZ, born Dec. 30, 1920, son of Mrs. Mary Mendoza Ramirez of Waco, volunteered 3 days after Pearl Harbor Dec. 10, 1941, and was assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly Field. Served overseas Feb., 1943, to Dec., 1943, in Rabaul-Wewak. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Dec., 1943. Silver Star, Pacific Liberation, and D.F.C. for 200 hrs. of operational flights were presented to his mother. Credited with shooting down 3 Japs Zeros, and sinking a Jap Cargo ship.

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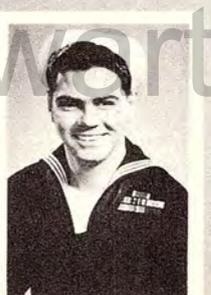
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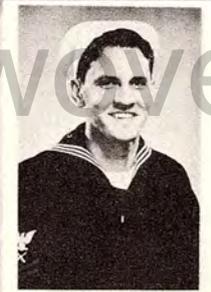
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Maj. WILLIAM R. LEDBETTER



Capt. JAMES P. LEDBETTER

Maj. William (Bill) Russell Ledbetter, birthdate January 23, 1918, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Ledbetter, 2126 McKenzie Ave. Waco, Texas. He attended the Waco, Texas, Schools and Texas A & M at College Station. He is the husband of Frances Marie Ledbetter. Maj. Ledbetter entered service June 24, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Anti-Aircraft Artillery Branch, training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, and later serving in the States at Hartford, Conn. His overseas duty was served for two years in the Hawaiian Islands at Oahu Island in anti-aircraft defense of Pearl Harbor and Air Bases. After he returned to the States, his discharge was granted February 12, 1946. He has one brother "Pat" Ledbetter who also served in the Army.

Capt. James Patrick Ledbetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Ledbetter, of Waco, McLennan County, Texas, was born August 28, 1919, in Texas, and attended Texas A & M at College Station. He entered service February, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Infantry, 9th Division. Trained at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and served in the States for eleven months. Capt. Ledbetter served overseas thirty-seven months, and participated in the battles of Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe and with the Army of Occupation in Austria. His awards include the French Voluntary Service Cross, Bronze Star, Croix de Guerre, (French) and E.T.O. Ribbon with eight Campaign Stars and Bronze Arrowhead. Discharged January, 1946.



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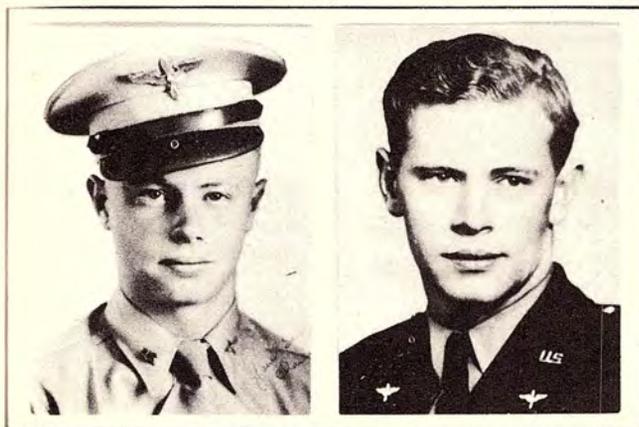
SM 1/c HORACE C. LEMONS

S.M. 1/c H. C. Lemons, son of H. C. Lemons, 2117 Mitchell St., Waco, born Nov. 24, 1924, attended Waco High School, Murray State Teachers College, Ky., and Baylor Univ., Waco. Volunteered Dec. 15, 1941, was assigned to Navy, Armed Guard, and Pre-Flight. Trained at USNTS, San Diego, Calif. He served in the U. S. in a number of training Sta., etc.; overseas 39 months, in S. Pacific, Europe, S. Atlantic, N. Atlantic, N. Pacific, and Indian Ocean. In Coral Sea Battle, Port of Antwerp. He also served in Australia, New Caledonia, Tahiti, Panama, Cuba, Trinidad, S. America, S. Africa. Awards: ETO, ATO, Pacific Ribbon, Good Con., American Def., Victory. Discharged Nov. 5, 1945.



BM 1/c GENE M. LOPER

B.M. 1/c G. M. Loper, born Aug. 20th, 1912, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Loper, 707 N. 15th St., Waco, and husband of Geneva Loper, 2625 Carter St., Fort Worth. Educated at Woodrow Wilson High School, Dallas, and 1 year at Texas Technological College, Lubbock. He volunteered for service on June 1st, 1942, at Dallas; was assigned to the United States Navy; trained at Grand Prairie near Dallas. Served in the United States 2 years, at Grand Prairie, and 5 months in different hospitals in Calif., and Naval Hospital, San Francisco. Before enlistment he was employed as Freight Line Mgr. He received med. discharge Nov., 1944.



A/S CHARLES E. CONNAWAY
2nd Lt. ROBERT F. CONNAWAY

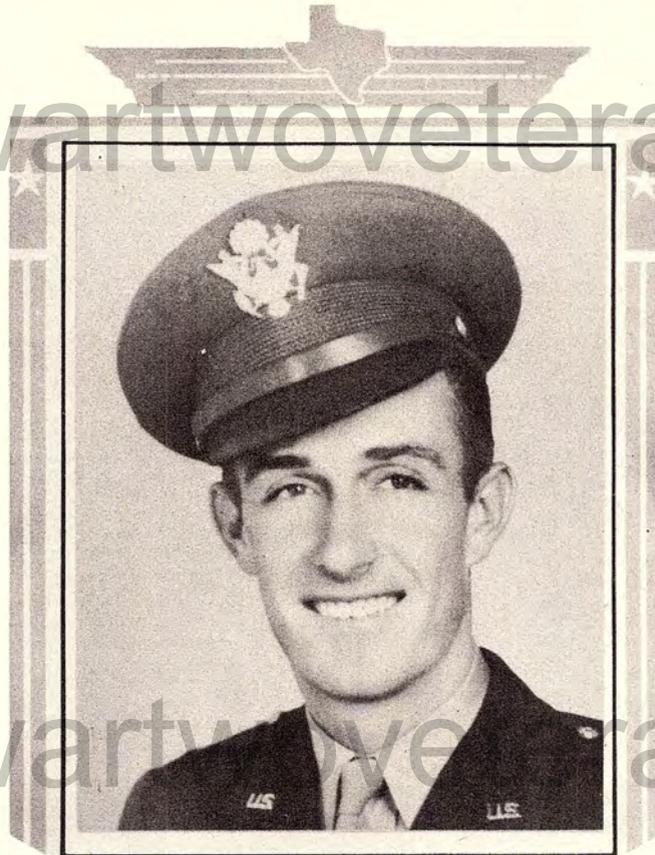
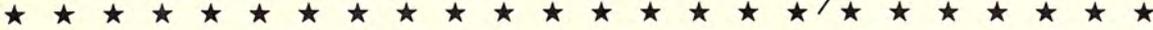
Sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Connaway, of Waco.
A/S CHARLES EARL CONNAWAY, born Jan. 6, 1926, attended Baylor University, Waco; volunteered on Feb. 4, 1944, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field. Served in the United States from Feb., 1944, until his discharge on Oct. 31, 1945.
2nd Lt. ROBERT FREDERICK CONNAWAY, born Nov. 11, 1920, husband of Margie L. Connaway, 1425 McKenzie St., Waco, attended Baylor University. Was assigned to Army Air Corps Oct. 23, 1942. Overseas in Dec., 1943. In ETO 100th B.G. 349th Sq. POW Stalag Luft I from Mar., 1944, to May, 1945. Awarded: Air Medal, OLC., Purple Heart. Discharged Dec. 6, 1945.



Pvt. WILLIAM J. CONNAWAY, JR.

Pvt. W. J. Connaway, born Jan. 21, 1923, in Waco, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Connaway, 1425 McKenzie Ave., Waco, Texas, husband of Virginia G. Connaway, educated at North Waco Grammar, and Waco High School, Texas, entered the service on January 8, 1943, at Waco, and was assigned to the Army Anti-Aircraft Div.; trained at Camps Hahu, and Erwin; served in the United States from January, 1943, to October 29 of the same year. He received the following recognitions: Marksman, Rifle, 45, Carbine, Machine Gun. Pvt. W. J. Connaway, received an honorable medical discharge on October 29, 1943, and is at home in Waco.

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2nd Lt. ALDEN L. LANDERS

2nd Lt. Alden LeRoy Landers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Landers, 2000 Summer Avenue, Waco, McLennan County, Texas. He was born April 29, 1916, a native of Texas; attended the Waco Public Schools and Baylor University of the same city. Lt. Landers volunteered for service February 23, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, training at Santa Ana, Kings City and Merced, California, also Luke Field in Arizona; received commission to 2nd Lieutenant September 29, 1942. After three months coast patrol duty at San Diego, he transferred to the Northwest Africa Area where he served with the 1st Fighter Group 71st Squadron. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country while performing his duty on January 22, 1943. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously in remembrance of his life given in service.

1. —1ST LT. IRVING J. ELLISON, son of Mrs. Dorothy Ann Ellison, Waco, was born Jan. 1, 1915. Volunteered with the National Guard Nov. 25, 1940. Assigned to Army 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Blanding, Fla. Served overseas in ETO. Wounded on Anzio Beachhead and in Southern France. Received Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Croix de Guerre. Now serving in 3rd Div., 15th Inf., Regent CN Co. Apo. #3. Prior to service attended State Teachers College, San Marcos, and was employed by Cameron Mills, Waco.

2. —CAPT. RICHARD W. DASHNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dashner, Waco, husband of Cornelia Dashner, of Waco, was born Oct. 4, 1912. Attended Hillsboro High School. Entered service Nov. 25, 1940, Waco. Assigned to Army 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas in Africa and European Theater in battles of Salerno, Naples, San Pietro, Cassino, Rapido River, Anzio and South France. Wounded June 13, 1944. Received Bronze Star, American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged Feb. 11, 1946.

* 3. —S/SGT. EUGENE E. DASHNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dashner, 1208 Frost, Waco, Texas, was born Dec. 11, 1914. Attended Hillsboro, Texas, High School. Entered service Nov. 25, 1940, Waco, Texas. Assigned to Army 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas in Africa and Italy at the battle of Naples-Foggia. Participated in invasion at Salerno, Alta Villa, Naples, and San Pietro. Paid Supreme Sacrifice with his life for his country, at battle of San Pietro, December 10, 1943.

4. —ACOM R.V. DASHNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dashner, Waco, Texas, was born June 23, 1919. Attended Waco High School. Entered Service July 11, 1937. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in Africa, China, Japan, Philippines and Sicily. Participated in invasions of Africa, Philippines, Okinawa, and in bombing of Japan proper and invasion of Sicily aboard USS *Augusta*, *Hancock*, and *Barioka*. Now serving at United States Naval Air Station on Guam. His wife is Roylee Dashner, 1112 N. 5th St., Waco.

5. —SGT. JAMES RANDALL DAUGHERTY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Daugherty, 2719 Edna St., Waco, Texas, was born July 21, 1922, at Groesbeck, Texas. Attended Waco High School. Volunteered for service Sept. 11, 1941. Assigned to Army Air Corps and trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. He served overseas in Pacific Area on New Guinea and Guadalcanal. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged October 17, 1945.

6. —S/SGT. WELDON B. DAVIS, husband of Helen K. Davis of Waco, Texas, was born Aug. 17, 1916. Attended Texas A & M College. Volunteered for service Oct. 8, 1943, Dallas. Assigned to Army Corps of Engineers. Trained at Camp Claiborne, La., and Camp Belvoir, Va. Served overseas from Jan., 1945, to July, 1945, in Manila as ass. yard super. to the heaviest equip. yard in P.I. Received Philippine Liberation Ribbon for S. Philippine campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Service and Good Conduct Medals. He was discharged Oct. 22, 1945.

7. —1ST LT. BILLY T. DAVIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. Davis, Waco, Texas was born Oct. 11, 1923. Attended Waco High School. Volunteered for service July 12, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Overseas from Sept., 1944, to July, 1945, on Saipan and Okinawa. Shot down over Kyushu; picked up by Navy and returned to his base. Received Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon w/2 Stars, recommended for DFC, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Dec. 16, 1945. His brother is S/Sgt. Weldon B. Davis.

8. —AER. M1/c ALBERT N. ESCAMILLA, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Escamilla, Sr., formerly of Waco, now of 240 W. 28th, Houston, was born May 28, 1924. Attended LaVega High School, Waco. Volunteered for service June 13, 1941, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Air Arm. Trained at San Diego, Calif. He was stationed in Pearl Harbor from February, 1942, to June, 1944, at Naval Air Station. Now serving with Naval Aeronautical Service, specializing in hurricane forecasting.

9. —T/SGT. LOYD FRANCIS PITTMAN, brother of Mrs. Cecil Lee Downey, Waco, Texas, was born Aug. 24, 1918. Entered the service Sept. 29, 1941, at San Antonio. Assigned to Military Police and Infantry, 42nd Rainbow Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas Nov., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in battles of N. France and Rhineland. Received Combat Inf. Badge, Bronze Star, American Defense, Good Conduct. Discharged Jan. 25, 1946; reenlisted, and is now serving in Germany with Infantry.

10. —W.O. (JG) CECIL LEE DOWNEY, was born Sept. 12, 1916. Volunteered for service Feb. 28, 1941, San Antonio; assigned to Army Signal Corps. Served overseas from July, 1942, to Nov., 1945, in battles of Ardennes, Normandy, N. France, Rhineland and C. Europe with Hdq. of 12th Army Group. Received EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Stars, American Campaign, American Defense, Good Conduct and World War II

Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 31, 1945. W.O. and Mrs. Cecil Lee Downey live at 1505 N. 11th, Waco.

11.—SGT. AUBREY O. FAIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Fain of Killeen, Texas, was born Dec. 1, 1898. He is the husband of Lona C. Fain, 2820 Fort Ave., Waco, Texas. He received his education in Killeen, Texas, and entered the service Sept. 17, 1942, at Waco. Assigned to Medical Branch, Army Air Force. Trained at Biggs Field, Tex; Alamogordo, N. M., Dalhart Air Base, Texas. Discharged June 6, 1945. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War I and was with the U.S. Gov't. Veterans Admin. prior to serving in World War II.

12.—T/SGT. CECIL J. FAIN, son of Sgt. and Mrs. Aubrey O. Fain, Waco, was born July 3, 1921. He attended Baylor University. Volunteered March 27, 1942. Assigned to Army Air Force. Overseas from Feb., 1943, to May, 1945, in C.B.I. Theater. Received two Battle Stars for operation against Rangoon and China and India combined oper., D.F.C.; Air Medal, two Oak Leaf Clusters; Good Conduct; American Defense and Victory. Flew the Hump many times and 98 missions. Discharged Oct. 4, 1945. The former Christell Hart of Mobile, Ala. is his wife.

* 13.—S/SGT. JOHN WILLIAM (DUB) FUTCH, son of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Futch, Blum, Texas, was born Nov. 5, 1918, and was educated in Bruceville, Texas. His wife is Helen Futch of Waco, Tex. He entered the service Jan. 28, 1941, at Waco. Assigned to Army 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and served at Camp Edwards, Mass., Camp Polk, N.C., and Camp Blanding, Fla. He lost his life in the line of duty, Feb. 15, 1944. The Purple Heart was awarded. He is survived by one son.

14.—CPL. ALFRED RAY GUNN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gunn, Waco, Tex, and brother of Mrs. Helen Futch also of Waco, was born Sept. 30, 1924. Attended school in Waco. Entered the service July 1, 1942. Assigned to Marines, First Division. Trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif. He served overseas in Australia, Hawaii, Cape Gloucester, and Peleliu Is. Received three Battle Stars, and American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged July 3, 1946.

* 15.—CPL. WILLIAM JEWEL GAITHER, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gaither 1720 McFarrin, Waco, was born June 4, 1924, in Sidney, Ark. and moved to Texas with his parents in 1936. He attended school in Waco, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 1, 1942, at Waco. Assigned to Marines, Paratroopers, 5th Div. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas at Tarawa, Bougainville, and Iwo Jima. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice at Iwo Jima on March 6, 1945. The Purple Heart was awarded.

16.—SEAMAN 2/c ALLISON LAVERNE GAITHER, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gaither, was born July 13, 1927, in Sidney, Ark. He received his education in Waco Public Schools. Volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy in 1946 at Waco. Received training at San Diego, Calif. At this time no further information is available other than that he is still serving his country.

17.—PFC JOHN LLOYD GLAZE, husband of Mrs. Myrtle Glaze, Waco, was born April 17, 1915. Attended Waco High School. Entered service Mar. 20, 1944, at Camp Wolters. Assigned to Army, 80 Div., 317 Reg., 2nd Bn., Co. G; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Served overseas in European Theater. He was wounded Oct. 4, 1944. Received Purple Heart, ETO Ribbon 1 Bronze Star for battle of Moxelle River, Expert Infantry Badge. Discharged Oct. 26, 1945, from McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas.

18.—E.M. 1/c CHARLES H. COBB, son of Mrs. M. Cobb, Waco, was born Aug. 7, 1918. Attended School in Waco and Dallas, Texas. Enlisted in U.S. Naval Reserve Sept. 9, 1942. Requested and obtained submarine training. Assigned duty at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, then aboard U.S.S. S-42. While serving aboard S-42 touched on Attu, Pearl Harbor, New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, Hamahara, Australia, San Diego and San Francisco. Honorably discharged Oct. 6, 1945, at Camp Wallace.

19.—CPL. WILLIAM CLYDE COFFELT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew U. Coffelt, Waco, was born Aug. 17, 1916. Attended Waco High School. Entered service Apr. 14, 1943, at Mineral Wells, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Forces, Medical Corps. Trained at Keams Field, Salt Lake City, Utah. Served in United States twenty months and sixteen months overseas in Metfield and Bovington England, Paris, France-Lisbon, Portugal-Madrid, Spain. Received Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Discharged Mar. 11, 1946.

20.—LT. (JG) ALONZO TAYLOR CORBIN, JR., son of Mrs. A. T. Corbin, Waco, Texas, was born Jan. 21, 1924. Attended Oklahoma University, Norman, Okla. Volunteered Oct. 22, 1942, at Waco. Assigned to Naval Air Force. Trained at Athens, Ga., and N.A.S., Lakehurst, N.J. Served overseas from Aug., 1944, to Nov., 1945, as aircraft pilot in Anti-Submarine Patrol Squadron, South Atlantic Area. As Squadron Communication and Electronics Officer, P.S. Forty One. Released to inactive duty.

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*Cpl. GUY A. KYNERD

Cpl. G. A. Kynerd, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Kynerd, 1324 South 12th Street, Waco, Texas, was born February 17, 1922, in Texas. He received his education at Bells Hill Grammar School, Waco, and South Junior High School, Waco. Volunteered for service in the U.S. Army, on August 16, 1940, and was assigned to Quartermaster Division; trained at Fort Sam Houston, and Camp Wallace, Texas. He served in the United States from Aug. 16, 1940, until June 10, 1942, and overseas from June 10, to Dec. 13, 1942, in New Guinea. Promotions: From Pfc to T/5, then to Cpl. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice in New Guinea, Dec. 13, 1942.



C.P. JOHN S. HEWITT

C. P. John S. Hewitt, born Sept. 7, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hewitt, Preston Street, Waco, married Doris Terrill, E. Georgia St., Ruston, La. Educated at East Waco Grammar, Waco High, Louisiana Tech. College at Ruston; volunteered for service in April of 1942, at Shreveport, La.; was assigned to Navy CP (Physical Education Branch) with training at Norfolk, Virginia. Served in the United States in San Diego, California, Tarrant City, Ala., and Seattle, Washington. He was on his way overseas, to the Philippines, when war was declared over; he was returned to the United States to be honorably discharged Nov. 15, 1945.



Maj. HARDY HAY

Maj. H. Hay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy N. Hay, RFD 6, Box 410, Waco, married Frances Rines, of Boston, Mass. He was born March 11, 1917, and attended A & M College, volunteering March 14, 1941. Was assigned to Marine Air Corps. Excerpt from letter rec'd. by mother: "On evening Combat patrol, very poor visibility-the Nip was starting his suicide (Kamikaze) run on a Navy Destroyer lying off Okinawa Beachhead. Despite the Ships' defensive anti-aircraft fire, Maj. Hay maneuvered behind the Jap, gave him 5 short bursts, and watched the enemy burst into smoke and flame, to crash 100 yds. from his intended target." He was executive officer of 2nd Marine Air Wing.



1st Lt. ERNEST L. WILKERSON

1st Lt. E. L. Wilkerson, born Sept. 12, 1921, son of Mrs. J. W. Hoffman, 1114 S. 8th Street, Waco, was educated at R. E. Lee Grammar, Waco High School, and Baylor University, Waco. Volunteered his service Dec. 19, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces. Received training in various fields in the U.S. Overseas 13 months; flew 38 combat missions as pilot, B-24 Lib. Bomber; based in Australia, New Guinea, and Philippines; aided in invasions of Hollandia, Owi, Biak, Morotai, and P. Is. Awards: Air Medal and 4 OLCs, Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Battle Stars. He was placed on inactive duty in Officers' Reserve Corps, on June 21st. 1945.

1. —T/SGT. SAMUEL WARD HARRIS, born Oct. 10, 1923, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carter J. Harris of Waco, Texas. Volunteered March 22, 1943; was assigned to Army Air Forces. Trained at Sheppard and Yuma Fields. Served overseas 8 months in Normandy, Germany, and Ardennes with 91st Bmb. Gr., 1st Div., 8th AF. Flew 35 missions as radio operator on B-17 "Little Patches." He received the Air Medal, 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, ETO, 3 Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Sept. 25, 1945.

2. —CPL. WALTER KLINE MONCRIEF, born May 1, 1917, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Moncrief of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 21, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. He received the American Theater, Good Conduct, Meritorious Award, 2 Stars, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged February 4, 1946. His wife, Lorane Moncrief, lives in Houston at the Admiral Auto Courts.

3. —CSK FLOYD NORMAN JOHNSON, JR., born Jan. 28, 1911, is the brother of Camille Johnson, of McGregor. Volunteered for service March 23, 1942, assigned to Navy Disbursing. Trained at San Diego, Calif., Farragut, Idaho, and Bremerton, Washington. Served overseas in Aleutian Islands for 2 years. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged January, 1946. Attended Allen Academy, Bryan. His wife is the former Dorothy Jen Williams of Dallas.

4. —CPL. OSCAR E. (OSSIE) JOHNSON, born May 6, 1913, is the brother of Camille Johnson, of McGregor, and husband of the former Lola Hendricks of Pittsburg, Kans. Entered the service Dec. 18, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. Was assigned to Marines Fourth Air Wing Band. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas 1944 to 1945, South Pacific, Marshall Islands, Kwajalein, surrounding islands, Saipan, and Guam. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October, 1945.

5. —ETM 3/c ROBERT IRA KERWOOD, born June 2, 1925, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Ira F. Kerwood of 708-3rd St., McGregor. Entered the service July 28, 1943, assigned to Navy Reserves V-6. Trained at Farragut, Idaho. Served overseas from May 22, 1945, to April 8, 1946, in Pacific Theater aboard the USS Eisner. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged April 8, 1946. He attended the Public Schools of Iola, Kans., where he was born, and Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

6. —T/SGT. WILLIAM PHILIP (HOPE) KENWORTHY, born April 13, 1917, is the son of Mrs. E. Kenworthy, 914 Washington, Waco. Entered the service March 22, 1944, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served overseas from Nov. 8, 1944, to March 25, 1946, in Southwest Pacific. He received the American Defense, Southwest Pacific Medal, 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged March 25, 1946. Attended Rosebud High School, Rosebud, Texas.

7. —CPL. MARIE ELIZABETH (DEE) KENWORTHY, born Nov. 2, 1905, is the daughter of Mrs. E. Kenworthy of Waco, Texas. Attended Sacred Heart Convent High School at Galveston, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 10, 1944, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Ft. Oglethorpe. She received the Parachute Riggers Pin, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon, also Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged October 17, 1945. Prior to service she was employed by the US Gov. in the Air Dept.

8. —PFC THOMAS LUKE (SHORTY) KENWORTHY, born July 28, 1919, is the son of Mrs. E. Kenworthy of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 28, 1941, at Ft. Worth, Texas. Assigned to Army 38th Inf., 2nd Div. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas from Oct. 8, 1943, to Aug. 4, 1944, in European Theater, in battle of Normandy. Wounded June 16, 1944. Was awarded EAME, 1 Bronze Service Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and Victory Medal. Discharged June, 1945.

9. —E.M. 1/c MALCOLM HAROLD JONES, born Jan. 2, 1924, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm H. Jones of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service March 2, 1941, assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in Egypt, South America, England, Gibraltar, Marshalls, Guam, Okinawa, and Philippines on convoy duty. Awarded Bronze Stars for invasions of North Africa and Normandy, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Highly commended for training of men and preparing of craft for invasion. Still serving in the Navy.

10. —S/SGT. GLENN W. HUNTSMAN, born Nov. 10, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Huntsman of Waco, and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Jones, also of Waco, volunteered for service Aug., 1942. Was assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly Field. Served overseas in Southwest Pacific, Admiralty Islands, Netherland's East Indies, and Philippines. Awarded Unit Citation for Meritorious Service, Bronze Star for New Guinea Campaign, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Dec. 26, 1945.

11. —T/4 CULLEN WAYNE LAWSON, born Sept. 6, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lawson of Waco, Texas, entered the service Nov. 17, 1942, and was assigned to Army 433rd Sig. Cons. Bn. as clerk and mail clerk. Trained at Camp Pinedale, Fresno, Calif. Served overseas Aug. 20, 1943, to Oct. 14, 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Germany. Battles of Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal, 5 Bronze Stars, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged, 1945.

12. —T/5 FRANK RICHARD KOUSAL, born April 20, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kousal, Sr., of Waco, Texas, entered the service Feb. 26, 1943, assigned to Army 78th Division. Trained at Camp Butner, N.C. Served overseas in England, France, Belgium, Germany, in battles of Ardennes counter-offensive, Rhineland, and Central Europe. ATO, ETO 3 Bronze Stars, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Expert Combat Badge, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 9, 1945.

13. —LT. BYRON G. LOWREY, born Aug. 26, 1906, son of Mrs. J. E. Lowrey of Waco, entered the service Sept. 11, 1942, and was assigned to Navy, Radio Material Officer. Trained at Norton, Conn. Served overseas July 7, 1943, to July 10, 1944, in Bermuda. Received the American Defense, American Theater, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged October 28, 1945. Resumed his affiliation as announcer with Radio Sta. WQAM, Miami, Fla. Previously had served 3 years with National Guard.

14. —R.T. 1/c WALTON PIERCE LOWREY, born Nov. 8, 1915, son of Mrs. J. E. Lowrey of Waco, volunteered Oct. 19, 1942, and was assigned to Navy Radio Technician. Trained at Keywest, Fla. Overseas 13 months, participating in assault and landings of Kerama Retto, and Rykyus, and received a citation from Com.D.L. Francis for his excellent performance of duty. Discharged October 23, 1945, and returned to his civilian occupation with Merrill-Steven Dry Dock, Miami, Fla.

15. —S 1/c WILFORD GEORGE McLARAN, born May 18, 1925, son of Mrs. Emma K. McLaran of Waco, Texas, entered the service Jan. 26, 1943, and was assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Bremerton, Wash. Served overseas the majority of enlistment on Wake, Gilberts, Marshalls, Truk, Marianas, Yap, Ulithi, Saipan, Philippines, Luzon, and Okinawa. He received the Asiatic-Pacific with 13 Battle Stars, American Defense, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 28, 1945.

16. —PFC PRENTICE WILLIAM (BIG BOY) GOOLSBY, born Oct. 6, 1923, son of Mrs. Dovic Montrose of Lorena, entered the service March 11, 1943, and was assigned to Army Inf. 261st. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Camp Shelby, Miss. Served overseas from Sept., 1943, to May 16, 1945, in Kodiak, Alaska, and European Area in the battle of Struce and others with Gen. Patton's 3rd Army. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice May 16, 1945, in Austria. He received Certificate of Merit, American Defense, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Victory Ribbon.

17. —S/SGT. JAMES ALLISON MADEWELL, born Nov. 4, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Madewell, Lorena and husband of Faye Adams Madewell of Rt. 2 Box 329, Gulf Port, Miss., volunteered for Army Air Corps Sept. 2, 1942. Trained at Drew Field, Fla., and Langley Field, Va. Overseas from March, 1944, to Oct., 1944, in ETO, operating from England, made 30 missions, forced landing in Orleans, France. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, 4 Air Medals, 4 Battle Stars, Presidential Citation, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Sept., 1945.

18. —PFC ZEB MOTLEY McCORMICK, born June 4, 1923, son of Mrs. Ruby McCormick of Waco, Texas, volunteered for service Nov. 17, 1942, and was assigned to Army 75th Div. Trained at Camp Maxey, Paris, Tex., and Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Transferred overseas Oct., 1944, in England. Battles of the Bulge, N. France, and Germany. Received the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, EAME, ATO, Good Conduct, Coat of Arms of city of Colmar, France, Div. Citations, and Victory. Discharged Jan. 27, 1946.

19. —A.R.M. 3/c JAMES EDWARD McDONALD, born Nov. 10, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McDonald of Waco, volunteered for service Nov. 28, 1942, at Houston, Texas. Assigned to Navy; trained at San Diego; later at Memphis, Tenn. as Aviation Radio Man, and in Hollywood, Fla., as naval airgunner. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged April 4, 1946. Attended Moody High School, Moody, Texas and was employed by the T & L Barrel Co. in Port Arthur before volunteering.

20. —F. 2/c GLEN WASHINGTON McDONALD, born Jan. 16, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McDonald, of Waco, volunteered for service Dec. 25, 1944, assigned to Navy N.C.B.T. Trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Served overseas from June 7, 1945, to June 16, 1946, in Okinawa, Japan, and China. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Received two decorations for his efforts to save government property and lives during a terrible typhoon on Okinawa.

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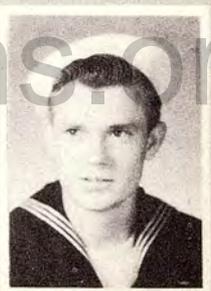
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T/Sgt. WEYMAN H. HUNT



Sgt. THOMAS I. JARRARD, JR.

T/Sgt. W. H. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hunt of Waco, born March 28, 1919, attended Waco High School; volunteered for service on Nov. 8, 1941, assigned to the Army 36 Div., 143rd Inf. Bandsman (French Horn 438); trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards. Served in the United States for 2 1/2 years, overseas for 2 years and 3 months, participating in the battles of Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; North Apennines, Po Valley, 3033 W. D. 45, Salerno. He was awarded: EAME Medal, 4 Bronze Stars and Arrowhead, American Def. Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge. He was discharged June 30, 1945.

Sgt. T. I. Jarrard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Jarrard, Sr., 615 S. 8th St., Waco, husband of Dorothy Jean Jarrard, 605 N. 12th St., Waco, born Oct. 29, 1924, attended Waco High School, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 7, 1942, assigned to Marines, Air Corps, 3rd Wing; trained at NATC, Norman, Oklahoma. Overseas from Sept. 30, 1943, to Jan. 4, 1945, in Samos, New Hebrides, Esprito, Santos, Guadalcanal, Russells, Eniwetok, and Guam. His awards were: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, 3 Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, 1 Star. Prior to his enlisting in the Marines, he was employed by Barnes Lumber Co. Was discharged Nov., 1945.



***Pfc ERVIN KOEHLER**



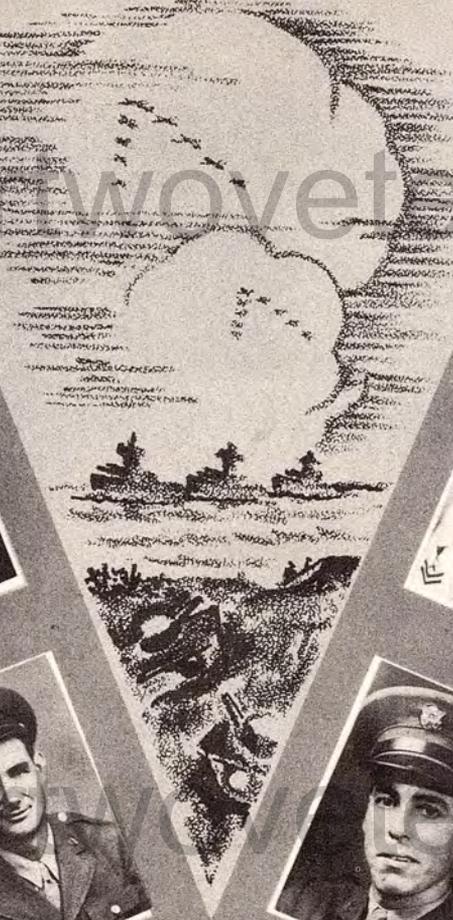
Ens. HERBERT H. COWSERT

Pfc E. Koehler, born Feb. 8, 1922, son of Will Koehler, Crawford, husband of Anita Koehler, McGregor, Texas, educated at Crawford, Texas, entered the service on Nov. 7, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army, 79th Infantry. Trained at Camp Roberts, California. Transferred overseas September 17, 1943, serving to December 6, 1944, in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Pfc E. Koehler paid the Supreme Sacrifice having been killed in line of duty at Lindern, Germany, on December 6, 1944. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously. He had one son.

Ensign H. H. Cowsert, born Sept. 22, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cowsert, 1424 S. 11th St., Waco, husband of Melba M. Cowsert, Box 122, Burleson, attended Waco Grammar and San Antonio High Schools; volunteered for service on May 1, 1941, assigned to the Navy, Engr. Br.; served in the U.S. 6 months, at Section Base, Algiers, New Orleans, La., as Ship Supt. Overseas 4 years and 6 months, in EAME, and Asiatic Pacific Areas, Battle of Egypt, submarine battles in Atlantic, Okinawa Campaign, and invasion of Japan. Awards: American Area with A., Asiatic Pac. 2 Stars, EAME, 2 Stars, 4 Commendations. Released to inactive duty Dec. 20, 1945.

1. —S/SGT. HAROLD HOWARD BRINK, born April 2, 1918, brother of Mrs. Joe M. Thomason of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 30, 1940, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. Served overseas June 14, 1944, to Dec. 17, 1945, in New Caledonia, Finschhafen, New Guinea, Biak, and Okinawa. He received American Defense, 3 Overseas Bars, Philippine Liberation, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged, and reenlisted Jan. 16, 1946, Ft. Sam Houston.
2. —PFC OTTO CLARENCE TURNER, born Mar. 19, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Turner of Waco, Texas. Entered the service Dec. 22, 1942, assigned to Army 129 Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells. Served overseas May 8, 1943, to Dec. 12, 1945, in Northern Solomons, Southern Philippines, and Luzon. Awarded Purple Heart, 4 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, 5 Overseas Service Bars, and Asiatic Pacific Ribbon. Was discharged Dec. 18, 1945.
3. —SEAMAN 1/c JACK NEAL WILLIAMS, born Feb. 10, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Williams of 2325 McKenzie, Waco, Texas, where he attended school and was a student before he volunteered for service Nov. 24, 1944. Assigned to the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and attended Signalman's School at Bainbridge, Md., from March, 1945, to Oct. of the same year. Still serving U.S. Navy on board the U.S.S. Pocono. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon.
4. —SEAMAN 1/c TALIAFERRO STEPHEN WILLIAMS, born Nov. 9, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Williams of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 11, 1942, assigned to Navy. Trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Served overseas from May, 1943, to Feb., 1946, in Marshall and Caroline Islands, New Guinea, Marianas, Guam, Philippines, Coast of French Indo-China, Tokyo, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Awarded 11 Battle Stars, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Honorably discharged Feb., 1946.
5. —G.M. 1/c CLAUD ODELL WILLIAMS, born Jan. 28, 1922, son of Mrs. Iva Williams of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 14, 1939, assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and was in the Pacific from beginning of the war, till about 2 months before war ended. Served at Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Okinawa, and others. Awarded American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. After return to the States, he was stationed at Philadelphia, Pa. as an instructor at the Navy Yard until discharge.
6. —REPAIR UNIT 1/c THOMAS FRANK MARTIN, born Sept. 3, 1906, son of Mrs. Iva Williams of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service March 15, 1940, assigned to Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from 1941 to Dec., 1944, in New Hebrides Islands. He received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged July 10, 1945. Attended Durant High School, Durant, Okla., and was employed as a machinist prior to Navy duty. He resides at 503 Hood St., Waco, Texas.
7. —CPL. TABB LEE RILEY WITT, born Dec. 31, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odis A. Witt of Waco. Husband of Mrs. Lavurn Witt. Entered the service May 6, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas in North Africa, Italy, Corsica, Naples, Rome, Alps, and Po Valley with 12th Photo Recon. Sqd., 12th Air Force. Sqd., has record of over 3,000 missions and of developing 1600 pictures in 1 day. He received Unit Citation, European Theater, 3 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct., 1945.
8. —PFC OTIS JAMES WITT, born April 4, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Witt. Husband of Mrs. Juanita Witt of Waco, Texas. Entered the service March 29, 1944, assigned to Army 109th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas in Italy, Yugoslavia. He received Good Conduct, Bronze Star Medal for completion of a perilous mission to deliver ammunition under fire to front lines. 2 Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 28, 1945.
9. —PFC ELMER (CURLEY) WALKER, born Jan. 10, 1914, son of Jess Walker of Rt. 5, Box 331, Waco, Texas. Entered the service Dec. 22, 1943, assigned to 1st Army Medical Corps, 99th Division. Trained at Camp Grant, Ill. Served overseas for 14 months in Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland. He received the American Defense, Good Conduct, American Theater Service Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February 11, 1946. His wife is Dorothy Walker of West Texas.
- *10. —T/SGT. CLYDE (TACK) WALKER, born Sept. 28, 1915, son of Jess Walker of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 9, 1940, assigned to 5th Army, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Blanding, and Camp Edwards. Served overseas at Salerno, Naples, Cassino, Anzio, Rome, San Pietro, and Rapido River. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life Oct. 15, 1944. Awarded Presidential Citation, Purple Heart twice, 2 Silver Stars, 1 Bronze Star, Infantry Badge.
11. —1ST LT. TITUS CARR WESTBROOK, born May 29, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Westbrook, Sr., of 829 N. 17th Waco, Texas. Entered the service Jan. 26, 1943, assigned to Army 14th Armd. Division. Trained at Camp Chaffee, Kan. Served overseas from Nov., 1944, to July, 1945, in the battles of Central Europe and Rhineland with the 786th Tank Bn. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Separated from service April, 1946. Attended the Public Schools of Waco and Texas A & M.
12. —1ST LT. THOMAS BATTLE WESTBROOK, JR., born June 17, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Westbrook, Sr., of Waco, Texas. Attended Texas A & M and entered the service April 21, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at San Antonio and Waco, Texas. Served overseas July 2, 1944, to June 28, 1945, in Northern France, Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland flying 99 missions in P-51 and P-47. He received Air Medal, 15 Oak Leaf Clusters, and Presidential Citation. Separated Sept., 1945.
13. —S/SGT. HORACE J. WILLIAMS, born Aug. 22, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Williams, and husband of Mrs. Juanita Williams of Waco, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 12, 1942, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Waco, Texas. Served overseas from Dec. 5, 1943, to Feb. 3, 1946, with Air Service Command in England, and 368th Fighter Grp. in Germany. Awarded EAME Campaign, Citation by Air Service Command, American Theater, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged February 11, 1946.
14. —SGT. JOHN WALLACE DAVIS, born Nov. 3, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Davis of Marlin. Employed by the State Highway Lab. in Ft. Worth before he entered the service April 23, 1943, assigned to 5th Marines, 28th Reg. Div. Trained at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Served overseas from Sept. 1944, to April, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area on Iwo Jima. Was wounded March 1, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December, 1945, and is now attending Baylor U. in Waco.
15. —COL. JOSEPH WELDON GIBBS, born Jan. 24, 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Gibbs of Marlin. Husband of Bess Allen Gibbs of Greenville. Entered the service Jan. 3, 1941, assigned to Army Headquarters. Overseas from Sept. 22, 1944, to Dec. 11, 1945, seeing action in Bougainville, Luzon, and Borneo. Commanded Bn. which made a daring raid on Los Banos POW Camp, freeing 2146 American and Allied P.O.W.'s. Awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star, Asiatic Theater, American Theater, Philippine Liberation. Discharged April 4, 1946.
16. —1ST LT. WANONA HOWARD McINNIS, born Feb. 4, 1915, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Howard, Rosebud, Texas. Studied nursing at Jeff Davis Hosp. in Houston and in Topeka, Kans. Volunteered for Army service March 1, 1942. Trained at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Served overseas from April, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Po Valley, North Apennines with 170th Evac. Hosp. Received EAME Campaign Medal, 4 Bronze Stars, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged January 25, 1946, and is now a nurse in Veterans' Hosp., Gulf Port, Miss.
17. —CAPT. HERMAN SAM JONES, born Jan. 5, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jones of Chilton, Texas. Volunteered for service July 24, 1942, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, and Miami Beach, Fla. Served overseas from Oct., 1944, to Feb., 1946, in Saipan, air battles of Central Pacific, Iwo Jima, and Japan. He received Battle Stars, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 5, 1946. Graduate of Baylor University.
18. —CAPT. HARRY DUNCAN GILPIN, born Oct. 26, 1921, husband of Ellen Jones Gilpin of Chilton, is a graduate of S. Houston State Teachers College at Huntsville. Volunteered Jan. 6, 1942, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Randolph Field and Foster Field, Texas. Served in the United States as a pilot instructor until Aug. 1, 1946; transferred to Kyushu, Japan, for 30 months as Military Gov. official, where his wife and son joined him later. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon.
19. —MAJOR JACKSON M. TARVER, born March 31, 1912, husband of Frances Tarver, 2720 Mitchell St., Waco, attended Texas A & M. Entered the Army Feb. 6, 1942. Overseas in Bougainville, New Guinea, and Philippines as Executive off. of the Bn. that liberated Los Banos POW Camp. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Oct. 22, 1945, when he drowned at San Fabian, P.I. Awarded Bronze Star, Asiatic Pacific, Philippine Liberation, 4 Battle Stars. Survived by two children.
20. —LT. COL. THOMAS NELSON WILSON, born June 12, 1905. Husband of Lenora Wilson of Casa Grande, Ariz. Entered the Army, 45th Div., transferring to 8th AF, Sept. 16, 1940. Overseas from June 5, 1942, to July 28, 1945, in England, Scotland, France, battle of Cen. Europe. Received Amer. Def., ETO, Victory, 1 battle star. Served as Com. off. Hq. Sqd. ASCUSSTAF, highest Echelon Air Force Sqd. in ETO. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson, live in Gatesville. Separated Feb. 16, 1946.

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***1st Lt. JOHN U. COLEMAN, JR.**



S/Sgt. WILLIAM C. DANIEL

1st Lt. J. U. Coleman, Jr., born March 18, 1925, son of Mrs. Ruby Fairly Coleman, of Waco, Texas, attended Waco High School; volunteered for service on March 5, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Forces as a bombardier; trained at Ellington Field and others. Overseas from March 27, 1944, until Dec. 22, 1944, when he was killed in a collision with another B-24 over Cebu, P. I. Both planes destroyed-22 boys killed. He was in Admiraltys, New Guinea, Palau, and completed around 35 missions. Awarded: Pres. Citation and Air Medal. He lived in Waco, Texas, at 514 S. 5th St., with his mother and grandmother, Mrs. R. A. Fairly, of that city.

S/Sgt. W. C. Daniel, born June 18, 1919, son of Mrs. M. E. Daniel, 1926 McKenzie Ave., Waco, husband of Tempest L. Daniel, Waco, Texas, attended North Waco Grammar and Waco High Schools; volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to the Army 36th Div., 43rd Inf., 2nd Bn.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas in Africa, Italy, Salerno, Germany (POW 19 months), France, and England. Awards: Inf. Combat Badge, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, ETO, 2 Stars and Arrowhead. S/Sgt. Daniel was wounded on right leg. He was honorably discharged Aug., 1946.



S1/c THOMAS L. EARLEY, JR.

S1/c T. L. Earley, Jr., born Jan. 16, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Earley, Sr., 1025 Turner St., Waco, attended Waco High School, Texas; volunteered for service on October 25, 1944, at Dallas, and was assigned to the United States Navy Armed Guard; trained at San Diego, California, and Treasure Island, San Francisco. Overseas in the Philippine Islands, New Guinea, and Solomon Islands. S1/c Earley was born at West Station, Texas, and previous to his enlisting in the Navy, was occupied as candy maker. We regret that there is no further information, but understand that he is still in USN.



Lt. Col. RUFUS H. HOLLOWAY

Lt. Col. R. H. Holloway, born Jan. 8, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Holloway, 1577 W. 3rd Ave., Corsicana, husband of Marjorie Mallory Holloway formerly of Columbus, Miss. (daughter of Army Officer). He attended Corsicana High, Texas, A & M, College Sta. and West Point. Volunteered June 11, 1939, assigned to Coast Art. Corps, 63rd and 4th Reg. After 4 years in above regiment, transferred to AAF, training at Eastern Flying Com. Overseas 33 months in Panama Canal Area. Battles and campaigns: Guam, Marianas, Eastern Mandates, Iwo Jima, ground combat, air offensive, Japan. Awards: Air Medal, Bronze Star, and DFC. At present with Hq. AAF Wash., DC.



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T/5 RODNEY M. TEMPLE



T/Sgt. LaMONT M. TEMPLE

T/5 Rodney McClellan Temple, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Temple of Corsicana, volunteered for service in the Army on July 22, 1942, at Harlingen, Texas. He was assigned to the 20th Armored Division, and trained at Camp Campbell, Ky. In February, 1945, he was sent overseas, and served in the European Theater of Operations until August of that year. He was stationed in Holland and in Germany, and saw action in the battles of the Ruhr Valley, Munich, and Central Germany. His awards are: Combat Infantry; Good Conduct, and three Clusters. On November 24, 1945, he was granted an honorable discharge from the service.

T/Sgt. LaMont M. Temple, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Temple, of Corsicana, was born Jan. 9, 1915, and volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps, on Christmas Day, 1941, at March Field, California. He was assigned to the 9th Air Force, and trained at Sheppard and Bradley Air Fields. Previously he had spent five years in the 12th Cavalry, from 1933 to 1938. In March, 1944, he was sent overseas to Europe, where he served until August, 1945, participating in the air support of Europe, the Battle of Normandy, the Battle of Britain, and the campaign of Southern Germany. He holds the Presidential Unit Citation and the Good Conduct Medal, and was honorably discharged from service in November, 1945.



Pvt. GEORGE D. SHEPARD, JR.



Cpl. JOHN L. SHEPARD

Pvt. George Dewey Shepard, Jr., was born November 9, 1920. He volunteered for service in the U.S. Army Air Corps in August, 1941. He was given training at the Army Air Field of Wichita Falls, Texas, and served in the United States until February, 1943. While at Sheppard Field he was taken ill with rheumatic fever, and was in the hospital there; he also was hospitalized at Springfield, Missouri. He spent more than a year in hospitals, and then was given a medical discharge from service, not being able to go overseas. He was honorably released from duty Feb., 1943. He is the son of George D. Shepard, Sr., of Omaha, Neb.

Cpl. John Leonard Shepard, son of George D. Shepard, Sr., of Omaha, Nebraska, was born March 7, 1922. He enlisted in the 6th Marines, on Jan. 25, 1940, in California, and was sent to San Diego for training. From April, 1943, to October, 1945, he served overseas in the Southwest and Central Pacific, and participated in the defense of Midway Island. He holds the Rifleman's Award, also the Good Conduct Medal. On January 25, 1946, he was granted an honorable discharge from further military service. Previous to enlistment he was a student in the public schools of Los Angeles, where his wife, Hope Shepard, resides.

1. —PFC 1/c BROWN LEA STEVENSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stevenson, Frost, was born Mar. 27, 1906. His wife is Mary Strain Stevenson of Electra. Attended Frost Public Schools. Entered service Dec. 28, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, Eighth Service Command. Trained at Camp Wolters. Served at Ft. Sam Houston; Camp John T. Knight, Oakland, Calif.; Camp Haan, Riverside, Calif.; Turlock, Calif.; Vancouver Barracks, Wash. Was discharged March 15, 1944.
- *2. —S/SGT. JOHN C. STEVENSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stevenson, Frost, was born Apr. 18, 1916. Attended N.T.S.T.C., Denton. Volunteered Aug. 17, 1942. Assigned to A.A.F. Trained at Sheppard Field; Buckley Field, Colo.; Harlingen, Texas. Served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Jan., 1944, as gunner on Liberator Bomber in Pacific. Flew 21 missions. Plane shot down by Japs Jan. 8, 1944, at Kendari, Celebes, crashed and exploded. Crew was never found or heard from. Eye witnesses stated possibility of men being thrown clear.
3. —T/SGT. WILLIAM EDGAR STEVENSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stevenson, Frost, was born Sept. 10, 1918. Attended Frost High School and N.T.S.T.C., Denton. Volunteered Apr. 7, 1942. Assigned to A.A.F. Trained at Harlingen, Texas, and Wendover Field, Utah. Overseas from Mar., 1944, to Sept., 1944, in European Theater as radio operator on Liberator Bomber in battles of S. France, Normandy, and Germany. Received Air Medal with 3 Clusters, D.F.C., American Defense Ribbon. Was discharged Sept. 18, 1945.
4. —2ND LT. THOMAS FLETCHER STEVENSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stevenson, Frost, Texas, was born Jan. 24, 1910. Entered service Mar. 5, 1942, at Leavenworth, Kans. Assigned to Army Medical Corps. Trained at Camp Barkley, Texas. Served overseas from March, 1944, to Dec., 1945, seeing action in New Guinea and P. Is., and also in the occupation of Japan. His Company, 411 Medical Collecting Co., was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for outstanding devotion to duty of exceptionally difficult tasks. Was discharged Feb. 2, 1946.
5. —T/SGT. ROBERT LYNN STEVENSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stevenson, Frost, was born Feb. 10, 1921. Attended N.T.S.T.C., Denton. Volunteered for Army Air Corps Jan. 1, 1942. Overseas from Oct., 1942, to Mar., 1943, as aerial gunner on a Flying Fortress, 303rd Bombardment ("Hells Angels") which flew first 200 hours over France and Germany; also a member of the Yard Bird Crew which fought off 26 enemy planes. Lost his life returning from a mission to Lorient, France. Awarded 2 Air Medals, Purple Heart.
6. —S/SGT. GEORGE (BUSTER) I. WARREN, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stevenson of Frost, was born March 15, 1908. His wife is Mary Stevenson Warren of Frost, Texas. Attended Blooming Grove Public School and N.T.S.T.C., Denton. Volunteered October, 1940, at Corsicana. Assigned Army Air Forces. Trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio. He was awarded American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged October 5, 1945. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Warren, live at Blooming Grove.
7. —CPL. JAMES GUY TURNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Turner, Corsicana, born Apr. 20, 1925. Volunteered May 19, 1944. Assigned to Army, Airborne, Team, 517th Combat (Parachute Inf. known as a 'Battling Buzzards') which fought with great valor during Ardennes Campaign. Served overseas Jan., 1945, to Aug., 1945, in E.A.M.E. Theater. Received ATO; E.A.M.E. with 3 Bronze Stars (France, Belgium and Germany); Airborne Combat Inf. Badge; Expert Rifleman's Badge; Presidential Citation; Purple Heart; Croix de Guerre. Was discharged Nov., 1945.
- *8. —PVT. LESLIE RAY TURNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Turner, Corsicana, born Oct. 29, 1923. Volunteered Feb. 18, 1943. Assigned to Army, 3rd Armored Div. Served overseas from July to Dec., 1944, in E.A.M.E. Theater. Participated in Northern France and Rhineland campaigns. Seriously wounded Dec. 17, 1944, while driving tank in Battle of Bulge. Was left lying beside his tank and has never been seen since. Awarded ATO; E.A.M.E. with 2 Bronze Stars; Expert Rifle Badge; Expert Mechanics Badge; Distinguished Unit Citation; Purple Heart.
9. —S/SGT. RAYMOND CARL SCOTT, husband of Mrs. Grace Scott, 1700 N. 15th St., Waco, was born April 13, 1917. Attended Dawson Public Schools. Entered service Jan. 18, 1941, at Fort Worth. Assigned to Army, U.S. Field Art. Trained at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp McCoy, Wis. Served eight months overseas in Ireland and England. Received E.A.M.E. Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged December 1, 1944.
10. —S/SGT. DURAN E. SUMMERALL was born June 17, 1918, husband of the former Jimmie Lou Rascoe of Corsicana. Attended Corsicana Public Schools. Volunteered Oct. 12, 1940. Assigned to Army, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Blanding, and Camp Edwards. Served overseas from April, 1943, to July, 1945, in invasions of Italy and S. France and battle of Cassino. Received Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with 5 Stars and Arrowhead, American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal. Was discharged July 31, 1945.
11. —T/SGT. JOSHUA P. RASCOE, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rascoe, Sr., of Corsicana, was born July 6, 1915. Attended Corsicana Public Schools. Entered service Oct. 17, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, 96th Division. Served overseas from July, 1944, to June, 1945, in Leyte, Philippine Islands, and Okinawa. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon 2 Battle Stars, 2 Arrowheads, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and Victory Medal. Was discharged August 23, 1945.
- *12. —SGT. ROMIA LEE RASCOE, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rascoe, Sr., of Corsicana, was born Oct. 2, 1918. Attended Corsicana Public Schools. Entered service June 21, 1944. Assigned to Army, 20th Armored Division. Trained at Camp Wolters and Ft. McClellan. Served overseas from Dec., 1944, to Mar., 1945, in France and Germany. Awarded E.T. O. 1 Battle Star; Combat Inf. Badge; Good Conduct; Presidential Citation; Purple Heart. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 31, 1945, while under going treatment for wounds received the day before in action.
- *13. —LT. W. M. TAYLOR, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Taylor, Sr., of Corsicana, was born May 21, 1916. Attended Texas A. & M. Volunteered July 8, 1941. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas from Sept., 1941, to Sept., 1944, on Philippine Islands. Reported missing May, 1942. P.O.W. at Camp #2, Davao, Mindanao, Philippines 1942-1944. Lost his life on Japanese freighter, transferring American prisoners to Japan when it was sunk Sept. 7, 1944. Purple Heart was awarded.
14. —1ST LT. ROBERT SUTTLE TAYLOR, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Taylor, Sr., Corsicana, was born June 8, 1913. Attended Corsicana Public Schools and Texas A. & M., College Station. Volunteered May, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, Communications. Trained at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in European Theater, with Hq. & Hq. Co., 3118 Signal Sr. Bn., Supreme Hq. Allied E.F. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Was discharged March, 1946.
15. —GUNNER'S MATE 3/c FRANCIS MARION TAYLOR, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Taylor, Sr., of Corsicana, was born Aug. 11, 1909. He attended Corsicana Public Schools. Entered service Dec. 13, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to USNR, and trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to Aug., 1945, in South Pacific-Saipan, Tinian, Peleliu, and Okinawa. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged November 6, 1945.
16. —T/SGT. JOHN BILL SWINK was born Oct. 13, 1919. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Taylor, Sr., of 1445 W. 2nd St., Corsicana. Attended Corsicana Public Schools. Entered service Mar. 12, 1942. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Luke Field, Ariz.; Camp Maxey, Texas; Ft. Sill, Okla. Served 3 years, Air Corps, Luke Field, Phoenix, Ariz.; 9 months, Infantry, Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas; 5 months in Field Artillery, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Received his discharge January 12, 1946.
17. —SGT. WILLIAM NATHAN TACKITT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tackitt, Rt. 3, Wortham, was born July 30, 1923. Received his education in Wortham Public Schools. Volunteered August 14, 1941, at Corsicana. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served overseas from March, 1945, to July, 1945, in Trinidad (BWI), Italy, battles of N. Apennines, Po Valley and C. Europe. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged October 1, 1945. His wife, Bettie Ruth Tackitt, resides in Wortham.
18. —SGT. JAMES TINKLE WEST, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. West of Corsicana, was born Aug. 25, 1915. Attended Texas A. & M. College. Volunteered Feb. 4, 1946, at Corsicana. Assigned to A.A.F. Flying Cadets, Class 43B. Served Gulf Coast Training Command-A.A.F. Eliminated from air cadets due to flight injuries. Returned to ranks. Received sharpshooter-Pistol-Expert Carbine-Marksman-Sub Machine Gun-Medals, Air Crew Member Wings, and Link Trainer Instructor Badge. Was discharged Oct. 19, 1944.
19. —CPL. J. C. PUCKETT, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Puckett of Corsicana, was born Feb. 3, 1924. Attended public school in Corsicana. Entered service January, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to 4th Marine Division, 21st Prov. Co. Trained in N.C. and San Diego, Calif. Served 32 months overseas in South Pacific Area. Received Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged January 29, 1946.
20. —PFC OTHO W. WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams of Corsicana, was born August 8, 1917. Received his education in Corsicana Public Schools. Entered service April 8, 1944, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, 78th Division. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark. Served overseas from Oct. 14, 1944, to Apr., 1944, in European area participating in action in the campaigns of Rhineland and Ardennes. Wounded Feb. 6, 1944. Received Infantryman Badge. Was discharged Oct. 27, 1945.

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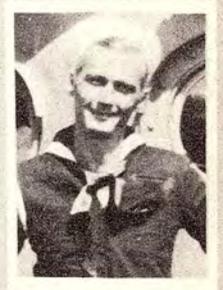
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*Pfc ZOLLIE F. HOLT



Capt. REMUS L. JONES

Pfc Z. F. Holt, born April 2, 1908, husband of Effie M. Holt, 2518 Park Row, Corsicana, attended Corsicana High School, entered the service on April 6, 1944, assigned to the Army 1st Inf., trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., and Fort Meade, Md. Overseas in England, France, Belgium, Germany, and Luxembourg in battles of: Ardennes, Huertgen Forest and Belgian Bulge. He was killed in action in Butzenbach, Germany, near Aachen, Belgium, Jan. 24, 1945. Pfc Holt received the following awards: Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, and Presidential Citation. Besides his wife he left two sons.

Capt. R. L. Jones, born Sept. 8, 1914, son of Mrs. P. S. Travis, Rt. 2, Corinth St., Denton, husband of Winifred Jones, 1311 Solano St., San Antonio, attended Corsicana High School and Business College. Joined National Guard Feb. 11, 1931, and volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940; was assigned to the Army 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie; served in the United States 32 months; overseas 28 months; in France, Germany, and Austria. Battles: S. France, Rhineland, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, and C. Europe. Awards: Bronze Star Medal, American Def., E.A.M.E. Medal, 5 Stars, Division Commendation, and Victory Medal. Capt. Jones was honorably discharged Nov. 3, 1945.



*T/Sgt. JOHN C. WILLIS



Sgt. SCOTT H. WILLIS, JR.



S/Sgt. HOWARD E. WILLIS

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Willis, Corsicana, Texas.

T/Sgt. JOHN CLAUD WILLIS was born Feb. 3, 1921. Volunteered for service Oct. 17, 1940, at Corsicana, assigned to Army, 2nd Division. He served overseas in the European Theater, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice at Brest, France, Aug. 31, 1944. Was awarded American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon, Combat Inf. Badge, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and Purple Heart.

Sgt. SCOTT H. WILLIS, JR., was born June 16, 1919. Volunteered for service Oct. 22, 1939, at Corsicana, assigned to Army, 3rd Div. Trained at Ft. Crockett, Texas; Camp Davis, N.C.; Camp Haan, Calif.; Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas in Hawaiian Islands, France, Austria and Germany, and received American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Was discharged Dec. 3, 1945.

S/Sgt. HOWARD EARL WILLIS was born Dec. 12, 1923. Entered service Oct. 15, 1943, at Corsicana, assigned to Army, 24th Div., and trained at Camp Fannin. Served overseas in New Guinea, P.Is., and Japan. Wounded May 5, 1944. Received Combat Inf. Badge, Purple Heart, Asiatic Theater, Philippine Liberation, Victory and Good Conduct Medals, Arrowhead, 5 Campaign Stars. Discharged Jan. 17, 1946.

1. —PFC DERWOOD FRANKLIN PRATT, born April 17, 1919, husband of Leoma Pratt, Enid, Okla. Attended school at Corsicana, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to 36th Div. of Army. Served overseas from April 1, 1943, to June 17, 1945, in Battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France and Rhineland. Awarded Good Conduct, American Defense Service Medals, E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars and 2 Arrowheads. Gunner in 133rd Field Art. Bn. Was discharged June 26, 1945.
2. —SGT. CAXTON RUFUS BIVIN, born Nov. 3, 1919, husband of Myrtle Bivin, Corsicana. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, with the National Guard. Assigned to Army, 36th Division. Served overseas from April 2, 1943, to July 23, 1945, in Battles of Salerno, Naples-Foggia, Southern France, Central Europe, Rhineland and Southern Germany. Awarded E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars and Bronze Arrowhead, 36th Div. Commendation, American Defense, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medals. Was discharged Aug., 1945.
3. —SGT. ODELL S. FRAZIER, born Aug. 8, 1922, husband of Gurlie Frazier, Corsicana. Volunteered Oct. 18, 1944, assigned to Army Infantry. Transferred overseas March 15, 1945, to Asiatic-Pacific. Battles of Cebu, Philippines, and invasion of Japan into Tokyo and Yokohama. Awarded Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 1 Battle Star, Good Conduct and World War II Victory. Currently in Tokyo, Japan, with 12th Cavalry Regt., Medical Det.
4. —M/SGT. JAMES THOMAS FOSTER, husband of Glenna Foster. Volunteered National Guard July, 1931, and Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to Army 36th Div. Overseas from April 1, 1943, to June 5, 1945, Algeria, French Morocco, Salerno, Naples-Foggia, Cassino, Anzio Beachhead, Rome and Central Europe. Wounded 3 times; missing in action June 25, 1944; reported P.O.W. in Germany. Awarded African-European Ribbon, 3 Battle Stars; Purple Heart, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; American Defense Ribbon. Discharged Aug., 1945. Re-enlisted and with his wife, Glenna Foster of Corsicana, is stationed in Korea.
5. —1ST LT. BRUCE FULTON born March 12, 1917, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Fulton of Corsicana. Entered Army Service Forces Nov. 23, 1942. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston and AAS OCS, Fargo, N.D. Served overseas from March 26, 1945, to Sept. 25, 1945, in Southwest Pacific area and Luzon Campaign. Taught in Montana State College at Bozeman, Mont., from July, 1943, to 1944. Awarded American Theater, Southwest Pacific, and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. Discharged April, 1946.
6. —SGT. EARL GRIFFIN GATHRIGHT was born Jan. 12, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gathright, Corsicana. Attended John Tarleton Agri. College, Stephenville, Tex. Entered 25th Army Inf. Feb. 12, 1942. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas from July 8, 1942, to Oct. 12, 1945, in Hawaii, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Luzon and New Zealand. Awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 3 Stars. Was discharged Oct., 1945.
7. —PFC GRANVILLE ANDREW GREEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Green of Herdon, husband of Lyda Mae Green, Box 734, Burnett. Entered service June, 1944, assigned to 725th Railway Operating Bn. Trained at Camp Plauche, La., and Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. Served overseas from March, 1945, to Oct. 28, 1945, in China, Burma and India. Pfc Green was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon, World War II Victory and Good Conduct Medals. Received honorable discharge January 19, 1946.
8. —T/SGT. ROBERT LEROY HAMILTON, JR., was born Aug. 24, 1911, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hamilton, Sr., 614 W. 7th St., and husband of Lelia Owen Hamilton, all of Corsicana. Received education in Corsicana Schools and S.M.U., Dallas, and was employed by the Magnolia Petroleum Co. in Dallas before he volunteered February 2, 1942. Was assigned to Army Air Corps, trained at Ellington Field, Texas. T/Sgt. Hamilton, Jr., received honorable discharge January 7, 1946.
9. —T/SGT. WALTER WRIGHT HEDRICK, JR., born Dec. 16, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hedrick, Sr., Corsicana, Tex. Volunteered Dec. 22, 1941, assigned to Air Corps as crew chief. Served overseas from Sept., 1942, to Aug., 1945, in Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Balkans, Rhineland, Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines, Po Valley and Anti Submarine in American Theater. Awarded E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon with 7 Bronze Stars, American Theater Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star. Released to inactive status Aug., 1945.
10. —PFC JAMES LOYD HEIFNER, born March 31, 1926, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heifner, 414 South 18th, Corsicana, Texas. Attended Corsicana High School. Entered service June 21, 1944, at Camp Wolters, assigned to Army Battery B, 53 Field Artillery. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Transferred overseas January 2, 1945, participating in action in Italy. Awarded E.A.M.E. Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars and World War II Victory Medal. Serving now with Hqs. and Hqs. Co., 61st Q.M.B.D.
11. —PFC ROY E. JORDAN born May 15, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jordan, Corsicana. Attended S.M.U., Dallas. Volunteered for service in Army 102nd Inf. Div. Sept. 23, 1942. Overseas from Sept. 12, 1944, to Dec. 23, 1945, in battles of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Wounded Feb. 26, 1945. Awarded American Theater Campaign Ribbon, E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct and Victory Medals, Combat Infantryman's Badge. Discharged Jan. 16, 1945.
12. —WT3/c WESLEY T. JORDAN, born Nov. 3, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jordan of Corsicana. Attended Navarro Jr. College, Corsicana. Volunteered Oct. 21, 1944, for Navy Engineering. Overseas from July, 18, 1945, to June 18, 1946, in American and Asiatic-Pacific Area aboard U.S.S. Niagara. Prepared for Atomic Bomb test, left Bikini June 8, 1946. Helped land troops and supplies for Tokyo occupation and troops to Tientsin, China. Awarded American, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and Victory Medal. Was discharged July 2, 1946.
13. —SC2/c BILLIE WAYNE HUTSON was born July 22, 1908, in Miss., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hutson of Angus, husband of Estelle Hutson, 609 West 4th St., Corsicana. Attended school at Corsicana, Texas. Volunteered November, 1942, at Dallas, was assigned to Navy Seabees. Trained at Camp Peary, Va., Davisville, R.I., and Camp Parks, Calif. Served overseas from March, 1944, to Nov., 1945. Served in Hawaii and Philippine Islands. Received discharge November 2, 1945.
14. —CAPT. CHARLES EDGAR LAWRENCE was born March 28, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Lawrence of Seagraves. Attended Howard Payne College, Brownwood. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to Army 36th Division later transferring to Air Corps. Served overseas from June 7, 1944, to Oct. 13, 1945, in airborne invasion of France, Holland and Germany. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Seven Bronze Battle Stars. Promoted from Pvt. up through the grades to Captain. Received honorable discharge late in the summer of 1946.
15. —S/SGT. RUFUS BRYANT McFARLIN was born Dec. 12, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. McFarlin of Richland, and husband of Lorene McFarlin, now of San Antonio. Volunteered Oct. 10, 1936, and served in Army 2nd, 6th, 7th, 95th and 97th Inf. Div. Served overseas from March, 1945, to Dec., 1945, in Ruhr Valley, Eastern Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Japan from Aug. 27 to Nov. 25. Awarded American Defense Service Ribbon, E.A.M.E. and American Theater Ribbon. Victory and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Dec., 1945.
16. —SEAMAN 1/c RAYBURN BROWNING McKEE was born April 27, 1918, in Miss., son of Mrs. Mattie McKee, and husband of Ina Douglass McKee, now of Corsicana. Attended Belton Public Schools. Entered Navy Air Corps December 7, 1943, at Mexia, Texas. Trained at Naval Training Base, San Diego, California. Served in United States from Dec. 7, 1943, to Dec. 13, 1945, and overseas from Feb. 22, 1944, to June 19, 1945, in Villa-Villa, Russell Islands and Guadalcanal. Seaman 1/c McKee was discharged Dec., 1945.
17. —S/SGT. ERNEST P. FRENCH, born Feb. 20, 1920, son of Mrs. Annie L. French, and husband of Geraldine French, all of Corsicana. Entered Army, 36th Div., Nov. 20, 1940, trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards. Overseas from April 1, 1943, to June 26, 1945, in Africa, Italy, France, Austria, and Germany. Wounded twice. Awarded Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Cluster, Soldiers, and American Defense Service and Good Conduct Medals, Campaign Ribbon and 4 Bronze Stars. Was discharged June, 1945.
18. —T/SGT. LINDSEY C. MORGAN, JR., born May 1, 1921, is the husband of Evelyn Morgan, Austin. Volunteered Jan. 15, 1942; assigned to 90th Bomb Group (H) AAF; trained at Barksdale Field, La. Overseas from Sept. 4, 1942, to May 22, 1945, in Hawaii, Australia, New Guinea, Philippines, Bismarck Archipelago, and Papua. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation and Good Conduct Medals, and Distinguished Unit Badge. Was discharged May 30, 1945.
19. —JOHN ROBERT ADAMS was born February 2, 1927, in Texas, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Raby, Corsicana, Texas, attended school in Corsicana, Texas. Volunteered for service in Merchant Marines Aug. 2, 1944, at Dallas, Tex. Served overseas 18 months in Australia, Pearl Harbor, New Guinea, Okinawa, Saipan, Guam, Cuba, Japan, Panama, France, Italy, and Spain. Is still serving somewhere with the Merchant Marines. He left school to serve his country with the Merchant Marines.
20. —S1/c EMMETT WILBURN RABY was born April 8, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Raby, and husband of Ann Kenner Raby, all of Corsicana. Received his education in Corsicana Schools. Volunteered April 5, 1945, at Dallas for Navy Reserves, V-6. Trained at U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Sept. 1, 1945, to March 20, 1946, at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Guam, Saipan, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Japan, Wake, Tinian, Cuba and Panama. S1/c Raby is still in the Reserves.

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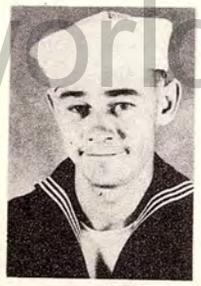
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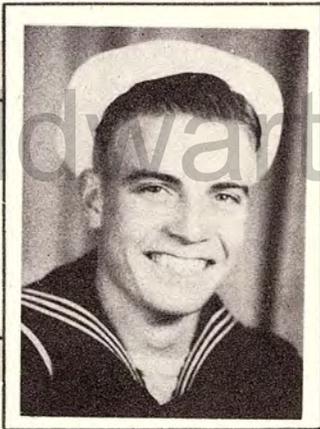
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RM 2/c FRED KESINGER, JR.

Radioman 2/c F. Kesinger, Jr., born Oct. 31, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kesinger, Sr., 205 Hardy Ave., Corsicana. He attended Corsicana High School, volunteered for service June 24, 1943, and was assigned to Navy Radio School; trained at San Diego, Calif., Oceanside, and San Bruno, Calif. Served in the States 13 months, and overseas, in Pacific Area Feb., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in battles of Leyte and Samar, P.I. Awards: Commendation for outstanding work in the Beach Party, "Baker" on Leyte and Samar, P.I. He was returned overseas as RM2/c on USS. LSM-353 spending some time in dry dock, Pearl Harbor, preparing for trip to China. Was discharged Oct. 31, 1946.



2nd Lt. JOHN J. MCCOLPIN

2nd Lt. J. J. McColpin, born Dec. 18, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McColpin, 1800 Woodlawn St., Corsicana, educated at Robert E. Lee Grammar, Corsicana High School, and Univ. of Texas, Austin. Volunteered for service on Feb. 23, 1943, at San Antonio, was assigned to the Army 9th Air Force, served in the U.S. for 20 months, and overseas 14 months, in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Ardennes, Rhineland, C. Germany. He was awarded: Air Medal, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, E.T.O., 3 Battle Stars. He was appointed Flight Officer on July 1, 1944; commissioned on March 25, 1945. 2nd Lt. McColpin is still with the Air Force, and stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas.



Ens. GEORGE L. TATUM, JR.
2nd Lt. JOHN C. TATUM

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Tatum, Sr., Corsicana.
GEORGE, born June 4, 1919, was Civilian Physicist, Naval Ord. Lab. from Feb. 3, 1941, until called to active duty, on Nov. 11, 1944, and sta. in Ordnance Lab., Navy Yd., Wash., D.C. Assignments: Design of Degaussing coils, measurement of ships' high frequency acoustic fids., torpedo exploder design and testing. Returned to civilian job Naval Ord. Lab. Oct. 17, 1945.
JOHN, born Dec. 28, 1920, volunteered for Army Air Corps May, 1942; on completion of training served as an instructor at various fields before he transferred overseas and flew "Hump" from Chabua, India, Assam Prov. Returned to U.S. to be hon. discharged Dec., 1945.



MoMM 3/c ALVIS D. TUCKER, JR.

MoMM3/c A. D. Tucker, Jr., born Feb. 11, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Tucker, 2011 W. 14th Ave., Corsicana. Attended Corsicana High School, entered the service on June 19, 1944, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Amphibious. Trained at Coronada, San Diego, California, served in the United States for 5 months, and overseas from November, 1944, to July, 1946. In Southwest Pacific, battles of Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and the Occupation of Japan. Prior to his enlisting in the Navy, MoMM 3/c Tucker was employed as a mechanic. He was honorably discharged on June 19, 1947, and is at his home.

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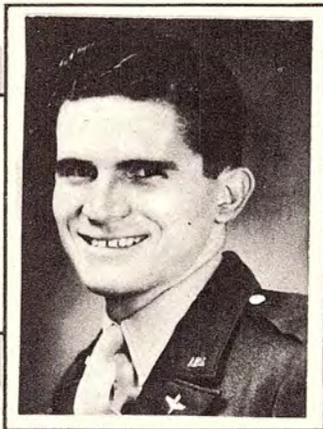
Capt. JOHN D. BENNETT

Capt. Bennett, born April 13, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Syndey L. Bennett, Derby, Texas, husband of Wynona Melton Bennett, 2461 Lucas Drive, Beaumont, attended Pearsall Grammar and High Schools, and Texas A. & M. Volunteered for service on Jan. 5, 1940, and was assigned to the Army 36th Inf.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. He served in the United States from Jan. 5, 1940, to April 1, 1943, and overseas 27 months, in N. Africa, Italy, S. France, C. France, Germany and Austria. Awards: American Def.; E.T.O., 5 Stars and Arrowhead; Silver Star; Bronze Star Medal with Cluster; Div. Commendation. Was discharged Dec. 25, 1945.



1st Lt. WAYNE A. MELTON

1st Lt. W. A. Melton, born Feb. 17, 1920, son of Mrs. Grace Melton, 1709 Woodlawn St., Corsicana, educated at Sam Houston Grammar, Corsicana High School, and Baylor University, Waco, volunteered on July 1, 1942, and was assigned to the Army 11th Airborne Div. Trained at Ft. Benning, Ga. Overseas June 7, 1945, in S. Philippine Campaign-Negros Island (503rd Parachute Inf.) Japanese Occupation Forces (11th Airborne Div.). Awards: Phil. Lib. Medal, 1 Star, Victory, Occupation Medal, A.T.O., Asiatic-Pac., 1 Star. Qualified Parachutist and Glider Infantryman, he is with 511th Parachute Inf., Philippines.



Av. Cadet JOHN E. VARLEY

Av. Cadet J. E. Varley, born Nov. 8, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Varley, 517 N. 15th St., Corsicana, Texas. Husband of Joan Frances Varley, 4307 Bellvue Ave., Austin, educated at Sam Houston Grammar, Corsicana High School, and Texas University, Austin. Volunteered for service on Jan. 2, 1944, at Corsicana, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Stockton, Calif., Ellensburg, Wash., and San Antonio, Texas, serving in the United States from Jan. 2, 1944, until October 31, 1946. He was Student Officer 2nd Lt. at Ellensburg, Wash., and S.O. Squad Commander, at S.A.C.C., San Antonio, Texas. Hon. discharged Oct. 31, 1946.



M/Sgt. MONROE WOOD

M/Sgt. M. Wood, born June 26, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wood, 600 N. Commerce St., Corsicana, husband of Freida G. Wood, formerly of Corsicana and now of Hays, Kansas, entered the service on Nov. 15, 1939, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army Air Force. Served in the United States from Nov. 15, 1939, until May 17, 1945; overseas 8 months in New Guinea, Philippines, and Ryukyus, and awarded: American Defense, ATO, Asiatic-Pac., 1 Bronze Star, Philippine Lib., Good Conduct, Victory and Army Commendation. Discharged and re-enlisted on Dec. 26, 1945, for 3 years. Now stationed U.S. Recruiting Sta., Ellis County Court House, Hays, Kansas.

1. —T/5 IRA ARNOLD was born March 19, 1917, in Texas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Arnold, Richland, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 30, 1941, at Corsicana, Tex. Assigned to Army, 36th Div., 133 F.A., trained at Camp Bowie, Tex. Served overseas from April 13, 1943, to Aug. 4, 1945, in Africa and France, in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, C. Europe, and Rhineland. Awarded Good Conduct, E. A. M. E. Campaign Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars, Bronze Arrowhead, American Defense Service Ribbon. Was discharged August 11, 1945.

2. —PVT. J. C. ARNOLD was born March 14, 1914, in Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Arnold, Richland, Texas. Husband of Addie Lee Arnold of Richland. Attended school at Richland, Texas. Entered Army March 23, 1943, at Dallas, Texas; trained at Camp Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Ellis, Illinois. Served in the United States from March 23, 1943, to December 16, 1943. Awarded Rifleman's Expert Badge. Pvt. Arnold received a medical discharge December 16, 1943, at Camp Ellis, Ill.

3. —T/5 WILLIE EARL ARNOLD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Arnold of Richland, was born Feb. 12, 1925. Attended school at Richland, Tex. Entered Army May 4, 1943, assigned to Medical Detachment; trained at Camp Berkeley and Maxey; served overseas from Sept. 9, 1943, to Dec. 26, 1946, in India, Burma and China. Cared for wounded soldiers in China. Was with Portable Surgery Hospital. Awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, Victory and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Dec., 1946.

4. —PFC CARL OTIS ARNOLD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Arnold of Richland, was born March 29, 1922, in Texas. Attended school in Richland, Tex. Entered service Oct. 6, 1942, assigned to Detachment of Medical Department, Army Air Base. Trained at Great Falls and Lewistown, Mont.; served overseas from Jan., 1945, to Feb., 1946, in Canada and Alaska. Awarded American, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbons, Good Conduct and Victory Medals, 1 Service Stripe and 2 Overseas Bars. Stationed now at San Antonio.

5. —PFC FLOYD PAUL BATCHELOR, born Dec. 19, 1923, in Okla., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Batchelor, Corsicana, Texas. Attended school at Cayuga. Volunteered Oct. 22, 1942, assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Miami, Fla., Denver, Colo., Spokane, Wash., and Salina, Kansas. Served in United States from Oct., 1942, to Jan. 1, 1945; overseas from Jan., 1945, to Aug., 1945. Received Presidential Citation, Oak Leaf Cluster and Pacific Campaign Ribbon. Was discharged from further duty September 28, 1945.

6. —PFC HUBERT HOUSTON BATCHELOR, born May 27, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Batchelor, Corsicana, Tex. Attended Streetman, Texas, High School. Volunteered Jan. 1, 1942, assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from Sept. 2, 1942, to Sept. 6, 1945, in Australia, New Guinea, Biak Is. and Philippines. Awarded Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Presidential Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, 7 Battle Stars and Good Conduct Medal. Received honorable discharge September 11, 1945.

7. —T/SGT. JESSIE L. BATCHELOR, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie L. Batchelor of Corsicana, Texas, born Oct. 4, 1917, in Okla., attended school at Wilson, Okla. Volunteered for service with Cavalry, Mar., 1940, at El Paso, Texas; trained at Ft. Bliss, Tex., Ft. Riley, Kansas, and Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas July 7, 1944, for 14 months in the break through at St Lo with 1st Army; transferred, and was with 3rd Army until V.E. day; awarded Presidential Citation and Oak Leaf Cluster. Was discharged July 16, 1945.

8. —M/SGT. ELMO LYNN BELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bell of Corsicana, was born Dec. 1, 1921, in Texas. Attended Corsicana Schools and Texas A. & M. College. Volunteered Aug. 13, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Signal Corps; trained at Camp Crowder and Camp Murphy; served overseas from January 1, 1944, to February 7, 1946. M/Sgt. Bell received American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and E.T.O. Campaign Ribbons, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged February 15, 1946.

9. —T/5 CARL EDWIN PERKINS, born Jan. 24, 1921, brother of Mrs. Arthur Boldin, Corsicana, Texas. Entered Army 104th Timberwolf Inf. Nov. 24, 1942; trained at Camp Adair, Oregon, Camps Hyder, Horn, Granite and Carson. Served overseas from Aug., 1944, to July, 1945, in France, Holland, Germany, Central Europe and Rhineland. Awarded American Defense Service, E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbons, World War II Victory and Good Conduct Medals. Received honorable discharge November 27, 1945.

10. —PFC JOE K. PERKINS, born April 7, 1924, brother of Mrs. Arthur Boldin, Corsicana. Volunteered May 19, 1944; assigned to Army 6th Armored Division; trained at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Tex. Served overseas from October 3, 1944, to August 5, 1945, in battles of Ardennes and of the Bulge and Central Germany. Awarded 3 Battle Stars, Combat Infantryman's Badge and Good Conduct Medal. In hospital from June, 1945, to Feb., 1946, with rheumatic fever. Received medical discharge February 29, 1946.

11. —1ST LT. CHARLES THEO BOLDIN was born Nov. 18, 1916, son of Mrs. Cora Boldin, Purdon, Tex. Attended John Tarleton College, Stephenville, Tex. Volunteered Oct., 1941, for Army Air Corps. Trained at Ellington Field, Houston, Tex., and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Served overseas from July 19, 1942, to July, 1943, in Australia and New Guinea. Awarded Air Medal for missions overseas. Lt. Boldin is still serving in the Air Corps overseas. He is the brother of Arthur Boldin of Corsicana.

12. —T/SGT. GENE N. BERRY is son of Mrs. Minnie E. Berry, born Dec. 26, 1919, Corsicana, Tex. Attended Adamson High School, Dallas, Tex. Volunteered Aug. 18, 1938; assigned to Marine 5th Division; trained at San Diego, Calif. He served in Pearl Harbor in charge of Marine regimental postoffice, in the Battle of Iwo Jima, returned to Pearl Harbor where he stayed until Feb. 15, 1946. Awarded Asiatic Theater of War Ribbon, Marksmanship and Good Conduct Medals. Postmaster now at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

13. —CAPT. HERMAN BOOKER BOMER, JR., was born January 10, 1917, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bommer, Sr., Corsicana, Texas. Attended school at Corsicana, Texas, and Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. Volunteered September 21, 1941, at Dallas; assigned to Army Air Forces; trained at Sheppard Field. Awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor, Victory Medals and American Theater Ribbon. Released from active duty to Reserve, March, 1946. Mary Case Bommer of Dallas is his wife.

14. —1ST LT. THOMAS CALVIN BROWNING, born Nov. 11, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Browning, Corsicana, Tex., attended Tex. A. & M. College. Entered Army Signal Corps Dec. 5, 1941. Served overseas from Feb. 17, 1943, to Nov. 26, 1945, in battles of Italy and Southern France campaigns. Awarded American Defense Service, American Theater Ribbons, Mediterranean-European Theater Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars and World War II Victory Medal. Received discharge April 2, 1946. Prior to Army service he was with the Humble Oil Co. as an Electrical Eng.

15. —T/SGT. DOYLE AUTHER BRYANT was born November 14, 1907, Okla., brother of C. O. Bryant of Corsicana, attended school at Ardmore, Okla. Entered service March 17, 1941; assigned to Army 90th Division; trained at Camp Berkeley, Tex. Served overseas from June 6, 1942, to Dec. 31, 1945, in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Awarded Marksmanship, Good Conduct Medals and E.A.M.E. Campaign Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars. Received discharge November 15, 1945, at Ft. Smith, Ark.

16. —SGT. HERSELL THOMAS WILSON, born June 5, 1915, husband of Aileen Jones Wilson, Corsicana. Attended school in Corsicana. Entered Army, 90th Div., Oct. 17, 1942; served overseas from March 23, 1944, to Feb. 24, 1945, in England, battles of France, Normandy, and Germany. Wounded June 11, 1944, and Nov. 11, 1944. Awarded E.T.O. Ribbon with 3 Bronze Battle Stars, Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantry Badge and Good Conduct Medal. Received honorable discharge September 29, 1945.

17. —S/SGT. CHARLES WESLEY BURKES was born February 9, 1917, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Burkess of Corsicana, husband of Dorthy L. Burkess, Dallas. Attended Corsicana, Texas, High School, Entered Army Air Corps 1941; trained at Ft. Leonard Wood-Jefferson Barracks. Served in United States from August, 1941, to April 1, 1945; overseas from April, 1945, to February, 1946, in Germany. Awarded Overseas Bar and Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged February 16, 1946.

18. —S/SGT. LYNN DALTON BURKES was born August 21, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Burkess, Corsicana, husband of Jean Burkess, Waco, Tex. Attended Corsicana High School. Volunteered for Army Air Corps November 5, 1942, trained at Jefferson Barracks. Served in United States from Nov., 1942, to May, 1943, overseas from June, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Hawaii as Teletype Operator; received Overseas Bar and Good Conduct Medal. Received honorable discharge November 11, 1945.

19. —S/SGT. FRANK MOLDER CALDWELL was born December 22, 1911, in Texas, son of Mrs. Mabelle M. Caldwell, Corsicana, husband of Martha M. Caldwell, Dallas. Attended Corsicana High School, Volunteered for Army Air Forces September 24, 1942. Trained at Camp Wolters, Tex., and Blackland AAF, Waco, Texas. Spent five months in McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, for knee operation due to injury incurred in training. Was discharged Nov. 2, 1945.

20. —CAPT. WILLMOTTE SIDNEY CURTIS, volunteered Nov., 1940, for Army, 36 Div. Overseas Apr., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in invasion of Italy, (Salerno, Naples, Anzio, Rome, Rapido River, Cassino, Mt. Castellone), Southern France, (Vosges Mountains, Mont Bron and St. Marie). Wounded at Mt. Lungo, 1943. Awarded Unit Citation, Purple Heart, E. T. O. Ribbon with 5 Battle Stars and Arrowhead, American Defense and Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, Occupation and Victory Medals. Still in service at Fort Sill, Okla.

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1. —PFC CLAY D. REED, brother of Lola J. Reed of Angus, Texas, was born June 27, 1912. Attended Angus High School. Entered service Feb. 19, 1942, at Corsicana. Assigned to Army, 36th Depot Supply Sqn. Trained S.C.R.T.C., Camp Crowden, Mo. Served overseas from Sept., 1942, to Aug., 1944, in Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia. Received Good Conduct Medal, E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Sharpshooter, Rifle and Carbine Medal. Was discharged September 1, 1945.

2. —MM3/c JOSEPH F. REHDEES, JR., husband of Ruth Young Rehders, 1518 Ficklin, Corsicana, was born Jan. 21, 1915. Attended Austin College, Sherman. Entered service May 17, 1944. Assigned to Navy. Trained at Camp Wallace and Phil., Pa. Served overseas from Feb., 1945, to Oct., 1945, in Pearl Harbor, P. I., Okinawa, and Japan. Aboard U.S.S. *Shangri La*, later called *Tokyo Express*, arriving there 1 year after commission. Received Asiatic-Pacific 2 Stars, American Defense and Victory. Was discharged Jan. 5, 1946.

3. —SI/c LESS JEWELL RICHARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richard, Corsicana, was born Jan. 20, 1917. Attended school in Mexia, Texas. Entered service May 16, 1944, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy, Gunnery Division; trained at Camp Wallace, Texas, and New Port, R.I. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Pacific Theater. Served on U.S.S. *Shangri La* from date of commission. Received 2 Battle Stars, A.T.O. Ribbon, P.T.O. Ribbon, 3rd Fleet Ribbon, Victory Medal. Was discharged Jan. 14, 1946.

4. —CM3/c WILLIAM ROY THOMPSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Thompson, Corsicana, was born Aug. 25, 1922. Attended Corsicana Schools. Entered service May 16, 1944. Assigned to Navy, U.S.S. *Shangri La* flag ship of the 3rd fleet. Trained at Camp Wallace, Texas, and New Port, R.I. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Jan. 6, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater seeing action in Philippines, Okinawa and Japan. Received American Defense; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, 2 Battle Stars; Philippine Liberation Medal. Was discharged Jan. 19, 1946.

5. —CPL. LEE ANDREW ROBINSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robinson, of Dallas, was born Nov. 2, 1909. Attended Frost, Texas, High School. Entered service Feb. 11, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Texas. Assigned to Army, 3rd Armored Division. Served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in battles of Normandy, N. France and Rhine. Wounded Sept. 1, 1944. Received Purple Heart, Good Conduct, E.A.M.E. Campaign, American Defense, World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged November 10, 1945.

6. —CPL. WALTER HERBERT ROBINSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robinson of Dallas, was born Oct. 27, 1911. Attended Frost, Texas, Public Schools. Entered service Aug. 29, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Basic Training Center, Kearns, Utah. Served overseas from Sept., 1945, to Feb., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He was separated from service February 9, 1946.

7. —S/SGT. JOHN ROBERT ROBINSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robinson, 1942 Berwick Ave., Dallas, was born Feb. 7, 1918. Attended Frost Public Schools. Entered service Mar. 3, 1941, at Fort Sam Houston. Assigned to Army, Infantry. He served overseas from June, 1941, to Jan., 1943, then from Jan., 1945, to Sept., 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Received American Defense, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Ribbon. Received his discharge October 21, 1945.

8. —SGT. FOREST RAY ROBINSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robinson of Dallas, was born Dec. 24, 1922. Attended Corsicana Public Schools. Entered service Dec. 30, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field and Chanute Field, Ill., and Great Bend, Kans. Served overseas from Aug., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Participated in Air War over Japan. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Was discharged Nov. 24, 1945.

9. —PVT. WILLIAM AUDIE KELLUM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott Kellum, Corsicana, and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robinson of Dallas, was born May 29, 1918. Received his education in Corsicana Public Schools and Central City Commercial College, Waco. His wife is Mrs. Jewel Robinson Kellum of Ft. Worth. Entered service May 9, 1945, at Corsicana. Assigned to Army Air Force Division. Trained at Sheppard Field. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged November 15, 1945.

10. —CAPT. J. B. SILER, son of Mrs. Florence Siler, Corsicana, was born Dec. 28, 1914. Received his education in Texarkana and Mexia Public Schools. Entered service Jan. 27, 1941, at Dallas. Assigned to Army 364th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from December, 1943, to December, 1945, in Aleutian Islands. Received American Defense and World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged December 18, 1945. Mrs. Mildred Williams Siler of New Orleans, La., is his wife.

11. —PFC VERNON SILER, son of Mrs. Florence Siler, Corsicana, was born Jan. 29, 1913. Received his education in Texarkana Public Schools. His wife is Mrs. Ola Derr Siler of Corsicana. Volunteered for service October 4, 1942, at Dallas, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at A.M. School, Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. He was awarded American Defense Service Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. Received discharge January 31, 1946.

*12. —2ND LT. BENNIE EUGENE SILER, son of Mrs. Florence Siler, Corsicana, was born Oct. 30, 1924. Attended Texarkana and Corsicana Public Schools. Volunteered for Army Air Corps at Dallas Jan. 29, 1943. Received basic training at Sheppard Field, and wings at Lubbock Army Air Field. Served overseas from Dec., 1944, to Mar., 1945, in Pacific area. Awarded Presidential Citation, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart. Lost his life in the line of duty off French Indo-China Mar. 18, 1945.

13. —S/SGT. ALTON L. SAWYERS, husband of Mrs. Edna Mae Sawyers of Dawson, Texas, was born June 20, 1924. Entered service Dec. 18, 1943, at Fairfield, Texas. Assigned to Army, Infantry. Trained at Camp Blanding, Fla. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in European Theater. Wounded Jan. 18, 1945. Received Combat Infantry Badge, Distinguished Unit Badge, E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars for Ardennes, Rhineland and C. Europe, Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Dec. 24, 1945.

14. —S/SGT. MELVIN WYLIE, brother of Mrs. Edna Mae Sawyers of Dawson, Texas, was born Nov. 26, 1923. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Wylie, Rt. 2, Dawson, Texas. Attended school in Waco. Entered service Oct. 23, 1944, at Corsicana, Texas. Assigned to Army, Infantry. Trained at Camp Sibert, Alabama. Received American Defense, World War II Victory, and Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged June 7, 1946. Re-enlisted the same day, and assigned to attend Provost Marshall School.

15. —2ND LT. EDWARD NATHANIEL CONNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Conner of Roane, was born Sept. 21, 1917. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Simpson, Corsicana. Attended N.T.S.T. College, Denton. Volunteered August 17, 1943. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Kelly Field, Foster Field, and Selman Field. Received American Defense and World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged November 17, 1945. Prior to military service, he was a teacher and librarian. His wife, Jimmie G. Conner, lives at Longview.

16. —1ST LT. PRESTON E. CONNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Conner of Roane, born Nov. 20, 1920, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Simpson, Corsicana. Volunteered for Army Air Corps Jan. 6, 1941. Overseas Nov., 1943, to June, 1945, in N. Africa and E.T.O. Wounded over Germany. In P.O.W. Camp Stalag Luft I, Barth, Germany, Feb., 1944, to May, 1945. Awarded E.T.O., 4 Bronze Stars for Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Air Off. of Europe and Balkans; Purple Heart; Air Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; D.F.C. Now with A.A.F. Married Novelle Holder of Ft. Worth.

17. —CPL. PAUL COURTNEY WILSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson, 1716 Woodlawn, Corsicana, was born August 14, 1922. Attended Corsicana Public School. Entered service Sept. 14, 1942, at San Diego, Calif. Assigned to Marines, 816th Platoon. Trained at Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Ocean-side, California. Served overseas from Feb., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Pacific (Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Vella La Vella, and Guam). Received Citation Nov. 20, 1943, on Purnata Island.

*18. —SEAMAN 2/c MARZIE JOE ROBINSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Wilder of Quinlan, was born Sept. 10, 1923. Attended Quinlan Public Schools. Volunteered August 18, 1942. Assigned to U.S.N.R. Overseas from Nov., 1942, to July, 1945, in battles of Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Tokyo, Kyushu, Honshu, Aleutians, Gilbert, Tarawa, Marshalls, Guam, Tinian, on U.S.S. *Indianapolis*. Received Purple Heart, Memorial Citation from President, 12 Battle Stars. Lost his life in action in South Pacific July 30, 1945.

19. —CPL. PINCKNEY BOB COOPER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooper of Telephone, was born Oct. 13, 1921. Attended Kaufman Public Schools. Entered service Sept. 7, 1942, at Kaufman. Assigned to Army Air Corps, Medical Div. Trained in Mineral Wells; Robbin Field, Ga.; Orlando Air Base, Fla. Served overseas from Apr., 1944, to Nov. 13, 1945, in C.B.I. Theater. Received Good Conduct Medal, C.B.I. Ribbon, Marksmanship Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, Victory Medal. Was discharged Nov. 13, 1945.

*20. —SGT. LIZZIE THOMAS COOPER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooper of Telephone, was born March 8, 1917. Attended school in Telephone, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 15, 1940. Assigned to Army, Infantry. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston. Transferred overseas Oct. 8, 1943, Northern Ireland and South Wales. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice in Battle of Normandy July 13, 1944. Awarded Purple Heart, E.T.O. Ribbon with Battle Star, American Defense Ribbon, Croix de Guerre, Marksmanship Medals.

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S/Sgt. WILLIAM D. ALLEN



SK 3/c BOBBY L. BUTLER

S/Sgt. W. D. Allen, son of Mrs. Jessie E. Allen, 518 N. 15th St., Corsicana, born Oct. 27, 1912. Attended Corsicana Grammar and High Schools; entered the service on March 12, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Texas; was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at New England Aircraft School, Boston, Mass.; served in the United States 16 months, and overseas from July 17, 1943, to Oct. 1, 1945, in Normandy; N. France; Ardennes; Rhineland; C. Europe; Air Offensive, Europe; and England. Awarded: EAME Medal, 6 Bronze Stars; Distinguished Unit Badge GO 19 Hq. IX AF Jan. 29, 1945; Good Conduct. Was honorably discharged Oct. 9, 1945.

SK3/c B. L. Butler, born Dec. 24, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Butler, 510 N. 25th St., Corsicana, husband of Lila Butler, 627 1/2 W. 3rd Ave., Corsicana, attended R. E. Lee Grammar and Jr. High, and Corsicana High Schools; volunteered for service June 23, 1943, at Dallas. He was assigned to U.S. Navy, Communications' Branch; trained at N.A.S., Corpus Christi, Camp Peary, Va., Navy Rec. Sta., Philadelphia, Pa. Served in the U.S. 19 months, overseas 14 months, aboard USS Shelby (APA-105) in battle of Okinawa; S. Pacific area; Philippines; carried troops to Japanese mainland. Awarded Battle Stars for P.I. and Okinawa, and Pres. U. Citation. Discharged March, 1946.



1st Sgt. TROY COOLEY



Maj. CLARENCE W. EVANS

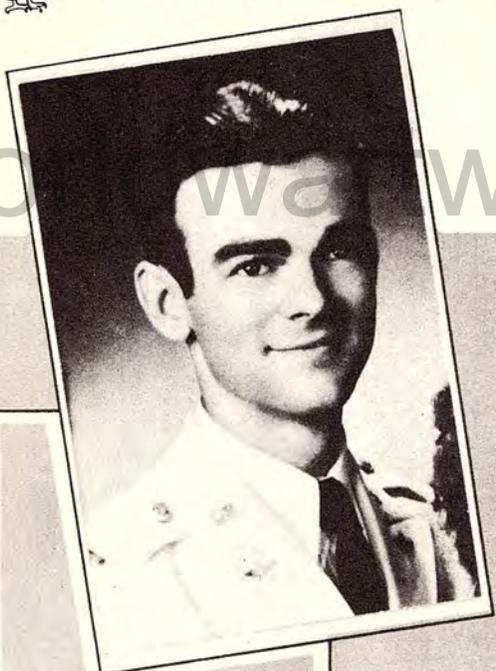
1st Sgt. T. Cooley, born Aug. 30, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooley, Corsicana, husband of Lucille Cooley, 1113 W. 14th Ave., Corsicana. Attended Wm. B. Travis Grammar and Corsicana High Schools, volunteered for service on Sept. 16, 1940, and was assigned to the Army, 36th Div.; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Transferred overseas for 17 months, in campaigns of N. Africa, Italy, S. France, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno. He was twice wounded. Awarded EAME, 3 Stars, American Def., Good Con., Purple Heart, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal. Was discharged May, 1945.

Maj. C. W. Evans, born May 20, 1908, son of W. W. Evans, 708 W. 1st Ave., Corsicana, Texas, husband of Enola Smalling, 3451 Johnette, Shreveport, La., attended Texas A & M College; entered the service Sept. 25, 1941, assigned to Army 3360 Signal Bn.; trained at Fort Monmouth, N.J.; served in the U.S. 3 years and 8 months, and overseas 9 months, in India-Burma Theater, Philippine Theater, and C. Pacific Theater; participated in C. Burma Campaign. Served as Bn. Comm. of 3360th Sig. Bn., Army Comm. Service for 1 year in India. He was Com. O. of the India-Burma-Thailand Region of A.C.S., being responsible for Instal. and Maint. Was discharged March, 1946.



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Capt. OTTO M. VEHLE

Capt. Otto Mitchell Vehle, born March 16, 1922, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Vehle, Sherman, Texas, and brother of Mrs. Teresa Wegener, Box 425, Sherman. He attended Austin College in Sherman, and served six months on the Texas branch of the Coastal Patrol and as personal courier for the Army prior to his voluntary entry November 11, 1942, with the Army ATC as service pilot. He was stationed with the Fifty Ferry Group at Love Field, Dallas, and the 20th Ferry Group, Nashville, Tenn., and St. Joseph, Mo. Capt. Vehle was overseas June, 1944, to October, 1945, with the Ferry Group in Abadan, Iran and Karachi, India, and participated in "Rocket Run" using Douglas Skymaster from Natal, Brazil, to Casablanca and back to Miami, Fla. Various ribbons were awarded with discharge Jan. 16, 1946.



***Aviation Cadet JOHN S. RUSSELL, JR.**

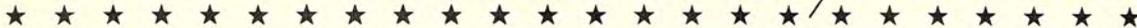


Pfc JACK W. RUSSELL

Aviation Cadet John Stanley Russell, Jr., son of Erna J. and J. S. Russell of Denison, was born April 26, 1915, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps on March 12, 1941, at Sherman, Texas. He was trained at Kelly, Gardner, and Ryan Fields, and at Santa Ana, Calif. He served in the United States from the date of his enlistment until the day of his death, which was July 15, 1942. His life was ended abruptly, by a plane crash, near Clovis, New Mexico. At the time of his enlistment he was sales manager for United Transport Co. and had been an Aviation Cadet only three months when he lost his life.

Pfc Jack Weldon Russell, brother of Aviation Cadet John Stanley Russell, Jr., was born Nov. 30, 1924, and entered service May 15, 1944, at Denison, Texas. He was assigned to the 597th A.A.A., and trained at Fort Bliss. He was with the 9th Army until the war ended, and then was transferred to 3rd Army Headquarters as a clerk and typist. He spent one and a half years in the ETO and saw action in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. On the 7th of June, 1946, he was granted a discharge from the service. His awards are: E.A.M.E., 2 Bronze Stars; Army of Occ., Germany; Good Conduct; and Victory.

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S/Sgt. CLAUDE J. SMITH, JR.

S/Sgt. Claude Jasper Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude J. Smith, Sr., of Sherman, was born Sept. 9, 1920, and enlisted in the Army Engineer Corps on Aug. 25, 1942, at Dallas. He was trained at Geiger Field, Washington, and served in the United States until Oct., 1944, when he went overseas to the Pacific area. He sailed with the 1892nd Engr. Aviation Battalion as heavy equipment supervisor and physical training instructor, and with them landed at Hollandia, New Guinea, where he remained until the Okinawa campaign began. He served in the Philippines, Ryukyus, Ie Shima, and Okinawa. His awards are: Pacific Theater, 2 Bronze Stars; Pres. Citation; Unit Citation; and Good Conduct. He was honorably discharged in January, 1946.



S/Sgt. LAWRENCE M. AYNES

S/Sgt. Lawrence Morgan Aynes, born March 31, 1916, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Aynes, Denison, Texas, entered service December 29, 1942, with the Army Infantry, 32nd Division; trained at Camps Bowie and Hood, Texas, and in California. He served March, 1944, to December, 1945, in the Pacific Theater on New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon in the Philippine Group and in Japan. His awards include the Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with three Campaign Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with two Campaign Stars, and other awards. Discharge from service was received January 9, 1946.



Capt. WILLIAM E. BURGIN

Capt. William Edward Burgin, born October 9, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burgin, 209 Church St., Whitesboro, Texas, attended North Texas State Teachers College at Denton, and volunteered October 25, 1938, for the Army Air Corps. He trained at Kelly Field, Texas, and Cimarron Field, Oklahoma, and served overseas November, 1944, to November, 1945, in the European and Asiatic-Pacific Theaters, and participated in the India-Burma Campaign. The Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters were awarded. Returned to the Pacific January, 1947, with the Air Transport Command as pilot and Budget and Fiscal Officer.

1. —PFC JOHNNY COY ANDERSON, husband of Norma Anderson of Bells, entered the Army Nov. 23, 1943, assigned to the 4th Armored Division; trained at Camp Fannin; overseas June, 1944, to Feb., 1946, in battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and Rhineland; wounded in France. Awards: Distinguished Unit Badge, E.A.M.E. Campaign with four Battle Stars, Infantry Combat Medal and American Theater Campaign. Received his discharge Feb. 4, 1946.

2. —MIDSHIPMAN DONALD ELLIOT WESTBROOK, born Aug. 28, 1926, son of Mrs. B. E. Breedlove, 1500 N. Harrison, Sherman, attended the public schools of Denison and Sherman and Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; entered Maritime Service Nov. 11, 1944; trained at Sheephead Bay, New York; at sea from July, 1945, to March, 1946; then entered Navy V-5 Program. Midshipman Donald Elliot Westbrook is in the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

3. —CAPT. JOHN THOMAS CLARK, born Dec. 31, 1904, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clark of Denison, volunteered for the Army on Oct. 20, 1940, assigned to Signal Co.; trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Adair, Ore., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; overseas from Dec., 1944, to Jan., 1946, in Eastern France, participating in the campaigns of Central Germany and Rhineland. Returned to the States, and was discharged, but re-enlisted shortly afterward. Now with the Army of Occupation in Germany. His wife is Juanita Baird Clark of Sherman.

4. —M/SGT. RICHARD ALLEN CLARK, born March 31, 1907, husband of Catherine Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clark, all of Denison, entered service on Sept. 17, 1942; trained at Boeing ATC, Oakland, California, Stinson Field, San Antonio; overseas July, 1942, to Oct., 1945, in Rhineland, England, France, Belgium and Luxembourg. Awards: ETO and Good Conduct Medal. Received an honorable discharge on Oct. 23, 1945, and returned to his civilian job with the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company.

5. —S/1/c JOHN ALBERT CORNELL, born Jan. 2, 1923, son of A. L. Cornell of Denison, husband of Thelma Cornell of Waco, attended Southeastern State Teachers' College, Oklahoma; volunteered for Navy July 19, 1944, assigned to Submarine Division; received training at San Diego, Calif., New London, Conn.; overseas from March, 1945, to March, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific, Philippines Liberation and American Theater. He was honorably discharged on March 13, 1946.

6. —PFC BILLY RAY FRY, born March 14, 1925, son of Mrs. Alice Fry, Sherman, entered the Army Sept. 22, 1943; trained at Camp Wolters; overseas March, 1943, to June, 1945, with 29th Inf. in France, England, Ireland and Germany in battles of Normandy and St. Lo, where he was wounded and taken prisoner June, 1944, to May, 1945. Awards: Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, E.T.O. Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars. Was discharged Nov., 1945. His wife is Peggy Fry of Ada, Okla.

7. —T/4 JOE WILLIAM FRY, born July 30, 1920, son of Mrs. Alice Fry of Sherman, volunteered Feb. 18, 1942, for the Army; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., assigned to 13th FA Brigade; overseas Sept., 1942, to Sept., 1945, in battles of Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Awards: E.A.M.E. Campaign with 7 Bronze Stars and Croix-De-Guerre with Gold Star and Citation from 12th Army Headquarters for spending 755 days in Combat Duty, longest period since 1865. Received an honorable discharge on Sept. 22, 1945.

8. —PFC ROBERT PARKER FRY, born April 2, 1909, son of Mrs. Alice Fry of Sherman, entered the Army, 3rd Div., March 4, 1942; trained at Camp Barkley; overseas Oct., 1942, to July, 1945, in battles of Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland. Awards: European African Middle Eastern Campaign with 6 Bronze Stars and Medical Combat Badge, Good Conduct Medal. Received an honorable discharge from the Army on September 27, 1945.

9. —S/SGT. VIRGIL D. EVANS, born Sept. 9, 1920, husband of Mary Evelyn Harris Evans of Van Alstyne, entered the Army on Oct. 8, 1942, assigned to the 746 Tank Bn.; trained at Camp Rucker, Alabama; overseas from Feb., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Central Europe, Ardennes, Rhineland, Normandy, Northern France; wounded once by bomb fragments. Awards: E.T.O. with 5 Bronze Stars and Bronze Arrowhead, Purple Heart, Silver Star Medal. Was discharged on October 4, 1945, and enlisted in Army Res. Corps.

10. —SGT. ARTHUR WELDON POWELL, JR., born March 10, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Powell of Anna, attended Texas A. & M.; entered the Army on Feb. 16, 1943, assigned to Field Artillery; trained at Camp Hood; overseas Aug., 1944, to April, 1946, in England, France, Germany. Awarded: American Theater Campaign, with Bronze Star; Good Conduct; and Victory Ribbon. Received an honorable discharge from the Army on April 4, 1946. His grandmother is Mrs. Gertie Hodgkin of Howe.

11. —PVT. JAMES HOWARD RUDD, born April 30, 1928, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rudd, Van Alstyne, received his education in North Texas State Teachers' College in Denton; volunteered Feb. 10, 1946, for the Marine; received his training in San Diego, California. His awards were: Marksman with Carbine and M.1. Sharpshooter with M.1. Private Rudd is still in the Marine Corps at this time. He is the grandson of Mrs. Gertie Hodgkin of Howe, Texas.

12. —SGT. RAYMOND FOSTER RUDD, born Sept. 9, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rudd of Van Alstyne and grandson of Mrs. Gertie Hodgkin of Howe, attended East Texas State Teachers' College, Commerce; entered the Army March 14, 1943, assigned to 246 Combat Engineers; trained at Fort Lewis, Wash.; overseas Jan., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe; awards: E.A.M.E. with 5 Bronze Stars and Distinguished Unit Badge. Was discharged on Nov. 18, 1945.

13. —S/SGT. JOHN WILLIAM GAY, born July 30, 1924, husband of Jenny Gay, Denison, volunteered for the Army Air Corps on Sept. 3, 1941; trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and Lowry Field, Colorado; overseas April, 1945, to Dec., 1945, in China, Burma, India Theater, and Central and Southern Burma campaigns. Awards: American Defense, Asiatic Pacific with two Stars, Presidential Unit Citation and Victory Medal. S/Sgt. Gay was discharged on December 14, 1945.

14. —BM1/c WILLIAM I. JANWAY, born July 9, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Janway of Whitewright, attended Austin College in Sherman; volunteered for Navy Destroyers on March 7, 1939; trained at Naval Training Station, San Diego, California; overseas from Oct., 1939, to Feb., 1942, later July, 1942, to Sept., 1945, in Pearl Harbor, New Guinea, Coral Sea, West Indies, Australia and Philippines. BM1/c Janway received an honorable discharge from the Navy in Oct., 1945.

15. —1ST LT. LUCIUS F. MALONE, JR., born Oct. 27, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius F. Malone, Sr., Denison, attended Wichita Falls High School; volunteered for Army Air Corps on August 25, 1942; received his training at Santa Ana, Calif., Las Vegas A.A.F., Hondo A.A.F., Alexandria A.A.F.; overseas from July, 1944, to Feb., 1945, in battles of E.T.O., Northern France and Rhineland. Awarded Air Medal 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, ETO Ribbon, 2 Stars, and released from active duty Sept., 1945.

16. —PVT. ROY PRINTIS ALLEN, born Sept. 13, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Patton Allen, husband of Dorothy Allen, Sherman, attended Pilot Grove School; entered service on Dec. 13, 1943, assigned to the Army on Jan. 12, 1944; received his training at Camp Fannin; served overseas in European area and France. Pvt. Roy Printis paid the Supreme Sacrifice on August 4, 1944, and was laid to rest in U.S. Military Cemetery, L. A. Cambe, 17 miles north of St. Lo, France.

17. —PVT. JOHN HENRY McLAIN, born Nov. 26, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dine McLain, Van Alstyne, Texas, enrolled in U.S. Maritime Service Aug. 12, 1944, and was released from active duty as Fireman 2/c Nov. 2, 1944, at U.S. Maritime Service Graduate Station, Boston, Mass. Entered U.S. Army Feb. 5, 1946, at the age of 18, discharged from Army Feb. 8, 1946, and volunteered for 3 years in the U.S. Air Forces serving on Guam and in China.

18. —SGT. JOE RUSSELL McLAIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dine McLain, volunteered Nov. 21, 1942, for the Army; trained at Camp Wolters and Sheppard Field; overseas Sept., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in the ETO, participating in the battles of Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes, Northern France and Central Europe. Awards: American Campaign, E.A.M.E. Campaign with 6 Bronze Stars, Victory Medal with 5 Overseas Bars. Sgt. McLain received discharge on Nov. 19, 1945, and re-enlisted for occupation in Germany.

19. —COXSAIN JAMES W. MESSICK, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Messick, Sr., Dorchester, volunteered for Seabees; trained at Camp Peary, Va.; overseas April, 1944, to Oct., 1944, later Jan., 1945, to Oct., 1945, in battles of St. Lo, Normandy invasion, invasion of Borneo. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, Philippines Liberation, EAME with one Bronze Star, American Campaign Ribbon. Received an honorable discharge on Oct. 17, 1945. Resides now at Midland with his wife and daughter.

20. —PVT. STEWART EDWIN RANEY, born Sept. 14, 1914, husband of Mrs. S. E. Raney, Denison, was a switchman for the Katy R. R. before he entered the Army Jan. 28, 1944; trained at Camp Wolters; overseas Aug., 1944, to Dec., 1944, with the "Blue Devil Div." in Italy, battles of Rome-Arno and North Apennines; wounded Nov., 1944, Mt. Grande, Italy; awarded the Purple Heart, European-African-Middle-Eastern Service Medal 2 Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge. Received an honorable discharge on August 28, 1945, and returned to his civilian job.

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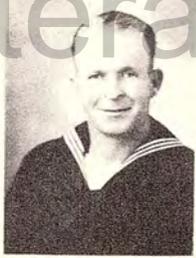
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M/Sgt. BARNEY J. HEATLEY

M/Sgt. Barney Jackson Heatley, son of Mrs. Z.S. Davidchik, Sherman, and husband of Hulyne W. Heatley, was born April 22, 1919. Attended the Sherman Public Schools, and volunteered September 27, 1940, at Dallas, Texas, for the Army Air Corps, training at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri. Sgt. Heatley served June, 1942, to October, 1944, in the European Theater, stationed in England from where he served in the air offensive of Europe and Normandy. His awards include Unit Citation, Individual Citation, ETO Ribbon with three Battle Stars, and among various other medals. He is currently at Randolph Field, San Antonio.



Cpl. JOE W. HEATLEY

Cpl. Joe Weldon Heatley, birthdate January 16, 1922, a native of Texas is the son of Mrs. Z. S. Davidchik, Sherman, and husband of Mildred Heatley, 220 North Holly, Sherman, Texas. He attended David Bryant and Sherman High School in that city, and volunteered September 23, 1942, for the Army, 8th Air Force. He trained at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas, and also served at Waco Army Flying School and Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas. His awards include the Rifle and Mechanic's Medals, also Good Conduct Ribbon, World War II Victory, American Defense and Theater Ribbons. Discharge from the Air Force was granted October, 1945.



AMMH3/c ZACKERY S. DAVIDCHIK, JR.

AMMH3/c Zackery Steven Davidchik, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Z.S. Davidchik, Sr., 220 N. Holly, Sherman, Texas, attended Austin College in Sherman, and volunteered March 12, 1943, for the U.S. Navy, Aviation Branch. He trained at Naval Training Station, San Diego, California; Norman, Oklahoma; later served at the Naval Air Stations at Jacksonville, Florida; Patuxent River, Maryland; Chicago, Illinois; and Nashville, Tennessee. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards with Air Crewman's Wings. Discharge from further Navy duty was granted December 22, 1945.



Sp."Q"2/c LEONARD MILTON MILLER

Sp "Q" 2/c Leonard Milton Miller was born November 15, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Miller, Charlotte, N.C., and husband of Kittie Lou Miller, Montrose, Calif., entered service March 23, 1943, with the Navy Intelligence Branch; trained at Great Lakes, Illinois, and Chicago. He served February, 1944, to November, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, in Pearl Harbor, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, New Guinea, Australia, Guadalcanal, and other points, aboard the USS Cambria. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, American Theater Ribbons with World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. Was discharged November 23, 1945.



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1st Lt. ROY G. DUTTON

1st Lt. Roy Glenn Dutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Dutton, of Asheville, N.C., and husband of Monett S. Dutton, of Sherman, Texas, was born May 14, 1914, and volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps on April 13, 1942, at Sherman. He was trained at Sheppard Field, at seven other places in the United States, and at Ipswich, England. From Nov., 1943, to June, 1945, he served overseas, being based in England, from which place he fought over France and Germany. On his mission of Feb. 28, 1944, he was shot down over France, was taken POW and held at Stalag Luft 1, Barth, Germany, until liberated by the Russians in May, 1945. He was pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress and holds the Air Medal with 5 Battle Stars, also campaign ribbons. Released from active duty, Jan., 1945.



T/Sgt. RAYMOND A. McCULLOUGH

T/Sgt. Raymond Asa McCullough, was born August 16, 1919, a native of Texas, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McCullough of Bells, Grayson County, Texas. He is the husband of Kathryn Johnson McCullough also of Bells, Texas. Sgt. McCullough volunteered for service September 13, 1940, at San Antonio, and was assigned to the Army Air Force, 70th Sch. Squadron, and trained at Brooks Field, Ellington Field, and Keesler Field. After training in the States, he was transferred overseas May 26, 1946, and was assigned to the 548th Service Squadron, Borinquen Field in Puerto Rico, and is currently stationed there.



***1st Lt. ROBERT S. RODDY**

1st Lt. Robert S. Roddy, born August 27, 1920, is the husband of Betty Wilson Roddy, 232 Kessler Blvd., Sherman, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Roddy, Jr., of Bells, Texas. He attended Texas A & M at College Station, and volunteered December 31, 1941, at Dallas for the Army Air Corps, training at Kelly and Randolph Fields in Texas. Lt. Roddy began overseas duty April 10, 1943, stationed in England with the 8th Air Force, 396th Bomb. Group as pilot of a B-17 plane, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country May 29, 1943, over St. Nazaire, France, in raid over submarine locks. The Air Medal and Purple Heart were awarded.



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*1st Lt. JIM K. BONE

1st Lt. Jim Kinder Bone, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bone, of Cresson, Texas, was born Feb. 9, 1916. Before volunteering for service in the Army Air Corps in June, 1941, he was track coach at San Benito High School. He was trained at Muskogee, Okla.; Randolph and Foster Fields, Texas; and McDill Field, Fla. From June to November, 1942, he served overseas, in North Africa, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice. He was co-pilot on a Flying Fortress "Hellzapoppin," which had made history the month previous by fighting off a dozen enemy attacks and returning to its base without a scratch. The Air Medal and the Purple Heart were awarded posthumously, during retreat formation at the Fort Worth Army Air Field. He and Lt. Hamilton were room-mates at NTSTC where he was a pole vaulting star.



*Lt. (jg) HUGH D. HAMILTON

Lt. (jg) Hugh Dale Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hamilton, of Sherman, Texas, was born June 5, 1919, and on his 20th birthday he volunteered for service in the Navy and attended the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., graduating as No. 58 from top of a class of 615. On June 19, 1942, was assigned to the USS Savannah; he participated in the invasions of French Morocco and Sicily, also in the invasion of Italy. In the attack on Salerno he lost his life, Sept. 11, 1942. He held the Good Conduct Award, the Foreign Service Ribbon, 3 Battle Stars; the Purple Heart was awarded posthumously. He was a graduate of Dorchester High School, and was valedictorian of his class.

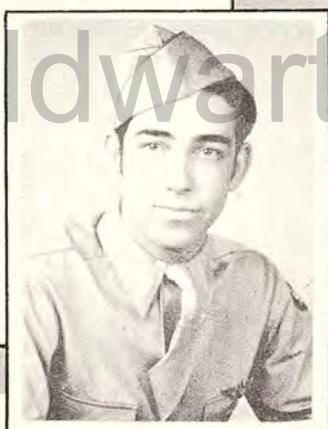


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Pfc JOHN S. LOPEZ

Pfc John Salvador Lopez, son of J. J. Lopez, of Denison, was born Aug. 29, 1922, and entered Army service on June 16, 1943, at Dallas. He was assigned to the 77th Div. (Statue of Liberty), and was trained at Camp Crowder, Ft. Monmouth, and Camp Pickett. From April, 1944, to Dec., 1945, he served overseas in the Pacific area, and participated in the liberation of the Southern Philippines, the invasion of Guam, and the battles of Leyte, Ryukyus, Keramma, and Okinawa; then with the 1st Cavalry Div. he took part in the occupation of Japan. On Ie Shima he was only a few yards distant when Ernie Pyle, the noted correspondent and author, fell under Japanese fire. Pfc Lopez holds campaign ribbons and 5 Battle Stars, and was honorably discharged from service Dec. 24, 1945.



S/Sgt. LAWRENCE E. REAST

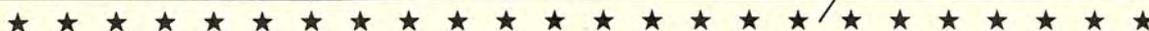
S/Sgt. Lawrence Edward Reast, birthdate December 1, 1925, son of Mrs. Ruth Reast Henry of Collinsville, Texas, volunteered November 1, 1943, at Dallas for the Army Air Forces. He trained at Sheppard Field, Laredo Field, Texas, and Pueblo Air Base, serving August, 1944, to May, 1945, with the 15th AAF based in Italy. Sgt. Reast was nose gunner and asst. engineer on a B-24 Bomber; participated in 57 missions and 35 sorties over Italy, Germany and other European Countries, and survived one crash with bombload. The Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded; Pres. Citation and eight Battle Stars. Was discharged September 17, 1945.



S1/c WALLACE H. REEVES

S1/c Wallace H. Reeves, son of Cull Reeves, Whitewright, Texas, was born Mar. 9, 1926. He volunteered Aug. 12, 1943, at Dallas for the U.S. Coast Guard, training at St. Augustine, Florida, and serving in San Diego, California. Seaman Reeves was assigned to the USS Peterson from Oct., 1943, to Sept., 1945, and made eleven trips to Europe as escort to convoys, and received the American Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star for the sinking of a German Submarine about 80 miles outside of New York Harbor. He transferred to the Pacific via Panama Canal, returned to the States, and was discharged Apr. 2, 1946.

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*Pfc JAMES W. GAILEY

Pfc James W. Gailey, son of Mrs. Ellen Gailey, Sherman, Texas, was born August 8, 1913, in Texas, and received his education in the Sherman Public Schools. He volunteered January 28, 1941, for the Army Infantry, 36th Division, trained at Camp Bowie, Texas and Edwards, Mass. He began overseas duty April, 1943, in the North African-European Theater of Operations, participating in the campaign of Italy and Battle of Salerno where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his Country September 16, 1943. The Purple Heart and Silver Star were awarded Pfc Gailey posthumously in recognition for meritorious service rendered in combat. His wife, Frankie Pauline Gailey, one son Jimmie Lee Gailey, and brother also survive.

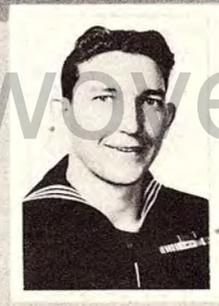
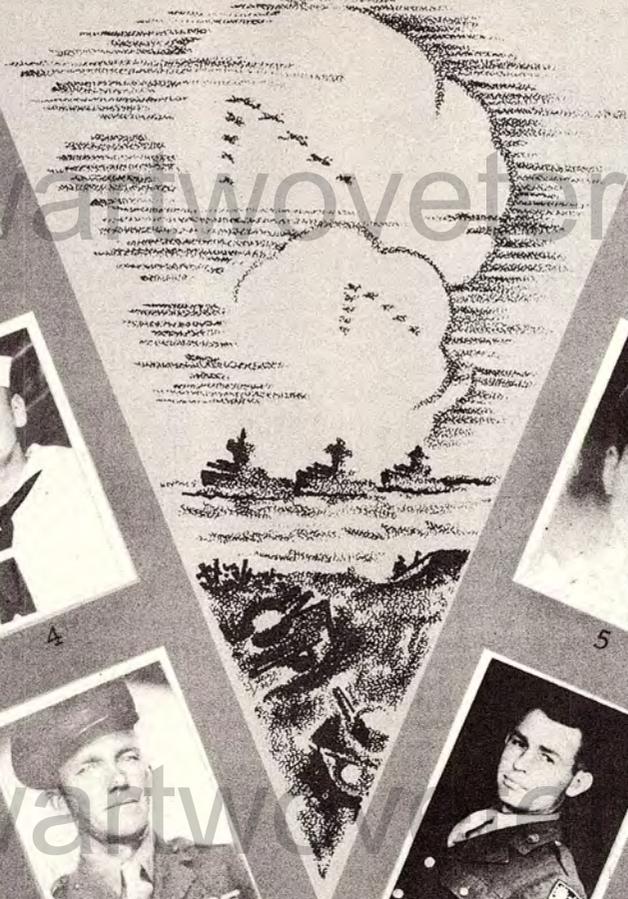


Cpl. A. C. GAILEY

Cpl. A. C. Gailey, son of Mrs. Ellen Gailey, 224 West Houston, Sherman, Texas, was born December 24, 1921, a native of Texas, and husband of Cora Mac Gailey of the same city. He entered service December 14, 1943, with the U.S. Army; trained at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, later serving Dec., 1944, to Jan., 1946, in the European Theater of Operations where he participated in the battles of the Bulge, the Rhineland and Central Germany. His awards include the World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Ribbons with the European Theater of Operations Ribbon, Battle Stars. After he returned to the States, discharge was granted January 26, 1946. Cpl. Gailey has one son, Tommy Joe Gailey.

- *1. -T/SGT. HAROLD C. BELL, born Nov. 10, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bell, Honey Grove, Texas, husband of Wilma Grace Bell, Sherman. Entered service June 16, 1942, at Bonham, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Served overseas from September, 1943, to October, 1943, over Burma and Burma Road. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice October 26, 1943, in action when his plane went down over southern Burma. Presidential Citation, Honorable Award and Purple Heart were awarded.
2. -AMM1/c JEFFY WYATT BELL, born Jan. 26, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bell, Honey Grove, Texas, husband of Betty Gene Bell, Honey Grove, Texas. Re-enlisted in service Oct. 26, 1942, at Dallas, after having served 4 yrs. Served overseas from Nov., 1944, to Apr., 1945, in Atlantic and Pacific aboard USS Bridge Nitro, Texas and Boise. Received Good Conduct, American Defense Service, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, World War II Victory. Was discharged while training as a student Naval Aviation Pilot, Sept. 19, 1945.
- *3. -T/SGT. HULEN CLIFFORD BELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bell, Honey Grove, Texas, was born Jan. 22, 1920. Attended Honey Grove Public Schools. Volunteered Jan. 17, 1942. Assigned to Army, 5th Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field. Served overseas from Mar., 1942, to June, 1945, when he returned to the States and was hospitalized at Camp Maxey, Texas, Hospital, passing away July 8, 1945. Received 6 Battle Stars, 6 Overseas Stripes and Ribbons for 2 Presidential Unit Citations.
4. -CM1/c ERWIN EARL BELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bell, Honey Grove, husband of L. Myrtle Bell, Bonham, Texas, was born Feb. 5, 1909. Attended Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 8, 1945, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy, 50th Naval Construction Bn. Trained at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I. Served overseas from May, 1945, to Aug., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. He received American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged Sept. 8, 1945.
- *5. -CAPT. DALE E. THRASHER, brother of Mrs. Jimmie T. Collins, Honey Grove, Texas, was born July 31, 1918. Attended Paris Jr. College. Volunteered March, 1940. Assigned to Marine Air Corps. Served overseas 18 mos. in Southwest Pacific. Wore 5 Campaign Ribbons, 2 Stars, denoting Presidential Citation for dive bomber sqd. Made one wheel landing with plane afire, phone and radio out, at home base after attack on Japs. Died at Marine Air Station, El Toro, Calif., after heart attack, Sept. 10, 1943.
6. -PFC AARON THEMOR EARWOOD, born Aug. 19, 1921, son of John Earwood, Blue Ridge, Texas, husband of Dana Vae Earwood, Leonard, Texas. Entered service July 27, 1942, at Levelland, Texas. Assigned to Army, 80th Division. Served overseas from June, 1944, to Jan., 1945, in European Theater. Due to wounds received in the battle for Metz, France, Nov. 15, 1944, he lost his right arm. Received Combat Infantry Badge and Purple Heart. At this time in an Army General Hospital at Fort Custar, Michigan.
7. -S2/c RALPH EUGENE HOLT, born April 2, 1925, husband of Betty E. Holt, Bonham, Texas. Entered service August 18, 1943, at Bonham, Texas. Assigned to the Navy. Trained at Camp Kidd, San Diego, California. Served overseas from February, 1944, to December, 1945, in South Pacific Area, Saipan, Guam, Leyte, Luzon. Received the American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged December 7, 1945.
8. -PFC JOHNNY W. BROWN, born May 6, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, brother of Mrs. Betty Holt, Bonham, Texas. Volunteered for service January, 1943, at Bonham, Texas. Assigned to Marines, 3rd Division. Trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, California. Served overseas from July to November, 1945, in South Pacific area. He received American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged December 4, 1945.
9. -CAPT. DALTON YOUNG MEDLEN, born June 20, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Medlen, husband of Juanita Medlen of Texas City. Attended school in Bonham. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940. Assigned to Army, 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie. Overseas from April, 1943, to May, 1945, in EAME Theater, battle of Naples-Foggia. In POW Camps in Poland and Germany. Wounded at Salerno, Italy, Sept. 9, 1943. Received Purple Heart, EAME, 1 Bronze Star, American Defense. Was discharged Jan. 24, 1946.
10. -SGT. ORVILLE WAYNE OWENS, born Sept. 21, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Owens, Honey Grove. Volunteered Jan. 10, 1934. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Overseas from July, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, seeing action in I.B.C. Area. Received Asiatic-Pacific Theater, 4 Bronze Stars; American Theater; Meritorious Service Unit Insignia; Victory and Good Conduct Medal. Before W. War II, he served 5 1/2 years in Field Artillery. Now at Hensley Field, Dallas, with A.S.C.
11. -CHIEF FIRE CONTROLMAN BASIL LEROY OWENS, born Sept. 27, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Owens, Honey Grove. Served 3 yrs. in Army before volunteering Aug. 12, 1938, for the Navy. Overseas 5 yrs. in the engagements of Pearl Harbor, Coral Sea, Tulagi, E. Solomons, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf and Bataan-Corregidor. Received ATO; Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze Stars; American Defense, 1 Bronze Star; Philippine Liberation, 2 Bronze Stars; Victory and Good Conduct Medal. Re-enlisted Nov., 1945, stationed in Ft. Worth.
12. -S/SGT. JOELL DWIGHT OWENS, born Oct. 21, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Owens, Honey Grove. Attended Texas A & M, College Station, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 20, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Camp Luna, N.M. Served overseas from May, 1944, to Nov., 1945, in EAME Theater. Received EAME Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Worked with A.T.C. (Briefing) at Cairo and Casablanca. Was discharged Dec. 17, 1945.
13. -T/5 BOYD NEAL, born Jan. 31, 1924, son of Mrs. Mattie L. Cox, Bonham, Texas. Attended Ector Public Schools. Entered service Jan. 25, 1943, at Bonham. Assigned to Army, 146 C. Engr's Div. Trained at Camp Swift. Served overseas from Oct., 1943, to Oct., 1944, in EAME Theater. Wounded June 6, 1944 (D Day) in Normandy. Received EAME Theater Ribbon with Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit Badge. Overseas Service Bar and Purple Heart. Was discharged June 26, 1945, McCloskey Gen. Hosp.
14. -PFC LOYD NEAL, born Jan. 31, 1924, twin brother of T/5 Boyd Neal. Attended Ector Public Schools. Entered service Jan. 25, 1943, at Bonham. Assigned to Army, 146 C. Engr's Div. Trained at Camp Swift. Served overseas from Oct., 1943, to Oct., 1944, in EAME Theater battles of Normandy N. France and Germany. Wounded Oct. 22, 1944, in Aachen, Germany. Awarded Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, EAME Campaign Ribbon 3 Bronze Stars. Was discharged March 22, 1945, Ashburn Gen. Hosp. McKinney, Texas.
15. -SGT. ODELL J. PYLES, born Feb. 22, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pyles, Bonham, Texas. Attended School in Gober, Texas. Entered service Jan. 21, 1943, at Bonham. Assigned to Army, Cook and Baker, 9th Div. Trained at Keesler Field, Miss. and Santa Maria, Calif. Served overseas in France and England where he married an English girl on June, 1944. Received Good Conduct Medal, ETO Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged Nov. 16, 1945.
16. -SGT. DOUGLAS RAY REYNOLDS, born July 23, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Reynolds of Bailey, husband of Ruby Reynolds, Bonham, Texas. Attended school at Sherman, Texas. Entered service Oct. 13, 1942, at Bonham. Assigned to Army, 360th Engrs. Division. Trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Served overseas in European Theater. Received promotion to Sgt. March, 1943. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 12, 1945, in Lyons, France. Awarded ETO Ribbon and American Defense Ribbon.
17. -CPL. ALVA J. OWENS, born Feb. 10, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Owens, husband of Ruth Owens, all of Leonard. Entered service April 3, 1941, at Dallas, Texas. Assigned to Army, 3rd Armored Division. Trained at Camp Polk, La.; Camp Young, Calif.; Camp Pickett, Va. Served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in ETO battles of Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, G. Europe. Received ETO Campaign Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Was discharged Aug. 25, 1945.
18. -AMM3/c RAYMOND ORAL WALLACE, born Dec., 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Wallace, Whitewright. Entered service with the Navy Jan. 19, 1944. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Apr., 1944, to Jan., 1945, in Pacific aboard USS Belleau Woods in battles of Phil. Sea, Palau, Guam and Okinawa. Received Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, 5 Battle Stars; Philippine Liberation Ribbon, 2 Stars; American Theater Ribbon and Victory Medal. Was discharged May 30, 1944. Member of Navy Inactive Reserve.
19. -Y3/c CHARLES ASTON JAMES, born Jan. 24, 1920, husband of Mildred L. James, Dumas, Texas, son-in-law of J. O. Wallace of Whitewright. Entered service Nov. 27, 1943. Assigned to Navy, Command Service Force. Trained at San Diego. Served overseas from Feb. to Oct., 1945, aboard U.S.S. Potawatoma and Lenau in Asiatic-Pacific area in invasions of Leyte and Luzon. Received Unit Citation, American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, Philippine Liberation, and Commendation Ribbon. Was discharged Feb. 1, 1946.
20. -PFC CLARENCE J. TILLET, born Dec. 23, 1922, son of C. W. Tillet, Gunter, Texas, husband of Doris Maurine Tillet, Whitewright, Texas, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Wallace. Entered service Sept. 25, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Army. Trained at Camp Callan, San Diego. Served overseas from Jan. 8, 1945, to Aug. 21, 1945, in battles of Ardennes, Rhineland and C. Europe. Received ETO Ribbon Combat Infantry Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 31, 1945.

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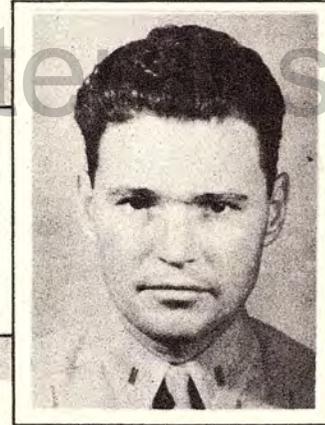


Sgt. CECIL M. NEAL

Sgt. Cecil Milton Neal, son of Q. A. Neal, and husband of Tressie F. Neal, of Sherman, Texas, was born May 3, 1914, and entered service on April 3, 1942, at Dallas. He was assigned to the 4th Army, and trained at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.; then in Nov., 1943, he volunteered as a paratrooper, and was trained at Ft. Benning, Ga. With the 82nd Airborne he went overseas and served 6 months in Ireland and England. He participated in the Battle of Normandy on D-Day, but on that day was captured by the enemy and held prisoner until he was finally liberated by Russians in April, 1945, after having spent 11 months in 4 different camps. His awards are: Good Conduct; Combat Infantrymans Badge; ETO, 2 Stars. He was honorably discharged in Oct., 1945.



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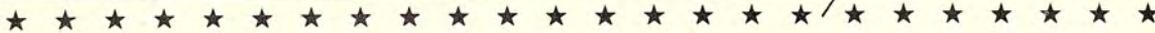
1st Lt. GHERAL D. TAYLOR



Pfc Boyd M. Sawyer, born April 24, 1907, husband of Mrs. Edith Beatrice Sawyer, 604 E. Gandy, Denison, Texas, attended the Pottsboro, Texas, Schools, and entered the Army 187th Engineer C. Bn. Co. A. October 16, 1943. He began overseas duty November, 1944, and served for one year in Europe; he participated in the battles of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, serving with the 187th Engineer Combat Bn., building and repairing bridges. The EAME Campaign Ribbon was awarded with three Bronze Stars; Good Conduct Medal and other awards were received: After returning to the States, Pfc Sawyer was discharged Dec. 2, 1945.

1st Lt. Gheral D. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Taylor, Howe, Grayson County, Texas, was born June 4, 1916, attended the Sherman, Texas, Schools, and volunteered May 8, 1942, at San Antonio for the U.S. Marine Corps, 1st Div. He served August, 1942, to December, 1943, and June, 1944, to April, 1946, overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater as Aerial Navigator, and participated in combat at Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Vella La Vella, Bougainville and Luzon; stationed in the Solomon Islands, China and Japan. Wounded November 17, 1943. His awards include the Presidential Citation. Transferred to Reserves May 3, 1946.

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1st Sgt. WILLIAM A. YOUNG, JR.

1st Sgt. William Alvis Young, Jr., husband of Mary E. Francis Young, Grand Prairie, Texas, was born Aug. 6, 1918, son of W. A. Young, Sr., of Denison, Texas; volunteered Oct. 15, 1940, at Dallas, for the Army Air Corps, training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He served with the 9th Air Force Feb., 1944, to Aug., 1945, participating in the Campaigns of Southern France, Rhineland, Southern Germany and Ardennes, and received the ETO Ribbon with six Bronze Battle Stars, Commendation and other ribbons and awards. After discharge, Sgt. Young re-enlisted with 15th Air Force Oct. 29, 1945, and is currently stationed at Manchester, New Hampshire.



Cpl. GERALD E. YOUNG

Cpl. Gerald Edwin Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed H. Young, Houston, was born February 7, 1926, reared in Grayson County, and is a graduate of Sadler, Texas, High School. He volunteered February 5, 1944, at San Antonio for the Marine 5th Div., Engineer Bn., training at San Diego and Pendleton, California, later serving overseas July, 1944, to April, 1946, in the Pacific Theater. Cpl. Young served in Hawaii, Kyushu Japan, Peleliu Island, Guam, and participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Pres. Unit Citation and other Awards. After he returned to the States, discharge was granted April 23, 1946.



*S/Sgt. RAY M. RUCKER

S/Sgt. RAY MARIAN RUCKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rucker, of Denison, was born May 29, 1919. He entered Army service Feb. 7, 1941, and was assigned to the 144th Anti-Tank Div. Later he was placed with the Glider Infantry. In June, 1944, he was sent to England, and from there to France, Holland, and Belgium, where he lost his life in the Battle of Bastogne Dec. 20, 1945. His squad held an outpost and delayed the enemy's attack on the Company. Awarded Citation for gallantry, Good Conduct Medal, and the Purple Heart posthumously.



*MM1/c MANCEL W. SIMMONS

MM1/c MANCEL WILLIAM SIMMONS, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rucker of Denison, was born July 28, 1906, and volunteered for the Navy Seabees on March 5, 1942, at Dallas. He was trained at Camps Peary and Endicott and at Port Hueneme, and served in the Pacific Area from Oct., 1943, to June, 1944, when he lost his life in a dynamite explosion on Nissan Island. He had served in New Caledonia, the Russell Islands, and Green Is.



Rdm2/c FRED V. RUCKER

Rdm2/c FRED VERNON RUCKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rucker of Denison, entered Navy service on Nov. 2, 1943, at 20 years of age. He spent 1944 overseas serving aboard submarine USS Queenfish which patrolled the area around Saipan, Hongkong, and China. He holds campaign ribbons and a Presidential Citation, and was honorably discharged, Dec. 30, 1945.



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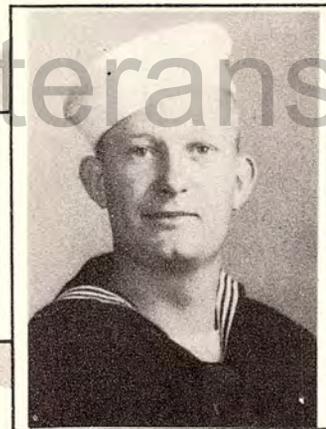
Capt. HORACE E. WATSON

Capt. H.E. Watson, son of Mrs. H.E. Watson, 1906 Houston St., Laredo, Texas, born Oct. 16, 1921, attended Texas A & M College, College Sta., Texas; entered the service on Feb. 19, 1943, at San Antonio, Texas; was assigned to the Army, 8th Armored Div., and trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Served in the United States in Okla., Pittsburg, Kansas, Camp Pollo, La. Overseas in France, England, Holland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and participated in battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received his commission in 1943, and was awarded the following medals and battle credits: Air Medal; E.T.O., 3 Battle Stars; A.T.O., Army of Occupation Medal, and Victory Medal. Capt. Watson received an honorable discharge on August 22, 1946.



MoMM 2/c JOSE D. MUNOZ

Mo.M.M.2/c Munoz was born on Oct. 3, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus G. Puerte, 3612 Deodre St., Ind. Harbor, Ind., was educated in Laredo, Texas, entering the service Dec. 1, 1943, at Indianapolis, Ind.; was assigned to the U.S. Navy 5th Amphibious Force, going to Great Lakes, Ill. for his training. Overseas from April, 1944, to March, 1946, serving in the Mariana, Volcono, Marshall, and Hawaiian Islands, participating in invasion of Guam. His awards are American Theater, Asiatic Pacific, with 1 Star, and Victory Ribbons. Mo.M.M.2/c Jose D. Munoz received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy on the 22nd day of April in 1946.



EM 2/c ROBERT R. WHITE

EM2/c Robert Russell White, born September 11, 1917, husband of Gladys K. White, 348 Mulberry, Uvalde, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross D. White, Van Alstyne, Texas, entered the U.S. Coast Guard Sept. 30, 1943, and trained at Alameda, Calif. He began overseas duty Feb., 1944, in the Pacific Theater, and participated in the Battles of Hollandia, Admiralty Island, Wake Island, Sansaport, Morotia, Leyte, among other engagements in the Pacific. He is credited with the shooting down of a Japanese plane June 8, 1944. His awards include 5 Battle Stars and Area Ribbons. Was discharged Oct. 26, 1945.

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Pfc JOE H. STOCKBRIDGE



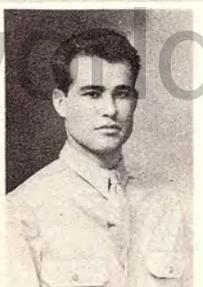
S/Sgt. SAM A. STOCKBRIDGE

Pfc Stockbridge, was born on Aug. 15, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stockbridge of 1020 Guatemozin St., Laredo, Texas; attended Martin High School, entering the service on Aug. 14, 1942, at San Antonio. Assigned to the Army 4th Inf. Div., training at Camp Stewart, Georgia; overseas from September 5, 1943, until November 6, 1945, serving in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received these decorations: American Theater Campaign Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, with 5 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Pfc Joe Henry Stockbridge was discharged November 20, 1945.

S/Sgt. Stockbridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stockbridge of 1020 Guatemozin St. in Laredo, Texas, and husband of Catherine Stockbridge, was born Feb. 10, 1919; attended John Tarleton A & M Jr. College at Stephenville, entering the Army 12th Armored Div. on the 24th of Sept., 1941, at San Antonio. Assigned to Camp Wolters, Texas, for training. He served in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, was overseas 1 year, returning to the U.S. for discharge on the 1st of Dec., 1945. His awards include American Defense, ATO, EAME, with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Ribbons. His daughter, Mary, was born while he was serving overseas, and was 8 mos. old when he came home to her and his wife.

1. —CPL. ERNESTO L. TREVINO, was born on April 21, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Trevino, and husband of Rosie B. Trevino of Laredo, Texas. Volunteered for the A.A.C. Sept. 23, 1941, and trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas. Served from Aug., 1942, to May, 1945, in England. His awards were Good Conduct, American Defense, Distinguished Unit Badge with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, and E.A.M.E. with 9 Bronze Stars. Cpl. Trevino is now in Roswell, N.M., with the 509th Composit Group (A. Bomb Gp.).
2. —SGT. CARLOS F. TREVINO, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Trevino, and husband of Emma J. Trevino of Laredo, Texas. On July 18, 1940, he volunteered for the Army, 2nd Inf. Div., training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas 20 mos. in Amaha, Ardennes, Belgium, Battles of Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awards are Pre-Pearl Harbor, E.T.O. with 4 Battle Stars, Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit, Combat Inf. Badge, and Purple Heart, 1 Cluster. Serving now at Brooks Fld., Texas.
3. —Y2/c FRANCISCO TREVINO, was born on Jan. 9, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Trevino of Laredo, Texas; attended Southwest Texas State College at San Marcos; entered the U.S.N.R. on Aug. 11, 1943, and was sent to San Diego, Calif., for basic training. He served in New Hebrides, British French Islands, Tulagi, and British Solomon Islands, from Dec., 1943, to June, 1945. Received American Area, Asiatic Pacific, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged honorably on May 11, 1946.
4. —PFC ROBERTO L. TREVINO, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Trevino of Laredo, Texas, was born on February 3, 1927; attended Martin High School at Laredo; entered the service October 3, 1944, at Laredo, assigned to the Army Air Force, 1st Air Div., and was sent to Amarillo Air Field, Texas, for his training. On April 9, 1946, he sailed for overseas duty on Okinawa Shima, and he is now serving in the 371st Air Engineering Sqdn., 337th Air Service Group.
5. —SGT. MAURILIO AMADO RODRIGUEZ, was born on Sept. 13, 1921, son of Mrs. Raquel Rodriguez of Laredo, Texas. He entered the A.A.F. on Nov. 25, 1942, and trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas, serving 21 mos. in England, France, Germany, Austria, Battles of Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and air offensive of Europe. Awarded A.T.O., E.A.M.E., 5 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Sgt. Rodriguez was honorably discharged Dec. 10, 1945.
6. —PFC RAMIRO FERNANDEZ RODRIGUEZ, son of Mrs. Raquel Rodriguez of Laredo, Texas, was born July 8, 1923, receiving his education in Laredo, and entering the service March 9, 1943, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Kearns, Utah. Served overseas from July 17, 1945, until Feb. 26, 1946. Pfc Ramiro Fernandez Rodriguez was given an honorable discharge on the 16th day of March, 1947, completing 4 years of service.
7. —PFC RUMALDO RODRIGUEZ, was born on March 24, 1925, son of Mrs. Raquel Rodriguez of Laredo, Texas; he entered the Army Inf. in Aug., 1943, at San Antonio, Texas, and trained at Camp Barkley, Texas. Served in England, France, Belgium, Germany, battles of Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe, from March, 1944, to June, 1945. Awarded E.A.M.E. with 5 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Pfc Rodriguez was discharged on October 27, 1945.
8. —PFC RAYMUNDO H. VASQUEZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Vasquez of Laredo, Texas, born Nov. 3, 1924, attended St. Joseph Academy at Laredo; volunteered for the Army 1st Cav. on Oct. 8, 1940, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; and trained at Ft. McIntosh, Laredo. Overseas from May, 1943, until Sept., 1945, in Asiatic Pacific, New Guinea, Luzon, S. Philippines; his awards are Asiatic Pacific, American Defense, Purple Heart, and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. Was discharged September 13, 1945.
9. —PFC ANDRES VIGIL, was born on Feb. 4, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Vigil of Laredo, Texas; educated in Laredo, he entered the Army attached to 80th Tank Bn., 803rd Tank Destroyer on Jan. 15, 1943, and trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Overseas in the battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe for 18 mos. Pfc Vigil was given these awards: A.T.O., E.A.M.E. with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Mar. 5, 1946; re-enlisted and returned to Germany.
10. —S1/c JUAN ZAVALA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Zavala, and husband of Julia H. Zavala of Laredo, Texas, born March 30, 1912, attended school at Laredo, entered the service on April 20, 1944. He was assigned to Navy on the U.S.S. Hendry, training at San Diego, California. He went overseas in Sept., 1944, and served on Iwo Jima and Okinawa, returning to the States in Nov., 1945, for his discharge, which he received on December 6, 1945.
11. —T/5 FRANK CASTILLO, was born on Oct. 4, 1919, son of Mr. Jose Castillo of San Antonio, Texas, and husband of Bertha Castillo of Marfa, volunteered for the Army 77th F.A. Regt. on June 11, 1940; trained at Ft. D. A. Russell, Marfa, Texas, 28 mos.; served in Casablanca, N. Africa, battles of Sicily, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland, Naples-Foggia, and Central Europe. Awarded E.T.O., 6 Stars, American Defense, and Good Conduct Medals. Honorably discharged July 2, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Texas.
12. —T/SGT. BEN DURAN MILLER, was born on July 15, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Miller of Marfa, and husband of Lorina T. Miller, of El Paso; entering the Army 28th Cav. Rcn. Sq. on June 15, 1944, he trained at Ft. Riley, Kansas. In France, Germany, Belgium, Austria, battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded E.A.M.E. with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Tech. Sgt. Miller received his discharge on March 21, 1946. Overseas 15 mos.
13. —PVT. FRANK S. DUTCHOVER, was born on May 2, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dutchover, Box 1063, Marfa, Texas. He received his schooling in Marfa, and entered the service on February 20, 1941, at Fort Bliss, Texas, assigned to the Army 1st Cavalry. He stayed at Fort Bliss, Texas, for his training, going to Louisiana for Maneuvers. Pvt. Frank S. Dutchover received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army on the 29th day of September, 1942.
14. —CPL. TONY S. DUTCHOVER, was born on March 6, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dutchover of Marfa; he volunteered for the A.A.C. June 1, 1942, and trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Overseas from Nov., 1942, to Oct., 1945, in Hawaiian Is. as Intelligence clerk filing secret documents; he also served as cook for the Officer's Club at Hickam Fld. in Hawaii. His awards are: Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged at Ft. Dix, N.Y., on Oct. 30, 1944.
15. —CPL. JESSE S. DUTCHOVER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dutchover of Marfa, born on Dec. 29, 1926, volunteered for service April 1, 1944; assigned to 2nd Marine Div. and trained at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Served in Marshall Is., Saipan, Tinian, action at Okinawa, Ryukyus Is., Nagasaki, Japan, Meakonjo, Miyaki, Sasabo. Received Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Served as a machine gun crewman and military policeman. Was discharged July 25, 1946.
16. —T/5 EDUARDO M. NUNEZ, was born on March 12, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilario Nunez of Ruidosa, Texas, and husband of Paula M. Nunez of Marfa, entered the Army Co. C., 185th Inf., on Feb. 25, 1942, and trained at Camp Haan, Calif. Overseas from Aug. 23, 1942, until Nov. 21, 1945, in Bismarck Archipelago, South Philippines, and Luzon. His awards are Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. T/5 Nunez received his discharge on Nov. 28, 1945, at Ft. Bliss.
17. —S/SGT. ANTON LUDWIG POKORNY, was born on Aug. 25, 1920; his wife is Fay Pokorny of Marfa, Texas. He volunteered for service Jan. 10, 1938, assigned to Army 77th F.A. Group; trained at Ft. D.A. Russell, Marfa, Texas. Served in Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines, and Po Valley. Received Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medals, ATO, American Defense, EAME Theater Campaign Ribbons. S/Sgt. Pokorny was overseas 28 mos., and was discharged July 2, 1945.
18. —T/4 WOODROW WILSON SPITZER, was born on Aug. 10, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Spitzer of Clyde, Texas, and husband of Stephanie Spitzer of Marfa, volunteered for service Aug. 17, 1937, assigned to Army 77th Fld. Artillery; trained at Ft. D.A. Russell, Texas. Overseas from Feb., 1943, to July, 1945, in Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, N. Apennines, and Po Valley. His Medals are American Defense, Good Conduct, and EAME with 5 Bronze Stars; was discharged July 15, 1945.
19. —S1/c CHARLIE VELASCO TARANGO, JR., was born on April 21, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie V. Tarango of Marfa, Texas; attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, volunteering for service June 15, 1943, at Austin, assigned to Navy Communications; trained at Bainbridge, Md., and Norfolk, Va. Served as Radioman on USS K.D. Bailey; overseas from Aug., 1945, until April, 1946, in the Atlantic Area. Awarded Victory, American Area, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged April 6, 1946.
20. —MoMM3/c EDWARD V. TARANGO was born on March 1, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Tarango of Marfa, Texas; volunteered for the Navy Engineering on July 12, 1943, training at Internal Combustion Op. Sch., San Diego; 21 mos. in Gilbert Is., Campaigns for New Guinea, Halamahera Is., and Philippine Is. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, with 2 Stars; ATO; Philippine Liberation, with 2 Stars; and Victory Medals. Served on USS Orca, and the USS Mindoro. Was discharged March 24, 1946.

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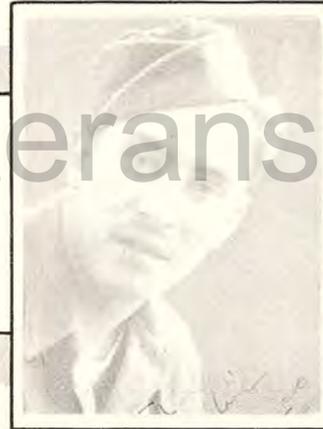
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S/Sgt. SALVADOR GUTIERREZ



S/Sgt. RAPHAEL P. MARTINEZ

S/Sgt. S. Gutierrez, born April 24th, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. E. Gutierrez, 1517 San Jorge Ave., Laredo, received his education at Bruni Grammar and Martin High Schools, Laredo; volunteered for service on Aug. 3, 1940, at Laredo, Texas; was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.; served in the United States from August, 1940, until December, 1944, and overseas for 9 months, in the India and China Areas. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant, and awarded the Air Medal. Prior to his enlistment he was a student. S/Sgt. Gutierrez received an honorable discharge in Oct., 1945.

S/Sgt. R. P. Martinez, born Nov. 11, 1919, in Texas, son of Alberto Martinez (deceased), husband of Candelaria G. Martinez, 1517 San Jorge Ave., Laredo, was educated at Laredo; volunteered March 7, 1941, assigned to the Army 1st Sr' Service Force, 101st Airborne; trained at Ft. Harrison, Montana; overseas 19 months in Asiatic-Pacific, and E.T. Theaters. He was wounded on left leg at Cassino, 1943, and again in 1945 at Belgian Bulge. His Medals and Battle Credits were: Purple Heart, Cluster; Bronze Star; A.P., with Bronze Star; ETO, 5 Stars; Amer. Def.; Good Con.; Combat Inf. Badge; Parachute Wings; 2 Unit Citations. Was discharged Aug., 1945.



SK 3/c CARLOS GUERRA



1st Lt. RALPH A. GUERRA



***Pfc LUIS GUERRA**



S/Sgt. REFUGIO GUERRA, JR.

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. Guerra, Laredo, Texas.
CARLOS: born Sept. 11, 1925, volunteered for Navy; trained at Corpus Christi, Texas; served in the United States 23 months, and overseas 11 months, in Asiatic and Pacific. He was honorably discharged June, 1946.
RALPH: born July 30, 1924, husband of Clara A. Guerra, 1802 Musser St., Laredo, volunteered Oct. 4, 1940, and was assigned to the Army 2nd Div. Trained at Dodd Fld., Ft. Sam Houston; served in the United States 3 yrs. 10 mos., overseas 14 months in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, in battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, C. Europe. Awards: EAME, 3 Stars, ATO, Amer. Def. Victory and Air Medal, 3 O.L.C. Was discharged Mar., 1946.

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. Guerra, Laredo, Texas.
LUIS: born Jan. 3, 1923, volunteered for service in 60th Coastal Art., trained at Ft. McDowell, Angel Is., San Francisco, Calif.; overseas 3 months in Baatan and Corregidor, P.I. In POW Camp Houshu, Japan, where he died of lung infiltration Sept. 18, 1944.
REFUGIO: born Jan. 30, 1921; entered Army Air Corps Oct. 2, 1942; trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio; overseas 21 months, air offensive: Asiatic-Pac., China, Japan, C. Burma, India Burma, and Sumatra. Awards: Dist. Unit Badge, ATO, Asiatic-Pac., Good Con. and Victory Medals. His Sqdrn. dropped 1st Atomic Bomb. Hon. discharged Dec. 31, 1945.



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T/Sgt. ALBERT E. GATES

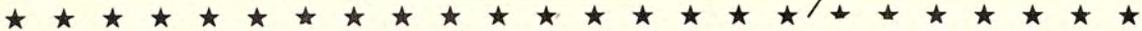
T/Sgt. Gates, was born on August 14, 1915, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo E. Gates, 1510 Market Street, and his wife is the former Dorothy Jean Robertson of Espejo Ranch, in Laredo, Texas. He attended Texas A & M College at College Station Texas, entering the service on March 10, 1942, at Dodd Field, San Antonio, Texas, assigned to the United States Army Air Forces; ordered to Williams Field in Arizona for his training. He attended A.S.T.P. at U.C.L.A., and was later assigned to Italian Service Units. Technical Sergeant Albert Edward Gates received his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Air Force on January 10, 1946. He and his wife are at home in Laredo, Texas.



Cpl. ALONZO W. GATES

Cpl. Gates, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gates of 1510 Market Street, Laredo, Texas, graduated from Martin High School in Laredo, studying at A & M College of Texas; entered the service on the 25th of February, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas; assigned to Army 42nd Inf. Rainbow Div., with his training at Camps Wolters, Texas, and Gruber, Oklahoma. He served overseas from Nov. 25, 1944, to May 30, 1946, in Alsace-Lorraine; Saar Palantate; Rhineland, Germany; and Austria. His decorations include the Good Conduct, European Theater, with 2 Battle Stars, Occupation of Germany, and World War II Victory Ribbons, and on the 4th of June, 1946, Cpl. Gates was honorably discharged. He resides with his parents in Laredo, Texas.

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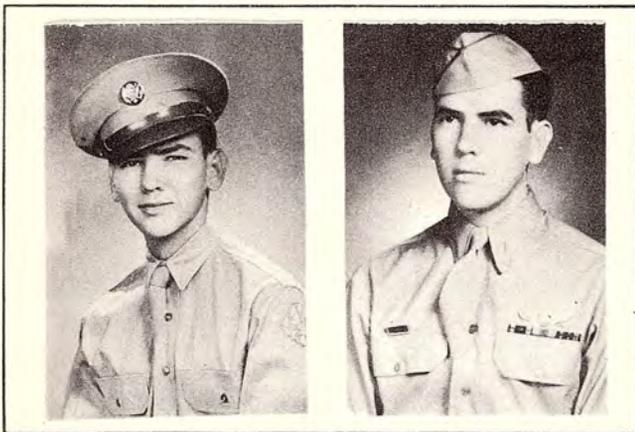
Pfc JESUS N. BAIZ



Pfc FRANCISCO O. TORRES

Pfc J. N. Baiz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucio Baiz, 415 Fremont St., Laredo, born Dec. 25, 1918, in Mexico; he received his education in Laredo; entered the service on Sept. 16, 1942, at Dodd Field, San Antonio; and was assigned to the Army 25th Inf. Div., -35 Inf. G. Co., training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Ft. Benning, Ga., in the Paratroops. Served overseas with the above Co. and Div. in the following battles: Vella Lavella, North Solomons Islands, North Luzon, P.I. He was wounded on Luzon, 1945, and awarded: Asiatic Pac. Campaign, 2 Stars; Combat Inf. Badge; Purple Heart; Philippine Lib. 1 Star. Hon. discharged Nov. 30, 1945.

Pfc F. O. Torres, husband of Amalia R. Torres, 415 Fremont St., Laredo, Texas. He was born on Oct. 10, 1915, in Mexico; received his education at Laredo; and entered the service on April 1, 1943, at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, and was assigned to the Army 37th Div., 148th Inf. Reg., Co. K. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif.; served on Northern Solomons, and Luzon, Philippines, and Japan. He was wounded in the battle of Bougainville, 1944. His Medals and Battle credits are as follows: Asiatic-Pac. Campaign 2 Stars; Phil. Lib.; Good Con.; Purple Heart; Combat Inf. Badge; Victory. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 13, 1946.



Sgt. CIRO F. PENA
S/Sgt. HECTOR A. PENA

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Pena of Laredo.
Sgt. CIRO F. PENA, was born Dec. 2, 1926; enlisted in Army Inf. in Feb., 1945; trained at A.S.T.P. at Texas A & M College, and Camp Hood, Texas. He served with 91st Military Gov't. Hq. & Hq. Co. and Ehime Military Gov't Team in Matsuyama, Japan, where he is now. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct Medals.
S/Sgt. HECTOR A. PENA, was born Dec. 4, 1922; enlisted in A.A.C. Oct. 23, 1942; trained at Sheppard Fld. With 15th A.F. in battles of Rome-Arno, S. France, Normandy, N. France, air offensive of Europe, air combat of Balkans, Apennines. Medals: ETO, 8 Stars, Pres. Cit., Good Conduct, Air Medal 3 Clusters. Was discharged 1945.



Cpl. VICTOR D. MARTIN

Cpl. Martin, son of Mrs. R. V. Martin, and husband of Marie Luisa Martin of 414 Matamoros, Laredo, Texas, was born April 29, 1915, educated in Laredo Public Schools and Southern Business College; entered the Army Field Artillery School on January 22, 1945, at San Antonio, Texas, and was sent to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma Training Center. Served overseas in Leyte, Manila, Philippine Islands, and Japan assigned to Army Service Command Headquarters. Corporal Victor Daniel Martin received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army on the 29th day of October, 1946. He worked all the time for Hdqrs. as typist in 8th A. Hdqrs. and Army Ser. Com.

1. -T/4 WILLIAM DRAEGER, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Draeger of Los Angeles, and husband of Felicitas R. Draeger of Del Rio, Texas. On April 22, 1944, he entered the Engineer 3rd Army and trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas 9 mos. in N. France, S. Luxembourg, S. Central Germany, E. Austria, and Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns. Awarded ETO with 2 Campaign Stars, American Defense, Good Conduct, and 2 Victory Medals. T/4 Draeger was honorably discharged Nov. 21, 1945.

2. -CPL. EDWARD OLIVER ELMORE, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Elmore, Del Rio, born May 12, 1924, volunteered for the Army E. Btry., 60th C.A.C. (AA), trained at Ft. Mills, Corregidor, P.I.; served in Battle of Bataan, captured when Corregidor fell; was prisoner of Japanese 3 yrs. 3 mos. His awards are Presidential Citation, 2 Clusters, Philippine Defense, 1 Star, American Defense, 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars, Philippine Liberation, Occupation of Japan, and Victory Medals. Re-enlisted May, 1946.

3. -Y. 2/c JAMES THOMAS ELMORE, was born on June 28, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Elmore of Del Rio, entered the U.S.N.R. on Aug. 21, 1944; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas 16 mos. in the Pacific in operations of Okinawa and Leyte. Received ATO, Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Star, Philippine Liberation, 1 Star, and Victory Medals. Yeoman Second Class James Thomas Elmore was given an honorable discharge from the United States Naval Service on the 22nd of June, 1946.

4. -CPL. THOMAS O. GAITAN, son of Mrs. Rita O. Ortega, Del Rio, born Jan. 18, 1919, volunteered for the Army Feb. 5, 1941; trained at Ft. Mills, Corregidor. Served in Philippines, and was a prisoner of Japanese 39 1/2 mos. Awarded Purple Heart; Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Star; American Defense, 2 Stars; Philippine Defense by Philippine Gov. 1 Star; Presidential Unit Citation, 2 Clusters, Good Conduct; and Victory Medals. Was discharged June 9, 1946, completing 5 yrs. 4 mos. of service.

5. -SGT. OREN FREEMAN PHILLIPS, was born on March 26, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips of Dryden, Texas, and husband of Doris Phillips of Del Rio. He entered the service March 2, 1942, assigned to Army 35th Div.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas from Nov. 2, 1944, until March 4, 1946, in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany. Received Good Conduct, ATO, EAME Campaign, and Victory Medals. Sgt. Phillips was discharged March 12, 1946.

6. -S/SGT. RAYMOND ROBERT PHILLIPS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips of Dryden, and husband of Patty E. Phillips of Sanderson, Texas, born Sept. 23, 1920, volunteered for the A.A.C. Nov. 4, 1942, training at Randolph and Harlingen A.A. Fld., Texas. Overseas 7 1/2 mos. in air offensive of Europe, Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, on 25 missions over German occupied country. Awarded Air Medal with 4 Clusters; D.F.C.; EAME, 4 Stars; and Good Conduct Medals. Was discharged Sept. 12, 1945.

7. -S/SGT. JOE ROSS PHILLIPS, was born Feb. 19, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips of Dryden; entered the Army 30th Inf. Div. Apr. 22, 1943; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Served in Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, St. Lo., Mortain, Seigfried Line, and Roer River for 15 mos. Was captured but escaped after 5 days. Awarded Purple Heart with 2 O. L. Clusters; Bronze Star Medal; ATO, ETO with 3 Stars; Infantry Combat Badge; Meritorious Service Plaque; and Victory Medals. Was discharged Nov., 1945.

8. -T/SGT. JAMES RICHARD FREEMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Freeman of Kerrville, Texas, husband of Ethel O. Freeman of San Antonio, born Nov. 18, 1922, volunteered for the A.A.C. March 10, 1941; trained at Randolph Fld., Texas. Overseas 26 mos. in Battles of N. Solomons, New Guinea, S. Philippines, Luzon, Bismarck Archipelago, Ruykyus, China Sea, air offensive of Japan. Awarded 2 D.F.C., 3 Air Medals, Asiatic-Pacific, 9 Stars, 2 Presidential Citations, and Philippine Lib., 1 Star. In 345th Bomb. Gp.

9. -CPL. MANUEL ABASCAL, was born on Aug. 18, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Abascal of Eagle Pass; entered the Army 45th Inf. Div. on July 16, 1943, at San Antonio; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. He went overseas in Jan., 1944; served in campaigns of Po Valley, Rome-Arno, Apennines; re-assigned to Hdqs. at Senigalia (Italy), Cosica, Sardegna, and last to Sinaia (Rumania). Awarded Sharpshooter, Good Conduct, ETO Medals with 3 Stars, and Combat Inf. Badge. Still overseas with 2621 Gru. Det.

*10. -PVT. PEDRO ROBERTO MARTINEZ, was born on May 5, 1921, at Eagle Pass, Texas, the son of Mrs. Marie F. Martinez of Box 109, Eagle Pass, Texas. He received his education in Eagle Pass, and entered the service in Oct., 1942, and was assigned to the Army Infantry. Trained at Camp Adair in Oregon. Pvt. Martinez served overseas in Leyte, Philippine Islands for 3 months, and was killed at Leyte on the 29th day of October, 1944, while serving his country.

11. -S/SGT. JESUS M. CANTU, born on June 2, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doroteo G. Cantu of Laredo, Texas, entered the Army 25th Inf. Div. June 9, 1943, and trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Overseas 2 yrs. with 27th Inf. in Luzon, serving as heavy mortar crewman. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific with 1 Star, Philippine Liberation with 1 Star, Good Conduct, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Victory Medals. S/Sgt. Cantu was given an honorable discharge February 13, 1946, from the U. S. Army.

12. -T/4 SANTANA CANTU, was born on July 26, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leandro Cantu of Laredo, Texas; entered the Army 2nd Cav. Oct. 16, 1941; trained at Ft. Riley, Kan. Overseas some 12 mos. in Battles of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. His awards are EAME with 3 Stars, Good Conduct, and American Defense Medals. He also received a Certificate of Merit for outstanding duty from Dec., 1944, to Apr., 1945, in Luxembourg, France, Belgium, and Germany. Was discharged Oct. 15, 1945.

13. -MOMM3/c JUAN CORTEZ, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Cortez of Laredo, Texas, born on April 24, 1926, entered the service Aug. 27, 1944, assigned to Navy Amphibious Forces, training at San Diego; served overseas from Dec. 29, 1944, until Feb. 9, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Area in Okinawa, Philippine Campaigns and China occupation. Awarded Philippine Liberation, 1 Star; Asiatic Pacific, 1 Star; ATO, and Victory Medals. On May 25, 1946, MoMM3/c Cortez was discharged.

*14. -PFC EDUARDO R. DAVILA, was born on Sept. 16, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Celestino Davila of Laredo, Texas; attended Martin High School at Laredo; entered the service Dec. 14, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, assigned to the 5th Marine Div.; and was sent to Camp Pendleton at Oceanside, Calif. He went overseas on September 5, 1943, and participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima where he was killed in action on the 12th of March 1944, while serving his country in the Pacific area.

15. -PFC GUS FRED HEIN, son of Mrs. L.A. Hein of Laredo, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Gloria G. Hein of San Antonio, born Sept. 19, 1912, attended Laredo High School; entered the Army 151st Engineers on June 11, 1942, and was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. for training. Served at Ft. Lawton, Seattle Wash., his embarkation port; from there he went to the Pacific, and served in Kodiak, Alaska, and Aleutian Islands. He received the Good Conduct Medal, and was discharged on Oct. 31, 1945.

16. -S1/c JOSE ANGEL LUGO, was born on Aug. 29, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lugo of Laredo; attended Laredo Business College; entered Naval Commandos Dec. 21, 1943, training at San Diego, Coronado, Morro Bay, and San Bruno, Calif. Served in the Pacific 12 mos. in Battles of Philippines (Samar Is.) and Keramo Retto and Okinawa. His Medals are ATO; Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Star; Philippine Liberation, 1 Star; and Victory. On Jan. 29, 1946, S1/c Lugo was given his discharge.

17. -CPL. ANDREW C. MORALES, was born on Sept. 27, 1921; his wife is Doris Morales of Laredo. He entered the Army 211th Hosp. Ship Complement on Nov. 25, 1942, training at Camp Robinson. Served in Europe and Asiatic-Pacific for 1 yr. Received ATO; EAME, 2 Stars; Philippine Liberation, 1 Star; Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars; Good Conduct Medals; and also Meritorious Service Insignia. Cpl. Morales served as a 1st Aid Attendant, and was given an honorable discharge Sept. 21, 1945.

18. -T/SGT. SAMUEL NEIRA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Neira of Laredo, volunteered for the A.A.C. Aug., 1943, and trained at Butler Univ.; Buckley Fld., Colo.; and also Buckingham, Fla. Overseas 14 mos. in battles of Central Europe, N. Apennines, Rhineland, and N. France. Awarded Air Medal, 5 Clusters; Presidential Unit Citation; EAME, 4 Stars; ATO; Distinguished Unit; Air Crew; Aerial Gunner; Victory; and Good Conduct Medals. Was discharged Feb. 15, 1946; re-enlisted in Reg. Army.

19. -S/SGT. ALFREDO PENA, was born on Nov. 10, 1923, son of Mrs. Maria Dolores Pena of Laredo; he entered 1st Cav. Div., Tr. "B," 112th Cav., May 21, 1943, training at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served 22 mos. in Australia, New Guinea, Admiralty Is., S. Philippines, Luzon, Yokohama, and Japan. His awards are Asiatic-Pacific, 4 Stars; Philippine Liberation, 2 Stars, 1 Arrowhead; Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Good Conduct Medals. On October 19, 1945, he was discharged from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

20. -SGT. JOSE FERNANDO TIJERINA, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tijerina of Laredo, was born on July 23, 1925; he entered the Army 24th Inf. on Nov. 19, 1943, and trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Overseas from June, 1944, to Jan., 1946, in battles of New Guinea and Philippines. Burned by explosion, he was hospitalized for 30 days. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars; Philippine Liberation, with 2 Stars; Good Conduct; and Victory Medals. Sgt. Tijerina was discharged Feb. 13, 1946.

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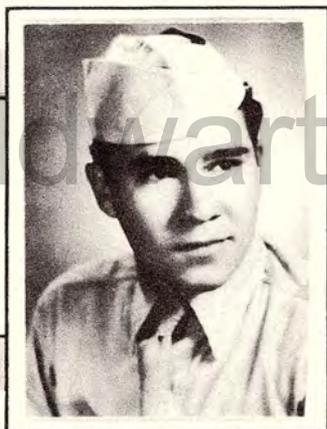


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Sgt. SIMON GUTIERREZ

Sgt. Gutierrez, son of Mrs. Natalia Gutierrez, and husband of Julia Gutierrez of Corpus Christi, Texas, was born on Oct. 8, 1919; attended Laredo High School, and volunteered for the service on August 13, 1941, assigned to the Army 25th Div. He trained at Fort Leonardwood, Mo., and served overseas 3 years, 8 months on Guadalcanal, Vella La Vella, Georgia, and the Philippines. Sergeant Simon Gutierrez received these decorations: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 3 Bronze Stars; Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star; American Defense; and Good Conduct Medals. He was discharged on Aug. 16, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.



Pfc RODRIGO G. MUNOZ

Pfc Munoz, was born on March 13, 1918, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Munoz of Laredo, Texas; was educated in Laredo; and volunteered for the service Nov. 19, 1941, at San Antonio, assigned to Army attached to 1st Inf. Div., A.A.A. (AW) Bn., sent to Camps Wallace and Young, Desert Training Center. Overseas from Aug., 1942, until Sept., 1945, in Tunisia, Algeria, French Morocco, Sicily, Normandy, No. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, battles for Oran, Faid Pass, Sid Bouzio, Gasfa, Me Nassy, Kasserine Pass, El Guettar, Aachen, and Bulge. Medals are: EAME, 8 Stars, Arrowhead, American Defense, and Good Conduct. Honorably discharged Oct. 3, 1945.



Y3/c PHILLIP D. REYNA

Y. 3/c Reyna, was born on April 5, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto Reyna of 515 Matamoros, Laredo; attended St. Mary's Univ. at San Antonio; volunteered for the service March 31, 1944, assigned to the Navy Amphibious Forces; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas twice, 19 1/2 mos. in all, serving in Hawaii, Marshall, Admiralty, New Guinea, Philippine, Sulu Arch., and Mariana areas, battles of the Leyte operation; initial landings at Zamboanga, Mindanao; and Jolo, Sulu Arch. His awards are: Philippine Liberation with Star; American Theater; Asiatic-Pacific; and Victory Medals. On June 5, 1946, he received his discharge, and is in U. S. Naval Res.



RM3/c LUIS BENJAMIN E. SALAZAR

R.M.3/c Salazar, was born March 31, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mauricio Salazar of 2212 Monterrey Ave., Laredo; entered the Navy May 25, 1944, training at Camp Wallace, Texas, Basic and Indianapolis, Ind., Radio; assigned to U.S.S. Franklin and sailed for combat areas with Task Force 58 serving in Asiatic Pacific and Panama Canal Zones. Participated in battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Survivor of the U.S.S. Franklin (Vc-13), rescued by the U.S.S. Hunt (Destroyer) after having been in the water 7 hrs. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific with 2 Stars; Third Fleet; and the American Theater Ribbons. Radioman 3/c Salazar was honorably discharged March, 1946.



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Sgt. WILLIAM F. THOMEY

Sgt. Thomey was born Feb. 23, 1925, in Laredo, Texas, son of Mrs. Margaret L. Thomey of 1419 Juar ez Ave., Laredo; attended Laredo High School. Volunteering for the A.A.F. on Feb. 23, 1943. He trained at Miami Beach, Fla., Basic Training Center. Served at Wofford College C.D.T., Spartanburg, S.C., Scott Fld., Ill., and Boca Raton, Florida, Fld. Served overseas with 6th Air Force, 74th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, at Albrook Fld., Panama Canal Zone; Howard Fld., Panama Canal Zone; Galapagos Islands, Agua Dulce Fld., Panama; and Rio Hato, Panama for 16 mos. as radio oper.-mechanic. Awarded ATO, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Feb. 11, 1946.



Pfc CHARLES W. FENNER

Pfc Fenner was born on Jan. 30, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Power Fenner, and brother of Rhoda Mae Fenner of 706 Rosario Ave., Laredo, Texas, was educated in Boerne, Texas, and volunteered for the service May 11, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, assigned to Army 403rd Div. Transferred to 376th F.A. Parachute Bn., Btry. A, 82nd A.B. in Sept., 1942; received parachute diploma at Ft. Benning, Ga.; was sent to Camp Bragg, going over seas in Apr. 1943, serving in Africa, Sicily, Italy, England, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, battles of Central Europe, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Ardennes, Rome-Arno, Anzio, and Rhineland. Honorably discharged Sept. 25, 1945.



***Pvt. ARTURO GONZALEZ**

Pvt. Gonzalez, was born on April 15th, 1926, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paulino Gonzalez of 717 Lincoln Street in Laredo, Texas; educated in Central Grammar and Tirusa-Martin High Schools in Laredo. He entered the service August 29, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas, assigned to the 94th Division, 3rd Army, and was sent to Camp Hood, Texas, for his training. He went overseas on February 1, 1945, and served in Ho cher berg Ridge, Trier, Saar, and Moselle Rivers. Private Arturo Gonzalez paid the Supreme Sacrifice on the 1st day of March 1945, while serving his country in Germany. Awarded the Purple Heart Medal.



1st Sgt. JULIAN H. MYRICK

1st Sgt. Julian H. Myrick, husband of Halley Myrick, San Anselmo, Calif., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Myrick, Fort Worth, Texas. Born Oct. 3, 1914; attended public schools of Fort Worth; volunteered Aug. 29, 1942, assigned to 4th Marines, U. S. Army, training in San Diego, Calif. Served in Pacific Area, Iceland, Roi-Namur, Marshall Islands, Saipan, Tinian, Marianas, Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, Honolulu and Maui, T. H. 1st Sgt. Myrick was wounded on Iwo Jima, and was awarded Purple Heart, with 1 star, Presidential Unit Citation, Silver Star, and Letter of Commendation. Honorably discharged Oct. 27, 1945.



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***Pvt. GADIER H. GONZALEZ**

Pvt. Gonzalez was born on May 14, 1926, son of Mr. Jose Gonzalez and Mrs. Maria Solis Gonzalez, of 404 Matamoros, Laredo, Texas. He attended St. Augustin Parochial School and St. Joseph's Academy in Laredo; entered the service on August 27, 1944, at San Antonio, assigned to the U. S. Marine Corps, with Basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, then to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, and later trained at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California. He served overseas on Guam, Okinawa, and Ryukyus Islands where he gave up his life for his country while fighting on May 31, 1945. Pvt. Gady Gonzalez received the following decorations; Expert Rifle Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Expert Swimming Medal, Purple Heart Medal, and also recognition from Governor Stevenson and President Truman.

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1. —S1/c ALEJANDRO NEIRA, JR., was born on August 18, 1922, in Texas, son of Mrs. Josefa M. Neira of 2902 San Bernardo Avenue, Laredo, Texas. He received his education in Laredo, and entered the service on January 8, 1944, at Chicago, Illinois, assigned to the U.S. Navy Air Service; trained at Great Lakes, Illinois. S. 1/c Neira was awarded these decorations: American Theater and Victory Ribbons, and was honorably discharged on the 5th day of February, 1946.

2. —PVT. JAMES M. O'BRYANT, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.O. O'Bryant, Box 53, Langtry, Texas, was born Feb. 25, 1920, in Texas; attended school in Juno, Texas; and on the 26th of July, 1945, he entered the service at San Antonio, assigned to the Army Air Corps and sent to Sheppard Fld., Wichita Falls, Texas, and Cochran Fld., Macon, Georgia, for his training. Received the Victory Ribbon, and on Jan. 31, 1946, was given an honorable discharge. He now resides in Langtry with his wife, Beatrice.

3. —C.W.O. HAROLD RAHN, husband of the former Susie Stapp, Box 25, Pumpville, born Jan. 14, 1908, volunteered for the Army on Jan. 23, 1929, assigned to 2nd Arm'd Div.; trained in Texas, La., Tenn., Mo., and Fla. Overseas 59 mos. in France, Central Europe, Ardennes, S. Germany, Austria, Saarlautern Breckrough, Battle of Rhine, and Danube Crossing. Medals are: Pres. Unit Cit.; Pre-Pearl Harbor; Star; ATO; EAME; 4 Stars; Bronze Star; Victory; and Germany Occupation. Still with 2nd Arm'd Div.

4. —S/SGT. A. C. ASKINS, was born July 5, 1920, in Texas, husband of the former Dorothy Stapp of Pumpville, Texas, attended Snyder High School, volunteering for the A.A.C. June 11, 1941, at Big Spring, assigned to the 8th Air Force, training at Kelly Fld., Texas. Served in the European Theater of Operations for 6 1/2 mos.; received the Good Conduct Medal and the Sub-Machine Gun Expert Medal was discharged December 17th, 1943, after 2 1/2 years of service for his country.

5. —S/SGT. ELEAZAR J. GONZALEZ, son of Mr. Jose Gonzalez and Mrs. Maria Salis Gonzalez, 404 Matamoros, Laredo, was born Nov. 21, 1910; educated in Laredo, enlisting in the A.A.C. on Sept. 15, 1942, at San Antonio; ordered to Harlingen A.A.F. for his training. Served at the Laredo A. Gunnery School, and at Kearns, Utah, overseas replacement center. He received the Good Conduct Medal, and was given an honorable discharge from the Army Air Force on November 24, 1945.

6. —CAPT. H. H. COPELAND, born Jan. 4, 1915, husband of Frances Copeland of Plains, Texas, attended Hardin-Simmons Univ., entering the A.A.C. Sept. 23, 1942; trained at Chemical Warfare, O.C.S., Edgewood Arsenal, Md. Served in England, France; participated in N. France campaign with 787 M.P. Bn. Awarded Meritorious Service Plaque, Army Commendation Ribbon, for meritorious service as theater band officer and chief of music branch. Overseas since Dec., 1943; now in Hqs. USFET., Germany.

7. —CAPT. HAL CRAIG MAYS, husband of Vivian Mays, Plains, Texas, was born July 12, 1920, attended Texas Tech, enlisted in the A.A.C. Feb., 1943; was sent to Santa Ana, Ontario, and Taft, Calif., Yuma, Ariz.; Dyersburg, Tenn., and Roswell, N. Mex., for his training. Served in Memphis, Tenn., Charleston, S.C., and Ft. Dix, N. J. Flew 35 missions as 1st pilot of B-17 over enemy territory; served in England. Decorations are: Air Medal, with 5 Clusters, and D.F.C. Discharged Jan. 29, 1946, from Mass., now Res. O.

8. —SGT. FERNANDO SALAS GARCIA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garcia of El Paso, was born Feb. 12, 1923; attended Sam Houston Sr. High in Houston, volunteering for service Oct. 24, 1942, assigned to A.A.C.; trained at Dodge City, Kan.; overseas from May, 1944, to Oct., 1945, serving in England, France, participating in battle of Normandy. His awards include the ETO Medal with 1 Bronze Star, for Normandy, and the American Theater Medal. He was given an honorable discharge on Nov. 29, 1945.

9. —S/SGT. FRED GARCIA, was born July 22, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garcia of El Paso, husband of Socorro Garcia, 617 N. Everton, Houston; attended John H. Reagan High School, entering the Army 2nd Air Force on July 1, 1942; received tech. training at "Perry Institute", Yakima, Wash. Served in Rio Hato, Panama, and Galapagos Islands from May 1, 1943, to June 1, 1944. Awarded 1 Bronze Star for Submarine Patrol. On November 1, 1945, S/Sgt. Fred Garcia received his discharge.

10. —PVT. TILMON ODELL GANN, was born Aug. 20, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arther Gann, 1604 Park Ave., and husband of Mary Alice Gann of Dallas, Texas, educated in Dallas, entering the Army on Feb. 26, 1943, assigned to 300th Combat Eng.; trained at Camp White, Ore. Served in the European Area with service in the Rhineland, Northern France, Normandy, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He was wounded on June 15, 1944; his awards include the Good Conduct, ETO, Victory, and Occupation Medals.

11. —MO.MM.2/c JOE KICKIRILLO, was born March 6, 1899, husband of Josephine Kickirillo, Rt. 9, Box 283A, Dallas, volunteering for the Navy on April 23, 1942, serving in U.S. Submarine Base at Pearl Harbor, on U.S.S. Marcasite (PY 28) from May, 1942, to Jan., 1943, and serving on the U.S.S. Griffin from Jan., 1943, until Sept. 1945, with service in the South and Southwest Pacific. M.M.M.2/c Kickirillo was given his discharge on Sept. 18, 1945. He served 11 mos. in Navy of World War I.

12. —S/SGT. CHESTER EARL WILLIAMS, husband of the former Phyllis Ann Kickirillo, of Dallas, was born Jan. 20, 1920, attended Breckenridge High, enlisted in the Army Dec. 14, 1941, training at Camp Callan, Calif. Overseas twice, 25 1/2 mos. in all, at Ft. Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska, Guam, battle of Japan. Served with 19th Bomb Gp., 28th Bomb Sqd., 314th B.B. Wing of the 20th Air Force. His medals are Good Conduct, Air Medal, 2 Clusters, D.F.C., Bronze Battle Star, and Victory. Discharged, 1945.

13. —LT. (JG) BOB SHULER SMITH, was born on Dec. 10, 1912, son of Mr. Jim Smith and Mrs. Lola Smith Hall of Killeen, and husband of Tommie Harrell Smith of Belton, Texas, attended Texas A & M College; enlisted in the Navy Oct. 3, 1943, assigned to the Hydrographic Office, training at Tucson, Ariz. Served in Pearl Harbor area for 3 1/2 mos., attached to staff of the Commander of Pacific Air Fleet. Lt. Bob Smith was honorably discharged on the 5th day of April, 1946.

14. —1ST LT. NORMAN RICKETTS HALL, was born on Oct. 2, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hall, and husband of Billie Barr Hall of Killeen, Texas, attended Texas A & M College; volunteered for service April 5, 1943, at San Antonio, assigned to the Army Infantry R.O.T.C.; was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia. His awards include Good Conduct, American Theater, Expert Infantry Badge, Glider Infantry Wings, and Victory Ribbons. On June 25, 1946, Lt. Smith was honorably discharged.

15. —MAJ. EDWIN BRYANT ALLEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Allen, and husband of Hilda K. Allen, 5247 Lowell Blvd., Denver, Colo., was born July 4, 1898; volunteered for the Army Jan. 6, 1941, assigned to 193rd Tk. Bn., 1st G.H.Q. Tk. Gp.; trained at Ft. Benning, Ga.; served in the China, Burma, India area for 27 mos.; participated in India-Burma Campaign. Awarded Distinguished Unit Badge. Honorably discharged Feb. 4, 1946, from Randolph Field, Texas. In Colo. Nat. Guard from 1922-1941.

16. —SKV 2/c ROBERT WILLIAM ALLEN, was born Dec. 15, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Allen, of Denver, Colo., attended Patti Welder High, Victoria, Texas; entered Navy Supply on April 11, 1944; trained at San Diego. Overseas twice, 20 mos. in all, with D2-Unit-1 at Pearl Harbor, and A.S.D. Navy 3149, Samar Philippines. Received commendation for building a complete supply depot in a few months. SKV2/c Robert W. Allen was given his discharge on June 3, 1946.

17. —PFC DOMINGO TORRES, was born on Aug. 4, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Torres, Rt. 1, Box 27-E, Ysleta, and husband of Josefina G. Torres, Rt. 1, Box 515, Clint, Texas; volunteered for the Army Feb. 26, 1943, at Ft. Bliss, assigned to 44th Inf. Div.; was sent to Ft. Louis, Wash., for training. Overseas 11 mos. in Northern France and Rhineland Battles; was wounded crossing Rhine River. Awarded EAME, American Theater, Purple Heart, and Victory Medals. Honorably discharged Dec. 21, 1945.

18. —SGT. ARTHUR F. NICHOLS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Nichols, Sr., of Austin, and husband of Mary Bellow Nichols, 425 W. 8th, Sioux Falls, S. D., was born Aug. 17, 1913; attended Austin High; volunteered for service May 26, 1942, assigned to A.A.F., with basic training at Sheppard Fld., Texas. Completed Chemical Warfare, N.C.O. course at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., 1944; and attended Radio School, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1945. Sgt. Nichols was discharged April, 1945, with radio course half finished.

19. —T/4 MORRIS BEVERLY NICHOLS, was born Nov. 5, 1915, son of A.F. Nichols, 2000 E. Ave., Austin, and husband of Adena Nichols; attended Univ. of Texas; entered the Army Transportation Corps, Dec. 30, 1943; trained at Ft. Lawton, Wn.; Camp Kilmer, N.J.; and Shirehampton, England. Served in United Kingdom and ETO area in Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the Presidential Unit Citation for Normandy Operations. Was discharged December 13, 1945.

20. —T/5 ROBERT BRUCE NICHOLS, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Nichols, and husband of Mary Ruth Nichols of Austin, was born Jan. 26, 1918; studied 2 yrs. in Univ. of Texas; enlisted in Army Signal Corps, Feb. 25, 1941, assigned to 53rd Sig. Bn.; was ordered to Ft. Monmouth, N. J., and Camp Bowie, Texas, for training. Overseas 22 mos. in battles for Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, and Italy. Awards are: Good Conduct, EAME, 4 Stars, American Defense, and Presidential Unit Citation Medals. Discharged Aug. 27, 1944.

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1st Lt. RAYMOND L. LANDTROOP

1st Lt. Raymond Lester Landtroop, born July 19, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Landtroop, and husband of Helen Corinne McLartey Landtroop of Ranger, Texas. He volunteered June, 1942, for the Army Air Corps; trained at San Antonio, and began overseas duty April, 1944, in the European Theater, as 1st pilot on a B-24 bomber; participated in thirty-one missions without injury to him or any member of the crew. Lt. Landtroop was with the 8th Air Force in the air offensive of Western Europe and Northern France, was in action on D-Day, and bombed the coast of France and St. Lo. The Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with D.F.C. and three campaign Stars. Returned to States Sept., 1944, and went on inactive status August 3, 1945.



***Pvt. JAMES C. BENTLEY**

Pvt. Bentley was born on Oct. 3, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steward Bentley of Cisco, Texas. He received his education in Scranton, Texas, and entered the service Sept. 13, 1944, at Dallas, assigned to the Army 96 Div., training at Camp Hood, Texas. Sailing for overseas duty in Feb., 1945, he served in Hawaii, Saipan, and was in the Battle of Okinawa. Pvt. James Carter Bentley was killed in action on Okinawa May 10, 1945; he never knew about his son, who was born on Aug. 6, 1945, and is named James Carter Bentley, Jr. His wife, the former Billie Joyce Brashear, and son are living in Cisco, Texas, Route 4, with her parents.



SC1/c AUBREY L. ARMSTRONG

SC1/c Armstrong was born on Oct. 4, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Armstrong of Carbon, Texas. He attended Carbon Grammar and High Schools, volunteering for the service Oct. 2, 1942, at Abilene, assigned to the Navy Seabees, and was sent to Camp Endicot, Rhode Island for training. Served overseas from Sept., 1943, until Nov., 1945, in Pacific area, participating in the battle of the Philippines. SC1/c Armstrong received one bronze operational engagement Star and the Good Conduct Medal. On Nov. 1, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge, and is at home in Ft. Worth, Texas, at 515 South Lake with his wife, Jo Beth, and son.



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***Cpl. ELISHA DAVID NASH**

Cpl. Elisha David Nash, born March 20, 1920, a native of Texas, son of Fannie Nash of Bassett Street, Eastland, Texas, and husband of Freida M. Nash, also of Eastland. He attended the Glen Rose Texas High School, and entered service May 26, 1943, with the Army Air Corps; trained at Amarillo Army Air Field, Texas, and various other fields in the States. Cpl. Nash began overseas duty December, 1944, in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He served and participated in combat on New Guinea, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his Country February 24, 1945, on Morotai Island. The Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star, and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously. His survivors also include one son.



T/Sgt. EDWARD M. CALLARMAN

T/Sgt. Callarman was born on Aug. 18, 1917, son of Mrs. C. E. Callarman, and husband of Lorraine Callarman of Cisco, Texas. Educated at Cisco High School; volunteered for the Army Med. Corps March, 1937, training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; transferred to A.A.C. at Kelly Fld., Texas, in Oct., 1939. Overseas twice, 33 mos. 1st time and 20 mos. the 2nd, in Atlantius Defense Command at Puerto Rico and Virgin Is. with 9th Air Force, and Air Transport Command, stationed in London vicinity and Scotland. Also air offensive of Europe. Awarded Good Conduct, ATO, EAME, and American Defense Medals. T/Sgt. Callarman was discharged Oct. 4, 1945.



S/Sgt. WARREN P. EVERETT

S/Sgt. Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Everett of 908 West 9th, Cisco, Texas, was born on April 27, 1915, in Texas; attended Putnam, Texas, Grammar and High School, also Draughton's Business College at Abilene, Texas. He volunteered for service the 6th of October, 1942, at San Antonio, assigned to the Army Air Force, and trained at Kelly Field, Texas, serving in the European Theater of Operations in England, France, and Germany from February 1, 1944, to February 19, 1946. S/Sgt. Warren P. Everett received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on the 24th day of February, 1946, completing 40 1/2 months of service.

1. —SGT. CHARLES WESLEY HOWELL, born June 23, 1918, son of Mrs. D. N. Poole, Eastland, Texas, husband of Roma L. Howell; attended Parks High School, Texas; entered the service on Dec. 28, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Fort Sill, Sheppard Field, Texas, Chanute Field, Ill., and Spokane Air Depot. Overseas 6 months, in N. Africa, Sicily, Italy and Yugoslavia. Awards: ETO Ribbon W/1 Star, Good Conduct, American T. Ribbon, and Victory. Was discharged Nov. 17, 1945.
2. —Fl/c JAMES COX HOWELL, born Sept. 25, 1921, son of Mrs. D. N. Poole, Eastland, husband of Pansy Howell, Long Beach, Calif., attended Eastland High, Texas; volunteered for service in Jan., 1942; was assigned to the Navy Reserve; trained at San Diego, Calif., and San Francisco, Calif. Overseas from June 15, 1942, to April, 1945. In Sicily, Makin, Gilbert Island, Roi and Namur, Marshall Islands, Saipan, and Guam. Awards: Pres. Unit Citation, 5 Battle Stars. Was discharged Apr., 1945.
3. —QTR. M.1/c BOB NEWTON HOWELL, born June 9, 1924, Colorado, son of Mrs. D. N. Poole, Eastland, attended Eastland High, Texas; volunteered Dec., 1941, and was assigned to the Navy Reserve; trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and Charleston, S.C. Overseas from April, 1942, to Dec. 1945. In Africa, Italy, S. America, Hawaii, Marshall, Guam, Guadalcanal, Philippines, China, India, Sicily, Okinawa, and Japan. He was wounded in N. Africa. Awards: European (3 Stars) S. Pacific 4 Stars, Asiatic (4 Stars).
4. —A.O.M.1/c JOHN NORMAN HOWELL, born April 1, 1927, son of Mrs. D. N. Poole, Eastland, husband of Peggy Howell of Alameda, Calif. attended Eastland High; volunteered Oct., 1943, assigned to the Navy Air Corps, San Diego, Calif., place of training, also Norman, Okla., and New Orleans, La. Served in the U.S. from October, 1943. It is unknown whether or not he received medals or other awards. His parents had word that he was being transferred from Oakland, Calif. Duty: Shore Patrol.
5. —T/SGT. DARON ENLOE MOORE, July 22, 1922, date of birth, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moore, Weatherford, Texas, husband of Oleta Moore, attended Eastland High and Ranger Jr. College; entered the service Dec. 21, 1942, assigned to Army 3rd, 92nd Signal Batt'n.; trained at Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas. Overseas Dec. 24, 1943, to Nov. 19, 1945. In Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, C. Europe. Awards: American C. Medal, EAME W/4 Stars, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 24, 1945.
6. —S/SGT. IRA GORDON STRAWN, born Sept. 3, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Strawn, Cisco, was educated at Eliasville. Volunteered July 25, 1938, assigned to Army 1st Cav. Div.; trained at Ft. Clark, and Ft. Bliss, Texas; overseas July 3, 1943, to Sept. 6, 1945. In S.W. Pacific, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, and S. Philippines. Awards: 6 Battle Stars, Bronze Arrowhead, Presidential Distinguished Unit Badge, and Good Conduct Medal. S/Sgt. Strawn was honorably discharged on September 13, 1945.
- * 7. —S/SGT. GEORGE NORMAN STRAWN, born July 6, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Strawn, Cisco, Texas. Volunteered Aug. 5, 1940, at Brechenridge, assigned to Army 1st Cav. Div., trained at Ft. Ringold and Ft. Bliss. Served in the United States from Aug. 5, 1940, to July 3, 1943; overseas from July 3, 1943, to time of his death which took place on Los Negros Islands. He served in New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago and Admiralty Is. Awarded Silver Star. He died March 13, 1944.
8. —S/SGT. WILLIAM HOWARD STRAWN, born Dec. 15, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Strawn, Eliasville, volunteered May 13, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, assigned to 1st Marine Div.; trained at San Diego, Calif.; served in the U.S. from May 12, 1942, to Jan. 19, 1943; overseas 20 months, South West Pacific, New Britain, Woodlark, and Peleliu. Awarded: Pres. Unit Citation, 3 Battle Stars, Good Con. Medal. S/Sgt. Wm. Strawn received an honorable discharge on May 12, 1946.
9. —T/SGT. HUGH V. SMITH, JR., son of Mrs. Hugh V. Smith, Cisco, husband of Mildred Smith, was born Jan. 1, 1921. Attended Putnam High; entered the service June 13, 1944, at Ft. Sill, Okla., assigned to Army 91st, Div. Sig. Opr. Batt'n.; trained at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas. Overseas Sept. 26, 1945, to Apr. 21, 1946, in Philippine Islands and Japan. Awarded: American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, Army of Occupation Ribbon (Japan). Discharged May 14, 1946.
10. —E.M.2/c BENJAMIN R. TOWNLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Townley, Albuquerque, husband of Grace Townley of Gorman, was born Aug. 18, 1916; attended Baylor College, Waco, Texas; entered the service on March 17, 1944, at Dallas; and was assigned to the Navy, P.T. Squad.; trained at San Diego, N.2 S at St. Louis, Mo., and Shumaker, Calif. Overseas in New Guinea, Philippines, and Asiatic-Pacific. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific (2 Stars) Philippines (2 Stars) and Victory. Was discharged Dec. 17, 1945.
11. —M/SGT. GORDON REX POLLARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Pollard, Cisco, husband of Polly Pollard, was born March 17, 1922; volunteered April, 1940, at Dallas, Texas, assigned to Marine Air Corps; trained at Boot Camp, San Diego, Calif.; overseas in Asiatic Pacific, in Battles: Solomons, New Hebrides, Bougainville, New Caledonia, New Georgia, and New Zealand. Awards: Pres. Unit Citation, W/Blue Star, Asiatic-Pacific W/4 Stars, Good Conduct W/1 Bar, Amer. Def. & Area. Victory. Discharged April 18, 1946.
12. —CPL. JAMES E. POLLARD, born Aug. 5, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Pollard, Cisco, Texas. Attended Cisco Jr. College; volunteered June 28, 1943, at El Paso, Texas; was assigned to Marines, 3rd Div.; trained at United States Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif., Camp Elliott, and Camp Linda Vista. He was overseas from Dec. 3, 1943, to Nov. 24, 1945, in Pacific, New Caledonia, Marshalls, Solomon Islands, Guam and Iwo Jima. Awards: Pres. Citation, Asiatic-Pacific W/3 Stars and Victory. Discharged Dec. 14, 1945.
- * 13. —PFC CHARLES B. TURNER, born Nov. 9, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Turner, attended school at Gorman; entered the service on April 13, 1943, assigned to Co. "M" 164th Inf. Amer.; trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., and Ft. Ord, Calif.; served in the U.S. 6 months and overseas from Oct. 15, 1943, to Feb. 10, 1945. In Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Fiji Islands, New Caledonia, Solomons, and Leyte, P.I., where he died. Awards: C. Inf. B. A. P. W/4 Stars, Philippines Lib. R., and Purple Heart.
14. —CPL. R. E. WILLIAM, born Dec. 6, 1911, son of Ben Williams, Route 1, Mimrod, husband of Neppie Williams, attended Rising Star High; entered the service May 19, 1942, at El Paso, Texas, assigned to Army Engineers; served in the United States 4 months, and overseas from Sept., 1942, to Oct. 14, 1945. In the Aleutian Islands, awarded Good Conduct Medal; was discharged Oct. 14, 1945. Cpl. Williams re-enlisted soon after and is now serving in Germany.
15. —SGT. EUEL RAY WILLIAMS, born Sept. 16, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Williams, Mimrod, attended Rising Star High; entered the service on Sept. 26, 1942, assigned to the Army 1905 Ord. Amn. Aux., Army Air Corps; served in the United States 12 months, and overseas from Aug., 1943, to Jan. 4, 1946. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. Sgt. E. R. Williams received an honorable discharge on January 4, 1946.
16. —S/1/c LUCIOUS LEE MADDUX, born Aug. 11, 1918, Texas, son of Mr. P. W. Maddux, husband of Doris Maddux. He was educated at Rowden; volunteered for service November, 1943, at Tucson, Arizona; was assigned to the Navy, U.S. Navy Cons. Batt'n.; trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Camp Parks, Calif. Served in the United States from Nov. 2, 1943, to Feb. 19, 1945, and overseas from Feb. 19, to Dec. 13, 1945, in Okinawa. Awarded 1 Battle Star. He was honorably discharged Jan. 4, 1946.
17. —M/SGT. BRINLEY J. THOMAS, born June 8, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thomas, 405 West 18th St., Cisco, Texas, attended Cisco Junior College; entered the service June 9, 1942, at Abilene, and was assigned to Army Anti Air Craft Art. Trained at Camp Wallace, Texas, Richmond, Va., Edwards, Mass., and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; served in the U.S. from June 9, 1942, to Dec. 16, 1945. Awarded: Army Commendation Ribbon, American T. Medal, Victory and Good Conduct. Discharged Dec. 16, 1945.
18. —1ST LT. CLIFFORD L. THOMAS, born June 8, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Thomas, Cisco, Texas, husband of Jeffie J. Thomas, attended A & M College, College Sta., Texas; volunteered Aug. 2, 1942, at Dallas; and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. Trained at Nashville, Tenn. Overseas for 19 months, in England, Normandy, Belgium, France, Germany, Battle of Bulge, and D-Day Inv. Awards: Air Medal W/13 O.L.C., D.F. Cross, Pres. Citation, ETO Ribbon W/7 Stars. Discharged July, 1945.
19. —CAPT. CHARLES KAY WILLIAMS, born Feb. 14, 1921, son of Mr. C. Williams, and husband of Sara E. Williams, Olden, attended Desdemona High, Texas, and volunteered Nov. 30, 1939, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Brookfield, San Antonio; overseas from Nov. 17, 1942, to May 30, 1945, in Middle East, Libyan Desert, N. Africa, Sicily, Italy, England, France, and Germany. Awards: 4 Air Medals, and 3 Unit Citations. Now with 37 Trp. Carrier Sqd. 316-TC Grp. Sta. at Pope Fld., Ft. Bragg, N. Carolina.
20. —MAJ. THOMAS COLEMAN WILLIAMS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Williams, 703 W. 8th St., Cisco, husband of Margaret L. Williams, born July 2, 1916, attended Texas Technological College, Lubbock; volunteered Oct., 1942, at Lubbock, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at A.A.F.T.C., Yale University; served in the United States 6 months, overseas from Sept., 1943, to April, 1946. In North Africa, Italy, Naples-Foggio, and Rome-Arno. He was honorably discharged July 15, 1946.

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CMM JACKSON C. BROWN



Sgt. CLARENCE M. BROWN

CMM Jackson C. Brown, birthdate December 15, 1914, in Texas, is the son of Mrs. Edda Brown, Rising Star, Texas; attended Rosenberg, Texas High School, and volunteered September, 1934, at Houston for the Navy, Engineering Branch, training at San Diego. Machinist Brown served overseas December, 1941, to April, 1943, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations where he was in duty in various areas. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation and the World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons. After returning to the States, he again left for overseas October, 1945, aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

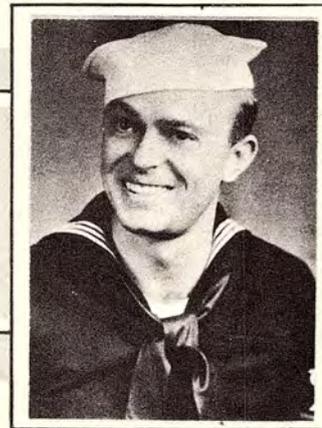
Sgt. Clarence McFarlane Brown, son of Mrs. Edda A. Brown, Rising Star, Texas, was born December 7, 1920, in Texas; attended Texas A & M, College Station, and entered service at San Antonio October 27, 1942, with the Army Service Forces. He trained with the Infantry at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and with the Engineers at Camp Van Dorn. Sgt. Brown began overseas duty March, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, where he participated in the Battle of Luzon and served in Honshu, Japan. The Distinguished Unit Plaque was awarded with Good Conduct Medal and various Ribbons. After returning to the the States he was discharged February 13, 1946.



Pfc GLENN BROWN



BM 1/c JAMES W. BROWN



AMM 2/c THURMOND A. BROWN

Sons of Mrs. Edda A. Brown, Rising Star, Texas.

Pfc GLENN BROWN, birthdate October 30, 1926, in Texas, attended Richmond, Texas, High School, and entered service February, 1945, at San Antonio, with the Army I.R.T.G., training at Camps Hood and Maxey in Texas. He served August, 1945, to the latter part of 1946 in the Pacific Theater at Luzon and in the Army of Occupation in Korea. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded. Was discharged December 20, 1946.

BM1/c JAMES W. BROWN, was born January 28, 1924, a native of Texas; graduated from Richmond, Texas, High School, and volunteered August, 1941, at Houston, Texas, for the U.S. Navy; trained at San Diego, California. Later served January, 1944, to August, 1945, in the Southwest Pacific, fulfilled his assignment and gave his best in service. Currently aboard the USS Crosley.

AMM2/c THURMOND A. BROWN, husband of Patricia Bohler Brown, Hawthorne, California, was born January 25, 1918, in Texas, and volunteered August, 1941, for the Navy, Engineering Aviation Branch. He trained at San Diego, Calif., Chicago, Ill., and Corpus Christi, Texas, later serving May, 1944, to December, 1945, in the Pacific Theater where he participated in the Battle of Saipan. Discharge was granted August, 1946.



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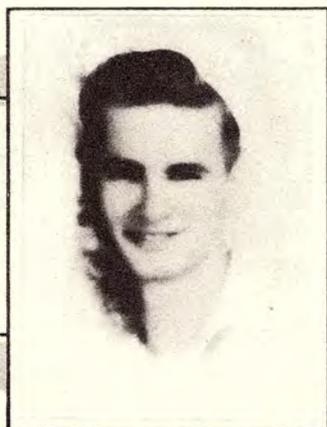
Pfc BILL R. HOUGHTON



Sgt. EARNEST E. HOUGHTON

Pfc Bill R. Houghton, was born on July 3, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Houghton of 909 Walnut Street, Ranger, Texas. He attended Ranger High School in Ranger, Texas, volunteering for service on May 29, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to the U. S. Marines Defense Battalion; he was sent to the Marine Base in San Diego, California, for his training. He saw service in the Aleutian Islands from February 10, 1943, to November 2, 1944. Private First Class Bill Roy Houghton received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps on the 5th day of June, 1946, after almost four years' service.

Sgt. Earnest Edwin Houghton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Houghton, and husband of Lovelle Houghton of 909 Walnut Street, Ranger, Texas. He was born in Oklahoma on August 23, 1918, and attended Ranger High School. On the 20th day of January, 1944, he entered the United States Army, and was assigned to the 1290th Engineer Division, and was then ordered to Camp Hood, Texas, for his training. Sergeant Earnest Edwin Houghton was awarded the following decorations: The American Theater Campaign Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. Sergeant Houghton was given an honorable discharge on July 31, 1946.



RM 3/c JAMES A. HOUGHTON



Sgt. JESSE B. HOUGHTON

Rm.3/c James Allan Houghton, was born on August 31, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Houghton, and husband of Cleo Anna Houghton, Park Place, Apt. 5, Ranger. He attended Ranger, Texas, High School, and volunteered for service on Feb. 5, 1943, at Dallas, assigned to the U.S. Navy Reserve, training at Farragut, Idaho, with overseas service in Pearl Harbor, he also participated in the battle of the Marshall Islands. He was overseas from Nov. 21, 1943, to June 4, 1944. Received Marksman Medal-1903 Springfield Rifle. Rm.3/c Houghton received his discharge papers on October 27, 1944, and resides with his wife in Ranger, Texas.

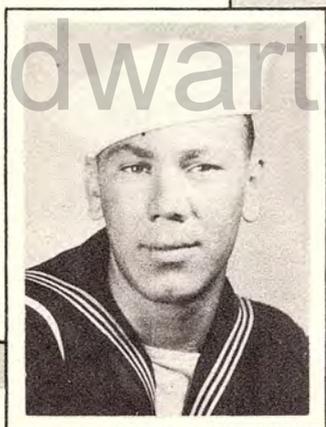
Sgt. Jesse B. Houghton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Houghton of 909 Walnut Street, Ranger, Texas, was born on September 18, 1923, in Texas. He received his education in Hodges Oak Park Grammar, Ranger High, and Ranger Junior College; volunteered for service May 9, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to the United States Marine Corps, going to the Marine Base in San Diego, California for his training. Sergeant Houghton was overseas twice, 39 months in all, in the Pacific Ocean area participating in the battles of Midway and Okinawa Shima. He was given an honorable discharge on the 8th day of May, 1946.

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FO IRA T. TAYLOR

Flight Officer Ira Thomas Taylor was born July 17, 1925, son of Mrs. Ira Mae Taylor, East 10th, Cisco, Texas, and volunteered June 14, 1943, for the Army Air Force; trained at Miami Beach, Fla., Selman Field, La., Walla Walla, Wash., and Langley Field, Va. He began overseas duty April, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, participated in the battles of Luzon, Western Pacific, Southern Philippines, China Defensive, Borneo and Ryukus, serving with the 5th Air Force, 90th Bomb Group as navigator on a B-24 type plane. The Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with six Bronze Service Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and other awards were received, and after returning to the states he was granted discharge December 28, 1945, from Ft. Bliss, Texas.



S1/c JACK J. BASHAM



Pfc ARNOLD A. BASHAM

S1/c Jack James Basham was born November 20, 1925, in Texas, son of Mrs. Mary Lou Basham, Ranger, Texas; attended the Ranger Schools, and volunteered for service March 24, 1943, at Abilene, Texas. Was assigned to the U.S. Navy. Seaman Basham trained at San Diego and San Francisco, California, and began overseas duty June, 1943, in the Pacific area where he participated in the invasion of Luzon in the Philippine Group, Okinawa and Iwo Jima battles and battles of Leyte and Lingayen Gulfs. The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded with various other Medals. Returned home, and was discharged Nov. 22, 1945.

Pfc Arnold A. Basham was born April 13, 1917, a native of Texas, and is the son of Mrs. Mary Lou Basham of Ranger, Eastland County, Texas. He attended the Ranger, Texas, School, and entered service March 18, 1942, at Mineral Wells, Texas. Was assigned to the Army, 161 Quartermaster Company, General Depot. Pfc Basham trained at Fort Riley, Kansas, and served overseas October 22, 1942, until April 29, 1945, at Trinidad, West Indies, and Port of Spain. Returned to the States, and was sent to Ft. Lewis, Washington. His awards include the World War II Medal. Was discharged November 1, 1945.

1. —MOMN 2/c BILLY Q. BANKSTON, born Nov. 22, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bankston, husband of Frances Bankston, 4142 Cole Ave., Dallas, Texas. Entered the service on March 24, 1943, assigned to Navy Engineer; trained at Naval Training Sta., and D.E.S. Base San Diego, Calif., overseas March 28, 1944, to Dec. 13, 1945, in S. Pacific, Samoa, New Guinea, Philippines. Battles: Hollandia, Milne Bay New Guinea, Leyte. Award: 1 Ship Citation from Admiral of Fleet. Discha'd Dec. 1946.

2. —SGT. HUGH SNEED COLE, born March 1, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cole, Cisco, attended Southwestern and Texas Universities, Georgetown and Austin. Entered the service in December, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, and Kelly Field, Texas. Overseas from Oct., 1944, to Feb., 1946, in Guam, Bad Kissingen, Germany. Awarded: Asiatic Pac. W/1 Star, Good Con., and Meritorious U. Serv. Award. Re-enlisted Feb., 1946, in 12th Tactical Air Command, sent to Germany.

3. —PFC WILLIAM EDWARD COLE, born Dec. 22, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cole, Cisco, attended Southwestern University, Georgetown, entered the service in June, 1943, at San Antonio, assigned to Army Med. Corps, with training at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas; served in the United States 16 mos. and overseas from Oct., 1944, to April, 1946, in England, France, and Germany. Awards: Good Conduct and ETO Ribbon. Was Chaplain's Assistant 10 mos. at Camp Barkeley. Discharged April, 1946.

4. —CPL. RICHARD DAVIS COLE, born Jan. 16, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cole, 508 W. 7th St., Cisco, Texas, attended Southwestern University, Georgetown; volunteered June 4, 1944, at San Antonio, assigned to Army A.S.T.R.P. Div. Trained at Baylor Univ., Waco; Texas A & M College, College Sta.; and Camp Hood, Texas. Served in the United States from June, 1944, to Nov., 1946, in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and Ft. Riley. Awards: American T. and Victory. Discharged Nov. 16, 1946.

5. —C.M.3/c ARTHUR MARION CRABTREE, born Sept. 22, 1920, son of Mrs. W. B. Crabtree, 337 Ray St., Ranger, husband of Claire P. Crabtree, Arlington, N.J., volunteered Aug. 24, 1942, assigned to Navy Coast Guards; trained at Algiers, La. (Coast Guard Training Sta.). Served in the U.S. 14 months, and overseas from Oct. 25, to Aug. 1, 1945, in action in Mediterranean Sea, in and around Algiers. Awards: Good Conduct, EAME Ribbon, American Theater, 1 Bronze Star. Discharged Oct. 1, 1945.

6. —B.M.2/c WILLIAM T. INGRAM, born Jan. 13, 1924, son of Mrs. L. Ingram, grandson of Clara B. Dill, graduate of Cisco High School, Texas, entered the service June 15, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, assigned to Navy Amphibious; trained at Naval Training Sta.; served in the United States 5 months, and overseas from Oct. 9, 1943, to Nov. 16, 1946, in Elica Islands, Hawaii, Philippines, and Battle of Leyte. B.M.2/c William T. Ingram was given an honorable discharge on December 6, 1946.

7. —S1/c JAMES FREDRICK FERRIS, born April 8, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferris, Ranger, Texas, husband of Hazel G. Ferris, W. 7th, Freeport, attended Ranger High; volunteered July 1, 1942, at Ft. Worth, Texas. He was assigned to the Coast Guard, trained at Coast Guard Receiving Station, Houston Yacht Club, Houston, Texas. Served in the United States from July 1, 1942, to July 10, 1945, and overseas 3 months in South Pacific. He was honorably discharged on October 2, 1945.

8. —RDM 2/c J. C. FLETCHER, born July 31, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher, Brownwood, husband of Mable Fletcher, Cisco, entered service Mar. 15, 1944, at Dallas, assigned to Navy; trained at Naval T. Center, San Diego, Calif. Overseas 14 months on Destroyer U.S.S. Putnam (D.D.757) in Philippines. Awarded Battle Stars for Iwo Jima and Okinawa; also served 2 1/2 months in Japan. The Putnam acted as Radar Picket Ship at Iwo and Okinawa, also submarine patrol and convoy duty. Disc. 1945.

9. —T/4 ABE HALL, born Sept. 25, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall, attended Carbon High School, entered the service April 9, 1942, assigned to the Army Corps; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas, Kirkland Fld., N.M., Camps Bullis, Texas, Polk, and Claiborne, La. Overseas from Jan. 19, 1944, to Nov. 13, 1945, in England, Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and C. Europe. Awards: American Theater, EAME Medal W/5 Stars, Meritorious Unit Award, and Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 20, 1945.

10. —FLIGHT OFFICER HARRY CLYDE HALL, born May 7, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall, Carbon, attended Ranger Jr. College, Texas; volunteered June 10, 1942, assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Bowman Field, Ky; served in the U.S. from June 10, 1942, to March 30, 1944, and overseas 19 months, in Air Combat, Balkans, S. France, Po Valley, N. Apennines, Rome-Arno. Awards: Air Medal, Dist. Unit Citation Badge, EAME W/5 Stars, 1 Bronze Service Arrowhead. Discharged Jan. 3, 1946.

11. —SGT. ERNEST MILTON HOOD, born Dec. 23, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hood, Ranger, husband of Wanda N. Hood, Olden, entered the service Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to Army Co. 1, 142nd Inf., 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas from April, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland, C. Europe. Awards: EAME W/5 Stars, Good Conduct, Victory, Pres. Citation. Discharged Nov. 27, 1945. Re-enlisted in regular army; now stationed in Fort Lewis, Wash.

12. —SGT. ACIE O'HARA HOOVER, born April 15, 1914, son of Winnie Hoover, husband of Joyce R. Hoover both of Ranger, educated at Ranger, entered the service on April 4, 1944, assigned to Army 36th Inf. Div.; trained at Camp J.T. Robinson, Ark. Overseas from Nov. 13, 1944, to May 17, 1946, in Rhineland and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Ribbon W/2 Stars, Good Conduct, Victory Ribbon, Army Occupation of Germany Ribbon and Combat Infantryman Badge. He was honorably discharged June 2, 1946.

13. —SGT. WOODROW WILSON KITCHENS, born May 10, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kitchens, Ranger, husband of Anna Kitchens, volunteered Oct. 2, 1942, assigned to 308th Bomb. Group 14 Air Force; trained at Station Hospital, Biggs Field, Texas. Served in U.S. 4 months, overseas from Feb. 15, 1943, to Oct. 27, 1945. Served in CBI Theater. Awards: Asiatic Pac. W/2 Stars, Dist. Unit Badge W/1 O.L.C.5 Service Bars. Discharged Nov. 1, 1945.

14. —S2/c DILMAS ABGIL KITCHENS, born May 21, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kitchens, 1014 Oddie St., Ranger, Texas. Educated at Colony. Entered the service on Nov. 23, 1943, at Eastland; was assigned to the Navy (U.S.N.-1); trained at San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States from Nov. 23, 1943, to March 13, 1944, and overseas from March 13 to Sept. 20, 1944, in Marianas Islands. S2/c D.A. Kitchens was honorably discharged on December 8, 1944.

15. —PFC ROBERT EUGENE LESTER, born April 9, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lester, husband of Helen R. Lester, attended Sabine High School, Gladewater; entered the service on Dec. 8, 1942, Tyler, Texas. Assigned to Army Batt'y A. 932nd, F.A. Batt'n. Trained at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. Overseas from Aug. 12, 1943, to Dec. 10, 1945. In European T.O., Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland and C. Germany. Awards: ETO, Good Con., Victory, and 4 Battle Stars. He was discharged Dec. 10, 1945.

16. —S.M.2/c WILLIAM EDWARD LESTER, born Feb. 12, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lester, Ranger, attended Sabine High School; entered the service May 20, 1943, assigned to the Navy Fleet Anti Submarine Warfare; trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Overseas Sept. 25, 1943, to Feb. 15, 1946. In North Atlantic and Pacific. Awarded: American Theater of Operations, European and Pacific Theater of Operations, Good Conduct, and American Victory Ribbon. Honorably discharged Feb. 20, 1946.

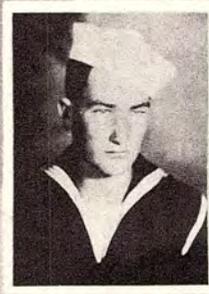
17. —SGT. JACK GARLAND JONES, born Aug. 21, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones, Eastland, husband of Viva L. Jones, attended Eastland High School; entered the service on June 14, 1944, assigned to Army 1304 Eng'rs; trained at Ft. Riley, Kansas, C.R.T.C.-transferred to Eng'rs. Served in the U.S. 7 months, overseas 15 months, Calcutta, Ledo, Assam, India, Shingbuiyang, Myitkyina, Burma-nano, Burma. Sgt. Jones received an honorable discharge on March 21, 1946.

18. —SGT. JOHN WHITLEY, born Dec. 29, 1914, brother of Mrs. V. W. Peterson, Route #3, Victory St., Ranger, husband of Anna B. Whitley, attended high school at Ranger, Texas. Volunteered for service in 1940, and was assigned to the Army C.A.C. Served in the United States from 1940 to 1945, and overseas some months. He received the following awards: Asiatic and Pacific, W/1 Bronze Star, and the American Defense Ribbon. He was honorably discharged December, 1945.

*19. —PVT. CALVIN EUGENE WHITLEY, born June 3, 1917, brother of Mrs. Anna Mae Mathis and John Whitley, attended Ranger High School, Texas; volunteered for service in 1940; and was assigned to the Army 200th Coastal Art. A.A. Batt'y A. Trained at Fort Bliss, Texas; served in the U.S. for 6 weeks, overseas from 1940 to June 3, 1942. On Bataan, Philippines, Pvt. Whitley died in the P. Islands June 3, 1942 on his 25th birthday while at P.O.W. Awards Purple Heart (Posthumously).

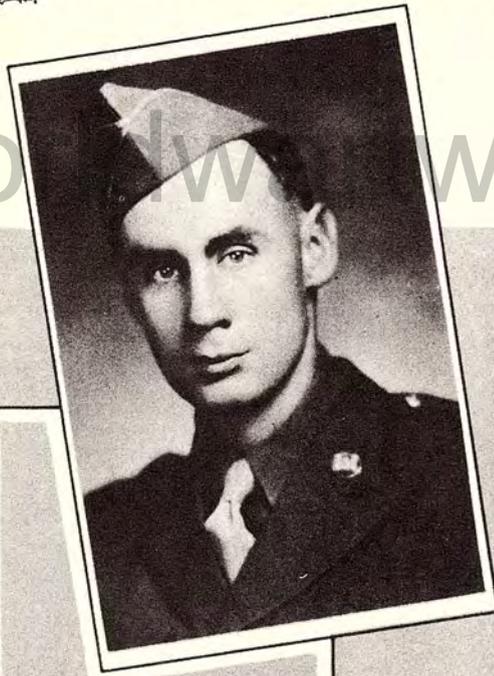
*20. —T/5 JOHN WILLIAM WATSON, born Sept. 9, 1921, nephew of Mrs. V. W. Peterson, Ranger, Texas. He attended Ranger High; volunteered June 16, 1940, assigned to Army Tr. A. 2nd Cav. Mecz Cav. Rcn. Sq.; trained at Ft. Clark, Texas, Ft. Bliss, and Ft. Riley, Kans., and Ft. Jackson, S.C. Overseas in England and Rennes, France. He was killed in action in France, and his remains are interred in the U.S. Military Cemetery. This grave is 33 miles N.E. of Rennes, France. Awards: Purple Heart (Posthumously).

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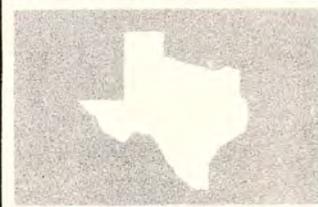
***Cpl. DAYTON E. RUTLEDGE**

Cpl. Dayton E. Rutledge was born August 6, 1913, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Lucy Rutledge, Burleson Road, Austin, Travis County, Texas, and husband of Lorene Harrell Rutledge, Box 35, Ranger, Texas. He attended the Austin High School and University of Texas, also was a student of the Art Institute, Pittsburg, Pa., and was employed by the Wallace Engraving Company at Austin. Cpl. Rutledge entered service May 19, 1941, at San Antonio, and was assigned to the Army Armored Engineers; trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Camp Polk, La., Camp Pickett, Va., and Indiantown Gap, Pa.; began overseas duty September, 1943, with the 3rd. Armored Engineers, 1st. Army in France, Belgium, Germany. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice October 8, 1944, near Stolbert, Germany.



Pfc JOSE R. CAMACHO

Pfc Jose Ruelas Camacho, born January 3, 1923, son of Mrs. Petra R. Camacho, Ranger, Texas, entered service January 28, 1943, with the Army 82nd Airborne Div.; trained at Camp Howze, Texas. He served overseas June, 1944, to May, 1945, in the European Theater in England and France, participating in the battle of the Rhineland and Belgian Bulge, and was wounded February 3, 1945, at Nuehoff, Germany. The Purple Heart was awarded plus EAME Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, Combat Infantryman Badge and other awards. After returning to the States, Pfc Camacho was discharged January 23, 1946.



Sgt. ARTURO R. CAMACHO

Sgt. Arturo Ruelas Camacho was born February 13, 1922, son of Mrs. Petra R. Camacho, Ranger, Texas; volunteered February 19, 1941, for the Army 60th Coast Artillery training at Ft. Mills, Corregidor, Philippine Islands. He served in the Pacific Theater April, 1941, to September, 1945; participated in the defense of Bataan and Corregidor; was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese, June, 1942, and held at Cabanatuan, Camp Murphy, P. I. and Zentzugi, Japan, until September, 1945. The Distinguished Unit Badge with two Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with other Medals, and after returning home he was discharged March 4, 1946.

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2nd Lt. JOHNNIE D. LINDER



1st Lt. EDGAR W. LINDER

2nd Lt. Linder was born on April 1, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Linder of Gorman, Texas, a graduate of Gorman, Texas, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps on July 15, 1943, at Corsicana, Texas, and was ordered to Randolph and Ellington Fields in Texas for training, with service in the European Theater of Operations from July 18, 1945, to December 18, 1945. Lt. Linder served as Army Flight Instructor until Aug., 1944, and in Sept., 1944, he was assigned to Air Transport Command. Prior to separation from active duty in Dec., 1946, he served as transition instructor at Great Falls A.A.B. He now resides with his wife, Marjorie, in Corsicana.

1st Lt. Linder, was born on Feb. 10, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Linder of Box 342, and husband of Marie Linder, Gorman, Texas; educated in Gorman Grammar and High Schools, enlisting in the A.A.C. on Oct. 20, 1939; trained at Randolph, Kelly, and Ellington Flds., Texas. He served in Africa, Sicily, Italy, and England, participating in the battles of Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, Rome-Arno, and Normandy; overseas from Nov., 1942, until July, 1944. Decorations include Air Medal with Cluster, 5 Battle Stars, and 3 Distinguished Unit Citations. At present he is with the 37th Troop Carrier Sqdn. at Greenville Army Air Base in Greenville, South Carolina.



Ens. HAROLD D. FYFFE



Capt. ERNEST R. GREEN, JR.

Ens. Fyffe, was born on December 11, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen A. Fyffe of Eldorado, Ill. He attended Washington Grammar and Eldorado High Schools in Ill., and Ranger Junior College at Ranger, Texas, and on November 13, 1942, he volunteered for the Navy, serving as Line Officer, training at Ft. Schuyler, New York. Went overseas on July 10, 1945, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific Area in the Philippines. He received the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbons. Ensign Fyffe was given an honorable discharge April 1, 1945, 28 days after he returned to the States, and is at home with his wife, Ruth.

Capt. Green was born on Aug. 30, 1921, the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Green, Sr., of 434 Pine Street, Ranger, Texas; his wife is the former Fern Allen Meroney, also of Ranger. He attended Baylor Medical University in Dallas, Texas, and volunteered for the service in January, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to the Army 8th Service Command. Commissioned 1st Lt. on the 19th of April, 1944, and promoted to Captain in August, 1945, at Camp Maxie, Paris, Texas. Captain Ernest Roland Green served in Regional Hospitals in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Pennsylvania. On the 16th of August, 1946, he received his discharge, is at home in Ranger, Texas.



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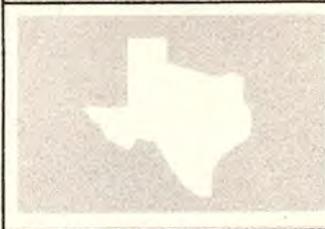
1st Lt. CHARLES D. WHITEFIELD

1st Lt. Charles David Whitefield, born March 9, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Whitefield, Ranger, Texas, and husband of Jane C. Whitefield, 1016 N. Dotsey, Odessa, Texas, attended Abilene, Texas, Christian College, and served in the Royal Canadian Air Force Sept., 1941, to Apr., 1942, and terminated service to volunteer for the U.S. Army Air Force July 8, 1942. He trained at Garner Field, Goodfellow Field and Moore Field, all in Texas, and began overseas duty June 3, 1944, with the 8th Air Force, based in England; participated in the air offensive over Europe, and received the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, ETO Ribbon with four Battle Stars and Pres. Unit Citation. Returned to the States, and was discharged June 31, 1945.



T/Sgt. BUSTER W. HIGDON

T/Sgt. Higdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Higdon of 118 South Austin, Ranger, Texas, was born on Oct. 12, 1919; attended Texas Technological College at Lubbock; volunteered for service Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to the Army 36th Div.; and was sent to Camp Bowie, Texas, for training. Overseas from April 2, 1943, to Nov. 28, 1944, in invasions of Southern France and Italy at Salerno, also in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, and Rhineland campaigns. His awards are American Defense, ETO with 4 Stars, and Good Conduct Medals. T/Sgt. Higdon was discharged on June 9, 1945, from the U.S. Army.



T/5 LAFOYE A. LENZ

T/5 Lenz, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lenz of Cisco, Texas, husband of Dixie Ray Barker Lenz also of Cisco, was born on Dec. 1, 1925; attended Cisco High School, and entered the service Aug. 31, 1944, and was assigned to the Army Infantry, training at Camp Fannin, Texas. He shipped overseas in Jan., 1945, and served in France and Germany. He received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action on April 15, 1945, in the vicinity of Waldenburg, Germany, and the European Theater Medal with 3 Battle Stars. T/5 Lafoye A. Lenz is still serving with the 4047 Q.M. Trucking Co., A.P.O. 175, New York City, New York.

1. -LT. COL. JOSEPH GORDON RUSSELL, born March 26, 1912, husband of Dorothy F. Russell, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, attended U.S. Military Academy, W. Pt., N. Y., volunteered Feb. 24, 1929, and was assigned to Army 15th Air Force; trained at Randolph Fld., Texas. Overseas 3 years and 2 mos. in Hawaii, N. Africa, Italy, in battles; Rome-Arno, S. France, air battle of Germany, Balkans. Awards: Sil. Star, D.F. Cross, Air Medal W/3 O.L.C.'s., EAME Army Comm. R. Texas Merit. Service Medal with Acorn.

2. -LT. JAMES SCOTTIE RUSSELL, born July 23, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Russell, husband of Marguerite A. Russell, San Antonio, Texas. Attended Agricultural & Mechanical College, College Sta. Volunteered Jan. 18, 1931, was assigned to Cav., 56th Brig., Hdqtrs. Detach. 124th Commissioned as Ensign, 1942; trained at Ft. Schuyler, N.Y.; overseas 15 mos. in Asiatic Pacific, aboard USS Hornet, (CV-12) American Aes. Lt. James Russell is at present in the Navy, USS Yakutat (AVP-32).

3. -T/4 J. NEVILLE RUSSELL, born June 12, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Russell, Mineral Wells, Texas. Educated at Ft. Worth, Texas; volunteered Nov. 19, 1936, at Fort Bliss, Texas, assigned to 1st Army Cav., trained at Ft. Bliss; overseas Oct., 1942, to June 19, 1945, N. African Campaign, Sicily, Sardinia, Italy, Rome-Arno. Awarded: Good Conduct and Campaign Ribbons from the above mentioned areas. Was discharged July 2, 1945, and re-enlisted May 6, 1946, in the Medical Corps.

4. -1ST LT. JAY VINCENT RUSSELL, JR., born July 6, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Russell, husband of Violet S. Russell, attended N.T.A.C., Arlington. Entered the service Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to 25th Inf. Div. (Army); trained at Camp Bowie; overseas from Sept., 1942, to July, 1945, in Oahu, T. H., New Caledonia, New Zealand, Battles of Guadalcanal, N. Solomons, and Luzon, P.I. Awarded: Silver Star, Purple Heart, A.P. Ribbon W/3 Stars, Phil. Lib. W/1 Star, Amer. Def., Victory. Discharged Jan. 23, 1946.

5. -S/SGT. ROBERT AUGUST LEDEEN, born July 31, 1914, son of Mr. A. M. Ledeen, Robertdale, husband of Patricia G. Ledeen, attended University of Alabama; entered the service on April 4, 1941, and was assigned to the Coast Art.; trained at Wallace, Ft. Bliss. Overseas from Aug. 1, 1943, to Dec. 15, 1945, in New Guinea, (Finschhafen) Oro Bay, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Lingayan Gulf Invasion, Jan. 9. Awards: 2 Campaign Stars, Philippine Lib. Pearl Harbor. Disc. Jan. 10, 1946.

6. -1ST LT. BRYAN GERON CHICK, born May 24, 1919, son of Wesley P. Chick, Paris, Kathleen D. Chick, Ft. Worth, attended North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington; volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to Army 36th Inf. Trained at Camp Bowie, overseas for 14 months, in N. Africa, Italy, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno. He was wounded at Cassino. Awarded Bronze Star, Combat Inf. Badge EAME Ribbon W/2 Bronze Stars and 1 Arrowhead, Purple Heart, American Defense. Discharged Dec. 18, 1946.

7. -S/SGT. SAM HUBERT McVAY, born Feb. 24, 1921, son of Mrs. S. McVay, Mineral Wells, husband of Sibyl R. McVay attended Milsap High; entered the service on Sept. 23, 1942, and was assigned to Army Ground Forces; trained at Camp Wallace, Texas. Overseas from Dec. 16, 1944, to Dec. 11, 1945, 1 year. In Philippine Islands, battles; Philippine Liberation, Luzon. Awards: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Lib., Good Con., and Victory Medals. He was honorably discharged Jan. 5, 1946.

* 8. -S2/c BUSTER RUCKER, born July 6, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gid. Rucker, Route 1, Santo, entered the service Dec. 8, 1943, and was assigned to Navy U.S.S. Alpine APA-92; trained at U.S.N.T.S., San Diego, 33, Calif. Overseas 10 months, in Guam, Leyte, and Okinawa; he was awarded: Purple Heart, Presidential Citation. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice at Okinawa, and his body was taken ashore for burial in 7th Inf. Div. #1 Cemetery, Okinawa, and it will be brought home later.

9. -COL. WILLIAM JOHN MILES, born Oct. 23, 1898, son of Mrs. A. E. Miles, San Antonio, husband of Madeline Miles, Seguin, attended Texas A & M College, College Sta., Texas; entered the service on Nov. 18, 1940; was assigned to the Army Air Forces, 73rd Bomb Wing. Overseas from Aug. 12, 1944, to Sept. 30, 1945, in aerial offensive against Japan. He was awarded: Bronze Star Medal, Asiatic Pacific W/2 Bronze Service Stars, American Defense Service Medal. Discharged Feb. 13, 1946.

10. -1ST LT. MARIE AGNES MILES, daughter of Mrs. A. E. Miles, born July 8, 1907, attended University of Texas (M.A.) Austin, Texas; volunteered June 5, 1943, assigned to Marine Officers Training School. Overseas 4 months, attached to the Com. Gen., Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, and served in Pearl Harbor. Asst. to Marine Special Officer on Plan and Policy Staff, Comm-in-Chief. United States Fleet, Washington, D. C. Placed on inactive duty status in Marine Corps Women's Res. Feb. 8, 1946.

* 11. -PFC JAMES LEROY YARBRO (BABE), born Dec. 28, 1919, son of Mrs. Dick Smith, Box 176, Graford, Texas, attended school at Graford, entered the service on Feb. 21, 1942; and was assigned to the Army 21st Inf. Div. with 13 weeks' training at Camp Robinson, Ark. Served 10 months in Hawaii; overseas 2 years. He was in battle in Australia, New Guinea, and Leyte where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice, having been killed in line of duty on October 28, 1944.

* 12. -T/5 R. C. SPINKS, born May 21, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Spinks, Box 126, Santo, attended Santo High School; volunteered June 6, 1941, at Dallas; was assigned to Air Corps; trained at March Field, Calif.; served in the U.S. for 4 months; and overseas from Oct., 1941, to June, 1942. He was at Nichol Field, Philippines, when war broke out, served on Bataan and was in the Death March. In Camps (POW) Gayon, Neuva, Ecija, P.I. Died in prison. Carried as missing until Oct. 19, 1945.

13. -PFC EARL WAYNE WORLEY, born Dec. 23, 1921, son of Mrs. Ola Worley, Mineral Wells, husband of Mrs. Letha Worley, Pampa, Texas, attended McLean High; entered the service Nov. 13, 1941, at Lubbock, Texas; trained at Hammond Gen. Hospital, Modesto, Calif.; served in the United States from Nov. 13, 1941, and is still serving, having re-enlisted on February 4, 1946, for a period of 1 year. He had a brother James Quinton, who was killed in action on Bonin Island, Pacific area.

* 14. -S1/c JAMES QUITON WORLEY, born Nov. 18, 1925, son of Mrs. Ola Worley, Mineral Wells, volunteered July 19, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, assigned to Air Corps; trained at Camp Kearney, San Diego, Calif. Overseas from May 23, 1944, to Oct. 11, 1945, when he was reported dead. Awarded: Citation and Purple Heart. He was recommended for the excellent service he gave in action against enemy shipping N. of Bonin Island, and his calmness under fire displayed at battle Station.

15. -1ST LT. MELVIN DAVIS BAILEY, JR., born March 4, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bailey, Cisco, husband of Noreen E. Bailey, Meadville, Pa. Graduated from J. T. Agricultural College, Stephenville, Texas; volunteered on March 10, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Kelly, Garner, Randolph, Moore, Fields, Texas. Served in the U.S. 4 yrs. Awards: Exp. Rifleman Badge, Medal in Aerial Gunnery. At present head of post engineers, Hensley Field, Grand Prairie, Texas.

16. -1ST LT. GAYLE BAILEY, born Nov. 19, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Bailey, Cisco, husband of Billy J. Bailey. Attended Texas A & M College, College Sta.; volunteered Nov. 28, 1942; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas; overseas 3 months, in Taranto, Italy, Germany, and N. Italy. Awards: Distg. U. Citation, for heroic attacks; Air Medal W/1 O.L.C.; Dis. U. Badge W/1 O.L.C.; 2 Pres. Citation; ETO Ribbon W/3 Battle Stars. At present he is Adj. at Hensley Fld., Grand Prairie, Texas.

17. -C.M.1/c BRUCE MORGAN BENNETT, born May 10, 1912, son of T.H. Bennett, husband of Nora Morgan, Gorman, Texas, attended Gorman High School; volunteered Feb. 29, 1942. He was assigned to the Navy Seabees; trained at Camp Bradford; served in the United States from March 18, 1942, to May 30, overseas from June 8, 1942, to Oct. 1, 1945, in South Pacific, Hawaiians, Carolinas, Phonex, Marshalls, and Ryukyus. C.M.1/c Bennett received an honorable discharge Oct. 1, 1945.

18. -CPL. AUBREY "A" BENNETT, born Dec. 30, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bennett, attended J.T. Agricultural College, Stephenville, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 5, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to the Marines 1st Div., 2nd Raider Batt'n. Trained at M.C.B., San Diego, Calif.; served in the U.S. from Jan. 5, 1942, to Aug. 24, 1945. Overseas from May 9, 1942, to Feb. 16, 1944, in Asiatic-Pacific, Battle of Midway, Guadalcanal, Bougainville. Awards: 3 Battle Stars, Pres. U. Cit. Dischd. Sept. 24, 1945.

19. -PFC WILLIAM HARVEY CHICK, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chick, Rising Star, Texas, born Aug. 26, 1922, attended Woodson High, Woodson, Texas. Entered the service Nov. 19, 1942, at Throckmorton, and was assigned to the 3rd Army (101st Evacuation Hospital); trained at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. Overseas 9 mos., in Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and C. Europe. Awards: American Theater, EAME W/5 Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. He was honorably discharged Dec. 3, 1945.

* 20. -CPL. ROY CLAYTON CHICK, born March 9, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chick, Rising Star, attended Woodson High School; volunteered Nov. 6, 1942, at Dallas, Texas. He was assigned to the 6th Marines; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.; served in the U.S. 5 months, and overseas from April, 1943, to April 17, 1945, in New Georgia, Guam, Okinawa. He was killed in action at Guam, April 17, 1945. Awards: Sharp Shooters' Medal, Purple Heart. (Posthumously).

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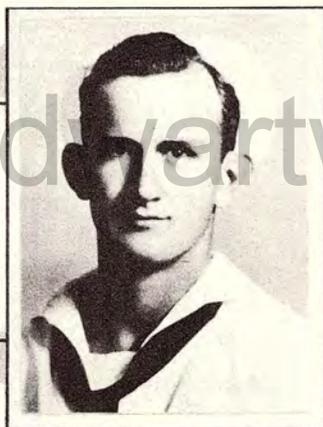
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RM 3/c BUFORD N. BRYAN



Pvt. EUAL R. BRYAN

R.M.3/c Buford N. Bryan, was born on Dec. 23, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Bryan, and husband of Twyla Bryaa of Ranger, Texas. He attended Ranger High School, entering the service on Feb. 26, 1943, at Abilene, assigned to the Navy Armed Guard, with radio school training at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Oct. 25, 1943, to Oct. 27, 1945, in Caribbean and South West Pacific area, with service in the Philippines. His awards are: American Theater, Asiatic Pacific, Occupation of Philippines, and World War II Victory Medals. R.M.3/c Bryan received an honorable discharge on November 13, 1946, from the U. S. Navy.

Pvt. Eual Ralph Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.N. Bryan of Ranger, and husband of the former Iola Simmonds of Eastland, Texas, was born July 7, 1916, and attended high school in Ranger, entering the Army on Aug. 9, 1945, at Gainèsville. Was assigned to the Intelligence Corps; trained at Camp Lee, Va., and Baltimore, Maryland; overseas some 6 months, serving as a special agent in the American Intelligence Service in Milan and Como, Italy. Discharged on Sept. 1, 1946, at Camp Mead, Maryland. At present he is manager of the Community Public Service Ice Co. at Pecos, Texas, and is at home with his wife and daughter, Barbara Bryan.



Ens. HERMAN L. BRYAN



Sgt. RAYMON E. BRYAN

Ens. Herman L. Bryan, was born on July 18, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.N. Bryan of Ranger, Texas, a graduate of Ranger High. He studied at the Univ. of Texas at Austin, volunteering for the Navy on Nov. 14, 1942, at Seattle, Wn., assigned to the U.S.S. Y.M.S. 331; trained at U.S.N.R.M.S. in Columbia Univ., N.Y. Overseas twice, 18 1/2 mos. in all, serving in the Caribbean Area; participated in battle for Okinawa, East China Sea sweep operation, and Occupation of Japan. Awarded American Theater, Asiatic Pacific, with 2 Stars, Occupation of Japan, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged on May 12, 1946, and is still serving in the Naval Reserve.

Sgt. Raymon E. Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Bryan of Ranger, Texas, was born on August 29, 1925; he attended Ranger Grammar and High Schools, volunteering for service on Nov. 2, 1942, at Lubbock, assigned to the 380th A.A.F. Bomb. Gp., training at March Fld., Calif. Served in the Asiatic South Pacific area from July 5, 1945, until Jan. 6, 1946, participating in the Philippine Liberation. Decorations include the American Theater, Asiatic Pacific, Victory, Occupation of Japan, Philippine Liberation, and the Good Conduct Medals. Sgt. Bryan is at present at Chanute Field, Illinois, serving with the 3502nd A.A.F.B.U.

1. —PFC ALFRED WILLIAM WRENN, born July 22, 1908. Husband of Mrs. Katie Virginia Wrenn of O'Donnell, Texas. Entered Dec. 14, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army 84th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Howze, Texas. Overseas Oct. 3, 1944, to May 23, 1945, in the European Theater, Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Sept. 29, 1945.

2. —S/SGT. JACK RAYMOND WOODS, born July 22, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Woods of Eastland, Texas. Volunteered April 9, 1941, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, in the Army Signal Corps. Trained at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Served in the United States from April 9, 1941, to February 18, 1944, in 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Bliss, 91st Sig. Co., 91st Infantry Division, at Camp White, Ore., and 570th Sig. Co., 70th Infantry Division, at Camp Adair, Ore. Awarded Victory Medal. Was discharged Feb. 18, 1944.

3. —SGT. JASPER MILFORD WOODS, born Oct. 24, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Woods of Eastland, Texas. Volunteered Dec. 11, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, in the 4th Marines Division. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Feb. 7, 1943, to April 26, 1945, in Majuro, M.I., and Iwo Jima. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged November 11, 1945. Attended Eastland High School. Had two brothers in the service.

4. —CPL. ELMO E. WOODS, born Sept. 17, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Woods of Eastland, Texas. Entered Dec. 14, 1942, at Sheppard Field, Texas, in the Army Aviation Ground Crew. Trained at Boaman Fields, Ky. and Maxon Field, N.C. Overseas Feb., 1945, to March 15, 1946, in Roben, France, 520th Quartermaster R.H.D. Co., Bamberg, Germany, and 429th Quartermaster Srv-Rep. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal, 2 Overseas Service Bars, and 1 Service Stripe. Was discharged March 22, 1946.

5. —GUNNERS MATE 1/c HARTWELL BONCILE AYCOCK, born May 21, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Aycock of Stephenville, Texas. Volunteered March 23, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, in the Navy Motor Torpedo Boats. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Melville, R.I. Overseas Feb., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Africa, European Theater, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Northern Solomons, South, and Southwest Pacific. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, and Victory Medal. Was discharged Nov. 29, 1945.

6. —S/SGT. RICHARD DOYLE AYCOCK, born Nov. 19, 1912. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Aycock of Stephenville, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 6, 1942, at Carlsbad, N.M., in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Carlsbad, N.M. Overseas June 21, 1945, to March 7, 1946, in Okinawa. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged March 11, 1946. Attended Stephenville High School. Husband of Mrs. Mattie Lou Aycock of Carlsbad, N.M.

7. —T/5 LEROY CLAY AYCOCK, born Dec. 14, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Aycock of Stephenville, Texas. Volunteered July 25, 1944, at Stephenville, Texas, in the Army Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, Co. A, 67th Bn. Served in the United States July 25, 1944, to August 13, 1946, in Camp Beolo, Calif., and Ft. Benning, Ga. Awarded Good Conduct, American, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged August 13, 1946. Attended Stephenville High School.

8. —PFC THADIOUS LOFTON BELL, born June 7, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bell of Stephenville, Texas. Entered Feb. 24, 1943, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, in the Army Eng. Division. Trained at Camp White, Oregon. Overseas Dec., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in European Theater, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, Unit Citation, Truck Drivers Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged Nov. 13, 1945.

9. —PFC WAYNE MALVERN COWAN, born Nov. 7, 1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Cowan of Stephenville, Texas. Entered service May 11, 1944, at Dallas, Texas, in the Marine Corps. Received his training at San Diego, California. Served in the United States from May 11, 1944, to May, 1946. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged May 12, 1946. Husband of Mrs. Edith M. Cowan of Stephenville, Texas. Attended College at Ozarks, Ark., and Univ. of Texas.

10. —PFC JOE BAILEY COWAN, born March 7, 1909. Son of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Cowan of Stephenville, Texas. Entered Aug. 12, 1942, in the Army Air Forces. Trained at Scott Field, Ill. Overseas March, 1944, to Aug., 1945, in European Theater. Previous enlistment Sept., 1940, to May, 1941, in the Army Signal Corps and also 8 months in Royal Canadian Air Force. Received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged November 2, 1945. Husband of Mrs. Phyllis M. Cowan of Ft. Stockton, Texas.

11. —T/4 WILLIAM GENE COWAN, born Dec. 7, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cowan of Stephenville, Texas. Entered July 24, 1944, at Mineral Wells, Texas, in the Army Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Overseas Jan., 1945, to May, 1946, in Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Was awarded Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged June 24, 1947. Completed his education at John Tarleton University.

*12. —PFC FORREST HENRY PARKS, born April 23, 1925. Husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Parks of Eastland. Entered Aug. 31, 1943, in the Army 126th Infantry, 32nd Division. Trained at Camp Wolters. Overseas March, 1944, to March, 1945, in Southwest Pacific, Indies, New Guinea, Noratia, Leyte, Netherlands, and Luzon. Awarded Presidential Citation, Purple Heart, Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars, and Asiatic-Pacific with 3 Stars. Paid Supreme Sacrifice in action on Villa Verde Trail, Luzon, P.I., March 16, 1945.

13. —1ST LT. GILLES LEONARD KAY, born Oct. 9, 1920. Brother of Lois Kay of Stephenville, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 2, 1939, in Houston, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained in the United States. Overseas Nov., 1942, to Feb., 1944, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, Alaska, Kiska, and Attu. Awarded Air Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, American Defense, American Theater, and Victory Medal. Was discharged Sept. 17, 1945.

14. —PHM1/c JAMES ODELL KAY, born Feb. 7, 1910, brother of Miss Lois Kay of Stephenville, Texas. Entered May 14, 1942, at Galveston, Texas, in the Navy Medical Corps. Trained at San Francisco, Calif. Overseas Oct., 1942, to Jan., 1944, in Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, and New Guinea. Awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged March 12, 1946.

15. —PFC WALTER LEVI KAY, born June 8, 1924. Brother of Lois Kay of Stephenville, Texas. Entered Jan. 13, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army 3rd Division. Trained at Ft. Belvoir, Va. Overseas June, 1943, to Dec., 1945, in England, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded European Theater Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Still in Hq. Sqdn., 376th Air Service Gp.

*16. —PFC MORRIS GALE McCAULEY, born May 18, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCauley of Lipan, Texas. Entered Feb. 5, 1942, at Mineral Wells, Texas, in the Army Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Overseas Aug., 1944, to June, 1945, in European Theater. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 11, 1945, at Rosenberg, Germany. Was awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Attended Lipan High School.

17. —MESS/SGT. CHARLES F. RAY, born Sept. 26, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ray of Stephenville, Texas. Entered Dec. 23, 1944, in the Army Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Overseas May, 1945, to April, 1946, in Pacific and Philippines. He received the Good Conduct, American Theater, 1 Bronze Battle Star for Philippines, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged April 16, 1946. Completed his education at John Tarleton College.

18. —FIREMAN1/c CRAIG WAYMAN RAY, born March 21, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ray of Stephenville, Texas. Volunteered March 27, 1943, in the Navy Air Dales and Engineers. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Pearl Harbor. Overseas May, 1943, to May, 1946, in Pacific, Okinawa, and Japan with the 3rd Fleet aboard Bon Homme Richard. Awarded 2 Battle Stars, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medal. Was discharged May 18, 1946.

*19. —LT. VERNON O. BREAZEALE, born Aug. 14, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Breazeale of Brownwood, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 15, 1942, at Brownwood in the Army Air Forces. Trained at Santa Ana, Calif., and Dalhart, Texas. Overseas April, 1944, to May, 1944, in England flying 6 missions on French Sea Ports, Germany, Berlin, and other vital targets. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice May 29, 1944, at Lantzig, Germany. Presidential Citation, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, 2 Air Medals, and Distinguished Service Citation were awarded.

20. —PFC ALBERT E. BYRD, born June 17, 1927. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Byrd of Brownwood, Texas. Volunteered June 16, 1945, in the Marines. Trained at Paris Island, S.C. Overseas in Nagasaki, Nagoya, Japan, and Asiatic-Pacific Area. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Theater and Victory Medals. Served in Bremerton, Wash., and returned overseas to Manila and Guam. Is still serving in San Francisco, Calif. Attended Brownwood High School.

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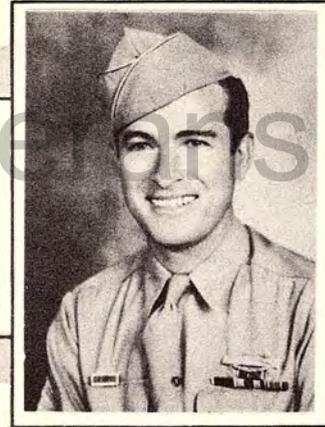




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Sgt. JOE D. MERONEY



S/Sgt. CONARD L. REAVES

Sgt. Meroney was born on Nov. 11, 1924, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Meroney of Ranger, Texas; attended Junior College one year at Ranger, volunteering for the Army Air Corps on Nov. 2, 1942, at Abilene; and trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas; Camp Kearns; Chicopeefalls, Mass.; and Long Island, N.Y. Served overseas from Jan. 8, 1944, until Oct. 13, 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Good Conduct, Victory, 1 Service Stripe, EAME with 6 Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, and ATO Medals. Served in Europe with 396th Fighter Sqd., 368th Fighter Gp. Sgt. Meroney was discharged on the 7 of Nov., 1945.

S/Sgt. Reaves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elon Reaves of Eastland, Texas, and husband of Harriette Reaves of Comanche, Texas, was born on Nov. 15, 1914; educated in Eastland High School, volunteering for the service Feb. 10, 1944, assigned to the Army 80th Inf. Div. and trained at Camp Croft, S.C. On Aug. 10, 1944, he went overseas, and served in the Rhineland and Ardennes Campaigns until his return to the states in March, 1945. He has the Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart for wounds received in battle of the Bulge, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Good Conduct Medal. On June 19, 1945, he was discharged.



Y1/c JOSEPH E. SEWELL



T/5 EUGENE C. SHOCKLEY

Y1/c Sewell, was born on August 9, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sewell of Route 2, Ranger, Texas, husband of Nell D. Sewell of Ft. Worth, Texas. He received his education in Morton Valley Grammar, Ranger High Schools, both of Ranger, and Texas A & M College at College Station, and volunteered for the service May 1, 1942, at Ft. Worth. He was assigned to the Coast Guard and trained at Coast Guard Training Station, Algiers, New Orleans, Louisiana. He served overseas from Feb. 3, 1943, to April 1, 1944, and from July 1, 1945, until Dec. 1, 1945, in the Asiatic Pacific Area in the Philippines. Was discharged on Dec. 14, 1945.

T/5 Shockley, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shockley, and husband of Jeanette T. Shockley, all of Cisco, Texas, was born on July 15, 1909. He received his education in Cisco, and attended Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas. On November 24, 1942, at Dallas, he volunteered for the service, assigned to the Army Signal Corps, and was sent to Camp Kohler, Sacramento, California, for his training. He sailed overseas in December, 1943, and served in the Southwest Pacific area on Guadalcanal, returning to the United States in November, 1945. He received the Good Conduct Medal, and was discharged on December 1, 1945.

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S/Sgt. WALTER J. TARVER

S/Sgt. Tarver, was born on August 10, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Tarver, and husband of Frances Lee Tarver of Cisco; educated near Cisco, entering the Army Ord. Corps on February 16, 1945, at Dallas, and trained at Camp Hood, Texas. He served overseas from August 10, 1945, until September 16, 1946, in Manila, Philippine Islands. In July, 1946, he was working with some batteries when one exploded; he received treatment at the 4th Gen. Hosp. Received Good Conduct Medal in Manila, Philippines. On Nov. 2, 1946, he received an honorable discharge, and is at home with his wife and daughters, Joyce Lee and Susan Marie.



Pfc LUTHER T. WILLIAMS

Pfc Williams, son of Mrs. Lee Williams of 824 Blackwell Rd., Ranger, and husband of Maurine Williams of Box 615, Baird, Texas, was born on August 28, 1905, in Texas, and was educated in Ranger High School. At Abilene, Texas, on March 9, 1943, he entered the service, and was assigned to the Army Adjutant General's Office, and trained at Camp Lee, Virginia, and Pennsylvania State Teacher's College at West Chester, Pa. He served overseas from November 7, 1943, until December 8, 1944, at Fort Shafter, T. H. His awards are the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Pfc Williams was honorably discharged March 22, 1945.



S/Sgt. WILLIE E. POND, JR.

S/Sgt. Pond was born Sept. 12, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis E. Pond of Crystal City; attended N. Texas Agricultural College at Arlington; entered the A.A.C. on June 1, 1943, training at Sheppard Fld., Texas, Las Vegas A.A.F., Las Vegas, Nev., and March Fld., Calif. Overseas from Nov. 22, 1944, to Oct. 13, 1945, in China offensive, air offensive Japan, New Guinea, Luzon, So. Philippines, Western Pacific, and Ryukus. Awarded Good Conduct; American Theater; Asiatic Pacific, with 7 Stars; Philippine Liberation, with 1 Star; Victory; and Air Medals, with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. Served with 380th Bomb Gp., known as "Flying Circus". Discharged Feb., 1946.



T/Sgt. ODIS E. HULSEY

T/Sgt. Odis E. Hulsey was born June 27, 1914, in Texas, son of C.M. Hulsey, Ladonia, Texas, and husband of Linnie Mae Hulsey, 4863 Montrose, Ft. Worth, Texas. He volunteered November 30, 1937, for the Army Infantry, 2nd. Division; trained at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and began overseas duty July, 1944, in the European Theater. Sgt. Hulsey participated in the campaigns of France, and was wounded in Normandy August 2, 1944. The Purple Heart was awarded with Infantryman Combat Badge, and Campaign Ribbon with three Battle Stars. After he returned to the States, discharge was granted May 17, 1945.



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T/Sgt. WALTER L. WOODS



S/Sgt. EDWIN L. WOODS

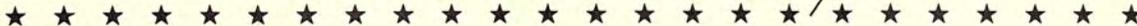
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T/Sgt. Walter Lyons Woods was born March 26, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom W. Woods, 1512 McGowen, Houston, Texas, and husband of Jean Robinson, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He attended the Bonham, Texas, High School, and volunteered January 17, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, for the Army Air Force, training at Tampa, Florida. Sgt. Woods served April, 1942, to June, 1944, stationed in Africa and European Theater of Operations. His awards include the ETO Campaign Ribbon with two Stars, Air Medal with eleven Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster and Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in action. Discharge was granted after returning to the States May 25, 1945. In the Army he was affectionately known as "Woody".

S/Sgt. Edwin Lee Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woods, Houston, Texas, was born August 16, 1923, a native of Texas. He attended Bonham, Texas, High School and volunteered January 25, 1943, at San Antonio, Texas, for the Army Air Force, training at Boca Raton, Florida and McCook, Nebraska. Sgt. Woods began overseas duty February, 1945, in the Asiatic Pacific Theater where he was stationed on Tinian Island in the Marianas Group, until returning to the States December, 1945. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with three stars, Presidential Citation, Good Conduct Medal with American Theater, American Defense and World War II Victory Awards. Discharge was granted December 30, 1945.

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Capt. WILLIAM J. REID

Capt. William Jackson Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reid, Bonham, Texas, and husband of Margaret Willis Reid formerly of Lancaster and now of Ruston, La., was born March 29, 1904. He received his B.A. Degree in 1937, at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and was a minister of the Methodist Church at Rayville, Louisiana, prior to his voluntary entry February 27, 1942, for the Army 82nd. Airborne Div. He trained at Camp Claiborne, La., and Ft. Bragg, N.C.; April, 1943, to September, 1945, he served as chaplain in the North-African-European Theater where he participated in the battles of Sicily, Naples - Foggia, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe, receiving Bronze Stars and Unit Citation. He also is a qualified parachutist. After returning to the States, Capt. Reid was discharged December 25, 1945.



Capt. JAMES W. RUSSELL, JR.

Capt. James Wright Russell, Jr. was born December 30, 1920, in Texas, son of Mrs. J. Wright Russell, Sr., 601 W. 5th St., Bonham, Texas; attended Texas A & M at College Station, and volunteered June 26, 1942, for the Army Air Force. He received advanced training at Moore Field; was commissioned October 1, 1943; and began overseas duty February, 1944, in the European Theater where he participated with the 8th Air Force in the air offensive of Europe, Balkans, Normandy, and Northern France. Capt. Russell was wounded and listed as missing September 11, 1944, over Halle-Leipzig area, Germany, but was imprisoned until May 8, 1945, as prisoner of war. He also served as Flight Commander in first shuttle mission England - Russia - Italy, The D.F.C. was awarded with Air Medal, Clusters, Citation, and other ribbons. Currently with Air Material Command.



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1st Lt. LOUIS W. WOOSLEY

1st Lt. Louis Wilson Woosley, birthdate November 11, 1909, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woosley, Trenton, Texas. He volunteered December 10, 1942, for the Army; trained at Perrin Field, Texas, and the Judge Advocate General's School at Ann Arbor, Michigan; and began overseas duty July, 1944, in the Pacific area. Lt. Woosley served as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate for Army Service Command of Sixth Army in the Philippines and Japan, and also for the South Pacific Base Command, and received Bronze Battle Star for participation in the Luzon Campaign. The Army Commendation Medal was awarded for outstanding performance of duty with the Philippine Liberation Medal and other Ribbons. After his return to the States, duty was terminated March 13, 1946.

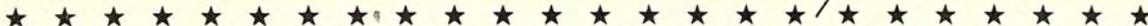


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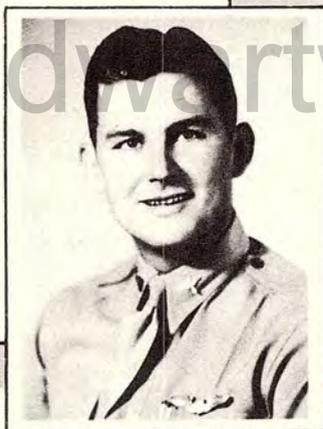
Sgt. Grady Curry, born Sept. 23, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Curry, Bonham, Texas, volunteered June 17, 1939, for the Army, 82nd Field Artillery; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas; and transferred to Australia. Sgt. Curry participated in combat on New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, Admiralty Islands, Manila, where he served as radio sergeant with the 1st Cavalry troops. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded for his heroic action on Leyte; the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and four Campaign Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with two Stars and other ribbons were also awarded. He was among the soldiers that liberated American prisoners at Manila, and after taking dinner with a Philippine family, he passed away from food poisoning March 17, 1945, and was laid to rest in Grace Manila Park, Military Cemetery.

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CBM MILTON M. MOON

CBM Milton Morris Moon, son of Mrs. Blanche BeSaw, of Gainesville, was born Aug. 20, 1916, and entered Navy service on May 13, 1935, at Dallas, for 20 years' duty. He was trained at San Diego, and saw service overseas for two years, 1943-1945, on Kwajalein, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Tarakan, Borneo, the Marshall and the Marianas Is., and the Dutch East Indies. He was Chief Boatswain's Mate and Chief Master-at-Arms aboard the USS Rocky Mount while overseas. At present he is stationed at the U. S. Naval Shipyard in San Francisco, California. His term of Navy service will expire on the 13th of May, 1955.



Maj. FRANK M. ALDRIDGE, JR.

Maj. Frank M. Aldridge, Jr., was born May 4, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Aldridge, Sr., 1302 Pecan St., Gainesville, Texas, and husband of Martha Jo Godwin Aldridge, formerly of Whitesboro, Texas. He attended the Gainesville Elementary and High Schools and Texas A & M at College Station; volunteered November 29, 1940, at Dallas, Texas, for service with the Army Air Corps. Major Aldridge trained at Luke Field, Arizona, and was promoted from Cadet to Major. After receiving the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, he was transferred to the Air Corps Reserves as Major on Dec. 29, 1945.



T/Sgt. MAURICE R. PAGEL

T/Sgt. Maurice Randolph Pagel, born Oct. 4, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Pagel, Jr., Muenster, Cooke County Texas, volunteered June 15, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army Infantry, 81 Division. He trained at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and served July, 1944, to Jan. 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater where he participated in the battle of Leyte in the Philippine group. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon was awarded with one Battle Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Battle Star, and Good Conduct Medal with other Ribbons were received. Sgt. Pagel returned to the States; was discharged Jan. 15, 1946.



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Boatswain's Mate FRED COOKE

Boatswain's Mate Fred Cooke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reeve A. Cooke, of Muenster, Texas, was born Jan. 26, 1922, and volunteered for service in the USNR on April 20, 1942, at Dallas. He was trained at San Diego, after which he served in Miami, Fla., and Norfolk, Va., then spent 39 months overseas in the Pacific Area. He saw action in the Philippines and the Santa Cruz Is., and on New Guinea, New Britain, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. He holds the Presidential Unit Citation for the Battle of Santa Cruz, Oct. 26, 1942. On Nov. 18, 1945, he was granted an honorable discharge from further Navy service. He is a graduate of the Valley Creek High School, and was a student at the time of his enlistment.



Sgt. ROLLAND J. PATRICK



Capt. THADD H. BLANTON

Sgt. Rolland Jay Patrick, birthdate December 14, 1923, husband of Nina Faye Patrick, Muenster, Texas, attended Saint Jo, Texas, High School, and volunteered July 3, 1941, for the U.S. Marine Corps, 2nd Division, training at the Marine Base in San Diego. He served July 1942, to September, 1944, and June to October, 1945, in the Pacific Theater on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons with other Medals. After returning to the States, Sgt. Patrick was granted discharge November 7, 1945.

Capt. Blanton, born Feb. 25, 1919, son of Mrs. J. M. Russell, Gainesville, Texas, volunteered Dec. 1, 1940, for the Army Air Corps, and served April, 1942, to August, 1943, as pilot of a B-25 in the bombing of Tokyo with Gen. Doolittle's first raid, and completed 35 missions over China-India-Burma Area. Capt. Blanton was forced to bale out of his plane during the Tokyo, raid landed in Japanese occupied China, and with the aid of Chinese made his way back to his group. He was entertained by Generalissimo Chiang Kaishek; decorated with D.S.C. of China by Madame Chiang. The D.F.C. was also awarded with Air Medal and Pres. Citation.



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*Pfc AUGUST A. FLEITMAN

Pfc August Andrew Fleitman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleitman, Muenster, Texas, volunteered January 27, 1941, for the Army Infantry, 36th Division, training at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Pfc Fleitman began overseas duty April, 1943, in the North African-European Theater where he participated in the invasion of Salerno, and served in all combat through Italy until he paid the Supreme Sacrifice February 2, 1944, at Mount Cartellone, Italy. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, European Theater of Operations Ribbon, with Purple Heart and Silver Star, for meritorious service and recognition for his life given in the service of his country.



Sgt. ANTON A. FLEITMAN

Sgt. Anton Alois Fleitman was born Apr. 22, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleitman, Muenster, Texas; entered service June 18, 1942, and was assigned to the Army 386 Air Service Squadron, training at Camp Wolters and Sheppard Field, and completing training at Sparton School, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Lockheed Vega Service School Burbank, California. Later served at Key Field, Miss., Army Air Base, Venice, Fla., and in Georgia. He served Aug. 1943, to Nov., 1945, in the Pacific Theater in Australia, New Guinea, Biak, Philippine Islands, Ie Shima and in Japan, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars for New Guinea and Luzon Campaigns in addition to Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct and other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was discharged Nov. 28, 1945.

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1st Lt. EARL SKELTON

1st Lt. Earl Skelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Skelton (mother deceased), was born October 11, 1920, and is the husband of Sarah Skelton, Dallas. He volunteered December 9, 1940, for the Army Air Corps; trained at Kelly Field, Texas, receiving his commission of 2nd Lt. (Specialty Airplane Pilot) November 9, 1942. His overseas duty was served October, 1943, to September, 1944, in Central and Western Pacific Theaters where he participated in combat of Gilbert, Marshall, Caroline and Marianas Islands. Lt. Skelton was wounded when his plane was hit by enemy fire over Jalut Island but his expert piloting brought the plane to a crash landing on Makin Island. His Medals include the Silver Star for gallantry in action, Purple Heart, Air Medal, four Oak Leaf Clusters, D. F. C., Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Stars plus the American Theater Ribbon with one Battle Star, Victory and Defense Awards. Discharged July 28, 1945. Lt. Skelton is a member of the Officers Reserve Corps and Air Reserve Association.

The Battle of the Atlantic

Beginning of the German Submarine Campaign

THE Battle of the Atlantic had been going on for more than two years before the United States actually entered the war. That battle might be said to have begun on that third day of September, 1939 when England and France declared war on Germany for having invaded Poland three days before. The Royal Navy immediately established a blockade of German shipping and the German submarines went into action in an effort to penetrate that blockade.

Thus began a war off the coasts of England that spread terror and destruction across the Atlantic from the Arctic to the Antarctic, and then into the Indian Ocean and finally enveloped the entire Pacific area. It was a war of nerves, of terror stalking night and day, oftentimes leaving only a broken spar, a patch of oil on the surface of the water, or a starving and famished crew drifting in a life boat across vast expanse of ocean.

The submarine was Germany's traditional weapon against Britain for the control of the seas. The Nazis had given special attention to preparing for submarine warfare, producing new and larger models, with longer range, and equipped with every device for conducting effective undersea campaigns at vast distances.

Germany had in 1939 about thirty coastal submarines costing about \$2,000,000 each, 25 larger 500-ton submarines capable of 5,000-mile cruise, and 15 cruiser submarines with a range of 8,000 miles. America was aware of this, and we also knew that Germany possessed the facilities for further submarine construction, and that in the event of war we could expect them to be turned against us.

The Germans had a double purpose in their use of submarines in the Atlantic. First, to destroy our merchant fleet and prevent supplies reaching our friends in Europe and Asia; and second, in the event we entered the war, to make it impossible for us to make invasions on the Continent of Europe successfully.

At the beginning of the war, England had 21,000,000 tons of merchant shipping facilities, nearly one-third of the world's total of 68,000,000 tons, or about 30,000 merchant ships. A German submarine campaign could threaten England with disaster.

During the first year or so of the Battle of the Atlantic, "convoy protection" meant the ability to evade enemy submarines or to repel them when attacking. We, however, after entering the war, developed a new and highly successful phase of submarine warfare by taking the offensive against them and blanketing the coastal waters with blimps, some 200 of them all the way from the tip of Maine to Mexico. In addition to the blimps, land-based Army and Navy planes from every point in our far-extended island controls reached out in great arcs with eagle eyes to spot the enemy, while hundreds of surface craft of every sort patrolled the coastal waters; and where distance brought an end to our range of observation, our baby flat tops were later able to send their planes even farther across the Atlantic to the near shores of Europe, giving air cover to friendly ships and attacking any lurking enemy submarines.

The German destruction of Britain's shipping rose by leaps and bounds, until it reached 200,000 tons to 400,000 tons a month; and in two

days of a certain October the Germans claimed to have sunk 327,000 tons. England admitted that she had lost 762 British, allied, and neutral ships in one full year of the war. And among the ships sent to the bottom were many that had in previous years served as floating palaces for transatlantic and Indian Ocean passenger service; the *Caledonia*, *Empress of India*, *Laurentic*, *Andania*, *Arandora Star*, *Dunbar Castle*, *Lancastria*, *Carinthia*, *Domala*, *Champlain*, *Transylvania*, *Dunvegan Castle*, *Highland Patriot*, all sunk in 1940, and the *Rawalpindi* and *Athenia*, sunk in 1939. Some of the American ships sunk in 1940 were the *American Importer*, the *American Shipper*, the *American Merchant*, and *President Harding*.

Great Britain depended on open sea lanes to feed her millions of people. To close these sea lanes and starve out the English people was Germany's primary objective. Official reports show that in 1939 and 1940 England lost 677 merchant ships, and a total of 4,525,228 tons of shipping bound for England. As England's capacity for replacements was only 1,500,000 a year, the situation became critical.

Britain had lost 10 destroyers at Dunkirk and in evacuating her troops from that port, 75 more destroyers were damaged and had to be laid up for repairs, thus neutralizing about half of the English destroyer fleet.

England lacked sufficient destroyers and escort vessels to protect her convoys in the Atlantic, the Mediterranean and around the coast of Africa.

It was at this critical hour that on September 3, 1940 the United States delivered to England 50 overage destroyers, in exchange for a 99-year lease of British bases in the western Atlantic. This exchange helped England to combat the submarine menace and at the same time enabled the United States to extend her arm farther into the Atlantic for the better protection of our own shores.

In the Spring of 1941 the situation became even more acute. The combined shipbuilding output of the United States and British yards was only 2,000,000 tons a year, just over half of what was being destroyed by the German submarines, now moving in wolf-packs against all Allied shipping. To help England meet this situation, the United States turned over to England the Axis ships that had been interned in American ports at the beginning of the war. In addition, the United States, by taking over the British shipping routes in the Pacific thereby released British vessels for service in the Atlantic.

On April 9, 1941 United States Marines landed in Greenland with permission of Denmark, and on July 7, 1941 other United States troops landed in Iceland at the request of the Icelandic Government. And to insure the safety of American communications with these Atlantic outposts, the United States Navy established patrols and convoys from the Atlantic coast to Iceland. Due to this new development the Battle of the Atlantic diminished somewhat in the latter half of 1941. Then, too, Germany had been at war with Russia since June 22, 1941 and was using most of her strength in the Eastern European Theater of operations. This was the situation in early autumn of 1941, when the United States became involved.

It was in the Atlantic rather than the Pacific that war actually came to the United States. In

his Navy Day address on October 27, 1941, President Roosevelt declared: "The shooting has started. Our ships have been sunk and our sailors have been killed." These words were spoken after he had received information that on September 4, 1941 a Nazi submarine had fired on the U.S. destroyer *Greer*, while it was delivering mail to our troops in Iceland; that on October 15, 1941 the enemy had disabled the U.S. destroyer *Kearney* with loss of 11 American lives, and on the same day had sunk the U.S.S. *Reuben James* west of Iceland. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, at that time Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, on October 19, 1941 sent the tidings of the first deaths in action of American fighting men to the eleven families of the victims of German submarine warfare. So began that long list of Gold Star mothers of the second World War, a list that would through the years grow from eleven on October 15, 1941 to some 250,000 in September 1945.

After the German submarine had attacked the *Greer* on September 4, 1941, the President ordered our naval patrols to shoot on sight any hostile craft found in the way of our ships.

After Japan struck at Pearl Harbor, Nazi U-boats soon appeared off the eastern coast of the United States to renew the Battle of the Atlantic. A well-timed enemy attack threatened American shipping and to pin down the military power of this country to our own shores; while the Japanese drew our supply lines far out into the South Pacific, Germany tried to cut off our supply to and reinforcement of our Allies in Europe. The submarine offensive was designed to destroy Lend-Lease supplies going to Britain, Russia, and the Middle East, and to defeat this country before it could arm and hit the enemy. The main attack of the Axis in the spring of 1942 was not in Europe but off the Atlantic coast of the United States, where U-boats proved far more deadly than in the first World War. With a surface speed of 20 knots and a cruising range of 12,000 miles, improved submarines lurked off American ports for three to four weeks at a time. U-boats made concentrated raids not only on coastal shipping but also on convoys crossing the Atlantic or entering the Mediterranean or sailing the northern route to Murmansk in Russia.

The enemy undersea raids were most effective along the Atlantic coast. At least eight U-boats, and often more, were continuously on patrol, concentrating first off Cape Hatteras, then Florida, and finally at the extremes, the Caribbean Sea and the St. Lawrence River. They attacked between dusk and dawn at high surface speed. At one time, they drove coastal oil tankers from the sea, and gasoline rationing went into effect in the seaboard states in May 1942. War goods piled up on our east coast docks, backed up in inland war plants, and on one occasion 40,000 military trucks stood at an eastern port waiting for ships. American defenses were overstrained because a one-ocean Navy was spread between the Atlantic and Pacific, coordination with Army Air Forces was new, and there was a lack of small craft, submarine chasers, destroyers, radio or sonic detectors, and of trained crews to operate them. In the first ten months of 1942 the newspapers reported the sinking of 201 American merchant ships, most of them from March through July, and a total loss of 498 Allied and neutral ships.

While German submarines had attacked

United States ships some months before war was officially declared between the two countries, after Pearl Harbor the German submarine campaign was intensified and brought to our very doors. It is now admitted by our Navy that Nazi U-boats audaciously approached the entrance to New York harbor in November of 1942 and planted mines so effectively that the port was bottled up for three days. The mining operations were part of submarine activities which, during various periods in 1942 and 1943, closed or menaced five other ports along the east coast.

Mines also were planted at the entrance to the Panama Canal, near Colon, and off the British West Indies. New York Harbor, the largest port in the world, was locked up tight from November 13 through 15, 1942. The entrance to Chesapeake Bay was twice closed to traffic because of enemy mines. The first period was June 16, and 17, 1942 and later from September 12 through 14 of the same year. Other ports closed for brief periods because of mines were Jacksonville, Fla., Charleston, S. C., and Wilmington, Del.

The U-boats Are Conquered

To defeat the U-boats the United States organized and manned Sea Frontiers along the Atlantic Coast, in the Caribbean, and in the Gulf of Mexico, with new air and naval patrol bases for civilian as well as regular craft. All kinds of small boats were pressed into service, and the lights of coastal cities were dimmed or blacked out beginning on May 14, 1942. Finally the Atlantic convoy system was operated close to our shores. From Florida to Maine, coastal ships herded together under guard of naval escorts, sailed only during daylight, and took refuge at night in ports or at anchorages protected by mine fields. This adaption of oceanic submarine defenses to home waters slowed up transportation but defeated the U-boats, and sinkings off the Atlantic coast declined sharply. As the U-boats moved south and north to easier hunting grounds of the Caribbean, the Gulf, and the St. Lawrence, the convoy system followed them beginning on July 1, 1942. Supplementing the convoys, a great force of Army, Navy, and civilian planes, together with small craft from the Navy and Coast Guard, scoured the seas for U-boats hiding in ambush. The submarines were driven out to sea, first to the coasts of South America, then to West Africa, and finally to the Cape of Good Hope. Coastal waters became safer in the middle of 1942, but the high seas remained dangerous. Throughout 1942 total shipping losses exceeded new shipbuilding.

Perhaps the most terse and vivid phrase emerging from the submarine war in the Atlantic was Donald Francis Mason's radio report

to his American base on January 8, 1942 "Sighted sub, sank same." He was at the time engaged in a lonely Atlantic antisubmarine patrol.

The North Atlantic route to Murmansk and Archangel was the shortest to Russia but the most dangerous for cargo vessels, even in convoy, because the Nazi attacked them from a chain of air and U-boat bases located around the north shores of Norway. Both merchant ships and warships were scarce because so many were needed to buoy up defenses in the Pacific and the Middle East. As a result, too little shipping was available for Russian supply, and too few warships could guard cargoes from Boston and Philadelphia, main ports for Russian Lend-Lease, on the perilous voyage to Murmansk.

The Nazis attacked these convoys with packs of U-boats northeast of Iceland, with cruisers and destroyers as they approached Norway, and with bombers from the North Cape to Murmansk. It was a running battle all the way. At one time 350 Nazi bombers swooped on a great convoy, and sank many ships before the raiders withdrew after losing 40 planes. As the Arctic night turned into day during the spring and early summer, from March to July 1942, the Murmansk-bound convoys suffered their worst losses. About one-fourth of all the ships from American and British ports which ran this gauntlet in 1942 went to the bottom. In addition, two British cruisers and ten destroyers were sunk, and many other warships were put out of action for months by Nazi bombs.

In 1942 the Germans probably sank 8,000,000 tons of Allied shipping, the equivalent of 800 Liberty ships. Germany was winning the under-seas war.

Nevertheless, from the time Russia was attacked in 1941 to the end of 1942, nineteen Allied convoys made Murmansk or Archangel. After the number of escorting warships went as high as seventy-five for a single convoy, more and more supplies reached Russian battlefields.

By the fall of 1942 new highway and railroads were made ready in Iran to handle traffic over the safer route from the Persian Gulf, and the bottleneck of Russian Lend-Lease was broken in time to help equip the Red Army for its offensives after Stalingrad.

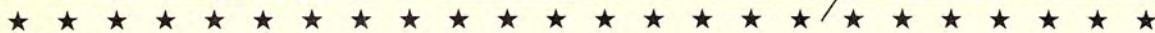
For both Britain and the United States it was essential to win the Atlantic from Nazi submarines. "We British," said Churchill in Parliament on June 8, 1943, "must continue to place the anti-U-boat war first, because it is only by conquering the U-boat that we can live and act." The United States in turn could act with military power in Europe only after the Atlantic was made safe for convoys.

Early in 1943, when it was reported that the German rate of submarine building reached a peak of 20 U-boats a month, the Nazis were believed to have altogether four or five hundred

in service. In 1942 and 1943, German submarines sank around 700 Allied Ships in the Caribbean area. To destroy this enemy submarine fleet and the facilities for its replacement, British and American naval and air forces concentrated on U-boat facilities in Europe. Flying Fortresses did great damage to the German submarine yards at Vegesack in March, and heavy daylight raids were made on the concrete submarine pens at coastal bases in occupied France. American shipyards, on the other hand, launched in May 1943 a growing fleet of destroyer escorts and escort carriers, the latter known as "baby flat-tops." Planes from these escort vessels followed convoys all the way across the Atlantic, pounced on U-boats before they could submerge, and broke up the undersea wolf-packs.

The turning point in the protection of convoys came in May 1943 when thirty or more U-boats were sunk. In that month we wiped out the net increase in U-boats for the previous three months and were beginning to reduce the basic fleet itself. In May, June, and July an average of one enemy submarine a day was sent to the bottom. In August, September, and October a total of sixty was sunk. Over two hundred U-boats were sunk in 1933; and from the beginning of the war to the middle of 1944, a total of more than five hundred. Through the summer no Allied merchant ship was torpedoed in the North Atlantic; even the Mediterranean Sea became comparatively safe. Of some 2,500 vessels used in the invasion of Sicily, only 80,000 tons were lost. By the middle of 1943 the Allies had 3 million more tons of shipping than at the beginning of the year.

The U-boats were offset by increased shipbuilding and the combined strength of Allied air and surface convoys. At last we had power enough to protect the growing fleet of supply vessels and to drive the packs of U-boats to cover. Destroyers, corvettes, and baby flat-top aircraft carriers did the work. Typical was the action which began with an attack by eight submarines on a large convoy in the mid-Atlantic on May 1-3, 1943. The escort fought them off, but for three days a gale slowed the convoy down and other submarines came in for the kill. As soon as the weather cleared, a pack of twenty five submarines made thirty torpedo attacks in three days and nights. Escort planes and corvettes sank four, probably six more, and dispersed the rest on May 4-6, 1943. As escort carriers increased through the summer, they never let the under-water enemy get within 15 miles of a convoy. In August another battle with a pack of thirty U-boats went on for three days, but the enemy was kept out of torpedo range. The Atlantic Ocean, thanks to the convoy system, had again become Anglo-American waters, a safe supply line from America to Britain.



S2/c Radarman DOUGLAS C. BEATY

S2/c Radarman Douglas Clinton Beaty, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan, 312 College Street, Carthage, Panola County, Texas, was born April 12, 1926, a native of Texas. Attended Carthage High School, and Texas University, at Austin, and volunteered for service June 6, 1944, for the U.S. Naval Reserve, Radar Branch. Trained at Camp Paul Jones, Camp Loma and Camp Elliott, San Diego, California. Seaman Beaty began overseas duty November, 1944, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater where he participated in the Philippine Campaign, Leyte Operation. On the 18th of December, 1944, during a mission of war his ship the USS Spence was lost in a typhoon of great violence carrying Seaman Beaty into the sea. The Pres. Unit Citation for memorable war record was awarded. He was eager to get into the thick of things, for that was the way he lived, vigorous in mind and body. The technical assignment of radarman was given him, because of his scientific aptness.



The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Cpl. JOSEPH R. BOGARD

Cpl. Joseph R. Bogard, husband of Lucille Bogard, of Austin, Texas, was born Feb. 11, 1921. He attended the University of Texas, and on July 18, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Force, at San Antonio. He was trained at Lowry Field, Colorado, and in March, 1944, was sent overseas to the Pacific Area of War. He served in New Guinea and in the liberation of the Philippine Islands, and saw action in the battle of Luzon. His awards are: American Theater; Asiatic-Pacific Theater; Philippine Liberation; Good Conduct; and Victory. On Dec. 15, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge from further military service. He was a student at the time he enlisted.



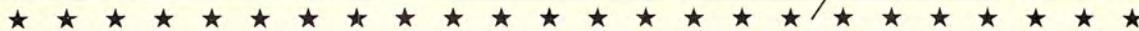
Sgt. J. H. BROWN



Sgt. JOHN H. BILYEU

Sgt. J. H. Brown, son of Mrs. Lottie Brown, Route 3, Overton, husband of Lorell Brown, was born Dec. 24, 1915, and educated at New London Grammar and High School. Entered the service Oct. 30, 1942, at Camp Wolters; assigned to the 1st Cav. Div.; trained at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark., and Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas. Served in the United States 8 months, and overseas from June 26, 1943, to Sept. 29, 1945. In Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, S. Philippines, and Luzon. He was wounded in action at Manila. Awards: Asiatic-Pac., 4 Stars, 1 Arrowhead, Philippine Lib., 2 Stars, Good Conduct, Purple Heart, Bronze Star. Discharged Oct. 19, 1945.

Sgt. J. H. Bilyeu, born Feb. 7, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bilyeu, Overton, husband of Lillian A. Bilyeu, was educated at Norphlet Grammar and High Schools, Ark.; volunteered for service on Jan. 12, 1942, at Tyler, and was assigned to the Army Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served in the United States for 18 months, and overseas from Jan. 13, 1943, until April 3, 1945, in Africa, Sardinia, Corsica, France, Italy, S. France, Rome-Arno, and N. Apennines. Awards: EAME Ribbon, 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and Motor Vehicle Drivers' Badge. Sgt. Bilyeu was honorably discharged on Oct. 3, 1945, at Barksdale Field.



***Chief RM JACK C. SMITH**

C/RM J. C. Smith, husband of Rosemary Smith, and father of Rita Jeanneane Smith of 715 N. Estrella Street, El Paso, Texas, born at Brackettville, on Dec. 15, 1912, received his education at Sanderson Grammar and High Schools, and Sul Ross State Teachers College, Alpine; volunteered in the spring of 1934, and was assigned to the Navy, U. S. S. Submarine; trained at Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, New London, Conn., Coco Solo, Panama and San Diego, Calif. He was "Missing" October 18, 1943, and declared officially dead Jan. 14, 1946. His awards were: Purple Heart (Posthumously), Navy Marine Corps Medal, Navy Cross, American Defense (for action with U. S. Fleet), and World War II Victory Medal. He was awarded also the Submarine Combat Medal with 3 Gold Stars for 10 or more successful war patrols aboard submarines. Space is too inadequate to try to tell half of the heroics and commendable efficient acts of Chief RM. Smith. He refused a commission and transfer to the U. S., was a member of the ill fated Grayling on her last patrol, lost in August, 1943.



The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



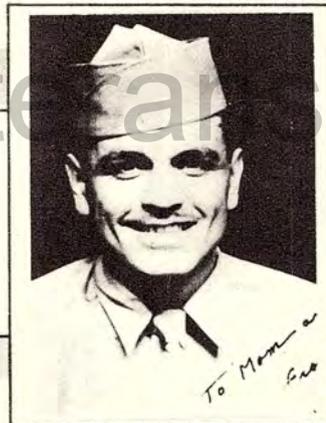
Capt. ROBERT L. ALEXANDER, JR.

Capt. Alexander was born July 2, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander, Sr., 5101 El Paso Dr., El Paso. Volunteered for the A. A. C. on Feb. 19, 1941; trained at Kelly Fld., Texas. Overseas from March, 1943, to June, 1945, in Bedford, England, Battle of Britain, and air invasion of Germany. He was the sole survivor of a B-17 crew shot down over the N. Sea; after floating for 7 hrs. with 1 leg and several ribs broken, he was picked up by a German air-sea-plane, and was a prisoner for 21 mos. His awards are Air Medal, with 2 Clusters, Purple Heart, ETO, American Defense, ATO, and Victory Medals. He is now at Biggs Fld., Texas, with the 305th Base Unit; his wife, Marion, and daughter, Sandra, whom he saw for the first time when she was two years old, are at home in El Paso, Texas.



S1/c MELVIN LEE ALEXANDER

S1/c Alexander was born July 13, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Alexander, Box 245, Clint, Texas, and husband of Ruth C. Alexander, 119 Omitta Circle, El Paso, attended Clint, Texas, High School; volunteered for service June 2, 1944, assigned to the Navy Armed Guard, and was sent to San Diego, Naval Training Center. He went overseas on September 27, 1944, and served until January 20, 1946, in the Pacific, Atlantic and in China, participating in battles for Saipan and the Marshall Islands. Seaman First Class Melvin Lee Alexander was given an honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy on the 20th day of January, 1946.



***Pfc JOSE A. AVILA**

Pfc Avila was born June 18, 1923, in El Paso, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andres Avila, and husband of Magdalena M. Avila, all of El Paso, Texas; volunteered for the service on September 13, 1944, assigned to the Army Inf., training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Ft. Ord, Port of Embarkation. Went overseas in February, 1945, serving in Honolulu, Saipan and Okinawa, with the 96th Infantry Div. He was killed by machine gun fire in the battle for Ryukyus Islands on June 2, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Sharp Shooter, and Rifleman's Medals.

1. —FIRE CONTROLMAN 2/c THOMAS ASHLEY PLUMBLEY, JR., born June 8, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Plumbley, Sr., El Paso, Texas, attended Ysleta High, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 8, 1942, at Santa Monica, Calif., assigned Navy Jeep Carrier; trained at San Diego; overseas from Aug. 25, 1943, to Sept. 15, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, American Area, Marshalls, Gilberts, Marianas, Philippines, Volcanos, and Jap. Submarine Patrol. Good Conduct Medal, and Commendation. Discharged Dec. 19, 1945.
2. —S/SGT. HARRY LEE PLUMBLEY, born Feb. 12, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Plumbley, R. 42, Box 849 B., El Paso, Texas, attended College (2 Yrs.), El Paso, Texas; volunteered on Sept. 15, 1942, and was assigned to the Army 37th Div.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif.; overseas Nov. 24, 1943, to Dec. 11, 1945, in New Guinea, Wake Is. and Philippines. He was awarded the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Bronze Star. Was linesman and communications chief. Honorably discharged Dec. 19, 1945.
- *3. —1ST LT. MANUEL S. SALCIDO, born Oct. 22, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Salcido (father deceased) El Paso, Texas, attended Palmore College, El Paso; volunteered July 1, 1937, and was assigned to 102nd Cavalry; trained at Ft. Knox. Served in U. S. at Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina. Overseas in England, N. Africa, Italy, Battle of Salerno with Gen. Patton in N. Africa, Algiers, Rome. He was awarded Purple Heart, and ETO Ribbon. 1st Lt. M. Salcido died in line of duty in Italy June 26, 1944.
- *4. —PFC MIKE TARANGO, JR., born Dec. 26, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tarango, Sr., 2920 Manzana St., El Paso, Texas, husband of Dorothy Tarango, Charleston, S. Carolina, attended Beall School, El Paso, and volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, assigned to Army Inf. Div. Trained at Mitchell Field, New York; overseas Jan. 25, 1945, to March 31, 1945. He served 1 yr. in National Guard, prior to joining Army. Awarded Purple Heart, Inf. Combat Badge, Good Conduct. Killed in action March 31, 1945.
5. —M. 2/c MAX SHANNON TEAT, son of Mrs. Martha Teat, born December 26, 1920, husband of Nancy H. Teat, El Paso, attended Texas College of Mines, El Paso; volunteered Aug. 6, 1942, San Diego, Calif., assigned to Destroyer (Navy); trained at U. S. N. training Sta., overseas from Jan. 20, 1943, to Oct. 5, 1945. In Asiatic-Pacific, Aleutians, Bougainville, attack on Rabaul, New Britain, attacks on Peleliu, Truk, Philippines, Borneo and Tinian. He was honorably discharged on October 14, 1945.
6. —1ST LT. VICTOR H. VIGIL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Vigil, El Paso, born Jan. 4, 1919, attended El Paso High. Entered service May 27, 1941, assigned to Army Coast Artillery Corps; trained at Camp Callan, San Diego, Calif. He served overseas in Caribbean Area, Virgin and Ascension Islands, French Guinea, Trinidad, Aruba, Natal—no battles. Awarded Ex. Inf. Badge, American D. and T. Ribbons, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Liaison Officer officially. Discharged Dec., 1945.
7. —T/5 ALFREDO VILLALOBOS, JR., born Jan. 20, 1916, son of Alfredo Villalobos, Clint, Texas. He attended Bernalillo High, N. Mexico; entered Army June 17, 1941, and was assigned to 40th Div.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. He served overseas Sept. 4, 1942, to Aug. 8, 1945, in Hawaiian and Biak Islands, Guadalcanal, New Guinea. Participated in E. Mandates Campaign, New Britain, Luzon, and S. Philippine Campaigns. Awards: ATO with 4 Stars, Philippine Lib. Discharged Aug., 1945.
8. —T/5 ROBERT LORENZO VILLALOBOS, born May 10, 1917, son of Alfredo Villalobos, attended Clint High School, Texas; entered the services Nov. 4, 1941, at El Paso; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., from Sept. 1, 1942, to Sept. 2, 1945. Served overseas, assigned to 40th Div. of the Army. Served in following areas: Hawaiian, Solomons, S. Philippine Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, New Britain, and Luzon. Awards: 3 Stars, Philippine Lib., Good Conduct, American Def. Discharged Oct., 1945.
9. —LT., (BE) USNR, ROBERT EMMETT MILES, born Jan. 26, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Miles, husband of Charlotte L. Miles, Box 826, Alpine, Texas, attended Sul Ross State Teachers College. Volunteered Jan. 20, 1942, assigned to V-7 U. S. N. R.; trained at U. S. N. A., Annapolis, Md. Overseas 6 mos.; participated in: Pacific, occupation of Riska, Marshals, Saipan and Tinian, Palau Islands invasions. He was awarded Bronze Star, Gold Star, N. Unit Comm. Placed in inactive duty Nov., 1945.
10. —SGT. MAJ. ROBERT A. WARD, born March 1, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ward, Box 218, Clint, Texas, attended Clint High School, and Texas Agricultural and Mechanical Arts, College Sta., Texas. Entered the service March 26, 1943, at Fort Bliss, El Paso, assigned to Co. L 153rd Inf. (Army). Trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. Overseas Sept. 29, 1943, to March 16, 1944. In Asiatic-Pacific. Awarded ATO, Asiatic-Pacific and Victory Medal. Discharged, 1946.
11. —PFC CLAUDE LEE WILCOX, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilcox, 3508 Douglas St., El Paso, Texas, husband of Leona Wilcox, was born Sept. 25, 1923; attended El Paso Technical Inst. He entered the service Jan. 1943, and was assigned to Army 35th Hq. Div., trained at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. Overseas in Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded American T. Service Ribbon, EAME Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov., 1945.
12. —SGT. WILLIAM T. WILCOX, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilcox, 3508 Douglas, El Paso, Texas. Born November 4, 1926. Attended Austin High School, El Paso. Volunteered for service January, 1945; was assigned to Army Service Group, 14th Construction Regiment; trained at Camp Wolters, Inf. Replacement Center, and in Oregon. Overseas August, 1945, in Philippines, and 1946 in Germany. Sgt. Wilcox is still with the same regiment; his brother, C. L. Wilcox, was also overseas.
13. —COXSAIN WALTER AUSTIN VOGAN, JR., born July 24, 1924, son of Mr. W. A. Vogan, Faben, husband of Betty Vogan, El Paso, volunteered Dec. 2, 1942, assigned to sea duty, U.S.S. Tennessee, BB-43; trained at San Diego, Cal. Overseas May 5, 1943, to Jan., 1946. In Aleutian, Tarawa, Marshall, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, New Hebrides, New Ireland, Marianas, Guam, Saipan, Philippines, Leyte, Battle of Surigao Strait, etc. Awards: Naval U. Citation, Phil. Lib., Asiatic-Pac., Amer. Area., Good Con. Discharged 1946.
14. —MEDALSMITH 1/c GEORGE RANDOLPH WILLIAMS, born Jan. 7, 1920, in Colorado, son of Albert Williams, El Paso, husband of Florence Williams, Box 988, R. 42, El Paso, attended Austin High. Volunteered Nov., 1942, with training at Norfolk, Va. Overseas from July 16, 1943, to Nov. 3, 1945. In consolidation of Solomons, Asiatic-Pacific, American T. Bougainville and Guam campaigns. Awarded: Asiatic-Pac. and American C. Ribbons, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Nov. 16, 1945.
15. —PVT. ROBERT GLENN DUNN, born April 20, 1922, son of Mr. R. L. Dunn, Archer City, Texas, attended Olney High, Olney, Texas. Entered the service Sept. 21, 1942, was assigned to the Army 88th Blue Devil, 351st Inf., with training at Camp Carson, Colorado; overseas from June 5, 1944, to Nov. 26, 1945, in N. Italy; wounded Oct. 11, 1944, in Castle Del area, N. Italy. Awarded Purple Heart, ETO w/3 Stars, and Good Conduct. Pvt. Robert Dunn was honorably discharged on July 30, 1945.
16. —CPL. EDGAR STRAIN, born April 27, 1917. Son of Mrs. S. E. Walters, Holliday, Texas, attended Holliday Public School, Texas. Entered the service Aug. 14, 1942, assigned to 464B. Group, Squad. 777; trained at Casper, Wyo. Overseas from March 29, 1943, to Aug. 24, 1945., in air combat of Balkans, Trinidad, Italy, Rome-Arno, N. and S. France, N. A pennines, Po Valley. Awarded 6 Stars and one Unit Citation. Cpl. Edgar Strain was honorably discharged at San Antonio, Texas, on November 27, 1945.
17. —MM. 1/c GARRIE L. GOODWIN, born April 12, 1904, son of Mr. C. E. Goodwin, Archer City. Husband of Ione R. Goodwin, N. Hollywood, Calif. Volunteered May 2, 1942, assigned to Troop Transport; trained at Great Lakes, Ill. Overseas, in invasion of N. Africa, then to Pac. where he reached all islands, including Australia, and from India back to E. Coast, Eng., Ireland and France. Awards: American D., Asiatic-S. Pacific, EAME, Pres. U. Citation, G. Conduct. Discharged Sept., 1945.
18. —MT/SGT. JAMES H. GOODWIN, born July 4, 1916, son of Mr. C. E. Goodwin, Texas, husband of Hermine Goodwin, Hollywood, Calif., attended Archer City High; volunteered Jan. 13, 1942, and was assigned to Marines, 2nd Div., P. B'n., COC Air Corps. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Mar. 26, 1944, to June 29, 1945. In Solomons, Bougainville, Philippines, Iwojima, Okinawa, and Leyte. Awards: Air Medal; 600 Hrs. Combat Missions; Pres. Cit.; Asiatic-Pac. w/2 Stars; Phil. Lib. w/1 Star. Discharged Jan., 1946.
19. —NORVELL M. GOODWIN, born Aug. 10, 1922, son of Mr. C. E. Goodwin, Texas, husband of Dolena F. Goodwin, Los Angeles, attended Harding Jr. College, Wichita Falls. Volunteered May, 1943, assigned to Merchant Marines. Overseas in Atlantic, Pacific, Caribbean, India, Italy; France, Eng., Australia, New Caledonia, and Pacific Islands. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific w/1 Star, European Theater, Philippine Liberations; He was wounded by sharpnel, and recovered and served until May, 1946.
20. —1st LT. GENE M. GOODWIN, born Feb. 5, 1924, son of Mr. C. E. Goodwin, attended A & M College. Assigned to Army Air Force, 15th Div.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas Feb., 1945, to July, 1945, in Italy; flew Brenner Pass (32 missions). Awards: Pres. Unit Citation, w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters. Served with 15th Air Force in Italy 5 mos. European Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct, American Def. After returning to the States, he was honorably discharged Oct. 28th, 1945.

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***Lt. OSCAR G. TURNER**

Lt. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Turner, Box 34, Ysleta, Texas, was born on Oct. 11, 1922, in New Mexico; attended Texas A & M College; entered the Army on March 15, 1943, assigned to 104th Inf. Div.; trained at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Camp Carson, Colo., going overseas in Sept., 1944. He received the Distinguished Unit Badge, 2nd Bn., 415th Inf. Reg., Silver Star Medal, and Bronze Star Medal, with Oak Leaf Cluster, for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Belgium, Holland, and Germany from Oct., 1944, to Feb., 1945. During this period he performed his duties as a rifle platoon leader. On Feb. 24, 1945, he led his platoon in establishing a bridgehead under heavy fire, and lost his life while attempting to neutralize enemy fire.



***Cpl. ERNEST L. ESQUIVEL
AMM 3/c FRANK ESQUIVEL**

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Esquivel, El Paso. Cpl. ERNEST L. ESQUIVEL was born July 30, 1926; enlisted in Army 6th Troop Carrier Sqn.; trained at Keesler Fld., Miss. He went overseas on Jan. 15, 1945, and was killed in a follow through landing of a C-46 at Naha, Okinawa, Sept. 17, 1946; served as Flight Eng. A.M.M. 3/c FRANK ESQUIVEL was born Aug. 15, 1924; volunteered for the Navy, in March, 1943; served on U.S.S. Breton, Aircraft Carrier; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas twice, 33 months in all, with service in the Pacific Ocean and on Solomon and Mariana Islands. A.M.M. 3/c Esquivel received an honorable discharge on the 7th of March, 1946.



1st Lt. FREDERICK J. BUCKLAND

1st Lt. Buckland, was born on December 21, 1919, in Mexico, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Buckland of Harlingen, and husband of Kathryn E. Buckland of Box 364 Fabens, Texas. He attended Texas A & M College at College Station, and volunteered for the service in March, 1943, at College Station, assigned to the Army Field Artillery, 10th Mt., and was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for his training, and served at Camp Hale, Colorado, and Camp Swift. 1st Lieutenant Frederick John Buckland also served at William Beaumont Hospital at El Paso, Texas. After his separation from the Army in 1947, he returned to his home in Fabens, Texas.

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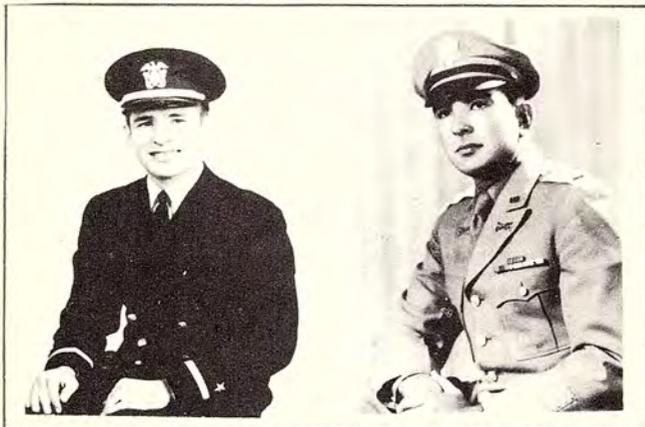
1st Lt. ALEXANDER J. BULL

1st Lt. Bull, was born July 13, 1900, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. R. Bull of Los Angeles, and husband of Myrtle G. Bull of 1273 Ohio Ave., El Paso, graduate of Texas College of Mines, enlisted member of 36th Div., Texas Nat. Guard, June, 1935, until he entered Federalized service Nov. 25, 1940, with same div.; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, and Edwards, Mass. Overseas 20 mos. in N. Ireland, England, France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was made Co. Comdr. in France on Jan. 1, 1945. Served in France and Germany, in special troops, in the 3rd U.S. Army, under command of Gen. George S. Patton. Was discharged Oct. 20, 1945.



2nd Lt. RAFAEL F. CALDERON

2nd Lt. Calderon, was born on April 2, 1925, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Calderon of 1001 North Campbell Street, El Paso, Texas. He received his education in Morehead Grammar, El Paso High, and Texas College of Mines in El Paso, and entered the service on May 14, 1943, at El Paso, assigned to the Army Air Forces on B-29's, and was sent to Chatham Field, Savannah, Georgia, for his training. He was commissioned 2nd lieutenant, on the 20th day of November, 1944. On October 23, 1945, 2nd Lt. Rafael F. Calderon was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Air Force, after 2 yrs. and 5 mos. of service.



Lt. FRANCISCO M. CORDERO

1st Lt. MAURICIO F. CORDERO, JR.

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Cordero of El Paso.
 Lt. FRANCISCO M. CORDERO, husband of Virginia F. Cordero, was born Nov. 16, 1919. He volunteered for the Navy June 24, 1942, assigned to Eng. Branch; trained at U.S.N. Academy, Annapolis, Md. In Philippines, and convoy duty in S. Atlantic for 2 1/2 yrs. Ribbons awarded: Asiatic-Pacific, ETO, and Philippine Campaign. Honorably discharged December 17, 1945.

1st Lt. MAURICIO F. CORDERO, husband of Teresa S. Cordero, was born June 22, 1918; entered Army 1st Cav. March 25, 1941; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. In New Guinea, Philippines, Netherlands E. Indies for 3 1/2 yrs. Medals: Asiatic-Pacific, Amer. Def. Discharged Jan. 9, 1946.



S/Sgt. THOMAS A. CASSO

S/Sgt. Casso was born Aug. 3, 1924, in Illinois, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Casso of 2917 Mobile St., El Paso, Texas; attended College of Mines and Metallurgy at El Paso, volunteering for service April 3, 1943, at San Francisco; was assigned to the Army Inf. Americal Div., training at Camp Cooke, Calif. Served overseas from Oct. 28, 1943, until Nov. 19, 1945, in New Caledonia; Fiji Islands; Bougainville; N. Solomons; Second Battle of Bougainville; Laruma River Action, Philippine Liberation, Leyte, Samar Mop-up, Beachhead Cebu, Honshu, Tokyo, Yokohama, Japan. Awarded Division Commendation, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Arrowhead. Was discharged Dec. 8, 1945.



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***S/Sgt. EPIFANIO VASQUEZ**



***S/Sgt. SILVESTRE R. VASQUEZ**

S/Sgt. Vasquez, was born on Jan. 19, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Octaviano Vasquez of El Paso, and husband of Cruz Pichardo Vasquez of El Paso, Texas. He attended Ascarate Grammar and Ysleta High Schools in Ysleta, Texas, entering the service on November 4, 1941, assigned to the Army Battery Division; he was then ordered to Camp Roberts for his training. On April 21, 1943, he was shipped overseas where he served until his death on the 28th day of October, 1944, in Holland. S/Sgt. Vasquez was posthumously awarded the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster in a ceremony at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

S/Sgt. Vasquez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Octaviano Vasquez, and husband of Maria Teresa Z. Vasquez, 710 N. St. Vrain Street, El Paso, was born December 31, 1913; studied in the Ysleta, Texas, Public Schools; and on July 7, 1941, at El Paso, Texas, he entered the service, assigned to the United States Army 1st Infantry Division. He was sent to Camp Wolters, Texas, for his training. He left for overseas duty on the 19th of September, 1943, and served in Mopin, New Guinea. S/Sgt. Silvestre R. Vasquez paid the Supreme Sacrifice on the 28th day of June, 1944, in Mopin, New Guinea. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal.



***Cpl. KARL HEINZ WOLF**
1st Lt. THEO CARL WOLF

Sons of Mrs. Else Wolf of El Paso, Texas.
Cpl. KARL H. WOLF, was born Nov. 23, 1925; entered the A.A.C. April 2, 1944; trained at Amarillo; Laredo; Tonopah, Nev.; Langley Fld., Va. Served in Aleutian Is.; was shot down over Kurile Is. June 16, 1945. Awarded Air Medal and Purple Heart. Overseas 2 1/2 mos. when killed.
1st Lt. THEO C. WOLF, was born Oct. 11, 1917; entered A.A.C. Jan. 13, 1942; trained at Sheppard Fld., New Orleans, Santa Ana, Kirkland Fld., N.M., Barksdale Fld., La. Served in Mediterranean, Italy, invasion of S. France. Received Air Medal with 4 O.L. Clusters, D.F.C., Good Conduct Medal, and French Croix de Guerre, with Palm. Now with Ene. Det. 2525 A.S.U.



T/Sgt. SAMUEL S. FIELDS

T/Sgt. Fields, was born on August 19, 1906, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fields of Clint, Texas. He received his education at Clint Grammar, and El Paso High Schools, and attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. On November 21, 1943, he entered the service at El Paso, and was assigned to the Army 90th Infantry Trg. Battalion; from El Paso he was sent to Camp Roberts, California, for his training. His awards are Good Conduct Medal and Expert Rifleman's Medal. Technical Sergeant Samuel Sewell Fields was given an honorable discharge on the 8th of October, 1945, after 22 1/2 mos. of service.

1. —T/5 RUBEN L. NAVARRO, born July 6, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Navarro, El Paso, attended North Loop School, El Paso, Texas. Entered the service Oct. 28, 1943, at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He was assigned to Army 156th Qtr. Mstr. Bakery; trained at Camp Polk, Ft. Sam Houston. Overseas 16 months, in New Guinea, Luzon, and was awarded American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon w/3 Battle Stars, Philippine Lib. Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 28, 1946.

2. —SGT. MAX NICHOLS, born May 29, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nichols, Fabens, Texas, husband of Nora Nichols, Casas Grandes, Arizona, brother of Miss Alice Nichols, attended Fabens High School; volunteered for service in August, 1942, at El Paso, and was assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Brooks Field, San Antonio, A.A.F. Eagle Pass and Harlingen, Tex. Sgt. Nichols received the Good Conduct and American Theater Medals; honorably discharged December, 1945.

3. —JR. LEADER, RAMONA R. RUEDA, born August 31, 1921, Texas, daughter of Mr. Jose M. Rueda, Box 14, Clint, Texas, attended Clint High School, Clint, Texas, and volunteered her services for the Army WAAC on February 14, 1943, and received her training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Jr. Leader Rueda served in the United States from February 14 to August 13, 1943, and she was honorably discharged August 13, 1943. She had two brothers in the service who have returned home.

4. —PR. 2/c SILVIE RUEDA, born May 3, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rueda, Clint, attended Clint High School, Texas. He volunteered Oct. 22, 1942, at Santa Fe, New Mexico; was assigned to Navy Aviation, with training at San Diego, Calif. He served 7 months in the United States. Overseas from May 2, 1943, to Dec. 16, 1945, in Oahu Island, Johnston Island, Marshall Islands and Gilberts. PR 2/c Rueda was honorably discharged December 22, 1945.

5. —CPL. GILBERT G. RUEDA, born December 12, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rueda. He attended Clint High School, Clint, Texas, and entered the service on May 8, 1942, at El Paso, Texas, and was assigned to the Army 82nd Airborne Division; trained at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Cpl. Gilbert Rueda had a brother and sister in the service who have returned to civilian life. He was honorably discharged on October 25, 1946.

6. —PFC JESUS S. RUEDA, born June 21, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rueda, P.O. Box 194, Clint, Texas. Attended Clint High School; entered the service on Nov. 20, 1942. Was overseas in New Guinea campaign, the Netherlands East Indies, and Luzon. He served as searchlight operator, and was rifle marksman. Awarded the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater w/2 Bronze Stars, Victory and Good Conduct Medals, and was honorably discharged Jan. 24, 1946.

7. —SGT. FAUSTINO S. RUEDA, born Feb. 15, 1921, in Janos, Chihuahua, Mexico, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rueda, Clint, Texas. He attended Clint High School, Clint, Texas; entered the service Oct. 6, 1942; overseas in New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon, New Caledonia. He served as Truck Driver, and was awarded American Defense and Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Lib. Ribbons, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge. Was discharged November 3, 1945.

8. —TORPEDOMAN'S MATE 2/c ENRIQUE S. RUEDA, born July 15, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rueda, attended Clint High School, Texas; he entered the service on November 11, 1942, and served overseas in the European Area and Africa. He had two brothers who were in different branches of the service, and both have returned to civilian life. T.M. 2/c Rueda was awarded the American D. African-European, Victory Medals. Was discharged Feb. 28, 1946.

9. —PVT. FLOYD LEE PRYOR, born March 12, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pryor, Box 164, Clint, Texas, attended Eufaula, Oklahoma, High School, Eufaula, Oklahoma; he entered the service at El Paso in 1945, and was assigned to the Army Infantry Division. He was trained at Camp Roberts, California. Pvt. Floyd Pryor had three brothers in the services in different branches who have all returned to civilian life; he was honorably discharged January 17, 1946.

10. —S/SGT. RAYMOND S. PRYOR, born April 2, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pryor, Box 164, Clint, Texas. He attended Eufaula, Oklahoma, High School; volunteered on May 27, 1941, and was assigned to C. E. 74th Engineers. He served overseas 4 years in Canada and Europe; was in Rhineland and C. Europe; awarded American D., American T., Bronze Star, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals, and EAME Campaign Medal w/2 Bronze Stars. He was honorably discharged Nov. 9, 1945.

11. —M.M. 3/c CARL W. PRYOR, born July 11, 1922, in Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pryor, Clint, Texas, attended Clint High School, Texas. He entered the service on Oct. 13, 1944, and was assigned to the Navy, San Diego, Calif.; trained at Norfolk, Va., and served in the South Pacific. Awarded; American Area Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Area, Victory Medal (World War II). M.M. 3/c Carl W. Pryor was honorably discharged in 1946, and returned to civilian life.

12. —T/5 ROBERT (BOB) RAY PRYOR, born June 11, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pryor, attended Clint High School, Clint, Texas; volunteered October 13, 1944, assigned to Infantry. Overseas in the Philippines, Manila and Luzon Islands. Awarded; Combat Inf. Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon w/1 Star, Philippine Liberation w/1 Star, Philippine Independence Ribbon, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals, 2 Overseas Service Bars. Was discharged Nov. 27, 1946.

13. —SI/c ALFONSO SANCHEZ PEREZ, born Sept. 11, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baltazar Perez, Fabens. Volunteered Nov. 23, 1942, Navy Air Div.; trained at San Diego. Overseas in S.W. Pacific, invasion and conquest of Saipan, Tinian, Guam, invasion and conquest of Morotai, initial invasion of Philippine Is. and Battle of Leyte. Was serving aboard the USS St. Lo when sunk off Samar Is. (Shrapnel wound in chest at Leyte). Pres. Citation w/Star. Discharged Nov. 26, 1945.

14. —SGT. FRANCISCO ALFONSO AGUILERA, born Oct. 4, 1911, son of Mrs. Soledad G. Rubio, Box 355, Fabens, Texas, attended Fabens High School; entered the service July 26, 1942, at Los Angeles, Calif. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas from May 24, 1943, to Dec. 16, 1945. In New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Milne Bay, Luzon, and Manila. Awarded: Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, Victory Medals, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Discharged Dec. 22, 1945.

15. —CPL. REYNALDO RUIZ, born Dec. 9, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julio Ruiz, Box 23, San Elizario, Texas, was educated at Elizario Public School; joined the service June 4, 1942, and was assigned to Army Engineering (Aviation); trained at Sheppard Field, Texas; served overseas from Aug. 19, 1942, to Oct. 16, 1945, in N. France, Normandy, Rhineland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and C. Europe. Awarded 4 Battle Stars, European, African, Middle-Eastern. Discharged Oct. 27, 1945.

* 16. —PFC PAUL J. RUSH, JR., born Aug. 18, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Rush, El Paso, Texas. Attended College of Mines 1 yr., El Paso; volunteered May 15, 1943, and was assigned to 26th Marine 5th Div., with training at San Diego Marine Training Corps Base, Calif. Overseas 7 mos., in Hawaii and battle of Iwo Jima, where Pfc Paul Rush paid the Supreme Sacrifice. He was awarded: Purple Heart, Citations from Pres. Roosevelt, and from Gov. Stevenson. He was killed Feb. 22, 1945.

17. —S/SGT. MANUEL ALBERT SILVA, March 15, 1921, (birthdate) son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Silva, 1827, E. Rio Grande St., El Paso, Texas, attended El Paso High School. Volunteered Jan. 5, 1942; was assigned to Army 101st Cavalry, with training at Dow Field, Bangor, Maine; overseas from Jan. 10, 1944, to Oct. 4, 1945, in air offensives of Europe, Normandy, N. France, C. Europe, Rhineland, and Ardennes. Awarded "Belgian Fourragere", a presentation by Govt. of Belgium. Honorably discharged Oct. 13, 1945.

18. —C.C.S. WILLIAM P. STOVALL, JR., born Oct. 22, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Stovall, Sr., Ysleta, Texas, attended Ysleta High School; volunteered for service Jan. 10, 1940, and was assigned to Navy, Gen. Service; trained at U.S. Naval Training Sta., San Diego, Calif. Overseas March, 1940, to Jan., 1945. In Asiatic-Pacific, 2nd Battle of Sana Is., Tarawa, Marshall, Saipan, Guam, Peleliu, Leyte. Awarded: Asiatic-Pacific, American Def., Phil. Lib., and Vic. Discharged Jan., 1946.

19. —SI/c JESSE THOMAS STOVALL, born Nov. 25, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Stovall, Sr., Texas, attended Ysleta High School. Entered the service on May 20, 1943, and was assigned to Navy Gen. Service. Trained in USNT Sta., San Diego, Calif.; overseas from July 31, 1945, to Sept. 29, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, Gilbert Is., Marshall, Marianas, Palau Islands, and Philippines. He was awarded: Asiatic-Pacific, American T., Phil. Lib., Pres. U. Citation, Victory. Discharged Nov. 7, 1945.

20. —SI/c DON L. STOVALL, born April 19, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Stovall, Box 163, Ysleta, Texas, attended Ysleta High School. Volunteered his services on May 11, 1945, at El Paso, Texas; was assigned to Navy duty, (General Service), and trained at United States Naval Training Station, San Diego, California, serving in the United States for 14 months, from May, 1945, to July, 1946. SI/c Stovall had 2 brothers also in the service. Discharged July 20, 1946.

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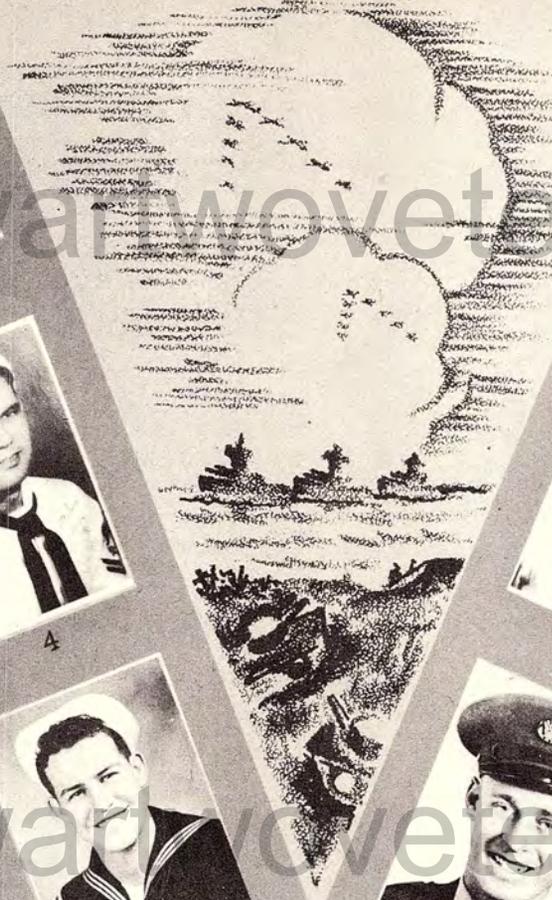
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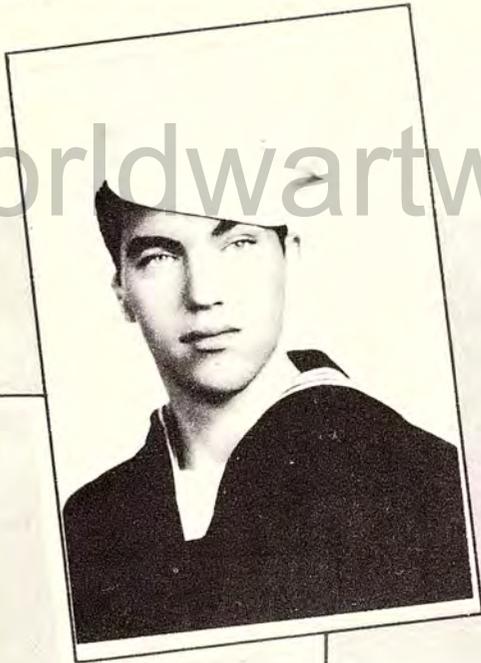


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F1/c EDWARD A. CAPLES

F1/c E. A. Caples, born April 10, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Caples, Route 1, Box 396 F, El Paso, was educated at Colley Grammar and Ysleta High Schools, El Paso; volunteered on July 27, 1942, at Los Angeles, Calif., and was assigned to Navy. Trained in San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States 2 months, and overseas 3 years and 3 months, in all Pacific areas on board the U.S.S. Blue (DD 744) operating with fast carrier task force. He participated in innumerable battles and engagements, 69 in all, for which he was awarded the following medals and battle credits: American Area; Asiatic-Pacific, 8 Stars; Philippine Lib., 1 Star; and Good Conduct. While serving on board U.S. Edwards (DD 619) he participated in action at Attu, Kiska, Gilberts, Marshalls, (Tarawa). Now in U.S. Navy.



Rdm 3/c CHARLES L. COX 1st Lt. JACK COX

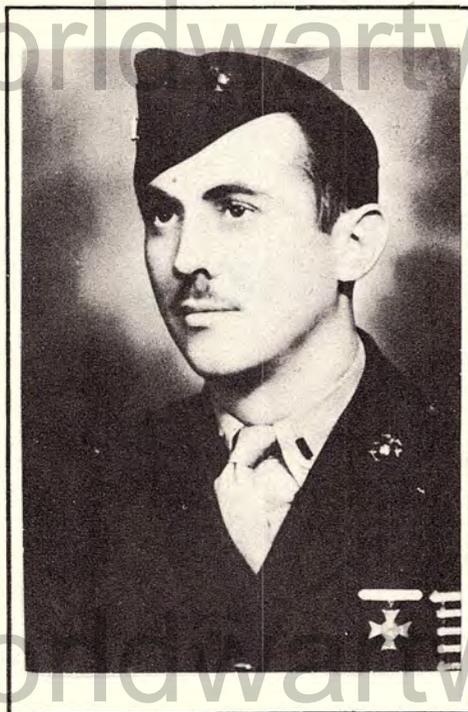
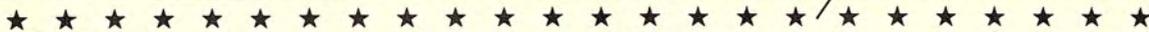
Sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Cox of Denison, Tex. Rdm 3/c CHARLES L. COX, was born July 1, 1910, husband of Dorothy Cox of El Paso. He entered service May 22, 1944, assigned to U.S. Navy 5th Fleet, training at San Diego. Served overseas 13 mos. in the Philippine Is., Japan, and Okinawa. Discharged Dec. 22, 1945. 1st Lt. JACK COX, was born Feb. 7, 1920, husband of Jean Cox of El Paso. Volunteered for the A.A.C. on Dec. 1, 1941, training at Lemoore A.A.F., and Mather Fld., Calif. Overseas 13 mos. in S. France invasion, campaigns for Po Valley, Apennines, and N. Rome. Awards are D.F.C. and Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. Honorably discharged Sept. 8, 1945.



*Pvt. GUSTAVO GANDARA, JR.

Pvt. Gandara was born Oct. 11, 1925, in El Paso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustavo Gandara, Sr., of 205 Palm St., El Paso; attended El Paso Technical Inst., entering the service Feb. 3, 1944, assigned to the Army 103rd Inf.; trained at Camp Howze, Texas. He went overseas on Sept. 15, 1944. He arrived at the port of Marseilles on October 20, 1944, with the first troops in port. He participated in the Rhineland campaign from November 9, 1944, to November 29, 1944, when he received shrapnel wounds in the abdomen; the results of these wounds caused his death the same day. He is buried in Epinal, France. Awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

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*1st Lt. WILLIAM D. HAWKINS

Lt. Hawkins was born April 19, 1914, son of Mrs. C. Jane Hawkins, Box 822, El Paso, Texas; attended Texas College of Mines, joined Marine Corps on Jan. 5, 1942, assigned to 2nd Marine Div., Scout-Sniper, Amphibious Forces Raiders; trained at San Diego, serving at Tulagi, Tanambogo, Florida Is., Guadalcanal, Tarawa, and also made scouting trips to other Is. in the Pacific. Due to outstanding work, he was made instructor in "Scout Sniper" School when Pfc;Cpl. aboard ship, Sgt.; Platoon Sgt.; and 2nd Lt. on acct. of unusual gallantry in Solomons; commissioned in Fld. on Guadalcanal Sept. 1, 1943, 8 mos. after enlisting. He died from wounds 2nd day of battle on Tarawa; wounded twice before receiving fatal wound, but refused to retire. Awarded citation as "outstanding man of his platoon" in Boot Camp; Letter of Commendation from Gen. in Guadalcanal; 2 Presidential Unit Citations; Congressional Medal of Honor; named in his honor are an airfield on Beito, Tarawa, and the U.S.S. Hawkins DD873.



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Capt. LEVERETT C. HAMILTON



***1st Lt. STEPHEN C. KAFFER**

Capt. Hamilton, was born on Aug. 1, 1912, in El Paso, Texas, husband of Annabelle Hamilton of 4204 Pershing Drive in El Paso. He attended Texas College of Mines, and entered the service November 25, 1940, assigned to the Army 36th Division, and was sent to Camp Edwards, Mass., Fort Benning, Georgia, and Camp Bullis, Texas, for his training. Overseas from April 2, 1943, to Dec., 1945, in Salerno landing, Volturno crossing, San Pietro, Rapido River, Cassino, Anzio Beachhead, Rome-Arno campaign up through Florence. Awarded Bronze Star Medal, EAME Ribbon with 3 Stars, 1 Arrowhead, Combat Inf. Badge; also received Knight Crown of Italy.

1st Lt. Kaffer, was born Oct. 7, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Kaffer of 3229 Aurora, El Paso; attended Texas A & M College, and entered the service Jan. 19, 1943, at Houston, assigned to the Army 237th Combat Eng.; trained at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. He went overseas in Nov., 1943, serving in North Africa and also in England. Participated in the campaigns of Normandy, thru France, Belgium, and Germany. Lt. Kaffer was killed in action Nov. 26, 1944, by an enemy mine explosion in the vicinity of Gressenich, Germany, and is buried in Henri Chapelle, Belgium. Awards included EAME, Distinguished Unit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart Medals.



CCM MARIANO B. GARCIA
Pfc MARIO A. GARCIA



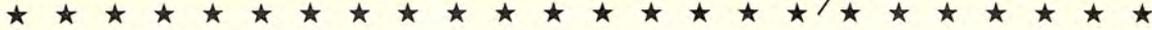
SKV 3/c BALTAZAR A. LOPEZ

Husband and Son of Maria R. Garcia, El Paso.
CCM MARIANO B. GARCIA, born July 26, 1900, enlisted in 71st U. S.N.C.B.; trained at Camps Peary, Va.; Endicott, R.I.; Port Hueneme, Calif. In Bougainville; Admiralty Is.; and Okinawa for 2 yrs., attached to 3rd Amp. Marines, and 1st Cav. Div. Awarded the Navy Unit Commendation. Discharged Sept. 2, 1945.

Pfc MARIO A. GARCIA, born Jan. 17, 1923, entered Army 6th Inf. Div. on Feb. 25, 1943; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. In Hawaii, New Guinea, Philippines, Luzon, and Campaign for Dutch New Guinea for 28 mos. Awards are Inf. Combat Badge and Good Conduct Medal. On Feb. 11, 1946, he received his discharge.

S.K.V. 3/c Lopez, was born on July 23, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Lopez, and husband of Alejandra C. Lopez of Ysleta, Texas; attended Ysleta, Texas, High School, and entered the service on April 20, 1944, at El Paso, assigned to the Navy, attached to N.A.S.D., training at Naval Air Station in Oahu, T.H. He served overseas from June 15, 1944, until November 8, 1945, in the South Pacific area. He was in complete charge of an aviation supply warehouse. His decorations include Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, American Theater, and World War II Victory Medals. S.K.V. 3/c Lopez received an honorable discharge on November 8, 1945.

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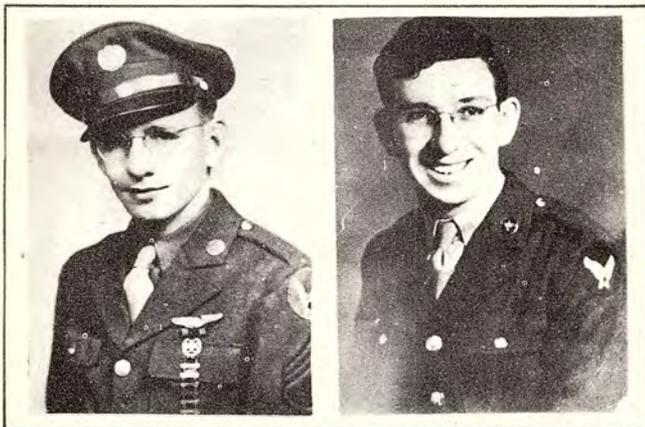
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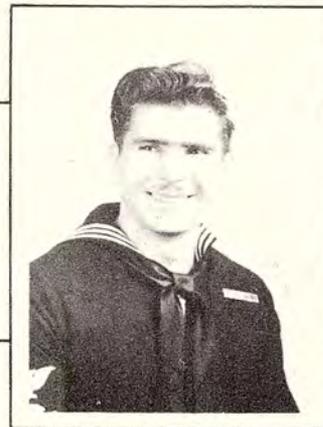
*T/Sgt. WILLIAM S. CHAPPELL

Ens. Dorothy C. Sanborn, born April 26, 1929, in Tennessee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Chappell, El Paso, received her education at El Paso Grammar and High Schools, and graduated from College of Mines, El Paso, Texas. Volunteered for service on June 2, 1944, and was assigned to Navy Reserve Personnel (Waves); trained at Smith College; served in the United States 19 months. She accepted appointment as midshipman in 1944; later in the same year she accepted appointment as ensign in Naval Reserve. Her awards were: American Area Campaign Medal and Victory Medal. Ens. Dorothy Sanborn was honorably discharged Feb. 5, 1946.

T/Sgt. W. S. Chappell, born July 2, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Chappell, El Paso. Graduated from Vilas Grammar and El Paso High Schools; volunteered Dec. 7, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas, and Chicago, Ill., etc. Overseas in Wales and Eng., participating in heavy bombardment sortie over enemy occupied continental Europe, France (many cities), Holland, and Germany. Was member of 734th Bomb. Sqdn., 453rd B. Grp. Army specialties were radio operator, mechanic and aerial gunner. He was killed over Gens Hagen, Germany, March 6, 1944. His awards were: ETO Ribbon; Air Medal; and Purple Heart (Posthumously).



S/Sgt. HERBERT W. IGOE
Cpl. JOSEPH M. IGOE



TM 3/c CARLOS C. LOPEZ

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Igoe of El Paso, Tex.
S/Sgt. HERBERT W. IGOE, born Sept. 11, 1919, entered the Army 390 Ftr. Sqdn., 366 Ftr. Gp.; trained at Lowry Fld., Colo. In air offensive of Europe, Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Bulge, Rhineland, and Central Europe battles. Awarded Pres. Unit Cit., Good Conduct Medal, and Belgium Fourragere. Discharged Oct., 1945.
Cpl. JOSEPH M. IGOE, born July 3, 1922, husband of Dorothy B. Igoe. He entered the A.A.F. in Jan., 1942; trained at Hill and Lowry Fields, and Anderson Inst. in Los Angeles. Served in Southwest Pacific Area, with campaign stars for Papua, New Guinea, and So. Philippines. Honorably discharged Jan. 20, 1946.

T.M. 3/c Lopez, was born on Sept. 26, 1924, son of Mrs. Marcrina Lopez of Ysleta, Texas. He attended Ysleta High School, entering the service on May 20, 1943, at El Paso, assigned to the U.S. Navy in Seaman Branch, and was trained in San Diego, Calif. With service in the Asiatic-Pacific areas in the first and second Philippine battles; Marshall Is.; Marianas; Palau; Carolines; and Volcano Is. campaigns, from Oct. 11, 1943, until Nov. 20, 1945. He received these awards: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with 6 Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbons with 2 Stars. TM 3/c Lopez was given an honorable discharge December 6, 1945.

1. —CPL. FREDERICK R. JACKSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson, 1406 Wyoming St., El Paso, husband of Geraldine Jackson. Born July 25, 1920; attended El Paso Technical Institute. Entered the service June 22, 1944, and was assigned to Army, Co. C., 725th Railway Operating Batt'n.; trained at Camp Blanche, Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. Overseas from Feb. to Oct., 1945, in India. Awarded: American T. Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, Victory, 1 Service Bar. Discharged, Mar. 17, 1946.

2. —PFC HOWARD C. JACKSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jackson, 1406 E. Wyoming Street, El Paso, Texas, born October 30, 1927, attended El Paso Technical Institute, Texas. Volunteered January 2, 1946; was assigned to Army Air Force, Squadron P. B. AAF B. U.-M.T.C., with training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Geiger Field, Wash. He was Camouflage Instructor at Sachs Field, San Antonio, Texas. Pfc Howard Jackson is a brother of Frederick R. Jackson, also in the service.

3. —CPL. LEE REX JOHNSTON, born May 18, 1912, W. Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Johnston, 3331 Hamilton St., El Paso, volunteered Feb. 23, 1942, assigned to Army 32nd Div. Transferred to 35th T. C. Service Group, (Navy) - Ship and Gun Crew Com. 1; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Overseas from April 22, 1942, to Sept. 27, 1945, in Australia, New Guinea, Philippines, Papua, Pt. Moresby, Milne Bay. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific, Philippines Lib. w/1 Star and 3 Battle Stars. Discharged Oct., 1945.

4. —SGT. TED RAYMOND KARBBER, born April 8, 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Karber, husband of Dorothy Karber, El Paso, attended Ysleta High, Texas; entered service Jan. 27, 1941, assigned to 36th Inf. Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas April 1, 1943, to June 6, 1945. In N. Africa, Tunisia, Italy, Naples-Foggia, Landing at Salerno BH. Was wounded in right shoulder; P.O. W. Germany 18 mos. Awarded Combat Inf. Badge, and Purple Heart. Honorably discharged November 8, 1945.

5. —1ST LT. VIRGINIA STOHNER, born Dec. 29, 1919, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stohner, attended Hotel Diew, School of Nursing, El Paso; volunteered Feb. 19, 1945, at Hot Springs, N. Mexico, assigned to Army Nurse Corps; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; overseas from Aug. 25, 1945, to May, 1946. Served in Manila, Western Pacific area. 1st Lt. Virginia Stohner is still in the service at Ft. Sam Houston; 4 members of her family in service have returned to civilian life.

6. —B.M2/c GEORGE WAGNER STOHNER, born Jan. 29, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stohner, attended Tex. College of Mines, El Paso; volunteered June 4, 1941, assigned to Navy, U.S.S. Chicago; trained at San Diego Tr. Camp, Calif.; overseas Aug. 8, 1941, to Oct. 30, 1946. In Coral Sea, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Saipan, Leyte, Surigao Starit, Borneo, Okinawa, E. China Sea. Awarded: Victory, Purple Heart, Amer. T. and A. Defense, Asiatic-Pac. w/12 Stars, Phil. Lib. w/2 Stars, Navy Unit Comm. Discharged Dec., 1946.

7. —YEOMAN 3/c MAUDE ANN KARBBER, born Aug. 13, 1925, daughter of Mr. H. L. Karber, El Paso, attended Ysleta High; volunteered December 8, 1943; trained at Hunter College, New York City; served in the United States from Jan. 6, 1944, to Nov. 2, 1944. Served as Yeoman to Physician Training Office, at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Was promoted from SZ/c to Y3/c upon completion of Yeoman training. Y3/c Karber was honorably discharged at N. Orleans, La., on Nov. 2, 1944.

8. —HOSPITAL APPRENTICE 1/c KENNETH STOHNER, born Aug. 10, 1927, husband of Joyce L. Stohner, Route 42, Box 662, El Paso, attended Ysleta High School, Ysleta, Texas; volunteered on March 16, 1945, at El Paso, and was assigned to Hospital Corps (Navy) with training at Hospital Corps School, San Diego, California; served in United States 10 months, and overseas for 6 months; was in Asiatic-Pacific area. HA1/c Kenneth Stohner was honorably discharged July 11, 1946.

9. —CPL. CHARLES EDWARD LANE, born Nov. 1, 1924, in Penn., son of Mr. E. A. Lane, 914 N. Lee Street, El Paso. Attended El Paso High School; entered service April 20, 1943, assigned to Army Air Forces, 5th Air Force, with training at Keesler Field, Miss.; served in the United States from April 20, 1943, to Sept. 14, 1945. Overseas from September 14, 1945, to Feb. 8, 1946, in Japan and Philippines. Was in 3rd air drome squad, 63rd Air Service Grp., Atsugi. Discharged Feb. 28, 1946.

10. —S1/c ROBERT CLARENCE LANE, born July 12, 1926, in Penn., son of Mr. E. A. Lane, El Paso, Texas, husband of Premilio Buelha Lane, Route 42, Box 817, El Paso, attended El Paso High, Texas; volunteered to U.S. Navy in 1944, assigned to Navy Armed Guard, with training at San Diego, Calif. Served in United States for 14 months. Overseas 9 months in Hawaii, New Guinea, Philippines, Leyte, South Pacific, Panama, and Atlantic. S1/c Lane was honorably discharged on June 17, 1946.

*11. —PFC PEDRO CANO LUJAN, born July 14, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lujan, San Elizario, attended Clint, High; entered the service on Feb. 25, 1942, at Ft. Bliss, and was assigned to Co. F., 40th Inf.; trained at Fort Ord, Calif. Overseas July, 1943, to Feb. 2, 1944, in Kiska, Hawaii, Marshalls. He was wounded at Kwajalein the night of Feb. 2, 1944, and died next morning. Awarded: Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Citation of the South Pacific Area.

12. —PFC NICK CANO LUJAN, born June 16, 1918, son of Nicholas Lujan, attended Elizario Public School. Entered the service Nov. 30, 1942, assigned to Army 102nd 1st Med.; trained at Camp Maxey. Overseas from Oct., 1944, to Feb. 8, 1946. In France, Belgium, Ireland, Netherlands, Austria, England, Germany, along the Rhoer, Rhineland, C. Europe. Awarded: EAME Campaign Medal w/2 Stars, Victory w/1 Serv. Stripe, 2 O. Serv. Bars. Discharged Feb. 8, 1946.

13. —PVT. JOSE SUAREZ DURAN, born Jan. 18, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lucero, Route 1, Box 170, San Jose, Texas, husband of Esperanza O. Duran, 518 S. Kansas Street, El Paso, Texas. Attended San Jose Public School, San Jose, Texas. Volunteered April 23, 1942, El Paso, Texas; was assigned to Army Det., 8th Service Command, with training at Camp Claiborne, La. Served in the United States from April 23, 1942, until he was honorably discharged May 13, 1943.

14. —FRANCISCO SUAREZ DURAN, born October 20, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Lucero, Route 1, Box 484, El Paso, Texas, husband of Clia Duran, attended Cadwallader Public School, Texas; volunteered to the service on August 2, 1945, at El Paso, and was assigned to the Navy. He served in the United States from August 2, 1945, to October 5 of the same year. Francisco Suarez Duran was honorably discharged on October 5, 1945.

15. —S/SGT. MARCOS SUAREZ LUCERO, born Feb. 6, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucero, El Paso, husband of Victorina, Route 1, Box 170, attended Cadwallader School; entered the service Dec. 1, 1941; was assigned to the Army. Overseas from April 7, 1944, to Dec., 1946. He was in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe. Awarded: Defense (American) Service Medal, American Theater-Med-North; Defense (American) Service Medal, American Theater Medal, EAME Medal w/4 Stars, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 12, 1945.

16. —S2/c AMBROSIO SUAREZ LUCERO, born Dec. 7, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Lucero, El Paso, Texas. Attended Cadwallader Public School, El Paso; volunteered for service March 9, 1945, serving overseas from September 15, 1945, to June, 1946. He was in the Asiatic-Pacific area, with Fleet Camera Party Serv., Pac. Admn., and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and Victory Medal (World War II). S2/c A. S. Lucero was honorably discharged on July 8, 1946.

17. —MM3/c CHARLES RICHARD KING, born June 2, 1925, Harlingen, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. King, Box 664, Fabens, attended Fabens High School, Texas. Volunteered June 3, 1943, and was assigned to the Navy, Seabees, with training at San Diego Naval Training Station. He served in the United States for 17 months, overseas from Jan. 13, 1944, to May 17, 1945. In Pacific Theater, and New Guinea campaign. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon w/2 Stars, American area. Discharged Mar. 15, 1946.

18. —T/5 JOSEPH MADRID, born Sept. 26, 1922, California, son of Mrs. L. Manno (formerly Mrs. Madrid) Route 1, Box 493, El Paso. Educated at Ysleta Public Schools. Entered the service Nov. 21, 1942, and was assigned to Army 102-(Ozarks) Div.; trained at Camp Maxey, Cp. Swift, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Ft. Dix, N. J. Overseas Sept. 12, 1944, to Feb. 10, 1946. In France, Holland, Germany, Rhineland and C. Europe. American Theater, EAME, w/2 Stars, Good Conduct and Victory. Discharged Feb. 27, 1946.

19. —S1/c ROBERT ARTHUR MADRID, born Feb. 18, 1926, son of Mrs. Louisa Manno, El Paso, attended Ysleta High School, El Paso; entered the service May 12, 1944, assigned to Navy Armed Guard; trained at San Diego, Calif., and various other camps. Overseas from July, 1944, to April, 1946. Awards: Point System, Asiatic-Pacific Area, American Area, European-African Area, Philippine Liberation and Victory Medal (World War II). S1/c Robert Arthur Madrid was honorably discharged May 21, 1946.

20. —S1/c ANGEL MALDONADO, born May 15, 1913, son of Mrs. J. Maldonado, 1108 Magoffin, El Paso; husband of Justina T. Maldonado, attended Bowie High School, Texas; entered the service on March 18, 1944, assigned to Navy Carrier Air Service; trained at U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States from March 18, 1944, to June 21, 1945. S1/c Maldonado was in a trouble shooting Aviation Radio Unit, and was honorably discharged on July 21, 1945.

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Capt. HOWARD W. PEAK, III

Capt. H. W. Peak, born Jan. 23, 1918, in Ft. Worth, son of Mrs. Nita H. Dahlgren (father deceased). He attended Texas College of Mines, El Paso, entered the service in March, 1941, and was assigned to the Army 1st Cav. Div.; after completing his training, saw service along the Mexican border. In 1943, he went to Australia, where he remained 6-8 months; then to New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, Leyte, Luzon, in the Philippine Islands, Los Negros, Tokyo, Japan. He was twice wounded, once by shrapnel from "a grenade heaved at me by a little yellow taxpayer, in the holiday spirit, no doubt". He won Legion of Merit - a rare compliment to a jr. officer; shortly afterwards he was promoted to Captain. In recognition of his heroic actions in this war, his great aunt, Miss Olive Peak, Ft. Worth, gave him his great grandfather's sword used in the Civil War.



Cpl. HUGH C. O'DONNELL

CSp(A) THOMAS J. O'DONNELL

Sons of Mrs. P. O'Donnell of Fabens, Texas
Cpl. HUGH C. O'DONNELL, was born June 30, 1918; entered the Army 1st Cav. on March 25, 1941; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas 22 mos. in battles of New Guinea, Admiralty Is., Leyte, and Luzon. Awarded Purple Heart; Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Stars; Philippine Lib., 2 Stars, Arrowhead; Pres. Cit.; Amer. Def.; Combat Inf. Badge; Good Conduct; and Victory Medals. Stationed at Wm. Beaumont Gen. Hospital.

C.Sp. THOMAS J. O'DONNELL, born June 20, 1919, husband of Kathryn O'Donnell, volunteered for the Navy Jan., 1942; trained at Norfolk, Va. In S. Atlantic 2 mos. Awarded Amer. Def. and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Sept., 1945.



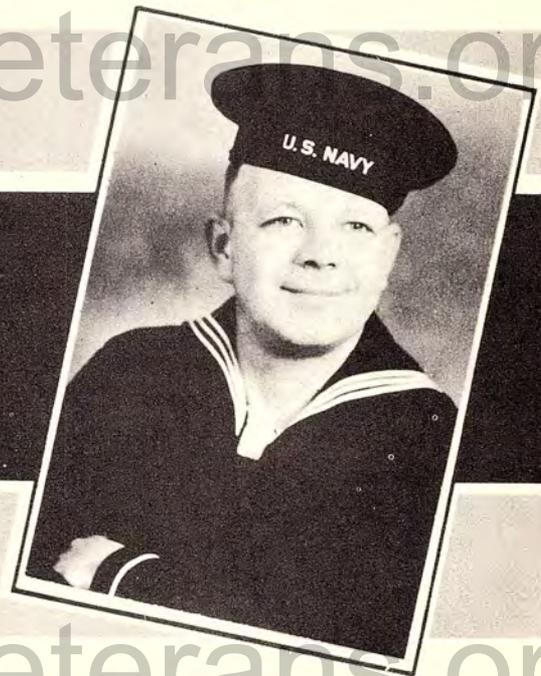
1st Sgt. GUY P. DeMARCO

1st Sgt. De Marco, was born Jan. 23, 1921, in New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion De Marco of Rochester, N.Y., and husband of Maryla De Marco of 210 Cargill Rd., El Paso, Texas; attended San Antonio Tech. High School; entered the Army 1st Cav. Div. on June 16, 1939; transferred to 91st Inf. Div. in 1942; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and Camp White, Ore. Served 15 mos. in Italy in Rome-Arno, Po Valley and Apennines campaigns. Awarded Good Conduct, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Victory, and ETO Ribbons, with 3 Stars. Reenlisted in March, 1946, and is now D.M.D. at Brook Army Med. Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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*Capt. HUGH H. FINK.



WILLIAM N. FINK, JR.

Capt. Fink, was born on Dec. 24, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Fink, 1108 Upson Ave., El Paso, Texas. He studied at the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado. In October, 1940, he volunteered for the Army at Ft. Bliss, Texas, assigned to the First Cav., training there at Ft. Bliss and later at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Capt. Fink was shipped overseas in July, 1941, serving at Ft. Stotsenburg, P. I., and Aglagoma Bay Sector during defense of Bataan, until final surrender. Prisoner at O' Donnell, Davao, Cabanatuan, Bilibid, Philippine Is. Wounded in wrist at Aglagoma Bay and by shrapnel of shell splinter during bombing of Jap prison ship in harbor of Takao, Formosa, Jan. 9, 1945, causing death, Jan. 23, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart and Silver Star Medals.

William N. Fink, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Fink. 1108 Upson Avenue, El Paso, Texas, was born on May 16, 1910, educated in El Paso Grammar, and Roswell, New Mexico Military Institute, attending the Univ. of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. At El Paso he volunteered for service in Nov., 1943, entering the Ship Repair Unit of the Navy and training at the Naval Training Station in Idaho. He spent from January 1, 1944, until January 10, 1946, serving overseas with service on Midway Island and at the Naval Administration Building in Pearl Harbor. He received an honorable discharge on the 10th day of January, 1946, after twenty six and a half months in service for his country.



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Cpl. RAMON MONTION



1st Lt. G. B. PALM

Cpl. Montion, was born on Feb. 27, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Montion of Rt. 42, Box 195, El Paso, Texas; attended high school in Albuquerque, N.M., and volunteered for the service on Jan. 27, 1943, assigned to the 11th Marines, 1st Marine Div., and trained at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He served overseas from May 25, 1943, until Dec. 21, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, participating in battles for Cape Gloucester, New Britain Is., Peleliu, Palau Is., Okinawa, and duty in occupied Peking, China. Awards are Navy Citation for Peleliu Campaign and Letter of Commendation from and by Com. of the Marine Corps. Honorably discharged on the 2nd of Jan., 1946.

1st Lt. Palm, was born on July 14, 1921, in Nixon, Texas, son of Mrs. Mary Iris Palm, and husband of Jean Palm of 4209 Cumberland St., El Paso; attended College of Mines, El Paso, Texas; volunteered for the A.A.C. on May 12, 1942, and trained at San Antonio A.C.C.; Curtis Fld., Brady, Texas; Waco A.A.B. and Blackland A.A.B. at Waco, Texas. Overseas 9 mos. in European Theater of Operations; was 1st pilot on B-17 bomber and completed 35 missions over enemy territory, Germany, Belgium, France, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. Awarded D.F.C., Purple Heart, 2 Unit Citations, ETO, with 3 Stars, and 5 Air Medals. Discharged July 20, 1945.



Pfc FERNANDO PALAFOX
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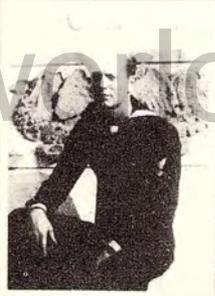
Cpl. LUIS A. PAZ

Sons of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Palafox of El Paso.
Pfc FERNANDO PALAFOX, was born July 31, 1922, and entered the A.A.C. in June, 1943; served in Rome-Arno, N. Apennines, Po Valley, S. France, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, air offensive of Europe, air combat of Balkans for 20 mos. Awarded EAME, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged November 26, 1945.
Ensign MARIO PALAFOX, husband of Arcelita Armijo Palafox, was born Aug. 2, 1923; entered the Naval Hosp. Corps on May 17, 1944, at El Paso, Texas, training at Camp Wallace, Texas, and San Diego, Calif. Commissioned ensign on Jan. 17, 1946. He received an honorable discharge on the 17th of January, 1946.

Cpl. Paz, was born on Aug. 19, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo P. Paz of Ysleta, Texas. He attended Ysleta High School; volunteered for the service on March 5, 1945, at El Paso; was assigned to the Marines Hq. Bn., 1st Marine Div. F.M.F., and trained at Camp Le Jeune, N.C. He went overseas in August, 1945, and served on Chin Wong Tao, China; Okinawa; Hawaii; and Tientsin, China. He wears the Sharp Shooter Medal. Corporal Louis Alfonso Paz at present is still serving overseas with the 1st M.P. Company Division Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division F.M.F., and he is stationed at Tientsin, China.

1. —T/SGT. MARCELO QUINTANA MALDONADO, born Jan. 16, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Maldonado, Clint, Texas, husband of Trinidad M. Maldonado, San Antonio, attended University of Texas, Austin. Entered the service on Oct. 23, 1941, and was assigned to Army Air Corps-5th Air Force; trained at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo. Overseas 6 mos. in New Guinea, E. India, and Papuan Campaigns. Awards: D. Unit Badge w/1 O.L. Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific Medals. Discharged Sept. 12, 1945.
2. —SGT. RAUL CRESENCIO MALDONADO, born April 17, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Maldonado, Clint, Texas, attended New Mexico, A & M, State College, entered the service on June 6, 1942, assigned to Air Corps, 12th Weather Sq'd'n. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Overseas from Dec. 11, 1942, to July 9, 1945. In Tunisia, Rome-Arno, Sicilian campaigns, Central Germany, Rhineland, Naples-Foggia. Awards: Croix de Guerre, with Palm, French Army, Pres. Citation (Unit), Good Conduct. Discharged Sept. 19, 1945.
3. —T/5 FRANCISCO MARQUEZ, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Marquez, Fabens, Texas, husband of Magdalena Marquez, born on June 14th, 1918; entered the service Jan. 27, 1941, assigned to Army 112 Cav. Reg. Trained at Fort Clark; served in the United States for 1 yr. 6 mos.; was overseas over 3 yrs., in New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Southern Philippines, and Luzon. Awarded: American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific, and Good Con. Medals, Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Was discharged Aug. 18, 1945.
4. —PFC EULONGO MARQUEZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Marquez born Sept. 12, 1921, attended Fabens Public School, entered the service Aug. 21, 1942, at El Paso, Texas, assigned to Army Combat Inf., with training at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyo. Overseas 1 yr. and 9 mos. In Normandy, Rhineland, Northern France and Central Europe. Awarded Good Conduct, EAME Medal w/4 Bronze Stars. Also rec'd Commendation from his C.O. for excellent training record. Discharged Aug. 15, 1945.
- * 5. —S/SGT. JOSE ARANDA CASTANEDA, born March 2, 1924, son of Tibursia Mesa, Box 116, Clint, Texas, attended Clint High School; entered the service on May 26, 1943, at Ft. Bliss, Texas; was assigned to Army Squad. G-F.A.F.R.D.; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Overseas June 7, 1943, to Oct. 7, 1944. He was in England, France, Germany, and participated in 27 missions; awarded: Purple Heart, Air Medal, European Theater Ribbon. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice Oct., 1944.
6. —T/4 CONRADO V. MONTES, born Feb. 9, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Montes, 3309 Madera St., El Paso, Texas, husband of Rosa C. Montes, 231 N. Grama St., attended Bowie High School, El Paso; entered the service on May 5, 1942, at Ft. Bliss, Texas; was assigned to the Army M.D.; trained at Camp Berkeley, Texas, and Ft. Lewis, Wash. Served in the United States from May 5, 1942, to Jan. 4, 1944; overseas from Jan. 4, 1944, to Nov. 5, 1945, in SW. Pacific. Awarded Pres. Citation. Discharged Nov. 29, 1945.
7. —T/SGT. LOUIS MONTES, born Jan. 12, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Montes, El Paso, attended Bowie High School; volunteered for service on Feb. 25, 1943, at Ft. Bliss; was assigned to Army Co. B., 71st Inf., 44 Div.; trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Served in the United States from Feb. 25, 1943, to Aug., 1944. Overseas from Aug., 1944, to Sept., 1945. In Rhineland, N. France, and C. Europe. Awarded Bronze Star Medal, ETO Ribbon with 3 Bronze Service Stars. Honorably discharged Nov. 12, 1945.
8. —S1/c FRANK MONTES, born Oct. 4, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Montes, attended Bowie High School; volunteered Aug. 5, 1943; trained at San Diego, Calif., U.S.A. Naval Training Sta. Overseas from Oct. 15, 1943, to March 1, 1946. In Gilberts, Kwajalein, Truk, Marianas, Hollandia, W. New Guinea, Iwojima, Palau, Formosa, Leyte, Mindoro, Okinawa. Was awarded: American Theater of War Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Honorably discharged March 5, 1946.
9. —SGT. RAUL E. MENDIAZ, born November 19, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mendiaz, 3425 Durazno, El Paso, attended Zavala Public School; entered the service Nov. 19, 1942, Fort Bliss, Texas, assigned to Army 102nd Div. Trained at Camp Maxey, Texas. Overseas Sept. 23, 1944, to Jan. 24, 1946. In Central Europe and Rhineland; awarded: Meritorious Unit Award, American Theater Campaign Medal, Victory Ribbon. Sgt. Raul Mendiaz was honorably discharged on February 12, 1946.
10. —PVT. ROBERTO MENDIAZ, born Oct. 10, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mendiaz, El Paso, Texas. Educated at Zavala School, El Paso. He entered the service on Feb. 2, 1944, at Ft. Bliss; was assigned to Army 35th Div.; trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Overseas from Dec. 14, 1944, to July 23, 1945, in Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe; awarded: Victory, EAME Theater Service, Good Conduct, and American Theater Service Medals. Pvt. Mendiaz was honorably discharged Feb. 22, 1946.
11. —PVT. ALFONSO MONTOYA, born May 1, 1908, Texas, son of Mr. Domingo Montoya, 414 Tays Street, Apt. 286, El Paso, husband of Edela Montoya, 1111 Camulos, Los Angeles. Attended San Jacinto Public Schools, El Paso, Texas. Entered the service May 12, 1943, Fort Bliss, Texas; was assigned to the Army Railway Operating Batt'n., with training at Camp Harahan, New Orleans, La.; served in the United States from May 1, 1943, until he was discharged Oct. 1, 1943.
12. —T/5 SALVADOR MONTOYA, born Jan. 1, 1921, son of Mr. D. Montoya, and husband of Mary Esther V. Montoya, attended El Paso High School, Texas; entered the service May 12, 1943, assigned to Army Engineer Corp., with training at ERTC, Camp Abbot, Oregon. Overseas from Feb. 27, 1944, to October 10, 1945. In Eng., France, Belgium, Germany, Normandy, in breakthrough, crossing the Rhine. Awards: Croix de Guerre, EAME Medal w/5 Stars, 3 Overseas Bars, Marksman Medal. Discharged Oct. 25, 1945.
13. —S/SGT. DON MORALES, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Morales, Fabens, Texas, born July 16, 1919. Attended Fabens High School, Texas; volunteered June 6, 1941, assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. Overseas from May 10, 1943, to Sept. 12, 1945, in European Theater, battle of Rhineland, and Air Training Command in S. America. Awarded Campaign Medal w/1 Star, American Theater and American Defense Medals, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Sept., 1945.
- * 14. —1ST LT. MELVIN WALTER MORRIS, born Jan. 27, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Morris, 2223 Gold St., El Paso, husband of Ada Lois Morris, attended El Paso Tech. Inst.; volunteered March, 1942, at San Antonio, assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Moore Field, Texas. Overseas in Marianas Islands with 20th Air Force, he was awarded Purple Heart, Air Medal, and Pres. Unit Citation. 1st Lt. Melvin Morris was killed in action overseas in B-29 plane crash, on June 29, 1945.
15. —CAPT. (T.C.) FERNANDO JOSE MUNOZ, born July 14, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Munoz, El Paso, Texas, husband of Virginia M. Munoz, 2314 Montana, El Paso, attended Cathedral High School; entered the service Dec. 22, 1946, El Paso, Texas; trained at Camp Davis, North Carolina. Overseas May 11, 1944, to June 11, 1946. In European Theater, battles of Northern France, and Rhineland. Capt. Munoz was honorably discharged on Nov. 23, 1946, at end of terminal leave.
16. —CHIEF RADIOMAN CHARLES EDWARD MUNOZ, born Oct. 31, 1918, in Ohio, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Munoz, 2314 Montana Street, El Paso, attended El Paso High School. Volunteered services on Aug. 2, 1940, assigned to Navy Radio; trained at U.S.N.R. Radio School, Indianapolis, Ind. Overseas from June 15, 1941, to Aug. 10, 1945. In American area, European Theater of Operation, and in the Pacific. CRm Charles Munoz was honorably discharged on October 10, 1945.
17. —CAPT. EMILIO A. MUNOZ, born Jan. 30, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Munoz, 714 N. San Marcial, El Paso, husband of Dortha Munoz, attended El Paso High; volunteered Nov. 22, 1940, assigned to Q.M. Det.; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas from Aug. 1943, to Nov., 1945. In New Guinea, and Luzon, P. I. Awarded: American Defense and Theater Ribbons, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon w/2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon w/1 Star, Victory Medal. Discharged Feb. 18, 1946.
18. —PFC FELIX MONTELONGO ORTIZ, born Jan. 17, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ortiz, 1100 S. Mesa St., El Paso. He attended school at El Paso, and entered the service on March 24, 1943, assigned to Army 37th Div. Trained at Ft. F. E. Warren, Wyo.; served overseas from Oct. 16, 1943, to Dec. 14, 1945. In Northern Solomons, Southern Philippines, New Georgia, Munda, Mindoro, and Mindanao. Awarded: Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct and Victory. Discharged Dec. 24, 1945.
19. —PVT. RAFAEL ORTIZ, born July 23, 1924, in Colorado, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ortiz, El Paso, husband of Albina Ortiz, attended school at El Paso, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 10, 1942, was assigned to Army, 213 A.A.A., trained at North Carolina (Camp Butner). Overseas from March 6, 1943, to Nov. 8, 1945. In Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Aron, North Apennines, Po Valley. Awarded: European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon and Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged Nov. 8, 1945.
20. —S2/c ENRIQUE ORTIZ, born March 20, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ortiz, El Paso, attended Aoy School, El Paso; entered the service on June 9, 1944; trained at R.T.C. and U.S.N.T.A.D.C. He served in the United States from June 13, 1944, to Oct. 2, 1944, and overseas from Oct. 19, 1944, Aug. 19, 1945. S2/c Enrique Ortiz saw service in New Caledonia, and on December 17, 1945, went to U.S.N. Health Service Hospital, Ft. Worth. Discharged by reason of approval "Med. Survey".

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Capt. HENRY C. SHAWVER

Capt. H. C. Shawver, born Feb. 22, 1907, in Ohio, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Shawver, husband of Rachel S. Shawver (now Mrs. Wm. Fowler), 3728 Jackson St., El Paso, Texas, attended Defiance College, Ohio; entered the service Aug. 28, 1941, and was assigned to the 19th Air Sqdrn.; trained at Fort Crockett, Galveston, Texas; served in the United States for 3 years and 4 months, in Manila and Corregidor. In Japanese POW Camp #1, Cabanatuan 2 1/2 years; transferred to Bilibid Prison in Manila about Oct., 1944. Killed when Japanese ship transferring prisoners to Japan (1,619) was bombed and sunk by U. S. planes in Subic Bay, Luzon, P. I., on Dec. 15, 1944. Capt. Shawver was taken prisoner by Japs, at Corregidor, and was one of the participants in the Bataan "Death March".



Pfc GUADALUPE S. FLORES

T/5 CRESENCIO C. FLORES

1st Lt. LOUIS S. FLORES

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Flores, Fabens.

CRESENCIO, born May 22, 1916, entered the service on May 27, 1941, at El Paso, and was assigned to the Army 97th Div., 303rd F.A. Bn.; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas; overseas, Japan, and ETO, serving with 1st, 3rd, and 9th Armies. Was awarded Good Con., Victory, ATO, American Def., Asiatic-Pacific and ETO. He was discharged Jan. 10, 1946. Redeployed through States from European Theater to Asiatic-Pac. Theater, June-Sept., 1945.

GUADALUPE, born Aug. 19, 1915, husband of Esperanza Z. Flores, Fabens, was educated at Fabens Grammar and Auburn High Schools, Texas, and Calif.; entered the service Nov. 19, 1943, assigned to the Army 82nd Airborne; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas; overseas 8 months, in ETO, 2 main battles: Holland Inv'n and Battle of the Bulge. Twice wounded and hospitalized in England. Awards: Purple Heart and Cluster, Pres. Citation and Cluster, Good Con., ATO, ETO, Victory, Com. Inf. Badge, Glider Wings, 2 Stars to ETO Ribbon. Honorably discharged Dec. 21, 1946.

LOUIS, born April 21, 1919, attended Texas College of Mines, El Paso; entered Army 7th Armed Div. April 23, 1942; basic training Cp. Barkeley, Texas. Served in U.S. 4 yrs., 4 months. Awarded: Good Con., American Def., and Victory. Honorably discharged Aug., 1946.



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***Pfc TONY H. GRIJALVA**

Pfc Tony Heriberto Grijalva, born March 16, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Grijalva, San Elizario, Texas, attended Clint High School; entered the service Feb. 25, 1943, and was assigned to the Army 324th Inf., 44th Div.; trained at Fort Lewis, Wash; overseas 7 months, in France. He was awarded Silver Star and Sharp Shooter Medal. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Excerpt from letter received reads: "Award of Silver Star by direction of Pres. to Pfc Tony H. Grijalva, for gallantry in action against enemy in E. France, 1944. His co. was held up by machine gun and small arms fire coming from house located in sunken rd. He, on own initiative, crawled under withering fire, reached house, courageously rushing inside, silenced mchn. gun and rifle fire, wounding 3, capturing 9. By this timely and heroic action, utterly disregarding self, his co. was enabled to advance".



F1/c FERNANDO J. GUILLEN



***T/Sgt. ARMANDO GUILLEN**



S/Sgt. HENRY GUILLEN

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Guillen, El Paso.

FERNANDO, born Feb. 6, 1928, attended El Paso Technical Inst.; volunteered for service Jan. 9, 1946, and was assigned to the Navy Motor Mech.; trained at San Diego Training Center, Calif.

ARMANDO, born July 26, 1923, was educated at Beal Grammar and Bowie High Schools, El Paso; entered the service Jan. 21, 1943, assigned to Army, 5th Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Kohler, Sacramento, Calif. Served in U.S. 6 months, and overseas 2 years, in following campaigns: Rhineland, Ardennes, C. European, Normandy, and N. France. Returned to the States and died from wounds received in combat on Oct. 17, 1945, at Sta. Hosp., Camp Campbell, Ky. Awards: EAME Medal, 4 Bronze Stars.

HENRY, born May 18, 1921, husband of Luz T. Guillen, 2300 Myrtle Ave., El Paso; he attended Bowie High School, El Paso; volunteered Jan. 2, 1942, and was assigned to Army Air Force; trained at Wichita Falls Air Base; served in the U.S. 19 months, and overseas 25 months, in Antilles Air Command-Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Cuba, and Virgin Islands. He was awarded the Good Conduct, American Theater Ribbon, and Air Medal. Promoted from Pvt. to Cpl., to Sgt., then to S/Sgt. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 21, 1945, at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho.



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Sgt. T/4 IKE D. HENDRICKS

Sgt. T/4 I. D. Hendricks, born Aug. 25, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hendricks, Fabens, attended college 2 years, College Sta., N.M. Volunteered for service on April 8, 1942, at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Assigned to 713 and 770 Ry. Bn., trained at Skagway, Alaska, and Clovis, N.M. Served in the United States 13 months, and overseas 2 years and 3 months, in Alaskan campaign, N. W. Dia. Group Citation by Pres. for maint. of R. R. Service in Alaska, under almost impossible conditions. He was ry. engineer and rd. foreman of engineers in Alaska at Skagway. Sgt. T/4 Hendricks received an honorable discharge on July 12, 1945.



Lt. BEN F. POWELL

Lt. B. F. Powell, born July 1, 1912, son of Mrs. Emma Powell, Archer City, Texas, husband of Willie H. Powell, Fabens, Texas, graduated from high school, Archer City, and attended North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Texas. Entered the service Sept. 20, 1943, at El Paso, assigned to the Navy Armed Guard Center, New Orleans, La.; trained at Hollywood, Fla., Gulfport Miss, and New Orleans, La. Served in the United States 11 months and overseas from Aug., 1944, to December, 1945, in Pacific, Philippines Campaign, American and Carribean Area. Commissioned Lt. (jg) Jan., 1944; promoted to (sg) June, 1945. Hon. discharged Jan. 6, 1946.



Cpl. ALBERT R. SALEM

Cpl. A. R. Salem, born July 13, 1923, in Arizona, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Salem, 3512 Tularosa Street, El Paso; he received his education at Alta Vista Grammar and Austin High Schools, and Texas College of Mines, El Paso, Texas. He entered the service Feb. 12, 1943, at El Paso, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Chanute Field, Ill., and Kelly Field, Texas; served in the United States from Feb., 1943, to March, 1946. He was awarded the American Theater Medal, Victory, World War II Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He received an honorable discharge on March 2, 1946, and enlisted in the Reserve Corps.



T/Sgt. ANTHONY F. SALEM

T/Sgt. A. F. Salem, born Dec. 11, 1921, in Arizona, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony A. Salem, 3512 Tularosa St., El Paso, Texas. Husband of Veta Jim Salem, 3808 Cambridge St., El Paso. He received his education at Alta Vista Grammar and Austin High Schools, Texas College of Mines, El Paso; volunteered June, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., and Buckingham A.A.B., Fla.; served in the United States 2 years and 6 months, overseas 10 months, in 8th Air Force in England; served in air battles over Europe, Battle of the Bulge. Awards: Pres. Citation, Air Medal, Good Con., 3 Silver Stars. Discharged Oct. 19, 1945. Reenlisted AFRC.

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*PhM 3/c CHARLES V. PORRAS, JR.

PhM 3/c C. V. Porras, Jr., born Feb. 8, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Porras, Sr., R. R. 1, Box 130, El Paso, attended Texas College of Mines, El Paso; volunteered Nov. 12, 1942, assigned to Navy Med. Corps, Marine Hdqtrs. Co., 3rd Btn., 1st Marines; trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas 1 year, in New Caledonia, New Guinea, New Georgia, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Peleliu. Awards: (posthumous) Navy Cross, Purple Heart, Certificate of Merit. Excerpt: "Porras unhesitatingly proceeded far ahead of his own lines to go to the aid of helpless comrades. Courageously advancing alone under a withering barrage from Jap machine guns, succeeded in treating and carrying back 4 wounded men, unaided, before being struck down by a fierce burst of enemy fire; his unwavering devotion and valor were exemplary."



MoMM 2/c ERNESTO PEREZ



*T/Sgt. ABRAHAM PEREZ



S2/c AMELIA P. SMITH

Sons and daughter of Mr. A. Perez, El Paso.

ERNESTO, born Jan. 22, 1916, in Mexico, husband of Maria Jesus Perez, 506 1/2 N. Stanton St., El Paso; he was educated at Burelson Grammar, and Bowie High School, El Paso; volunteered for service on Sept. 28, 1942, at Santa Fe, New Mexico; was assigned to Navy P.T. Boats; trained at Farragut, Idaho; served in the United States 3 years, being honorably discharged on September 23, 1945.

ABRAHAM, born Nov. 11, 1917, received his education at Burelson Grammar and Bowie High Schools, El Paso; he entered the service on Feb. 11, 1941, at Los Angeles, Calif.; was assigned to the Army Inf.; trained at Fort Lewis, Wash. Served in the United States 10 months, and overseas 37 1/2 months in Pacific area-others unknown. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice, having been killed in action on Luzon. He was awarded Purple Heart-other awards unknown. T/Sgt. A. Perez died Feb. 16, 1945. Promoted from Pfc to T/Sgt.

AMELIA, born March 4, 1923, is the wife of Stanley V. Smith, 52 Franklin St., Jamestown, N.Y.; attended Lydia Patterson Inst., El Paso; volunteered for service July 3, 1943, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Waves; trained at U.S.N.T. Sta., Bronx, N. Y. Served in the United States from July 3, 1943, to March 3, 1944, on which date she received her discharge.



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***Ens. FRANK J. LYONS**

Ens. F. J. Lyons, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Lyons (father deceased), 2731 San Diego Street, El Paso, entered the service April 28, 1943, assigned to the Navy; trained at Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill. Overseas 15 months, Atlantic, Pacific, Asiatic; was gunnery officer on U.S. Carrier Cabot, participating in battles at Makin, Tarawa, the Solomons, Rabaul, Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, off Hollandia, and Philippine liberation. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice, having been killed when a Jap crash diving suicide plane struck him as it fell, after F. Lyons had shot him down. His medals and battle credits were: Silver Star, Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific, 8 Battle Stars. His Frat., Phi Kappa Alpha, at Univ. of Texas, building \$50,000 memorial bldg. in his honor, bearing his name. Member of pioneer Texas family and a devout Catholic.



WT1/c ERNEST B. RIGGS Lt. Col. FRANCIS E. RIGGS Pfc WILLIAM A. RIGGS

Sons of Mr. Earl Riggs, Fabens, Texas.

ERNEST, born March 26, 1920, husband of Margaret G. Riggs, 9 Penna Ave., Cape May, N. J., attended Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine; trained at San Diego, Calif.; served overseas 5 years and 2 months in C. and S. Pacific, N. Pacific, N. Atlantic. He was discharged Sept. 8, 1946, and reenlisted on the same day in United States Navy.

FRANCIS, born June 3, 1917, husband of Dorothy Riggs, Fabens, attended Sul Ross State College, Alpine; volunteered for service July, 1940, assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Santa Maria, Calif; overseas 16 months, in Guadalcanal, Munda, Bougainville, Green Island, Hawaii, Admiralty Is., New Guinea. Attacked targets at Rabaul, Truk, New Britain, New Guinea. Awarded: D.F.C., 5 Air Medals, 3 Battle Stars; given inactive status Feb. 2, 1946, Air Corps Reserve.

WILLIAM, born April 26, 1924, educated at Fabens Grammar and High Schools, and Texas College of Mines, El Paso, volunteered for service Dec. 14, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Las Vegas, A.A.F., Nev. (Gunnery School); served in the United States from June 21, 1944, to Oct. 28, 1945. He rec'd. certificate of disability for discharge -A.A.F. Reg. and Conv. Hosp. S.A.D. A.A.F., P.D.C., San Antonio, Sept. 28, 1945.

1. —SI/c OSCAR MARIO AGUILAR, born Sept. 20, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel S. Aguilar of El Paso, Texas. Attended El Paso Technical Institute College, El Paso, Texas. Entered the service October 10, 1944, assigned to the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States, and is still serving in the Navy. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. His mother resides at 3308 Rosa St., El Paso, Texas.

* 2. —PFC JOSE A. AGUILAR, born Nov. 17, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel S. Aguilar of El Paso, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept., 1940, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas. Served overseas Jan., 1941, in the battle of Java in the Indian Ocean. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Reported missing May, 1941, until declared dead Dec. 25, 1945. He received Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon.

3. —T/SGT. CHARLES LEONARD ANDREWS born Sept. 2, 1917, son of Mrs. Edna Andrews of El Paso, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 14, 1941, assigned to Army 71st Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Callan, Calif., and Camp Howze, Texas. Served overseas from 1945 to 1946 in France, Germany, Austria, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged January 17, 1946. Attended El Paso High School.

* 4. —CPL. RICHARD ANDREWS, born Aug. 15, 1919, son of Mrs. Edna Andrews of El Paso, Texas. Entered the service Jan. 17, 1941, assigned to Army 36th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Served overseas April, 1943, in North Africa, Italy, Salerno, and Naples. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Dec. 14, 1943, in Italy. Awarded Purple Heart. He served in forward observation party of Btry. C, 131st F.A. Bn. of 36th Division.

* 5. —2/LT. RAOUL C. DIAZ, born Dec. 5, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valente Diaz. Volunteered for service Nov., 1940, assigned to Army 756th Sqd., 459th Group, Air Corps. Trained at Mitchell Field, N. Y. Served overseas from Jan. 5, 1944, to March 17, 1944, in North African and Italy. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 17, 1944. He received the Purple Heart, Pre-Pearl Harbor, EAME Campaign. His B-24 Liberator Bomber crashed over Vienna, Austria, as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire.

6. —LT. (JG) EGGERTH ORRIS BARNER, born Jan. 5, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eggert Barner of El Paso, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 19, 1942, assigned to Navy V-12. Trained at Columbia Univ., N. Y. Served overseas from June, 1944, to May, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific and European Theater. He received the European Theater, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 4, 1946. Completed his education at Texas College of Mines, El Paso, Texas.

7. —T/4 JUAN C. APODACA, born Nov. 11, 1911, son of Mrs. Alejandra Apodaca of Clint, Texas. Entered the service June 4, 1942, assigned to Army 6th Division. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Served overseas from Sept. 29, 1942, to Nov. 22, 1945, in Australia, New Guinea, and Philippines. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Philippines Liberation, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 2, 1945.

8. —PFC ANDRES A. APODACA, born Nov. 22, 1917, son of Mrs. Alejandra Apodaca of Clint, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 24, 1941, assigned to Army 7th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Served overseas from April 13, 1943, to May 28, 1945, in North Africa, Italy, Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, Germany, and Southern France. Awarded European, African, Middle Eastern Service, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Aug. 29, 1945.

9. —LT. JAMES ROBERT BENNER, born June 3, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Benner, Sr., of El Paso, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 29, 1944, assigned to Navy. Trained at Hollywood, Fla. Served overseas Dec. 5, 1944, to July 22, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific, Okinawa and American area. He was wounded May 4, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart, Pacific Area, 1 Battle Star, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged August 10, 1946.

10. —MAJOR ARCHIE VIVIAN BENNER, JR., born March 12, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Benner of El Paso, Texas. Entered the service June 30, 1941, assigned to Army Air Force, 41st Bomb Group. Served overseas from June 16, 1943, to Nov., 1944, in European Theater, England, Normandy, and Northern France. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation, French Croix de Guerre, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged Aug. 21, 1945.

11. —2ND LT. WILLIAM BRENNAN, born June 26, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brennan, husband of Mrs. Lois Brennan of El Paso, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 14, 1935, assigned to Army. Trained at Wm. Beaumont Gen. Hospital, El Paso, Texas. Served overseas from Aug. 1, 1941, to Oct. 13, 1945, in Alaska, Africa, Sardinia, Corsica, France, Rome-Arno, and Central Germany. Awarded European Theater, 3 Bronze Service Stars, 5 Overseas Bars, and Victory Ribbon. Now at Wm. Beaumont Gen. Hosp.

12. —T/SGT. HENRY BRENNAN, born Nov. 13, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brennan, husband of Mrs. Ann Brennan of El Paso, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct., 1929, assigned to Army, Wm. Beaumont Gen. Hospital, El Paso, Texas. Served overseas from Aug. 9, 1941, to March 28, 1945, in Bataan, Philippine Islands. Awarded American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Defense, 1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation, Distinguished Unit Badge. Now at Wm. Beaumont Gen. Hosp.

13. —SGT. EDWARD MOIR BOLTON, born Feb. 25, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bolton of El Paso, Texas. Volunteered for service July 22, 1942, assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Kearns Field, Utah. Served overseas from Oct. 7, 1942, to April 24, 1944, in China-Burma-India Theater and China campaign. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, 2 Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 28, 1945.

14. —SARA LOUISE BOLTON, born August 2, 1913, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bolton of El Paso; attended Hardin Simmons Univ., Abilene, Texas. Volunteered for service April, 1943, assigned to Army 5th WAAC Band. Trained at Ruston, Louisiana. Served in the United States from March 15, 1943, to November 11, 1943. Spinal injury received in training resulted in partial disability. She received the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 11, 1943.

15. —E.M.1/c ROBERT EUGENE BOLTON, born Sept. 11, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bolton of El Paso, Texas. Husband of Mrs. Molindia Bolton. Volunteered for service March 12, 1943, assigned to Navy Construction Battalion. Trained at Camp Peary, and served overseas from September 11, 1943, to June 30, 1945, in European Theater of Operation. Awarded the American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. He was discharged October 13, 1945. Attended Texas College of Mines, El Paso, Texas.

16. —LT. COL. WILLIAM LEE BOLTON, born Feb. 17, 1901, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bolton of El Paso, and husband of Eva Bolton of Calif.; volunteered for service April 19, 1941, assigned to Anti-A.A. Comm. and Army 86th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Callan, Calif., and Camp Howze, Texas. Served overseas Jan. 1, 1945, to Nov. 1, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, Rhine, Rhur Pocket, and Central Europe. Was awarded American Defense and Victory Medals. He is still serving in Headquarters Sixth Army.

* 17. —2ND LT. JOHN SAMUEL BARRY, born Jan. 31, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Barry of El Paso, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 22, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Jackson, Tenn. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Feb. 14, 1945, when his plane crashed in a storm while on a special B-24 mission near Gander Field, Newfoundland. Personal Letter of Commendation from Gen. Eaker to mother. Completed his education at Texas College of Mines.

18. —1ST LT. VERNON LEE WILLIAMSON, born Aug. 23, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Williamson of El Paso, Texas. Volunteered for service July 23, 1942, assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Served in the United States from 1942, to 1946. Served in the Material Dept. of the Army Air Corps at Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica, Calif. Was discharged February, 1946. Completed his education at Texas College of Mines, El Paso, Texas, and is the husband of Mrs. Billy Williamson.

19. —MAJOR HUGHES ALFRED CARNES, born Oct. 13, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Carnes, and husband of Mrs. Maxine Carnes. Volunteered for service July 23, 1942, assigned to Army. Trained at Ft. Riley, Kan. Served overseas from July, 1943, to Aug., 1946, in Panama Canal Zone, at Ft. DeLeseep, Canal Zone. He received American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Is still serving in the Army at Camp Bullis. Completed his education at State Teacher's College, Denton, Texas.

20. —CPL. DAVID MILTON CARNES, born March 4, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Carnes. Volunteered for service May, 1944, assigned to Army. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas in Korea in the Army of Occupation, F.A., 31st Bn., Btry. B. He received the American Defense Medal, and Victory Ribbon. Is at present serving in the Army of Occupation in Seoul, Korea. Completed his education at University of Oklahoma, entering there in June, 1944.

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- *1. —S/SGT. JOHN ROSS (JACK) VINCENT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Vincent, born Aug. 30, 1924, Calif. Attended El Paso High School. Entered service March, 1943, assigned to Army Air Corps as flight engineer on B-29. Served overseas from Feb., 1945, to June 5, 1945. Stationed at Guam; made 20 bombing missions over Japan. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice while on 21st mission over Kobe, Japan, June 5, 1945. S/Sgt. Vincent received Purple Heart and Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters.
- *2. —PETTY OFFICER, 2ND CLASS, WILLIAM LEE (BILL) VINCENT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Vincent, husband of Dorothy Vincent, Los Angeles, California. Born November 10, 1921, at El Paso, Texas. Attended El Paso High School. Entered service March, 1939, at El Paso. Assigned to U.S. Navy; received his training at San Diego, California. Served overseas from July, 1942, to Aug. 7, 1942, in Solomon Islands. A sniper was the cause of Vincent's paying the Supreme Sacrifice. Rec. Purple Heart.
3. —SEAMAN 1/c, LUIS N. CASTANEDA, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Castaneda, Ysleta, El Paso, Texas, born January 8, 1927, at El Paso, Texas. Received education at Escontrias Socorro, Texas. Volunteered for service July 13, 1945, at El Paso. Assigned to Navy Air Corps. Trained at Naval Training Station, Camp Peary, Virginia. Served in United States with no overseas duty up to present time. Awarded American Theater and World War II Victory Medal. Stationed at U.S.N. Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.
4. —PFC MANUEL CASTANEDA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Castaneda, born June 18, 1924, Ysleta, Tex. Volunteered Dec. 20, 1944, assigned to Army 95th Battalion. Transferred to 41st Marine Infantry Division; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas from July 27, 1944, to Sept. 20, 1946, at Mindanao, Philippines, Kure Omiche, Hero, Nananomi, Kobe and Yokohama, Japan. No battles. Pfc Castaneda received Good Conduct, Victory and Occupation Medals. Discharged November 5, 1946.
- *5. —3rd/c TORPEDOMAN JACK HENRY CARTWRIGHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald H. Cartwright, El Paso, Texas, born June 26, 1922, at Idaho. Attended high school at El Paso. Volunteered October, 1940, assigned to Navy Destroyer; trained at San Diego and Pearl Harbor. Overseas from Feb., 1941, to Nov., 1942, in South Pacific, Coral Sea and two others. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice while in action Nov. 13, 1942, on U.S. Battleship Cushing. Was awarded the Purple Heart with three Stars.
6. —R.M.2/c ROBERT WILSON CATES, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cates, Ysleta, Texas, born Jan. 28, 1926, in Texas. Received education in Ysleta Schools. Volunteered for service January 26, 1944, at El Paso; trained at Navy Training Station, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Dec. 3, 1944, to May 22, 1946, in the South Pacific, and participated in the battle of Okinawa. He was stationed on Okinawa. Radio Man 3/c Cates was awarded Company Citation. Discharged May 22, 1946.
7. —S.K.3/c WILLIAM ROY CATES, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cates, Clint, Texas, was born April 22, 1927, in Texas. Received his education at Ysleta Schools, Ysleta, Texas. Volunteered for service April, 1945, at El Paso, Texas, assigned to Navy. Received his training at Navy Training Station, San Diego, California. Trained in the United States from June 14, 1945, to Oct. 24, 1945. Served overseas from Oct. 24, 1945, to Aug. 15, 1946, South Pacific, Japan and Okinawa. Discharged Aug. 15, 1946.
- *8. —M/SGT. FLOYD HENRY FORTENBERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Fortenberry, Blythe, California, was born March 6, 1911, Milam County, Texas. Received his education at Berino High School, Berino, New Mexico. Volunteered for service 1928, at El Paso, Texas; was assigned to Army Air Corps; trained in United States. Served from 1928 until September 29, 1942, in the United States. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice in a bomber accident while training to drop torpedoes in Florida.
9. —T/4 WOODROW W. CLEM son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clem, husband of Agnes Clem, Waxahachie, Texas, born June 14, 1913. Attended Rice High School, Rice, Texas. Volunteered for service February 7, 1941, at Fort Bliss, Texas, was assigned to 1st Armored Division. Served overseas from May 30, 1942, to Oct., 1944, in Tunisian and Italian Campaigns. Awarded the American Defense Ribbon, EAME Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct. Discharged April 6, 1945.
10. —LT. CHARLES ELMER CRAVEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Craven, husband of Dorothy Craven, was born April 7, 1922, in Texas. Received his education at El Paso Schools and Texas College of Mines. Volunteered June 13, 1942; served overseas from June, 1944, to March, 1945, in American, Asiatic-Pacific Theater and Battle of Philippine Sea. Lt. Craven received Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 2 Stars and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Star. Still serving with the U.S. Navy.
11. —RM3/c JAKE JOHNS CRAVEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Craven, Sr., El Paso, born Feb. 24, 1924. Attended State College, N. M. Volunteered Dec. 17, 1942, assigned to Navy Destroyer U.S.S. Stephen Potter (DD-538). Served overseas from Dec., 1943, to July, 1945, in America, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and Philippines. Battles: Marshall Is., Gilberts, Saipan, New Guinea, Peleliu, Guam, Truk, Carolines, Okinawa, Luzon, Japan, Iwo Jima and China Sea. Received Captain's Commendation. Was discharged January 18, 1946.
12. —1ST LT. THOMAS MURLLAN CRAVEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Craven, Sr., 2863 Pershing Drive, El Paso, Texas, was born June 19, 1909, in Mississippi. Husband of Mary Bateman Craven, 2960 Decebach St., Cincinnati, Ohio. Attended Big Spring Schools and El Paso Business College. Volunteered for service Feb. 5, 1943, at Ft. Bliss, assigned to Army Ordnance Department. Trained at Aberdeen, Md. Served in United States from Feb. 5, 1943, to date of discharge, January 15, 1946.
13. —MoMM3/c FERNANDO DEL VALLE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Severo Del Valle, El Paso. Received education at Morehead, El Paso, Texas. Volunteered for service May 9, 1945, at El Paso; trained at San Diego Navy Training Center. Served overseas from August, 1945, to August, 1946, at Pearl Harbor, Guam, Tinian, Rota, Saipan, Mariana, Marshall Islands, Manila, San Fernando, Samara, Okinawa, Philippines, Baguio, Luzon, Subic Bay and China. Received his honorable discharge in September, 1946.
14. —E.M.3/c LAURO DEL VALLE, born July 23, 1926, Mexico City, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Severo Del Valle, El Paso; attended El Paso High School. Entered service Jan. 9, 1945, at El Paso, Texas, assigned to Navy V-6; trained at San Diego Training Center. Overseas from June 5, 1945, to Feb. 21, 1946, in Pearl Harbor, Guam, Tinian, Rota, Saipan, Marianas Is., Truk, Caroline Is., Eniwetok, Manzanillo, Mexico, Panama Canal Zone and Okinawa. Received honorable discharge July 15, 1946.
15. —CPL. JOE HENRY DeSOTO, son of Mr. and Mrs. John De Soto, born May 11, 1925, attended El Paso High. Entered service Aug. 17, 1943; overseas from Dec. 29, 1943, to Dec. 27, 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe with 9th Air Force. Served with 369th Air Service Sqd., aerial engineer on C-47, 29th tow target, Sqd. 26 and 476 Groups. Awarded European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars. Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Jan., 1946.
16. —S/SGT. JOHN DeSOTO, JR., entered service April, 1943; overseas July, 1944, to July, 1945, in Rome-Arno, France, Normandy and Balkans. Photographer and gunner on B-17. Prisoner in Hungary Aug., 1944, to Jan., 1945, and in Germany (Stalag-Luft-1), Jan., 1945, to May, 1945. Received 7 wounds; was missing in action. Awarded European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with 5 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Unit Badge, Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters. Discharged Dec. 21, 1945.
17. —1ST S/SGT. CHARLES SIMS DAVIS, JR., born June 13, 1912, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Davis, El Paso, Texas. Husband of Pauline Davis, Houston, Texas. Received his education in El Paso Schools. Entered service Dec. 12, 1942, assigned to Army Coast Artillery. Trained at Camp Wallace, Texas, and Fort Meade, Maryland. Served overseas from July 15, 1944, to March 16, 1946, Paris, France. Served with 386th and 787th Military Police Service Battalion. Discharged March, 1946.
18. —ENSIGN THOMAS FRANCIS DEVLIN, born Dec. 14, 1922, Tex., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Devlin. Attended Mines and Metallurgy College, El Paso. Volunteered Oct., 1942, assigned to Navy Amphibious Transport. Trained at Northwestern Univ., Chicago, Ill. Served overseas from Jan. 15, 1945, to Jan. 2, 1946, at Iwo Jima during battle. Transported troops to and from Guam, Midway, Tienstin, China, Hong Kong, Pearl Harbor and San Francisco. Devlin was commissioned Ensign. He received an honorable discharge June 3, 1946.
19. —LT. (JG) MICHAEL JOSEPH DEVLIN, JR., born Sept. 15, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Devlin, El Paso. Graduate of Mines and Metallurgy College, El Paso, Texas. Volunteered April 1, 1942, assigned to Amphibious L.S.D. Trained at Columbia University, N.Y. Served overseas from June 24, 1944, to May 20, 1946, at Amphibious bases, Kauau and Tulagi. Participated in naval battle of Okinawa. Invaded Korea, and served on coast of China. Lt(jg) Devlin was discharged May 27, 1946.
20. —1ST LT. JOSEPH KNOBLAUCH DEW, born March 8, 1920, in Texas, son of Mrs. Emilie K. Dew, Ysleta. Attended A & M College of Texas. Volunteered Oct. 24, 1942, with 20th Air Force, 73rd Bomb Wing. Overseas from Oct. 27, 1944, to July 27, 1945, on Saipan. Battle Stars for Japan, Western Pacific, Eastern Mandated Iwo Jima. Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters and 2 Presidential Unit Citations. Flew 35 missions over Japan. Discharged November 15, 1945.

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C/SM IRVING YOUNGJOHN, JR.



Pfc JAMES L. RYAN

C/S.M. Youngjohn was born on June 20, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Rutledge of Box 94, Clint, and husband of Wanda Louise Youngjohn of 310 Oak Cliff Blvd., Dallas. Educated in Clint, Texas, and volunteered for the service Jan. 26, 1942, assigned to the U.S.N.; trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas twice, 39 mos. in all, with service on Leyte, Okinawa, Kerama Retto, and Ie Shima. Awards include American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, Victory, Philippine Liberation, and American Theater Campaign Ribbons. Chief Youngjohn commissioned the U.S.S. Y.M.S. 99 and the U.S.S. Tazewell (APA 209), and is still serving in the U.S. Navy.

Pfc Ryan, was born May 30, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ryan of Fabens, Texas; attended Texas A & M College at College Station; and entered the service on January 20, 1945, assigned to the Marines Sea Duty Div., and trained at Parris Island, S.C. and San Diego, Calif., Marine Corps Base. Served overseas from Aug. 20, 1945, until May 14, 1946, in the South Pacific. He received the following decorations: the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and the American Defense Ribbon. Private First Class James Lawrence Ryan is at the Naval Air Station in San Diego, California, serving with the Guard Company, Marine Barracks.



*T/5 GEORGE SILVA
Pfc OSCAR T. SILVA

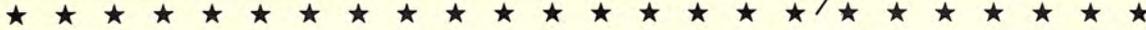


T/4 ANTONIO B. SANCHEZ

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Silva of El Paso.
T/5 GEORGE SILVA was born Oct. 15, 1922. He entered service Feb. 28, 1943, assigned to Army Med. Det., 324th Inf. Regt., 44th Div.; trained at Ft. Lewis, Wn., La. Maneuvers, and Camp Phillips, Kan. Served in France; was wounded Dec. 4, 1944; died Dec. 19, 1944; awarded Purple Heart Medal. He went overseas in Sept., 1944.
Pfc OSCAR T. SILVA was born Nov. 23, 1926, entered the service March 20, 1945, assigned to the Army Co. B, 175th I.R.T.B., and was sent to Camp Hood, Texas, for training. Overseas from Oct. 5, 1945, to May 19, 1946, in Manila with Co. B, 42nd Eng. Const. Bn. He is now in Camp Hood with 988th Eng. T.D.W. Br. Co.

T/4 Sanchez, was born on May 10, 1917, in Arizona, son of Mrs. Manuela B. Sanchez of Ysleta; attended Coyne Electrical College, Chicago, Ill.; entered the service May 6, 1942, at Ft. Bliss, and was assigned to the Army 245th Sig. Opa. Co., training at Camp Crowder, Mo., with service overseas from May 27, 1944, until Dec. 20, 1945, in India, Burma, and China. His decorations include the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. He served with American Liaison Teams with Chinese Combat Command, attached to 99th Chinese Army. T/4 Sanchez was given an honorable discharge on Jan. 7, 1946, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

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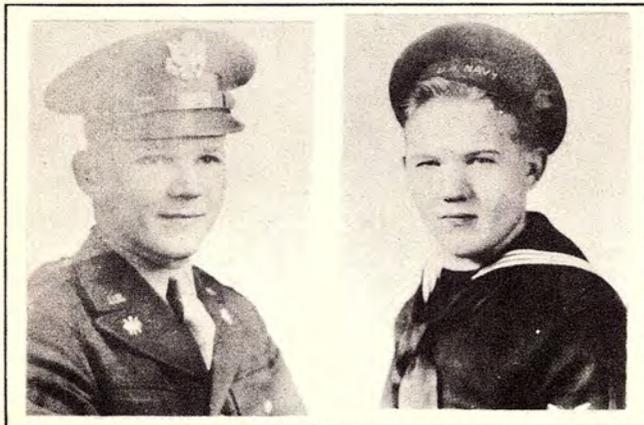
T/Sgt. VINCENT L. DEAL

T/Sgt. Deal, was born Nov. 23, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Deal, of 2821 Pershing Dr., El Paso; attended Lenoir Rhyne College at Hickory, N.C. Volunteered for the A.A.C. on Dec. 16, 1941, and was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, for training. He served at Hamilton Fld., Calif., and Smokey Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas. Overseas from Jan., 1943, until Oct., 1945, in India, China, Burma, Ceylon, Australia, Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa campaigns. His awards include five medals, and Presidential Citation. Tech. Sgt. Vincent Lester Deal received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on the 15th of November, 1945.



T/4 EDWARD P. TORRES, JR.

T/4 Torres, was born Dec. 21, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Torres, Sr., of P. O. Box 118, Ysleta, Texas; attended Ysleta High School, entering the service Feb. 19, 1943, assigned to the Army 1505th Engineer War Service Co. He went overseas on November 9, 1943, and served in the Asiatic Pacific and European Areas in Rhineland campaign, returning to the States on Feb. 10, 1946. Awarded these medals: American Theater, EAME; Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, and Victory. Tech. 4th Grade Edward P. Torres received an honorable discharge on February 21, 1946, from the U. S. Army.



Capt. A. T. WILDE
PO 1/c ROBERT T. WILDE

Sons of Gertrude Wilde of Fabens, Texas.
Capt. A. T. WILDE was born June 24, 1918; volunteered for service Dec. 1, 1941, assigned to the Army 98 Sig. Bn.; trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; 17 mos. in New Guinea, S. Philippines, Luzon, Japan. Medals: ATO, Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Stars, Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation, and Amer. Def. Discharged Dec. 20, 1945.
P. O. 1/c ROBERT T. WILDE was born July 7, 1923; enlisted in N.A. C. June 9, 1941; trained at San Diego. Overseas 1 yr. in anti-submarine patrol in Bay of Biscay, 38 missions as waist gunner. Medals: Air, Cluster; Pre-Pearl Harbor; ETO, 2 Stars; Amer. Def., and Good Conduct. Still serving in the Navy.



Sgt. CONRADO MADRID

Sgt. Madrid was born on Oct. 7, 1919, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maximo Madrid of Fabens, Texas; Box 324; he attended grammar and high schools in Fabens, and entered the service on Sept. 20, 1943, at El Paso, assigned to the Army Mars Task Force; was then ordered to Ft. Sill, Okla., Camp Carson, Colorado, Camp Gruber, Okla., and Fort Ord, Calif., for his training. Served in Burma, China, Central Burma, and India from October 24, 1944, until January, 1946. Sergeant Conrado Madrid received the Good Conduct and Bronze Star Medals, and was discharged on Jan. 5, 1946. He is now living in San Elezario with his wife, Elfida Lara Madrid.

1. —PFC CARROLL SHELBY McCUE, born May 9, 1928, son of Mrs. W. D. Dykes, El Paso, attended Ysleta High School Ysleta, Texas; volunteered June 12, 1945, to the Marines, assigned to the 1st Marine Division; received his training at Parris Island, South Carolina. He served in the United States from June, 1945, to November, 1945; served on Guam for four months, in North China since Feb., 1946, and is still serving in that area.
2. —T.M.3/c ARTHUR HAL WOODLEY, JR., born Oct. 26, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Woodley, El Paso, and husband of Mrs. Mary Ruth Woodley, attended Ysleta High School; entered the Navy on Jan. 19, 1943; received training at Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif.; served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in South Pacific and Okinawa on USS Douglas H. Fox when struck by Jap suicide plane May 17, 1945. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific, one Star, and American Theater; discharged Nov. 8, 1945.
3. —CPL. JACK WISWELL EDDLEMAN, born June 10, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eddleman, El Paso, entered the Marine Corps, 1st Div. of 5th Marines, Feb. 22, 1943; trained at San Diego, Calif.; served overseas from May, 1944, to Feb., 1946, in Okinawa, Peleliu, Palau, and occupation of China; wounded at Peleliu on Sept. 28, 1944, awards Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Good Conduct Medal. Corporal Eddleman received an honorable discharge from Marines on Feb. 8, 1946.
4. —S/SGT. HENRY A. ESCONTRIAS, born Oct. 3, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Escontrias, husband of Isabella Escontrias, entered the Army July, 1942, assigned to the Air Corps, Air Transport Command. Trained at Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Mo.; served overseas from May, 1944, to November, 1945, in American Theater, European, Middle East, Asiatic-Pacific Theaters. Promoted to S/Sgt. Aug., 1945, at Ankara, Turkey, and was discharged Dec. 11, 1945, at Randolph Field.
5. —PFC GUADALUPE ESPARZA, JR., born Dec. 2, 1925, son of Mr. Guadalupe Esparza, entered the Army June 14, 1944, assigned to 6th Armored, 107th Mechanized Cav. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas; overseas Jan., 1945, to Aug., 1945, in Northern France and Germany; wounded in Germany; awarded the Purple Heart, EAME with one Bronze and two Battle Stars and Northern France Campaign Ribbon. Received an honorable discharge on November 19, 1945. He re-enlisted in the Army Nov. 20, 1945.
6. —CPL. RAUL ESPARZA, born Dec. 27, 1919, son of Mrs. Jesus H. Esparza, entered the Army Feb. 17, 1942, assigned to 25th Div., 27th Inf. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark; served overseas from May, 1942, to June, 1945, on Guadalcanal, New Georgia, North Solomons, Luzon and Philippines; wounded on Luzon; awarded Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with one Star. Cpl. Esparza received an honorable discharge from the Army June 25, 1945.
7. —CPL. ROBERTO VICENTE ESPARZA, born Feb. 9, 1922, son of Jesus H. Esparza, attended El Paso Technical Institute; volunteered March 15, 1943, assigned to the Air Force; trained at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; served overseas from November, 1943, to August, 1945; served in England, France, and Belgium. Corporal Roberto Vicente Esparza received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Forces on January 2, 1946.
8. —T5/c RODOLFO HERNANDEZ ESPARZA, born Nov. 18, 1917, son of Mrs. Jesus H. Esparza, entered service November, 1942, assigned to Ordnance Ammunition Co.; trained in Miss. Ordnance Plant; served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in European-African-Middle Eastern, Asiatic-Pacific Theater; awards were Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, Victory Medal. T5/c Esparza received an honorable discharge from the Army on Jan. 5, 1946.
- * 9. —S/SGT. ARCHIE MARION DUNN, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dunn, volunteered for Army Air Forces Nov., 1942; trained at Chicago Technical School; overseas April, 1944, to Oct., 1944, in 30 missions over Japanese territory as gunner and radio operator on a B-24 bomber with 13th Air Force. S/Sgt. Dunn paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Borneo, Oct., 1944. He was decorated with the Air Medal for his meritorious service for his country (posthumously).
- * 10. —PFC ROBERT LEE DUNN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dunn, entered the Army Aug., 1943, assigned to 503rd Parachute Infantry; trained at Camp Wolters; overseas May 8, 1944, to Feb. 18, 1945, in 3 major battles, New Guinea, Philippines and Corregidor. He was promoted to Pfc after going overseas. Robert Dunn paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Corregidor, Feb., 1945; his awards: Silver Star, Good Conduct, Purple Heart, 3 Battle Stars (posthumously).
- 11.—E.M. 3/c CHARLES A. DUNN, born Feb. 19, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dunn, entered service Jan. 14, 1944, assigned to the Navy; trained at San Diego, Calif.; served overseas June 29, 1944, to Feb. 5, 1945, on Hawaii, Repair Ship Y.R.D.M.G. repairing small craft such as L.C.T. and others; awarded the Good Conduct Medal. E.M. 3/c Charles A. Dunn received an honorable discharge on July 25, 1945, at Oceanside, Calif.
- 12.—CPL. PEDRO ESTRADA, born Aug. 1, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Estrada, entered the Army April, 1943; trained at Camp Wallace and various other camps in the States. Overseas on the Islands of Guam and Saipan. Awarded: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Corporal Pedro Estrada received an honorable discharge from the Army on March 1, 1946, at Fort Bliss, Texas, and is now in the William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas.
- 13.—PFC CHARLES MICKEY FOSTER, born January 8, 1927, son of Mr. Charles Foster, Fabens, husband of Mrs. Rosie Foster. He entered the Army on March 8, 1945, assigned to the 95th Infantry, Co. B; trained at Fort Bliss and Camp Roberts, California; overseas Feb. 26, and still serving. He served in Rosenheim, Germany, and St. Johann, Salzburg, Soalfelden, and Hallein, Austria. Pfc Charles Foster is in Steyr, Austria, serving with the Army.
- 14.—PFC RUDOLPH GALINDO, born Nov. 27, 1921, son of Mrs. Elena Galindo, entered service June 16, 1944, assigned to the Cavalry; received training at Fort Riley, Kansas; served overseas from Jan., 1945, to Dec., 1945, in Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe; awards: European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, Good Conduct and Victory. Pfc Rudolph Galindo received an honorable discharge from the Army on December 31, 1945.
- 15.—PFC TOMMY GALINDO, born November 20, 1923, son of Mrs. Elena Galindo, received his education in Fabens School; volunteered for service on November 30, 1942; received his training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas; overseas from October, 1944, to January, 1946, in New Guinea and Luzon Islands; awards were Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Pfc Tommy Galindo received an honorable discharge from the Army on Jan. 23, 1946.
- * 16.—PFC IVAN G. BELL, born May 17, 1910, son of Mrs. Tom Bell, volunteered March, 1942, to the Army 65th AFN. Bn.; trained at Camp Cooke, Calif.; overseas from Feb., 1943, to April, 1945, in Italian Campaign, France, Germany; wounded Nov., 1944; recovered from these wounds, and returned to action. Later Pfc Bell paid the Supreme Sacrifice in Germany. His awards were European-African-Middle Eastern, Good Conduct Medal and Purple Heart—posthumously.
- * 17.—PVT. JOSE FRANCO, JR., born February 17, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Franco, 3511 White Oak St., El Paso, received his education in Austin High School, El Paso; entered service on March 4, 1943, assigned to the Army 324th Infantry, Co. F.; received his training at Fort Lewis, Washington; served overseas from August, 1944, to November 17, 1944. After faithfully serving his country for 21 months, Pvt. Franco paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Nov. 17, 1944.
- 18.—GM 3/c ANDRES A. GARCIA, born January 6, 1923, son of Mrs. Ana G. Garcia, attended Texas College of Mines, El Paso. Entered the Navy in March, 1943, assigned to General Services; trained at San Diego, California; served overseas from Dec., 1943, to October, 1944; later April, 1945, to Dec., 1945, in Mediterranean, African Theater, Asiatic-Pacific and Okinawa. G. M. 3/c Garcia received an honorable discharge on December 17, 1945.
- 19.—ARM 1/c JOE GREG GARCIA, born November 21, 1920, son of Mrs. Ana G. Garcia, El Paso, received his education at Clint High School. Volunteered for the Naval Air Forces on May 6, 1942; received his training at N.A.S., North Island, San Diego, California, NATTC Memphis, Tenn., and NAGS Jacksonville, Fla.; served overseas May, 1943, to May, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, Marshall Islands and Iwo Jima. ARM 1/c Garcia was discharged on Oct. 13, 1945.
- 20.—CAPT. TYRREL EMMETT DEVOLIN, born July 19, 1920, attended Texas A & M College; entered the Army in Oct., 1943; trained at Camp Wolters; overseas 23 mos. in Ardennes, Central Germany and Rhineland, also England where he volunteered as a paratrooper in the 17th Airborne Div. Awards: Combat Inf. Rifle, Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Arrowhead, French Croix de Guerre, also Belgium and three Battle Stars. Received an honorable discharge from the Army on October 11, 1946.

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1. —PFC JAIME GUEVARA, born March 22, 1910, is the uncle of Mrs. Lily Aquirre. He received his education in El Paso Public Schools; entered the Army on June 11, 1943, in Los Angeles, California; received his training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma; overseas in Hawaii and Australia; his awards were Victory, Good Conduct Medals, Pacific Theater and American Theater Ribbons. Pfc Guevara received an honorable discharge on October 25, 1946.
2. —PVT. LUIS ERNESTO AQUIRRE, born August 25, 1918, El Paso, son of Mrs. Isaura DeAguirre, husband of Mrs. Lilly Aquirre 1017 N. Virginia, El Paso, attended College of Mines; volunteered for service Oct. 11, 1943, assigned to the A.A.F. of the Army; received training in Fort Sill, Okla., and as a Radio Operator Mechanic in Sioux Falls, S. D., and in Truax Field, Wis.; awards were American Theater, Good Conduct and Victory. He received discharge on April 7, 1946.
3. —SGT. FRANCISCO PAIZ HOLGUIN, born Aug. 22, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meliton Holguin of Ysleta, attended Ysleta High School; entered the Army on Aug. 21, 1942; trained at Kearns, Utah; overseas from Jan. 18, 1944, to June 11, 1945; served in South and North France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Normandy, and Central Europe with 426th A.A.F. Base Unit. Awards: Distinguished Unit Citation, EAME with seven Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct. Received discharge on Oct. 13, 1945.
4. —CPL. MANUEL PAIZ HOLGUIN, born Oct. 29, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meliton Holguin of Ysleta, entered the Army April 23, 1942; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif.; overseas from Nov. 4, 1943, to Oct. 15, 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe; awards: EAME Campaign with five Bronze Stars and one Arrowhead, Good Conduct, one Service Stripe, three Overseas Bars. Cpl. Holguin was discharged on October 24, 1945.
5. —SGT. MODESTO AVELINO GOMEZ, JR., born Aug. 5, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Modesto Gomez, Sr., of El Paso, attended Texas University, and entered the Army Nov., 1942, assigned to the Air Forces; trained at Fort Bliss and San Francisco Army Air Base; overseas Jan., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in New Guinea, Dutch Guinea, S. Philippines and Luzon. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific with three Stars, American Theater, Philippine Liberation two Stars, Victory. Discharged on Nov. 24, 1945.
6. —SGT. LIBRADO A. GONZALES, born May 7, 1921, husband of Mrs. Carrie Gonzales, 123 Hadlock St., El Paso, volunteered to the Army on Nov. 25, 1940; trained at Camp Bowie and Camp Blanding; overseas April, 1943, to Nov., 1943, in North Africa, Algiers and invasion of Italy and Salerno with 36th Div.; wounded at Salerno and awarded the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge. He was promoted to sergeant in Feb., 1941. Sergeant Gonzales received discharge on July 29, 1944.
7. —P.O. 1/c PETER LYNCH GRATTAN, born Dec. 31, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Grattan of El Paso, attended College of Mines, El Paso; entered the Navy June, 1943, assigned to the Seabees; trained at Camp Peary, Va., Camp Endicott, R. I.; overseas, Dec., 1943, to Nov., 1945; served in New Guinea, Admiralties and Philippine Islands. Petty Officer 1/c Peter Lynch Grattan was given an honorable discharge on Nov. 27, 1945. He was in business for himself before entering Navy.
8. —T.M. 1/c RICHARD DAVID BUTCHOFKY, born Jan. 10, 1920, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Grob, Ysleta, attended Texas College of Mines, El Paso; volunteered for service Feb. 10, 1942, with the Submarine Navy; trained on War Patrols; overseas, April, 1942, to Dec., 1943; later March, 1944, to Sept., 1945. Awards: American Area, Asiatic-Pacific, three Stars, Presidential Citation, Philippine Liberation, Submarine Combat Insignia for 10 successful runs. Discharged Nov. 4, 1945.
- * 9. —PFC HARPER PATRICK (PAT) HARMAN, born March 17, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Harman of El Paso, attended Austin High School, El Paso; volunteered for the Marines January 17, 1944; received his training at Camp Pendleton, California; served overseas in Saipan, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 6th Marines 2nd Div. Pfc Harman paid the Supreme Sacrifice on Nov. 16, 1944. He was awarded posthumously the Purple Heart and a letter of gratitude signed by the President, Franklin D. Roosevelt.
10. —COX. OWEN D. HARMAN, born Sept. 28, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen D. Harman, 3219 White Oak, El Paso, attended Austin High School, El Paso; volunteered for Navy Coast Guard Nov. 28, 1942; received his training at Government Island, Alameda, California. While overseas he served in Asiatic-Pacific, Philippines, European Theater, American Theater and Alaskan Campaign. Coxswain Owen D. Harman received an honorable discharge from the Coast Guard on March 2, 1946.
- * 11. —PVT. DOMINGO HERNANDEZ, born August 3, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Hernandez, 1225 Olive, El Paso, attended the San Jacinto High School. He entered the Army on November 27, 1942, assigned to the 103rd Infantry; served overseas from October 11, 1944, to November 16, 1944. Private Hernandez paid the Supreme Sacrifice on the Hardt Mountains in France on Nov. 16, 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart and European Theater Area Ribbon, posthumously.
12. —T/5 GUADALUPE HERNANDEZ, born December 11, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Hernandez, El Paso, attended San Jacinto High School; entered the Army on Feb. 22, 1943; went overseas on Oct. 11, 1944; served in European and Asiatic-Pacific Theaters in France, Belgium, and Philippines. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific Theater, EAME Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. In France he supervised the work of 108 workmen, civilians and POW's.
13. —F. C. 3/c DAVID HERNANDEZ, born Aug. 19, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Hernandez of El Paso, where he attended the Technical Institute, volunteered for the Navy on July 7, 1943; trained at San Diego, California; overseas Sept., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Gilbert, Marshall, and Caroline Islands campaigns. He was assigned to destroyer escort duty. Fire Controlman 3/c David Hernandez received an honorable discharge from the Navy on March 14, 1946.
14. —PFC FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ, born March 24, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Hernandez of El Paso, where he attended the public schools, volunteered for Army May 1, 1942, assigned to Signal Corps; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas; served overseas August 21, 1942, to Sept. 12, 1945, in Tunisia, Casablanca, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium. Pfc Francisco Hernandez was given an honorable discharge from the Army Signal Corps on Sept. 28, 1945.
15. —PFC JESUS HERNANDEZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Hernandez, 3212 Rosa St., El Paso, attended Beall Elementary School and Technical Institute in El Paso; volunteered for the Marines on March 31, 1944; trained from March 31, 1945, to August 13, 1945; in the United States; went overseas on August 13, 1945; served on Guam and in China. Pfc Jesus Hernandez is still serving with the Marine Corps. He also had three brothers serving their country in the various military branches.
- * 16. —JOSE HERNANDEZ, JR., born March 2, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Hernandez of El Paso, husband of Mrs. Lila Hernandez of Los Angeles, Calif., volunteered for the Army, Parachute Infantry; trained at Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Bragg, N.C.; served overseas from March, 1943, to Oct., 1944, in invasion of Normandy and Battle of the Bulge. Jose Hernandez paid the Supreme Sacrifice Oct. 9, 1944, in Mestrich, Holland. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Presidential Citation posthumously.
17. —B. M. 2/c JAMES CURTIS HAMMOND, born Nov. 7, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Hammond formerly of El Paso, where he attended the public schools, and now living in Vista, Calif., volunteered for the Navy Dec. 4, 1941; trained in San Diego, Calif.; overseas in Jan., 1942, in Marshall and Gilbert raids, Coral Sea, capture and defense of Guadalcanal, Rendova, New Guinea, Leyte and Okinawa. Awards were American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation. Received discharge on Dec. 11, 1945.
18. —SEAMAN CARL EUGENE HILL, born August 15, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hill of Ysleta. He received his education in the Ysleta Public Schools and Texas College of Mines in El Paso where he was a student prior to volunteering July, 1945, for the Navy just a month before his 18th birthday; received his training in San Diego, California; served in the United States from July, 1945, to June, 1946, before transferring to overseas duty. He is the brother of Allan and James Hill.
19. —ENSIGN JAMES ROSS HILL, born May 26, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hill, Ysleta, husband of Marian Hill, attended A & M of Texas; volunteered Oct., 1943, for the Navy Air Corps. Trained at Camp Del Monte, Calif., and Norman, Okla., before being called for overseas duty in the North Atlantic. He received his Wings at Corpus Christi. Ensign James Ross Hill received an honorable discharge from the Navy Air Corps in October, 1945.
20. —M. M. 2/c FLOYD ALLAN HILL, born May 1, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hill, Ysleta, husband of Ida Hill, attended Ysleta High School, and was employed by Standard Oil Co. before he entered service on May 10, 1943. Assigned to Amphibious branch of the Navy, he received his training at the Naval Training Station, San Diego, California; served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and occupation of Japan. Awarded three campaign stars. Discharged from the Navy on Nov. 20, 1945.

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*Capt. MARK ANTHONY



S1/c REGINALD R. SANCHEZ

Capt. M. Anthony, born Apr. 22, 1919, in Arizona, son of Raymond Aguirre-deceased-husband of Celia E. Anthony, Route 1, Box 78E, Ysleta. He was educated at El Paso High Schools; volunteered for service Sept., 1942, assigned to Army Aviation Cadet Training; trained at Santa Ana, Calif. Overseas 14 months, in 27 combat missions over Germany. Authorized to wear 5 Br. Stars over EAME Ribbon. Served as Asst. Director of Operational 1st Air Div., 8th Air Force, in Eng. Navy P.B.Y. crashed in Gulf of Mexico-lost, Sept. 27, 1946. Awards: D.F.C., Air Medal, 3 O.L.C., 2 Belgian Medals (personal), Order of Leopold, Croix de Guerre over Palm.

S. 1/c R. R. Sanchez, born Aug. 26, 1925, in Arizona, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Sanchez, 1435 Fewel, El Paso, received his education at Austin High School and Texas College of Mines, El Paso; volunteered services Aug. 12, 1943, at El Paso; was assigned to the Navy, Seaman, and trained at U.S.N.T. Sta., San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States 7 months, and overseas 2 years, on Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Bougainville, New Guinea, Morotai, Halmahera, Palau, Iwo Jima, Saipan, Tinian, areas. He was wounded at Saipan. Awards: Pres. Citation (2) Commendation Award, Purple Heart. S. 1/c Sanchez received an honorable discharge March 21, 1946.



Coxswain ANTONIO TRUJILLO, JR.



Sgt. DANIEL B. TRUJILLO



Cpl. EFRAIN H. TRUJILLO

Sons of Mr. Antonio Trujillo, San Elizario.

ANTONIO, born March 14, 1923, husband of Josephine Trujillo, San Elizario, attended San Elizario Public Schools; volunteered Jan. 18, 1943, assigned to Navy Amphibious Forces; trained at San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States 5 months, overseas 2 years and 6 months, in South Pacific, awarded Asiatic-Pacific 1 Star, Purple Heart, Victory Medal, American Area. He was honorably discharged on December 22, 1945.

DANIEL, born March 14, 1924, attended San Elizario Grammar and Clint High Schools; entered the service April 3, 1943, assigned to Army Inf.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif.; served in the United States 1 year, and overseas 18 months in Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe; was wounded, and received EAME Ribbon, 5 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, Purple Heart. He received an honorable discharge Oct., 1945.

EFRAIN, born Oct. 24, 1921, husband of Ramona Trujillo, San Elizario, attended San Elizario Grammar and Clint High Schools; entered the Army Air Force on Sept. 2, 1942; trained at Kearns, Utah; overseas 23 months, in Ardennes and Rhineland; and was awarded: ATO Ribbon, EAME Ribbon, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Cpl. Trujillo received an honorable discharge on Jan. 1, 1946.

The American Invasion of North Africa

THE Battle of Africa is considered in three phases: (1) The British campaign to defend Egypt and Suez from the threatening onslaughts of the Italian and German Armies attempting to break through to the Middle East; (2) the American-British invasion of northwest Africa for the purpose of securing a bridgehead for an attack on the "underside" of Europe; and (3) the combined campaign of the American, British, and French Armies for the final overthrow of Axis power in Africa.

Before entering upon the discussion of these phases, let us glance at the antecedent preparations that were made for a coordinated effort to drive the Axis out of Africa.

Preparation for the Invasion of Africa

The Allied offensive to drive the Axis out of Africa, which began with the Battle of El Alamein, was first contemplated by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill when they met in Washington in the dark days following Pearl Harbor. It was calculated that enough troops and supplies could be sent across the Atlantic for a small offensive in Africa by late 1942, or a larger offensive against Hitler-held Europe by the middle of 1943.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff decided to strike at the earlier date in North Africa, where the Axis was weakest. In Morocco, Algeria, and Tunis were French Colonial forces whose help we might gain in driving the Axis out of Africa. From African bases we might jump to Sicily, freeing Britain's life line to India and opening a way for invasion of Italy and southern France. Lieutenant General (now General) Dwight D. Eisenhower, appointed to command the operation, prepared his plans in London during the summer and fall of 1942, but when the invasion was beginning, made his headquarters at Gibraltar, from which he directed operations.

(1) The British Campaign in Defense Of Egypt and Suez

This phase of the Battle of Africa was unique in that six times the Axis Army and the British Army swept back and forth across the northern rim of that great continent. The beginning of the Battle of Africa may be said to date from July 3, 1940, when the British attacked the flower of the French Fleet at Oran to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Axis. It will be recalled that France had been defeated and had surrendered in June 1940, and Axis pressure was being exerted to secure control of the French Navy.

It might seem strange that although the French Fleet was immobilized and discouraged because of the defeat of the French Army, yet that fleet happened to hold the balance of power over the entire world. If the Germans and Italians and Japanese could induce it to join the Axis, then the combined fleets of the Axis and France could probably have defeated the combined navies of Great Britain and the United States. For England and her allies, this situation was exceedingly difficult. But Britain was on the alert, and recognized that positive action must be taken at once, even though that action would be against her former ally, France.

So on July 3 a British battle squadron dispatched Captain C. S. Holland to Oran to offer

the French commander the choice of surrendering, scuttling, being interned in the French West Indies, or being sunk in battle. Admiral Gensoul rejected all offers BUT STILL NEGLECTED DURING 10 HOURS talk to get up steam on his ships. Just before 6 p. m. the British opened fire. Of the four French capital ships in the harbor at Oran, the *Bretagne*, the *Dunkerque*, and the *Provence* were sunk or beached, while the *Strasbourg*, five cruisers, and some destroyers escaped to the French harbor of Toulon. Churchill spoke of this battle as "a melancholy action," but the democracies could now breathe easier.

From Libya to Sidi Barrani August 6, 1940–December 9, 1940

The Italian colony of Libya occupied a central position on the North African coast, extending from French Tunisia to Egypt. In late summer of 1940 Italian Marshal Rodolfo Graziani began a drive east from Libya toward Egypt, just at the time that another Italian army was invading British Somaliland on the east-central coast of Africa, striking from Ethiopia in the south. This was an opportunistic move on the part of Graziani, as France had fallen and was no longer a threat from Tunisia in the rear, and England was fighting for her life in the Battle of Britain. The Italians moved eastward into Egypt as far as Sidi Barrani, and there they stopped, fearing the desert to the south and hugging the coast although the British Navy was shelling the coastal positions. And they rested here before attempting to strike the British main positions at Mersa Matruh.

From Sidi Barrani to El Agheila December 9, 1940 to February 9, 1941

The British by December 1940 had been able to muster 100,000 Imperial troops from Australia, South Africa, New England, and India, but they had only obsolete planes and 200 light tanks. Against this force Italy put two armies totaling half a million men, equipped with tanks, planes, and trucks. The plan was that one Italian army was to advance northward from Ethiopia and the other eastward from Libya. General Sir Archibald Wavell destroyed both of these armies in 6 months' time, beginning his counterattack at Sidi Barrani on December 9, 1940. In a mighty whirlwind advance westward, he captured Bardia on January 5, 1941; Tobruk on January 22; and Bengasi on February 6. By skillful tactics, General Wavell's forces encircled the Italians west of Bengasi, capturing over 133,000 prisoners at a loss to themselves of only 604 men in their lightning drive. On February 8, 1941 the British had occupied Cyrenaica, the eastern half of Libya, as far as El Agheila.

Yet in spite of this phenomenal advance the North African war was to go on for another 3 years. El Agheila was held for only a few brief weeks because General Wavell was compelled to withdraw from most of the territory he had won in order to send his troops to the aid of Greece against the Nazi hordes from the north.

From El Agheila to Halfaya Pass March 24, 1941

By now it was apparent that the Axis was planning to drive through Egypt, capture Suez,

secure control of the vast oil fields in Iraq and Iran, and then join hands with the Japanese in India. The Italians not having demonstrated their competence for such a task, Hitler sent Field Marshal Erwin Rommel with his tank corps to supplement the efforts of the Italians and bolster up Italian morale. Up to this time, the contending forces in the Battle of Africa had been British on the one hand and Italians on the other.

On March 24, 1941 the Axis troops recaptured El Agheila and 3 weeks later took possession of Halfaya Pass. On April 9 a large force of retreating British troops were cut off at Tobruk and were besieged for 7 months. On November 18, 1941 the British launched an offensive against Libya from Siwa, bypassing strongly fortified Salum, and released the Tobruk garrison, chasing Rommel back to El Agheila again.

Then came Pearl Harbor, with Hitler declaring war on the United States. Thereby he opened the floodgates of supplies from America to the British, in North Africa as well as elsewhere. Rommel, now more determined than ever, on January 21, 1942 turned on the British and drove them back to El Gazala, but by February 7 was forced to stop for rest and reinforcements. On May 26 he resumed the offensive, capturing Bir Hachem and Tobruk by June 21, and smashed the main British supply base at Matruh. Still going strong, Rommel's forces captured Tobruk on Sunday, June 21, 1942, and pressed on to El Alamein by July 4, 1942, just 72 miles from the great British naval base at Alexandria.

At this particular moment in history it looked as though the Axis plan to penetrate to India might be successful, for the Allies were in sore straits. The Germans were preparing to sweep through Russia to Kharkov and Stalingrad, and possibly through the Caucasus into Iran and on to India. The Allies had lost Singapore, the Philippines, Burma, the Netherlands East Indies, and parts of the Aleutians; and the Japanese were at the gates of India.

But this "moment in history" was to be like many other such moments on which the course of world affairs have turned. Alamein takes its place with Burma, the Solomons, and Midway as being a typical "dead end road."

The Battle of El Alamein

On October 23, 1942 General Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army scored its great victory over the Axis at El Alamein, and began a historic march from Egypt to Tunisia to join with the American Army under General Eisenhower (which would land in Morocco and Algiers on November 7) in order to push the Axis forces on to Cape Bon and into the Mediterranean.

The victory of El Alamein will rate as one of the decisive battles of history. It was followed by a pursuit which surpassed all records of modern wars. The Eighth Army earned such a reputation at El Alamein that General Montgomery later was able by a mere threat to draw strong German reserves to meet it. This reputation was used in the final battle for Tunisia. After El Alamein it was Montgomery and his Eighth Army and not Rommel and his Afrika Korps who held the limelight.

Air power contributed much to the victory. The Middle East Air Command under Air Marshal Tedder was composed of British and Americans working together as a team with remarkable effect. This same spirit was present under General Eisenhower's command in Tunisia, Sicily, and Italy.

General Montgomery

Bernard Law Montgomery, commander of the Eighth Army, was not well-known until he stopped Rommel, after he had been in the desert only 3 weeks. He had had 33 years' active soldiering, but became a soldier only by chance. He was born in London and a month later his father and family sailed for Australia. Montgomery's father was the Bishop of Tasmania and planned for the boy a life as a bishop, but the youth became fascinated by the Australian soldiers of the Boer War and decided then that soldiering would be his life work.

When Montgomery was 13, the family returned to London. He left Sandhurst in 1908 and became a second lieutenant with the Warwickshire Regiment, making a record which was steady but not brilliant. In France in the first war he fought with distinction, and also did a considerable amount of staff work.

When World War II broke out Montgomery was in command of the 3rd Division. He was in Egypt with the 1st Battalion of the Warwickshires in 1931 and went with it to Palestine in 1932-33 to help establish peace there. He was commanding in the southeast of England when Churchill selected him and Alexander as the men for the Middle East. Montgomery participated in the evacuation at Dunkirk.

Something of the spirit and method of the man may be seen in Montgomery's belief that a battle not only can, but must be won before it is fought. He brought to an army composed of all classes, creeds, and nationalities, an *esprit de corps*. He is a believer in Spartan methods and himself leads a disciplined life.

General Montgomery said that the chief difference between the German and the British soldier is that the German soldier laughs at the misfortunes of others, while the British soldier laughs at his own misfortunes. He learned that the German soldier is not the strong, robust sort of man that people believed, for the sick rate among the Germans was always far higher than it was in the British Eighth Army. The German soldier suffered a great deal from rheumatism and stomach complaints and was not as healthy and fit as the average British soldier.

Montgomery believed that the big battle-winning factor is morale, and that, other things being equal, the side whose troops possess the higher morale will win. His Eighth Army had amazing morale, as demonstrated in the sickness rate. A low average sickness rate would be two men per thousand per day, but in the North African Campaign the rate was never higher than 0.5 per thousand per day.

Three broad principles governed Montgomery's tactics in Africa: (1) He always aimed at making the enemy dance to his tune—that is, he dictated the battle and forced it to develop as he wanted to; (2) when fighting a battle, he strove to so balance or poise his forces in the whole area of operations that plans could be pursued without reacting to anything the enemy could do; and (3) he endeavored to gain the initiative, and having gained it, he kept it.

On the night of October 23, 1942 the shrill bagpipes of the Scots screamed across the desert

sands of Egypt. That was the first note struck in the battle to drive the Germans and Italians from El Alamein. With the cry of warriors of old, the British 51st Highland Division, the 44th and 50th English Divisions, Australians, New Zealanders, South Africans, Indians, Free French, and Greeks combined their attack on the enemy lines, making safety lanes through the mine fields so that the tanks could drive through.

Montgomery's mission was to destroy Rommel and his army. The drive forward was a coordinated advance of artillery, infantry, tanks, and planes. Taking an important part in this offensive were American tanks and American planes, manned by Americans.

The comparative strength of Montgomery's and Rommel's armies at the beginning of this historic battle was as follows:

Montgomery's Army (10 Divisions)

All from British Isles
44th (Home Counties) Div.
50th (Northumbrian) Div.
51st (Highland) Div.
Three Armored Divisions
9th Australian Div.
1st South African Div.
A New Zealand Div.
4th Indian Div.
Fighting French, Greek, and Polish detachments.

Rommel's Army (12 Divisions)

German
12th Panzer Div.
21st Panzer Div.
90th Light Div.
164th Light Div.
Italian
Ariete Armored Div.
Littoria Armored Div.
Brescia Div.
Pavia Div.
Folgore Div.
Trieste Div.
Trento Div.
Bologna Div.

The establishment of a British Armored Division was higher in tanks than either a Panzer Division or an Italian Armored Division, but the strength of the personnel of the opposing armies must have been about equal.

The problem at El Alamein was how to break through the Axis lines which extended for 40 miles from the Mediterranean Sea to the Qattara Depression. Montgomery began his attack after dark; the moon was full and weather conditions excellent. A frontal attack appeared formidable and a drive around the Axis south flank presented difficulties. At last the way was cleared, and on November 4 Montgomery's armored divisions passed through the last of the defenses in pursuit of the enemy. The major tactics were to drive hard down the coast road while armored forces operated in the desert and came into the battle wherever and whenever the enemy attempted to make a stand.

The Eighth Army battered its way straight ahead after 12 days of almost continuous day and night fighting. It was necessary for a gap to be opened in the enemy position before the main armor could be employed, and the infantry fought their way forward without tank support. On November 13 Montgomery announced that

four German and eight Italian divisions had ceased to exist after this battle.

Montgomery's Pursuit of Rommel Across North Africa

This is the story of how Montgomery supplied 30,000,000 gallons of gas, plus water and ammunition, to his men who chased Rommel for 1,400 miles. When the Eighth Army finally struck at the end of October it outnumbered the enemy three to one in planes and tanks and four to one in guns. Fighting the desert to the south and Rommel to the west, Montgomery overwhelmed Rommel with sheer weight of power.

Early in December the Germans were slowing Eisenhower's advance into Tunisia; despite Allied planes and submarines, the Germans were consolidating their Tunisian bridgehead. Great fleets of Ju. 52 transport planes running a shuttle service from Sicily were bringing fresh troops to Tunisia at the rate of 1,500 a night, and many more were brought by ship. This meant that the enemy was reinforcing faster than Eisenhower, and it might mean months would elapse before the Allies could regain the offensive. London and Washington decided to change the plan of battle: The Eighth Army, instead of stopping at El Aghaila to await the coming of the French forces from North Africa, was to push on as rapidly as possible in pursuit of Rommel.

Montgomery, it is said, asked for time, as his supply lines had been stretched almost to the breaking point, many of his tanks needed repairs, and the mud between Tobruk and Bengasi was holding many of them in the mire. Besides, the roads were heavily mined by the enemy. He was told by General Alexander that he could have 10 days or 2 weeks to make preparation for his whirlwind advance.

The damaged harbor at Bengasi was cleared so that supply ships could unload, tanks were yanked from repair shops, gasoline and ammunition secured, and by December 15 everything was ready for the attack on the Aghaila positions. Thousands of guns were ready, their ranges fixed, their rounds of ammunition counted and in place. The Eighth Army was 100 percent mechanized. Every soldier rode in some form of motor-driven conveyance. It would ordinarily take about 233 gallons of gasoline, on the average, to take each machine the 1,400 miles from Alamein to Tripoli; with 60,000 motor-driven vehicles, this would mean about 14,000,000 gallons as the total gas consumption for the Eighth Army, even if all the vehicles should travel in a straight line, which of course was impossible.

Counting the planes with their prodigal use of gasoline, some 60,000,000 gallons of gasoline were needed. The gasoline supply never ran dry en route, showing a superb system of organization. Montgomery held the rate of advance to about 50 miles a day. As the pursuing army advanced farther and farther to the west, its lines stretched again and again and at times food and ammunition dwindled to a mere trickle. But the gasoline enabled them to continue their march.

Before long, however, most of the tanks, trucks, and other vehicles were in serious need of repair or replacement. Under conditions of warfare, especially in the desert, the modern tank's life is of short duration, not over 1,400 miles. The American-made General Sherman or General Grant can be depended upon to make about 700 miles before its engine must be re-

placed. The life of a British Valentine Tank or a Crusader is much shorter.

On January 15 Montgomery began his final cross-desert advance on Tripoli with about 450 tanks; of these only about 250 arrived, about one-fourth of the remaining being destroyed or damaged by enemy action, and mechanical troubles accounted for the others. By the time the Eighth Army reached Tripoli practically every vehicle of the army needed overhauling before further. Bengasi was still the base of supplies and would be until the harbor at Tripoli could be secured and opened. The Germans had thoroughly and effectively sabotaged the harbor at Tripoli and had sunk four ships loaded with rock and concrete in the harbor mouth. However, within 48 hours after capturing Tripoli, an Allied convoy with three American merchantmen was anchored outside and began unloading on lighters. Within 2 weeks the port was open.

It was thus that Montgomery's Eighth Army was able to fight its way, and by March 15 it made a successful attack on the Mareth Line as Rommel retreated up the coast toward Cape Bon, to be entrapped and defeated by the American, British, and French Armies coming in from the west and south.

An interesting observation on the part played by the United States in the Battle of El Alamein was made by Captain Oliver Lyttelton, the British Minister of Production. He noted that the United States sent supplies worth \$640,000,000 to the British for use in the Middle East. American personnel participated in the actual fighting also. One out of every five planes was flown by an American pilot and crew, and American soldiers in American tanks played an important part in the campaign.

(2) The American Invasion of North Africa

Just before the American invasion of Africa began, General Mark Clark, Eisenhower's second in command, made a secret trip by submarine to Algiers to negotiate with certain anti-Axis leaders in Africa, and secure, if possible, an agreement that the French would not oppose our invasion and would join with us in throwing out all Axis troops from Africa. This journey was full of hazards to General Clark and his party, and the negotiations were conducted with the greatest of secrecy and under the ever present threat that something might go wrong and result in the capture and destruction of the party by the enemy.

This conference proved to be eminently successful in spite of its hazards. Certain high commanding officers loyal to the Vichy Government of Marshal Petain were in command of key positions in Africa, and it was known that they would oppose any attempt at invasion. Nevertheless, a promise of cooperation of the French Colonial forces was secured, and having confidence in the cause and the feasibility of the plan, the American and British high command decided in favor of it.

But before discussing the landing operations, let us notice the position of the French in Africa. Almost one-half of the entire continent is under French control. Facing the Atlantic, the immense territory of French Morocco extends from near Gibraltar southwest on along the coast for some 900 miles. The capital is Rabat and a principal harbor is Casablanca. East of Gibraltar is Algeria, another French possession, which extends some 650 miles along the northern coast of Africa. The city of Algiers is the capital and Oran is a principal port of entry.

East of Algeria lies Tunisia, with a Mediterranean coast line of some 600 miles. The capital is the city of Tunis, near the site of the ancient city of Carthage.

The immediate objectives of the invasion were to seize and hold Casablanca and Rabat, and Oran and Algiers, and these were to be occupied almost simultaneously. This move, if successful, would cut the Axis supply routes to North Africa, and would expose Italy and the entire Mediterranean coast line to Allied attack; it would open the Mediterranean to Allied shipping, making it possible to send supplies to Russia through the Suez Canal instead of by the long route by way of South Africa.

Casablanca and Rabat

Casablanca in French Morocco is a city of 453,000 inhabitants, and is located in what today is the remnant of the great Shereefian Empire founded by the Arab invader, who carried the crescent of Islam west at the close of the seventh century and ruled all northwestern Africa and most of the Iberian Peninsula. Morocco is bounded on the east by Algeria, and on the west by the Atlantic Ocean. The capital is Rabat.

The reigning Sultan of Morocco is Sidi Mohammed, the third son of Moulay Youssef.

The climate is healthy, especially on the Atlantic coast, which is shielded from the hot winds of the Sahara by the Atlas Mountains, and where there is a *tell* or fertile region. The most numerous of the inhabitants are the aboriginal Berbers, mountain dwellers, whose forebears thrice conquered Spain, and who so long maintained the independence of their country. There are also a number of Arabs, Moors, and Jews. The people are agricultural and pastoral.

Algiers and Oran

Algiers is the capital city of Algeria, with a population of 7,234,684 in 1936. Moslems comprise the most numerous group of people in Algeria. The Northern Territory of Algiers, with an area of 80,117 square miles, is divided into three departments: Algiers, Oran, and Constantine. Each department sends one senator and three deputies to the National Assembly, which alone has the right to legislate for Algeria.

The Governor General at the time of the invasion was General Georges Catroux, who was also Commissioner for Coordination of Moslem Affairs.

Tunis in Tunisia

Tunisia, the French possession nearest to Sicily and the Italian coast, is part of a continuous land bridge that in very early times bisected the Mediterranean and connected Europe with Africa. Its population of about two and a quarter million is classified as follows: 60,000 French, more than 100,000 Italians, and the remainder Bedouin Arabs and Kabyles. It is definitely a mountain country in the northern half and reaches southward some 600 miles into the Sahara Desert. The large Italian population in Tunisia has for many years been a source of discord for their French rulers, notably so since Mussolini came into power in Italy in 1922.

The Allied Invasion

The invasion was preceded by years of arming, training, planning, brought to a sudden climax in the greatest overseas invasion in his-

tory up till now. After months of planning and intensive training of troops in England and America, the initial blow was struck on November 8, 1942. The various arms of the invading forces striking simultaneously at Africa necessitated the greatest expedition that the Allied Nations had yet undertaken. A fleet of over 500 transports escorted by more than 350 ships of war reached North Africa on November 8. It arrived at a time when German propaganda was claiming that the shipping situation of the Allies made it impossible to start further military operations.

Here was an example of the world's best instances of long-range coordination. The very day (October 24, 1942) that the British Eighth Army started to drive westward from El Alamein toward Tunisia, a distance of more than 1,200 miles, a great troop convoy put to sea from American ports, all bound for North Africa. Thus the offensive began from east and west, on land in Egypt and at sea 4,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean. Three convoys of 700 ships converged west of Gibraltar and went into French North Africa. Within 6 months this Anglo-American army would crush half a million enemy troops and liberate Africa.

Three major landings were made on the African coast, two on the Mediterranean, and one on the Atlantic on November 8, 1942. The job was assigned to three task forces: The Western Task Force was to land at various points in French Morocco near Casablanca; the Central Task Force was to land at Oran; and the Eastern Task Force, at Algiers. At Algiers the invasion met little opposition; at Oran, Vichy French troops capitulated after 2 days; at Casablanca, the Vichy French Navy fought bitterly for 5 days, until November 12, 1942, when resistance ceased by order of Admiral Darlan.

American planes went ahead of the ground troops scattering leaflets telling of the peaceful intentions of the United States, but these planes also carried bombs for use if necessity demanded. While air power did much, yet it was the Infantry that bore the brunt of the invasion attack. Secretary Stimson, commenting on the progress of the invasion, said: "The Infantry played a larger part. We talk about Commandos, Rangers, and Parachute Troops, but we want to remember they are specially trained assault infantry. Tanks and airplanes are of great importance, but assault troops which finally conquer the ground are largely infantry."

Landing at Casablanca: Western Task Force

November 8, 1942 the United States Western Task Force landed at Safi (southwest of Casablanca), Fedala, Rabat (northwest of Casablanca), and at Casablanca. This force was composed of all American units, and its landing was covered by a United States naval force. Half a dozen British officers were in the group. In command was General George S. Patton.

The last phase of the voyage across the ocean from America had seen rough weather, and the convoy of more than 100 transports and warships approached the Atlantic coast of French Morocco by night through rain and rough waters. One of the leading transports had on board a battalion of infantry which was to land to the west of Wadi Mefikh, cross the river, and capture Fort Blondin (Casablanca), whose formidable battery commanded the whole of the 3rd Division beach.

As the ships dropped anchor, the lights of Fedala were still burning brightly, then sud-

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Cpl. DAILY F. McLEAN

Pfc H. M. McLean, born Nov. 30, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.F. McLean, 1005 Booker St., Brownwood, attended Howard Payne College, Brownwood; entered the service on Sept. 19, 1942, at Brownwood, and was assigned to the Army Air Force. Trained at Glendale, California, Goodfellow Field, and Terre Haute, Indiana. He served in the United States from September 19, 1942, until July 31, 1943. Pfc McLean was engaged in aircraft work prior to his enlistment into the United States Army Air Forces. He was drowned while in Terre Haute, Indiana, on July 31, 1943. Two brothers, Walter M. and Daily F., also served.

Cpl. D. F. McLean, born Aug. 1, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.F. McLean, 1005 Booker St., Brownwood, husband of Mrs. Hazel L. McLean, 1004 Booker St., Brownwood, was educated at Brownwood High School. Volunteered on Sept. 20, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Force. Trained at Duncan Field, Randolph, Kelly and Buckley Fields; served in the United States from Sept. 20, 1942, until Oct. 23, 1943, and overseas from Oct. 23, 1943, until July 12, 1945, in England. Awarded ATO Medal, EAME Service Medal, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Promoted to Cpl. March, 1943; Cpl. McLean was given hon. discharge Nov. 28, 1945.



S/Sgt. WALTER M. McLEAN



S/Sgt. JAMES A. TALLEY

S/Sgt. W. M. McLean, born Sept. 22, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. McLean, 1005 Booker St., Brownwood, attended Howard Payne College, Brownwood, and entered the service on July 9, 1942. Was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field, Chanute Field, Santa Maria, Calif., Pendleton Field, Oregon, and Rapid City, South Dakota. He served in the United States 15 months, and overseas 25 months, in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, and S. Philippines, Luzon. Awards and Battle Credits were: ATO Medal; Asiatic Pac. Campaign, 4 Bronze Stars; Philippine Lib., 1 Bronze Star; Good Con., Victory. Discharged, 1945.

S/Sgt. J. A. Talley, born Jan. 31, 1922, son of C. N. Ellis, Stephenville, married Evelyn McLean, Box 825, Stephenville. He attended Alexander High School. Volunteered on October 12, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Fort Worth Army Air Field; served in the United States 16 months, and overseas 23 months, in European area, England, France, Germany, in Rhineland Campaign. Promotions: Pvt. Jan., 1943, to Cpl. Sept., 1944, to Sgt. Dec., 1944, then to S/Sgt. He was given an honorable discharge from the United States Army Air Force on February 5, 1946, and has returned to civilian life.

denly were extinguished. The enemy had been completely surprised. The first boat to be lowered was the Group Commander's craft. Others followed and the leading wave followed the boat of the Group Commander to the beach. A hundred yards offshore he swung aside to let the assault go in. It was his duty to organize the approach of successive waves and give support. A searchlight from the fort had opened up. The coastal battery now opened fire and our warships began to respond.

Men waded ashore while machine guns fired overhead and an American cruiser shelled the fort on their left flank. As daylight came, troops ashore reorganized themselves into companies. The fort was captured, and 3 miles to the west the Infantry was welcomed into the town of Fedala, but the harbor and batteries on the point remained in hostile hands. Fire was directed on to the main beach, where landings proceeded much more slowly than planned. The sea was rough and some men had been drowned; units on the beach were suffering casualties; many soldiers were inexperienced and hostile fire was new to them. General Patton came ashore for personal reconnaissance, surveyed the litter of disabled craft and lack of noncommissioned officers, and said, "I wish I were a corporal."

Three days later Patton entered Casablanca, after accepting the surrender of the French forces. The port of Casablanca was now at the disposal of the Allies. Hundreds of miles to the east we had secured Oran and Algiers. The British First and Eighth Armies meanwhile were beginning to converge on Tunis and Bizerte. There were to be setbacks during the next 5 months, but mastery of the Mediterranean was already in sight.

Occupation of Oran and Algiers: Central and Eastern Task Forces

When the Allied forces occupied all of Algeria, they chose Oran in the Northern Territory as one of their immediate objectives. November 8, 1942 the Allied Central Task Force landed at Oran, and the Eastern Task Force landed at Algiers. The British First Army landed at Bougie and Philippeville, east of Algiers, on November 10-17. At that time Rommel was falling back before the British Eighth Army, and the Allied squeeze play directed against the Axis was underway.

In 4 days' time, the great North African ports of Casablanca, Rabat, Oran, and Algiers were in our hands, and the French Army was being reorganized to take its place in the fight beside the Americans. Within a week, the Americans and the British First Army were in Tunisia to occupy Bizerte and Tunis, and to await the arrival of Montgomery's Eighth Army driving Rommel's forces from the east into the prepared trap at Cape Bon.

The occupation of Algiers was truly a combined operation, calling for cooperation between all branches of the three fighting services, and also between allies. In the flagship flying the flag of Admiral Sir Harold Burrough were the senior officers of the respective services; at their head was General Ryder, the American Supreme Commander of the Eastern Task Force, a tall man, 6 feet 3 inches, with gray hair and aquiline features.

The passage through the Atlantic was uneventful. Once in the Mediterranean the convoy came within range of enemy bombers from Sardinia, and toward dusk the first attack de-

veloped. It was concentrated on the supporting force to the north and was ineffective. Soon after nightfall the convoy turned south and soon sighted the lights of Algiers. Only later was it learned that one U-boat had been rammed just as she was about to discharge her torpedoes into the convoy.

At zero hour, when the convoy reached the spot where the landing craft were to be lowered, Admiral Burrough signaled on the foghorn, and all the ships stopped engines together. Every ship had made the crossing safely, except one transport which had been damaged by a torpedo and was following astern. The signal for the landings was given just 4 minutes ahead of schedule.

The plan was for three main landings on the beaches, while at the same time commandos and rangers were to land on rocks below the most important forts and capture them. It was important to prevent scuttling of merchant ships in the harbors. Two destroyers had specially strengthened bows to ram the antisubmarine boom which guarded the entrance to the harbor. American troops were to leap ashore and gain the vantage points where sabotage would be most likely, while British naval boarding parties were to board the merchant ships to prevent scuttling. Overhead naval planes patrolled.

Heavy gunfire met the approach of the two destroyers attempting to ram the boom in the harbor. The first try missed, and the second, and the third succeeded, as the ship hit the boom squarely and crashed through. In a few minutes the troops were ashore. They had lain flat on the deck behind bulletproof plating as the ships approached the boom.

Before long most of the vantage points around Algiers, including the airdromes of Maison Blanche and Blida had been captured. Temporary roadways were laid to prevent heavy vehicles sinking into the sand, and the traffic was under perfect control. The villagers cheered the arrival of the Allied troops. Next day, the situation with the French authorities was all settled.

On November 12, 1942 Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Deputy Chief of State who had broken with Petain, reached an agreement with General Eisenhower and ordered the French in Africa to cooperate with the Allies. By winter 50,000 French Colonial troops were ready to fight under General Henri Giraud in support of Allied forces. Meanwhile other landings were made at Agadir, Mogador, Port Lyautey, and close to Tunisia at Philippeville and Bone.

These landings caught the Axis by surprise, but Nazi troops soon poured southward to hold the Mediterranean coasts of Europe and Africa. They swept into Unoccupied France on November 11, 1942 and found three-quarters of the French Navy scuttled when they reached Toulon on November 27, 1942. They took the island of Corsica, hitherto occupied by the Italians, seized the Tunisian ports of Bizerte and Tunis, and rushed troops into Tunisia by plane at the rate of a thousand a day. The Luftwaffe covered these reinforcements from interior bases in Sicily and Sardinia, but the British Navy sank about one-third of all enemy naval convoys.

French Cooperation

Meantime a French army, 300,000 strong, arose in North Africa from the ashes of a defeated France, to fight alongside of America and Britain and the 90,000 troops of General DeGaulle. Coming up across the Southern Desert

from Lake Chad, General Leclerc brought his special motorized desert troops, a light mechanized division, made up about half and half of colonials from French Equatorial Africa and reinforced by metropolitan French forces.

By the end of December 1942 the Axis forces in Morocco and Algeria had been driven to cover in Tunisia, and General Eisenhower had moved his headquarters from Gibraltar to the city of Algiers. At the same time Rommel's forces were being steadily driven back westward by Montgomery's Eighth Army, and were taking up positions along the Mareth Line. The Fighting French from Lake Chad, 1,300 miles across the Southern Desert, were joining with Montgomery's forces approaching Tunisia.

Von Arnim's German army, soon to be joined by remnants of Rommel's army, were forced into a death trap and were preparing to make their last stand.

(3) Battle of Tunisia

Combined American-British-French Operations From the Mareth Line to Cap Bon

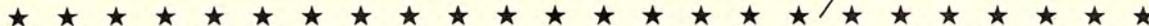
Whether foreseen or not, Tunisia was for us a training ground, a training ground drenched with blood: a training ground for dress rehearsal for the far larger and more difficult operations that still lay ahead.

The Allies had not been able to seize Tunisia by landing there, first because they lacked enough ships and aircraft carriers to penetrate the central Mediterranean, and second because they had to keep large forces in the rear for supply and for protection against a possible enemy thrust through Spain and Spanish Morocco. Yet General Eisenhower ordered advance guards overland into Tunisia in an effort to keep the enemy from occupying it on November 11, 1942.

On November 15, 1942 there was hardly more than a division in Algiers, and troops pushing eastward moved over bad roads, without good communications or airfields, leaving their main bases 500 miles behind them. The enemy was waiting for them at Mateur, having seized the mountain approaches to Tunisia from December 1, to December 28, 1942. He proved too strong to be brushed aside, and the Tunisian front was stabilized for the cold, rainy winter on a line running north and south of Medjez-el-Bab. Both sides raced to build up strength for the inevitable Battle of Tunisia. It was not to be won, as the Allies had hoped, by beating the enemy to the draw.

Montgomery's Eighth Army finally came to Tripoli. Here the big objective was the Mareth Line, which was a strong natural position with the Gabes Gap. This was the most interesting of all battles of the North African Campaign, and Montgomery began to consider the problem 3 months ahead of time. He decided the main feature must be an outflanking movement, but also a frontal attack somewhere against the Mareth position.

Montgomery believed that he would be criticized later for launching a frontal attack against the Mareth Line, which compared to the Maginot Line. His flanking attack against the Italians on the right was met by strong reserves brought up from the south, which pushed him back, and everyone in England thought the war was over. Here he made his decision which was the turning point of the whole North African Campaign because it was clear that if the Eighth Army got through the Gabes Gap and marched into the broad plain of Tunisia, the end of the campaign would be only a matter of time.



Capt. ERIN P. KNOX

Capt. Erin Preston Knox, born February 16, 1919, in Texas, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knox, attended Brownwood, Texas, Elementary and High Schools and John Tarleton College at Stephenville, Texas. He volunteered for service in 1938 with the Army Air Corps; trained at Randolph Field, Texas, Goodfellow, Mississippi, Albany, Georgia; also received training in glider plane. His overseas duty began in 1944. He served in the China-Burma-India Theater. Capt. Knox flew the "Hump" for ten months with his crew and returned to the States the latter part of 1945. The Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross with various other medals and citations were awarded. After returning to the States he served with the Air Transport Command stationed at several major ferry bases. He was discharged from duty, but re-enlisted in the Army Air Corps.

He decided to strengthen the flanking movement in the south, and it was the powerful drive in south of El Hamma that finally drove the enemy from the Mareth area. The Germans rushed over reserves but they were too late.

The question was what they would now do about the Gabes Gap, a very strong natural position. They were now in the dark of the moon, and all operations up to now had been carried out in the moonlight period. He decided to do two things he had never done before: first, to attack in the dark without moonlight; second, to attack in the center, in the middle of the Gap. The enemy was taken by surprise and the Eighth Army broke through the Gabes Gap in 1 day. The Italian Commander, General Messe, said when captured: "We thought you would wait for the moon. We did not reckon on an attack for a fortnight."

The African Campaign was complicated by great distances, inadequate communications, extremely difficult terrain, the necessity of coordinating Allied forces of widely divergent composition, methods of training, and by many political and economic problems. General Eisenhower, Commander in Chief of All Allied Forces, was concerned with grand strategy, which embraced political, economic, and other allied problems, and found it necessary to keep his eye upon Spanish Morocco on the west as well as on Tunisia on the east. And so the strategic conduct of the Tunisian Campaign was largely in the hands of the British.

Instead of the stalemate of trench warfare such as in the First World War, in Tunisia there was the fluid shifting of the lines of armored and motorized units, and there was little rest or relief for our soldiers. In the drive toward Tunis, the Americans were assigned a very difficult terrain, and conducted their offensive with outstanding skill and dash. They learned to be soldiers in the bloody school of battlefield experience. They became veterans in short order. The four American divisions and the attached troops who fought in the Tunisian Campaign showed that they as well as the American equipment could stand the test of battle, and although mistakes were made, they were in at the final drive that swept the Axis out of Africa. The mistakes that were made were in large measure due to the inexperience of actual battle conditions as well as to the soft, easygoing background of many American youth. But it was remarkable how soon they found themselves, and stood up against the seasoned veterans of the German Reich.

The liberation of Africa was the first strategic victory won from Axis forces by British and American troops. They took the offensive in a joint operation, the British driving west from Egypt, the American and British landing in French North Africa and driving east, and both joining forces in Tunisia to squeeze the enemy out of Africa. These offensives, said Churchill on November 10, 1942, were "part of a single strategic and political conception" designed "to open a new front against Hitler and Hitlerism, to cleanse the shores of Africa from the stain of Nazi and Fascist tyranny, to open the Mediterranean to Allied sea power and air power and thus effect the liberation of the peoples of Europe."

The North African invasion had a great psychological as well as strategic value to the Allies: first, it simplified tremendously the whole war for the United Nations; and second, it enormously complicated matters for Hitler, and these complications continued to develop. He

had to send more troops into France so as to garrison the southern shores, as well as to hold in check any French who might favor the Allied cause. His Italian allies became woozy. His Spanish friend, Franco, apparently began to cool and become less cocksure that Fascism could win. Turkey began to show Hitler that she was more of a friend to the Allies than to the Axis. Food resources in Africa were now lost to the Axis partners. Axis troops had to spread out thinner and thinner. The Mediterranean, the Sea of Destiny, would now become an Allied highway east and west, north and south. The invasion of Africa was the first chapter in the Book of Doom for the Axis and its satellites.

The Battle of Tunisia April 14—May 13, 1943

The great squeeze in the African campaign occurred in Tunisia. The American and British forces driving from the west met Montgomery's British Eighth Army driving from the east, joined forces against the Germans and the Italians who were making their last desperate effort to hold Tunisia, the last Axis foothold on the continent of Africa.

This was the first time during the war that the Americans and the British had joined forces against the Axis on the battlefield.

For the great offensive in Tunisia, the Allies reorganized their forces, combining their combatant troops into the Eighteenth Army Group under command of General Sir Harold R. Alexander, with General Eisenhower in supreme command of all military, naval and air forces.

Opposing these Allied troops the German General Von Arnim had some 92,000 troops in the northern part of Tunisia while General Rommel had some 75,000 in his Afrika Korps in the south. The Axis forces were under orders to fight a delaying action so that his defenses in Italy and southern Europe could be improved.

By February 18, 1943, the British Eighth Army had overtaken Rommel's forces who took cover in the Mareth Line in southern Tunisia. By March 27, 1943, the British under General Montgomery had broken through the Axis defenses and the enemy retreated to Gabes on the Mediterranean Coast, losing eight thousand men to the British.

The U. S. 1st Armored Division pushed out from El Guetter in an effort to cut off the enemy's retreat, while the British 4th Indian Division was pursuing the enemy, broke through his lines, and the Afrika Korps was compelled to retreat toward Unfidaville with the loss of 9,500 more of its men. This was on April 12, 1943.

The U. S. 34th Infantry Division and the British 6th Armored Division joined forces, and on April 12, 1943, captured Fondouk Pass. The Afrika Korps then joined with Von Arnim's forces, and established a defense of northern Tunisia, a perimeter with a frontage of more than one hundred miles.

In order to reduce this perimeter of Axis defense, General Alexander reorganized the Eighteenth Army Group so as to deliver the principal attack from the west where the British and French and American troops might maneuver to better advantage. The British First Army in the north was strengthened by a secret movement of three divisions from Montgomery's Eighth Army; General Bradley moved his US II Corps of one hundred thousand men some hundred and fifty miles to the north passing through the British First Army en route and taking his

position along the Beja road that led to Bizerte. After this shifting of positions, the British Eighth Army opened the attack on the enemy from the south and captured Unfidaville on April 20, 1943.

The Allied Army Group then moved towards Bizerte and Tunis, against almost insurmountable enemy resistance. The US II Corps, consisting of the 1st, 9th, and 34th Infantry Divisions joined the attack and advanced five miles from Djebel Abiod on April 23-24, 1943, moving in two groups both converging on Mateur. So stiff was the enemy resistance that key positions changed hands several times. Finally, the enemy was forced to yield. The most severe fighting engaged in by the US II Corps was in the neighborhood of Jefna and Sidi Nsir on the road to Mateur, April 26-27, 1943.

The enemy's main position covering Mateur was Hill 609, Djebel Tahent, and here the Americans were called upon to deliver their most crucial attack. On April 30, and May 1, 1943, in the face of terrific mortar fire, the Americans captured the enemy positions. The 9th Infantry Division outflanked Jefna on May 3rd, and the enemy was forced to withdraw from his positions. The Americans came within thirteen miles of Bizerte when the enemy began to withdraw towards Cap Bon. On May 7, 1943, the Axis forces in Tunisia were cut in two, and the port of Tunis fell into Allied hands. On May 7th the US II Corps occupied Bizerte, and cleared the area of enemy rear guards and stragglers. About 25,000 Nazi troops were captured in northern Tunisia.

By this time the enemy was so confused that he sought a way of escape by way of the Cap Bon peninsula. But there being no place where he could make a stand, and being relentlessly pursued by Allied forces, he was compelled to surrender.

The outcome of the Battle of Tunisia is estimated as follows:

- 15 enemy divisions destroyed.
- 267,000 enemy prisoners of war taken, including 14 German and 4 Italian generals.
- 250 enemy tanks, over 2330 aircraft, and over 232 ships destroyed by the Allies.

Allied losses are estimated to have been less than 70,000 men, of which 2,184 Americans were killed, 9,437 wounded, and 6,937 missing, making a total of 18,558 Americans killed, wounded and missing.

The campaign in Tunisia was a School of Battle for the Americans of the U.S. II Corps. Seven months before they had landed in Africa as green troops inexperienced to the shock of battle; but now they were seasoned veterans ready for even more arduous duties.

Role of the United States Air Forces

In the Tunisian Campaign the heavy end of the burden for the ground forces was borne by the British, but the air strength was predominantly American. Of the 922 enemy aircraft shot down in Tunisia up to March 26, 1943, about 575 were shot down by American-manned planes. Only 50,000 to 70,000 French troops, out of the potential 300,000, were able to fight in Africa; these were largely American-equipped.

Nerves in War

Psychiatrists studying the Eighth Army have discovered that when the soldier is properly trained, armed, and competently led, believes in

his cause and has good cover from the air, he does not often suffer from "shell shock." During the El Alamein battle when the Axis were retreating there were only 52 cases per thousand men reported; later this dropped to .29 cases per thousand men, showing that as victory came closer, the percentage of nervous disorders dropped steadily. This was much smaller than in previous years, when men were not so well trained or equipped. Montgomery's men knew they were prepared for the El Alamein attack. Besides sufficient guns, supplies, and airplanes, the confidence of their leader bolstered them up. The one thing that seems to keep morale high, above all others, is adequate protection against air attack. Nothing is so devastating to nerves as persistent bombing and strafing, which mean loss of sleep.

Morale

"More than two thousand years ago a great Athenian reminded his countrymen that it was neither walls nor ships, but men that made the city. In war, material force, by weight of numbers and weight of metal, may win transitory triumphs, but it is ultimately neither walls nor ships, neither tanks nor airplanes, neither convoys nor communications, but the courage of men and women which will win the victory."—Lord Halifax, October 3, 1942.

Military Units Participating in the Invasion of Africa

Part One. The Landing and Initial Fighting

Commander in Chief of the Allied Forces—Lt. Gen. (now Gen.) D. D. Eisenhower, commanding from Gibraltar

Principal naval subordinate—Adm. Sir Andrew Brown Cunningham, R.N.

Commanding the covering forces for the 3 task forces—Rear Adm. R. C. Giffen, U.S.N.

The Three Task Forces:

(1) Western Task Force, landing at Casablanca, French Morocco, sailing directly from America.

Composed of: All American forces, supported by American naval covering force

- Units: 1. The 3rd Infantry Division
2. The 2nd Armored Division
3. Major part of the 9th Infantry Division
4. Reinforced by supporting arms and services

Commanded by: (1) Rear Adm. Hewitt, until troops were established ashore, then (2) Maj. Gen. (later Lt. Gen.) George S. Patton, Jr.

Naval units participating:

Commander: Rear Adm. H. K. Hewitt

Near Fedala: The *Augusta* and *Brooklyn* and accompanying destroyers engaged shore batteries at Fedala, sank a number of French ships at Casablanca and Fedala.

The covering force for the Casablanca and Fedala landings consisted of the *Massachusetts*, *Wichita*, *Tuscaloosa*, and 4 destroyers.

Transports *Joseph Hewes*, *Hugh L. Scott*, *Edward Rutledge*, oiler *Winoo-*

ski, and destroyer *Hambleton* torpedoed near Casablanca.

Near Safi: The two destroyers *Bernadou* and *Cole*, supported by a covering group under command of Rear Adm. L. A. Davidson consisting of the battleship *New York*, cruiser *Philadelphia*, destroyer *Mervine*, made the attack on Safi.

Near Lyautey: Ships furnishing naval gunfire and naval aircraft support included the *Texas*, the *Savannah*, and a number of destroyers under command of Rear Admiral Monroe Kelly, U.S.N.

(2) Central Task Force, landing at Oran, sailed from Britain.

Composed of: U. S. Army troops, supported by British naval covering force.

- Units: 1. The 1st Infantry Division
2. One-half of the 1st Armored Division
3. Reinforced by corps troops

Commanded by: Maj. Gen. (now Lt. Gen.) Lloyd Fredendall

Naval units participating:

Naval support furnished by British, but a raid on the harbor on Arzeu (near Oran) was led by a small raiding party under Captain Walter Ansel, U.S.N. Assigned to assist the British naval forces was a small U. S. naval unit commanded by Lt. Commander George D. Dickey, U.S.N. This unit with Army units embarked in two British ships, H.M.S. *Walney* and *Hartlett*.

(3) Eastern Task Force, landing at Algiers, sailed from Britain.

Composed of: Combined British-American ground troops, supported by British naval covering force.

- Units: 1. British—commando and infantry units
2. American—two U. S. regimental combat teams, one from the 9th Infantry Division, one from the 34th Infantry Division, and a Ranger battalion

Commanded by: (1) Maj. Gen. Charles W. Ryder, American Supreme Commander of the Eastern Task Force, commanded the first landing, and after American troops had been established ashore, command went to (2) Lt. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson, British Army.

Naval units participating:

Commander: Adm. Sir Harold Burrough

The naval task force included 4 American transports. Of these, the *Thomas Stone* and *Leedstown* were torpedoed.

After resistance ceased, a naval unit on the east coast of Morocco was set up as a Sea Frontier, under command of Rear Admiral John L. Hall, Jr., U.S.N., and a Naval Operating Base at Oran under command of Rear Admiral A. C. Bennett, U.S.N., was also established.

All U. S. naval forces in the invasion were part of the Atlantic Fleet.

Part Two. The Fighting in Tunisia

Reorganization of Allied Forces on Feb. 4, 1943, resulted in making:

(1) Gen. Andrews — Commander U. S. Forces in E. T. O.

(2) Gen. Eisenhower—Commander of the new North African Theater of Operations

1. Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, Eisenhower's deputy, in direct command of: The Eighteenth Army Group, including:

a. The British First Army, commanded by Gen. Anderson

b. The British Eighth Army, commanded by Gen. Montgomery

c. The U. S. II Corps, composed of:

- (1) The 1st Armored Division
(2) The 1st Infantry Division
(3) The 9th Infantry Division
(4) The 34th Infantry Division

Commanded by:

(1st) Maj. Gen. (now Lt. Gen.) Lloyd R. Fredendall

(2nd) Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, with Gen. Bradley as deputy

(3rd) Lt. Gen. (now Gen.) Omar N. Bradley

d. The French XIX Corps, commanded by:

Gen. Louis Marie Koeltz
Gen. Juin

2. Adm. Sir Andrew Cunningham—Commander in Chief Mediterranean Fleet

3. Air Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder—the Mediterranean Air Command (including the North African air units)

Maj. Gen. (now Lt. Gen.) Carl Spaatz, U.S.A., in command of the Northwest African Air Force

Strategic Air Force (all heavy bombers and fighter support)—Gen. Doolittle

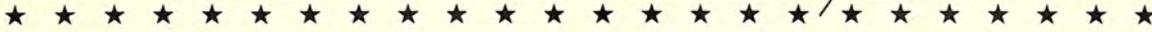
Tactical Air Force (light and medium bombers)

Also participating in the Tunisian Campaign:

The Western Desert Air Force, in the rear of the British Eighth Army, including the 9th U. S. Air Force under Gen. Brereton

The 8th Air Force

The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



***S/Sgt. JAMES W. FISHER, JR.**

S/Sgt. James William Fisher, Jr., born July 17, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher, Sr., 2505 Elizabeth Drive, Brownwood, Texas, volunteered September 6, 1943, with the Army Air Corps. Trained in States and began overseas duty June, 1944, with the 8th Air Force at a base in England. Participated in thirty-one missions over Germany, France, Belgium and Holland. Sgt. Fisher was a ball turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. On the morning of January 20, 1945, while enroute to the target over the North Sea, the plane developed engine trouble, and he and other members of the crew were ordered to bail out. He was reported "Missing" and later officially declared to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice. The Air Medal, citations, and other decorations were awarded posthumously to his parents at Brooks Field by Gen. Turner, on May 16, 1947.



Lt. (jg) CARLTON R. LEE, JR.

Lt. Lee was born on June 1, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lee of Brownwood, and husband of Suzan Jane Lee. He received his education at James Stephen Hogg Grammar, Oak Cliff High of Dallas and Howard Payne College of Brownwood. Entered the Navy Med. Dept. on Oct. 4, 1943, and trained at San Diego, Calif., and NRMS at Notre Dame, Ind. He served overseas from Dec. 4, 1944, until Dec. 21, 1945, in Central and Western Pacific, participating in the invasion of Okinawa and the occupation of Korea, and China. Lt. (jg) Lee was released to inactive duty on February 12, 1946, and is at home with his wife, 118 Clover Lane, Longview, Texas.



Capt. LIONEL A. MALSBURY

Capt. Malsbury, was born July 10, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Malsbury, Sr., of San Antonio, and husband of Rhea Fern Malsbury of Brownwood, attended St. Marys Univ. of San Antonio, and volunteered for the Army 36th Inf. Div. on Nov. 25, 1940. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from Dec., 1942, to March, 1943, and from Nov., 1943, until Sept., 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany. Awarded ETO with 5 Bronze Stars. Capt. Lionel A. Malsbury is now serving with Company R, 2nd Ord. Training Reg. O.T.C., Aberdeen Proving Gd., Md.



The

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Sgt. CARL T. ELLIS, JR.

Sgt. Carl Theodore Ellis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Ellis, Sr., Henderson, Texas, was born September 17, 1925, a native of Texas. He attended Henderson High School and Kilgore, Texas, Junior College. He volunteered July 6, 1942, for the U. S. Marine Air Corps at Longview, Texas; trained at San Diego and Del Mar, California; served from November, 1942, to July, 1944, in the Pacific Theater where he participated in combat on Guadalcanal, Russell Islands, Munda and in the Solomon Area. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense, Ribbon with Bayonet and Rifle Awards. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge August, 1946.



S/Sgt. FREDERICK A. MERRITT

S/Sgt. F. A. Merritt, born Dec. 22, 1922, in Oklahoma, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Merritt, Rogers, Ark. He received his education at Slick High School, Slick, Oklahoma. Volunteered Feb. 22, 1942, at Tyler, Texas; assigned to the Army 82nd Div.; trained at Fort Benning, Ga.; served in the United States from Feb. 22, 1942, to April 24, 1944, and overseas 19 months, in Africa, Sicily, Italy, Germany, France. Battles: Rome -Arno, and Northern Apennines. Promotions: from Pfc to T/5, to Sgt., S/Sgt. Awarded 2 Bronze Stars. Prior to his enlistment S/Sgt. Merritt worked in garage. He was honorably discharged on Dec. 15, 1945.

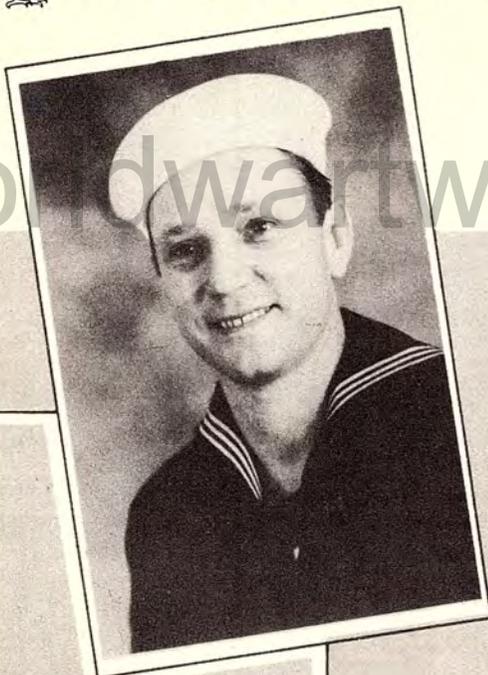


Pfc JOHNNY HEDGE

Pfc J. Hedge, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hedge, 902 N. Marshall Street, Henderson, Texas, was born Sept. 18, 1925. He attended Kilgore College, and volunteered for service on November 24, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. He was assigned to the 1st Marines; trained at San Diego Marine Base, California; served in the United States for 13 months, 1943-1944, and 4 months in 1946. Overseas from Dec. 14, 1944, to Jan. 13, 1946. In Russell Islands, and in the Battle for Okinawa, also China. Pfc J. Hedge received an honorable discharge from the United States Army on May 2, 1946, and is at home with his mother in Henderson.



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CM 2/c ROBERT W. KEE

CM 2/c Robert Walter Kee, husband of La Velle Kee, 1200 South Glenwood Blvd., Tyler, Texas, was born February 20, 1914, a native of Texas, son of W. B. Kee, Overton, Texas. He attended the Overton Public Schools, and completed an accounting course in Commercial College of Tyler. Volunteered April 22, 1942, at Dallas for the U. S. Navy, 14th Naval Construction Battalion, training at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia. September, 1942, he began overseas duty in the South Pacific Theater, where he served in Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, New Caledonia, Espiritu Santo and Guadalcanal. His awards include the World War II Victory, American Theater and American Defense Medals with Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. After returning to the States, he was discharged April 19, 1944.



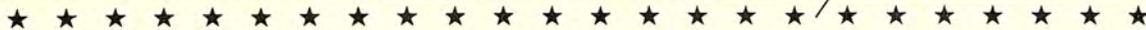
Cpl. ROBERT E. MORRIS, JR.

Cpl. Robert E. Morris, born July 3, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Route 2, Henderson Texas, was educated at Henderson Grammar and High Schools. Entered the service on May 3rd 1944, at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was assigned to the Army 42nd Div. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., and Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. Served in the United States from May 3, to Nov. 25, 1944. Overseas 5 months, in Southern France, Rhineland, Germany, and Central Europe. In POW Camps Stalag 5A Stuttgart, Germany, and Stalag 11B. Awards ETO Ribbon, 2 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, and Victory Medal. Hon. discharged Nov. 21, 1945.



*Pvt. AROL P. KERLEY

Pvt. Arol P. Kerley, born Nov. 2, 1905, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce C. Kerley, Route 1, Box 180, Overton, was educated at Girard High School. Volunteered for service on May 6, 1942; was assigned to the United States Army, at Camp Wolters, and received his training at Camp Wolters, Texas. He served in the United States for 4 months, from November 2nd, until September 27, 1942. Pvt. A. P. Kerley died in line of duty at Camp Wolters, Texas, on the 27th day of September, 1942. He was an expert marksman. Before enlistment he was employed by the George B. Ray Oil Co., at Overton, Texas.



Maj. FRED A. CARPENTER

Maj. F. A. Carpenter, born June 13, 1911, in Illinois, is the son of J. R. Carpenter, 906 Main St., Brownwood, and husband of Nancy Renfro Carpenter, 2202 Dartmore St., Brownwood. He received his education at Meridian Grammar, and Brazil, Indiana, High Schools, and the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Volunteered for service July 26, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps. Trained at Army Air Force Tech. Training Command O.T.S., Miami Beach, Fla. Served in the United States 11 months, and overseas 2 years and 4 months, in Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Naples Foggia, Rome-Arno, with 34th Service Grp. and 528th Air Service Grp. as Adj. and Ex. Officer. He was awarded the EAME Medal with 4 Bronze Stars. Served as enlisted man in Texas Nat. Guard, 56th Cav. Brigade, for 7 years and 6 months; held Comm. as 2nd Lt. Cav. NGUS 3 years. He was commissioned 2nd Lt., Air Corps, 1942, 1st Lt., 1943, and Capt. in Nov., 1943, then Major in Aug., 1944. He was honorably discharged Sept. 5, 1945, and now holds Reserve Comm. as Major, Air Corps.



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***2nd Lt. ROBERT K. MOORE**

2nd Lt. Robert Kenneth Moore, son of Bob and Eva B. Moore, Henderson, Texas, was born August 26, 1921, in Henderson. He attended Stephen F. Austin College at Nacogdoches, Texas, and was united in marriage with the former Miss Joyce Newsom of Marquez, Texas. He entered the Army Anti-Aircraft Artillery June 10, 1942; trained at Camp Callan, California, and received his commission of 2nd Lieutenant March 2, 1945, at Fort Monmouth, Virginia. Lt. Moore served from August, 1943, to September, 1944, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater where he was stationed on the Fiji Islands. After returning to the States he served with the Office of Strategic Service at Quantico, Virginia, where he passed away June 28, 1945. He had served his country faithfully in peace and war.



Cpl. JOE F. ROGERS

Cpl. Joe F. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Rogers, Laneville, Texas, husband of Juanita L. Rogers, Laneville, was born May 31, 1921, and educated at Laneville High School. Entered the service on July 15, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the Army 87th Div. Trained at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Served in the United States 31 months, and overseas 8 months, in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany. In battles: Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was awarded the EAME Theater Operations Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. Promoted from Pvt. to Pfc then to Cpl. Discharged Oct. 30, 1945.



Sgt. (T/4) ROSS B. ROGERS

Sgt. (T/4) R. B. Rogers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rogers, Laneville, and husband of Emma L. Williams Rogers of Laneville, Texas. Volunteered for service on Feb. 2, 1941, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army 36th Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served in the United States for 3 years and 2 months, and overseas 15 months, in Africa and Italy, in the battles of Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno. He was awarded: EAME Campaign Medal, with 2 Bronze Stars, American Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. Before enlistment he and his brother Sgt. Joe F. were engaged in farming. Discharged July 20, 1945.



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F1/c WILLIAM V. MORGAN

F1/c William Virgil Morgan, son of Wm. E. and Beulah Mae Morgan, Joinerville, Texas, was born November 1, 1926, a native of Texas. He attended Gaston High School in Joinerville, and entered service June 24, 1943, at Henderson, Texas, with the U.S. Navy. He trained at Cabaniss Field, Corpus Christi, Texas, and began overseas duty September 29, 1944, in the Pacific Theater of Operations where he was stationed at the Naval Supply Base in the Marianas Islands on Saipan. After returning to the States March, 1946, Fireman Morgan was discharged from Naval service on April 2, 1946, from Norman, Oklahoma. His awards include the World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Ribbons.



M/Sgt. JAMES T. JOHNSON

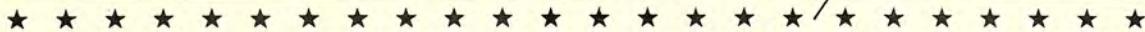
M/Sgt. Johnson was born on Jan. 29, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor Johnson of Weatherford. He attended T.C.U. at Ft. Worth, and volunteered for the A.A.C. Nov. 25, 1942. Trained at Reno, Nevada. Served with 8th A.A.F. 441st Troop Carrier Gp. in Warrington, England, and Frankfurt, Germany, from Oct., 1943, to Feb., 1946. His awards are ETO, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. He invented crystal analyzer that saved the Govt. millions of dollars. England also adopted and used it. This instrument returned to service thousands of grounded planes. M/Sgt. Johnson was honorably discharged Feb. 16, 1946, at Camp Fannin, Texas.



*Pfc JACK P. YOUNG

Pfc Young, was born on June 22, 1923, in Oklahoma, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Young, of 312 North Alamo Street, Weatherford, Texas. He attended Holliday, Texas, High School, and the John Tarleton Jr. College in Stephenville, Texas. On July 8, 1943, he entered the Army 37th Division, 145th Infantry, at Archer City, Texas, and was sent to Camp Wolters, Texas, for his training. He sailed for overseas duty in March of 1944, and served in the Pacific Area on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, and Luzon. His awards were the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medals. Pfc Jack P. Young was killed on Feb. 9, 1945, on Luzon Island.

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Pfc WILLIAM C. ACHOR

Pfc W. C. Achor, born Nov. 20, 1921, in Missouri, is the son of Drs. Noah A. J., and Clara Farr Achor, of 402 E. Chandler St., Brownwood, and husband of Guendolyn Bolton Achor. He received his education at Brownwood Grammar, John Tarleton Academy and College, Stephenville, Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, and Kirksville, Mo., College of Osteopathy and Surgery. He volunteered for service Sept. 17, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Force. Trained at San Angelo, Texas, and Bowman Field, Ky. Served in the United States 5 months, and overseas 2 years and 8 months, ATO and ETO. Battles: Normandy; Ardennes; Rome-Arno; Rhineland; C. Europe; N. and S. France, and Holland. He was awarded: Pres. Citation; ETO, 7 Stars. His mother received letter from Brig. Gen. M. M. Beach, highly recommending Pfc Achor on his faithfulness to duty, stating that he had "played his part well". Discharged Oct., 1945.

PhM 2/c MERLIN F. ACHOR

PhM 2/c M. F. Achor, born April 24, 1920, son of Drs. Noah A. J. and Clara F. Achor, Brownwood, and husband of Aileen Arneson Achor, 1205 Ave. H, Brownwood, received his education at Brownwood Grammar and High Schools, Howard Payne College, Daniel Baker, and is a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Mo. Volunteered April 6, 1943, and was assigned to the Navy Hosp. Corps, attached to 4th Marine Div. Trained at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Served overseas 5 months, in Maui, Hawaiian Islands, Pacific area, and in Battle of Iwo Jima where he was wounded Feb., 1945, when, disregarding his own safety, he rescued a wounded Marine who was directly in line of enemy fire. Awarded: Navy Cross, Silver Star Recommendation, Pres. Unit Citation, and Purple Heart. He was sent to Gen. Hosp. San Diego, as assistant plastic surgeon, and received honorable discharge, Sept., 1945.



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Pfc CHARLES R. LEVERETT



S/Sgt. DOUGLAS C. LEVERETT

Pfc Charles Rea Leverett, born October 31, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Z. Leverett, Weatherford, Texas, volunteered March 2, 1940, for the Army 2nd Infantry; trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He began overseas duty October, 1943, in the European Theater; participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received the EAME Medal with five Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medal among other awards. Returned to the States September, 1945. Pfc Leverett was discharged from service October 25, 1945.

S/Sgt. Douglas Claude Leverett, born December 7, 1925, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Z. Leverett, 404 Eureka St., Weatherford, Texas, volunteered January 2, 1944, for the Army Air Force. Trained at Laredo, Texas, and Tucson, Arizona. He served overseas from September, 1944, to June, 1945, in Italy, and participated in the air combat of the Balkans, North Apennines, Central Europe, Rhineland and Po Valley. Received the Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal, EAME Service Ribbon with other awards. After returning to the States, Sgt. Leverett was discharged from service November 4, 1945. His brother is Chas. R. Leverett.



Pvt. JOHN L. SEABERRY
S/Sgt. JAMES F. SEABERRY

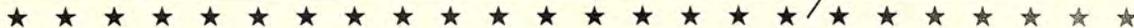
Sons of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Seaberry of Azle.
Pvt. JOHN L. SEABERRY, husband of Bessie Lou Seaberry, born Oct. 1, 1923, attended N.T.A.C., Arlington. Entered the A.A.C. Oct. 13, 1943; trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas; served at Roswell, N.M., and Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Awarded Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 21, 1945.
S/Sgt. JAMES F. SEABERRY, born Jan. 11, 1926, entered the Army Med. Dept. April, 1944; trained at Lawson Gen. Hosp., Atlanta, Ga. In England, France, Germany, C. Europe, Ruhr, and Rhineland for 18 mos. Awarded EAME, 2 Stars, Army of Occupation, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged June 15, 1946.



C PhM JOSEPH W. HARPER, JR.

C PhM Harper was born on June 28, 1920, and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Harper of Gallatin, Texas. He attended Weatherford Jr. College. Volunteered for the service on Aug. 30, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Navy Medical Corps. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas, and Marine Base, New River, North Carolina. He left the States in January of 1944, serving on the L.S.T. 133, U.S.S. L.C.I. 496, in the invasion of France; also served on the U.S.S. D.E. 135. Returned to the States in April, 1945, and received his discharge on Sept. 13, 1945. He is at home with his wife, Jayne, at 422 E. Lee Ave., Weatherford, Texas.

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Lt. Col. JACK T. BRADLEY

Lt. Col. Jack Tareyton Bradley, born June 6, 1918, husband of Marjorie Bradley, 2507 Elizabeth Dr., Brownwood, Texas, volunteered December 15, 1941, at Dallas for the Army Air Corps. He served at a base in England from October, 1943, to November, 1945, participating in the air offensive of Europe, invasion of Normandy, and commanded a fighter group through France, Battle of the Bulge and Crossing of the Rhine. He is officially credited with the destroying of 16 German aircraft in the air and 30 on the ground. Received the Silver Star, Pres. Citation with Cluster, Distinguished Service Cross, French Croix de Guerre with Palm. Currently at Dover Air Field, Delaware.



T/SGT. JOSEPH H. BRADLEY

T/Sgt. Joe Harrison Bradley, born August 31, 1923, son of H. B. Bradley, and brother of Lt. Col. Jack T. Bradley, Brownwood, Texas, volunteered November 2, 1942, for the Army Air Corps. Began overseas duty March, 1944, participating in the air offensive over Europe, Balkans and at the Anzio Beachhead. He was reported "Missing in Action", but had been imprisoned August, 1944, to May, 1945, at Stalag Luft IV and I. The Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with the Distinguished Flying Cross and Presidential Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters. After returning to the States, he was discharged October 22, 1945.



***2nd Lt. JACOBUS E. McCULLEY
Lt. Comdr. L. CLYDE McCULLEY**

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. McCulley of Blanket.
2nd Lt. JACOBUS E. McCULLEY, born Feb. 28, 1916, attended Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, and volunteered for the A.A.C. in 1941. Trained at Stockton, Calif. Served at Clark and Nichols Flds., Rizal, P. I. 2nd Lt. McCulley died on November 19, 1942.
Lt. Comdr. L. C. McCULLEY, born Dec. 1, 1907, husband of Ethel Lee McCulley of Houston, attended Texas Univ. at Austin. Volunteered for the Navy April 14, 1942; trained at San Diego. Served in the Pacific. Awarded Philippine Liberation, ETO, Asiatic-Pacific, American Defense, and Victory Ribbons. Honorably discharged Jan. 22, 1946.



GM 3/c BILLY J. McCULLEY

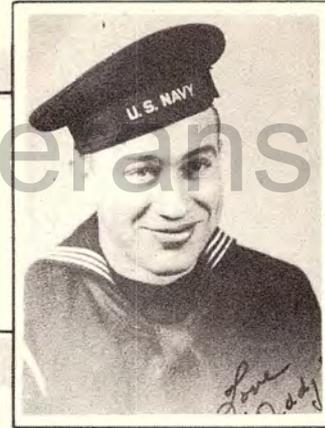
G.M.3/c McCulley, was born on October 31, 1922, in Texas, son of Mrs. Fred McCulley of 400 East Chandler Street, Brownwood, Texas. He received his education in Brownwood and attended Texas A & M. College, College Station for one and half years. Volunteered for the service on November 13, 1942; was assigned to the U.S.N.A.B.D., Port Huene, Calif. and was sent to Great Lakes, Naval Station, Illinois. Served on U.S.S. PC 483 and U.S.S. SC 1011. Overseas from October, 1943, until July, 1945, with service in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Gunners Mate 3/c Billy J. McCulley was honorably discharged Jan. 26, 1946.



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***S/Sgt. ROBERT C. SMART**



S1/c HAROLD A. SMART

S/Sgt. Robert Chandler Smart was born May 18, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Smart, Weatherford, Texas. He attended the Weatherford Public Schools, and volunteered for service June 19, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Barksdale Field, Louisiana; Fort Myers, Florida; Turner Field, Georgia; and Pyote, Texas, to Dyersburg, Tennessee. Sgt. Smart began service in the European Theater from a base in England; participated in the air combat of Europe and paid the Supreme Sacrifice February 3, 1944, at Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Air Medal, Purple Heart and Citation of Honor were awarded.

S1/c Harold A. Smart born February 22, 1919, a native of Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Smart, R.R.#2, Box 1, Weatherford, Texas, and husband of Retha Smart. He entered service May 17, 1944, and was assigned to the U.S. Navy, Fire Department, training at Camp Wallace, Houston, Texas. His total duty was served in the States. Seaman Smart was previously employed at Camp Wolters, Texas, as Fireman. He is the father of four children, and brother to Robert C. Smart. The World War II Victory Medal and American Defense Ribbon were awarded. Discharged October 14, 1945.



1st Lt. JERRY T. LONG

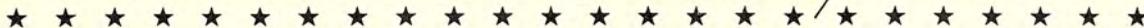


Pfc EUGENE D. HAMILTON

1st Lt. J. T. Long, born April 18, 1923, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Long, 511 North St. Mary Street, Carthage, and husband of Lucile Roe Long, 901 Patterson St., Austin, Texas. Educated in Carthage Public Schools, and the University of Texas, at Austin. Volunteered for service in December of 1942, at Austin; was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Univ. of Minn., Santa Ana, Calif., Luke Fld. Ariz., and Harding Fld., La. Overseas 10 months, in Mediterranean Theater. Awarded: Air Medal, 1 O.L. Cluster, MTO Ribbon, 4 Battle Stars. 1st Lt. Long was discharged November, 1945.

Pfc Hamilton, son of Mrs. Florence Hamilton of 422 East Lee Street, Weatherford, Texas, was born on the 9th of February, 1925, in Texas. He received his education in Weatherford, Texas, in T. W. Stanley Grammar School, Weatherford Senior High School, and Weatherford Junior College. Volunteered for the service on September 8, 1942, at Fort Worth, and was assigned to the 5th Marine Amphibian Corps, training at Marine Corps Base in San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in the Solomon and Marshall Islands, Eniwetok, and Atol from Nov. 10, 1942, until Nov. 12, 1944. On November 11, 1945, he was given an honorable discharge.

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AOM 1/c BOBBY CURBO



AOM 2/c THOMAS W. CURBO

AOM 1/c Bobby Curbo was born in Brown County, Texas, and is the son of Mrs. Artelia Adkins, 814 Nebraska, Weslaco, Texas. He attended the Weslaco, Texas, High School, and was a student before entering the Armed Forces. He enlisted in the United States Navy, Air Corps, on December 1, 1942, and after training in the States, he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater as combat air crewman, in the Aleutian Islands, at Alaska (C.U.L.A. Expedition) and in the Pacific Ocean area. The Presidential Citation was awarded with the World War II Victory Medal and other awards. Discharged from service.

AOM 2/c Thomas Walter Curbo was born in Ballinger, Texas, and is the son of Mrs. Artelia Adkins, and brother of Bobby Curbo of Weslaco, Texas. He is the husband of Leta Mae Smith Curbo, and the father of two daughters, Janice and Jacquelyn. He attended the San Antonio and Weslaco Schools and enlisted December 1, 1942, in the U. S. Navy. After training in the States, he was assigned to the South Pacific Theater of Operations where he served as combat air crewman in the Naval Air Corps. After returning to the States he was granted discharge from service on December 11, 1945.



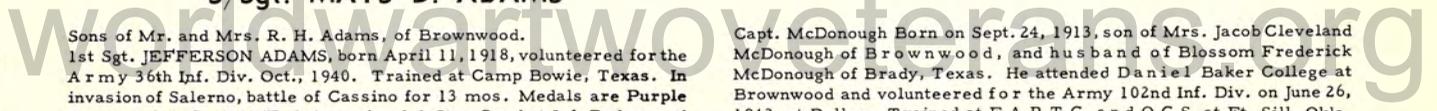
1st Sgt. JEFFERSON B. ADAMS
S/Sgt. MAYS D. ADAMS

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Adams, of Brownwood.
1st Sgt. JEFFERSON ADAMS, born April 11, 1918, volunteered for the Army 36th Inf. Div. Oct., 1940. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. In invasion of Salerno, battle of Cassino for 13 mos. Medals are Purple Heart, 1 O.L.C., EAME, 1 Arrowhead, 1 Star Combat Inf. Badge, and Good Conduct. Discharged June 10, 1945.
S/Sgt. MAYS ADAMS, born May 21, 1925, volunteered for the Army 361st Engr. S.S.Reg. Oct. 2, 1943; trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Served in France, Philippines, and Japan. Awarded Certificate of Merit, Good Conduct Medal, ATO, EAME, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medals. Honorably discharged Feb. 22, 1946.



Capt. JOSEPH C. McDONOUGH

Capt. McDonough Born on Sept. 24, 1913, son of Mrs. Jacob Cleveland McDonough of Brownwood, and husband of Blossom Frederick McDonough of Brady, Texas. He attended Daniel Baker College at Brownwood and volunteered for the Army 102nd Inf. Div. on June 26, 1942, at Dallas. Trained at F.A.R.T.C. and O.C.S. at Ft. Sill, Okla. Served in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and campaigns for Central Europe and Rhineland. He received the EAME, 2 Bronze Battle Stars, American Theater, Certificate for Meritorious Service, and Victory Ribbons. Capt. McDonough served overseas 19 mos. and is now in the Field Artillery Reserve.





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Sgt. CECIL E. CROSS



F/O SAMUEL W. SMITH

Sgt. Cross, born March 28, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denver Cross, Palo Pinto St., Strawn, attended Strawn High School. Volunteered for service on Oct. 3, 1942; assigned to 1st Marine Div.; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.; overseas from April 18, 1943, to Jan. 12, 1946; served in Australia. In action and defense of New Guinea, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Peleliu, Palau Group, Okinawa, Ryukyus, and Occupation of China. He was awarded the following: Good Conduct, Citation and Commendation Ribbon by Roy S. Geiger, Lt. Gen. of United States Marine Corps. Promotions: from Pvt. (cp) to Sgt. (cp) while overseas. Discharged Feb. 1, 1946.

F/O Smith, born Jan. 13, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, Route 3, Ennis, husband of Muriel M. Smith, Box 726, Strawn, attended Waxahachie High Schools, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 22, 1939, at Dallas; assigned to Army Air Forces; trained at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado, and Salina Air Base, Salina, Kansas. Overseas 6 months, in Guam, and air offensive, Japan. (B 29's) He was awarded the following medals: Good Conduct, Air Medal w/2 Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross. F/O Smith entered the service in Inf. 2nd Div.; transferred to 9th Div., 1940; served as radio operator in Air Force 3 1/2 yrs. Discharged Oct. 5, 1945.



*Pvt. EDWIN E. THOMAS



Cpl. MATTHEW J. MEADOR

Pvt. Thomas was born on April 22, 1923, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas of Ft. Worth, Texas. He attended N.T.A.C. at Arlington, Texas, and on August 15, 1942, he volunteered for the service, and was assigned to the 2nd Marine Div., training at Camps Mathews and Elliott, in San Diego, Calif. He went overseas on Oct. 19, 1942, and was stationed in New Zealand, participating in the battles of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands; and Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. His awards were Asiatic Pacific Medal, Purple Heart, and Presidential Citation. Pvt. Thomas was killed on Nov. 21, 1943, at Tarawa Atoll in the Gilbert Islands.

Cpl. M. J. Meador, born May 7, 1921, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Meador, Beckville, Texas. He married Norma Gardner, Frankston, Texas, attended Beckville High School, and the University of Texas, Austin. Entered the service on Nov. 22, 1942, at Tyler, and was assigned to the Army 84th Inf.; trained at Camp Howze, Texas, and Camp Claiborne, La.; served in the United States 21 months, and overseas from Sept. 20, 1944, to Jan. 12, 1946. In England, Holland, Germany, Belgium, and France. In Rhineland and Belgium Campaigns-ARR. Awards: Combat Inf. ETO, 3 Campaign Stars, American Def. and Victory Medal. He was discharged Jan. 20, 1946.

1. —1ST SGT. ROY BENJIMAN GAMBLE, born April 9, 1918, is the twin son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gamble of Blanket, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 24, 1940, for the Army 142nd Inf. Co. A, 36th Division. Trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Overseas April, 1943, to July, 1945, in battles of Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Naples-Foggia. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged July, 1945.
2. —SGT. RAY JAMES GAMBLE, born April 9, 1918, twin son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gamble of Blanket, Texas, volunteered Nov. 24, 1940, at Brownwood, Texas, for the Army 36th Division, 142nd Infantry. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas April 1, 1943, to Aug. 1945, in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, and American Theater. Discharged Aug., 1945.
3. —S/SGT. ROBERT ADDISON GAMBLE, born Dec. 1, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gamble of Blanket, Texas. Volunteered Feb., 1943, for the Army; assigned to 6th Engrs. Sp. Brig. Overseas Jan., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Unit Citation Badge, Silver Star, and Croix de Guerre. Discharged Sept., 1945, and re-enlisted. Currently with 340 Engrs. (c) Bn. in Korea.
4. —SGT. RONALD GRAY, born Feb. 14, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gray of Brownwood, Texas. Entered service June 7, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army 56th Air Depot Group, and 20th Air Force. Trained at Kelly Field, Camp Wolters, San Antonio, Texas, and Okla. City, Okla. Overseas Oct., 1944, to Feb., 1946, in Marianas Islands, Guam, and Saipan. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Battle Star, and Meritorious Citation. Discharged Feb. 25, 1946, and returned to his job with the Brownwood Bulletin.
5. —SK2/c JOEL IRVIN GRIMLAND, born Feb. 16, 1907, husband of Mrs. Floy N. Grimland of Brownwood, Texas, volunteered November, 1943, at Hamilton, Texas, in the Navy Ship's Service. Received his training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia. Served in the United States from November, 1943, to December, 1945. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December, 1945. Completed his education at Howard Payne College.
6. —CMI/c GEORGE HENRY HERMAN, born Sept. 16, 1912, husband of Mrs. Edith Herman of Brownwood, Texas, entered service June 7, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, in the Navy Seabees. Trained at Camp Peary, Va., Camp Endicott, R. I., and Camp Parks, Port Hueme, Calif. Overseas Feb., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in battles of Marshall Islands, Saipan, and Tinian. Awarded citation from 58th Wing Hq., Tinian-for the construction of 220 steel homing towers in record time. Discharged Nov. 13, 1945.
7. —PFC ORVILLE LEE HEWGLE, born Dec. 12, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hewgle of May, Texas, entered service Dec. 7, 1942, at Brownwood, Texas, in the Army 45th Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, and Camp Pickett, Va. Overseas June, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Italy, France, Germany, battles of Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, and Southern France. Wounded in Italy on Dec. 10, 1943. Awarded Purple Heart, European Theater Medal with 6 Battle Stars, and Combat Infantryman Badge. Discharged Dec. 3, 1945.
- *8. —PVT. ROBERT LIONEL MORRIS, born April 14, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Morris of Brownwood, Texas, entered service Feb. 2, 1943, at Camp Wolters, Texas, in the Army Black Hawk 86th Division. Overseas May, 1944, to Feb., 1945, in Saint Lo, Rhur River Crossing and Ulich, Germany. Wounded Aug. 29, 1944; returned to the front, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice from wounds received in action Feb. 24, 1945, at Ulich, Germany. Awarded Purple Heart twice, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals.
9. —PVT. HOWARD RAY PARKER, born June 27, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Parker of Brownwood, Texas, entered service Feb. 25, 1944, at Brownwood, Texas, in the Army 90th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, Camp Van Dorn, Miss., and Camp Reynolds, Pa. Overseas Nov., 1944, to April, 1945, seeing action in the Belgium Bulge, France, and Germany. As the result of illness returned to the States for hospitalization and was discharged July, 1945. Awarded Combat Infantry Medal, European Theater, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals.
10. —T/SGT. HERSHEL FAYE PEIRSON, born Oct. 19, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Peirson of Brownwood, Texas, volunteered Oct. 26, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, for the Army Air Corps. Trained at Concho Field, San Angelo, Texas. Overseas Dec., 1943, to Feb., 1946, in England, France, and Germany. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged February 11, 1946.
11. —T/SGT. FRED LAVERN PEIRSON, born Jan. 25, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Peirson of Brownwood, Texas, volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, at Brownwood, Texas, for the Army 36th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas April, 1943, to June, 1944, in Naples-Foggia Campaign, Africa, and Italy. Awarded Distinguished Unit Badge, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Combat Infantry Badge, EAME Campaign Medal, and Victory Medal. Discharged Oct., 1945.
12. —SEAMAN I/c HENRY LEE PEIRSON, born June 29, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Peirson of Brownwood, Texas, entered service June 6, 1943, at Houston, Texas, in the Navy. Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Served in the United States from June 6, 1943, to July, 1946. Serving overseas at the present time. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Attended Brownwood High School. He had two brothers in the service.
13. —S1/c KENNETH ODELL PIERCE, born July 28, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Pierce of Brownwood, Texas, volunteered Dec. 11, 1942, at Houston, Texas, for the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas June, 1943, to Jan., 1946, in battles of Wake, Gilberts, Marshalls, Marianas, Carolines, New Guinea, Philippines, Truk, Iwo Jima, and Japan, aboard USS New Orleans, St Paul, and Amsterdam. He received the American Defense, and World War Victory Medals. Was discharged January 25, 1946.
14. —SEAMAN I/c ARVEL KENNETH RICHEY, born March 16, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet F. Richey of Brownwood, Texas, volunteered March 10, 1945, at Dallas, Texas, for the Navy Carrier. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas June, 1945, in South Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Manila, Philippines, Saipan, China, Guadalcanal, Okinawa, and Guam on board USS Nassau. Was awarded Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Still in the service.
15. —EM2/c JOHN CHARLES SMALL, born Jan. 9, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Small of Brownwood, Texas, volunteered Aug. 28, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, for the Navy. Trained at Great Lakes, Ill., Yorktown, Va., and San Pedro, Calif. Overseas March, 1943, to Aug., 1945, in European Theater, North Africa, invasion of Sicily, Italy, Asiatic-Pacific, Hawaii, Marshalls, and Carolines. Ship was torpedoed before reaching the Philippines. Awarded American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct., 1945.
16. —ARM3/c TED MACON SMALL, born Sept. 27, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Small of Brownwood, Texas, entered service April 13, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, in the Navy Air Corps. Trained at San Diego, Alameda, Calif., and Memphis, Tenn. Overseas July, 1943, to June, 1945, in Hawaii, Marshalls, Saipan, Iwo Jima Campaign, and Japan. Awarded Letter of Commendation, Fleet Commendation, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged February 22, 1946.
17. —CPL. MARVIN A. CLAYTON, born Oct. 25, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith, Sr., of Brownwood, Texas, entered service Nov. 30, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Sioux Falls, S. D., and Oxnard Field, Calif. Overseas Feb., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and England with 430 Fighter Bomber Wing. Awarded European Theater with 6 Battle Stars, Unit Citation, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 16, 1945.
18. —2ND LT. TRUETT B. SMITH, born May 5, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith, Sr., of Brownwood, Texas, attended Texas University, and volunteered for Army Air Corps July 30, 1942, assigned as Aviation Cadet. Trained at Gulf Coast Training Command. Graduated as pilot Jan. 7, 1944. Served in the United States from July 30, 1942, to Oct. 20, 1945, as a fighter pilot instructor of P-40 and P-47. Awarded Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Oct. 20, 1945.
19. —S/SGT. JAMES WALKER MCKNIGHT, born July 2, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McKnight of Brownwood, Texas, entered Army 36th Div., Jan. 13, 1940. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas April, 1943, to Aug., 1944, in campaigns of Africa, Italy, Salerno, Rapido River Crossing, Anzio, and fall of Rome. Awarded Presidential Citation, 4 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 19, 1944. He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith, Sr., of Brownwood.
20. —SGT. EUTRACE F. SMITH, JR., born July 21, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith, Sr., of Brownwood, Texas, entered service Oct. 12, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, in the Army 30th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Blanding, Camp Forest, and Camp Atterbury. Overseas Jan., 1944, to April, 1945, in Normandy invasion and battles of St. Lo, and Northern France. Wounded July 9, 1944, POW Stalag 3c east of Berlin, Aug., 1944, to Jan., 1945. Liberated by Russians. Awarded Purple Heart, ETO, 3 Stars, Unit Citation, and Good Conduct. Discharged Nov. 1, 1945.

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Lt. (jg) E. R. PATE, JR.



ROTC ISAAC N. FRANKLIN, JR.

Lt. (jg) E. R. Pate, Jr., born December 9, 1923, a native of Texas, is the son of Edward Rufus and Flossie May Pate, 2505 Vincent Street, Brownwood, Texas. He received his education in the Public Schools of Brownwood, Texas, and attended Texas University at Austin. Lt. Pate volunteered for service March 1, 1942, at Austin for the U.S. Naval Air Corps, and trained at Naval Air Station in Memphis, Tennessee, and at Pensacola, Florida. He was commissioned to Ensign August 29, 1944, and promoted to Lieutenant junior grade December 1, 1945. His total duty was served in the States at Jacksonville, Florida, and San Diego, California, and on June 15, 1946, he was transferred to inactive duty with the Reserves.

ROTC Isaac Nelson Franklin, Jr., born December 2, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Franklin, Sr., Brownwood, Texas, volunteered April 6, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, for the U.S. Navy. Trained at San Diego, and began overseas duty July, 1943. He served as signalman on New Guinea in the Pacific Theater and received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operation Ribbon with two Campaign Stars, Good Conduct Medal World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. After returning to the States May, 1944, he was discharged from Naval service June 25, 1946. Currently he is attending Texas University at Austin, majoring in Naval Science and Tactics and will receive his degree and commission June, 1947.

1. —PFC WILLIAM FRANCIS CHENAULT, born Sept. 24, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Chenault of Blanket, Texas, volunteered Sept. 23, 1943, at Dallas, Texas, in the Marines 5th Amphibious Corps. Overseas March, 1944, to Feb., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific area, Hawaiian, Marshall, Mariana Islands, Saipan, Guam, Iwo Jima, Kyushu, and Japan. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Stars, Navy Unit Citation with Star, and Occupation of Japan Medal. Discharged Feb. 13, 1946.

2. —1ST LT. JOHN WALKER DAVIS, born Feb. 1, 1916, husband of Mrs. Louise Selvidge Davis of Brownwood, Texas, volunteered May 15, 1941, at Brownwood, Texas, in the Army Q.M.C. (Aus) Division; transferred to Army Air Corps, Dec. 1941. Trained at Miami Beach, Fla. Overseas Nov., 1942, to Oct., 1945, in battles of Normandy, air offensive, Europe, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 6 Bronze Stars. Overseas with the 450th Bomb Sqd., 322nd Bn. Group, A.A.F. Discharged Nov. 16, 1946.

3. —PFC E. D. SELVIDGE, born Jan. 22, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Selvidge of Brownwood, brother of Louise Davis of the same city, entered service March 29, 1943, at Abilene, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Pendleton, Oregon. Overseas Dec. 5, 1943, to Sept. 16, 1945, in Ireland, and England. He received the EAME Campaign Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged September 25, 1945. Completed his education at Howard Payne College.

4. —MAJOR GEORGE ALVA EDWARDS, born Oct. 19, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Edwards of Blanket, Texas, volunteered Feb. 11, 1940, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army 8th Air Force. Trained at Randolph Field, and Kelly Field, Texas. Overseas March, 1945, to June, 1945, in England, Germany, and European Theater. Awarded European Theater Campaign Medal, Air Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Returned to inactive status January 13, 1946. His wife is Winnie Landes of Dublin.

5. —T/4 LEROY O. UNDERWOOD, born Jan. 11, 1921, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Flowers of Brownwood, volunteered Oct. 30, 1940, at San Antonio, in the Army 2nd Division. Trained at San Antonio, and Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas Jan., 1943, to April, 1944, in Northern Solomons and Asiatic-Pacific area with 14th Hdq. Corps. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, 1 Bronze Star, Pre-Pearl Harbor, ATO, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged June 9, 1944, and now employed as a city fireman in Brownwood.

* 6. —T/5 REX M. FLOWERS, born April 18, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Flowers of Brownwood, Texas, volunteered Oct., 1942, at Brownwood, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas, and Childress, Texas. Overseas Oct., 1943, to Jan., 1945, in Air Force Ground Crew in England. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice June 17, 1945, at Northamptonshire, England. Awarded Purple Heart, European Theater, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals.

7. —S/SGT. OLIVER EUGENE WINDHAM, born Feb. 8, 1925, son of Mrs. Charlie E. Ford of Brownwood, Texas, entered service July 9, 1943, at Salt Lake City, Utah, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Lowry Field and Las Vegas. Overseas for 8 months in European Theater. Awarded European 1 Bronze Star, 1 Silver Star, Air Medal 3 Bronze Clusters, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 18, 1945. The former Ola Mae Pate is his wife.

8. —FIREMAN 1/c CLINTON HILL FOX, born Sept. 30, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Fox, 805 First St., Brownwood, Texas, entered service Oct. 7, 1944, at San Diego, Calif., in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Gulfport, Miss. Overseas July 9, 1945, to July 15, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific area. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged July 23, 1946, and placed in USNR (Inactive). Attended Brownwood High School.

9. —SGT. IRWIN LOOPER GAINES, born Oct. 1, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gaines of Brownwood, Texas, entered Army 84th Division Nov. 30, 1942, at Camp Wolters, Texas. Trained at Camp Howze, Texas. Overseas April, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, Omaha Beach, Ireland, England, Julich, Cologne, and Brest. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Battle Stars, and 3 Overseas Service Bars. Discharged Oct. 19, 1945.

10. —FRANCIS MARRIAN COX, born June 12, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hillory Cox of Grosvenor Star Rt., Texas, entered the service June 6, 1945, in the Navy. Received his training at San Diego, California. Served overseas on Guam. Received his discharge in August, 1946. Attended Williams High School at May, Texas, and is the grandson of County Treasurer and Mrs. J. G. Gaines of Brownwood, Texas.

11. —CPL. LLOYD HENRY WILSON, born June 8, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Gaines of Brownwood, Texas, entered service of Army Air Corps, Dec. 29, 1942, at Phoenix, Ariz. Trained in the United States. Served overseas in Rome-Arno, Northern France, Central Europe, Southern France, Po Valley, air combat of Balkans, Rhineland, Normandy, and Northern Apennines. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 10 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, and Victory Medal. Discharged Aug. 31, 1945.

* 12. —SGT. JAMES CORNELIUS GAINES, born Dec. 15, 1915, son of County Treasurer and Mrs. J. G. Gaines of 1705 Austin, Brownwood, Texas, entered Army Air Corps, Oct., 1942. Trained at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Dyersburg, Tenn. Missing in North Atlantic and presumed to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice Sept. 30, 1943. Awarded Presidential Accolade, Purple Heart. Was vocational agriculture teacher at Williams High School in Brown County before he entered service.

13. —SGT. JOHN LAWRENCE FOWLER, JR., born June 19, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Fowler, Sr., of Brownwood, Texas. Entered the Army 1853 Sev. Unit, Nov. 26, 1940, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, and Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas Sept., 1943, in India, Burma, China, participating in 3 major battles. Discharged Nov. 1, 1945, and re-enlisted for 3 years. Now serving in Paris, France, with the 8th Ord. Bn. Awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals.

14. —AOM1/c B. J. FOWLER, born Jan. 8, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Fowler, Sr., of Brownwood, Texas, entered April 13, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, in the Navy Air Craft Carrier Unit. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas in the Atlantic Ocean making trips to Greenland, Iceland, Europe, Africa, Canary Islands, Azores, Cape Verde, and Burma. His ship, USS Guadalcanal, captured German sub. U-505, the first since 1815 to be captured intact. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged and re-enlisted for 2 years in March, 1946.

15. —CPL. VICTOR PAUL FOWLER, born Jan. 25, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Fowler, Sr., of Brownwood, Texas, entered Feb. 14, 1942, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, in the Army Det. Med. Dept. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and Camp Campbell, Ky. Overseas Nov., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in France, and Germany. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged March 10, 1946. Was shot accidentally with a machine gun in Tennessee on maneuvers in 1944.

16. —PFC HUGH RICHARD GLEATON, born Oct. 15, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gleaton of Blanket, Texas, husband of Zola Mae Gleaton of Amarillo, entered Marine Air Corps October 31, 1944. Received his training in Parris Island, S. C., and Cherry Point, N. C., and still serving in the Marines Air Corps. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Attended Daniel Baker College in Brownwood, and was employed by Civil Service prior to the Marine duty.

17. —T/5 ELBERT GEORGE GLEATON, born Oct. 25, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gleaton of Blanket, Texas, attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood before he entered the Army 904th Signal Co., Feb. 28, 1942, at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Trained at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and Morrow Field, Calif. Overseas April, 1943, to Aug., 1945, in European Theater. He received the Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 16, 1945.

18. —CPL. RAY AUBREY GLEATON, born April 7, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gleaton of Blanket, Texas, entered the Army 1st Cavalry Division, Dec. 20, 1944. Trained at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Overseas June, 1945, to April, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific area, participating in liberation of the Philippines. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged April 20, 1946. Completed his education at Daniel Baker College in Brownwood. Is the husband of Joetta Gleaton of 804 Malone, Brownwood.

19. —SGT. NAT REESE GLEATON, born Jan. 26, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gleaton of Blanket, Texas, entered the Army Air Force May 24, 1944, at San Pedro, Calif. Trained at Buckley Field, Colo., and Biggs Field, Texas. Overseas March, 1945, to July, 1945, in European Theater, and battles of Central Europe campaign. Awarded European Theater Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged June 13, 1946.

20. —MM1/c PERRY J. GLEATON, born March 4, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gleaton of Blanket, Texas, attended the Public Schools of Comanche and Blanket, Texas, also Howard Payne in Brownwood. Was employed in defense work before he entered the Navy Seabees April 7, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. Received his training at Norfolk, and Camp Peary, Va. Overseas June 4, 1945, to Jan. 10, 1946, in South Pacific. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January 13, 1946.

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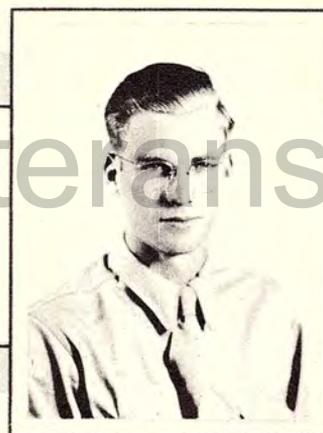


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Capt. STEPHEN A. McHORSE, JR.



S/Sgt. DAVID H. NORMAN

Capt. McHorse, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. McHorse of Brownwood, born on Feb. 15, 1917, graduate of Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos, volunteered for the A.A.C. Sept., 1941, at Dallas. Trained at Sheppard Fld., Wichita Falls, Texas. Went to Officers Candidate School at the Univ. of Calif., finishing a course in Meteorology. Served overseas in Anchorage, Alaska, 4 mos., Whitehorse, Canada, 5 mos., in Air Transport Command, England as flight control officer for 15 mos. and in Paris, France, 8 mos. Re-enlisted in Dec., 1945, for 18 mos., and is now serving in Germany with the Air Communication Service of the A.C.

S/Sgt. Norman was born Nov. 28, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Norman, and husband of Juanita Norman, all of Brownwood, Texas. He received his education in Coggin Ward Grammar and Brownwood Senior High Schools in Brownwood, and entered the service Jan. 6, 1943, at Abilene; was assigned to the Army 372nd Engineer Regt. (GS), and sent to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, for training. Overseas from 21st Aug., 1943, until 23rd June, 1945, with service in Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe Campaigns. His awards are EAME Theater Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct. 27, 1945, from Carlisle Barracks, Pa.



Sgt. COURTLAND A. PAUL



1st Lt. KENNETH M. PETTY

Sgt. Courtland Alexander Paul, was born on August 10, 1911, in Illinois, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aler Paul of Muleshoe, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Pauline A. Paul formerly of Brownwood, but now residing in Narthrop, Colo. He received his education in Muleshoe, Texas, High School, and entered the service on December 2, 1942, at Brownwood. He was assigned to the Army Medical Corps. Sergeant Courtland A. Paul served in the United States from December 2, 1942, until the 17th day of September in 1943. He was given an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army and is now owner of Chalk Cliff Lodge, Chalk Creek Gulch, Nathrop, Colo.

1st Lt. Petty, was born on Dec. 7, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Petty of Bangs. His wife is the former Ann Sheport of Odessa. He received his education in May, Texas, and attended Draughon's Business College at Abilene. Volunteered for the A.A.C. April 4, 1941, at Dallas, training at Randolph Fld., Texas. Served overseas from August 26th to December 4, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater on Guam with 315th Bombardment Wing, 501st Bomb Group of the 20th Air Force. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific, ATO, Victory Medal, and American Defense Ribbons. 1st Lt. Petty was discharged Jan. 28, 1946, and is now a member of the O.R.C.

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Maj. ELMORE S. PLEMONS



Maj. CLAUDE D. ROSCOE

Maj. Plemons was born Aug. 23, 1905, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howley Plemons of Matador, and husband of Mary Lillian Plemons of Brownwood. He attended Texas Technological College at Lubbock and was inducted with National Guard into Army F.A., 36th Div., on Nov. 25, 1940. Trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Transferred to F. A. Replacement Training Center, Ft. Bragg, in Jan., 1943, and detailed the Adjutant General's Dept. in Feb., 1943 as Classification Officer. Served in England, France, Belgium, Germany, battles of Rhineland, and Ardennes, from June, 1944, until Nov., 1945. Major Plemons was honorably discharged Nov. 4, 1946.

Maj. Roscoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Roscoe, and husband of Irene Roscoe, all of Brownwood, was born Jan. 26, 1912. Attended Daniel Baker College at Brownwood; volunteered for the Army Inf. Feb. 14, 1930; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, and Edwards, Mass. Served overseas from March, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Tunisian campaign, invasions of Italy and France, battles of Salerno, Cassino, Rapido River, Anzio Beachhead, San Vittorie, Mt. Lurgo, Vesoul, France, Moselle River Crossing, Vosges Mts. Awarded Silver Star with Cluster, Purple Heart with Cluster, Presidential Citation, ETO 7 Stars, 1 Arrowhead. Serving in Wash., D.C., in Hq. O.R.C.



Sgt. CHARLES L. SHEPARD



Sgt. HAROLD G. SMITH

Sgt. Shepard, was born on Oct. 16, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Shepard of Brownwood, and husband of Mrs. Zelma Shepard of Ballinger. He was educated in Brownwood, and volunteered for the Army 36th Div., Co. C, 142nd Inf., on Nov. 25, 1940. Trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. With service in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe for 26 1/2 mos. He has these awards: EAME with 5 Bronze Battle Stars, American Defense, and Good Conduct Medals and also the Distinguished Unit Badge. Sgt. Charles L. Shepard was honorably discharged the 29th of June, 1945.

Sgt. Smith, born on Oct. 11, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Smith of Brownwood, graduated from Mullen, Texas, High, and entered the Army Signal Corps April 8, 1942, at Abilene. Trained at Camp Crowder, Mo.; sent to Radio School at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and radar training at Drew Fld., Fla. He went overseas in Dec., 1942, and served in Caribbean Area: South America and Panama until Oct., 1945. His awards are Caribbean Area, Good Conduct, and Pre-Pearl Harbor Medals. Sgt. Smith was given an honorable discharge on Oct. 27, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Is now employed by S. W. Dedman of Brownwood, and has his own radio shop.



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S1/c TEVIS C. SMITH, JR.

S1/c Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Smith, and husband of Rubye Barkley Smith, all of Brownwood, was born on Feb. 11, 1908. He attended Howard Payne College at Brownwood. Volunteered for service Oct. 22, 1942. Entered the U. S. Coast Guard, and trained at Camp Harahan, New Orleans, Ft. Robinson, Neb. Served on Port Detail and Beach Patrol Stations in Mobile and Foley, Ala., Pascagoula, Horn Is., Petit Bois, Is., and Ship Is., Miss., Naval Air Station, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Curtis Bay, Maryland Training Station, Brooklyn, Manhattan Beach, U.S.S. Monticello. S1/c Smith was given an honorable discharge on the 9th of October, 1945, from the U. S. Coast Guard.



Maj. WILLIAM J. SNODDY

Maj. Snoddy, born on Dec. 3, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Snoddy of Brownwood, attended Univ. of Texas at Austin; entered the service July 26, 1941, and was assigned to the Army Chemical Warfare Service. Trained at Edgewood Arsenal, Md. Served in Hawaii, Solomon Is., New Britain, Philippines, Korea, campaigns for Bismarck Archipelago, Luzon, and Southern Philippines. His awards are American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific with 3 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation with 1 Star, American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. He was with the 40th Inf. Div. overseas for 39 mos. Discharged Nov. 28, 1945; returned to inactive status in O.R.C.



Pfc FRANK L. THOMAS

Pfc Thomas, was born on August 29th, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas of 1712 Main Blvd., Brownwood, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Ruby Thomas of 704 Malone Street, Brownwood. He received his education in Brownwood High School, and entered the service December 20th, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas, assigned to Army 98th Division. Was sent to Camp Hood, Texas, and Fort Meade, Md., for his training. He went overseas in July of 1945 and served in Hawaii, Japan, and Korea. Private First Class Frank L. Thomas is still serving overseas with the 3363rd Engineer Base Survey Company, A.P.O. 181c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.



S/Sgt. CHARLES M. HAMMONDS

S/Sgt. Hammonds, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Powell of Ft. Worth, and husband of Jeanne Katherine Hammonds of Brownwood, Texas, was born March 22, 1922, was educated in Cleburne, Texas, and attended Englewood Night School at Chicago, Ill. Volunteered for the Army Med. Dept., 132nd F. A., 36th Div., on Oct. 25, 1940. Trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., Edwards, Mass., Ft. Sill, Okla., and Walter Reed Gen. Hosp. Overseas in Tunisia; Cape Bon.; Sicily; Rome-Arno and Salerno, Italy; and Po Valley from April, 1943, to June, 1945. Awarded Good Conduct, Pre-Pearl Harbor, with Bronze Star, ETO, 4 Stars, and Amer. Def. Medals. Discharged July 26, 1945.

1. —EM2/c MELVIN DENNIS SMITH, born May 28, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith of Brownwood, Texas, entered the Navy Oct. 4, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas June, 1944, to Dec., 1946, seeing action on Palau and various other islands, and Occupation of Japan. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January 5, 1946. Was on the destroyer USS Caperton 650th, with 3rd Fleet.
2. —T/5 J. L. SMITH, born Nov. 19, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith of Brownwood, Texas, entered Army Infantry March 15, 1945, at San Antonio, Texas. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, where he volunteered for paratroops; sent to Ft. Benning, Ga. Served in the United States from March 15, 1945, and is still serving in 82nd Parach. Maint. Co. of the 82nd Airborne Division of Ft. Bragg, N. C., where he is credited with 6 jumps and 2 spiral, including the daisy chain.
3. —SGT. JOHN HAROLD STEELE, born April 10, 1918, husband of Mrs. Iva B. Steele of Brownwood, Texas, entered the Army Medical Corps May 22, 1944, at Dallas, Texas. Trained at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas. Overseas March, 1945, to May, 1946, in India; transferred into a Graves' Registration Platoon, and was sent into Burma to find bodies from crashed planes. Awarded Unit Citation for Meritorious Service over and above Regular Required Duty. Discharged June 6, 1946.
- * 4. —1ST LT. JACK ROBERT STEWART, born Dec. 6, 1914, husband of Mrs. Leota Kennedy Stewart of Brownwood, Texas, entered Army 36th Division, Nov. 25, 1940, at Camp Bowie, Texas. Trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas April, 1943, to March, 1945, in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany, in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, and Central Europe. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 23, 1945, in Germany. Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, Mediterranean Medal with 5 Battle Stars.
5. —CPL. ELIAS WILLIAMS, born Dec. 25, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Williams of Brownwood, Texas, entered the Army Air Corps Jan. 27, 1943, at Abilene, Texas. Trained at Saint Petersburg, Fla. Overseas in England, France, and 12 months in Germany, with a Sig. Depot. He received the EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, American Theater, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged April 26, 1946.
6. —PFC DOYLE C. GREEN, born Oct. 17, 1920, husband of Mrs. Ruth G. Green of San Angelo, Texas, volunteered Oct. 23, 1942, at San Angelo, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at San Angelo, Texas, and Chanute Field, Ill. Served in the United States from October 23, 1942, to January 24, 1946. Was awarded A.A.F. Tee-Badge, Marksmans Medal, Sharp Shooters Medal, Good Conduct, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged January 24, 1946.
7. —PVT. ROBERT H. TIDWELL, born Nov. 21, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tidwell of Blanket, Texas, volunteered Oct. 23, 1942, at San Angelo, Texas, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Overseas May, 1943, to Jan., 1946, in European Theater. Was transferred to infantry in England. Awarded Combat Infantry Badge, ETO, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged January 21, 1946. He is the brother of Mrs. Doyle C. Green.
8. —T/4 CHARLES F. TIDWELL, born June 26, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tidwell of Blanket, Texas, volunteered Sept. 12, 1940, at Brownwood, Texas, for the Army 36th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas April, 1943, to May, 1944, in North Africa, Italy, and invasion of Salerno. Was awarded Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 21, 1945, at Camp Blanding.
9. —CPL. JOE JIMMIE FOYT, born Sept. 18, 1920, husband of Mrs. Wynonne Foyt of Hico, Texas, entered the Army 1st Armoured Div. Dec. 8, 1942, at La Grange, Texas. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Overseas May, 1943, to Sept., 1945, in campaigns of Sicily, N. France, Normandy, Ardennes, Central Europe and Rhineland. Wounded 3 times. Awarded 2 Silver Stars, Bronze Star Medal, French Presidential Citation, Purple Heart with 2 Clusters, and Good Conduct Medals, EAME with 6 Stars and Arrowhead. Discharged Sept., 1945.
10. —PFC KENNETH FUQUA, born March 24, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fuqua of Mullin, Texas, volunteered Jan. 20, 1942, at Abilene, Texas, for the 2nd Marines Division. Trained at Camp Elliott, and San Diego, Calif. Overseas July, 1942, to July, 1944, in Southwest Pacific, seeing action on Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Solomon, Tarawa, and Gilbert Islands. Wounded on Tarawa. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific 3 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, and Presidential Citation with 2 Blue Stars. Discharged Jan., 1946.
11. —CPL. BUSTER JEARLD FUQUA, born Jan. 18, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fuqua, of Mullin, Texas, volunteered for the Marines 22nd Reg. and 6th Division, June 5, 1943. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Dec., 1943, to June, 1945, in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Marshalls, battles of Guam, and Okinawa. Wounded on Okinawa May 11, 1945; spent 15 months in hospitals. Awarded Naval Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Aug., 1946.
12. —CPL. ROBERT B. FUQUA, born Feb. 11, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fuqua of Mullin, Texas, volunteered Aug. 16, 1940, at Dallas, Texas, in the Marines Guard Co., and 4th Amph. Tr. Bn. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas Oct., 1940, to Oct., 1945, in Pearl Harbor, Marshalls Islands, Guam, Okinawa, and Guadalcanal. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 5 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged October 10, 1945.
13. —1ST SGT. GEORGE WILLIAM COSTON, born Sept. 26, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coston of Hamilton, Texas, entered the Army 36th Division, Sept. 2, 1940, at Stephenville, Texas. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Edwards, Mass. Overseas April, 1943, to April, 1945, in Africa, battles of Salerno, and Italian campaign and was captured above Rome. Received Soldiers' Medal in Dec., 1942, for saving the life of a child, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Aug. 16, 1945.
14. —CAPT. THOMAS LLOYD COSTON, born Dec. 30, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coston of Hamilton, Texas, volunteered June 10, 1940, at Comanche, Texas, in the Army Artillery 6th Division, 40th Infantry. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., Camp Hood, Camp Gruber, and Camp Rucker. Overseas Nov., 1944, in Philippines, New Britain, and Japan. He is remaining in the Army and has returned overseas in Korea. Awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals.
15. —T/5 WHITFIELD RILEY COSTON, born Oct. 19, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coston of Hamilton, Texas, entered the Army Medical Corps Dec. 7, 1942, at Hamilton, Texas. Trained at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas. Served in the United States from December 7, 1942, to February, 1946, and is rated as a very efficient nurse. Received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Attended Hamilton High School. Had two brothers in the service.
16. —PFC RALPH MERWIN HORTON, born Feb. 20, 1920, husband of Mary Horton of Hico, Texas, volunteered May 26, 1942, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, for the Army Air Force. Trained at Sioux Falls, A.A.F. Overseas Feb., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in European Theater. He received the American Defense and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged November 4, 1945. Completed his education at Texas University at Austin, Texas.
17. —S/SGT. TRAVIS ANDREW KING, born Oct. 7, 1923, son of Mrs. Vera M. King of Hico, Texas, entered the Army 44th Division Feb., 1943, at Hamilton, Texas. Trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Overseas July, 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Italy, France, Germany, Austria, in battles of Rome-Arno, Southern France, and Rhineland. Wounded Jan. 25, 1945, near Houssens, France. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Combat Infantry Badge. Discharged Oct., 1945.
- * 18. —PFC DAMON LAVELL KING, born April 29, 1921, son of Mrs. Vera M. King of Hico, Texas, entered the Army May 18, 1944, at Hamilton, Texas. Trained at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas. Overseas Sept., 1944, to March, 1945, in campaigns of Northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 16, 1945, near Serrig, Germany. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart with 1 Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Victory Medals.
19. —T/SGT. CARL KING MOSS, born July 11, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moss of Hico, volunteered Oct. 7, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, for the Army 2519th Division Air Forces Base Unit. Trained at Douglas, Calif., and Tyndall Field, Fla. Overseas Nov., 1944, to May, 1945, in battles of Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines, Po Valley, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze, and 1 Silver Battle Star, Presidential Unit Citation, and Air Medal with Cluster. Discharged Oct., 1945.
20. —T/3 HERMAN EDWARD KILGO, born May 21, 1915, husband of Mrs. Hazel E. Kilgo of Hico, Texas, entered the Army as an auto mechanic, Jan. 8, 1943, at Abilene, Texas. Trained at Ft. Story, Va., and New Bern, N. C. Overseas March, 1944, to July, 1945, in battles of Rhineland, Northern France, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged September 11, 1945.

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Capt. MARK L. ABNEY



1st Lt. ELTON A. BLACKSTOCK

Capt. Abney, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Abney of Brownwood, Texas, was born on Nov. 8, 1921; attended Ward Grammar and Brownwood High Schools in Brownwood, and John Tarleton College at Stephenville. He volunteered for the service on May 7, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, going to Kelly Fld., Texas, for his training. He was shipped overseas on September 27, 1943, serving in the European Theater of Operations, returning to the States in July, 1945. Awarded Air Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, DFC, and ETO with 5 Stars. On Jan. 28, 1946, he was discharged, and is at home with his wife, Ann, in Brownwood, Texas.

1st Lt. Blackstock, was born on Dec. 30, 1916, son of Mrs. Grace Blackstock Johnston of Ft. Worth, and husband of Vera Louise Blackstock of Brownwood. He attended Howard Payne College at Brownwood, volunteering for the A.A.C. on Oct. 16, 1942, training at Sheppard Fld.; San Antonio; Garner Fld., Uvalde; Waco A.A.F., Waco; and Blackland A.A.F., Waco, Texas. On Oct. 30, 1944, he went overseas; served in Scotland, England, N. Africa, France, Italy, Germany, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Battle of the Bulge, returning to the States on Nov. 19, 1945. Awarded ATO, EAME, and Victory Ribbons. On May 17th of 1946 he received his discharge.



F. Eng. WILLIAM R. CAMP



*S/Sgt. COY M. COLEMAN

Flight Eng. Camp, was born on Nov. 11, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Camp of 1415 Durham, Brownwood, Texas. He attended the Texas Tech. College at Lubbock, Texas; entered the service March 15, 1945, assigned to the Army Air Force, training at Sheppard Fld., Texas, Keesler Fld., Miss., and Langley Fld., Va. He went overseas on February 1, 1946, and served in the 5th Air Force Hdq. until June 18, 1946, at Chofu Air Strip in Tokyo; he is now at Komali Air Strip in Nagoya, Japan, serving with the 5th Air Force Headquarters Sqd. He received a Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Flight Eng. and Crew Chief on C-46.

S/Sgt. Coleman, born on March 21, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Coleman of Triley, and husband of Charlotte A. Coleman of Calif., was educated in Lakeland, Fla. Volunteered for the Army on June 21, 1939; trained at Ft. Sam Houston and Camp Wolters, Texas, Camps White and Adair, Ore. He went overseas on July 28, 1944; in Hawaii, Leyte, Philippine Is., and Okinawa. He was killed in action April 9, 1945, at Okinawa Shima, while serving as a member of Co. A., 382nd Inf. Awarded Purple Heart, ATO, Combat Inf. Badge, Asiatic-Pacific, 3 Battle Stars, 1 Arrowhead for Invasion of Leyte, and Victory Ribbons. He has one son, Coy Lee, age 5.

The Italian Campaign, First Phase: Surrender of Italy and the Long Road to Rome,—and Beyond

THE conquest of Sicily having been completed by August 17, 1943, the Allied air forces stepped up their bombardment of Italian harbors, munition plants, railroads, and airfields, in preparation for an assault invasion. The whirlwind success of the Allied armies in Sicily together with the terrific defeat of the Axis troops had an important psychological effect up on the Government and people of Italy. The handwriting on the wall was all too manifest to give them any satisfaction; they were getting shaky and were beginning to seek a way out of their precarious situation.

The Ousting of Mussolini

Even before fighting had ceased in Sicily, important developments were taking place in Italy. On July 25, 1943, King Victor Emanuel announced that Mussolini had fallen and the destinies of Italy had been committed to other hands. In August 1943 an important conference was held in the city of Quebec participated in by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, and it was brought to their attention that Italy was ready to quit.

Marshal Badoglio had established contact with General Eisenhower for the purpose of negotiating terms of capitulation. Acting under instructions from the Quebec Conference, Eisenhower demanded the unconditional surrender of Italy and also the assurance that the Italian Fleet would be turned over to the Allies and further that the new Italian Government would render all possible assistance in expelling the Nazis from Italian soil. On September 8, 1943, the day before American troops landed on the Italian mainland, announcement was made that Italy had surrendered unconditionally; within a few days the units of the Italian Fleet had moved to Allied ports in North Africa, and Italian soldiers were being reorganized to assist the Allies in fighting the Germans.

Invasion of Italy

The landings of Allied troops on the Italian Peninsula began on September 3, 1943, when General Montgomery's Eighth Army composed of British and Canadian troops established a beachhead opposite Messina at Reggio di Calabria and Villa San Giovanni. The Eighth Army then began its march northward through Calabria, across the foot of the peninsula to the Adriatic Sea.

With this much of an introduction, we turn now to the series of advances made by the Allied armies on the Road to Rome. The campaign to wrest southern Italy from the Germans falls into five phases, so far as the Fifth Army is concerned:

The landing at Salerno on September 9-15, 1943.

The fall of Naples on October 1, 1943.

The crossing of the Volturno on October 12, 1943.

The Winter Line Campaign, November 1943 to May 1944.

The May 1944 offensive which resulted in liberating Rome on June 4, 1944.

(1) Landing at Salerno September 9-15, 1943

The Bay of Salerno offered a number of beaches suitable for troop landings, and if the

Fifth Army could drive inland and make contact with the Eighth Army moving up the Adriatic coast it might be possible to entrap German troops withdrawing up the peninsula toward Rome. On September 9, 1943 the United States Fifth Army under command of General Mark W. Clark began to land on beaches in the Gulf of Salerno, some 130 miles north of Messina. The Fifth Army was composed of the British X Corps and the American VI Corps, the principal elements of the VI Corps being the 36th and 45th Infantry Divisions. In addition there were Army and Corps troops with Commandos and Rangers ready at hand.

The naval forces assisting in the landing were mixed; they were under the command of Vice Admiral Hewitt, and were divided into two parts, one being predominantly American and the other predominantly British; it was the American attack force that covered the landings at Salerno. The principal American convoy assembled at Oran, and the principal British force formed up at Tripoli, Palermo, Termini, and Bizerte.

The American VI Corps commanded by Major General Ernest J. Dawley included the 36th Infantry Division in the earlier stages of the landing operations but in a few days was strengthened by the arrival of the 45th Infantry Division and the 82nd Airborne Division. The British X Corps under command of Lieutenant General Sir Richard L. McCreery included the 46th and 56th Infantry Divisions, and was firmly established on shore by the evening of September 9, in the face of bitter German fire. The 7th Armored Division (British) soon arrived and took its place in line.

It seems that the enemy had anticipated an attempt to land in the Bay of Naples, but they were quick to react to our landing at Salerno. The Germans felt that to compensate for the surrender of Italy to the Allies, they must by all means possible attempt to hold the Allies south of Naples until they could reform their forces and establish their positions. Our High Command had estimated that the Germans had eight divisions available to oppose our landings, most of them already in the neighborhood of Naples. These included the Hermann Goering Panzer Division, the 15th Motorized Division, the 16th and 26th Panzer Divisions, the 29th Motorized Division, the 1st Parachute Division, and two divisions just north of Rome.

On the very first day the Germans made several local attacks, and in a few days the German XIV Panzer Corps was in action. The result was that both the American VI Corps and the British X Corps were under heavy attack and the situation was becoming critical. The Luftwaffe was constantly pounding the landings and installations, and made every attempt to wipe out the beachhead. The Fifth Army was compelled to yield some ground, but dug in when it heard General Clark say, "We are here to stay." Following a strong assault by our forces, the enemy was compelled to withdraw.

Salerno went through four critical days. Every available combat aircraft was called upon to assist our land troops in establishing a beachhead. During these 4 days our air forces flew 3,000 sorties and dropped 2,150 tons of bombs in close support of our ground forces. Naval gunfire gave important support while our ships continued to bring in a stream of reinforcements. By September 15 the crisis had passed

and our troops were firmly established.

During the first 18 days of our assault on Italy, Navy crews and Army service troops landed on the Salerno beaches a total of 189,000 troops, with 30,000 motor vehicles, and 108,000 tons of supplies.

While the Fifth Army was fighting to deepen its toe hold on the western side of Italy, the British Eighth was climbing the ladder on the eastern side from the toe of the Italian leg near Sicily to the calf of the leg opposite Salerno. By September 15, 1943 the two armies had come abreast of each other. By September 20, 1943 the first phase of the Fifth Army's operations was complete, with the enemy pulling back before the VI Corps to the Sorrento Hills. Paestum, Altavilla, Battipaglia, and other places were scenes of bitter fighting. Other scenes of conflict were Maiori, Salerno, Eboli, Mount Soprano, Ponte Sele, Albanella, Rocca D'Aspide, and Agropoli. Naples lay just ahead.

(2) The Fall of Naples October 1, 1943

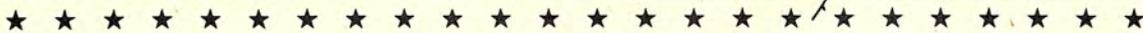
The city of Naples was needed by the Allies as a port of entry for troops and supplies. In face of the advancing Allied armies, the Germans not only attempted to destroy all harbor facilities but wreaked havoc in the city itself, destroying many objects of great historical importance and despoiling much of its beauty and charm.

When the Fifth Army started for Naples, it was composed of the following units: In the VI Corps were the 3rd, 34th, 36th, and 45th Divisions and the 82nd Airborne Division. In the X Corps were the 46th and 56th Infantry Divisions (British) and the 7th Armored Division (British). In addition, many corps and army units were on hand. Thus set up, the Fifth Army moved forward to find mine fields, booby traps, and blown bridges impeding its progress. The American VI Corps in the main was deployed inland to press the enemy back toward the Volturno, while to three of its divisions were given special missions: The 3rd Infantry Division was assigned the Battipaglia area; the 45th Division was stationed in the Eboli area; and the 36th Infantry Division was to cover the beachhead.

The Germans withdrew in good order before the Fifth Army pressure and dug in for resistance; the X Corps was facing the Hermann Goering forces with detachments from two Panzer grenadier divisions and these put up a stiff resistance. Mountain passes, deep gorges, and downpour of rain, with swollen rivers and washed-out or blown-up bridges; all these things and more made hell for our men.

The 3rd Division moved from Battipaglia through Acerno to Highway 7; a regimental combat team crossed the mountains north of Curticello to drive on Avellino. The 45th Division advanced up Highway No. 91 through Contursi to secure the junction of Highways 7 and 91. More Italian place names were added to the long list already occupied: Colliano, Quaglietta, Valva, and the Sabato Valley. Rugged terrain made it necessary for the 3rd Division to bring in a pack train from Sicily. Soldiers and mules moved food and ammunition over dangerous mountain trails, over mired roads, and rain-soaked soil.

By evening, September 30, 1943, in sight of the red glow of Vesuvius, the Fifth Army was



S/Sgt. WALTER ADAMS

S/Sgt. Adams was born on the 4th day of October, 1910, in Texas, son of Mrs. Lena Adams of 625 Ward Avenue, and husband of Lottie Adams of 115 West Phillips, Tyler, Texas. He attended Tyler High School, and entered the service on February 25, 1943; was assigned to the U.S. Army A.M. Division. He was then sent to Fort Warren for his training. He served overseas from July 24, 1943, until November 23, 1945, with service in England, Belgium, and France, participating in the battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. Staff Sergeant Walter Adams received the following decorations: European Theater Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars; Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. In November of 1945, he was given his discharge, and at the present is living in Tyler, Texas, with his wife.

ready to enter Naples. After a prolonged bombardment from sea and air, the Fifth Army moved into the city on October 1, 1943. They found Naples a ghost city: Germans had demolished water conduits, electric plants, time-bombed buildings, and like beasts had let loose their fury and hatred on the city. Our engineers soon restored harbor facilities, public utilities, and set about to remove mines and debris.

But our troops could not stop for long at Naples: it was for us only a milestone on the road to Rome. Ahead of us lay the Volturno River where the Germans would make a stand. By this time the Fifth Army and the Eighth Army comprising the Fifteenth Army Group under General Alexander were abreast of each other. The same day the Fifth Army occupied Naples on the west coast, the Eighth Army captured the extensive airfield systems at Foggia near the east coast, and Field Marshal Kesselring, Commander of the German forces in Italy, was compelled to withdraw northward to positions north of the Volturno River.

Our possession of the airfields at Foggia strengthened our hold on the mainland of Italy. Up to that time our fighter planes were based on Sicily and could carry gasoline sufficient to operate for only 15 minutes over the beachhead at Salerno. Now, they could be based near the battle areas, and our heavy bombers could easily strike at passes through the Alps and attack German installations in Austria, factories in southern Germany, and aid the Red Army by striking at the enemy centers in the Balkans. While it was a difficult task to assemble the material for runways and shelters for our heavy machines, yet by the end of 1943, 35,000 combat airmen with their supporting forces were established in Italy. The result was the Fifteenth Strategic Air Force, activated on November 1, 1943, under General Doolittle.

(3) The Crossing of the Volturno October 12-13, 1943

The Nazis had evacuated the island of Sardinia on September 20 and the island of Corsica on October 4. On October 6, 1943, the Fifth Army had reached the south side of the Volturno River. To arrive at this position the VI Corps had to cover exceedingly rough terrain. The 3rd Infantry Division had advanced along the line Cancellomaddaloni in the mountainous country above Caserta. A regiment of the 34th Infantry Division secured Benevento and a bridgehead beyond the Calore River. The 45th Infantry Division was on the right where it met severe opposition, but pressed on to the high ground north of the junction of the Calore and Volturno Rivers. The 34th Infantry Division was preparing to assist in forcing a crossing of the Volturno. In the early stages of these operations, enemy observation posts on high ground beyond the river had to be neutralized before an attack on the Volturno could begin. While units of the VI Corps were improving their positions, the X Corps was advancing north across the coastal plain above Naples.

After patrols had located a suitable place for crossing and the engineers had made all preparation for bridges, then at 2000 hours on October 12, 1943, a simultaneous artillery concentration from some 600 guns hit the enemy positions. The 3rd Division fought its way across and into the hills dominating the Volturno from Triflisco Gap to Mount Mesarino. The 34th Division crossed the Volturno and entered the Somewhat later the 1st Special Service Force,

right flank and the upper reaches of the river. Along the lower reaches of the Volturno, from Triflisco Gap to the sea, the X Corps (British) was fighting to control its portion of the bridgehead. This attack was along a 40-mile front, and was executed with such force that the enemy was compelled to give ground.

The 45th Division gave the Fifth Army strong support in the crossing of the Volturno and captured Piedmonte d'Alife and San Gregorio. The fighting of its men had been so intense and prolonged that the division was sent to a rest area, the 34th Infantry Division taking over the Army right flank. The Fifth Army was now facing the German Winter Line. But before we consider that situation, let us notice a most interesting incident in which psychology played an important role in lessening the pressure that would have been put upon the Allied troops.

By November 1943 the Allies had 11 divisions in Italy, while the Germans had at least 24. Fourteen of these enemy divisions were stationed in northern Italy along the Po River Valley, and it was to our interest to keep them there until we had captured the city of Rome. In order to accomplish this, the name "Patton" was exploited to the fullest extent.

This is how it happened. After Patton's forces had chased the Nazis all over North Africa, and after Patton's Seventh Army had thrown the enemy into consternation in Sicily, the name "Patton" had become a legend, a warning of disaster to any and all enemies who might cross his path. After the campaign in Sicily was over, all of Patton's divisions were detached from the Seventh Army, leaving only the Seventh Army Headquarters plus Patton—but with no troops for battle. By skillful use of Patton's Seventh Army Headquarters, which was now moved to the island of Corsica just off the Italian northern coast, the Germans were kept in constant suspense, and General Patton's mysterious movements throughout the Mediterranean area kept the Germans guessing where Patton and his mythical and nonexistent Seventh Army might strike next.

(4) The German Winter Line November 1943 to May 1944

On the march forward the 34th and 3rd Divisions advanced, with the 45th Division, now back from rest camp, between the other two. The enemy resorted to delaying tactics, and our progress was slow. Rain was falling in torrents day and night, so that mud was everywhere and one could not escape it. Due to all these conditions, the enemy gained time for building his defensive line.

It was now early winter and the weather was getting cold. Elements of the Fifth Army contacted the German defense line at the Garigliano River in the mountains above Mignano and Venefro. By November 15, 1943, the Fifth Army was holding a line along Mount Massico, through Mignano, and up past the peaks overlooking Venefro. Before them to the north was a jumbled mass of mountains, valleys, and plains, some of the mountains reaching 6,000 feet.

The latter half of November was given to reorganization, aggressive patrolling, and probing of the German Winter Line. The II Corps was now formed on November 17 with Major General Geoffrey Keyes in command, and was placed in the center of the line, with the X Corps on the left, and the VI Corps (34th and 45th Divisions) on the right. The offensive began on

December 1, 1943, with an attack up the Liri Valley. In this offensive the X and II Corps captured the hill country south of the Mignano Pass, while the X Corps was receiving the support in its struggle of some 800 guns, the strongest array used in the Italian Campaign up to that time.

The X Corps captured Mount Cassino. The newly arrived Special Service Forces of Canadians and Americans captured Mount La Difensa, while a regiment of the 36th Infantry Division captured Mount Maggiore. By capturing these mountainous positions that controlled the entrance to the Liri Valley, the Allies made an important gain, this valley being a corridor ultimately leading to Rome.

The fighting in this phase took place in or around San Pietro, Mount Sammucro, San Vitore, Mount Lungo, Mount Maggiore, and others. The battles fought here reflect the determination and courage of the men of the Fifth. And across to the Adriatic Sea the line of the Eighth Army had a similar experience: almost impenetrable mountains, fatigue, exposure, icy blackness, trench foot, and wounded being evacuated down steep mountains by litter bearers requiring many hours to get their wounded buddies to safety.

In November 1943 the First Armored Division arrived from Africa and was attached to the II Corps; and the 2nd French Moroccan Infantry Division also arrived, and was attached to the VI Corps. Later, more French troops arrived, under General Alphonse Juin who took over command of the VI Corps sector. The Moroccan Division was the forerunner of the Corps Expeditionnaire Francais which under General Juin greatly distinguished itself in the hard land fighting of the months that followed. The Fifth Army now had a truly international character, composed of American, British, Italian, and French units.

By January 15, 1944, the Fifth Army occupied a strong position along the line of the Rapido and Garigliano Rivers, and just ahead were Cassino and the world-famous Benedictine Monastery. Both at Cassino and in the heights overlooking the Liri River, the Germans were strongly entrenched and well fortified. Our early attacks on Cassino were not too successful, and the Liri Valley came to be known by our men as "Purple Heart Valley." Early in January 1944 the French Corps took over the right sector of the Fifth Army from the United States VI Corps, which was withdrawn to prepare for the Anzio landings.

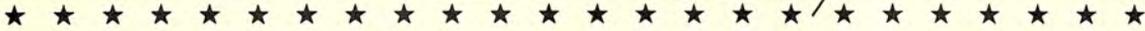
Our men were tired out, having fought for days and days under the worst of conditions. So, on February 3, 1944, the New Zealand Corps took over the Cassino sector. The 88th and 85th Infantry Divisions were brought to Italy and attached to the II Corps.

So it went through the winter months. We made important gains, although not so great as we had wished: the enemy's position was too well fortified, and our attacks upon it proved costly.

The Anzio Beachhead

Our operation at Anzio was designed not only to establish a beachhead but to serve as a dagger threatening the German right flank so as to compel the enemy to pull his troops away from the Cassino sector. The VI Corps, commanded by Major General John P. Lucas, landed at Anzio January 22, 1944. His forces included Ranger battalions, the 509th Parachute Infan-

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S/Sgt. FRANK M. McCORKLE

S/Sgt. Frank Marion McCorkle, son of Mrs. Frank C. McCorkle of Tyler, Texas, was born Dec. 27, 1911. He enlisted in the Army on Nov. 4, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Air Force as an aeroplane mechanic. Training was given him at Ellington and Curtiss Fields. In March, 1943, he went overseas to serve in Europe, with the 9th Air Force's 406th Thunderbolt Raider Group. He was in no battles, for he served as a mechanic behind the lines. His unit protected a flank of General Patton's 3rd Army during its advance across France, and was cited twice for outstanding service in keeping planes going. Sgt. McCorkle was a crew chief and holds 6 Bronze Stars and campaign awards. He was returned to the U.S.A. in Nov., 1945.



PhM 2/c CLINTON K. COOPER



HA 1/c JIMMIE D. COOPER

PhM 2/c Clinton Kenneth Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Cooper, 1823 E. Houston, Tyler, Texas, was born Nov. 12, 1922. Volunteered for service Dec. 15, 1942, at Dallas; was assigned to U.S. Navy, Medical Branch. Trained at Naval Base, San Diego, Calif., and embarked Dec. 23, 1943, for overseas, serving in Hawaiian Islands, Marianas, and campaigns of Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa. Attached to 2nd Marine Division from March 5, 1944, to July 30, 1945. Awarded: Secretary of Navy Citation, Unit 8th Regiment of 2nd Marine Division. PhM 2/c Cooper was honorably discharged February 15, 1946.

HA1/c Jimmie Dee Cooper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Cooper, 1823 East Houston St., Tyler, Texas. He was born May 20, 1927, in Texas, and acquired his education in the public schools of Tyler. HA1/c Cooper volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy on May 17, 1945, and was assigned to Medical Branch, training in San Diego, California. He served his country from May 17, 1945, to May 16, 1946, at which time he was honorably discharged.

try Regiment, the 3rd Infantry Division, and some British Commandos and the 1st Infantry Division.

The 45th Division came in a little later, also a combat command of the 1st Armored Division. Somewhat later the 1st Special Service Force, the remainder of the 1st Armored Division, the 34th Infantry Division, and the 5th and 56th British Divisions arrived. The enemy's alarm at this concentration of forces was shown by the fact that he sought to rush troops to oppose us, even transferring units from the Balkans and from France to the Anzio area.

By the end of D-Day-plus-3 the enemy numbered approximately 41,000, while we had only 56,000. Although the build-up was still going on, we did not have sufficiently superior strength to warrant an all-out attack. Eleven days after D-Day the enemy had about 98,000 troops compared to about 92,000 of our own. This situation was serious. The last days of January and the first half of February the enemy was using all he had to annihilate us: Field artillery; huge railway guns called the "Anzio Express" constantly bombarded us; air bombers and Tiger tanks made mass attacks.

Of the American troops fighting against the German Winter Line, the 34th and the 36th Infantry Divisions seem to have suffered the heaviest casualties. In the Rapido River engagement of January 20-21, 1944, some 2,900 casualties were suffered by the 36th, one company reporting that of its original 184 men only 17 were left after the engagement. But in spite of heavy losses, the Fifth Army dug in and "took" it, and at many points caused the enemy to stagger backwards. The Fifth held the Anzio beachhead in spite of all the efforts of superior enemy numbers to dislodge them.

(5) The May 1944 Offensive to the Liberation of Rome on June 4, 1944

In March and April 1944 the Allied armies in Italy were regrouping and preparing for a spring offensive. The Germans too were busy, working on the Gustav Line and the Hitler Line to prevent our breaking through to Rome.

On the night of May 11, 1944, all was quiet on the Italian front up to 2300 hours: after that there was nothing but deafening noise. All the way from Cassino to the sea, it was a night burst into flame, as our heavily concentrated artillery poured death and destruction into the enemy lines. After the barrage lifted, the Fifth and Eighth Armies moved forward. The French units swarmed over the hills facing our right flank, by stealth and vicious fighting penetrated the enemy lines, and reached their objectives, among them being Mount Fuito, Cesarola, San Giorgio, Mount D'Oro, Ausonia, and Esperia.

By magnificent fighting, the Fifth Army French forces under General Juin cut the Itri-Piso Road, cleared the high ground bordering the Liri Valley, and breached the Gustav Line. The II Corps was equally successful along the coastal plain, capturing Scauri, Formia, Gaeta, and Itri.

The British Eighth Army succeeded in crossing the Rapido River, but when our forces combined to attack Cassino we found it strongly defended by the enemy. After 7 days of strong offensive from both north and south we were able to capture the city. The Germans were forced to withdraw from the Gustav Line and fell back to the Hitler Line nearer Rome, leaving behind innumerable dead and much equipment. During the first 5 days of this forward push, the Fifth

Army cut to pieces two enemy divisions. On May 24 Terracina was taken, and on May 25 Cisterna was in our hands.

In these successful attacks the 85th and 88th Infantry Divisions, together with the 3rd Division, 1st Armored Division, and the 34th and 45th Infantry Divisions, did magnificent work. Mount Arrestino was also captured. Having gained these advantageous positions, the Fifth Army looked out over straight stretches of roads across the famous Pontine Marshes.

Early on May 25 contact was made with our beachhead forces. Rearrangement of units resulted in Major General Willis D. Crittenger's IV Corps taking command of the II Corps sector, and the II Corps Headquarters moved over to the beachhead. The French Corps took over the sector held by the 85th and 88th Divisions which were also to reinforce the beachhead.

By May 26 the 3rd Division had captured Cori. The 45th and the 34th Divisions attacked along the Cisterna-Campoleone railroad, taking Campoleone on May 29 and Launvio on June 3, 1944. The 3rd Division took Artena on May 28 and reached Valmontone on June 1. The 36th Division occupied the heights of Colle Laziali on May 13, and Velletri fell on June 2.

By this time the II Corps with the 85th and 88th Divisions added to its strength began its advance toward the north from the beachhead sector. Highway No. 6, leading to Valmontone, was cut and pushed on toward Rome. Now all three German defense lines (Winter Line, Gustav Line, and Hitler Line) were broken. The Germans found it impossible to continue their resistance south of Rome. German prisoners of war numbered thousands and began to stream back to prison cages: German dead, equipment, vehicles, and tanks were left behind by the retreating enemy.

Fifth Army troops reached Rome on June 4, 1944, elements of the II Corps being the first to enter the city, amid wildest demonstrations of joy on the part of the inhabitants at being liberated from the galling yoke of Axis domination.

The Eternal City

The Fifth Army was the first ever to capture Rome by an attack from the south. Nine months of the hardest sort of fighting over some of the most rugged terrain on earth in back of them, the men of the Fifth now stood amid the scenes of more than 2,600 years of history—and they had come as liberators. And soon after the message of the liberation of Rome had been flashed to the world, came congratulatory messages to General Mark W. Clark, from far and near. We mention only two:

You have made the American people very happy. It is a grand job well done. Congratulations to you and the men of the Fifth Army.

Franklin D. Roosevelt.

We rejoice with you in the splendid exploits, comradeship, and tireless energy of the United States, British, and other Allied troops under your command, and it gives me the greatest pleasure to congratulate you once again on your brilliant leading.

Winston Churchill.

Rome and Beyond

The Fifth Army troops that liberated the city of Rome had little time to indulge in the fruits

of their conquest, for the enemy, withdrawing to the north, must not be allowed to dig in and entrench themselves. So the pursuit must be continued.

By this time we were withdrawing many of the Fifth Army troops, sending them to rest areas and reorganization centers to prepare for the coming invasion of southern France (ANVIL) which was scheduled for August 1944. The 45th Infantry Division was ordered out of the line on June 14, 1944, the 3rd Division on June 17, and the 37th Division on June 27. The VI Corps was withdrawn on June 13 and was replaced by the United States IV Corps under command of Major General W. D. Crittenger. The French Corps, consisting of the 1st Motorized Moroccan, the 3rd Algerian Infantry, the 4th Moroccan Mountain, and the 2nd Moroccan Infantry Divisions, was withdrawn between July 2 and 21, and was replaced by the II Corps which had been in rest areas.

As partial compensation for these losses to the Fifth Army, the 473rd Infantry Regiment was organized, being made up largely of anti-aircraft units that were no longer needed due to our air superiority. By this time, also, the 442nd Infantry Regiment composed of Niseis (Americans of Japanese blood) was fighting with distinction with the Fifth Army. Also, the 91st Infantry Division arrived to reinforce the Fifth Army. On September 15 a Brazilian contingent and by November an entire Brazilian division were in line. And about the same time the 92nd Infantry Division (Negro) was added to the IV Corps.

While those withdrawals, replacements, and reorganizations were taking place, the attack against the enemy was maintained at all times. By the end of June the Allied line extended across the Italian Peninsula through Lake Trasimeno. By July the Fifth and Eighth Armies had made a gain of 50 miles. The city of Florence was captured by the Fifth after 2 weeks of heavy fighting; 5 days later we captured Pisa. Meanwhile, the Eighth Army had passed through the Apennine Divide and on September 21 captured the city of Rimini in the valley of the Po.

The Gothic Line

The Gothic Line was an elaborate defense system stretching across the entire Italian Peninsula. It was against that line that the Fifth and Eighth Armies now stood. On October 10, 1944, a general offensive was launched to break through the Apennines into the Po River Valley. This offensive involved our troops in some of the most bitter and difficult fighting of the entire Italian Campaign. Almost insurmountable obstacles in the shape of bad weather and jagged mountains faced us. Three months of costly fighting enabled us to penetrate the Gothic Line, but as we prepared for the drive on Bologna we encountered a delay. Units of the Eighth Army were diverted to Greece to help meet a political crisis in that area. This gave the Germans an opportunity to strengthen their forces and establish a new defensive position. Mussolini's Fascist Republican Army of four new Italian divisions was brought in by the Germans to oppose us.

It was at this time that changes in the High Command were made. General Alexander was transferred from the Fifteenth Army Group to become Supreme Commander of the Mediterranean Area. Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark was transferred from command of the

Fifth Army and made Commander of the Fifteenth Army Group in Italy, and Lieutenant General Lucian King Truscott became Commander of the Fifth Army.

In January 1945 the 10th United States Mountain Division arrived to reinforce the Fifth Army, and during the winter three Italian combat groups were added to the Eighth Army. But in February, five British and Canadian divisions were ordered transferred out of the Italian theater of war to help reinforce Montgomery's Northern Army Group on the Rhine; a later order retained one division in Italy for use in the final battle when the time should come. As evidence of wise planning these withdrawals and changes were made in complete secrecy and were a surprise to the enemy.

During the fall and winter months of 1944 and 1945, our Tactical and Strategic Air Forces were incessantly pounding the enemy communications over beyond the Alps. Our ground forces were too nearly equal with those of the enemy to give us much assurance, and our margin of advantage rested largely with our air forces. With command of the air we were able to assist the Yugoslav patriots and to bomb oil and rail targets in Austria and southern Germany with nearly 4,000 tons of bombs each week.

The Niseis (Japanese-Americans)

No history of the Allied campaign in Italy would be complete without mention of the Niseis, Japanese who are American citizens. Be-

fore Pearl Harbor, some 1,400 Japanese-Americans were members of one or the other of the two Hawaiian National Guard Regiments. They were loyal American citizens. But when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, some doubt arose as to the dependability of these men in a war against the Japanese Government. For some months they were shunted aside, to their great disappointment and embarrassment. Finally, they petitioned for the right to fight for the United States, their true country. The request was granted, and a provisional battalion left Hawaii on June 5, 1942, for training in the United States. They were designated as the 100th Infantry Battalion.

These men wanted to fight the Japanese in the Pacific area, but the military authorities decided that to do so would cause confusion. It was decided to send them to Europe. They were trained at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin and at Camp Shelby in Mississippi. On August 21, 1943, they embarked for Oran in North Africa where they were assigned to the 34th Infantry Division.

They first went into battle at Salerno, Italy, on September 29, 1943, just south of Montemilieto, where they acquitted themselves with great credit. For about 40 days they were part of the Army Corps attacking in the Cassino area. They were then found fighting at Anzio, aided in the capture of Rome, and finally reached Belvedere. By this time they had become hardened soldiers with an enduring record. When they reached Italy in September 1943 they

had 1,319 men; in January 1944 all had become casualties of war except about 200.

These men had proved their loyalty and trustworthiness. So the War Department asked that 1,500 more Niseis in Hawaii volunteer for the Italian campaign. On January 24, 1944, 10,000 eager Japanese-Americans appeared at the Selective Service Headquarters pleading to be accepted. The Army selected 2,875 and sent them to the United States where they were joined by about 1,200 Niseis from our mainland. This combined group was designated as the 442nd Combat Team.

They went into training in Mississippi and then were sent overseas to reinforce the blood-stained but not defeated heroes of the 100th Battalion. They caught up with the 34th Infantry Division in early June 1944 just south of Belvedere. The war-proved remnants of the old 100th Battalion and the newly arrived members of the 442nd Combat Team then became the 442nd Combat Team of the 34th Infantry Division.

The official records show that these Niseis not only fought a most gallant fight all through the Italian Campaign, but that perhaps a larger proportion of them received wounds in action than any other battalion or combat team of equal size during the war.

Here we must leave the finish of the Allied campaign in Italy to a later chapter, for great happenings have been taking place in Russia and France that demand our attention.



T/Sgt. JOHN E. CARROLL, JR.
SC 3/c BONNIE N. HOLMES

T/Sgt. JOHN ELLISON CARROLL, Jr., born Jan. 7, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carroll of Big Lake, Texas, and husband of Mavis Carroll. Volunteered Nov. 24, 1940, at Camp Bowie, in the Army Air Forces. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Overseas Dec., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in England, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged October 29, 1945.

SC 3/c BONNIE NEAL HOLMES, is the brother of Mrs. Rilla Adams of Ft. Worth, Texas. He was born Feb. 22, 1919, and educated in the Public Schools of Ft. Worth. Volunteered for Navy Coast Guard duty on Dec. 15, 1942. Received basic training at Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, N.Y. Served overseas from April 4, 1943, to July 17, 1945, participating in North Africa and Normandy Beach. He served on USCGC 83507 and USSLSST 262. SC 3/c Holmes was awarded 2 Battle Stars and honorably discharged Oct. 12, 1945.



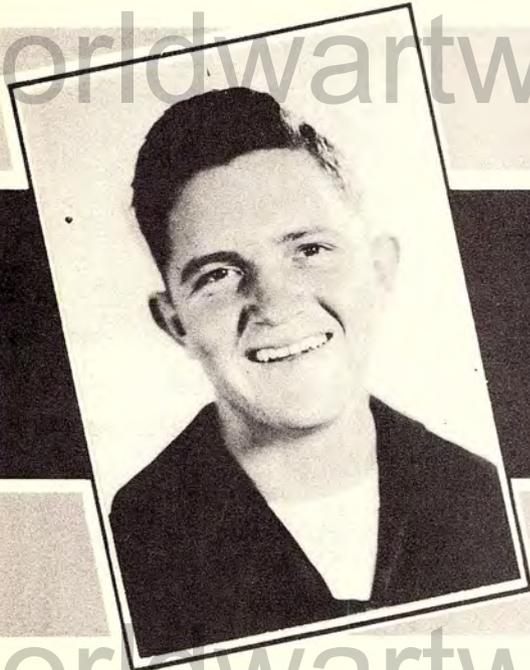
CM 1/c ERWIN H. JOWERS
Capt. JOSEPH J. JOWERS

C.M.1/c ERWIN HASKEL JOWERS, was born on July 23, 1904, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jowers of Tye and husband of Addie Jowers, Star Route, Colorado City, Texas. He attended High School at Tye and volunteered for service Sept. 20th, 1942, at Abilene assigned to the U.S. Navy Seabees, and was ordered to Camp Peary in Williamsburg, Virginia for his training. Carpenter's Mate First Class Jowers received an honorable discharge from the Seabees on 21st May, 1943.

Capt. JOSEPH JOHNSON JOWERS, born Oct. 21, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jowers and husband of Carmon Lydia Jowers of San Juan, Puerto Rico, attended Abilene High, volunteering for the A.A.C. Oct. 21, 1939, training at Randolph Fld., Texas. Overseas from Jan., 1940, to Sept., 1942, serving in Procurement and Transportation in Puerto Rico at Borinquen Fld. At the present date he is serving at Beane Field in St. Lucia, British West Indies. He has been overseas since Nov. of 1945.



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WILLIAM S. WEBB



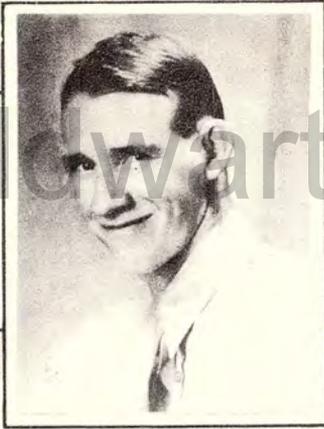
*S/Sgt. ARZA E. WEBB, JR.

William S. Webb, was born on the 14th day of July in 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arza E. Webb, Sr., of 1108 South West Fifth Street, in Mineral Wells, Texas. He attended Houston Grammar and Mineral Wells High Schools in Mineral Wells, and Texas Technological College at Lubbock, Texas. On the 4th day of August in 1945, at Dallas, Texas, he entered the service, and was assigned to the United States Maritime Service, leaving for his training at Avalon, Catalina Island, in California. William S. Webb is at present still serving in the United States Maritime Service. His brother Arza Eugene Webb, Jr., served in the U.S. Army Air Force.

S/Sgt. Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arza E. Webb, Sr., of Mineral Wells, Texas, was born on June 28, 1923. Educated in Mineral Wells Public Schools, volunteering for the service on Sept. 10, 1942. Assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at the following Air Flds.: Buckley and Lowry, Colo., Ft. Myers A.B., Fla.; Salt Lake A.A.B., Utah; Wendover Fld., Utah; Mt. Home A.A.F., Idaho; A.A.B., Tonopah, Nev. Shipped from Hamilton Fld., Calif., for overseas duty in March, 1944; based in Foggia, Italy. He was killed in action on July 26, 1944. His awards include the Army Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart Medal.



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***Pfc ALBERT TIBLETS**

Pfc Albert Tiblets was born September 28, 1917, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tiblets, Mingus, Palo Pinto County, Texas. He attended the Mingus, Texas, Schools; entered service May 20, 1942, and was assigned to the Army 31st Infantry, Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Leesville, Louisiana. He began overseas duty August 12, 1942, in the Pacific Theater; served in combat on Guadalcanal and paid the Supreme Sacrifice July 25, 1943, near Munda. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously. His survivors include his parents and brother, Billy J. Tiblets, who was also in the U.S. service.



Pfc BILLY J. TIBLETS

Pfc Billy J. Tiblets born March 15, 1925, a native of Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tiblets, Mingus, Texas, and husband of Maurine Tiblets; also father of one son, James Albert. He entered service June 28, 1943, at Abilene, Texas, with the Army 13th Armored Division; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Carson, Colorado, and Camp Haan, California. Served overseas in the European Area; participated in the campaigns of Rhineland and Central Europe and received the EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon with other awards. Discharged December 15, 1945.



Lt. CECIL P. BENEDICT

Lt. Benedict, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Benedict, born June 13, 1905, husband of Helen V. Benedict, 516 N.W. 3rd St., M. Wells, Texas, attended Midland High School. Volunteered on Sept. 16, 1926, and was assigned to Navy Aviation; trained at Hampton Rds., Va. Great Lakes, Ill.; served in numerous squadrons and fleets in various stations and centers in the United States, and overseas in the following areas and battles: Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo, Canal Zone, 1931-34, Fleet Air Wing Ten, Philippines, Netherlands E. Indies, W. Australia, 1939-42; Member of Naval Batt'n-Bataan-Corregidor. Awards: N.D.U.C. w/Star, Phil. Cit. w/Star. Retired May 1, 1946.



Pfc CHARLES B. COUGER, JR.

Pfc Couger, born July 25, 1919, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown Couger, Sr., Box 52, Palo Pinto. Attended Mineral Wells High School, and volunteered for service July 26, 1943, at Camp Wolters; assigned to the Army Inf.; trained at Fort McClellan, Ala. Served 7 months in the United States, and overseas 14 months, in New Caledonia, Solomons, Leyte, Was killed on Cebu Island, near Cebu City, Philippines, on April 3, 1945. He fought on Bougainville, Leyte, and Cebu, and was awarded: Combat Medal, Purple Heart, and Silver Star. Pfc Couger was interred in U.S. Armed Force Cemetery, Cebu, #1, near Talisay, Cebu, P. Island.



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Lt. CARLTON McKINNEY

Lt. Carlton McKinney, born October 2, 1918, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. McKinney, Olney, Texas, and husband of Marjorie Cowan McKinney, Archer City, Texas, volunteered March 21, 1942, for the U.S. Navy, Line Officer. Trained at Dartmouth and Purdue Universities. He was commissioned Ensign March 21, 1942, and began overseas duty September, 1943, in the Pacific Theater. Participated in the invasion of Saipan, Tinian, Peleliu and Luzon, and returned to the States July, 1945. While overseas he was promoted to Lieutenant (jg) October 1, 1943, and to full Lieutenant January 1, 1945. After receiving various awards, Lt. McKinney was discharged from the Navy November 10, 1945,



Pvt. SEM A. McDANIEL

Pvt. Sem Albert McDaniel, husband of Frankie McDaniel, Newton, Texas, was born February 5, 1910, in Texas, son of W. R. McDaniel, Wiergate, Texas. He attended Yellow Pine, Texas, Schools, and entered the Army 37th Div. November 12, 1942. Trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and began overseas duty March, 1943, in the Pacific Theater. Pvt. McDaniel served in New Georgia, Guadalcanal and Bougainville. Received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Ribbon, and two Overseas Bars. After returning to the States August, 1944, he was granted discharge October 25, 1944.



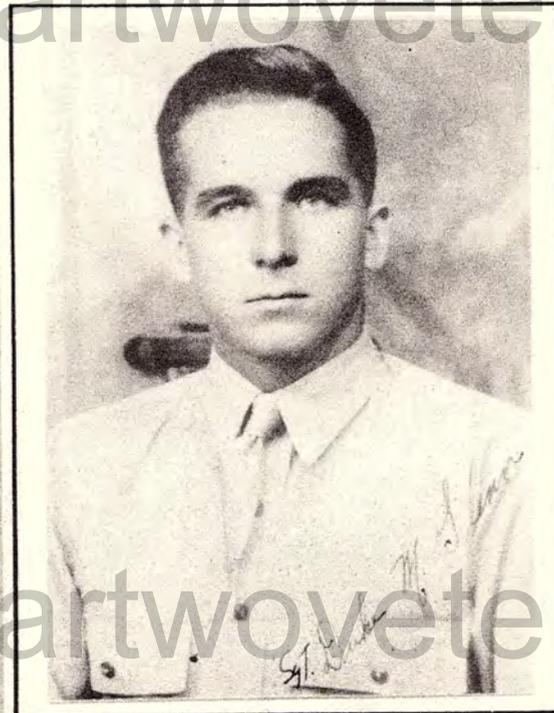
T/Sgt. JAMES B. ADCOCK, SR.

T/Sgt. Adcock, born Dec. 3, 1917, son of Mr. Herschiel F. Adcock, Denton, husband of Elise J. Adcock, Santo, attended Petersburg High School, and volunteered for service on Feb. 17, 1936. Was assigned to the Army Qm. Det.; trained at Fort Bliss, Texas. Overseas 11 months, in France, and Germany: Hardt Mountains, Siegfried Line, Wurzburg, Furth, and Munich. Served in Austria, with Army of Occupation (7th Army, 42nd Div.) He was awarded the following: Good Conduct, Combat Inf. Badge, ETO Ribbon, 2 Bat. Stars, Bronze Star, American Def. Ribbon, and Army of Occupation Ribbon. At present with 704th Military Police Bn., Co. C.



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S/Sgt. DUKE M. GLENN

S/Sgt. Duke Mack Glenn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn of Velasco, was born on December 4, 1921. He is the husband of Mrs. Norma C. Glenn of Beaumont. He volunteered for the Army on the 14th of December of 1940 at Houston. His training was at Losey Field, Puerto Rico, and later he served with the 48th Service Group of the Antilles Air Command. Beside serving in the British West Indies, he was also in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations, participating in the campaign of Central Burma. The dates marking his length of foreign service are from Jan. 2, 1941, to June 2, 1944, and from Oct. 21, 1944, to Sept. 26, 1945. S/Sgt. rose to this rank through the steps of Pfc, Cpl., and Sgt. He holds two Battle Stars, the Asiatic-Pacific, American Defense, American Theater, and Good Conduct Ribbons. He was discharged on October 21, 1945.

1. —S.S.M.C. 2/c GLYN RUSSELL ALEXANDER, born May 20, 1914, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Alexander, Sr., of Tyler, Texas. Entered service March 9, 1944, in the Naval Air Service. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from May 8, 1944, to December 10, 1945. Was awarded the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. He received a honorable discharge December 18, 1945. Attended Tyler High School. Is the husband of Mrs. Vola E. Alexander of Tyler, Texas.
2. —E.M. 1/c JAMES FREDERICK PAULK, born April 10, 1919, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Alexander, Sr., Tyler, Texas, volunteered for service May 29, 1943, in the Navy Construction Battalions. Trained at Camp Peary, Va. Served overseas Nov. 15, 1943, to Nov. 10, 1945, in Central Pacific area, Oahu, and Midway Islands. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Received a honorable discharge Nov. 24, 1945. Attended Northwestern State Teachers College in Oklahoma.
- *3. —PFC B. M. ALEXANDER, JR., born Feb. 17, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Alexander, Sr., of Tyler, Texas, volunteered for service Oct. 17, 1942, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Ellington Field, and Aleo Field, Okla. Transferred to Inf. March, 1944. Served overseas Nov., 1944, to March, 1945, with 7th Army through France. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice March 15, 1945, in Southern France. Received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory. Also recommended for Silver Star.
4. —ENSIGN DORCEY DARRELL BEARD, born June 5, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Beard of Bullard, Texas, husband of Mrs. Winnell Beard of Nacogdoches, volunteered for service October 18, 1943, at Tyler, Texas. In the Navy Reserve. Received his training at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States Oct. 18, 1943, to Sept. 13, 1945. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged September 13, 1945.
5. —PVT. JESSE ROBERT ASHCRAFT, born April 13, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ashcraft of Lindale, Texas. Entered service October 24, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, in the Army 79th Infantry Tr. Bn. Received his training at Camp Roberts, California. Served in the United States October 24, 1942, to December 15, 1942. He developed heart ailment while training at Camp Roberts, California. And was discharged December 15, 1942. His wife is Louise Marie Ashcraft of Lindale.
6. —T/5 HERBERT THOMAS ASHCRAFT, born May 26, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ashcraft, and husband of Juanita Wallace Ashcraft, all of Lindale, entered service Jan. 4, 1943, in the Army Quartermaster Division. Trained at Camp McCain, Miss. Served overseas June 10, 1943, to Oct. 4, 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Italy, North Africa, Holland, campaigns of Sicily, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME 4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 24, 1945.
7. —ART 1/c WINSTON DOWNS BIRDWELL, born Oct. 25, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Birdwell of Troup, Texas, volunteered for service June 22, 1942, in the Navy Aviation. Trained at San Diego, Anacostia, D.C., and Madison, Wis. Served overseas Jan., 1945, to Sept., 1945, in American Theater, European Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and Battle of Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, American Theater, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Oct., 1945.
8. —T/5 WILLIAM WARD BIRDWELL, born June 6, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Birdwell of Troup, Texas, entered service Dec. 28, 1942, in the Army 481st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. Trained at Camp Davis, N. C. Served overseas Feb., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in European Theater, campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ground Combat Go 33 WD 45. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, and Certificate of Merit. Discharged Dec., 1945.
9. —S.C. 2/c LEE MAYO BROSSARD, born Oct. 8, 1920, volunteered for service July 25, 1941, in the Navy Seabees at Dallas, Texas. Trained at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va. Served overseas Nov., 1941, to Aug., 1944, in Tulagi, Guadalcanal in the Solomons, and at St. Mathis. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 17, 1944. He is the husband of Maedan Brossard, 1806 E. Timpsom, Longview, and was employed by the Henderson Glass Co. in Tyler before service.
10. —M.M. 2/c CLYDE WILLIAM MORRIS, born April 4, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Park Morris of Troup, Texas, volunteered for service Sept. 10, 1943, in the Navy Seabees. Trained at Camp Peary, Virginia. Served overseas July 16, 1944, to Dec. 31, 1945, in Pearl Harbor, and Iwo Jima. He received the American Defense, and V Victory Medals. Was discharged Dec. 31, 1945. Enlisted in Navy July, 1946, and is now serving on Kwajalein. Mrs. Maedan Brossard of Longview is his sister.
11. —PFC WILLIAM ADOLPH BUTLER, born March 13, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Butler of Troup, Texas, entered the Army, 96 Infantry Division, Dec. 5, 1942. Trained at Camp Adair. Served overseas Aug., 1944, to Dec., 1945, on Leyte and Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star, American Theater, Good Conduct, Victory Ribbon and 2 Overseas Bars. Discharged Dec. 19, 1945.
12. —PFC JOE ELTON BUTLER, born Nov. 25, 1913, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Butler of Troup, Texas, volunteered for service Feb. 6, 1941, at Lancaster, Texas, in the Army 36th and 33rd Divisions. Trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Served overseas May 3, 1944, to Aug. 31, 1945, in New Guinea, Mindoro, Leyte, and Luzon. Wounded on Luzon April 25, 1945. Awarded Purple Heart, Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific, and Combat Infantry Badge. Discharged Aug. 31, 1946.
13. —CPL. FRANK NELON CHANCE, born Feb. 2, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Chance of Tyler, Texas, entered service Feb. 27, 1942, in the Army Air Corps, 459th Bomb Gp. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served overseas Jan. 12, 1944, to Aug. 2, 1945, in Foggia, Italy, Rome-Arno, Northern France, Po Valley, Central Europe, Rhineland, Normandy, and North Apennines. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 9 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, and Victory Medal. Discharged Aug., 1945.
14. —CAPT. TOM P. COOPER, JR., born Sept. 29, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom P. Cooper, Sr., of Lindale, Texas, volunteered for service March 14, 1942, in the Army, 90th Division. Trained at Camp Berkeley, Texas, and Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. Served overseas June 1, 1944, to Nov. 22, 1945, in France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Belgium and Holland. Awarded European Theater, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Feb. 2, 1946.
15. —SGT. TOMMIE LEE CREWS, born Jan. 31, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crews of Lindale, Texas, volunteered for service Sept. 26, 1941, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served overseas Feb., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged Nov. 14, 1945.
16. —S/SGT. WALTER DARYL CREWS born Aug. 12, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crews of Lindale, Texas, entered the service Dec. 16, 1942, in the Army. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Pope Field, N.C. Served overseas Jan. 1943, to Dec., 1945, in England, Germany, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. EAME Campaign Medal with 7 Bronze Stars, and Distinguished Unit Badge. Discharged Dec. 2, 1945.
17. —SGT. JAMES PARKER DYKES, born April 29, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dykes of Lindale, Texas, entered service Feb. 25, 1943, in the Army 84th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Claiborne, La. Served overseas Sept. 20, 1944, to Jan. 20, 1946, in Battle of the Bulge, Rhur campaign, and Central Germany. He received the American Theater, European Theater Medal with 3 Bronze Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Discharged Jan. 26, 1946.
18. —PFC WALTER COLUMBUS FLEMING, born Oct. 29, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch C. Fleming of Lindale, Texas, entered service Dec. 5, 1942, in the Army, 2nd Infantry Division. Trained at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Served overseas Oct. 8, 1943, to July 19, 1945, in Normandy, Brest, Ardennes breakthrough, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded 5 Battle Stars, Presidential Citation, and Cluster, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 11, 1945.
19. —S/SGT. JOE CRONE FLEMING, born Sept. 29, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fleming of Lindale, Texas, volunteered for service Dec. 10, 1942, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Served overseas Oct. 22, 1943, to Oct. 16, 1945, in England, France, and Germany. He received the Presidential Citation, 7 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 28, 1945.
20. —T/5 EUNICE ERMAN FLEMING, born Feb., 1909, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fleming of Lindale, Texas, entered the service February 10, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to Army Artillery Division. Received his training at Camp Wallace, Texas. Served in the United States from February 10, 1942, to December 17, 1945. Was awarded the American Defense, Good Conduct Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Dec. 17, 1945. Attended Lindale High School.

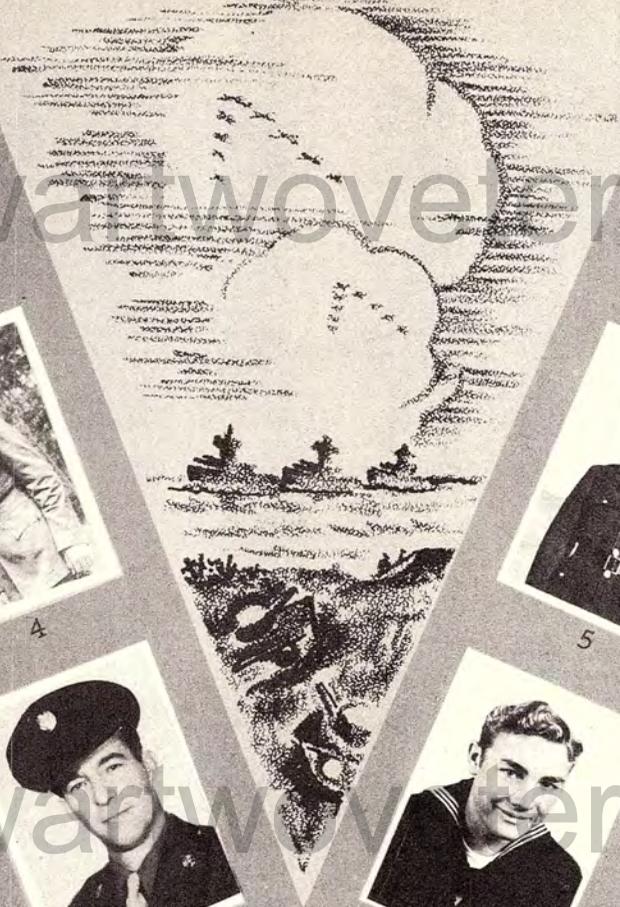
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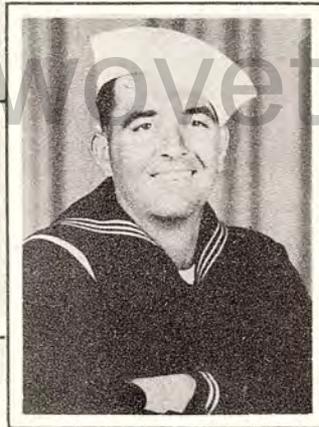


Cpl. TRAVIS R. PINKERTON

Cpl. Travis Roy Pinkerton, born September 29, 1921, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stell Pinkerton, Tyler, Texas. He attended the Tyler Public Schools and entered service June 19, 1942, with the Army Medical Corps, training at Camp Berkeley, Texas, and Camp Carson. Cpl. Pinkerton served August, 1943, to December, 1945, in the Pacific Theater of Operations in Australia, New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, Leyte of the Philippine Group, Cebu and Japan at Yokohama. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with the World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Awards. After returning to the States he was granted discharge from the Army Medical Corps December 11, 1945.



Sgt. FLOYD L. SATTERWHITE



S1/c LEWIS R. SATTERWHITE



1st Lt. MILTON E. SATTERWHITE

Sons of Mrs. Mary Parker, Arp, Smith County, Texas.

Sgt. FLOYD LEON SATTERWHITE, born Sept. 7, 1912, volunteered Feb. 21, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training at Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash.; served Aug., 1942, to Aug., 1945, in England and European Theater of Operations. His awards include the Pres. Citation, Good Conduct Medal, and Campaign Ribbons. Discharged October 3, 1945.

S1/c LEWIS RAY SATTERWHITE, birthdate May 16, 1916, in Texas, husband of Goldie O. Satterwhite, Galveston, Texas, volunteered April 4, 1944, for the Naval Armed Guard; trained at San Diego, later served Aug., 1944, to Feb., 1945, in Central and Western Pacific Theaters. The Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater Ribbons were awarded with the American Defense and Victory Medals. Discharge was granted January 6, 1946.

1st Lt. MILTON EUGENE SATTERWHITE, born July 18, 1918, husband of Inez L. Satterwhite, Troup, Texas, volunteered Aug. 20, 1940, for the Army Air Corps, serving Nov., 1943, to Nov. 1945, in combat against Tarawa, Kwajalein, Saipan, Truk, Marcus, Bonin Islands, also Shanghai, other parts of Japan and enemy occupied China as crew member of B-24 bomber. The Air Medal with Cluster was awarded with Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and five Bronze Stars. Currently at Williams Field, Ariz.



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S2/c WILLIAM F. VICK

S 2/c William Forest Vick was born August 11, 1917, in Frost, Texas, son of Mrs. Mattie Vick, and brother of Mrs. A. A. Roberts, both of Tyler, Texas. He volunteered April, 1943, for the U. S. Navy, Ship Service Department; served at Corpus Christi and Kingsville, Texas, Navy Air Base, where he was Manager of the Department. Seaman Vick was named "Man of the Year" in 1944 for obeying orders and being a friend of everyone. His total duty was served in the States, and awards include the World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Ribbon with the American Theater Award. Discharge was granted January 15, 1946. Previous to his entry with the Armed Forces he was a shipping clerk with the Railway Express. He is the husband of Helen L. Vick of Tyler.



ARM 1/c WILLIAM E. ROBERTS

ARM 1/c William E. Roberts was born September 18, 1913, in Texas, son of Mrs. Nettie L. Roberts, Tyler, Texas. He volunteered March 21, 1942, at Dallas for the Navy, Aviation Branch; trained at San Diego, Madison, Wisconsin, Memphis, Tennessee and other points in the States; served July, 1943, to March, 1945, with the "Patrol Service Unit One-Two" on Espiritu Santos, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Los Negros, Morotai and Mindoro, P. I. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense and other medals. After returning to the States, Aviation Radioman Roberts was granted discharge on August 31, 1945.



Warrant Elec. MAURICE B. ROBERTS

Warrant Elec. Maurice B. Roberts, son of Mrs. Nettie L. Roberts, Tyler, Texas, was born November 16, 1921, in Texas. He volunteered August 29, 1940, for the Navy; trained at San Diego, and was assigned to the USS Indiana, serving in twelve battles of the Pacific Theater, including the capture and defense of Guadalcanal, So. Palau Islands, campaigns of Rennell, Iwo Jima, New Georgia, Okinawa Islands, also in operations and raids against enemy areas plus the blockade campaign against Japan. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 12 Battle Stars was awarded with Citation for distinguished services against enemy. Currently aboard USS Indiana.



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T/Sgt. JAMES R. TAYLOR

T/Sgt. James Roy Taylor, born December 16, 1917, is the son of Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Lindale, Texas, attended the public schools in Lindale and volunteered October 30, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. He trained at Keesler Field, Miss., and served October, 1942, to September, 1945, overseas; participated in the campaigns of Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, North Apennines, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. The Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded with EAME Campaign Medal, seven Bronze Stars, French Croix de Guerre Avec Palme, and other medals. Discharge was granted October 16, 1945.



Pfc FRED E. TAYLOR

Pfc Fred Edwin Taylor, son of Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Lindale, Texas, was born April 25, 1925, in Texas. He entered the Army July 19, 1944, at Dallas; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, and began overseas duty January, 1945, in the European Theater. Pfc Taylor participated in the battles of the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the ETO Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Ribbon (Germany) among other awards and returned to the States September, 1945. Discharge from the Army was granted June 29, 1946. He is counted as one of the United States' much needed farmers of today.



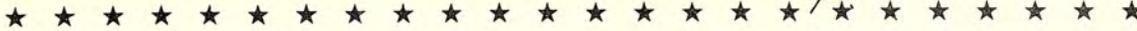
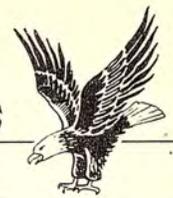
CM 3/c EDWIN P. McNEESE

CM 3/c Edwin Percy McNeese, born December 26, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie McNeese of Aberdeen, Miss., and husband of Jewell McNeese, Troup, received his education in Greenwood Springs, Mississippi. Entered service January 6, 1944, assigned to the Navy Amphibious Division; received his training at San Diego, California; served overseas from May, 1944, to October, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area, in Battle of Okinawa. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with one Battle Star. Carpenters Mate 3/c Edwin Percy McNeese received an honorable discharge from the Navy on October 29, 1945. He was with the Sinclair Oil Co. before duty with the Navy.



Sgt. D. L. MESSER

Sgt. D. L. Messer, born November 28, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Messer, Tyler, husband of Katherine Messer, attended Tyler High School; entered service on January 30, 1941, assigned to the Army 103 Infantry Division; received his training at Camp Claiborne, La., and Camp Howze; served overseas from October, 1944, to September 10, 1945, in France, Germany, Austria, Italy, battle of Rhineland and campaigns of Central Europe and Vosges Mts. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action from April to May, 1945, during drive through S. Germany and Austria. Received an honorable discharge on Oct. 16, 1945.



S/Sgt. JAMES P. GALLAGHER

S/Sgt. James Pat Gallagher, born Aug. 28, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gallagher and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Leechall of Overton, attended Cisco & Arp, Texas, High Schools. Volunteered Oct. 12, 1943; was assigned to the Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Alexandria, La.; served overseas from June, 1944, to Dec., 1944, in England, Russia, Italy, Belgium, battles of Northern & Southern France, Germany and Normandy. His awards were Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross and ETO with 4 Battle Stars. Staff Sergeant James Pat Gallagher received an honorable discharge from Army Air Force on October 7, 1945.



Maj. JAMES E. McCRAKEN

Maj. James Emmett McCracken, born Feb. 1, 1919, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McCurley, Sr., of Tyler, attended Southern Methodist University, entered the Army on April 4, 1941, and trained at Camp Wallace and Fort Totten, New York; served overseas from Oct., 1943, to June, 1945, with Hdq. 1st Army, in invasion of Normandy, and Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns; Aug., 1945, transferred to Pacific Theater for 2 mos. Awards: Bronze Star for meritorious service, 5 Battle Stars, ETO, Asiatic Theater, American Defense Ribbon and American Theater. Served as Aide de Camp to Gen. H. B. Holmes, Jr., and also on the staff of 4 other Gens., including Gen. Omar Bradley and Gen. Courtney Hodges. Placed on inactive status with Officers Reserve Corps Feb. 2, 1946.



*Sgt. JESSE J. McCURLEY, JR.

Sgt. Jesse James McCurley, Jr., born Oct. 5, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCurley, Sr., attended Tyler Junior College; volunteered July 16, 1941, and was assigned to Army Air Corps; trained at Chanute Field, Ill., Langley Field, Va.; served overseas from Jan., 1943, to Feb., 1943, in Europe in area with Anti Sub. Squadron near Brest, France, over the Bay of Biscay, operating from base in England. His awards were Purple Heart, European Campaign with Battle Stars, American Defense, American Theater and Presidential Unit Citation. Sgt. McCurley was reported missing in action Feb. 26, 1943, over the Bay of Biscay, near Brest, France. One year later his death was confirmed.



Pfc LELAND T. McKEEVER

Pfc Leland Truett McKeever, born Sept. 8, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McKeever of Tyler, volunteered October 10, 1938, for the Cavalry R.C.T. Received his training at Fort Bliss and Fort Clark; served overseas from July, 1942, to Jan., 1945, in the invasion of New Britain, Arawa, New Guinea, Philippines and Leyte. He was awarded the Asiatic with two Stars, Philippine Liberation with one Star, Drivers Badge and five Overseas Bars. He served in Antitank Platoon Troop, 112th Cavalry, as a jeep driver. Pfc Leland McKeever received an honorable discharge June, 1945.

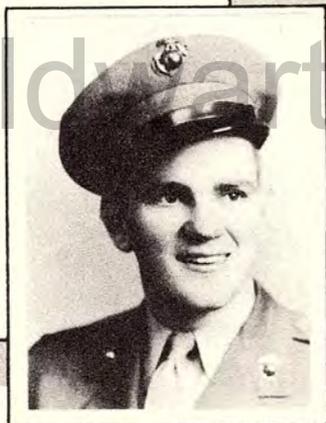


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Y 2/c JOHN L. MOORE

Y 2/c John Louis Moore son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Moore, P. O Box 24, Arp, Texas, born February 20, 1921, a native of Texas, attended Arp Public Schools and Federal Commercial College in Tyler, Texas. He volunteered for service with the Armed Forces at Dallas, Texas, on July 8, 1942, and was assigned to the Navy Reserve, training at U. S. Naval Reserve Aviation Base in Dallas. Yeoman Moore began overseas duty October, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations where he served until March, 1946, when he returned to the States. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Medal with World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. Discharge from the Navy was granted on April 6, 1946.



*1st Lt. WILLIAM R. LANEY

1st Lt. William Robert Laney, born April 15, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edd Laney, attended Tyler High School. Volunteered July 10, 1942, for the Naval Cadets and was later assigned to the Marines. He received his training at Pensacola, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla., and Greenville, N. C., Air Base; served overseas from Aug., 1944, to May, 1945, in Hawaii for two months later transferring to patrol duty off Midway Island as a marine pilot dive bomber. 1st Lt. William Robert Laney paid the Supreme Sacrifice with his life on Midway Island on May 3, 1945, when his plane crashed while patrolling off Midway Island.



S/Sgt. WILLIAM R. SMITH

S/Sgt. William Roland Smith, born April 18, 1921, in Florida, son of Mrs. Katie V. Kirkland, attended Tyler, Tex., High School. Volunteered October 5, 1939, for the Army, assigned to the 6th Division; trained at Fort Sill, Okla.; served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in Hawaii, New Guinea, Maffin Bay, Battle of Lone Tree Hill, Singapore, Luzon, and Liberation of Luzon. Awards: Bronze Star Medal, Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific with 2 Bronze Stars and Good Conduct Medal. Staff Sgt. William Roland Smith received an honorable discharge on Oct. 21, 1945.



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S/Sgt. ARTHUR N. WHITEHEAD

S/Sgt. Arthur Neal Whitehead, husband of Christene Whitehead, Lindale, Texas, was born September 19, 1912, in Texas, son of B. M. Whitehead, Chandler, Texas. He received his B. S. degree from Texas A & M, and entered the Army Air Force October 28, 1942, training at Boeing School of Aeronautics, Oakland, California, and at Brookley Field, Mobile, Alabama. Sgt. Whitehead served February, 1944, to February, 1946, in the Pacific Theater at the Townsville Army Air Base, Australia, Biak Island, Haneda Air Base, Tokyo, Japan. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, with World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. After he returned to the States his discharge was granted February 4, 1946.



T/Sgt. IRVIN V. SIMS, JR.

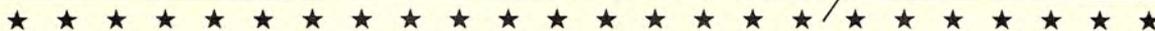
T/Sgt. Irvin V. Sims, Jr., was born May 25, 1921, son of Irvin and Ella J. Sims, Lindale, Texas, and husband of Milly Sims, San Antonio. He attended the Lindale and Tyler Public Schools, and volunteered February 19, 1941, for the Army Air Corps, training at Brooks Field, Texas. Sgt. Sims served at Las Vegas & Carlsbad, New Mexico, Del Rio, Texas, and Frederick, Oklahoma; his total duty was served in the States. The American Theater Ribbon was awarded with the American Defense, World War II Victory and Good Conduct Medals. Discharge from the Army Air Corps was granted November 21, 1945, with nearly five years of service.



S/Sgt. ROLAND C. SIMS

S/Sgt. Roland C. Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Sims, Sr., Lindale, Texas, was born December 14, 1918; graduated from Tyler, Texas, High School, and is the husband of Sarah Moore Sims of Tyler. He volunteered February 19, 1941, for the Army Air Force; trained at Las Vegas and Salt Lake City; later served October, 1943, to December, 1945, as gunner on a B-17 bomber, stationed in England. Sgt. Sims was shot down while on a mission over Emden, Germany, imprisoned in Austria, and liberated May 2, 1945, after 18 months in prison camp. The Air Medal was awarded, two Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal with Campaign Ribbons. Discharge was granted October 9, 1945.

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GM 1/c RUSH S. HARKLEROAD, JR.

GM 1/c Rush Seth Harkleroad, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Harkleroad, Tyler, Texas, was born November 30, 1921, a native of Texas. He received his education in the Trinity and Beaumont, Texas, Schools, and volunteered October 17, 1942, for the U. S. Navy, Armed Guard Branch, training at Great Lakes Naval Station and Gulf Port, Mississippi. He participated in action in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, in the Battle of the Bulge, Sicily landing, D-Day and also V-E. Day, convoying the USS Missouri into Tokyo Bay. In 1943 Gunners Mate Harkleroad was wounded and missing in action, but later was rescued by an English ship after a full week afloat with 14 others on a raft in the cold Atlantic with virtually no protection from the wind and the weather. He spent six weeks in a hospital as result of this harrowing experience. The Purple Heart was awarded with thirteen Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and Citation for bravery in recognition for gallantry in action. Discharge was granted October 10, 1945.

1. —PFC GEORGE WALLACE GARRETT, born June 13, 1915. Husband of Mrs. Lorean Garrett of Overton, Texas. Entered service Nov. 12, 1941, in the Army 84th Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Warren, Wyoming. Served overseas Sept., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in European Theater, Ardennes, Verdenne, and Bulge. Awarded European Theater Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 9, 1945.
2. —PFC EUGENE FREEMAN, born Oct. 14, 1922. Son of Mrs. Lorean Garrett of Overton, Texas. Volunteered for service October 31, 1942, at Longview, Texas. Assigned to Army, 3505th Army Air Force. Received his training at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. Served in the United States October 31, 1942, to February 20, 1946. Was awarded American Theater, Good Conduct, Marksmanship Badge, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged February 20, 1946.
3. —PFC J. W. FREEMAN, born Jan. 28, 1921. Son of Mrs. Lorean Garrett of Overton, Texas. Entered service Dec. 28, 1942, in the Army, 45th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia. Served overseas June, 1943, to Sept., 1944, in European Theater, Sicilian, Naples-Foggia, and Rome-Arno Campaigns. Awarded EAME with 4 Bronze Stars, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Sept. 1, 1945.
4. —RM 1/c WILLIAM CORBETT GREEN, born Aug. 27, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Green of Big Sandy, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 19, 1942, in the Navy Communications. Trained at Savannah, Georgia. Served overseas Oct., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Gilbert & Marshall areas, on Apamama, Kwajalein, and Eniwetok Atolls. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 8, 1945. Attended Big Sandy High School.
5. —CPL. REX I. GIBBS, born Aug. 13, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gibbs of Flint, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 28, 1944, in 2nd Marines Division. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Nov., 1944, to July, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific, Battle of Okinawa, and Occupation of Japan. He received the Asiatic-Pacific with 1 Star, Navy Commendation with 1 Star, Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged July 25, 1946.
6. —PVT. DONALD IRA GIBBS, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gibbs of Flint, Texas. Completed his education at Tyler Commercial College. Entered service March 6, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, assigned to Army Medical Unasgd. Division. Received his training at Camp Grant, Illinois. Served in the United States March 6, 1943, to October 1, 1943. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 1, 1943.
7. —1ST LT. CYRUS LEROY GIBBS, born Nov. 28, 1919. Husband of Mrs. Miriam Jean Gibbs of Flint, Texas. Volunteered for service June 16, 1938. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Ft. Sill, Okla., and Ft. Benning, Ga. Served overseas June, 1945, to Dec., 1945, in Hawaii, Manila, Nagasaki, and Omuta, Japan in occupational and repatriation work. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged March 16, 1946. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gibbs of Flint.
8. —CPL. MELVIN EARL HARRIS, born Sept. 26, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey H. Harris of Tyler, Texas. Entered service Dec. 7, 1943, in 3rd Marine Amph. Corps, and 6th Marine Division. Trained at San Diego, and Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Served overseas May, 1944, to Jan., 1946, in Southwest Pacific, North China, Peleliu, and Okinawa. Wounded on Peleliu Island. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged February 6, 1946.
9. —CPL. FRANCIS M. HAYES, born April 25, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hayes of Lindale, Texas. Entered service Jan. 30, 1941, in the Army Anti-Tank Co., 143 Infantry Division. Served overseas April 1, 1943, to July 30, 1945, in European Theater, campaigns of Africa, Italy, France, and Austria. Received foot wound, back injury, and leg injury. Awarded Purple Heart, 1 Bronze Star, Pre-Pearl Harbor, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Aug. 6, 1945.
10. —CPL. ROBERT NELSON HAYES, born Oct. 2, 1921. Husband of Mary Frances Hayes of Lindale, Texas. Entered service Aug. 28, 1942, in the Army 26th M.S.P.-Avn. Trained at Robins Field, Ga. Served overseas Feb. 14, 1943, to June 10, 1944, in Middle East Campaign, battles of Bengasi, Tripoli, and Tunis. He received the Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 3, 1945. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hayes of Lindale.
11. —PVT. JOHNNIE LEON HAYES, born March 9, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hayes of Lindale, Texas. He entered the service June 19, 1941, at Tyler, Texas, assigned to Army O.M.C. Division. Received his training at Fort Bliss, Texas. Served in the United States from June 19, 1941, to March 31, 1942. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged March 31, 1942. Attended Garden Valley Public Schools.
12. —1ST/SGT. LEON A. HICKS, born Jan. 20, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hicks of Tyler, Texas. Entered service Nov. 12, 1941, in the Army Service Force; transferred to Army Air Force Sept., 1942. Trained at Ft. Francis Warren, Wis., and Brookley Field, Mobile, Alabama. Served overseas Oct. 27, 1943, to Dec., 1945, in England, and France. Awarded EAME Campaign, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 4, 1945.
13. —SGT. WALTER POYNTER GILMORE, born Jan. 16, 1920 in Arkansas; moved to Texas with his family in Sept., 1936. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilmore of Tyler, Texas. Volunteered for service June 10, 1941, at Dallas, Texas; assigned to Army Air Force. Received his training at Kelly Field, Texas. Served in the United States from June, 1941, to January, 1943. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged January 5, 1943. Attended Tyler High School.
14. —PFC ROBERT HARRISON GILMORE, born Dec. 28, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilmore of Tyler, Texas. Entered service June 28, 1943, in the Army Medical Dept. Trained at Camp Berkeley, Abilene, Texas, and 76th Gen. Hosp., Vancouver, Wash. Served overseas Feb., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in England, Wales, France, Belgium, Germany, in campaigns of Northern France, Ardennes, and Rhineland. Awarded Unit Citation, EAME with 3 Bronze Stars, and Medal of Honor from City of Hege, Belgium. Discharged Jan., 1946.
15. —PVT. JAMES MARK HIGGINBOTHAM, born Jan. 28, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Higginbotham of Tyler, Texas. Volunteered for service May 20, 1942, in the Army 82nd Airborne Division. Trained at Ft. Benning, Ga. Served overseas Dec., 1943, to Nov. 6, 1945, in European Theater, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, and Germany. Awarded Unit Citation with 2 Clusters, 1 Bronze Star, French Fourrage de Guerre, and 1 Belgium Fourrage de Guerre. Discharged Dec. 5, 1945.
16. —SGT. TAYLOR WASHINGTON HIGGINBOTHAM, born Nov. 19, 1920. Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Higginbotham of Tyler, Texas. Entered service Oct., 1944, in the Army 11th Airborne Division. Served overseas June, 1945, and is still serving overseas in Army of Occupation in Japan. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Attended a Ft. Worth high school. Husband of Mrs. Viola Higginbotham, 831 Jessamine, Ft. Worth, Texas and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Higginbotham of Ft. Worth.
17. —CAPT. NAT A. MERIWETHER, born Aug. 27, 1919. Son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Higginbotham of Tyler, Texas. Entered service March 21, 1941, in the Army Armored Force Division. Trained at Fort Knox, Ky. Served overseas Nov., 1944, to July, 1945, in European Theater, in battles of Rhineland, and Central Germany. He received Campaign Ribbon, 2 Bronze Stars, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Feb. 7, 1946. Attended Texas A & M College.
18. —PFC WILLIE DEE LAMB, born June 26, 1908. Son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Higginbotham of Tyler. Entered service May 7, 1943, in the Army Ordnance Division. Trained at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Served overseas Jan. 10, 1944, to Nov. 24, 1944, in Normandy. Was wounded. He received the European Theater with 1 Battle Star, Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 9, 1945. Husband of the former Devilea Higginbotham of Tyler, Texas.
19. —C. M. 1/c WILLIAM TAYLOR HIGGINBOTHAM, born May 10, 1897. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Higginbotham of Tyler, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 15, 1942 for the Navy. Trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Quoddy Village, Maine. Served overseas Sept., 1944, to March, 1945. Awarded Unit Commendation for exceptionally Meritorious Service in support of Military Operations, and Victory Medal. Previously overseas in World War I, 1918 to 1920; also on Mexican Border. Discharged June 13, 1945.
- *20. —1ST LT. JOHN WATT HIGGINBOTHAM, born Jan. 8, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Higginbotham of Tyler, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 6, 1934, in the Army 348th Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Francis Warren, Wyo., and Camp Croft, S.C. Served overseas May, 1944 to Aug., 1944, in European Theater, in battle of Normandy. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice trying to save the life of his Sgt. serving under him on Aug. 12, 1944, at St. Lo, France. Awarded Purple Heart, European Theater with 1 Bronze Star, and Victory Medals.

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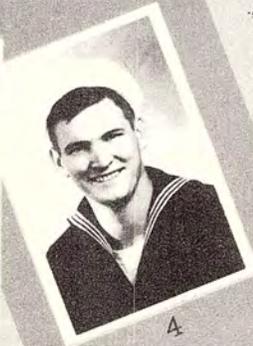
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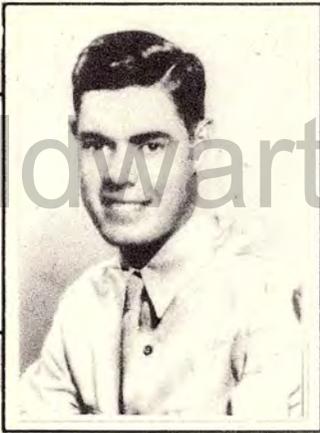
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***Sgt. ROSS B. MOORE, JR.**

Sgt. Ross B. Moore, Jr., was born August 12, 1922, at Florence, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Moore, Sr., and brother of Dorothy Moore, Tyler, Texas. He graduated from Tyler High School, and joined the Army Air Force September, 1940; trained at Brooks Field, Texas, and later attended Armored School at Lowry Field, Colo. Sgt. Moore served as instructor in Sacramento, Calif., and transferred to South America March 29, 1942, where he was stationed in Recife, Brazil, as instructor for ten months. January 14, 1943, while enroute to Rio de Janeiro his plane was lost, and Sgt. Moore was listed as missing, later presumed to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice.



***S/Sgt. GORDON F. MOORE**

S/Sgt. Gordon F. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Moore, Sr., was born June 10, 1924, at Wills Point, Texas. He graduated from Tyler High School, and joined the Army Air Force August 31, 1942; received training at Kearns, Utah, and later attended gunnery school in Laredo, Texas. Promoted to sergeant July 29, 1943. Sgt. Moore began overseas duty in the European Theater where he participated in the air offensive over Europe, and while on his thirty-ninth mission, his plane went down over Austria; he was reported "missing in action" as of April 2, 1944; later presumed to have lost his life serving his country.



Sgt. LOYS G. RITCH

Sgt. Loys G. Ritch, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ritch, Troup, Texas, was born January 4, 1921; attended the Troup Public Schools. He is the husband of Naomi Jane Ritch of Henderson, Texas. He volunteered October 7, 1942, for the Army 8th Armored Division; trained and served at Ft. Knox and Camp Campbell in Kentucky, Camps McCoy, Wisconsin, and Swift, Texas, also Ft. Riley, Kansas. Sgt. Ritch served both in the European Theater and Asiatic-Pacific Theater in France and on the Philippine Islands. His awards include the Philippine Liberation Medal, EAME Campaign Ribbon with various other awards. Discharged February 8, 1946.



S1/c JAMES R. RITCH

S1/c James Russell Ritch, birth date April 10, 1922, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ritch, and husband of Wilma Ritch, all of Troup, Texas. He volunteered August 27, 1942, at Dallas for the Navy, Gunnery Branch; trained at San Diego, from where he was assigned to the USS Colorado and began overseas duty in the Pacific Theater. Seaman Ritch served for thirty-seven months at Tarawa, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon, Okinawa and Tokyo. At Okinawa he fought aboard the battleship for sixty days and nights. Various ribbons were awarded, and after returning to the States, he was discharged Dec., 1945.



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Capt. GEORGE H. MASSAD



S/Sgt. FRANK MASSAD, JR.

Capt. George H. Massad, born December 26, 1911, husband of Mrs. Marie Massad, Tyler, Texas, and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Massad, of the same city, attended U. of Oklahoma, in Norman, and entered the Army Artillery April 6, 1942, at Mt. Pleasant, Texas. He trained at Camp Roberts, California, later serving February, 1944, to August, 1946, in the European Theater where he participated in the campaigns of Northern France and Central Europe. The Bronze Star Medal was awarded for meritorious service; also Army Commendation Ribbon, Army Occupation Medal and Battle Stars and Ribbons. August 22, 1946, he transferred to Reserves.

S/Sgt. Frank Massad, Jr., was born June 9, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Massad, Sr., of Tyler, Texas. He attended school at Longview and Tyler, Texas, also at Texas A & M, College Station, and volunteered February 3, 1943, for the Army 86th Infantry Division, training at Camp Howze, Texas, Camp Livingston, Louisiana, and various camps of California. Sgt. Massad served his overseas duty in the European Theater of Operations; participated in the Battles of the Ruhr and Bavaria; later transferred to the Asiatic-Pacific area. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded, and discharge granted on January 31, 1946.



Pvt. SAMUEL E. STANSBURY
Pfc. W. C. STANSBURY

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Stansbury, Waco. SAMUEL, husband of Dorothy Stansbury, Overton, born May 26, 1924, attended Tyler High School; entered the service in Feb. of 1943, and was assigned to Army 740th Arm d. Div. Tank Bn.; trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Served in the U.S. 6 months. Pvt. Stansbury received an honorable medical discharge Aug., 1943.

W. C., husband of Leola Stansbury, Tyler, born April 27, 1921. Volunteered Nov. 1, 1938, and was assigned to Army Troop "F", 112th Cav.; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas; overseas 2 years and 9 months, in Asiatic-Pac. Wounded. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific, American Def., G. Conduct. Discharged June, 1945; re-enlisted AAC, July, 1946.



Cpl. CORDIA L. HANEY

Cpl. Cordia Lea Haney, born October 20, 1913, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. James, and wife of Henry E. Haney, all of Tyler, attended Memphis, Texas, Public Schools and volunteered for duty with the Army Service Forces on April 13, 1943. Transferred for her training to Camp Ruston, La., serving her country until November, 1945. Corporal Haney was awarded the W.A.A.C. Medal, American Theater, Victory Medal and Good Conduct Award, and received an honorable discharge from the Army on November 6, 1945. Many of her friends remember her as a saleslady at Sears and Roebuck before entering service in 1943.



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Sgt. JAMES A. FLOREY

Sgt. James Alfred Florey was born December 20, 1921, in Texas. He is the husband of Lallie Melton Florey, 1409 Sewell St., Overton, Texas. Sgt. Florey acquired his education in the public schools of Tyler, and entered service June 19, 1942. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps, and received basic training at Sheppard, Love, Chanute and Elgin Fields. From March 30, 1943, to September 13, 1945, he served in the European area participating in battles of Central Europe, Ardennes, Rhineland, Northern France and Normandy. He was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge, EAME Campaign Medal with six Bronze Stars, World War II Victory and Good Conduct Medals. On September 27, 1945, he was honorably discharged, and returned to civilian life. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Florey, reside in Tyler, Texas.



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***S/Sgt. JAMES E. MELTON, JR.**

S/Sgt. James Elmo Melton, Jr., was born October 25, 1920, in McCrory, Ark. He is the husband of Reva Mae Melton, Route 2, St. Anthony, Idaho. His mother, Mrs. Ella Melton Williams, resides in Tyler, Texas. S/Sgt. Melton was enlisted into the military service December 9, 1937, at Houston, Texas, and received training in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Illinois, Utah, Washington, South Dakota, California, Wyoming and Kansas. He left the United States for overseas service May 20, 1943, and arrived in N. Africa, May 29, 1943. On November 27, 1943, he paid the Supreme Sacrifice in Italy while serving as an aerial gunner with the 414th Bombardment Squadron, 97th Bombardment Group. He participated in raids over Austria, Greece, Germany, France, Sicily and Italy, and was awarded the Purple Heart, Air Medal with 6 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters and 2 Silver Stars, Citation of Honor from the U.S. Air Force, a Grateful Memory, from President Roosevelt. He is survived by his mother, wife and father, James E. Melton, Sr., Blue Rapids, Kansas.



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*Pvt. ALBERT R. LANEY

Pvt. Albert Rayman Laney, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Laney, Troup, Texas, was born March 14, 1921, in Troup. He volunteered for service February 4, 1941, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Coast Artillery; trained at Fort McDowell, Angel Island, California, and began overseas duty April, 1941, in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Pvt. Laney was stationed on Corregidor; later transferred to Bataan, where he participated in the battle of Bataan and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country April 3, 1942, when he was wounded and passed away in combat. The Purple Heart was awarded in recognition.



Sgt. DAVID HARRY LANEY

Sgt. David Harry Laney was born March 19, 1921, a native of Troup, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Laney, Troup, and husband of the former Margaret Withers, Meridian, Mississippi. He attended the Troup Public Schools, and volunteered December 18, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, for the Armed Forces; was assigned to the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Sgt. Laney served his total duty in the United States, and was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory, American Defense and Good Conduct Medals. After his discharge was final November 27, 1945, he re-entered service six months later May 26, 1946.



*Pfc WILLIAM G. KILLGORE

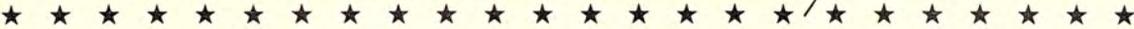
Pfc William Garland Killgore, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Killgore, Arp, Texas, was born February 26, 1925, in Texas, and attended the Arp, Texas, Elementary and High Schools. Pfc Killgore volunteered February 17, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, for the U.S. Marine Corps, 2nd Raider Division; trained at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California, and began overseas duty October, 1943, in the South Pacific Theater where he participated in battles of Bougainville, Guam, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice May 22, 1945, on Sugar Loaf Hill, Island of Okinawa. Three Presidential Citations were awarded with Purple Heart and four Battle Stars.



S/Sgt. CHARLES F. KILLGORE

S/Sgt. Charles Fieldon Killgore was born July 5, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Casey W. Killgore, Arp, Smith County, Texas, and husband of Sybil L. Killgore of the same city. He graduated from the Overton, Texas, Schools, attended Killgore Junior College, and volunteered September, 1942, at Tyler, Texas, for the Army Air Force. Sgt. Killgore trained at MacDill Field, Florida, and served his total duty in the United States. His awards include the World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Award, Good Conduct Ribbon plus the American Theater of Operations Award. Discharge was granted February 20, 1946.

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Cpl. JAMES B. HAYDEN



Sgt. BRYSON L. HAYDEN

Cpl. James B. Hayden was born November 7, 1915, in Texas, son of Mrs. Almedia Hayden, Tyler, Texas, and husband of Jonnie L. Hayden, also of Tyler. He attended Sulphur Springs, Texas, High School, and entered service December 15, 1942, in the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Los Angeles, California. Cpl. Hayden began overseas duty May, 1943, with the 8th Air Force in England where he remained until August, 1945, serving in the European Theater. The Distinguished Unit Badge was awarded with EAME Campaign Medal and Good Conduct Award. After returning to the States, he was discharged October, 1945.

Sgt. Bryson L. Hayden, son of Mrs. Almedia Hayden, 1503 E. Travis, Tyler, Texas, was born December 24, 1911, in Texas; attended the Wells, Texas, High School, and entered the Army 36th Infantry Division January 30, 1941. He trained at Camps Bowie in Texas, Blanding, Florida, and Edwards in Mass., and served April, 1943, to July, 1945, overseas in North African-European Theater. Sgt. Hayden participated in combat at Salerno, Cassino, Rome and other battles of Italy, Southern France, Germany and Austria. He was wounded in action Nov. 6, 1944, in Vosges Mountains. His awards include five Battle Stars. Discharged August 1, 1945.



T/Sgt. EARL T. EMERICK



Y3/c JAY B. EMERICK

T/Sgt. Earl T. Emerick, born April 25, 1916, is the son of Mrs. Ida A. Emerick, Tyler, Texas, and husband of Virginia Emerick of the same city. He attended the Grand Saline, Texas, Schools, and entered the Army Quartermaster Division June 19, 1942; trained at Ft. Warren, Wyoming, and Camp Bowie in Texas, later serving September, 1943, to October, 1945, in the Pacific Theater on New Guinea and Luzon. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal plus other ribbons. After returning to the States, Sgt. Emerick was discharged March, 1946.

Y3/c Jay B. Emerick, son of Mrs. Ida Emerick, 714 North Border Street, Tyler, Texas, was born August 2, 1918, in Grand Saline, Texas, and is a graduate of Tyler Commercial College. Husband of Eunice Emerick, also of Tyler. Yeoman Emerick entered service October 26, 1944, and was assigned to the U.S. Navy, training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. September, 1945, he began duty at Naval Separation Center, Camp Wallace, Texas, where he remained until time of discharge. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medal with American Theater Ribbon. Discharged May 23, 1946.



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*Sgt. FREDERICK W. DODD

Sgt. Frederick Welborn Dodd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dodd, Tyler, Texas, was born January 7, 1920, in Taylor, Texas; attended Texas University, and volunteered August, 1941, for the Marine Corps 2nd Div., training at San Diego and on Mare Island. Sgt. Dodd began overseas duty July, 1942, in the Pacific Theater, serving on Guadalcanal, Hawaiian Islands, Marshall and other islands, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice July 25, 1944, on Guam of the Marianas Group. His awards include the Unit Citation, Navy and Presidential Citations, Purple Heart and Silver Star Medal for meritorious and faithful service. He will be returned home for burial in private family lot.



Lt. HOWARD D. DODD

Lt. Howard Doyle Dodd, birth date November 6, 1918, in Taylor, Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dodd, Tyler, Texas; attended Texas University and Harvard in Boston, Mass. He volunteered May, 1941, for the U.S. Navy, trained in New York City, where he was commissioned Ensign, and began overseas duty June, 1942, aboard the USS Vincennes in the Pacific area on the Marshall Islands and Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands. After returning to the States September, 1944, Lt. Dodd was assigned to a post in Washington, D.C., where he remained until January, 1946. The Navy Citation was awarded and discharge granted January, 1946.



Sgt. MILLIE WILKINS

Sgt. Millie Wilkins, birth date April 2, 1920, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wilkins, Lindale, Texas, and husband of Helen Wilkins, also of Lindale. He volunteered October 24, 1941, at Palestine, Texas, for the Army 24th Division; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas, and began overseas duty March, 1942, in the Pacific Theater where he served in the Hawaiian Islands, Australia, Goodenough, New Guinea, Leyte and Mindoro Islands, and also at Dutch New Guinea. His awards include the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon with Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation Medals, among other ribbons. Returned to States; discharged July 16, 1945.



Cpl. WILLIE WILKINS

Cpl. Willie Wilkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wilkins, Lindale, was born April 2, 1920. He volunteered August 10, 1940, at Tyler for the Army 18 Field Artillery Bn.; trained at Ft. Sill, Okla., and served August, 1944, to September, 1945, in the European Theater. Cpl. Wilkins was stationed in England, and participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Award with various other ribbons. After returning to the States, discharge was granted October, 1945. He is the twin brother of Sgt. Millie Wilkins.



The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Pfc ORVAL R. KESTER



Cox. LEAUN R. KESTER

Pfc Orval Robert Kester, born on November 15, 1916, in Oklahoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kester, Arp, received his education in public schools of Troup; entered service on July 25, 1942, assigned to the Army Air Forces. He received his training at Sheppard Field; served his country, stationed at various Army Air Fields in Texas, Colorado, Arizona and Mississippi during that time. Awarded the American Theater, Victory and Good Conduct Medals. He trained as Airplane and Engine Mechanic and Aerial Engineer. Honorably discharged Jan. 18, 1946. Prior to service he was with the British American Oil Co. in Oklahoma City.

Cox. Leاون Richard Kester, born July 26, 1915, in Okla., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kester, Arp, and husband of Lois Faye Kester, Overton, attended Salem, Texas, High School. He was with the Placid Oil Co., Good Pine, La., before he volunteered July 30, 1942, for the Navy, assigned to 5th Amphibious Division; trained U.S.N.T. Station, San Diego, Calif.; served overseas from Dec., 1942, to April, 1945, in Makin Island, Saipan, Tinian, Leyte, Mindoro, and Lingayen Gulf. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars and American Theater Medal. Coxswain Kester received an honorable discharge from Navy on Sept. 26, 1945.



Cpl. CLIFFORD T. MASSEY



Ens. CLYDE T. MASSEY



Cpl. TERRY E. MASSEY

Sons of Mrs. Ida Massey, 534 S. Beckman, Tyler, Texas.

Cpl. CLIFFORD TRAVIS MASSEY, born Aug. 10, 1918, attended Alba, Texas, Schools, and entered the Army Mar., 1945; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Cpl. Massey is serving his overseas duty in the Pacific Theater on the Philippine Islands and in Japan. Returned to the States and was discharged Nov., 1946. Various ribbons were awarded. Ensign CLYDE T. MASSEY, was born March 30, 1920. Attended University of Texas at Austin, returning after discharge to resume studies. Volunteered June 12, 1942, for the Navy, attended U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., and served January, 1945, to May, 1946, on the USS Franklin; was aboard when the ship was torpedoed and stayed with it until it docked in N.Y. Served in the Hawaiian, Marshall, Marianas and Ryukyus Islands; received Campaign ribbons and was discharged May, 1946.

Cpl. TERRY EDWARD MASSEY, birth date Sept. 22, 1925, in Texas, volunteered Nov. 4, 1943, for the U.S. Marine Corps, 5th Div., training in San Diego and Oceanside, Calif. He served overseas July, 1944, to April, 1946, in Hawaiian Islands, Marshall, Marianas Islands, also in Japan and China, and participated in action at Iwo Jima and Boniti Island. He was wounded, receiving Pres. and Navy Citations. Discharged May 10, 1946.

- 1.—S/SGT. EARL B. HORTON, born April 5, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Horton of Tyler, Texas. Volunteered for service March 28, 1943, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Springfield, Mo., and Sioux Falls, S.D. Served in the United States May, 1943, to Feb., 1946. After completion of radio school was assigned as instructor in gunnery with Chinese at Tyndall Field, Fla. Awarded American Defense and Victory Medals. Was discharged February 13, 1946.
- 2.—CPL. ALBERT SIDNEY JARVIS, JR., born Sept. 23, 1907. Husband of Mrs. Ione Adams Jarvis of Brownville, Texas. Volunteered for service May 4, 1944, in the Marines Guard Battalion Division. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Aug. 23, 1944, to Oct. 10, 1945, in Adak, Alaska. Was previously in Marines Oct., 1925, to Oct., 1929, and Marine Corps Reserve Oct., 1929, to Oct., 1933. Awarded American Defense and Victory Medals. Was discharged November 15, 1945.
- 3.—CPL. SANFORD LEE LYONS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lyons of Lindale, Texas. Entered service Feb. 10, 1941, assigned to 36th Division, Co. C, 111th Medical Battalion at Brownwood. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., North and South Carolina, Camp Edwards, Mass., and Staten Island, N.Y. Served overseas in Africa; Salerno and Rome, Italy; France; and Austria. Awarded American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 26, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston.
- 4.—S/SGT. CHILTON MURRAY MCGILL, born Feb. 22, 1917. Husband of Mrs. C. M. McGill of Tyler, Texas. Entered service Oct. 31, 1942, in the Army 90th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Berkeley, Abilene, Texas. Served overseas April 5, 1944, to Dec. 2, 1945, in European Theater area, Normandy Beach, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe, LeMona, and St. Suzanne. Awarded Purple Heart, 5 Campaign Stars, European Theater Badge. Discharged Dec. 9, 1945.
- 5.—T/SGT. JOHN JOSEPH McNAMARA, born Feb. 20, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McNamara of Tyler, Texas. Entered service Sept. 28, 1942, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Kearns, Utah, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Detroit, Mich. Served overseas Feb., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Germany, air offensive of Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns. Awarded Distinguished Unit Citation and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Feb. 17, 1946.
- 6.—T/5 LANGFORD P. MITCHUM, born Nov. 2, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchum of Troup, Texas. Entered service Sept. 1, 1941, in the Army 689th F.A. Bn. Division. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Served overseas July, 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Service Stripe, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Bronze Star Medal, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 31, 1945.
- 7.—S/SGT. DENVER LESTER MOORE, born Dec. 23, 1919. Husband of Corinne Moore of Tyler, Texas. Entered service April 9, 1942, in the Army Coast Artillery Division. Trained at Camp Wallace, Texas, and Ft. Sheridan, Ill. Served overseas Oct., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Guadalcanal, Northern Solomon, Philippines Islands, and New Guinea. Awarded Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Bronze Stars, American Theater, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Dec., 1945.
- 8.—PFC FRANK MOORE, JR., born Dec. 1, 1919. Husband of Dorothy Moore of Tyler, Texas. Entered service March 31, 1943, in the Army Engr. Division. Trained at Temple, Texas, and Camp Claiborne, La. Served overseas Nov., 1943, to July, 1945, in England, France, Germany, battles of Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Meritorious Service Plaque, Unit Citation, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 11, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore of Tyler, Texas.
- 9.—T/3 DOUGLAS ALLEN MULLICAN, born June 18, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Mullican of Arp, Texas. Volunteered for service July 15, 1941, and received his training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Served in the United States until he was transferred for overseas duty March 19, 1944, to March 27, 1945, in Southwest Pacific. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 24, 1945. Attended Arp, Texas, High School.
- 10.—S1/c THOMAS EUGENE PARHAM, born June 4, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Parham of Lindale, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 9, 1940, in the Navy, Seaman's Branch. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Nov. 19, 1940, to Sept. 6, 1945, in Philippine Islands, Battles of Java Seas, Sunda Straits; was taken prisoner March 1, 1942, by Japs; released Sept. 6, 1945. Awarded Philippine Defense, China Campaign, Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged Jan. 19, 1946.
- 11.—S/SGT. H. C. PARHAM, born March 22, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Parham of Lindale, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 27, 1942, in the Army 14th Armored Division. Trained at Camp Chaffee, Ark., and Camp Campbell, Ky. Served overseas Oct. 13, 1944, to March 22, 1945, in Ardennes and Germany. He received the American Theater, EAME Theater Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and American Theater Medal. Discharged Nov., 1945.
- 12.—1ST SGT. ROBERT HOWARD PARHAM, born Nov. 19, 1912. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parham of Lindale, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 5, 1933, in the Army 1st Armored Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas May 10, 1942, to May 17, 1944, in Italy and Africa. He received the Unit Citation, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. At present in Co. B, 10th Bn. R.T.C., Ft. Knox, Ky. Attended Carrell, Texas, High School.
- 13.—T/SGT. HARRY RAY RODIECK, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Rodieck. Husband of Mrs. Evelyn Rodieck of Tyler, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 11, 1942, in the Army Air Corps, Ferrying Division. Trained at White Rock, Dallas, Texas. Served overseas July, 1945, to Feb., 1946, in North Africa at Casablanca. He received the Sharpshooter Medal for Enfield Rifle, and Carbine, Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Feb. 13, 1946.
- 14.—SGT. BENNIE JACK SMITH, born Aug. 30, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith of Tyler, Texas. Entered service Jan. 8, 1943, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at St. Petersburg, Fla. Served overseas July 26, 1943, to Oct. 9, 1945, in New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, North Solomons, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Western Pacific, China, and Ryukyus. Awarded Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific, 5 Battle Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 25, 1945.
- 15.—PVT. HENRY HAL SMITH, born March 29, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith of Tyler, Texas. Entered service Dec. 27, 1944, in the Army Air Corps. He received his training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Served in the United States from December 27, 1943, to August 16, 1944. Was awarded the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was discharged August 16, 1944. Husband of Mrs. Olene Smith. Attended Mineola Elementary and High Schools.
- 16.—S/SGT. LYTLE LINTON SMITH, born Jan. 26, 1910. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith of Tyler, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 2, 1942, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas. Served overseas April 14, 1945, to Nov. 14, 1945, on Guam, with 20th Air Force; battles of Mandated Islands and Japan. Awarded 2 Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 22, 1945.
- 17.—MAJOR LEWIS SHAFER TOONE, born Oct. 5, 1915. Husband of Norma J. Toone of Lindale. Volunteered Dec. 12, 1933, for the Army 8th Engr. Comb. Bn. Trained at Ft. McIntosh. Overseas Aug. 15, 1940, to Jan., 1941, and later June, 1944, to Sept. 19, 1945, in Northern France, Rhineland, Belgian Bulge, and Germany. Awarded 1 Bronze Star, Oak Leaf Cluster, French Croix de Guerre, Silver Star. Served overseas as S-3 with 166th Engr. Combat Bn., 12th Corps. Inactive status Off. Res. Corps, Sept., 1945.
- * 18.—CAPT. DON BUIE MIKE WOOD, born Sept. 2, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wood of Tyler. Volunteered April, 1941, for the Army Air Corps. Served overseas March 1, 1943, to July 8, 1943, with the British 8th Army before the Battle of Tunisia, after which he had 28 hrs. of combat and 20 sorties. Missing from bomber escort mission over Sicily, in onslaught to pave way for invasion on July 8, 1943. Awarded Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Citation.
- 19.—A. M. M. 3/c ARTHUR HAMILTON STRIPLING, born June 6, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Mary Stripling of Bullard, Texas. Entered service July 17, 1943, in the Navy Air Corps. Trained at Corpus Christi Naval Base, later serving there, and Kingsville, Texas. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 20, 1945. He attended Bullard High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stripling of Bullard, Texas.
- 20.—PVT. CECIL TATE, born April 16, 1909. Husband of Lola Mae Tate of Flint, Texas. Entered service Feb., 1944, in the Army 125th Evacuation Hospital. Trained at Camp Wolters and Camp Maxey, Texas. Served overseas Dec., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in England, Wales, France, Belgium, Germany, and battles of Rhineland. He received the EAME Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 30, 1945.

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Sgt. HARVEY M. OWENS



S2/c HAROLD L. PARISH

Sgt. Harvey Milton Owens, born September 10, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Owens of Lindale, and husband of Dardanella Owens of 1316 1/2 Britain, Wichita Falls, received his education at Lindale Public Schools and Texas A & M; entered service April 12, 1943, assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field; overseas from February, 1944, to December, 1945; served in England. Sergeant Harvey Milton Owens received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on January 1, 1946. At the time of enlistment he was employed as office manager by the Morrison Supply Company at Wichita Falls.

S2/c Harold Lloyd Parish, born May 15, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parish, and husband of Wilma Parish, all of Arp, received his education in Arp Elementary and High School, where he was a student before he volunteered for the Navy on February 22, 1944; received his training in San Diego, California; went overseas December 18, 1945, and stayed until after the war, on Guam and Okinawa. He was awarded the American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and the Victory Medal. Seaman Second Class Harold Lloyd Parish received an honorable discharge from the Navy on May 15, 1946.



*1st Sgt. JOHN H. STEED



Pfc JAMES E. STEED



Pfc WILLIAM R. STEED

Sons of John W. and Ora Steed, Lindale, Texas.

1st Sgt. JOHN HUDSON STEED, born March 25, 1916, in Texas, is the husband of Annie Mae Steed, Waco, Texas. He volunteered May 8, 1934, for the Army; trained at Ft. Sam Houston and Camp McCoy; began overseas duty October, 1943, in England. Sgt. Steed participated in two major battles of France, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice September 6, 1944, at Brest, France, after faithfully serving his country in peace and war.

Pfc JAMES EDWARD STEED, birth date September 27, 1920, volunteered August 13, 1940, for the Army Infantry; trained at Ft. Sam Houston and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He served October, 1943, to October, 1945, in the European Theater; was wounded June 12, 1944, on Normandy Beach and sent to Brest, France; hospitalized due to battle fatigue. Various ribbons were awarded, and he has re-enlisted; stationed at Camp Hood currently.

Pfc WILLIAM RALEIGH STEED, born September 2, 1923, entered the Army January 26, 1943. He trained at Seattle, Wash., Camp Howze, Texas, and Ft. Sill, Okla., serving May, 1944, to March, 1946, in combat and liberation of the Philippines, Panay Island, and Leyte. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon was awarded with three Battle Stars; also Good Conduct Medal. Discharged March 16, 1946.



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Sgt. GORDON D. BROWNING



S/Sgt. HENRY W. SCOGGINS

Sgt. Gordon Dale Browning, birth date August 11, 1922, in Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Browning, and brother of Mrs. Henry W. Scoggins, 2122 Garden Valley Road, Tyler, Texas. He attended the Tyler Schools, and is the husband of Irma Ruth Browning, Sgt. Browning volunteered at Dallas, Texas, October 23, 1942, for the Army Air Force; trained at Perrin and Sheppard Fields in Texas, and served as Aerial Gunnery Instructor at Tyndall Field, Florida, from August 31, 1943, until the time of his discharge. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. After the termination of his Army Air Corps service November 25, 1945, he returned to his former position as engineer with Laughlin-Simmons Co., Okla. City.

S/Sgt. Henry Wesley Scoggins, husband of Lois Eloise Scoggins, Tyler, Texas, was born December 30, 1917, in Corsicana, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scoggins of Corsicana. He volunteered October 28, 1942, at Dallas for the Army Air Force; trained at Perrin and Sheppard Field in Texas, Chanute Field, Ill., and later served as crew chief on B-17 and B-24, also P-38 at Peterson Field, Colo., and Will Rogers Field, Okla. City. January, 1944, Sgt. Scoggins began overseas duty in England; participated in the campaigns of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the EAME Campaign Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Award, Meritorious Unit Award and various other ribbons. After he returned to the States, discharge was granted December 31, 1945.



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T/4 ALVIN H. McMINN

T/4 Alvin Harliss McMinn, son of Albert O. and Nellie D. McMinn, 840 South Fleishel Street, Tyler, Texas, was born August 6, 1919, a native of Texas; attended the Tyler Public Schools, and entered service February 20, 1941, with the Army 36th Texas Division, training at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Florida, and Camp Edwards, Mass. His overseas duty began April, 1943, in the European-African-Middle East Theater of Operations where he participated in the campaigns of Naples - Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Award, American Defense and Theater Ribbons plus the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service. After he returned to the States, August 6, 1945, discharge from the Army granted one week later at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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Pfc THOMAS S. HOLBROOK

Pfc Holbrook was born on June 23, 1922, son of J. B. Holbrook of Route 2, Lindale, Texas, and the late Vera Holbrook. He attended Lindale High School, entering the Army on April 5, 1943, assigned to the 88th Inf. Div.; ordered to Camp Barkeley and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, for training; served in Italy from Dec., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in battles of Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley. He received EAME with 3 Bronze Stars and 2 Good Conduct Medals. Pfc Holbrook was given an honorable discharge on September 12, 1945, from the Separation Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.



Sgt. RAYMOND B. ROCKWELL

Sgt. Raymond B. Rockwell, born April 29, 1921, son of Mrs. C. O. Rockwell, Tyler, attended Texas A & M College; volunteered April 23, 1942, assigned to Army A.C.; received his training at Sheppard Field; served overseas from December 18, 1944, to February 11, 1946; served in the interior of India and Central Burma. While in the States, he graduated from a course in airplane propellers taken at Curtiss-Wright Corporation in Caldwell, N.J. He was promoted to the rank of corporal upon graduation. Sergeant Raymond B. Rockwell received an honorable discharge from the Army on April 5, 1946. Awards: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct and Victory.



S/Sgt. JAMES G. SLOAN, JR.

S/Sgt. James Gordan Sloan, Jr., born November 24, 1923, son of Mrs. Lexia Sloan, 401 Reeves St., Tyler, attended Tyler High School and Commercial College; volunteered November 23, 1942, assigned to the Army Air Corps; received his training at Sheppard Field; transferred overseas March 20, 1944, to November 28, 1945; served in England, France, and Germany. S/Sgt. James Gordan Sloan, Jr., received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on December 14, 1945, at Camp Fannin. He was employed with the Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, Texas, before entering service.



Capt. HENRY W. SMITH

Capt. Henry Whitcomb Smith, born May 16, 1908, son of Mrs. Emma Reed Smith, 311 W. Locust St., Tyler, and husband of Mary Moore Smith, San Diego, Calif., received his education in the Public Schools of Tyler and at the University of Texas; volunteered March 1, 1943, assigned to the Army Tank Division. Transferred overseas December, 1945, and is still serving in Taijan, Korea, with the military government as a disburser for the national government. Captain Smith was with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in Colorado as an accountant prior to Army Service.



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M/Sgt. GROVER C. ADAMS, JR.

M/Sgt. Adams was born June 13, 1919, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Adams, Sr., Rt. 4, Tyler, Texas, and husband of Doris Adams of Whitehouse, attended Tyler High School and volunteered for the service February 5, 1941, at Dallas, assigned to the Army Air Force, and was sent to Chanute Field, Illinois, for his training. While overseas he served in Alaskan Mainland, Kodiak Island, Aleutian Islands, and was in the Aleutian Campaign from July 28, 1942, until September 13, 1943, when he returned to the States. M/Sgt. Grover Cleveland Adams, Jr., is still serving with the Army Air Corps stationed at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.



Pfc HERMAN ARMSTRONG

Pfc Armstrong was born on April 20, 1908, son of Mrs. Addie Armstrong of Silver Lake, and husband of Alice Armstrong of R.F.D. 1, Lindale, Texas. He was educated in Mineola, and entered the service on Jan. 14, 1943, assigned to the Army 240th Eng., training at Camp Phillips, Kansas, with service in New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Leyte for 20 1/2 mos. His awards are: American Theater Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. Pfc Herman Armstrong received an honorable discharge on Nov. 12, 1945, and is living in Lindale with his wife.



Sgt. CHARLES D. ASHCRAFT

Sgt. Ashcraft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry T. Ashcraft of Route 3, Lindale, Texas, was born on Feb. 2, 1923; attended high school in Lindale, and entered the service on Jan. 8, 1943, at Tyler, assigned to the Army Engineers, and trained at Camp Phillips, Kansas, and Camp Forrest, Tenn. Overseas 2 years in Pacific area on Goodenough Island, Finschhaven, Hollandia, New Guinea, participating in battles of Leyte, Mindoro, and Mindanao, Philippines. Decorations include Good Conduct; Asiatic-Pacific with 2 Stars and 1 Arrowhead; Philippine Liberation, with 1 Star; Victory; and American Theater Medals. Discharged Jan. 23, 1946; in Army Res.

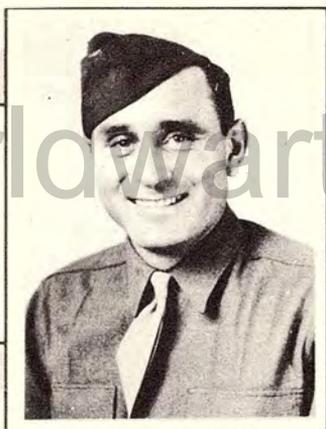


Pfc JOSEPH C. BATEMAN

Pfc Bateman was born on November 25, 1926, son of Mrs. Neta Bateman, Rt. 1, Arp, Texas; was educated in Arp, and volunteered for the service Nov. 27, 1942, at Tyler, assigned to Army 9th Air Force; trained at Camp Luna, Las Vegas, New Mexico, Rosecrans Field, Mo. Served overseas from April 30, 1944, to June 11, 1945, in Normandy, Rhineland, Northern France, Central Europe, and Ardennes. His awards include EAME Theater Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Meritorious Unit Award. On the 24th day of October, 1945, Private First Class Joseph Clayton Bateman was given an honorable discharge from Barksdale Field, Louisiana.



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S/Sgt. EUGENE H. DONOHOE

S/Sgt. Donohoe was born on June 25, 1917, brother of Mrs. C. W. Berry of 1503 S. College, Tyler, and husband of Eileen Tucker Donohoe of Magdalena, N.M.; attended Abilene High School, entering the Army on Nov. 3, 1942, at Denver, Colo., assigned to the 804th Air Evac. Sqdn., training at Bowman Fld., Ky. Overseas 22 mos. in New Guinea, Papuan, and Philippine campaigns. These are his medals: the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service with 2 Bronze Stars; Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star, Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. S/Sgt. Eugene Hamilton Donohoe received his discharge papers on October 10, 1945.



Sgt. ROBERT A. WELCH

Sgt. R. A. Welch, born Dec. 24, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Welch, 255 S. Fleishel St., Tyler, husband of Elwanda Welch, 840 S. Fleishel, Tyler, attended Tyler High School, and entered the service on Oct. 28, 1942, at El Paso, assigned to the Army Air Forces; trained at Scott Field, Ill., Richmond, Va., and Elgin Field, Fla.; served in the United States from Oct., 1942, until Nov., 1945. He served as radio operator and mechanic; attended Army Tech. Schools at Scott Field, Tomah, Wis., and Richmond, Va. He was awarded: American Theater, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Promoted from Cpl. to Sgt. He was honorably discharged Nov. 20, 1945.



Cpl. R. C. YANCY

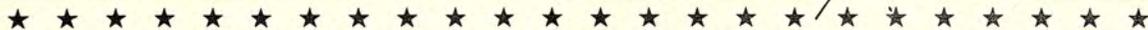
Cpl. Yancy was born Jan. 1, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Yancy of Route 1, Arp, Texas, and husband of Velma L. Yancy of Ft. Worth. He attended Arp High School; volunteered for the service January 30, 1941, at Dallas, assigned to the Army 36th Div., 133rd F.A., training at Camp Bowie, Texas. He served overseas from April 2, 1943, until August 6, 1945, in Africa, Naples, Rome-Arno, Foggia, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. His awards are European Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars and 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal, and American Defense Service Medal. Cpl. Yancy received his discharge on the 13th of August, 1945.



S/Sgt. HERMAN YANCY

S/Sgt. Yancy was born on November 24, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lum Yancy of Arp, and husband of Ruby L. Yancy of Arp, Texas. He entered the service on January 7, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, and was assigned to the Army 16th Armored Division, and was sent to Ft. Knox, Kentucky, for his training. He served overseas from February 4, 1945, until March 28, 1946, with service in Southern Germany and Czechoslovakia. Decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Campaign Ribbon and European Theater Occupation Ribbon with one Battle Star. S/Sgt. Herman Yancy received an honorable discharge on April 2, 1946.

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S/Sgt. MACK ELLIS SHAW

S/Sgt. Mack Ellis Shaw, husband of Patsy Shaw, 122 Rowland Drive, Tyler, Texas, was born November 18, 1908, in Summerfield, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Shaw, also of Tyler. He attended the Tyler Schools, and was sole owner of the Mack Shaw Tiling Contractor Business, 111 S. Bomer, Tyler, prior to his entry May 11, 1943, with the Army Transportation Corps. Sgt. Shaw trained at Camps Claiborne and Polk, in Louisiana, also Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, later serving June, 1944, to November, 1945, in the European Theater with 733 Railway Operations Battalion in France, Belgium and Germany, and participating in the battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He worked in cooperation with Patton's 3rd Army, but not assigned to any special army. His awards include the EAME Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory, American Theater and Defense Ribbons. After he returned to the States, discharge was granted November 28, 1945.

1. —SGT. HARRY LOYD WILKINSON, born September 17, 1925, son of Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson of Houston, attended Bullard, Texas, High School; volunteered Sept. 1, 1943, for the Marines; trained at M.C.B., San Diego, Calif., Camp Elliott, Calif., and Camp Pendleton; served overseas Nov. 23, 1944, to April 27, 1946, in Pacific Area, Battle of Okinawa and occupation of North China. Received promotion to Sgt. on January 26. Was discharged on May 6, 1946. He is the nephew of Ora Shipp of Bullard, Texas.

2. —W/O (jg) HAROLD E. SHIPP, born September 12, 1919, son of Mrs. Ora Shipp of Bullard, husband of Constance Shipp of Avenal, Calif., attended Bullard, Texas, High School; volunteered October 27, 1938, for the Army Air Forces; received his training at Kelly Field; served from Oct. 27, 1938, to March 20, 1946. Awards: Good Conduct and Pre-Pearl Harbor; was discharged on March 20, 1946, and re-enlisted as a M/Sgt.; is now line chief, heavy duty, at Grand Island, Nebraska.

3. —PFC WOODROW FRAZIER SHIPP, born January 9, 1917, son of Mrs. Ora Shipp, Bullard, attended Bullard High School; volunteered for the Army on January 30, 1941; served overseas from April 13, 1943, to September 14, 1945, in North Apennines and Po Valley; awards: EAME Campaign with 2 Bronze Stars, American Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Pfc Shipp received an honorable discharge from the Army on October 9, 1945, at Ft. Sam Houston.

4. —1ST/SGT. CLEMENTS A. SHIPP, born March 24, 1921, son of Mrs. Ora Shipp, Bullard, volunteered for Army Air Forces on June 27, 1939; trained ORD Kearns, Utah, and Camp Stoneman, Calif.; served overseas from Sept. 25, 1944, to Nov. 26, 1945, in New Guinea Campaign, Bismarck, Southern Philippines and Luzon. Awards: Pre-Pearl Harbor, Asiatic-Pacific 4 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation 1 Star. Currently stationed at Kelly Field, Texas, with 4121st AAF Base Unit.

5. —SGT. TRAVIS HAMILTON SHIPP, born April 25, 1925, son of Mrs. Ora Shipp of Bullard, attended Bullard High School; entered service July 29, 1943, assigned to the Army Air Force; received his training in Amarillo and Lubbock, Tex., Scott Field, Yuma, Arizona; received Good Conduct Medal. He was promoted to Sgt. in Nov., 1944. Sgt. Shipp was discharged in Oct., 1945, and re-enlisted, and is now radio technician in National Airport. His wife is the former Lola Partney of Tyler.

6. —CPL. JACK CALVIN TERRY, born May 11, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Terry, Tyler, entered the Army July 31, 1945, assigned to the Infantry; trained at Camp Hood; went overseas January 18, 1946, in Haf, Germany, for 1 year occupational duty with 18th Inf. Div.; awarded Rifleman Certificate, Presidential Unit Citation, ETO and Good Conduct. Served as a jeep driver for rations for Company F; also guarded prisoners of war. Returned to the States, and was discharged Feb., 1947.

7. —1ST LT. JESSE TRAVIS HOLLINGSWORTH, born June 22, 1914, son of Mrs. C. H. Terry of Tyler, attended Tyler High School; volunteered for Army Nov., 1941, assigned to 69th Infantry; trained at Camp Shelby, Miss.; served overseas from December, 1944, to September, 1945, in Belgium and Germany, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns; awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Lieutenant Hollingsworth was discharged on Nov. 10, 1945, and re-enlisted on June 25, 1946, as T/Sgt. with Recruiting Office in Gonzales, Texas.

8. —S/SGT. HULEN GERARD TERRY, born December 12, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Terry, Tyler, attended Tyler Public Schools and volunteered April 23, 1939, for the Army, assigned to Ordnance; trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and mechanical training at Camp Holabird, Md.; overseas January, 1943, to 1945, in Russian Supply Line in Iran; awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor, Good Conduct, Asiatic Theater Ribbons. S/Sgt. Hulen Terry received an honorable discharge on October 6, 1945.

9. —SGT. DONALD DICK SHORES, born June 23, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shores of Lindale, volunteered Jan. 30, 1941, for the Army; trained at Camp Bowie; served overseas one year and eleven months, in Africa, Italy and France as squad leader and road guide in Hq. Co., 143 Inf. Reg. He received a wound in the hip while in Italy; sent to Africa to hospital for three months; awards: Purple Heart, Eastern African, Middle Eastern Campaign with four Bronze Stars. Received discharge on May 12, 1945.

10. —T/3 ELMER EDWARD SHORES, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shores of Lindale, born June 15, 1908, volunteered for the Army Dec. 3, 1936, assigned to 30th Inf. Div., Med. Det. Overseas Oct. 23, 1942, to Nov. 2, 1944, in Tunisia, French Morocco, Naples-Foggia; wounded near Sicily in Aug., 1943; awards: EAME Campaign with six Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Silver Star, four Bronze Arrowheads. Now stationed at Borden General Hospital in Chickasha, Okla.

11. —CPL. HOMER R. SHORES, born Nov. 8, 1911, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shores, Route 3, Lindale, volunteered for the Army Anti-Aircraft Dec., 1941; trained at Camp Callan, California, and Fort Bliss. He served from December 16, 1941, to June 24, 1944; awarded Good Conduct and American Defense. Cpl. Homer R. Shores received an honorable discharge from the Army on June 24, 1944. He attended the public schools of Red Springs, Texas, and served his country in peace as a farmer.

12. —S/SGT. MURRAY CHARLIE SHORES, born April 4, 1906, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shores of Lindale, volunteered March 11, 1941; trained at Dodd Field, Fort Sam Houston; served in the Army from March 11, 1941, to July 29, 1943, with the 1866th Service Unit and later the 1882nd Unit of the 8th Service Command as a fruit and vegetable inspector. Staff Sgt. Murray Charlie Shores received an honorable discharge from the Army on July 29, 1943.

13. —PFC PAUL WILLIAM SHORES, born Feb. 1, 1902, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shores of Lindale, entered the Army July 9, 1942, assigned to Quartermaster; trained at Camp Atterbury, Indiana; served overseas Jan., 1943, to March, 1945, as a supply clerk in England with 329th QM Depot. Awards: European-African-Middle Eastern and Good Conduct Medal. Shores was discharged March 25, 1945. One year from that date Paul Shores passed away from a rapid type of tuberculosis contracted while overseas.

14. —MAJ. LEONARD BAUMAN ROPER, born May 29, 1917, husband of Marjorie Ferrell Roper of Bullard, attended Texas Technological College, Lubbock; volunteered for the Army Air Corps April 25, 1941; trained at Moffett Field and Stockton, California; served overseas from March, 1943, to March, 1945, in ETO. Completed two tours of combat with the Eighth Air Force, as pilot of B-17; awards: DFC with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt Star, ETO, 4 Stars, Air Medal, 7 O.L.C. Discharged July 26, 1945.

15. —1ST LT. NEWTON VANLY WILKINSON, born Aug. 7, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilkinson of Palestine, volunteered for Army Jan. 28, 1941; trained at Camp Bowie; overseas July, 1944, to Nov., 1945, 81st Div., "Wild Cats," in Liberation of Philippines, Battle of Angaur, Palau Group, Occupation of Japan; wounded on Angaur Island, Sept., 1944; awards: Purple Heart, Philippine Liberation with one Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific with two Bronze Stars and others. Received an honorable discharge on Feb. 17, 1946.

16. —2ND LT. EVERETT E. ELLIOTT, born April 7, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Elliott, Overton, attended Texas A & M, the University of N. Carolina; volunteered for service in the Marine Corps July 1, 1943; received training at Quantico, Virginia; overseas from August, 1945, to Sept., 1946; served in Tientsin, China, in repatriation of Japanese by first Marine Division. Lieutenant Everett Elliott received an honorable discharge on October 23, 1946.

17. —Sp.(S)1/c EDDIE AMELIA DENT WALKER, born April 17, 1910, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dent of Henderson, wife of J. R. Walker, Longview, received her education in Henderson Public Schools and Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College, Nacogdoches; volunteered for the Waves, assigned to Personnel on March 12, 1943; received training at Hunter College, New York; served at Corpus Christi NAS, and while there married. Sp. (S)1/c Walker was discharged Nov., 1945.

18. —S/SGT. GEORGE FRANKLIN DENT, born July 29, 1946, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dent of Henderson, husband of Anita Morris Dent, Henderson, entered the Army on July 28, 1942; trained at Camp Wolters and Camp Gruber; served overseas as Dec., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in England, campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awards: Good Conduct, ETO with five Battle Stars. Staff Sgt. Dent received an honorable discharge on December 1, 1945.

19. —PhM1/c SAMUEL ERWIN JOHNSON, JR., born Feb. 11, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Johnson, Sr., Laneville, volunteered for Navy April, 1942, assigned to Medical Corps; trained at U.S.N.T.S. San Diego, Calif.; served overseas March, 1944, to July, 1945, in Mediterranean Sea, France, Italy, Sicily, North Africa and invasion of Southern France; awards: ETO, one Battle Star, American Defense and Good Conduct. Received an honorable discharge Jan. 6, 1946.

20. —1ST LT. BENJAMIN BANE JOHNSON, born Nov. 7, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Johnson, Sr., of Laneville, volunteered for Army Air Corps Dec., 1942, training at Sheppard Field and Santa Ana Army Air Base; served overseas from Feb. 22, 1945, to May 26, 1946, in Southern Philippines, Luzon, Western Pacific, Ryukyus, air offensive of Japan; awards: Asiatic-Pacific with five Bronze Stars, Army of Occupation, ATO, Philippine Liberation with one Bronze Star. Released from duty on July 22, 1946.

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S/Sgt. AUSTIN P. TURNER, JR.

S/Sgt. Austin Pierce Turner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Turner, Sr., 1201 E. Elm Street, Tyler, Texas, was born April 26, 1920, in Texas, and attended Tyler Junior College. He entered service October 14, 1941, with the Army Signal Corps, training at Camp Callan, California, and serving December, 1941, to February, 1944, and May, 1944, to October, 1945, overseas. Sgt. Turner participated in the Battles of Kiska and Attu, Alaskan Theater, later in the European Theater of Operations, serving as signalman in both areas. The World War II Victory Medal was awarded with American Defense Awards and Campaign Ribbons. After he returned to the States, his discharge from Army duty was granted October 14, 1945, with exactly four years of service to his credit.



Capt. JAMES R. TURNER, SR.

Capt. James Roy Turner, Sr., birth date June 26, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Turner, Sr., Tyler, Texas, attended Tyler Junior College, and is the husband of Janet Elizabeth Turner of the same city. He volunteered February 2, 1942, at Dallas for the U.S. Marine Aviation Division; trained at Hensley Field, Dallas, and Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas, and began overseas duty June, 1943, in the Pacific Theater at Guadalcanal, Munda and New Georgia, Bougainville, Bismarck Archipelago. Capt. Turner was pilot of a TBF Avenger; completed thirty-nine missions against shipping and airfields, and found and aided in rescuing Lt. Hugh Barr Miller, Jr., August 16, 1943. Upon return to States he instructed in Night Fighter Pilot. The DFC was awarded. Currently at Naval Air Station, Dallas.

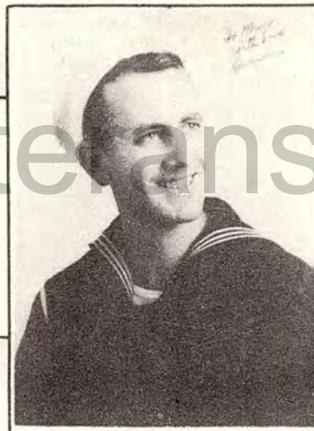


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Signalman 2/c ROBERT G. ANDERSON

SM2/c R. G. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Anderson, husband of Mary Anderson, all of Arp, where he attended grammar and high schools, volunteered July 30, 1943, at Tyler, Texas, assigned to Navy Communications; trained at San Diego, Calif., and Signal School Training, Idaho. Served in the United States 7 months and overseas 21 months in European and African Theater on USS Guadalcanal, a carrier on Anti-Submarine Patrol. Captured German Sub. U-505, towed it 25,000 miles to Bermuda. Awards: EAME, American Def., Victory, Pres. Unit Citation for the capture of the above sub. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 3, 1946.



Fire Controlman 1/c LAWRENCE D. SMITH

Fire Controlman 1/c L. D. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, Troup, husband of the former Rosalie Buchanan, 204 N. Pacific St., Mineola, born Dec. 11, 1913, attended Texas A & M College, College Sta.; volunteered April 10, 1942, at Dallas, assigned to Navy, Ordnance Branch; trained at Camp Lawrence, San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States 1 year, and overseas 27 months, in N. Atlantic Sub. Patrol aboard Destroyer USS Doran. Invasions of N. Africa, at Safi, Fr. Morocco, Sicily, at Gela, Sicily, Pearl Harbor, Eniwetok, Ulithi, Samar, and Leyte. Ribbons: American T., EAME 2 Stars, Asiatic-Pac., Philippine Lib., and Good Conduct. Hon. discharged Sept. 28, 1945.



Cpl. HARRY M. WILLIAMS

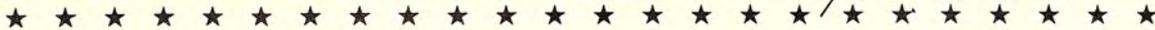
Cpl. H. M. Williams, born March 14, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Williams, Tyler. Attended Marsh Grammar and Tyler High Schools, and Sewanee College, Tenn. Volunteered for service on Sept. 12, 1942, at Tyler, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, Bombardier; trained at Majors Field, Greenville, Texas. He served in the United States from Sept. 12, 1942, until Sept. 28, 1945, in camps in Greenville, Texas, Paris, and Big Springs, Texas. Promoted to Cpl. He was dispatcher of planes. Before enlistment into the Army he was mgr. of grocery store; also practical civil engineer. He was honorably discharged Sept. 28, 1945.



Sgt. WILLIE P. WILLIAMS, JR.

Sgt. W. P. Williams, Jr., born April 28, 1922, son of W. P. Williams, Sr., 515 E. Lanthrip St., Kilgore, and Mrs. J. W. Cone, Houston, husband of Thelma Williams, Box 283, Arp. Attended North Side Grammar in Jacksonville, and Arp, Texas, High School. Volunteered for service Aug. 6, 1941, Jacksonville, Tex., and was assigned to the Marines, 2nd Div.; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States 5 months before transferring overseas Jan., 1942, until Sept. 12, 1945. In New Zealand, Pearl Harbor, Tarawa, Marshalls, Truk, Yap, Peleliu, Hawaii, Okinawa. Currently with US Marine Corps Recruiting Service.

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Pfc JAMES D. BROWN



T/4 VINNON A. WARD

Pfc J. D. Brown, born April 15, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wade, 306 Rix St., Tyler, husband of Clara D. Ellington Brown, Tyler, attended Tyler High School; entered the service March 20, 1923, assigned to Marines, 4th Div., and 15th Def. F.M.F.; trained at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif., Camp Pendleton. Served in the United States 6 months, and overseas 2 years and 1 month, in Hawaii, (Battle of Marshalls). Awards: Asiatic-Pacific, Victory, and 1 Battle Star. He graduated from Field Telephone School, M.C.B., San Diego, Calif., as a line-man; transferred to radio repair man. Pfc Brown, prior to his enlistment, was radio operator. Discharged Nov., 1945.

T/4 Sgt. V. A. Ward, born March 1, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ward, Route 5, Tyler, husband of Louise Ward, P.O. Box 1075, Troup, attended Troup Grammar and High Schools and college at Henderson; entered the service April 6, 1943, and was assigned to Army Stationary Engr. Div.; trained at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and Camp Claiborne, La. Overseas 1 year and 9 months in Central Burma, India Burma and China with 780th Petroleum Distrib. Co. Awards: ATO, Asiatic-Pac., 2 Stars, Victory, Good Conduct, EAME Medal. Promoted from Pfc to rank of T/4 Nov., 1943. Discharged Jan. 18, 1946, at Sep. Cen., Camp Fannin, Texas.



WO (jg) CHESTER D. WARNER



Signalman 2/c J. D. WILBURN WEAVER

W.O. (jg) C.D. Warner, born July 7, 1910, son of Mrs. A. C. Warner, Huntsville, husband of Doris L. Warner, 1517 N. Central Ave., Tyler. Attended Edna High School; volunteered for service Nov. 8, 1939, at Houston, and was assigned to the Army 69th C.A. Div.; trained at Fort Crockett, Texas; served in the United States from Nov. 8, 1939, to Aug. 5, 1944, and later 10 more months; overseas 14 months, and from Aug. 23, 1946, to present time. In France, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Battle of the Bulge, and Remagen Bridge. Awarded: Bronze Star, Purple Heart with Cluster, Pres. U. Citation. Currently with 609 Light Equip. Co. overseas.

SM2/c J. D. W. Weaver, born April 20, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Weaver, Route 1, Winona, husband of Bobbie J. Weaver. Attended Winona Grammar and High Schools; volunteered for service on July 8, 1942, at Dallas, and was assigned to the United States Navy Armed Guard, with training at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States 11 months, and overseas 2 years and 7 months, in American, European and Pacific Theaters, and the invasion of Italy and S. France; awarded Good Conduct Medal. He was promoted from S1/c to SM3/c, then to SM2/c. Prior to enlisting SM2/c Weaver was farming at Winona, Texas. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 12, 1946.



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1st Lt. WILLIE B. HALL

1st Lt. W. B. Hall, born Jan. 16, 1918, son of Henry P. Hall, husband of Christene Wood Hall, all of Lindale, was educated at Lindale Grammar and High Schools, and Texas A & M College, College Sta.; entered the service on March 21, 1942, at Tyler, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Buckley Field, Colo., Miami Beach, Fla.; served in the United States 19 months, and overseas 22 months, in England, France, Belgium. Campaigns: Ardennes, Rhineland, C. Europe, and N. France. Awarded: American Def., and EAME Medals. 1st Lt. Hall was honorably discharged at Baer Field, Indiana, on January 16, 1946.



RM2/c EDWARD L. HANCOCK

R.M.2/c Edward Lonnie Hancock, born June 20, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hancock, 118 So. Beverly, Tyler, attended Stephen F. Austin Elementary School in Greenville and Tyler High School; entered service September 6, 1943, assigned to Navy Radio School, training at Corpus Christi; served overseas from July, 1944, to September, 1944, in La Te, Cuba. Returning to the States, he was stationed at Norfolk, Va., and Miami, Fla., before he was given an honorable discharge from the Navy on January 19, 1946. Prior to serving he was employed as a coppersmith by Cotton Belt Railroad.



Cpl. VERNON G. HARDY

Cpl. Vernon Grady Hardy, born November 10, 1906, son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Hardy of Henderson, Texas, and husband of Emma Ranft Hardy, Houston, attended Arp High School; entered service May 7, 1942, assigned to the Army 30 Division; trained at Fort Jackson, Fort Benning and Camp Blanding; served overseas from March, 1945, to September, 1945, in ETO and in the battle for Germany; awarded Good Conduct Medal and one Battle Star. Corporal Vernon Grady Hardy received an honorable discharge from the Army on October 16, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. He was a fireman at Barksdale Field, La., prior to entering the Army.



S/Sgt. WALTER E. HARRISON

S/Sgt. Walter Earle Harrison, born November 1, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Fortner, and husband of Imogene Harrison, all of Winona, attended Winona High School, and entered service on November 6, 1942, assigned to the Army 1913th Engr. Avn. Bn.; trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Fort Dix, N.Y.; served overseas from Aug., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Luzon. Awarded the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific with 4 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with one Bronze Star, Victory Medal and Good Conduct. He received an honorable discharge on Nov. 11, 1945.



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Sgt. JAMES T. BETTINGFIELD



Cpl. JERRY E. BISCOE

Sgt. James Turner Bettingfield, born August 23, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Bettingfield, Tyler, entered service September 24, 1941, assigned to 41 Infantry Div. of the Army. He received his training at Camp Roberts, California, and served overseas from March 19, to March 9, 1945, in New Guinea, Papua, Dutch New Guinea, Madka Island and Biak Island. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific with two Bronze Stars, American Defense, Good Conduct and Combat Infantry Badge. Received promotion to Sgt. Sept., 1944. Sgt. Bettingfield received an honorable discharge from the Army on June 12, 1945.

Cpl. Jerry E. Biscoe, born December 24, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Walker, husband of Merle Biscoe, of Bullard, attended Sam Houston College in Huntsville; volunteered for the Marines on Feb. 11, 1943, in Tyler. Received his training at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, and Camp Elliott, San Diego; served overseas from June 20, 1943, to November 27, 1944, in Russell Islands, Guadalcanal, Los Negros, New Guinea, Australia, and Peleliu. Wounded twice in 1944 at Cape Gloucester and at Peleliu Island; awarded 2 Purple Hearts and Bronze Star Medal for heroism on Peleliu. Received an honorable discharge from Marines on Oct. 1, 1945.



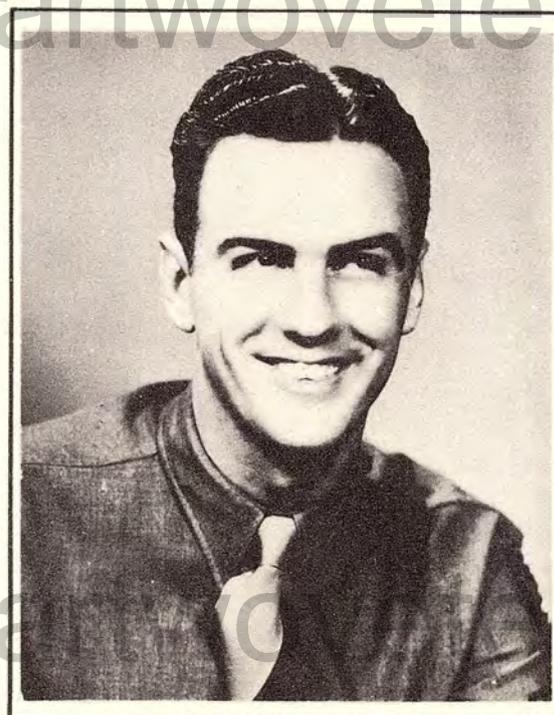
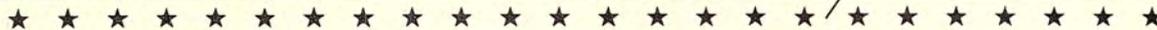
Pvt. JAMES R. BROOM



Cpl. THOMAS B. BROWN

Pvt. James R. Broom, born November 12, 1922, in Miss., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Broom, of Arp, Texas, attended Hatley Elementary and High School in Armony, Miss. Volunteered February 27, 1943, at Camp Shelby, Miss., and was assigned to Army Infantry, Field Artillery, Btry. E, 26 Bn, 6 Reg.; received his training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; served overseas from September, 1943, to May, 1945, in Southwest Pacific. Private James R. Broom received an honorable discharge from the Army on May 18, 1945.

Cpl. Thomas Brooks Brown, born January 18, 1921, son of Mrs. Etta S. Brown, Lindale, received his education at Federal Institute College in Tyler; entered service August 12, 1942, assigned to Army 42nd Bomb Group (M); received his training A.A.F.T.T.C., B.T.C. #5, Kearns, Utah; served overseas from March, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Solomon, New Guinea and Philippine Islands. He was instructed in operation of teletypes while in the States, and served as an operator while overseas. Corporal Thomas Brown was honorably discharged on Nov. 23, 1945. Prior to Army Service, he was with Armour Packing Company in Austin.



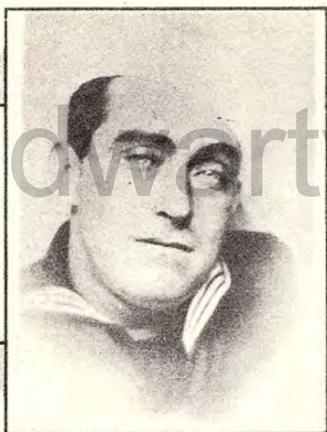
Sgt. ERNEST O. STAPLES

Sgt. Ernest Orion Staples, son of Mrs. Bernice G. Staples, Route 1, Lindale, Texas, was born May 10, 1921, a native of Lindale; attended Tyler, Texas, Junior College, and is the husband of Pat Clindining Staples, Greenville, Texas. Prior to his entry into the Armed Forces he was accountant-bookkeeper for an insurance firm. Sgt. Staples volunteered September 21, 1942, at Tyler for the Army Air Corps, training and later serving at Majors Field, Greenville, Texas. His total duty was served in the States, and nine months of the time was in Headquarters Army Airways Communications. The American Theater Ribbon was awarded with World War II Victory, American Defense and Good Conduct Awards. Discharge from the Army Air Corps was granted February 13, 1946, with three and one half years of faithful service to Sgt. Staples' credit.



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F1/c GARLAND E. BROWNING



*Sgt. RAYMOND D. CAPPS

F1/c Garland Edward Browning, born June 18, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Browning, and husband of Myrtle Jo Burkett Browning, Tyler, attended Tyler High School, and entered service Dec. 7, 1943. Assigned to the Navy Amphibious Division, he received his training in San Diego, Calif., and Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif., and served overseas from April, 1944, to November, 1945, in South Pacific; awards were American Theater, Victory Medal and Asiatic-Pacific 3 Battle Stars. F1/c Garland Edward Browning received an honorable discharge from the Navy on November 11, 1945, in Nashville, Tenn.

Sgt. Raymond D. Capps, born October 27, 1918, son of Mrs. Myrtle Tomberlain, and husband of Mrs. Alta Mae Capps, both of Tyler, received his education in the New London Elementary and High Schools. He entered service on February 19, 1943, assigned to the Army 11th Airborne Division; trained at MacKall, N. Carolina, and Camp Polk, La.; served overseas from May, 1944, to Jan., 1945, in New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon in the Philippine Islands. Sgt. Raymond D. Capps paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country with his life on January 31, 1945, in Luzon, Philippine Islands. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously.



Pfc RAYMOND L. CARNES

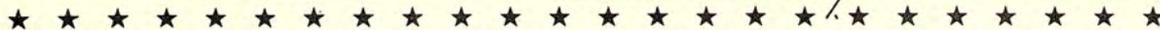


Plt. Sgt. THOMAS J. CLAUD

Pfc Raymond L. Carnes, born September 14, 1913, son of Mrs. Jennie R. Carnes, husband of Florene Carnes, both of Tyler, entered service December 17, 1942, and was assigned to Medical Detachment; received his training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; served overseas from June, 1943, to November, 1945, in England, France, Belgium and Holland. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and Four Bronze Stars. Private First Class Raymond L. Carnes received an honorable discharge from the Army on November 21, 1945. He was at the Lone Store in Texarkana before entering service.

Plt. Sgt. Thomas James Claud, born May 13, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Claud, husband of Lucille Claud, Tyler, entered service on March 30, 1943. Assigned to 2nd Division of the Marines, he trained at San Diego, Calif., and served overseas from September 20, 1943, to Dec. 23, 1945, in Japan, Hawaii, Tarawa, Saipan, and Tinian, Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa; was wounded on Tarawa Nov., 1943. He was awarded Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal for heroism on Tinian, Good Conduct Medal. Sgt. Thomas James Claud received an honorable discharge from the Marines on January 3, 1946.

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1st Lt. DAERL R. GANDY

1st Lt. Daerl Russell Gandy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie O. Gandy, 528 Douglas Blvd., Tyler, Texas, was born June 22, 1922, in Burkburnett, Texas, and is the husband of Mrs. Francis Joyce Edens Gandy, also of Tyler. He attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and volunteered October 28, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, Troop Carrier Command, training at the Gulf Coast Training Command. Lt. Gandy received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant March 15, 1944, and was promoted to his present rank fifteen months later. His overseas duty was served September, 1944, to January, 1946, in the Pacific Theater on New Guinea, Biak, Morotai, Okinawa, Philippine Islands and in Japan. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with five Battle Stars was awarded with Air Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, World War II Victory, American Defense and American Theater Awards. After returning to the States he was granted discharge March 19, 1946. In civilian life Lt. Gandy is a geologist.



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Ens. WILLIAM H. PARKER

Ensign William H. Parker, born January 4, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Parker of Arp, Texas, attended Arp Public Schools. Volunteered Jan. 4, 1943, for the Navy Air Corps, as a Cadet; trained at U.S.N. Flight Prep, Austin, Kerrville, Del Monte, Calif., Corpus Christi and Miami, Fla. He served overseas nine months in Marianas Islands and Leyte; took part in the battle of Japanese home island aboard carrier USS Randolph; awards were Air Medal, Gold Star in lieu of 2nd Air Medal and the Navy Cross. After the War his Squadron flew over Oaska Kobe and dropped food and supplies to the men who were prisoners of war. Discharged Nov. 7, 1945.



SC 3/c RALPH E. DUMAS

SC3/c Ralph Edmond Dumas, born January 22, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archer Dumas of Troup, and husband of Ouida Dale Dumas, of Arp, entered service March 22, 1944, and was assigned to Navy, training at U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., and Port Hueneme, Calif. Served overseas from October, 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Guam, Pearl Harbor, Eniwetok, Kwajalein and Johnston Island with C.A.S.U. 12 the entire time. Ships Cook 3/c Ralph Edmond Dumas received an honorable discharge from the Navy on September 21, 1945. He was in the grocery business before entering the Navy.



S1/c WILLIAM H. DUMAS

S1/c William H. Dumas, born December 17, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archer Dumas of Troup, attended Troup High School, and entered service on March 22, 1944. Assigned to the Navy, receiving his training at San Diego, California. Served overseas from May, 1944, to April, 1946, in Ulithi, Marshalls, Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Japan. He was awarded one Battle Star for Okinawa, American Defense, Victory, Asiatic-Pacific Area and American Theater of War Ribbons. He served all of the 25 months on the USS Casade A.D. 16. S1/c William H. Dumas received an honorable discharge from the Navy on April 30, 1946.



Sgt. TILLMAN J. COLE

Sgt. Tillman Jerome Cole, born Dec. 26, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cole and husband of Velma Fielding Cole, all of Tyler, attended Tyler Junior College. Entered service May 11, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Americal Div., training at Fort Riley. Served overseas from Oct., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in New Caledonia, Fiji Islands, Bougainville, Leyte, Samar, Occupation of Japan and in the battles of Solomons and Philippines; wounded March, 1944, on Bougainville. His awards were Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific with 2 Bronze Stars and 1 Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation with 1 Star. Discharged Dec. 10, 1945.



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Sgt. LOGAN W. CREWS

Sgt. Logan W. Crews, born June 22, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dolphie Crews, and husband of Frances Crews, Lindale, is a graduate of Texas A & M College. Entered service Feb. 25, 1943, and was assigned to Army, 487th Port Bn., T.C., training at Indiantown Gap, Pa., and Fort Hamilton, N.Y. Served overseas from Aug., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in England, Wales, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, battles of Normandy, Ardennes and Rhineland. His awards were EAME Campaign Ribbon, 4 Stars, 1 Arrowhead, French Croix de Guerre and Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. Sgt. Crews received an honorable discharge from the Army on November 28, 1945.



Sgt. ROY H. DRIGGERS

Sgt. Roy Howard Driggers, born May 20, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Driggers, Tyler, attended Tyler High School and entered service Sept. 21, 1942. Assigned to 13th Army Air Force and served overseas from April, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Bismarck Archipelago, Central Pacific, Eastern Mandates, New Guinea, Northern Solomons, Luzon, Western Pacific, Air Combat Borneo. His awards were Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 8 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, 1 Service Stripe, 4 Overseas Bars, Distinguished Unit Badge and Oak Leaf Cluster. Sgt. Roy Howard Driggers received an honorable discharge from the Army on October 29, 1945.



MoMM1/c SETH B. ECHOLS

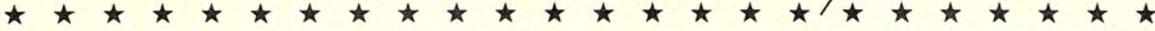
MoMM1/c Seth Bryan Echols, born October 18, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Echols of Troup, husband of Lila Dee Woodward Echols, of Overton, attended Salem High School. Volunteered July 17, 1942, for the Navy, assigned to the Amphibious Branch; trained at San Diego and Las Cruces, New Mexico; served overseas from May, 1943, to Oct., 1945, on USS L.S.T. 479 at Kiska, Makin, Kwajalein, Hollandia, Guam and on USS L.S.T. 724 at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. His awards were 2 citations on 479, one for expert seamanship in rescuing an L.C.T. crew in a storm, and one for helping put out a fire at Pearl Harbor. Discharged Oct. 6, 1945.



M/Sgt. HARRY S. FUTOR

M/Sgt. Harry Shelton Futor, born February 26, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Futor, Tyler, attended Longview High School, and volunteered Feb. 2, 1942. Assigned to the Army Air Corps, he trained at Barksdale Field, La., and Fort Myers, Florida. Served overseas from Sept., 1942, to June, 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, EAME with 9 Bronze Battle Stars for Northern France, Normandy, Ardennes, Central Europe, air offensive of Europe, Rhineland, Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Sicily. Distinguished Unit Citation and American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medal. Discharged on September 25, 1945.

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Pfc CECIL J. HESTER



PhM1/c RALPH W. COLE

Pfc Cecil J. Hester, born January 28, 1906, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sudie Hester, Lindale, attended Springhill School of Longview, and entered service October 19, 1942. Assigned to the Army, training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and Camp Butler, N. Carolina, and serving overseas from March, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Milne Bay, New Guinea, in Eng. Construction Bn., Constructing 11 docks in 10 mos. and in the invasions of Hollandia, Leyte, Subic Bay and Appari. His awards were Asiatic-Pacific with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Lib. with one Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit Badge and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct. 20, 1945.

PhM1/c Ralph Waldo Cole, born January 17, 1921, son of Mrs. Lucy A. Cole, McKinney, Texas, and husband of Ruby Beatrice Cole, Melissa, Texas. He volunteered March 15, 1941, with the Naval Medical Corps, transferred to Marine Corps as hospital apprentice, and volunteered for Sub duty. After Underwater Training, he served aboard the USS S-34 operated out of Dutch Harbor, Alaska; stationed as agent at Midway Island for one year; then was assigned to USS Piranha on war patrol duty. The Submarine Combat Pin with one Star was awarded for two successful war patrols. He is currently with Naval Barracks, Houston, Texas.



SC3/c HAROLD H. RAY



Rm3/c JOHN D. RAY

SC3/c Ray was born on Oct. 31, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ray of Prosper, and husband of Rachel E. Ray of Dallas. Graduate of Prosper High, he entered the Navy Nov. 2, 1943, and trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, until Nov., 1945, in the Pacific Area in Japan, Philippines, Marshalls, Solomons, New Caledonia, New Guinea, Admiralties, Russell Is., participating in the invasions of Guam, Leyte, and Okinawa. Ships Cook Third Class Ray was assigned to the USS George Clymer in April, 1944, and was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy on the 8th of December, 1945, after 25 mos. of service.

Rm3/c Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ray of Prosper, Texas, was born Sept. 4, 1924, and graduated from Prosper High School, entering Navy Communications on March 24, 1944; he was sent to San Diego for training. Overseas from Oct., 1944, to April, 1946, in the Philippines and Admiralty Is., participating in the Invasion of Luzon. He served with Mobile Comm. Unit 40-A, which was Radio Manila several mos.; it disbanded in July, 1945, and Mobile Comm. Unit 470 was formed, serving in Japan as Radio Tokyo for a short time, later becoming the Army-Navy joint Communication System. On May 10, 1946, Radioman 3/c Ray received an honorable discharge from the U.S.N.

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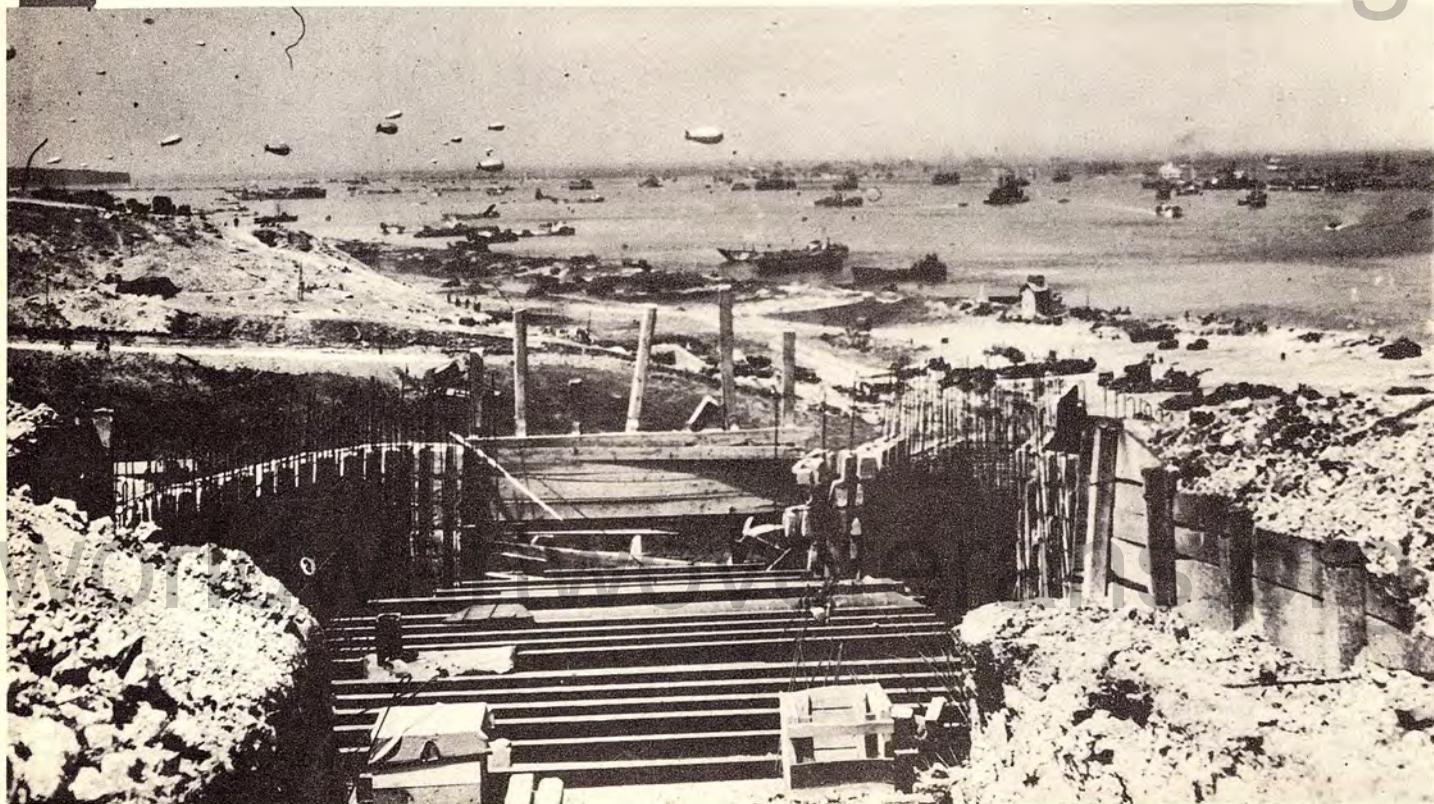
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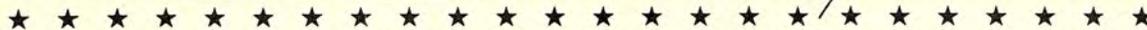
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UNFILLED WEST WALL GAP

1088 Uncompleted fortifications on the German West Wall on the Normandy Coast of France look down on a huge Allied Supply Fleet the enemy had hoped to sink before landings could be made.

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Pfc MALFRED W. VITTITOW

Pfc Malfred W. Vittitow was born January 17, 1923, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Vittitow of Plano, Texas. He attended Southern Methodist University at Dallas, entered the Army Infantry 35th Div. December 29, 1943, and trained at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and began overseas duty July, 1944, in the European Theater. Pfc Vittitow served as combat rifleman and with Military Police Bn. in charge of two-way radio station issuing information to jeep patrols, and participated in the campaigns of Northern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland; was wounded August 23, 1944, and December 17, 1944. The Purple Heart was awarded with EAME Ribbon and three Bronze Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. Returned to States, and was discharged March 8, 1946.



Sgt. FRED I. CROUCH

Sgt. Fred I. Crouch, was born February 7, 1913, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crouch, Celina, Texas. He attended Weston, Texas, High School, and volunteered January 9, 1942, at Sherman, Texas, for the Army Air Force, training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Sgt. Crouch served overseas April, 1944, to July, 1945, in the air offensive of Europe, Normandy, Central Europe, Northern and Southern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland. The EAME Campaign Ribbon with seven Bronze Battle Stars was awarded with the Good Conduct Medal and two Overseas Service Bars. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge October 3, 1945.

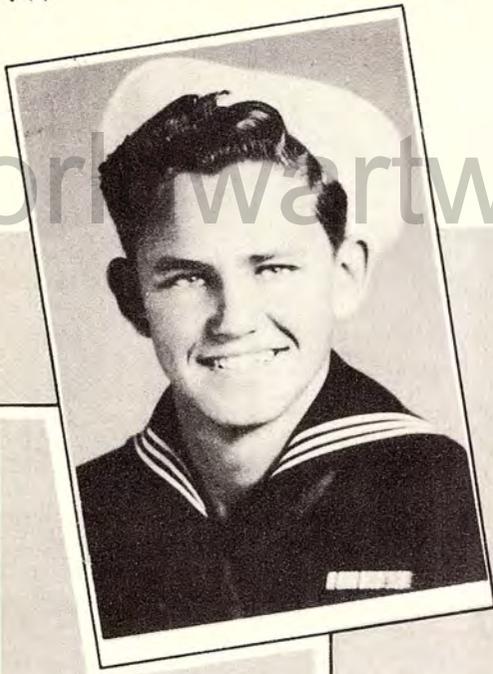


Pfc JOE R. CROUCH

Pfc Joe R. Crouch was born April 29, 1905, a native of Texas, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crouch, Celina, Texas. He attended school at Melissa, Texas, and entered service October, 1942, at Dallas. Was assigned to the Army Detachment Service, and trained at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. Pfc Crouch served March, 1943, to December, 1944, with the Northwest Service Command in British Columbia, Canada. His awards include the American Theater Campaign Medal with Good Conduct Award and three Overseas Bars. After returning to the States he was granted discharge from the U. S. Army on June 7, 1945.



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SM 2/c ODIL Z. ALLEN

SM 2/c Odil Zirkle Allen, birthdate July 1, 1921, a native of Texas, son of John Claude Allen, McKinney. Attended Wylie, Texas, School, and entered the U.S. Naval Reserve June 29, 1942. He trained at the Naval Stations in San Diego, and began overseas duty August, 1942, in the South Pacific Theater where he participated in the battles of Guadalcanal, Santa Cruz, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Marianas Islands, Leyte, Luzon and other Pacific areas. His awards include four Campaign Ribbons and eleven Battle Stars with various other ribbons and awards. After returning to the States he was granted discharge from the U. S. Navy at Camp Wallace, Texas, on November 10, 1945.



Cpl. WALTER E. ALLEN

Cpl. Walter Eugene Allen, born August 21, 1925, son of John C. Allen, McKinney, Texas, attended the Wylie, Texas, Schools, and volunteered August 18, 1943, at Dallas for the U.S. Marine Corps, 3rd Division. He trained at Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., and began overseas duty February, 1944, in the Pacific Theater. Cpl. Allen served in the Pearl Harbor area, Johnston Island, Marshall Islands and on the Marianas in the "mop-up" of Guam. Various ribbons and medals were awarded including the Rifle Sharpshooter Award. He was promoted to Corporal two days before his discharge from service on March 14, 1946.



Sgt. JOHNNIE L. EGNEW

Sgt. Johnnie Lee Egnew, husband of Pauline Egnew, Wylie, Texas, born Feb. 16, 1917, son of John D. Egnew, also of Wylie, attended Plano Public Schools, and volunteered Feb. 24, 1944, for U. S. Marine Corps, 6th Division; trained at San Diego, Calif. From November, 1944, to February, 1946, Sgt. Egnew served in the Pacific Theater on Guadalcanal, Guam and Okinawa Shima, participating in Okinawa Campaign. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation and honorably discharged March 2, 1946. Sgt. Egnew previously served with Marine Corps Oct., 1936, to Oct., 1940, serving 38 months in China; received first discharge in 1940.

1. —PVT. LEON K. REEVES, born March 25, 1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Reeves of McKinney, Texas. Husband of Mrs. Muriel Reeves. Entered service December 11, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army Anti-Aircraft Division. He received his training at Camp Callan, California. Served overseas January 8, 1945, to January 5, 1946, in Kerkrade, Wittenburg, Germany, and Elbe River. Awarded American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. Received discharge Jan. 12, 1946.
2. —T/4 OLIVER H. REEVES, born July 17, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Reeves of McKinney, Texas. Entered service Feb. 13, 1942, at Fort Sill, Okla., in the Army Field Art. Trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Served overseas Dec. 27, 1942, to Nov. 22, 1945, in New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon. Was awarded Combat Infantryman Badge, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with 2 Bronze Stars. Discharged Dec., 1945.
- * 3. —PVT. CURTIS A. REEVES, born Sept. 29, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Reeves of McKinney, Texas. Volunteered for service May 13, 1941, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at March Field, Calif. Served overseas Nov., 1941, to May, 1942, in Luzon, and Battle of Corregidor, Bataan. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice May 25, 1942, at Camp O'Donnell, Philippines, a prisoner of war camp. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon.
4. —M.M. 1/c ROY LEE SPURGIN, born Aug. 1, 1915. Husband of Mrs. Netta M. Spurgin of Wylie, Texas. Volunteered for service May 1, 1942, in the Navy Construction Seabees. Trained at Camp Bradford, Va. Served overseas March, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Hawaii, for 15 months and Marianas Islands 17 months. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was honorably discharged November 7, 1945. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Spurgin of Wylie, Texas.
5. —T/3 CHARLES KENNETH TRAPHAGAN, born Sept. 8, 1918. Husband of Mrs. D. L. Traphagan of Richardson, Texas. Entered service June 12, 1942, in the Army Ordnance. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky. Served overseas Jan., 1945, to Jan., 1946, in South Pacific area. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, Letters of Commendation on building of planes for Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and World War II Victory Ribbons. Was discharged Jan. 12, 1946.
6. —SGT. RALPH SIDNEY TENNELL, born Nov. 2, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tennell of Garland, Texas. Entered service Jan. 12, 1944, in the Army 525th Bomb. Sq., 8th Air Force. Trained at Kingman, Ariz., and Bedford, England. Served overseas Jan., 1945, to Aug., 1945, in England, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Ardennes, and Rhineland. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb., 1946.
- * 7. —S. 1/c RAYMOND CLIFFORD TENNELL, born Sept. 18, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stith Tennell of Garland, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 13, 1940, at Dallas, Texas, in the Navy. Received his training at San Diego, California. Served overseas February 1, 1941, to December 7, 1941. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Dec. 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor. Was awarded Purple Heart posthumously. Received his education in Plano High School.
8. —R. M. 3/c GRANT DAVIS THOMPSON, born Feb. 20, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Thompson of Plano, Texas. Volunteered for service March 24, 1944, in the Navy Communication Division. Trained at Farragut, Idaho. Served overseas Feb., 1945, to Dec., 1945, on the Tanker USS Cache (A.O.67) in the Pacific. He received the Asiatic-Pacific with 2 Battle Stars, American Theater, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Jan. 30, 1946.
9. —1ST LT. AUSTIN L. CRAGER, born Jan. 19, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crager, Rt. 2, Ballinger, enlisted in Army 90th Div. March, 1941; transferred to A.A.C. in 1942; trained at Santa Ana. Credited with 39 missions as B-24 pilot with 13th A.A.F. in the Pacific Islands from 1944 to 1945. Awarded 7 Battle Stars, 4 OL Clusters; Air Medal, 2 Presidential Unit Citations, and other medals and citations. Separated from service July 30, 1945; Lt. Crager is now a reserve officer.
10. —SGT. CLIFTON CLEO WRIGHT, born Oct. 6, 1916, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright of Anson, and husband of the former Helen L. Crager of Ballinger. He entered the Army 36th Div. Jan. 22, 1941, at Dallas; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass. Overseas from April, 1942, to May, 1944, in the invasion of Italy. Battles of Mt. Comeano and Cassino. Medals: Pres. Unit Cit. Combat Inf. Badge, ETO, 1 Arrowhead, 2 Battle Stars, and Good Conduct. Discharged Sept. 25, 1945.
11. —PFC HORACE RAYMOND BOST, born June 30, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bost of Rockwall, Texas. Entered service July 9, 1942, in the Army CAC Division. Trained at Camp Wallace, Texas. Served overseas Nov., 1942, to Dec., 1945, in Rhineland, Aleutian Islands, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, American Theater, and Victory Ribbons. Discharged Dec. 15, 1945.
- * 12. —PFC WILLIAM HAROLD BINION, born April 2, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaRoe of Kaufman, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 11, 1943, in the Marines, Co. B., 1st Bn., 1st Marines. Trained at Camp Elliott. Served overseas May, 1944, to Sept. 20, 1944, in Solomon Islands, and Peleliu. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Sept. 20, 1944, at Peleliu Island, Pala Islands. Awarded Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Sharp Shooter, American Defense, and Victory Medals.
13. —1ST LT. JOHN HENRY CLEM, born July 16, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Clem of Rockwall, Texas. Volunteered for service Feb. 21, 1942, in the Army Air Force. Trained at Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash. Served overseas Aug., 1942, to Sept., 1943, in British Isles; returned to U.S. in 1943 to attend Officer Candidate School. Awarded Meritorious Service Award, Army Commendation Award, European Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct., 1945.
14. —LT. (JG) RICHARD KING LEWIS, born July 13, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lewis of Conroe, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept., 1942, as a Navy Fighter Pilot. Trained at Del Monte, Calif., and Corpus Christi, Texas. Served overseas Sept., 1944, to April, 1945, in Luzon, Leyte Island, Samar Island, West Sulu Sea, French Indo China, and Okinawa. Awarded Unit Citation, Air Medal, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct., 1945.
15. —C.W.O. BENJIMAN LEE LESLIE, born April 10, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Leslie of Rockwall. Volunteered for service March 8, 1939, in the Army 504th Parachute Infantry Division. Trained at Fts. Warren, Wyo., Bragg, N.C., and Benning, Ga. Served overseas April, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Ardennes, and Germany. Awarded Combat Infantry Badge, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, and Victory Medal. Now with 82nd Airborne Div., 504th Parachute Regt.
16. —SGT. BENJIMAN SHEPPARD NICHOL, born Oct. 26, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Nichol of Royce City, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 9, 1942, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Camp Luna, New Mexico. Served in the United States September 9, 1942, to December 5, 1945. He received the Good Conduct, American Theater, Carbine, Marksman, Pistol and Rifle, Sharp Shooter, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Discharged Dec. 5, 1945.
17. —S2/c GEARLD E. CROTSENBURG, was born on Sept. 29, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crotsenburg, and nephew of Mrs. J. A. Driggers, 212 South Beverly St., Tyler, Texas. He attended Bommer Grammar and Tyler High Schools in Tyler, and on the 4th of June, 1943, he entered the Naval Air Force, and was sent to Rodd Field Naval Air Base at Corpus Christi, Texas, for his training. He served in the N.A.F. until Jan. 29, 1946, and at the present resides with his wife Margie in Tyler, Texas.
18. —SGT. WACO FRANK FRAZIER, born July 19, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Frazier of Cat Spring, Texas. Entered service Nov. 15, 1945, in the Army 81st Division, 18th Army, 9th Corps. Trained at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. Served overseas Oct., 1945, to Aug., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater and in Japan. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), Rifle Sharpshooter, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Aug. 21, 1946.
19. —CPL. DALLAS F. W. FRAZIER, born Oct. 18, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Frazier of Cat Spring, Texas. Entered service Sept. 15, 1942, in the Army 4th A.F.R.D. Trained at Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif. Served overseas Oct., 1943, to July, 1945, in England, Africa, and European Theater. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 17, 1945.
20. —T/4 THOMAS ALBERT HOFFMAN, born Feb. 23, 1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Marcum of Odessa, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 15, 1941, in the Army 36th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie. Served overseas April, 1943, to June, 1945, in Africa, Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Southern France, Rome, Cassino, Naples-Foggia, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged, 1945.

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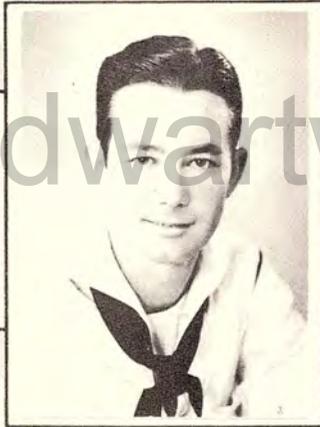
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MM 3/c JAMES T. BYERS

MM3/c James Thomas Byers, born October 3, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Byers, Wylie, Texas, and husband of Audrenell Pate Byers, 6501 Telephone Rd., Houston, Texas. Attended East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce, and volunteered August 26, 1942, at Dallas for the U.S. Naval Reserve, training at San Diego, San Francisco, San Pedro and Bremerton, Calif. He served May, 1944, to October, 1945, in the Pacific Theater, and was aboard the U.S.S. Colbert when it was blown up, hitting a floating mine in the China Sea; also served on the U.S.S. Lamberton. Two Battle Stars were awarded. Discharged Oct. 29, 1945.



T/Sgt. HOYT C. BYERS

T/Sgt. Hoyt Cope Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Byers, Wylie, Texas, born September 23, 1923, in Texas. His wife is Margie Malone Byers, 703 Ave. B., Garland, Texas. Volunteered October 25, 1942, for the Army Air Corps; served with the 8th AAF, 389 Bomb. Group; and trained at various fields in the States. January to September, 1944, Sgt. Byers served as aerial engineer and gunner on a B-24 plane, participating in the invasion on D-Day and making thirty missions over France, Belgium and Germany. The Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, D.F.C. and Pres. Unit Citation were awarded. Member of Caterpillar Club. Discharged June 1, 1945.



S/Sgt. CHARLES M. COOPER, JR.

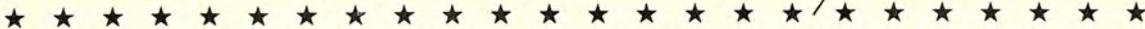
S/Sgt. Charles Murdock Cooper, born January 7, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Cooper, 711 W. Lamar, McKinney, Texas, and husband of Mary Ruth Cooper. He attended Austin College at Sherman, Texas, and entered service June 12, 1944, assigned to the Army Hq. and Hq. Co., A.G.F. Army War College at Washington, D.C. He also trained and served at Ft. Bliss, Texas, Camp Maxey, and Camp Gruber, Okla., also Camp Shelby in Mississippi. The Good Conduct Medal was awarded with Meritorious Service Award-Unit Citation and other ribbons. Sgt. Cooper attended Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo. Discharged April 10, 1946.



MM 3/c THOMAS E. LINER

MM3/c Thomas Edward "Pat" Liner, born May 4, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Liner, 717 S. Main St., Farmersville, Texas, volunteered July 29, 1943, for the U.S. Navy, 5th Task Force. He served overseas September, 1943, to August, 1944, in the South Pacific; participated in the Battle of Tarawa; and was wounded June 18, 1944, at the Battle of Saipan while aboard the U.S.S. Saranac; was transferred to hospital at Pearl Harbor, and then to Oakland Naval Hospital. The Purple Heart and Presidential Citation were awarded and a medical discharge granted November 22, 1944. He had previously served with Army, 1937 to 1940. Honorably discharged.

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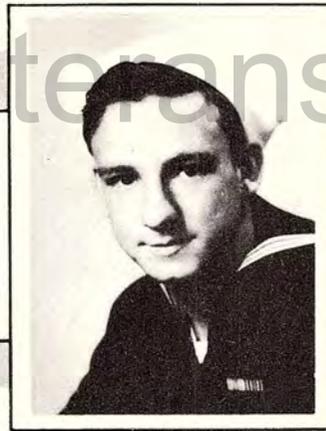
1st Lt. WILLIAM M. BENTON, JR.

1st Lt. William Merrel Benton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Benton, Sr., McKinney, Texas, was born January 17, 1923, and volunteered November 9, 1942, for the Army Air Corps as Aviation Cadet. He trained at various fields in the States, and received Bombardier Wings and commission January 14, 1944, at Midland, Texas. May, 1944, Lt. Benton began overseas duty; participated in the air offensive of Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Germany and Ardennes as Bombardier on B-17 Flying Fortress. His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME Campaign Medal with five Stars and Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster. After returning to the States, he transferred to the Reserve Corps June, 1945, and is now attending Texas University.



Pfc CARLOS R. PRESLEY

Pfc Carlos Ray Presley, son of Mr. M. W. Presley and Mrs. Stella Presley, Commerce, Texas, formerly of Dallas, was born September 27, 1922, in Texas, and attended the Commerce, Texas, Schools. He entered service January 22, 1943, at Dallas, and was assigned to the Army, training at Camp Swift, Texas. Pfc Presley served October, 1943, until December, 1945, in the European Theater where he participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe, receiving the EAME Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. Discharge was granted December 23, 1945.



S1/c W. M. STREETMAN

S1/c W. M. Streetman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Streetman, Route #1, Greenville, Texas, was born December 6, 1924, a native of Texas. He volunteered at Dallas, Texas, for service with the U.S. Navy, 7th Fleet, December 6, 1942, and trained at San Diego, California. February, 1943, he began overseas duty in the South Pacific, and participated in three battles including Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Seaman Streetman was awarded recognition for his part in saving U.S.S. Bridge after the ship was hit by a Japanese mine, November 1, 1945, off Korea. He also served in the Atlantic zone, and was discharged January 25, 1946.



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***2nd Lt. HOWARD G. FOREMAN**

2nd Lt. Howard Glenn Foreman, born January 20, 1925, in McKinney, Texas, was the son of Mrs. Ora Foreman, Virginia St., McKinney. He attended Boyd Senior High School, and entered service at Houston, Texas, April 9, 1943, with the Army Air Corps; trained at Northwestern State College, Alva, Oklahoma, and Big Springs, Texas; was commissioned as 2nd Lt. and Bombardier. Lt. Foreman began overseas duty September, 1944, in the European Theater, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice December 12, 1944, over Belgium. Air Medals were awarded with Presidential Citation, European Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and posthumous Purple Heart.



Maj. BILLY H. MARTIN

Maj. Bill H. Martin was born January 6, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Martin, 301 Benge, McKinney, Texas, and husband of Mary New Martin, Houston, Texas; attended the McKinney Schools and University of Texas at Austin. He volunteered August 18, 1941, for the Army Flying Cadet Corps; trained in California, and began overseas duty August, 1942, in England, participating in air combat of Normandy and Germany. He was reported missing in action July 20, 1944, but was prisoner of war, held in Barth, Germany, until May, 1945. Air Medal-three Clusters, Pres. Unit Citation were awarded. Remains in active duty.



Sgt. JAMES O. SEABOURN
T/4 TRUMAN H. SEABOURN

Sons of Mrs. Harlin Seabourn, Wylie, Texas.
Sgt. JAMES O. SEABOURN, born June 26, 1921, entered Army 1st Cavalry Div. Nov. 1, 1944; participated in Luzon Campaign, and served six months in the Occupation of Japan, receiving promotion to Sergeant while stationed there. After receiving various awards, he returned home; was discharged March 23, 1946.
T/4 TRUMAN H. SEABOURN, birthdate March 28, 1924, volunteered for Army Engineers August 10, 1943; served with 7th Army in Rhineland campaign, and was transferred to Japan, occupational forces, 8th Army. The Meritorious Service Plaque and other medals were awarded. Discharged March 1, 1946.



Pfc PRISCILIANO A. MARTINEZ

Pfc Prisciliano A. Martinez, born January 4, 1912, in Mexico, husband of Maria C. Martinez, Wylie, Texas, entered the Army Combat Group, 40th Engineers, September 9, 1942, and trained at Camp Lee, Virginia. He began overseas duty June, 1943; participated in the invasion of Sicily and Southern France and Battles of Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, crossing of the Rhine, and other engagements. He also served in North Africa, Oran and Bizerte. The EAME Campaign Medal with six Bronze Stars and Bronze Arrowheads was awarded with Good Conduct and Good Drivers' Medals. Pfc Martinez returned home; was discharged Sept. 23, 1945.

1. —CPL. ROY LEE ALLEN, JR., born Nov. 29, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen of McKinney, Texas. Entered service Jan. 18, 1943, in the Army Ordnance Division. Trained at Hartford, Connecticut. Served overseas March, 1944, to July, 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He received the Good Conduct, Service Plaque, 5 Battle Stars, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 26, 1945.

2. —W. T. 2/c JACK ROGERS DANIEL, born Sept. 19, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Daniel of Wylie, Texas. Volunteered for service July 31, 1944, in the Navy Fifth Amph. Force. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Jan., 1945, to June, 1946, in South Pacific area, Battle of Okinawa, and in Japan. Was awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, American Campaign Medal, American Defense, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 7, 1946.

3. —MAJOR GRAVES LEVERETT DeARMOND, born Aug. 28, 1916. Husband of Mrs. Laura Florence DeArmond of Jefferson City, Mo. Volunteered Feb. 14, 1941, in the Army 1st Cavalry Division. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Served overseas July 2, 1943, in Southwest Pacific, Australia, New Guinea, and Admiralty Islands. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Volunteered for further overseas duty; now under orders of Hawaiian Department.

*4. —PVT. CHARLES WRIGHT MAHAFFEY, born July 5, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mahaffey of Pittsburg. Attended Austin High School. Volunteered for service Jan. 22, 1942, at Houston, Texas, in the Marines 159th Platoon. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States from January 22, 1942, to May 22, 1942. He was killed May 22, 1942, at San Francisco, Calif. Was awarded American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon.

5. —SIGNALMAN 2/c FREDDY JEAN BRATTON, born March 20, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bratton of Josephine, Texas. Volunteered for service July 1, 1943, in the Navy Reserve. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Sept., 1943, to April, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific, New Guinea, Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Iwo Jima, Luzon, Philippine, Leyte, and Okinawa in Japan. Awarded Battle Stars, Asiatic-Pacific with 9 Stars, Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars. Discharged 1945.

6. —PFC H. B. ENGLAND, born June 3, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Georgia L. England of Josephine, Texas. Entered service Nov. 1, 1944, in the Army Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas. Served overseas April, 1945, to March, 1946, in Leyte, Mindanao, and Japan. He received South Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged April 24, 1946.

7. —E.M. 1/c I. G. GOLDEN, JR., born June 13, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Golden of McKinney, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 1, 1942, in the Navy Amphibious A.P.D. 48. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Aug., 1942, to Aug., 1945, at Normandy Beach, Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima, and Pacific. He received the Good Conduct, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 11, 1945. Attended McKinney High School.

8. —T/SGT. WALKER B. GOLDEN, born May 27, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Golden of McKinney, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 2, 1942, in the Army Air Corps 43B.G.R., 5th A.F. Trained at New South Wales, Australia. Served overseas Jan. 23, 1942, to Dec. 18, 1943, in Southwest Pacific, New Guinea, Papua, Bismarck Archipelago, and Northern Solomons. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Unit Citation, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Was discharged October 22, 1945.

9. —T/SGT. WALLACE HAROLD KINNEY, born Jan. 8, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kinney of Celina, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 18, 1941, at Dallas, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Calif. Served overseas Oct. 3, 1943, to Aug. 20, 1945, in North Africa and Italy. He received the Distinguished Unit Badge, Campaign Medal with 7 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, and Victory Medal, and various other ribbons.

10. —PFC PAUL EDWARD KINNEY, born Sept. 6, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kinney of Celina, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 29, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. In the Marines, 4th Division. Trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas March 5, 1944, to Nov. 20, 1945, in Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima in Japan. Awarded the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 20, 1945. Attended Alla High School in Celina, Texas.

11. —S/SGT. RAYMOND WOODROW KINNEY, born April 11, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kinney of Celina, Texas. Husband of Mrs. Jauniee McCrary Kinney of Dallas, Texas. Entered service June 16, 1941, in the Army Air Corps. Received his training at Cheyenne, Wyoming (Fort Warren). Served in the United States from June 16, 1941, to October 11, 1945. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 11, 1945.

*12. —2ND LT. LOWELL EUGENE KINNEY, born March 28, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kinney of Celina, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 10, 1941, at Houston, Texas. Trained at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Twin Engine School, Lubbock, and Camp Harmon, Ballinger, Texas. Served overseas Sept., 1942, to Nov., 1942, in European Theater. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Nov. 9, 1942, at St. Nazaire, France. Awarded Purple Heart, American Defense and Victory Ribbons.

*13. —PLT. SGT. OREN RALPH HILL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hill of Frisco, Texas. Attended Frisco High School. Entered the service September 10, 1940, in the Marines Corps. Received his training at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in Iceland for 10 months. Returned to the States; then was sent overseas to New Guinea, New Zealand, Solomons, Bougainville, Tarawa, Saipan, and Guam. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice July 21, 1944, at Guam. Awarded Purple Heart.

14. —PVT. NEVILLE WILSON HILL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hill of Frisco, Texas. Attended Frisco High School. Entered the service November 13, 1943, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in the Army Medical Corps. Received his training at Camp Berkeley, Texas. Served in the United States. Was injured while training, and was given a medical discharge December 22, 1944. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon.

15. —S/SGT. JAMES HAYS HILL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hill of Frisco, Texas. Attended Frisco High School. Entered the service January 16, 1945, in the Army. Received his training at Camp Roberts, Arkansas, and Camp Wolters, Texas. Left June 1, 1945, for Fort Ord, California. Served overseas in Manila and Yokohama. Returned to the States in October, 1946. He received the American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon with various other ribbons.

16. —T.M. 2/c RALPH W. LAQUEY, born Oct. 3, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. LaQuey of Wylie, Texas. Attended Wylie High School. Entered the service November 15, 1942, in the Navy. Received his training at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Samoa Island, and Philippines. He was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged February 22, 1946.

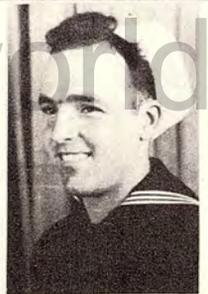
17. —SGT. SIDNEY JOE MONTGOMERY, JR., born June 5, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Montgomery. Entered service April 19, 1944, in the Army Infantry 63 Rd. 81 M.M., and 254th Reg. of 7th Army. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Van Dorn, Miss. Served overseas in Colmar Pocket, Rhine, and Germany. Wounded twice. Was awarded Presidential Citation, European Theater Medal with 2 Battle Stars, Silver Star, and Purple Heart. Was discharged April 15, 1946.

18. —M/SGT. ARGIE REUBEN MAY, born June 27, 1910. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. May of Farmersville, Texas. Entered service April 15, 1942, in the Army 533 Sig. R.T.C. Trained at Camp Crowder, Mo., and Valparaiso, Ind. Served overseas Nov., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Southwest Pacific, New Guinea, and Philippines. Awarded 6 Bronze Combat Stars, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, and Philippine Liberation with 2 Stars. Discharged Oct., 1945.

19. —S/SGT. GERALD RAY MAY, born Dec. 14, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. May of Farmersville, Texas. Entered service Nov. 15, 1943, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Amarillo, Laredo, Texas, and Dyersburg, Tenn. Served overseas Aug., 1944, to June, 1945, in England, Germany, France as Tail Gunner on a B-17 in 8th Air Force, 388th Bomb. Group. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, 2 Battle Stars, and Air Medal with 4 O.L.C. Discharged Oct., 1945.

20. —SGT. ROBERT HENRY SCHMID, born May 23, 1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmid of Princeton, Texas. Entered service May 5, 1942, in the Army 39th Station Hosp. Trained at Camp Berkeley, Ft. Bliss, Camp Young, and Sheppard Field. Served overseas Jan., 1944, to Dec. 6, 1945, in Solomons, Guadalcanal, Palau Island, Philippines, Saipan, Tinian and Guam. Awarded American Defense Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon. Received an honorable discharge December 6, 1945.

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Cpl. HARROUN F. MOORE

Cpl. Harroun Fay Moore, born Nov. 19, 1922, son of J. L. Moore, and husband of Kathleen Moore, Wylie, Texas, entered service Mar. 23, 1944, with the Army 423 Infantry Regiment, 106 Div. Served Oct., 1944, to June, 1945, in the European area; participated in the battles of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe; was reported "missing in action" but had been wounded December 19, 1944, and taken prisoner of war, held at Stalag IVB at Dresden and Stalag IVA at Muelburg until May 8, 1945. The EAME Service Medal was awarded with Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster. After returning to States, he was discharged Nov. 23, 1945.



S/Sgt. FLOYD J. MURCHISON, JR.

S/Sgt. Floyd J. Murchison, Jr., was born October 5, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Murchison, Sr., Farmersville, Texas, and husband of Mary Nell Murchison, Plano, Texas. He attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, and East Texas Teachers' College at Commerce, and volunteered July 22, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, training at Sheppard Field, Texas. Sgt. Murchison served October, 1942, to October, 1944, in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater, receiving four Overseas Service Bars. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge on November 3, 1945. Before service he was employed at Lou Foote Airport.



2nd Lt. JAMES Z. PEARCE

2nd Lt. James Zebulon Pearce, born November 13, 1904, in Texas, husband of Lillian Graves Pearce, Copeville, Texas, attended Westminster Texas Baptist Academy, East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce, and S.M.U. in Dallas, and was Superintendent of Wylie Public Schools before volunteering at Dallas for service April 26, 1943, with the Army Air Force. He trained and served as instructor in Navigation at Ellington Field, Texas, and Miami Beach, Florida, where he was wounded June, 1944, and hospitalized at Temple, Texas, for five months. Lt. Pearce later served at Buckley Field. Retired November 7, 1944.

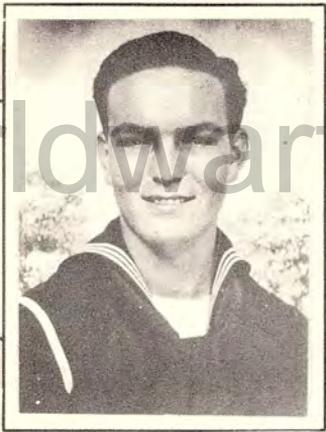


Sgt. FRANK L. ROBINSON

Sgt. Frank L. Robinson was born September 30, 1923, a native of Texas, son of Mrs. Ella M. Robinson, Wylie, Texas, and husband of Helen Robinson, Plano, Texas; attended the Dallas Schools, and volunteered February 22, 1942, for the Army 82nd Airborne Div., training at Ft. Benning, Ga. He served May, 1943, to June, 1945, in North Africa, and participated in the Invasion of Sicily; was taken prisoner of war and imprisoned at Furstenburg, Germany, and Luchenwalde, from September, 1943, to April, 1945. Sgt. Robinson received the Parachutists' Badge, ETO Ribbon with one Bronze Star. Returned to States, and was discharged October 20, 1945.

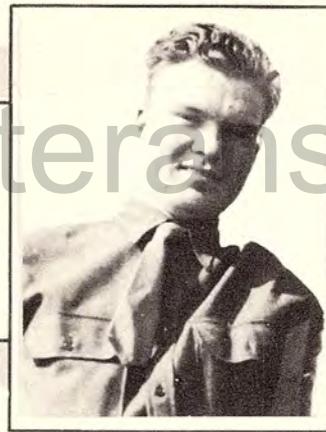


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***MM 3/c JACK A. PHIPPS**

MM3/c Jack Aubery Phipps, born April 27, 1925, in Texas, son of Mrs. Alpha A. Phipps, 4416 Washington, Greenville, Texas, attended the Electra, Texas, High School, and volunteered May, 1942, for the U.S. Navy. He trained at Great Lakes, Illinois, and satisfactorily completed a course in Diesel, University of Illinois, October 2, 1942. Machinist Phipps began overseas service in the Southwest Pacific November, 1942, aboard U.S.S.L.S.T., a landing ship. While in combat September 26, 1944, he was reported "missing," and then declared to have paid the Supreme Sacrifice in line of duty. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously.



Cpl. WILLIE V. PHIPPS

Cpl. Willie Vernon Phipps, son of Alpha A. Phipps, Greenville, Texas, was born August 2, 1921, a native of Texas. He volunteered September 8, 1940, at Electra, Texas, for the Army Medical Detachment, 36th Div., 142nd Infantry, and trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, among other camps in the States. Cpl. Phipps served overseas March, 1943, to November, 1943, in the North African-European Theater, serving in North Africa, Sicily and Italy where he was wounded September 9, 1943. His awards include the EAME Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with other ribbons. January 10, 1944, he was discharged from service at McCloskey Hosp., Temple.



T/4 CLETIS B. SLATTER

T/4 Cletis Buford Slatter, born March 26, 1923, in Texas, son of Ada Mae Bechnell, Greenville. Entered service February 17, 1943, and was assigned to the Army 740 Tank Bn., training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and began overseas duty July, 1944, in the European Theater, where he participated in the battles of Central Europe; was wounded February 28, 1945, in combat of Ardennes, and March 7, 1945, in the Campaign of the Rhineland. The Distinguished Unit Badge was awarded with EAME Campaign Medal and three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Award and Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster. Returned to States; was discharged Dec. 9, 1945.



Pfc OTIS F. SLATTER

Pfc Otis Farrel Slatter, birthdate December 15, 1921, son of Ada Mae Becknell, Greenville, Texas, attended school at Emory, Texas, and entered the Army Air Corps, 98th Bomb Group, September 19, 1942. He began overseas duty December, 1943, in the European Theater, and served for twenty-seven months supervising inspection, maintenance, adjustment and minor repair of aircraft and equipment in France, England, Belgium and Germany. The EAME Campaign Medal was awarded with the Good Conduct Award, American Theater Ribbon, and World War II Victory and Defense Medals. After returning to the States, he was discharged February, 1946.



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***Pfc PAUL MANNING, JR.**

Pfc Paul Manning, Jr., birthdate August 10, 1923, husband of Dela Manning, 5805 Vickery Blvd., Dallas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Manning, Sr., Leonard, Texas, attended Texas A & M at College Station, and entered the Army Anti-Tank, 339th Infantry, 85th Division June 5, 1943. After training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and Ft. Dix, New Jersey, Pfc Manning began overseas duty January, 1944, in North Africa; entered Naples, Italy, and participated in his first engagement at Castleforte, Minturno, Italy, a mined beach. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice April 17, 1944, and died a hero. The Silver Star was awarded with a Citation that read "The mine was defective and went off. Realizing he had only seven seconds to save himself, Pfc Manning covered the mine with his body, thus saving lives of six companions close by."

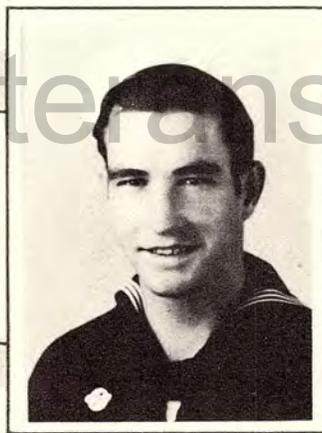


***S/Sgt. ALBERT LOCK, JR.
AMMH DON E. LOCK**

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lock, Sr., Hunt, Texas.

S/Sgt. ALBERT LOCK, Jr., born July 13, 1917, entered Army 124th Cavalry March 7, 1941; began duty in India July, 1944, and participated in the opening of the Ledo Road to China. He lost his life when crawling to a position where he could be plainly seen and silencing two enemy pillboxes. The Silver Star was awarded for his gallantry.

AMMH1/c DON EUGENE LOCK, born April 6, 1915, volunteered May 20, 1942, for Navy, Aviation Branch; trained at San Diego, and served as instructor in Air Mechanics. He represented Patuxent River Naval Air Base in Golden Glove Tournament 1945-1946.



MM 3/c JAMES C. BAGGETT, JR.

MM3/c James Coye Baggett, Jr., born January 21, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Baggett, Sr., 4006 1st. St., Greenville, Texas, volunteered February 25, 1942, for the Navy Engineers, receiving training at San Diego. He served from April, 1942, until April, 1945, in the South Pacific, on Solomon Islands, first and second battles of Salvo Island, air attack of Guadalcanal and in the Northern Pacific, Aleutian Campaign, Battle of Attu and Kiska, and raid on Wake Island October 5, 1943. Presidential Citations were awarded for meritorious action in service. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge November 6, 1945.

1. —PFC VERNON TROY ARTERBURY, husband of Mrs. Birdie Woods Arterbury, Wolfe City, Texas, was born Jan. 24, 1913. Attended public schools of Gober, Texas. Entered service Jan. 1, 1943, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Assigned to Army, Infantry Div. Trained at Camp Warren, Wyoming. Served overseas from April, 1943, to Oct., 1945, in European Area. He was an ambulance driver on the battlefield. Received ETO Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Was discharged Oct. 8, 1945.

2. —CPL. LERO FRANCIS WOODS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Woods, Wolfe City, Texas, was born Mar. 2, 1916. Volunteered Nov. 28, 1940, at Dallas. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston. Served overseas from Nov., 1944, to July, 1945, in European area. Captured in Battle of the Belgian Bulge. Missing in action Dec., 1944, to June, 1945. Held in POW camps in Belgium and Germany. Awarded 3 Battle Stars, Presidential Citation, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal. Was discharged Nov. 8, 1946.

3. —PFC CLAUDIE RAY WOODS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Woods, Wolfe City, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 30, 1940, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, 2nd Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston. Served overseas from March, 1944, to December, 1945, in European Theater. Received ETO Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, and World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged December 30, 1945.

4. —T/5 L. B. WOODS, born March 8, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Woods, husband of Mozell Woods, Wolfe City, Texas. Entered service December 6, 1944, at Dallas. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, assigned to Army, Infantry Division. Served overseas from July 2, 1945, to December 30, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged January 6, 1946.

5. —S/SGT. ELZIE CLIFTON BRANCH, husband of Doll Branch, Commerce, Texas, was born Aug. 13, 1913. Entered service Aug. 15, 1942, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, Medical Corps, 441st Med. Coll. Co. Trained at Camp Berkeley, Abilene, Texas. Served overseas from Apr., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in European and African Theaters. Received leg injury in Italy Aug., 1944. Awarded American Theater Ribbon, EAME Campaign Ribbon, 3 overseas Service Bars, Victory Medal. Discharged January 15, 1946.

6. —M.M.2/c HAROLD EUGENE GANN, son of Henry Gann, Dallas, was born July 15, 1926. He is son-in-law of Mrs. Doll Branch, Commerce. Volunteered Aug. 30, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy Seabees, 61st N.C. Batt. Trained at Camp Peary, Va., Camp Endicott, R.I., Gulf Port, Miss. Served overseas in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Received Citations from Admiral Kinkade and Admiral Husley. Four Bronze Stars, American Defense Service and Victory Medal. Was discharged December 14, 1945.

7. —FIREMAN 2/c PAUL MARTIN, son of Mrs. Doll Branch, Commerce, Texas, was born Jan. 10, 1927. Received his education in Dallas Public Schools. Volunteered January 9, 1945, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy, Engineering Branch. Trained at U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California. Attended engineering school at Gulf Port, Miss. Served on Repair Base at San Diego, California, for eight months. Now serving at Roosevelt Base T-1, San Pedro, California.

8. —S. F. 2/c CLEAVELAND EDGAR MATTHEWS, son of Mrs. Doll Branch, Commerce, Texas, was born Nov. 25, 1918. Attended high school in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Volunteered April 19, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy, Seabees, 111th N.C. Batt. Trained at Camp Peary, Va., and Camp Endicott, R.I. Served overseas from Apr. to Nov., 1944, and Jan. to Nov., 1945, in European and Asiatic-Pacific Areas. Participated in D-Day June 6, 1944. He was honorably discharged November 29, 1945.

9. —S/SGT. E. C. CORLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ennis C. Corley, Greenville, Texas, brother of Mrs. Harvey F. Brown, was born January 26, 1920. Volunteered Oct. 28, 1941. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Scott Field, Ill., Bolling Field, Washington, D. C. Served overseas from Oct., 1942, to Apr., 1945, in M.E. Theater. Served as Radio Operator with 13th Airways Comm. Sqdn. Received Good Conduct Medal and African Campaign Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 15, 1945.

10. —PFC MELVIN ROY FORD, born Jan. 22, 1923, son of Mrs. Fannie Ford, husband of Edna Irene Ford, Greenville, Texas. Entered service April 3, 1945, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, Cavalry Div. Trained at Camp Riley, Kan. Served overseas from Oct., 1945, to Feb., 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received Army of Occupation Ribbon (Japan), Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. He was separated from service at Fort Sam Houston, June 3, 1946.

11.—STOREKEEPER JAMES EUGENE HOLLAND, born Aug. 26, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Holland, husband of Marguerite Holland, Greenville, Texas. Entered service Oct. 25, 1943. Assigned to Navy, U.S.N.R. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Feb., 1944, to Mar., 1945, and from May to Dec., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 8 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation (2 Bronze Stars), American Defense and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 4, 1946.

12.—B.M. 2/c GILBERT EATON ROBINSON, born Mar. 5, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robinson, husband of Vada Robinson, Bryson, Texas. Entered service Nov. 1, 1943, at Dallas. Assigned to Navy, Ship Repair Unit. Trained at U.S. Training Station, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Mar., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Defense Service and Victory Medals. Was discharged Dec. 10, 1945.

13.—CPL. CLIFTON J. HYMAN, son of Mrs. Minnie Hyman, Commerce, Texas, was born June 5, 1919. Volunteered Jan. 29, 1941, at Greenville, Texas. Assigned to Army, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from April, 1943, to June, 1945, in EAME Theater. He was wounded. Received ETO Ribbon with 5 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, Pre-Pearl Harbor, American Defense Service Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. Discharged July 4, 1945.

14.—PFC ROGENE HYMAN, son of Mrs. Minnie Hyman, Commerce, Texas, was born April 25, 1923. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, at Greenville, Texas. Assigned to Army, 36th Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in European Theater. He was wounded. Received Purple Heart, Pre-Pearl Harbor, American Defense Ribbon, ETO Ribbon, one Battle Star. Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medals. Discharged November 29, 1945.

15.—CPL. R. L. HYMAN, son of Mrs. Minnie Hyman, Commerce, Texas, was born May 8, 1925. Volunteered September 3, 1943, at Greenville, Texas. Assigned to Army, Air Corps. Trained at March Field. Served overseas from December 23, 1943, to June 14, 1945, in Iceland, the European Theater. Received Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, ETO Ribbon, Army Commendation Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. He was separated from service March 2, 1946.

16.—T/5 DOUGLAS L. SPANN, son of Mrs. Minnie Hyman, Commerce, Texas, was born Feb. 8, 1912. Volunteered June 4, 1942, at Van Nuys, Calif. Assigned to Army, Air Corps. Trained in England. Served overseas from July, 1942, to May, 1945, in European Theater. He was wounded. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, ETO Ribbon, five Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He was separated from the service September 10, 1945.

17.—CPL. DWIGHT DAVIS ISAACS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Isaacs, born July 10, 1921. Received education at Fairlie High School. Entered service Feb. 19, 1943, at Greenville, Texas. Assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Camp Wolters, Sheppard Field, Laredo and Salt Lake City, Utah. Served overseas from Aug., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in EAME Theater. Received ETO Ribbon, 5 Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct. 20, 1945.

18.—PFC BERNARD RAY ISAACS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Isaacs, Commerce, Texas, was born March 24, 1927. Received education in Fairlie Public School. Entered service June 7, 1945, at Dallas. Assigned to Army, Infantry Division. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Camp Wolters, Ft. Riley, Kan. He is at the present time serving with occupational troops in Berlin, Germany. He transferred from the Infantry Division into a Tank Division to stay in Berlin. He has been overseas since Dec., 1945.

19.—S/SGT. EDGAR EARL SMITH, son of Dick Smith, Greenville, Texas, was born Jan. 27, 1919. He is husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Smith. Attended Laxon High School. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, at Greenville, Texas. Assigned to Army, 36th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from May, 1943, to Sept., 1944, in European Theater. Participated in the invasion of France, Normandy, St. Lo. He was wounded. Received American Defense Medal. Discharged June 9, 1945.

20.—CPL. BILLY M. TARRANT, SR., born July 17, 1919, son of Mrs. Lucy Tarrant, husband of Elizabeth Tarrant, Greenville, Texas. Entered service Mar. 20, 1944, at Mineral Wells. Assigned to Army, 106th Division. Trained at Camp Wolters and Camp Atterbury, Ind. Served overseas from Oct., 1944, to June, 1945, in European Theater. Wounded Dec., 1944, and missing in action until Mar., 1945, in Germany POW Camps and hospital. Awarded Purple Heart and Combat Inf. Badge. Discharged Oct. 31, 1945.

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***1st Sgt. GEORGE A. BUTLER**



1st Lt. JOHN H. CULLOM

1st Sgt. George Alfred Butler, born May 5, 1912, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Butler, 1511 Washington, Commerce, Texas, attended East Texas State Teachers' College at Commerce, and entered service May 5, 1942. He was assigned to the Army, 101 Station Hospital, training at Camp Grant, Chicago, Illinois, and began overseas duty June, 1943, in the Pacific Area where he served on Leyte in the Philippine Islands and Australia. Sgt. Butler paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country while on duty November 12, 1944, on Leyte. The Purple Heart was awarded posthumously. A sister also survives.

1st Lt. John Hillman Cullom was born April 18, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert H. Cullom of Quinlan, Texas. He was graduated from the Quinlan Schools, and volunteered at Dallas, Texas, for the U.S. Marine Corps June, 1939; trained at San Diego, and was later assigned to the U.S.S. Saratoga where he served as clerk. Lt. Cullom was transferred to Hawaii, and served overseas eighteen months on Samoa, Guadalcanal, New Zealand, and participated in various engagements in the Pacific Theater. After returning to the States in April, 1944, he retired from the Marine Service the same year.



S/Sgt. ROY G. HATHAWAY



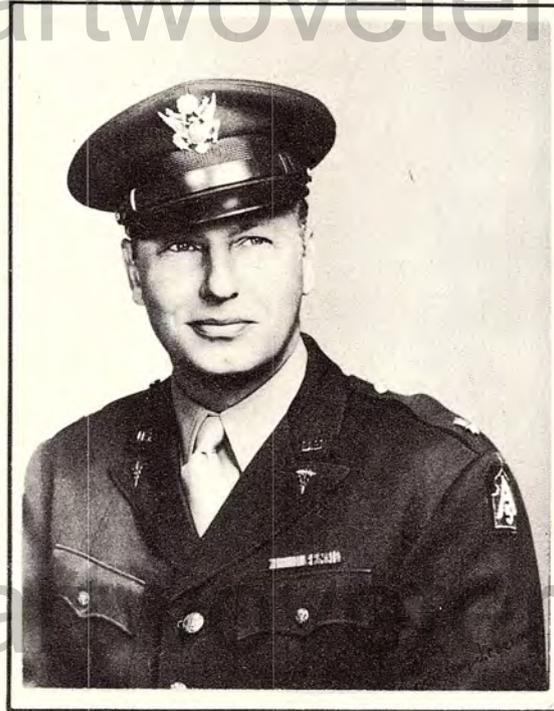
Pfc RAYMOND A. ROGERS

S/Sgt. Roy G. Hathaway is the husband of Hellen Herring Hathaway, 708 Clinton, Cuero, Texas, and son of W. C. Hathaway, Commerce, Texas. He was born May 19, 1920, and attended East Texas State Teachers' College at Commerce, and volunteered January 24, 1942, at Dallas for the Army Air Corps, training at Chanute Field, Illinois. Sgt. Hathaway served December, 1942, to July, 1945, in the European-African Theater, participating in the campaigns of Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France and the Rhineland, and received the EAME Medal with six Bronze Stars. His discharge was granted August 26, 1945.

Pfc Raymond Allen Rogers was born February 13, 1923, a native of Texas, and son of Luther Allen and Lillian Rogers of Wolfe City, Hunt County, Texas. He attended Springtown, Texas, High School, and graduated from the Ft. Worth Schools; entered service February 9, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps, 314th Sta. Comp. Squadron. Pfc Rogers trained at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and served overseas in the European Theater of Operations January, 1944, to February, 1946. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge March, 1946.



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Lt. Col. LOWELL H. LEBERMAN

Lt. Col. Lowell Henry Leberman, son of Mrs. Virginia Leberman Christianson, of Austin, and husband of Sue Goldston Leberman, also of Austin, was born April 4, 1906. He is a graduate of Austin High School, the University of Texas, and of Baylor Medical College in Dallas, and as an M.D. has had a practice in the town of Commerce since 1935. In 1939 he opened up his own hospital. He entered Army service in April, 1941, in the Medical Corps, and from April, 1943, to September, 1945, he served overseas in North Africa and Italy. He saw action in the battles of Bizerte, Naples-Foggia, Po Valley, Anzio, North Apennines, and Rome-Arno. Besides the American Defense Service Medal and the EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, he holds commendations for these battles. On Jan. 20, 1946, he separated from military service.

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Lt. (sg) VERNER L. DENMAN, JR.

Lt. (s.g.) Verner Littleton Denman, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Denman, Sr., of Greenville, Texas. He was born May 5, 1922, at Hillsboro, Texas, and attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas; volunteered May 7, 1942, for the Navy Air Corps, and received a commission and Wings at Corpus Christi, Texas. Later he served as instructor at Corpus Christi for eighteen months; was transferred to the Pacific Theater, and was stationed on Luzon, Philippine Islands at Clark Field, and was patrol plane commander of the Naval plane the "Privateer." Lt. Denman is credited with over 3000 air hours, and recommended for Air Medals for actual combat duties. He is member of "Wise Old Owls" for instructors with over 1200 hours as instructor. He reverted to Reserves January 11, 1946.



1st Sgt. CLAY DAVIS

1st Sgt. Clay Davis was born July 18, 1918, in Texas, husband of Marge Davis, Atlanta, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Davis, Ralls, Crosby Co., Texas. He attended the Elsa, Texas, High School, and volunteered May 25, 1942, at Dallas for the Army 334th Engineers, training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; he served overseas November, 1942, to October, 1945, with the Persian Gulf Command in the European Theater of Operations in France and Germany. After returning to the States, Sgt. Davis was discharged October 22, 1945. He has one son, Michal Clay, born a few months after Sgt. Clay was transferred overseas.



***Cpl. FREDERICK F. PRICE**

Cpl. Frederick Francis Price, born October 6, 1915, a native of Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Price, 2626 Texas St., Greenville, Texas, in Hunt County. He entered service December 5, 1942, with the U.S. Army Infantry, 2nd Division, at San Antonio, and trained at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. October, 1943, Cpl. Price was transferred overseas in the European Theater; was stationed in Northern Ireland and England, and participated in the Battle of Normandy as machine gunner. He was wounded in combat at Vire, France, while leading a machine gun squad August 13, 1944, and passed away five days later. He rests at Marigny, France.



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Lt. (jg) WILLIAM J. MURDAUGH

Lt. (jg) William James Murdaugh, born May 23, 1915, husband of Nell Welch Murdaugh, 1202 S. Walnut, Sherman, Texas, attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and volunteered April 21, 1942, at Dallas for the U.S. Navy. Trained at Notre Dame, Norfolk, Virginia, and received commission as Ensign September 22, 1943. Lt. Murdaugh served overseas November, 1943, to October, 1945, in the European Theater aboard Flag Ship; participated in the Normandy invasion, and in the Pacific Theater aboard landing craft in the invasions of Philippine Islands and Okinawa. After returning to the States, he transferred to inactive duty December 3, 1945.



1st Lt. JAMES H. JENKINS

1st Lt. James Henry Jenkins, born October 6, 1923, in Texas, son of Mrs. Ross Wilmeth of New Mexico and nephew of Mrs. Floyd Sweet of Ft. Worth, volunteered October 16, 1942, with the Army Air Corps as Flying Cadet. Received advanced training at Luke Field where he graduated March, 1944. Lt. Jenkins served overseas March, 1945, to November, 1945, with the Air Transport Command, stationed at Iran, transporting cargo and troops into and out of India. After returning to the States, he received various awards and was discharged from service. He re-enlisted November 19, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Tex.



MM 3/c HERMAN J. STRAUB

MM 3/c Herman Joseph Straub was born December 14, 1912. He is son of Mrs. Elizabeth Straub, and brother of Albert W. Straub, 1611-B Lincoln, Amarillo, Texas. Attended public school in Dawn, Texas. He entered service July 16, 1942, at Amarillo, and was assigned to Navy, Seabees. Trained at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va., Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.L., Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. He served overseas from October 10, 1944, to October 19, 1945, in the South Pacific on Island Guam. He received American Defense Service Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. Discharged October 24, 1945. He was machine operator with Santa Fe R.R., Amarillo.



Capt. TREVOR M. WOLFE

Capt. Wolfe, son of T. M. and Georgia Wolfe, 1012 W. 13th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas, was born February 15, 1919. He attended Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas. Entered service June 4, 1942, at West Palm Beach, Florida, and was assigned to Air Transport Command. Trained at C.A.A. flying command at Houston, Texas. Served overseas from July, 1942, to January, 1944, in Africa, India, China and Burma. He received Presidential Unit Citation, one Battle Star (for the battle of Burma), American Defense Service Ribbon, I.C.B. Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged December 4, 1945.



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*1st Lt. ROBERT L. RAVEY

1st Lt. Robert Lee Ravey, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. A. Ravey, and brother of Mrs. Frances Jean Pittman, of Amarillo, was born Sept. 25, 1919, and entered Army service in May, 1942. He was assigned to the 561st F.A., and trained at Ft. Sill and Camp Polk, also in England, at Doddington Park, Nantwich. He served in France with the 561st, which stepped ashore at Les Mesnil, on June 30, (D plus 24), and he participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice while in action, flying a Red Cross plane over France. His awards were the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. He entered service as a student from Texas A. & M. College.



*S/Sgt. RICHARD R. CARROLL

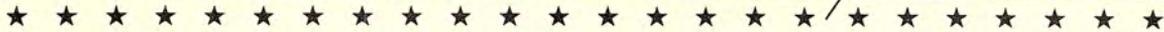
S/Sgt. Richard Rollins Carroll, born April 25, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Carroll, 501 Florida, Amarillo, Texas, attended Amarillo Junior College, and volunteered October 27, 1942, with the Army, 12th Armored Division, 7th Army, known as the "Hellcats". Sgt. Carroll trained at Camp Berkeley, Texas, and began overseas duty September, 1944, in the European Theater. Served in France and Germany, and participated in the battles of Herrlishiem, Strasbourg, Colmar Pocket and Bitche Sector. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country April 25, 1945, near Dillingen, Germany, and received Silver Star for gallantry in action.



Pfc GROVER C. KING, JR.

Pfc King, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. King, was born January 1, 1926. He attended school in Panhandle, Texas. Entered service August 8, 1944, at Oklahoma City, Okla., and was assigned to the 69th Infantry. Trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, and served overseas from January 8, 1945, to June 10, 1946, serving in the European Theater. He was wounded March 2, 1945. He received EAME Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Army of Occupation (Germany) Ribbon, Victory Ribbon-2 Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal and American Defense Service Ribbon. He was honorably discharged June 25, 1946.

The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Lt. EUGENE E. JORDAN



Y 3/c HELEN M. JORDAN

Lt. Eugene Elkin Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles E. Jordan of Amarillo, and the husband of Virginia Louise Jordan, also of Amarillo, was born on Feb. 11, 1907. He is a graduate of the University of Texas, and was a s i s t a n t County Attorney before entering the Navy in Oct., 1942. He trained at Treasure Is., and San Diego, and served as Gunnery Officer on the SS William J. Duane and SS David B. Henderson in all Theaters of Operation. His time spent on sea duty was from Jan., 1943, until April, 1944. From the later date until Nov. of 1945, when he was released from active duty, he served as the Shore Patrol Officer at New Orleans, Corpus Christi, and Oklahoma City.

Yeoman 3/c Helen Maxine Jordan was born on Jan. 11, 1920. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles E. Jordan, and the wife of Lt. (jg) John Charles Kemplin of Valley View, Texas. She attended Amarillo Junior College, Abilene Christian College, and N.T.S.C. Prior to her volunteering for the service on Jan. 3, 1943, she was employed as a secretary to a Capt. at the Amarillo Army Air Base. Her training was at the U.S.N.T.C., Hunter College, New York City. She served with the Communications Department of the Navy, at the Navy Department Offices in Washington, D.C. She received her discharge on the 19th of July, 1944.



The

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T/Sgt. TOMMY E. NANCE



S/Sgt. CLARENCE E. NANCE

T/Sgt. Tommy Eugene Nance, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nance, of Amarillo, was born June 24, 1921, and entered Army service July 23, 1942, at Amarillo. He was assigned to the 7th Air Force, and trained at Sheppard Field, and at Kearns, Utah. From April, 1943, to Sept., 1945, he served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific area, participating in the air offensive of Japan, and of the Marianas, Philippines, Marshalls, Solomons, Gilberts, the Phoenix Islands, and the Ellice Group. He came through all this without being wounded, and was awarded the Air Medal; 4 Bronze Stars; As.-Pac.; Air Crew; Good Con.; Victory awards. Discharged, Oct., 1945.

S/Sgt. Clarence Ewing Nance, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nance, of Amarillo, was born Jan. 25, 1924, and entered Army service March 26, 1943, at Amarillo. He was assigned to the 20th Air Force, and trained at Amarillo and Pratt Army Air Fields. From Oct., 1944, to Dec., 1945, he served overseas in the Pacific Theater, participating in the air offensive of Japan, the Eastern Mandates, and the Western Pacific. He was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge, the Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. On Dec. 21, 1945, he received an honorable discharge from service, six days after returning from overseas duty.



Sgt. JAMES D. SMITH



S/Sgt. HAROLD G. SMITH

Sgt. James D. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith, 806 N. Fillmore St., Amarillo, Texas, was born October 28, 1919. Received his education in Amarillo Public Schools and the University of Texas at Austin. He volunteered for service Jan. 30, 1943, and was assigned to the Army, 69th Bombardment Sqd. and 42nd Bombardment Group. He trained at Chanute Field, Ill., and Sheppard Field, Texas, and served overseas from Dec. 19, 1943, to Dec. 2, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He received American Theater, Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged December 9, 1945, at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

S/Sgt. Harold G. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, Hedley, Texas, was born Sept. 25, 1906. His wife, Ina A. Smith, resides at 1306 Western St., Amarillo, Texas. He attended high school in Lelia Lake, Texas. Entered service May 12, 1942, at Amarillo, and was assigned to Army, 85th Inf., Co. "G" 337 Inf. He trained at Camp Shelby, Miss., and served overseas from January 1, 1944, to September 27, 1945, in EAME Theater. He received Good Conduct Medal, 3 Battle Stars, Infantry Combat Badge, Bronze Star, Rifle Marksmanship, MTO Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged October 3, 1945.



The

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S1/c WILLIAM A. ALLEN

S 1/c William Andrew Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allen, of Amarillo, was born Feb. 21, 1927, and volunteered for Navy service, April 14, 1945, at Dallas. He was trained at U.S.N.T.C., San Diego, and served overseas from July, 1945, to June, 1946. He was in Pearl Harbor for 3 months, and in Tangku, China, for 8 months with Logistics Support Co, GRO-PAC 13 and III Amphibious Corps. His awards include those of the Point System; China Occupation; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign; American Theater; and the Victory Medal. He received an honorable discharge from service on June 27, 1946, at USNPSC, Norman, Okla.



EM 3/c JOHN R. ALLEN, JR.

EM 3/c John Riley Allen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allen, of Amarillo, was born Feb. 7, 1926, and entered service in the Navy on June 21, 1944, at Lubbock. He was trained at U.S.N.T.C., San Diego, and U.S.N.T.C., Lake Union, Seattle, Wash. He served in the U.S. Naval Barracks at Tacoma, Washington, from Jan., 1945, to Jan., 1946, when he was assigned to the USS Lassen, where he served until July, 1946. His awards include those of the Quota System, American Area Campaign, and the Victory Medal. On July 3, 1946, he received an honorable discharge from Naval service. He was a student in the Amarillo High School.



*Lt. (jg) JOHN MIDDLETON, JR.

Lt. (jg) John Middleton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Middleton, Sr., of Miami, New Mexico, but formerly of Amarillo, Texas, was born Sept. 17, 1921, and volunteered for the Navy Air Corps on May 7, 1942, at Dallas. He was trained in Grand Prairie and Corpus Christi, and served overseas from March to October, 1944, in the South Pacific, participating in the 2nd Battle of the Philippines. He was awarded the Air Medal and the Gold Star, for attacking and sinking Japanese cargo ships in two actions near the Bonin and Philippine Is. On Oct. 25, 1944, he was reported missing, and one year later as deceased. Awards: D.F.C.; Silver Star; Pacific Theater; Purple Heart.



Pfc OLIVER MIDDLETON

Pfc Oliver Middleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Middleton, of Miami, New Mexico, but formerly of Amarillo, Texas, was born Aug. 19, 1923, and entered service June 7, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas. He was assigned to the Army, C.R.T.C., and trained at Ft. Riley. From Oct., 1944, to April, 1946, he served overseas, in France and Austria. He was in Marseilles, St. Nazaire, and Loriant sectors, France, and in Salzburg, Austria. His awards are: Combat Infantry; American Theater; European Theater; Army of Occupation; Good Conduct. He was honorably discharged from Army service on April 11, 1946. He is the husband of Gwen Middleton, of Amarillo.

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Ens. NELSON D. HALL



PhM 2/c CHARLES C. HALL

Ens. Nelson Davis Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Hall, and husband of Mrs. Dorothy J. Hall, of Amarillo, was born Oct. 14, 1924, and on July 1, 1943, he volunteered for service in the Navy. He was assigned to the Amphibious Branch, and trained at Norfolk, Va. From Feb., 1945, to May, 1946, he served overseas, and participated in the Battle of Okinawa, also made initial occupational landings at Kure, Hiroshima area, Honshu, Japan. Besides serving in the American and Asiatic-Pacific Theaters of War, he also served in the Philippine Theater of Operations. On May 27, 1946, he was released from active duty, and placed in the U.S.N.R.

PhM 2/c Charles Clifton Hall, son of Mrs. S. N. Hall, of Amarillo, was born Oct. 22, 1927, and volunteered for the Navy Medical Corps on Aug. 5, 1945, at Dallas, Texas. He was trained at San Diego, and Balboa General Hospital, Naval, and served in the United States from Aug. 5, 1945, to Jan. 15, 1947. He was an outstanding corpsman at Great Lakes Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill. Since Jan. 15, 1947, he has been with the U.S.N.R., where he is at the present. Previous to enlistment he attended Amarillo Senior High School, from which he was graduated upon completion of the course of instruction there.



*PhM 2/c JAMES W. WHITE



Pvt. CLINTON E. WHITE



Sgt. GEORGE H. WHITE

PhM 2/c JAMES WALTER WHITE, son of Mrs. Verna M. Eisenberg, of Amarillo, was born Jan. 13, 1925, and volunteered for the Navy Medical Corps on April 18, 1942. He served overseas in the South Pacific from Feb. to Nov., 1943, in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, and Bougainville, where he paid the Supreme Sacrifice. His awards were: Purple Heart; American Area; Asiatic-Pacific, 2 Battle Stars.

Pvt. CLINTON EARL WHITE, son of Mrs. Verna Eisenberg, of Amarillo, was born Oct. 5, 1927, and volunteered for the Merchant Marines on May 16, 1945. He was trained at Catalina Island, and was released from the Merchant Marines in Aug., 1945, after which he volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps, at Amarillo, Sept. 18, 1945. He is now assigned to service with the Navy.

Sgt. GEORGE HUNTER WHITE, son of Mrs. Verna Eisenberg of Amarillo, was born Feb. 23, 1922, and volunteered for the Army, July 3, 1940. He was assigned to the 2nd Med. Bn. of the 97th Div., and trained at Ft. Sam Houston. From Feb., 1942, to Dec., 1944, he served with the 22nd Station Hospital in the So. Pacific area, in the Hawaiian Is. His awards are: Amer. Def.; As.-Pac.; Good Conduct. He was honorably discharged Dec. 12, 1944.



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Capt. DUANE SMITH

Capt. Duane Smith, son of Mrs. J. V. Crawford, of Mena, Arkansas, and husband of Mrs. Thomasine Smith, of Amarillo, Texas, was born June 4, 1920, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps on April 14, 1942, at Lubbock. He was trained at Kelly, Randolph, and Ellington Field, and Stamford Flying School; served in England and France from Dec., 1943, to July, 1945, participating in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He served in the Troop Carrier Command, dropping paratroops, towing gliders, running re-supply missions, and evacuating wounded. His awards are: Air Medal, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters; EAME, 7 Stars. He retired to inactive status in Oct., 1945, and is now a member of the Officers Reserve Corps.



S/Sgt. ARTHUR W. BALL, JR.



AMM 1/c CLIFTON H. BLANK

S/Sgt. Arthur Wellington Ball, Jr., was born December 9, 1924, son of Maj. and Mrs. Arthur W. Ball, 2204 Hughes, Amarillo, Texas; attended Texas A. & M. and entered service March 25, 1943, with the Army Infantry, 66th Div.; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and served overseas November, 1944, to March, 1946, in the European Theater where he served in the campaign of Northern France with the 66th Div. through combat; after the cessation of hostilities he was assigned to the 42nd Rainbow Division and served in Germany and in Vienna, Austria. He received various awards, and was discharged April 15, 1946.

AMM 1/c Clifton Howington Blank, birth date September 7, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Blank, Amarillo, Texas. He volunteered April 3, 1942, at Dallas, Texas, with the U.S. Navy; trained at Norfolk, Virginia, and began overseas duty May, 1943, to June, 1944, and later, February, 1945, to October, 1946, in the Pacific Theater on Marshall, Gilbert, Caroline, Marianas, Palau Islands and in the invasions of Tarawa, Hollandia, New Guinea, Saipan and Tinian and participated in the naval attacks on Marcus and Wake Islands. Various awards were received, and after returning to the States he was assigned to Base at Corpus Christi.



The

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Lt. Col. ODELL M. CONOLEY

Lt. Col. Odell Maurice Conoley, birthdate November 9, 1913, son of Mr. J. N. Conoley, Amarillo, and husband of France Lewis Conoley, volunteered September 10, 1935, for the Marine Corps; served overseas April, 1941, to March, 1944, in the Pacific Theater in China, Cuba, Samoa and Australia; participated in the battles of Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester and New Britain; received Silver Star, Pres. Unit Citation with Star, three Battle Stars, Occupation Medal among other awards. Col. Conoley returned to the States and later, July, 1945 transferred again to Yokohama, Japan, where he is currently stationed with 8th U. S. Army.



Sgt. ROYCE M. CONOLEY

Sgt. Royce Merle Conoley, birthdate September 29, 1918, husband of Marguerite Conoley, 1603 Fillmore, Amarillo, Texas, and brother of Lt. Col. Odell M. Conoley, attended Amarillo Junior College. Entered service August 8, 1944, with the Army 737 Railway Div., and trained at Ft. Warren, Wyoming. Sgt. Conoley served overseas February to December of 1945 in the Pacific Theater, in the Philippine Islands and Japan; received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with other awards. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge January 10, 1946.



Sgt. WILLIAM A. EWING

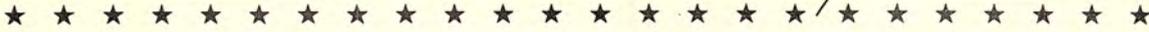
Sgt. William Anson Ewing, born May 18, 1918, husband of Hazel Wedgworth Ewing, 311 East 17th St., Amarillo, Texas, entered service May 16, 1944, with the Army Railway Bn., and trained at Camp Plauche, La., and Camp Shelby, Miss. Sgt. Ewing served as supervisor of military freight and passenger trains, and was responsible for prompt movement of trains to destination. His overseas duty was served February, 1945, to April, 1946, in the Pacific Theater at Luzon and Korea. He received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Star, Meritorious Unit Award, and other medals. Discharged from service April 14, 1946.



Cpl. EARL G. COFFEE

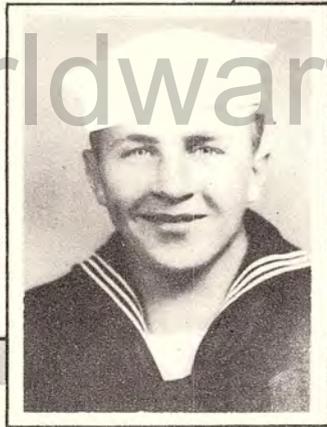
Cpl. Earl Garland Coffee, born June 30, 1919, a native of Texas, husband of Joyce Davis Coffee, 711 Maryland St., Amarillo, Texas, attended the Amarillo Public Schools and Junior College and volunteered for service May 6, 1942, for the Army Ordnance. He trained at Camp Sutton, N.C., Camp Polk, La., and Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and began overseas duty February, 1943, in North Africa. Participated in combat in Italy and received the EAME Campaign Ribbon with two Battle Stars, Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. Cpl. Coffee returned to the States and was discharged November 21, 1945.

The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Maj. DEAN E. ALEXANDER

Maj. Alexander, was born on June 5, 1910, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Alexander, 2400 Ong, and husband of Anita Voncile Alexander, 1525 Lipscomb St., Amarillo, Texas. He received his education in Canadian, Texas; Cunningham, Kan.; and Texas A & M College at College Station. On May 5, 1941, he entered the military service at Ft. Sill, Okla., and was assigned to the Army 6th Inf. Div., training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He saw service in Hollandia; Maffin Bay; Sansapor in New Guinea; and Luzon in the Philippines from July 15, 1943, until Oct. 18, 1945. Major Dean Edward Alexander received the following decorations: the Bronze Star; Presidential Unit Citation (Tank Battle at Munoz, Luzon); and the Purple Heart Medals. He was honorably discharged February 10, 1946.



PhM 2/c CALEB L. MOSS

PhM 2/c Caleb Lenox Moss, son of Mr. C. M. Moss, of Houston, was born Aug. 15, 1924, and volunteered for service in the Navy April 15, 1943. He was trained at San Diego, and served overseas from Dec., 1945, to Feb., 1946, in the Occupation of Japan, with the Pacific Fleet. He was graduated from the Denison High School in 1941, and spent some time as an entertainer with one of Major Bowes' units. He also was a page boy in the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., previous to his enlistment in Naval service. He received an honorable discharge from the Navy in March, 1946, after 3 years' duty.



Cpl. JIM B. MOSS

Cpl. Jim Baker Moss, son of Mr. C. M. Moss, Houston, was born July 29, 1926, and entered Army service July 29, 1944, at Houston. He was assigned to the 31st Div. of the Infantry, and trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. On March 15, 1945, he went overseas to the Pacific Theater, and was stationed in the Philippine Islands. At the present writing he is still overseas and is with the 1537th A.A.F., A.T.C., B.U. He went to Mindanao with the 31st Div. (D.D.) Previous to entering service he was a student at Texas Agricultural and Mineral College, at Bryan, Texas. Since going overseas he has been placed in Medical Corps.

1.—M/SGT. ESCAR B. DAVIDSON, born Dec. 10, 1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson of Hemphill, Texas. Entered the Army 8th Armored Division, June 21, 1941, at Livingston, La. Trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., also in 5th Division. Overseas Nov., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, France with General Patton's 3rd Army, Germany; Chzy, Linz, and Ried, Austria. Awarded EAME Medal, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Was discharged Dec. 20, 1945.

2.—SGT. JAMES L. CARTER, born Nov. 24, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Carter of Amarillo, Texas. Volunteered March 26, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Marines 5th, and 3rd Division. Trained at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Overseas July, 1943, to Dec., 1945, in Hawaiian, Marshall, and Marianas Islands. He received the American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged January 12, 1946. Completed his education at Texas A & M College.

3.—T/SGT. JIMMY L. HOLMES, born March 9, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Holmes of Amarillo, Texas. Entered May 8, 1944, at Ft. Sill, Okla., in the Army 10th Airborne Division. Trained at Camp Hood, and Camp Howze, Texas. Overseas Dec., 1944, to Aug., 1945, in England. Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Scotland. Battle of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation; Holland Lanyard; Belgium Fourragere; and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged April 27, 1946.

4.—PFC SAM EUAL INMAN, born March 10, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Inman of Amarillo, Texas. Entered the Army 7th Armored Division, June 26, 1944, at Oklahoma. Trained at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Overseas Dec. 22, 1944, to July 2, 1945, in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Germany, campaigns of Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany-St. Uith. Awarded 3 Bronze Battle Stars, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged December 14, 1945.

5.—M/SGT. ANDREW VESAL HUGHES, born July 22, 1915. Son of Mrs. Eva P. Murtishaw of Robert Lee, Texas. Volunteered Jan., 1941, at San Antonio, Texas, in the Army 77th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, and Pittsburg, Calif. Overseas a July, 1942, to Oct., 1945, in New Guinea, New Georgia Islands, Luzon, Leyte; was with the 43rd Infantry in South Pacific. Awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Received his discharge January, 1946.

6.—SGT. RAYMOND CECIL MANNING, born May 15, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Manning of Amarillo, Texas. Entered Feb. 3, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army 87th Division. Trained at Camp McCain, Miss. Overseas Sept., 1944, to Feb., 1946, in New Guinea, Philippines, and Japan. He received 1 Bronze Battle Star, Philippine Liberation, and World War II Victory Medal. Was discharged Feb. 15, 1945. Sgt. Manning attended the University of Tennessee as an Aviation Cadet.

7.—SEAMAN 1/c EDWIN REECE MANNING, born Oct. 1, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Manning of Amarillo, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 27, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Navy Communications. Received his training at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas Oct. 5, 1945, to May 23, 1946, in Wake Island. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Received his discharge May 23, 1946. Attended Amarillo High School.

8.—CPL. JAMES ECKLE PARK, born Nov. 12, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Park of Amarillo, Texas. Volunteered Nov. 29, 1943, at El Paso, Texas, in the D Battery, 12th, and 3rd Marine Division. Trained at San Diego, and Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Overseas June, 1944, to Jan., 1946, in Marianas. Guam, Iwo Jima, and Asiatic-Pacific campaign. Awarded Carbine Expert Gunner 75mm. Pack Howitzer, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with 2 Battle Stars. Discharged Feb. 18, 1946.

9.—S/SGT. FELIX WILBUR SPANN, born April 23, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Spann of Amarillo, Texas. Entered Jan. 23, 1941, at El Paso, Texas, in the Army 112th Cav. Regiment Division. Trained at Ft. Clark, Texas. Overseas July, 1942, to Nov., 1944, in Pacific, New Caledonia, Australia, New Guinea, Woodlark, Goodenough Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, and Northern Solomons. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Theater with 3 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead. Discharged July, 1945.

10.—PVT. FRANK GEORGE SPANN, SR., born July 26, 1903. Husband of Mrs. Agnes Long Spann of Amarillo, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 2, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army Air Corps. Received his training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Dalhart, Texas, and Garden City, Kansas. Served in the United States from October 2, 1942, to May 2, 1943. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged May 2, 1943. Attended Amarillo High School.

11.—A.R.T. 2/c FRANK GEORGE SPANN, Jr., born Aug. 16, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Spann of Amarillo, Texas. Volunteered in the Navy, July 8, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas. Received his training at Great Lakes, Illinois, Corpus Christi, Texas, Norman, Okla. Served in the United States July, 1944, to July, 1946. Awarded American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged July 8, 1946. He has a brother who enlisted in 11th Airborne Div. in 1946, now serving in Japan.

12.—CAPT. RODNEY DERRILL GLASSCOCK, born Feb. 24, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Temple of Amarillo, Texas. Volunteered for service August, 1943, at Snyder, Texas, in the Army Air Force, 4th Division. Received his training at Chaplains School, Cambridge, Mass. Served in the United States from November, 1943, to June 29, 1946. He received the American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged June 29, 1946. Attended Phillips University, Enid, Okla.

13.—T/5 PERRY E. TODD, born May 18, 1926. Son of Mrs. Blanche Todd of Amarillo, Texas. Entered the Army Americal Division, Nov. 22, 1944, at Dallas, Texas. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Overseas April 13, 1945, to Sept. 23, 1946, in Philippines on Leyte, and Cebu, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Battle Star, Philippine Liberation with 1 Battle Star, and Occupation of Japan Medal. Was discharged Nov. 21, 1946.

14.—T/5 G. F. BAKER, JR., born Aug. 22, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Baker of McLean, Texas. Entered the Army, Btry. D, 977th A.A. (A.W.) Bn., March 19, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas. Trained at Camp Callan, Calif., and Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas June, 1944, to June, 1945, in European Theater, England, and Iceland. Was awarded EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged March 9, 1946. He is the husband of Mrs. Catherine Baker.

15.—PFC ERVIN WALTER BAKER, born Jan. 18, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Baker of McLean, Texas. Entered June 14, 1943, at Ft. Sill, Okla. Trained at Trux Field, Madison, Wis., and Sheppard Field, Texas. Overseas Oct., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Western Pacific area. Participated in the battle of Guam. Was awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, 2 Overseas Service Bars, 1 Army Meritorious Unit Award, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medal. Discharged Oct. 28, 1945.

16.—CPL. ARTHUR B. BAKER, born Jan. 16, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Baker of McLean, Texas. Volunteered Feb. 3, 1941, in the Army, Philippine Division. Trained at Ft. Mills, Philippine Islands. Overseas April, 1941, to Oct., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Awarded Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit Badge with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and Victory Medal. POW from Nov., 1942, to Sept., 1945, Osaka, Japan, and Tokyo #7. Discharged June, 1946.

17.—SGT. ERNEST MCGEE CHRISTIE, born June 15, 1917. Husband of Mrs. Susan A. Christie of McLean, Texas. Volunteered Sept. 11, 1940, at Pampa, Texas, in the Army 1st Cavalry Division. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas June, 1943, to Aug., 1945, in New Guinea, Oro Bay, Admiralty Islands, Leyte, Luzon, Saipan, Antipolo, Santo Tomas, San Pablo City, Manila, Tokyo Bay, Yokohama, Tokyo, and Sinloan. Awarded Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged Aug. 8, 1945.

18.—CPL. ROY LEE DAVENPORT, born March 16, 1923. Son of Mrs. Mary Davenport of Pampa, Texas. Volunteered Oct. 21, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, in the Army 1926 Ord., 9th Air Force. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Rapid City, S.D. Overseas Dec. 28, 1943, to Sept. 9, 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 7, 1945.

19.—SGT. WILBUR LEDOIT ECKROAT, born March 20, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eckroat of Pampa, Texas. Entered the Army Infantry Division, Sept. 5, 1944, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. Overseas from Jan., 1945, to April, 1946, in Rhineland, and Central Europe. Was wounded once. Was awarded Purple Heart, EAME Campaign Medal, 2 Overseas Service Bars, American Theater, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged April 23, 1946.

20.—1ST SGT. VIRGIL OTIS ECKROAT, born March 27, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eckroat of Pampa, Texas. Volunteered April 4, 1941, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, in the Army 1st Cavalry Division. Trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas April, 1944, to July, 1945, in Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley. Was wounded twice. Awarded 1 Silver Star, 1 Bronze Star, Purple Heart with Cluster, 3 Battle Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged July 9, 1945.

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***Capt. SAMUEL H. LUMPKIN**

Capt. Samuel Hugh Lumpkin, born February 12, 1913, husband of Gene K. Lumpkin, Amarillo, attended Baylor Medical School at Dallas, and entered service November 25, 1940, with Army Medical Corps, 36th Div. He transferred to Pacific Area November 1941, and was attached to "Lost Battalion." Was taken prisoner of war when Java was captured by Japanese, imprisoned on Burma and passed away in camp August 1, 1943. The Citation awarded posthumously said, "He served as Medical Officer in large camp, gave his skill and care cheerfully to 500 Australians and 200 Americans. Disease and overwork caused his death."



M/Sgt. CECIL H. OGLESBY

M/Sgt. Cecil Hubert Oglesby, born January 3, 1920, husband of Ella Oglesby, 410-B Prospect, Amarillo, Texas, attended the Wildorado, Texas, Schools, and volunteered April 15, 1942, for the Army Air Force; trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, and began overseas duty May, 1943, in North Africa. He participated in the campaigns for Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Received the EAME Ribbon with seven Stars, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Clusters. Returned home September, 1945, and was discharged a month later.



***Pfc EDFRED G. SHEARER**

Pfc Edfred G. Shearer born July 3, 1921, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Shearer, 1707 Lincoln Ave., Amarillo, Texas, attended the Tulia, Texas, Public Schools, and volunteered for service January 13, 1942, with the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. He served in the 2nd Division Weapons Co., and trained at San Diego, Calif. Pfc Shearer began overseas duty October, 1942, in the Pacific Theater where he participated in the campaign for Guadalcanal and paid the Supreme Sacrifice for his country February 4, 1943, on that Island. He was an expert rifleman, machine-gunner and held the Bayonet Medal.



Pfc GEORGE T. SAVAGE

Pfc George Truett Savage was born January 6, 1925, in Texas, son of W. S. and Pansy F. Savage, 403 Prospect, Amarillo, Texas. He entered service March 15, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Tank Destroyers; trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and began overseas duty December, 1944, in the European Theater. Pfc Savage participated in the campaigns of Northern France and Rhineland, also in the Battle of the Ruhr. He served as member of Honor Guard at General Patton's funeral at Luxembourg December 24, 1945. The ETO Ribbon was awarded He returned home April, 1946; currently a patient at hosp. in El Paso.



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1st Lt. JUANITA D. FRIEZE



1st Lt. EDWARD W. GEE

1st Lt. Juanita Duke Frieze was born June 19, 1916, at Snyder, Texas, daughter of the late Lewis Y. Duke, and Mrs. Ethel Duke, 2002 Monroe St., Amarillo, Texas. She graduated from Amarillo High School and was employed in the electrical wholesale business prior to volunteering for service December 2, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. Lt. Frieze trained at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, and was commissioned May 5, 1943. Later served as Company Officer at Ft. Devens, Mass., Finance Officer at Boston, Mass., and Daytona Beach, Fla. and Fiscal Officer at Kelly Field, Texas. Discharge was granted November 18, 1945.

1st Lt. Edward W. Gee, born December 7, 1917, husband of Lela M. Gee, Coleman, Texas, attended the Amarillo Schools and entered service November 19, 1940, with the Army 142nd Infantry, 36th Div. He served for two years at New Zealand, New Caledonia, New Guinea, Philippines, Okinawa, and Japan; was wounded March 6, 1945, on Luzon during an air raid. Lt. Gee was on advanced echelon from Philippines to Japan August 29, 1945; also operated New Grand Hotel on Yokohama's waterfront for 8th Army, 20th Air Force; was billeting officer for Gen. Eichelberger. He received various awards. Transferred to Reserves January 22, 1946.



MoMM 3/c FLOYD B. JONES

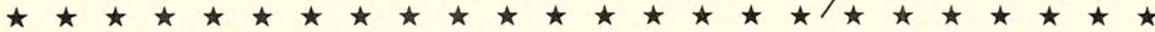


Capt. CLAUDE M. HOWE

Capt. Claude Maxwell Howe, born May 3, 1920, son of Jennie Howe, Amarillo, Texas, volunteered March 26, 1942, for Marine Corps, 2nd Div., trained at San Diego and Quantico, Va., and served overseas from November, 1942, until August, 1945, in the Pacific Theater. Capt. Howe participated in the battles of Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa, and served in New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, New Hebrides, Gilbert and Marianas Island. Received the Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with three Battle Stars, and various other awards. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge on Jan. 13, 1946.

MoMM 3/c Floyd Bennett Jones was born October 2, 1925, a native of Texas, son of Floyd T. and Florence Jones, 806 Maryland Ave., Amarillo, Texas. He attended the Amarillo Schools and Junior College and entered service November 11, 1943, with the Naval Const. Bn., Seabees; trained at Camp Peary, Virginia, and Camp Endicott, Rhode Island. His overseas duty was served March to November of 1945, in the Pacific Theater in China and on the Philippine Islands. Received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and Defense Medals and other awards. After returning home, he was discharged March 10, 1946.

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Lt. (jg) LAWRENCE M. KEY, JR.

Lt. (jg) Lawrence Macager Key, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Key, of Amarillo, was born Sept. 14, 1918, and volunteered for service in the Navy, in Sept., 1942. He was assigned to the Tanker Branch, and served overseas from Nov., 1942, to March, 1944, and a gain from June, 1945, to Jan., 1946. On his first overseas term he served on the USS Cache, in both the Atlantic and Pacific, until the ship was severely damaged and forced to return to the U. S. In 1945 he was assigned to the new USS Jason which had a floating dry dock that would take anything afloat, even 45,000-ton carriers. It was near Leyte at the time of Jap surrender. He returned on a transport, leaving the Jason in China. His awards are: Citation by Com. of Jason; 3 Bronze Stars. Discharged, Jan., 1946. Now is in USNR.



Pfc JAMES E. FOWLER

Pfc James Eugene Fowler, birthdate October 18, 1921, son of T. H. Fowler, Graham, Texas, and husband of Ruth Fowler, Amarillo, entered service October 12, 1943, and was assigned to the Army Infantry. He began overseas duty April, 1944, in the China-Burma-India Theater, and participated in the defense and offensive of China; was wounded by shrapnel July 13, 1944, and received the Purple Heart, also Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four Stars, Commendation for meritorious service with the Chinese Combat Command, Combat Infantryman Badge, and other medals. After returning to the States, he was discharged Dec. 20, 1945.



RM2/c CHARLES G. FOWLKES

RM2/c Charles Glenn Fowlkes, born September 29, 1925, a native of Texas, son of Robert and Vivian Grace Fowlkes, 1616 Taylor Street, Amarillo, Texas, attended the Amarillo Public Schools and Texas A & M at College Station. He volunteered for service March 7, 1944, and was assigned to the Naval Air Facility. Trained at Naval School, Farragut, Idaho. June, 1945, to May, 1946, Radioman Fowlkes served at N.A.F. in Argentia, Newfoundland. His awards include the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals with Good Conduct Award. Discharge was received May 19, 1946.



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***Pfc JIMMIE F. BARNES**

Pfc Jimmie F. Barnes was born August 13, 1924, in Vernon, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dodson, 806 Harrison, Amarillo, Texas. He volunteered for service January 6, 1943, with the Marine Corps, 1st Div.; trained at San Diego, and began overseas duty June, 1943. Pfc Barnes was an automatic rifleman; participated in the battles of New Guinea, New Britain, Camp Gloucester, and paid the Supreme Sacrifice September 17, 1944, on the Island of Peleliu when he voluntarily went forward and destroyed a Japanese machine gun nest that had his squad pinned down. The Silver Star, Navy and Pres. Citations were awarded.



S/Sgt. J. D. DILLARD

S/Sgt. J. D. Dillard, born December 24, 1918, husband of Rethalee Dillard, 1708 Pierce, Amarillo, Texas, entered service November 24, 1942, with the Army Medical Corps. Trained at Fitzsimmons General Hosp., Colorado, and served overseas June, 1943, to October, 1945. Sgt. Dillard participated in the campaigns of Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, and was wounded in combat. The EAME Ribbon with six Battle Stars, one Arrowhead was awarded with Distinguished and Meritorious Unit Citations and French Croix de Guerre. He was discharged December 21, 1945, from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.



Sgt. GENE L. EASLEY

Sgt. Gene Leon Easley was born July 20, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. Easley, 609 Virginia St., Amarillo, Texas. He entered service October 1, 1944, with the Army Infantry, 77th Div.; trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and began overseas duty February, 1945. He participated in the Battle of Okinawa in the Pacific area, and was wounded in action May 13, 1945. Received the Purple Heart, also the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, and other awards. After returning to the States February, 1946, Sgt. Easley was discharged from service April 1, 1946.



AC FREDERICK L. PETERSEN

Aviation Cadet Frederick Lynn Petersen, born August 6, 1925, son of Mrs. Myrtle H. Eastman, 1223 West 9th, Amarillo, Texas, is a graduate of Amarillo High School. He was employed by the Amarillo Globe News, and later by the Santa Fe Railroad prior to volunteering for service May 5, 1943, at Dallas, Texas. He was assigned to the Navy Air Corps, and trained with the Navy V-12 Unit at North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington. He received his pre-flight training at St. Mary's in California. His total duty was served in the States, and he transferred to inactive duty with Reserves Oct. 8, 1945.

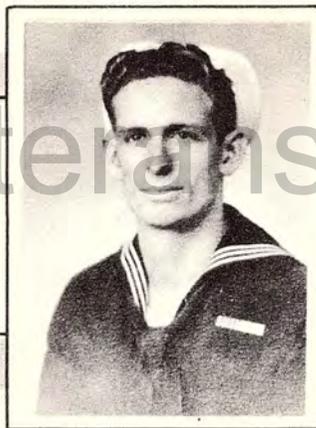


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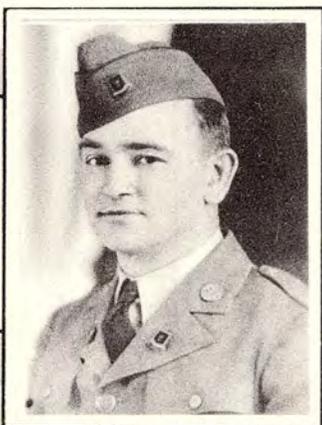
1st Lt. OSCAR B. PHILLIPS

1st Lt. Oscar B. Phillips, born March 1, 1920, husband of Mary Louise Phillips, 1126 Bellaire, Amarillo, Texas, volunteered August 23, 1942, with the Army Air Corps; trained as Aviation Cadet, and later served with the 438th Troop Carrier Group. Lt. Phillips was overseas January, 1944, to August, 1945, as pilot of a twin-engine C-47, and participated in the Battles of Rome-Arno, Normandy, Ardennes, Southern France, Central Europe and Holland. The ETO Ribbon with seven Stars, Distinguished Unit Citation and Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters were awarded. After returning to the States, he was discharged Dec. 2, 1945.



MN2 c DONALD E. CRUMPACKER

MN2/c Donald E. Crumpacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crumpacker, 400 Prospect Ave., Amarillo, Texas, was born February 10, 1923; attended White Deer, Texas, Schools, and entered service September 5, 1942, with the U.S. Navy. He completed Naval Mine Warfare School, Yorktown, Virginia, and served at U.S. Naval Advanced Base Navy, Washington, D.C. After twenty-nine months duty in the States, he embarked for the Pacific area where he was camp electrician at New Caledonia, Bougainville and the Solomon Islands for eleven months. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon was awarded. Discharge was granted February 9, 1946.



M/Sgt. CECIL G. FAIR

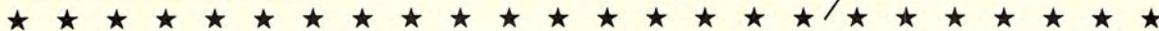
M/Sgt. Fair, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Fair of Bowie, and husband of Rose Fair of Brownwood, born March 6, 1905, attended Bowie High School, entering the Army 36th Div., Nov. 25, 1940, at Lubbock and training at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. On Nov. 20, 1941, he went overseas and stayed until Nov., 1945, serving in the Philippine Islands and in Batavia, Java prisoner of war camp 7 mos. Moved to Ohasi, Japan, for 34 1/2 mos. Awarded Purple Heart, Good Conduct, ATO, Asiatic-Pacific, 4 Stars, Amer. Def., Philippine Def. and Pres. Unit Cit., 2 Clusters. Discharged April 14, 1946; re-enlisted for 3 yrs. with Reg. Army, serving in El Paso, Texas.



S/Sgt. ORA A. BARTLETT

S/Sgt. Ora Alexander Bartlett, born October 19, 1923, husband of Florence Lorene Bartlett, Lubbock, Texas, entered service January 7, 1943, and was assigned to Army 15th Infantry, 3rd Div., training at Camp Maxey, Texas. He served overseas February, 1944, until November, 1945, in the European area, where he served as cook, mess sergeant and gunner, and participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and was hospitalized in England due to frozen feet. The Croix de Guerre was awarded, also Pres. Unit Citation, EAME Ribbon with three Stars and other medals. Discharged December 11, 1945.

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



CRT HAROLD BROWN

C.R.T. Harold Brown, the husband of Ina Pearl Brown, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Brown, of Slaton and Lubbock respectively, was born on December 13, 1910. He volunteered for service on August 12, 1940, but did not begin active duty until June 10, 1941, at Indianapolis. He attended Radio School there. He served in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Caribbean, and Pacific areas, participating in the invasions of Sicily, Anzio, and Southern France. He was a member of the crew of a destroyer badly damaged by enemy air attack. The entire crew was commended by the commanding officer for bringing their ship to safety and for fighting off many air attacks. He is authorized to wear 3 Stars on his ETO Ribbon and to wear the Good Conduct and Victory Medals. His discharge was given to him on August 30, 1945.



The FIGHTING MEN of TEXAS



Capt. GEORGE A. BARBER

Capt. George Alva Barber, born March 19, 1916, husband of Drucilla S. Barber, Lubbock, Texas, volunteered May, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; was commissioned April 24, 1942, at Luke Field, Arizona, and served overseas May, 1942, to August, 1943, and March, 1945, to October, 1945. Capt. Barber was awarded Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross for outstanding work in Aleutian Islands; a magazine article "Kiska Mission" was written about him in a popular periodical. He also served in the Air Offensive of Japan and China; received Air Medal and other ribbons. Currently stationed at Army Air Field, Enid, Okla.



Lt. (jg) WILLIAM H. TINNEY

Lt. (jg) William Harry Tinney was born August 4, 1916, in Texas, husband of Eileen B. Tinney, Lubbock, Texas; attended Texas Tech and Texas A & M, and volunteered April 6, 1944, with the Navy Amphibious Forces. He was commissioned Ensign April 6, 1944, at Tucson, Arizona, and began overseas duty October, 1944, in the Pacific Theater where he participated in the initial assault on Okinawa, Philippine Campaign and landing of occupation forces at Aomori and Honshu, Japan, September, 1945. Lt. Tinney received various awards, and returned to the States March, 1946; transferred to inactive duty with Reserves.



S/Sgt. DON T. WILLIAMSON

S/Sgt. Don T. Williamson, born September 22, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Williamson, Lubbock, Texas, volunteered September 11, 1940, with the Army Infantry, 36th Div.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and served in the Pacific area November, 1941, until September, 1945; participated in the Battle of Java, was taken prisoner by the Japanese and imprisoned at Java, Singapore, Burma and Siam from March 8, 1942, until August 29, 1945. Sgt. Williamson was liberated, and returned home September, 1945. The Unit Citation with two Clusters was awarded with other medals. Was discharged March, 1946; re-enlisted April 18, 1946.



Dr. BERT E. WOODS

Dr. Bert E. Woods, birth date September 2, 1908, in Jack County, Texas, son of Dr. and Mrs. Albert F. Woods of Lubbock, Texas, attended Haskell, Texas, Elementary School and Texas Tech at Lubbock. He entered service January 21, 1944, and was assigned to the Army Station Hospital as Army Optometrist immediately upon entering the army. Dr. Woods acted in the capacity of Army Optometrist doing refracting continuously until his discharge. The World War II Victory Medal, American Theater and American Defense Awards were received with the Good Conduct Ribbon. His discharge was granted November 16, 1945.

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***Capt. GARLAND D. CAMPBELL**

Capt. Garland David Campbell was born on Sept. 19, 1917. His father and mother are Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Campbell of Lubbock. He was married to Claudine Campbell, and was the father of one son. He volunteered for the Army in Oct., 1940; was trained at Camp Bowie with the 36th Div., and was sent to the Pacific area in July, 1944. He was wounded on the 30th of Oct. after being in action for 10 days during the invasion of Leyte Island. While overseas he was the Commanding Officer of Co. "I", 96th Div. On the 2nd of Jan., 1945, he was returned to duty from the hospital, and participated in the invasion of the Island of Okinawa. He paid the Supreme Sacrifice on the 8th of April. The Silver Star Medal was awarded him for rescuing 4 of his men after the tanks had turned back. Other awards were the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Inf. Badge, and Oak Leaf Cluster on his Purple Heart.



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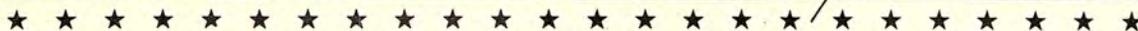
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MoMM2/c William Fletcher Cole, also the son of Mrs. W.F. Cole of Lubbock, was born on Dec. 2, 1925. He volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy on March 3, 1944. The Navy trained him at Farragut, Idaho, and at Great Lakes, Ill. He served in the Engineering Department, and sailed from San Francisco on August 29, 1944, for Pearl Harbor. Two weeks after arrival there he was transferred to an Ammunition Depot near Honolulu. The rating of Fl/c was given him when he finished Basic Engineering School just before he went overseas. He made MoMM3/c in April, 1945, and reached 1 grade higher in Jan., 1946. He was discharged April 30, 1946.

AMM1/c James Fletcher Cole, the son of Mrs. W.F. Cole of Lubbock, was born on Jan. 21, 1917. On the 21st of July, 1942, he volunteered for the Navy Air Corps at Los Angeles. He went through Boot Camp at San Diego, and served as flight engineer in a Blimp Sqdn. at West Indies bases. He attended the Anti-Sub. School at Key West while flying out of Trinidad, finishing this training at Navy Pier, Chicago. He also served in British and Dutch Guiana, and at the Navy base in Norfolk Va. He took a course in basic aircraft engine and aircraft maintenance at Quonset Point, R.I., and then served with a C.A.S.U. Unit at Oceana, Va. Discharged on Oct. 9, 1945.

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*1st Lt. WILLIAM M. McGUIRE

1st Lt. McGuire was born on Oct. 6, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Luna McGuire, and husband of Gwen McGuire, 108 W. 26th St., San Angelo, Texas. Educated in Big Lake, Texas, and at John Tarleton A. College, in Stephenville, Texas; he volunteered for the A.A.C. on May 29, 1941, at Ft. Worth; sent to Stockton, Calif., and Eslerfield, La., for training. He was shipped overseas in Sept., 1942, and served in the European Theater, participating in the Battle of the Ruhr Valley Dam and some 40 other missions. He also served with the R.A.F. for over 2 mos. Lt. McGuire paid the Supreme Sacrifice returning from a mission to Schipol Fld., Netherlands, on July 30, 1943. His awards are 2 Citations with the Purple Heart, 1 from the state of Texas.



1st Lt. ERNEST L. REID

1st Lt. Ernest L. Reid, born January 10, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reid, Lubbock, Texas, volunteered January 23, 1941, with Army, and trained as Liaison Pilot, in Field Artillery, serving in this capacity overseas with the 2nd Armored Div. February, 1944, until June, 1946. He served in the Battles of No. France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Normandy, and was wounded when German fighter planes attacked and shot down his plane March 17, 1945. The Air Medal with six Clusters, EAME Ribbon with four Stars, Distinguished Flying Cross, Belgian Fourragere and various other medals were awarded. Discharged on April 2, 1946.



T/Sgt. ROSS W. TILLINGHAST

T/Sgt. Ross Wayne Tillinghast, birth date June 21, 1920, husband of Anita Ray Logan Tillinghast of Lubbock, Texas, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and entered service August 25, 1944, with the Army, 40th Infantry Div., Signal Co., and trained at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. He began overseas duty March, 1945, in the Pacific Area where he served at Leyte, Los Negros, Panay, Korea, and participated in the South Philippine Liberation; received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Medal with Bronze Star and other awards. After returning to the States Feb., 1945, he was discharged the same month.



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Pfc MOSES W. LIDDELL

Pfc Moses William Liddell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Liddell, of Lubbock, was born Jan. 9, 1907, and volunteered for service April 13, 1943. He was assigned to the Army, 9th Air Force, 474th Fighter Group, 428th Fighter Sqdn., and trained at Sheppard Field. He served in Europe from March, 1944, to Nov., 1945, in the battles of Normandy, Cherbourg, N. France, Ardennes, Bulge, Rhineland, Cen. Europe. After V-E Day, he was assigned a group of Italian civilian prisoners in Germany. One of these was a talented artist. This work was very interesting. Awards: Amer. Thea.; EAME, 6 Stars; Dist. U.; G.C.; Victory. Honorably discharged, Nov., 1945.



1st Lt. FRANK C. LIDDELL

1st Lt. Frank Chase Liddell, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Liddell, of Lubbock, was born Oct. 24, 1924, and volunteered for the Army, April 15, 1943. He was assigned to the 14th Air Force, 75th Fighter Sqdn., 23rd Fighter Group, and trained in San Antonio and Bartow A.A.F. From March, 1945, to Feb., 1946, he served in India and China as a fighter pilot with the "Flying Shark" Sqdn. of the vet. 23rd "Flying Tigers", a part of the E. China Wing of the 14th A.A.F. It was one of the top-notch combat outfits in China, and kept up the hot pace to the end of the war, downing 75% of its enemy planes. Lt. Liddell was released Feb. 2, 1946.



***Sgt. JAMES C. PLEMONS**

Sgt. James Cecil Plemons, son of Mr. J.H. Plemons, and husband of Elizabeth Plemons of Lubbock, was born Dec. 9, 1918, and volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps on Sept. 25, 1940. He was in the first group of volunteers from Lubbock County. He served in the United States until March, 1943, when he went overseas. Duty in the Panama Canal Zone was assigned him. On a special mission, Oct. 15, 1943, he died in service. His awards were the Soldier's Medal and the Air Medal. He had been a student in Whitesboro High School, as a boy, and his occupation before enlisting was that of auto mechanic.



1st Lt. CLYDE H. PLEMONS

1st Lt. Clyde Harris Plemons, son of Mr. J.H. Plemons, and husband of Anne Plemons, of Lubbock, was born May 23, 1916, and volunteered for Army service Nov. 24, 1940. He was assigned to the 36th Div., and trained at Camp Bowie. In Jan., 1944, he went overseas to the ETO, where he made 51 combat missions over Germany from Italy. He also served in the Asiatic-Pacific, on Oahu, Leyte, Kwajalein, Guam, Okinawa, and in Manila, and Tokyo. He was a Sgt. in 131st F.A., and transferred to the Air Corps in Jan., 1943. His awards are: D.F.C.; Air Medal, 8 Bronze Stars; Amer. Thea.; ETO; As.-Pac.; G.C.; Pre-Pearl Harbor. He now is in the Navy Reserve.

1. —S/SGT. TOM R. STACKS was born Nov. 26, 1912, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stacks of Carbon, Texas, brother of Mrs. L. M. Abel of Lubbock, Texas; educated in Carbon. He volunteered 104th Div., 1st Army on Feb. 22, 1942, and trained at Camps Adair, Ore., and Carson, Colo. Overseas from Aug. 27, 1944, to July 11, 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Awarded Good Conduct, Victory, European Theater of Operations, with 3 Battle Stars, Unit Citation Wreath. Discharged October 27, 1945.

2. —PFC LEWIS TENSON ALLEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Allen, and husband of Laura Belle Allen, all of Lubbock, Texas, born Feb. 6, 1914, entered Army 66th Inf. Div. on Nov. 30, 1943, and trained at Camp Rucker, Ala. Served overseas from Dec. 1, 1944, until April 1, 1945, in Northern France at Lorient and St. Nazaire. Received Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, European Theater Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, and Victory Medal. Honorably discharged April 6, 1945, from the Army.

3. —PFC ARCHIE ELMER ALLEN was born Nov. 18, 1916, the son of Mr. G. W. Allen, and husband of Mary Christine Allen of Belen, New Mexico. He entered Army 51st Inf. on Jan. 17, 1945, and was sent to Camp Wolters, Texas, for training. Overseas from Sept. 8, 1945, to Jan. 17, 1946, in Asiatic-Pacific area. Awarded the Good Conduct, Victory and Asiatic Pacific Theater Medals. Served also in Hdqrs. Btry., 102nd A.A.A. (A.W.) Bn. A/T. Pfc Allen was discharged honorably on Jan. 23, 1946.

4. —F. O. ALBERT BASINGER, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Basinger, Sr., and husband of Jessie L. Basinger of Lubbock, Texas, born Jan. 25, 1924, attended Texas Tech. College, Lubbock. He volunteered for A.A.C. on Oct. 27, 1942; was sent to A.A.F., Central Flying Training Command; and graduated at Aloe A.A.F., Victoria, Texas. Overseas from Feb., 1945, to Sept., 1945, in England, Belgium, Battles of Rhineland and C. Europe. Flight Officer Basinger was honorably discharged Dec., 1945.

5. —S/SGT. GRANVILLE RANDY BILLINGSLEY was born March 24, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Billingsley, husband of Julia W. Billingsley of Lubbock, Texas. He volunteered for A.A.F. April 2, 1941; trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Overseas from Aug., 1943, to July, 1945, in air warfare over Italy, Yugoslavia, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Greece; prisoner in E. Pomerania and Barth, Germany. Awarded D.F.C., Air Medal, 1 Cluster, ETO, 4 Stars, and American Defense. Discharged Oct. 12, 1945.

6. —PFC GEORGE DONALD BILLINGSLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Billingsley of 2709 30th St., Lubbock, Texas, born March 24, 1923, attended public schools in Sudan, Texas, and College at Lubbock, Texas. Entered service March 19, 1943, assigned to 479th Port Bn. of Army, and was sent to Fort Lawton, Wash., for his training. Served overseas from June 2, 1943, to Dec. 2, 1943, and May 5, 1944, until Nov. 14, 1945, in Alaska, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Discharged Dec. 1, 1945.

7. —S2/c JACKIE WOOD BILLINGSLEY was born on April 21, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Billingsley of Lubbock, Texas. He received his education in Sudan and Lubbock, Texas, volunteering for Naval Fleet Unit on U.S.S. Nevada BB (36) on Aug. 16, 1944, and trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from Dec., 1944, until March, 1946, in Pacific area in battle for Iwo Jima, Okinawa Jima, East China Sea and Jaluit Atoll. S2/c Billingsley was honorably discharged June 3, 1946.

8. —A.M.M. 3/c HAROLD DERYL BOX was born on Sept. 19, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Box, Commerce, Texas, and husband of Virginia Box of Lubbock, Texas; he attended business college at Lubbock, volunteering for Naval Air Corps on July 13, 1942. He trained at Hutchinson, Kansas, and Camp Kerney, San Diego, California, on PB4Y-2, Sqn. 14. Received medical discharge on April 24, 1945, from U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, and is at home with wife and son.

9. —PVT. GEORGE BASIL BRAGG was born on Nov. 4, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Bragg, and husband of Mae Bell Bragg of Lubbock, Texas. He entered A.A.F. on Aug. 12, 1942, and trained at Kearns, Utah. Served overseas from June 1, 1945, to Feb. 14, 1946, in Pacific area in Battle of Okinawa. He received Good Conduct Medal, 1 Star for Battle of Okinawa. Pvt. George Basil Bragg was given an honorable discharge from Army Air Force on March 14, 1946.

10. —S1/c JAMIE EDWIN COZBY was born May 20, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cozby of Lubbock, Texas; he attended Texas Tech. College, Lubbock, volunteering for service April 17, 1945, assigned to AS-V6 U.S.N.R. He trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Sept. 12, 1945, until Sept. 1, 1946, as storekeeper on Guam, Naval Occupation. He received Theater of Operations in South Pacific. Seaman 1st Class Jamie Edwin Cozby was honorably discharged from N.R. Sept., 1946.

11. —CAPT. JERRY LAFAYETTE CROSTHWAIT, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Crosthwait, Plainview, Texas, husband of Inez Crosthwait, Lubbock, Texas, born Nov. 1, 1918, volunteered for Army 8th Inf. Jan. 31, 1941; served at Fts. Benning, Ga. Leonard Wood, Mo., Camps Leguna, Ariz., Forrest, Tenn. Overseas from Dec., 1943, to July, 1945, in N. Ireland, Brittany, Belgium, Germany, Battles of Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded Bronze Star, ETO, 4 Stars, American Defense. Discharged, Jan., 1946.

12. —A.O.M. 1/c JULIUS EML ECKERT, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eckert of Slaton, Texas, was born Feb. 25, 1923; he attended Slaton High School, volunteering for service April 1, 1943, at Lubbock, Texas, assigned to U.S. Navy Aviation, and trained at San Diego, California. Aviation Ordnance man 1st Class Julius Emil Eckert served in the Carrier Air Group 17, and received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy Aviation on the 16th day of December, 1945.

13. —S/SGT. HORACE EDWIN (RABBIT) WHITAKER was born on Jan. 19, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Davis, husband of Marion Whitaker of Lubbock, Texas. He volunteered for service Aug. 10, 1940, assigned to 3rd Army in States, 6th Army overseas, and trained at Ft. Sill, Okla. Overseas from Jan., 1943, to Sept., 1945, in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Solomon and Philippine Is. Awarded 2 Letters of Commendation. S/Sgt. Whitaker was given an honorable discharge on October 1, 1945.

14. —PFC ARCHIE LEON WHITAKER was born on Oct. 25, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Davis of 1312 28th St., Lubbock, Texas, and husband of Evelyn L. Terry Whitaker of Alice, Texas. He entered service March 15, 1944, at San Antonio, Texas, assigned to Army Hdqrs. Det., and was sent to Ft. Sam Houston and Ft. Sill, Okla., for training. He received these awards: American Theater Campaign, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. He served at Alva, Okla., Prisoner of War Camp; discharged Nov., 1945.

15. —A/C BILL MERLE ELLIS was born on Mar. 23, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ellis, and husband of Anna Paulene Ellis, all of Lubbock, Texas; educated in Lubbock. He volunteered for A.A.C. on Oct. 28, 1942, and trained at Lubbock, Waco, Bryan, and Wichita Falls, Texas, then was sent to Texas Tech. College, Lubbock, for Pre-Flight Course; from there to Santa Ana, Calif., and to Scott Fld., Ill., Radio School. Awarded American Defense and Good Conduct Medals. Medically discharged Feb., 1944.

16. —CPL. RAYMOND LOUIS ELLIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ellis of Lubbock, Texas, was born Feb. 11, 1926; attended Lubbock High School. He volunteered for A.A.C. on Dec. 1, 1943, and was sent to Scott Field, Ill., Radio School. Awarded Good Conduct Medal, Victory, and American Theater Ribbons. Cpl. Ellis was Radio Operator with Army Air-Ways Communication System at Albuquerque, N.M.; Midland, Love Fld., Dallas; and Tarrant Fld., Ft. Worth, Texas. Honorably discharged May 6, 1946.

17. —1ST SGT. GLENN EDWIN FERRIS was born on March 5, 1903, husband of Mary Frances Ferris of Lubbock, Texas. He enlisted in Navy 5th Submarine Div. March 8, 1920, at Hampton Rds., Va., volunteering Nov. 30, 1921, for 2nd Army at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; then to 85 Div. and trained at Camp Shelby, Miss. Overseas from Dec., 1943, to Aug., 1945, in battles of Rome-Arno, N. Apennines, and Po Valley. Awarded Pre-Pearl Harbor, Bronze Star, ETO 3 Stars, and Victory Medals. Retired July 31, 1946.

18. —SSML3/c OTIS NOEL FINCHER, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Fincher of Chillicothe, Texas, husband of Lida Faye Fincher of Lubbock, Texas, was born Feb. 10, 1913; attended Texas Tech. College, Lubbock. He entered service March 27, 1944, assigned to Navy Ship Service, and trained at San Diego, California. Served overseas from June 8, 1944, until Dec. 1, 1945, at Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, T.H. SSML3/c Fincher was given an honorable discharge on December 4, 1945.

19. —2ND LT. OSCAR LEE ELY, JR., was born Feb. 7, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Ely, 6502 Coldwater Canyon, N. Hollywood, Calif., and husband of Grace Amelia Ely of Lubbock, Texas. When sworn into the A.A.C. on Sept. 25, 1942, he was a jr. at Rice Institute. He served as instructor and Flight Leader on P-47's. Overseas some 7 mos. with 373rd Fighter Gp., 412th Fighter Sqn. in Holland and battles of Germany. Awards are: ETO Ribbon and Presidential Unit Citation. Discharged Oct. 29, 1945.

20. —F1/c JOSEPH McDUFF GAMBLE, son of Mr. and Mrs. McDuff Gamble, and husband of Arveta Euton Gamble of Slaton, Texas, was born June 25, 1921; attended Cooper High at Lubbock, Texas. He entered Navy Engineers Jan. 18, 1945, at El Paso, Texas, and was sent to San Diego, Calif., U.S. Naval Training Station. Served overseas from May 6, 1945, until Jan. 25, 1946, in Alaska, Japan, Iwo Jima, Pearl Harbor and Guam. Fireman 1/c Gamble was honorably discharged January 30, 1946.



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Maj. HAROLD G. FULGHUM

Maj. Fulghum was born on March 5, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fulghum, and husband of Nancy Inez Fulghum of 1402 Ave. S., Lubbock, Texas. He attended Texas Tech. College at Lubbock, and entered the A.A.C. on Aug. 3, 1940, assigned to the 8th Air Force, training at the Pan-American Navigation School at Miami, Fla., going overseas in Oct., 1942, and serving in the European Theater until May, 1945; about 30 months of that time was spent in Prison Camps Stalag Luft III and Stalag VII A. Major Harold Guyn Fulghum received the Purple Heart Medal. At the present time Major Fulghum is with the United States Air Corps Training Command, and has had his present rating since October, 1945.



Capt. HUGH McFARLAND

Capt. Hugh McFarland, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. McFarland, Lubbock, Texas, received his B. B.A. Degree from Texas Tech, and volunteered September 9, 1940, with the Army Air Corps. He served in States with 16th Observation Sqdn. Capt. McFarland served overseas in the China-Burma-India Area where he participated in bombing, strafing and escort missions in P-51 type aircraft; was reported "missing" for twelve days behind enemy lines while attempting to rescue American pilot. The Silver Star with three Letters of Commendation were awarded for gallantry in action. He is currently stationed at Randolph Field, Tex.



1st Lt. ROBERT L. McKINNON

1st Lt. Robert Lewis McKinnon, born September 26, 1922, husband of Mrs. Bette Bob McKinnon, Crosbyton, Texas, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunteered for service January 7, 1943, with the Army Air Corps. He trained at Blackland AAF., Waco, Texas. He began overseas duty May, 1945, in the Burma and China Areas, at Bhamo, Burma, and Peishiyi, China, with the 2nd Combat Cargo Sqdn., and participated in the China offensive campaign, returning to the States March, 1946. The Air Medal, Commendation by 14th Air Force, with North Burma and China Campaign Ribbons and two Stars were awarded, and discharge was granted April 7, 1946.



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***Pfc OLIVER N. KEESEE**



Pfc VERNON H. KEESEE

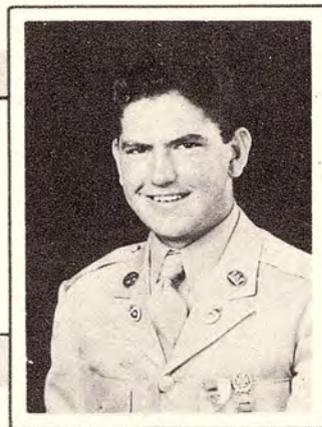
Pfc Oliver Newton Keesee, son of J.M. Keesee, of Lubbock, was born Oct. 26, 1907, and entered Army service on March 14, 1942. He was assigned to the Ground Forces, and trained at Camp Berkeley. In April, 1944, he went overseas to the European Area, and took part in the invasion of Normandy and the drive on Cherbourg, but his period of foreign duty was cut short in battle, and he fell during that drive on Cherbourg, at Port Bail. The Purple Heart was awarded. He had attended the Lubbock High School, as a boy, and his occupation previous to entering the service was that of farmer in that section.

Pfc Vernon Hix Keesee, son of J.M. Keesee, of Lubbock, was born Jan. 3, 1922, and volunteered his services for the Army Air Corps, on Sept. 9, 1942, at Lubbock. He was trained at the South Plains Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas, and spent the whole period of his Army service in the United States. Before enlisting in the Army, he had attended the schools of Ropesville, and the Texas Technological College in Lubbock. He spent four years in military service, from September 9, 1942, to February 19, 1946, when he was granted an honorable discharge from the armed services of his country.



MoMM 3/c SANFORD C. WHITAKER

MoMM 3/c Sanford C. Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Whitaker, Sr., of Lubbock was born May 18, 1926, and volunteered for service on June 22, 1943, at Abilene, Texas. He was assigned to the Coast Guard, and trained at St. Augustine, Fla. From April, 1944, to Dec., 1945, he served overseas in the Pacific Theater, in the Philippine Islands. His awards are: Asiatic-Pacific, American Theater, Philippine Liberation, and Victory Medal. He received an honorable discharge from military duty on April 25, 1946. Before enlisting in the service, he was a student in the Abilene High School.



Cpl. EUGENE W. WHITAKER, JR.

Cpl. Eugene Whitaker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Whitaker, Sr., of Lubbock, was born Jan. 6, 1924, and volunteered for Army Service March 5, 1941, at Dallas. He was trained at Schofield Barracks and served in the United States until Dec., 1941, when he went overseas and served in the Southwest Pacific Area until 1945. He was in the 24th Division of the Army, and participated in the campaigns of the Dutch and British East Indies, Papua, and the battles of Biak, Hollandia, and Goodenough. He was also stationed for a time in Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. He was wounded, and received the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged June 20, 1945.

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Cpl. TEDDY N. DRAKE



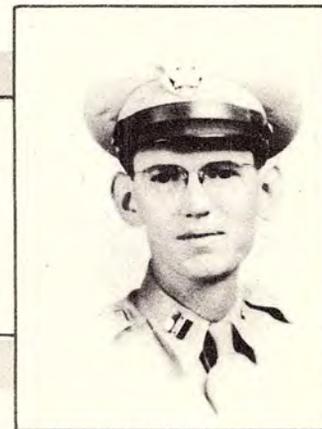
S/Sgt. HENRY C. DRAKE

Cpl. Teddy Norman Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drake, and husband of Reba Joyce Drake, of Lubbock, was born July 17, 1923. He is a brother of Henry Charles, and the two boys volunteered at the same time and were placed in the same Div. of the Army. They served together in the U.S., and went overseas at the same time; were in the same places, and both were taken prisoners by the Japs, and held until capitulation of Jap forces. They were not together in the POW camps, but met once in Singapore. They were a part of the 'Texas Lost Battalion, and had been in the 131st F. A., 2nd Bn., 'E' Btry. Teddy's awards are: Pres. U. Cit., Purple Heart, G.C., Amer., A.P., Phil., Def.; Victory. Discharged April 18, 1946.

S/Sgt. Henry Charles Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drake and husband of Opal Drake of Lubbock, was born Jan. 24, 1921, and volunteered for the Army, on Nov. 25, 1940, at Lubbock. He was assigned to the 36th Div., and trained at Camp Bowie. He served one year in the U.S., and three years and ten months overseas in Australia, Thailand, Java, and the Southwest Pacific. From March, 1942, to Jan., 1944, he was missing, having been held as a POW by the Japs in Java, Singapore, Burma, and Thailand; again in Burma he was held POW in 1945. His awards are: Purple Heart, As.-Pac., Amer. Defense, 2 Battle Stars, 1 Bronze Service Star, Good Conduct, and 7 Overseas Bars. He received an honorable discharge, Feb., 1946.



Maj., A.C. CAMPBELL H. ELKINS



Maj. M.C. CLYDE F. ELKINS, JR.

Major, A.C., Campbell Hill Elkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Elkins, of Lubbock, was born June 4, 1914, and entered service in the Air Corps on April 3, 1941, at El Paso, Texas. He was trained in Administrators and Inspectors School and in Contract Termination School, and served with the 4035th A.A.F.B.U. in Inglewood, California. He saw no overseas duty but was Legal Officer 8101, being a graduate of Texas University Law School and a lawyer by profession before entering the armed services of the country. His awards are: Amer. Def.; Amer. Cam.; Victory. He received a commission and 3 promotions. Released, 1946.

Major, M.C., Clyde Frederick Elkins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Elkins, of Lubbock, was born Sept. 27, 1911, and entered Army service June 11, 1942. Being a doctor, a graduate of the University of Texas Medical School, he was placed with the 1850th Service Com. Unit Station Hospital. He was sent to Camp Swift for military training, and went overseas in Nov., 1943, where he served until March, 1945, as a doctor with the 119th Station Hospital in New Guinea. His awards are: Asia-Pac., 1 Bronze Star; Amer. Thea.; and Victory. Previously he had been a Reserve Officer, in 1936, then received promotions in service in 1943, 1945. Released, 1946.



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Sgt. LESLIE M. BAKER

Sgt. Leslie Mills Baker, son of Mrs. Ola Frances Stewart, and husband of Irene Baker, of Lubbock, was born Jan. 9, 1913, and entered service in the Army Air Forces on Sept. 21, 1942. He was trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Chanute Field, Ill., and at Pueblo, Colo. He was not called overseas but spent his entire period of service in the United States. After he left Pueblo, the Bomb Group was changed from OTU to RTU. He then trained combat crews at Smoky Hill, Kans., Alamogordo, N.M., and Charleston, S.C. After V-J Day he entered A.T.C. where he remained until his discharge, Feb. 10, 1946. He holds the American Theater Service Ribbon; Good Conduct; and Victory Medals as awards of service.



Pfc TROY O. LAWRENCE



Lt. JOHN C. LONG

Pfc Troy O'Dell Lawrence was born December 12, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Lawrence, Lubbock, Texas; entered service March 27, 1944, and was assigned to the Army, 78th Lightning Division. Trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and served overseas October, 1944, until April, 1945. Pfc Lawrence participated in the Rhineland Campaign, Siegfried Line, and was wounded while his battalion was attacking the German held town of Konzen; returned to the States. His awards include the Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge with the ETO Ribbon. Discharge was received October 18, 1945, from McCloskey General Hosp.

Lt. John C. Long was born March 28, 1922, son of Mrs. Carrie Long, Lubbock, Texas, attended Texas Technological College, and volunteered May 23, 1942, with the Army Air Corps. He was commissioned August, 1943, at Stockton Air Base, California, and served October, 1943, until October, 1944, as a pilot with the 8th Air Force in England, from where he participated in the air offensive of Europe, Rhineland, and Normandy. The Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters was awarded with the Distinguished Unit Badge, ETO Ribbon with three Stars and other medals. Lt. Long transferred to inactive duty July, 1945.



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Sgt. JAMES N. PORTER

Sgt. James N. Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Porter, of Lubbock was born Nov. 10, 1913, and volunteered for Army service on May 6, 1942, at Lubbock. He was assigned to the 1st Armored Division, and trained at Fort Knox. He served in the United States until Oct., 1942, when he went overseas and gave two years of service in the European Theater of Operations. He participated in the campaigns of Tunisia, Spanish Morocco, Cassino, Rome-Arno, and Anzio. Before enlisting, he attended the Hillsboro High School and Pittsburgh Academy. His Occupation after leaving school was that of salesman. He was granted an honorable discharge from military service Sept. 9, 1945.



Pfc ROOKS H. HALLMARK

Pfc Rooks Hunter Hallmark, born January 28, 1919, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hallmark, Tyler, Texas, and brother of Mrs. W.P. Kelton of Lubbock, Texas. He volunteered for service May 25, 1944, with the U. S. Marine Corps, 5th Amphibious Division; trained at San Diego, and embarked for overseas duty September, 1944. Pfc Hallmark served at Iwo Jima, Japan and in the Hawaiian Islands, and returned to the States Mar., 1946. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and American Theater Ribbons, Victory and Defense Medals with Good Conduct Award. Discharge was granted Apr. 11, 1946.



S/Sgt. EARL E. LANGLEY

S/Sgt. Earl Edward Langley, born January 23, 1915, son of L.O. Langley, and husband of Lois Langley of Lubbock, Texas, attended Levelland Texas Schools and Texas Technological College. He entered service March 5, 1941, with the Army Infantry, 36th Division; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and began overseas duty April, 1943; participated in the Battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe, and returned to the States June, 1945. His awards include the EAME Campaign Ribbon, Victory and Defense Medals and other ribbons. Discharge was received June 22, 1945.

1. —A.M.M.1/c McADOO GREEN MITCHELL, son of Mrs. Davie M. Griffin of Lubbock, Texas, was born June 30, 1918; educated in Gladewater and Lubbock, Texas. Volunteered for service April 29, 1942, assigned to Navy Aviation Branch, and trained at San Diego, Calif., and Norman, Okla. Served overseas from Dec., 1944, until Sept., 1945, at Midway and Philippine Islands. Awarded D.F.C., Air Medal with 3 Gold Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. Still serving at N.A.S. in Hutchinson, Kansas.
- *2. —T/SGT. BISHOP KEENER MITCHELL, JR., son of Mrs. Davie M. Griffin of Lubbock, Texas, was born July 13, 1920; entered Army Air Corps on Jan. 13, 1941, and trained at Scott Field, Ill., and Barksdale Field, La. Served overseas from Sept., 1941, to Feb., 1944, in Puerto Rico, Virgin Is., Antigua, Aruba, and Marianas Is. Awarded Air Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Listed as missing in action on a bombing raid in Tokyo on May 25, 1945; officially declared dead on May 26, 1946.
- *3. —C.Ph M. EVERETTE PRESLEY GRIFFIN, was born on April 8, 1904, the son of Mr. David P. Griffin of Lubbock, Texas, and husband of Madeline P. Griffin, Seattle, Wash.; attended Lubbock High School; volunteered for service Dec., 1924, at Dallas assigned to Navy Medical Dept., and trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in the Battle of Java Sea aboard the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Houston. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation. Reported missing in action in Feb., 1942.
4. —SGT. JAMES EDWIN HALIBURTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Haliburton and husband of Laura Belle Haliburton of Slaton, Texas, was born Sept. 8, 1920; educated in Slaton, Texas. He volunteered for service on Oct. 27, 1942, at Lubbock, Texas, assigned to Army Air Corps, and trained at Ft. Sill, Okla.; Pampano, Texas; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Madison, Wisconsin. Sgt. James Edwin Haliburton was given an honorable discharge on Feb. 16, 1946, and is now at home with his wife and son.
5. —CPL. ROY WELSEY JONES was born Aug. 26, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Jones, and husband of Mary Elizabeth Jones of Lubbock, Texas. He volunteered for A.A.F. on Oct. 19, 1942, and trained at Lubbock, Texas. Served overseas from June 17, 1944, to Nov. 9, 1944, in Alaska Area, the Aleutian Is. Awarded Airplane, Engine Mechanic 747; Sharpshooter, Carbine; A.A.F. Tech. Badge, American Theater, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. With 11th Ftr. Sqd. overseas. Discharged Nov. 22, 1945, Ft. Bliss.
6. —1ST LT. JAMES DOUGLAS KEESE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas G. Keese of Slaton, Texas, was born Oct. 12, 1923; attended Texas Tech. College, Lubbock; volunteered Army 1385 Engr. Petro. Dist. Co., Sept. 15, 1942; trained at Ft. Belvoir, Va.; overseas from Feb. 1945, to Aug., 1946, in England, France, Germany, Philippines, Battles of Rhineland, and C. Europe. Received EAME, 2 Stars, Meritorious Service Plaque, Philippine Independence, Liberation Asiatic-Pacific Medals. Discharged Oct. 12, 1946.
7. —S.1/c TEDDY LEON KEESE was born on Dec. 6, 1925, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas G. Keese of 360 W. Panhandle St., Slaton, Texas. He received his education in Slaton High School, entering the service June 12, 1944, at Lubbock, Texas, assigned to Navy on U.S.S. Vicksburg (CL-86), and trained in San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Nov. 2, 1945, until June 1, 1946, in the Asiatic-Pacific Area. S.1/c Keese was honorably discharged June 7, 1946, after 2 years of service.
8. —CAPT. WILLIAM ROBERT MABE, nephew of Mrs. John W. LeMond, Lubbock, Texas, born July 10, 1921, volunteered for A.A.C., Jan. 23, 1942, and trained at Garner, Kelly, Randolph and Kirtland Flds. Served overseas from July, 1943, to Sept., 1944, in invasions of France, Germany and Italy. Awarded ETO with 4 Stars, Distinguished Unit, Air Medal, 3 Clusters, D.F.C. and Victory Medals. Completed 28 missions with 8th Air Force. Discharged Dec. 29, 1945, and is living in Eagle Pass, Tex.
9. —1ST LT. JOE DOUGLAS McCRAW, son of Mr. and Mrs. Klaus McCraw, and husband of LeDoris Johnson McCraw of Lubbock, Texas, was born March 20, 1922; attended Texas Tech. College, Lubbock; volunteered for A.A.F., July 8, 1942, and trained at Santa Ana A.A.B., Calif., and Kirtland Fld., Albuquerque, N.M. Overseas from April, 1944, to July, 1945, in Battles of Burma, S.E. Asia, Pacific, China, and Japan. Awarded D.F.C. Air Medal, 4 O.L.C., and 4 Battle Stars. Discharged December 4, 1945.
- *10. —PFC THOMAS JEFFERSON NORRIS was born Nov. 4, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.T. Norris, Lubbock, Texas. He enlisted in Army Co. G., 126th Inf., 32nd Div., June 9, 1943; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Sailed overseas Nov. 19, 1943, to New Guinea in Battles of Salidor; Ataipe; Morotai Is., Dutch E. Indies; Leyte; Ormac, Lemon; Lingayen Gulf, Luzon Villa Verda Trail. He was killed in action on Luzon near Tebo Village on March 20, 1945. Received the Purple Heart when wounded on New Guinea.
11. —1ST LT. ERNEST LORIN SANDERS, was born April 1, 1919, son of Mrs. Laura Sanders, Lubbock, Texas, and husband of Ruby J. Sanders, El Paso, Texas. He volunteered for Army 1st. Cavalry Div. on June 23, 1939, and trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Served overseas from June, 1943, to Jan., 1945, in S.W. Pacific Area in Bismarck, New Guinea, Admiralty and Philippines. Awarded S. W. Pacific, 3 Battle Stars, Bronze Star, Expert Combat Inf. Badge, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals. Still serving in Pacific.
12. —M/SGT. HAROLD WENTON SANDERS, son of Mrs. Laura Sanders, Lubbock, Texas, and husband of Pearl Walton Sanders, El Paso, Texas. He enlisted in the Army 1st Cav. Div., June 7, 1940, and trained at Ft. Bliss, Texas; overseas from June, 1943, to March, 1945, in Australia, Battles of New Guinea, Admiralty Is., S. Philippines, and Luzon. Received American Defense, Good Conduct, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart Medals. Wounded in action on Luzon, Feb. 5, 1945. Discharged on Sept. 15, 1945.
13. —1ST SGT. ROBERT JAY RITCHIE was born on March 18, 1917, husband of Mildred Eleanor Ritchie of Lubbock, Texas, attended Okla. Baptist Univ. He volunteered for Army 131 F.A. Bn., 36th Div., Nov. 2, 1940; trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Blanding, Fla. and Edwards, Mass.; overseas from April, 1943, to June, 1945, in battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland, and C. Europe. Received Bronze Star, EAME with 5 Stars, American Defense Medals. Discharged July 4, 1945.
- *14. —CPL. ALVIN L. SCARBOROUGH was born on Aug. 9, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Scarborough, Lubbock, Texas. He volunteered for the A.A.F., Oct. 30, 1942, and trained at Lubbock A.A. Fld. and San Marcos, Texas, Daniel Fld., Augusta, Ga., and Myrtle Beach, S.C.; went overseas in Dec., 1943, to England, Scotland, Belgium, Holland, Battles of N. and S. France, and Ardennes. He was killed in Eindhoven, Holland, Aug. 15, 1945. Awarded 2 medals for marksmanship and Medal of Honor.
15. —1ST LT. GARMER C. SHAFFER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Shaffer, and husband of Mary Elizabeth Shaffer, Lubbock, Texas, born April 7, 1920, attended Texas Tech. College, Lubbock; volunteered for A.A.C., Dec. 17, 1941; trained at Gulf Coast Training Center. Served overseas a year in S. America, China, Burma, India, Battles of China and Japan. Awarded the Presidential Citation with 2 Battle Stars and Air Medal. 1st Lt. Shaffer is now in inactive Air Corps Reserve.
16. —SGT. CHARLES HOWARD THOMPSON, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thompson, Sr., of Lubbock, Texas, was born Jan. 22, 1922; volunteered for service Nov. 13, 1940, and was assigned to Army 131st Fld. Artillery, 36th Div., trained at Camps Bowie, Texas, Jackson, La., Blanding, Fla., and Edwards, Mass.; overseas from April, 1943, to Aug., 1945, in N. Africa, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, S. France, Rhineland, C. Europe. Awarded EAME, 5 Stars, 1 Arrowhead, American Defense Medal. Discharged July 31, 1945.
17. —T/SGT. AUBREY COLEN TRAWEEK, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Traweek, Lubbock, Texas, husband of Annette Traweek, Roswell, N.M., born April 16, 1912. He entered A.A.F. on Jan. 7, 1943, and trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; overseas from Jan., 1945, until Dec., 1945, in air offensive of Japan and W. Pacific. Received American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. He was given honorable discharge at Ft. Bliss Separation Center, Texas, on January 3, 1946.
- *18. —CPL. EMMETT ANTHONY TRAWEEK was born Aug. 20, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Traweek of Lubbock, Texas. He volunteered for service Jan. 12, 1942, assigned to Co. H., 2 Bn., 22nd Marines; trained at Camp Elliott, Calif., going overseas in Aug., 1942, to Samoa Is., Maui Is., Kwajalein Atoll, Eniwetok, Guadalcanal, Guam. He was fatally wounded in Battle of Guam on July 21, 1944, and passed away July 23, aboard ship. Received 2 Purple Hearts, Navy Unit Commendation and Victory Medal.
19. —CPL. JAMES CLEMET (RED) TUCKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Tucker, Slaton, Texas, husband of Francis Helen Tucker, Brawley, Calif., attended Texas Tech. College, Lubbock; was born March 6, 1921. Volunteered 2nd Marines, May 18, 1942; trained at San Diego, Calif.; overseas from June, 1942, to Dec., 1945, in battles of Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. Awarded Presidential Citation and Purple Heart. Cpl. Tucker was a radio operator and code clerk. Honorably discharged May 21, 1946.
20. —CPL. MERL DEAN SLOUGH, was born Sept. 8, 1921, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Slough of Eola, Texas. He attended Eola High School, volunteering for service June 2, 1942, and was assigned to 1st Armored and 5th Army Ordnance; trained at Ordnance Training Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Served overseas from Aug., 1942, to July, 1945, in England, Africa, Sicily, and Italy. Received the Good Conduct Medal and 7 Battle Stars, 2 Africa, 1 Sicily, and 4 Italy. Discharged July 13, 1945.

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1st Lt. EDWARD F. HAVRAN

1st Lt. Edward Frank Havran, birthdate February 19, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Havran, Lubbock, volunteered August 18, 1941, for the Army Air Corps; attended Hondo Navigation School; and was commissioned in April, 1944. He served with the 8th Army Air Force, Heavy Bomber Group, in the Air Offensive of Europe, Germany, Northern France, Ardennes and Rhineland from June, 1944, until February, 1945; received Air Medal with five Clusters, Bomber Group Citation, ETO Ribbon with five Battle Stars, and other medals. Lt. Havran returned to the States, and was released to inactive duty Oct. 8, 1945, with the Reserves.



Cpl. LEONARD L. JEFFERS

Cpl. Leonard Leon Jeffers, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Jeffers, Lubbock, Texas, was born February 17, 1921, and volunteered September 2, 1942, for the Marine, 3rd Amphibious Corps; trained at Camp Elliott, California, and began overseas duty March, 1943. Cpl. Jeffers served in the South and Central Pacific at Vella LaVella, Bougainville, and was wounded July 23, 1944, at Guam; received the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with the World War II Victory and American Defense Awards. After returning to the States November, 1945, his Marine service was terminated December 19, 1945.



Capt. CHARLES W. JONES

Capt. Charles William Jones, born May 12, 1920, in Texas, son of Mrs. Charles B. Jones, Lubbock, Texas, attended Texas Tech., and volunteered June 10, 1942, for the Army, 5th Armored and 35th Infantry Divisions. After training at Camp Cooke, California, and Camp Rucker, Alabama; he transferred overseas May, 1944; participated in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany; returned to the States October, 1945. Capt. Jones received the Bronze Star Medal, for gallantry in action, and other awards and was released to inactive duty with the Reserve Corps December 20, 1945.



T/5 JESSE C. JONES

T/5 Jesse C. Jones, birthdate May 18, 1920, a native of Texas, son of W.M. Jones, and husband of Dorothy Lee Jones of Lubbock, Texas, He entered service December 26, 1942, with the Army, Engineer Corps; trained at Camp Howze, Texas, and Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; transferred to the European Area September, 1943, where he participated in the battles of Central Europe, Ardennes and the Rhineland, returning to the States December, 1945. His awards include the ETO Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory and Defense Awards. Discharge was granted from Army service December 8, 1946.



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T/4 ARTHUR K. HANCOCK

T/4 Arthur Kyle Hancock, born December 14, 1920, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melton Hancock, Lorenzo, Texas, volunteered November 25, 1940, with the Army, Field Artillery, 36th Division; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Edwards, Mass. He served overseas April, 1943, until June, 1945; participated in the Battles of Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe; was wounded November 3, 1944. Also stationed in North Africa. The Purple Heart was awarded with EAME Ribbon and five Stars, Bronze Arrowhead, and other medals. Discharge was granted June 28, 1945.



S/Sgt. FRANK W. HANCOCK

S/Sgt. Frank Wesley Hancock, born July 13, 1916, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Hancock, Lorenzo, Texas, volunteered for service September 3, 1942, with the Army Air Forces; trained at Lubbock Army Air Field, and began overseas duty July, 1944. Sgt. Hancock participated in the air offensive against Japan, Eastern Mandated Islands, Western Pacific and in the ground combat at Iwo Jima, serving with the Pacific 4th Emergency Rescue Squadron for sixteen months, and returned to the States November 1945. His awards include the Asiatic-Pacific Medal and Good Conduct Ribbon. Discharged December 1, 1945.



AM 1/c MILLARD J. HANCOCK

AM 1/c Millard Job Hancock, born August 18, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melton Hancock, Lorenzo, Texas, attended the Southland, Texas, Schools and volunteered January 3, 1942, for the Navy, Aviation Branch; trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and served at Corpus Christi Air Station until September, 1944, at which time he transferred to the Pacific Theater, and was stationed at Oahu, Hawaii, Kaneohe Naval Air Base. He returned to the States October, 1945. His awards include the World War II Victory and American Defense Medals, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and other awards. Discharge was granted October 8, 1945.



1st Lt. JOHN L. DAVIES

1st Lt. John Lennox Davies, birthdate September 7, 1916, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davies of Lubbock, Texas, and cousin of Millard, Arthur and Frank Hancock, attended Lubbock Public Schools, and volunteered for service November 25, 1940. He was assigned to the 36th Division, Army Air Corps; received training at Camp Bowie; was commissioned to 2nd Lieutenant and later promoted. Lt. Davies served his total duty in the States at various fields, and before release from Air Corps was awarded the World War II Victory and American Defense Medal with Good Conduct Ribbon. Discharged December 3, 1945.



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*(Chief) CLYDE A. PIERCE

(Chief) Clyde Alton Pierce, son of J.O. Pierce, of Lubbock, and husband of Madge Pierce, of Clifton, was born March 5, 1921, and volunteered for service in the Navy on Aug. 30, 1940, at Dallas. He was trained at San Diego, and in Dec. 1940, he went overseas on the USS Nevada, to Pearl Harbor. He served in the Aleutian, Mariana, Gilbert, Solomon, Tinian, Philippine, Caroline, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Midway, Ryukyus, Eniwetok, and Kwajalein Is., also in Australia and on the Coral Sea. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he transferred to the USS Indianapolis, where he served until he lost his life, July 30, 1945, in the Philippine Sea. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.



Pvt. WILLIAM A. GOSSETT

Pvt. William Adair Gossett, born July 21, 1921, son of Mrs. Edna Gossett, Lubbock, Texas attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and entered service February 28, 1944, with the Army Infantry; trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and began overseas duty August, 1944. He was stationed in England, and participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Western France and the Rhineland; was wounded October 4, 1944, in the Battle of Metz; returned to hospital in England, and arrived in the States February, 1945. The Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, ETO Ribbon with three Battle Stars were awarded, and discharge was granted July 22, 1945.



Y 1/c ROY B. HAILE

Yeoman 1/c Roy Bartee Haile, born December 30, 1923, husband of Gladys Jeffers Haile, Lubbock, Texas, volunteered November 11, 1942, with Navy, Amphibious Forces; trained at San Diego, and served overseas January, 1943, until November, 1945; participated in the Battles of Hollandia, Biak, invasion of Leyte, and assault and capture of Okinawa. His ship U.S.S. Ammen was struck by suicide plane in Leyte Gulf, but was repaired and reentered service, then served on radar picket line continuously from April to June, 1945. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with seven Stars and other medals were awarded. Discharged Nov. 21, 1945.



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1st Lt. CHARLES L. SNURE

1st Lt. Charles L. Snure, son of Mrs. Dixie Lowe, of Lubbock, was born Aug. 19, 1920, and volunteered for service in the Army Air Force on Feb. 24, 1943. He was trained at San Marcos Army Air Base, and served in the United States until April 17, 1944, when he was sent overseas to the European Theater of Operations. He participated in the battles of Southern France and Rome-Arno, and suffered a flak wound on June 13, 1944. He was missing in action from June 16, to July 6, 1944, in Evadee, Yugoslavia. His awards are: DFC; Purple Heart; Air Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; 2 Battle Stars. He returned to the United States in April, 1945, and was released from active duty in June of that year.



T/5 THOMAS L. CLINTON

T/5 Thomas Leon Clinton, born September 7, 1921, son of J.T. Clinton, and husband of Lucille M. Clinton both of Lubbock, Texas, attended Texas Tech, and entered service June 3, 1944, with the Army Armored Div.; trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., and served overseas December, 1944, until November, 1945. He served in the Ardennes, Central Europe and Rhineland Campaigns as liaison agent and tank gunner; later with his Artillery section of the 3rd Army. His awards include the EAME Campaign Ribbon with three Stars, and Commendation from Gen. Geo. S. Patton, and other medals. His discharge was received January 27, 1946.



Capt. JOSEPH J. GEORGE

Capt. Joseph Jerome George, born December 3, 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe George, Lubbock, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and entered service July 14, 1942, with Army Medical Dept. Capt. George served as Medical Records Officer at various bases in England, also in Normandy, France, and was later assigned to Hdqtrs., Chanor Base Section, Brussels, Belgium, serving as officer to compile statistical data relative to the health of the Command, also casualties incurred by the Armies in operation against the enemy. He received the Meritorious Unit Award, and after returning home, was discharged June 4, 1946.



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Cpl. HARRY B. CAMPBELL

Cpl. Harry Brewer Campbell, birthdate February 16, 1917, a native of Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Campbell of Lubbock, Texas, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and volunteered for service September 7, 1942, for the Army Air Forces. He trained at Las Vegas, New Mexico, and at Lubbock, Texas, Army Air Field. Cpl. Campbell served as dispatcher in base operations at Army Air Field, Bryan, Texas, and at Greensboro, North Carolina. The World War II Victory and American Defense Medals were awarded with the American Theater Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. His discharge was granted November 24, 1945.



M/Sgt. CLAUDE E. CAMPBELL

M/Sgt. Claude Edgar Campbell, born May 15, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Campbell of Lubbock, Texas, attended the Littlefield, Texas, Schools, and entered service January 8, 1943, with the Army, Armored Division, and after training, served at Ft. Knox as instructor of maintenance of wheeled and half-track vehicles for eighteen months. His overseas duty began January, 1945, in the European Area where he participated in the battle for Central Europe; received the Meritorious Service Award, French Fourragere de Guerre and Belgian Award. He returned to the States April, 1946, and was discharged the same month.



S/Sgt. HENRY H. EDMONDSON, JR.

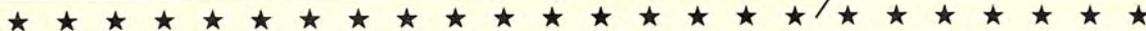
S/Sgt. Henry Hyden Edmondson, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Edmondson, Sr., 640 S. 10th St., Slaton, Texas. He was born September 24, 1922, and attended the public school of Slaton and Texas Tech in Lubbock. On Jan. 7, 1942, he volunteered in the Army Air Corps, and embarked for overseas in June, 1944, participating in the European Theater of Operations. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with 1 Silver Star and 1 Bronze Star. S/Sgt. Edmondson was given an honorable discharge October 8, 1945, and returned to civilian life.



S1/c ROBERT G. EDMONDSON

S1/c Robert Grady Edmondson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Edmondson of Slaton, Texas, born Jan. 1, 1925. He acquired his education in the public schools of Slaton. S1/c Edmondson volunteered Aug. 30, 1943, and was assigned to U.S. Navy Amphibious Force, training at Destroyer Base, San Diego, California, and Boat Basin, Oceanside, California. He left the United States for overseas duty April 1, 1946, and participated in the Solomon, Russell, Palau and Caroline Islands. Received Victory, American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific, with 1 Bronze Star, awards. Honorably discharged March 29, 1946.

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Maj. RAYMOND H. TODD, JR.

Major Raymond Hascal Todd, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Todd, of Slaton, Texas, and husband of Ferné Todd, also of Slaton, was born Nov. 30, 1917, and volunteered for service as a cadet in the Army Air Corps, Dec. 21, 1941. He was trained at Randolph and Brooks Fields, and served in the 2nd and 3rd Air Forces in the U.S. In Jan., 1945, he went to the Asiatic-Pacific Area and served as a fighter pilot with the 7th Air Force overseas. He was with the 318th Army Ftr. Gr., the first to fly from Okinawa. He participated in the battles of Saipan, Ie Shima, and Oahu, and holds the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars. He returned to inactive duty in the Air Corps Reserve on April 28, 1946.



Capt. JAMES W. TURNBOW

Capt. James W. Turnbow, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Turnbow, of Slaton, Texas was born Dec. 17, 1918. He was an honor graduate of Texas Technological College in 1940, and became a Reserve Officer in the Army. On July 27, 1941, he volunteered for active service; was assigned to the Ordnance Dept., and trained at San Antonio and Aberdeen. He spent the entire three years of this service in the U.S., 2 years of which were spent at Camp Hulen. Both here and at Ft. Bliss he was much in favor with his men as well as with his superior officers who recognized his unusual ability. He retired to inactive duty on April 14, 1944.



Capt. PARRI D. AGEE

Capt. Parri Dee Agee, daughter of W.H. Agee of Stamford, Texas, was born Feb. 20, 1911, and volunteered for the Woman's Army Corps on Aug. 12, 1942, at Lubbock. She was trained at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, and served in the United States until May, 1945, being stationed at Eglin Field, Fla. She was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific Area, and was in Manila until Nov., 1945. In 1943 she changed from the Woman's Auxiliary Corps to the regular Army. Her awards are: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, 1 Bronze Star; Amer. Theater; Philippine Liberation; Woman's Army Corps Ribbon; and Victory Medal. She received an honorable discharge, Jan., 1946.



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Y. LONNIE C. CAMP

Yeoman Lonnie Cain Camp, born May 31, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Camp, Lubbock, Texas, volunteered for service April 23, 1945, with the U.S. Merchant Marine Corps; trained at Avalon, Santa Catalina Island; and served in and out of the States from June, 1945, to November, 1946. Yeoman Camp served in the ports of Manila, Singapore, Calcutta, Colombo, Ceylon Island, Southampton, England, and at LeHarve, France, and Bremerhaven, Germany. The Merchant Marine Pacific and Mediterranean Area Bars were awarded with the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. After returning to the States, he was discharged in Jan. 1947.



Cpl. JAMES T. CAMP

Cpl. James Thomas Camp, born November 19, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Camp, Lubbock, Texas, volunteered October 28, 1942, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; trained at South Plains Glider School, Texas, and began overseas duty August 8, 1945, in the Pacific Area. Cpl. Camp served as truck driver on Guam with the 75th Air Service Sqdn.; transported gasoline, ammunition, food rations and military personnel in black-outs and over difficult terrain, also on long distance convoys. The Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon was awarded with various other medals. He returned to the States, and was discharged Feb., 1946.



S1/c HARLAN L. BASINGER

S1/c Harlan Lee Basinger, born May 14, 1919, husband of Maxalene Cooper Basinger, Southland, Texas volunteered May 1, 1944, with the Navy, Amphibious Forces; trained at Coronado, Calif. and began overseas duty August, 1944, aboard the U.S.S. Sarasota. Seaman Basinger served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area in the invasions of Okinawa and Ie Shima, received Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, World War II Victory and Defense Medals with other awards. After returning to the States January 3, 1946, he was discharged from the Navy one week later.



Pfc EARL W. COOPER

Pfc Earl Wallace Cooper, born January 31, 1925, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper, Slaton, Texas, entered service August 21, 1943, with the Army 8th Infantry Division; trained at Camp Wolters, Texas. He served overseas March, 1944, to July, 1945, in the European Theater; participated in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe and the Rhineland; was wounded September 8, 1944, in the Battle for Brest on the Brittany Peninsula, France. The Purple Heart was awarded with ETO Ribbon and four Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Combined Allied Operations Ribbons and other medals. Discharged Nov. 6, 1945.



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T/5 EDGAR J. HAZLIP

T/5 Edgar John Hazlip, son of Mrs. Annie Hazlip, of Lubbock, was born June 23, 1918, and entered Army service Feb. 19, 1943. He was assigned to the 3rd Army, and trained at Ft. F.E. Warren and Camp Hale. From Nov., 1944, to July, 1945, he served overseas in Europe, and participated in the battles of the Rhineland and Central Europe. His awards are: American Theater Campaign; EAME Campaign with 2 Bronze Stars; 1 Unit Citation Wreath; 1 Overseas Service Bar; Good Conduct; Victory. Previous to entering the service he was a mechanic. As a boy, he attended the schools of Lubbock. He received an honorable discharge from military service in February, 1946.



WT 3/c GEORGE T. MERWIN

Water Tender 3/c George Tacitus Merwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Powell Merwin, Port Arthur, Texas, born Feb. 5, 1923. Attended public schools of Port Arthur, and volunteered for service July 17, 1942, assigned to U.S. Navy, training in San Diego, Calif. Served on USS Monaghan in Hawaiian, Aleutians, Marshalls, Gilberts and Marianas, and in invasions of Truk, Tarawa, Palau, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, and Japanese homeland. He also served on USS Sylvania from April 5, 1945, to Nov. 11, 1945. Received an honorable discharge December 18, 1945, and returned to civilian life.



S ROY W. MERWIN

Seaman Roy William Merwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Powell Merwin, Port Arthur, Texas, was born Nov. 30, 1918. Attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur, and volunteered for service with the Merchant Marines, serving in England, France, Belgium, Italy, Algeria, Egypt, and participating in East Africa, India, Iraq, Okinawa, Hawaii. Seaman Merwin has been in continuous service since October 21, 1939, and has been given a certificate dated June 20, 1946, showing that he has completed a period of substantially continuous service in the Merchant Marine commencing May 1, 1940. Discharged June 20, 1946.



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Sgt. CYRIL W. TAYLOR

Sgt. Taylor, was born on April 29, 1912, son of Mrs. Grace F. Taylor and husband of Mattie Lee Taylor of 1349 11th St., Port Arthur, Texas. Attended Port Arthur High; volunteered for the Army Air Forces on Sept. 29, 1942, at Houston; trained at Ellington Fld., Tex., Maxwell Fld., Ala.; Davis Monthan Fld., Tucson, Ariz., and Boeing Fld., Seattle, Wash. Served in the air offensive of Japan and Eastern Mandates campaign from June to Oct. of 1945. Awarded Air Medal and authorized to wear the American Theater, Asiatic Pacific with 2 Stars, and the World War II Victory Medals. On Dec. 24, 1945, he was given his discharge. Received commission as 2nd Lt. in the Air Corps Res. on April 15, 1946.



Sgt. RAYMOND J. TOUPS, JR.

Sgt. Toups, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Toups of 3312 13th, Port Arthur, Texas, was born on February 1, 1924, in La. He attended Port Arthur College, and entered the service Dec. 29, 1942, at Houston. Was assigned to Army Signal Corps, training at Camp Kohler, Calif. Overseas from May 29, 1943, to Jan. 22, 1946, in England, France, and Germany. His awards include the European Theater of Operations with 1 Star, Good Conduct, and Victory Ribbons, and also Letter of Commendation from Hq. Central District, VK Base Section, for continuing in his duty during V-2 bombardment. Transferred to 1st Allied Airborne Army in 1945. Discharged Jan. 29, 1946.



RM2/c GEORGE M. TREIBEL

RM2/c Treibel, born on Nov. 11, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Treibel, and husband of Doris M. Treibel of 5237 4th St., Port Arthur, attended Port Arthur Business College, and volunteered for the service on Aug. 2, 1942, at Houston. He was assigned to the Navy Fleet Branch, and trained at San Diego, Calif. Overseas from March, 1943, to Nov., 1945, in European and Asiatic Pacific areas in battle of Sicily, and Normandy invasion. His awards are Good Conduct, ETO, American Theater, Asiatic Pacific, and Victory Medals. Discharged November 17, 1945. Enlisted in Organized Ready Reserves, U.S. Navy on October 16, 1946.

1. -T/SGT. JOHN JIM FORNOLS, husband of Mrs. Helen Fornols, Port Arthur, was born July 31, 1923. Volunteered Sept. 23, 1942. Assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from Mar., 1944, to Mar., 1945, in European Theater. Received D.F.C., Air Medal with 3 Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, ETO Bar with 4 Bronze Stars, and Group Citation (for repairing cables at 16' below, to enable pilot to land plane successfully). Flew 30 combat missions as lead-crew. His position, Flight Eng. Gunner.

2. -ELECTRICIAN'S MATE BOYD GARDENHIRE, JR., son of Mrs. Winnie Gardenhire, Port Arthur, was born Oct. 31, 1921. Attended San Antonio High School. Volunteered for service Sept. 8, 1942, at Houston, Texas. Assigned to Navy V-6, and trained at San Diego, Calif. He served overseas for fourteen months in Asiatic-Pacific Theater, in Marshall Islands, Mariana Islands and Luzon invasion. Received American Defense Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged Dec. 6, 1945.

3. -AMM2/c HAROLD WAYNE GARDENHIRE, was born Aug. 9, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Gardenhire of Port Arthur. His wife is Mrs. Christina C. Gardenhire. Received his education in Port Arthur Public Schools. Volunteered Oct. 20, 1942, at Houston. Assigned to Navy Air Corps. Trained at Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Sept. 22, 1943, to Mar. 12, 1945, in Southwest Pacific. Received American Defense Ribbon, Victory Medal. Discharged Nov. 5, 1945.

4. -S/SGT. JOHNNY ROBERT WILLIAMS, was born Nov. 1, 1923. His wife, Mrs. Gladys Williams, lives in Groves, Texas. Attended school in Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Jan. 29, 1943, at Houston. Assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from May, 1944, to May, 1945, in Central Pacific. Received Air Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Asiatic-Pacific with 2 Battle Stars, American Defense Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged July 4, 1945.

5. -SGT. BENITO VALES GOMEZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Gomez of Port Arthur, was born Nov. 13, 1922. Attended Port Arthur Schools. Entered service Apr. 1, 1943, at Houston. Assigned to Army, 17th Airborne. Trained at Camp Mackall, N.C. Served overseas from May, 1944, to August, 1945, in European Theater. Wounded June 23, 1944, at Grosetto, Italy. Received American Defense Ribbon, Victory Medal and Purple Heart. Discharged October 20, 1945, at Camp Bowie.

*6. -2ND LT. THOMAS EDISON GOMEZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Gomez of Port Arthur, was born June 20, 1924. Attended Port Arthur Public Schools. Volunteered Mar. 15, 1943, at Houston. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at LeMoore Field, Calif. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Feb., 1945, in European Theater. Killed in action on February 2, 1945, while returning from combat patrol over German positions in Northern Italy. He was awarded Air Medal.

7. -TECH/4 FRANK ALFRED GRAY, husband of Mrs. Bettye G. Gray of Beaumont, was born Jan. 27, 1918. Volunteered Oct. 30, 1940, at Fort Sam Houston. Assigned to Army, 2nd Division. Trained at Fort Sam Houston and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Served overseas from Oct. 1943, to Sept., 1945, in European Theater. Received EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Medal. He was discharged October 12, 1945.

8. -CPL. WARREN THAD KEESE, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren T. Keese, Sr., of Beaumont, was born June 19, 1921. Attended Beaumont Public Schools. Volunteered for service May 17, 1943, at Beaumont. Assigned to Army Air Corps. Trained at Santa Ana Army Air Field. He was awarded Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon. Served in the United States from May 17, 1943, to February 19, 1946. Received discharge February 19, 1946.

9. -S/SGT. SAVIO GUSSMAN, son of Mrs. Juanita Gussman of Beaumont, was born Dec. 16, 1918. Attended Beaumont High School. Volunteered July 6, 1939, at Beaumont. Assigned to Army, 36 Inf. Div. Trained at Camp Bowie, Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Edwards, Mass. Served in National Guard; overseas from April, 1943, to June, 1945, in European Theater and North Africa. Received American Defense Service, EAME Campaign with 5 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medals. Discharge, June 29, 1945.

10. -PVT. GUADALUPE GUSSMAN, son of Mrs. Juanita Gussman of Beaumont, was born Nov. 18, 1924. Entered service Mar. 23, 1943, at Fort Sam Houston. Assigned to Army, 88th Div. Trained at Camp Hood and Fort Sam Houston. Served overseas from Dec., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in European Theater and North Africa. Received EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medals. He was discharged December 11, 1945.

11. -SGT. ELWOOD MONTEL HOOD, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hood, Sr., was born Sept. 11, 1921. Attended school in Port Arthur and Southwestern Louisiana Institute. Volunteered July 21, 1942, at Port Arthur. Assigned to Army Air Force. Trained at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. Served overseas from June, 1943, to November, 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal. Discharged November 22, 1945.

12. -SGT. GEORGE MELVIN HOOD, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hood of Port Arthur, was born Dec. 17, 1923. Attended school in Port Arthur and Lamar College, Beaumont, Texas. Volunteered Jan. 22, 1942, at Port Arthur. Trained at McCord Field, Tacoma, Wash. He was assigned to Army Air Force. Served overseas from March, 1945, to February, 1946, in European Theater. Received EAME Campaign Medal, American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged February 24, 1946.

13. -SGT. JOHN WAYNE HANCOCK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Hancock of Beaumont, was born Aug. 14, 1908. Received his education in Zavalla, Texas. Entered service Feb. 11, 1942, at Beaumont. Assigned to Army, Ninth Division. Trained at Camp Berkeley, Camp Edwards, Camp Pickett, Camp Butler. Served overseas 24 months on the Western Front, along the Roer, Rhine, and Elbe Rivers. Received American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 6, 1945.

14. -SGT. GLENN HUMPHREY, born Mar. 12, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Humphrey, Port Arthur. Volunteered Sept. 13, 1935, at Paris, Texas. Assigned to Army Field Artillery. Trained at Fort Sill, Okla. Served overseas, Nov., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in European Area. Received Purple Heart, EAME Service Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, Army Distinguished Unit Badge, American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Now serving Hq. Btry. 4th Bn., F.A. School Troops, Fort Sill, Okla.

15. -SGT. FLORENE HUMPHREY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Humphrey, Port Arthur, was born Dec. 1, 1916. Volunteered Feb. 22, 1943, Little Rock, Ark. Assigned to Army Air Corps (WAAC & WAC). Served overseas May, 1944, to Nov., 1945, in European Theater at BADA ASC USSTAF, APO 635, as Secretary to Commanding General. Received WAAC, ETO, & American Defense Ribbons, Army Distinguished Unit Badge, Certificate Award for devotion to duty & outstanding efficiency. Discharged Nov. 16, 1945.

16. -MoMM1/c JACK HUMPHREY, born June 22, 1921. Son of Austin Humphrey, Port Arthur. Volunteered Aug. 29, 1940. Assigned to Navy, U.S.S. Canopus. Served overseas Oct., 1940, to Oct., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Area. Wounded; missing 1 year; POW camps 3 1/4 years. Received Silver Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation with 1 Star, Asiatic-Pacific with 3 Stars, Philippine Defense with 1 Star, Army Distinguished Unit Badge with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. Still serving in Navy.

17. -S/SGT. CHARLES FRANKLIN JONAS, husband of Mrs. Edith Rose Jonas, Groves, Texas, was born May 17, 1918. Attended Lamar College, Beaumont. Entered service Apr. 27, 1944, at Fort Sam Houston. Assigned to Army, 80th Div. Trained at Camp Robinson, Ark. Served overseas from Oct., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in European Theater. Received Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star, American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 18, 1945.

18. -PVT. RUFUS UNDERWOOD KILPATRICK, son of Mrs. Ruth Kilpatrick, Beaumont, was born March 17, 1916. Received his education in Beaumont Public Schools. Entered service Feb. 23, 1944. Assigned to Army, 24th Corps. Trained at Fort Riley, Kansas. Transferred to Transportation Corps Aug., 1944, at Camp Blanche in New Orleans, La. Served overseas from June, 1945, to December, 1945, in Okinawa and Korea. Received American Defense Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged May 5, 1946.

19. -MoM1/c GUY E. KILPATRICK, son of Mrs. Ruth Kilpatrick, Beaumont, was born July 29, 1922. Attended Beaumont Public Schools. Volunteered in the Seabees Oct., 1942, Houston. Active service December 1942. Trained at Camp Peary, Va. Served overseas from June, 1944, to April, 1945, in Caribbean area. He received American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He was separated from the Navy April 2, 1946.

20. -RADIOMAN 3/c GEORGE HINKLEY KUGLER, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kugler, 1601 16th St., Port Arthur, was born January 7, 1924. Received his education in Port Arthur Public Schools. Volunteered for service Sept. 21, 1942, at Houston. Assigned to Navy, Fleet. He trained in the United States for 5 months. Served overseas from Mar., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Received American Defense Service Ribbon and Victory Medal. Discharged Dec. 13, 1945.

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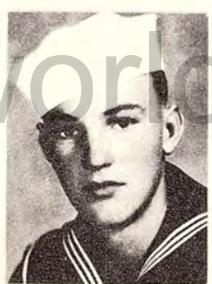
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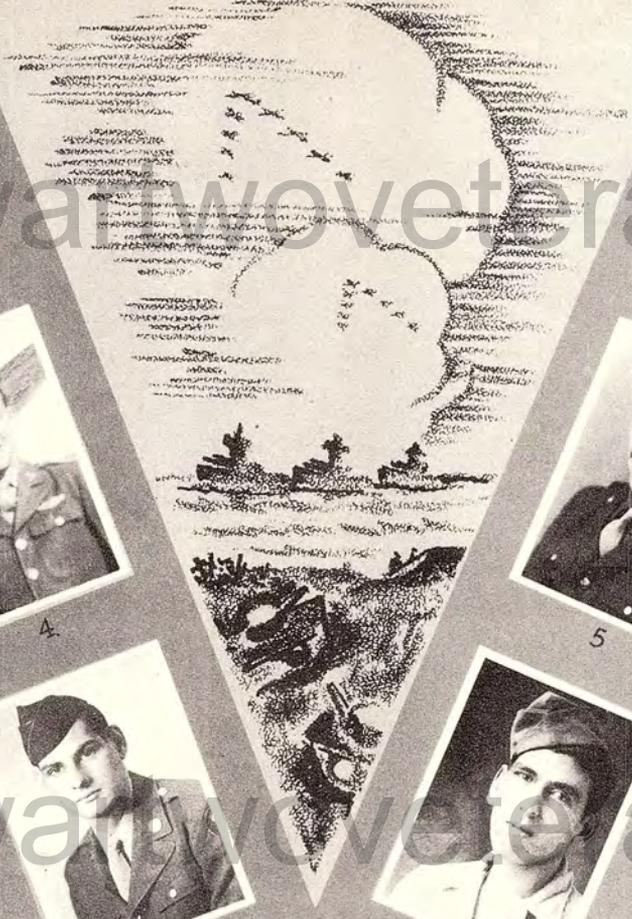
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Sgt. Maj. DAVID H. WALLACE

Sgt. Maj. D. H. Wallace, born Dec. 9, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Wallace, Beaumont, husband of Caroline C. Wallace, 712 Homewood Ave., Buena Park, Calif., was educated at Oil City Grammar, La., and David Crockett Jr. High School, Dallas. Volunteered Nov. 1, 1927; was assigned to 5th Marines, and 1st Separate Tank Aviation; trained at Parris Is., S.C.; served in the U.S. 8 months, and overseas 18 months, in So. Cen. Pacific, defense of Funafuti, Ellice Group and staging of Tarawa, Marshalls Group. He was awarded: Marine Corps Exped. Numeral "2"; 2nd Nicaraguan; American Def., 1 Star; ATO, Asiatic Pac.; and Victory. Sgt. Maj. Wallace is still in the service, a professional soldier.



1st Lt. JAMES H. TAYLOR



Capt. FRANK E. TELTSCHICK

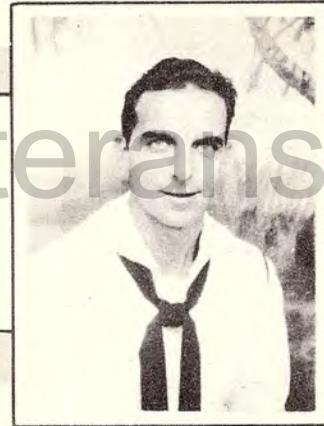
1st Lt. Taylor, born on Sept. 8, 1923, in La., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Taylor of Orange, Texas, and husband of Marjorie M. Taylor of 1635 Memphis St., Port Arthur, was educated in Ragley, La., and volunteered for the A.A.C. on Dec. 7, 1942, at Houston. Trained at Deming, New Mexico, Air Base. He served in the Asiatic Pacific Area from June 28, 1945, until May 12, 1946, in Leyte, Luzon, Ie Shima, and Honshu, Japan. He was promoted to 1st Lt. on May 9, 1946. First Lieutenant James Howard Taylor was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Air Corps on the 20th day of June in 1946.

Capt. Teltschick, was born on August 11, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Teltschick, and husband of Betty Jean Teltschick of Port Arthur. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School; enlisted in the Army Air Force on March 24, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and trained at Blackland A.A.B. at Waco, Texas. He was shipped overseas on September 11th, 1944, and served in the European Theater of Operations in the battles of Central Europe, Ardennes, and Rhineland, until October 8th, 1945. Decorations include Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and 5 Clusters, and Distinguished Unit Citation. Honorably discharged November 17th, 1945.



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Sp.(Y) 2/c HERMAN T. RUSSELL, JR.

Coxswain JULIUS P. SAVARINO

Sp. (Y) 2/c Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Russell, Sr., of 2412 French Drive, Beaumont, Texas, was born on April 22, 1925, educated at Bronson, Texas, and attended Lamar College at Beaumont. Entered the service July 15, 1943, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the N.A.S. Operations, training at Corpus Christi, Texas; he attended Control Tower School at Fort Worth, Texas, for 1 1/2 months. With service in the Asiatic Pacific Theater, stationed at Attu, Alaska, and Kodiak, Alaska, from October 31, 1943, until November 13, 1945. Sp(Y) 2/c Herman Theola Russell, Jr., received an honorable discharge on March 7, 1946.

Cox.Savarino, was born on May 19, 1911, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.Savarino, and husband of Ruby Savarino of 1732 Procter, Port Arthur, Texas. He attended Franklin Grammar and Port Arthur High Schools, and entered the service on March 16, 1944, at Houston. He was assigned to the U.S.Navy, and was sent to San Diego Naval Training Station. He went overseas on the 3rd of May in 1944, and served in the Pacific area, aboard the Y.S.D. 75 with the U.S. Naval Ship Repair Unit. Returned to the United States on the 22 day of November, 1945. Coxswain Julius Paul Savarino received his honorable discharge on January 28, 1946.



T/5 CLARENCE O. SHEPHERD

Sgt. JOSEPH W. SIPOLE

T/5 Shepherd, was born on Nov. 2, 1919, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shepherd of Port Arthur, and husband of Iris Shepherd, also of Port Arthur. He attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, and entered the service on May 3, 1944; was assigned to the Army Corps of Engineers; trained at Camp Abbot, Ore., and Ft. Lewis, Wash. Overseas from March 30, 1945, to January 24, 1946, in Marseille, France; Panama Canal; Manila, Luzon; Nagoya, Japan; Belgium; Germany; and Philippines, in battle of Central Germany. Awarded Good Conduct, ETO, with 1 Star, Asiatic Pacific, American Theater, Victory, and Philippine Liberation Ribbons. He was honorably discharged January 29, 1946.

Sgt. Sipole, was born on the 11th day of January, 1916, in Texas, son of Mrs. Ruth Sipole of 901 12th Street, Port Arthur, and husband of Daisy Ann Sipole of 101 4th Street, Port Arthur. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur, and volunteered for the service on the 29th of December in 1941, at Houston; was assigned to the Army Air Forces, and was sent to Paine Field, Washington, for his training. On October of 1942, he was shipped overseas; served in Africa, Sicily, and Italy, until he returned to the United States in May of 1945. Sgt. Joseph William Sipole received his discharge Sept., 1945, at Camp Shelby, Miss.

1. -CPL. JAMES FULLER TAYLOR, son of Mrs. Grace F. Taylor of 1310 Twelfth St., Port Arthur, Texas, was born May 8, 1910, in Mexico City. He volunteered for the Army Air Corps Oct. 19, 1942. He was trained at Ellington Field and served overseas from July, 1943, to June, 1945. Areas and battles: Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Normandy, N. France, air offensive, Europe. Awarded Dist. Unit Badge Ltrc 200, 6 Hq. 8th AF. Hon. discharged Oct., 1945.

2. -CPL. DONALD B. VALENTINE, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Valentine of Trenton, Texas, was born on April 23, 1913, in Texas, and attended Albany Grade School in Albany, Okla., and Trenton High School in Trenton, Texas. On May 6, 1942, at Dallas he entered the Army Ordnance Div., and trained at Camp Warren, Wyo. Overseas from July, 1942, to Jan., 1945, at Ladd Fld., Alaska, in the A.T.C. Div. with service along the Alaskan Highway. Cpl. Valentine received his discharge in January of 1945.

3. -CPL. ALTON F. BEST, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Best, of Woodville, Texas, was born July 22, 1906, and entered service July 16, 1942. He was assigned to the Army, 417th Bomb Group, and received his training in Colorado, Oklahoma, and Louisiana camps. From Jan., 1944, to Oct., 1945, he served in New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies, the Philippines, and Okinawa. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, with 3 Stars; Philippine Liberation with 1 Star; Good Conduct. Honorably discharged, Oct., 1945. He is the brother of Mrs. Roy Sturrock of Port Arthur.

4. -T/5 JACK CRUSE BEST, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Best, of Woodville, brother of Mrs. Roy Sturrock of Port Arthur, was born April 27, 1911, and entered service Nov. 25, 1940. He was assigned to the Army, 111 (C) Engrs., 36th Inf., and trained at Camps Bowie, Blanding, and Edwards. He served overseas from April, 1943, to Aug., 1945, in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. He participated in the Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno battles. Awards: Campaign Medal with 5 Stars; Amer. Def.; Good Conduct. Hon. discharged Aug., 1945.

5. -WT3/c JACK MOISE McKNIGHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McKnight, Sr., of Port Arthur, Texas, was born March 13, 1926, and volunteered for the Navy, Feb. 14, 1944. He was assigned to Reserve V6, and trained at San Diego, Calif. He served overseas from April, 1944, to May, 1946, in Saipan, Okinawa, the Philippines, and the invasion of Japan. Awards: American Area Campaign; Asiatic-Pacific Area; Philippine Liberation; Victory Medal. Promoted five times. Honorably discharged, May, 1946.

6. -S/SGT. MATTHEW ALVIN McKNIGHT, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McKnight, Sr., of Port Arthur, Texas, was born May 1, 1913, and entered service Dec. 12, 1942. He was assigned to the 1881st Engineers of the Army, and served overseas from June, 1943, to Dec., 1945, in the Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He was wounded at Tacloban, Leyte. Awards: Presidential Unit Citation; Purple Heart; Meritorious Unit; Asiatic-Pac., 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead; G.C. Hon. dis., Dec. 1945.

7. -CAPT. WESLEY LOUIS CRESAP, born Aug. 10, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cresap of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service in Army June 4, 1942. Trained at Fort Sill, Okla. Served overseas March, 1945, to June, 1946, as a replacement liaison pilot. Landed at Le Havre; joined Hq. 7th Army. Battle of Central Europe. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was released from active duty June 23, 1946. Member, Officer Reserve Corps.

8. -2ND LT. THOMAS PEARL CULP, JR., born May 29, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Culp of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 14, 1942, in Army Air Corps. Trained at Dodd Field, San Antonio; Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas; Chanute Field, Packard Motor Co., Ill; Ellington Field-F.A.A.B., and Ft. Worth, Texas. Awarded American Defense Medal and Victory Ribbon. He was discharged November 15, 1945, remaining in Air Corps Reserve. Completed his education at Texas A and M College.

9. -MM3/c JAMES ANDREW WHISENANT, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Whisenant, of San Benito, Texas, and husband of Winnifred Whisenant, of Harlingen, Texas, was born Jan. 22, 1920. He volunteered for the Navy Seabees, Oct. 21, 1942, and trained at Camp Bradford. He served overseas from March, 1943, to July, 1945, in Hawaii and invasion of Guam. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and received an honorable discharge Oct. 14, 1945, at Shoemaker, California.

10. -S1/c JACK HAYWOOD, husband of Doris Jeane Wells Haywood, and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williams, of Port Isabel, Texas, was born Oct. 23, 1925, and volunteered for service June 25, 1942. He was assigned to the U. S. Coast Guard. He volunteered at Oklahoma City, and was trained at Camp Algiers, New Orleans, Louisiana. He was promoted twice; served in the United States, where he is still in service. He was educated in the schools of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

11. -S/SGT. JOSEPH CALVIN WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williams, of Port Isabel, Texas, was born Aug. 22, 1918, and entered service March 11, 1941, at San Benito, Texas. He was assigned to the Army Quartermaster Corps, and served in the Asiatic-Pacific area from Sept., 1943, to Sept., 1945, on the islands of New Britain, Luzon, New Guinea, and in the Lingayen Gulf invasion. Awards: American Defense; Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star; Asiatic-Pac. Cam. Honorably discharged, Oct., 1945.

12. -LT. COM. USMS, LT. (JG) USNR LEONARD H. WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williams, of Port Isabel, Texas, was born Oct. 19, 1919, and volunteered for the U.S. Naval Reserve, March 15, 1943. He served in the U.S. Maritime Commission in the Atlantic, Pacific, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and Mediterranean areas, on cargo ships. He was wounded in the Leyte invasion, Philippine Is., and was hospitalized 3 weeks. Awards: Pacific and Atlantic; U.S. Maritime, 1 Star; Phil. Lib., 1 Star. Discharged May, 1946.

13. -Lt. (JG) EVERARD MEADE WOODSON, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Woodson, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and husband of Dorothy Jean Woodson, of San Benito, Texas, was born May 14, 1918, and volunteered for the Navy, Dec. 16, 1942. He was placed in the Civil Engineer Corps and trained at Camp Endicott, R.I. He served overseas from June, 1943, to Oct., 1944, and from June, 1945, to Nov., 1946, on the islands of New Caledonia, Ordonga, Nissan, and Okinawa. Separated, Nov., 1945. Still in the U.S.N.R.

14. -PFC WILLIAM ALVA BELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bell of Orange, Texas, was born March 8, 1918, and volunteered for service Feb. 3, 1941. He was assigned to the Army, 36th Div., 133 Inf. He served in North Africa from May to Aug., 1943. After landing in Salerno, he fought 4 days then he was captured by the Germans and taken to Stalag 2 B. He received the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster for being wounded in action. He was honorably discharged from service, Oct., 1945.

15. -PVT. J.V. BYERLY, son of J. V. Byerly, of Beaumont, Texas, and husband of Loretta Byerly, of Vidor, Texas, was born Sept. 18, 1921, and entered service Feb. 8, 1943. He was assigned to the Army, Troop A, 116th Cavalry, and trained at Camps Gordon and Pinedale. He served overseas from Feb. to Aug., 1945, in Belgium, France, and Germany, and in the battle of Rhineland. Awards: EAME Ribbon 1 Bronze Star; Amer. Thea. Ribbon; Good Conduct; Victory. Honorably discharged Nov. 1945.

16. -CPL. HOWARD VAN MARTIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Martin, of Vidor, Texas, was born June 29, 1924, and entered service April 27, 1943. He was assigned to the Army, Tank Destroyer Div., and served in England, France, Belgium, and Germany, from Feb. 27, 1944, to March 1, 1945. He was commended for superior performance in the Bastogne, and received a Citation. Awards: Two Purple Hearts, one for injury, one for death. He lost his life in battle, at Saarburg, Germany, March 1, 1945.

17. -S/SGT. LONNIE RICHARD HAVARD, son of Mrs. Lula O'Conner, of Houston, Texas, was born Oct. 4, 1917, and entered service Jan. 21, 1943. He was assigned to the Army Air Force and trained at Boise, Idaho. He served in the European Theater of Operations and made 30 missions as an aerial gunner, from April to October, 1944. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, also 4 Battle Stars. Honorably discharged Oct., 1945.

18. -PFC LEVY ANSEL HAVARD, son of Mrs. Lula O'Conner, of Houston, Texas, was born August 14, 1912, and volunteered for service Jan. 16, 1942. He joined the Army Parachute Troops and was trained at Ft. Benning, Ga. He served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Oct., 1945, in Europe, in the battles of Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes. He was wounded in action, and was awarded the Purple Heart, 4 Battle Stars, 1 Bronze Star. Discharged Oct., 1945, 2 weeks after his brother.

19. -PFC COMMODORE C. SHIPMAN, son of Mrs. Ethel Shipman, of Dayton, Texas, was born June 19, 1928, and entered service Sept. 20, 1945. He was assigned to the Army Engr. Det. and was sent to Yuma, Arizona, for his training. He was educated in the schools of Dayton, Texas. He was still in the training camp at Yuma at the time this biographical sketch was obtained; consequently is in the service yet. He is a younger brother of Frank I. Shipman.

20. -CPL. FRANK I. SHIPMAN, son of Mrs. Ethel Shipman, of Dayton, Texas, was born Feb. 16, 1923. He entered the service of his country on April 16, 1942, at Liberty, Texas, and was assigned to the Army, 2125 Engr. Div. He was trained at Atlantic City, New Jersey, and served overseas from Oct. 8, 1942, to March 7, 1946, in England, Germany, and France. He received an honorable discharge on March 12, 1946. He was educated in the schools of Dayton, Texas.

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MM 2/c NORMAN J. MORRIS, JR.

MM2/c Morris, Jr., was born on Dec. 15, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Morris, Sr., of Groves, Texas, and husband of Pauline Anna Morris of 2037 Thomas Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas. Educated in Groves and Port Neches, and volunteered for the service May 25, 1942, at Houston. Assigned to the Navy on U.S.S. McCalla (DD 488), going to San Diego, Calif., for his training. Served overseas from Aug. 29, 1942, until Sept. 11, 1945, in Wisdan Camp, Borneo; 2nd and 3rd Savo Is. battles; New Georgia, Marianas campaigns; Philippine Liberation; liberation of So. Solomons; capture, defense of Guadalcanal, and 1st Truk raid. Received Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct. 17, 1945.



Sgt. DERWOOD L. PEVETO

Sgt. Peveto, was born on June 28, 1919, in Port Arthur, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard T. Peveto of Port Arthur. He attended Univ. of Texas at Austin, and volunteered for the service on Jan. 21, 1942, at Houston. Assigned to the Army, training at Aircraft and Electrical School at Chanute Field, Ill., and Radio Mechanic School at Trinidad. With service overseas from Aug. 21, 1943, until Sept. 25, 1945, in North Africa, Italy, Sicily, Trinidad, and the Rome-Arno campaign. His awards are American Theater, and European African Middle East Theater Ribbons, also the Good Conduct Medal. Sgt. Peveto was given his honorable discharge Oct. 28, 1945.



S/Sgt. HENRY J. PRESLEY

S/Sgt. Presley, was born on March 28, 1919, son of Mr. John Joseph Presley of Toro, La., and husband of Jewel Alice Presley of Port Arthur, Texas. He attended Northwestern State College at Natchitoches, La., and entered the service on March 14, 1942, at Many, La. Assigned to the Army 82nd; also served with 98th and 63rd Divisions, training at Camps Claiborne, La., Breckinridge, Ky., Blanding, Fla., and Van Dorn, Miss. Overseas 11 mos. in battle of Colmar, Seigfried Line, and Rhine River. Awarded ETO, 3 Stars, Presidential Unit Citation (254th Inf.) Bronze Star, and Good Conduct Medals. On Oct. 7, 1945, he received his discharge.



Maj. CARL J. PROHL

Maj. Prohl, was born on April 10, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Prohl, and husband of Chiquita McClintock Prohl of 3621 6th, Port Arthur, Texas. He attended Baylor Univ. College of Dentistry at Dallas, and volunteered for the service on Nov. 12, 1942, at Lubbock; was assigned to the Army Dental Corps; trained at Fort Sam Houston. Overseas 10 mos., serving in Rhineland with 114th Evacuation Hosp., 9th U.S. Army, in Central Europe with 5th Auxiliary Surgical Gp., 9th Army, and in England with 114th Evacuation Hosp. Awards are: EAME with 2 Stars, American Theater, and Victory Medals. Maj. Prohl was discharged on Feb. 24, 1946.



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***S/Sgt. THOMAS H. BENTON**



T/5 JACK H. BENTON

S/Sgt. Benton, the son of Mrs. Gertie Benton of 2248 10th St., Port Arthur, Texas, was born on September 13, 1916, in Texas. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School, volunteering for service on June 13, 1941, at San Antonio, Texas. Assigned to the Army 12th Air Force, 448th Bomb. Sq.; trained at Kelly Field, Texas. He went overseas on March 3, 1944, serving in the battle for Italy, and was serving as a gunner on a B-25 Mitchell Bomber, when he was killed in action on a bombardment mission to Verona, Italy, on July 26th, 1944. His decorations include the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

T/5 Benton, son of Mrs. Gertie E. Benton and husband of Nell Benton of Port Arthur, was born May 28, 1907, in Okla.; attended Thomas Jefferson High at Port Arthur; entered the service 27th July, 1943, at San Antonio; assigned to Army 6th Replacement Depot; trained at Camp Fannin, Texas. Overseas from Feb. 13, 1944, to Oct. 21, 1945, with Hqs. and Hqs. Co. in Tongareva, and with 6th Replacement Depot in New Caledonia and Manila, Luzon, P.I. His decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Tech. 5th Grade Jack Haskell Benton was given an honorable discharge on October 31, 1945.



Chief Eng. DOYLE BENTON



Ens. DON O. BENTON

C. E. Benton, was born on the 24th of January, 1904, in Oklahoma, son of Mrs. Gertie Benton of 2248 Tenth Street in Port Arthur, Texas. He received his education in Port Arthur, Texas, and volunteered for the service in 1917, at Port Arthur, Texas. He was assigned to the United States Merchant Marine. Chief Engineer Doyle Benton served in the Gulf of Mexico and also saw service in the Inland Water Ways. Chief Engineer Doyle Benton; is at the present time still serving in the United States Merchant Marine Service. He has three brothers who also served in the U. S. Forces.

Ens. Benton, was born on Oct. 10, 1902, son of Mrs. Gertie Benton of 2248 10th St., Port Arthur, and husband of Myrtis Edell Benton. He received his education in Port Arthur, Texas. Ensign Don Owen Benton volunteered for service in 1941, and was assigned to the Merchant Marine, receiving his training at sea as a Marine engineer. He served in the Merchant Marine from the start of the war until the finish, aboard ships up and down the coast all during the Sub campaign, in the Atlantic and Pacific zones, from October the 2nd, 1944, until November 20th in 1945, when he returned to the United States. He is still serving in the U.S.M.S.



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S/Sgt. JOSEPH D. MALTESE

S/Sgt. Maltese, born on Oct. 21, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Maltese, and husband of Dorothy Maltese of 1525 13th St., Port Arthur, attended Thomas Jefferson High School, and entered the Army Air Corps on June 28, 1943, at Houston; trained at Camp Kearns, Salt Lake City, Utah, B.T.C.#5, with service in European Theater of Operations in battles of the Rhine and Central Europe from February until June of 1945. His awards are Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal with 2 O.L. Clusters, and ETO with 2 Battle Stars. He served as armorer-gunner and later assigned as toggler on a B-17. Honorably discharged Nov. 6, 1945.



S/Sgt. EARL B. McMAHEN, JR.

S/Sgt. McMahan, was born on Feb. 17, 1917, son of Mr. E. B. McMahan, Sr., of Port Arthur, and Mrs. R. T. Welch, of Nederland and husband of Margie McMahan of 2217 14th St., Port Arthur. He attended Nederland High School, and entered the service Aug. 15, 1941, at Houston; was assigned to the 1st Army, training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. Overseas from April, 1942, until April, 1945, in Iceland, England, battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes. His awards are EAME with 4 Stars, American Defense Service, Good Conduct, and Bronze Star Medals. S/Sgt. Earl B. McMahan was given his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army on the 8th of June in 1945.



Capt. WALTER W. McMULLEN, JR.

Capt. McMullen, was born on December 8, 1922, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. McMullen, Sr., of 1245 Bolivar Street, Beaumont, Texas. He received his education in Beaumont and at Texas A & M College. Volunteered for the service on the 9th of June, 1942, at College Station. Assigned to the Army 71st Inf. Div.; trained at Camp Davis, North Carolina, and Fort Benning, Georgia. Service overseas from January 24th, 1945, until June 18th, 1946, in France, Germany, and Austria, participating in battles for Rhineland, and Central Europe. Capt. Walter W. McMullen was given an honorable discharge on the 20th day of August in 1946.

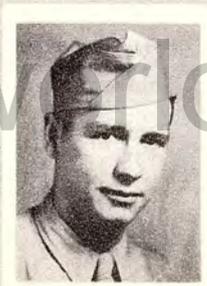


Pfc SIDNEY E. MOORE, JR.

Pfc Moore, was born on Oct. 17, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Moore of 631 Washington Blvd., Beaumont, Texas. He attended Lamar College at Beaumont, and entered the service Feb. 19, 1943, at San Antonio. Assigned to the Army 79th Div.; trained at Camps Hood, Texas; Forrest, Tenn.; LeJuna, Ariz.; and Phillips, Kan. Overseas from April 14, 1944, to Oct. 15, 1945, in battles of Normandy, Central France, Germany, Rhine, Alsace, France. His awards are ETO, 4 Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medals. Served in 311th Fld. Art. Bn. as machine gunner; received the Sharpshooters Medal, and was given an honorable discharge November 1, 1945.

1. —PVT. MARCIAL ALEMAN, born Aug. 26, 1923. Husband of Mrs. Lilia F. Aleman of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Dec. 28, 1942, in Army 469th Anti-Aircraft Bn. Trained at Camp Davis, N. C. Served overseas from Aug. 1943, to Nov. 1945, in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Luzon. Awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Dec., 1945.
2. —ELECTRICIAN MATE 3/c JOSEPH RAPHAEL BADEN, born July 13, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Baden. Volunteered for service March 23, 1944, in the Navy, Submarine Service. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in American Theater. He received the American Theater, Distinguished Rifleman, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged April 13, 1946. He is the husband of Mrs. Mary Bee Baden of 1901 Corley St., of Beaumont, Texas.
3. —1ST LT. WILLIAM DAVIS BAYNE, born March 5, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bayne of Beaumont, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 11, 1942, assigned to Army Aviation Cadet. Trained at Santa Ana, Calif., Visalia, Calif., Lemoore, Calif., and Ft. Sumner, N. M. Served overseas June, 1944, to Jan., 1945, in European Theater, England, Paris, France, Berlin, Germany, and in other battles. Awarded Air Medal with 6 Clusters, European Theater with 5 Stars, and American Theater Medal. Discharged March, 1946.
4. —PFC LOVELESS JOSEPH BERGERON, SR., born March 18, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Margaret Smith Bergeron. Entered service April 26, 1944, in Army Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. Served overseas from Oct., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany. Wounded on Dec. 4, 1944, in France. Awarded Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, European Theater, Good Conduct and American Defense Medals and Victory Ribbon. Honorable discharge Nov. 19, 1945.
5. —PFC DONALD L. ADCOCK, born Nov. 5, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Adcock of 6512 Fifth Place, Tulsa, Okla. Volunteered for service Feb. 6, 1944, in 3rd Marines. Served overseas Sept., 1944 to Aug., 1946, in Pearl Harbor, Marshall Islands, Guam, and Iwo Jima. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged August, 1946. Attended Elementary Public Schools of Beaumont and Corpus Christi High School, Corpus Christi, Texas.
6. —BOATSWAIN'S 2/c MARCUS EDWARD ADAMS, JR. born Sept. 2, 1925. Son of Marcus Adams, Sr., of Buna. Volunteered for service Sept. 1, 1943, in the Navy Reserve. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Nov. 30, 1943, to Dec. 11, 1945, in Pacific, Pearl Harbor, and Guam. He received the Asiatic Pacific Medal, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged March 8, 1946. Attended Buna High School, Buna, Texas.
7. —PFC MELVIN LUTHER BOUNDS, born Sept. 19, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bounds of Evadale, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 15, 1942, in 3rd and 5th Marine. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Jan., 1943, to Dec., 1945, in Southern Solomon Islands, Bougainville, Guam, and Occupation of Japan. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 18, 1945. He is the brother of B. F. Bounds of Port Arthur.
8. —SGT. JAMES BIBB BOUNDS, born Oct. 29, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bounds of Evadale, Texas. Volunteered for service June 26, 1940, in Army Air Corps. Trained at San Angelo, Texas, and Goodfellow Field. Served overseas from Nov. 1, 1943, to Dec. 25, 1944, in Southwest Pacific, Brisbane, Australia, and New Guinea. He received American Defense, Good Conduct Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Oct. 21, 1945. He married the former Mary Louise Davis of Port Arthur.
9. —T/3 WILLIAM HOWARD HALE, born Dec. 31, 1910. Son of Mrs. Irene Berry of Beaumont, Texas. Entered service March 8, 1942, in Army 124th Signal Radio Int. Co. Trained at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas from Aug. 1, 1942, to Nov. 26, 1945, in England, France, Germany, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged December 1, 1945.
10. —SGT. VERNON J. BODIN, born Aug. 22, 1913. Husband of Evelyn Bodin of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 27, 1942, in Army Air Force. Trained at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. Served overseas from Aug. 22, 1942, to Nov. 2, 1945, in Tarawa, Fiji Islands, Guadalcanal in South Pacific, and Anguar in Western Carolines. Awarded Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Nov. 11, 1945.
11. —Y1/c (T) THIRMON JOSEPH BOURGEOIS, born Nov. 13, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bourgeois of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 27, 1943, in the Navy U.S.N.-I. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Oct. 7, 1944, to Feb. 2, 1946, in Liberation of the Philippines (Luzon). Was awarded Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Star, Asiatic Pacific, American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Feb. 8, 1946.
12. —SGT. JACK WAYNE BRITAIN, born Jan. 9, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Britain of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service April 15, 1944, in 558th Army Air Force Band. Trained at Amarillo Army Air Field. Served overseas from Feb. 12, 1945, to May 7, 1946, on Saipan, Guam, and Okinawa. He received the Asiatic Theater Medal, 1 Battle Star, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged May 21, 1946.
13. —PFC DONALD BENJAMIN BRENKE, born Dec. 3, 1924. Son of Mrs. Mary Brenke of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service April 12, 1943, in Army 243rd Signal Operation Co. Trained at Camp Crowder, Camp Maxey and Camp Livingston. Served overseas from April 9, 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley. Awarded European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, 3 Overseas Service Bars, American Theater, and Good Conduct Medals. Discharged Jan., 1946.
14. —CPL. JOHNNIE EDWARD BRENKE, born July 24, 1916. Son of Mrs. Mary Brenke of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service June 16, 1942, in Army 712 Engr. Dept. Co. Trained at Camp Wallace, Ft. Bliss, Camp Rucker, Camp Stewart, and Camp Swift. Served overseas from May 24, 1944, to Aug. 14, 1945, in Northern France campaign. He received European African Middle Eastern Theater Medal with 1 Bronze Star, American Theater, 2 Overseas Service Bars, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Nov. 7, 1945.
15. —T/SGT. CURTIS JAMES BROUSSARD, born Oct. 29, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Broussard of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 26, 1942, in Army Military Police. Trained at Miami Beach, Fla. Served in the United States from Oct. 26, 1942, to Dec. 4, 1945. He received the American Theater, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Served in 1235th Military Police Co., stationed in California. Was discharged Dec. 4, 1945.
16. —PFC CECIL RALPH BROWN, SR., born May 2, 1920. Husband of Lucille Brown of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan. 28, 1944, in Army I.R.T.C. Trained at Camp Blanding, Fla. Served overseas from Aug. 17, 1944, to Nov. 3, 1945, in England, France, Italy, battles of Apennines, and Po Valley with 5th Army 85th Div. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 11, 1945.
17. —A.O.M. 1/c MALCOM LOUIS CEZEAX, born Jan. 9, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cezeaux of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service June 3, 1942, in Navy Aviation. Trained at Jacksonville, Fla. Served overseas from March, 1943, to Nov., 1944, in South Pacific invasion of Tarawa, Marshalls, and Gilbert Islands. He received Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged December 18, 1945.
18. —SEAMAN 1/c ALTON LEONIDAS CHESSER, born July 5, 1927. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Chesser of Beaumont, Texas. Volunteered for service May 26, 1945, in Navy Reserve. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served in the United States from May 26, 1945, to July 31, 1946, in San Diego, Bruno, and Treasure Island, Calif. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged July 31, 1946. His wife is Joyce E. Chesser, Route 3, Beaumont.
19. —T/4 DALTON VAN SLYKE, husband of Dorothy M. Van Slyke, of Port Arthur, was born April 11, 1920, and entered service Jan. 27, 1944, at Port Arthur, Texas. He was assigned to the Army, Co. C., 15th Tk. Bn., 6th Armd. Div., and trained at Ft. Knox. He served in Europe from Nov., 1944, to Dec., 1945, in Ardennes, Rhineland, and Germany. Was in the battles of the "Bulge," and the Siegfried Line. Awards: EAME Campaign, 3 Stars; Good Conduct, and Victory. Honorably discharged Dec., 1945.
20. —PFC CLIFTON JOSEPH VAN SLYKE, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Van Slyke, of Port Acres, Texas, was born June 1, 1921, and entered service Sept. 11, 1942. He was assigned to the Army Air Force, and trained at Tampa, Fla. From Feb., 1944, to Oct., 1945, he served in the air offensive over Europe, in Normandy, Ardennes, Northern France, and the Rhineland. Awards: EAME Campaign, 6 Stars; American Theater Campaign; Good Conduct; and Victory. Honorably discharged, Nov. 7, 1945.

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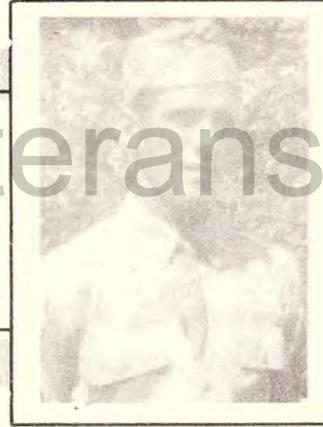


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MM 3/c JACK R. KERL

M.M.3/c Kerl, was born on January 3, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Kerl, Sr., and husband of Dorcas Cunningham Kerl of Rt. 4, Box 868, Beaumont, Texas. He attended Aerial Grammar and French High Schools at Beaumont. Entered the service on May 21, 1943; was assigned to the Navy Acorn 24, and sent to Naval Air Base, Corpus Christi, Texas. He went overseas in December of 1943, and served in the Gilbert Islands, Bougainville, and Manus, returning to the States in December of 1945. He received a three inch gash to the bone on left shoulder when a large limb fell on him while he was cutting timber. Discharged December 18, 1945.



T/4 CHARLES J. KIRBY

T/4 Kirby, was born on November 18, 1918, in Ohio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denver C. Kirby of Port Arthur. He attended Cooperstown High School, and volunteered for the service on June 13, 1940, at Houston. He was assigned to the 5th Army, and sent to Fort Bragg. He served overseas from December, 1943, until July, 1945, in Italy, France, and Germany, participating in battles of Rome-Arno, Rhineland, Central Europe, and North Apennines. His decorations include the Good Conduct, Bronze Star, American Defense, and EAME Campaign Medals. T/4 Charles J. Kirby was discharged on Aug. 10, 1945. He resides in Port Arthur with his wife, Madeline.



Sgt. EDWARD E. LAKEY

Sgt. Lakey, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Lakey of Silsbee, Texas, and husband of Willie Lee Lakey of 4075 Ironton St., Beaumont, Texas. He received his education in Brookeland, Texas, and on Nov. 3, 1942, he volunteered for the Marines; was assigned to the 1st Medium Tank Bn., and 4th Div. Tk. Bn., training at San Diego, Camps Elliott and Pendleton, Calif. Served on New Caledonia, Solomon Is., Hawaii, Marshall Is., Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. He was wounded on Iwo Jima Feb. 19, 1945. Received Bronze Star Medal, Gold Star, Purple Heart, Asiatic Pacific with 3 Stars, and 2 Presidential Unit Citations. Discharged Oct. 6, 1945, from Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Calif.



1st Lt. ALTON J. LINDSTROM

1st Lt. Lindstrom, was born on Jan. 28, 1918, son of Mrs. Hattie Lindstrom of Port Arthur, and husband of Nora Eloise Lindstrom of Box 7, Bridge City, Texas. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School at Port Arthur, and volunteered for the service on Nov. 5, 1940. Assigned to the Army H. & S. Co. 11th Engrs.; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. With service in North Africa from December 12, 1942, until January 12, 1944. 1st Lt. Alton Joseph Lindstrom received the following awards: the European African Middle-Eastern Campaign with one Bronze Star and the American Defense Service Medals. He was honorably discharged March 9, 1945.



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Capt. OTTIE B. JACKSON

Capt. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Jackson of Port Arthur, and husband of Gladys Lucille Jackson of Conroe, attended Sam Houston State Teachers College at Huntsville, and volunteered for the service Nov. 10, 1941. He was assigned to the A.A.C., training at Ellington Fld., Kelly Fld., and Hondo A.A.F. Overseas 8 mos. in North Africa in invasion of Sicily, Pantelleria, and Italy, battle of Tunis, and 1st bombing of Rome. His medals are Pre-Pearl Harbor, D.F.C., Air Medal with 10 Clusters, North African Campaign, American Defense, Sicilian invasion, 3 Battle Stars, 1 Star for knocking down a ME 109. Honorably discharged December 21, 1945.



S/Sgt. ROBERT L. JACKSON

S/Sgt. Jackson, was born on Oct. 18, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson, and husband of Mary M. Jackson of Port Arthur, Texas. Educated in Port Arthur, Texas, and volunteered for the A.A.F. on Aug. 25, 1942, at Houston; trained at Las Vegas A.B.; Lowry Fld., Denver; Harvard A.B., Neb.; Ephrata A.B., Wash.; Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; Kearns A.A.B., Utah; and Walla Walla A.B., Wash. Overseas 19 mos. based in England until shot down and captured by the enemy. Was a prisoner from May 12, 1944, until May 2, 1945. Decorations include the ETO Ribbon with 5 Battle Stars, and Air Medal, 3 Clusters. Discharged Oct., 1945.



1st Lt. OLIVER T. JOHNSON

1st Lt. Johnson, was born on June 4, 1920, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson of Port Arthur, and husband of Joan E. Johnson of Mattoon, Ill. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School, and volunteered for the Army Air Corps on July 31, 1942, at Houston. Trained at Victorville A.A.F., Calif. He went overseas on Jan. 23, 1945, and served until Sept. 22, 1945. Participated in battle of Guam, and air offensive of Japan; based on Guam with 314th Bomb Wing, 19th Bomb Grp. Flew 35 missions over the Japanese mainland. Awarded D.F.C., 2 Clusters; Air Medal, 3 Clusters; Asiatic Pacific, 2 Stars; Presidential Citation, 1 Cluster. He is now at Randolph Fld., Texas.



Sgt. JAMES L. JONES

Sgt. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Jones of 2711 10th St., Port Arthur, Texas, was born May 18, 1920. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School, and volunteered for the service Nov. 25, 1942, at Houston; was assigned to the Second Marine Div., training at San Diego, Calif. Overseas twice, 39 mos. in all, on Samoa; New Hebrides; Solomon Is.; New Zealand; Gilbert Is.; Hawaii; Marianas; Ryukyus; participating in action against the Japanese on Guadalcanal; Tarawa; Saipan, Tinian; and Okinawa. He received the Bronze Star Medal. Sergeant James Leon Jones was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marines on November 19, 1945.

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SI/c GREGORY P. FONTENOT

SI/c G. P. Fontenot, born Jan. 25, 1927, in Hawaiian Islands, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fontenot, 3816 Procter Street, Port Arthur, Texas, received his education at Woodrow Wilson Grammar, and Thos. Jefferson High School. He volunteered on Jan. 22nd, 1945, at Beaumont, and was assigned to the United States Navy, Fleet Oiler. Trained at San Diego, Calif.; served in the United States 4 months, and overseas 11 months, in South and Southwest Pacific Theaters, Okinawa, Japan, and China. Participated in Occupation of Japan with 3rd Fleet. Medals and battle credits were: American Area Campaign, Asiatic Pacific, 1 Star, and Victory. SI/c Fontenot received an honorable discharge on July 22, 1946. (Inactive Naval Reserve).



T/Sgt. DAYTON E. HOLSTEAD

T/Sgt. Holstead, was born on July 16, 1921, son of Mr. D. R. Holstead, and husband of Lonnye Louise Holstead of 935 Neches, Port Arthur; attended Lamar College at Beaumont, and volunteered for the service on June 30, 1942 at Houston. He was assigned to the A.A.C., 429th Fighter Sq., 474th Fighter Gr., training at Sheppard Fld., Texas. Served overseas from Feb. 28, 1944, to Oct. 1, 1945, with service in England, France, Belgium, and Germany, in Campaigns of Normandy, N. France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, and air offensive Europe. Awarded EAME with 6 Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, and Good Conduct Medals. Honorably discharged October 9, 1945.



Sgt. O. L. HUNT

Sgt. Hunt, was born on April 4, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Lee Hunt of Port Arthur, and husband of the former Melba Crumley of Paris, Texas, attended University of Texas. Volunteered for the service Nov. 25, 1940. He was assigned to the Army 111th Eng. Band, 1817th Service Unit, and was sent to Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas for training. Served overseas from Aug. 15, 1943, to Aug., 1945, in North Africa and Naples, Italy, with the Finance Dept. He received these decorations: the Good Conduct Medal, and the European Theater Campaign Ribbon with 4 Battle Stars. Sgt. Hunt was given an honorable discharge August 20, 1945.



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Pfc ERNEST S. WARREN, JR.

Pfc Warren, Jr., was born on August 18, 1925, in Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Warren, Sr., of 1701 15th Street, Port Arthur, Texas. He received his education at Thomas Jefferson High at Port Arthur, and entered the service on November 17, 1943, at Houston, Texas. He was assigned to the U. S. Army, 43rd Division, and sent to Camp Blanding, Florida, for his training. He was shipped overseas in May of 1945, and served in the Asiatic Pacific area on the Philippine Islands, participating in the Luzon campaign. Pfc Ernest Sanford Warren received an honorable discharge in April of 1946 just after his return to the U.S.



2nd Lt. MAGNUS T. WENNERBOM, JR.

2nd Lt. Wennerbom, was born January 16, 1924, in Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Wennerbom, Sr., of 2201 14th Street, Port Arthur, Texas, and husband of the former Doris Bailey of Logansport, Louisiana. He attended DeQueen Grammar and Thomas Jefferson High Schools at Port Arthur, and Texas A & M College at College Station, Texas. Volunteered for service on November 11, 1942, at Houston; was assigned to the A.A.F. and graduated from A.A.F. Advanced Flying School at Altus, Okla. Overseas 6 mos., participating in battles of Rhineland and Central Europe. Received the ETO Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars. Discharged on September 11, 1945.



Lt. Comdr. JESSIE A. WILLIAMS

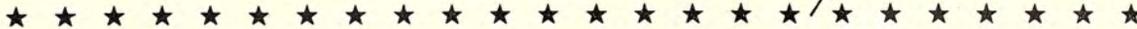
Lt. Comdr. Williams, was born on March 8, 1909, in Georgia, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams of Statesboro, Georgia, and husband of Katherine Lee Williams of 3408 Tenth Street, Port Arthur, Texas. He received his education in Egypt, Georgia, and entered the Merchant Marine in December of 1929 at Savannah, Georgia. Lt. Commander Jessie Alton Williams served in the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Zone, Mediterranean, and in the Caribbean Sea, where he was wounded when the ship he was on was torpedoed. His decorations include the Mariner's Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal. Present organization, U.S.N.R.



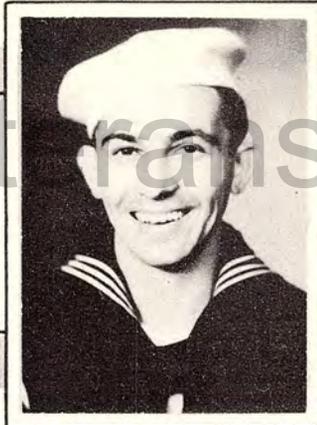
Cpl. GEORGE J. WILSON, SR.

Cpl. Wilson, was born June 1, 1911, son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wilson of Groveton, and husband of Arma Jean Wilson of Port Arthur, Texas; educated in Groveton. Volunteered for the service May 4, 1942, assigned to the Army Corps of Military Police. Trained at Ft. Riley, Kan. Overseas from Jan., 1944, to Sept., 1945, in campaigns for Northern France, Rhineland, Normandy, and Central Europe. Received Good Conduct Medal, EAME with 4 Bronze Stars, Expert Medal for Sub. Machine gun, Sharpshooter Medal for Rifle and Pistol, and Certificate of Merit for saving an English flyer's life. Discharged October 1, 1945, at Camp Fannin, Texas.

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1st Lt. LAWRENCE W. WUNDERLE, JR.



S1/c WELDON M. YATES, JR.

1st Lt. Wunderle, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wunderle, Sr., of 4000 3rd Street, Port Arthur, born October 10, 1922, attended DeQueen Grammar, Thomas Jefferson High at Port Arthur and A & M College at College Station. He volunteered for the service on the 26th of March, 1943, at College Station; was assigned to the Army 748th Tank Bn., and sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for training. He spent from January 1, 1945, until June 22, 1946, in France, Germany, and Austria, participating in the battles for Central Europe and the Rhineland. Received the ETO Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars, and on June 28, 1946, he was given an honorable discharge.

S1/c Yates, was born on August 9, 1916, in Louisiana, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Yates, Sr., and husband of Elsie Bell Yates of 849 13th Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas. He attended DeQueen Grammar, Port Arthur High, in Port Arthur, and Lamar College in Beaumont, and volunteered for the service August 26, 1942. Assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard, training at New Orleans, Louisiana. On September 22, 1944, he sailed for overseas duty, and served in the Southwestern Pacific Area, on the Philippines. Returned to the States on October 22, 1945. Shortly after, Seaman First Class Yates received his honorable discharge on Nov. 13, 1945.



S/Sgt. WILBERT J. YOUNG



T/5 STEVE J. ZUMO

S/Sgt. Young, was born on Oct. 22, 1923, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Young, Jr., and husband of Mathilda Louvier Young of 3041 8th St., Port Arthur, Texas. He attended A & M College at College Station, Texas, and entered the 14th Army Air Force on Dec. 29, 1942, at Houston, training at Army Airways Communication Schools in Madison, Wis., and Scott Field, Ill. Overseas 2 years. Served in all of Southern China from March, 1944, to Nov., 1945, in India, Burma, China Defensive, and China Offensive Campaigns. Awarded Asiatic Pacific with 3 Stars, ATO, EAME, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals, also A.A.F. Tech. Badge. Honorably discharged Jan. 4, 1946.

T/5 Zumo, was born Jan. 13, 1917, in Port Arthur, Texas, son of Mrs. Thereasa Zumo, and husband of Lula Mae Zumo of 911 Atlanta Ave., Port Arthur. Received his education in Port Arthur Grammar and High Schools, and enlisted in the National Guard on Sept. 19, 1940, entering active service on Nov. 25, 1940. Assigned to the Army 111th Engineers, training at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Overseas in June of 1942, serving in the Asiatic Pacific Area, and Alaska, until June 15, 1945. Awarded Good Conduct, Asiatic Pacific Campaign, and American Defense Medals. T/5 Steve J. Zumo was given his discharge on June 23, 1945.

1. —GUNNER'S MATE 2/c MAXIE NEWTON BRADSHAW born Oct. 7, 1919. Son of Mrs. Mae Curry of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service in Navy Armed Guard, 1942. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas in European area, and Asiatic area. Made nine trips across North Atlantic, one complete trip around the world, visiting many ports. Slightly injured during torpedo attack. He received the American Defense, Purple Heart, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Discharged Oct. 4, 1945.
2. —CPL. JAMES VICTOR DE BRETAGNE born Oct. 3, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo S. De Bretagne. Volunteered for service Nov. 26, 1943, assigned to 2nd Marines Co., F. Bat., 26th Reg., 5th Division. Trained at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., and Hawaii. Served overseas from July, 1944, to July, 1945, in Hawaii, and Iwo Jima. Awarded Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific, Presidential Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal. Recovering from wounds at Naval Hosp., Corpus Christi.
3. —CAPT. HUGO STANISLAUS DE BRETAGNE born Jan. 22, 1895. Husband of Mrs. Berthe De Bretagne. Volunteered for service July 12, 1942, in the Army Corps of Military Police. Trained at Provost Marshal, and Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Served overseas from April 4, 1917, to June 16, 1922, American Expeditionary Forces, and American Forces in Germany, and Mexican Border. Awarded American Defense, Mexican Border, Good Conduct, Victory Medals for War I, and II. Discharged July 17, 1946.
- *4. —PFC HUGO JOSEPH DE BRETAGNE born Oct. 13, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo S. De Bretagne. Volunteered for service Jan. 5, 1942, assigned to 1st Marines Bat. Co., 2nd Division. Trained at Camp Elliott, Calif. Served overseas from June, 1943, in Tulagi, Gavutu, and Guadalcanal, New Zealand, Tarawa. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Nov. 23, 1943, at Tarawa. Awarded Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic Pacific Campaign, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, and American Defense Medals.
5. —SGT. JOHN DE YOUNG, born Dec. 26, 1923. Husband of Mrs. Verna Mae De Young of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Feb. 24, 1943, in the Army 44th Division. Trained at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Served overseas from Sept. 4, 1944, to July 20, 1945, in France, Germany, Austria, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Received shrapnel wound in right hand. Awarded Battle Stars for Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe, Purple Heart, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct. 13, 1945.
6. —S/1c MELVIN ESTEL ADAMS, born May 10, 1924. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Denmark of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service July 7, 1942, in the Navy Air Force. Trained at San Diego, Calif., and Seattle, Wash. Served overseas in Alaska. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Jan. 19, 1943. Husband of Mrs. Dorothy May Adams of 549 19th St. Port Arthur, Texas. Attended Thomas Jefferson High School.
7. —M.M.3/c LESTER RAY ADAMS, born May 4, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Denmark of Bridge City, Texas. Volunteered for service July 7, 1942. In the Navy Amphibious Force. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from March, 1943, to July, 1945, in Solomons, Rendova, New Georgia, Vella Lavella, Treasure and Green Islands, Philippines, Luzon, and Okinawa. Awarded Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 Stars, Pacific Campaign Medal with 9 Stars. Discharged Oct. 4, 1945.
8. —SGT. TERRELL EDGAR DIONNE, born Sept. 12, 1916. Husband of Mrs. Aimee Marie Dionne of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Aug. 3, 1943, in the Army 112th Cav. R.C.T. Trained at Ft. Riley, Kan. Served overseas from March 20, 1944, to Oct. 10, 1945, in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, and Japan. He received the Asiatic Pacific Theater with 3 Combat Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Oct. 21, 1945.
9. —CPL. RICHARD PATRICK DOYLE, born May 12, 1923. Entered service Dec. 29, 1943, in the Army 873rd CML Co., Air Corps. Trained at Sheppard Field, Hebert Smart Airport, Macon, Georgia. Served overseas from Sept., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in European-African-Middle Eastern Theater, campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Awarded European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, 4 Overseas Bars, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Oct. 24, 1945.
10. —T/5 PETER FRANCES DOYLE, born May 29, 1919. Volunteered for service Sept. 19, 1940, assigned to Army, Co. D, 176th Engrs. Trained at Camp Bowie, Texas. Served overseas from June 17, 1942, to Nov. 29, 1945, in Alaska, American Theater, Asiatic Pacific Theater, and Okinawa. He received American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 1 Service Stripe, 5 Overseas Bars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged Dec. 29, 1945.
11. —CPL. JOHN EDWIN FIELDS, born Sept. 10, 1922. Husband of Mrs. Helen Fields. Entered service Jan. 21, 1943, in the Army Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Haan, Erwin, Howze. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Northern France, Ardennes, and Rhineland. Hit in right arm by shell fragments in France in Nov., 1944. Awarded American Theater, EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantry Badge. Discharged Nov. 26, 1945.
12. —T/SGT. CARL EUGENE FINLEY, born Oct. 14, 1923. Husband of Mrs. Fern Joyce Finley of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Feb. 5, 1943, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Keesler Field, Miss., Kingman, Ariz., Sioux Falls, S. D. and Sioux City, Iowa. Served overseas from June, 1943, to Jan., 1944, in France, England, Germany, Belgium, Holland, and Norway. Awarded Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, 4 Bronze Stars, Presidential Citation with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster. Discharged Sept. 16, 1945.
13. —PFC DOUGLAS DALTON EOFF, born July 7, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eoff of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 11, 1942, in the 2nd Marine Division. Trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Sept. 20, 1943, to Dec. 20, 1945, in New Caledonia, New Zealand, New Hebrides, Tarawa, Hawaii, Saipan, Tinian, Nagasaki, and Okinawa. Awarded Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, and Good Conduct Medal. Discharged Jan. 1, 1946.
14. —S/SGT. JOHN MALCOLM EOFF, born Feb. 22, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Eoff of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 12, 1940, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La. Served overseas from May 5, 1943, to Oct. 12, 1945, in England, France, and Belgium. He received the American Defense, Distinguished Unit Badge, EAME Service Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged October 22, 1945.
15. —1ST LT. JEROME HYSON EOFF, born Dec. 18, 1917. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Eoff of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec. 29, 1941, in the Marines, Aviation Sq. 253. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Aug., 1942, to May, 1945, in Guadalcanal, Solomons, Peleliu, Guam, Saipan, and Okinawa. He received Air Medal, Unit Citation Letter of Commendation, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged November 3, 1945.
16. —YEOMAN 3/c ROBERT EARL FERGUSON, born Nov. 25, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Ferguson of Port Neches, Texas. Volunteered for service Sept. 4, 1944, in the Navy Amphibious Group. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from April 22, 1945, to July 25, 1946, in North and South Pacific. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged July 31, 1946. Attended Port Neches High School.
17. —PFC RODOLFO FLORES, born Sept. 12, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Flores of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Dec. 8, 1943, in the Army, 65 Division Infantry. Trained at Shelby, Miss. Served overseas from Jan. 3, 1945, to Nov. 17, 1945, in Germany, France, and Austria. He received the American Theater, European African Middle Eastern Theater, and Good Conduct Medals, Combat Badge, 2 Battle Stars, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged Feb. 19, 1945.
18. —COXSAIN GILBERT N. FLORES, born Jan. 24, 1927. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Flores of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service in 1944, in the Navy 60th Amph. Fleet. Trained at San Diego, and Oceanside, Calif. Served overseas from Nov. 1, 1944, to July 23, 1946, in South Pacific, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Nagasaki, and Osaka. He received the American Theater, Asiatic Pacific, 2 Battle Stars, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged July 23, 1946.
19. —CAPT. GEORGE WILSON FOOTE, JR., born Nov. 20, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Ruth Adelaide Foote of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Aug. 3, 1942, in the Army Air Transport Command. Trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Keesler Field, Miss., and Miami Beach, Fla. Served overseas from Sept. 16, 1944, to Jan., 1946, in Casablanca, French Morocco, Paris, and France. Awarded American Theater, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct, and Victory Medals. Discharged July 30, 1946.
20. —1ST LT. JOSEPH FRIERSON HUGHES, born Jan. 30, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hughes of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Sept. 12, 1942, in the Army Medical Corps. Trained at San Antonio, Camp Berkeley, Abilene, Texas. Served overseas from Feb. 3, 1944, to Jan., 1946, in Cairo, Egypt, Algeria, Casablanca; Adjutant in 67th and 53rd Station Hospital. Awarded 4 Overseas Service Bars, American Theater, Victory, and American Defense Medals. Discharged Feb. 4, 1946.

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1st Lt. HAROLD H. CLOPTON, JR.

1st Lt. Clopton, was born on October 11, 1920, in Louisiana, son of Mr. D. T. Vincent of 4001 Procter Street, Port Arthur, Texas, and husband of Minnie Alice Clopton. He attended Woodrow Wilson Grammar, Thomas Jefferson High Schools, and Port Arthur Business College. Volunteered for the service April 6, 1942, at Houston, Texas, and was assigned to the Army Air Corps; sent to Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas; Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas; Bryan, Texas, and Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas. On February 22, 1945, he received his commission as 1st Lt. and was given an honorable discharge on November 13, 1945, after 43 mos. of service.



Sgt. DAVID S. HARVEY

Sgt. David Scott Harvey was born November 15, 1915, in Texas, son of Mrs. Zella V. Harvey of Port Arthur Texas. He attended L.S.U. at Baton Rouge, La., and Lamar College at Beaumont, Texas. Entered service September 24, 1941, for the Army 1st Armored Div. Trained at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. May, 1942, Sgt. Harvey began overseas duty in the North African-European Theater, where he served at Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Ireland, England and Italy, participating in the battles for Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, No. Apennines, Tunisia, and Po Valley. Various awards were received. After returning to the States Sgt. Harvey was discharged September 30, 1945.



Capt. COOPER F. HAWTHORNE

Capt. Cooper F. Hawthorne, born July 12, 1919, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hawthorne, Port Neches, Texas, and husband of Jane Clare Hawthorne, Houston, Texas. He attended University of Texas, and volunteered June 18, 1941, for the Army Air Force. Graduated from Ellington Field, and served overseas October, 1943, to May, 1945, in the air offensive over Europe, France, and Normandy invasion. Capt. Hawthorne served in 41 combat missions as pilot; was wounded and captured by Germans, and imprisoned from August 10, 1944, to May 29, 1945, when liberated at Moosberg, Germany. The Air Medal with seven Clusters, and other medals were awarded. Discharged Jan., 1946.



T/Sgt. THURMAN C. REYNOLDS

T/Sgt. Reynolds, born Sept. 10, 1921, son of Mrs. J. Chandler Walker, and husband of Elaine Rogers Reynolds of Port Neches, Texas, attended La Mar College at Beaumont. Volunteered for the A.A.F. Feb. 24, 1942, assigned to the 12th Air Service Gp.; trained at Sheppard Fld., Texas. Overseas 25 mos. in the China campaign. Shortly before return to U.S. he was transferred to the 17th Airways Detachment. Awards include one Bronze Star, for China Defense, one Bronze Star, for China Offense, Good Conduct, Asiatic Pacific Campaign, American Theater Campaign, and Victory Ribbon. Discharged on the 11th of January, 1946.



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***AC(Navy) JOHN H. SHEPHERD**



Lt. COL. WILLIAM L. SHEPHERD

Naval Aviation Cadet John Henry Shepherd, son of Captain and Mrs. T. H. Shepherd, 2300 Procter Street, Port Arthur, Texas, was born January 14, 1919, a native of Texas. He attended DeQueen and Thomas Jefferson Public Schools at Port Arthur, and the University of Texas at Austin. Volunteered at Houston, Texas, March 18, 1941, for the Naval Air Corps. Trained at Kansas City, and Jacksonville, Florida, Naval Bases. While at the Naval Base in Corpus Christi, Texas, Cadet Shepherd lost his life on a training flight February 25, 1942, while faithfully serving his country. His eleven months of service was abruptly ended.

Lt. Col. William Lawrence Shepherd, husband of Carmen Angela Shepherd, 2847 31st Street, Port Arthur, Texas, was born May 18, 1914, at Galveston, Texas, son of Capt. and Mrs. T. H. Shepherd, also of Port Arthur. He attended Texas A & M at College Station and was ordered to active duty from the Reserve Officer Corps on January 19, 1942, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Col. Shepherd served overseas July 22, 1945, until March 20, 1946, in the China Theater, where he participated in the China Offensive. After returning to the States he was promoted to Lt. Colonel and was placed on inactive duty May 25, 1946.



Lt. Col. EARL T. SHEPHERD



Cpl. PAUL J. GARRY

Lt. Col. Earl Thomas Shepherd, born July 26, 1911, husband of Dorothy Shepherd, 4501 Hollywood Dr., Port Arthur, Texas, attended Texas A & M. He entered active duty October 28, 1941, with the Army Corps of Engineers from the Reserve Corps, and served overseas from August, 1942, to December, 1944, and June to November of 1945. Col. Shepherd was stationed in the European Theater in England, France, and participated in the air offensive of Europe and the Germany Campaign, with the Aviation Engineers building air-dromes. In the Pacific he was on Island of Guam. Various Campaign Ribbons were awarded. February 6, 1946, he returned to inactive duty.

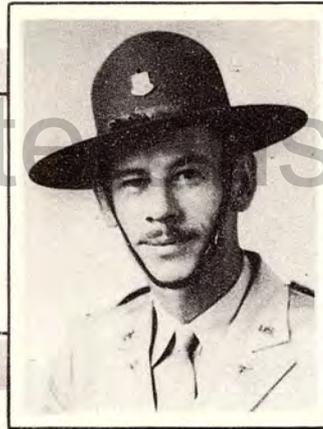
Cpl. Paul Joseph Garry, husband of Mary Ellen Shepherd Garry, 2300 Procter, Port Arthur, Texas, was born March 19, 1918, and attended Lamar College at Beaumont Texas. He volunteered December, 1941, at Houston, for the Marine Corps 1st Div., and served overseas from June, 1942, to November, 1944, and July to September of 1945 in Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, and the Russell Islands. Participated in the landings and battles of Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester and Peleliu. His awards include the Presidential and Naval Unit Citations among other ribbons and awards. After he returned to the States, discharge was granted Sept., 1945.



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1st Lt. SAMUEL B. BLANCHARD



Capt. CARL FINK

1st Lt. Samuel Bourgeois Blanchard, born May 13, 1921, is the son of J. S. Blanchard, Kenner, La., and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fanguy, 3721 5th Street, Port Arthur, Texas. He attended Texas A & M at College Station, and volunteered December 5, 1942, for the Army Air Corps, and was commissioned January 7, 1944. Lt. Blanchard served from June until December, 1944, with the 303rd Bomb Group, 359th Sqdn., and participated in the air battles of France and Germany, receiving the ETO Ribbon with four Battle Stars, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and Distinguished Flying Cross. He is currently with A.T.C., Great Falls, Montana.

Capt. Carl Fink, husband of Mary Belle Fink, 250 Taft St., Groves, Texas, was born August 1, 1913, and attended Texas A & M. He entered the Army 56th Cavalry Brigade March 18, 1941. Trained at Ft. Brown and served as veterinarian while in duty with the Cavalry Corps. Capt. Fink transferred to the South Pacific Theater where he was stationed at New Caledonia and also in the China-Burma-India Theater, and made two trips to India on animal transports. His duties consisted of supervision of animal health in Cavalry and Remount Units. After returning to the States he received awards, and was discharged December, 1945.



T/5 RAYMOND O. FISHER



Pfc VAN HOMER FOSTER

T/5 Raymond O. Fisher, husband of Georgie Fisher, Port Arthur, Texas, was born April 29, 1919, a native of Texas. He entered the Army, Armored, 746 Tank Bn. Trained at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and served overseas from September, 1944, to March, 1946, in the campaigns of Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. Was wounded in action December 22, 1944, in the Battle of the Bulge, receiving the Purple Heart. His awards include the EAME Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Belgian Citation, and other ribbons. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge on March 16, 1946.

Pfc Van Homer Foster, son of Mrs. Edna Foster, Beaumont, Texas, was born November 4, 1925, in Texas. He entered service February 23, 1944, at San Antonio, with the Army 253rd Infantry, 63rd Division, training at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. Pfc Foster began overseas duty November, 1944, in the European Theater, where he served in Alsace Lorraine, Siegfried Line, Saar region of Germany, and participated in the crossing of the Rhine. He was wounded in action April 5, 1945, receiving the Purple Heart, also ETO Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge. After returning home, he was discharged Oct., 1945.

1. —S/SGT. GEORGE WILSON LANDRY, born May 9, 1924. Husband of Mary Vell Landry of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service June, 1943, in the Army A.F. 496 B.S. 9 Air Force. Trained at Fort Myers, and Lake Charles. Served overseas from July, 1944, to July, 1945, in England, Belgium, Rhineland, Northern France, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 7 Bronze Stars, Unit Citation Air Medal with 9 Oak Leaf Clusters. Discharged Sept., 1945.
2. —CPL. JOHN WILBERT LANDRY, born March 2, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Landry of Port Arthur, Texas. Attended Thomas Jefferson High and volunteered for service Feb. 19, 1944, in 24th Marine Division. Trained at Camp Elliott. Served overseas Nov., 1944, to April, 1946, in Iwo Jima and Volcano Island. He received the Purple Heart, 1 Star, Unit Citation, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged April 23, 1946.
3. —G.M. 3/c GLEN MAXON LAYTON, born June 20, 1916. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Layton of Beaumont, Texas. Volunteered for service March, 1943, in the Navy (Mine Sweeper U.S.S. YMS-18). Trained at Corpus Christi, Texas. Served overseas from July, 1944, to April, 1945, in Palau, Islands, and various other places in the Southwest Pacific. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Discharged October, 1945. Educated in Beaumont Public Schools and was a member of the Police Force of that city.
4. —3RD MATE PAUL EBY LEGER, of Port Arthur, born Sept. 23, 1924. Entered service June 6, 1943, at Port Arthur. In the Navy Reserve Maritime Service, and received his training at St. Petersburg, Florida. Served overseas; made 3 round trips to Russia, and 2 round trips by Casablanca, Suez, Yokohama, and Pavnama. Lost 3 ships but was never wounded. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged April 20, 1947.
5. —SGT. ABERDEE PETER LEMOINE, born Feb. 19, 1920. Husband of Mary Ann Lemoine of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Nov. 4, 1942, in the Army 9th A.A.F. Trained at Robbins Field, and Macon, Georgia. Served overseas from Oct., 1943, to Nov., 1945, in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe; also served as a French interpreter. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged Nov. 20, 1945.
6. —M.M. 3/c JUAN CASTILLO MORENO, born May 28, 1926. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Moreno of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service May 29, 1944. Trained at Camp Wallace, Texas. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to May, 1946, in Pacific, in Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Japanese operation aboard the U.S.S. Samuel Chase APA 26. Awarded Asiatic Pacific with 3 Bronze Stars, American Theater, American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged June 8, 1946.
7. —SGT. VICTOR CASTILLO MORENO, born Nov. 8, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Moreno of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service April, 1943, in the Army 705 Eng. Pet. Dist. Co. Trained at Camp Grant, Ill. Served overseas from Aug., 1943, to Oct., 1945, in Naples-Foggia, Rome Arno, and Po Valley as surgical tech. Awarded EAME Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, 4 Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged November 15, 1945.
- *8. —S/SGT. RODOLFO CASTILLO MORENO, born Sept. 27, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Moreno of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct., 1942, in the Army 15th A.A.F. Trained at Fort Myers, Florida. Served overseas from June, 1944, to Oct. 13, 1944, in 718 Bomb Sgdn., 449 Bomb Group, 15th A.A.F. over Italy, Vienna, and Southern France. Missing Oct. 13, 1944, and presumed killed in action. Awarded Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, and Victory Medals.
9. —T/3 MADISON ST. CLAIR MOORE, JR., born March 17, 1920. Husband of Mrs. Dorcas Nell Moore of Port Arthur. Entered service April, 1943, in the Army Ordnance. Trained at Camp Shelby, Miss. Served overseas from Jan., 1944, to Nov., 1945, in Asiatic Pacific. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for period Feb., 1944, to Jan., 1945, by commander of C.P.B.C., American Defense, and Victory Medals. Discharged, 1945.
10. —PVT. MARLIN JOHNSON BLACKWELL, born July 21, 1921. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira G. Nolan of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service October 6, 1942, at Houston, Texas, in the Army Air Corps, and received his training at Carlsbad Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico. Served in the United States from Oct. 6, 1942, to Aug. 27, 1943. He received the American Defense Medal, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was given a medical discharge August 27, 1943.
11. —PVT. CLYDIE EUGENE BLACKWELL, born Oct. 18, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira G. Nolan of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Oct. 31, 1942, in the Army 431st Fighter Cont. Trained at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Served overseas from March 11, 1944, to Aug. 18, 1945, in Northern France, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Awarded European Theater, Good Conduct, 5 Battle Stars, American Defense Medals, and Victory Ribbon. Was discharged October 18, 1945.
12. —PVT. ODIS GREEN BLACKWELL, born Aug. 11, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira G. Nolan of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Oct. 16, 1943, in the Army 27th Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas from July 4, 1944, to April 20, 1946, in Pacific, Hebrides, Okinawa and Japan. He received the Asiatic Pacific, Good Conduct, 1 Bronze Star, American Defense Medals, and World War II Victory Ribbon. Was discharged April 20, 1946.
13. —RADARMAN 3/c WILBERT ORIE MOSS, born April 19, 1926. Son of Mrs. Mary Moss of Beaumont. Volunteered for service April, 1944, in the Navy Radar. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to March, 1946, in invasions of Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic Pacific Medal with 3 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Was discharged May, 1946. Served on U.S.S. Finnegan, O'Brien, Klondyke and Preston.
14. —T/4 EUGENE BERNARD ORGERON, born April 30, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Orgeron of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Oct. 8, 1941, in the Army 41st Division. Trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Served overseas from March, 1942, to Sept. 25, 1945, in Australia New Guinea, Dutch East Indies, Philippine Islands, and Hollandia. Awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge, Philippine Liberation with 1 Star, Asiatic Pacific Medal 2 Bronze Stars. Discharged Oct., 1945.
15. —YEOMAN 1/c EDWARD LOUIS ORGERON, born Aug. 11, 1923. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Orgeron of Port Arthur. Volunteered Dec., 1942, in the Navy Reserve. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from March 27, 1943, to March 15, 1946 in Asiatic-Pacific area, Tarawa, Eniwetok, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Leyte, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Awarded Asiatic Pacific Medal 7 Stars, Philippine Liberation 1 Star, and Unit Commendation. Discharged March, 1946. Served aboard U.S.S. Tennessee.
- *16. —SGT. WILLIAM WALKER PALMER, SR., born March 23, 1917. Husband of Mrs. Clotilde M. Palmer of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Jan., 1944, in the Army Air Corps. Trained at Walla Walla, Wash. Served overseas from Aug., 1944, to Oct., 1944, in Southwest Pacific, and in the Leyte campaign. Paid the Supreme Sacrifice Oct. 26, 1944, at Mindanao, Philippines. Awarded Citation of Honor. Purple Heart, and Victory Medal. He was engineer gunner on B-24's in Thirteenth Air Force.
17. —PFC LEO CHARLES PLEASANT, born Dec. 12, 1912. Husband of Mrs. Conception Pleasant of Port Arthur, Texas. Entered service Nov. 13, 1942, in the Army 104 Infantry Division. Trained at Camp Adair, Ore. Served overseas from Sept., 1944, to July, 1945, in Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received Combat Infantryman Badge, EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged October 14, 1945.
18. —SHIP'S COOK 3/c MILTON GLENN RUNTE, born May 26, 1925. Son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Runte, Sr., of Port Arthur, Texas. Volunteered for service Dec., 1942, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from June, 1944, to June, 1945, in Pacific War Theater. He received the Asiatic Pacific Medal, Good Conduct, American Defense, and World War II Victory Medals. Was discharged April 25, 1946. Attended Thomas Jefferson High School at Port Arthur, Texas.
19. —2ND L.T. JAMES LOUIE RUNTE, Bomber Pilot, born June 18, 1922. Son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Runte, of Port Arthur. Volunteered Nov. 25, 1940, in the Army 36th Division. Served overseas from Dec., 1943, to June, 1945, in Italy. Missing in action Feb., 1944, and later found in Germany prison camp Stalag Luft 1. Released May, 1945. He received the Air Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, European Theater Ribbon, 4 Battle Stars, Pre-Pearl Harbor. Discharged Dec., 1945.
20. —CHIEF STOREKEEPER NORBERT ERNEST RUNTE, JR., born Feb. 20, 1920. Son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Runte, Sr. Volunteered Nov. 12, 1937, in the Navy. Trained at San Diego, Calif. Served overseas from Feb., 1940, to Nov., 1945, in Asiatic Pacific, American Theater, and Philippines. Received Commanding Officer's Citation for leadership during typhoon in which a ship was sunk at Okinawa, American Defense, and Victory Medals. Remains in U.S.N., Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi.

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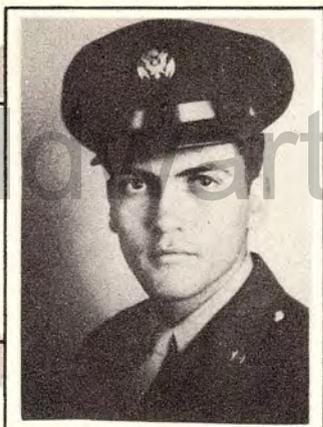


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S/Sgt. ALCE J. CORTEZ, JR.

S/Sgt. Alce Joseph Cortez, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cortez, Sr., Port Arthur, Texas, was born October 17, 1923. Attended Texas A & M at College Station, and entered the Army Air Corps September 6, 1943. Sgt. Cortez trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Avon Park, Florida; served from May, 1944, to Oct., 1944, in the European Area, where he participated in the air offensive over Europe, Normandy, Balkans, Rome-Arno, No. and So. France, Rhineland and No. Apennines; also transported supplies to Bucharest Rumania. The Air Medal with two Clusters was awarded with Unit Citation. Discharge granted October, 1945.



Sgt. RAYMOND J. CROPPER

Sgt. Raymond Joseph Cropper, husband of Bertha Marie Cropper, 645 E. 19th Street, Port Arthur, Texas, was born February 25, 1919, son of Mrs. Zoleade Cropper, also of the same city. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur, and was an employee of the Gulf Oil Corporation prior to his voluntary entry, October 29, 1942, into the Army Air Forces. Sgt. Cropper trained at Ellington Field, Texas, and served his total duty in the States at Laredo, Texas, Army Air Field, Harlingen, Texas, and Turner Army Air Field, Albany, Georgia. The Good Conduct Medal, and other ribbons were awarded. Discharged November, 1945.



1st Lt. RALPH R. DAILEY, JR.

1st Lt. Ralph Russell Dailey, Jr., birthdate June 23, 1923, is the husband of Mary Helen Redus Dailey, Port Arthur, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Dailey, Sr., of the same city. He attended Texas A & M and volunteered June 1, 1942, for the Army Engineers Division, training at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and Camp Swift, Texas. Received commission to 2nd Lieutenant November 6, 1943. Lt. Dailey served from November, 1944, to October, 1945, in the European Theater of Operations, participating in the battle of Central Germany, and receiving various ribbons and awards. After returning to the States, he was granted discharge April 17, 1946.



1st Lt. JOSEPH F. DARNELL, JR.

1st Lt. Joseph F. Darnell, Jr., born August 15, 1916, husband of Mrs. J. F. Darnell, Jr., of 1325 Corley Ave., Beaumont, Texas. He attended Lamar College at Beaumont, and entered the Army Signal Corps March 12, 1941; trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, and received his commission January 4, 1943; later served as instructor for one year. Lt. Darnell served December, 1943, to September, 1944, as pilot of 4-engine plane; stationed in England from where he participated in thirty combat missions over Germany; crew was credited with 7 enemy planes destroyed. The D.F.C. was awarded with Air Medal and three Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, and other medals. Trans to Reserves June, 1945.